

ITEC 621 Predictive Analytics Project

Project Name:
Predicting Consumer Behavior: Insights from E-Commerce Data

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1. Business Case

As online retail expands, companies face ongoing challenges of attracting website visitors and ensuring they complete a purchase. One of the largest challenges is determining whether the investment in acquiring and retaining customers is profitable, especially given that average e-commerce conversion rates are only around 2.63% (Smith, 2024). That being said, it is critical to understand key behavioral drivers in online shopping for companies to grow revenue and ROI. Although there are platforms available to provide behavioral metrics, it is challenging for most businesses to turn this data into actionable insights to help support strategic business decision-making.

This challenge is also magnified by the rising cost of acquiring new customers. According to research, customer acquisition costs (CAC) have increased by over 220% in the past eight years, starting from an average of \$9 per customer (2013) to around \$29 (2022) (O'Rourke, 2022). In a competitive environment like this, even minor improvements in conversion rates can result in substantial revenue gains and more efficient marketing spend.

This project aims to fill the gap by analyzing data from over 12,000 buying sessions, each showing whether a shopper made a purchase. By examining variables like time spent on the product page, type of visit, and time of visit (weekend vs. weekday), we aim to discover which variables are most useful in predicting purchase behavior. We will use statistical models to predict the likelihood of a purchase and identify which behavior traits matter most. The results of this analysis can help e-commerce retailers better understand user shopping patterns and increase conversion rates and profits.

2. Business and Analytics Questions

- **2.1. Business Question:** How can an online retailer increase sales by identifying key behavioral factors that drive shoppers to complete a purchase?
- **2.2.** *Analytics Question:* What is the impact of session behavior (e.g., time spent on product pages, bounce rates, exit rates) and visitor traits (e.g., returning customers, weekend visits) on the likelihood of a purchase? Additionally, how does the month of visit influence purchase probability?

Analytics Goal: Our goal is to identify factors that predict online purchases and provide actionable insights for e-commerce optimization. Using classification models like Logistic Regression and Random Forests, we aim to balance predictive accuracy with interpretability for stakeholders.

3. Data Set Description

Our analysis uses the "Online Shoppers Intention" dataset, comprising 12,330 buying sessions from an e-commerce platform, each indicating whether a purchase occurred. The dataset is sourced from the UCI Machine Learning Repository. The main variables of interest are:

Outcome Variable: Revenue (binary: True/False) – Indicates whether a purchase was made. The dataset is unbalanced, with 10,422 non-purchase sessions (False) and 1,908 purchase sessions (True).

Predictors:

ProductRelated Duration (numeric, seconds) – Time spent on product pages.

BounceRates (numeric, proportion) – Proportion of single-page visits.

ExitRates (numeric, proportion) – Proportion of sessions ending on a page.

VisitorType (categorical: Returning/New/Other) – Visitor status.

Weekend (binary: True/False) – Whether the visit occurred on a weekend.

Month (categorical: e.g., Feb, Mar) – Month of the visit.

These variables were chosen for their relevance to online shopping behavior and potential to influence purchase decisions.

4. Descriptive Analytics

4.1. Descriptive Statistics of Focal Variables

To understand the baseline characteristics of our predictors, we computed means and standard deviations for numeric variables and frequency distributions for categorical variables. For instance, shoppers who made a purchase spent significantly more time on product pages (mean = 1,876 seconds) compared to non-buyers (mean = 1,070 seconds), suggesting engagement as a potential driver of purchases. Similarly, bounce rates and exit rates were lower for buyers (means = 0.005 and 0.020, respectively) than non-buyers (means = 0.025 and 0.047), indicating that less site abandonment correlates with purchases.

4.2. Distribution of Outcome and Other Variables

The outcome variable, Revenue, is binary (True/False), representing whether a purchase occurred. A bar plot shows an unbalanced distribution: 84.5% of sessions resulted in no purchase (10,422), while 15.5% led to a purchase (1,908). This imbalance suggests that predictive models may need adjustments to account for the disproportionate classes.

4.3. Correlation and Co-Variation Analysis

To assess relationships among predictors and with the outcome, we analyzed correlations and conducted statistical tests. Numeric predictors showed a strong positive correlation between BounceRates and ExitRates (r = 0.91), suggesting a potential overlap in what they measure, which could complicate modeling. ProductRelated_Duration had weak correlations with other variables, indicating it may offer unique predictive power. Tests of association revealed significant relationships between Revenue and VisitorType, Weekend, and Month (all p-values < 0.002), confirming their relevance as predictors. Additionally, ProductRelated_Duration varied significantly between buyers and non-buyers (p < 0.001), reinforcing its importance.

4.4. Data Pre-Processing

Based on our descriptive analytics, we examined several preprocessing steps and transformations to prepare the data for predictive modeling. To assess potential multicollinearity, we inspected the correlation matrix of numeric predictors and found a strong positive correlation between BounceRates and ExitRates (r = 0.91,). This high correlation suggests these variables may measure overlapping aspects of session abandonment, which could destabilize our regression models by inflating variance. To address this, we plan to either select one variable (e.g., ExitRates, due to its broader scope) or create a composite metric, ensuring cleaner model interpretation.

We also analyzed the distribution of the outcome variable, Revenue, to understand its balance and aid in designing our models. The bar plot revealed a significant imbalance, with 84.5% non-purchases (10,422 sessions) and 15.5% purchases (1,908 sessions). This skewness indicates that a standard model might overpredict non-purchases, so we are considering oversampling the minority class (purchases) or adjusting the classification threshold to improve sensitivity to the positive class, which is critical for our goal of identifying purchase drivers.

Finally, to evaluate predictor distributions for modeling assumptions, we inspected the summary statistics and found that ProductRelated_Duration exhibits high variability (SD = 1,913.67 seconds) and a skewed distribution (e.g., max = 63,973.52 vs. median = 598.94). This analysis suggests that a log transformation could normalize this variable, reducing the influence of extreme values and improving the linearity assumption in our Logistic Regression model. These steps—addressing multicollinearity, class imbalance, and skewness—stem from our descriptive findings and are designed to enhance the robustness and interpretability of our predictive models.

