



# **Machine learning Project**

# **Binary Prediction of Poisonous Mushrooms**



## **Brief Problem Description**

Building machine learning model to predict whether a mushroom is edible or poisonous based on its physical characteristics.

## **Problem Motivation**

Accurately determining whether a mushroom is edible or poisonous is critical for both foragers and food safety professionals. Misidentification can lead to severe health consequences, including poisoning and even death. Traditional identification methods rely on expert knowledge, which is not always accessible to the general public.

## **Dataset**

https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/playground-series-s4e8/data

## **Evaluation Metrics**

Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1 Score

Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC): is a metric used to evaluate the quality of binary classifications, especially when the classes are imbalanced.

$$ext{MCC} = rac{TP \cdot TN - FP \cdot FN}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}$$

## Project Pipeline

## **Data loading**

Train.csv file shape: (3116945, 22)

Test.csv file shape: (2077964, 21)

## **Data Splitting**

Split train to train and validation (80, 20) with stratification on the target feature ("class")

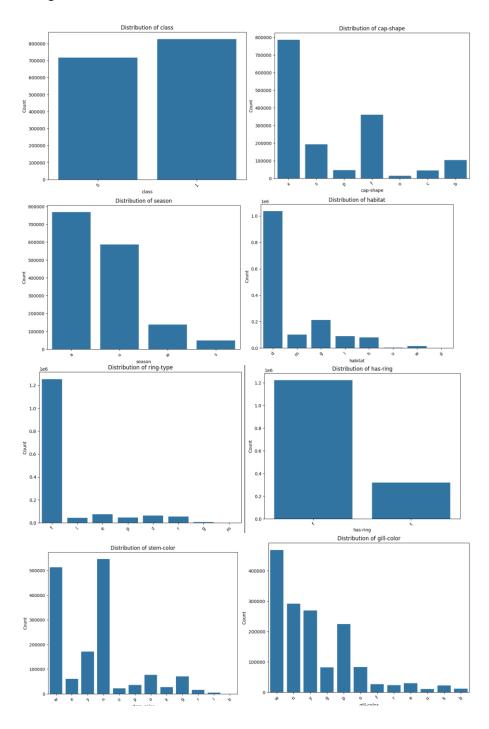
## Data cleaning

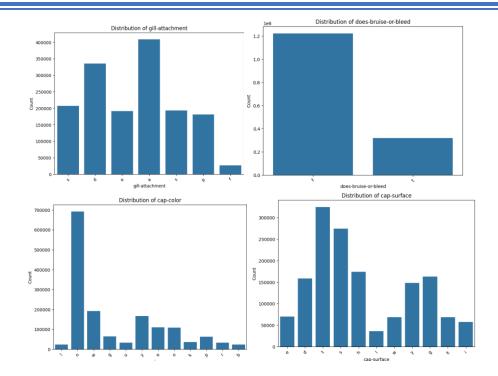
- 1. Dropping features with null values > 40% -> 6 features been dropped
- 2. The data had some noise in the categorical features values -> we took the noise values and combine them as 'other' values and then to NaN -> so we can fill them with meaningful values
- 3. Taking version of train dataset and dropping rows with null so we can train our target encoder -> we used target encoder because the values of the categorical features was nominal and we have more than 7 unique values on average for each categorical feature so we cannot use either OHE or Label-Encoder

- 4. Transform the categorical features of train, test and val with the target encoder
- 5. Impute the missing values (and noise) with Simple imputer using mean (failed to use KNN imputer took a lot of time and Ram crash)
- 6. Now we have cleaned data

