

NBM3 TASK 2 LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODELING



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Part I. Research Question

A1. Research Question: What are the key factors that influence customer churn in the telecommunications industry, and how can we predict whether a customer will churn within the next month?

Relevance: The telecommunications industry depends on keeping its customers for business because the cost of acquiring new ones is tremendous. With the insights of prediction built into customer churn, companies are helped to put plan in action to retain every last customer instead of losing them and reduce rates at which customers are interested in other products that competitors have compared to them. This question is directly linked to the company's goal of reducing churn and improving overall customer retention.

A2. Define the Goals of the Data Analysis

Goals:

1. Identify Key Factors:

- O Determine which variables/features such as Tenure, MonthlyCharge, etc... are most strongly associated with customer churn.
- Assess the importance and impact of these factors on churn.

2. Develop a Predictive Model:

- Use logistic regression to create a model that predicts the likelihood of a customer churning based on their features or variables.
- o Train the model using data to learn patterns associated with churn.

3. Evaluate Model Performance:

- Assess the accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score of the logistic regression model to ensure it reliably predicts churn.
- Use a confusion matrix to analyze the model's performance and identify any areas for improvement.

4. Implement Predictive Insights:

- Apply the model to new customer data to predict churn probability.
- Provide actionable insights and recommendations for customer retention strategies based on the model's predictions.

5. Informed Decision-Making:

 Enable the telecommunications company to make informed decisions on where to focus retention efforts. Prioritize customers who are at high risk of churning for targeted interventions, such as personalized offers or enhanced support.

Part II: Method Justification

B1. Four Assumptions of a Logistic Regression Model

1. Binary Dependent Variable:

 The dependent variable should be binary. In this case, the dependent variable is Churn, which has two possible outcomes: yes (the customer churned) or no (the customer did not churn).

2. Independence of Observations:

• The observations should be independent of each other. This means that the churn status of one customer should not influence the churn status of another customer.

3. Linearity of Independent Variables and Log Odds:

 There should be a linear relationship between the independent variables and the log odds of the dependent variable. This means that the effect of each predictor variable on the log odds of the outcome should be linear.

4. No Perfect Multicollinearity:

The independent variables should not be perfectly correlated with each other. Perfect
multicollinearity can make it difficult to determine the effect of each independent
variable.

B2. Two Benefits of Using Python

1. Extensive and powerful Libraries:

 Python has powerful libraries like pandas for data manipulation, numpy for numerical operations, scikit-learn for machine learning, and statsmodels for statistical analysis.
 These libraries provide a wide range of functions and methods to handle data cleaning, transformation, modeling, and evaluation efficiently.

2. Ease of Visualization:

Python offers libraries such as matplotlib, seaborn, and plotly that allow for the creation
of insightful plots and charts. These visualizations help in understanding the data
distribution, identifying patterns, and presenting the results of the analysis in a clear and
interpretable manner.

B3. Why Logistic Regression is an Appropriate Technique to Analyze the Research Question

The research question focuses on predicting customer churn, which is a binary outcome (churn or no churn). Logistic regression is specifically designed to handle binary dependent variables.

Part III: Data Preparation

C1. Data Cleaning Goals and Steps

Cleaning the raw churn dataset is essential to ensure accurate and reliable analysis. Proper data cleaning facilitates better sorting, filtering, and modification of the dataset maintaining its integrity and improving the quality of the results. Here is how the data-cleaning process is carried out:

Step 1: Importing and Initializing Data

The dataset was imported into Python using the pandas library with the command import pandas as pd. The dataset was loaded into a DataFrame using df = pd.read_csv('churn_clean.csv'). Initial inspection of the data types and structure was done using df.info() to understand the variables and their data types, as well as to identify the presence of any non-null values.

Step 2: Identifying and Handling Duplicates

To detect duplicate entries, the function df.duplicated() was utilized. This function returns TRUE for duplicate rows and FALSE otherwise. The results showed no duplicate entries, confirmed by the count of FALSE values using print(df.duplicated().value_counts()).

Step 3: Handling Missing Values

Missing values in the dataset were identified using df.isnull().sum(). There is no missing value in the dataset.

Step 5: Removing the Irrelevant Columns

Columns deemed irrelevant such as 'CaseOrder', 'Customer_id', 'Interaction', 'UID', 'City', 'State', 'County', 'Zip', 'Lat', 'Lng', 'TimeZone', 'Job','Marital', 'Contract', 'Port_modem', 'Tablet', 'InternetService', 'Phone', 'Multiple', 'OnlineSecurity', 'OnlineBackup', 'Area','DeviceProtection', 'StreamingTV', 'StreamingMovies', 'PaperlessBilling', 'PaymentMethod', 'Bandwidth_GB_Year', 'Item1', 'Item2', 'Item3', 'Item4', 'Item5', 'Item6', 'Item7', 'Item8', were dropped from the dataset using df.drop().

