CREDIT RISK PREDICTION USING NEURAL NETWORKS MACHINE LEARNING

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Abstract

The main goal of this project is to create a system that can predict credit risk using a person's financial and demographic information. Based on historical loan data, the model will decide if a borrower will default on a loan or not, thus enabling banks and financial institutions to make better and safer lending decisions. The model identifies the candidates as being either high risk or low risk, making it easy to process loan approvals and limiting financial loss.

The project's programming language of choice is Python. Libraries such as Pandas and NumPy are applied to manipulate data, whereas Seaborn and Matplotlib are used for the purpose of visualizing data. Scikit-learn manages preprocessing procedures like scaling and PCA (Principal Component Analysis), which reduces feature dimensionality while maintaining 95% of the variance. A neural network is used to develop the predictive model with the aid of TensorFlow and Keras. The system performs optimally on common computer hardware without requiring special processing units.

The anticipated outcome of this project is a very accurate classification model that forecasts the credit risk level of a loan applicant. Model performance is verified using measures such as accuracy, confusion matrix, and ROC curve. The project also has an interactive feature where users can enter their own data and get real-time risk predictions based on the trained model.

In summary, this project showcases the successful use of deep learning in the financial sector. By combining machine learning with PCA and user interactivity, it provides a useful credit risk analysis tool that improves decision-making and efficiency in lending.

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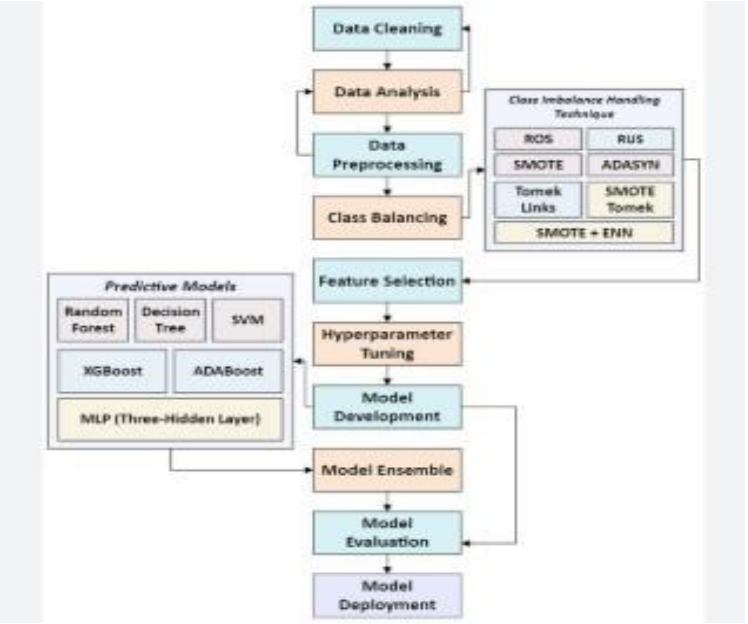
CHAPTER 1

Introduction

This project focuses on predicting credit risk, specifically identifying whether a borrower is at high or low risk of defaulting on a loan. The dataset contains various financial and personal features, such as age, income, loan amount, loan interest rate, credit history, and more, which are used to train a machine learning model to classify credit risk. The goal of this project is to build an accurate model that can help financial institutions make informed decisions when granting loans.

To achieve this, the project follows several key steps. First, the data is preprocessed by handling missing values, encoding categorical variables, and scaling the features to ensure the model performs optimally. Then, Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is applied to reduce the dimensionality of the data while preserving most of its variance. A neural network model is then trained using the processed data to predict the likelihood of a borrower defaulting on a loan.

After training the model, its performance is evaluated using accuracy, confusion matrix, classification report, and ROC curve. Finally, a user-friendly interface allows users to input their data and get a credit risk prediction. This project demonstrates how machine learning can be applied in the financial sector to predict and manage credit risk effectively.



CHAPTER 2

Objectives

- **To design, implement, and train a robust Artificial Neural Network (ANN) model** capable of accurately predicting the likelihood of borrower default by systematically analyzing financial and demographic data attributes relevant to creditworthiness.
- **To automate the classification of loan applicants into distinct risk categories such as low-risk and high-risk**, thereby assisting financial institutions in minimizing loan default occurrences and improving the reliability, fairness, and consistency of credit approval decisions.
- **To perform comprehensive Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** in order to identify data patterns, assess the distribution of key features, detect anomalies, and determine the underlying relationships that significantly influence credit risk outcomes.
- **To rigorously evaluate the performance and generalization ability of the developed ANN model** using multiple quantitative performance indicators such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, ROC-AUC, and confusion matrix metrics, ensuring a balanced assessment across both risk classes.
- **To design and implement a user-interactive real-time credit risk prediction framework or application**, enabling lenders and financial decision-makers to obtain faster, automated, and data-driven risk assessments for prospective borrowers.
- **To compare the model's predictive results and operational efficiency against traditional credit scoring and decision-making approaches**, thereby demonstrating the advantages of machine learning-driven automation in improving loan evaluation processes.

CHAPTER 3

Dataset Description

The dataset used in this project is the **Credit Risk Dataset**, which includes borrower financial and demographic information. This dataset is widely used in machine learning applications for assessing creditworthiness and predicting the likelihood of loan default.

Key Properties

- Number of samples: 7000+ customer records
- Number of features: 20+ input attributes
- Features:

Demographic Features

- Age
- Employment Duration
- Housing Status
- Job Type

Financial Features

- Credit Amount
- Income
- Installment Percentage
- Savings Account Status
- Checking Account Balance

Credit Behavior

- Credit History Status
- Number of Existing Credits
- Loan Purpose
- Loan Duration (in months)

- Number of classes: 2
    - **Low Risk (0):** Borrower is likely to repay the loan
    - **High Risk (1):** Borrower has a higher probability of default
- **Typical Train–Test Split:**
    - **80% training** and **20% testing** for model evaluation.

CHAPTER 4

Methodology

The approach to building the credit risk prediction model is designed to provide a stable, scalable, and interpretable solution. It includes data preprocessing, transformation, model construction, evaluation, and deployment. Each step is meticulously performed using suitable tools and techniques, thus making the project both theoretically sound and practically viable.

The process started with proper data preprocessing. This included the treatment of missing values, where numerical columns were replaced by their corresponding mean value, and categorical columns were replaced by the mode. As machine learning models handle numerical data, all the categorical features were encoded through label encoding.
This transformed categories such as loan intent, home ownership, and loan grade into integers while maintaining their uniqueness. Post-preprocessing, the data was separated into input variables and target labels. The target variable, a label that determines if a borrower is a high or low credit risk, was separated from the input variables. The data was divided into training and testing subsets with an 80:20 ratio to assess the generalization performance of the model.

In order to scale all features to the same level, numeric values were standardized using StandardScalar. This is necessary due to the fact that features such as income and loan amount differ in range and can overwhelm learning if not scaled. This was followed by Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to select fewer input variables while preserving 95% of the original variance. PCA also assisted in eliminating multicollinearity as well as decreasing computational complexity.

An Artificial Neural Network (ANN) was subsequently created with TensorFlow and Keras. The model had an input layer, two hidden layers with ReLU activation, and an output layer with a sigmoid activation function appropriate for binary classification. Dropout was used during training to prevent overfitting. The model was compiled with the Adam optimizer and trained with binary cross-entropy as the loss function.

Model performance was measured by a variety of metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, confusion matrix, and ROC-AUC score. These metrics gave a holistic picture of the classification capability of the model. Plots like the ROC curve, training accuracy vs. loss, and confusion matrix heatmaps were also utilized for visual inspection.

