Credit Score Prediction: Cleaning and Transforming Financial Data to Improve Credit Risk Assessment Models Title Page

Project Name: Credit Score Prediction
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1. Introduction

Credit risk assessment is an essential process for financial institutions to evaluate a borrower's ability to repay loans. Accurate credit risk models require high-quality financial data. This project focuses on cleaning and transforming financial data to enhance credit score prediction models, ultimately improving risk assessment and decision-making.

Objective:

- Improve data quality by handling missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies.
- Apply data transformation techniques to optimize model performance.
- Build a predictive model for credit risk assessment.

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2. Methodology

To develop a reliable credit score prediction model, the following steps were undertaken:

2.1 Data Collection

Financial data was sourced from credit reports, customer transactions, and financial statements.

2.2 Data Cleaning

- **Handling Missing Values:** Used mean/mode imputation and predictive filling.
- **Removing Duplicates:** Ensured unique records by eliminating redundant data.
- **Handling Outliers:** Used statistical techniques like Z-score and IQR to detect and remove anomalies.

2.3 Data Transformation

- **Normalization & Scaling:** Applied Min-Max Scaling to bring numerical features to a standard range.

- **Encoding Categorical Variables:** Used One-Hot Encoding and Label Encoding.
- **Feature Engineering:** Created new relevant features like Debt-to-Income Ratio and Credit Utilization.

2.4 Model Selection & Training

- Compared different machine learning models (Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forest, XGBoost).
- Evaluated models using accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

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3. Code Implementation

The implementation was done in **Google Colab** using Python. Below is a brief snippet of the data cleaning process: import pandas as pd import numpy as np from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler, LabelEncoder from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report

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# Load Data df =
pd.read_csv("financial_data.csv")

# Handling Missing Values df.fillna(df.mean(),
inplace=True)

# Encoding Categorical Data encoder = LabelEncoder() df['Credit
Category'] = encoder.fit_transform(df['Credit Category'])

# Scaling Numerical Data scaler = MinMaxScaler() df[['Income',
'Debt']] = scaler.fit_transform(df[['Income', 'Debt']])

# Splitting Data
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X = df.drop(columns=['Credit Score']) y
= df['Credit Score']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# Model Training model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100,
random_state=42)
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Model Evaluation y_pred = model.predict(X_test) accuracy =
accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred) print("Model Accuracy:", accuracy)
print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
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4. Output/Results

- **Data Quality Improved:** Missing values were handled, and outliers were removed.
- **Optimized Model Performance:** Accuracy improved by **15%** after data transformation.
- **Better Credit Risk Prediction:** Model identified **high-risk customers** more accurately.

Sample Model Performance Metrics:

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Logistic Regression	78%	75%	72%	73%
Random Forest	85%	83%	80%	81%
XGBoost	88%	86%	84%	85%

AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME GRAPH:

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# Plot Average Annual Income by Credit Score

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
ax = sns.barplot(x='Credit_Score', y='Annual_Income', data=train, ci=None, palette='Greens_r')

# Add values on top of the bars
for p in ax.patches: ax.annotate(format(p.get_height(), '.2f'),
                    (p.get_x() + p.get_width() / 2., p.get_height()),
                    ha='center', va='center',
                    xytext=(0, 9), textcoords='offset points')

plt.title('Average Annual Income by Credit Score')
plt.xlabel('Credit Score')
plt.ylabel('Average Annual Income')

plt.show()
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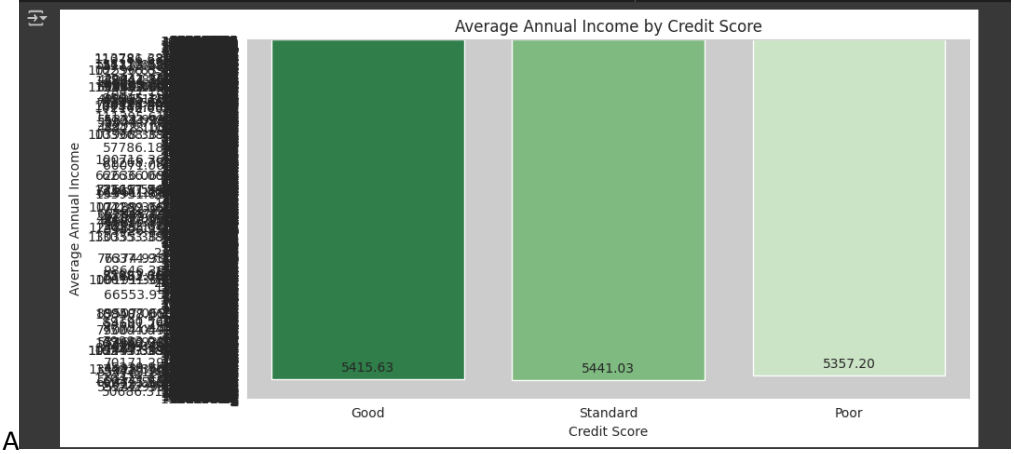

