Applied Machine Learning for Business Analytics

Lecture 10: Get Machine Learning Models in Production

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Logistics

- The kaggle competition will be due this Sunday, Mar 27, 23:59 (SGT)
- Appreciate if you keeps video on!

Agenda

- 1. From Notebooks to Python Scripts
- 2. Interfaces of ML Systems
- 3. MLOps
- 4. Building ML Pipelines with better tools

1. From Notebooks to Python Scripts

Virtual Environment

- Virtual Environment is required to isolate the packages necessary for applications from our other projects that may have different dependencies
- requirements.txt
 - Set up the development environment
 - o pip freeze will dump all dependencies of all our packages into the file
 - Try pipreqs, pip-tools
- setup.py
 - Redistribute the whole packages
 - Contains metadata, requirements and entry points

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/43658870/requirements-txt-vs-setup-py

Organized Code

- Code should be readable, reproducible, scalable and efficient,
- Notebooks are only suitable for POC
- The code can be organized based on utility i.e., working pipeline components



Cookiecutter Data Science Template

- One of templates we can use is:
 - https://drivendata.github.io/cookiecutter-data-science/

Cookiecutter Data Science

A logical, reasonably standardized, but flexible project structure for doing and sharing data science work.

Cookiecutter Data Science Template

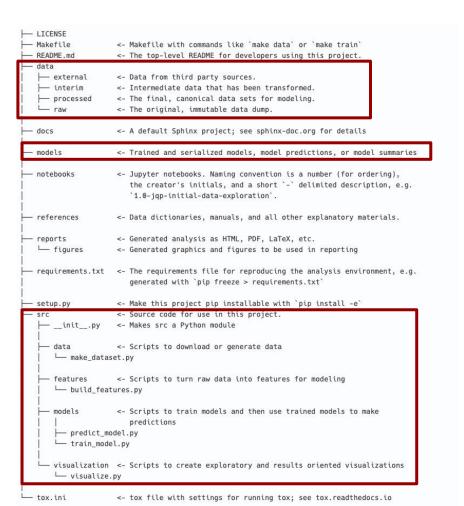
pip install cookiecutter cookiecutter https://github.com/drivendata/cookiecutter-data-science cd churn_model

```
(churn_model) ruizhao@Ruis-MBP 🍞~ 🏿 cookiecutter https://github.com/drivendata/cookiecutter-data-scienc
You've downloaded /Users/ruizhao/.cookiecutters/cookiecutter-data-science before. Is it okay to delete an
d re-download it? [ves]: ves
project_name [project_name]: churn_model
repo_name [churn_model]: churn_model
author_name [Your name (or your organization/company/team)]: BT5153
description [A short description of the project.]: ML Pipeline Demo
Select open_source_license:
  - No license file
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
s3_bucket [[OPTIONAL] your-bucket-for-syncing-data (do not include 's3:'/')]:
aws_profile [default]:
Select python_interpreter:
```

Metadata

Cookiecutter Template

- The structure frame will be generated following the template
- Easier for us to understand and modify the code base



Config

Config directory or file should be created for the following:

- Hyper-parameters for training
- Specifications for model locations, logging and other hand-coded information
- Running a small test for training

Avoid hard coding

Config Template

params.yaml

```
external data config:
 external data csv: data/external/train.csv
raw data config:
raw data csv: data/raw/train.csv
 model var: ['churn', 'number vmail messages', 'total day calls', 'total eve minutes', 'total eve charge', 'total intl minutes', 'number customer service calls']
train test split ratio: 0.2
 target: churn
 random state: 111
new train data csv: data/raw/train new.csv
                                                                                                                           YAML started life in 2001 a bit apploactically as
processed data config:
                                                                                                                           It has evolved into the trademarked and almost
train data csv: data/processed/churn train.csv
test data csv: data/processed/churn test.csv
mlflow config:
 artifacts dir: artifacts
 experiment name: model iteration1
run name: random forest
registered model name: random forest model
 remote server uri: http://localhost:1234
random forest:
 max depth: 30
```

https://circleci.com/blog/what-is-yaml-a-beginner-s-guide/

model_dir: models/model.joblib

n estimators: 42

Logging is important for ML Sys

- Life is short. You need logs
- Do not rely too much on print statements
 - For example, print('aaaaaa')
- Logging is the process of tracking and recording key events that occur in the applications
 - Inspect processes
 - Fix issues
 - More powerful than print statement

