# **Building a Machine Learning Classification Model to Predict Customer Churn**

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#### Introduction

The telco industry is highly competitive with multiple players within any given jurisdiction. Acquiring new customers involves huge marketing costs, that include huge advertising budgets and commissions to sales agents. It therefore becomes imperative to retain those customers once they are acquired. Churn which refers to the number of customers who cease doing business with a company within a given period, is a closely watched metric in the telco industry. It is the motivation of every telco company to understand the features or characteristics of a customer who is likely to 'churn'. With this understanding, the company can get ahead of the problem, and develop initiatives that target these specific customers, to discourage them from ceasing doing business with the company.

In this project, I will use a dataset provided by SyriaTel that is available on https://www.kaggle.com/ that details various call patterns and spend of customers as well as their locations https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/becksddf/churn-in-telecoms-dataset .

Using this data set I will:

- Examine the features and using industry domain knowledge select the features to use in my predictive model.
- Using these features build a classifier model to predict whether a customer will stop doing business with SyriaTel.
- Based on the model metrics, determine if these features have any predictive patterns.
- If the features indeed have predictive patterns, provide SyriaTel with the most optimal version of the model to test new (unseen)customer data and identify those customers that are most likely to churn.
- The company will then use this predicted data to make pro-actice strategies to retain these 'at risk' customers.

### **Problem Statement**

SyriaTel is intentional about reducing the high cost of customer churn. They have hired me to develop a classification model that is able to a higher degree, predict if a customer is likely

to churn i.e. terminate their contract. They have provided me with a historical dataset of customers' call and spend characteristics and whether or not they left the network after a period of time. With the optimal model that I develop, their Data Analytics, Marketing and Revenue Assurance departments will be able to test future customers data to predict the likelihood of a customer leaving the network. With these predictions, they will be able to proactively develop retention startegies specifically targeted to these customers to discourage them from leaving.

## **Business Objectives**

#### • Goal:

 Train a classification model using the provided historical data to determine if and what features are useful in predicting churn.

#### • Specific Objectives:

- Determine if the data provided has any predictive power on the target (churn) using Logistic regression, Decision tree and Random Frest optimized models
- Through model optimization, identify the features that have the best predictive power
- Provide to SyriaTel the most optimal model to deploy on future (new) customers' data to predict "at risk" customers
- Provide insights on factors affecting customer churn and suggest 'data supported' remedies.

## 1. 0 Industry Background

The SyriaTel data set consist of fairly straightforward and well formated data. It has critical customer usage (minutes/number of calls) as well as customer choices of premium services columns. Based on **industry standards** the following features from the data set are commonly associated with customer churn and will be considered as model features that have an impact on the traget variable 'churn'.

**Usage Patterns:** 'total day minutes', 'total day calls', 'total eve calls', 'total eve minutes', 'total night calls', 'total night minutes', 'total intl calls', and 'total intl minutes' are critical columns for determining churn. High usage of calls and minutes can indicate customer engagement and satisfaction, while low usage might suggest dissatisfaction.

**Charges:** 'total day charge', 'total eve charge', 'total night charge', and 'total intl charge' are also important columns. Higher charges can lead to customer distasfaction if they feel they are not getting value for money.

**Service Quality:** Features like 'International plan' and 'voice mail plan' can reflect a very high expectation from customers who are enrolled in those plans, and can have a direct impact on satisfaction levels and therefore, churn.

**Customer Support:** 'customer service calls' a high number of customer service calls can indicate issues of service quality or customer dissatisfaction.

**Account Length:** The 'account length' feature is equally important as longer account lengths generally indicate customer loyalty, while shorter account lengths may suggest a higher likelihood of churn.

**Location:** Customer location indicated by the 'state' may have an effect on churn due to unique characteristics within the State like income levels, choice of networks etc, and will be tested early in the modeling to assess it's predictive power. If it is found to be having little or no predictive power, this feature will be dropped as multiple locations included in a model can make it very complex and less effecient.

The following features from the data set are deemed to have little or no predicted power and will be excluded from the model right from the start:

- 'area code'
- 'phone number'

## 2.0 Understanding the Dataset

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In [1]: # Import the necessary libraries for data analysis and visualization
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set()
%matplotlib inline
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In [2]: # Load the data as a DataFrame and display the first 5 columns
    df = pd.read_csv('telco_churn.csv')
    df.head()
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| ٠ |   | state | account<br>length | area<br>code | •            | international<br>plan | voice<br>mail<br>plan | number<br>vmail<br>messages | total<br>day<br>minutes | total<br>day<br>calls | total<br>day<br>charge |  |
|---|---|-------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
|   | 0 | KS    | 128               | 415          | 382-<br>4657 | no                    | yes                   | 25                          | 265.1                   | 110                   | 45.07                  |  |
|   | 1 | ОН    | 107               | 415          | 371-<br>7191 | no                    | yes                   | 26                          | 161.6                   | 123                   | 27.47                  |  |
|   | 2 | NJ    | 137               | 415          | 358-<br>1921 | no                    | no                    | 0                           | 243.4                   | 114                   | 41.38                  |  |
|   | 3 | ОН    | 84                | 408          | 375-<br>9999 | yes                   | no                    | 0                           | 299.4                   | 71                    | 50.90                  |  |
|   | 4 | ОК    | 75                | 415          | 330-<br>6626 | yes                   | no                    | 0                           | 166.7                   | 113                   | 28.34                  |  |

5 rows × 21 columns

```
In [3]: # check the shape of the data
    df.shape
    print(f"This data set consists of {df.shape[0]} rows")
    print(f"This data set consists of {df.shape[1]} columns")
```

This data set consists of 3333 rows This data set consists of 21 columns

```
In [4]: # Get column names
df.columns
```

The dataset has 21 columns that can be categorized as follows:-

- **Customer Info:** These clolumns are state, account length(the period when the account has been active), area code, phone number and account length
- **international plan:** This is a binary column (Yes/No) that indicates whether a customer is enrolled for international calls
- **voice mail plan:** This is also a binary column (Yes/No) that indicates whether a customer has enrolled into the Voice Mail service
- number vmail messages: This is the number of voice mail messages the customer has received

> Minutes Info: These are the number of minutes by each customer with different columns for local day, evening, night minutes, as well as total international minutes

- Call Info: These are the number of local calls by each customer with different columns for into day, evening, and night calls, as well as total international calls
- Charges Info: These are the charges for local calls made by each customer with different columns for day, evening and night charges, as well as total international charges.
- customer service calls: These are the number of calls customers made to customer service
- churn: This is a binary column indicating whether or not a customer left the network service. It is our target column.

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In [5]: # Get column attributes
        df.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'> RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332 Data columns (total 21 columns):

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   account length
2
   area code
                        3333 non-null int64
                        3333 non-null object
    phone number
   international plan
                       3333 non-null object
   voice mail plan 3333 non-null object
5
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16 total intl minutes
                       3333 non-null float64
                        3333 non-null int64
17 total intl calls
18 total intl charge
                         3333 non-null float64
19 customer service calls 3333 non-null
                                       int64
                         3333 non-null
                                       bool
20 churn
dtypes: bool(1), float64(8), int64(8), object(4)
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memory usage: 524.2+ KB

The target column is boolean. This will be converted to integer. The international plan, voice mail plan and state columns are objects and these will be one-hot encoded to integers prior to modeling. There are no missing values in this dataset.

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In [6]: # Confirming there are no Null values
        df.isnull().values.any()
```

Out[6]: False

In [7]: # Get statistical summary of the numerical columns
 df.describe().T

Out[7]:

|                          | count  | mean       | std       | min    | 25%    | 50%    | 75%    | max    |
|--------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| account length           | 3333.0 | 101.064806 | 39.822106 | 1.00   | 74.00  | 101.00 | 127.00 | 243.00 |
| area code                | 3333.0 | 437.182418 | 42.371290 | 408.00 | 408.00 | 415.00 | 510.00 | 510.00 |
| number vmail<br>messages | 3333.0 | 8.099010   | 13.688365 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 20.00  | 51.00  |
| total day minutes        | 3333.0 | 179.775098 | 54.467389 | 0.00   | 143.70 | 179.40 | 216.40 | 350.80 |
| total day calls          | 3333.0 | 100.435644 | 20.069084 | 0.00   | 87.00  | 101.00 | 114.00 | 165.00 |
| total day charge         | 3333.0 | 30.562307  | 9.259435  | 0.00   | 24.43  | 30.50  | 36.79  | 59.64  |
| total eve minutes        | 3333.0 | 200.980348 | 50.713844 | 0.00   | 166.60 | 201.40 | 235.30 | 363.70 |
| total eve calls          | 3333.0 | 100.114311 | 19.922625 | 0.00   | 87.00  | 100.00 | 114.00 | 170.00 |
| total eve charge         | 3333.0 | 17.083540  | 4.310668  | 0.00   | 14.16  | 17.12  | 20.00  | 30.91  |
| total night<br>minutes   | 3333.0 | 200.872037 | 50.573847 | 23.20  | 167.00 | 201.20 | 235.30 | 395.00 |
| total night calls        | 3333.0 | 100.107711 | 19.568609 | 33.00  | 87.00  | 100.00 | 113.00 | 175.00 |
| total night<br>charge    | 3333.0 | 9.039325   | 2.275873  | 1.04   | 7.52   | 9.05   | 10.59  | 17.77  |
| total intl minutes       | 3333.0 | 10.237294  | 2.791840  | 0.00   | 8.50   | 10.30  | 12.10  | 20.00  |
| total intl calls         | 3333.0 | 4.479448   | 2.461214  | 0.00   | 3.00   | 4.00   | 6.00   | 20.00  |
| total intl charge        | 3333.0 | 2.764581   | 0.753773  | 0.00   | 2.30   | 2.78   | 3.27   | 5.40   |
| customer service calls   | 3333.0 | 1.562856   | 1.315491  | 0.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   | 2.00   | 9.00   |

- Average account length in this data set is 101 days which is about 3 months with a maximum of approximately 8 months (243 days).
- While the average day, evening and night calls is similar at around 100, the average duration (minutes) of evening and night calls is significantly higher than day; 180 minutes for day and 201 minutes for evening/night calls. This is an expected customer call behaviour as people talk more to friends and family outside of the business day hours.
- Also, as per industry standards, tariffs are higher during the day than during the evening and night. The average day charge is 31, while the evening and night is 17 and 9 respectively. This could also explain the longer calls in the evening and night hours.

The mean for international minutes, calls and charges appear to be low; The minimum is
 0: This is because only a few customers enroll for this service as it is a premium service.

- The mean number of voice mail messages is higher than the number of international calls because more people enroll for this service. The minimum is also 0 because not all customers opt into this service.
- The number of calls to customer service are surprisingly low in this network. Average of 1.5 calls with a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 9. This could be due to a generally good service offering by the network or the availability of other mechanisms e.g online chat for resolution of customer issues.

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In [8]: # Get statistical summary of the categorical columns
    df.describe(include='0').T
```

| Out[8]: |                    | count | unique | top                  | freq |
|---------|--------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|------|
|         | state              | 3333  | 51     | WV                   | 106  |
|         | phone number       | 3333  | 3333   | WV<br>382-4657<br>no | 1    |
|         | international plan | 3333  | 2      | no                   | 3010 |
|         | voice mail plan    | 3333  | 2      | no                   | 2411 |

- The 'international plan' and 'voice mail plan' columns are binary columns(Yes/No). As expected, only a few customers have opted into these 2 services.(frequency of 'no'). These columns will be One-Hot-Encoded and converted to integers.
- There are 51 states, so these will be significant number of feature columns added after one-hot encoding. That is why, it will be imperative to check feature importances early on in the modeling process to check if the states have any significant predictive power.
   If not, drop the states from the iterative modeling process.

