

## **CUSTOMER CHURN PREDICTION MODEL**

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# INTRODUCTION

Customer retention refers to keeping existing customers loyal to a business by providing excellent service and experiences. It is important because retaining existing customers is more costeffective than acquiring new ones, they can provide valuable feedback and referrals, and they are more likely to make repeat purchases.



# BUSINESS UNDERSTANDING

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

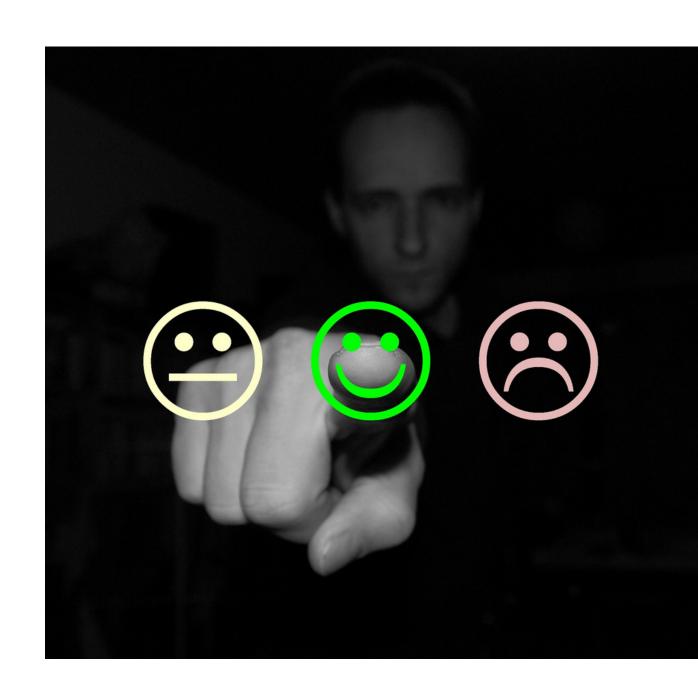
Customer churn is the loss of clients over time. Companies must pay close attention to it as it affects revenue directly. When customers depart, the company not only loses their current business but also future potential business. Also, gaining new clients is often costlier than keeping current ones, reducing churn saves costs. Monitoring and lowering churn is crucial for companies to retain and grow their customer base, ultimately increasing revenue. Improving customer satisfaction, creating customer loyalty, and growing the business can be achieved by identifying reasons for churn and retaining customers.

#### **MAIN OBJECTIVE**

The main objective if this project is to come up with a predictive model that will be able to flag customers who are likely to churn inorder to have targeted mitigating actions focused on them inorder to prevent them from churning

#### **OTHER OBJECTIVES**

- Determine the most important predictor of customer churn
- Look for potential areas of improvement for our model



# METRIC FOR SUCCESS

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Prediction accuracy of the model is above 80%

