```
In [34]: # Data manipulation and analysis
         import pandas as pd
         import numpy as np
         # Data visualization
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         from matplotlib import colors
         import seaborn as sns
         # Statistical analysis
         import scipy.stats as stats
         # Machine learning
         from sklearn import tree
         from sklearn import svm
         from sklearn.model selection import train test split, cross val score, Strat
         from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix, accuracy score, make scorer, p
         from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
         from sklearn.svm import SVC
         from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
         from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
```

### Part A

- The dataset we've analyzed comes from the U.S. Census. It contains information on individuals including age, years of education experience, capital gains, capital losses, and hours worked per week. All of this information can help predict whether a person earns more than \$50,000 per year. By using Support Vector Machines (SVM), we aimed to identify patterns and make accurate predictions on income based on the features. The model has been trained and tested on the data, making it able to classify individuals based on the probability of earning above or below the amount.
- The All-Subsets Logistic Regression model performed well in terms of accuracy (81.32%) and precision (80.26%), but its recall (29.09%) was low, indicating that it struggled to identify positive cases. The LDA model had a slightly lower accuracy (79.62%) and an even lower recall (22.24%), showing it was not as effective at identifying individuals who earn more than \$50k. The SVM-Linear model had a solid balance achieving relatively a good accuracy (80.34%), with the highest recall (80.34%) and a solid F1 score (77.27%), making it a competitive option to the SVM-RBf. However, SVM-RBF outperformed the others with the highest accuracy (82.99%), a strong precision (77.50%), and an improved F1 score (51.57%). Although, its recall (38.65%) was lower than SVM-Linear, its combination of accuracy, precision, and overall performance makes it the most useful model for predictions for the dataset.
- The bar plot compares the performance of four models: All-Subsets Logistic Regression, LDA, SVM-Linear, and the best performing SVM-RBF.

 Accuracy (blue) is highest for SVM-RBF, followed closely by Logistic Regression and SVM-Linear.

Precision (green) is fairly high across all models, with SVM-Linear performing the best. Recall (orange) is where the models differ significantly. SVM-Linear has the highest recall, while LDA and Logistic Regression lag behind. F1 Score (red) balances precision and recall, showing that SVM-Linear and SVM-RBF are the strongest contenders. I would suggest the SVM-RBF (Support Vector Machine with RBF kernel) model to the organization for prediction because it has the best balance of accuracy, precision, and it contributes to overall reliability in classification. With an accuracy of 82.99%, it outperforms all other models in correctly classifying individuals. Its precision of 77.50% makes it so that when the model predicts someone earns more than \$50k, it is correct most of the time, reducing false positives. While its recall (39.65%) is lower than other models, meaning it misses some high-income earners, the trade-off is that it reduces incorrect high-income classifications, which can be important in applications like decision-making in finance. Also, SVM-RBF is great at capturing non-linear and complex relationships in the data, making it more adaptable and more able to adjust to real-world situatoins compared to more simpler linear models. Given its superior overall performance and adaptability, SVM-RBF is the most reliable model for making accurte income predictions in the dataset.

