



Illicit Drug Use Predictor

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Did you know?

More than **700,000** Americans **died**
from **drug overdose** between 1999
and 2017

Did you know?

More than **21 million** Americans
have an **addiction...**

Did you know?

... only **10%** are **treated.**

Mission

Predict the likelihood that an individual is a user of illicit drugs based on their personality traits and demographics.

Purpose

Counseling | therapy

- ID patients at high risk
- Provide early interventions
- Advise treatment plan



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[illegible]

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Heatmap of Drug Usage

Y-axis: Last Use (10+ yrs, 1-10 yrs, This yr, This mo, This wk, 24hrs)

X-axis: Illicit Drug (amphetamines, amyl_nitrite, benxodiazepine, cannabis, cocaine, crack, ecstasy, heroin, ketamine, legal_highs, LSD, methadone, mushrooms, volatile_substance_abuse)

Color scale: 0 to 400 (Frequency)

Red box highlights: This yr (This yr, This mo, This wk, 24hrs) for the first 14 drugs.

Parameters

Feature engineering driven by clinical research on personality traits and drug use.¹

- High N, E and low C are highly correlated with hazardous health behaviours.
- Low C and high socioeconomic status correlated with illicit drug use.
- High N and low A and C associated with higher risk of drug use.
- Increasing N and O increases risk of drug use
- Increasing C and A decreases risk of drug use.
- Sensation seeking is high for recreational drug users.
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External data sources scraped by country

- GDP Per Capita
- Sex specific life expectancy
- Mean education level
- Expected education level
- Divorce rate

Classification Model

ID and help as many
'users' as possible

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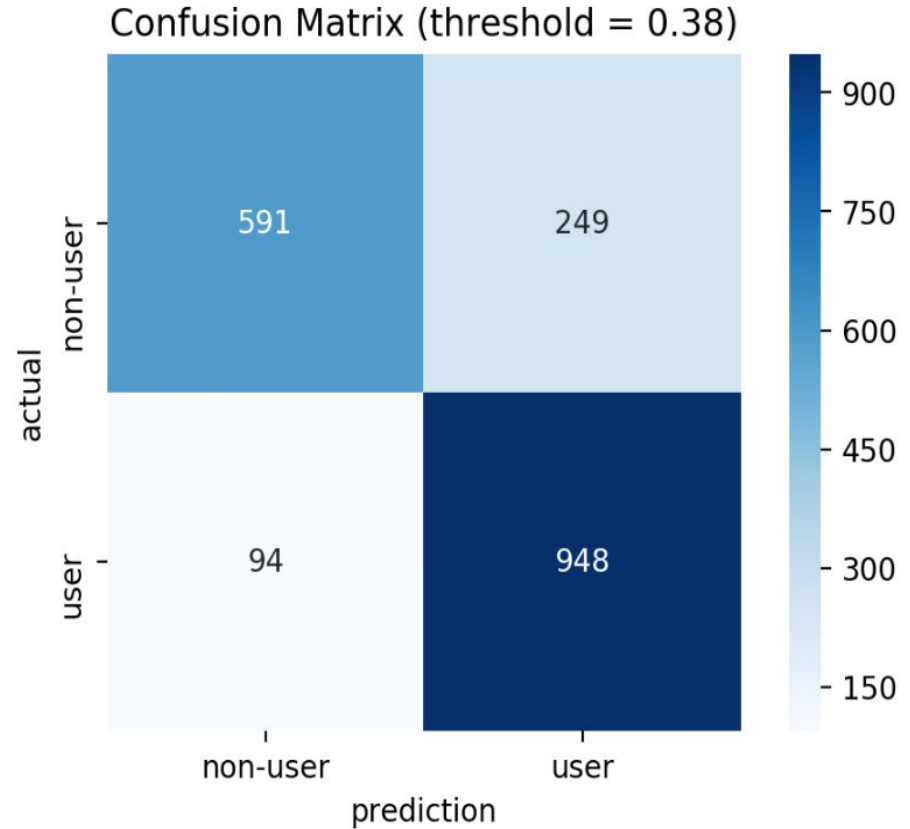
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Best Model: Random Forest