5. Modeling Methods and Model Specifications

5.1. Initial Model Specification

Our initial model predicts Revenue (binary) using ProductRelated_Duration, BounceRates, ExitRates, VisitorType, Weekend, and Month. These predictors reflect key aspects of online shopping: time on product pages measures engagement, bounce and exit rates capture abandonment, visitor type indicates loyalty, weekend visits reflect browsing context, and month accounts for seasonal effects. Based on its skewness, we are considering a log transformation for ProductRelated Duration.

5.2. Initial Logistic Regression Model Results

Given the binary nature of Revenue, we fitted a preliminary Logistic Regression model with the specified predictors. The results show that ProductRelated_Duration, ExitRates, and VisitorType significantly influence purchase likelihood (p < 0.001), aligning with our descriptive analysis. Specifically, longer time on product pages and lower exit rates increase the odds of a purchase, while returning visitors are less likely to buy compared to new visitors. Certain months also matter: November boosts purchases (p < 0.001), while February, March, and May reduce them (p < 0.05). BounceRates and Weekend showed no significant effects (p > 0.4), suggesting limited independent impact after accounting for other predictors.

5.3. Assumption Tests

To assess multicollinearity among predictors in our logistic regression model, we calculated Variance Inflation Factors (VIF). All GVIF-adjusted values were well below the common threshold of 5, indicating no significant multicollinearity. Specifically, BounceRates and ExitRates had VIF values of 1.75 and 1.79, respectively, suggesting moderate correlation but not at a level that compromises model stability. All other predictors, including ProductRelated_Duration, VisitorType, Weekend, and Month, had GVIF values near 1. As such, we conclude that multicollinearity is not a concern in our logistic regression model, and all predictors were retained for interpretability and completeness.

5.4. Model Candidates and Rationale

The first model is a standard logistic regression, which is appropriate for the binary outcome variable (Revenue). Outside of this control model, we evaluated two alternative modeling methods to address challenges that came up during our descriptive analysis.

For the second model, we selected LASSO Regression to maximize model simplicity and reduce potential redundancy among the predictors. Although our tests for multicollinearity (i.e., VIF) did not indicate severe multicollinearity, we did observe a high correlation (r=0.91) between BounceRates and ExitRates. LASSO applies a penalty that can shrink small coefficients to zero, effectively removing less informative predictors. This helps to identify which session activities and user attributes are most important for predicting purchase behavior.

The last model we chose is an Ensemble Tree-based approach that covers Bagging and Random Forest. These methods are useful for our binary outcome, handle complex interactions, and non-linearities without prior transformations.

5.5. Model Specification Candidates and Rationale

The first candidate model selected was a logistic regression using the full set of predictors related to the business case (ProductRelated_Duration, BounceRates, ExitRates, VisitorType, and Weekend). This model reflects our business understanding that the probability of a purchase being made is based on session behavior (e.g., time spent on product pages, bounce rates, exit rates) and visitor attributes (e.g., returning customers, time of visits). The second specification for the logistic regression uses the same set of predictors but fits the model in a balanced version of the dataset, where the number of purchase sessions and non-purchase sessions was equalized through random oversampling of the minority class (sessions which resulted in a purchase). Oversampling reduces the extreme skew of data (15.5% purchases) without eliminating any non-purchase data. This approach allows fairer evaluation of purchase drivers without the loss of useful behavior data.

The first LASSO model was fitted on the original, unbalanced dataset (Shopping), which had 15.5% purchase sessions. We used 10-fold cross-validation to identify the optimal regularization strength. The model selected a best lambda of 0.00041, which determines the amount of shrinkage applied to the coefficients. The coefficient path plot shows how coefficients shrink as the penalty increases, while the cross-validation plot illustrates how model deviance changes

with varying levels of regularization. To better evaluate purchase behavior without bias toward the majority class, we created a second LASSO model using the balanced version of the dataset (Shopping.bal), where the number of purchase and non-purchase sessions was equalized through oversampling. Cross-validation identified a best lambda of 0.00094 for this model. Coefficient path and CV error plots for this specification are shown in and, respectively.

For the first specification of the ensemble tree methods, we used Bagging with unbalanced data to obtain optimal prediction accuracy concerning the true class ratios. This process combines results from multiple trees that are built on bootstrap samples to limit variance and avoid overfitting. For the second specification, we used the balanced dataset to determine if equal class representation improves the prediction performance of the minority class. For the second specification, we used Random Forest with both datasets (unbalanced and balanced) with a low mtry value to introduce feature-level randomness to enable variance importance ranking.

5.6 Cross-Validation Testing and Final Model Selection

We evaluated all candidate models and specifications using 10-fold cross-validation (10FCV) to assess the model's predictive accuracy and select the most effective model. Each model was tested under two specifications: Spec 1 using the original, unbalanced dataset (15.5% purchase sessions), and Spec 2 using a balanced version created through oversampling. The results highlight Bagging with the balanced dataset as the best-performing model, achieving the lowest 10FCV error of 0.06592. This model outperformed all others, including Random Forest (Balanced) with a 10FCV error of 0.23570 and Logit Spec 1 (Unbalanced) at 0.11820. While logistic regression models offer interpretability, they were outperformed in predictive power by ensemble methods. LASSO, though useful for feature selection, produced higher CV errors in both specifications. Given our goal of maximizing predictive accuracy, we recommend the Bagging model trained on the balanced data as the final model. It delivers the strongest generalization performance and is best suited for deployment in a prediction-focused context.

The final two models were tree-based classifiers: Bagging and Random Forest. Both models were estimated using the same six predictors used in the regression-based models: ProductRelated_Duration, BounceRates, ExitRates, VisitorType, Weekend, and Month. For each approach, we fit a model on both the unbalanced dataset (Shopping) and the balanced version (Shopping.bal). The bagging model used all predictors at each split (mtry = 6), while the random forest model randomly selects a subset (mtry = 3), introducing additional variation between trees. These models were chosen because they handle nonlinear relationships and interactions between predictors without requiring explicit specification. We relied on the built-in classification error provided by the randomForest function, as it uses internal resampling to estimate performance. Comparing the balanced and unbalanced specifications allows us to assess the impact of class imbalance on prediction accuracy and the ability of tree-based methods to capture complex patterns in customer purchase behavior.

