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Self Case Study -1: Healthcare Provider Fraud Detection Analysis

Kaggle Link: <https://www.kaggle.com/rohitrox/healthcare-provider-fraud-detection-analysis>

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=LBGU1_JO3kg

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Overview

*** Write an overview of the case study that you are working on. **(MINIMUM 200 words)** ***

1. Introduction

Healthcare Fraud is stated to be a white-collar crime, which means it is nothing but *a nonviolent crime which is often seen in financial situations for monetary profit*. And often many of such crimes are difficult to prosecute because the perpetrators use sophisticated means to conceal their activities through a series of complex transactions.

Healthcare Fraud does involve practitioners kicking schemes such as:

- Providing patients fully or partially covered medicines, which not only involves increasing the cost on the patient's head but the health-insurance companies are also at a loss.
- Duplicate claims, altering dates, description of services, billing of non-covered service as a covered service, etc are some of the more fraudulent ways of fooling health-insurance companies.

1.1. Business Problem

The Business problem has been taken from one of the Kaggle posts, which can be found at this [weblink](#).

- As per the problem, we need to “*predict the potential fraudulent providers*”, based on the claims filed by them.
- Also, to “*discover important variables helpful in detecting the behaviour of potentially fraudulent providers*”.
- If certain patterns are discovered in providers' claims to understand the future trend of frauds, then it would add a lot of value to the health-insurance companies.

1.1.1. ML formulation of the Business Problem

It is a pure binary classification task.

1.1.2. Business Constraints

- Cost of mis-classification can be very high, as it leads to a fraudulent provider being provided with the reimbursement of the medical bills s/he could have added to the insurance company.
- Probability for a provider to be non/fraudulent, if s/he follows the pattern figured out, then that could be flagged.

1.1.3. Data Columns Analysis

There are 8 files in total. 4 each of train and test, viz.

1. Test-1542969243754.csv
2. Test_Beneficiarydata-1542969243754.csv
3. Test_Inpatientdata-1542969243754.csv
4. Test_Outpatientdata-1542969243754.csv
5. Train-1542865627584.csv
6. Train_Beneficiarydata-1542865627584.csv
7. Train_Inpatientdata-1542865627584.csv
8. Train_Outpatientdata-1542865627584.csv

1.1.3.1. Beneficiary(Rows=, Columns=25)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Data Type</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1. BenelD | obj | Healthcare Beneficiary Identity |
| 2. DOB | obj | Date of Birth |
| 3. DOD | obj | Date of Discharge |
| 4. Gender | int | Gender(Male/Female) |
| 5. Race | int | Ethnicity of the patient |
| 6. RenalDiseaseIndicator | obj | If the beneficiary has a renal/kidney disease |
| 7. State | int | State to which the beneficiary |

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| | | belongs |
| 8. Country | int | Country to which the beneficiary belongs |
| 9. NoOfMonths_PartACov | int | Number of months for which Part A of Medicare is covered |
| 10. NoOfMonths_PartBCov | int | Number of months for which Part B of Medicare is covered |
| 11. ChronicCond_Alzheimer | int | Does the beneficiary have alzheimers |
| 12. ChronicCond_Heartfailure | int | Does the beneficiary had a heart failure |
| <u>Name</u> | <u>Data Type</u> | <u>Description</u> |
| 13. ChronicCond_KidneyDisease | int | Does the beneficiary have kidney disease |
| 14. ChronicCond_Cancer | int | Does the beneficiary have cancer |
| 15. ChronicCond_ObstrPulmonary | int | Does the beneficiary have Obstructive Pulmonary disease |
| 16. ChronicCond_Depression | int | Does the beneficiary have Depression |
| 17. ChronicCond_Diabetes | int | Does the beneficiary have Diabetes |
| 18. ChronicCond_IschemicHeart | int | Does the beneficiary have Ischemic Heart Disease |
| 19. ChronicCond_Osteoporosis | int | Does the beneficiary have Osteoporosis |
| 20. ChronicCond_rheumatoid arthritis | int | Does the patient have rheumatoid arthritis |
| 21. ChronicCond_stroke | int | Does the patient have a stroke |
| 22. IPAnnualReimbursementAmt | int | Yearly reimbursement amount for the beneficiary when s/he is admitted as an inpatient |
| 23. IPAnnualDeductibleAmt | int | Yearly deductible amount for the beneficiary when s/he is admitted as |

