# final\_project

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# 1 Final Project: Exploratory Data Analysis of Canadian Cheeses

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#### 1.2 Introduction

The goal of this project is to develop a predictive model that distinguishes between "higher fat" and "lower fat" Canadian cheeses based on various features such as moisture content, manufacturing location, milk type and more.

The question I will be answering is: Can we accurately predict the "Fat Level" (lower fat/higher fat) of Canadian cheeses based on their characteristics?

I am interested to see if the features "Moisuture Percentage", "ManufacturerProvCode", "ManufacturingTypeEn", "MoisturePercent", "Organic", "CategoryTypeEn", "MilkTypeEn", and "MilkTreatmentTypeEn", can be used to accurately predict the fat level of different types of cheeses. This project will be applicable to the food industry and for consumers. Correctly classifying the fatness level of cheeses is important for consumers as individuals have different dietary preferences and restrictions. As well, it is important for nutritional labeling and marketing. In this project, I will use a classification model to distinguish between two classes of cheese: "lower fat" and "higher fat". The expected outcome is a classification model that can categorize cheeses into fat levels with high accuracy.

### 1.2.1 Dataset Description

The dataset I will be focusing on in this project is obtained from Government of Canada's Open Government Portal. The dataset includes different types of Canadian cheeses.

The dataset I used in this analysis is: \* cheese\_data.csv

## 1.3 Exploratory Data Analysis

First we will import in all the required libraries for our analysis.

```
[1]: #Import required libraries
import altair as alt
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import string
from sklearn import tree
from sklearn.dummy import DummyClassifier
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from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, cross_validate
     from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
     from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
     from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline, make_pipeline
     from sklearn.compose import make_column_transformer
     from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV, RandomizedSearchCV
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, RandomForestRegressor
     from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
     from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
     from sklearn.metrics import make_scorer, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score
     from sklearn.preprocessing import (
         FunctionTransformer.
         Normalizer,
         OneHotEncoder,
         StandardScaler,
         normalize,
         scale)
     from sklearn.metrics import plot_confusion_matrix, classification_report
     from sklearn.svm import SVC, SVR
     from scipy.stats import lognorm, loguniform, randint
[2]: # Import required files
     cheese_df = pd.read_csv('data/cheese_data.csv')
     cheese_df.head()
[2]:
        CheeseId ManufacturerProvCode ManufacturingTypeEn MoisturePercent \
     0
             228
                                   NB
                                                Farmstead
                                                                       47.0
             242
                                   NB
                                                                       47.9
     1
                                                Farmstead
     2
             301
                                   ON
                                                Industrial
                                                                       54.0
     3
             303
                                                                       47.0
                                   NB
                                                Farmstead
     4
                                                Farmstead
                                                                       49.4
             319
                                   NB
                                               FlavourEn \
     0
                                           Sharp, lactic
                      Sharp, lactic, lightly caramelized
     1
     2
                                 Mild, tangy, and fruity
     3 Sharp with fruity notes and a hint of wild honey
     4
                                            Softer taste
                                        CharacteristicsEn Organic
     0
                                                 Uncooked
                                                                  0
                                                 Uncooked
                                                                  0
     1
     2 Pressed and cooked cheese, pasta filata, inter...
                                                                0
     3
                                                       NaN
                                                                  0
     4
                                                       NaN
                                                                  1
```

```
CategoryTypeEn MilkTypeEn MilkTreatmentTypeEn
                                                       RindTypeEn
                                           Raw Milk
0
        Firm Cheese
                            Ewe
                                                      Washed Rind
   Semi-soft Cheese
                                           Raw Milk
1
                            Cow
                                                      Washed Rind
2
        Firm Cheese
                            Cow
                                        Pasteurized
                                                              NaN
3
     Veined Cheeses
                            Cow
                                           Raw Milk
                                                              NaN
   Semi-soft Cheese
                                           Raw Milk Washed Rind
                            Cow
                            CheeseName
                                         FatLevel
0
              Sieur de Duplessis (Le)
                                        lower fat
                  Tomme Le Champ Doré
1
                                        lower fat
2
  Provolone Sette Fette (Tre-Stelle)
                                        lower fat
3
                       Geai Bleu (Le)
                                        lower fat
4
                            Gamin (Le) lower fat
```