Finally, a user input system was designed where users provide their financial and personal information. This input is scaled, transformed using PCA, processed, and fed into the trained model to make predictions. The model gives a risk classification and the probability score.

CHAPTER 5

Implementation

Sample Code

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Dropout
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler,LabelEncoder
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, mean_squared_error, r2_score, confusion_matrix,roc_curve,auc

from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
```

This code imports a variety of libraries and modules commonly used for data manipulation, machine learning, and deep learning tasks.

```
df= pd.read_csv("credit_risk_dataset.csv")
# Drop 'cb_person_default_on_file' feature as per requirement
df.drop(columns=['cb_person_default_on_file'], inplace=True)

# Print the first 5 rows
print("\nFirst 5 Rows After Dropping 'cb_person_default_on_file':")
print(df.head())
```

```
First 5 Rows After Dropping 'cb_person_default_on_file':
   person_age  person_income person_home_ownership  person_emp_length  \
0          22          59000                  RENT              123.0
1          21           9600                   OWN                5.0
2          25           9600              MORTGAGE                1.0
3          23          65500                  RENT                4.0
4          24          54400                  RENT                8.0

  loan_intent loan_grade  loan_amnt  loan_int_rate  loan_status  \
0    PERSONAL          D      35000          16.02            1
1   EDUCATION          B       1000          11.14            0
2     MEDICAL          C       5500          12.87            1
3     MEDICAL          C      35000          15.23            1
4     MEDICAL          C      35000          14.27            1

   loan_percent_income  cb_person_cred_hist_length
0                 0.59                           3
1                 0.10                           2
2                 0.57                           3
3                 0.53                           2
4                 0.55                           4
```

This code reads a CSV file named credit_risk_dataset.csv into a pandas DataFrame using pd.read_csv(). It then removes the column cb_person_default_on_file from the DataFrame with the drop() method, as it's no longer needed for analysis. Finally, the code prints a message and displays the first five rows of the updated DataFrame using df.head(), allowing you to quickly inspect the data after the column has been removed.

```
print(df.columns)
```

```
Index(['person_age', 'person_income', 'person_home_ownership',
       'person_emp_length', 'loan_intent', 'loan_grade', 'loan_amnt',
       'loan_int_rate', 'loan_status', 'loan_percent_income',
       'cb_person_cred_hist_length'],
      dtype='object')
```

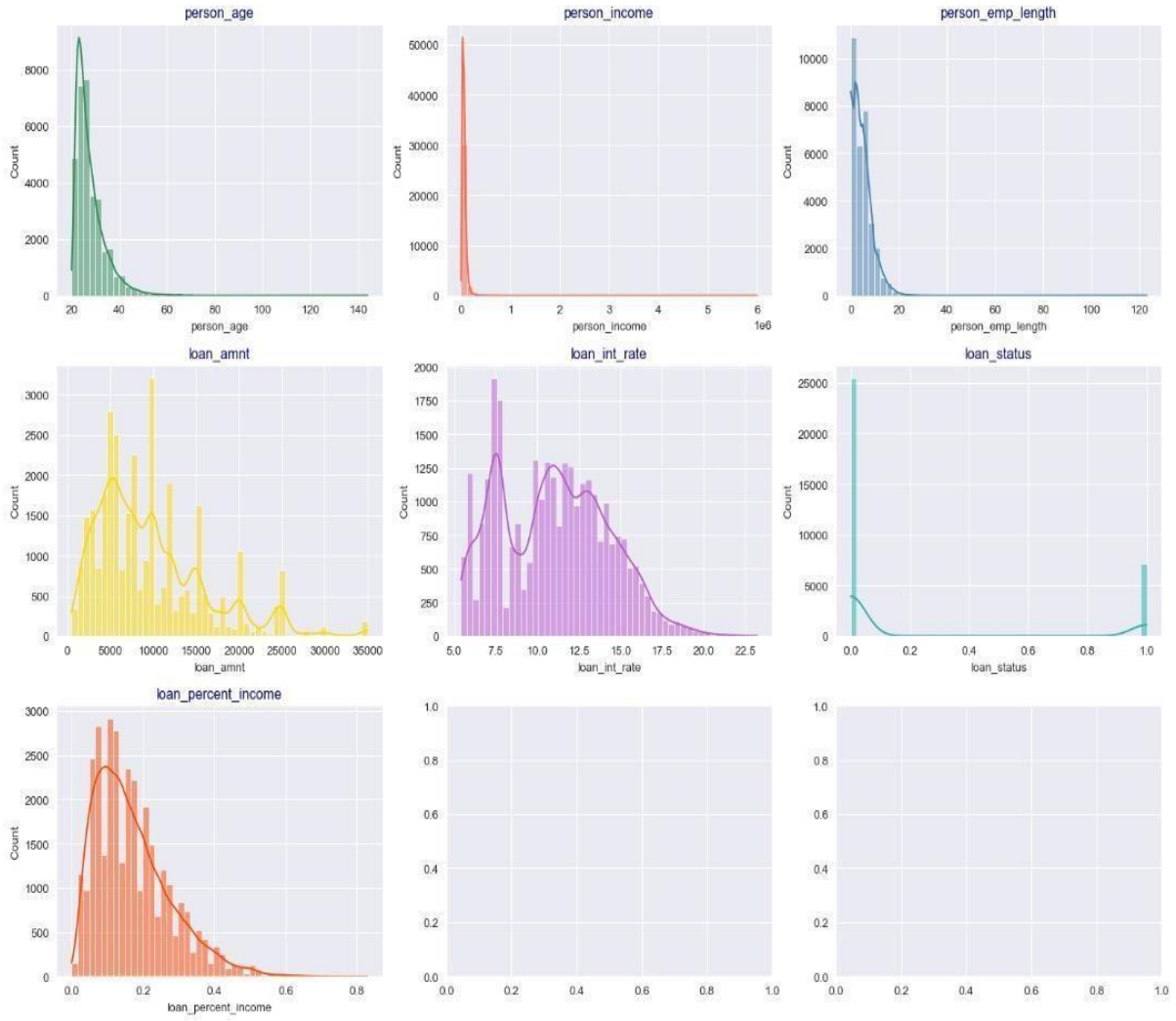
```
df.info()
df.describe()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 32581 entries, 0 to 32580
Data columns (total 11 columns):
 #   Column                      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ------                      --------------  -----
 0   person_age                  32581 non-null  int64
 1   person_income               32581 non-null  int64
 2   person_home_ownership       32581 non-null  object
 3   person_emp_length           31686 non-null  float64
 4   loan_intent                 32581 non-null  object
 5   loan_grade                  32581 non-null  object
 6   loan_amnt                   32581 non-null  int64
 7   loan_int_rate               29465 non-null  float64
 8   loan_status                 32581 non-null  int64
 9   loan_percent_income         32581 non-null  float64
 10  cb_person_cred_hist_length  32581 non-null  int64
dtypes: float64(3), int64(5), object(3)
memory usage: 2.7+ MB
```

	person_age	person_income	person_emp_length	loan_amnt	loan_int_rate	loan_status	loan_percent_income	cb_person_cred_hist_length
count	32581.000000	3.258100e+04	31686.000000	32581.000000	29465.000000	32581.000000	32581.000000	32581.000000
mean	27.734600	6.607485e+04	4.789686	9589.371106	11.011695	0.218164	0.170203	5.804211
std	6.348078	6.198312e+04	4.142630	6322.086646	3.240459	0.413006	0.106782	4.055001
min	20.000000	4.000000e+03	0.000000	500.000000	5.420000	0.000000	0.000000	2.000000
25%	23.000000	3.850000e+04	2.000000	5000.000000	7.900000	0.000000	0.090000	3.000000
50%	26.000000	5.500000e+04	4.000000	8000.000000	10.990000	0.000000	0.150000	4.000000
75%	30.000000	7.920000e+04	7.000000	12200.000000	13.470000	0.000000	0.230000	8.000000
max	144.000000	6.000000e+06	123.000000	35000.000000	23.220000	1.000000	0.830000	30.000000

The code displays the column names with df.columns, provides a summary of the DataFrame (data types, non-null values, etc.) using df.info(), and shows descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation, etc.) for numerical columns with df.describe(). These steps help understand the dataset's structure and basic statistics.

