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# **Customer Churn Prediction in Telecom Industry**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The telecommunications industry faces significant challenges in today's technology-driven era, particularly with the advent of cloud technology. This has intensified competition and highlighted the importance of effective customer communication and service. Amidst these challenges, telecom companies must also contend with existing issues such as outdated infrastructure and business models. To thrive in this demanding landscape, telecom companies must prioritize understanding and meeting customer needs. Employee attrition analysis emerges as a crucial tool in this endeavour. By examining employee turnover patterns, companies can gain insights into underlying issues affecting customer service, pricing strategies, and marketing efforts. The key lies not merely in surviving, but in leveraging attrition analysis to proactively address customer concerns and enhance overall service quality. Through this approach, telecom companies can optimize their operations, retain loyal customers, and adapt to the dynamic demands of the industry.

# List of acronyms:

CM=churned-married

CUM=Churned-unmarried

SM= Stayed -married

SUM=Stayed-unmarried

JM=Joined-married

JUM=Joined-unmarried

ag1=Age group1(age<=20)

ag2=Age group2(21>=age <=30)

ag3=Age group3(31>=age<=40)

ag4=Age group4(age>=41)

CMAg1-Chruned-married in Age group1

CMAg2-Chruned-married in Age group2

CMAg3-Chruned-married in Age group3

CMAg4-Chruned-married in Age group4

CUMAg1-Chruned-unmarried in Age group1

CUMAg2-Chruned-unmarried in Age group2

CUMAg3-Chruned-unmarried in Age group3

CUMAg4-Chruned-unmarried in Age group4

CU multi- churned customer that is using multilines

CNU multi-churned customer that is not using multilines

SU multi-stayed customer that is using multilines

SNU multi-stayed customer that is not using multilines

TF=Term frequency

DF=Document frequency

IDF=Inverse document frequency

## Introduction

## **Problem Statement:**

Telecom companies face a significant challenge with customer churn, as retaining existing customers is crucial for profitability. Customer churn, which occurs when customers discontinue services, is costly for companies, as acquiring new customers involves substantial marketing and sales expenses. Customer retention relies on delivering excellent customer service and high-quality products, but understanding customers on a deeper level is paramount. By leveraging the vast amounts of customer data available, telecom companies can develop churn prediction models to identify customers most likely to defect. This enables companies to focus their marketing efforts on retaining these high-risk customers, ultimately improving customer retention rates and reducing churn-related costs.

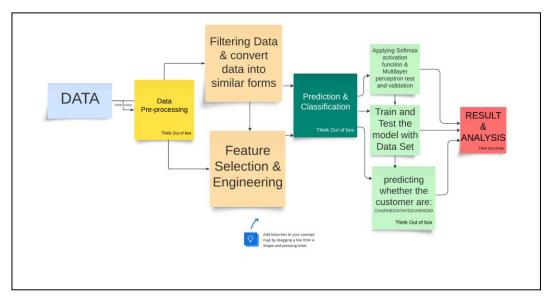
## **Motivation of work:**

The motivation behind this project from the pressing issue of customer churn in the telecommunication industry. Telecom companies invest significant resources in acquiring new customers, making it imperative to minimize customer defection. Understanding the factors driving churn and developing effective strategies to retain customers is essential for sustainable growth and profitability. By addressing churn proactively, telecom companies can enhance customer satisfaction, reduce costs, and strengthen their competitive position in the market.

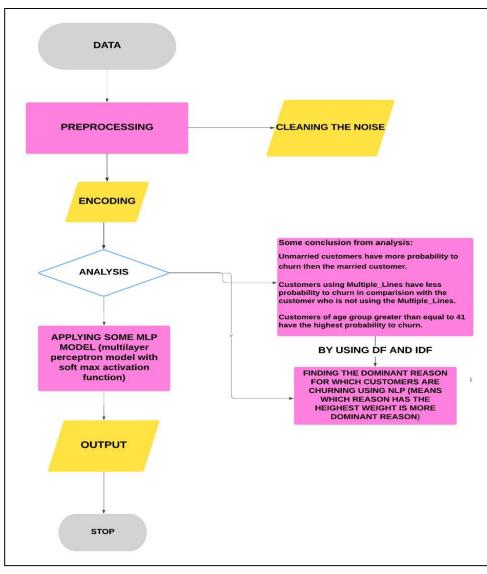
## **Objective of the project:**

The main objective of this project is why the customer are churning from the existing telecom subscriptions for that we have to analyse telecom churn data and develop the predictive model to identify customer at risk of churn. The project aims to:

- 1. Understand the factor contributing to customer churn in the telecom industry.
- 2. Explore and preprocess the telecom dataset to prepare them for analysis.
- 3. Build and evaluate machine learning models to predict customer churn.
- 4. Identify key features and factors influencing churn prediction.
- 5. Develop actionable insights and recommendations to reduce churn and improve customer retention strategies.
- 6. Validate the predictive models and assess their effectiveness in real-world scenarios.
- 7. Provide telecom companies with practical solutions to mitigate churn and enhance customer satisfaction.



Proposed model to be work



OurApproach

# **Pre-processing steps**

**Data Reading**: The 1<sup>st</sup> step of analysis consists of reading and storing the data in a pandas data frame using the (pandas. read csv) function.

1. Exploratory Data Analysis and Data Cleaning: In EDA we want to know that as much information as possible about the data by using (df.info) method

```
Customer ID
                                        7043 non-null
                                                        object
                                        7043 non-null
    Gender
                                                        object
                                        7043 non-null
                                                        int64
    Age
    Married
    Number of Dependents
                                        7043 non-null
    City
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        object
   Zip Code
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        int64
                                                        float64
    Latitude
                                       7043 non-null
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        float64
   Longitude
    Number of Referrals
                                                        int64
                                       7043 non-null
  Tenure in Months
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        int64
                                       7043 non-null
12 PhoneService
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        object
13 Avg Monthly Long Distance Charges 6361 non-null
                                                        float64
14 Multiple_Lines
                                       6361 non-null
                                                        object
15 Internet_Service
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        object
   Internet _Type
Avg Monthly GB Download
                                       5543 non-null
16 Internet
                                                        object
                                       5517 non-null
18 Online_Security
                                        5524 non-null
                                                        object
19 Online_Backup
                                       5521 non-null
                                                        object
20 Device_Protection_Plan
                                       5517 non-null
                                                        object
                                       5517 non-null
21 Premium _Tech _Support
                                                        object
                                       5517 non-null
22 Streaming TV
                                                        object
   Streaming Movies
                                       5517 non-null
23
                                                        object
                                       5517 non-null
    Streaming Music
                                                        object
   Unlimited Data
                                        5531 non-null
                                                        object
26 Contract
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        object
27
    Paperless Billing
                                       7043 non-null
28 Payment Method
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        object
29 Monthly Charge
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        float64
   Total Charges
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        float64
30
    Total Refunds
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        float64
    Total Extra Data Charges
                                        7043 non-null
                                                        int64
    Total Long Distance Charges
                                       7043 non-null
                                                        float64
    Total Revenue
                                        7043 non-null
                                                        float64
   Customer Status
                                        7043 non-null
                                                        object
```

We can fill the missing values by the help of principle of locality, it will fill all the missing values of the data set whether the datatype is integer or Boolean or categorical data.

```
In [4]: 1 df.isnull().sum()
Out[4]: Customer ID
        Gender
                                               0
        Age
        Married
        Number of Dependents
                                              0
       City
                                              0
       Zip Code
       Latitude
                                              0
       Longitude
                                              0
                                              0
       Number of Referrals
                                              0
       Tenure in Months
        Offer
                                              0
                                              0
        PhoneService
        Avg Monthly Long Distance Charges 682
        Multiple Lines
                                           682
       Internet_Service
                                              0
                                          1526
       Internet _Type
       Avg Monthly GB Download
Online_Security
                                          1526
                                          1526
                                          1526
        Online_Backup
                                          1526
        Device_Protection_Plan
Premium _Tech _Support
                                           1526
        Streaming TV
                                           1526
                                           1526
        Streaming Movies
                                           1526
        Streaming Music
        Unlimited Data
                                           1526
        Contract
                                              0
        Paperless Billing
                                               0
        Payment Method
```

