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Use Case 1:

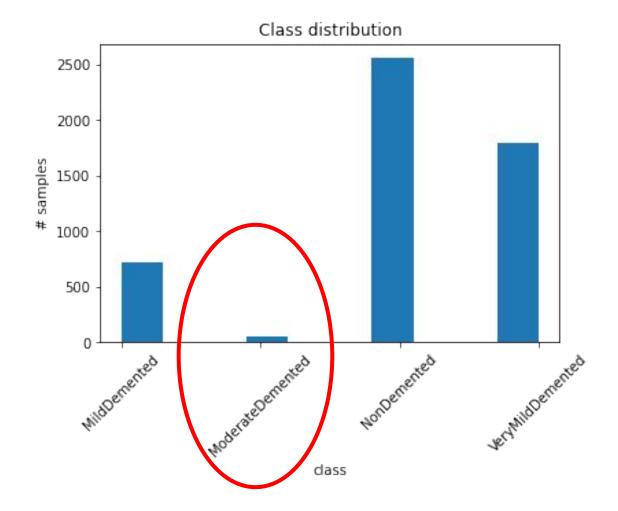
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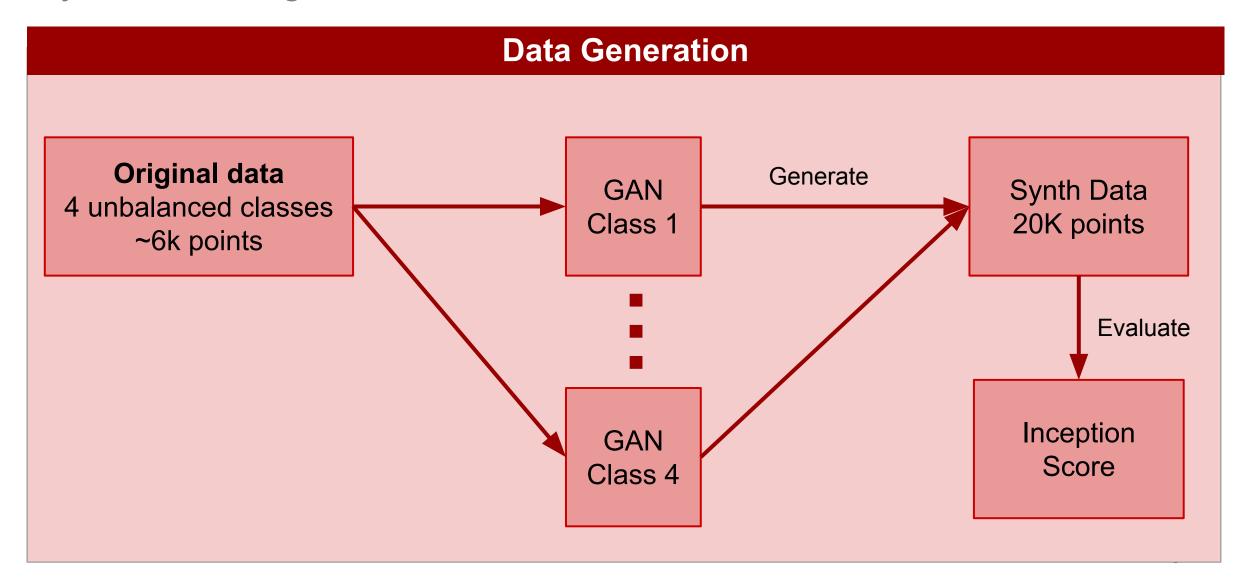