• An individual who is 39 years old, with 10 years of education, 0 capital gains, 0 capital losses, and works 40 hours per week is predicted to make less than or equal to fifty thousand dollars. An individual who is 45 years old, with 14 years of education, 2000 capital gains, 0 capital losses, and works 35 hours per week is predicted to also make less than or equal to fifty thousand dollars.

```
In [30]: census = pd.read csv("https://webpages.charlotte.edu/mschuck1/classes/DTSC23
         census.info()
         census.head()
         X rbf svm = census[['age', 'education-num', 'capital-gain', 'capital-loss',
         y rbf svm = census['class']
         # Split the data
         X rbf svm train, X rbf svm test, y rbf svm train, y rbf svm test = train tes
         # Standardize the dataset
         scaler = StandardScaler()
         X rbf svm train scaled = scaler.fit transform(X rbf svm train)
         X rbf svm test scaled = scaler.transform(X rbf svm test)
         # Create an RBF kernel SVM model
         rbf svm = SVC(kernel='rbf', C=1, gamma='scale')
         # Train the model
         rbf svm.fit(X rbf svm train scaled, y rbf svm train)
         # Make predictions on test set
```

```
y rbf svm pred = rbf svm.predict(X rbf svm test scaled)
# Calculate performance metrics
accuracy rbf = accuracy score(y rbf svm test, y rbf svm pred)
print(f"Accuracy (RBF SVM): {accuracy rbf * 100:.2f}%")
precision rbf = precision score(y rbf svm test, y rbf svm pred, pos label='
print(f"Precision (RBF SVM): {precision rbf * 100:.2f}%")
recall rbf = recall score(y rbf svm test, y rbf svm pred, pos label=' >50K')
print(f"Recall (RBF SVM): {recall rbf * 100:.2f}%")
fl rbf = fl score(y rbf svm test, y rbf svm pred, pos label=' >50K')
print(f"F1 Score (RBF SVM): {f1 rbf * 100:.2f}%")
# Define the new individuals' data
new individuals = pd.DataFrame({
    'age': [39, 45],
    'education-num': [10, 14],
    'capital-gain': [0, 2000],
    'capital-loss': [0, 0],
    'hours-per-week': [40, 35]
})
# Standardize using the trained scaler
new individuals scaled = scaler.transform(new individuals)
# Make predictions for the new individuals
predictions = rbf svm.predict(new individuals scaled)
# Display results
for i, pred in enumerate(predictions):
    print(f"Prediction for Individual {i + 1}: {' >50k' if pred == ' >50k' €
# Visualization
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Model names
models = ["All-Subsets Logistic Regression", "LDA", "SVM-Linear", "SVM-RBF"
# Perforance metrics from each model (values taken from previous results)
accuracy = [0.8132, 0.7962, 0.8034, 0.8299]
precision = [0.8026, 0.7498, 0.7858, 0.7750]
recall = [0.2909, 0.2224, 0.8034, 0.3865]
f1 score = [0.4269, 0.3430, 0.7727, 0.5157]
# Bar Width
bar width = 0.2
x1 = np.arange(len(models))
# Create grouped bar chart
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
ax.bar(x1 - 1.5*bar_width, accuracy, bar_width, label='Accuracy', color='blu
ax.bar(x1 - 0.5*bar width, precision, bar width, label='Precision', color='c
ax.bar(x1 + 0.5*bar width, recall, bar width, label='Recall', color='orange'
ax.bar(x1 + 1.5*bar width, f1 score, bar width, label='F1 Score', color='red
```

```
# Labels and formatting
ax.set_xlabel('Models')
ax.set_ylabel('Performance')
ax.set_title('Performance Comparison of Models')
ax.set_xticks(x1)
ax.set_xticklabels(models, rotation=20)
ax.legend()
plt.show()
```

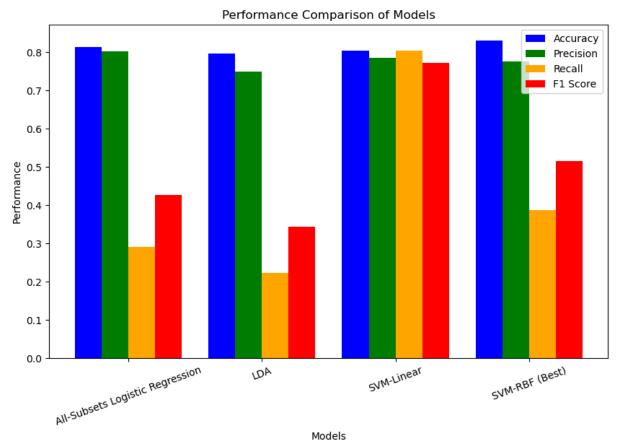
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 48842 entries, 0 to 48841
Data columns (total 6 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	age	48842 non-null	int64
1	education-num	48842 non-null	int64
2	capital-gain	48842 non-null	int64
3	capital-loss	48842 non-null	int64
4	hours-per-week	48842 non-null	int64
5	class	48842 non-null	object

dtypes: int64(5), object(1)
memory usage: 2.2+ MB

Accuracy (RBF SVM): 82.99% Precision (RBF SVM): 77.50% Recall (RBF SVM): 38.65% F1 Score (RBF SVM): 51.57%

