

# IEEE Fraud MLMs

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## 1 Introduction

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## Input Space

The initial dataset is represented as:

$$\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}, \quad \mathbb{Y} = \{0, 1\}$$

where  $n$  is the number of samples (590540) and  $d$  is the number of features (394).

## Feature Engineering Morphisms

### 1. Sorting by TransactionID and TransactionDT

The dataset is first sorted by ‘TransactionID’ and ‘TransactionDT’ to ensure temporal ordering.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_{\text{sort}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{raw}} &\rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{sorted}} \\ F_{\text{sort}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{sort}}) &= \text{sort}(\mathbf{x}, \text{by} = [\text{TransactionID}, \text{TransactionDT}])\end{aligned}$$

### 2. Transaction Density Feature

A new feature is created as the ratio of ‘TransactionAmt’ to ‘TransactionWeek’:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_{\text{density}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{sorted}} &\rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{density}} \\ F_{\text{density}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{density}}) &= \mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionAmt}} / \mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionWeek}}\end{aligned}$$

### 3. Day Interaction Feature

A new feature is created as the product of ‘TransactionAmt’ and ‘TransactionDay’:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_{\text{day\_interaction}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{density}} &\rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{interaction}} \\ F_{\text{day\_interaction}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{day\_interaction}}) &= \mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionAmt}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionDay}}\end{aligned}$$

### 4. Device Interaction Feature (if DeviceInfo exists)

If ‘DeviceInfo’ is present, create a new feature based on a hash of the device information:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_{\text{device\_interaction}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{interaction}} &\rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{device}} \\ F_{\text{device\_interaction}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{device\_interaction}}) &= \mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionAmt}} \cdot \text{hash}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{DeviceInfo}}) \% 10\end{aligned}$$

### 5. Binned Transaction Amount

The ‘TransactionAmt’ feature is discretized into bins:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_{\text{binned}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{device}} &\rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{binned}} \\ F_{\text{binned}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{binned}}) &= \text{bin}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionAmt}}, \text{bins} = [-1, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, \infty])\end{aligned}$$

## 6. Ratios with Day and Week Features

Two new features are created: 1. ‘Amt<sub>TodayOfWeekRatio</sub>’ :  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{day\_ratio}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{binned}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{day\_ratio}}$

$$F_{\text{day\_ratio}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{day\_ratio}}) = \mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionAmt}} / (\mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionDayOfWeek}} + 1)$$

2. ‘Amt<sub>toWeekRatio</sub>’ :  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{week\_ratio}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{day\_ratio}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{week\_ratio}}$

$$F_{\text{week\_ratio}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{week\_ratio}}) = \mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionAmt}} / (\mathbf{x}_{\text{TransactionWeek}} + 1)$$

## 7. Aggregated Card Features

Aggregate ‘TransactionAmt’ by ‘card1’ to compute mean, standard deviation, and count:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{card\_agg}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{week\_ratio}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{card\_agg}}$$

$$F_{\text{card\_agg}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{card\_agg}}) = \text{groupby}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{card1}}, \text{agg} = [\text{mean}, \text{std}, \text{count}])$$

## 8. Card4 Frequency Mapping

Map ‘card4’ to its frequency:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{card4\_freq}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{card\_agg}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{freq}}$$

$$F_{\text{card4\_freq}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{card4\_freq}}) = \text{map}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{card4}}, \text{frequency\_dict})$$

## Final Feature Engineering Workflow

The feature engineering pipeline can be expressed as:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{feature}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{card4\_freq}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{card\_agg}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{week\_ratio}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{day\_ratio}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{binned}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{device\_interaction}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{day\_interaction}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{density}}$$

where:

$$F_{\text{feature}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{feature}}) = F_{\text{card4\_freq}}(F_{\text{card\_agg}}(F_{\text{week\_ratio}}(F_{\text{day\_ratio}}(F_{\text{binned}}(F_{\text{device\_interaction}}(F_{\text{day\_interaction}}(F_{\text{density}}(\mathbf{x})$$

**\*\*Output Space After Feature Engineering.\*\***

$$\mathbb{X}_{\text{feature\_engineered}} = \mathbb{R}^{n \times d_{\text{engineered}}}$$

# Outlier Removal Morphisms

## 1. Isolation Forest Outlier Removal

The Isolation Forest morphism identifies outliers in the dataset by isolating anomalous data points.

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{iso}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{raw}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{iso}}$$

The isolation forest morphism is defined as:

$$F_{\text{iso}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{iso}}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ is normal} \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ is an anomaly} \end{cases}$$

where  $\Theta_{\text{iso}} = \{n_{\text{estimators}}, \text{max\_samples}, \text{contamination}, \text{random\_state}\}$ .