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| | | an inpatient |
| 24. OPAnnualReimbursement Amt | int | Yearly reimbursement amount for the beneficiary when s/he is admitted as an outpatient |
| 25. OPAnnualDeductibleAmt | int | Yearly deductible amount for the beneficiary when s/he is admitted as an outpatient |

1.1.3.2. Inpatient (Rows=, Columns=30)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Data Type</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| 1. BeneID | obj | Healthcare Beneficiary Identity |
| 2. ClaimID | obj | Claim Identity entered by the provider |
| 3. ClaimStartDt | obj | Date from which claim for the beneficiary was filed by the healthcare provider |
| 4. ClaimEndDt | obj | Date till which claim for the beneficiary was filed by the healthcare provider |
| 5. Provider | obj | Healthcare provider |
| 6. InscClaimAmtReimbursed | int | Insurance claim amount reimbursed by the insurer |
| 7. AttendingPhysician | obj | Attending physician |
| 8. OperatingPhysician | obj | Physician under which surgery or operation was done |
| 9. OtherPhysician | obj | Any other physician under which beneficiary was taken care |
| 10. AdmissionDt | obj | Admission date of the beneficiary |

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|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 11. ClmAdmitDiagnosisCode | obj | Diagnosis code for the admit claim |
| 12. DeductibleAmtPaid | float | Deductible amount paid by the insurer |
| 13. DischargeDt | obj | Discharge date of the beneficiary |
| 14. DiagnosisGroupCode | obj | Group code for the diagnosis |

There are 17 more columns, for which metadata as per the source website is not described.

1.1.3.3. Outpatient (Rows=, Columns=27)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Data Type</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| 1. BenelD | object | Healthcare Beneficiary Identity |
| 2. ClaimID | object | Claim Identity entered by the provider |
| 3. ClaimStartDt | object | Date from which claim for the beneficiary was filed by the healthcare provider |
| 4. ClaimEndDt | object | Date till which claim for the beneficiary was filed by the healthcare provider |
| 5. Provider | object | Healthcare provider |
| <u>Name</u> | <u>Data Type</u> | <u>Description</u> |
| 6. InscClaimAmtReimbursed | int | Insurance claim amount reimbursed by the insurer |
| 7. AttendingPhysician | object | Attending physician |
| 8. OperatingPhysician | object | Physician under which surgery or operation was done |
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| 10. DeductibleAmtPaid | int | Deductible amount paid by the insurer |

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There are 16 more columns for which metadata is not available at the source website.

1.1.3.4. Target (Rows=, Columns=2)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Data Type</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 1. Provider | object | Healthcare Provider who is filing the claim |
| 2. PotentialFraud | object | Flag whether the provider was identified as fraudulent or not |

1.1.3.5. All Possible Performance Metrics

- Confusion matrix: If we go for finding the confusion matrix, we can go ahead with creating precision, recall and F1-score, which will give us a more detailed analysis of the performance of our models.

| Actual → Predicted ↓ | 0 | 1 |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 0 | True negative | False negative |
| 1 | False positive | True positive |
| | <u>Total negatives</u> | <u>Total positives</u> |

- Precision: As per the confusion matrix results, the precision findings can give us a measure of out of *all the points declared as positive*, what percent of them are *actually positives*.

$$\text{Precision} = \text{true positives} / (\text{true positives} + \text{false positives})$$

- Recall: As per the confusion matrix results, the recall findings can give us a measure of out of all the points belonging to class positive, how many of them are predicted to be positive.

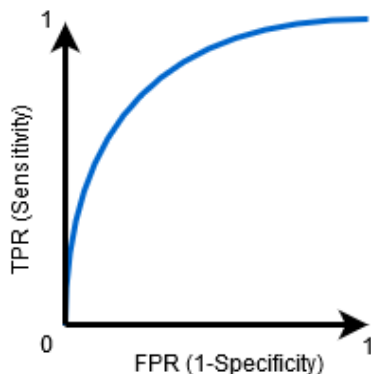
$$\text{recall} = \text{true positives} / (\text{true positives} + \text{false negatives})$$

- F1-score: It is helpful in figuring out the correct balance between the two measures of precision and recall. It is nothing but the harmonic mean of precision and recall.

$$F1 - \text{Score} = 2 \cdot (\text{precision} \cdot \text{recall}) / (\text{precision} + \text{recall})$$

- Accuracy: If we apply an upsampling technique to balance the dataset, we can go for accuracy as one of the measures to check the performance of our classification models.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \text{total \# of points correctly classified} / \text{total \# of points in the test set}$$