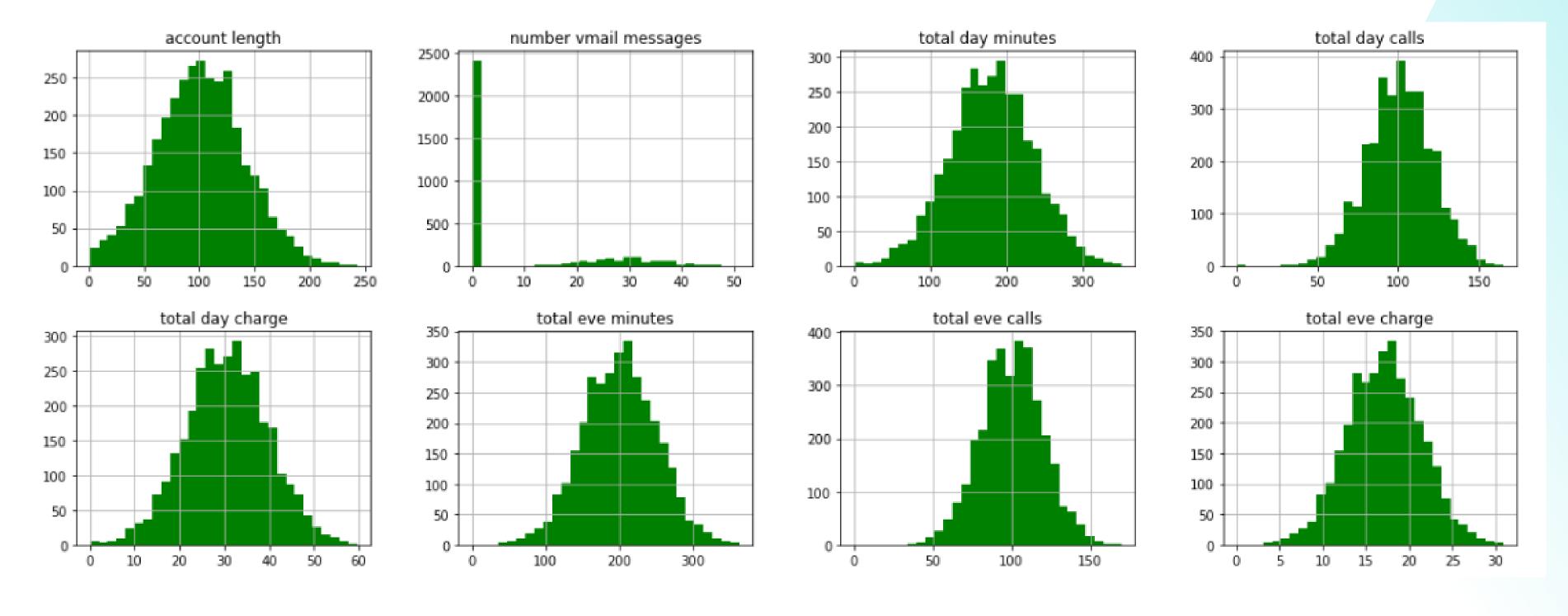
**Recall score is above 75%** 

## EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

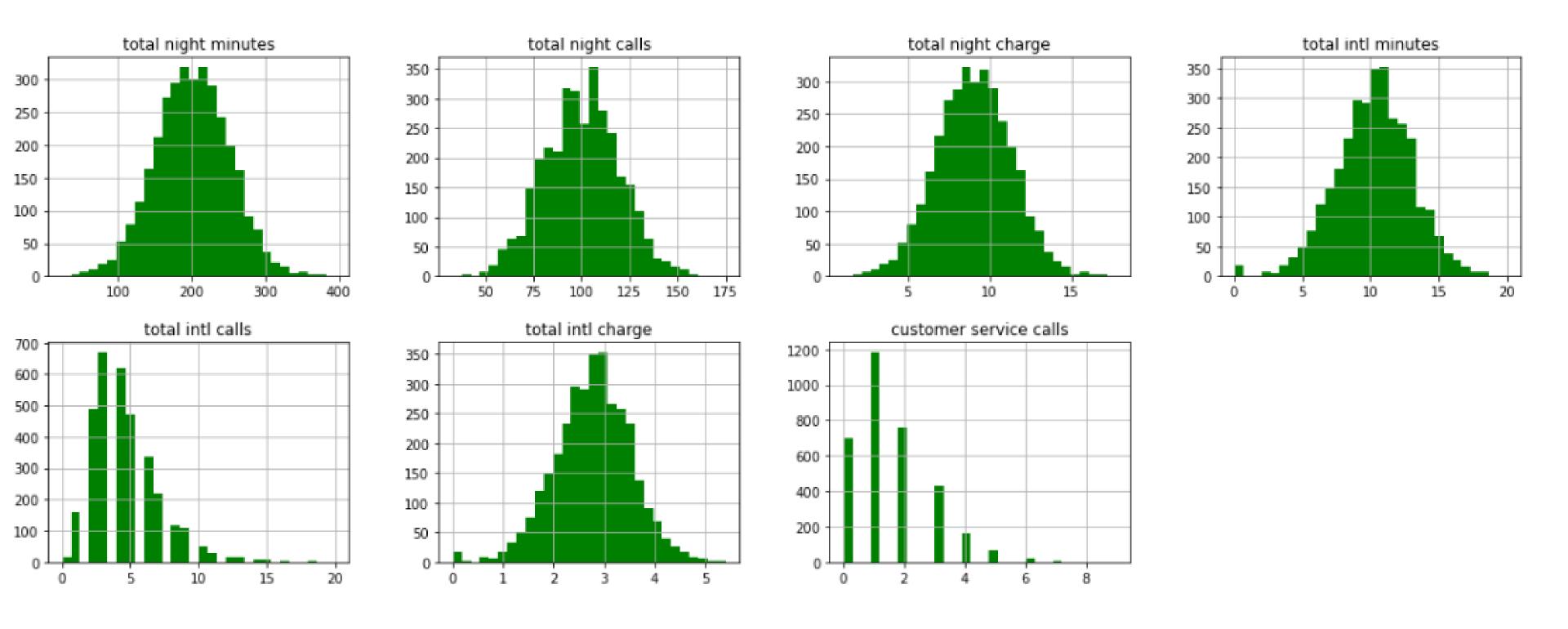
What does the data tell us?

What patterns from the data can we observe

#### DISTRIBUTION OF DATA FOR CONTINOUS DATA

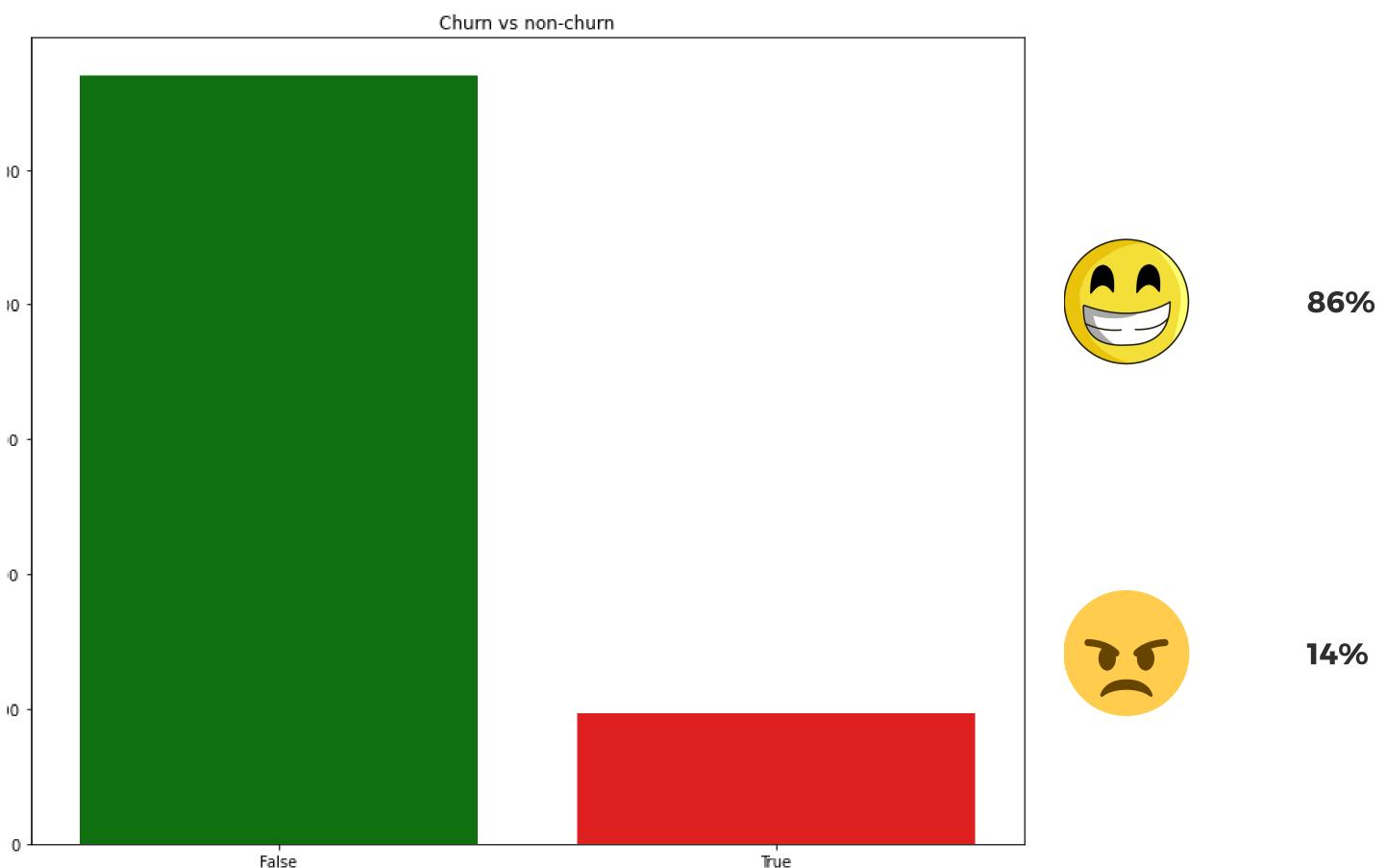


Data is normally distributed (there are few small and large values and many average values)

