# 1. SYRIATEL PREDICTIVE ANALYSIS OF CUSTOMER CHURN

# 1. Business Understanding

#### 1.1. Introduction

SyriaTel, a telecommunications company bases in Damascus Syria, encounters a notable obstacle in curtailing customer churn, which can detrimentally affect its revenue and overall profitability. Customer churn denotes the situation where customers terminate their subscriptions with a company, frequently transitioning to competitors or discontinuing the service entirely. Notably, poor service experience and customer service are among the primary contributors to customer churn. Additionally, the ease with which customers can switch providers and encountering subpar customer experiences, such as requiring multiple contacts for issue resolution, also significantly contribute to churn rates. These factors underscore the criticality of focusing on service quality and enhancing customer satisfaction to effectively diminish the churn rate.

#### 1.2. Business stakeholders

The primary stakeholder in this project is SyrialTel, a telecommunications company based in Damascus, Syria. Their core interest lies in understanding the patterns and reasons behind customer churn. By comprehensively understanding why customers leave, SyrialTel can take proactive measures to retain them. This includes improving service quality, enhancing customer support, and offering tailored solutions to address customer needs. By leveraging data-driven insights, SyrialTel can make informed decisions, tailor services, and allocate resources effectively to reduce churn. This proactive approach not only improves customer satisfaction but also leads to financial savings by minimizing revenue loss associated with customers discontinuing their services.

#### 1.3. Main Objective

The main objective of this project is to build a predictive classifier that assists SyrialTel Telecommunication company in determining if there is a predictable pattern to customer churning.

### 1.4. Experimental Design

This outlines the processes to be undertaken in this project. They are:

- 1. Data Understanding
- 2. Data Cleaning
- 3. Exploratory Data Analysis
- 4. Data Preparation
- 5. Modelling
- 6. Evaluation
- 7. Conclusion

# Data Understanding

#### 2.1. Data Description

• The data utilized for this project has been sourced from Kaggle. The dataset contains 3333 entries and 21 columns, including information about the state, account length, area code, phone number, international plan, voice mail plan, number of voice mail messages, total day minutes, total day calls, total day charge, total evening minutes, total evening calls, total evening charge, total night minutes, total night calls, total night charge, total international minutes, total international calls, total international charge, customer service calls and churn.

### **Summary of Features in the Dataset**

Each entry in the dataset represents a customer, and the attributes describe different aspects of their account and usage.

Attribute	Description
State	The state in which the customer resides.
Account Length	The number of days the customer has had the account.
Area Code	The area code of the customer's phone number.
Phone Number	The customer's phone number.
International Plan	A boolean indicating whether the customer has the international calling plan (True or False).
Voice Mail Plan	A boolean indicating whether the customer has the voicemail plan (True or False).
Number Vmail Messages	The number of voicemail messages the customer has sent

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Total Day Minutes	The total number of minutes the customer has been in calls during the day.
Total Day Calls	The total number of calls the customer has made during the day.
Total Day Charge	The total amount of money charged by the telecom company for calls during the day.
Total Eve Minutes	The total number of minutes the customer has been in calls during the evening.
Total Eve Calls	The total number of calls the customer has made during the evening.
Total Eve Charge	The total amount of money charged by the telecom company for calls during the evening.
Total Night Minutes	The total number of minutes the customer has been in calls during the night.
Total Night Calls	The total number of calls the customer has made during the night.
Total Night Charge	The total amount of money charged by the telecom company for calls during the night.
Total Intl Minutes	The total number of minutes the user has been in international calls.
Total Intl Calls	The total number of international calls the customer has made.
Total Intl Charge	The total amount of money charged by the telecom company for international calls.
Customer Service Calls	The number of calls the customer has made to customer service.
Churn	A boolean indicating whether the customer terminated their contract (True or False).

### 2.2. Suitability of above data in predicting customer churn

The dataset contains a variety of factors crucial for understanding customer behavior and forecasting churn for SyrialTel Company. Essential attributes include customer subscriptions like international plans and voice mail plans, as well as call usage statistics such as total day minutes and total night minutes. The 'Churn' column, which acts as the target variable, distinguishes between customers who have terminated their service ('True') and those who haven't ('False'). This comprehensive dataset lays the groundwork for building a predictive model to accurately identify churn risks and implement focused retention strategies. This aligns with the project's goal of effectively reducing customer churn.

#### 2.3 importing the required libraries, loading and checking the data

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In [ ]: # Importing the relevant libraries for the project
                        import pandas as pd
                        import numpy as np
                        import seaborn as sns
                        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
                        %matplotlib inline
                        import joblib
                        import warnings
                        import xgboost as xgb
                        warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
                        from sklearn.utils import resample
                        from sklearn.metrics import precision score, recall score, accuracy score, f1 score, make scorer, auc
                         from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score,ConfusionMatrixDisplay,confusion_matrix , classification_report, roc_
                         from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
                         from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split,GridSearchCV,cross_val_score
                         \textbf{from} \ \ \text{sklearn.preprocessing} \ \ \textbf{import} \ \ \text{Standard} Scaler, 0 \text{neHotEncoder}, Label Encoder, 0 \text{rdinalEncoder}, MinMax Scaler, 0 \text{neHotEncoder}, 0 \text{rdinalEncoder}, MinMax Scaler, 0 \text{neHotEncoder}, 0 \text{rdinalEncoder}, 0 \text{rdi
                         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier,GradientBoostingClassifier
                         from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
                         from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
                         from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
                         from sklearn.feature_selection import RFECV
                         from xgboost import XGBClassifier
In [ ]: # loading the datasets
                        dataFrame = pd.read_csv("Dataset/bigml_59c28831336c6604c800002a.csv")
In [ ]: # Creating a copy of the dataset to work with.
                        data = dataFrame.copy()
                        data.head()
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          # checking the shape of the data
           (data.shape)
          (3333, 21)
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 In [ ]:
          print(f"Data has {data.shape[0]} rows and {data.shape[1]} columns")
          Data has 3333 rows and 21 columns
 In [ ]:
          # checking for the information about the data Frame.
          data.info()
          <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
          RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332
          Data columns (total 21 columns):
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          dtypes: bool(1), float64(8), int64(8), object(4)
          memory usage: 524.2+ KB
 In [ ]:
          # checking for the unique values in the data
          for i in data.columns:
               print(f"Unique values in {i} are {data[i].nunique()}")
          Unique values in state are 51
          Unique values in account length are 212
          Unique values in area code are 3
          Unique values in phone number are 3333
          Unique values in international plan are 2
          Unique values in voice mail plan are 2
          Unique values in number vmail messages are 46
          Unique values in total day minutes are 1667
          Unique values in total day calls are 119
          Unique values in total day charge are 1667
          Unique values in total eve minutes are 1611
          Unique values in total eve calls are 123
          Unique values in total eve charge are 1440
          Unique values in total night minutes are 1591
          Unique values in total night calls are 120
          Unique values in total night charge are 933
          Unique values in total intl minutes are 162
          Unique values in total intl calls are 21
          Unique values in total intl charge are 162
          Unique values in customer service calls are 10
          Unique values in churn are 2
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### 3. Data Preparation

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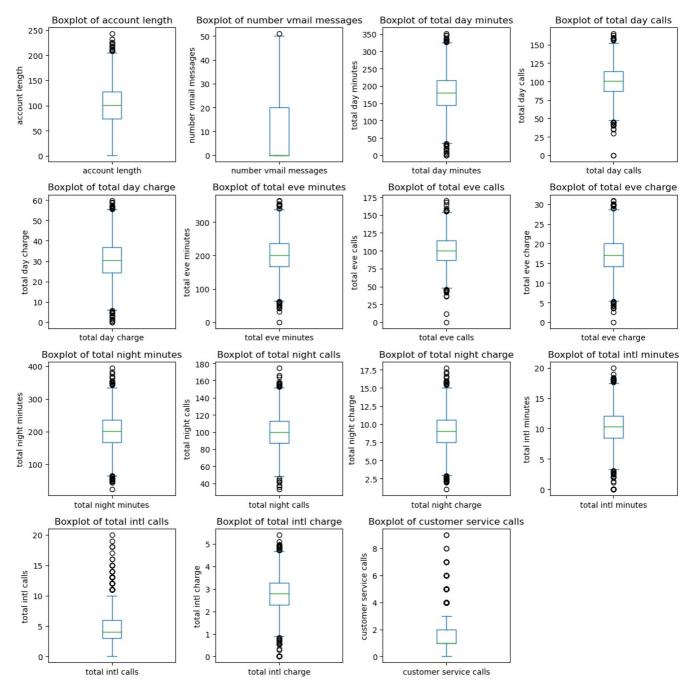
state

area

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#### 3.1 Data Cleaning

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In [ ]: # Converting area code to object as it takes no mathematical significance.
        data['area code'] = data['area code'].astype('object')
In [ ]: # Checking to confirm that the area code has been converted to object
        data.info()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332
        Data columns (total 21 columns):
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        memory usage: 524.2+ KB
        From the above information, phone number is best used as unique identifier as it cannot be similar to more than a person.
In []: #checking for duplicates in the data
        print(data.duplicated().sum())
In [ ]: # checking for missing values in the data
        print(data.isnull().sum())
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        churn
        dtype: int64
In [ ]: # checking for outliers in numerical columns
        numeric_cols = data.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64'])
        num plots = len(numeric cols.columns)
        num rows = (num plots + 3) // 4 # 4 columns
        num cols = min(num plots, 4)
        plt.figure(figsize=(12, 3 * num_rows))
        for i, col in enumerate(numeric cols.columns):
            plt.subplot(num rows, num cols, i + 1)
            data[col].plot(kind='box')
            plt.title(f'Boxplot of {col}') # Set title
            plt.ylabel(col) # Set y-label
        plt.tight_layout()
        plt.show()
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In []: # Given that the data has no missing values, the phone number column was dropped as it was only significant as a data.drop('phone number', axis=1, inplace=True)

From the above, it is evident that the data above is clean; contains no duplicates and have no missing data.