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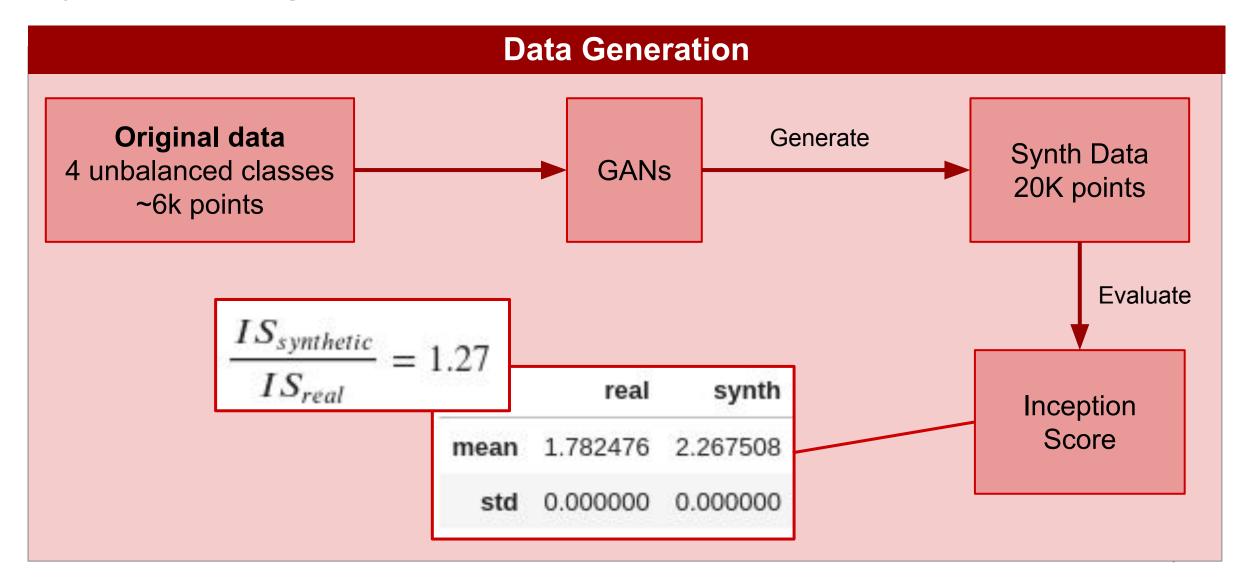
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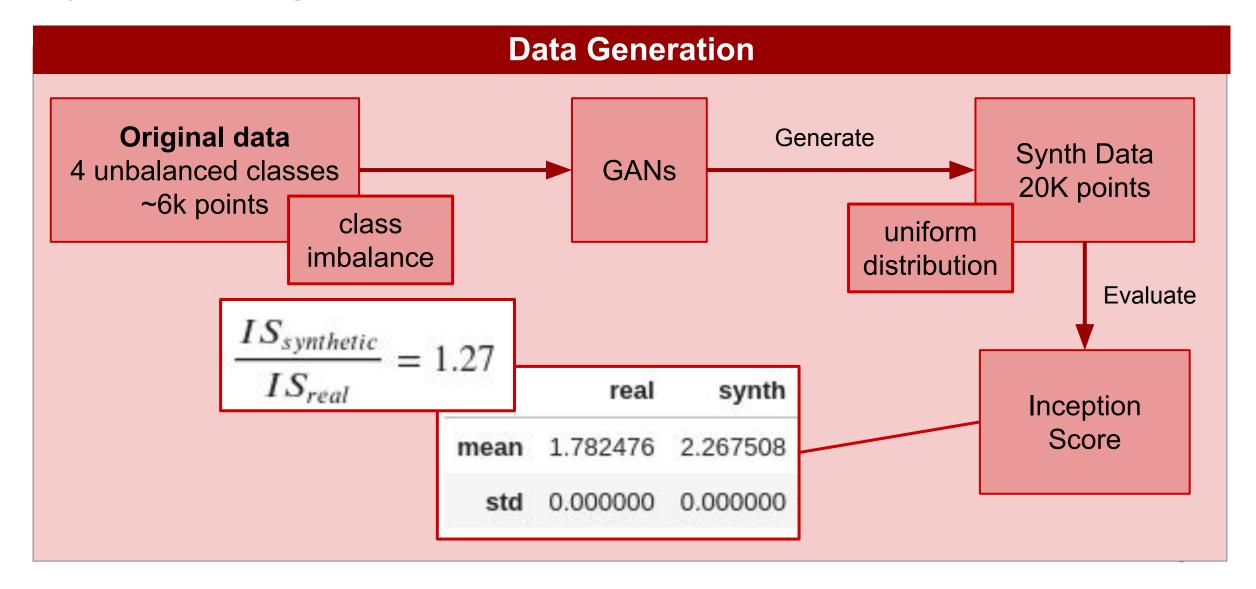
#### Synthetic data generation