Prediction for Individual 1: <=50k Prediction for Individual 2: <=50k



### Part B.

In this portion of the project, we analyzed a dataset of 30,000 credit card holders to predict whether an individual will default on their next payment. The dataset includes features such as credit limit (LIMIT\_BAL), age (AGE), gender (SEX), education level (EDUCATION), marital status (MARRIAGE), payment history (PAY\_0 to PAY\_6), bill amounts (BILL\_AMT1 to BILL AMT6), and payment amounts (PAY AMT1 to PAY AMT6). The target variable, DEFAULT, indicates whether the individual defaulted last month. By analyzing these features, we aimed to predict future defaults and better understand financial risks. We compared two models: Decision Tree and RBF Kernel SVM. The Decision Tree model, after pre-pruning with a maximum depth of 5, achieved an accuracy of 82.08%, with a crossvalidation score of 81.68%. The model was stable and interpretable. The RBF Kernel SVM slightly outperformed the Decision Tree in test accuracy (82.17%), but its lower crossvalidation score of 77.88% indicated overfitting, suggesting poorer generalizability. The Decision Tree was chosen as the final model for its stability, interpretability, and strong accuracy. Although the RBF Kernel SVM had a slightly higher accuracy, its tendency to overfit made the Decision Tree the more reliable choice for understanding the decisionmaking process. Visuals for the Decision Tree's performance and decision-making process are provided in Appendix B, which includes both the confusion matrix and the Decision Tree plot.

```
In [38]: credit_default = pd.read_csv(
    'https://webpages.charlotte.edu/mschuck1/classes/DTSC2301/Data/credit_ca
)
    credit_default.head()
```

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1	2	120000	2	2	2	26	-1	2	0	0
2	3	90000	2	2	2	34	0	0	0	0
3	4	50000	2	2	1	37	0	0	0	0
4	5	50000	1	2	1	57	-1	0	-1	0

ID LIMIT BAL SEX EDUCATION MARRIAGE AGE PAY 0 PAY 2 PAY 3 PAY 4 ...

5 rows × 25 columns

### **Pre-Processing**

In [3]: # change default payment next month name to DEFAULT

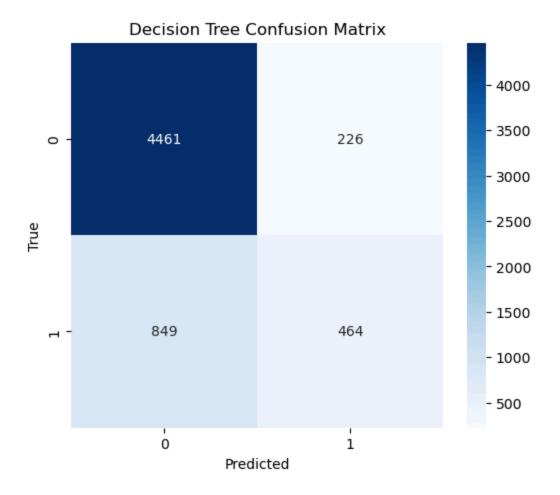
```
credit default = credit default.rename(columns={'default payment next month'
In [4]: credit default.info()
      <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
      RangeIndex: 30000 entries, 0 to 29999
      Data columns (total 25 columns):
           Column
                     Non-Null Count Dtype
           -----
                      -----
       0
           TD
                     30000 non-null int64
           LIMIT BAL 30000 non-null int64
       1
                     30000 non-null int64
           EDUCATION 30000 non-null int64
       3
           MARRIAGE
                     30000 non-null int64
       5
           AGE
                     30000 non-null int64
           PAY_0
       6
                     30000 non-null int64
       7
           PAY 2
                     30000 non-null int64
           PAY 3
       8
                     30000 non-null int64
       9
           PAY 4
                     30000 non-null int64
       10 PAY 5
                     30000 non-null int64
       11 PAY 6
                     30000 non-null int64
       12 BILL AMT1 30000 non-null int64
       13 BILL AMT2 30000 non-null int64
       14 BILL AMT3 30000 non-null int64
       15 BILL AMT4 30000 non-null int64
       16 BILL AMT5 30000 non-null int64
       17 BILL AMT6 30000 non-null int64
       18 PAY AMT1
                     30000 non-null int64
       19 PAY AMT2
                     30000 non-null int64
       20 PAY AMT3
                     30000 non-null int64
       21 PAY AMT4
                     30000 non-null int64
                     30000 non-null int64
       22 PAY AMT5
       23 PAY AMT6
                     30000 non-null int64
       24 DEFAULT
                     30000 non-null int64
      dtypes: int64(25)
      memory usage: 5.7 MB
```