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{iso}}(x; \Theta_{\text{iso}}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } F_{\text{iso}}(x; \Theta_{\text{iso}}) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } F_{\text{iso}}(x; \Theta_{\text{iso}}) = -1 \end{cases}$$

**\*\*Steps:\*\*** 1. Train the Isolation Forest on  $\mathbb{X}_{\text{numeric}}$  to predict anomalies. 2. Filter out rows where  $F_{\text{iso}}(\mathbf{x}) = -1$  (anomalies). 3. The output is  $\mathbb{X}_{\text{iso}}$ , the cleaned dataset.

## 2. Mahalanobis Distance Outlier Removal

The Mahalanobis Distance morphism identifies outliers based on their multi-variate distance from the mean.

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{maha}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{numeric}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{maha}}$$

The Mahalanobis distance morphism is defined as:

$$F_{\text{maha}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{maha}}) = d_M(\mathbf{x}, \mu, \Sigma^{-1})$$

where: -  $d_M$  is the Mahalanobis distance:

$$d_M(\mathbf{x}, \mu, \Sigma^{-1}) = \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)}$$

-  $\mu$  is the mean of the dataset. -  $\Sigma^{-1}$  is the inverse of the covariance matrix.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{maha}}(x; \Theta_{\text{maha}}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d_M(x, \mu, \Sigma^{-1}) \leq \text{threshold} \\ 1 & \text{if } d_M(x, \mu, \Sigma^{-1}) > \text{threshold} \end{cases}$$

**\*\*Steps:\*\*** 1. Compute the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  and its inverse  $\Sigma^{-1}$ . 2. Calculate the Mahalanobis distance for each point. 3. Define a threshold (e.g., 97.5th percentile) to classify points as outliers. 4. Remove points where  $F_{\text{maha}}(\mathbf{x}) > \text{threshold}$ . 5. The output is  $\mathbb{X}_{\text{maha}}$ , the cleaned dataset.

## Combined Outlier Removal Workflow

The combined outlier removal pipeline is expressed as:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{outlier}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{iso}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{maha}}$$

where:

$$F_{\text{outlier}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{outlier}}) = F_{\text{iso}}(F_{\text{maha}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{maha}}); \Theta_{\text{iso}})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{outlier}}(x; \Theta_{\text{outlier}}) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{iso}}(x; \Theta_{\text{iso}}) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{maha}}(x; \Theta_{\text{maha}})$$

**\*\*Output Space After Outlier Removal:\*\***

$$\mathbb{X}_{\text{outlier\_cleaned}} = \mathbb{R}^{n' \times d}, \quad n' \leq n$$

where  $n'$  is the number of non-outlier samples.

# Morphisms for Preprocessing Steps

## 1. Timestamp Conversion

For columns with `datetime64[ns]` or containing "Timestamp":

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{time}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{raw}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{time}}$$

$$F_{\text{time}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{time}}) = \text{int64}(\text{to\_datetime}(\mathbf{x}))$$

## 2. Label Encoding

For categorical columns:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{label}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{time}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{label}}$$

$$F_{\text{label}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{label}}) = \text{LabelEncoder}(\mathbf{x})$$

where each categorical column  $c$  is transformed into integers using  $\Theta_{\text{label}}$ , the fitted label encoder.

## 3. Replacement of Infinite Values

For replacing `inf` and `-inf` values:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{replace}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{label}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{finite}}$$

$$F_{\text{replace}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{replace}}) = \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{x} \neq \pm\infty]$$

## 4. Conversion to Numeric

For converting all columns to numeric types:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{numeric}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{finite}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{numeric}}$$

$$F_{\text{numeric}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{numeric}}) = \text{to\_numeric}(\mathbf{x})$$

## 5. Handling Missing Values

**Numeric columns:**

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{num\_fill}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{numeric}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{num\_filled}}$$

$$F_{\text{num\_fill}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{num\_fill}}) = \mathbf{x}[\text{fill\_na}(\text{mean}(\mathbf{x}))]$$

**Non-numeric columns:**

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{cat\_fill}} : \mathbb{X}_{\text{num\_filled}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{\text{filled}}$$

$$F_{\text{cat\_fill}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{cat\_fill}}) = \mathbf{x}[\text{fill\_na}(\text{mode}(\mathbf{x}))]$$