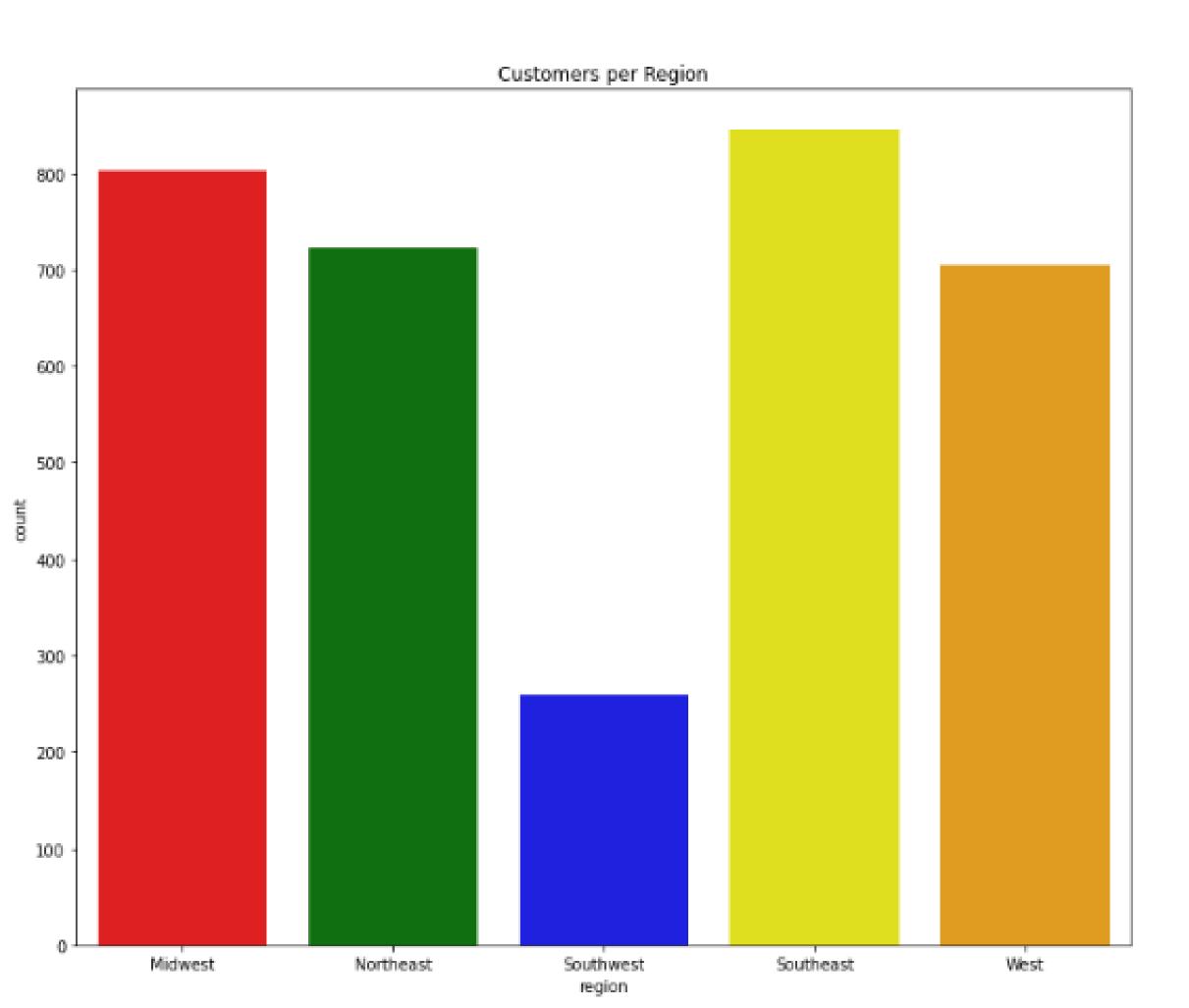


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#### PROPORTION OF CUSTOMER CHURN