Final Method/Specification Selected:

While the bagging model with balanced data had the lowest 10-fold cross-validation error (0.0659), we prioritized interpretability to best serve our audience of e-commerce stakeholders.

Consequently, we selected the logistic regression model with the unbalanced specification, which produced a strong 10FCV error of 0.1182, making it the best-performing parametric model.

We fit this model on the entire unbalanced dataset using glm(), maintaining all core predictors from our initial specification. Although BounceRates was statistically insignificant and highly collinear with ExitRates, we retained it for interpretability and comparison across models. Its presence does not negatively impact the model's fit or generalization error. This final model provides a clear, interpretable view of the key behavioral factors driving online purchases and supports strategic business decision-making for conversion optimization.

6. Analysis of Results

The logistic regression model (unbalanced specification) was ultimately selected for our final analysis. Although the balanced bagging model had the lowest 10-FCV error overall (0.0659), we prioritized balancing interpretability and predictive accuracy for business stakeholders. This logistic model yielded a strong 10-fold cross-validation error of 0.1182, and the output displayed all core predictors as statistically significant, except BounceRates, which we retained for comparison. The model was fit using glm() on the full unbalanced dataset.

Quantitative predictors: All interpretations are "on average and holding everything else constant":

A one-second increase in ProductRelated_Duration increases the odds of purchase by 0.0085% (coefficient = 0.000085, p < 0.001). This confirms that shoppers who spend more time engaging with product pages are more likely to convert.

A one-unit increase in ExitRates decreases the odds of purchase by nearly 100% (coefficient = -31.72, p < 0.001). This is the strongest negative predictor in the model and highlights that high exit behavior significantly reduces conversion probability.

Binary predictors: All interpretations are "on average and holding everything else constant":

Returning Visitors have 30% lower odds of making a purchase compared to new visitors (coefficient = -0.353, p < 0.001). This suggests that returning users, despite their familiarity, are less likely to convert during a session.

VisitorTypeOther had a positive effect (coefficient = 0.295), but it was not statistically significant (p = 0.342).

Weekend visits slightly increase the odds of purchase by 4.7% (coefficient = 0.046), but this effect is also not statistically significant (p = 0.443).

Categorical predictors (Month): Relative to January (baseline month):

November significantly increases the odds of purchase by 60% (coefficient = 0.469, p < 0.001), aligning with expected seasonal shopping behavior.

February, March, and May all significantly decrease the odds of purchase:

February: -87% (coefficient = -2.034, p = 0.0007)

March: -42% (coefficient = -0.552, p = 0.0003) May: -30% (coefficient = -0.359, p = 0.0125)

Other months, including July, June, October, and September, did not show significant differences in purchase likelihood relative to January.

7. Conclusions and Lessons Learned

7.1. Conclusions from the Analysis

The central business question in this project was: Can we predict which online shopping sessions are likely to result in a purchase based on session behavior and visitor characteristics? All models identified ProductRelated_Duration and ExitRates as the most consistent and influential predictors. Sessions with longer product interaction time and lower exit rates were more likely to lead to purchases. BounceRates also contributed to predictive performance, but to a lesser extent.

We developed and evaluated four classification models: logistic regression, LASSO regression, Bagging, and Random Forest. The initial logistic regression model (unbalanced) yielded a 10-fold cross-validation (10FCV) error rate of 11.8%, while the balanced version increased slightly to 20.2%. LASSO performed worse, with 10FCV error rates of 75.7% (unbalanced) and 116.9% (balanced), indicating it was not well-suited to this problem given the predictor structure and data distribution.

Tree-based models outperformed both regression approaches. Bagging achieved a 10FCV error of 17.6% on the unbalanced data and improved to 6.6% on the balanced data. Random Forest produced a 10FCV error of 15.5% unbalanced and 23.6% balanced. These models also ranked variable importance, reaffirming that product engagement metrics were far more predictive of purchases than categorical variables like VisitorType or Month. Unlike regression models, which assume linear relationships and require manual interaction terms, tree models handle nonlinearity and interaction effects automatically, resulting in stronger predictive performance.

In sum, if the goal is to understand general drivers of purchase behavior, logistic regression offers a solid balance of interpretability and performance. However, if the goal is to accurately classify purchase sessions for operational targeting, Bagging on the balanced dataset delivered the lowest overall error and the most reliable performance.

Based on our results, we recommend that online retailers target user engagement through optimization of high-exit pages and schedule targeted ad campaigns for repeat buyers. Seasonal campaigns, especially around November (the holiday season), need to be given priority to take advantage of higher conversion potential. Implementing immediate, automated actions during the duration of user sessions can also reduce exit rates and increase overall purchases made.

7.2. Project Issues, Challenges and Lessons Learned

A primary challenge in this project was the significant class imbalance, with only 15.5% of sessions resulting in a purchase. Models trained on the original dataset tended to favor the

majority class, reducing their ability to correctly identify purchasing sessions. This issue was addressed through oversampling, which allowed for more balanced learning and substantially improved classification performance across models.

In addition to outcome imbalance, we encountered limitations within the predictor set. BounceRates and ExitRates were found to be highly correlated, suggesting potential redundancy. While this had minimal impact on tree-based models, it may have introduced multicollinearity concerns in regression-based models, affecting coefficient interpretation and stability. Furthermore, ProductRelated_Duration exhibited a highly skewed distribution with several extreme values. These outliers may have influenced model training and contributed to differences in performance across methods.