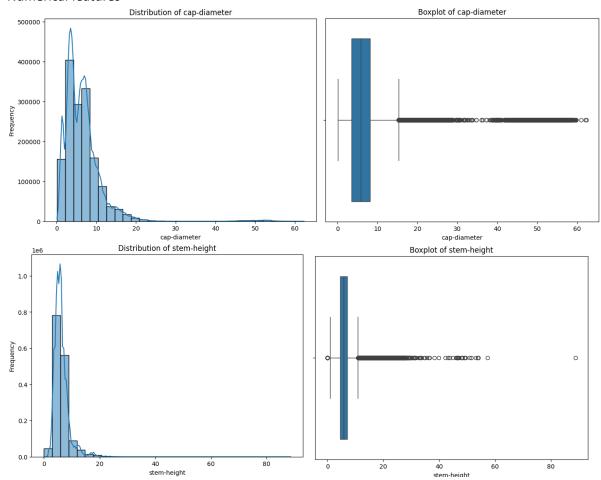
## Data visualization

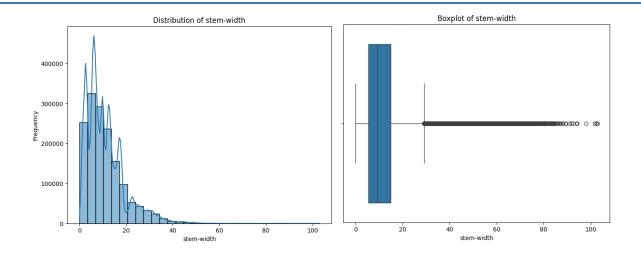
- 1. Univariant Analysis
  - Categorical features