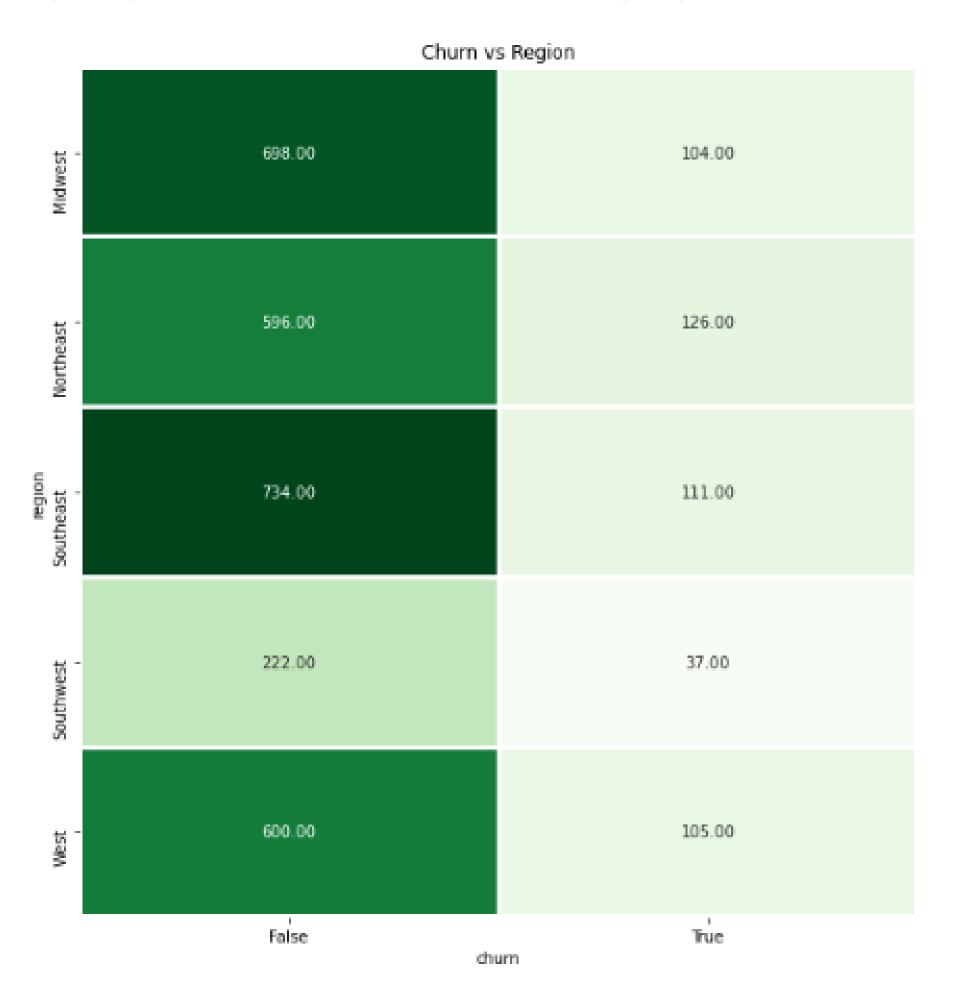


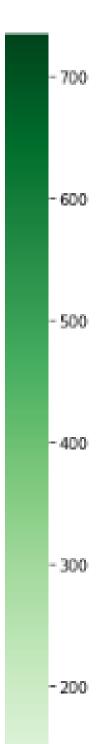
#### **CUSTOMERS PER REGION**



- 1. SouthEast
- 2. Midwest
- 3. Northeast
- 4. West
- 5. **Southwest**

#### **CHURN RATE PER REGION**

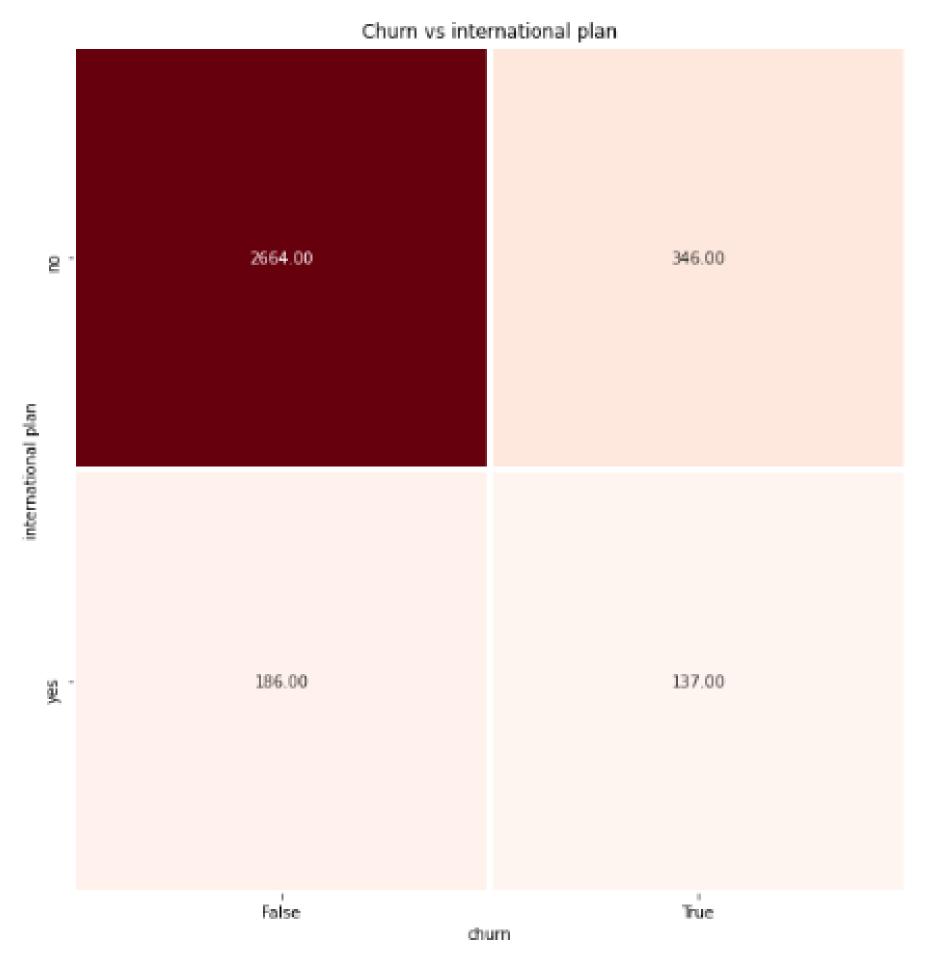




- 100

- 1. Northeast
- 2. Southeast
- 3. West
- 4. Midwest
- 5. **Southwest**

### CHURN VS INTERNATIONAL PLAN



Customers who do not have an international plan are twice likely to churn that people who have an international plan