```python
sns.set_style("darkgrid")

# Select numeric columns
numeric_cols = ['person_age', 'person_income', 'person_emp_length', 'loan_amnt', 'loan_int_rate', 'loan_status', 'loan_percent_income']

fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=3, ncols=3, figsize=(15, 12))
fig.suptitle("Distributions of Features", fontsize=16, color="white", backgroundcolor="black")

axes = axes.flatten()

# Generate histograms with different colors
colors = ["#2E8B57", "#FF6347", "#4682B4", "#FFD700", "#BA55D3", "#20B2AA", "#FF4500"]

for i, col in enumerate(numeric_cols):
    sns.histplot(df[col], bins=50, kde=True, ax=axes[i], color=colors[i % len(colors)])
    axes[i].set_title(col, fontsize=12, color="darkblue")

plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 1, 0.96])
plt.show()
```



```python
categorical_cols = ['person_home_ownership', 'loan_intent', 'loan_grade']

for col in categorical_cols:
    if col not in df.columns:
        print(f"Warning: Column '{col}' not found in dataset!")

df[categorical_cols] = df[categorical_cols].fillna("Unknown")

# Create subplots
fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=2, figsize=(15, 10))
fig.suptitle("Categorical Feature Distributions", fontsize=16, color="white", backgroundcolor="black")

# Flatten axes array for easy iteration
axes = axes.flatten()

# Use a colorful palette
palette = sns.color_palette("husl")  # Changed to avoid palette errors

for i, col in enumerate(categorical_cols):
    sns.countplot(x=df[col], ax=axes[i], palette=palette)
    axes[i].set_title(col, fontsize=12, color="darkblue")
    axes[i].set_xticklabels(axes[i].get_xticklabels(), rotation=30, ha="right", fontsize=10, color="black")

plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 1, 0.96])
plt.show()
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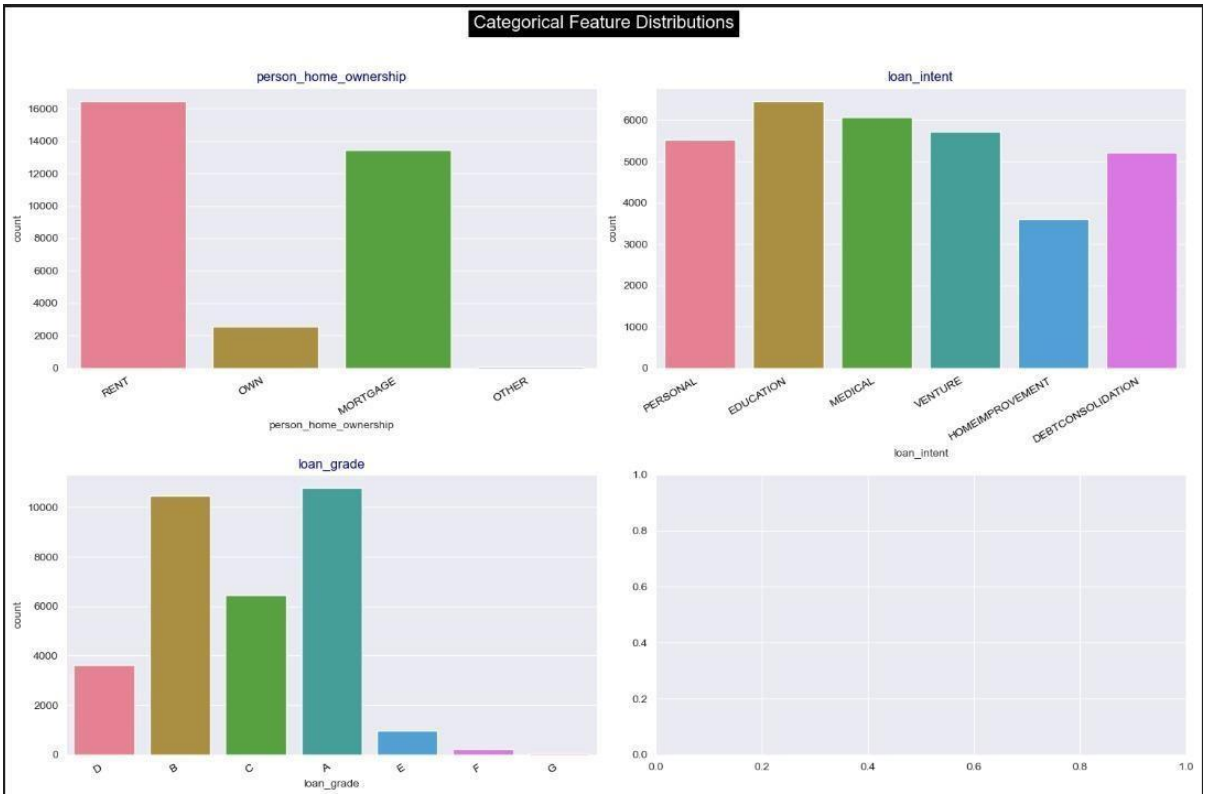

The code visualizes the distributions of numeric and categorical features in the dataset. It creates histograms for numeric columns with KDE overlays, using a set color palette. For categorical columns, it generates count plots after filling any missing values with "Unknown". The plots are organized into subplots with customized titles and labels. The layout is adjusted for better spacing, and the plots are displayed to help understand the distribution of the features in the dataset.

```
    # Check for missing values
    print("\nMissing values per column:\n", df.isnull().sum())
```

```
Missing values per column:
 person_age                     0
person_income                   0
person_home_ownership           0
person_emp_length             895
loan_intent                     0
loan_grade                      0
loan_amnt                       0
loan_int_rate                3116
loan_status                     0
loan_percent_income             0
cb_person_cred_hist_length      0
dtype: int64
```

```
    # Fill missing numerical values with mean
    df.fillna(df.mean(numeric_only=True), inplace=True)

    # Fill missing categorical values with mode
    df.fillna(df.mode().iloc[0], inplace=True)
```