## 2.1 Data Cleaning and Feature Engineering

In this section I will perform the following tasks:

- Drop columns that are not critical to the model
- Convert column names to CamelCase for easier readability and display
- Convert the target column 'churn' from boolean to integer
- One-Hot Encode the 3 categorical columns 'international plan', 'voice mail plan' and 'state' to numerical.
- Check for, and remove outliers

```
In [9]: # Making a copy of the DataFrame before data cleaning
    df1 = df.copy(deep=True)
    df1.head()
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Out[9]: voice number total total total phone international account area state mail vmail day day day length code number plan plan messages minutes calls charge 382-0 KS 128 415 no yes 25 265.1 110 45.07 4657 371-1 ОН 107 415 26 161.6 123 27.47 no yes 7191 358-2 NJ 0 137 41.38 415 no no 243.4 114 1921 375-299.4 408 0 71 50.90 3 OH 84 yes no 9999 330-4 OK 75 415 0 166.7 113 28.34 yes no 6626 5 rows × 21 columns In [10]: # drop unimportant columns df1 = df1.drop(columns=['phone number', 'area code'],axis=1) # Confirm columns are dropped df1.columns Out[10]: Index(['state', 'account length', 'international plan', 'voice mail plan', 'number vmail messages', 'total day minutes', 'total day calls', 'total day charge', 'total eve minutes', 'total eve calls', 'total eve charge', 'total night minutes', 'total night calls', 'total night charge', 'total intl minutes', 'total intl calls', 'total intl charge', 'customer service calls', 'churn'], dtype='object') In [11]: # Function to capitalize the first letter of each word in column names def capitalize columns(df): df1.columns = [' '.join(word.capitalize() for word in col.split()) for col in d return df1 # Apply the function to the DataFrame df1 = capitalize\_columns(df1) # Confirm each column word is Capitalized. df1.columns Out[11]: Index(['State', 'Account Length', 'International Plan', 'Voice Mail Plan', 'Number Vmail Messages', 'Total Day Minutes', 'Total Day Calls', 'Total Day Charge', 'Total Eve Minutes', 'Total Eve Calls',

'Total Eve Charge', 'Total Night Minutes', 'Total Night Calls', 'Total Night Charge', 'Total Intl Minutes', 'Total Intl Calls',

'Total Intl Charge', 'Customer Service Calls', 'Churn'],

dtype='object')

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In [12]: #Function to remove the white spaces from column names
         def remove_spaces(df1):
             df1.columns = [col.replace(' ', '') for col in df1.columns]
             return df1
          #Apply the function to the DataFrame
         df1 = remove_spaces(df1)
         # Display the updated DataFrame columns
         df1.head()
Out[12]:
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              OK
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In [13]:
         df1.columns
Out[13]: Index(['State', 'AccountLength', 'InternationalPlan', 'VoiceMailPlan',
                 'NumberVmailMessages', 'TotalDayMinutes', 'TotalDayCalls',
                 'TotalDayCharge', 'TotalEveMinutes', 'TotalEveCalls', 'TotalEveCharge',
                 'TotalNightMinutes', 'TotalNightCalls', 'TotalNightCharge',
                 'TotalIntlMinutes', 'TotalIntlCalls', 'TotalIntlCharge',
                 'CustomerServiceCalls', 'Churn'],
                dtype='object')
In [14]: # OneHotCode the three categorical columns of interest
         df1 = pd.get_dummies(df1, columns=['InternationalPlan','VoiceMailPlan','State'],dro
         # Convert the one-hot encoded columns and the target colum 'Churn' from boolean to
         for col in df1.columns:
             if df1[col].dtype == 'bool':
                    df1[col] = df1[col].astype(int)
          df1.head()
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df1.info()

| Out[14]: |                     | AccountLength   | Number V mail Messages | TotalDayMinutes | TotalDayCalls | TotalDayCharge |  |  |  |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|--|
|          | 0                   | 128             | 25                     | 265.1           | 110           | 45.07          |  |  |  |
|          | 1                   | 107             | 26                     | 161.6           | 123           | 27.47          |  |  |  |
|          | 2                   | 137             | 0                      | 243.4           | 114           | 41.38          |  |  |  |
|          | 3                   | 84              | 0                      | 299.4           | 71            | 50.90          |  |  |  |
|          | 4                   | 75              | 0                      | 166.7           | 113           | 28.34          |  |  |  |
|          | 5 rows × 68 columns |                 |                        |                 |               |                |  |  |  |
|          | 4                   |                 |                        |                 |               | •              |  |  |  |
| In [15]: | # 1                 | Preview the Dat | aFrame                 |                 |               |                |  |  |  |

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332
Data columns (total 68 columns):

| Data | columns (total 68 colum | nns):          |         |
|------|-------------------------|----------------|---------|
| #    | Column                  | Non-Null Count | Dtype   |
|      |                         |                |         |
| 0    | AccountLength           | 3333 non-null  | int64   |
| 1    | NumberVmailMessages     | 3333 non-null  | int64   |
| 2    | TotalDayMinutes         | 3333 non-null  | float64 |
| 3    | TotalDayCalls           | 3333 non-null  | int64   |
| 4    | TotalDayCharge          | 3333 non-null  | float64 |
| 5    | TotalEveMinutes         | 3333 non-null  | float64 |
| 6    | TotalEveCalls           | 3333 non-null  | int64   |
| 7    | TotalEveCharge          | 3333 non-null  | float64 |
| 8    | TotalNightMinutes       | 3333 non-null  | float64 |
| 9    | TotalNightCalls         | 3333 non-null  | int64   |
| 10   | TotalNightCharge        | 3333 non-null  | float64 |
| 11   | TotalIntlMinutes        | 3333 non-null  | float64 |
| 12   | TotalIntlCalls          | 3333 non-null  | int64   |
| 13   | TotalIntlCharge         | 3333 non-null  | float64 |
| 14   | CustomerServiceCalls    | 3333 non-null  | int64   |
| 15   | Churn                   | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 16   |                         |                | int32   |
| 17   | InternationalPlan_yes   | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
|      | VoiceMailPlan_yes       | 3333 non-null  |         |
| 18   | State_AL                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 19   | State_AR                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 20   | State_AZ                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 21   | State_CA                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 22   | State_CO                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 23   | State_CT                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 24   | State_DC                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 25   | State_DE                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 26   | State_FL                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 27   | State_GA                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 28   | State_HI                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 29   | State_IA                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 30   | State_ID                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 31   | State_IL                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 32   | State_IN                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 33   | State_KS                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 34   | State_KY                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 35   | State_LA                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 36   | State_MA                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 37   | State_MD                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 38   | State_ME                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 39   | State_MI                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 40   | State_MN                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 41   | State_MO                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 42   | State_MS                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 43   | State_MT                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 44   | State_NC                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 45   | State_ND                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 46   | State_NE                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 47   | State_NH                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 48   | State_NJ                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 49   | State_NM                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
| 50   | State_NV                | 3333 non-null  | int32   |
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67 State_WY
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                                        int32
dtypes: float64(8), int32(53), int64(7)
memory usage: 1.1 MB
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All the columns are now numerical. The columns are now 68 from 21 due to the additional columns from the One-Hot-Encoding

```
In [16]: def remove_outliers(df1, columns):
             for col in columns:
                 # Calculate Q1 (25th percentile) and Q3 (75th percentile)
                 Q1 = df1[col].quantile(0.25)
                 Q3 = df1[col].quantile(0.75)
                 IQR = Q3 - Q1 # Interquartile Range
                 # Define Lower and upper bounds for detecting outliers
                 lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
                  upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
                 # Filter out outliers
                  df1 = df1[(df1[col] >= lower_bound) & (df1[col] <= upper_bound)]</pre>
             return df1
         # List of columns to check for outliers (excluding 'Churn')
         feature_columns = [col for col in df1.columns if col != 'Churn' and df1[col].dtype
         # Apply the function to remove outliers
         df2 = remove_outliers(df1, feature_columns)
         df2
```

| Out[16]: |      | AccountLength | Number Vmail Messages | TotalDayMinutes | TotalDayCalls | TotalDayCha |
|----------|------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
|          | 0    | 128           | 25                    | 265.1           | 110           | 4!          |
|          | 1    | 107           | 26                    | 161.6           | 123           | 2           |
|          | 2    | 137           | 0                     | 243.4           | 114           | 4           |
|          | 4    | 75            | 0                     | 166.7           | 113           | 28          |
|          | 5    | 118           | 0                     | 223.4           | 98            | 3.          |
|          | •••  |               |                       |                 |               |             |
|          | 3328 | 192           | 36                    | 156.2           | 77            | 21          |
|          | 3329 | 68            | 0                     | 231.1           | 57            | 3!          |
|          | 3330 | 28            | 0                     | 180.8           | 109           | 3(          |
|          | 3331 | 184           | 0                     | 213.8           | 105           | 31          |
|          | 3332 | 74            | 25                    | 234.4           | 113           | 3!          |

2797 rows × 68 columns

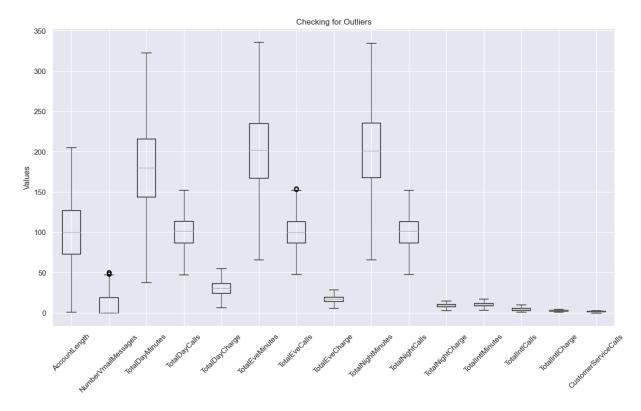
```
In [17]: # check the shape of the data after removing outliers
    df2.shape
    print(f"This data set consists of {df2.shape[0]} rows")
    print(f"This data set consists of {df2.shape[1]} columns")
# The number of rows have reduced from 3333 to 2797.
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This data set consists of 2797 rows This data set consists of 68 columns

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In [18]: # Generate boxplots for cleaned columns to confirm outliers have been dropped
    plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
    df2.boxplot(feature_columns, boxprops=dict(linewidth=1 ))
    plt.title('Checking for Outliers')
    plt.ylabel('Values')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45)

plt.show();

# No values outside the IQR showing outliers have been removed
```



The outliers are now eliminated, and the columns are cleaned; we can go ahead and start EDA. But first we save the clean dataframe to a CSV and make a copy of the same.

