telco churn model

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1 Final Project Submission

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1.1 Business Objective

A telecommunications company wants to identify the leading factors of why a customer cancels their service. By understanding the factors which most strongly contribute to their churn rate they can set up work streams to help mitigate and reduce this effect over time, which will increase the LTV and overall ROI for the company.

1.2 Importing packages & EDA

```
[44]: # Packages that I'm using to create the classification
      import pandas as pd
      import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      import seaborn as sns
      from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV, u

→StratifiedKFold

      from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, precision_score, __
       →recall_score, accuracy_score, f1_score
      from sklearn.metrics import plot confusion matrix, confusion matrix,
       →plot_roc_curve
      from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, plot_tree
      from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, AdaBoostClassifier,
       \hookrightarrow Gradient Boosting Classifier
      from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, OneHotEncoder,
       \hookrightarrow FunctionTransformer
      from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
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from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline, FeatureUnion
      from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
      from xgboost import XGBClassifier
      from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
      from imblearn.pipeline import Pipeline as ImPipeline
      import warnings
      warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
[45]: # Loads data into a DataFrame for investigation
      df = pd.read_csv('data/telco_churn_data.csv')
      df.head()
[45]:
        state account length area code phone number international plan \
                           128
                                      415
                                              382-4657
      0
           KS
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      1
           OH
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           NJ
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                       186.9
                                             121
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         total intl minutes total intl calls total intl charge \
                                                              2.70
      0
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1	13.7	3	3.70
2	12.2	5	3.29
3	6.6	7	1.78
4	10.1	3	2.73

customer service calls churn

1 False
1 False
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[5 rows x 21 columns]

[46]: # Checking what datatypes each column consists of df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332
Data columns (total 21 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype		
0	state	3333 non-null	object		
1	account length	3333 non-null	int64		
2	area code	3333 non-null	int64		
3	phone number	3333 non-null	object		
4	international plan	3333 non-null	object		
5	voice mail plan	3333 non-null	object		
6	number vmail messages	3333 non-null	int64		
7	total day minutes	3333 non-null	float64		
8	total day calls	3333 non-null	int64		
9	total day charge	3333 non-null	float64		
10	total eve minutes	3333 non-null	float64		
11	total eve calls	3333 non-null	int64		
12	total eve charge	3333 non-null	float64		
13	total night minutes	3333 non-null	float64		
14	total night calls	3333 non-null	int64		
15	total night charge	3333 non-null	float64		
16	total intl minutes	3333 non-null	float64		
17	total intl calls	3333 non-null	int64		
18	total intl charge	3333 non-null	float64		
19	customer service calls	3333 non-null	int64		
20	churn	3333 non-null	bool		
dtypes: bool(1), float64(8),		int64(8), object(4)			

dtypes: bool(1), float64(8), int64(8), object(4)

memory usage: 524.2+ KB

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[47]: # Converting target variable into an integer for ease of use later
      df['churn'] = df['churn'].astype('int')
[48]: #
      df.describe()
             account length
                                            number vmail messages
                                                                    total day minutes
[48]:
                                area code
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      mean
                                          200.872037
                                                              100.107711
      std
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                                           50.573847
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                                  total intl minutes
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                        9.039325
                                                                4.479448
      mean
                                            10.237294
      std
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                                                               0.144914
      mean
      std
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      75%
                       3.270000
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                                                               0.000000
      max
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                                                               1.000000
[49]: df.isna().sum()
[49]: state
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      account length
      area code
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      phone number
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      international plan
                                  0
      voice mail plan
                                  0
      number vmail messages
                                  0
      total day minutes
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      total day calls
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      total day charge
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      total night minutes
      total night calls
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                                  0
      total night charge
      total intl minutes
                                  0
      total intl calls
                                  0
      total intl charge
      customer service calls
                                  0
                                  0
      churn
      dtype: int64
[50]: # Creating area code into a categorical variable, instead of int as it's more
       \rightarrow applicable
      df['area code'] = df['area code'].astype('str')
[51]: df.churn.value_counts()
[51]: 0
           2850
      1
            483
      Name: churn, dtype: int64
```