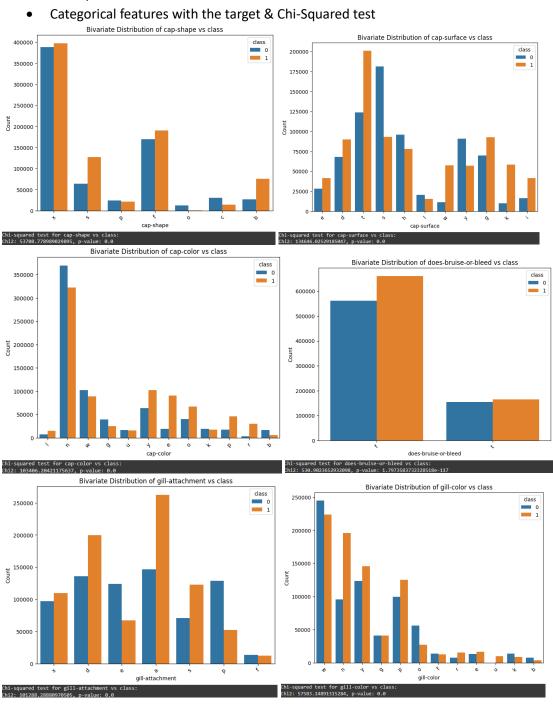


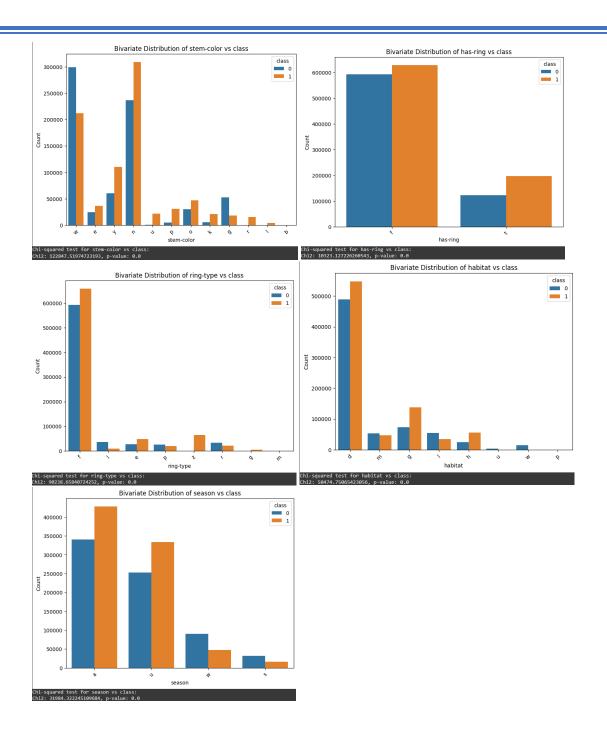
#### Numerical features



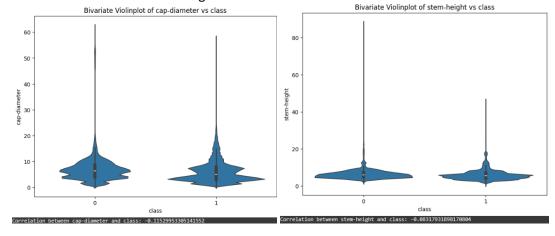


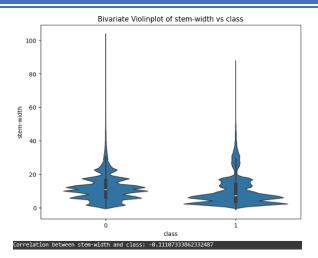
#### 2. Bivariant Analysis



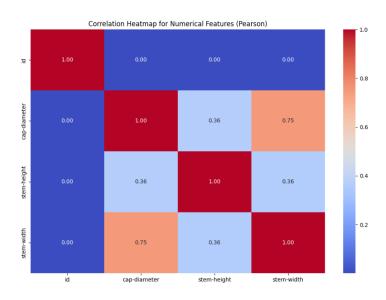


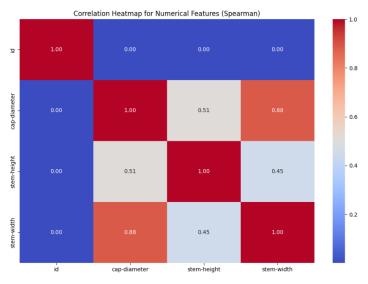
#### Numerical features with the target & Correlation





### Multicollinearity







## Feature selection

Form the visuals we have only one problem

stem-width & cap-diameter is high correlated -> will drop one and keep the highest correlated with the target

```
Pearson correlation between 'stem-width' and 'class': -0.16934260357984848

Spearman correlation between 'stem-width' and 'class': -0.22160116090702292

Kendall correlation between 'stem-width' and 'class': -0.18099223947462714

Pearson correlation between 'cap-diameter' and 'class': -0.1622962730474319

Spearman correlation between 'cap-diameter' and 'class': -0.19821371816220826

Kendall correlation between 'cap-diameter' and 'class': -0.16192168554973005
```

We dropped cap-diameter

## **Outliers removing**

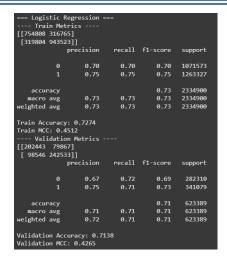
We remove the outliers using IQR method

## Modeling

logReg

We apply Standard Scaler first on the data

Parm: (random\_state=42, max\_iter=1000,n\_jobs=-1,C=1,class\_weight=None)



Note: high bias & small (Acceptable)variance

Parm: (random\_state=42, max\_iter=1000, n\_jobs=-1, solver='lbfgs', C=10, class\_weight=None)

Note: still high bias & small (Acceptable) variance

Action: try polynomial features to increase the model complexity

```
poly_logreg_pipeline = Pipeline([
    ("poly", PolynomialFeatures(degree=2, interaction_only=False, include_bias=False)),
    ("scaler", StandardScaler()),
    ("logreg", LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000, random_state=42))
])
```

Note: improved but still high bias

Action: increase the polynomial degree -> Data is huge and takes a lot of time

#### **SVM**

Parm: SVC(kernel='linear')

#### Takes forever

Action: perform on sample of the data

Parm: SVC(kernel='linear') with 10k row only

=== SVM (Baland Train Metr [[3370 1219] [1400 4011]]		===							
	recision	recall	f1-score	support					
0	0.71								
1	0.77	0.74	0.75	5411					
accuracy			0.74	10000					
macro avg	0.74	0.74		10000					
weighted avg		0.74		10000					
Train Accuracy: 0.7381 Train MCC: 0.4745 Validation Metrics [[210982 71328] [104386 236773]]									
	precision	recall	f1-score	support					
0	0.67	0.75	0.71	282310					
1	0.77	0.69	0.73	341079					
accuracy			0.72	623389					
macro avg	0.72	0.72	0.72	623389					
weighted avg	0.72	0.72	0.72	623389					
Validation Accuracy: 0.7183 Validation MCC: 0.4396									