```
In [19]: # save the clean dataframe in csv format
    df2.to_csv('telco_churn_clean.csv',index=False)
In [20]: # create a copy of the clean dataframe
    df2=df2.copy(deep=True)
```

## 2.2 Exploratory Data Analysis

I will perform various univariate, bivariate and multivariate data analysis to better understand the data, These will include:-

- **Summary Statistics:** To get a quick overview of the central tendency and dispersion of the dataset's distribution.
- Correlation Matrix: To understand the relationships between nemerical features
- **Histograms:** To understand numerical features distributions
- Class Distribution: Analyze the distribution of the target variable churn

```
In [21]: # Load the clean dataset and create a new dataframe
   data = pd.read_csv('telco_churn_clean.csv')
   data.head()
```

| Out[21]: |   | AccountLength | NumberVmailMessages | TotalDayMinutes | TotalDayCalls | TotalDayCharge |
|----------|---|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
|          | 0 | 128           | 25                  | 265.1           | 110           | 45.07          |
|          | 1 | 107           | 26                  | 161.6           | 123           | 27.47          |
|          | 2 | 137           | 0                   | 243.4           | 114           | 41.38          |
|          | 3 | 75            | 0                   | 166.7           | 113           | 28.34          |
|          | 4 | 118           | 0                   | 223.4           | 98            | 37.98          |

 $5 \text{ rows} \times 68 \text{ columns}$ 

```
In [22]: print(data.columns)
         print("\nThis data set consists of {} rows".format(data.shape[0]))
         print("\nThis data set consists of {} columns".format(data.shape[1]))
        Index(['AccountLength', 'NumberVmailMessages', 'TotalDayMinutes',
               'TotalDayCalls', 'TotalDayCharge', 'TotalEveMinutes', 'TotalEveCalls',
               'TotalEveCharge', 'TotalNightMinutes', 'TotalNightCalls',
               'TotalNightCharge', 'TotalIntlMinutes', 'TotalIntlCalls',
               'TotalIntlCharge', 'CustomerServiceCalls', 'Churn',
               'InternationalPlan_yes', 'VoiceMailPlan_yes', 'State_AL', 'State_AR',
               'State_AZ', 'State_CA', 'State_CO', 'State_CT', 'State_DC', 'State_DE',
               'State_FL', 'State_GA', 'State_HI', 'State_IA', 'State_ID', 'State_IL',
               'State_IN', 'State_KS', 'State_KY', 'State_LA', 'State_MA', 'State_MD',
               'State_ME', 'State_MI', 'State_MN', 'State_MO', 'State_MS', 'State_MT',
               'State_NC', 'State_ND', 'State_NE', 'State_NH', 'State_NJ', 'State_NM',
               'State_NV', 'State_NY', 'State_OH', 'State_OK', 'State_OR', 'State_PA',
               'State_RI', 'State_SC', 'State_SD', 'State_TN', 'State_TX', 'State_UT',
               'State_VA', 'State_VT', 'State_WA', 'State_WI', 'State_WV', 'State_WY'],
              dtype='object')
```

This data set consists of 2797 rows

This data set consists of 68 columns

The number of columns have increased exponetially because of one-hot encoding the State columns which has many unique values

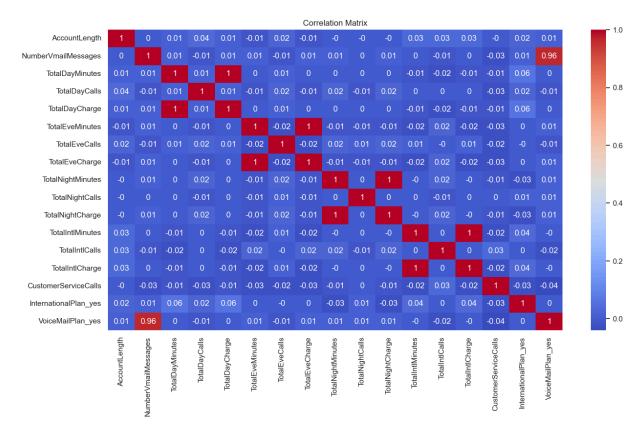
#### 2.2.1 Summary Statistics

Out[23]:

|                      | count  | mean       | std       | min   | 25%    | 50%    | 75%    | max      |
|----------------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| AccountLength        | 2797.0 | 100.392206 | 39.329033 | 1.00  | 73.00  | 100.00 | 127.00 | 205.00   |
| NumberVmailMessages  | 2797.0 | 8.131212   | 13.707224 | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 19.00  | 50.00    |
| TotalDayMinutes      | 2797.0 | 179.995817 | 52.589516 | 37.70 | 144.00 | 179.80 | 216.00 | 322.50   |
| TotalDayCalls        | 2797.0 | 100.577047 | 19.284581 | 47.00 | 87.00  | 101.00 | 114.00 | 152.00   |
| TotalDayCharge       | 2797.0 | 30.599828  | 8.940156  | 6.41  | 24.48  | 30.57  | 36.72  | 54.83    |
| TotalEveMinutes      | 2797.0 | 201.288059 | 49.042830 | 66.00 | 167.20 | 201.40 | 235.10 | 336.00   |
| TotalEveCalls        | 2797.0 | 100.020379 | 19.225656 | 48.00 | 87.00  | 100.00 | 113.00 | 154.00   |
| TotalEveCharge       | 2797.0 | 17.109714  | 4.168704  | 5.61  | 14.21  | 17.12  | 19.98  | 28.56    |
| TotalNightMinutes    | 2797.0 | 201.175366 | 48.827301 | 65.70 | 167.60 | 201.10 | 235.80 | 334.70   |
| TotalNightCalls      | 2797.0 | 100.047193 | 19.052069 | 48.00 | 87.00  | 101.00 | 113.00 | 152.00   |
| TotalNightCharge     | 2797.0 | 9.052942   | 2.197284  | 2.96  | 7.54   | 9.05   | 10.61  | 15.06    |
| TotalIntlMinutes     | 2797.0 | 10.310976  | 2.594138  | 3.40  | 8.60   | 10.30  | 12.10  | 17.30    |
| TotalIntlCalls       | 2797.0 | 4.311763   | 2.073932  | 1.00  | 3.00   | 4.00   | 6.00   | 10.00    |
| TotalIntlCharge      | 2797.0 | 2.784483   | 0.700338  | 0.92  | 2.32   | 2.78   | 3.27   | 4.67     |
| CustomerServiceCalls | 2797.0 | 1.306400   | 0.975453  | 0.00  | 1.00   | 1.00   | 2.00   | 3.00     |
| 4                    |        |            |           |       |        |        |        | <b>•</b> |

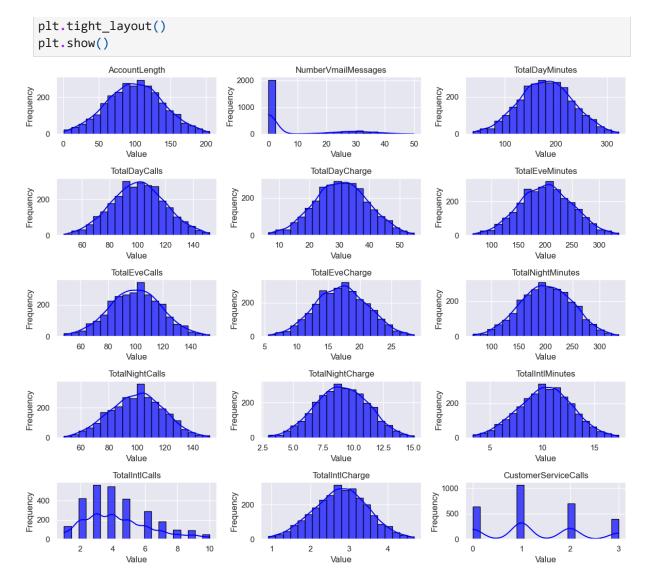
- The maximum values have changed because the outliers have been removed.
- The charactestics and patterns of usage and charges are still as described in the first summary.
- There is significant variability in the local minutes/calls as well as in the number voicemail messages, with significantly lower variation in charges. The network could be penalizing low usage customers with higher tariffs.

#### 2.2.2 Correlation Matrix



- Not surprisingly, the total (day,evening,night international) minutes have a perfect linear relationship with the total(day,evening,night,international) charges. This is because charges are based on minutes.
- Being on a voice plan is also very correlated to the number of voice mail minutes.
- This **multicollinearity** can impact model performance and interpretability. Highly correlated predictors can contribute to overfitting where the model performs well on training data but poorly on unseen data.
- Proposed remedy is to drop one of the correlated predictors form the model.

#### 2.2.3 Histograms



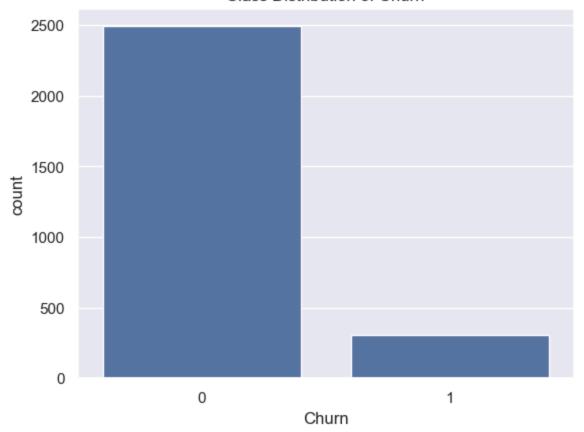
- The charts show that the number of calls and charges for local calls are approximately normally distributed;
- International calls distribution is right-skewed with with most customers in this plan making between 2 and 6 calls, and a few extending to 10;
- The total international charge distribution is approximately normal.
- The Customer Service Calls show distinct peaks at 1,2, indicating that these values are more frequent. A significant number of customers have not mae any calls to Customer Service,
- Number of Voice Mail Messages is highly skewed to the right, with most values concentrated around 0 and a few exceeding 20. This is because VM is an opt-in service and most customers in the network are not using the service.

## 2.2.4 Class distribution of the target variable

In [26]: # Check the value counts of the target variable

```
print(data['Churn'].value_counts())
         print(data['Churn'].value_counts(normalize=True))
        Churn
        0
             2493
        1
              304
        Name: count, dtype: int64
        Churn
             0.891312
        1
             0.108688
        Name: proportion, dtype: float64
In [27]: # Plot the classes
         sns.countplot(x='Churn', data=data)
         plt.title('Class Distribution of Churn')
         plt.show()
```

#### Class Distribution of Churn



The output indicates that 89% of the customers did not leave while 11% left. This is significant class imbalance. This can impact the reliability of the model in the following ways:-

- Bias: A model trained on imbalanced data may become biased biased toward the
  majority class. The bias may lead to a high accuracy score, but fail to correctly predict
  the minority class.
- **Poor Performance on Minority Class:** Where detecting the minority class is of critical class, like in our case, the model may have poor performance in detecting the minority

class i.e. incorrectly fail to predict churn.

I will address the class problem using **SMOTE** (Synthetic Minority Over-Sampling Technique) an oversampling technique that increases the number of instances in the minority class during the modeling process below.

## 4.0 Modeling

In this section I will follow a model iteration plan that addresses class imbalance and leverages feature importance and hyperparameters tuning. The following is a step by step plan to build and improve the model, starting with a baseline logistic model and incorporating SMOTE for oversampling, Random Forest for feature selection, and GridSearchCV and RandomSearchCV for hyperparameter tuning:-

- **Data Preparation:** In this section, I will prepare the data for modeling. Since I have alredy handled data cleaning and one-hot encoding, I will address multicollinearity, standardize the data and split the data into train and test sets. I will use the correlation matrix in section 2.2.2 above and remove highly correlated features.
- **Baseline Logistic Regression Model:** I will train the logistic regression model on the training data and evaluate the baseline model using appropriate metrics.
- **Handle Class Imbalance:** I will use **SMOTE** to oversample the minority class in the training set. I will re-train the model on the oversampled training data and evaluate the model on the original test set. I will compare the performance metrics before and after SMOTE application.
- **Feature Selection:** I will use **Random Forest** to calculate feature importances and identify and retain the most important features. I will then retrain the model with these features and compare the results with those obtained above.
- **Cross-Validation:** I will use cross-validation to ensure the model's performance is consistent and not dependent on a specific train-test split.
- Hyperparameter Tuning: I will use GridSearchCV to find the optimal hyperparameters
  for the logistic regression model, and may include regularization (L1/L2) to handle
  overfitting. I will re-train the model with optimal hyperparameters and optimal features
  obtained in feature selection and evaluate and compare performance metrics with
  previous iterations.
- **Use other Modeling Algorithms**: I will train a different model algorithms a hyperparameter pruned Decision Tree Model and a Random Forest Ensemble Model and compare their performance with the Hyperparameter tuned logistic regression
- **Final Model Selection:** I will select the model with the best performance based on validation metrics, interpret this final model's results, and generate a report on model performance, feature importance and othe insights from the modeling process.

## 4.1 Data Preparation

In this section:

- I will use the correlation heat map to remove highly correlated features.
- Split the data into train and test sets
- Standardize the data for modeling