Looking at the above we can see that this dataset is imbalanced, therefore in the process to maximise the model performance on unseen data we'll have to utilise a resampling method on the training set.

```
State has the following different values: ['KS' 'OH' 'NJ' 'OK' 'AL' 'MA' 'MO' 'LA' 'WV' 'IN' 'RI' 'IA' 'MT' 'NY' 'ID' 'VT' 'VA' 'TX' 'FL' 'CO' 'AZ' 'SC' 'NE' 'WY' 'HI' 'IL' 'NH' 'GA' 'AK' 'MD' 'AR' 'WI' 'OR' 'MI' 'DE' 'UT' 'CA' 'MN' 'SD' 'NC' 'WA' 'NM' 'NV' 'DC' 'KY' 'ME' 'MS' 'TN' 'PA' 'CT' 'ND']

There are 51 options for the State feature

Area Code has the following different values: ['415' '408' '510']

There are 3 options for the Area Code feature

Phone Number has the following different values: ['382-4657' '371-7191' '358-1921' ... '328-8230' '364-6381' '400-4344']

There are 3333 options for the Phone Number feature

International Plan has the following different values: ['no' 'yes']

There are 2 options for the International Plan feature

Voice Mail Plan has the following different values: ['yes' 'no']

There are 2 options for the Voice Mail Plan feature
```

Looking at the above columns, it is clear that while we have been give a phone number, since these are all unique, this isn't going to have any influence over whether a customer has churned or not, therefore the next steps will be to drop this column.

After this, looking at our brief exploratory data above there are a few different steps to complete before the data is ready to be passed into a model. These are: - One hot encode all of the categorical columns - Normalize all of the numerical columns - Account for the class imbalance within the target data by using SMOTE

Once these steps have been completed the data should be ready to pass into our proposed models

1.3 Setting up datasets for model testing

```
[53]: # Removing phone number as it'll lead to overfitting given each number is unique
X = df.drop(columns=['churn', 'phone number'], axis=1)
# Selecting target variable
y = df.churn
```

1.4 Useful Functions

Below I've created a few functions that are useful when it comes to building out the model. The first is focused on adding additional features through feature engineering to enrich the dataset

```
[55]: def additional_churn_features(X):
          X['total_calls'] = X['total day calls'] + X['total eve calls'] + X['total_
       →night calls'] + X['total intl calls']
          X['total_charges'] = X['total day charge'] + X['total eve charge'] +

      →X['total night charge'] + X['total intl charge']
          X['total minutes'] = X['total day minutes'] + X['total eve minutes'] +_{\sqcup}
       →X['total night minutes'] + X['total intl minutes']
          X['pct_intl_calls'] = X['total intl calls'] / X['total_calls']
          X['pct_domestic_calls'] = 1 - X['pct_intl_calls']
          X['pct_intl_minutes'] = X['total intl minutes'] / X['total_minutes']
          X['pct_intl_charges'] = X['total intl charge'] / X['total_charges']
          X['avg_mins_per_call_day'] = X['total_day minutes'] / X['total_day calls']
          X['avg_mins_per_call_eve'] = X['total eve minutes'] / X['total eve calls']
          X['avg_mins_per_call_night'] = X['total night minutes'] / X['total night_
      X.fillna(method='bfill', inplace=True)
          return X
```

```
[56]: def preparing_model_pipeline(X, model=DecisionTreeClassifier, grid=None, □

→score='f1', booster=None):

'''

This function takes a dataset, a model to instantiate if provided and a grid which then creates a sklearn pipeline to perform the following steps:

- Adding additional features to the dataset

- OHE all categorical features

- Scaling all numeric columns

- performing SMOTE to account for class imbalance

- Instantiating the model

If grid is provided, it then performs the relevant gridsearch function

'''

# feature engineering

feat_eng_transformer = FunctionTransformer(additional_churn_features, □

→validate=False)
```

```
# OHE
   cat_features = X.select_dtypes(exclude=[np.number]).columns.tolist()
   cat_col_transformer = ColumnTransformer(transformers=[
     ("ohe", OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore', sparse=True),_
# SMOTE & StandardScaler
   if booster == None:
       imb_pipe = ImPipeline(steps=[('feat_eng', feat_eng_transformer),
                              ('cat_ohe', cat_col_transformer),
                              ('sscaler', StandardScaler(with_mean=False)),
                              ('smote', SMOTE(random_state=42)),
                              ('model', model(random_state=42))
                              ])
   else:
       imb_pipe = ImPipeline(steps=[('feat_eng', feat_eng_transformer),
                              ('cat_ohe', cat_col_transformer),
                              ('sscaler', StandardScaler(with_mean=False)),
                              ('smote', SMOTE(random_state=42)),
                             ('model', model(random state=42, booster=booster))
                              1)
   if grid == None:
      return imb_pipe
   else:
       stratified_kfold = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=3,
                                     shuffle=True,
                                     random_state=42)
       gridsearch = GridSearchCV(estimator=imb_pipe,
                        param_grid=grid,
                        scoring=score,
                        cv=stratified kfold)
       return gridsearch
```