Logging 101

Logger:

- The main object that emits the log messages from the whole project
- Can be specified to each module

Handler:

- Used for sending log records to a specific location and specifications for that location (name size, etc)
- Different handlers have different rules to save logs in local files

Formatter

- Used for style and layout of the log records
- Levels (according to different priorities)
 - CRITICAL
 - ERROR
 - WARNING (Default setting for root logger)
 - o INFO
 - DEBUG

Levels in Logs

```
import logging
      logging.basicConfig(stream=sys.stdout, level=logging.INFO)
  6
      # Logging levels (from lowest to highest priority)
      logging debug("Used for debugging your code.")
      logging.info("Informative messages from your code.")
      logging.warning("Everything works but there is something to be aware of.")
      logging.error("There's been a mistake with the process.")
      logging.critical("There is something terribly wrong and process may terminate.")
            OUTPUT TERMINAL DEBUG CONSOLE
(base) ruizhao@Ruis-MBP  ~/Desktop  python test.py
INFO: root: Informative messages from your code.
WARNING:root:Everything works but there is something to be aware of.
ERROR: root: There's been a mistake with the process.
CRITICAL: root: There is something terribly wrong and process may terminate.
(base) ruizhao@Ruis-MBP ~/Desktop | |
```

Best Practices in Logging

- Logger in each module
 - Examples:

```
| app.py
| package_a
| module_a.py
```

```
# app.py
import logging
logging.basicConfig(format='%(asctime)s - %(name)s - %(levelname)s:%(message)s')
from package_a import module_a

logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
logger.warning('from app')

# module_a.py
import logging

logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
logger.warning('from module_a')

$ python app.py
2019-12-24 21:53:21,915 - package_a.module_a - WARNING:from module_a
2019-12-24 21:33:21,916 - __main__ - WARNING:from app
```

Best Practices in Logging

- Logger in each module
 - Easy to identify the error source
 - But at the same time: it is important to throw the pot



"甩锅" ("throw the pot/pass the buck")



"你背" ("let you carry the pot", i.e., "lay the blame on you")



Best Practices in Logging

- Log all the details that you want to generate from the inside
 - It could be useful during development and model running check
- Should log messages outside of small functions and inside larger workflow
 - Logger could be placed within main.py and train.py since the smaller functions defined in other scripts are used here

Logging Configuration

- Coding directly in scripts
- Using a config file
 - logging.config.fileConfig()
- Using the dictionary type
 - logging.config.dictConfig()
 - Can be put in config/config.py

Suitable for complex projects

Documenting Your Code

- Document our code is a way to organize our code
- What is more, make others and ourselves in the future to easily use the code base
- Most common documenting types:
 - Comments
 - Typing
 - Docstrings
 - Documentation

When it's been 7 hours and you still can't understand your own code



Comments

- Good code should not need comments because it is readable
- When do you need comments:



Ayush Goel, Learner, Worker

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Answered Nov 21, 2013

Found this in the production code we use currently:

```
1 // This is black magic
2 // from
3 // *Some stackoverlow link
4 // Don't play with magic, it can BITE.
```

4.6K views · View 39 upvotes

Typing

- Make our code as explicit as possible
 - Naming for variables and functions should be self-explaining
- Typing: Define the types for our function's inputs and outputs

Starting from Python 3.9+, common types are **built in**

```
from typing import List, Tuple, Dict

def add(a: int, string: str, f: float, b: bool) -> Tuple[List, Tuple, Dict, bool]:

    list1 = list(range(a))
    tup = (string, string, string)
    d = {"a": f}
    bl = b
    return list1, tup, d, bl

print(add(5, "hhhh", 2.3, False))
```

Docstrings

- Docstrings could be placed in functions and classes
- Use Python Docstrings Generator extension in VS Code

```
autoDocstring: VSCode Python Docstring Generator
Visual Studio Code extension to guickly generate docstrings for python functions.
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              def function(number, kwarg=3):
                 """This is a function
                     number {integer} -- [description]
                 Keyword Arguments:
                     kwarg {[type]} -- [description] (default: {3})
                     TypeError -- [description]
                     [type] -- [description]
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                                                                       Ln 8, Col 24 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 LF Python .
```