#### Justification for data Cleaning

The data cleaning process has been performed to build the foundation for meaningful and accurate exploratory analysis by ensuring that the data is accurate, reliable, consistent, complete, and ready for analysis.

# 3.2. Explotarory Data Analysis

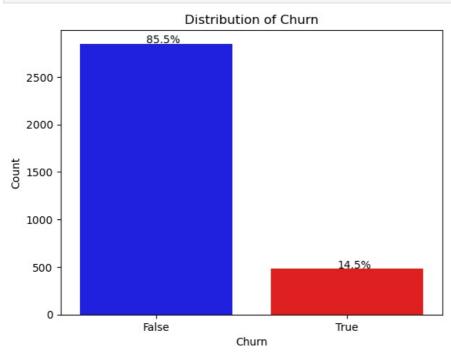
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In [ ]: # Summary statistic
data.describe()
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### Univariate Analysis

These classification problem project seeks to predict the churn of customers. The target variable is "churn" which is a binary variable. Assesing the distribution of the target variable to see if the data is balanced or not.

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In [ ]: # checking for the distribution of the target variable "churn"
         data['churn'].value_counts()
        churn
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Out[ ]:
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                   483
         Name: count, dtype: int64
In [ ]: # Plotting the distribution of the target variable
         ax = sns.countplot(x='churn', data=data, palette=['blue', 'red'])
         total = len(data['churn'])
         for p in ax.patches:
             percentage = '{:.1f}%'.format(100 * p.get_height() / total)
             x = p.get_x() + p.get_width() / 2 - 0.05
y = p.get_height() + 5
             ax.annotate(percentage, (x, y), color='black')
         plt.title('Distribution of Churn')
         plt.xlabel('Churn')
         plt.ylabel('Count')
         plt.show()
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It is evident that from the 3,333 customers, 483 customers have churned from SyriaTel. This is approximately 14.5 % of the total customers indicating a loss in their customer base.

From the distribution as shown in "Distribution of churn" graph above, their is an uneven distribution of observations with 85.5% of the data belonging to the False class while 14.5% belonging to the true class.

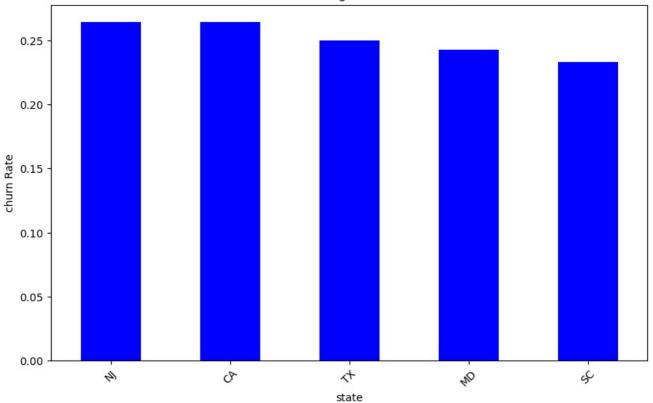
Top 5 States with the highest churn rate

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state_churn_rate = data.groupby('state')['churn'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False)

# Get the top states with the highest churn rate
top_states_churn = state_churn_rate.head(5)

# Plot the top states with the highest churn rate
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
top_states_churn.plot(kind='bar', color='blue')
plt.title('States with Highest Churn Rate')
plt.xlabel('state')
plt.ylabel('churn Rate')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
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The top 5 states with the highest churn rate are:

- NJ: New Jersey
- CA: California
- TX: Texas
- MD: Maryland
- SC: South Carolina

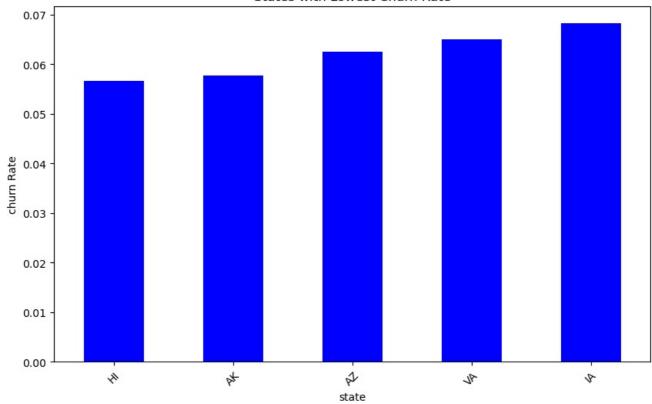
Top 5 States with the lowest churn rate

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In []: # Calculate churn rate for each state
    state_churn_rate = data.groupby('state')['churn'].mean().sort_values()

# Get the top states with the lowest churn rate
    bottom_states_churn = state_churn_rate.head(5)

# Plot the top states with the lowest churn rate
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    bottom_states_churn.plot(kind='bar', color='blue')
    plt.title('States with Lowest Churn Rate')
    plt.xlabel('state')
    plt.ylabel('churn Rate')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45)
    plt.show()
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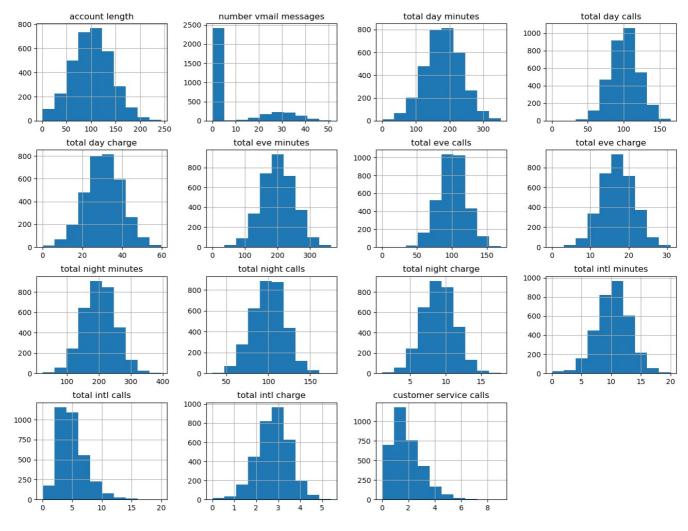
# States with Lowest Churn Rate



The top 5 states with the lowest churn rate are:

- HI: Hawaii
- AK: Alaska
- AZ: Arizona
- VA: Virginia
- LA: Louisiana

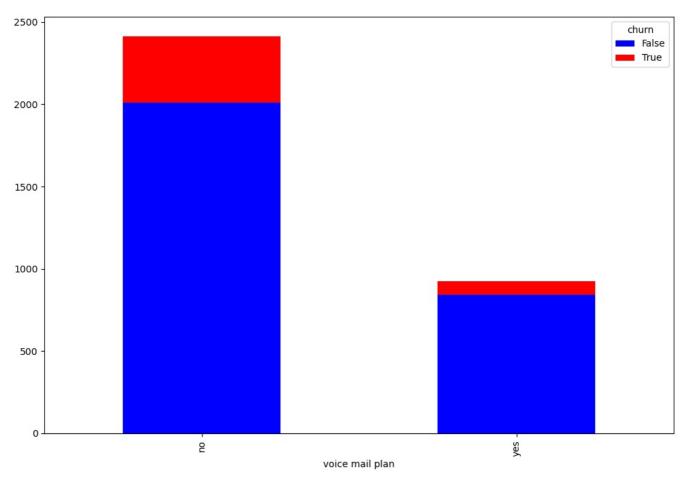
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In [ ]: # distribution of features
data.drop(columns='churn').hist(figsize=(16,12));
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Most of the features are normally distributed. However, a few of the features have to be scaled and normalized.

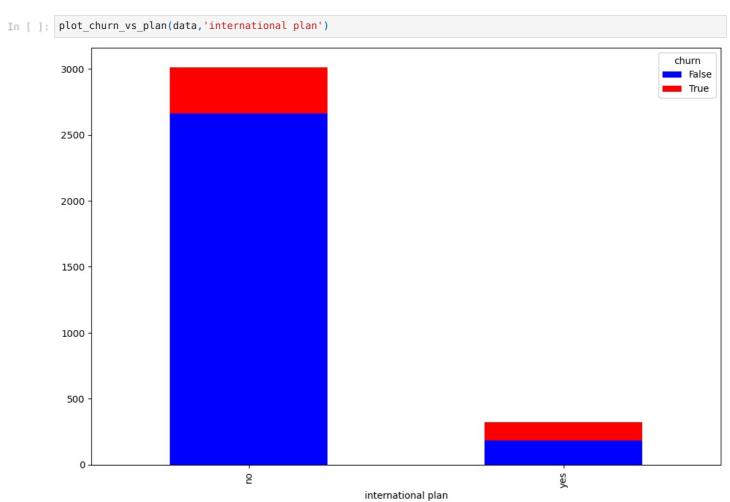
#### Voice mail plan effect on churn

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In [ ]: #Checking for the impact of the voice mail plan on churn
         # Function to take different plans
          def plot_churn_vs_plan(data, plan_column):
              # Plotting the churn vs plan with blue and red bars
              data.groupby([plan_column, 'churn']).size().unstack().plot(
                   kind='bar', stacked=True, figsize=(12,8), color=['blue', 'red'])
              plt.show()
              # Calculating the percentage of customers subscribed to the plan
              total customers = len(data)
              total_subscribed = sum(data[plan_column] == 'yes')
              percentage_subscribed = (total_subscribed / total_customers) * 100
              print('The \ number \ of \ customers \ subscribed \ to \ the \ \overline{\{\}} \ : \ \{:.2f\}\%'. format(plan\_column, \ percentage\_subscribed))
              \# Calculating the percentage of churned customers among those subscribed to the plan churned_with_plan = sum((data[plan_column] == 'yes') & (data['churn'] == True))
              percentage churned with plan = (churned with plan / total subscribed) * 100
              print('The number of subscribed customers who churned with {} : {:.2f}%'.format(plan_column, percentage_chu
         # Plot churn vs plan for 'voice mail plan'
plot_churn_vs_plan(data, 'voice mail plan')
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The number of customers subscribed to the voice mail plan : 27.66% The number of subscribed customers who churned with voice mail plan : 8.68%