## Code for prinple of locality:

```
principal_locality={}
for col in df.columns:
    principal_locality[col]=df[col].mode()[0]
    df[col].fillna(principal_locality[col],inplace=True)
    #print(df)
```

**Encoding**: We encode all the categorical attributes. By using the package called "Label Encoder" form sklearn library.

Code: "from sklearn. preprocessing import LabelEncoder

label encoder = LabelEncoder ()"

with the help of this we encode all the categorical columns.

16]:	1 df.h	<pre>df.head()</pre>																
[16]:	Custo	mer ID	Gender	Age	Married	Number of Dependents	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude	Number of Referrals		Payment Method		Total Charges	Total Refunds	Total Extra Data Charges	Tota Long Distance Charges
0	) 1	118	0	46	0	0	1	93510	34.501452	-118.207862	0		1	44.05	202.15	0.0	0	54.95
1	1 2	312	1	69	1	0	1	93510	34.501452	-118.207862	0		0	79.30	2414.55	0.0	0	305.95
2	2 4	359	1	34	0	0	2	92301	34.667815	-117.536183	0		1	45.80	436.20	0.0	0	154.50
3	3 6	354	1	54	0	0	3	96006	41.171578	-120.913161	0		0	69.15	488.65	0.0	0	147.84
4	<b>4</b> 4	967	1	53	1	0	4	91301	34.129058	-118.759788	0		0	108.65	6937.95	0.0	0	2722.20

# **FEATURE ANALYSIS**

Descriptive Statistics: after encoding we did some statistical analysis like:

- 1. No. of married customer that churned: 669
- 2. No. of unmarried customer that churned: 1200
- 3. No. of unmarried customer that stayed: 2071
- 4. No. of married customer that stayed: 2649
- 5. No. of married customer that joined: 84
- 6. No. of unmarried customer that joined: 370

On Multiple Lines we count churned stayed and joined also:

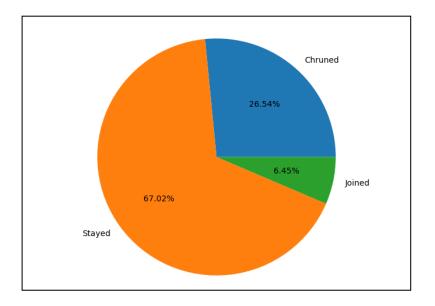
- 1. No. of customers using Multiple Lines that churned: 850
- 2. No. of customers not using Multiple Lines that churned: 1019
- 3. No. of customers not using Multiple Lines that stayed: 2644
- 4. No. of customers using Multiple\_Lines that stayed: 2076
- 5. No. of customers using Multiple Lines that joined: 45
- 6. No. of customers not using Multiple Lines that joined: 409

On age category we count which interval are stayed and churned:

- 1. No. of married customer of age less than 20, that churned: 14
- 2. No. of married customer of age between 21 to 30 that churned: 99
- 3. No. of married customer of age between 31 to 40 that churned: 106

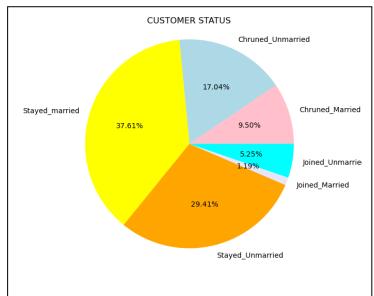
- 4. No. of married customer of age above 41, that churned: 438
- 5. No. of unmarried customer of age less than 20, that churned: 11
- 6. No. of unmarried customer of age between 21 to 30, that churned: 195
- 7. No. of unmarried customer of age between 31 to 40, that churned: 197
- 8. No. of unmarried customer of age above 41, that churned: 752

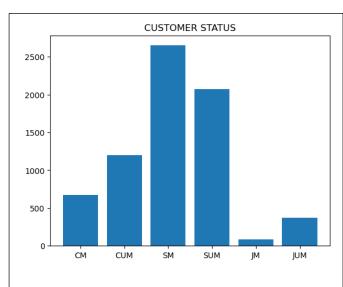
**Data Visualization:** We done some visualisation on the customer status, relation between the attribute Customer Status and Married, Age and Multilines attribute.