The relative performance of the models varied by technique. LASSO facilitated variable selection but underperformed in terms of predictive accuracy. Logistic regression offered interpretability and performed competitively on the unbalanced data. Bagging and Random Forest achieved the highest predictive accuracy, particularly when trained on the balanced dataset. Additionally, error estimates obtained through 10-fold cross-validation were consistent with internal validation metrics for ensemble models, reinforcing the reliability of our evaluation approach.

This project emphasized the importance of addressing outcome imbalance, carefully assessing predictor redundancy and distribution, and selecting modeling approaches that align with the objectives of either explanation or prediction.

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Load Dataset

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Shopping <- read.table("online_shoppers_intention.csv", header = TRUE, sep =
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4.1 Descriptive statistics of key variables

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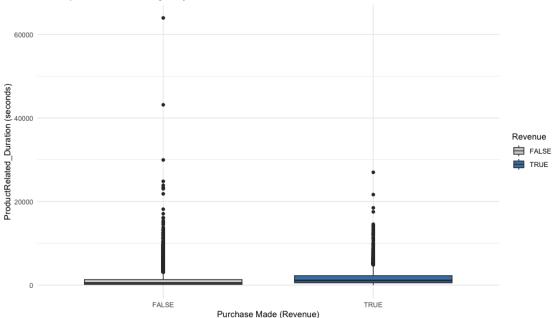
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                          13.00
                                   12.00 3.24
                                                  12.74 0.02
Region*
                                   8.00 0.98
                                                  -0.15 0.02
                           9.00
TrafficType*
                          20.00
                                   19.00 1.96
                                                  3.48 0.04
                                   2.00 -2.06
VisitorType*
                           3.00
                                                   2.29 0.01
Weekend
                           -Inf
                                    -Inf
                                            NA
                                                     NA
                                                           NA
Revenue
                           -Inf
                                    -Inf
                                            NA
                                                     NA
                                                           NA
# Mean Product Duration by Revenue
tapply(Shopping$ProductRelated Duration, Shopping$Revenue, mean, na.rm =
TRUE)
   FALSE
            TRUE
1069.988 1876.210
tapply(Shopping$ProductRelated_Duration, Shopping$Revenue, sd, na.rm = TRUE)
   FALSE
            TRUE
1803.798 2312.214
# Bounce Rates by Revenue
tapply(Shopping$BounceRates, Shopping$Revenue, mean, na.rm = TRUE)
      FALSE
                  TRUE
0.025317232 0.005117153
tapply(Shopping$BounceRates, Shopping$Revenue, sd, na.rm = TRUE)
     FALSE
                TRUE
0.05187746 0.01218451
# Exit Rates by Revenue
tapply(Shopping$ExitRates, Shopping$Revenue, mean, na.rm = TRUE)
     FALSE
                TRUE
0.04737827 0.01955517
# Page Values by Revenue
tapply(Shopping$PageValues, Shopping$Revenue, mean, na.rm = TRUE)
    FALSE
              TRUE
1.975998 27.264518
# Special Day Score by Revenue
tapply(Shopping$SpecialDay, Shopping$Revenue, mean, na.rm = TRUE)
    FALSE
                TRUE
0.06843216 0.02316562
```

Categorical Variables Frequency

```
#Visitor Type
table(Shopping$VisitorType)
     New_Visitor
                             Other Returning_Visitor
            1694
                                              10551
table(Shopping$VisitorType, Shopping$Revenue)
                   FALSE TRUE
  New_Visitor
                    1272 422
  Other
                      69
                           16
  Returning_Visitor 9081 1470
# Weekend visits
table(Shopping$Weekend)
FALSE TRUE
 9462 2868
table(Shopping$Weekend, Shopping$Revenue)
       FALSE TRUE
  FALSE 8053 1409
  TRUE 2369 499
# Month of visit
table(Shopping$Month)
 Aug Dec Feb Jul June Mar May Nov Oct Sep
 433 1727 184 432 288 1907 3364 2998 549 448
table(Shopping$Month, Shopping$Revenue)
      FALSE TRUE
        357 76
  Aug
       1511 216
  Dec
  Feb
       181 3
        366
  Jul
              66
  June 259
            29
       1715 192
  Mar
  May
       2999 365
  Nov
       2238 760
  0ct
        434 115
  Sep 362 86
```

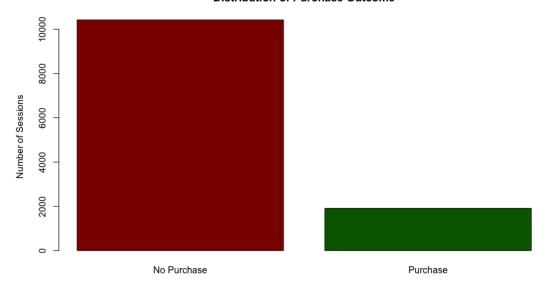
Boxplot for Time Spent on Product Pages by Purchase Outcome





4.2 Distribution of the outcome variable (e.g., normal, skewed, Poisson, binary, etc.-BINARY

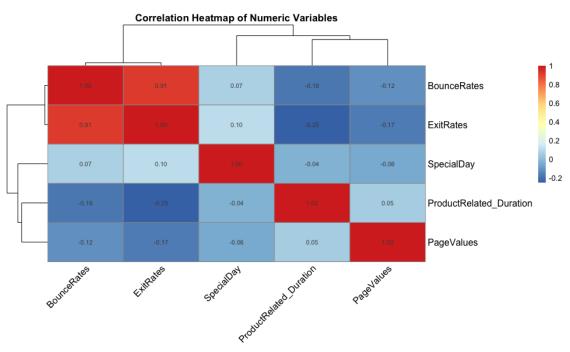
Distribution of Purchase Outcome



Correlation Heatmap of Numeric Variables