```
In [28]: # Making a copy of the DataFrame before we clean
    data1 = data.copy(deep=True)
    data1
```

| Out[28]: |      | AccountLength | Number V mail Messages | TotalDayMinutes | TotalDayCalls | TotalDayCha |
|----------|------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
|          | 0    | 128           | 25                     | 265.1           | 110           | 4!          |
|          | 1    | 107           | 26                     | 161.6           | 123           | 2.          |
|          | 2    | 137           | 0                      | 243.4           | 114           | 4           |
|          | 3    | 75            | 0                      | 166.7           | 113           | 28          |
|          | 4    | 118           | 0                      | 223.4           | 98            | 3.          |
|          | •••  |               |                        |                 |               |             |
|          | 2792 | 192           | 36                     | 156.2           | 77            | 21          |
|          | 2793 | 68            | 0                      | 231.1           | 57            | 39          |
|          | 2794 | 28            | 0                      | 180.8           | 109           | 3(          |
|          | 2795 | 184           | 0                      | 213.8           | 105           | 30          |
|          | 2796 | 74            | 25                     | 234.4           | 113           | 3!          |

2797 rows × 68 columns

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#### 4.1.1 Remove Correlated Columns

```
In [29]: # List of columns to drop
    col_to_drop = ['NumberVmailMessages', 'TotalDayCharge', 'TotalEveCharge', 'TotalNig

# Drop the columns from the DataFrame
    corr_df = corr_matrix_columns.drop(columns=col_to_drop)

# Print the remaining columns in the DataFrame
    print(corr_df.columns)

# Confirm multicollinearity as been eliminated
    # Visualize the correlation matrix
    corr_matrix1 = corr_df.corr().round(2)

plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
    sns.heatmap(corr_matrix1, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
```

```
plt.title('Correlation Matrix After Dropping Columns')
  plt.show()
Index(['AccountLength', 'TotalDayMinutes', 'TotalDayCalls', 'TotalEveMinutes',
          'TotalEveCalls', 'TotalNightMinutes', 'TotalNightCalls',
          'TotalIntlMinutes', 'TotalIntlCalls', 'CustomerServiceCalls',
          'InternationalPlan_yes', 'VoiceMailPlan_yes'],
        dtype='object')
                                            Correlation Matrix After Dropping Columns
    AccountLength
   TotalDayMinutes
                                                                                                                - 0.8
     TotalDayCalls
   TotalEveMinutes
     TotalEveCalls
  TotalNightMinutes
    TotalNightCalls
                                                                                                                - 04
    TotalIntlMinutes
     TotalIntlCalls
                        -0.02
                                                                                                  -0.02
                                                                                                                 - 0.2
CustomerServiceCalls
                                                                     -0.02
InternationalPlan_yes
                                                      -0.03
                                                                     0.04
 VoiceMailPlan_yes
                                                                                                   VoiceMailPlan yes
```

We no longer have features that are highly correlated and we can proceed to create the baseline logistic regression model.

#### 4.1.2 Standardize the features columns

```
# Retain feature names and convert back to DataFrame
X_train = pd.DataFrame(X_train_standardized, columns=X_train.columns)
X_test = pd.DataFrame(X_test_standardized, columns=X_test.columns)
```

In [31]: # Display first five columns of the Standardized X\_train
X\_train.head()

| Out[31]: |   | AccountLength | TotalDayMinutes | TotalDayCalls | TotalEveMinutes | TotalEveCalls | TotalNig |
|----------|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
|          | 0 | -0.260348     | -1.953549       | 1.068323      | 1.796482        | -1.419285     |          |
|          | 1 | -2.030083     | -0.876027       | -0.348210     | 0.059342        | 0.042856      |          |
|          | 2 | -0.542480     | -2.439006       | -2.027065     | -0.005522       | -0.688215     |          |
|          | 3 | -0.234700     | -0.375340       | 0.438753      | 1.082977        | 2.183849      |          |
|          | 4 | 1.227255      | 1.259981        | 2.589785      | -1.696041       | 1.974972      |          |

5 rows × 62 columns

In [32]: # Display first five columns of the Standardized X\_test
X\_test.head()

Out[32]: AccountLength TotalDayMinutes TotalDayCalls TotalEveMinutes TotalEveCalls TotalNic 0 1.175958 0.037774 -0.977781 -0.567002 -0.531557 0.303915 -0.192580 1.952561 0.071503 0.878366 2 -0.362942 -0.712304 -1.502423 -0.960240 -0.270460 3 -0.003865 0.664107 1.383109 -0.522408 -0.949311 4 0.150025 -1.133033 2.170072 0.541768 2.027191

 $5 \text{ rows} \times 62 \text{ columns}$ 

In [33]: # Check the shape of the standardized X\_datasets
 print(f"The y\_train data set consists of {y\_train.shape[0]} rows")
 print(f"The X\_train data set consists of {X\_train.shape[0]} rows")
 print(f"The X\_train data set consists of {X\_train.shape[1]} columns\n")

 print(f"The y\_test data set consists of {y\_test.shape[0]} rows")
 print(f"The X\_test data set consists of {X\_test.shape[0]} rows")
 print(f"The X\_train data set consists of {X\_test.shape[1]} columns")

```
The y_train data set consists of 2097 rows
The X_train data set consists of 2097 rows
The X_train data set consists of 62 columns
The y_test data set consists of 700 rows
The X_test data set consists of 700 rows
The X_train data set consists of 62 columns
```

Both the training and test features have been standardized in order to make the model training and evaluation more reliable and effective. The two data sets have a 75.25 split.

### 4.2 Baseline Logistic Regression Model

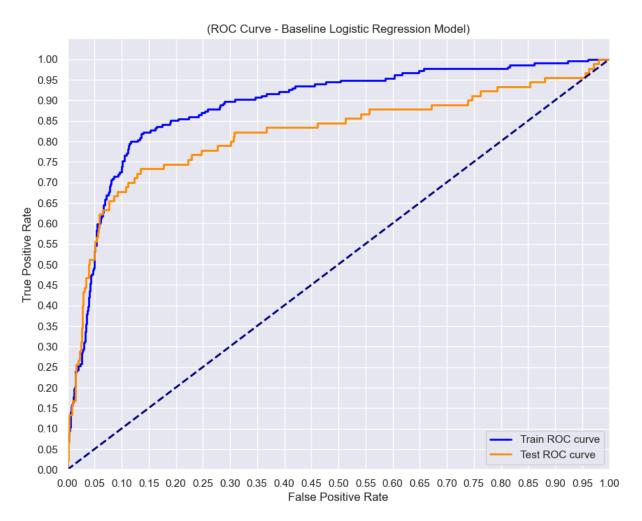
- Train and evaluate a Baseline Model using Accuracy score, the AUC (Area Under the Curve) and ROC (Receiver Operator Characteristic) Curve.
- Accuracy is a measure of how often the model gets the predictions right;
- AUC evaluates the ability of the model to differentiate between classes, across all
  possible threshold settings.
- The ROC Curve is a graph that helps us visualize how well a classification model distinguishes between 2 classes. The X-axis represents the False Positive Rate (FPR) while the Y-axis represents the True Positive Rate(TPR).
- A good model curves up towards the top=left corner, indicating high TPR and low FPR

## The same metrics will be used for all subsequent model iterations and the results compared

```
In [34]: # import the necessary libaries
         from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
         from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score,roc_curve,auc,roc_auc_score
         # Instantiate LogisticRegression
         logreg = LogisticRegression(fit_intercept=False, solver='liblinear',C=1e12)
         # Fit to training data
         base_log_model = logreg.fit(X_train,y_train)
         # Predict on train and test sets
         y_hat_train = logreg.predict(X_train)
         y_hat_test = logreg.predict (X_test)
         # Get Accuracy Score
         base_train_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_train,y_hat_train),2)
         base_test_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_test,y_hat_test),2)
         print(f"Training Accuracy: {base_train_accuracy}")
         print(f"Test Accuracy: {base_test_accuracy}")
         # Create the ROC Curve for both the train and test sets
         # Calculate the probability scores of each point for the train and test sets
         y_train_score = base_log_model.decision_function(X_train)
```

```
y_test_score = base_log_model.decision_function(X_test)
# Calculate the fpr, tpr, and thresholds for the train and test sets
train_fpr, train_tpr, train_thresholds = roc_curve(y_train,y_train_score)
test_fpr, test_tpr, test_thresholds = roc_curve(y_test,y_test_score)
# Print the AUC for the train and test sets
base_train_AUC = round(auc(train_fpr,train_tpr),2)
base test AUC = round(auc(test fpr, test tpr), 2)
print(f"Train AUC: {base_train_AUC}")
print(f"Test AUC: {base_test_AUC}")
# Plot the ROC curves for the train and test sets
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
lw = 2
plt.plot(train_fpr, train_tpr, color='blue',
         lw=lw, label='Train ROC curve')
plt.plot(test_fpr, test_tpr, color='darkorange',
         lw=lw, label='Test ROC curve')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=lw, linestyle='--')
plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
plt.yticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
plt.xticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('(ROC Curve - Baseline Logistic Regression Model)')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
```

Training Accuracy: 0.64
Test Accuracy: 0.57
Train AUC: 0.89
Test AUC: 0.82



#### 4.2.1 Evaluate the baseline model results

```
In [35]: # Data for the models
Metrics = ['Training Accuracy', 'Testing Accuracy', 'Train AUC', 'Test AUC']
base_scores = [base_train_accuracy,base_test_accuracy,base_train_AUC,base_test_AUC]
# Create a data Frame for the results
results_base = {'Metric':Metrics,'Score':base_scores}
base_model_metrics = pd.DataFrame(results_base)
base_model_metrics
```

| Out[35]: |   | Metric            | Score |
|----------|---|-------------------|-------|
|          | 0 | Training Accuracy | 0.64  |
|          | 1 | Testing Accuracy  | 0.57  |
|          | 2 | Train AUC         | 0.89  |
|          | 3 | Test AUC          | 0.82  |

• The high AUC scores compared to the lower accuracy scores suggest that while the model performs well in distinguishing between the classes, it's accuracy is low implying

the model's threshold for classification might not be optimal(accuracy is calculated on a fixed threshold, often 0.5)

- **Class Imbalance**: The significant discrepancy between accuracy and AUC scores could be due to class imbalance. The model might be predicting the majority class more often (misclassification of the minority class), leading to lower accuracy but still achieving high AUC because it gets the ranking of probabilities right.
- **Next Steps:** Addressing class imbalance and further tuning the model should help in improving both accuracy and AUC, leading to a more robust and reliable model.

#### 4.3 Handle Class Imbalance with SMOTE

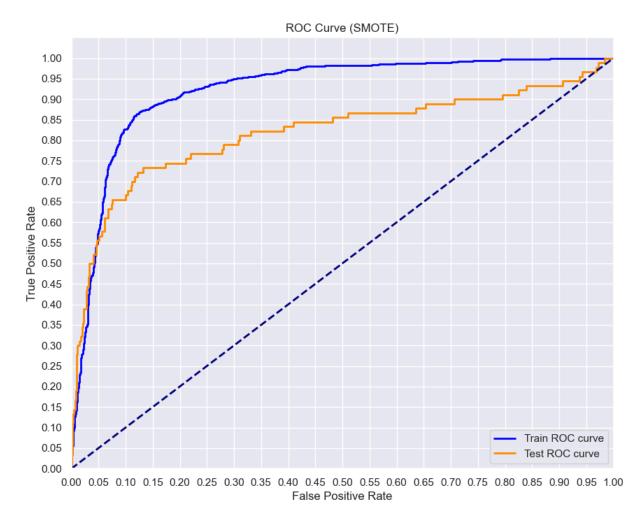
### 4.3.1 Compare the Classes Before and After SMOTE