Note: high Bias , (Acceptable) Variance

Action: more complex kernel

Parm: SVC(kernel='rbf')

Note: improvement on bias and (Acceptable) variance

Action: increase the size of the sample 5 times

```
== SVM (Balanced Sample (rbf & increased samples)) ===
---- Train Metrics --
[[21712 1235]
[ 1002 26051]]
               precision recall f1-score support
                                                       22947
                 0.96
0.96
                               0.95
0.96
                                            0.95
Train Accuracy: 0.9553
Train MCC: 0.9099
[[259352 22958]
[ 12530 328549]]
               precision recall f1-score support
                                                      282310
                                                       623389
                   0.94 0.94
0.94 0.94
macro avg
weighted avg
                                                       623389
                                                      623389
Validation Accuracy: 0.9431
Validation MCC: 0.8853
```

Note: improvement on bias and variance but takes long time

Action: increase the sample size more -> Huge amount of time

Action: try to use tree based model

#### **Decision Tree**

Parm: DecisionTreeClassifier(random\_state=42)

```
support
                                                   1071573
1263327
                                          1.00
1.00
1.00
                                                   2334900
     accuracy
                                                   2334900
2334900
 weighted avg
Train MCC: 0.9992
[[275625 6685]
[ 6571 334508]]
              precision recall f1-score support
                                                     282310
341079
                                            0.98
0.98
                                                     623389
623389
623389
 macro avg
weighted avg
Validation MCC: 0.9571
```

Note: gives good results -> low bias, high variance (overfitting)

Action: try to reduce overfitting -> (tune max\_depth , ccp\_alpha)

Parm: DecisionTreeClassifier(random\_state=42,max\_depth=14)

=== Decision									
Train Metrics									
[[1057976 13597]									
[ 20048 124									
	precision	recall	f1-score	support					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	4074573					
0		0.99							
1	0.99	0.98	0.99	1263327					
accuracy			0.99	2334900					
macro avg	0.99	0.99		2334900					
weighted avg									
weighten avg	0.55	0.55	0.55	2334300					
Train Accuracy: 0.9856									
Train MCC: 0.									
Validation Metrics									
[[277913 43									
[ 6176 3349									
		recall	f1-score	support					
0	0.98	0.98	0.98	282310					
1	0.99	0.98	0.98	341079					
accuracy			0.98	623389					
macro avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	623389					
weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	623389					
Validation Accuracy: 0.9830									
Validation MCC: 0.9658									

Note: reduce the overfitting

Parm: DecisionTreeClassifier(random\_state=42,ccp\_alpha=0.001)

ccp\_alpha: Controls complexity through cost-complexity pruning-> Higher values prune more of the tree.

```
---- Train Metrics ----
[[1021272 50301]
[ 56021 1207306]]
                 precision recall f1-score support
                                                   0.95
                                                             1071573
                                                            1263327
                                                             2334900
                      0.95 0.95 0.95
0.95 0.95 0.95
    macro avg
                                                             2334900
Train Accuracy: 0.9545
Train MCC: 0.9084
---- Validation Metrics ----
[[267647 14663]
[ 18967 322112]]
                 precision recall f1-score support
                         0.96
                                                               341079
                     0.95
0.95 0.95 0.95
0.95 0.95 0.95
                                                              623389
623389
    macro avg
Validation Accuracy: 0.9461
Validation MCC: 0.8914
```