- AUC-ROC: it is used for binary classification tasks. Assuming that the model outputs a score which can be interpreted similar to the probability of a class 1 score. The AUC values lie between 0 and 1, where 0 is the worst and 1 being the best. [Image credits](#): Analytics Vidhya

Research-Papers/Solutions/Architectures/Kernels

*** Mention the urls of existing research-papers/solutions/kernels on your problem statement and in your own words write a detailed summary for each one of them. If needed, you can include images or explain with your own diagrams. **it is mandatory to write a brief description about that paper. Without understanding of the resource please don't mention it*****

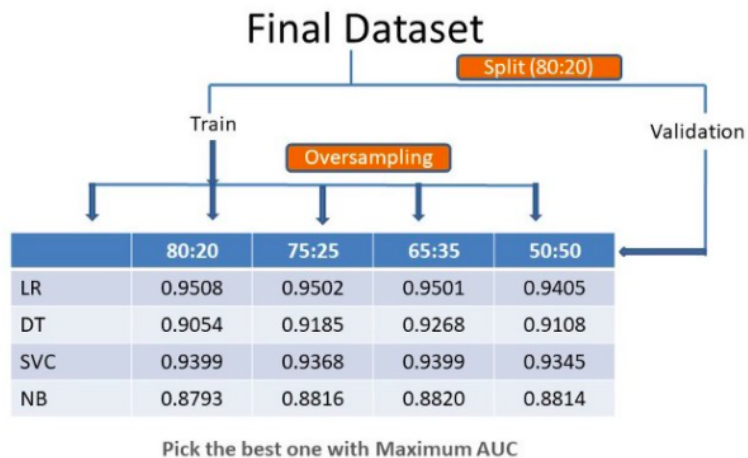
2. Research

2.1. Resources

- 2.1.1. <https://medium.com/analytics-vidhya/healthcare-provider-fraud-detection-analysis-using-machine-learning-81ebf09ed955>

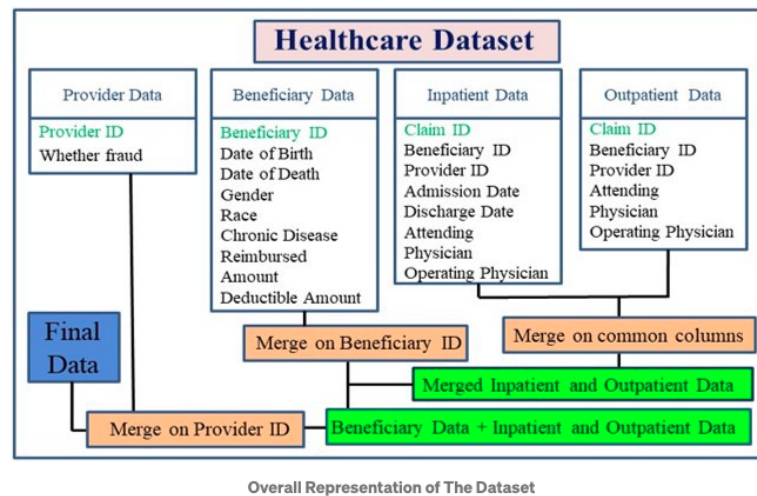
Observations:

- a. This blog describes the cost of misclassification, which as per the author is very high. It says that False negatives and False positives should be as low as possible. As the misclassification can happen, even if the model is too brilliant, the insurer must provide a reason as to why it declared a particular claim as fraudulent. And then they can go for manual investigation. And since the insurer has promised to reimburse all the genuine claims, they must pass it within 30 days or as stipulated. So, there is a strict latency constraint, but it should not take more than a day.
- b. As per the blog, after splitting the dataset, oversampling should be done only on the train and not on the validation. The test data is already given separately. It seems that the author has chosen only the SMOTE oversampling method, which is too simple in its approach.



Source: Analytics Vidhya blog on medium.com

- c. The author has also merged all the three datasets. For this, the author has first created some features such as 'age', category - 'if dead', 'claim duration', 'hospital stay duration'. The author has also grouped and then taken mean or average in several circumstances.



Source: Analytics Vidhya blog on medium.com

Takeaway:

- a. Except for the SMOTE technique, all of the rest seem to be meaningful. The 'merging after feature engineering' and the 'business constraints' described in point a are very useful.