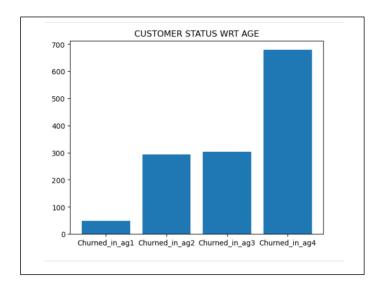


This graph tells us the percentage of customers churned, stayed and joined.

The graphs below tells us about percentage of customers status(stayed, joined, churned) of married and unmarried customers.

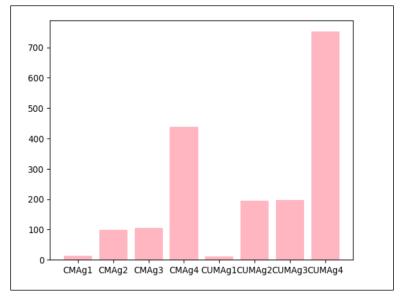


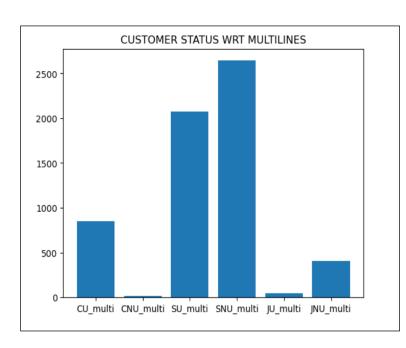




Here, in this graph we can see that the customers of age group 4 (i.e, age>=41) are more likely to churned.

Here, in this graph we can see that the customers of Age group 4 who are unmarried are more likely to churn.





This graph shows us that customers using multilines are more likely to stay and it also shows us that customers using multilines are more likely to churn in comparision to the customers who are not using multilines.

## REMOVING STOP WORDS AND PRONOUNS

```
1 stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
3 def remove_stopwords(text):
4
      tokens = nltk.word_tokenize(text)
5
      filtered_tokens = [word for word in tokens if word.lower() not in stop_words]
6
      return ' '.join(filtered_tokens)
7
8 df2['Churn_Reason']=df2['Churn_Reason'].apply(remove_stopwords)
10 | hltk.download('averaged_perceptron_tagger')
11
12 def remove_pronouns(text):
     tokens = word_tokenize(text)
13
14
      tagged_words = nltk.pos_tag(tokens)
15
      pronouns = ['NNP'] # POS tags for pronouns
16
      filtered_tokens = [word for word, pos in tagged_words if pos not in pronouns]
17
     return ' '.join(filtered_tokens)
18
19 df2['Churn_Reason']=df2['Churn_Reason'].apply(remove_pronouns)
```

By using this code we remove the stopwords and pronouns so, that we get can find out the proper reason of customer churn, without the influence of stopwords and pronouns.

n [64]:	1	df2	.head()		
ut[64]:		Age	Married	Customer_Status	Churn_Reason
	4	53	1	0	support person
	5	56	0	0	service provider
	8	20	0	0	Competitor offered data
	19	40	0	0	Competitor offered higher download speeds
	24	43	0	0	Competitor offered higher download speeds

Here, all the stop words and pronoun are removed of Chrun\_Reason attribute by using "nltk" library (natural language tool kit).

### NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING TASKS

## NLP task:

- We find out the TF(Term frequency) of each main word in chruned\_reason after removing the stop- words and pronouns, then we find out the DF(document frequency) of the each unique words, then after we find out the IDF( inverse document frequency) by using the formula [logTF/n]. From IDF we findout weight of each word with the help of formula [TF×IDF]. Then by adding the individual weights of the words to get the weight of the reason.
- After finding the weight of each reason, we findout the most prominent reason of the customer leaving by seeing the highest weight. We were able to do so, since we have changed our attribute (Chrun Reason) in the from of vector by using Counter Vectorizer.

```
: 1 from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
cv=CountVectorizer(max_features=5000)

: 1 vectors=cv.fit_transform(df2['Churn_Reason'])
2
```

[Counter Vectorizer is a technique used for converting a collection of text documents into a numerical representation.]

```
In [68]: 1 from collections import Counter
                         '.join(df2['Churn Reason'])
            2 text='
In [69]: 1 words = text.split()
             3 frequency=Counter(words)
                tf=[]
                for word,freq in frequency.items():
    print(word,"-",freq)
    tf ------',freq)
                     tf.append(freq)
           support - 263
           person - 220
           service - 94
provider - 94
           Competitor - 528
           offered - 217
           data - 156
higher - 100
           download - 100
           speeds - 100
           expertise - 43
           online - 31
           made - 311
better - 624
           Limited - 37
           range - 37
           services - 37
```

Here, we get the Term Frequency of the each words in Churn Reason.

#### Finding the DF (document frequency) of each words:

```
1 v=[]
  2 for i in range(len(x)):
          unique\_words = x[i]
           word_df = {word: [] for word in x}
          for word in x:
  8
                 for reason in lowercase_unique_reasons:
 10
                     if word in reason:
 11
                           word_df[word].append(1)
 12
 13
           word_count = {word: sum(counts) for word, counts in word_df.items()}
 14
 15 print("Word Document Frequency:")
16 for word, freq in word_count.items():
17
          z=f"{word}: {freq}"
18
          y.append(z)
 19
 20 print(y)
22 print(type(y))
Word Document Frequency:
['affordable: 1', 'better: 2', 'charges: 2', 'competitor: 4', 'data: 2', 'deceased: 1', 'devices: 1', 'dissatisfaction: 2', 'di stance: 1', 'download: 2', 'expertise: 2', 'high: 2', 'higher: 1', 'know: 1', 'limited: 1', 'long: 1', 'made: 1', 'moved: 1', 'offer: 3', 'offered: 2', 'online: 1', 'person: 1', 'phone: 1', 'product: 1', 'provider: 1', 'range: 1', 'reliability: 1', 'sel
f: 1', 'service: 4', 'services: 1', 'speed: 2', 'speeds: 1', 'support: 3', 'upload: 1']
```

We got the DF of each word in Chrun Reason.

#### Finding the IDF (inverse document frequency) of each words:

```
1 import math
    def calculate_idf(term, documents):
 4
        num_documents = len(documents)
 5
        term appearance count = sum(1 for doc in documents if term in doc)
 6
        if term_appearance_count == 0:
 8
            return 0
 9
10
        return math.log(num_documents / term_appearance_count)
11 IDF=[]
12 for term in x:
13
        idf = calculate_idf(term, lowercase_unique_reasons)
        print(f"IDF of '{term}': {idf}")
15
        IDF.append(idf)
16 #print(IDF)
IDF of 'affordable': 2.995732273553991
IDF of 'better': 2.302585092994046
IDF of 'charges': 2.302585092994046
IDF of 'competitor': 1.6094379124341003
IDF of 'data': 2.302585092994046
IDF of 'deceased': 2.995732273553991
IDF of 'devices': 2.995732273553991
IDF of 'dissatisfaction': 2.302585092994046
IDF of 'distance': 2.995732273553991
IDF of 'download': 2.302585092994046
IDF of 'expertise': 2.302585092994046
IDF of 'high': 2.302585092994046
IDF of 'higher': 2.995732273553991
```

We got IDF of each word using a formula  $\lceil \log TF/n \rceil$ .