I will first perform some initial data cleaning to our dataframe so that only the features relevant to the project are included. I am only interested in the features "ManufacturerProvCode", "ManufacturingTypeEn", "MoisturePercent", "Organic", "CategoryTypeEn", "MilkTypeEn", "MilkTreatmentTypeEn", and "FatLevel" will be target feature so I will drop the other features. The features dropped either do not contribute to the prediction (e.g "CheeseId") or are dropped for convenience (e.g "FlavourEn", "CharacteristicsEn", "RindTypeEn", "CheeseName").

```
[3]: # Drop columns

cheese_df = cheese_df.drop(columns=['CheeseId', 'FlavourEn',

→'CharacteristicsEn', 'RindTypeEn', 'CheeseName'])

cheese_df.head()
```

```
[3]:
       ManufacturerProvCode ManufacturingTypeEn
                                                      MoisturePercent
                                                                        Organic
                           NB
                                         Farmstead
                                                                  47.0
                                                                               0
                           NB
                                         Farmstead
                                                                  47.9
                                                                               0
     1
     2
                           ON
                                        Industrial
                                                                  54.0
                                                                               0
     3
                           NB
                                         Farmstead
                                                                  47.0
                                                                               0
     4
                                                                  49.4
                           NB
                                         Farmstead
                                                                               1
```

```
CategoryTypeEn MilkTypeEn MilkTreatmentTypeEn
                                                      FatLevel
        Firm Cheese
                                           Raw Milk
                                                     lower fat
0
                           Ewe
  Semi-soft Cheese
1
                           Cow
                                           Raw Milk
                                                     lower fat
2
        Firm Cheese
                           Cow
                                        Pasteurized lower fat
3
     Veined Cheeses
                           Cow
                                           Raw Milk lower fat
  Semi-soft Cheese
                           Cow
                                           Raw Milk lower fat
```

```
[4]: # Splitting the data
train_df, test_df = train_test_split(cheese_df, test_size=0.2, random_state=123)
X_train, y_train = train_df.drop(columns=['FatLevel']), train_df['FatLevel']
X_test, y_test = test_df.drop(columns=['FatLevel']), test_df['FatLevel']
X_train.head()
```

```
[4]:
         ManufacturerProvCode ManufacturingTypeEn MoisturePercent
                                                                        Organic
     482
                                             Artisan
                                                                  48.0
                                                                               0
                                             Artisan
     896
                             QC
                                                                  45.0
                                                                               0
     421
                             QC
                                         Industrial
                                                                  50.0
                                                                               0
     929
                            BC
                                             Artisan
                                                                  40.0
                                                                               0
     737
                             QC
                                                                  65.0
                                                                               0
                                             Artisan
            CategoryTypeEn MilkTypeEn MilkTreatmentTypeEn
     482
          Semi-soft Cheese
                                    Cow
                                                 Pasteurized
            Veined Cheeses
     896
                                    Cow
                                                 Pasteurized
     421
                Soft Cheese
                                    Cow
                                                 Pasteurized
     929
          Semi-soft Cheese
                                    Cow
                                                 Pasteurized
     737
              Fresh Cheese
                                    Cow
                                                 Pasteurized
```

First, let's visualize some of the data to better understand what we are working with.

# [22]: alt.Chart(...)

Figure 1. visualizes the number of higher fat vs lower fat Canadian cheeses in the dataset. This shows us that there are a higher number of lower fat Canadian cheeses, approximately 690 compared to 350 higher fat cheese options. This allows us to have an overview of the variety of fatness level of the Canadian cheeses that we are working with in our dataset.