# Synthetic data generation



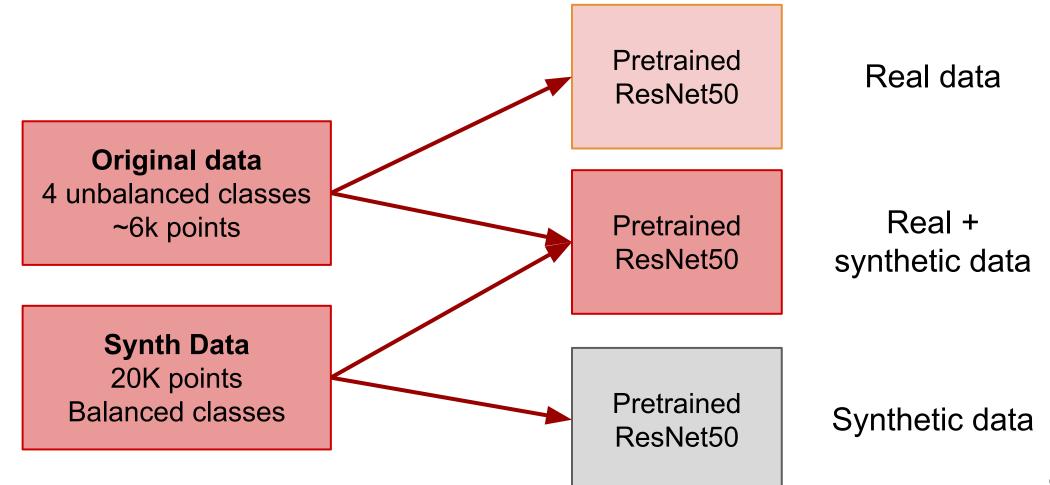
# Synthetic data generation



#### Classification | Architecture

- SGD
- Cross Entropy
- 100 epochs

- 0.001 LR
- LR decay scheduler



# Classification | Results

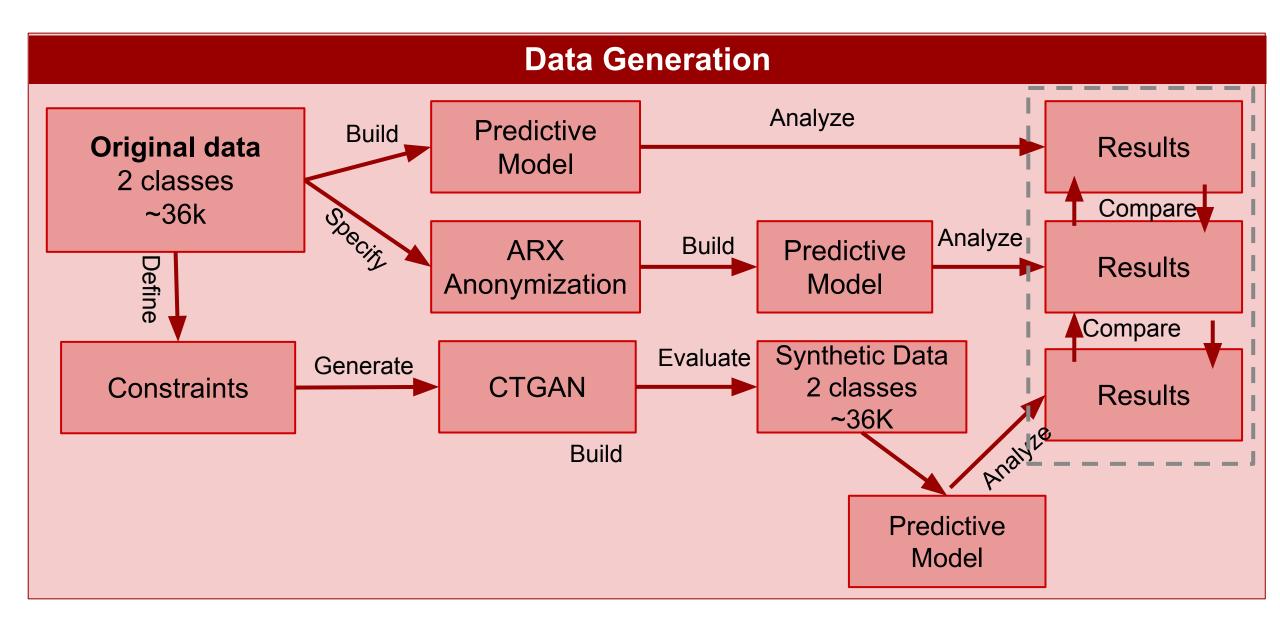
- Overall poor model performance on real data test set.
- Better performance with hybrid model.
- Good performance on synthetic data test set.
- Possible existence of identifying synthetic artifacts