```
#Previous Code for simple heatmap
numeric_vars <- Shopping[, c("ProductRelated_Duration", "BounceRates",</pre>
"ExitRates", "PageValues", "SpecialDay")]
# Correlation matrix
cor_matrix <- cor(numeric_vars, use = "complete.obs")</pre>
print(cor matrix)
                        ProductRelated_Duration BounceRates ExitRates
ProductRelated_Duration
                                     1.00000000 -0.18454112 -0.2519841
BounceRates
                                    -0.18454112 1.00000000 0.9130044
ExitRates
                                    -0.25198410 0.91300440 1.0000000
PageValues
                                     0.05282306 -0.11938603 -0.1744983
SpecialDay
                                    -0.03637985 0.07270225 0.1022418
                         PageValues SpecialDay
ProductRelated_Duration 0.05282306 -0.03637985
BounceRates
                        -0.11938603 0.07270225
ExitRates
                        -0.17449831 0.10224180
PageValues
                        1.00000000 -0.06354127
SpecialDay
                        -0.06354127 1.00000000
library(pheatmap)
# Simple heatmap
pheatmap(cor_matrix,
        main = "Correlation Heatmap of Numeric Variables",
```

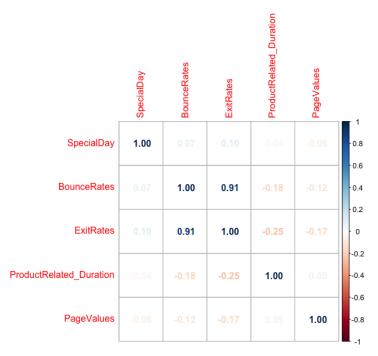
```
fontsize_row = 12,  # Increase row label size
fontsize_col = 12,  # Increase column label size
display_numbers = TRUE, # Optional: show correlation values
clustering_method = "complete",
angle_col = 45)
```



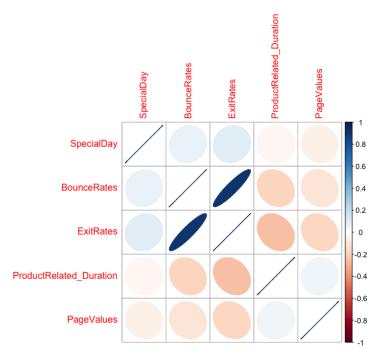
4.3 Correlation and co-variation analysis

```
# numeric variables
Shopping.num <- Shopping[, c("ProductRelated_Duration", "BounceRates",
"ExitRates", "PageValues", "SpecialDay")]

# Correlation plots
Shopping.cor <- cor(Shopping.num)
library(corrplot)
corrplot(Shopping.cor,
order= "hclust",
method= "number")</pre>
```



```
corrplot(Shopping.cor,
order= "hclust",
method= "ellipse")
```



Chi-square Test (cat v. cat)

```
# Visitor Type vs Revenue
table_vt <- table(Shopping$VisitorType, Shopping$Revenue)
chisq.test(table_vt)</pre>
```

```
Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: table_vt
X-squared = 135.25, df = 2, p-value < 2.2e-16

# Weekend vs Revenue
table_weekend <- table(Shopping$Weekend, Shopping$Revenue)
chisq.test(table_weekend)

Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

data: table_weekend
X-squared = 10.391, df = 1, p-value = 0.001266

# Month vs Revenue
table_month <- table(Shopping$Month, Shopping$Revenue)
chisq.test(table_month)

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: table_month
X-squared = 384.93, df = 9, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

ANOVA Test (num vs. cat)-product duration differ by Revenue

```
anova_result <- aov(ProductRelated_Duration ~ Revenue, data = Shopping)
summary(anova_result)

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
Revenue 1 1.048e+09 1.048e+09 293 <2e-16 ***
Residuals 12328 4.410e+10 3.577e+06
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

5.2 Initial Logistic Regression Model

```
ExitRates + VisitorType + Weekend + Month, family = binomial,
    data = Shopping)
Coefficients:
                              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                            -5.906e-01 1.442e-01 -4.095 4.23e-05 ***
(Intercept)
ProductRelated Duration
                             8.474e-05 1.227e-05
                                                   6.906 4.98e-12 ***
BounceRates
                             8.528e-01 3.281e+00 0.260 0.794943
ExitRates
                            -3.172e+01 2.173e+00 -14.597 < 2e-16 ***
VisitorTypeOther
                             2.953e-01 3.111e-01 0.949 0.342439
VisitorTypeReturning_Visitor -3.525e-01 6.929e-02 -5.088 3.62e-07 ***
WeekendTRUE
                            4.624e-02 6.033e-02 0.766 0.443434
MonthDec
                            -3.746e-01 1.520e-01 -2.464 0.013729 *
                            -2.034e+00 6.012e-01 -3.383 0.000718 ***
MonthFeb
                            6.023e-03 1.915e-01 0.031 0.974911
MonthJul
MonthJune
                            -3.482e-01 2.427e-01 -1.435 0.151416
                            -5.523e-01 1.532e-01 -3.606 0.000310 ***
MonthMar
                            -3.585e-01 1.435e-01 -2.499 0.012459 *
MonthMay
MonthNov
                            4.693e-01 1.390e-01 3.377 0.000732 ***
MonthOct
                            1.170e-01 1.704e-01 0.686 0.492472
                             1.667e-02 1.806e-01 0.092 0.926457
MonthSep
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 10624.8 on 12329 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 9302.4 on 12314 degrees of freedom
AIC: 9334.4
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 7
# Multicollinearity Test (VIF)
library(car)
vif(logit_model)
                           GVIF Df GVIF^(1/(2*Df))
ProductRelated Duration 1.111288 1
                                         1.054176
                       1.753683 1
BounceRates
                                         1.324267
ExitRates
                       1.798105 1
                                         1.340934
                       1.166589 2
VisitorType
                                         1.039273
Weekend
                       1.009531 1
                                          1.004754
Month
                       1.096168 9
                                         1.005114
```

Balancing the Data