#### [23]: alt.Chart(...)

Figure 2. showcases Moisture Percentage vs Fat Level of Canadian cheeses. We can see that the blue circles on top are the higher fat cheeses and the orange circles on the bottom are the lower fat cheeses. We can infer a relationship between moisture percentage of cheese vs fat level. It seems that, on average, lower fat Canadian cheeses seem to have a higher moisture percentage whereas higher fat Canadian cheeses have a lower moisture percentage.

```
[7]: train_df.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

Int64Index: 833 entries, 482 to 1041
Data columns (total 8 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	ManufacturerProvCode	833 non-null	object
1	${ t Manufacturing Type En}$	833 non-null	object
2	MoisturePercent	821 non-null	float64
3	Organic	833 non-null	int64
4	${\tt CategoryTypeEn}$	813 non-null	object
5	${ t MilkTypeEn}$	832 non-null	object
6	${ t MilkTreatmentTypeEn}$	781 non-null	object
7	FatLevel	833 non-null	object

dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(6)

memory usage: 58.6+ KB

The dataset includes information regarding characteristics of Canadian cheeses such as the province code of the manufacturer, the type of manufacturing process, moisture content (%), whether the cheese is organic, its category type, the type of milk used, the treatment applied to the milk, and the fat level. It has 833 entries and 8 features after data cleaning so it is a moderately sized dataset with a wide range of attributes for each cheese value.

There seems to be null values in the features "MoisturePercent", "CategoryTypeEn", "Milk-TypeEn", and "MilkTreatmentTypeEn" so preprocessing will be used to address the missing values. We can also see that most features have Dtype "object" except for "MoisturePercent" being float64 and "Organic" being int64. I will be transforming the numeric columns with imputation and scaling and imputation and one-hot encoding for the categorical columns.

Here is the distribution of target values (Fat Level) in the train split:

```
[8]: class_dist = y_train.value_counts('Class')
class_dist
```

[8]: lower fat 0.657863 higher fat 0.342137

Name: FatLevel, dtype: float64

It seems the distribution is slightly imbalanced with around 66% of the class being "lower fat" values. This minor imbalance in data could be due to many different factors such as the cost factors or resources available for manufacturering different kinds of Canadian cheeses. This distribution was also visualized in our "fatlevel\_plot" which compared the number of higher fat vs lower fat Canadian cheeses. Since there is a slight imbalance, I will change the training procedure by setting the parameter class\_weight="balanced" in our classifier to combat this.

The metrics I will use to evaluate the success of the project will be **F1-score** and **precision**. Since this is a binary classification problem, while still important, it is not a major requirement to prioritize reducing false negatives or false positives over one another. However, the success of the project should be measured by minimizing the overall number of mislabelled classifications.

- True Positive: Predicting "lower fat" when the actual class is "lower fat"
- True Negative: Predicting "higher fat" when the actual class is "higher fat"

- False Positive: Predicting "lower fat" when the actual class is "higher fat"
- False Negative: Predicting "higher fat" when the actual class is "lower fat"

As there is a minor imbalance between the two classes, F1-score will allow us to consider both the false positives and false negatives and give us good insight on the model's precision and recall as it will give us a balance between minimizing both false positives and false negatives.

Precision will allow us to measure how many of the cheeses to be predicted to have 'higher fat' content actually have a 'higher fat' content. This will help us minimize false positives such as incorrectly labeling 'lower fat' cheeses as 'higher fat' cheeses and vice versa. This is will be important in product labelling as consumers have different dietary restrictions and preferences.

#### 1.4 Methods and Results

```
[9]: # Create a baseline model
     dummy = DummyClassifier(strategy='most_frequent')
     dummy_scores = pd.DataFrame(cross_validate(dummy, X_train, y_train, cv=5,_
      →return_train_score=True))
     dummy_scores
[9]:
        fit_time
                  score_time
                              test_score
                                           train_score
     0 0.004848
                    0.002094
                                 0.658683
                                              0.657658
     1 0.002563
                    0.000740
                                 0.658683
                                              0.657658
     2 0.002181
                    0.000888
                                 0.658683
                                              0.657658
     3 0.002088
                    0.001117
                                 0.656627
                                              0.658171
     4 0.036741
                    0.000834
                                 0.656627
                                              0.658171
```

```
[10]: dummy_scores_mean = dummy_scores.mean()
dummy_scores_mean
```

First I will use a basic linear model with Logistic Regression as a way to compare different classification models.

