Consider the turnover\_train.csv, turnover\_val.csv, and turnover\_test.csv data files (posted under the In-Class 17 assignment link). This file contains basic employment information of employees from some company. The goal is to build a binary classification to predict employee turnover. In Python, answer the following:

- 1. (4 points) Using the pandas library, read the csv data files and create three data-frames called train, validation and test, respectively.
- 2. (7 points) Change sales, and salary from labels to dummy variables in the three data-frames.
- 3. (7 points) Engineer the interactions/features in-class 9 assignment (the ones from the decision tree) in the three data-frames.
- 4. (10 points) Based on the different models built on this dataset, it seems that interaction\_3, interaction\_1, satisfaction\_level, time\_spend\_company, and number\_project are the top 5 important variables. Using train data-frame and the top 5 features, perform a hyper-tuning job on the random forest model. Using the Optuna framework and the following dictionary:

perform the hyper-parameter job with 3 folds. Note that based on historical data, the company estimated the following:

		Actual Class	
		0	1
Predicted Class	0	\$0	-\$1,000
	1	-\$1,500	\$500

Using the information from the above table, the cost function is given by:

$$\mathtt{cost} = -1000 \times Y - 1500 \times Z + 500 \times W$$

where Y, Z and W represent the number of times the model predicted 0 and it was actually 1, number of times the model predicted 1 and it was actually 0, and number of times the model predicted 1 and it was actually 1, respectively. Identify the hyper-parameter combination that produces the highest cost. Then, use that model to predict the likelihood of left on the validation and test data-frames. Find the optimal cutoff value by comparing the likelihoods of left in validation and the actual left values in the validation. Use this cutoff to change the likelihoods of left in the test data-frame to label. Compute the cost of this prediction on the test data-frame.

5. (10 points) Based on the different models built on this dataset, it seems that interaction\_3, interaction\_1, satisfaction\_level, time\_spend\_company, and number\_project are the top 5 important variables. Using train data-frame and the top 5 features, perform a hyper-tuning job on the gradient boosting model. Using the Optuna framework and the following dictionary:

perform the hyper-parameter job with 3 folds. After that, build a gradient boosting model with the best hyper-parameter combination that produces the highest cost (defined in part 5). Then, use that model to predict the likelihood of left on the validation and test data-frames. Find the optimal cutoff value by comparing the likelihoods of left in validation and the actual left values in the validation. Use this cutoff to change the likelihoods of left in the test data-frame to label. Compute the cost of this prediction on the test data-frame.

- 6. (10 points) Using the predictions on the validation data-frame from parts 4 & 5, build an ensemble model (using the random forest model). Perform a hyper-parameter tuning job on the ensemble model (using the same set of hyper-parameters from part 4) and identify the model that produces the highest cost (defined in part 4). Then, use the ensemble model to predict the likelihood of left on the test data-frame. Find the optimal cutoff value by comparing the likelihoods of left in validation and the actual left values in the validation. Use this cutoff to change the likelihoods of left in the test data-frame to label. Compute the cost of this prediction on the test data-frame.
- 7. (3 points) Based on your results from parts 4, 5, and 6, what model would you use to predict left? Be specific.