Online Shoppers Purchasing Intention



Goal: Predict whether an online customer will generate revenue based on various features related to their time on the website

Objective: Using results from the model, we can then fine-tune the website to maximize profit for the business

(maximizing shareholder profit is definitely the goal in life)

Opening, Challenge, Action, & Resolution

Opening: We are using the *Online Shoppers Purchasing Intention Dataset* from UC Irvine's Machine Learning Repository, which has 18 variables

Challenge: Can we accurately predict if a customer will purchase something during their time on the website?

Action: We will follow the essential workflow outlined by CSCI 200B in order to create an effective model for the company to use

Resolution: Once we have trained and evaluated our models, we will have a greater understanding of what indicators are most important when predicting whether or not a customer purchases the product on the website

Description of the Dataset

This particular dataset from UC Irvine gives us 10 numerical variables, 7 categorical variables, and 1 target variable

- Features such as "Informational", "Informational Duration", "Product Related" and "Product Related Duration" represent the number of different types of pages visited by the visitor in that session and total time spent in each of these page categories
- The value of "Bounce Rate" refers to the percentage of customers who enter the site from that page and then leave without triggering any other requests
- The value of "Exit Rate" is calculated as for all pageviews to the page, the percentage that were the last in the session
- The target variable is named "Revenue", indicating whether or not a purchase was made during the session

Exploring The Data

Step 1: Check Data

- Reviewed variable types and checked for missing values
- Noted that "Revenue" is a binary class, 1 indicating a purchase and 0 indicating no purchase
- Initial analysis showcased that...

Step 2: Visualizations

 Generated basic bar plots, scatterplots, histograms, etc. to understand the features and relationships much better

Step 3: Statistical Tests/Measures

 Conducted statistical tests (ANOVA, T-Tests, etc.) to identify key relationships between features and the target

Visualizations / Statistical Measures



Data Cleaning & Wrangling

- Confirmed that there are no missing values in the columns
- Checked for duplicates/strange values (i.e. NA, None, etc.)
- Checked for outliers or problematic ranges of values
- OHE (One-Hot Encoded) categorical features such as "Weekend" and "Revenue"
- No other features need transformation, which is great
- Based on descriptions and context, we will select 8-10 main features to include

Selecting Our Models

Our learning approach is Supervised Learning for Classification, because we have a defined target variable—Revenue—indicating a class (purchase or no purchase)

Models That Were Chosen:

Null Model: Assigning all observations to the majority class (in this case, no revenue). This will be our baseline or benchmark for the following models

Logistic Regression: Utilized for its simplicity and interpretability our problem, because its binary classification

Random Forest With Boosting: Utilized for its potential to capture more complex relationships in the data and accuracy for classification tasks

| Training Our Models

Data Split

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Tuning
Hyperparameters
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Fitting The Model

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Measuring Performance

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| Evaluating Our Models



Overall Insights & Concluding Ideas!

Any questions?

Thank you for helping me maximize shareholder profit. I am sure that they will be happy.