## Final Preprocessing Workflow Morphism

The preprocessing pipeline can be expressed as a composition of the individual morphisms:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{preprocess}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{cat\_fill}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{num\_fill}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{numeric}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{replace}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{label}} \circ \mathcal{M}_{\text{time}}$$

where:

$$F_{\text{preprocess}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{preprocess}}) = F_{\text{cat\_fill}}(F_{\text{num\_fill}}(F_{\text{numeric}}(F_{\text{replace}}(F_{\text{label}}(F_{\text{time}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{time}}); \Theta_{\text{label}}); \Theta_{\text{replace}}); \Theta_{\text{numeric}});$$

## Output Space

After preprocessing:

$$\mathbb{X}_{\text{processed}} = \mathbb{R}^{n \times d_{\text{processed}}}$$

## Final Model Morphism

The final model combines three base learners: XGBoost, Random Forest, and Logistic Regression. Each morphism is defined in terms of its input and output spaces.

**Input Space:**

$$\mathbb{X}_{\text{model}} = \mathbb{R}^d$$

where  $d$  is the number of features.

**Output Space:**

$$\mathbb{Y}_{\text{model}} = [0, 1]$$

representing the probability of the positive class ( $\text{isFraud} = 1$ ).



## 2 Model Ensembler Section

### Overall Morphism

The ensembler combines the predictions of the three base models using weighted voting:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{vote}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{xgb}} \circ_w \mathcal{M}_{\text{rf}} \circ_w \mathcal{M}_{\text{lr}}$$

where:

$$F_{\text{vote}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta) = w_{\text{xgb}} F_{\text{xgb}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{xgb}}) + w_{\text{rf}} F_{\text{rf}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{rf}}) + w_{\text{lr}} F_{\text{lr}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{lr}})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{vote}}(y, \hat{y}; w_{\text{xgb}}, w_{\text{rf}}, w_{\text{lr}}) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{xgb}}(y, \hat{y}) \cdot w_{\text{xgb}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{rf}}(y, \hat{y}) \cdot w_{\text{rf}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{lr}}(y, \hat{y}) \cdot w_{\text{lr}}$$

-  $w_{\text{xgb}}, w_{\text{rf}}, w_{\text{lr}}$ : Voting weights assigned to XGBoost, Random Forest, and Logistic Regression, respectively. -  $\Theta = \{\Theta_{\text{xgb}}, \Theta_{\text{rf}}, \Theta_{\text{lr}}\}$ : The parameter set for all three models.

### XGBoost Morphism

XGBoost (Extreme Gradient Boosting) is an ensemble of decision trees trained in a boosting framework:

$$F_{\text{xgb}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{xgb}}) = \arg \max_{k \in \{0,1\}} \left( \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t h_t(\mathbf{x}; \theta_t)_k \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{xgb}}(y, \hat{y}) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)] + \Omega(\Theta_{\text{xgb}})$$

where:

- $T$ : The number of boosting rounds (trees).
- $h_t(\mathbf{x}; \theta_t)$ : The prediction of the  $t$ -th tree for input  $\mathbf{x}$ , parameterized by  $\theta_t$ .
- $\alpha_t$ : The weight assigned to the  $t$ -th tree, learned during training.
- $\Theta_{\text{xgb}}$ : Hyperparameters such as learning rate, max depth of trees, and regularization terms.

### Logistic Regression Morphism

Logistic Regression is a linear model for binary classification:

$$F_{\text{lr}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{lr}}) = \arg \max_{k \in \{0,1\}} \sigma_k(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lr}}(y, \hat{y}) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)]$$

where:

- $\mathbf{w}$ : Coefficient vector for the features.
- $b$ : Bias term (intercept).
- $\sigma_k(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$ : Sigmoid function that outputs probabilities for  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- $\Theta_{\text{lr}}$ : Model parameters  $(\mathbf{w}, b)$  learned during training.

## Random Forest Morphism

Random Forest is an ensemble of decision trees trained independently:

$$F_{\text{rf}}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta_{\text{rf}}) = \arg \max_{k \in \{0,1\}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T h_t(\mathbf{x}; \theta_t)_k \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{rf}}(y, \hat{y}) = -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \log(h_t(x_i)) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - h_t(x_i))]$$

where:

- $T$ : The number of decision trees in the forest.
- $h_t(\mathbf{x}; \theta_t)$ : The prediction of the  $t$ -th tree, parameterized by  $\theta_t$ .
- $\Theta_{\text{rf}}$ : Hyperparameters such as number of trees, max depth, and criteria for splitting nodes.

## Output of the Ensembler

After combining predictions from all three models using the weighted voting strategy, the ensembler outputs:

$$\mathbb{Y}_{\text{vote}} = [0, 1]$$

where the final prediction is a probability score for the positive class (isFraud = 1).