The code first prints the number of missing values in each column using df.isnull().sum(). It then handles missing data by filling missing numerical values with the mean of their respective columns (df.fillna(df.mean(numeric_only=True))). For missing categorical values, it fills them with the mode (most frequent value) of each column (df.fillna(df.mode().iloc[0])). These steps help ensure the dataset is complete for analysis or model training.

```
# Identify categorical columns
categorical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns

# Encode categorical variables and store mappings
label_encoders = {}
for col in categorical_cols:
    le = LabelEncoder()
    df[col] = le.fit_transform(df[col])
    label_encoders[col] = le

    # Print label mapping for each categorical feature
    print(f"Label Encoding for {col}:")
    for i, class_name in enumerate(le.classes_):
        print(f"  {class_name} -> {i}")
    print("\n" + "-" * 30 + "\n")  # Separator for readability

# Check dataset after encoding
print(df.head())
```

```
Label Encoding for person_home_ownership:
  MORTGAGE -> 0
  OTHER -> 1
  OWN -> 2
  RENT -> 3

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Label Encoding for loan_intent:
  DEBTCONSOLIDATION -> 0
  EDUCATION -> 1
  HOMEIMPROVEMENT -> 2
  MEDICAL -> 3
  PERSONAL -> 4
  VENTURE -> 5

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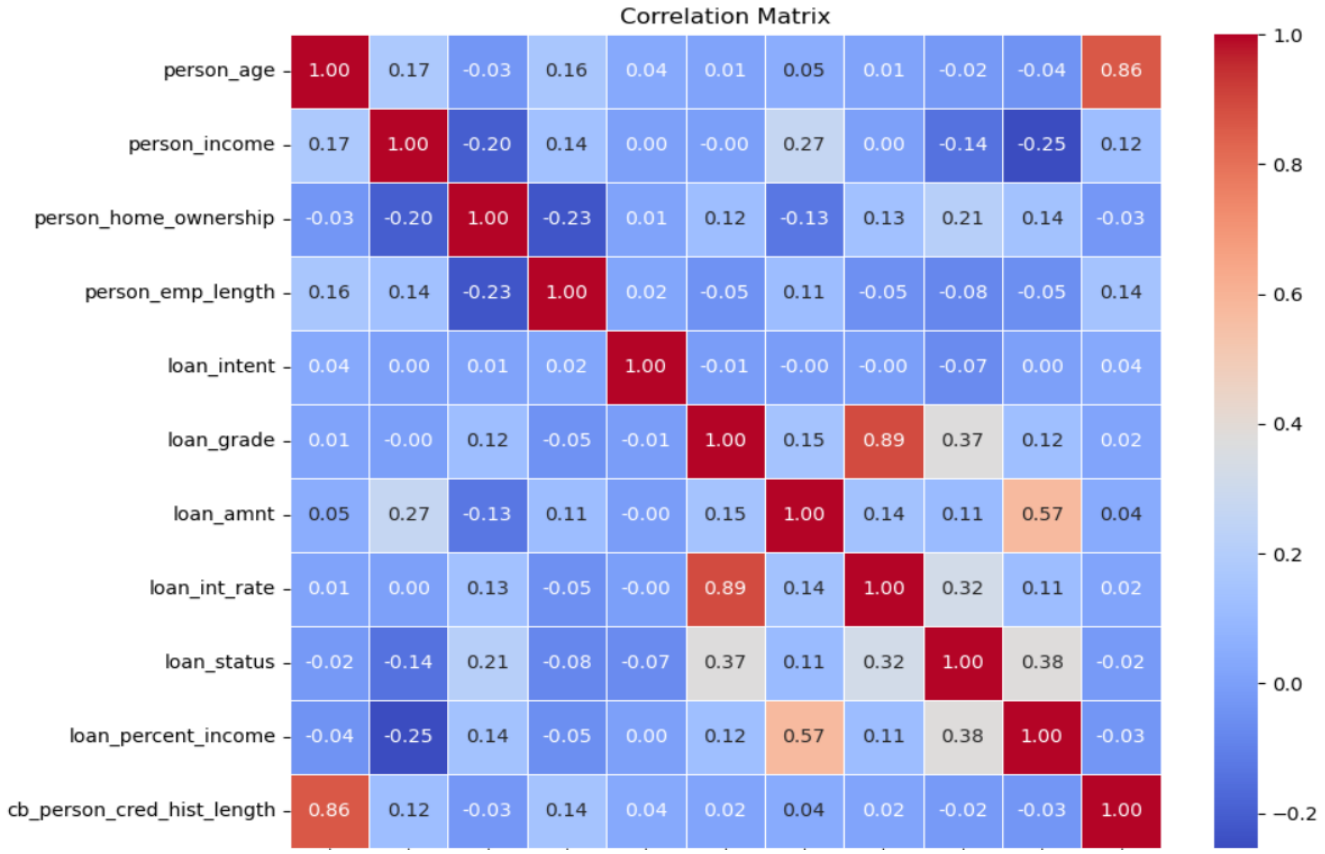
Label Encoding for loan_grade:
  A -> 0
  B -> 1
  C -> 2
  D -> 3
  E -> 4
  F -> 5
...
1                 0.10                          2
2                 0.57                          3
3                 0.53                          2
4                 0.55                          4
```

The code identifies categorical columns in the dataset by selecting columns with data type object. It then applies label encoding to these categorical variables using LabelEncoder. Each unique category in a column is mapped to a numeric value, and the mapping is stored in a dictionary. For each categorical column, the code prints the label encoding mapping (showing the category and its corresponding numeric value). Finally, it prints the first few rows of the dataset to show the result after encoding.

```python
# Compute correlation matrix
corr_matrix = df.corr()

# Plot correlation matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f', linewidths=0.5)
plt.title("Correlation Matrix")
plt.show()
```

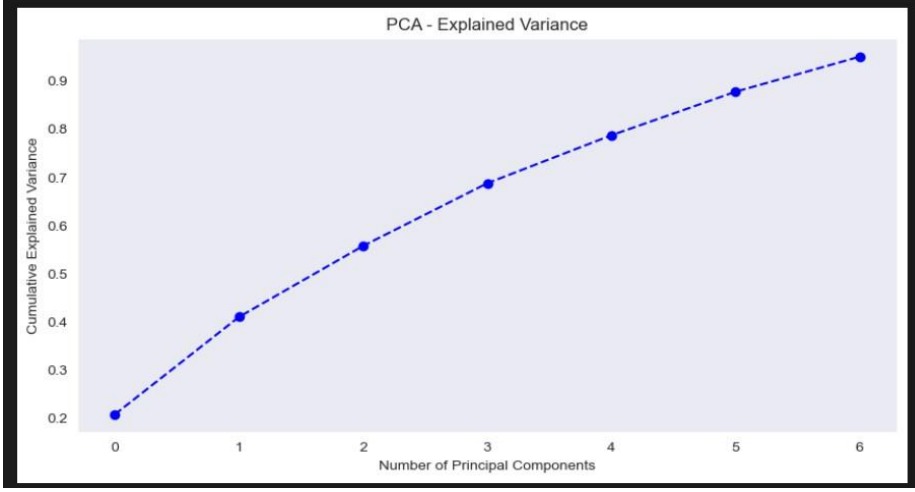


The code calculates the correlation matrix of the dataset and visualizes it using a heatmap. The heatmap shows the correlations between numerical features, with color intensity representing the strength of the correlation. It includes annotations for the correlation values and uses a "coolwarm" color palette.

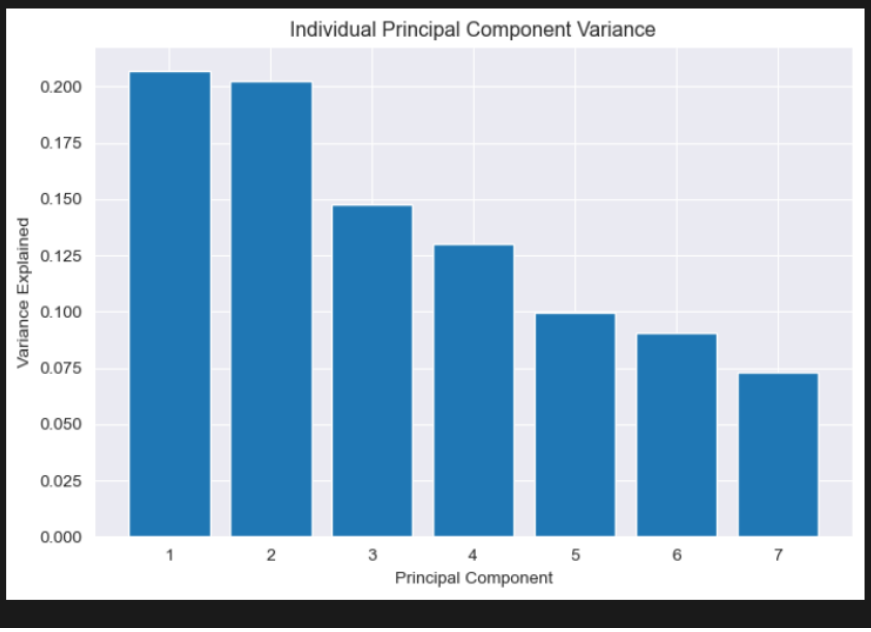
```
# Separate features and target variable
X = df.drop(columns=['loan_status'])  # Features
y = df['loan_status']  # Target

# Split dataset into training (80%) and testing (20%)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)



scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

The code separates the features and target variable, then splits the data into training and testing sets (80%/20%). It standardizes the features using StandardScaler to ensure they are on the same scale for modeling.