Note: reduce overfitting but increase bias

Parm: DecisionTreeClassifier(random\_state=42,ccp\_alpha=0.0001)

```
    0.98
    0.98
    1071573

    0.98
    0.98
    1263327

    0.98
    2334900

    0.98
    0.98
    2334900

    0.98
    0.98
    2334900

                      0.98
0.98
    macro avg
weighted avg
Train Accuracy: 0.9778
Train MCC: 0.9552
---- Validation Metrics ----
[[274568 7742]
    7783 333296]]
                 precision recall f1-score support
                        0.97 0.97 0.97
                                                              282310
                                                   0.97
0.98
                       0.97
                                                              623389
 weighted avg
Validation Accuracy: 0.9751
Validation MCC: 0.9497
```

Note: reduce overfitting, (Acceptable) bias -> but we can increase bias more

Action: more complex -> Random forest

#### Random Forest

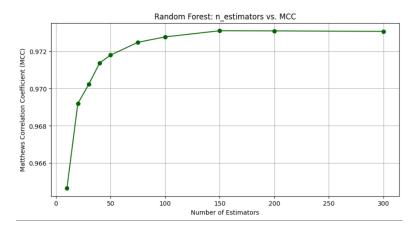
Parm: RandomForestClassifier(random\_state=42) -> default parm

```
---- Train Metrics ----
[[1071149 424]
      518 1262809]]
               precision
                             recall f1-score
                                                 support
                                          1.00
                                                 1071573
                                          1.00
                                                  1263327
                                          1.00
1.00
                                                 2334900
2334900
                    1.00
                               1.00
   macro avg
                                                  2334900
Train Accuracy: 0.9996
Train MCC: 0.9992
  -- Validation Metrics ----
[[278978 3332]
[ 3561 337518]]
              precision
                            recall f1-score
                                                  support
                    0.99
                               0.99
                                          0.99
                                                   282310
                               0.99
                                          0.99
                                                   341079
                                          0.99
                                                   623389
                                                   623389
   macro avg
                                                   623389
Validation Accuracy: 0.9889
Validation MCC: 0.9777
```

Note: low bias & small (Acceptable) variance

Action: increase the number of estimators (study the best number of estimators first)

#### Working on sample of the data 200K row



Parm: RandomForestClassifier(n\_estimators=150, random\_state=42)

```
== Random Forest (double estimators) ===
    Train Metrics
[[1071163
              4101
    494 1262833]]
                                                support
                    1.00
                                        1.00
                                                 1071573
                              1.00
                                         1.00
                                                 1263327
                                         1.00
1.00
    accuracy
                                                 2334900
                                                 2334900
                    1.00
                              1.00
   macro avg
                                                 2334900
 veighted avg
Train Accuracy: 0.9996
Train MCC: 0.9992
    · Validation Metrics ----
[[278996 3314]
[ 3508 337571]]
                            recall f1-score
              precision
                                                support
                                         0.99
                    0.99
                              0.99
                                         0.99
                                                  341079
                                                  623389
    accuracy
                              0.99
   macro avg
                    0.99
                                         0.99
                                                  623389
weighted avg
                   0.99
                              0.99
                                         0.99
                                                  623389
Validation Accuracy: 0.9891
Validation MCC: 0.9779
```

Note: small change

Action: try Ensemble Models

#### **Bagging**

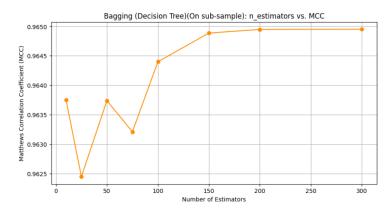
Parm: BaggingClassifier(estimator=DecisionTreeClassifier(), n\_estimators=50, random\_state=42,n\_jobs=-1)

```
[[1071056
             517]
     729 1262598]]
             precision
                          recall f1-score
                                             support
                  1.00
                                      1.00
   accuracy
                                      1.00
                                             2334900
                                             2334900
                  1.00
                            1.00
  macro avg
                                      1.00
weighted avg
                  1.00
                            1.00
                                      1.00
                                             2334900
Train Accuracy: 0.9995
   - Validation Metrics ----
[[278523 3787]
 [ 4254 336825]]
                          recall f1-score
             precision
                                             support
                  0.98
                  0.99
                                      0.99
                                              341079
                                      0.99
                                              623389
   accuracy
                  0.99
                            0.99
                                      0.99
                                              623389
  macro avg
weighted avg
                                              623389
Validation Accuracy: 0.9871
Validation MCC: 0.9740
```