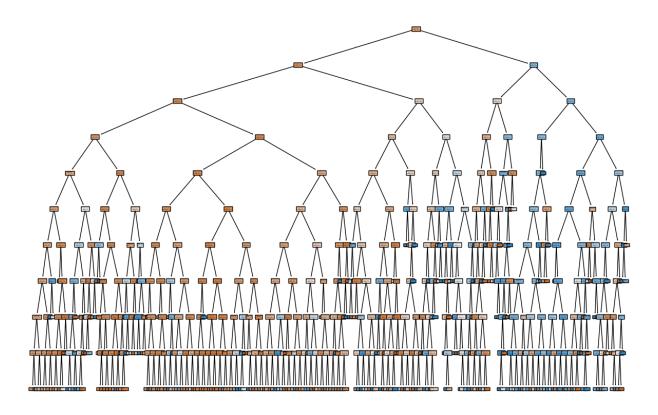
# **Confusion Matrix Function**

# Decision Tree Model Experiment

```
In [35]: output = []
         # Choose the features X and target y
         X = credit default[["LIMIT BAL", "AGE", "PAY 0", "PAY 2", "PAY 3", "PAY 4",
                              "BILL AMT1", "BILL AMT2", "BILL AMT3", "BILL AMT4", "BIL
         y = credit default["DEFAULT"]
         # Split data into training and testing sets
         X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.2, rar)
         # Initialize the StandardScaler
         scaler = StandardScaler()
         # Fit and transform the scaler on the training data, and transform the test
         X train scaled = scaler.fit transform(X train)
         X test scaled = scaler.transform(X test)
         # Create a decision tree classifier and fit it to the scaled training data
         dtree = DecisionTreeClassifier(max depth=10, min samples split=5, min sample
         dtree.fit(X train scaled, y train)
         # Make predictions on the scaled test set
         y pred = dtree.predict(X test scaled)
         # Calculate the accuracy of the model
         accuracy = accuracy score(y test, y pred)
         print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
```

Accuracy: 0.8115





### **Decision Tree Pruned**

```
In [18]: dt_pre_pruned = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=5, min_samples_split=5, mir
# Train the model
dt_pre_pruned.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
```

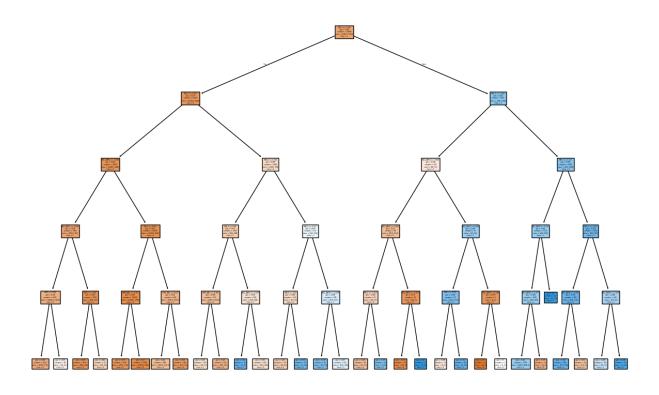
Out[18]:

#### DecisionTreeClassifier

DecisionTreeClassifier(max\_depth=5, min\_samples\_leaf=2, min\_samples
 \_split=5)

### **Decision Tree Plot**

```
In [13]: ## create a plot of the Decision Tree
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10))
    _ = tree.plot_tree(dt_pre_pruned, feature_names=feature_names, class_names=t
```

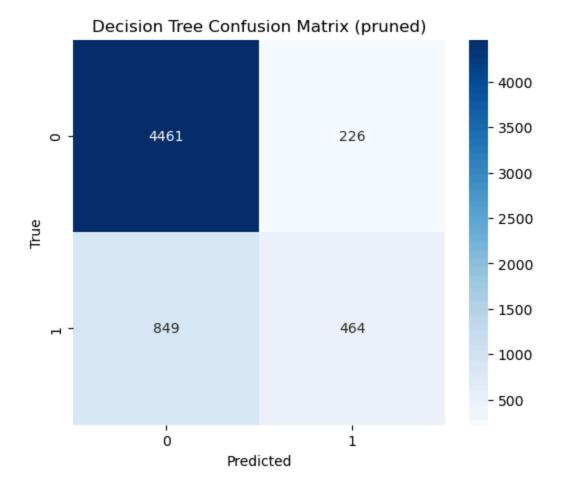


```
In [40]: y_pred = dt_pre_pruned.predict(X_test_scaled)

# Evaluate the model
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy * 100:.2f}%')

plot_confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred, 'Decision Tree Confusion Matrix (prune)
```

Accuracy: 82.08%



#### 5 Fold Cross-validation Decision Tree

```
In [39]: # Cross validation for decision tree
    scores = cross_val_score(dt_pre_pruned, X, y, cv=5)
# print accuarcy without the =-
    print(f"Decision Tree cross-validation accuracy: {scores.mean() * 100:.2f}%"
```

Decision Tree cross-validation accuracy: 81.68%

## RBF Kernel SVM Model

```
In []: # Create an RBF kernel SVM model
    rbf_svm = SVC(kernel='rbf')

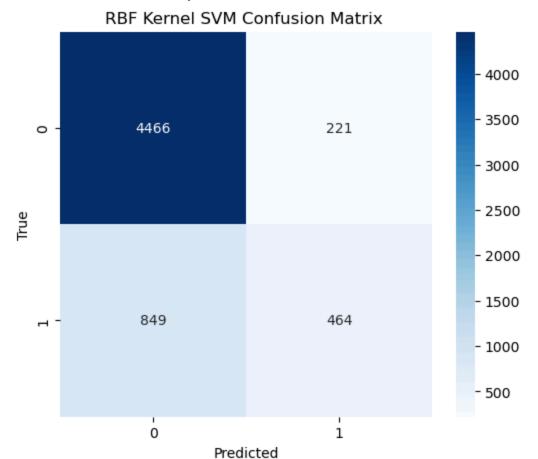
# Train the model on the training data
    rbf_svm.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

# Make predictions on the test set
    y_pred_rbf = rbf_svm.predict(X_test_scaled)

# Calculate accuracy
    accuracy_rbf = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_rbf)
    print(f"RBF Kernel SVM accuracy: {accuracy_rbf * 100:.2f}%")

plot_confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_rbf, 'RBF Kernel SVM Confusion Matrix
```

RBF Kernel SVM accuracy: 82.17%



## 5 fold Cross-Validation of RBF Kernel SVM

```
In [23]: cv_scores_rbf = cross_val_score(rbf_svm, X, y, cv=5) # 5-fold cross-validat
print(f"RBF Kernel SVM cross-validation accuracy: {cv_scores_rbf.mean() * 16
```

