

Case Study: Flight Delays

A large travel agency has asked us to predict whether a flight will be canceled based on several factors. The agency can sell tickets for only three airlines (AA, UA, and DL) and would like to be able to advise its customers on which airline has the least risk of cancellation. Using the dataset provided:

1. Build a model to predict whether a flight will be canceled.
2. Write your own function that uses the model output to predict whether a future flight will be canceled.
3. Provide fully commented code and model output for your analysis.
4. Provide a recommendation on which airline is most reliable.
5. Create a few PPT slides - assume content will be used to present to client (travel agency). Client is non-technical, but wants to understand not only the recommendations but also how you arrived at such recommendations.

The dataset includes the following fields.

| Field | Name Type | Description |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Canceled | Binary | Canceled = 1 |
| Month | Integer | Jan = 1 |
| DepartureTime | Integer | Military Time (1:00 PM = 1300) |
| UniqueCarrier | String | Airline Carrier Code |
| SchedElapsedTime | Integer | Scheduled Flight time in minutes |
| ArrDelay | Integer | Arrival delay in minutes |
| DepDelay | Integer | Departure delay in minutes |

| Field | Name Type | Description |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Distance | Integer | Distance in miles |