#### Finding the weight of each words:

```
In [74]:
          1 result=[]
          2 for i,j in zip(tf,IDF):
                result.append(i*j)
          4 #print(result)
          6 for term,weight in zip(x,result):
                     print(f"Weight of '{term}': {weight}")
         Weight of 'affordable': 787.8775879446996
         Weight of 'better': 506.5687204586901
         Weight of 'charges': 216.4429987414403
         Weight of 'competitor': 151.2871637688054
         Weight of 'data': 1215.7649291008563
         Weight of 'deceased': 650.073903361216
         Weight of 'devices': 467.3342346744226
         Weight of 'dissatisfaction': 230.25850929940458
         Weight of 'distance': 299.57322735539907
         Weight of 'download': 230.25850929940458
         Weight of 'expertise': 99.01115899874398
         Weight of 'high': 71.38013788281542
         Weight of 'higher': 931.6727370752911
         Weight of 'know': 1869.3369386976904
         Weight of 'limited': 931.6727370752911
         Weight of 'long': 110.84209412149767
         Weight of 'made': 110.84209412149767
         Weight of 'moved': 110.84209412149767
         Weight of 'offer': 593.7985552692809
         Weight of 'offered': 299.33606208922595
         Weight of 'online': 389.4451955620188
         Weight of 'person': 215.69272369588734
```

We got weight of the each word in Churn\_Reason. By multiplying TF\*IDF.

#### Finding the most given reason:

```
In [75]: 1 from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
           2 from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfTransformer
           3 import numpy as np
In [91]: 1 vectors=cv.fit_transform(df2['Churn_Reason'])
          3 tfidf_transformer = TfidfTransformer()
          4 | tfidf_vectors = tfidf_transformer.fit_transform(vectors)
          5 print("Weight of each reason:")
          6 | sum_of_weights = np.asarray(tfidf_vectors.sum(axis=1)).flatten()
          8 reason_weights =[ (df2.iloc[idx]['Churn_Reason'], weight_sum) for idx, weight_sum in enumerate(sum_of_weights)]
          9 | sorted_reason_weights = sorted(reason_weights, key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)[:3]
         10 for churn_reason, weight_sum in sorted_reason_weights:
                 print(f"\n{churn_reason}: {weight_sum}")
         Weight of each reason:
         Competitor offered higher download speeds: 2.198711031088252
         Competitor offered higher download speeds: 2.198711031088252
         Competitor offered higher download speeds: 2.198711031088252
```

We got that [Competitor offered higher download speeds] is the top most reason for customers to churned. We got so, by adding the weights of each word in a reason.

# Model building using multilayer perceptron

```
1 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
 2 X = df[predictors].values
 3 y = df[target column].values
 4 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.30)
 5 print(X_train.shape)
 6 print(X_test.shape)
(4930, 28)
(2113, 28)
 1 from sklearn.neural_network import MLPClassifier
 3 mlp = MLPClassifier(hidden_layer_sizes=(28, 28), activation='logistic', solver='adam', max_iter=500)
 4 mlp.fit(X_train, y_train)
 6 predict_train = mlp.predict(X_train)
 7 predict_test = mlp.predict(X_test)
 8 #print(predict_test)
C:\Users\ridam\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\neural_network\_multilayer_perceptron.py:1109: DataConversionWarning: A colu
mn-vector y was passed when a 1d array was expected. Please change the shape of y to (n_samples, ), for example using ravel().
 y = column_or_1d(y, warn=True)
C:\Users\ridam\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\neural_network\_multilayer_perceptron.py:692: ConvergenceWarning: Stochastic
Optimizer: Maximum iterations (500) reached and the optimization hasn't converged yet.
 warnings.warn(
```