Documents

- The above are all placed inside scripts. The documentation is a separated doc.
- Some open-source packages could be used to automatically generate the documentation
 - mkdocs (generates project documentation)
 - mkdocs-material (styling to beautiful render documentation)
 - mkdocstrings (fetch documentation automatically from docstrings)

Styling

- Code is read more often than it is written.
- Follow consistent style and formatting conventions -> make code easy to read
- Most conventions are based on PEP8 conventions.
- We have lots of pipeline tools in place to automatically and effortlessly ensure that consistency



Styling Tools

- Those tools could be used with configurable options:
 - Black: an in-place reformatter that (mostly) adheres to PEP8.
 - isort: sorts and formats import statements inside Python scripts.
 - flake8: a code linter with stylistic conventions that adhere to PEP8.

```
# Black formatting
[tool.black]
line-length = 100
include = '\.pyi?$'
exclude = '''
11
                     # exclude a few common directories in the
      \.eggs
                     # root of the project
    | \.git
    | \.hg
    | \.mypy cache
    | \.tox
    \.venv
    | _build
     buck-out
      build
      dist
111
```

Formatting done by Black

```
def very_important_function(template: str, *variables, file: os.PathLike, engine: str, header: bool = True, debug: bool = False):
    """Applies `variables` to the `template` and writes to `file`."""
   with open(file, 'w') as f:
def very_important_function(
    template: str,
    *variables,
    file: os.PathLike,
    engine: str,
    header: bool = True,
    debug: bool = False,
    """Applies `variables` to the `template` and writes to `file`."""
    with open(file, "w") as f:
```

Makefile

- Makefile is an automation tool that organizes our commands
- Syntax:

```
# Makefile
target: prerequisites
<TAB> recipe

# Styling
.PHONY: style
```

.PHONY: style
style:

black In the command Line, call "make style"
flake8
isort .

Makefile

Different rules can be configured here

```
"TITION_THIEKENETER = PATHONS
    (.$(shell which conda))
HAS_CONDA=False
HAS CONDA=True
$(PYTHON INTERPRETER) -m pip install -U pip setuptools wheel
   $(PYTHON_INTERPRETER) -m pip install -r requirements.txt
   flake8 src
   $(PYTHON_INTERPRETER) src/data/make_dataset.py data/raw data/processed
   find . -type f -name "*.py[co]" -delete
   find . -type d -name "__pycache__" -delete
```

```
(churn_model) x ∘ ruizhao@Ruis-MBP ?~/churn_model
Available rules:
                   Delete all compiled Python files
clean
                   Set up python interpreter environment
create_environment
                   Make Dataset
data
requirements
                    Install Python Dependencies
                    Code styling using flake8, black, isort
style
sync_data_from_s3
                    Download Data from S3
sync_data_to_s3
                    Upload Data to S3
                    Test python environment is setup correctly
test_environment
```

https://github.com/rz0718/churn_model/blob/main/Makefile

2.2 Interfaces of ML Systems

Batch prediction vs. online prediction

Batch prediction:

- Generate predictions periodically
- Predictions are stored somewhere (e.g. SQL tables, CSV files)
- Retrieve them as needed
- Allow more complex models

Online prediction:

- Generate predictions as requests arrive
- Predictions are returned as responses

	Batch prediction	Online prediction
Frequency	Periodical	As soon as requests come
Useful for	Processing accumulated data when you don't need immediate results (e.g. recommendation systems)	When predictions are needed as soon as data sample is generated (e.g. fraud detection)
Optimized	High throughput	Low latency
Input space	Finite: need to know how many predictions to generate	Can be infinite
Examples	 TripAdvisor hotel ranking Netflix recommendations 	Google TranslationTiktok feed
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Hybrid: batch & online prediction

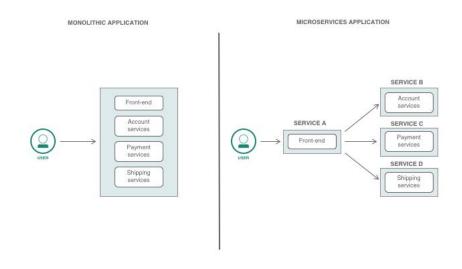
- Online prediction is default, but common queries are precomputed and stored
- **DOORDASH**
 - Restaurant recommendations use batch predictions
 - Within each restaurant, item recommendations use online predictions