### International call plan to churn



The number of customers subscribed to the international plan : 9.69% The number of subscribed customers who churned with international plan : 42.41%

### **Findings**

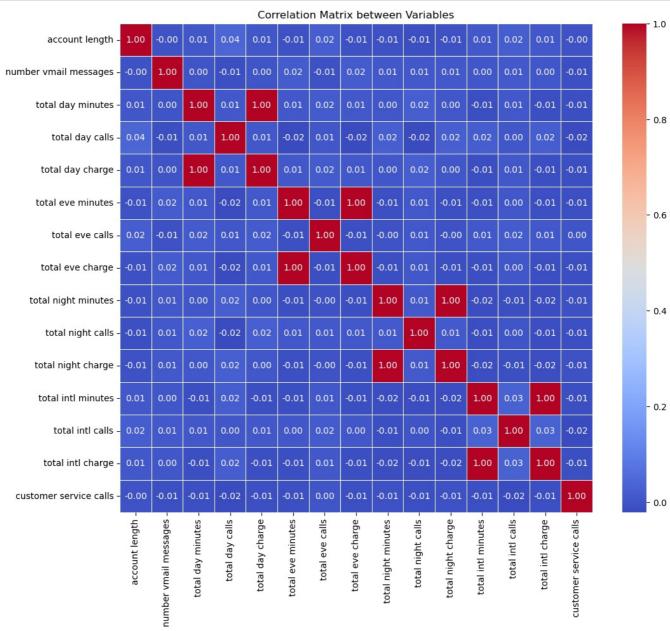
- 1. Voice mail plan has a small notable effect on customer churning.
- 2. International call plan has an effect on customer churning, as most of the customer who churn, do not have active plan subscription. Of the 9.7% with subsription, 42.1% of those do churn.

### Multivariate analysis

In this analysis, we check for multicollinearity of features to enhance accuracy during modeling.

```
In []: # Compute the correlation matric for the numerical columns
    numeric_columns = data.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64']).columns.tolist()
    corr_matrix = data[numeric_columns].corr()

# Generate the correlation heatmap
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
    sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt=".2f", linewidths=0.5)
    plt.title('Correlation Matrix between Variables')
    plt.show()
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While most of the features in the dataset do not show significant correlation, there are some pairs of features that exhibit perfect positive correlation. This are:

- · Total day charge and Total day minutes,
- Total eve charge and Total eve minutes,
- Total night charge and Total night minutes,
- Total int charge and Total int minutes.

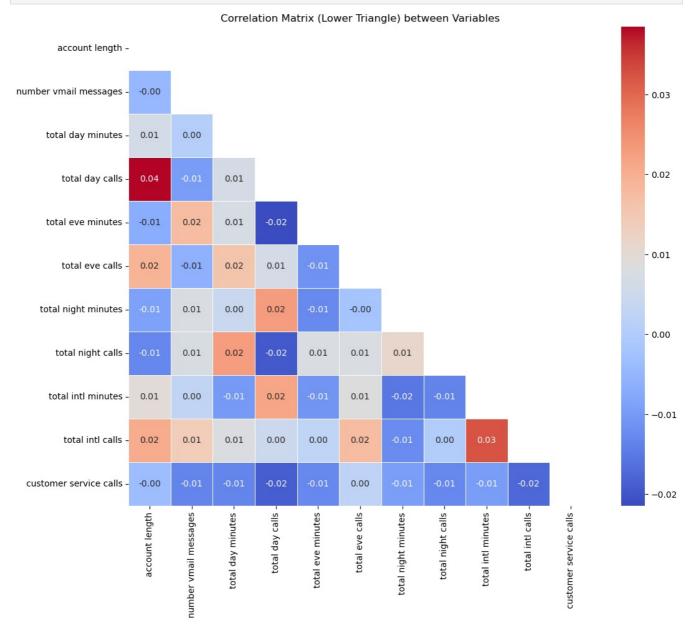
# 3.3 Data pre-preprocessing

we drop the columns with multicollinearity

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In []: # Dropping columns with multicollinearity.
    columns_to_drop = ['total day charge', 'total eve charge', 'total night charge', 'total intl charge']
    data = data.drop(columns=[col for col in columns_to_drop if col in data.columns])

In []: # Computing the correlation matrix
    numeric_columns = data.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64']).columns.tolist()
    corr_matrix = data[numeric_columns].corr()
    mask = np.triu(np.ones_like(corr_matrix, dtype=bool))

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
    sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt=".2f", linewidths=0.5, mask=mask)
    plt.title('Correlation Matrix (Lower Triangle) between Variables')
    plt.show()
```



Checking the multicollinearity of the data, it is evident that the correlation between the variables are now acceptable as they are negligible. This will ensure that the model interpretation, feature importance, Model performance, Dimensionality reduction and Model stability are enhanced.

# Train-test split

Splitting data into training and testing datasets before applying any preprocessing steps is crucial to prevent data leakage and maintain the integrity of the evaluation process. This ensures that the test data remains untouched and accurately represents unseen data.

Using a fixed random\_state value, 42, is essential for code reproducibility. By setting the random\_state parameter to a specific value, we ensure that the data split remains consistent across different runs of the code, which is important for reproducibility purposes.

```
In []: # Defining the target variable(y) and the independent variables(x).
y = data['churn']
X = data.drop(['churn', 'area code'], axis=1)

# Splitting the data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25, random_state=42)
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 2499 entries, 367 to 3174
Data columns (total 14 columns):
# Column
                                  Non-Null Count Dtype
- - -
     -----
 0
     state
                                  2499 non-null
                                                     object
    account length
                                  2499 non-null
                                                     int64
 1
     international plan
                                 2499 non-null
 2
                                                     object
 3
    voice mail plan
                                  2499 non-null
                                                     object
    number vmail messages 2499 non-null
                                                     int64
    total day minutes 2499 non-null total day calls 2499 non-null total eve minutes 2499 non-null total eve calls 2499 non-null
 5
                                                     float64
 6
                                                      int64
 7
                                                     float64
    total eve calls 2499 non-null total night minutes 2499 non-null
 8
                                                      int64
 9
                                                     float64
 10 total night calls 2499 non-null
11 total intl minutes 2499 non-null
12 total intl calls 2499 non-null
                                                      int64
                                                      float64
 12 total intl calls
                                  2499 non-null
                                                     int64
 13 customer service calls 2499 non-null
                                                     int64
dtypes: float64(4), int64(7), object(3)
memory usage: 292.9+ KB
```

#### **Encoding Categorical feature**

In []: X\_train.info()

In ensuring data suitability for prediction, it becomes important to format it correctly. Categorical inputs pose a challenge for Machine Learning models. The project thus use one-hot encoding to convert categorical variables in the dataset into numerical values.

```
# Specifying the categorical columns to be encoded
In [ ]:
        categorical_columns = ['international plan', 'voice mail plan' , 'state']
        # Initializing the OneHotEncoder with the desired parameters
        ohe = OneHotEncoder(drop='first')
        # Encoding the categorical columns in the training set
        X\_train\_encoded = pd.DataFrame(ohe.fit\_transform(X\_train[categorical\_columns]))
        # Encoding the categorical columns in the test set using the fitted encoder
        X test encoded = pd.DataFrame(ohe.transform(X test[categorical columns]))
In [ ]: # Setting the index of the encoded training dataframe to match the original training data
        X_train_encoded.index = X_train.index
        # Setting the index of the encoded test dataframe to match the original test data
        X test encoded.index = X_test.index
In [ ]: # Removing the original categorical columns from the training data
        X train.drop(categorical columns, axis=1, inplace=True)
        # Removing the original categorical columns from the test data
        X_test.drop(categorical_columns, axis=1, inplace=True)
In []: # Initializing the MinMaxScaler
        scaler = MinMaxScaler()
        # Scaling and transform the training data
        X train scaled = pd.DataFrame(scaler.fit transform(X train), index=X train.index, columns=X train.columns)
        # Scaling and transform the test data
        X test scaled = pd.DataFrame(scaler.transform(X test), index=X test.index, columns=X test.columns)
In [ ]: # Concatenating the scaled numeric features and encoded categorical features for the training data
        X_train_processed = pd.concat([X_train_scaled, X_train_encoded], axis=1)
        # Concatenating the scaled numeric features and encoded categorical features for the test data
        X_test_processed = pd.concat([X_test_scaled, X_test_encoded], axis=1)
```

Dealing with class imbalance by applying oversampling

```
X_train_processed_upsampled = upsampled_data.drop('churn', axis=1)
y_train_upsampled = upsampled_data['churn']

In []: # Calculate class distribution after oversampling
    after_counts = upsampled_data['churn'].value_counts()
    after_total = after_counts.sum()

# Plot class distribution after oversampling
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    bars = after_counts.plot(kind='bar', color=['blue', 'red'])
    for bar in bars.patches:
        x = bar.get_x() + bar.get_width() / 2
        y = bar.get_height()
        percentage = f"{y / after_total * 100:.2f}%"
        plt.text(x, y/2, percentage, ha='center', va='center')
        plt.text(x, y/2, psrcentage, ha='center', va='bottom')
    plt.title('Class Distribution After Oversampling')
    plt.xlabel('Churn')
```