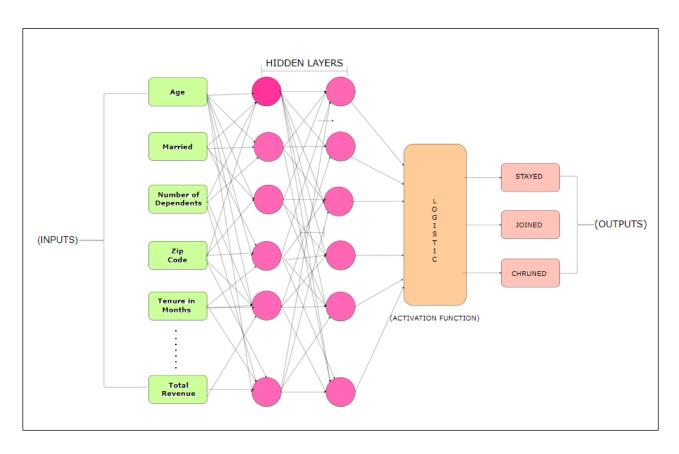
We use Multilayer perceptron model for the predictions of the Customer Status.

```
In [84]: 1 from sklearn.metrics import classification_report,confusion_matrix
          print(confusion_matrix(y_train,predict_train))
          3 print(classification_report(y_train,predict_train))
         [[ 877 87 362]
         [ 115 211 0]
          [ 225  0 3053]]
                     precision recall f1-score support
                                             0.69
                                   0.65
                                             0.68
                                0.93
                                            0.91
                                             0.84
            macro avg
                                    0.75
                                             0.76
         weighted avg
In [85]: 1 from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
          2 accuracy = accuracy_score(y_train, predict_train)
          3 print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
        Accuracy: 0.8399594320486815
In [86]: 1 | new_input = np.array([[46,0,0,93510,5,1,0,10.99,0,1,1,29,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,44.05,202.15,0.0,0,54.95,257.10]])
          predicted_class = mlp.predict(new_input)
         3 print(predicted_class)
         [0]
```

We got 84% accuracy of the model.

And we also test the model by giving it the new input and ask it to predict the class. As a output is tells us that the customer belongs to class 0, i.e, Chruned.

# **Backend Working of Our Model**



In this perceptron model inputs are our features we choose for model building, we take 2 hidden layers and logistics as activation function and as a output we tried to predict in which class [Stayed, Joined, Chruned] the customer will be in.

## **Model Extraction**

Understanding Customer Churn Prediction: A Backend Journey

#### **Data Collection:**

The journey begins with raw data—a treasure trove of customer-related information. This data could come from various sources: customer databases, transaction logs, surveys, and more. Preprocessing: Before diving into analysis, we clean and prepare the data. This involves handling missing values, removing duplicates, and ensuring consistent formatting.

#### **Noise Reduction:**

Data can be noisy—contaminated with irrelevant or erroneous points. We apply techniques to cleanse the data, ensuring it's reliable for analysis.

### **Feature Encoding:**

To feed data into machine learning models, we transform it into a suitable format. Techniques like one-hot encoding or label encoding are used for categorical variables.

### **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):**

We explore the data, visualize distributions, correlations, and anomalies. For example, we might analyze the churn behavior of different customer segments, such as unmarried vs. married customers.

### **NLP Model Application:**

- Natural Language Processing (NLP) comes into play when dealing with text data, such as customer feedback or comments.
- A multilayer neural network with a SoftMax activation function can analyse this textual goldmine.
- DF: The number of documents containing a specific term.
- IDF: A measure of a term's importance across all documents. It's calculated by dividing the total number of documents by the number of documents containing the term and taking the logarithm.
- IDF = LOG(DF) / N, where N represents the total number of unique words.
- A multilayer neural network with a SoftMax activation function can analyse this textual goldmine.
- Update the Backend: As the field evolves, we continuously update and enhance the backed. New techniques, algorithms, and insights emerge, allowing us to refine our churn prediction mod.

# **Conclusion: -**

- Marital status has an impact on churn, with more unmarried customers churning compared to married customers.
- Customers using Multiple Lines are less likely to churn than those not using Multiple Lines, indicating that this feature may be a retention factor.
- Age is also a factor in churn, with more customers above 41 years old churning, regardless of marital status.
- New customers are more likely to be unmarried and not using Multiple Lines, suggesting that these factors may be associated with customer acquisition.

To reduce churn, it may be beneficial to target marketing efforts towards married customers and those using Multiple Lines.

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