1.5 Set up baseline performance for all models

In the code below we create a dataframe to show what performance looks like across a range of different classifier models at a baseline level, this will allow us to select a few to look at hypertuning using the GridSearchCV method

```
[57]: model_list = [DecisionTreeClassifier, RandomForestClassifier,
       →LogisticRegression,
                     AdaBoostClassifier, GradientBoostingClassifier, XGBClassifier]
      model performance = []
      for model in model_list:
          inner_list = []
          inner_list.append(f'{str(model).split(".")[-1][:-2]}')
          result = preparing_model_pipeline(X_train, model)
          fitted_model = result.fit(X_train, y_train)
          recall_train = recall_score(y_train, fitted_model.predict(X_train))
          recall_test = recall_score(y_test, fitted_model.predict(X_test))
          inner_list.append(recall_train)
          inner_list.append(recall_test)
          f1_train = f1_score(y_train, fitted_model.predict(X_train))
          f1_test = f1_score(y_test, fitted_model.predict(X_test))
          inner_list.append(f1_train)
          inner_list.append(f1_test)
          model_performance.append(inner_list)
          #print(f'This is a {model} model')
         \#print(classification\_report(y\_test,\ fitted\_model.predict(X\_test),\ digits=3))
      base_model_df = pd.DataFrame(model_performance, columns= ['model_name',_

¬'recall_train', 'recall_test', 'f1_train', 'f1_test'])

      base_model_df
```

[57]:	model_name	recall_train	recall_test	${ t f1_train}$	f1_test
0	DecisionTreeClassifier	1.000000	0.820690	1.000000	0.725610
1	RandomForestClassifier	1.000000	0.744828	1.000000	0.791209
2	LogisticRegression	0.766272	0.662069	0.516451	0.446512
3	AdaBoostClassifier	0.730769	0.648276	0.704708	0.620462
4	${\tt GradientBoostingClassifier}$	0.875740	0.813793	0.933754	0.877323
5	XGBClassifier	1.000000	0.834483	1.000000	0.886447

Looking at the above, we'll select the following models to tune further: - DecisionTreeClassifier - RandomForestClassifier - XGBClassifier

These will run through a grid search and return both the best parameters for performance metrics, targetting the f1 metric

```
[15]: grid_dt =[{'model_criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
          'model__max_depth': [None, 5, 10, 15, 20],
          'model_max_features': [None, 10, 5, 15],
          'model__min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
          'model__min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 5]}]
      tuned_decision_model = preparing_model_pipeline(X_train, grid=grid_dt)
      fitted tuned dt = tuned decision model.fit(X train, y train)
      fitted tuned dt.best params
[15]: {'model__criterion': 'gini',
       'model max depth': 5,
       'model__max_features': None,
       'model__min_samples_leaf': 1,
       'model__min_samples_split': 2}
[16]: pd.DataFrame(classification_report(y_test, fitted_tuned_dt.predict(X_test),__

→digits=3, output_dict=True)).transpose()
[16]:
                                recall f1-score
                   precision
                                                    support
     0
                     0.953462 0.982456 0.967742
                                                    855.000
      1
                     0.873950 0.717241 0.787879
                                                   145.000
      accuracy
                     0.944000 0.944000 0.944000
                                                      0.944
     macro avg
                     0.913706 0.849849 0.877810 1000.000
      weighted avg
                     0.941933 0.944000 0.941662 1000.000
[17]: grid rf ={
          'model__n_estimators': [100, 150],
          'model__criterion': ['entropy', 'gini'],
          'model_max_depth': [3, 7],
          'model__max_features': [5, 10, 15],
          'model__min_samples_split': [10, 20, 50],
          'model_min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4]
      tuned_rforest_model = preparing_model_pipeline(X_train,__
      →model=RandomForestClassifier, grid=grid_rf)
      fitted_tuned_rf = tuned_rforest_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
      fitted_tuned_rf.best_params_
[17]: {'model__criterion': 'entropy',
       'model__max_depth': 7,
       'model max features': 15,
       'model__min_samples_leaf': 4,
```