```
set.seed(1) # Random seed

# Separate the positive and negative classes
Shopping.1 <- subset(Shopping, Revenue == TRUE) # Purchases</pre>
```

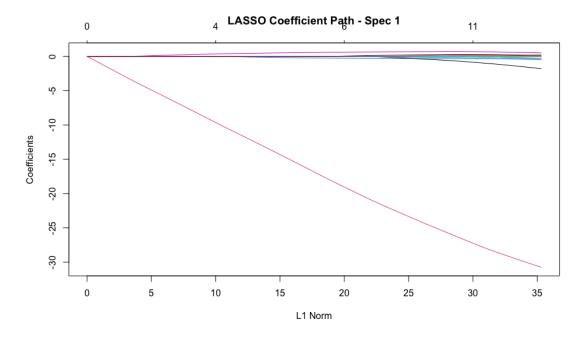
```
Shopping. <- subset(Shopping, Revenue == FALSE) # Non-purchases</pre>
cat("Positive observations = ", nrow(Shopping.1), "\n")
Positive observations = 1908
cat("Negative observations = ", nrow(Shopping.0), "\n")
Negative observations = 10422
# Oversample positives to match the number of negatives
Shopping.1.oversampled <- Shopping.1[sample(nrow(Shopping.1), size =</pre>
nrow(Shopping.0), replace = TRUE), ]
cat("Oversampled positive observations = ", nrow(Shopping.1.oversampled),
"\n")
Oversampled positive observations = 10422
# Combine oversampled positives with original negatives
Shopping.bal <- rbind(Shopping.0, Shopping.1.oversampled)</pre>
cat("Total balanced observations = ", nrow(Shopping.bal), "\n")
Total balanced observations = 20844
# Check new class balance
table(Shopping.bal$Revenue)
FALSE TRUE
10422 10422
```

5.5 Model Candidates Specification Logit model with balanced data

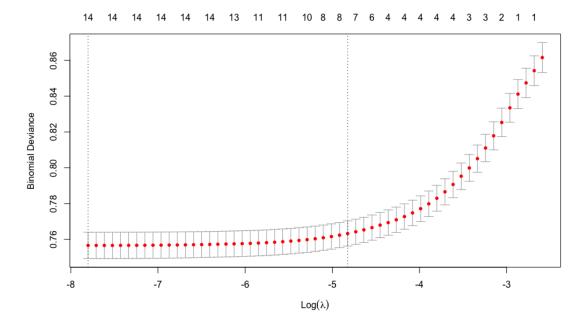
```
logit model bal <- glm(Revenue ~ ProductRelated Duration + BounceRates +</pre>
ExitRates + VisitorType + Weekend + Month,
                   family = binomial, data = Shopping.bal)
# Summary of results
summary(logit_model_bal)
Call:
glm(formula = Revenue ~ ProductRelated Duration + BounceRates +
    ExitRates + VisitorType + Weekend + Month, family = binomial,
    data = Shopping.bal)
Coefficients:
                               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                              1.088e+00 8.773e-02 12.401 < 2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
ProductRelated Duration
                              1.025e-04 9.102e-06 11.258 < 2e-16 ***
BounceRates
                              2.355e+00 1.663e+00 1.416 0.15677
ExitRates
                             -3.214e+01 1.176e+00 -27.329 < 2e-16 ***
```

```
VisitorTypeOther
                          1.158e-02 2.030e-01
                                               0.057 0.95451
2.583e-02 3.587e-02 0.720 0.47139
WeekendTRUE
MonthDec
                          -3.263e-01 9.003e-02 -3.624 0.00029 ***
MonthFeb
                          -2.340e+00 3.280e-01 -7.134 9.73e-13 ***
                          9.160e-02 1.136e-01 0.807 0.41993
MonthJul
                          -3.279e-01 1.395e-01 -2.351 0.01872 *
MonthJune
                          -5.052e-01 9.004e-02 -5.611 2.02e-08 ***
MonthMar
                          -2.788e-01 8.529e-02 -3.268 0.00108 **
MonthMay
                          5.109e-01 8.485e-02 6.021 1.73e-09 ***
MonthNov
MonthOct
                          2.495e-01 1.038e-01
                                               2.403 0.01626 *
                          1.471e-01 1.090e-01 1.350 0.17692
MonthSep
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 28896 on 20843 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 24338 on 20828 degrees of freedom
AIC: 24370
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
# Multicollinearity Check (again) for balanced data
vif(logit_model_bal)
                         GVIF Df GVIF^(1/(2*Df))
ProductRelated_Duration 1.147739 1
                                      1.071326
BounceRates
                     1.936491 1
                                      1.391579
ExitRates
                     2.018948 1
                                     1.420897
                     1.145355 2
VisitorType
                                      1.034511
Weekend
                     1.009520 1
                                      1.004749
Month
                     1.117384 9
                                      1.006185
```

LASSO Model Unbalanced Specification

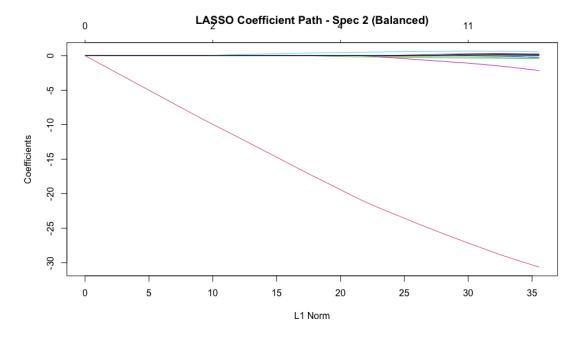


```
# Cross-validation
set.seed(1)
lasso_cv1 <- cv.glmnet(x1, y1, alpha = 1, family = "binomial")
plot(lasso_cv1)</pre>
```

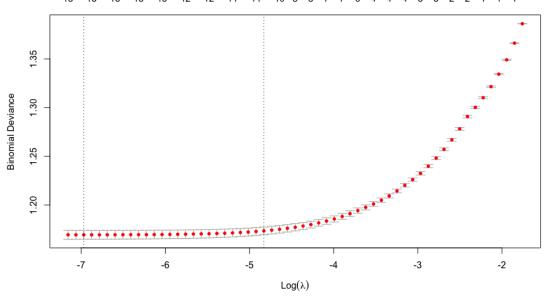


```
# Extract optimal lambda and deviance
lasso_lambda1 <- lasso_cv1$lambda.min
lasso_coef1 <- coef(lasso_cv1, s = lasso_lambda1)</pre>
```

LASSO Model Balanced Specification



