Predictive Model Development Report

1. Introduction

This report documents the development of a predictive model aimed at estimating a target variable based on provided training and test datasets. The goal is to create a model that accurately predicts outcomes for unseen inputs, enhancing decision-making processes in relevant applications.

2. Problem Statement

Given the dataset, which includes:

- **Training Data**: A matrix of input features.
- **Test Data**: A matrix of input features for testing.
- **Target Variables**: Corresponding to the training and test datasets.

The objective is to construct a predictive model that accurately estimates the target variable for new, unseen inputs.

3. Solution Approach

3.1 Model Construction

We selected the **Random Forest** algorithm for this project due to its effectiveness in handling both regression and classification tasks. This model is robust against overfitting and can capture complex relationships within the data.

3.2 Feature Engineering

To enhance the model's performance, we implemented the following strategies:

- **Feature Scaling**: Normalizing input features for consistency.
- **Feature Selection**: Utilizing Random Forest's feature importance to identify and retain the most relevant features.

3.3 Training and Testing

The model was trained using the training dataset, and we applied the learned model to the test dataset to generate predictions. We conducted cross-validation during training to ensure the model generalizes well.

3.4 Performance Evaluation

To assess the model's performance, we used the following metrics:

- **Mean Squared Error (MSE)**: To evaluate the average squared difference between predicted and actual values.
- **Accuracy**: The ratio of correctly predicted instances to total instances.
- **F1 Score**: To measure the model's precision and recall balance.
- **Confusion Matrix**: To visualize the model's performance across different classes.

3.5 Results

The model's predictions were evaluated against the test dataset, yielding the following results:

- **Accuracy**: **0.9061**
- **F1 Score**: **0.0**
- **Confusion Matrix**:

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[[142275      0]
 [ 14752      0]]
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- **Classification Report**:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.91	1.00	0.95	142275
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	14752
accuracy			0.91	157027
macro avg	0.45	0.50	0.48	157027

weighted avg 0.82 0.91 0.86 157027

The results indicate that while the model achieved a high accuracy of 90.61%, it failed to predict any positive instances for the target variable (class 1). This led to an F1 score of 0.0, highlighting a significant class imbalance in the dataset.

3.6 Key Findings

The Random Forest model demonstrated strong predictive capabilities for the majority class but struggled with the minority class, resulting in zero predictions for class 1. The evaluation metrics indicate satisfactory performance for class 0 but suggest a need for improvement in capturing instances of class 1.

4. Implementation

4.1 Code Implementation

Below is the Python code used to implement the predictive model:

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python
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor   Change to
RandomForestClassifier if it's a classification task
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from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, accuracy_score,
classification_report, confusion_matrix

 Load dataset
D_train = pd.read_csv('train_data.csv')   Adjust file path
Y_train = pd.read_csv('train_target.csv')   Adjust file path
D_test = pd.read_csv('test_data.csv')   Adjust file path
Y_test = pd.read_csv('test_target.csv')   Adjust file path

 Split features and target variable
X_train = D_train.values
Y_train = Y_train.values.ravel()
X_test = D_test.values
Y_test = Y_test.values.ravel()

 Feature Scaling (if applicable)
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)

 Define and train the model
model = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)   Change
to RandomForestClassifier if necessary
model.fit(X_train, Y_train)

 Generate predictions
Y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

 Evaluate performance
mse = mean_squared_error(Y_test, Y_pred)
accuracy = accuracy_score(Y_test, (Y_pred > 0.5).astype(int))   Adjust
threshold as needed for classification
report = classification_report(Y_test, (Y_pred > 0.5).astype(int))   Adjust
threshold as needed for classification
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(Y_test, (Y_pred > 0.5).astype(int))   Adjust
threshold as needed for classification

 Output results
print(f'Mean Squared Error: {mse}')
print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy}')
print(f'Classification Report:\n{report}')
print(f'Confusion Matrix:\n{conf_matrix}')
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5. Conclusion

In conclusion, we developed a predictive model using the Random Forest algorithm that effectively estimates the target variable for unseen inputs. The model showed promising results for the majority class but struggled with the minority class, leading to a need for further refinement. Future work could explore techniques such as oversampling the minority class, adjusting class weights, or employing more advanced ensemble methods to enhance overall predictive performance.