Note: converges really will with small number of estimators relative to the other models

Action: increase the number of estimator (study the best number first)

#### On sample of the data only 200K row



Parm: BaggingClassifier(estimator =DecisionTreeClassifier(), n\_estimators=200, random\_state=42,n\_jobs=-1)

```
Bagging (Decision Tree)(200 estimators) ===
---- Train Metrics
[[1071157 416]
      488 1262839]]
                                                 support
            0
                               1.00
                                          1.00
                                                  1071573
                                          1.00
                                                  1263327
                                          1.00
                                                  2334900
                    1.00
1.00
macro avg
weighted avg
                               1.00
                                          1.00
                                                  2334900
                                          1.00
                               1.00
                                                 2334900
Train MCC: 0.9992
  -- Validation Metrics ---
[[278501
           3809]
 [ 4074 337005]]
               precision
                             recall f1-score
                                                  support
                                                   282310
                                                   341079
    accuracy
                                          0.99
                                                   623389
                    0.99
                               0.99
   macro avg
                                          0.99
                                                   623389
Validation Accuracy: 0.9874
Validation MCC: 0.9745
```

Note: small change

#### Adaboost

Parm: default parm

Note: bad performance

Action: increase the number of estimators

Parm: AdaBoostClassifier(n\_estimators=100,random\_state=42)

```
---- Train Metrics
[[ 817145 254428]
[ 258688 1004639]]
              precision recall f1-score support
                                                     1071573
    accuracy
                 0.78
0.78
                                 0.78 0.78
0.78 0.78
Train Accuracy: 0.7802
Train MCC: 0.5576
---- Validation Metrics
[[215320 66990]
[ 72270 268809]]
               precision recall f1-score support
                                                       341079
                                                       623389
                   0.77
0.78
                                  0.78
 macro avg
weighted avg
                                              0.77
                                                        623389
Validation Accuracy: 0.7766
Validation MCC: 0.5500
```

Note: high bias

Action: increase the number of estimator more -> huge amount of time needed

#### **XGBoost**

Parm: XGBClassifier(n\_estimators=100, learning\_rate=0.1, use\_label\_encoder=False, eval\_metric='logloss', random\_state=42)

```
== XGBoost
     Train Metrics ----
[[1049511 22062]
[ 30124 1233203]]
             precision
                                                   support
                     0.97
                                       0.98
0.98
                                                   1071573
                                            0.98
                                                   2334900
                                                  2334900
2334900
                  0.98
weighted avg
                                0.98
                                           0.98
Train MCC: 0.9550
    - Validation Metrics ---
[[274710 7600]
[ 8112 332967]]
               precision recall f1-score support
                             0.97
0.98
                                        0.97
0.98
                                                     282310
                                           0.97
                                                     623389
                    0.97
                                                     623389
    macro avg
                                           0.97
Validation Accuracy: 0.9748
Validation MCC: 0.9491
```

Note: very low variance, needs to decrease bias && it was fast

Action: increase the number of estimator directly

Parm: xgb\_model = XGBClassifier(objective='binary:logistic', use\_label\_encoder=False, n\_estimators=500)

```
---- Train Metrics
[[1061342 10231]
 [ 13669 1249658]]
                           recall f1-score support
             precision
                   0.99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                              1071573
                   0.99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                              1263327
                                       0.99
                                             2334900
   accuracy
                   0.99
                             0.99
                                       0.99
                                              2334900
weighted avg
                  0.99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                              2334900
Train Accuracy: 0.9898
Train MCC: 0.9794
   - Validation Metrics ----
[[279049 3261]
 [ 3719 337360]]
                          recall f1-score support
             precision
                             0.99
                                       0.99
                                               282310
                   0.99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                               341079
                                       0.99
                                               623389
   accuracy
macro avg
weighted avg
                   0.99
                             0.99
                                               623389
                  0.99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                               623389
Validation Accuracy: 0.9888
Validation MCC: 0.9774
```