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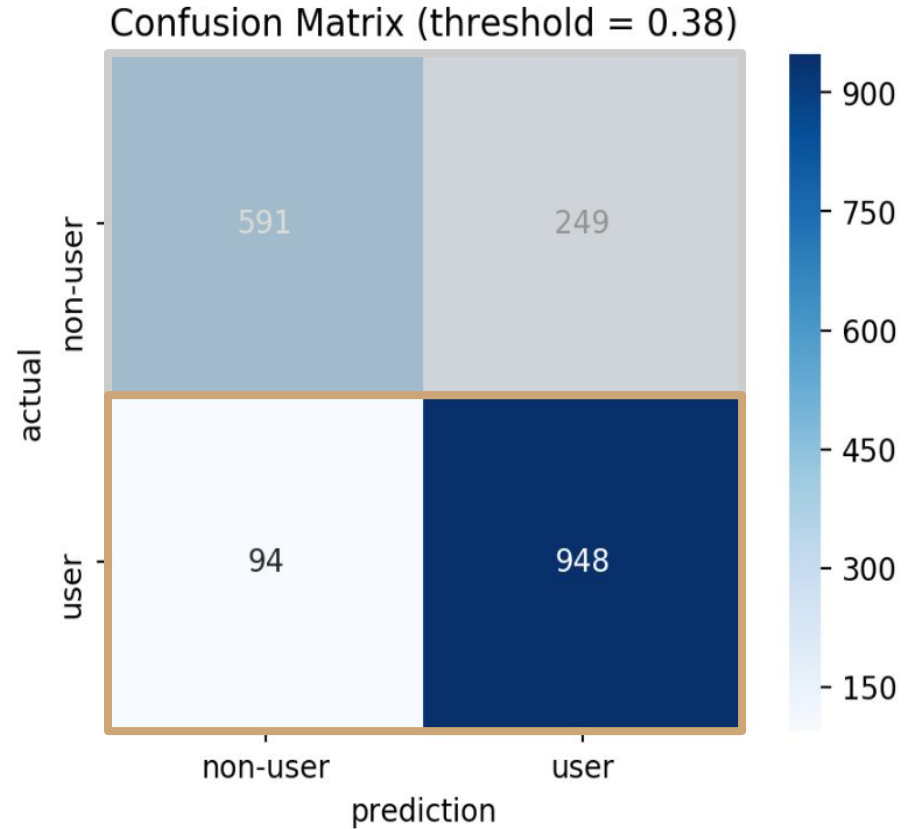
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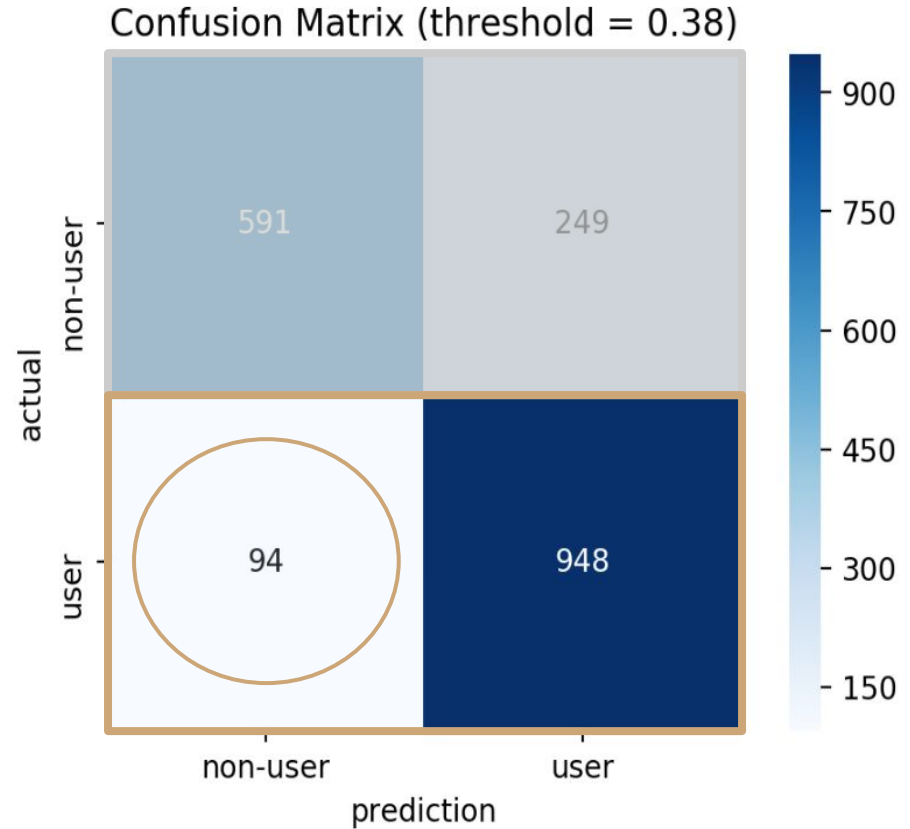
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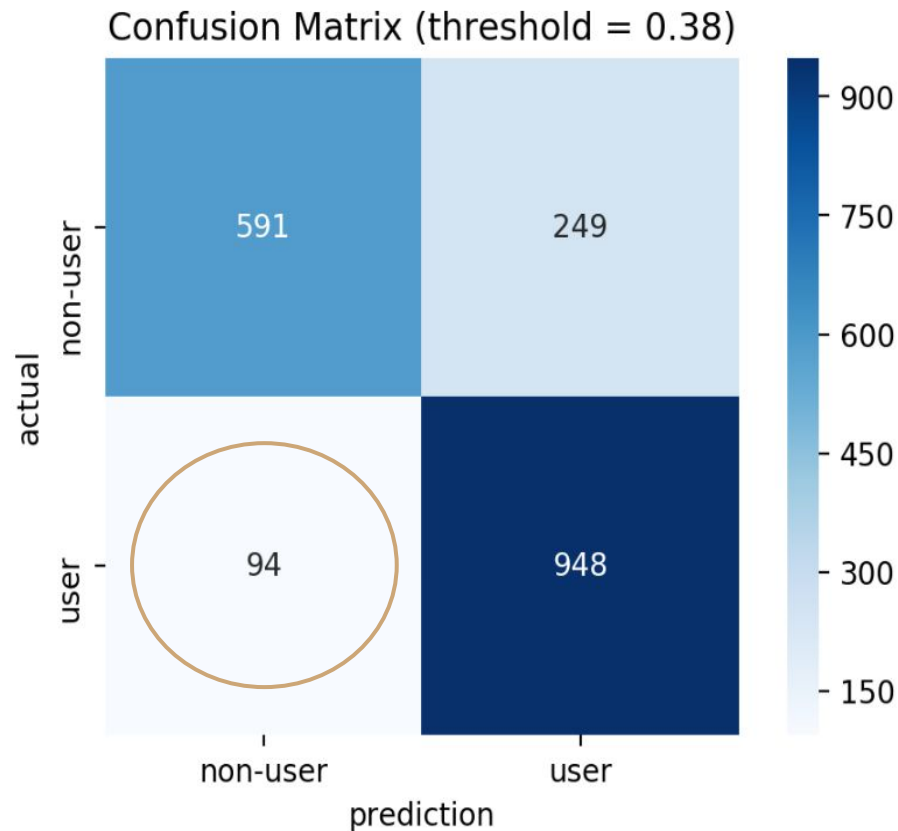
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Random Forest