- 2500

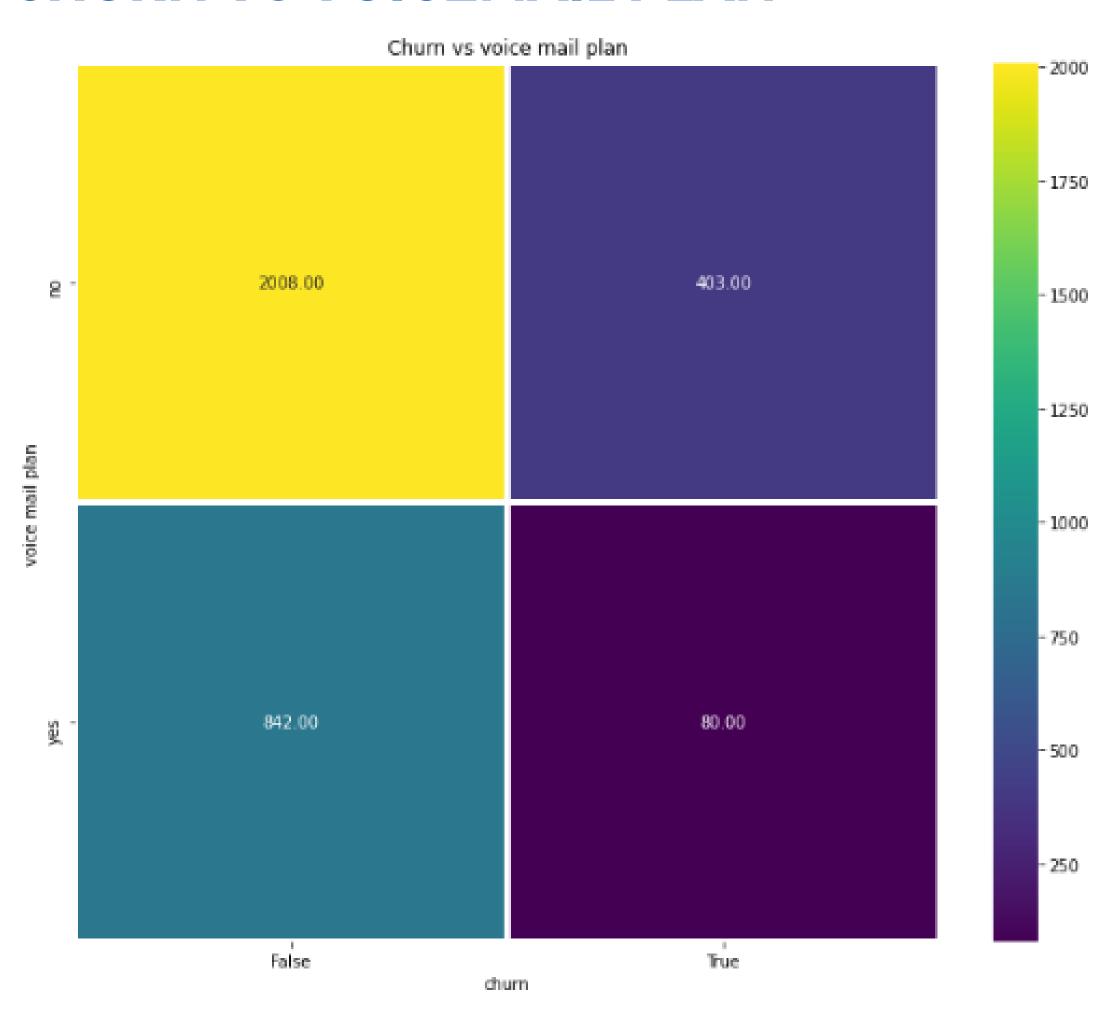
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- 1500

- 1000

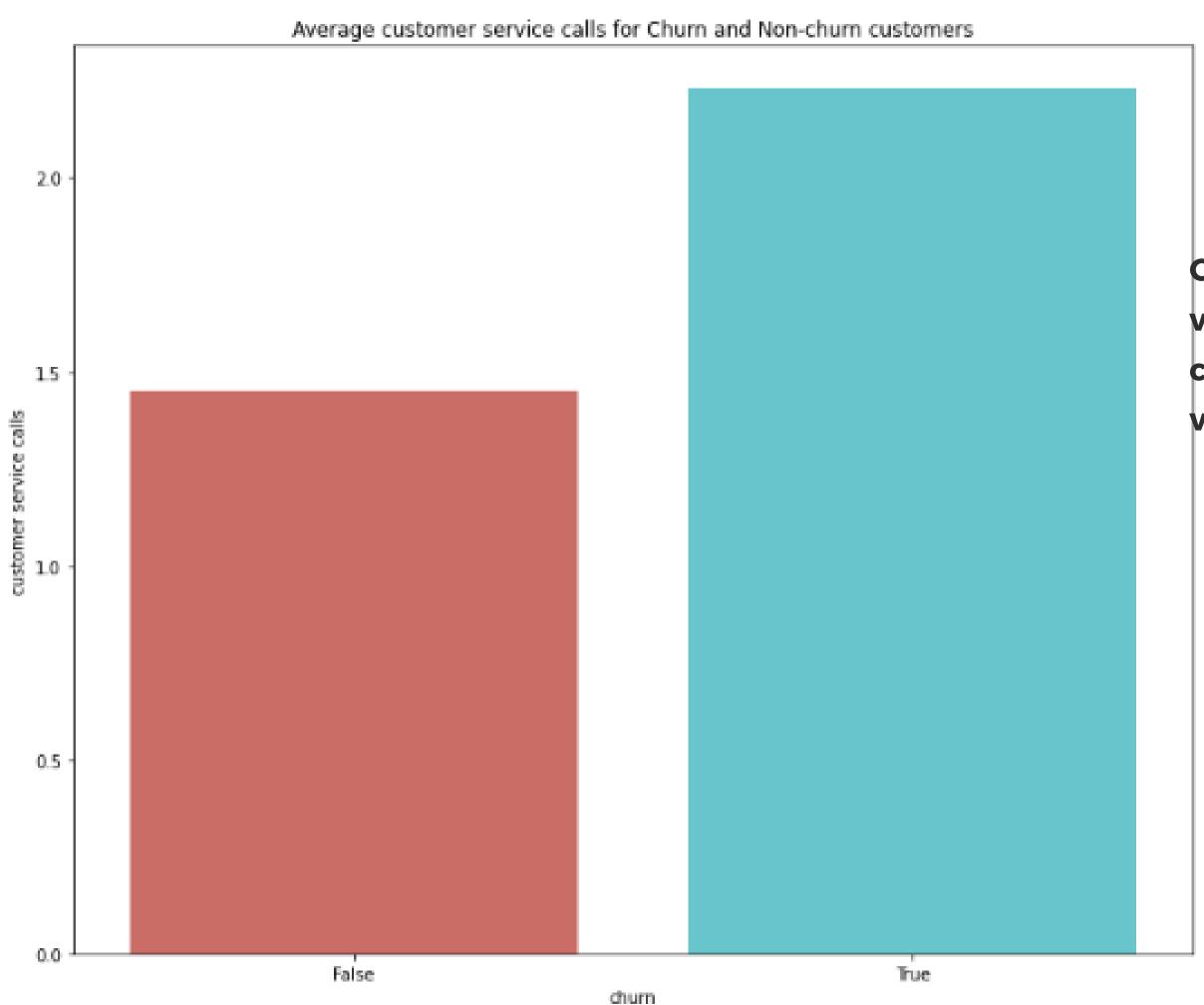
- 500

#### **CHURN VS VOICEMAIL PLAN**



Customers who do not have a voicemail are five times likely to churn than people who have a voicemail plan