NETFLIX

- Title recommendations use batch predictions
- Row orders use online predictions

Monolith vs Microservices

- Monolith: all application logics in one instance
- Microservices:
 - break application logics into smaller services
 - each service in its own container



Microservices

- Reduced complexity: each developer works on a smaller codebase
- Faster development cycle: easier review process
- Flexible stack: different microservices can use different technology stacks

Deploy ML model in RestAPI

- Wrap ML Models in a Rest API
- Deploy them as a Microservice



Export a model

- Train models
- Turn models into binary formats
 - scikit-learn, XGBoost -> joblib, pickle
 - TensorFlow -> .save()
 - PyTorch -> .save()
 - Here, MLflow is recommended that is a board project focused on improving the lifecycle of machine learning projects.
- How to deploy the model?

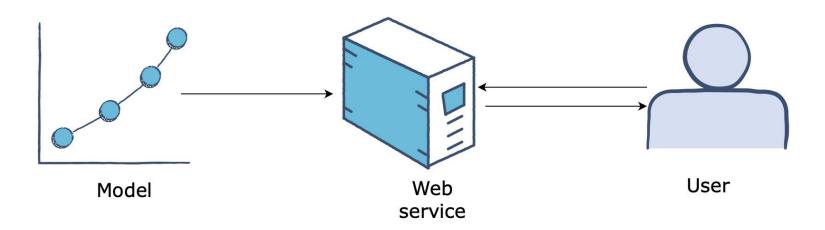
```
import mlflow.keras

model_path = "models/keras_games_v1"
mlflow.keras.save_model(model, model_path)

loaded = mlflow.keras.load_model(model_path, custom_objects={'auc': auc})
loaded.evaluate(x, y, verbose = 0)
```

Model as a web endpoint

- A model as an endpoint:
 - Prediction in response of a set of parameters
 - Here, parameters are feature vectors, images or model inputs
 - Other systems can easily use the predictive model which provides a real-time result



SKLearn Model Endpoint using Flask

```
import flask
model path = "models/logit games v1"
model = mlflow.sklearn.load_model(model_path)
app = flask.Flask(__name__)
@app.route("/", methods=["GET","POST"])
def predict():
    data = {"success": False}
    params = flask.request.args
    if "G1" in params.keys():
       new_row = { "G1": params.get("G1"),"G2": params.get("G2"),
                    "G3": params.get("G3"), "G4": params.get("G4"),
                    "G5": params.get("G5"), "G6": params.get("G6"),
                    "G7": params.get("G7"), "G8": params.get("G8"),
                    "G9": params.get("G9"), "G10":params.get("G10")}
       new_x = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(new_row,
                                      orient = "index").transpose()
        data["response"] = str(model.predict_proba(new_x)[0][1])
        data["success"] = True
    return flask.jsonify(data)
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0')
```

Python Web Frameworks

- Flask
 - Suitable for quickly prototype
- Django
 - First choice to build robust full-stack websites
- FastAPI
 - Good at speed or scalability but quite new

Sunicorn

A proper deployment also need a WSGI server that provides scaling, routing and load balancing.

Model as a serverless function

- Reduces the DevOps overhead of deploying models as web services.
- GCP Cloud Functions or AWS Lambda
- With serverless function environments,
 - Write a function that the runtime supports
 - Specify a list of dependencies
 - Deploy the function to production
 - The rest is fully managed by cloud platform such as provisioning servers, scaling up more machines to match demand, managing load balancers, and handling versioning.