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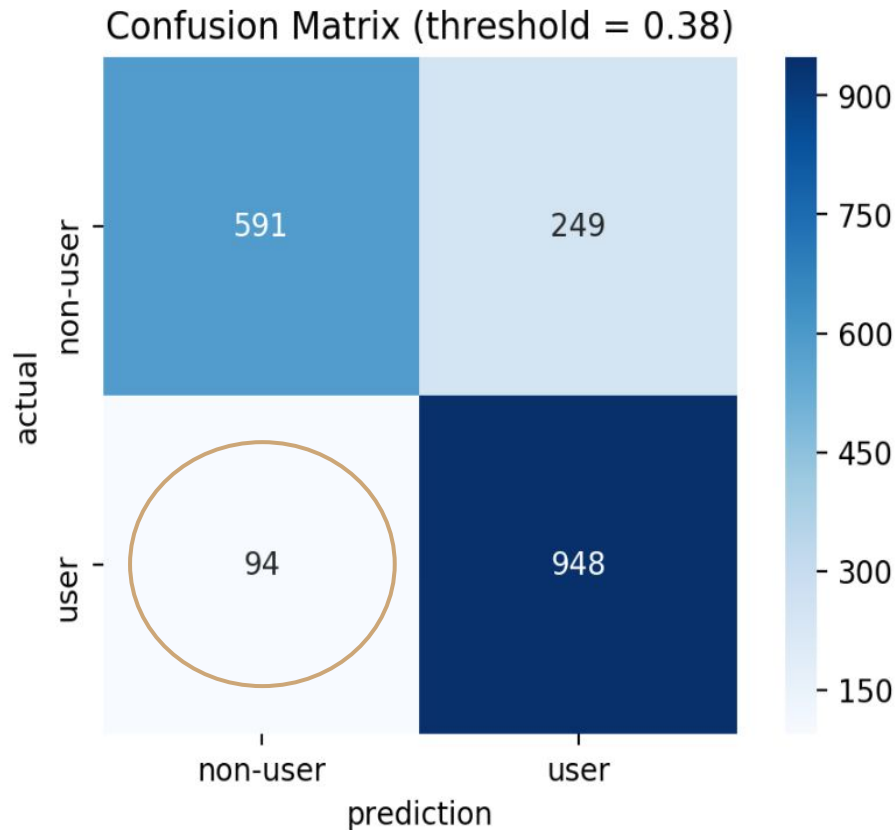