# Separate features (X) and target (y) from upsampled data

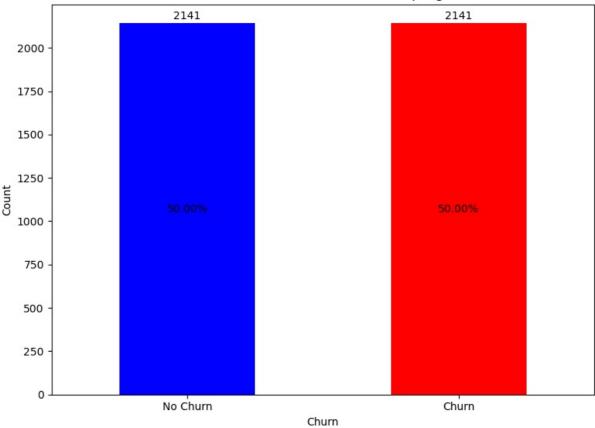
plt.xticks([0, 1], ['No Churn', 'Churn'], rotation=0)

plt.ylabel('Count')

plt.tight\_layout()

plt.show()

# Class Distribution After Oversampling



```
In [ ]: # Drop the last column (index 11)
X_train_processed_upsampled.drop(X_train_processed_upsampled.columns[11], axis=1, inplace=True)
```

```
In [ ]: # checking the X_train_processed_upsampled
X_train_processed_upsampled
```

Out[ ]:		account length	number vmail messages	total day minutes	total day calls	total eve minutes	total eve calls	total night minutes	total night calls	total intl minutes	total intl calls	customer service calls
	367	0.190476	0.000000	0.217117	0.718519	0.696728	0.635294	0.623453	0.471831	0.900	0.166667	0.111111
	3103	0.493506	0.000000	0.555141	0.600000	0.624141	0.635294	0.779989	0.563380	0.660	0.055556	0.222222
	549	0.519481	0.607843	0.673464	0.244444	0.565301	0.688235	0.466649	0.366197	0.505	0.277778	0.444444
	2531	0.774892	0.000000	0.404078	0.770370	0.496288	0.664706	0.433029	0.380282	0.505	0.222222	0.111111
	2378	0.480519	0.000000	0.584721	0.681481	0.452296	0.552941	0.314954	0.478873	0.630	0.388889	0.333333
	2664	0.809524	0.509804	0.563469	0.629630	0.458070	0.394118	0.471490	0.598592	0.720	0.166667	0.111111
	832	0.372294	0.000000	0.918725	0.562963	0.562552	0.547059	0.438408	0.669014	0.470	0.222222	0.222222
	1122	0.683983	0.000000	0.535612	0.55556	0.676657	0.864706	0.588488	0.514085	0.520	0.277778	0.111111
	1651	0.272727	0.000000	0.639575	0.770370	0.297498	0.511765	0.313072	0.697183	0.865	0.500000	0.111111
	1337	0.415584	0.000000	0.672889	0.570370	0.433324	0.617647	0.585799	0.612676	0.365	0.111111	0.000000

4282 rows × 11 columns

#### Justification of above

- Normalizing data: Normalization to change the values of numeric columns in the dataset to a common scale, without distorting differences in the ranges of values.
- Dealing with class imbalance: Dealing with class imbalance is crucial for building reliable machine learning models. Imbalanced classes introduce bias, leading to inaccurate predictions. This was dealt with through upsampling.

# 6. MODELLING

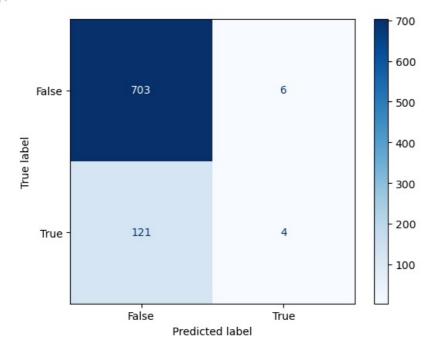
# 6.1. BASELINE MODEL: Logistic regression

```
In []: # Instantiate the model
        logreg = LogisticRegression(fit intercept=False, C=1e12, solver='liblinear')
        # Fit the model
        logreg.fit(X_train, y_train)
Out[]: 🔻
                                      LogisticRegression
        LogisticRegression(C=10000000000000.0, fit intercept=False, solver='liblinear')
In [ ]: # Generate predictions
        y hat train = logreg.predict(X train)
        y_hat_test = logreg.predict(X_test)
In [ ]: # Checking the classifier accuracy on training set.
        residuals = np.abs(y_train ^ y_hat_train)
        print(pd.Series(residuals).value counts())
        print('----')
        print(pd.Series(residuals).value_counts(normalize=True))
        churn
                2134
        False
        True
                 365
        Name: count, dtype: int64
        churn
                0.853942
        False
                0.146058
        True
        Name: proportion, dtype: float64
In [ ]: # Checking the classifier accuracy on test set.
        residuals = np.abs(y_test ^ y_hat_test)
        print(pd.Series(residuals).value_counts())
        print(pd.Series(residuals).value counts(normalize=True))
        churn
                707
        False
                127
        True
        Name: count, dtype: int64
        churn
               0.847722
        False
        True
               0.152278
        Name: proportion, dtype: float64
In [ ]: # Confusion matrix
```

```
def conf_matrix(y_true, y_pred):
    cm = {'TP': 0, 'TN': 0, 'FP': 0, 'FN': 0}
     for ind, label in enumerate(y_true):
         pred = y_pred[ind]
         if label == 1:
              # CASE: TP
             if label == pred:
                 cm['TP'] += 1
             # CASE: FN
             else:
                  cm['FN'] += 1
         else:
              # CASE: TN
             if label == pred:
                  cm['TN'] += 1
             # CASE: FP
             else:
                  cm['FP'] += 1
     return cm
conf_matrix(y_test, y_hat_test)
{'TP': 4, 'TN': 703, 'FP': 6, 'FN': 121}
```

```
In []: # Visualizing the confusion matrix
        cnf matrix = confusion matrix(y test, y hat test)
        disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cnf_matrix, display_labels=logreg.classes_)
        disp.plot(cmap=plt.cm.Blues)
```

Out[]: <sklearn.metrics.\_plot.confusion\_matrix.ConfusionMatrixDisplay at 0x2397d12c690>



```
In [ ]: # Compute predicted probabilities for the positive class
        y_prob_train = logreg.predict_proba(X_train)[:, 1]
        y_prob_test = logreg.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
        # Predict classes based on the highest probability
        y_hat_train = (y_prob_train > 0.5).astype(int)
        y_hat_test = (y_prob_test > 0.5).astype(int)
        # Calculate evaluation metrics
         train_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_train, y_hat_train)
         train_precision = precision_score(y_train, y_hat_train)
         train_recall = recall_score(y_train, y_hat_train)
         train_f1_score = f1_score(y_train, y_hat_train)
         train_roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_train, y_prob_train)
         test_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_hat_test)
         test_precision = precision_score(y_test, y_hat_test)
        test_recall = recall_score(y_test, y_hat_test)
test_f1_score = f1_score(y_test, y_hat_test)
        test_roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, y_prob_test)
```

```
In []: # Print evaluation metrics
  print('Training Accuracy: ', train_accuracy)
  print('Training Precision: ', train_precision)
                    print('Training Recall: ', train_recall)
print('Training F1-Score: ', train_f1_score)
print('Training ROC AUC: ', train_roc_auc)
                    print('\n')
```

```
print('Testing Accuracy: ', test_accuracy)
print('Testing Precision: ', test_precision)
print('Testing Recall: ', test_recall)
print('Testing F1-Score: ', test_f1_score)
print('Testing ROC AUC: ', test_roc_auc)

Training Accuracy: 0.8539415766306523
Training Precision: 0.40540540540543
Training Recall: 0.04189944134078212
Training F1-Score: 0.0759493670886076
Training ROC AUC: 0.7089870811686702

Testing Accuracy: 0.8477218225419664
Testing Precision: 0.4
Testing Recall: 0.032
Testing F1-Score: 0.05925925925925926
Testing ROC AUC: 0.7305726375176304
```

With a training accuracy of approximately 85.4% and a testing accuracy of about 84.8%, the model demonstrates relatively consistent performance across both training and testing datasets, suggesting reasonable generalization to unseen data. However, upon closer examination, it's apparent that the model's ability to predict churn is relatively low. This is evident from the low precision scores of around 40% on both the training and testing sets, indicating that only about 40% of the customers identified as churners by the model are actually churning. Similarly, the recall scores are quite low, indicating that the model is only capturing a small percentage of actual churn cases, approximately 4.2% on the training set and 3.2% on the testing set. Consequently, the F1-scores are also low, indicating an imbalance between precision and recall, with the model struggling to achieve both simultaneously. Further refining of the model's weakness can be achieved by evaluating other model as this is the baseline model.