- 2.1.2. <https://rohansoni-jssaten2019.medium.com/healthcare-provider-fraud-detection-and-analysis-machine-learning-6af6366caff2>

Observations: How to raise suspicion on a claim submitted for adjudication:

- a. Excessive price charged on treatment/medicine
- b. Unusual high number of invoices for a beneficiary in a short time period
- c. Billing for a service which was not prescribed for the beneficiary.
- d. Duplicate claim submission
- e. Misrepresentation of the service provided
- f. Charging for a more complex service than what was actually provided

Takeaway:

- a. All the above key points seem important for EDA to understand the claim fraud, in-depth.

- 2.1.3. <https://nycdatascience.com/blog/student-works/healthcare-fraud-detecting-inconsistencies-in-provider-data/>

Observation:

- a. It has a really good EDA description as well as feature engineering techniques.
- b. Diagrams are very much noticeable and worth the effort of making it understandable to a viewer.

Takeaway:

- a. The process of EDA can take inspiration from this blog.

- 2.1.4. <https://www.datasciencecentral.com/profiles/blogs/deep-learning-detecting-fraudulent-healthcare-provider-using>

Observations:

- a. KNN, Autoencoders(Deep Neural Networks), K-Means, Support Vector Machines, Naive Bayes – Could be very useful for anomaly detection.
- b. Unsupervised algorithms of ML would be better for highly imbalanced datasets.

2.1.5. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6120851/>

Observations:

- a. Random Forest produced the highest AUC of 0.87302 for the 90:10 class distribution.
- b. Naive Bayes being the worst performing learner
- c. Except the C4.5 Decision Trees, the trend across class distribution, shows that most learners have decreasing performance as the classes become more imbalanced with less minority class representation.
- d. K-Fold Cross-Validation can be incorporated.

Takeaway:

- a. With the above findings, we need to experiment with a few models in such a manner to have the best distribution of data in a good ratio such as 90:10 or 80:20 for Train:Validation.
- b. Experimenting a bit can give us better results.

First Cut Approach

*** Explain in steps about how you want to approach this problem and the initial experiments that you want to do. **(MINIMUM 200 words)** ***

*** When you are doing the basic EDA and building the First Cut Approach you should not refer any blogs or papers ***

1. We need a good oversampling method and not a SMOTE. Because it is very simple in its approach. Applying SMOTE might not give us good results although we can try.
2. We need feature engineering to build good features such as age, if_dead, claim and hospital-stay duration.
3. Combining the 3 different datasets to work for getting best results.
4. We can also use features which prove more useful in predicting targets by plotting graphs and with the help of that we can create more features.
5. For encoding categorical features, mean/target encoding could be more useful. Although, mean-encoding can lead to overfitting, use of a regularizer can be beneficial.

6. We can use percentile methods to remove extreme outliers.
7. Models such as Random-Forest, GBDT-XGBoost would be tried first and then would go to Support Vector Machines, logistic Regression and Naive Bayes at last.

Notes when you build your final notebook:

1. You should not train any model either it can be a ML model or DL model or Countvectorizer or even simple StandardScalar
2. You should not read train data files
3. The function1 takes only one argument “X” (a single data points i.e 1*d feature) and the inside the function you will preprocess data point similar to the process you did while you featurize your train data
 - a. Ex: consider you are doing taxi demand prediction case study (problem definition: given a time and location predict the number of pickups that can happen)
 - b. so in your final notebook, you need to pass only those two values
 - c.

```
def final(X):  
    preprocess data i.e data cleaning, filling missing values etc  
    compute features based on this X  
    use pre trained model  
    return predicted outputs  
final([time, location])
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 - d. in the instructions, we have mentioned two functions one with original values and one without it
 - e.

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final([time, location])
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 # in this function you need to return the predictions, no need to compute the metric
 - f.

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final(set of [time, location] values, corresponding Y values)
```

 # when you pass the Y values, we can compute the error metric(Y, y_predict)
4. After you have preprocessed the data point you will featurize it, with the help of trained vectorizers or methods you have followed for your train data
5. Assume this function is like you are productionizing the best model you have built, you need to measure the time for predicting and report the time. Make sure you keep the time as low as possible
6. Check this live session:
<https://www.appliedaicourse.com/lecture/11/applied-machine-learning-online-course/4148/>

[hands-on-live-session-deploy-an-ml-model-using-apis-on-aws/5/module-5-feature-engineering-productionization-and-deployment-of-ml-models](#)