```
In [36]: # Import the library
         from imblearn.over sampling import SMOTE
         # Compare the classes before and after SMOTE
         print('Original class distribution: \n')
         print(y.value_counts())
         # Instantiate SMOTE and fit into the training set
         smote = SMOTE()
         X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled = smote.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)
         # Preview synthetic sample class distribution
         print('----')
         print('SMOTE sample class distribution: \n')
         print(pd.Series(y_train_resampled).value_counts())
       Original class distribution:
       Churn
       0 2493
            304
       Name: count, dtype: int64
       SMOTE sample class distribution:
       Churn
           1883
            1883
       Name: count, dtype: int64
In [37]: # Get the shape of the resampled X_train and y_train
         print(f"X_train resampled has {X_train_resampled.shape[0]} rows and {X_train_resamp
         print(f"y train resampled has {y train resampled.shape[0]} rows")
       X_train resampled has 3766 rows and 62 columns
       y train resampled has 3766 rows
```

#### 4.3.2 Train and Evaluate Logistic Regression Model on Oversampled Data

```
In [38]: # Train Logistic regression model on oversampled data
         # Fit to training data
         smote log model = logreg.fit(X train resampled,y train resampled)
         # Predict on train and test sets
         y_hat_train = logreg.predict(X_train_resampled)
         y_hat_test = logreg.predict (X_test)
         # Get Accuracy Score
         smote_train_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_train_resampled, y_hat_train),2)
         smote_test_accuracy= round(accuracy_score(y_test, y_hat_test),2)
         print(f"Training Accuracy: {smote_train_accuracy}")
         print(f"Test Accuracy: {smote_test_accuracy}")
         # Calculate the probability scores of each point for the train and test sets
         y_train_score = smote_log_model.decision_function(X_train_resampled)
         y_test_score = smote_log_model.decision_function(X_test)
         # Calculate the fpr,tpr and thresholds for the train and test sets
         train_fpr, train_tpr, train_thresholds = roc_curve(y_train_resampled,y_train_score)
         test_fpr, test_tpr, test_thresholds = roc_curve(y_test,y_test_score)
         # Print the AUC for the train and test sets
         smote_train_AUC = round(auc(train_fpr, train_tpr),2)
         smote test AUC = round(auc(test fpr, test tpr),2)
         print(f"Train AUC: {smote train AUC}")
         print(f"Test AUC: {smote_test_AUC}")
         # Plot the ROC curves for the train and test sets
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
         1w = 2
         plt.plot(train_fpr, train_tpr, color='blue',
                  lw=lw, label='Train ROC curve')
         plt.plot(test_fpr, test_tpr, color='darkorange',
                  lw=lw, label='Test ROC curve')
         plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=lw, linestyle='--')
         plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
         plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
         plt.yticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
         plt.xticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
         plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
         plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
         plt.title('ROC Curve (SMOTE)')
         plt.legend(loc='lower right')
         plt.show()
        Training Accuracy: 0.78
```

Test Accuracy: 0.57
Train AUC: 0.92
Test AUC: 0.82



## 4.3.2 Compare the results of the baseline model with the oversampled SMOTE model

```
In [39]: # # Data for the models
smote_scores =[smote_train_accuracy,smote_test_accuracy,smote_train_AUC,smote_test_
results_base_smote = {
    'Metric':Metrics,
    'Baseline Model': base_scores,
    'Smote Model':smote_scores}

# Create a DataFrame
base_smote_metrics = pd.DataFrame(results_base_smote)
base_smote_metrics
```

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|---|---|----|-----------|---|-----|--|
|   |   |    |           |   |     |  |

|   | Metric            | Baseline Model | Smote Model |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 0 | Training Accuracy | 0.64           | 0.78        |
| 1 | Testing Accuracy  | 0.57           | 0.57        |
| 2 | Train AUC         | 0.89           | 0.92        |
| 3 | Test AUC          | 0.82           | 0.82        |

- **Training Improvement:** The model showed improved training accuracy and AUC after applying SMOTE, indicating better learning from the resampled data and improved discrimination power on the training set.
- **Testing Performance:** The testing accuracy and the test AUC remained relatively stable, suggesting that while the model became better at learning from the training data, it did not generalize as well to the test data.
- **Conclusion**: Potential overfitting due to the synthetic samples from SMOTE.
- **Next Steps:** Feature Selection, cross-validation, and Hyperparameter tuning techniques to further optimize model performance .

#### 4.4 Feature Selection with Random Forest

In this section, I will try to further optimize the model through feature selection using Random Forest.

- Train Random Forest to determine feature importances
- Select Top Features based on importances
- Retrain Logistic Regression Model Using Selected Features

#### 4.4.1 Train Random Forest to Determine Feature Importances

```
In [40]: # Import the Random Forest Clasifier
    from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

# Train a Random Forest Model to calculate feature importances
    rf_model = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
    rf_model.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)

# Get feature importances
    feature_importances = rf_model.feature_importances_
    importance_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature':X_train.columns,'Importance':feature_import

# Sort features by importance
    importance_df = importance_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False)
    importance_df.head(15)
```

Out[40]: Feature Importance

1 TotalDayMinutes 0.211605

10 InternationalPlan\_yes 0.160697

| 1  | TotalDayMinutes       | 0.211605 |
|----|-----------------------|----------|
| 10 | InternationalPlan_yes | 0.160697 |
| 3  | TotalEveMinutes       | 0.092069 |
| 11 | VoiceMailPlan_yes     | 0.083113 |
| 8  | TotalIntlCalls        | 0.058772 |
| 9  | CustomerServiceCalls  | 0.057164 |
| 5  | TotalNightMinutes     | 0.046437 |
| 7  | TotalIntlMinutes      | 0.038897 |
| 6  | TotalNightCalls       | 0.034758 |
| 2  | TotalDayCalls         | 0.034643 |
| 0  | AccountLength         | 0.031568 |
| 4  | TotalEveCalls         | 0.031147 |
| 60 | State_WV              | 0.009942 |
| 46 | State_OH              | 0.006656 |
| 42 | State_NJ              | 0.005887 |

- It is clear that the States have very little predictive power as they all appear below all the other features.
- I will model top features ranging from top 5 to top 20 and compare results

## 4.4.2 Select Top Features Based on Importances and evaluate their model results

```
In [41]: top_features_list = [5, 7,10,12,20]

# Define a function to evaluate models with different top features
def evaluate_model_with_top_features(top_features_count):
    top_features = importance_df['Feature'].head(top_features_count)
    X_train_top = X_train_resampled[top_features]
    X_test_top = X_test[top_features]

# Train Logistic Regression model
    logreg.fit(X_train_top, y_train_resampled)

# Calculate the probability scores of each point for the train and test sets
    y_train_score = logreg.decision_function(X_train_top)
    y_test_score = logreg.decision_function(X_test_top)

# Calculate accuracy
    y_train_pred = logreg.predict(X_train_top)
```

```
y_test_pred = logreg.predict(X_test_top)
   train accuracy = accuracy score(y train resampled, y train pred)
   test_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred)
   # Calculate ROC Curve
   train_fpr, train_tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_train_resampled, y_train_score)
   test_fpr, test_tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test, y_test_score)
   # Calculate AUC
   train_auc = auc(train_fpr, train_tpr)
   test_auc = auc(test_fpr, test_tpr)
   return {
        'top_features': top_features_count,
        'train_accuracy': round(train_accuracy,2),
        'test_accuracy': round(test_accuracy,2),
        'train_auc': round(train_auc,2),
        'test_auc': round(test_auc,2),
        'train_fpr': train_fpr,
        'train_tpr': train_tpr,
        'test_fpr': test_fpr,
        'test_tpr': test_tpr
   }
# Evaluate models
results = [evaluate_model_with_top_features(n) for n in top_features_list]
# Print results
for result in results:
   print(f"Top {result['top_features']} Features")
   print(f"Train Accuracy: {result['train_accuracy']}")
   print(f"Test Accuracy: {result['test_accuracy']}")
   print(f"Train AUC: {result['train_auc']}")
   print(f"Test AUC: {result['test_auc']}\n")
# Plot ROC Curves
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
for result in results:
   plt.plot(result['train_fpr'], result['train_tpr'], lw=2, label=f"Train ROC (Top
   plt.plot(result['test_fpr'], result['test_tpr'], lw=2, linestyle='--', label=f"
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=2, 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('ROC Curve with Different Top Features (SMOTE)')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
```

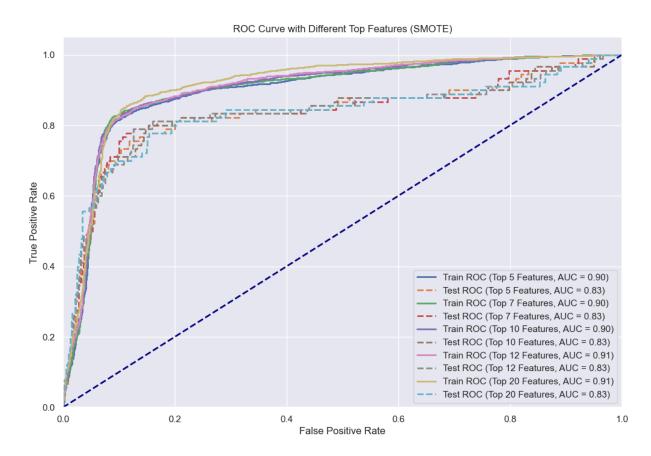
Top 5 Features Train Accuracy: 0.76 Test Accuracy: 0.58 Train AUC: 0.9 Test AUC: 0.83

Top 7 Features Train Accuracy: 0.76 Test Accuracy: 0.58 Train AUC: 0.9 Test AUC: 0.83

Top 10 Features
Train Accuracy: 0.76
Test Accuracy: 0.59
Train AUC: 0.9
Test AUC: 0.83

Top 12 Features
Train Accuracy: 0.77
Test Accuracy: 0.59
Train AUC: 0.91
Test AUC: 0.83

Top 20 Features
Train Accuracy: 0.78
Test Accuracy: 0.57
Train AUC: 0.91
Test AUC: 0.83



## 4.4.3 Compare the results of the features against Baseline and SMOTE models

Out[58]:

| 0 | Metric               | Baseline<br>Model | SMOTE<br>Model | Top 5<br>Features | Top 7<br>Features | Top 10<br>Features | Top 12<br>Features | Top 20<br>Features |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | Training<br>Accuracy | 0.64              | 0.78           | 0.77              | 0.76              | 0.76               | 0.77               | 0.78               |
| 1 | Testing<br>Accuracy  | 0.57              | 0.57           | 0.58              | 0.58              | 0.59               | 0.59               | 0.57               |
| 2 | Train AUC            | 0.89              | 0.92           | 0.90              | 0.90              | 0.90               | 0.91               | 0.91               |
| 3 | Test AUC             | 0.82              | 0.82           | 0.83              | 0.83              | 0.83               | 0.83               | 0.83               |

- Training Accuracy and AUC: Selected features show no improvements from the SMOTE model
- **Testing Performance:** Testing accuracy shows minor improvements with selected features.
- **Optimal Feature Selection:** Top 10 to 12 features offer a balance between improving model performance and avoiding overfitting. Adding more features while increasing model complexity doea not add much to model improvement.
- **Next Steps:** I will subset the features to the top 12 and then perform cross-validation to evaluate if the model is overfitting the training data, and Hyperparameter tuning to optimize the model.

## 4.4.3 Subset the X\_train\_resampled and X\_test\_resampled to the 12 top features