### MODEL 2: K - Nearest Neighbors

```
In [ ]: # Instantiate KNeighborsClassifier
         knn classifier = KNeighborsClassifier()
         # Fit the classifier
        knn_classifier.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
        # Predict on the test set
        test preds = knn classifier.predict(X test)
        # Predict on the training set
        train_preds = knn_classifier.predict(X_test)
         # Predict on the training set
        train preds = knn classifier.predict(X train scaled)
In []: #Evaluating the model
        def print_metrics(labels, preds):
             print("Precision Score: {}".format(precision_score(labels, preds)))
print("Recall Score: {}".format(recall_score(labels, preds)))
             print("Accuracy Score: {}".format(accuracy_score(labels, preds)))
             print("F1 Score: {}".format(f1 score(labels, preds)))
        print("Training Set Metrics:")
        print_metrics(y_train, train_preds)
        print("\nTesting Set Metrics:")
        print_metrics(y_test, test_preds)
        Training Set Metrics:
        Precision Score: 0.9136690647482014
        Recall Score: 0.3547486033519553
        Accuracy Score: 0.9027611044417767
        F1 Score: 0.5110663983903421
        Testing Set Metrics:
        Precision Score: 0.17857142857142858
        Recall Score: 0.8
        Accuracy Score: 0.4184652278177458
        F1 Score: 0.291970802919708
```

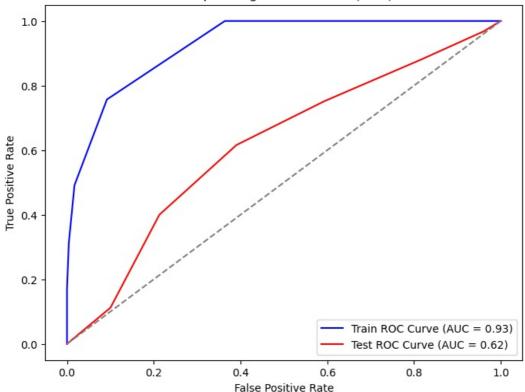
The churn prediction model demonstrates high precision on the training set, correctly identifying 91.4% of predicted churn cases, though its recall is lower at 35.5%. Despite this, it achieves an overall accuracy of 90.3%, with a balanced F1 score. However, on the testing set, while maintaining a high recall of 80.0%, precision drops significantly to 17.9%, leading to an accuracy of 41.8%. This decline indicates a challenge in generalizing to unseen data. Further refinement through feature parameter tuning may improve its predictive reliability ('Using optimal k').

Finding the optimal K

```
In [ ]: def find_best_k(X_train_scaled, y_train, X_test_scaled, y_test, min_k=1, max_k=25):
    best_k = 0
    best_score = 0.0
    for k in range(min_k, max_k+1, 2):
```

```
knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=k)
                 knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
                 preds = knn.predict(X test)
                 f1 = f1 score(y test, preds)
                 if f1 > best score:
                     best_k = k
                     best_score = f1
             print("Best Value for k: {}".format(best_k))
             print("F1-Score: {}".format(best_score))
         find_best_k(X_train_scaled, y_train, X_test_scaled, y_test)
        Best Value for k: 7
        F1-Score: 0.40476190476190477
In []: # Create a new classifier with k=7
        knn classifier 7 = KNeighborsClassifier(n neighbors=7)
         # Fit the classifier on the training data
        knn classifier 7.fit(X train scaled, y train)
         # Predict on the test set
        test preds = knn classifier 7.predict(X test)
         # Predict on the training set
        train preds = knn classifier 7.predict(X train scaled)
         # Define a function to print evaluation metrics
        def print_metrics(labels, preds):
             print("Precision Score: {}".format(precision_score(labels, preds)))
print("Recall Score: {}".format(recall_score(labels, preds)))
             print("Accuracy Score: {}".format(accuracy_score(labels, preds)))
             print("F1 Score: {}".format(f1 score(labels, preds)))
        # Print evaluation metrics for the training set
        print("Training Set Metrics:")
        print metrics(y train, train preds)
        # Print evaluation metrics for the testing set
        print("\nTesting Set Metrics:")
        print_metrics(y_test, test_preds)
        Training Set Metrics:
        Precision Score: 0.9256198347107438
        Recall Score: 0.3128491620111732
        Accuracy Score: 0.8979591836734694
        F1 Score: 0.46764091858037576
        Testing Set Metrics:
        Precision Score: 0.1825242718446602
        Recall Score: 0.752
        Accuracy Score: 0.4580335731414868
        F1 Score: 0.29375
In []: # Calculate the probabilities for positive class (churned) for both training and testing sets
        train_probs = knn_classifier_7.predict_proba(X_train_scaled)[:, 1]
         test probs = knn classifier 7.predict proba(X test)[:, 1]
         # Calculate the ROC curve for both training and testing sets
        train_fpr, train_tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_train, train_probs)
test_fpr, test_tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test, test_probs)
         # Calculate the AUC score for both training and testing sets
         train auc = roc auc score(y train, train probs)
        test_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, test_probs)
         # Plot the ROC curve
        plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
        plt.plot(train_fpr, train_tpr, label='Train ROC Curve (AUC = {:.2f})'.format(train_auc), color='blue')
         plt.plot(test_fpr, test_tpr, label='Test ROC Curve (AUC = {:.2f})'.format(test_auc), color='red')
        plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], linestyle='--', color='gray')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
         plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
         plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve')
        plt.legend()
        plt.show()
         print("Training Set AUC Score:", train_auc)
        print("Testing Set AUC Score:", test_auc)
```

#### Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve



Training Set AUC Score: 0.9278876888834383 Testing Set AUC Score: 0.6174837799717914

After using the best k-value; For the training set, the model exhibits a notable increase in precision, accurately identifying approximately 92.6% of predicted churn cases. However, its recall is relatively low, capturing only around 31.3% of all actual churn instances. Despite this, the model achieves an overall accuracy of approximately 89.8%, indicating its effectiveness in making correct predictions overall. The F1 score, reflecting the balance between precision and recall, shows improvement compared to previous iterations, suggesting a better equilibrium between these two metrics. Upon evaluation on the testing set, the model's performance sees slight enhancements, with a marginal increase in recall, while precision remains low. Consequently, the model's accuracy on the testing set shows only a minor improvement. The F1 score, while showing slight improvement, still indicates a challenge in achieving a balanced performance between precision and recall.while parameter tuning has led to modest improvements in certain metrics, the model's ability to generalize to unseen data remains limited. Also, the testing set AUC score of 0.617 indicates a notable drop in discriminative performance compared to the training set. While the model still demonstrates some ability to discriminate between churn and non-churn instances in the testing data, the lower AUC score suggests that its performance is less robust on unseen data.

# MODEL 3: DECISION TREE

```
dt classifier = DecisionTreeClassifier(random state=10)
In [ ]:
         dt classifier.fit(X train, y train)
                 DecisionTreeClassifier
        DecisionTreeClassifier(random state=10)
        # Predictions on training and testing sets
         train preds = dt classifier.predict(X train)
        test preds = dt classifier.predict(X test)
        def print metrics(labels, preds):
             print("Precision Score: {:.3f}".format(precision_score(labels, preds)))
             print("Recall Score: {:.3f}".format(recall_score(labels, preds)))
             print("Accuracy Score: {:.3f}".format(accuracy_score(labels, preds)))
             print("F1 Score: {:.3f}".format(f1_score(labels, preds)))
print("ROC AUC Score: {:.3f}".format(roc_auc_score(labels, preds)))
         # Print evaluation metrics for the training set
        print("Training Set Metrics:")
         print_metrics(y_train, train_preds)
        # Print evaluation metrics for the testing set
        print("\nTesting Set Metrics:")
         print metrics(y test, test preds)
        # Generate ROC curve and calculate AUC score for testing set
         test_probs = dt_classifier.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
         fpr, tpr, = roc curve(y test, test probs)
         auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, test_probs)
```

```
Training Set Metrics:
Precision Score: 1.000
Recall Score: 1.000
Accuracy Score: 1.000
F1 Score: 1.000
ROC AUC Score: 1.000
Testing Set Metrics:
Precision Score: 0.565
Recall Score: 0.592
Accuracy Score: 0.871
F1 Score: 0.578
ROC AUC Score: 0.756
# Calculate AUC score
```

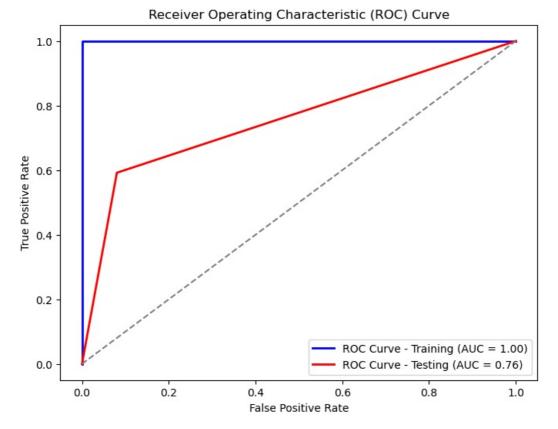
```
In [ ]: # Calculate AUC score for training set
    train_probs = dt_classifier.predict_proba(X_train)[:, 1]
    fpr_train, tpr_train, _ = roc_curve(y_train, train_probs)
    auc_train = roc_auc_score(y_train, train_probs)

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

# Plot ROC curve for training set
    plt.plot(fpr_train, tpr_train, color='blue', lw=2, label='ROC Curve - Training (AUC = {:.2f})'.format(auc_train)

# Plot ROC curve for testing set
    plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='red', lw=2, label='ROC Curve - Testing (AUC = {:.2f})'.format(auc))

plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='gray', linestyle='--')
    plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
    plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
    plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```



From the obtained outputs; For the training set, the model achieves perfect scores across all metrics, perfect precision, recall, accuracy, F1 score, and ROC AUC score, each at 100%. This performance underscores the model's ability to flawlessly predict churn within the confines of the training data. However, evaluation on the testing set, there's a discernible shift in performance. While the model maintains a respectable accuracy score of 87.1%, it exhibits a modest decline in precision (56.5%) and recall (59.2%) compared to the training set. Despite this decrease, the model's F1 score remains relatively high at 57.8%, indicative of a balanced trade-off between precision and recall. Furthermore, the ROC AUC score of 75.6% highlights the model's continued ability to effectively discriminate between churn and non-churn instances in unseen data. This discrepancy suggests that the model may have memorized the training data instead of generalizing well to unseen data, indicative of overfitting. To combat this the project tries to implement hyperparameter tuning.

# Hyperparameter Tuning