#### HOW DOES CUSTOMER SERVICE CALLS AFFECT CHURN

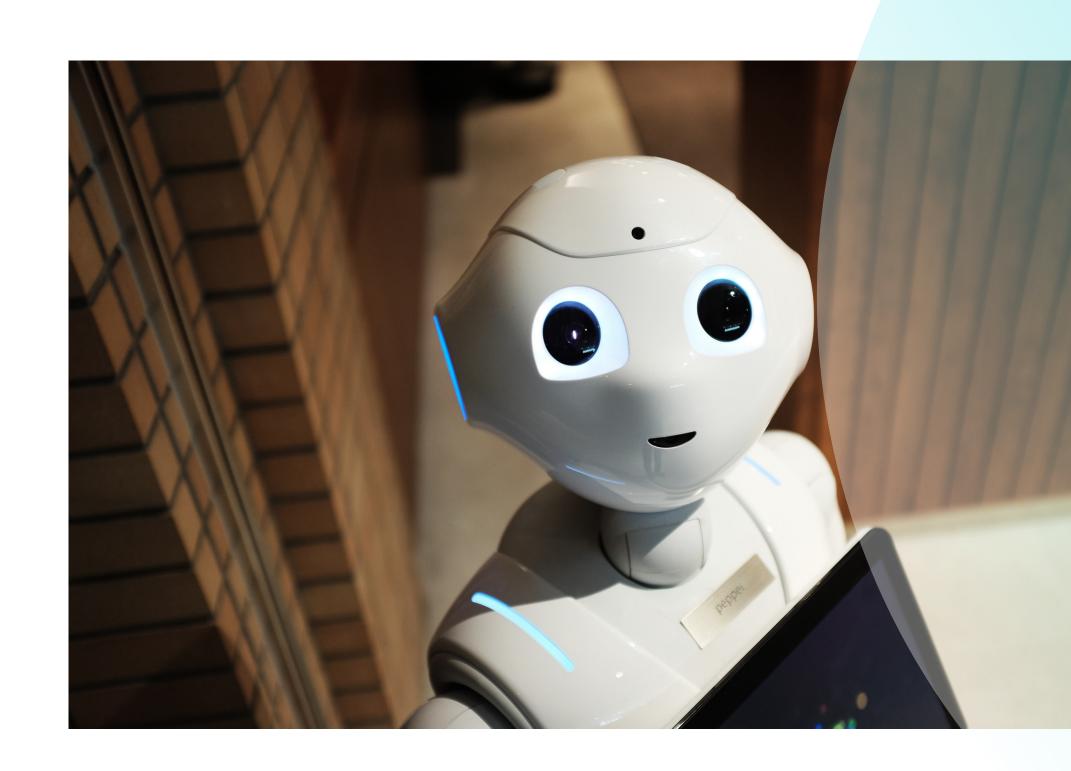


Customers who do not have a voicemail are five times likely to churn that people who have a voicemail plan