Random Forest Performance

>90%

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Model identifies 9 out of 10 illicit
drug users



Feature

Importance

$$\frac{\text{GDP}}{c}$$

0.255

$$\frac{(G + 1)^2 (s + o + i)}{(c + A)}$$

0.190

sensation seeking

0.124

$$((n/n_{\text{ave}}) * e * 2 * s) - 85 * (c/c_{\text{ave}})^2$$

0.11

$\frac{\text{education}}{\text{expected education}}$

0.089

Prediction Tool: Based on Random Forest Model

Likelihood of Being an Illicit Drug User

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

male

female

Country of Residence ▾

Australia

Canada

Ireland

New Zealand

United Kingdom

United States

Conscientiousness: 36

Agreeableness: 36

Sensation Seeking: 5

Impulsivity: 5

66.9

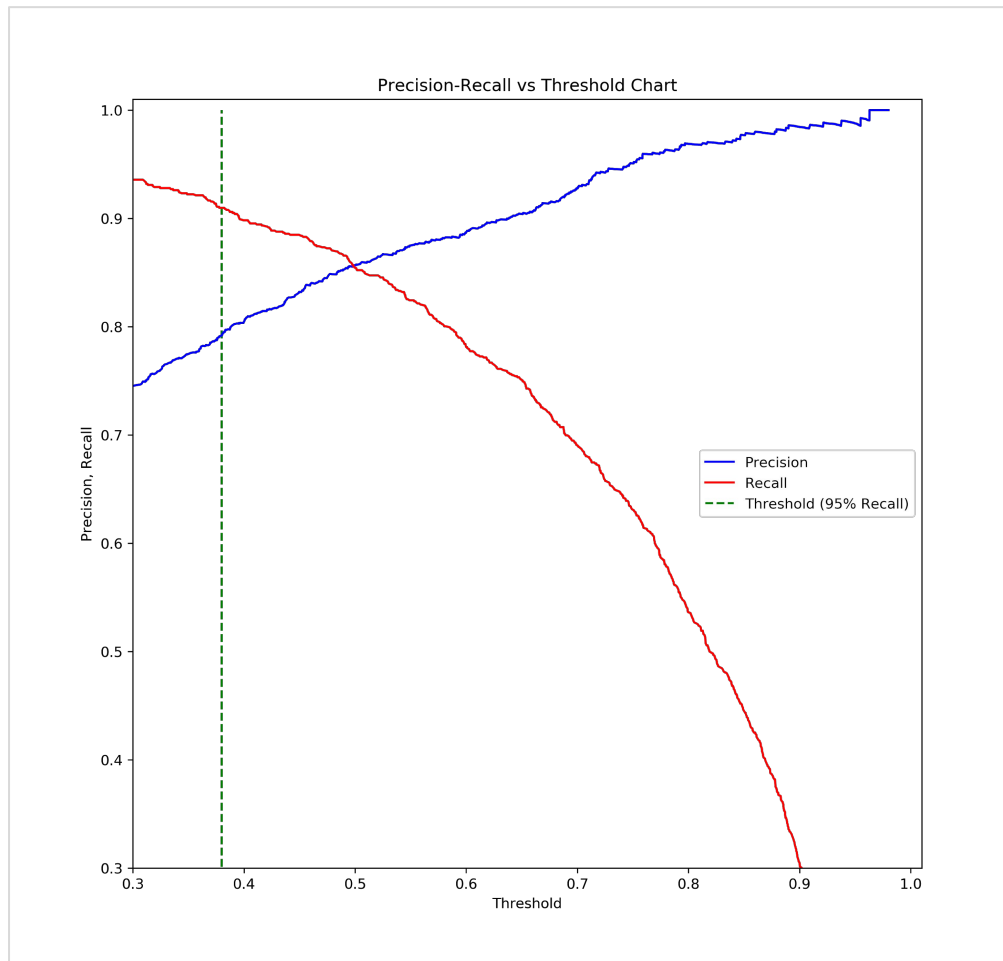
Key Conclusions

- Model prioritizes identifying users over accuracy of identification
- Recall is ~90% for Random Forest classification model
- GDP and conscientiousness are highly impactful to the model
- Gender, education and personality traits contribute to engineered features
- Predictor tool can be used to inform early intervention and treatment focus

Questions?

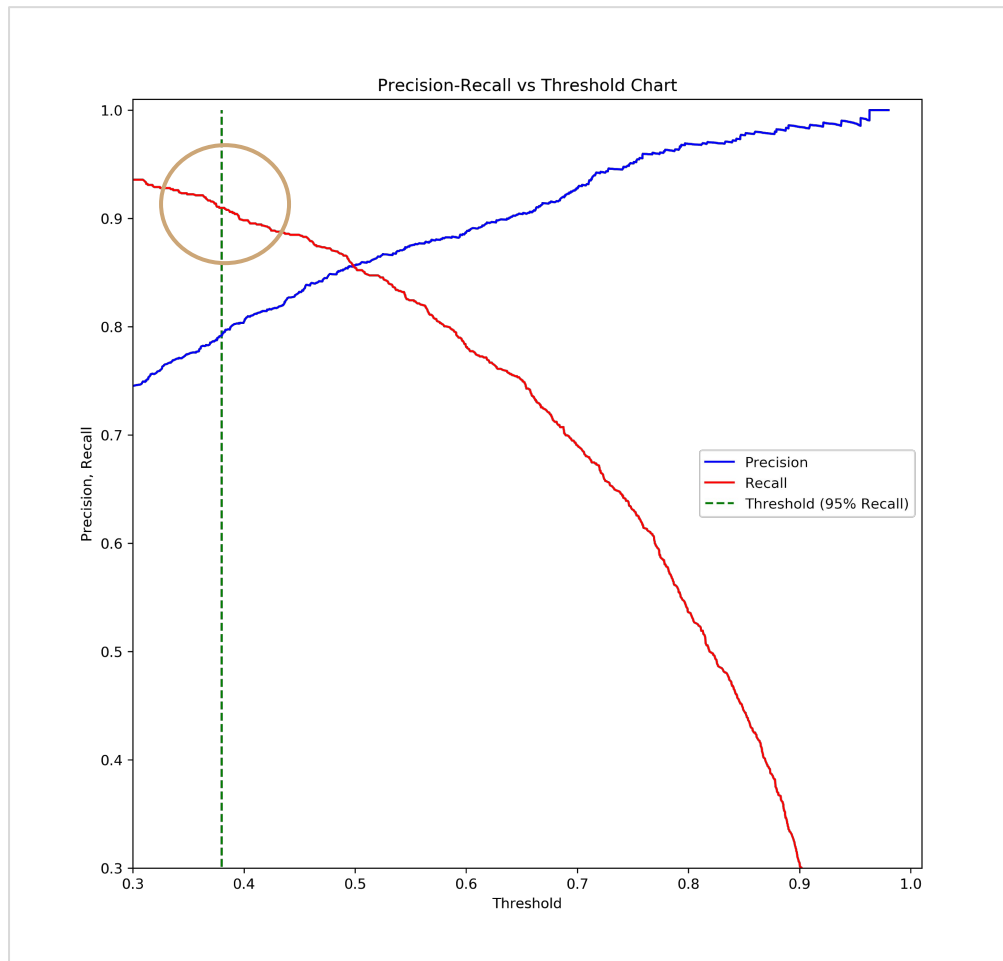
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Reaching as
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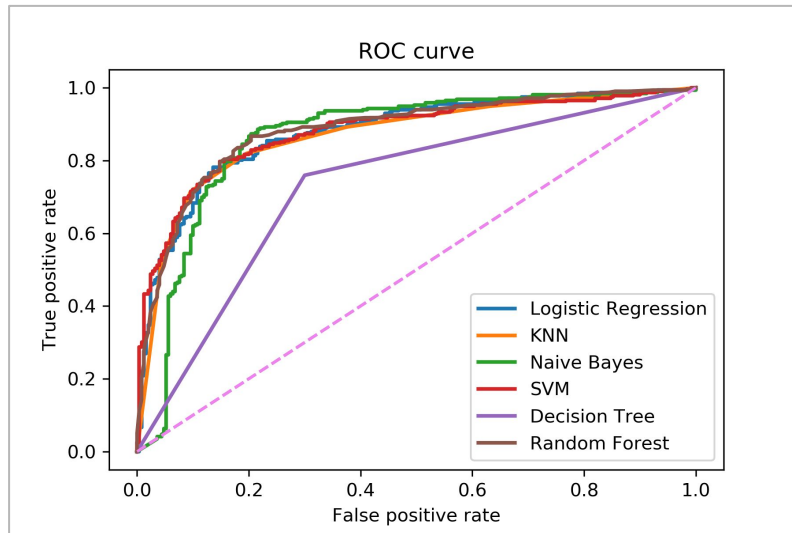
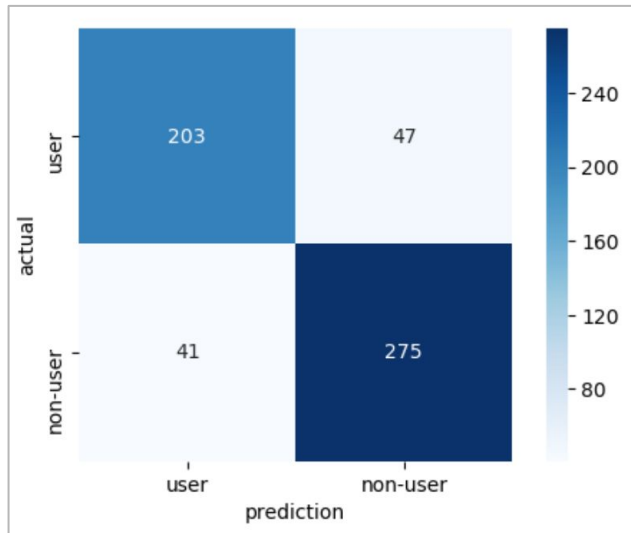