| Model                               | Eval. dataset      | Accuracy | Loss  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------|
| real data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e       | 0 real train       | 56,6%    | 0,882 |
| real data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e       | 1 real test        | 53,8%    | 0,915 |
| real data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e       | 2 synth train      | 25,2%    | 1,722 |
| real data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e       | 3 synth test       | 26,0%    | 1,695 |
| real data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e       | 4 real synth train | 31,8%    | 1,551 |
| real+synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e | 0 real train       | 60,0%    | 0,817 |
| real+synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e | 1 real test        | 58,2%    | 0,875 |
| real+synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e | 2 synth train      | 99,0%    | 0,029 |
| real+synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e | 3 synth test       | 100,0%   | 0,002 |
| real+synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e | 4 real synth train | 91,3%    | 0,189 |
| synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e      | 0 real train       | 13,8%    | 7,253 |
| synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e      | 1 real test        | 14,0%    | 7,768 |
| synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e      | 2 synth train      | 97,5%    | 0,079 |
| synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e      | 3 synth test       | 99,7%    | 0,023 |
| synth data, 0.001LR, SGD, 100e      | 4 real synth train | 80,5%    | 1,540 |

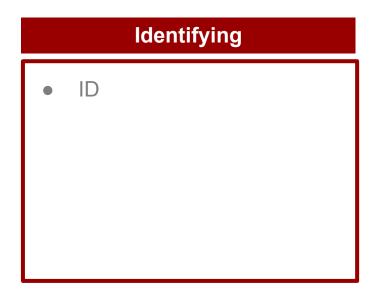
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**Predicting Mortgage Defaults** 

#### Architecture



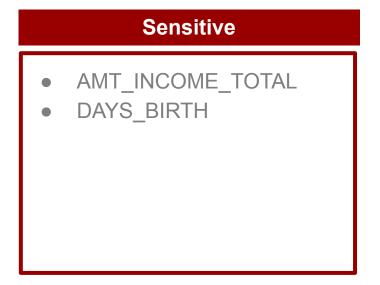
#### Anonymizing Data with ARX: Data Types Definition



# Quasi-Identifiers CODE\_GENDER CNT\_CHILDREN NAME\_INCOME\_TYPE NAME\_EDUCATION\_TYPE NAME\_FAMILY\_STATUS

OCCUPATION TYPE

CNT FAM MEMBERS





We have applied <u>k-anonymity of 10</u> to all our data and a <u>L-diversity of 4</u> the variables identified as sensible (Income and Days of Birth). Those parameters were chosen based on the <u>trade off analysis</u> of our anonymized model quality and risk vs information loss.