Note:very low variance, very low bias

Parm: feval=mcc\_eval, # custom MCC metric with 1000 estimator

```
=== XGBoost custom MCC ===
---- Train Metrics ----
[[1062312 9261]
 [ 12465 1250862]]
             precision
                   0.99
                            0.99
                                              1071573
           0
                                       0.99
                  0.99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                              1263327
                                       0.99
                                              2334900
                  0.99
                          0.99
   macro avg
                                       0.99
                                              2334900
weighted avg
                            0.99
                                             2334900
                 0.99
                                       0.99
Train Accuracy: 0.9907
Train MCC: 0.9813
  -- Validation Metrics ----
[[279121 3189]
[ 3501 337578]]
             precision
                                              support
                   0.99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                               282310
           0
                  0.99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                               341079
    accuracy
                                       0.99
                                               623389
   macro avg
                  a 99
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                               623389
                 0.99
weighted avg
                            0.99
                                       0.99
                                               623389
Validation Accuracy: 0.9893
Validation MCC: 0.9783
```

Note: low variance, very low bias

Best model we can use is XGBoost -> lets tune some of his parameters using StratifiedKFold CV and GridsearchCV

```
xgb = XGBClassifier(
   objective='binary:logistic',
   use_label_encoder=False,
   eval_metric='logloss',
   verbosity=0,
   n_jobs=-1
)
param_grid = {
   'max_depth': [6,10, 14],
   'min_child_weight': [5, 7],
   'gamma': [1e-6, 1e-4],
   'subsample': [0.7,0.8],
   'colsample_bytree': [0.6],
   'reg_alpha': [0.1],
   'n_estimators': [50]
}
cv = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=3, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
mcc_scorer = make_scorer(matthews_corrcoef)
grid_search = GridSearchCt/()
   estimator=xgb,
   param_grid=param_grid,
   scoring=mcc_scorer,
   n_jobs=-1,
   cv=cv,
   verbose=2
```

## **Test Scores**

<b>©</b>	submission_CV_best_all_W_outliers.csv Complete (after deadline) · 6h ago	0.97998	0.98013	
<b>©</b>	submission_rf_150_estimator_all_W_outliers.csv Complete (after deadline) · 8h ago	0.97917	0.97902	
<b>©</b>	submission_rf_100_estimator_W_outliers.csv Complete (after deadline) · 20h ago	0.97892	0.97884	
<b>©</b>	<b>submission.csv</b> Complete (after deadline) · 2d ago · xgb_1000_estimator.csv XGboost with 80% of the train with no outliers	0.97863	0.97864	
<b>©</b>	submission_xgb_500_estimator_all_W_outliers.csv Complete (after deadline) · 9h ago	0.97853	0.97854	
<b>©</b>	submission_xgb_500_estimator_W_outliers.csv Complete (after deadline) · 9h ago	0.97843	0.97842	
<b>©</b>	submission_rf_200_estimator.csv Complete (after deadline) · 20h ago · random forest with 200 estimators	0.97779	0.97767	
<b>©</b>	submission_bagging_200_estimator.csv Complete (after deadline) · 9h ago	0.97454	0.97475	

With less than 0.5% difference between the first score on the lead board (using AutoML)

## Conclusion

- Tree based model was more powerful in our problem
- Xgboost is robust to overfitting relative to the models we used
- It always best practise to test the number of estimators relative to the evaluation matric to choose the best number of estimator that will lead to the best generalization
- Outliers can be not removed when you use tree based model and it can help the model performance
- Tree based model is much faster than logreg, svm model
- After getting the best model performance do intensive parm. tuning using gridSearchCV to get even more better result on your model
- Train the model on the whole dataset train, validation before submitting the test file on the competition it will give more better results
- Endcoding the features with the correct way (target encoder in our problem) can prevent you from getting really high dim data
- Splitting the data with stratification will help the model performance when dealing with imbalanced data