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MVP: Illicit Drug User?

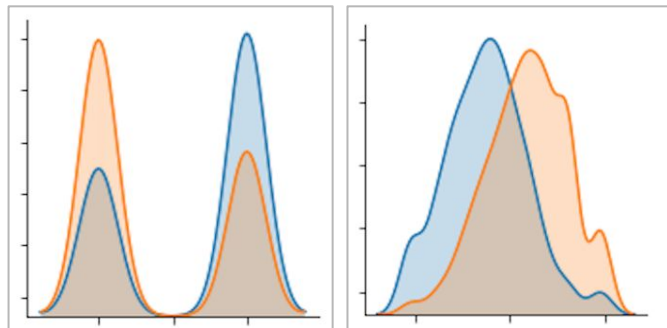


Baseline:
55.83%

Random Forest:
79.61%

**Good feature
separation**

Next:
**Tuning/feature
engineering**



	Logistic Regression	KNN	Naive Bayes	SVM	Decision Tree	Random Forest
Accuracy(train)	0.7908	0.7529	0.7529	0.7680	0.7165	0.7961
Precision	0.8276	0.7958	0.8666	0.8180	0.7444	0.8265
Recall	0.7860	0.7449	0.6530	0.7476	0.7394	0.7956
F1	0.8055	0.7688	0.7445	0.7806	0.7478	0.8136
AUC	0.8789	0.8692	0.8652	0.8797	0.7306	0.8868