```
# Make Pipelines
     numeric_transformer = make_pipeline(
         SimpleImputer(strategy='median'),
         StandardScaler())
     categorical_transformer = make_pipeline(
         SimpleImputer(strategy='most frequent'),
         OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore'))
     binary_transformer = make_pipeline(
         SimpleImputer(strategy='constant'),
         OneHotEncoder(drop='if_binary', dtype=int))
     # Column transformer
     preprocessor = make_column_transformer(
             (numeric_transformer, numeric_features),
             (categorical_transformer, categorical_features),
             (binary_transformer, binary_features)
     )
     # Build a main pipeline with a basic linear model
     lr_pipe = make_pipeline(preprocessor, LogisticRegression())
     lr_pipe.fit(X_train, y_train)
     #y_pred = main_pipe.predict(X_test)
      # Cross validate
     lr_scores = pd.DataFrame(cross_validate(lr_pipe, X_train, y_train,__
      →return_train_score=True))
     lr_scores
[11]: fit_time score_time test_score train_score
     0 0.054870 0.015794 0.784431
                                            0.788288
     1 0.064538
                    0.014400
                                0.808383
                                            0.801802
     2 0.053915 0.014794
                                0.736527
                                            0.812312
     3 0.061827 0.015137
                                0.789157
                                            0.800600
     4 0.057769
                    0.015261
                                0.771084
                                            0.802099
[12]: | lr_scores_mean = lr_scores.mean()
     lr_scores_mean
```

There is one obvious numeric feature "Moisture Percent" as it is Dtype float64 as seen when we analyzed the information of the dataset. The feature "Organic" is of Dtype int64, however, we can see it only has the binary values: [0,1] so I consider it as a binary feature. The rest of the columns are considered categorical features as they all have fitting categories. I believe CategoryTypeEn can be considered an Ordinal Feature with the order of ['Soft Cheese', 'Semi-soft Cheese', 'Firm Cheese', 'Hard Cheese'], however, the values "Fresh Cheese" and "Veined Cheeses" do not seem to fall under the Cheese Firmness Level scale as stated here: https://www.wisconsincheeseman.com/blog/cheesenation/types-cheese-texture-talk/ Thus, I have decided to consider CategoryTypeEn as a categorical feature instead of ordinal.

```
[13]: # Test RandomForestClassifier
# class_weight='balanced' is used to help with class imbalances in dataset
rf_pipe = make_pipeline(preprocessor, □

→RandomForestClassifier(class_weight='balanced', random_state=77, □

→n_estimators=10))

rf_pipe
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[13]: Pipeline(steps=[('columntransformer',
                       ColumnTransformer(transformers=[('pipeline-1',
      Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
      SimpleImputer(strategy='median')),
      ('standardscaler',
      StandardScaler())]),
                                                          ['MoisturePercent']),
                                                         ('pipeline-2',
      Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
      SimpleImputer(strategy='most_frequent')),
      ('onehotencoder',
      OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore...
                                                           'ManufacturingTypeEn',
                                                           'MilkTypeEn',
                                                           'MilkTreatmentTypeEn',
                                                           'CategoryTypeEn']),
                                                         ('pipeline-3',
      Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
      SimpleImputer(strategy='constant')),
      ('onehotencoder',
      OneHotEncoder(drop='if_binary',
       dtype=<class 'int'>))]),
                                                          ['Organic'])])),
```

I have decided to choose Random Forest Classifier (RFC) as the choice of classification model to compare with our baseline dummy classifier and basic linear regression model. I have chosen RFC because the model is appropriate for handling large and complex datasets and it has high accuracy while still minimizing overfitting which will be beneficial for distinguishing between the two fat level classes.