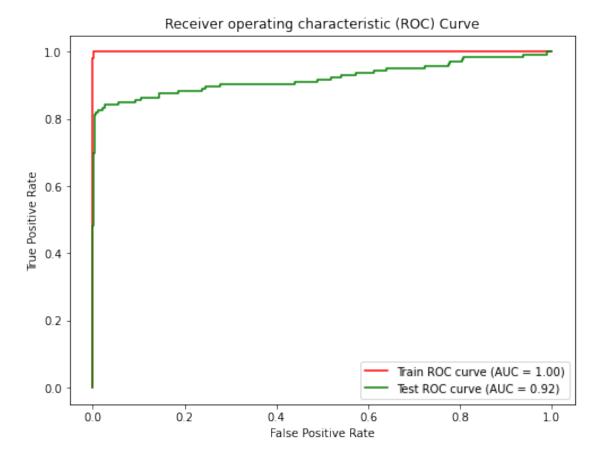
```
'model__min_samples_split': 10,
       'model__n_estimators': 100}
[18]: pd.DataFrame(classification_report(y_test, fitted_tuned_rf.predict(X_test),__

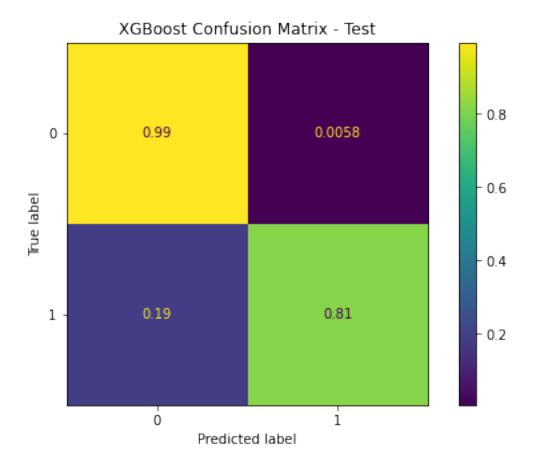
→digits=3, output_dict=True)).transpose()
「18]:
                   precision
                                recall f1-score
                                                  support
     0
                    0.968531 0.971930 0.970228
                                                  855.000
     1
                    0.830986 0.813793 0.822300
                                                  145.000
     accuracy
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                                                 1000.000
     macro avg
                                       0.896264
     weighted avg
                    0.948587
                              0.949000 0.948778
                                                 1000.000
[58]: grid_xgb = {
          'model_learning_rate': [0.1, 0.2],
          'model__max_depth': [6],
          'model__min_child_weight': [1, 2],
          'model_subsample': [0.5, 0.7],
          'model__n_estimators': [100],
     }
     tuned_xgboost_model = preparing_model_pipeline(X_train, model=XGBClassifier,_
      tuned_xgboost_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
     tuned_xgboost_model.best_params_
[58]: {'model__learning_rate': 0.1,
       'model__max_depth': 6,
       'model__min_child_weight': 1,
       'model_n_estimators': 100,
       'model_subsample': 0.7}
[59]: pd.DataFrame(classification_report(y_test, tuned_xgboost_model.predict(X_test),_u

→digits=3, output_dict=True)).transpose()
[59]:
                                recall f1-score
                                                  support
                   precision
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                    0.969213 0.994152 0.981524
                                                  855.000
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                    0.959350
                              0.813793
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                                                  145.000
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     accuracy
                    0.968000
                                       0.968000
     macro avg
                    0.964281
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     weighted avg
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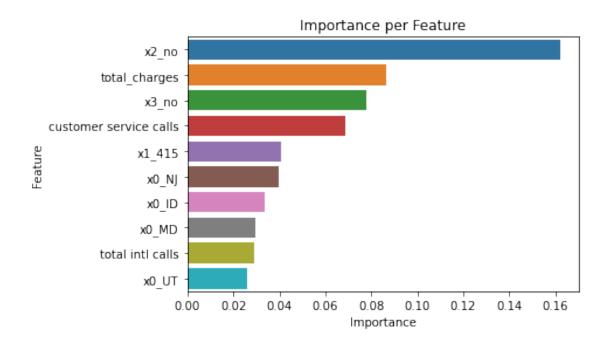
Now we've performed the tuning on each model, it appears that the best tradeoff between recall and f1-score is with our XGBoostClassifier model. As a result, below we'll produce a few different plots.

The first will be plotting our AUC-ROC curve After that we want to plot the confusion matrix on our test dataset





Below we look to extract the name of the features which have the highest importance in the selected model, to highlight these back to our stakeholders for areas that need further investigation



1.6 Section to be removed (Code used to preprocess without a pipeline)

The below code is used in the section above to extract the correct column names for feature importance. As we've combined our model into the pipeline, it doesn't currently extract the DataFrame with the preprocessed features for more efficient code.

[63]: (2333, 58)

X_train_cat_encoded_df

xO_AZ xO_CA xO_CO [64]: $x0_AK$ $x0_AL$ $x0_AR$ x0_CT x0_DC $x0_DE$ x0_FL \ 606 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 2468 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1844 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 3187 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

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1.7 Summary & Main results

From the feature importance chart above, we can see the areas that have the biggest influence on customer churn are: - Not having an international plan in their account - Not having a voice mail plan in their account - The total charges per account - The number of contacts being made to customer services

To set up a clear list of actions for the company, it is now worth performing a more thorough and in depth EDA around those features to identify what thresholds the business wants to set for their operations teams to try and achieve with the goal of reducing overall customer churn.

After these features, we can also see from the dataset that specific area codes and states have a higher influence than others. While it might be worth investigating this aspect, it is worth having caution what actions can be made around this discovery.