RBF Kernel SVM cross-validation accuracy: 77.88%

## Part C

```
In [33]: #Load dataset
    url = "https://webpages.charlotte.edu/mschuck1/classes/DTSC2301/Data/orings_
    df = pd.read_csv(url)

#Display preview of dataset
    print("Dataset Preview:")
    print(df.head())

#Check for errors
    print("\nMissing Values:")
    print(df.isnull().sum())

#Renaming columns
    df = df[['Temp', 'Damaged']].rename(columns={'Temp': 'Temperature', 'Damaged'})
```

```
#Check for unique values in the 'Damage' column
print("\nTarget Variable Distribution:")
print(df['Damage'].value counts())
#Prepare data for logistic regression
X = df[['Temperature']] # Predictor
y = df['Damage']
                         # Target
scaler = StandardScaler()
X scaled = scaler.fit transform(X)
#Fit the model
model = LogisticRegression()
model.fit(X scaled, y)
#Predict probabilities for specific temperatures
temperatures = np.array([50, 40, 30]).reshape(-1, 1)
temperatures scaled = scaler.transform(temperatures)
predicted probs = model.predict proba(temperatures scaled)[:, 1]
#Print predictions
print("\nPredicted Probabilities:")
for temp, prob in zip(temperatures.flatten(), predicted probs):
    print(f"Temperature: {temp}°F, Probability of 0-ring Damage: {prob:.4f}"
#Generate a range of temperatures for plotting
temp range = np.linspace(df['Temperature'].min(), df['Temperature'].max(), 1
temp range scaled = scaler.transform(temp range)
predicted curve = model.predict proba(temp range scaled)[:, 1]
#Plot the logistic regression curve
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(temp range, predicted curve, label="Logistic Regression Curve", col
plt.scatter(temperatures, predicted probs, color="red", label="Predicted Pro
plt.title("Logistic Regression: Probability of O-ring Damage vs Temperature"
plt.xlabel("Temperature (°F)")
plt.ylabel("Probability of O-ring Damage")
plt.axhline(0.5, color="gray", linestyle="--", label="Decision Boundary (0.5
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
plt.show()
#Summary
print("\nSummary:")
print("The logistic regression model predicts the probability of 0-ring dama
print("The predicted probabilities for 0-ring damage are as follows:")
print(f"- At 50°F: {predicted probs[0]:.4f}")
print(f"- At 40°F: {predicted probs[1]:.4f}")
print(f"- At 30°F: {predicted probs[2]:.4f}")
print("The logistic regression curve (shown above) illustrates the relations
print("As the temperature decreases, the probability of 0-ring damage increa
```

#### Dataset Preview:

	Unnamed:	0	Damaged	Temp	Pressure.psi	0rder
0		2	Θ	66	50	1
1		3	Θ	66	50	1
2		4	Θ	66	50	1
3		5	Θ	66	50	1
4		6	0	66	50	1

#### Missing Values:

Unnamed: 0 0
Damaged 0
Temp 0
Pressure.psi 0
Order 0

dtype: int64

#### Target Variable Distribution:

Damage 0 129 1 9

Name: count, dtype: int64

#### Predicted Probabilities:

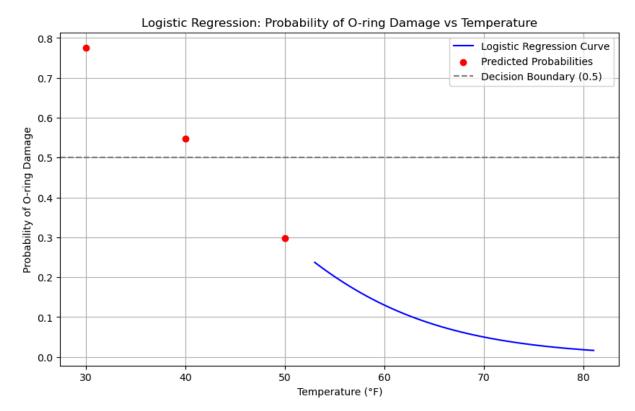
Temperature: 50°F, Probability of 0-ring Damage: 0.2986 Temperature: 40°F, Probability of 0-ring Damage: 0.5484 Temperature: 30°F, Probability of 0-ring Damage: 0.7760