```
In []: # Define the parameter grid to search
param_grid = {
    'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
    'max_depth': [3, 5, 7, None],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
```

```
'min samples leaf': [1, 2, 4]
}
# Initialize the GridSearchCV object
grid search = GridSearchCV(estimator=DecisionTreeClassifier(random state=10),
                           param_grid=param_grid,
                           cv=5, # 5-fold cross-validatio
                           scoring='accuracy',
                           n_jobs=-1) # Use all available CPU cores
# Fit the grid search to the data
grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)
# Print the best parameters found
print("Best Parameters:", grid search.best params )
# Get the best model from the grid search
best classifier dt = grid search.best estimator
# Evaluate the best model on the training set
train preds = best classifier dt.predict(X train)
print("\nTraining Set Evaluation Metrics:")
print_metrics(y_train, train_preds)
# Evaluate the best model on the testing set
test_preds = best_classifier_dt.predict(X_test)
print("\nTesting Set Evaluation Metrics:")
print metrics(y test, test preds)
Best Parameters: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 7, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 10}
Training Set Evaluation Metrics:
Precision Score: 0.917
Recall Score: 0.620
Accuracy Score: 0.938
F1 Score: 0.740
ROC AUC Score: 0.805
Testing Set Evaluation Metrics:
Precision Score: 0.753
Recall Score: 0.584
Accuracy Score: 0.909
F1 Score: 0.658
ROC AUC Score: 0.775
```

After tuning the model with the specified parameters {'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 7, 'min\_samples\_leaf': 2, 'min\_samples\_split': 10}, there are noticeable improvements in the model's performance metrics compared to the untuned model. On the training set, the precision score remains high at 0.917, indicating that the model maintains a high proportion of true positive predictions among all positive predictions. However, there is a slight decrease in recall compared to the untuned model, suggesting that the model may miss some positive instances. Nevertheless, the overall accuracy score increases to 0.938, indicating that the model's predictions are mostly correct. The F1 score, which balances precision and recall, also improves to 0.740. On the testing set, similar trends are observed, with improvements in precision, accuracy, and F1 score compared to the untuned model. However, there is a slight decrease in recall. Overall, the model exhibits better generalization to unseen data after tuning, as indicated by the increased performance metrics on the testing set.

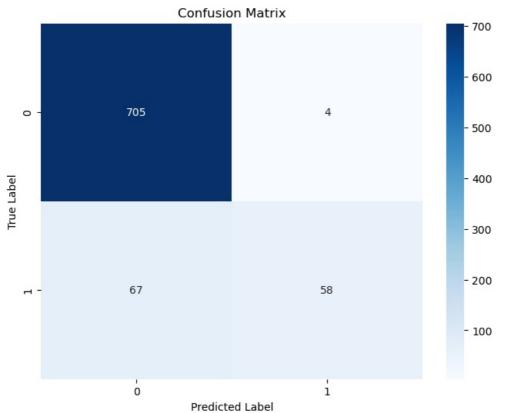
### MODEL 4: RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER

conf\_matrix = confusion\_matrix(y\_test, y\_pred)

# Plot confusion matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

```
In [ ]: # Train a Random Forest classifier
        rf classifier = RandomForestClassifier(n estimators=100, random state=10)
        rf classifier.fit(X train, y train)
        # Make predictions
        y pred = rf classifier.predict(X test)
        # Evaluate model performance
        accuracy = accuracy score(y test, y pred)
        print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
        print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
        Accuracy: 0.9148681055155875
                      precision
                                 recall f1-score
                                                      support
               False
                           0.91
                                     0.99
                                               0.95
                                                          709
                                     0.46
                                               0.62
                True
                           0.94
                                                          125
            accuracy
                                               0.91
                                                          834
                           0.92
                                     0.73
           macro avg
                                               0.79
                                                          834
                                               0.90
                          0.92
                                     0.91
                                                          834
        weighted avg
In [ ]: # Compute confusion matrix
```





The model seems to be performing well in predicting True Negative and True Positive but higher number of False Negative.

### Tuning by feature importance

```
In [ ]: # Get feature importances from the trained model
        feature importances = rf classifier.feature importances
        # Create a DataFrame to display feature importances
        importance_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': X_train.columns, 'Importance': feature_importances})
        importance_df = importance_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False)
        # Seting a threshold to select features
        threshold = 0.05
        # Select features above the threshold
        selected features = importance df[importance df['Importance'] > threshold]['Feature']
        # Filter the training and testing data with selected features
        X train selected = X train[selected features]
        X test selected = X test[selected features]
        # Train a new Random Forest classifier on the selected features
        rf classifier tuned = RandomForestClassifier(n estimators=100, random state=10)
        rf_classifier_tuned.fit(X_train_selected, y_train)
        # Predictions on training and testing sets
        train_preds_selected = rf_classifier_tuned.predict(X_train_selected)
test_preds_selected = rf_classifier_tuned.predict(X_test_selected)
        # Evaluate the model on both training and testing sets
        print("\nEvaluation Metrics - Training Set:")
        print metrics(y train, train preds selected)
        print("\nEvaluation Metrics with Selected Features - Testing Set:")
        print_metrics(y_test, test_preds_selected)
```

```
Evaluation Metrics - Training Set:
Precision Score: 1.000
Recall Score: 1.000
Accuracy Score: 1.000
F1 Score: 1.000
R0C AUC Score: 1.000

Evaluation Metrics with Selected Features - Testing Set:
Precision Score: 0.810
Recall Score: 0.408
Accuracy Score: 0.897
F1 Score: 0.543
R0C AUC Score: 0.696
```

The evaluation metrics for the model with selected features indicate exemplary performance on the training set, with perfect scores across all metrics: precision, recall, accuracy, F1 score, and ROC AUC score. However, on the testing set, while the precision score remains relatively high at 0.810, there's a noticeable drop in recall to 0.408. This decrease in recall suggests that the model might be missing a significant portion of positive instances in the testing data. Consequently, the F1 score also decreases to 0.543, indicating a trade-off between precision and recall. The accuracy score remains high at 0.897, indicating overall correctness in the model's predictions. These disparities between training and testing set performance metrics might indicate overfitting, as the model seems to have memorized the training data rather than generalizing well to unseen data.

#### mitigating overfitting

```
In []: # Define the parameter grid with ranges
        param qrid = {
             'n estimators': [50, 100, 150],
             'max_depth': [None, 5, 10, 15], 'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
            'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4]
        }
        # Initialize the Random Forest classifier
        rf classifier GS = RandomForestClassifier(random state=10)
        # Initialize GridSearchCV
        grid search = GridSearchCV(estimator=rf_classifier_GS,
                                    param_grid=param_grid,
                                    cv=5, # 5-fold cross-validation
                                    scoring='accuracy'
                                    n jobs=-1) # Use all available CPU cores
        # Fit GridSearchCV to the data
        grid search.fit(X train, y train)
        # Print the best parameters found
        print("Best Parameters:", grid search.best params )
        # Get the best model from the grid search
        best_classifier_rf = grid_search.best_estimator_
        # Evaluate the best model
        train preds rf = best classifier rf.predict(X train)
        test preds rf = best classifier rf.predict(X test)
        print("\nTraining Set Evaluation Metrics:")
        print_metrics(y_train, train_preds_rf)
        print("\nTesting Set Evaluation Metrics:")
        print_metrics(y_test, test_preds_rf)
        Best Parameters: {'max depth': 15, 'min samples leaf': 1, 'min samples split': 2, 'n estimators': 50}
        Training Set Evaluation Metrics:
        Precision Score: 1.000
        Recall Score: 0.925
        Accuracy Score: 0.989
        F1 Score: 0.961
        ROC AUC Score: 0.962
        Testing Set Evaluation Metrics:
        Precision Score: 0.877
        Recall Score: 0.456
        Accuracy Score: 0.909
        F1 Score: 0.600
        ROC AUC Score: 0.722
```

After tuning the model with the specified parameters {'max\_depth': 15, 'min\_samples\_leaf': 1, 'min\_samples\_split': 2, 'n\_estimators': 50}, there are notable improvements in both training and testing set performance metrics. On the training set, the model achieves perfect precision, indicating that all positive predictions are indeed correct. The recall score increases to 0.925, suggesting better capture of positive instances compared to the untuned model. The accuracy score rises significantly to 0.989, indicating a high proportion of correct predictions overall. Moreover, the F1 score also improves to 0.961, indicating a better balance between precision and recall. The ROC AUC score increases to 0.962, suggesting improved discrimination between positive and negative instances. On the testing set, the

precision score increases to 0.877, indicating an improvement in the proportion of true positive predictions among all positive predictions. However, there's still a gap between precision and recall, as the recall score remains at 0.456. This suggests that the model may still be missing some positive instances. Nonetheless, the accuracy score remains high at 0.909, indicating overall correctness in the model's predictions on the testing set. The F1 score improves to 0.600, indicating a better balance between precision and recall compared to the untuned model. The ROC AUC score also increases to 0.722, indicating improved discrimination ability, though it's still not exceptional. Overall, the model's performance improves after tuning, with notable enhancements in various metrics on both training and testing sets, suggesting better generalization to unseen data.

# MODEL 5: EXTREME GRADIENT BOOSTING (XGBOOST)