Rapidly moving from prototype to production for your prediction models

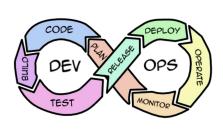
https://towardsdatascience.com/data-science-in-a-serverless-world-d04632e07a67

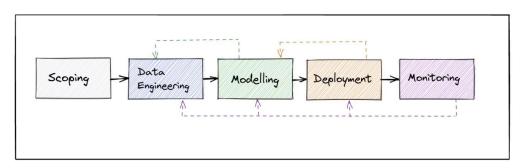
3. MLOps

MLOps=ML + DevOps

MLOps:

- A sequence of steps implemented to deploy an ML Model to the production environment
- It is easy to create ML models that can predict based on the data you fed
- It is challenging to create such models are are reliable, fast, accurate, and can be used by a large number of users





DevOps (Software Features)

ML Project Lifecycle

MLOps Concepts: I

Development Platform

- Enable smooth handover from ML Training to deployment
- A collaboration platform for performing ML experiments
- Enable secure access to data sources

Versioning

Track the version of data and code

Model Registry

 An overview of deployed & legacy ML Models and their version history, and the deployment stage of each version

Model Governance

- Access control to training process related to any given models
- Access control for who can request/reject/approve transitions between deployment stages (dev to staging to prod) in the model registry

MLOps Concepts: II

Monitoring

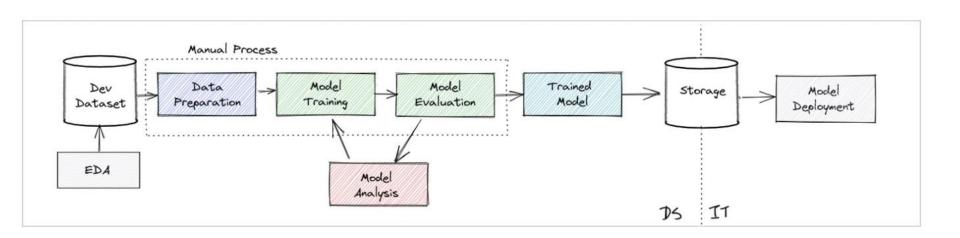
- Track performance metrics
 - ML metrics: F1 score, MSE, ...
 - Ops metrics: uptime, throughput, response time
- Drift detection
 - Concept drift: when the relation between input and output has changed
 - Label drift: changes in predictions, but the model still holds
 - Feature drift: change in the model's outcomes compared to training data
 - Prediction drift: change in the distribution of model input data
- Outlier detection
 - If the new input is totally different from any training samples, we can identify this sample as potential outlier and the risk on the trustworthy of the model's prediction

MLOps Concepts: III

- Model Unit Testing: when we create, change or retrain a model, we should automatically validate the integrity of the model
 - Should meet minimum ml performance metrics on a test set
 - Should perform well on synthetic use case-specific datastest
- Devops Concepts:
 - o CI/CD
 - Unit Test
 - Code Structure
 - Documentation

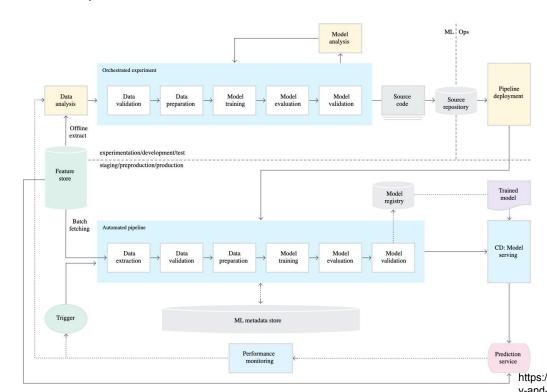
Manual MLOPs

All the work are done manually



MLOPs

Automated Pipeline



4. Building ML Pipelines with better tools

ML Pipeline for Churn Prediction

- Machine learning models are trained to predict churn
 - Kaggle data: https://www.kaggle.com/c/customer-churn-prediction-2020
- Tools used for the ML pipeline
 - Flask: create API as interfaces of models
 - MLFlow: for model registry
 - Github: for code version control
 - <u>Data Version Control (DVC)</u>: version control of the datasets and to make pipeline
 - <u>Cookiecutter</u>: Project templates



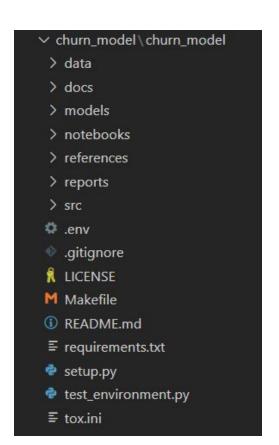
Git Repo: https://github.com/rz0718/churn_model