/home/tclark/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages/sklearn/utils/validatio n.py:2739: UserWarning: X does not have valid feature names, but StandardSca ler was fitted with feature names

warnings.warn(

/home/tclark/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages/sklearn/utils/validatio n.py:2739: UserWarning: X does not have valid feature names, but StandardSca ler was fitted with feature names

warnings.warn(



#### Summary:

The logistic regression model predicts the probability of 0-ring damage base d on air temperature.

The predicted probabilities for 0-ring damage are as follows:

- At 50°F: 0.2986 - At 40°F: 0.5484 - At 30°F: 0.7760

The logistic regression curve (shown above) illustrates the relationship bet ween temperature and the likelihood of 0-ring damage.

As the temperature decreases, the probability of 0-ring damage increases significantly.

# **Ethics Questions:**

From an ethical perspective, what does the phrase "data scientists should never surrender their professional judgment to organizational pressure" mean to you? Can you think of consequences when this principle is violated? To me, the phrase "data scientists should never surrender their professional judgment to organizational pressure" means standing with your ethical values at work even when you run into situations where it would be better or more convenient for you to throw away your values. It's really important to be objective and authentic when you are analyzing and interpreting data so that your conclusion is honestly represented and not tampered with in any way by stakeholders to push their narrative or to meet a deadline. This phrase involves you prioritizing things like morality and fairness over an organization's goals that may not align with these values.

When you violate these principles, like what the engineers did with the Challenger case where they downplayed warnings, you end up with a tragedy that can cost lives. In other cases, like that from a data scientist's context, surrendering your professional judgment

could lead to things like biased algorithms that further push existing biases, like what was seen with Amazon's algorithm, which was biased against women. In the long term, this can lead to a loss of trust and reputability of an organization.

What ethical issues arise from asking data scientists to prove the launch is safe rather than prove it is unsafe? How does this relate to confirmation bias and responsibility in risk communication? Asking data scientists to prove a launch is safe rather than proving that the launch is unsafe leads them to try to ignore the potential dangers and focus mainly on the positives rather than the negatives since the question can subtly encourage overlooking or downplaying uncertainties and data gaps because the data scientists are pressured into coming to a conclusion that proves the safety of the launch. When you switch the question around and ask a data scientist to prove the launch is unsafe, they look at evidence-based reasons for concerns. This ensures all potential flaws are carefully examined, which is very important during a rocket launch where everything has to be perfect.

This relates to confirmation bias and responsibility in risk communication because when people get tasked with proving safety, they can unconsciously look more into data that prove safety and dismiss data that shows risk. Your responsibility would be to come to a safe verdict rather than look into potential flaws. This was seen in the case of Challenger, where the engineers presented data that showed that the O-ring had problems at lower temperatures, but instead of looking at this, management looked at how there wasn't enough evidence to prove that this was that big of a problem. This all comes to show how important it is to convey potential risks and to avoid folding to organizational pressure to come to a conclusion that supports their narrative.

How reliable or "proven" should technology be before it's used in high-risk missions like spaceflight? What ethical considerations guide that threshold? The threshold should be very high when it comes to the reliability of the technology used in space flight since many factors need to go right for a rocket launch to be successful; engineers should aim to be as close to perfect as possible. The key ethical principles that are guiding this threshold are honesty, to not harm, and empathy, which in this scenario is the astronauts who are risking their lives. Engineers should be empathetic to the astronauts and prioritize their safety over the demands of their organization.

The threshold is guided by a balance of prioritizing the goals of the organization with the safety of the astronauts. We should try to avoid risk as much as reasonably possible. The Challenger disaster highlights what happens when you break this balance and the engineers have to overlook certain problems because of deadlines. Technology should be proven to the highest reasonable degree, and there should be a clear understanding of uncertainties.