```
In [ ]: # Initialize XGBoost classifier
          xgb classifier = xgb.XGBClassifier(objective='binary:logistic', random state=10)
          # Train the classifier
          xgb classifier.fit(X train, y train)
          # Predictions on training and testing sets
          train_preds = xgb_classifier.predict(X_train)
          test preds = xgb classifier.predict(X test)
          # Evaluate the model
          print("\nTraining Set Evaluation Metrics:")
          print("Precision Score: {:.4f}".format(precision score(y train, train preds)))
          print("Recall Score: {:.4f}".format(recall_score(y_train, train_preds)))
print("Accuracy Score: {:.4f}".format(accuracy_score(y_train, train_preds)))
print("F1 Score: {:.4f}".format(f1_score(y_train, train_preds)))
          print("\nTesting Set Evaluation Metrics:")
          print("Precision Score: {:.4f}".format(precision_score(y_test, test_preds)))
          print("Recall Score: {:.4f}".format(recall_score(y_test, test_preds)))
          print("Accuracy Score: {:.4f}".format(accuracy_score(y_test, test_preds)))
print("F1 Score: {:.4f}".format(f1_score(y_test, test_preds)))
          Training Set Evaluation Metrics:
          Precision Score: 1.0000
          Recall Score: 1.0000
          Accuracy Score: 1.0000
F1 Score: 1.0000
          Testing Set Evaluation Metrics:
          Precision Score: 0.8293
          Recall Score: 0.5440
          Accuracy Score: 0.9149
          F1 Score: 0.6570
```

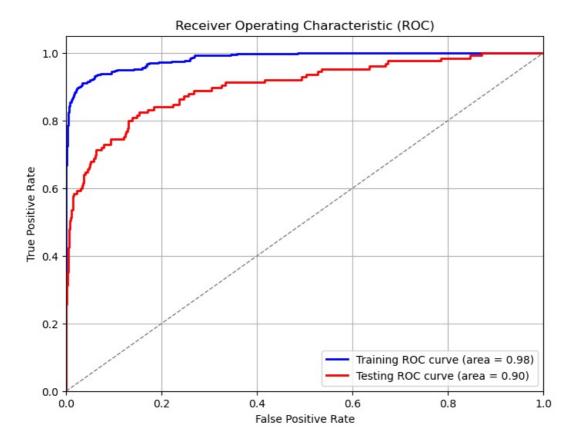
The evaluation metrics demonstrate a model that performs flawlessly on the training set, achieving perfect scores across all metrics: precision, recall, accuracy, and F1 score. This suggests the model has learned the training data very well, with no false positives or negatives.

On the testing set, the model maintains strong performance but shows some degradation compared to the training set. The precision score remains high at 0.8293, indicating a good proportion of true positive predictions among all positive predictions. However, there's a decrease in recall to 0.5440, suggesting the model may miss some positive instances. The accuracy score remains high at 0.9149, indicating overall correctness in the model's predictions on the testing set. The F1 score also decreases to 0.6570, indicating a balance between precision and recall but slightly lower than the training set. Overall, while the model's performance on the testing set is strong, the slight drop in recall suggests it may struggle to capture all positive instances, which could be indicative of overfitting. Regularization techniques or further tuning may be needed to address this and improve generalization to unseen data.

#### Hyperparameter tuning

```
In [ ]: # Initialize XGBoost classifier
        xgb classifier tuned = xgb.XGBClassifier(objective='binary:logistic', random state=10)
        # Define the parameter grid for tuning
        param_grid = {
             'learning_rate': [0.01, 0.1, 0.3],
            'max_depth': [3, 5, 7],
            'n_estimators': [100, 200, 300],
             'min_child_weight': [1, 3, 5],
            'subsample': [0.5, 0.7, 0.9],
             'colsample bytree': [0.5, 0.7, 0.9]
        }
        # Define F1 score as the evaluation metric for grid search
        scorer = make scorer(f1 score)
        # Initialize GridSearchCV
        grid search1 = GridSearchCV(estimator=xgb classifier tuned,
                                    param_grid=param_grid,
                                    scoring=scorer,
                                    cv=5.
                                    n_jobs=-1)
```

```
# Perform grid search to find the best hyperparameters
        grid_search1.fit(X_train, y_train)
        # Print the best parameters found
        print("Best Parameters:", grid_search1.best_params_)
        # Get the best model from the grid search
        best_classifier_xgb = grid_search1.best_estimator_
        # Evaluate the best model
        train preds = best classifier xgb.predict(X train)
        test_preds = best_classifier_xgb.predict(X_test)
        # Print evaluation metrics
        print("\nTraining Set Evaluation Metrics:")
        print("F1 Score: {:.4f}".format(f1_score(y_train, train_preds)))
        print("\nTesting Set Evaluation Metrics:")
        print("F1 Score: {:.4f}".format(f1_score(y_test, test_preds)))
        Best Parameters: {'colsample bytree': 0.9, 'learning rate': 0.1, 'max depth': 5, 'min child weight': 3, 'n esti
        mators': 100, 'subsample': 0.9}
        Training Set Evaluation Metrics:
        F1 Score: 0.8210
        Testing Set Evaluation Metrics:
        F1 Score: 0.6564
In [ ]: # Evaluate the model
        print("\nTraining Set Evaluation Metrics:")
        print("Precision Score: {:.4f}".format(precision_score(y_train, train_preds)))
        print("Recall Score: {:.4f}".format(recall score(y train, train preds)))
        print("Accuracy Score: {:.4f}".format(accuracy_score(y_train, train_preds)))
        print("F1 Score: {:.4f}".format(f1 score(y train, train preds)))
        print("\nTesting Set Evaluation Metrics:")
        print("Precision Score: {:.4f}".format(precision_score(y_test, test_preds)))
        print("Recall Score: {:.4f}".format(recall score(y test, test preds)))
        print("Accuracy Score: {:.4f}".format(accuracy_score(y_test, test_preds)))
print("F1 Score: {:.4f}".format(f1_score(y_test, test_preds)))
        Training Set Evaluation Metrics:
        Precision Score: 0.9960
        Recall Score: 0.6983
        Accuracy Score: 0.9564
        F1 Score: 0.8210
        Testing Set Evaluation Metrics:
        Precision Score: 0.9143
        Recall Score: 0.5120
        Accuracy Score: 0.9197
        F1 Score: 0.6564
In [ ]: from sklearn.metrics import auc, roc_curve
        # Predict probabilities for the positive class
        train probs = best classifier xgb.predict proba(X train)[:, 1]
        test probs = best classifier xgb.predict proba(X test)[:, 1]
        # Compute ROC curve and ROC area for training set
        from sklearn.metrics import auc, roc curve
        fpr_train, tpr_train, _ = roc_curve(y_train, train_probs)
        roc auc train = auc(fpr train, tpr train)
        # Compute ROC curve and ROC area for testing set
        fpr test, tpr test, = roc curve(y test, test probs)
        roc_auc_test = auc(fpr_test, tpr_test)
        # Plot ROC curve
        plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
        plt.plot(fpr_train, tpr_train, color='blue', lw=2, label='Training ROC curve (area = {:.2f})'.format(roc auc tr
        plt.plot(fpr_test, tpr_test, color='red', lw=2, label='Testing ROC curve (area = {:.2f})'.format(roc_auc_test))
        plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='gray', lw=1, linestyle='--')
        plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
        plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
        plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
        plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
        plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)')
        plt.legend(loc='lower right')
        plt.grid(True)
        plt.show()
```



After tuning, the model's performance shows improvements in both the training and testing sets. On the training set, the precision score remains high at 0.9960, indicating a high proportion of true positive predictions among all positive predictions. However, there's a decrease in recall to 0.6983, suggesting that the model may be missing some positive instances. Despite this, the accuracy score increases to 0.9564, indicating a high proportion of correct predictions overall. The F1 score also improves to 0.8210, suggesting a better balance between precision and recall compared to the previous tuning. On the testing set, the precision score further improves to 0.9143, indicating better performance in correctly identifying positive instances. However, there's still a gap between precision and recall, as the recall score remains at 0.5120. This suggests that the model may still struggle to capture all positive instances. Nonetheless, the accuracy score maintains its high level at 0.9197, indicating overall correctness in the model's predictions on the testing set. The F1 score also improves to 0.6564, indicating a better balance between precision and recall compared to the previous tuning. Overall, the model's performance improves after further tuning, with enhancements in various metrics on both the training and testing sets.

### Model pickling

```
In [ ]: with open ("customer_churn_model.pkl","wb") as f:
    joblib.dump(xgb_classifier_tuned,f)
In [ ]:
```

# 7. EVALUATION

### **Best Overal Model**

```
In [ ]: # Define models and their labels
         models = [logreg, knn_classifier_7, dt_classifier.best_classifier_rf, best_classifier_xgb]
model_labels = ['logistic regression', 'K-Nearest Neighbour', 'Tuned decision Tree', 'RandomForestClassifier' ,
         # Convert y_test to integer values
         y_test_int = y_test.astype(int)
         # Plot ROC curves for all models
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
         # Calculate ROC curves and AUC scores for each model
         for model, label, color in zip(models, model_labels, ['blue', 'orange', 'green', 'red', "yellow"]):
              # Generate model predictions
             y_score = model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
              # Calculate ROC curve and AUC
             fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test_int, y_score, pos_label=1)
              roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
             # Plot ROC curve
             plt.plot(fpr, tpr, lw=2, label='{} (AUC = {:.2f})'.format(label, roc_auc), color=color)
              # Plot the ROC curve for random guessing
              random\_guess\_fpr = [0, 1]
```