```
X_train_resampled= X_train_resampled[top_features_cols]
X_test = X_test[top_features_cols]

print(f"This X_train_resampled with top 12 best features data set consists of {X_trprint(f"This X_train_resampled with top 12 best features data set consists of {X_trprint(f"This X_test with top 12 best features data set consists of {X_test.shape[0]print(f"This X_test with top 12 best features data set consists of {X_test.shape[1]
```

This X\_train\_resampled with top 12 best features data set consists of 3766 rows
This X\_train\_resampled with top 12 best features data set consists of 12 columns

This X\_test with top 12 best features data set consists of 700 rows
This X\_test with top 12 best features data set consists of 12 columns

#### 4.5 Cross-Validation

I will now perform cross-validation to assess how the model generalizes to an independent dataset. I will use the SMOTE resampled data with the top 12 best features

```
In [44]: # Import the necessary library
         from sklearn.model_selection import cross_validate
         # Define the number of folds and scoring metric
         cv folds = 5
         scoring_metrics = {'accuracy':'accuracy', 'auc':'roc_auc'}
         # Perform cross-validation
         cv_results = cross_validate(logreg,X_train_resampled,y_train_resampled, cv=cv_folds
                     return_train_score=True)
         # Evaluate cross-validation
         # Evaluate cross-validation results with rounding print("Cross-Validation Results:"
         for metric in scoring metrics:
             train_scores = [round(score, 2) for score in cv_results['train_' + metric]]
             test_scores = [round(score, 2) for score in cv_results['test_' + metric]]
             mean train score = round(cv results['train ' + metric].mean(), 2)
             mean test_score = round(cv_results['test_' + metric].mean(), 2)
             std_train_score = round(cv_results['train_' + metric].std(), 2)
             std_test_score = round(cv_results['test_' + metric].std(), 2)
             print(f"{metric.capitalize()} - Train: {train_scores}")
             print(f"{metric.capitalize()} - Test: {test_scores}")
             print(f"Mean {metric.capitalize()} - Train: {mean_train_score}")
             print(f"Mean {metric.capitalize()} - Test: {mean_test_score}")
             print(f"Standard Deviation {metric.capitalize()} - Train: {std_train_score}")
             print(f"Standard Deviation {metric.capitalize()} - Test: {std_test_score}")
             print()
```

```
Accuracy - Train: [0.77, 0.76, 0.76, 0.77, 0.77]
Accuracy - Test: [0.75, 0.77, 0.78, 0.76, 0.76]
Mean Accuracy - Train: 0.77
Mean Accuracy - Test: 0.76
Standard Deviation Accuracy - Train: 0.0
Standard Deviation Accuracy - Test: 0.01

Auc - Train: [0.91, 0.9, 0.9, 0.91, 0.91]
Auc - Test: [0.88, 0.93, 0.92, 0.89, 0.91]
Mean Auc - Train: 0.91
Mean Auc - Test: 0.9
Standard Deviation Auc - Train: 0.0
Standard Deviation Auc - Test: 0.02
```

**Accuracy:** The training and testing accuracies are relatively close, indicating the model does not significantly overfit or underfit the data. However the slight testing accuracy variability indicates that the model's performance can vary based on the data split.

**AUC:** Both training and test AUC values are high, showing the model's strong ability to distinguish between classes. The train results are quite consistent across folds while the variability in testing AUC suggests the need for careful interpretation.

Overall the results show that the model performs well and generalizes effectively across different folds.

## 4.6 Hyperparameter Tuning

Hyperparameter tuning will further optimize the model and potentially reduce variability in performance. I will use GridSearchCV for tuning the following hyperparameters:

- max\_iter: This parameter specifies the maximum number of iterations taken for the solvers to converge. Our models so far have use 100, the default value.
- **C:** This is the inverse of the regularization strength; smaller values specify stronger regularization. Our models have used a very high value of C=1e12 (very small regularization). The default when not specified is 1.0.
- **solver:** This parameter determines the algorithm to use in the optimization problem. In our models, we ahave been using 'liblinear'. The default value when not specified is 'lbfgs'.
- **penalty:** This parameter specifies the norm of the penalty. Our models so far, have used the deafaul L2 norm which is the Ridge Regularization.

### 4.6.1 Tune the model to find the best hyperparameters

```
In [45]: # Import the necessary library
    from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

# Define the parameter grid
    param_grid = {
```

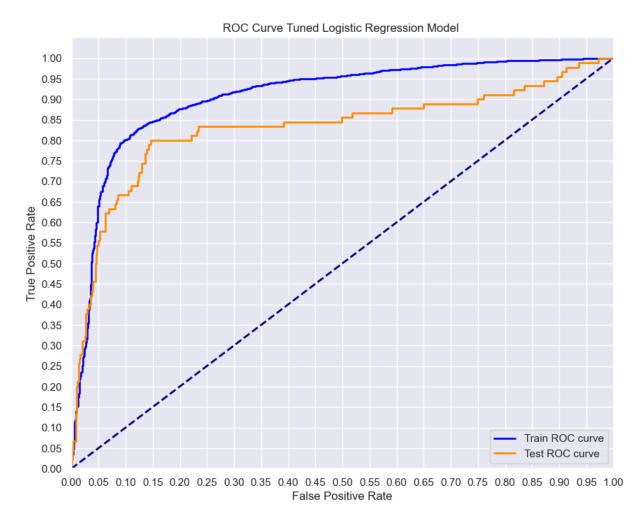
'C': [0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100],

```
'solver': ['newton-cg', 'lbfgs', 'liblinear', 'sag', 'saga'],
              'penalty': ['12'],
              'fit_intercept':[True, False],
              'max_iter': [100,200,300,500,1000]}
         # Initialize GridSearchCV with scoring metrics
         grid_search = GridSearchCV(LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000, random_state=42), para
                        cv=5, scoring=['accuracy', 'roc_auc'], refit='roc_auc', return_train_
         # Fit the model
         grid_search.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)
         # Evaluate the results
         best params = grid search.best params
         best_score = grid_search.best_score_
         print("Best Hyperparameters:", best_params)
         print("Best AUC Score from Cross-Validation:", best_score)
         # Get results for both metrics
         results_df = pd.DataFrame(grid_search.cv_results_)
         accuracy_scores = results_df[results_df['mean_test_accuracy'].notnull()][['mean_test_accuracy'].notnull()]
         print("Grid Search Results for Accuracy and AUC:")
         print(accuracy_scores)
        Best Hyperparameters: {'C': 1, 'fit_intercept': True, 'max_iter': 100, 'penalty': 'l
        2', 'solver': 'saga'}
        Best AUC Score from Cross-Validation: 0.9062361612457848
        Grid Search Results for Accuracy and AUC:
             mean_test_accuracy mean_test_roc_auc
        0
                       0.844404
                                           0.906032
        1
                       0.844404
                                           0.906032
        2
                       0.839891
                                           0.905763
        3
                       0.844404
                                           0.906036
        4
                       0.844404
                                           0.906035
                       0.764742
                                           0.903824
        245
        246
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                                           0.903824
        247
                       0.764742
                                           0.903823
        248
                       0.764742
                                           0.903820
        249
                       0.764742
                                           0.903821
        [250 rows x 2 columns]
In [46]: # Best Hyperparameters
         best_params
Out[46]: {'C': 1,
           'fit_intercept': True,
           'max iter': 100,
           'penalty': '12',
           'solver': 'saga'}
```

## 4.6.2 Retrain the model with the best parameters

```
In [47]: # Retrain the model with the best parameters
         best_model = LogisticRegression(random_state=42, **best_params)
         best_model.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)
         # Predict on train and test sets
         y_hat_train = best_model.predict(X_train_resampled)
         y_hat_test = best_model.predict(X_test)
         # Get Accuracy Score
         tuned_train_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_train_resampled, y_hat_train), 2)
         tuned_test_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_test, y_hat_test), 2)
         print(f"Training Accuracy: {tuned_train_accuracy}")
         print(f"Test Accuracy: {tuned_test_accuracy}")
         # Calculate the probability scores of each point for the train and test sets
         y_train_score = best_model.decision_function(X_train_resampled)
         y_test_score = best_model.decision_function(X_test)
         # Calculate the fpr, tpr and thresholds for the train and test sets
         train_fpr, train_tpr, train_thresholds = roc_curve(y_train_resampled, y_train_score
         test_fpr, test_tpr, test_thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_test_score)
         # Print the AUC for the train and test sets
         tuned_train_AUC = round(auc(train_fpr, train_tpr), 2)
         tuned_test_AUC = round(auc(test_fpr, test_tpr), 2)
         print(f"Train AUC: {tuned train AUC}")
         print(f"Test AUC: {tuned test AUC}")
         # Plot the ROC curve
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
         1w = 2
         plt.plot(train_fpr, train_tpr, color='blue', lw=lw, label='Train ROC curve')
         plt.plot(test_fpr, test_tpr, color='darkorange', lw=lw, label='Test ROC curve')
         plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=lw, linestyle='--')
         plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
         plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
         plt.yticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
         plt.xticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
         plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
         plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
         plt.title('ROC Curve Tuned Logistic Regression Model ')
         plt.legend(loc='lower right')
         plt.savefig('ROC Curve Optimized Logistis Regression')
         plt.show()
```

Training Accuracy: 0.85
Test Accuracy: 0.84
Train AUC: 0.91
Test AUC: 0.83



# 4.6.3 Analyze the hyperparameter Tuning Results

I will compare the Hyperparameter Tuned Model (with only the top 12 features), with the SMOTE resampled model and the Baseline Model

```
In [48]: # Data for the models
    tuned_scores = [tuned_train_accuracy,tuned_test_accuracy,tuned_train_AUC,tuned_test
    results_base_smote_tuned = {
        'Metric':Metrics,
        'Baseline Model': base_scores,
        'Smote Model':smote_scores,
        'Hyperparameter Tuned Model':tuned_scores
    }
    three_models_analysis_df= pd.DataFrame(results_base_smote_tuned)
    three_models_analysis_df
```

| Out[48]: | Metric |                   | Baseline Model Smote Model |      | Hyperparameter Tuned Model |  |
|----------|--------|-------------------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------|--|
|          | 0      | Training Accuracy | 0.64                       | 0.78 | 0.85                       |  |
|          | 1      | Testing Accuracy  | 0.57                       | 0.57 | 0.84                       |  |
|          | 2      | Train AUC         | 0.89                       | 0.92 | 0.91                       |  |
|          | 3      | Test AUC          | 0.82                       | 0.82 | 0.83                       |  |

- All metrics improved after (except for slight decrease in train AUC) hyperparameter tuning, which suggests that the tuning process successfully enhanced the model's performance.
- Both the testing accuracy and test AUC improvements indicate better generalization to new data, reducing the risk of overfitting.
- The improvements are consistent accross both training and testing datasets, which is a positive sign that the model's enhancements are not just resticted to training data
- Hyperparameter tuning has greatly enhanced the models accuracy
- **Next Steps** Train a different algorithm to assess the model performance against the best Logistic Regression Model- the Hyperparameter tuned Model.

# A Different Modeling Algorithm - Decision Tree, Random Forest

In the next section I will model the following:-

- Baseline Decision Tree
- Hyperparameter Tuned Decision Tree
- Random Forest Ensemble Model

These 3 model results will be compared with those of the best performing Logistic Regression Model - The Hyperparameter Tuned Model.

### 4. 7 Baseline Decision Tree