```
# Cross-validation
set.seed(1)
lasso_cv2 <- cv.glmnet(x2, y2, alpha = 1, family = "binomial")
plot(lasso_cv2, main = "LASSO CV Error Plot - Spec 2 (Balanced)")</pre>
```



List Results

```
# For Spec 1 (Unbalanced)
lasso lambda1 <- lasso cv1$lambda.min</pre>
min_cv1 <- min(lasso_cv1$cvm)</pre>
# For Spec 2 (Balanced)
lasso lambda2 <- lasso cv2$lambda.min</pre>
min_cv2 <- min(lasso_cv2$cvm)</pre>
lasso.results <- round(</pre>
  rbind(
    "Spec 1: Unbalanced" = c("Best Lambda" = lasso_lambda1,
                               "Best Log Lambda" = log(lasso lambda1),
                               "Best 10FCV" = min_cv1),
                           = c("Best Lambda" = lasso lambda2,
    "Spec 2: Balanced"
                               "Best Log Lambda" = log(lasso_lambda2),
                               "Best 10FCV" = min_cv2)
 ), 5
```

```
)
lasso.results

Best Lambda Best Log Lambda Best 10FCV

Spec 1: Unbalanced 0.00041 -7.80163 0.75661

Spec 2: Balanced 0.00094 -6.96873 1.16945
```

10FCV for Both Logit Models

```
library(boot)

# Logistic Model - Spec 1: Unbalanced
set.seed(1)
cv_logit1 <- cv.glm(data = Shopping, glmfit = logit_model, K = 10)

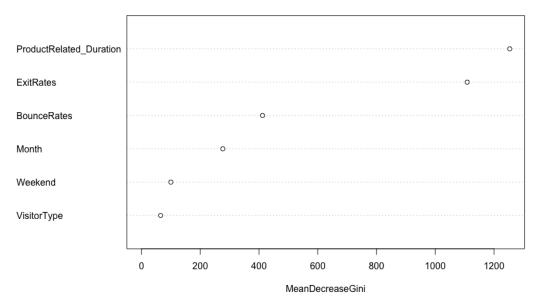
# Logistic Model - Spec 2: Balanced
set.seed(1)
cv_logit2 <- cv.glm(data = Shopping.bal, glmfit = logit_model_bal, K = 10)</pre>
```

Bagging Model

```
# Set seed and RNG setting
RNGkind(sample.kind = "default")
set.seed(1)
# Load library
library(randomForest)
# Ensure binary outcome is a factor with labels
Shopping$Revenue <- factor(Shopping$Revenue, levels = c(FALSE, TRUE), labels
= c("No", "Yes"))
Shopping.bal$Revenue <- factor(Shopping.bal$Revenue, levels = c(FALSE, TRUE),
labels = c("No", "Yes"))
# Define modeling formula
model formula <- Revenue ~ ProductRelated Duration + BounceRates + ExitRates
                               VisitorType + Weekend + Month
# Create NA-safe subsets for modeling
Shopping.clean <- na.omit(Shopping[, all.vars(model_formula)])</pre>
Shopping.bal.clean <- na.omit(Shopping.bal[, all.vars(model formula)])</pre>
# 1. Bagging (Unbalanced, mtry = 6)
bag.unbal <- randomForest(model formula,</pre>
                          data = Shopping.clean,
                          mtry = 6,
```

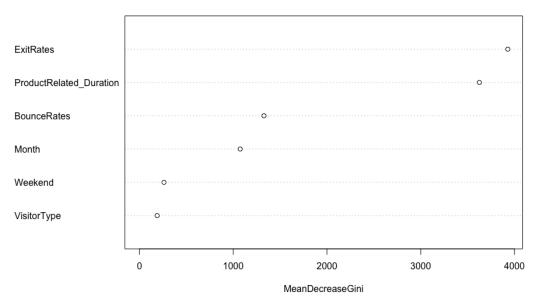
```
importance = TRUE)
print(bag.unbal)
Call:
 randomForest(formula = model_formula, data = Shopping.clean,
                                                                   mtry = 6,
importance = TRUE)
               Type of random forest: classification
                     Number of trees: 500
No. of variables tried at each split: 6
        OOB estimate of error rate: 16.94%
Confusion matrix:
      No Yes class.error
No 9951 471 0.04519286
Yes 1618 290 0.84800839
cat("\nClassification Error Rate (Bagging - Unbalanced) =",
    bag.unbal$err.rate[nrow(bag.unbal$err.rate), "OOB"])
Classification Error Rate (Bagging - Unbalanced) = 0.1694242
varImpPlot(bag.unbal, type = 2)
```

bag.unbal



```
BounceRates
                              411.85033
ExitRates
                             1108.58024
VisitorType
                               64.89726
Weekend
                               99.81519
Month
                              276.65776
# 2. Bagging (Balanced, mtry = 6)
# -----
bag.bal <- randomForest(model_formula,</pre>
                       data = Shopping.bal.clean,
                       mtry = 6,
                       importance = TRUE)
print(bag.bal)
Call:
randomForest(formula = model_formula, data = Shopping.bal.clean,
                                                                     mtry =
6, importance = TRUE)
              Type of random forest: classification
                    Number of trees: 500
No. of variables tried at each split: 6
       OOB estimate of error rate: 5.16%
Confusion matrix:
         Yes class.error
     No
No 9390 1032 0.099021301
Yes 43 10379 0.004125888
cat("\nClassification Error Rate (Bagging - Balanced) =",
    bag.bal$err.rate[nrow(bag.bal$err.rate), "OOB"])
Classification Error Rate (Bagging - Balanced) = 0.05157359
varImpPlot(bag.bal, type = 2)
```





Random Forest

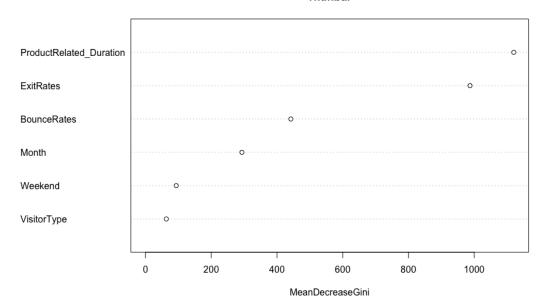
```
Confusion matrix:
     No Yes class.error
No 10056 366  0.03511802
Yes 1639 269  0.85901468

cat("\nClassification Error Rate (Random Forest - Unbalanced) =",
     rf.unbal$err.rate[nrow(rf.unbal$err.rate), "OOB"])