```
random_guess_tpr = [0, 1]
  plt.plot(random_guess_fpr, random_guess_tpr, linestyle='--', color='black')

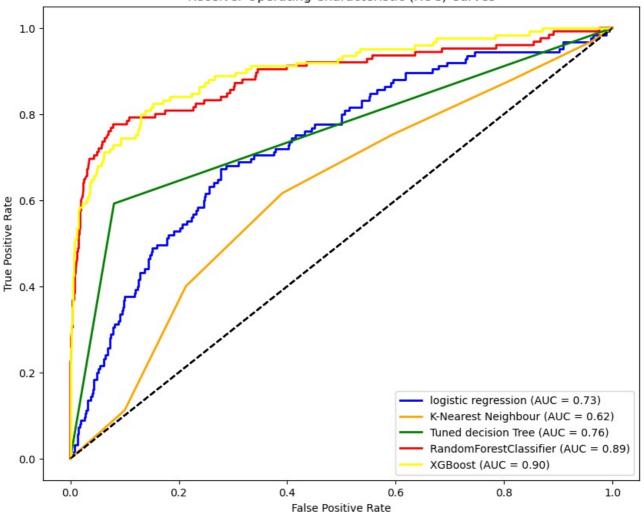
# Print ROC AUC score
  print(f'{label} ROC AUC Score: {roc_auc:.4f}')

# Set labels and title
  plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
  plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
  plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curves')
  plt.legend(loc='lower right')
  plt.show()
```

logistic regression ROC AUC Score: 0.7306 K-Nearest Neighbour ROC AUC Score: 0.6175 Tuned decision Tree ROC AUC Score: 0.7558 RandomForestClassifier ROC AUC Score: 0.8882

XGBoost ROC AUC Score: 0.9012

# Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curves



From the above comparison the XGBoost performs exemplary well.

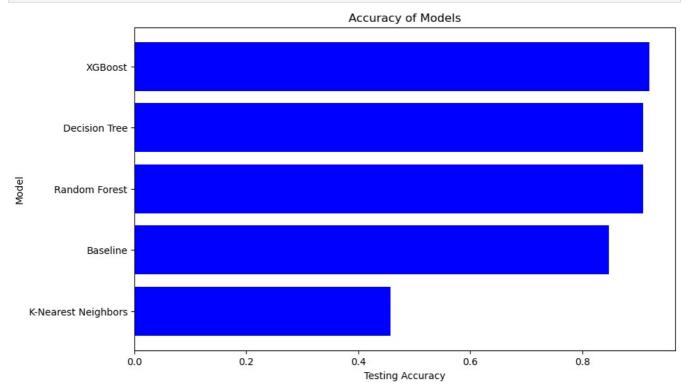
```
In []: Modeldata = {
    'Model': ['Baseline', 'K-Nearest Neighbors', 'Decision Tree', 'Random Forest', 'XGBoost'],
    'Training Accuracy': [0.8539, 0.8980, 0.9380, 0.9890, 0.9564],
    'Training Precision': [0.4054, 0.9256, 0.9170, 1.00000, 0.9960],
    'Training Recall': [0.0419, 0.3128, 0.6200, 0.9250, 0.6983],
    'Training F1-Score': [0.0759, 0.4676, 0.7400, 0.9610, 0.8210],
    'Training ROC AUC': [0.7090, 0.9279, 0.8050, 0.9620, 0.9800],
    'Testing Accuracy': [0.8477, 0.4580, 0.9090, 0.9090, 0.9197],
    'Testing Precision': [0.4000, 0.1825, 0.7530, 0.8770, 0.9143],
    'Testing Recall': [0.0320, 0.7520, 0.5840, 0.4560, 0.5120],
    'Testing F1-Score': [0.0593, 0.2938, 0.6580, 0.6000, 0.6564],
    'Testing ROC AUC': [0.7306, 0.6175, 0.7750, 0.8900, 0.9000]
}

Models_df = pd.DataFrame(Modeldata)
Models_df
```

]:		Model	Training Accuracy	Training Precision	Training Recall	Training F1-Score	Training ROC AUC	Testing Accuracy	Testing Precision	Testing Recall	Testing F1-Score	Testing ROC AUC
	0	Baseline	0.8539	0.4054	0.0419	0.0759	0.7090	0.8477	0.4000	0.032	0.0593	0.7306
	1	K-Nearest Neighbors	0.8980	0.9256	0.3128	0.4676	0.9279	0.4580	0.1825	0.752	0.2938	0.6175
	2	Decision Tree	0.9380	0.9170	0.6200	0.7400	0.8050	0.9090	0.7530	0.584	0.6580	0.7750
	3	Random Forest	0.9890	1.0000	0.9250	0.9610	0.9620	0.9090	0.8770	0.456	0.6000	0.8900
	4	XGBoost	0.9564	0.9960	0.6983	0.8210	0.9800	0.9197	0.9143	0.512	0.6564	0.9000

```
In []: # Sort DataFrame based on Training Accuracy
df_sorted = Models_df.sort_values(by='Testing Accuracy', ascending=False)

# Plot the bar graph
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.barh(df_sorted['Model'], df_sorted['Testing Accuracy'], color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Testing Accuracy')
plt.ylabel('Model')
plt.title('Accuracy of Models')
plt.gca().invert_yaxis()
plt.show()
```



From the different models used, which were:

- 1. Base Model Logistic regression
- 2. K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN)
- 3. Decision trees
- 4. Random Forest classiffier
- 5. XGBoost

Out[ ]

The Best overal model proved to be the XGBoost model given that: Based on accuracy, The best model was one from XGBoost with an test accuracy of 91.97% and training accuracy of 95.64%. Based also on the Test ROC and AUC score, which is measure of the ability of model to distinguish positive and negative outcomes, XGBoost was the best with a score of 90%.

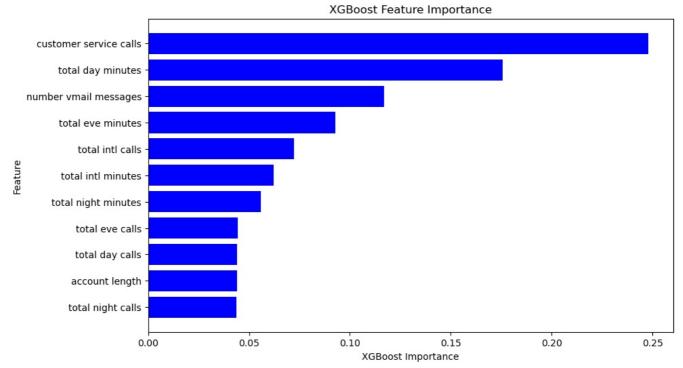
# Feature importance based on the best model

```
In []: # Get feature importances
    feature_importance_xgboost = best_classifier_xgb.feature_importances_

# Create a DataFrame to hold feature names and their importances
    feature_importance_xgboost_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': X_train.columns, 'XGBoost Importance': feature_importance
    # Sort the DataFrame by importance in descending order
    feature_importance_xgboost_df = feature_importance_xgboost_df.sort_values(by='XGBoost Importance', ascending=Faiture)

# Plot feature importances
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.barh(feature_importance_xgboost_df['Feature'], feature_importance_xgboost_df['XGBoost Importance'], color='
```





### Top five features

The top five features that were also crucial in determining the churn of customers were:

- Customer Service calls: The number of customer services calls made by a customer
- Total day minutes: The total amount of time the customer has spent on daytime calls in minutes
- Number vmail messages: Represent the number of voicemail messages left by a customer.
- Total eve minutes: The total number of minutes the customer has been in calls during the evening.
- Total intl calls: The total number of international calls the customer has made.

### Were the Objectives met

#### **Main Objective**

Several predictive models were built, from which the top-performing one was selected as the best overall, The **XGBoost** was chosen as was considered fit in predicting the patterns of customers churning

# **Specific Objectives**

- 1. Key factors influencing cusomer churning was identified as: Customer service calls, Total day minutes, Number of voice mail messages, total evening minutes and total international calls.
- 2. The classifiers were identified using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and confusion matrix after which XGBoost was selected as being the most effective.
- 3. Actionable recommendations given based on the analysis.

The Objectives were all met.

# 8. CONCLUSION

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Improve on customer services: This may include services such as wait time and customer satisfaction.
- 2. Introduce customised and affordable call plans for both day and night calls
- 3. Service Quality Improvement: Continuously monitor service quality metrics such as network reliability, call quality, and data speed, and invest in infrastructure upgrades to ensure optimal service delivery.
- 4. Transparent Pricing: Provide transparent pricing structures and billing processes to avoid billing disputes and customer dissatisfaction.

- 5. Proactive Customer Outreach: Regularly reach out to customers to gather feedback, address concerns, and offer assistance before they consider switching providers.
- 6. Security Measures: Implement stringent security measures to protect voicemail messages from unauthorized access and ensure customer privacy and data protection.
- 7. Provide a wide range of countries covered by international plan.
- 8. Constantly and consistently conduct customer churn analysis.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- 1. Deploying the model: Implement the churn prediction model into the operational environment to start making real-time predictions on customer churn, enabling proactive retention strategies.
- 2. Monitor and update the model: Continuously track the model's performance and accuracy over time, ensuring it remains effective in predicting churn, and regularly update it with new data to maintain relevance and accuracy.
- 3. Interpreting the model insights: Analyze the model's predictions and identify the key factors influencing customer churn, providing valuable insights for targeted retention efforts and strategic decision-making.
- 4. Collecting more diverse data: Expand the dataset by gathering a wider range of customer attributes, behaviors, and interactions to enhance the model's predictive capabilities and capture more nuanced patterns of churn behavior.

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