```
In [49]: from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier

# Initialize the Decision Tree Classifier
dt_clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)

# Fit the model on the SMOTE-resampled training data
dt_clf.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)

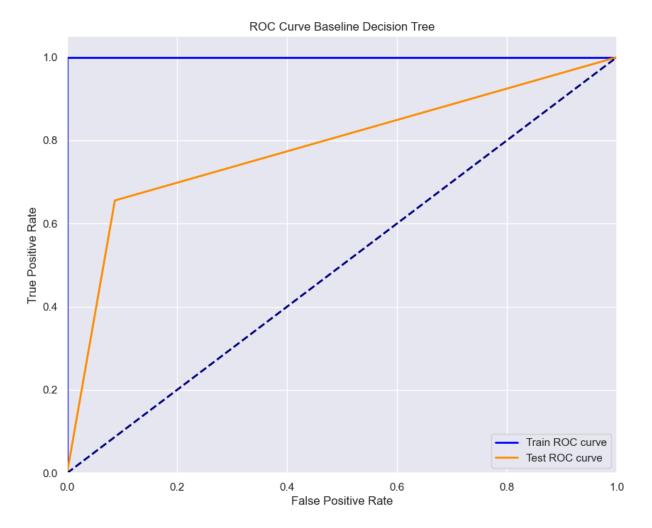
# Predict on the resampled training and testing sets
y_hat_train = dt_clf.predict(X_train_resampled)
y_hat_test = dt_clf.predict(X_test)

# Get accuracy scores
```

```
basedt_train_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_train_resampled, y_hat_train), 2)
basedt_test_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_test, y_hat_test), 2)
print('Training Accuracy:', basedt_train_accuracy)
print('Testing Accuracy:', basedt_test_accuracy)
# Calculate the probability scores for the ROC curve
y_train_prob = dt_clf.predict_proba(X_train_resampled)[:, 1]
y_test_prob = dt_clf.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
# Calculate the fpr, tpr, and thresholds for the ROC curve
train_fpr, train_tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_train_resampled, y_train_prob)
test_fpr, test_tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test, y_test_prob)
# Calculate the AUC scores
basedt train_AUC = round(auc(train_fpr, train_tpr), 2)
basedt_test_AUC = round(auc(test_fpr, test_tpr), 2)
print('Train AUC:', basedt_train_AUC)
print('Test AUC:', basedt_test_AUC)
# Plot the ROC curves for the train and test sets
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
lw = 2
plt.plot(train_fpr, train_tpr, color='blue', lw=lw, label='Train ROC curve')
plt.plot(test_fpr, test_tpr, color='darkorange', lw=lw, label='Test ROC curve')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=lw, 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('ROC Curve Baseline Decision Tree')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
```

Training Accuracy: 1.0 Testing Accuracy: 0.88

Train AUC: 1.0 Test AUC: 0.78



# 4.7.1 Analyze the Baseline Decision Tree Model against the Tuned Logistics Model

```
In [50]: # Data for the models
basedt_scores = [basedt_train_accuracy,basedt_test_accuracy,basedt_train_AUC,basedt
results_bestlog_basedt = {
    'Metric':Metrics,
    'Best Logistic Model':tuned_scores,
    'Baseline Decision Tree Model': basedt_scores
}
log_dt_analysis_df= pd.DataFrame(results_bestlog_basedt)
log_dt_analysis_df
```

| Out[50]: |   | Metric            | Best Logistic Model | <b>Baseline Decision Tree Model</b> |
|----------|---|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
|          | 0 | Training Accuracy | 0.85                | 1.00                                |
|          | 1 | Testing Accuracy  | 0.84                | 0.88                                |
|          | 2 | Train AUC         | 0.91                | 1.00                                |
|          | 3 | Test AUC          | 0.83                | 0.78                                |

• **Overfitting:** The Baseline Decision Tree model shows signs of overfitting with perfect training metrics but much lower test metrics.

- Generalization: The Hyperparameter Tuned model, while having lower training and testing accuracies, demonstrates better generalization capability. The test scores do not vary too much from the training scores.
- **Balanced Performance:** The Hyperparameter Tuned model balances bias and variance better, resulting in more consistent and reliable performance across different datasets.
- Next Steps: Prune the Decision Tree to improve performance using RandomizedSearchCV.

### 4.8 Pruned Decision Tree

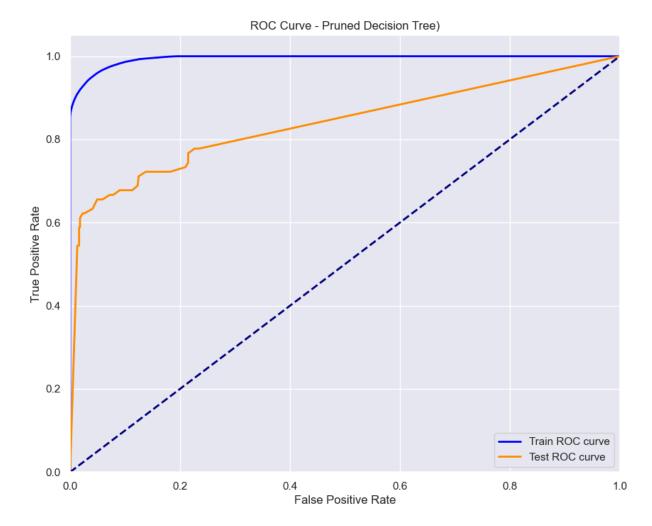
I will prune the following parameters to get the best Decision Tree Model using **RandomizedSearchCV**:

- min\_samples\_split: The minimum number of samples required to split an internal node.

  Default is 2.
- min\_samples\_leaf: The minimum number of samples required to be at a leaf node. A
  split point at any depth will only be considered if it leaves at least min\_samples\_leaf
  training samples in each of the left and right branches. Default is 1
- max\_depth: The maximum depth of a tree. If None, the nodes are expanded until all leaves are pure or until leaves contain less than min\_samples\_split samples
- **criterion:** This function measures the quality of a split. The default is 'gini' for the Gini impurity and 'entropy' for the information gain.

```
In [51]:
         from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
         import warnings
         # Suppress warnings
         warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
         # Define the hyperparameters for tuning the Decision Tree
         param grid = {
             'max_depth': [3, 5, 7, 10, 15, None],
             'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10, 15, 20],
             'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10],
             'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy']}
         # Initialize the Decision Tree Classifier
         dt_clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
         # Use RandomizedSearchCV to search over the defined parameter grid
         random_search = RandomizedSearchCV(dt_clf, param_distributions=param_grid, n iter=1
                                             scoring='roc_auc', n_jobs=-1, random_state=42)
```

```
# Fit RandomizedSearchCV to the SMOTE-resampled training data
 random_search.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)
 # Evaluate the Best Model
 best_dt_model = random_search.best_estimator_
 print("Best Parameters:", random_search.best_params_)
 print("Best AUC Score from Cross-Validation:", random_search.best_score_)
 # Predict on the resampled training and testing sets
 y_hat_train = best_dt_model.predict(X_train_resampled)
 y_hat_test = best_dt_model.predict(X_test)
 # Get accuracy scores
 prunedt_train_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_train_resampled, y_hat_train), 2)
 prunedt test accuracy = round(accuracy score(y test, y hat test), 2)
 print('Training Accuracy:', prunedt_train_accuracy)
 print('Testing Accuracy:', prunedt_test_accuracy)
 # Calculate the probability scores for the ROC curve
 y_train_prob = best_dt_model.predict_proba(X_train_resampled)[:, 1]
 y_test_prob = best_dt_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
 # Calculate the fpr, tpr, and thresholds for the ROC curve
 train_fpr, train_tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_train_resampled, y_train_prob)
 test_fpr, test_tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test, y_test_prob)
 # Calculate the AUC scores
 prunedt_train_AUC = round(auc(train_fpr, train_tpr), 2)
 prunedt_test_AUC = round(auc(test_fpr, test_tpr), 2)
 print('Train AUC:', prunedt_train_AUC)
 print('Test AUC:', prunedt_test_AUC)
 # Plot the ROC curves for the train and test sets
 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
 1w = 2
 plt.plot(train_fpr, train_tpr, color='blue', lw=lw, label='Train ROC curve')
 plt.plot(test_fpr, test_tpr, color='darkorange', lw=lw, label='Test ROC curve')
 plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=lw, 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('ROC Curve - Pruned Decision Tree)')
 plt.legend(loc='lower right')
 plt.savefig('ROC_Curve_Optimized_Decision_Tree')
 plt.show()
Best Parameters: {'min_samples_split': 5, 'min_samples_leaf': 10, 'max_depth': None,
'criterion': 'entropy'}
Best AUC Score from Cross-Validation: 0.9604472817097683
Training Accuracy: 0.96
Testing Accuracy: 0.9
Train AUC: 0.99
Test AUC: 0.84
```



# 4.8.1 Anlalyze the Pruned Decision Tree Model against the Baseline Decision Tree and Hyperparameter Tuned Logistics Model

```
In [52]: # Data for the models
prunedt_scores = [prunedt_train_accuracy,prunedt_test_accuracy,prunedt_train_AUC,pr
results_bestlog_basedt_prunedt = {
    'Metric':Metrics,
    'Best Logistic Model':tuned_scores,
    'Baseline Decision Tree Model': basedt_scores,
    'Pruned Decision Tree Model':prunedt_scores
}
log_dt_prune_analysis_df= pd.DataFrame(results_bestlog_basedt_prunedt)
log_dt_prune_analysis_df
```

Out[52]:

|   | Metric               | Best Logistic<br>Model | Baseline Decision Tree<br>Model | Pruned Decision Tree<br>Model |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Training<br>Accuracy | 0.85                   | 1.00                            | 0.96                          |
| 1 | Testing<br>Accuracy  | 0.84                   | 0.88                            | 0.90                          |
| 2 | Train AUC            | 0.91                   | 1.00                            | 0.99                          |
| 3 | Test AUC             | 0.83                   | 0.78                            | 0.84                          |

- **Baseline Decision Tree:** Exhibits overfitting with perfect training metrics but lower test performance.
- Pruned Decision Tree: Balances the trade-off between bias and variance well, achieving high test accuracy and AUC, indicating better generalization.
- **Hyperparameter Tuned Decision Tree:** Avoids overfitting, with reasonable training and test performance, making it a reliable but not the best choice.
- **Conclusion:** Among the three models, the Pruned Decision Tree stands out with the best generalization ability and highest test performance.
- Next Steps: Perform a parameter grid search for the Random Forest Ensemble Model using RandomizedSearchCV

## 4.8 Random Forest Ensemble Model

I will tune the following parameters to get the best possible hyperparameters to optimize the Random Forest Ensemble Model:

- n\_estimators: This refers to the number of trees the model will build during training.
   More trees improves the model's accuracy but it can lead to overfitting and increase in computational time.
- min\_samples\_split: The minimum number of samples required to split an internal node.
   Default is 2.
- min\_samples\_leaf: The minimum number of samples required to be at a leaf node. A
  split point at any depth will only be considered if it leaves at least min\_samples\_leaf
  training samples in each of the left and right branches. Default is 1
- max\_features: Controls the number of features considered when splitting a node. This may help with overfitting.
- max\_depth: The maximum depth of a tree. If None, the nodes are expanded until all leaves are pure or until leaves contain less than min\_samples\_split samples

• **criterion:** This function measures the quality of a split. The default is 'gini' for the Gini impurity and 'entropy' for the information gain.

# 4.8.1 Finding the the best parameters