#### Quasi-Identifiers Transformations

#### **Masking Approach**

| NAME_FAMILY_STATUS * |                   |                   |                    |                     |  |  |  |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Level-0              | Level-1           | Level-2           | Level-3            | Level-4             |  |  |  |
| Civil marriage       | Civil marriage *  | Civil marriage ** | Civil marriage *** | Civil marriage **** |  |  |  |
| Married              | Married *         | Married **        | Married ***        | Married ****        |  |  |  |
| Separated            | Separated *       | Separated **      | Separated ***      | Separated ****      |  |  |  |
| Single / not marr    | Single / not marr | Single / not marr | Single / not marr  | Single / not mar*   |  |  |  |
| Widow                | Widow *           | Widow **          | Widow ***          | Widow ****          |  |  |  |

| NAME_INCOME_TYPE *                              |                 |    |                 |    |                   |                    |                     |
|---|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Level-0 Level-1 Level-2 Level-3 Level-4 Level-5 |                 |    |                 |    |                   |                    |                     |
| Commercial asso                                 | . Commercial as | so | Commercial asso | o  | Commercial asso.  | Commercial asso    | Commercial asso     |
| Pensioner                                       | Pensioner       | *  | Pensioner **    | k  | Pensioner ***     | Pensioner ****     | Pensioner *****     |
| State servant                                   | State servant   | *  | State servant * | k# | State servant *** | State servant **** | State servant ***** |
| Student   | Student         | *  | Student **      |    | Student ***       | Student ****       | Student *****       |
| Working   | Working         | *  | Working **      | k  | Working ***       | Working ****       | Working *****       |

The variables were anonymized using a masked approach which implies suppressing letters from in a word.

|                    | NAME_OCUPATION_TYPE * |                    |                     |                     |                    |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Level-0            | Level-1               | Level-2            | Level-3             | Level-4             | Level-5            |  |  |  |  |
|                    | *                     | **                 | ***                 | ***                 | ****               |  |  |  |  |
| Accountants        | Accountants           | Accountants        | Accountants         | Accountants *       | Accountants **     |  |  |  |  |
| Cleaning staff     | Cleaning staff *      | Cleaning staff **  | Cleaning staff *    | Cleaning staff *    | Cleaning staff **  |  |  |  |  |
| Cooking staff      | Cooking staff *       | Cooking staff **   | Cooking staff *     | .Cooking staff *    | Cooking staff **   |  |  |  |  |
| Core staff         | Core staff *          | Core staff **      | Core staff ***      | Core staff ****     | Core staff *****   |  |  |  |  |
| Drivers            | Drivers *             | Drivers **         | Drivers ***         | Drivers ****        | Drivers *****      |  |  |  |  |
| HR staff           | HR staff *            | HR staff **        | HR staff ***        | HR staff ****       | HR staff *****     |  |  |  |  |
| High skill tech st | High skill tech st    | High skill tech st | High skill tech st* | .High skill tech s* | High skill tech ** |  |  |  |  |
| IT staff           | IT staff *            | IT staff **        | IT staff ***        | IT staff ****       | IT staff *****     |  |  |  |  |
| Laborers           | Laborers *            | Laborers **        | Laborers ***        | Laborers ****       | Laborers *****     |  |  |  |  |

| NAME_EDUCATION_TYPE * |                  |                 |         |  |  |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|--|--|
| Level-0               | Level-1          | Level-2         | Level-3 |  |  |
| Lower secondary       | {Lower secondar  | {Lower secondar | *       |  |  |
| Secondary / seco      | {Lower secondar  | {Lower secondar | *       |  |  |
| Incomplete higher     | {Incomplete high | {Lower secondar | *       |  |  |
| Higher education      | {Incomplete high | {Lower secondar | *       |  |  |
| Academic degree       | (Academic degre  | {Academic degre | *       |  |  |

#### Quasi-Identifiers Transformations

#### **Intervals Approach**

#### CNT\_FAMILY\_MEMBERS \*

| Level-0 | Level-1  | Level-2  | Level-3  | Level-4  | Level-5 |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1.0     | [1, 2[   | [1, 4[   | [1, 8[   | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 2.0     | [2, 4[   | [1, 4[   | [1, 8[   | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 3.0     | [2, 4[   | [1, 4[   | [1, 8[   | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 4.0     | [4, 6[   | [4, 8[   | [1, 8[   | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 5.0     | [4, 6[   | [4, 8[   | [1, 8[   | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 6.0     | [6, 8[   | [4, 8[   | [1, 8[   | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 7.0     | [6, 8[   | [4, 8[   | [1, 8[   | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 9.0     | [8, 10[  | [8, 12[  | [8, 16[  | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 15.0    | [14, 16[ | [12, 16[ | [8, 16[  | [1, 16[  | ×       |
| 20.0    | [20, 21[ | [20, 21[ | [16, 21[ | [16, 21[ | *       |