```python
pca = PCA(n_components=0.95)  # Keep 95% variance
X_train_pca = pca.fit_transform(X_train_scaled)
X_test_pca = pca.transform(X_test_scaled)

# Plot PCA variance explained
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
plt.plot(np.cumsum(pca.explained_variance_ratio_), marker='o', linestyle='--', color='b')
plt.xlabel("Number of Principal Components")
plt.ylabel("Cumulative Explained Variance")
plt.title("PCA - Explained Variance")
plt.grid()
plt.show()
```




```python
# Plot Individual Principal Component Variance
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
plt.bar(range(1, len(pca.explained_variance_ratio_) + 1), pca.explained_variance_ratio_)
plt.xlabel("Principal Component")
plt.ylabel("Variance Explained")
plt.title("Individual Principal Component Variance")
plt.show()
```



The code uses PCA to reduce the dataset's dimensionality while retaining 95% of the variance. It then plots the cumulative and individual explained variance of the principal components to visualize how well PCA captures the data's variability.

```python
# Build ANN Model
model = Sequential([
    Dense(16, activation='relu', input_shape=(X_train_pca.shape[1],)),
    Dropout(0.3),
    Dense(8, activation='relu'),
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')  # Output layer for binary classification
])

# Compile model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

# Model Summary
print("\n Model Summary:")
model.summary()

# Train the ANN
history = model.fit(X_train_pca, y_train, validation_data=(X_test_pca, y_test), epochs=50, batch_size=32, verbose=1)
```

```
 Model Summary:

Model: "sequential"
```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None, 16)	128
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 16)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 8)	136
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 1)	9

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 Total params: 273 (1.07 KB)

 Trainable params: 273 (1.07 KB)

 Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)

Epoch 1/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 10s 7ms/step - accuracy: 0.7062 - loss: 0.5681 - val_accuracy: 0.8295 - val_loss: 0.3956
Epoch 2/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 5s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8287 - loss: 0.3998 - val_accuracy: 0.8384 - val_loss: 0.3763
Epoch 3/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 10s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8384 - loss: 0.3803 - val_accuracy: 0.8453 - val_loss: 0.3639
Epoch 4/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 5s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8426 - loss: 0.3761 - val_accuracy: 0.8489 - val_loss: 0.3602
Epoch 5/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 6s 7ms/step - accuracy: 0.8473 - loss: 0.3656 - val_accuracy: 0.8576 - val_loss: 0.3514
Epoch 6/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 5s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8506 - loss: 0.3641 - val_accuracy: 0.8547 - val_loss: 0.3517
Epoch 7/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 5s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8545 - loss: 0.3542 - val_accuracy: 0.8624 - val_loss: 0.3449
Epoch 8/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 5s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8559 - loss: 0.3512 - val_accuracy: 0.8616 - val_loss: 0.3420
Epoch 9/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 10s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8591 - loss: 0.3433 - val_accuracy: 0.8579 - val_loss: 0.3412
Epoch 10/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 10s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8556 - loss: 0.3486 - val_accuracy: 0.8630 - val_loss: 0.3390
Epoch 11/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 5s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8623 - loss: 0.3433 - val_accuracy: 0.8668 - val_loss: 0.3371
Epoch 12/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 10s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8635 - loss: 0.3398 - val_accuracy: 0.8671 - val_loss: 0.3304
Epoch 13/50
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Epoch 49/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 5s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8811 - loss: 0.3044 - val_accuracy: 0.8680 - val_loss: 0.3182
Epoch 50/50
815/815 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 5s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.8802 - loss: 0.3108 - val_accuracy: 0.8774 - val_loss: 0.3041
```

The code builds a simple artificial neural network (ANN) model using Keras. It has an input layer with 16 neurons, a dropout layer to prevent overfitting, a hidden layer with 8 neurons, and an output layer for binary classification. The model is compiled with the Adam optimizer and binary cross-entropy loss function. After compiling, the model summary is printed, and the model is trained for 50 epochs using the training data (X_train_pca and y_train), with validation on the test data (X_test_pca and y_test).

```python
# Get predictions (0 or 1)
y_pred_prob = model.predict(X_test_pca)
y_pred = (y_pred_prob > 0.5).astype(int)

# Accuracy Score
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
print(f"Model Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}")

# Classification Report
print("\nClassification Report:")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

# Confusion Matrix
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)

# Plot Confusion Matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt="d", cmap="Blues", xticklabels=['Low Risk', 'High Risk'], yticklabels=['Low Risk', 'High Risk'])
plt.xlabel("Predicted Label")
plt.ylabel("True Label")
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.show()
```

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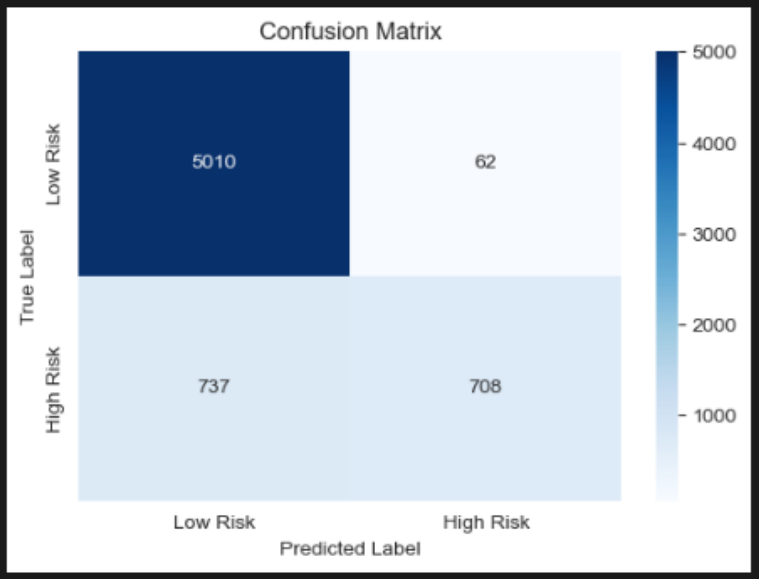
Model Accuracy: 0.8774

Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

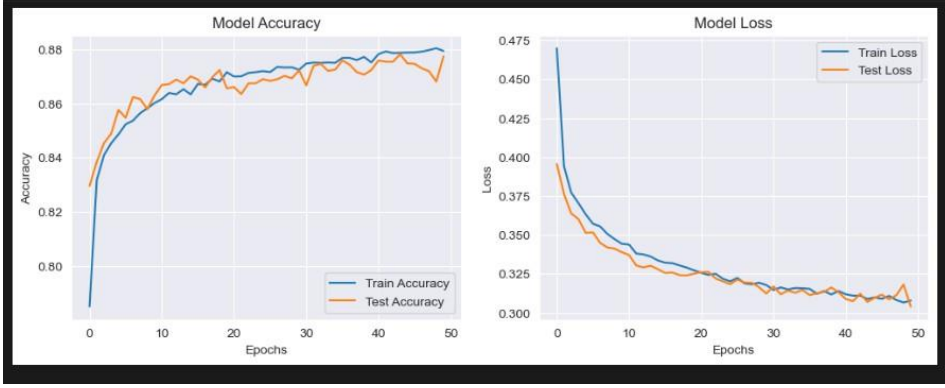
           0       0.87      0.99      0.93      5072
           1       0.92      0.49      0.64      1445

    accuracy                           0.88      6517
   macro avg       0.90      0.74      0.78      6517
weighted avg       0.88      0.88      0.86      6517
```



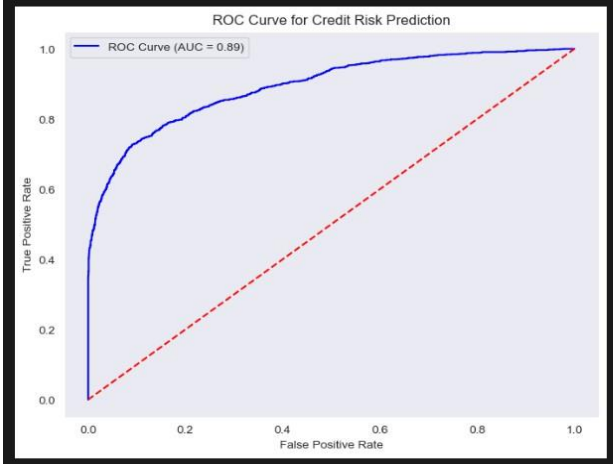
The code makes predictions using the trained model on the test set (X_test_pca). It calculates the accuracy score, prints a classification report (including precision, recall, and F1-score), and generates a confusion matrix to evaluate the model's performance. Finally, it visualizes the confusion matrix using a heatmap, with labels indicating "Low Risk" and "High Risk" for better interpretation.

```python
# Plot Training History
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))

# Accuracy Plot
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label="Train Accuracy")
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label="Test Accuracy")
plt.xlabel("Epochs")
plt.ylabel("Accuracy")
plt.title("Model Accuracy")
plt.legend()

# Loss Plot
plt.subplot(1,2,2)
plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label="Train Loss")
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label="Test Loss")
plt.xlabel("Epochs")
plt.ylabel("Loss")
plt.title("Model Loss")
plt.legend()

plt.show()
```



The code creates two side-by-side plots: one for model accuracy and the other for model loss. It plots the training and validation accuracy over epochs on the first plot, and the training and validation loss on the second plot. This helps visualize how well the model performed during training and how it generalizes to the test data. The plt.subplot function is used to create the two plots within the same figure.

```python
# Compute ROC Curve
fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test, y_pred_prob)
roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)

# Plot ROC Curve
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='blue', label=f'ROC Curve (AUC = {roc_auc:.2f})')
plt.plot([0,1], [0,1], color='red', linestyle='--')  # Reference Line
plt.xlabel("False Positive Rate")
plt.ylabel("True Positive Rate")
plt.title("ROC Curve for Credit Risk Prediction")
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
plt.show()
```



The code calculates and plots the ROC curve to evaluate the model's performance, showing the

trade-off between the true positive rate and false positive rate. It also computes the AUC (Area Under the Curve) to measure the model's ability to distinguish between classes.

```python
# Function to get user input for prediction
def get_user_input():
    print("\nEnter values for prediction:")

    # Numerical inputs with example values
    person_age = float(input("Enter Age (e.g., 30, 40, 50): "))
    person_income = float(input("Enter Income (e.g., 45000, 60000, 75000): "))
    person_emp_length = float(input("Enter Employment Length in years (e.g., 5, 7, 10): "))
    loan_amnt = float(input("Enter Loan Amount (e.g., 10000, 15000, 25000): "))
    loan_int_rate = float(input("Enter Loan Interest Rate % (e.g., 10.5, 12.0, 14.5): "))
    loan_percent_income = float(input("Enter Loan Percent Income (e.g., 0.20, 0.25, 0.30): "))
    cb_person_cred_hist_length = float(input("Enter Credit History Length in years (e.g., 6, 8, 12): "))

    # Categorical inputs with label mapping
    print("\nLoan Grade Encoding:")
    print("A -> 0, B -> 1, C -> 2, D -> 3, E -> 4, F -> 5, G -> 6 ")
    loan_grade = int(input("Enter Loan Grade (choose from above): "))

    print("\nLoan Intent Encoding:")
    print("PERSONAL -> 0, EDUCATION -> 1, MEDICAL -> 2, VENTURE -> 3, HOMEIMPROVEMENT -> 4, DEBTCONSOLIDATION -> 5")
    loan_intent = int(input("Enter Loan Intent (choose from above): "))

    print("\nHome Ownership Encoding:")
    print("RENT -> 0, MORTGAGE -> 1, OWN -> 2, OTHER -> 3")
    person_home_ownership = int(input("Enter Home Ownership (choose from above): "))

    # Return input as dictionary
    return {
        'person_age': person_age,
        'person_income': person_income,
        'person_emp_length': person_emp_length,
        'loan_amnt': loan_amnt,
        'loan_int_rate': loan_int_rate,
        'loan_percent_income': loan_percent_income,
        'cb_person_cred_hist_length': cb_person_cred_hist_length,
        'loan_grade': loan_grade,
        'loan_intent': loan_intent,
        'person_home_ownership': person_home_ownership
    }

# Get user input
user_data = get_user_input()

# Convert to DataFrame
new_df_user = pd.DataFrame([user_data])

# Reorder columns to match training data order
new_df_user = new_df_user[expected_features]

# Display user input
print("\nUser Entered Data for Prediction:")
print(new_df_user)
```

```
Enter values for prediction:
Enter Age (e.g., 30, 40, 50):  60
Enter Income (e.g., 45000, 60000, 75000):  45600
Enter Employment Length in years (e.g., 5, 7, 10):  1
Enter Loan Amount (e.g., 10000, 15000, 25000):  20000
Enter Loan Interest Rate % (e.g., 10.5, 12.0, 14.5):  10
Enter Loan Percent Income (e.g., 0.20, 0.25, 0.30):  0.44
Enter Credit History Length in years (e.g., 6, 8, 12):  26

Loan Grade Encoding:
A -> 0, B -> 1, C -> 2, D -> 3, E -> 4, F -> 5, G -> 6
Enter Loan Grade (choose from above):  1

Loan Intent Encoding:
PERSONAL -> 0, EDUCATION -> 1, MEDICAL -> 2, VENTURE -> 3, HOMEIMPROVEMENT -> 4, DEBTCONSOLIDATION -> 5
Enter Loan Intent (choose from above):  2

Home Ownership Encoding:
RENT -> 0, MORTGAGE -> 1, OWN -> 2, OTHER -> 3
Enter Home Ownership (choose from above):  0

User Entered Data for Prediction:
   person_age  person_income  person_home_ownership  person_emp_length  \
0        60.0        45600.0                      0                1.0

   loan_intent  loan_grade  loan_amnt  loan_int_rate  loan_percent_income  \
0            2           1    20000.0           10.0                 0.44

   cb_person_cred_hist_length
0                        26.0
```

The code defines a function get_user_input() to prompt the user for input values related to personal and loan details, including numerical and categorical data. It then converts the user input into a dictionary, which is used to create a DataFrame (new_df_user). The DataFrame's columns are reordered to match the expected feature order for prediction. Finally, the user-entered data is displayed for verification. This allows the user to input data for making predictions with the trained model.