```
In [53]: # Import necessary libraries
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
         from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
         import warnings
         warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
         # Define the hyperparameters for tuning the Random Forest
         param_grid = {
             'n_estimators': [10, 20, 100,200],
             'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
             'max_depth': [None, 3, 5, 7,10, 15, 20],
             'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10,15,20],
             'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4,6,8,10],
             'max_features': ['auto', 'sqrt', 'log2']
         # Initialize the Random Forest Classifier
         rf clf = RandomForestClassifier(random state=42)
         # Use RandomizedSearchCV to search over the defined parameter grid
         random_search = RandomizedSearchCV(rf_clf, param_distributions=param_grid, n_iter=1
                                            scoring='roc_auc', n_jobs=-1, random_state=42)
         # Fit RandomizedSearchCV to the training data
         random_search.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)
         # Evaluate the Best Model
         best_rf_model = random_search.best_estimator_
         print("Best Parameters:", random_search.best_params_)
         print("Best AUC Score from Cross-Validation:", random_search.best_score_)
        Best Parameters: {'n_estimators': 100, 'min_samples_split': 5, 'min_samples_leaf':
        1, 'max features': 'sqrt', 'max depth': 15, 'criterion': 'gini'}
        Best AUC Score from Cross-Validation: 0.9906100211929137
```

# 4.8.2 Retrain the model with the best parameters

```
In [54]: # Predict on train and test sets
    y_hat_train = best_rf_model.predict(X_train_resampled)
    y_hat_test = best_rf_model.predict(X_test)

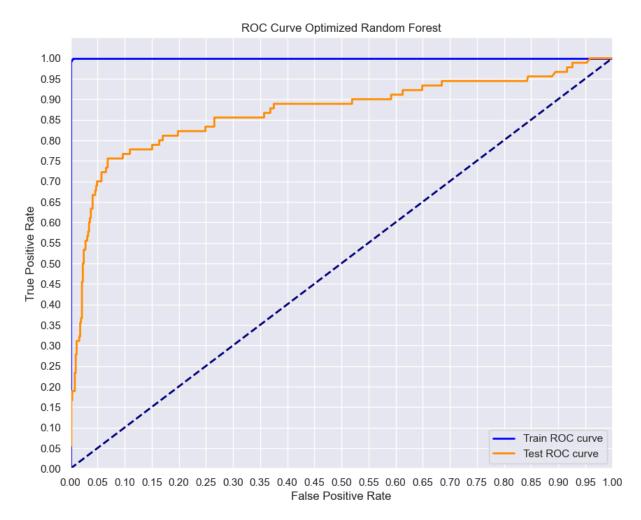
# Get Accuracy Score
    rf_train_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_train_resampled, y_hat_train), 2)
    rf_test_accuracy = round(accuracy_score(y_test, y_hat_test), 2)
    print('Training Accuracy:', rf_train_accuracy)
    print('Testing Accuracy:', rf_test_accuracy)

# Calculate the probability scores of each point for the train and test sets
    y_train_score_tree = best_rf_model.predict_proba(X_train_resampled)[:,1]
```

```
y_train_pred = best_rf_model.predict(X_train_resampled)
y_test_score_tree = best_rf_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:,1]
y_test_pred = best_rf_model.predict(X_test)
# Calculate the fpr, tpr and thresholds for the train and test sets
train_fpr, train_tpr, train_thresholds = roc_curve(y_train_resampled,y_train_score_
test_fpr, test_tpr, test_thresholds = roc_curve(y_test,y_test_score_tree)
# Print the AUC for the train and test sets
rf_train_AUC = round(auc(train_fpr, train_tpr), 2)
rf_test_AUC = round(auc(test_fpr, test_tpr), 2)
print('Train AUC:', rf_train_AUC)
print('Test AUC:', rf_test_AUC)
# Plot the ROC curve
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
lw = 2
plt.plot(train_fpr, train_tpr, color='blue',
         lw=lw, label='Train ROC curve')
plt.plot(test_fpr, test_tpr, color='darkorange',
         lw=lw, label='Test ROC curve')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=lw, linestyle='--')
plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
plt.yticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
plt.xticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('ROC Curve Optimized Random Forest')
plt.savefig('ROC_Curve_Optimized_Random_Forest')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
```

Training Accuracy: 1.0 Testing Accuracy: 0.92

Train AUC: 1.0 Test AUC: 0.87



# 4.8.3 Analyze the Random Forest Model against Pruned Decision Tree and the Tuned Logistic Regression Model

```
In [55]: # Data for the models
    rf_scores = [rf_train_accuracy,rf_test_accuracy,rf_train_AUC,rf_test_AUC]
    best_log_dt_rf = {
        'Metric':Metrics,
        'Best Logistic Model':tuned_scores,
        'Pruned Decision Tree Model':prunedt_scores,
        'Random Forest Ensemble Model':rf_scores
    }
    log_dt_rf_analysis = pd.DataFrame(best_log_dt_rf)
    log_dt_rf_analysis
```

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|--|
|    |   | - |   |   | - |  |

|   | Metric               | Best Logistic<br>Model | Pruned Decision Tree<br>Model | Random Forest Ensemble<br>Model |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0 | Training<br>Accuracy | 0.85                   | 0.96                          | 1.00                            |
| 1 | Testing<br>Accuracy  | 0.84                   | 0.90                          | 0.92                            |
| 2 | Train AUC            | 0.91                   | 0.99                          | 1.00                            |
| 3 | Test AUC             | 0.83                   | 0.84                          | 0.87                            |

```
In [56]: # Create a markdown table for README Summary
!pip install tabulate

from tabulate import tabulate

# Convert DataFrame to Markdown table
markdown_table = tabulate(log_dt_rf_analysis, headers='keys', tablefmt='pipe', show
print(markdown_table)
```

| :                 | - | :    | :    |
|-------------------|---|------|------|
|                   | : | ·    | ·    |
| Training Accuracy |   | 0.85 | 0.96 |
| 1                 |   |      |      |
| Testing Accuracy  |   | 0.84 | 0.9  |
| 0.92              |   |      |      |
| Train AUC         |   | 0.91 | 0.99 |
| 1                 |   |      |      |
| Test AUC          |   | 0.83 | 0.84 |
| 0.87              |   |      |      |

#### Logistic Regression Hyperparameter Tuned Model:

- Both training and testing accuracy are close (0.85 and 0.84), which indicates the model generalizes well to unseen data and has a balanced performance.
- The Train and Test AUC scores (0.91 and 0.83) show that the model has good discriminative power without overfitting.
- Logistic Regression has a consistent performance between training and testing, reflecting a balanced model.

#### • Decision Tree Pruned Model:

- The Training Accuracy and Train AUC are 0.96 and 0.99, indicating the model fits the training data very well.
- The Testing Accuracy (0.90) is higher than the Best Logistics Model and Test AUC (0.84) is also higher. This model also shows good generalizing on the test data.

#### • Random Forest Emsemble Model:

- This model has perfect scores on both The Training and Test AUC.
- It also exhibits high accuracy and AUC, scores on the testing data, showing that it also generalizes well on unseen data. This model has the best metrics.

#### Conclusion

The **Random Forest Ensemble** model outperforms all the other model terms of accuracy and AUC on both the training and test sets. Though it has perfect training scores, it still has very good testing scores, which is an indication of a good generalization to unseen data. The Random Forest Ensemble model is the best model, from my analysis of the 3 models.

# 5.0 Summary and Recomendations

### 5.1 Predictive power of the Data Set

The provided historical data indeed has predictive power in determing customer churn. The Hyperparameter tuned Logistic regression model, the Pruned Decision Tree Model and the Random Forest Ensemble Model have shown the ability to predict churn with high to very high accuracy and AUC scores.

Accuracy is a measure of how often the model gets the prediction right, and in this case measures how often the model correctly predicts whether a customer will churn or not. A test accuracy score of 0.92 from the best Random Forest Ensemble Model means that our model was able to predict correctly 92% of the time.

AUC evaluates the ability of the model to differentiate between customers who churn and those who don't, across all possible threshold settings - ranging from conservative (label fewer ccustomers as churners) to more aggressive (label more customers as churners). An AUC of 0.5 means the model is no better than random guessing while an AUC of 1.0 means the model perfectly distinguishes between churners and non-churners. The test AUC of 0.85 from the best model means that there is an 85% chance that the model will correctly rank a randomly chosen churner higher than a randomly chosen non-churner.

## 5.2 Feature Importance

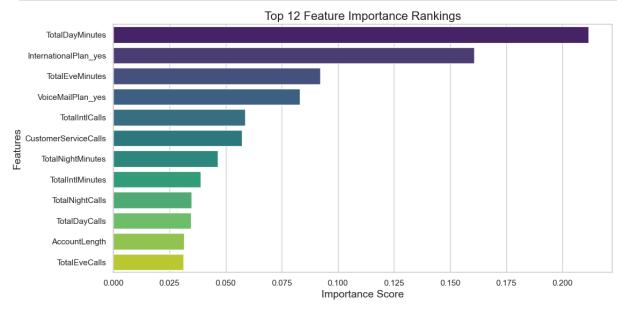
The top-12 features and their importance are detailed in the barplot below.

```
In [57]: importance_df = importance_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False).head(12
# Set the plot style
sns.set(style="whitegrid")
# Create a barplot for the top 12 features
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
```

```
sns.barplot(x='Importance', y='Feature', data=importance_df, palette="viridis")

# Add title and Labels
plt.title('Top 12 Feature Importance Rankings', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Importance Score', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Features', fontsize=14)

# Show the plot
plt.savefig('Feature_Importance_Rankings')
plt.show()
```



# 6.2.1 Actionable Insights from feature importance

- Customers with high usage as indicated by Total Day Minutes and Total Evening Minutes are at a higher risk of churn. The usage patterns during the day give the highest predictive power.
- Premium customers indicated by enrolment into the International Call Plan also has significant impact on churn. Voice Mail Plan enrolment also has a strong impact.
- Customer Service Calls also have an impact on churn, meaning a customer calling customer service more is more likely to churn.
- The frequency or number of calls as indicated by the number of calls also has an impact, though to a lower extent that the actual time spent on the call.

SyriaTel should closely watch customers with high usage, and those who enroll into premium services. From the data analysis and modeling, these factors have a high impact on churn. Customer care calls and complaints should also be followed through to ensure customers' issues are resolved to avoid the risk of churn.

# 5.3 Model Selection and Optimization

 Random Forest Ensemble Model: Given its high performance on test data, it is recommended for deployment on future company data.

• **Feature Selection** Focus on the most impactful features identified above to reduce the complexity of the model and make it more effective and efficient. Drop less impact features like State.

 Model Updates Regularly update the model with new data to maintain accuracy and adapt to any changes in customer behavior.

While both the pruned Decision Tree Model and the Random Forest Model show good results, the Random Forest Model has better metrics and should be deployed on SyriaTel unseen customers' data to predict churn. However, the model should be revised by training on new data periodically. This will help in adapting the model to any changes in customer behavior. These updates may result in a new choice of model selection.

# 5.4 Proposed Retention Strategies based on the model results

- Proactive Engagement: Regularly check in with high-usage customers and premium customers (those enrolled into International and Voice Mail plans) to address any potential issues and enhance their experience.
- **Personalized Offers:** Provide targeted offers and discounts to high-risk customers based on their usage patterns and preferences.
- **Customer Service Improvement:** Analyze customer service interactions to identify common pain points and address them promptly.