Classification Error Rate (Random Forest - Unbalanced) = 0.1626115

varImpPlot(rf.unbal, type = 2)
```

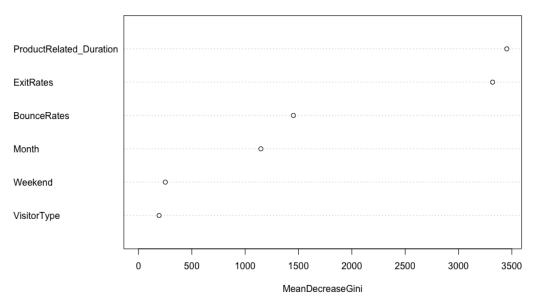
rf.unbal



```
importance(rf.unbal, type = 2)
                         MeanDecreaseGini
ProductRelated_Duration
                              1120.22637
BounceRates
                                442.13433
ExitRates
                                987.14257
VisitorType
                                 63.23252
Weekend
                                 93.32027
Month
                                293.18836
# 4. Random Forest (Balanced, mtry = 3)
rf.bal <- randomForest(model_formula,</pre>
                        data = Shopping.bal.clean,
                        mtry = 3,
                        importance = TRUE)
```

```
print(rf.bal)
Call:
 randomForest(formula = model formula, data = Shopping.bal.clean,
                                                                       mtry =
3, importance = TRUE)
               Type of random forest: classification
                     Number of trees: 500
No. of variables tried at each split: 3
        OOB estimate of error rate: 5.72%
Confusion matrix:
          Yes class.error
No 9274 1148 0.110151602
     44 10378 0.004221838
Yes
cat("\nClassification Error Rate (Random Forest - Balanced) =",
    rf.bal$err.rate[nrow(rf.bal$err.rate), "00B"])
Classification Error Rate (Random Forest - Balanced) = 0.05718672
varImpPlot(rf.bal, type = 2)
```

rf.bal



```
ExitRates 3319.5724
VisitorType 192.7371
Weekend 250.7165
Month 1147.1118
```

5.6 - 10FCV For Logit, LASSO , Random Forest, and Bagging models

10FCV for Bagging and Random Forest

```
# Load caret and randomForest
library(caret)
library(randomForest)
# Define formula (already established)
model_formula <- Revenue ~ ProductRelated_Duration + BounceRates + ExitRates</pre>
+ VisitorType + Weekend + Month
# Set control for 10-fold cross-validation
ctrl <- trainControl(method = "cv", number = 10)</pre>
# 1. Bagging - Unbalanced
set.seed(1)
bag cv unbal <- train(model formula, data = Shopping.clean,</pre>
                       method = "treebag", trControl = ctrl)
# 2. Bagging - Balanced
set.seed(1)
bag_cv_bal <- train(model_formula, data = Shopping.bal.clean,</pre>
                     method = "treebag", trControl = ctrl)
# 3. Random Forest - Unbalanced
set.seed(1)
rf_cv_unbal <- train(model_formula, data = Shopping.clean,</pre>
                      method = "rf", trControl = ctrl, tuneGrid =
data.frame(mtry = 3))
# 4. Random Forest - Balanced
set.seed(1)
rf_cv_bal <- train(model_formula, data = Shopping.bal.clean,</pre>
                    method = "rf", trControl = ctrl, tuneGrid =
data.frame(mtry = 3))
```

Conversion for Bagging and Random Forest

```
# Extract and convert accuracy to error rate
bag_cv_unbal_error <- 1 - max(bag_cv_unbal$results$Accuracy)
bag_cv_bal_error <- 1 - max(bag_cv_bal$results$Accuracy)
rf_cv_unbal_error <- 1 - max(rf_cv_unbal$results$Accuracy)
rf_cv_bal_error <- 1 - max(rf_cv_bal$results$Accuracy)</pre>
```

Lasso and Logit Assignment for 10FCV

```
lasso_cv_error1 <- min(lasso_cv1$cvm)
lasso_cv_error2 <- min(lasso_cv2$cvm)
logit_cv_error1 <- cv_logit1$delta[2]
logit_cv_error2 <- cv_logit2$delta[2]</pre>
```

Complete Model Comparison of 10FCV Errors

```
model comparison <- data.frame(</pre>
  Model = c("Logit Spec 1 (Unbalanced)", "Logit Spec 2 (Balanced)",
            "LASSO Spec 1 (Unbalanced)", "LASSO Spec 2 (Balanced)",
            "Bagging - Unbalanced", "Bagging - Balanced",
            "Random Forest - Unbalanced", "Random Forest - Balanced"),
  `10FCV Error` = round(c(logit_cv_error1, logit_cv_error2,
                          lasso_cv_error1, lasso_cv_error2,
                          bag_cv_unbal_error, bag_cv_bal_error,
                          rf_cv_unbal_error, rf_cv_bal_error), 5)
)
# View
model comparison
                       Model X10FCV.Error
1 Logit Spec 1 (Unbalanced)
                                  0.11820
    Logit Spec 2 (Balanced)
2
                                  0.20225
3 LASSO Spec 1 (Unbalanced)
                                  0.75661
4
     LASSO Spec 2 (Balanced)
                                  1.16945
5
        Bagging - Unbalanced
                                  0.17583
                                  0.06592
6
          Bagging - Balanced
7 Random Forest - Unbalanced
                                  0.15474
    Random Forest - Balanced
                                  0.23570
```

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