#### CNT\_CHILDREN

| Level-0 | Level-1  | Level-2  | Level-3  | Level-4  | Level-5 |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 0       | [0, 1[   | [0, 2[   | [0, 4[   | [0, 8[   | ×       |
| 1       | [1, 2[   | [0, 2[   | [0, 4[   | [0, 8[   | ×       |
| 2       | [2, 3[   | [2, 4[   | [0, 4[   | [0, 8[   | ×       |
| 3       | [3, 4[   | [2, 4[   | [0, 4[   | [0, 8[   | *       |
| 4       | [4, 5[   | [4, 6[   | [4, 8[   | [0, 8[   | ×       |
| 5       | [5, 6[   | [4, 6[   | [4, 8[   | [0, 8[   | ×       |
| 7       | [7, 8[   | [6, 8[   | [4, 8[   | [0, 8[   | ×       |
| 14      | [14, 15[ | [14, 16[ | [12, 16[ | [8, 16[  | ×       |
| 19      | [19, 20[ | [18, 20[ | [16, 20[ | [16, 20[ | ×       |

The variables anonymization technique groups data into intervals.

#### Quasi-Identifiers Transformations

#### **Ordering Approach**

| NAME_EDUCATION_TYPE * |                  |                 |         |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|--|--|--|
| Level-0               | Level-1          | Level-2         | Level-3 |  |  |  |
| Lower secondary       | {Lower secondar  | {Lower secondar | ×       |  |  |  |
| Secondary / seco      | {Lower secondar  | {Lower secondar | ×       |  |  |  |
| Incomplete higher     | {Incomplete high | {Lower secondar | ×       |  |  |  |
| Higher education      | {Incomplete high | {Lower secondar | ×       |  |  |  |
| Academic degree       | (Academic degre  | {Academic degre | ×       |  |  |  |

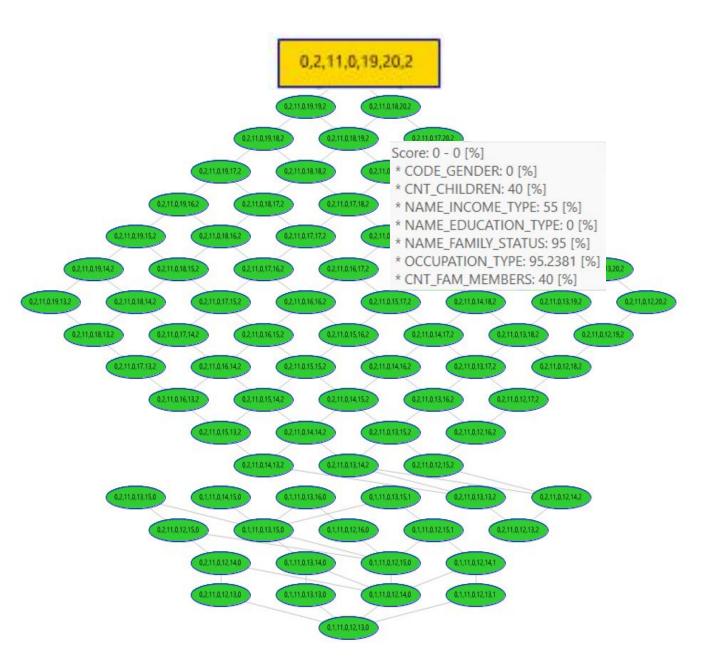
The variables were transform using by grouping levels of generalization (e.g. in the gender variable we can group Man and Women in a level, a level that only considers person).

| CNT_    | GENDER  |
|---------|---------|
| Level-0 | Level-1 |
| F       | {F, M}  |
| M       | {F, M}  |

## Anonymizing Data with ARX

Our optimal anonymization solution satisfies the conditions required to guarantee a successful anonymization of our data.