```
[14]: rf_scores = pd.DataFrame(cross_validate(rf_pipe, X_train, y_train, cv=5,__
       →return_train_score=True))
      rf scores
[14]:
         fit_time score_time test_score train_score
      0 0.092888
                     0.016587
                                 0.814371
                                              0.944444
      1 0.069522
                     0.019465
                                 0.790419
                                              0.948949
      2 0.063532
                     0.020454
                                 0.814371
                                              0.944444
      3 0.065473
                     0.019743
                                 0.813253
                                              0.940030
      4 0.059845
                     0.019138
                                 0.777108
                                              0.938531
[15]: rf_scores_mean = rf_scores.mean()
      rf_scores_mean
[15]: fit_time
                     0.070252
      score_time
                     0.019078
      test_score
                     0.801905
      train_score
                     0.943280
      dtype: float64
[16]: # Hyperparameter Optimization
      # Code is obtained from canvas through the IML course
      import scipy
      from scipy.stats import randint
      param grid = {
          "randomforestclassifier__n_estimators": scipy.stats.randint(low=10,_
       \rightarrowhigh=300),
          "randomforestclassifier max depth": scipy.stats.randint(low=2, high=20)
      }
      random_search = RandomizedSearchCV(
          rf_pipe,
          param_grid,
          n_iter=50,
          cv=3,
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verbose=1,
          #scoring="f1",
          random_state=123,
          return_train_score=True
      random_search.fit(X_train, y_train)
     Fitting 3 folds for each of 50 candidates, totalling 150 fits
[16]: RandomizedSearchCV(cv=3,
                         estimator=Pipeline(steps=[('columntransformer',
      ColumnTransformer(transformers=[('pipeline-1',
      Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
                      SimpleImputer(strategy='median')),
                     ('standardscaler',
                      StandardScaler())]),
      ['MoisturePercent']),
      ('pipeline-2',
      Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
                      SimpleImputer(strategy='most_frequent')),
                     ('onehotencoder',
                      Ωn...
      RandomForestClassifier(class_weight='balanced',
      n_estimators=10,
      random state=77))]),
                         param_distributions={'randomforestclassifier__max_depth':
      <scipy.stats._distn_infrastructure.rv_frozen object at 0x7fd45e79da30>,
                                               'randomforestclassifier__n_estimators':
      <scipy.stats._distn infrastructure.rv_frozen object at 0x7fd45e77e100>},
                         random_state=123, return_train_score=True, verbose=1)
[17]: optimal_parameters = random_search.best_params_
      optimal_score = random_search.best_score_
      print(optimal_parameters)
      print(optimal_score)
     {'randomforestclassifier_max_depth': 15,
     'randomforestclassifier__n_estimators': 156}
     0.8367399942861594
     1.5 Discussion
[18]: print('Random Forest Classifier mean training score: ' +11

→str(round(rf_scores_mean['train_score'], 2)))
      print('Logistic Regressor mean training score: ' +_

→str(round(lr_scores_mean['train_score'], 2)))
```

```
print('Dummy Classifier mean training score: ' +

→str(round(dummy_scores_mean['train_score'], 2)))
```

Random Forest Classifier mean training score: 0.94 Logistic Regressor mean training score: 0.8 Dummy Classifier mean training score: 0.66

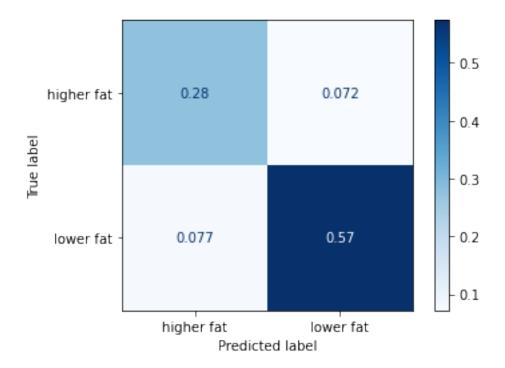
Based on the results, I have compared a baseline dummy model, a linear regressor model, and a random forest classifier model. Our results show that the RFC performs the best with a mean training score of 0.94 while the logistic regressor has the second best performance of a mean score of 0.80 and the dummy classifier is last with a score of 0.66.

The Random Forest Classifier outperforms the other models due to many reasons. Since the random forest model is made up of multiple decision trees, it has the benefit of being less prone to overfitting compared to individual decision trees since the average lowers the overall variance and prediction error. As well, the RFC can handle non-linear relationships while Logistic Regression cannot. Hyperparameter tuning was also used which further improved the optimization of the model performance.