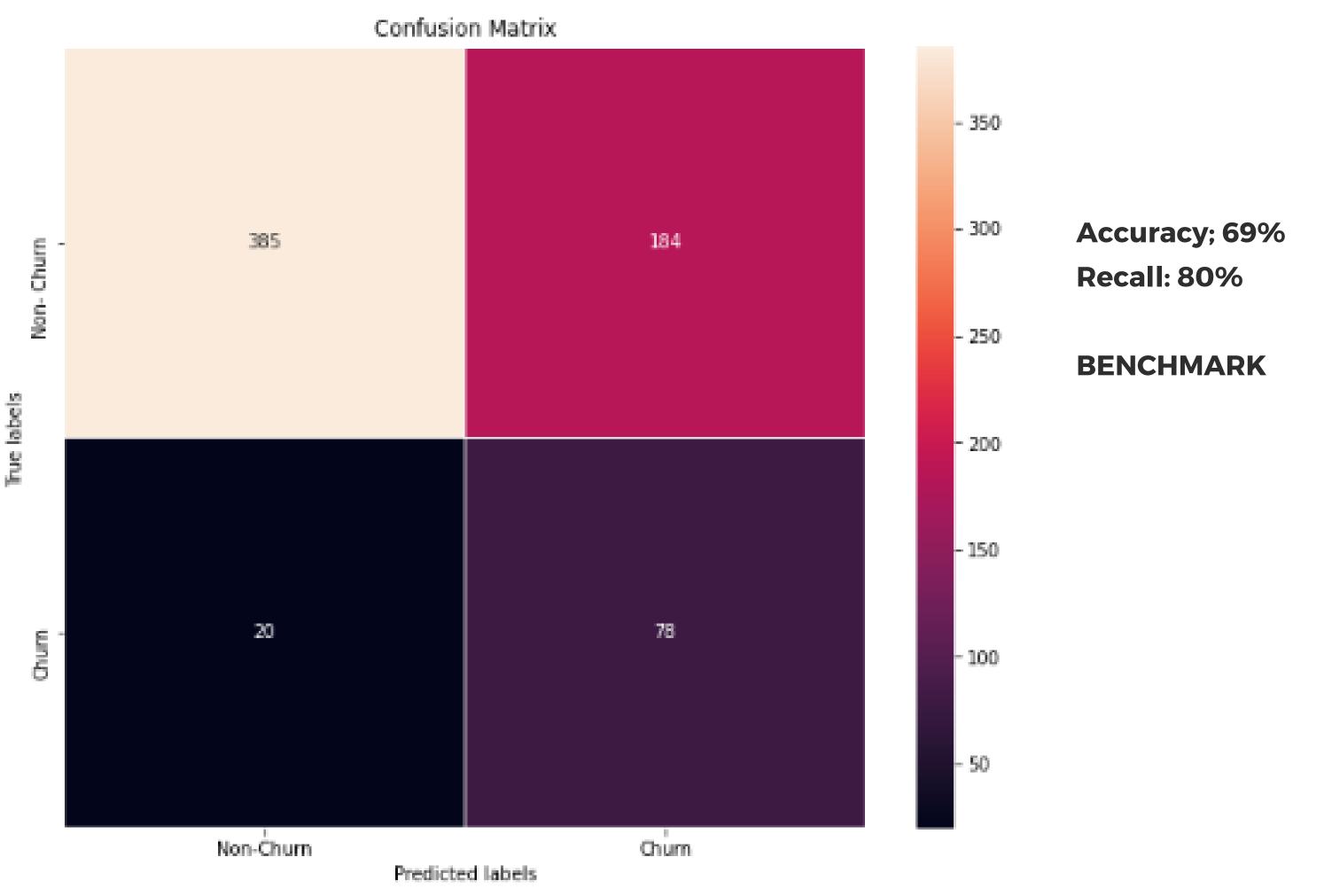
# MODELLING



80% Accuracy
75% Recall



### **BASELINE MODEL(LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL)**



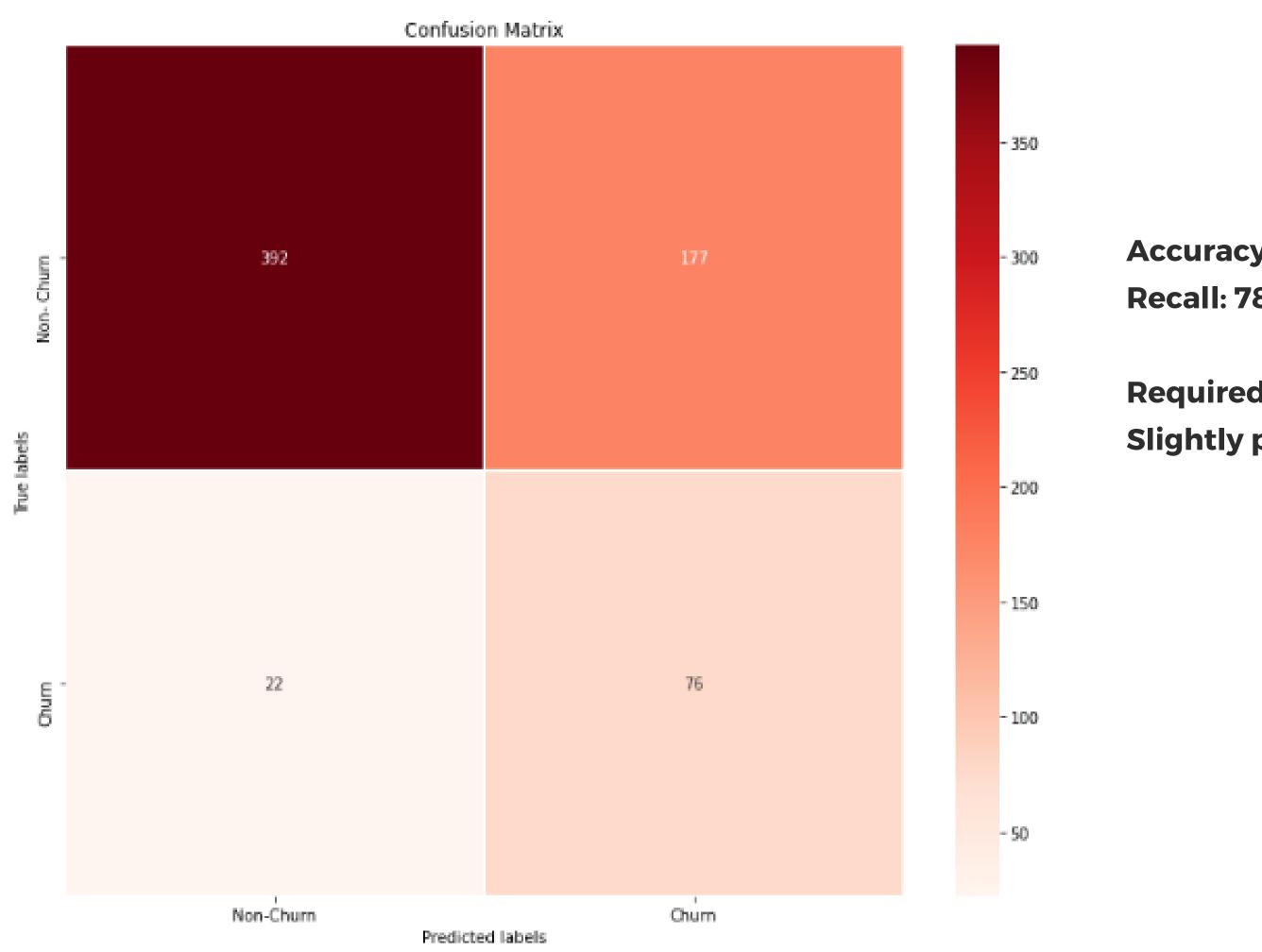
#### OTHER POTENTIAL MODELS FITTED

Random Forest
Support Vector Machine
Adaboost
XgBoost



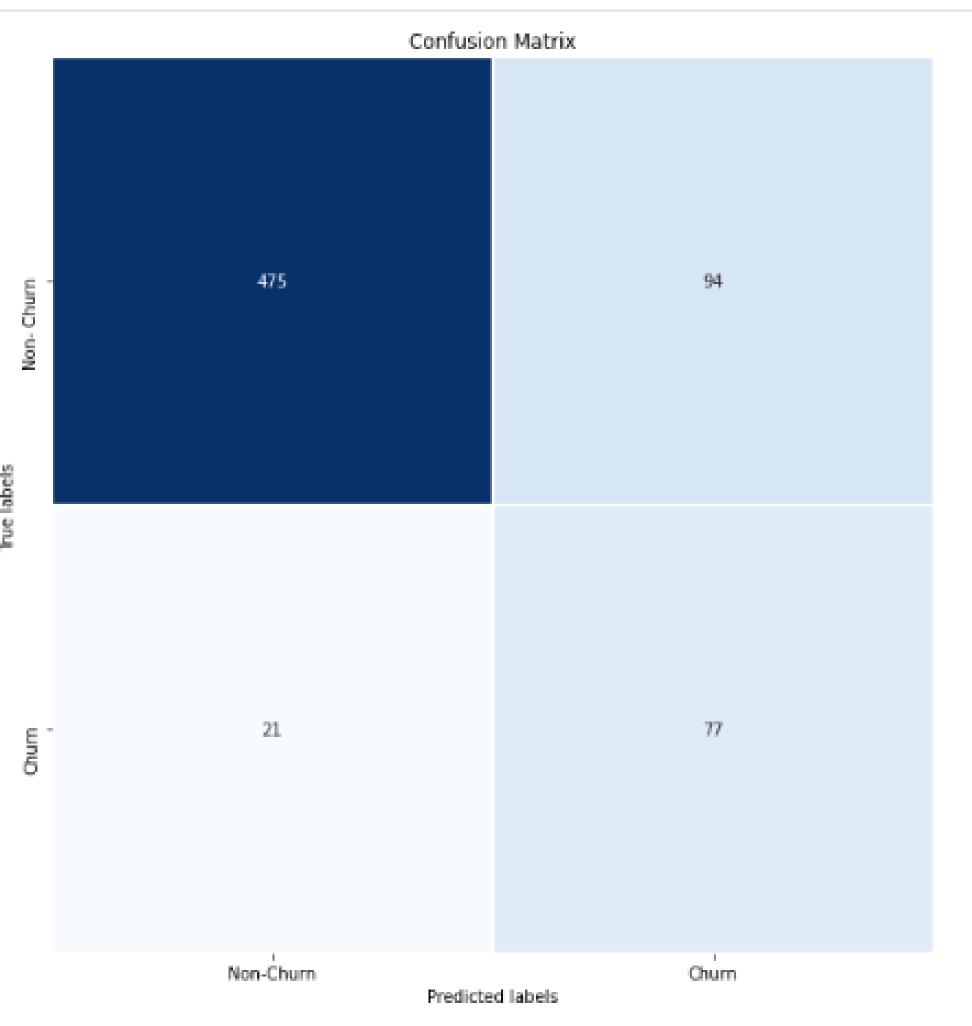
Random Forest and Support Vector Machine selected as the two best models for model tuning