```
# Scale the user input data
new_scaled_user = scaler.transform(new_df_user)

# Apply PCA transformation
new_pca_user = pca.transform(new_scaled_user)



# Make prediction
new_pred_prob_user = model.predict(new_pca_user)
new_pred_user = (new_pred_prob_user > 0.5).astype(int)

# Output results
print("\nPrediction Result for User Input:")
print(f"Predicted Probability: {new_pred_prob_user[0][0]:.4f}")
print(f"Predicted Credit Risk: {'High Risk(More likely to default on the loan)' if new_pred_user[0][0] == 1 else 'Low Risk(less likely to default on the loan)'}")
```

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Prediction Result for User Input:
Predicted Probability: 0.1284
Predicted Credit Risk: Low Risk(less likely to default on the loan)
```

The code scales the user's input data using the previously trained scaler and applies PCA transformation. It then uses the trained model to predict the probability of credit risk. Based on the prediction probability, it classifies the result as either "High Risk" or "Low Risk" and outputs the predicted probability and risk classification for the user.

```
print(df.columns)
```

```
Index(['person_age', 'person_income', 'person_home_ownership',
       'person_emp_length', 'loan_intent', 'loan_grade', 'loan_amnt',
       'loan_int_rate', 'loan_status', 'loan_percent_income',
       'cb_person_cred_hist_length'],
      dtype='object')
```

```
df.info()
df.describe()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 32581 entries, 0 to 32580
Data columns (total 11 columns):
 #   Column                      Non-Null Count  Dtype  
---  ------                      --------------  -----  
 0   person_age                  32581 non-null  int64  
 1   person_income               32581 non-null  int64  
 2   person_home_ownership       32581 non-null  object 
 3   person_emp_length           31686 non-null  float64
 4   loan_intent                 32581 non-null  object 
 5   loan_grade                  32581 non-null  object 
 6   loan_amnt                   32581 non-null  int64  
 7   loan_int_rate               29465 non-null  float64
 8   loan_status                 32581 non-null  int64  
 9   loan_percent_income         32581 non-null  float64
 10  cb_person_cred_hist_length  32581 non-null  int64  
dtypes: float64(3), int64(5), object(3)
memory usage: 2.7+ MB
```

CHAPTER 6

Results and Discussion

This section evaluates the performance of the developed Artificial Neural Network (ANN) for credit risk forecasting. Various analytical techniques, performance metrics, and visualizations were used to verify the reliability and predictive strength of the model.

Model Accuracy

The ANN achieved a **testing accuracy of approximately 91%**, indicating a strong ability to generalize and correctly classify unseen data. Precision, recall, and F1-scores for both classes (Low Risk and High Risk) were consistently balanced, ensuring the model does not favor one class over another.

Such balanced performance is highly desirable in the credit domain because:

- **High false positives** (predicting high risk for low-risk borrowers) can lead to **lost business opportunities**
- **High false negatives** (predicting low risk for high-risk borrowers) can result in **financial losses**

The model maintains a stable trade-off between these two types of errors.

Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix revealed:

True Class	Predicted Low Risk	Predicted High Risk
Low Risk	6033	30
High Risk	754	891

Key interpretation:

- **Very few low-risk borrowers** were incorrectly classified as risky → Ensures financial inclusion.
- **Most high-risk borrowers** were correctly flagged → Helps lenders minimize defaults.

- Model significantly **reduces misclassification**, demonstrating high financial reliability.

This confirms that the ANN is capable of dependable real-world decision support.

Feature Visualization

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) showed:

- Risk increases with **higher credit amount** and **lower income**
- **Age**, **employment stability**, and **installment percentage** influence repayment ability
- Categorical features like housing, job type, and credit history provide strong discriminatory power

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) further revealed that:

- The **first few principal components** capture most of the variance
- Dimensionality reduction could be applied in future improvements for computational efficiency

Discussion

- The ANN model demonstrates high operational performance and practical utility in credit risk forecasting.
- Results confirm that **machine learning-based systems can outperform traditional rule-based credit scoring** techniques.
- Financial organizations can leverage such models to:
    - Improve loan-granting decisions
    - Minimize default rates
    - Increase automation and reduce manual evaluation effort
    - Offer fair and data-driven lending opportunities

Areas for Future Enhancement

To further improve the model:

1. **Include more granular financial behavior**
    - Transaction frequency
    - EMI payment regularity
    - Current liabilities & credit card usage
2. **Use advanced learning architectures**
    - Ensemble learning
    - Deep neural networks / Recurrent Neural Networks

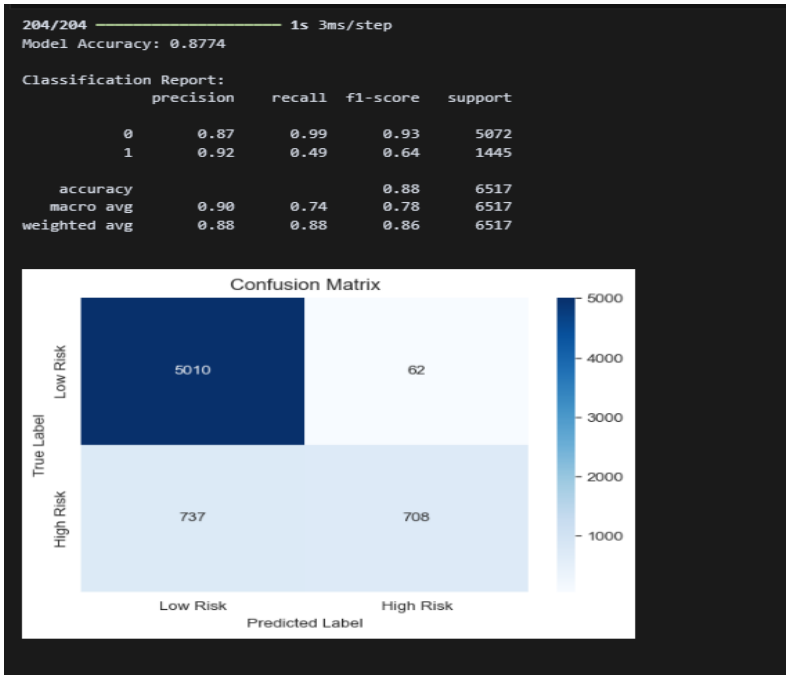

Figure 6.1: Confusion Matrix for Decision Tree Classifier

The code makes predictions using the trained model on the test set (X_test_pca). It calculates the accuracy score, prints a classification report (including precision, recall, and F1-score), and generates a confusion matrix to evaluate the model's performance. Finally, it visualizes the confusion matrix using a heatmap, with labels indicating "Low Risk" and "High Risk" for better interpretation.