```
[19]: # Evaluate on test set

train_score = random_search.score(X_train, y_train)
test_score = random_search.score(X_test, y_test)
print('Train score: ' + str(round(train_score, 2)))
print('Test score: ' + str(round(test_score, 2)))
```

Train score: 0.94 Test score: 0.85



Our confusion matrix shows us our results: \* True positive: 0.57 \* True negative: 0.28 \* False positive: 0.072 \* False negative: 0.077

Our results show that our model correctly classified a majority of "lower fat" cheeses. This suggests the model is effective at recognizing instances that truly belong to the positive class. The true negative rate shows our model correctly classifies "higher fat" cheeses 28% of the time. The model is less effective at correctly identifying instances of negative class. The false positive and false negative rate is relatively low at 7.2% and 7.7%, respectively, indicating that the model makes fewer errors in incorrectly classifying instances as "lower fat" when they are actually "higher fat" and vice versa. This means the number of false alarms and missed identifications are relatively low.

Overall, the model's performance seems to be well as it has a decent true positive rate and low false positive and low false negative rate. However, the true negative rate is quite low and this may lead to incorrect labelling of "higher fat" cheeses. This may not be that big of an issue as labelling cheese as lower fat while it is actually higher fat cheese may be considered a more costly mistake as individuals may avoid higher fat content products.

```
[21]: # Print classification report

best_model = random_search.best_estimator_
predictions = best_model.predict(X_test)
print(classification_report(y_test, predictions))
```

```
precision recall f1-score support higher fat 0.78 0.79 0.79 73
```

lower fat	0.89	0.88	0.89	136
accuracy			0.85	209
macro avg	0.84	0.84	0.84	209
weighted avg	0.85	0.85	0.85	209

Precision \* In our model, we see that the precision score for predicting "higher fat" cheeses is 78%, thus, out of all cheeses predicted to be "higher fat", 78% is actually "higher fat". We can also see that the precision for predicting "lower fat" cheeses is 89%, thus, out of all cheeses predicted to be "lower fat", 89% is actually "lower fat". Furthermore, the precision weighted average is 85%.

F1-Score \* The f1 score for predicting "higher fat" and "lower fat" cheeses is 79% and 89%, respectively.

We can see that there are 73 "higher fat" cheeses and 136 "lower fat" cheeses in the test set which may explain why precision and f1-score are higher for predicting "lower fat" cheeses.

Overall, the model performs with relatively high preicison and F1-score for both classes, indicating that performs well in distinguishes between "higher fat" and "lower fat" cheeses. The accuracy score of 85% is relatively high sugggesting the model should perform well in classifying cheeses based on their fat levels with the given features.

It is possible the quality of the collected data such as missing values or outliers may also affect the model's ability to generalize and perform. We saw at the beginning that there is an slight imbalanced data set where we saw more "lower fat" cheese compared to "higher fat" cheese. The RFC may be biased towards the majority class, "lower fat" which may impact the predictive performance of the minority class, "higher fat".

If I were to further analyze this prediction model, I would try different types of classification models with different levels of complexity that could potentially improve the model's performance. For example, I could try KNeighborsClassifier as well as Support Vector Machines as it is possible similary-based algorithms may yield different results than the tested decision tree model. Furthermore, the design of my model could be further iterated as the relevance of features used by the model can impact the performance. For example, including more features such as "CharacteristicsEn" by using CountVectorizer to transform the column.

To add on, the complexity of the model can also be reconsidered as feature selection/engineering was not performed in my model. Including feature importance scores would allow me to narrow down which features have the most influence on predictions so that irrelevant features can be excluded from the project. As well, feature engineering could possibily enhance the model's ability to find different patterns in the data. Using these techniques would minimize overfitting and allow the model to address the most important features of the dataset. Further hyperparameter tuning should also be performed so that the most optimal hyperparameters are covered for the selected model and could lead to potentially better results.

Overall, the current model shows potential and yields a relatively high F1-score and precision score, there are many areas where further refinement could lead to improved performance.

#### 1.6 References

• Data Source

- The Canadian Cheese dataset is obtained from the Government of Canada's Open Government Portal
- Data Analysis
  - Reference to code made throughout this project and is obtained from canvas through the IML course
- Model comparison
  - Information about advantages/disadvantages of Random Forest Classifiers were obtained from:
    - \* https://www.ibm.com/topics/random-forest
    - \* https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/random-forest-classifier-using-scikit-learn/
- Cheese information
  - Information about cheese firmness level:
    - $*\ https://www.wisconsincheeseman.com/blog/cheese-nation/types-cheese-texture-talk/$