| Gender:          | Level<br>0 | Score<br>0% |
|------------------|------------|-------------|
| Children:        | 2          | 40%         |
| Income Type:     | 11         | 55%         |
| Education Type:  | 0          | 0%          |
| Family Status:   | 19         | 95%         |
| Occupation Type: | 20         | 95%         |
| Family Members:  | 2          | 40%         |



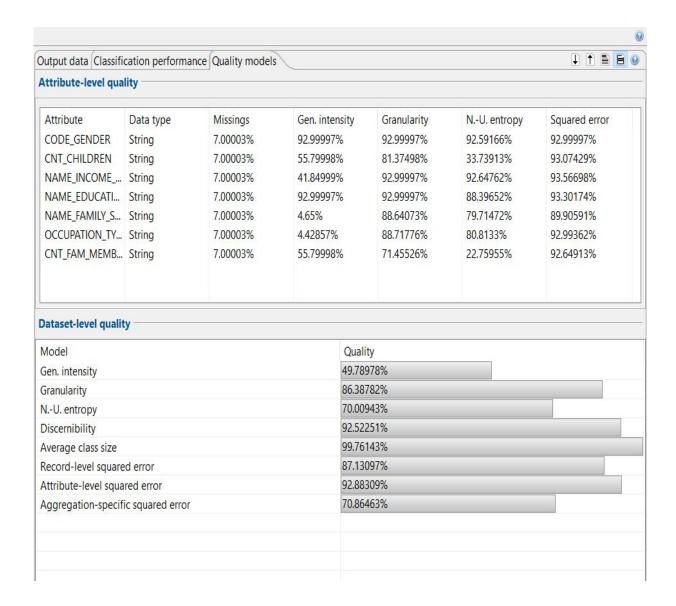
## **Anonymization Models**

#### **Optimal Solution Evaluation**

Information Loss: 7%

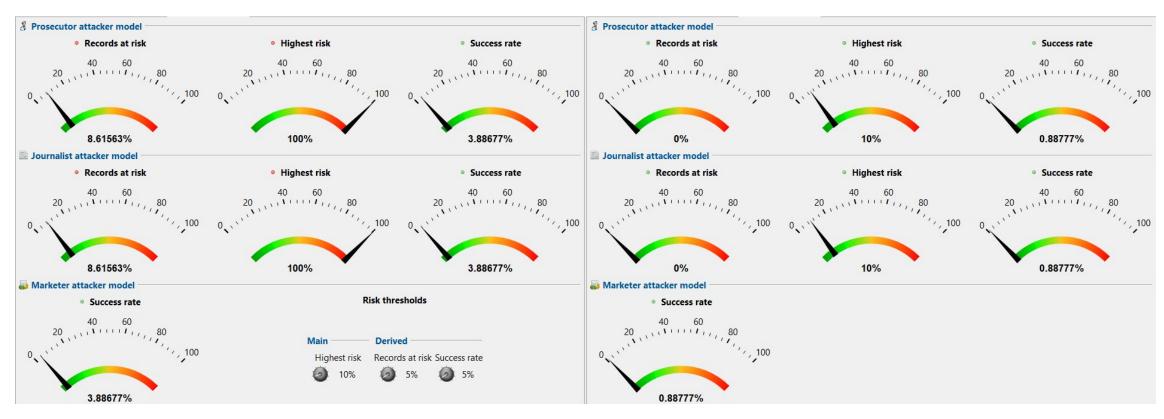
Intensity: 50%

• Granularity: 86%



#### Risk Evaluation

With this model our success rate in the <u>prosecutor risk</u> (which is the biggest danger) after anonymization is almost 0% while in the original dataset is of **3.8%**.



## Synthetic Data Generation

#### **Constraints Definition**

- 1 IDs are unique
- Days\_Birth is lower than Days employed and individuals must have at least 16 years old to work.
- Work:Phone implies that individuals are not unemployed.
- 4 Unemployed (positive work days) do not have information regarding their occupation.
- Pensioners have positive work days.