Create Virtual Environment

conda create -n churn_model conda activate churn_model

Create Project Structure using the cookiecutter

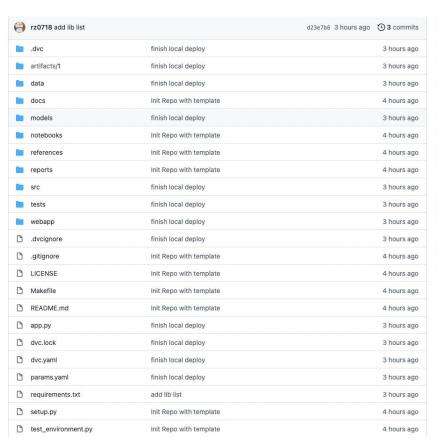
pip install cookiecutter cookiecutter https://github.com/drivendata/cookiecutter-data-science cd churn_model



Create a Github repo

git init -b main git add . git commit -m "Init project" git remote add origin <your_github_repo> git branch -m main git push -u origin main

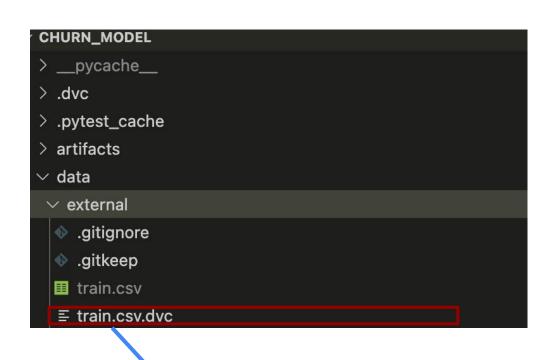
Code Version Control



Track data version with DVC

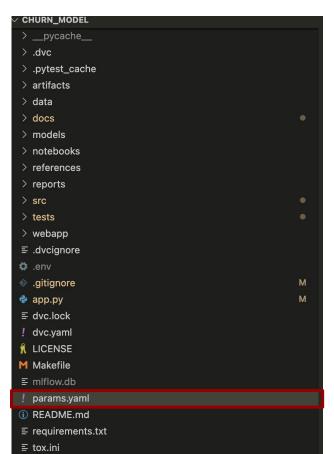
pip install dvc dvc init dvc add <path for the data file>

Data Version Control



Write config file: params.yaml

- Store all the configurations related to this project
- Put the yaml file under main folder



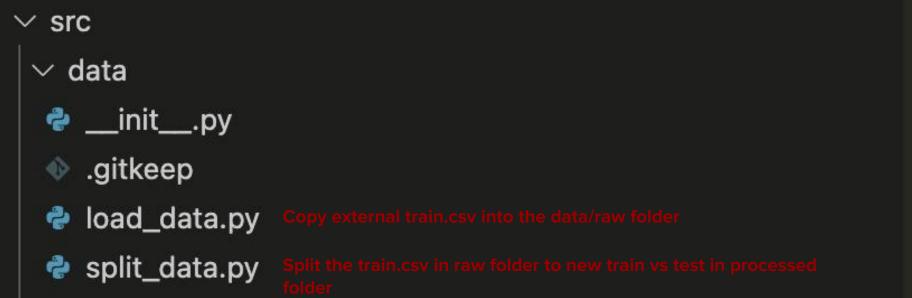
Prepare Source Code Inside the Src Folder

- Add data loading related scripts into the folder of data
- Add modeling related scripts into the folder of models

```
<- Source code for use in this project.
src
    _init__.py
                  <- Makes src a Python module
                 <- Scripts to download or generate data
    ___ make_dataset.py
   features
                  <- Scripts to turn raw data into features for modeling
    build_features.py
   models
                  <- Scripts to train models and then use trained models to make
                      predictions
       predict_model.py

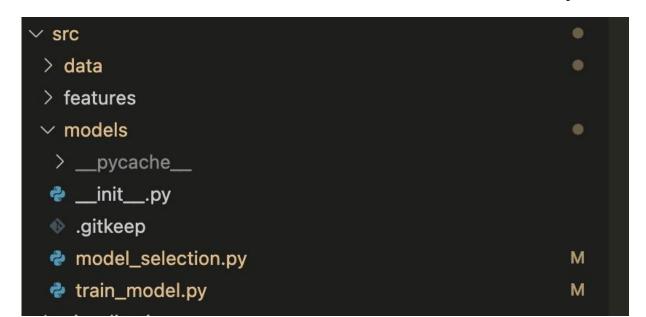
    train model.pv
```