#### **SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE**



Accuracy; 70% **Recall: 78% Required recall** Slightly poor overall accuracy

#### **RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER**



Accuracy; 83% Recall: 79%

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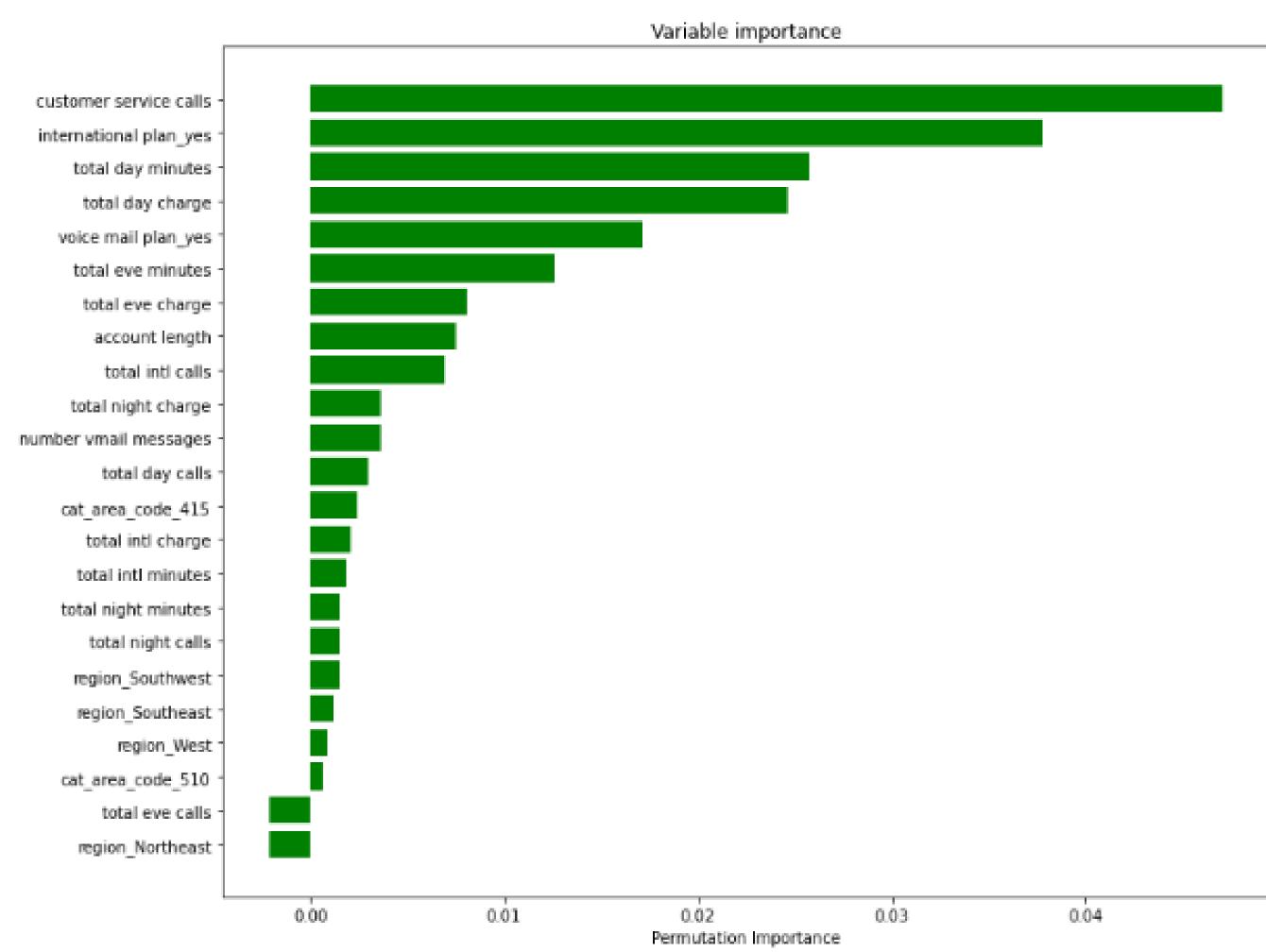
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Required recall
Very good overall accuracy as
required

Chosen as the best model



#### **VARIABLE IMPORTANCE**



- Customer service calls
   International plan
- 3. Voice mail plan

# LIMITATIONS

As a popular machine learning says 'All models are wrong, but some are useful', the chosen model is not a silver bullet in correctly classifying churning and non churning customers. However, the model does a brilliant job in capturing well the churning customers. On the flip-side, making correct classifications on churning customers comes at a cost where more non-churning customers are misclassified as churning customers. This can often mean that resources to retain may be channeled towards a non-churning customer when there is no need.



#### **CHALLENGING THE SOLUTION**

#### Collecting demographic data on customers

- age,
- gender

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Emphasis on customer service calls as they impact customer churn the most
  - Good customer service improves customer satisfaction and retention
  - Provides quick and easy problem resolution and feedback
  - Helps build and maintain a positive company reputation
- Strong emphasis on marketing and pricing for international plans to reduce churn
  - Evidence that customers with international plans are less likely to churn
- Review of marketing and pricing strategies for voicemail plans to reduce churn as customers who do not have a voicemail are five times more likely to churn that people who have a voicemail plan