## Synthetic Data Generation

#### **Interpreting our Synthetic Data Quality**

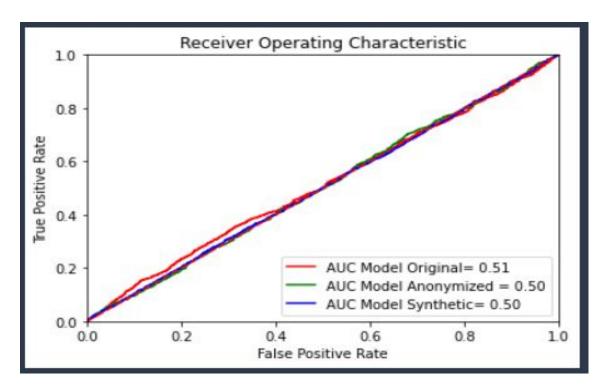
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evaluate(synthetic_data, data)
0.5597955030608549
```

|   | metric | name                                    | raw_score | normalized_score | min_value | max_value | goal     | error |
|---|--------|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 0 | CSTest | Chi-Squared                             | 0.972954  | 0.972954         | 0.0       | 1.0       | MAXIMIZE | None  |
| 1 | KSTest | Inverted Kolmogorov-Smirnov D statistic | 0.834501  | 0.834501         | 0.0       | 1.0       | MAXIMIZE | None  |

The results of the evaluate function - which is a combination of several methods - is **satisfactory**. Nevertheless, if we look separately to the our **categorical variables**, **CSTest reveals a pretty good result** (0.97%) as well our numerical variables according to KSTest (0.83).

#### Modelling with Original vs Anonymized vs Synthetic Data

#### **Interpreting our Model Results**



| 4 | Model                        | Test MAE | Test MSE | Test RMSE | Test ACCURACY |
|---|------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| 0 | Linear Regression Original   | 0.126174 | 0.126174 | 0.355210  | 0.873826      |
| 1 | Linear Regression Anonymized | 0.120208 | 0.120208 | 0.346711  | 0.879792      |
| 2 | Linear Regression Synthetic  | 0.116026 | 0.116026 | 0.340625  | 0.883974      |

# Our models do not discriminate credit default well.

Synthetic data achieved the highest accuracy while our Original data allow us to have the best results in terms of AUC. This results are due to the fact that our data is unbalanced and our model predicts much better one class than the other.

Nevertheless, results are quite similar. So, using a synthetic or an anonymized dataset might be an advantage since it allows us to protect our data and achieve very similar results.

#### Conclusion

In a nutshell, we have conclude that:

- Synthetic data is a powerful tool for both privacy and data augmentation. Evaluation must be done carefully.
- Hybrid (real+synth trained) models perform better.
  Possible existence of identifying synthetic features.
- ARX and CTGAN allow us to preserve our data patterns and develop models as good as the models obtained using real data. Improving constraints definition in CTGAN would enable our model to better capture our data patterns.
- Since our data in biased (default weight is 12%), we could have used synthetic data to reduce this bias and improve models capacity to predict both classes.

# **Further Improvements**

#### Predicting Alzheimer's Disease

- 1. Tune data generation GAN.
- 2. Evaluate diversity and quality separately because of class imbalance.
- 3. Classification models:
  - a. different pretrained models
  - b. image transformation
  - c. train first on real dataset and then on synthetic dataset
  - d. change proportion of synthetic and real data
  - e. general parameter tuning (grid search)

# **Further Improvements**

#### Predicting Mortgage Defaults

- 1. Generate synthetic data in order to reduce the bias in our target variable and improve our chances to correctly identify credit default.
- 2. Improve constrains definition in CTGAN in order to be able to better capture data patterns (e.g. Number of Children and Family Members).
- 3. Test other evaluation methods to assess the quality of our data (e.g. Logistic Detection)
- 4. Test if with other predictive model the results obtained were the same.

# Thank you!



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# **Further Improvements**

We have identified opportunities for improvement, such as:

- Generate synthetic data in order to reduce the bias in our target variable and improve our chances to correctly identify credit default.
- Improve constrains definition in CTGAN in order to be able to better capture data patterns (e.g. Number of Children and Family Members).
- Test other evaluation methods to assess the quality of our data (e.g. Logistic Detection)
- Test if with other predictive model the results obtained were the same.