Data Folder



Model Folder

- MLflow is used to track the model performances
- model_selection.py is used to select the best model from model registry and save the best model in the root/model directory



Pipeline Creation with DVC

- With all scripts in src folder, create the dvc.yaml to define the pipeline
- Each stage in yaml files contains:
 - cmd: bash command to execute the script
 - deps: the dependencies to execute the step
 - outs: output from the cmd line (model or data)
 - o params: parameters used in the script
- With deps, we can create DAG
 - Call "dvc dag"



stages: raw dataset creation: cmd: python src/data/load data.py --config=params.yaml - src/data/load data.pv - data/external/train.csv outs: data/raw/train.csv split data: cmd: python src/data/split_data.py --config=params.yaml src/data/split data.py data/raw/train.csv data/processed/churn train.csv data/processed/churn test.csv model train: cmd; python src/models/train model.py --config=params.yaml - data/processed/churn_train.csv data/processed/churn test.csv src/models/train model.py params: - random forest.max depth - random forest.n estimators log production model: cmd: python src/models/model selection.py --config=params.yaml - src/models/model selection.py https://github.com/r params: z0718/churn mod - random forest.max depth - random forest.n estimators el/blob/main/dvc.v

- models/model.ioblib

aml

Execute the pipeline

Use two terminals to execute:

mlflow server --backend-store-uri sqlite:///mlflow.db --default-artifact-root ./artifacts --host 0.0.0.0 -p 1234 dvc repro

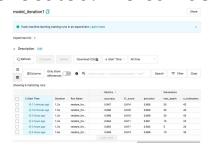


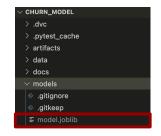
Why DVC

- DVC only conduct the action if dependencies are changed
- For example, run dvc repro again

```
(churn_model) ruizhao@Ruis-MacBook-Pro ?~/churn_model ??main ± ?dvc repro 'data/external/train.csv.dvc' didn't change, skipping
Stage 'raw_dataset_creation' didn't change, skipping
Stage 'split_data' didn't change, skipping
Stage 'model_train' didn't change, skipping
Stage 'log_production_model' didn't change, skipping
Data and pipelines are up to date.
```

 Change the hyper-parameters in params.yaml, the last two stages will be executed. We can use mlflow dashboard to track





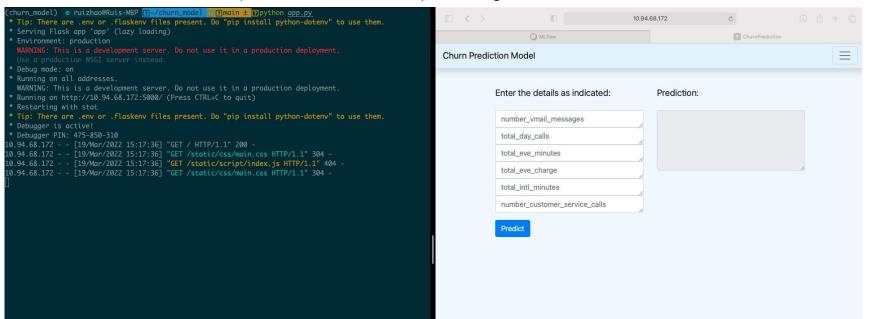
Build a web app using Flask

- Web App is able to:
 - Allow users to enter feature values
 - Call the backend ml model to take the inputs and predict the outcome
- Create a folder: webapp
 - Have required HTML, CSS and JS codes (front-end)
 - The model file (joblib) is required to be put in the model_webapp_dir

```
vebapp
> model_webapp_dir
> static
> templates
10
11
12
13
```

Create app.py

- Create app.py under the main folder
 - Connect backend to frontend
 - Send the responses to the UI after predicting the label



What we are missing

- Unit/Load tests
- Deploy the application in a real environment (not local env.)
- CI/CD
 - Push the change to git repo
 - It can be immediately deployed in production after passing the test
 - The answers from industries at this moment are:
 - Containers
 - Kubernetes
- Model Monitoring