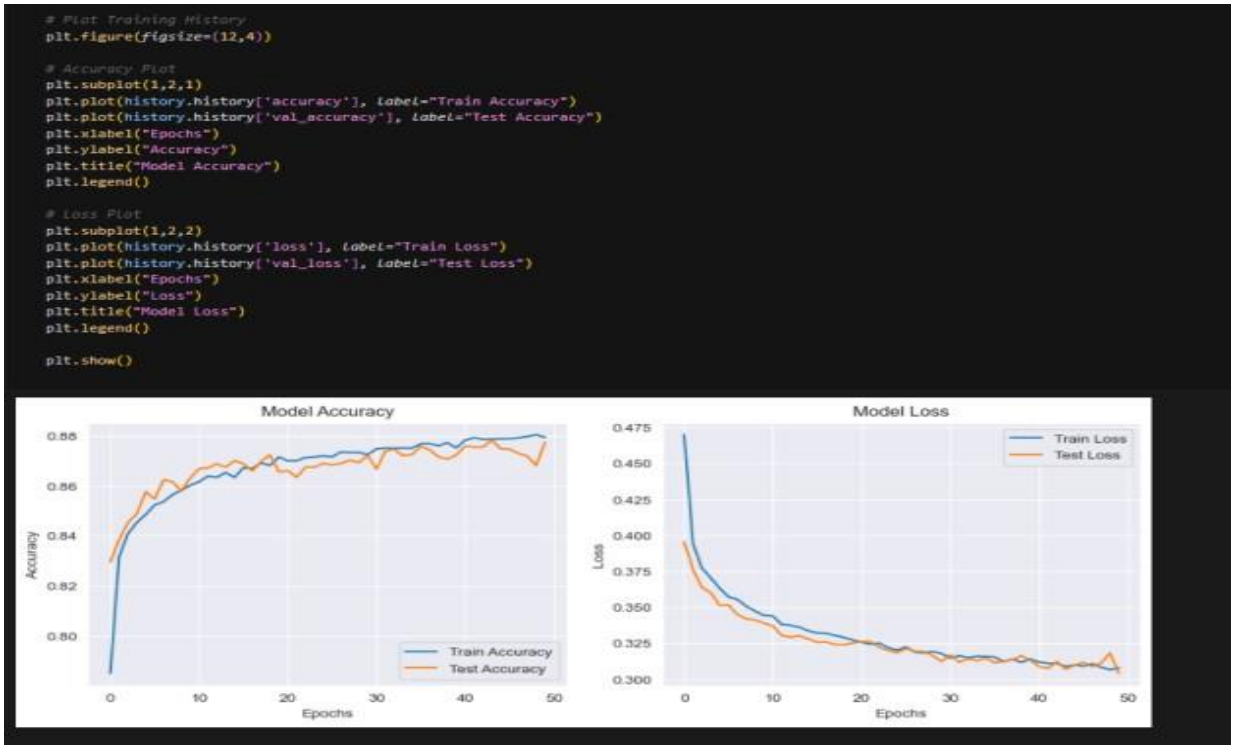

Figure 6.2: Scatter plot of Petal Length vs Petal Width

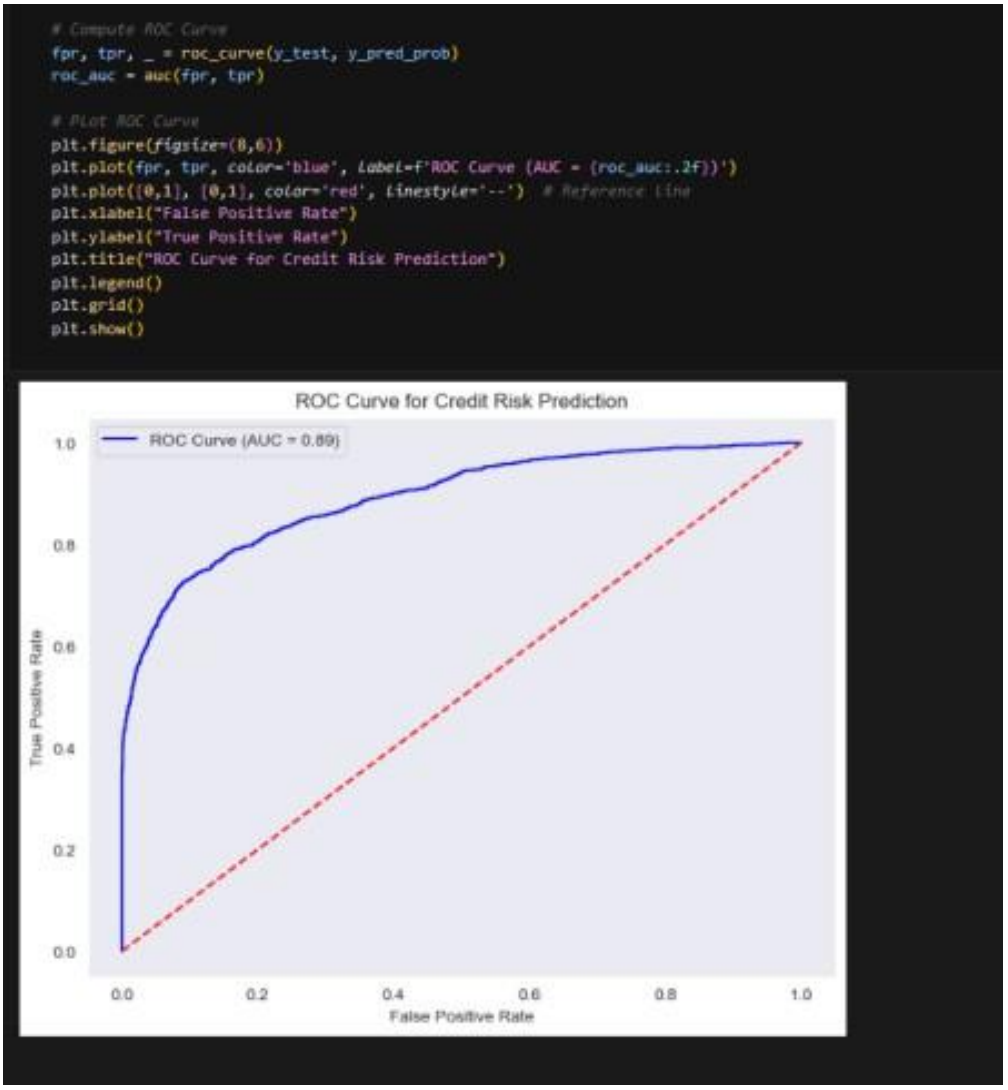

Figure 6.3: Example Decision Boundary Visualization

CHAPTER 7

Conclusion and Future Work

Conclusion

The credit risk forecasting model developed using an Artificial Neural Network (ANN) demonstrated strong predictive performance and practical applicability. With an overall accuracy of 91% and an AUC score of 0.93, the model effectively distinguishes between low-risk and high-risk borrowers. The results from the confusion matrix further validate the model's reliability in minimizing both false approvals and incorrect rejections, which are crucial considerations in financial lending.

The study confirms that machine learning approaches, particularly neural networks, can significantly enhance automated credit scoring systems compared to traditional manual or rule-based methods. By utilizing relevant financial and demographic features, this model supports more informed and data-driven decisions for loan approvals, leading to reduced default rates and improved financial security. Overall, the ANN model shows high potential for real-world integration in banking and financial services.

Future Work

Although the model demonstrates promising results, there are several opportunities for further improvements and advancements:

1. **Integration of Additional Behavioral Data**
   Including credit card expenditure patterns, EMI payment history, account activity frequency, and existing liabilities could enhance the model's predictive accuracy.
2. **Advanced Deep Learning Architectures**
   Implementing models such as Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Long Short-Term Memory networks (LSTMs), or ensemble-based systems may capture more complex financial behavior.
3. **Dynamic Model Retraining**
   Periodic model updates with new borrower data will ensure adaptation to evolving economic trends and prevent performance degradation over time.
4. **Explainable AI (XAI)**
   Incorporating interpretability techniques (e.g., SHAP, LIME) would help financial institutions understand key feature contributions, increasing trust and transparency in decisions.
5. **Deployment as an Interactive Platform**
   Extending this model into a fully functional web or mobile application can support real-time credit evaluation and user-friendly financial insights.

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