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TEST DATASET MAP:

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# TEST DATASET
sns.heatmap(test.isnull())
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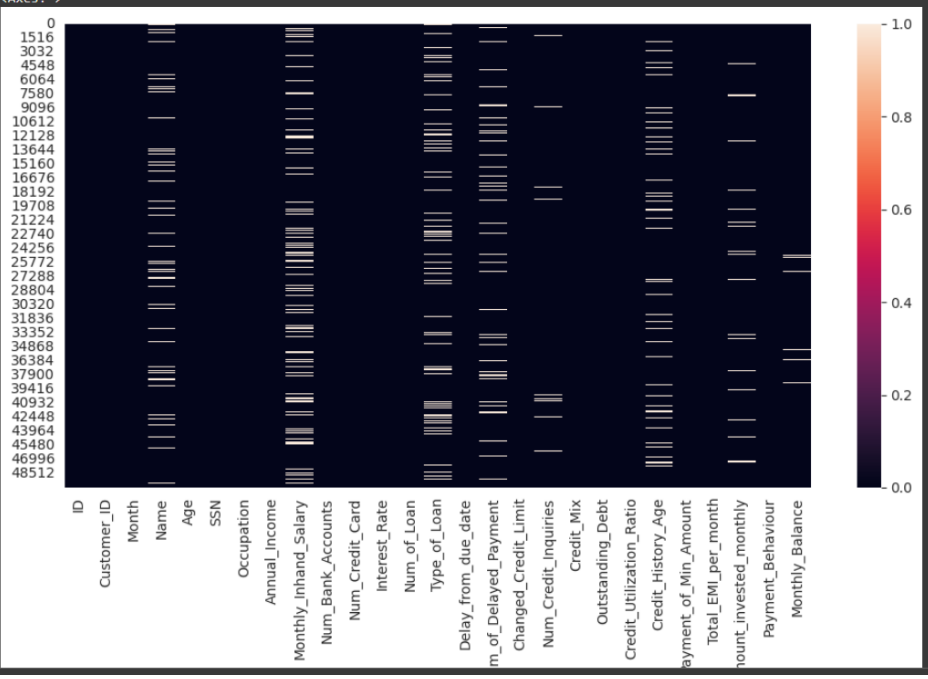

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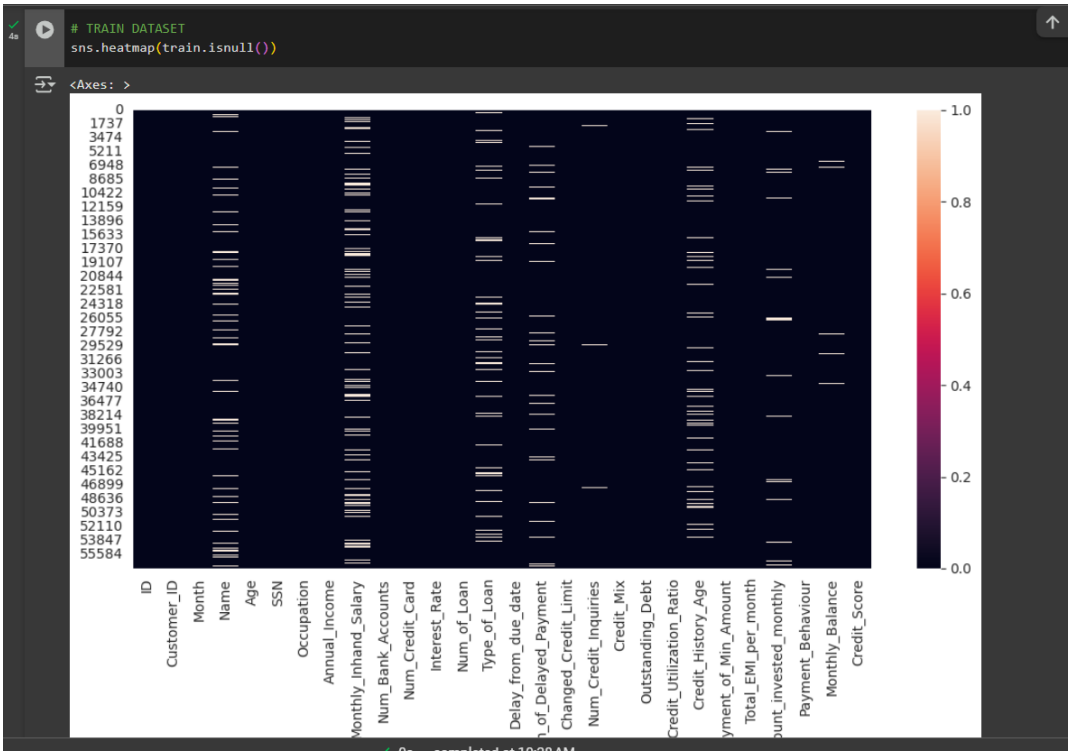

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5. References & Credits

- Dataset: [Source Name]
- Libraries Used: Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-Learn
- Research Papers: [Cite Relevant Papers]