C2. Summary Statistics

Below is a summary of the statistics for both the dependent variable (Churn) and the independent variables that are 'Population', 'Children', 'Age', 'Income', 'Outage_sec_perweek', 'Email', 'Contacts', 'Yearly_equip_failure', 'Tenure', 'MonthlyCharge', Gender', 'Techie', and 'TechSupport'. Understanding these statistics is crucial when running a logistic regression model, as it provides insights into the relationships between the variables.

The summary statistics for numerical independent variables were obtained using the code df.describe(), and for categorical variables, the loop iterates over each categorical variable and prints the frequency counts and percentages of each category. The results are shown below.

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		2.1472		.698882	28199.916702	
min	0.000000	0.0000	18	.000000	348.670000	
25%	738.000000	0.0000	35	.000000	19224.717500	
50%	2910.500000	1.0000	53	.000000	33170.605000	
75% 1	3168.000000	3.0000	71	.000000	53246.170000	
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mean						
std	26.443063	42.9430				
min	1.000259	79.9788				
25%	7.917694	139.9792				
50%	35.430507	167.4847				
75%	61.479795	200.7347	25			
max	71.999280	290.1604	19			

Summary statistics for Categorical Variables:

```
Summary for 'Gender':
Counts:
Gender
Female
         5025
Nonbinary 231
Name: count, dtype: int64
Percentages:
Gender
Female 50.25 Male 47.44
Nonbinary 2.31
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
______
Summary for 'Churn':
Counts:
Churn
No 7350
Yes 2650
Name: count, dtype: int64
Percentages:
Churn
No 73.5
Yes 26.5
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
_____
Summary for 'Techie':
Counts:
Techie
No 8321
Yes 1679
Name: count, dtype: int64
Percentages:
Techie
No 83.21
Yes 16.79
     16.79
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
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Summary for 'TechSupport':
Counts:
TechSupport
No 6250
Yes 3750
Name: count, dtype: int64
Percentages:
TechSupport
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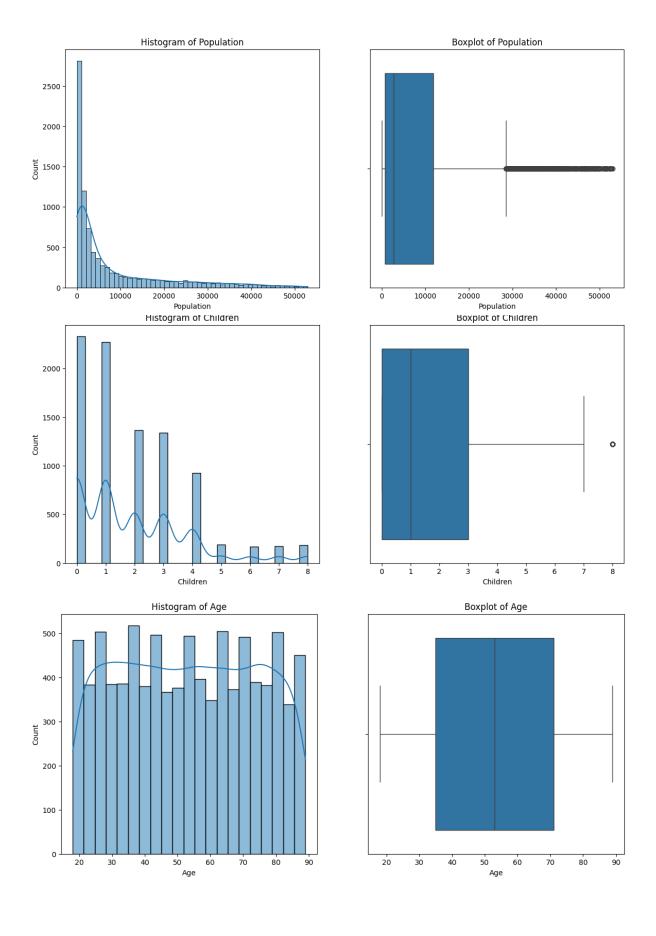
No 62.5 Yes 37.5

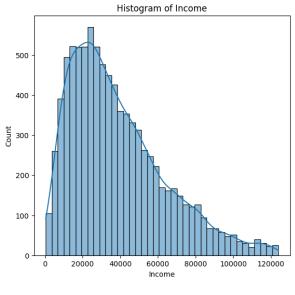
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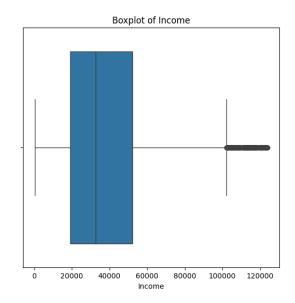
C3. Visualizations

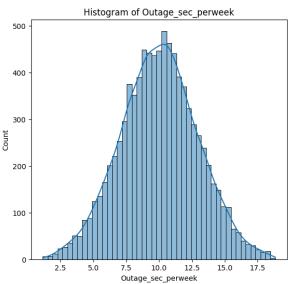
Univariate statistics involve the statistical analysis of a single variable at a time (Bruce et al., 2020). Below are the distributions of all independent variables in this analysis.

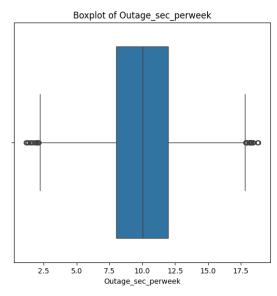
For the numerical independent variables, both histograms and boxplots are used. Below are the visualizations.

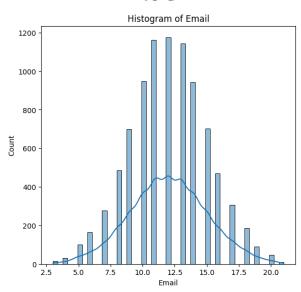


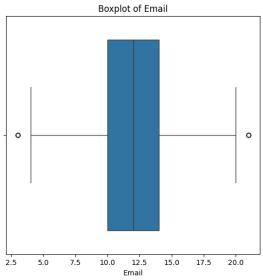


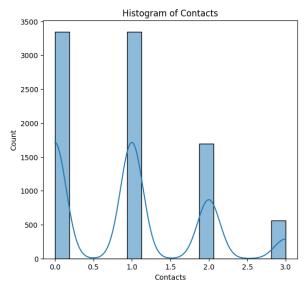


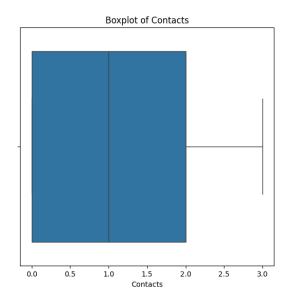


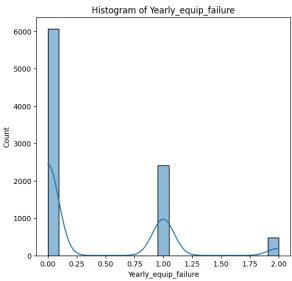


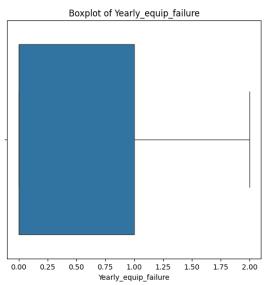


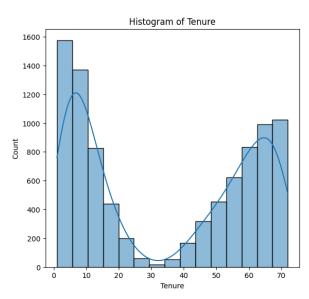


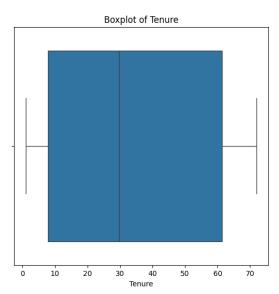


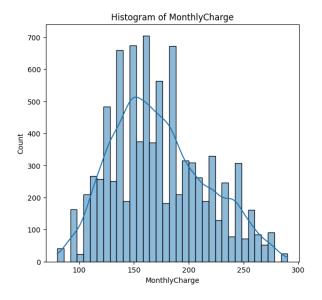


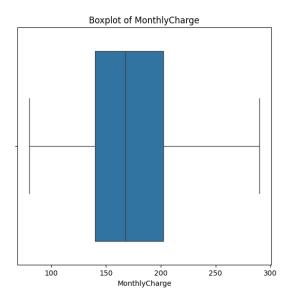




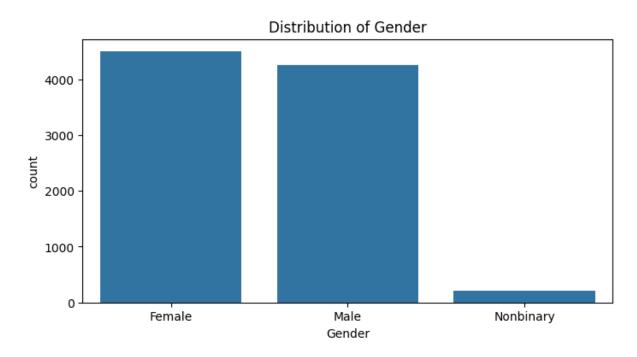


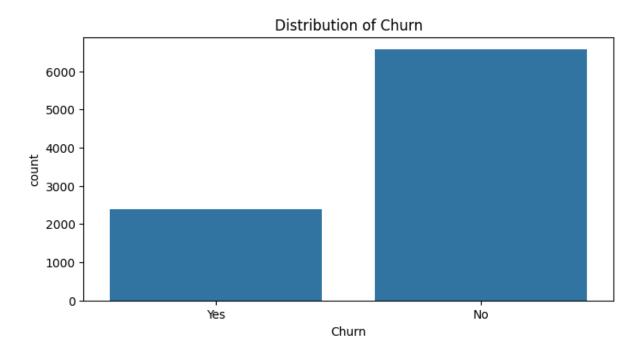


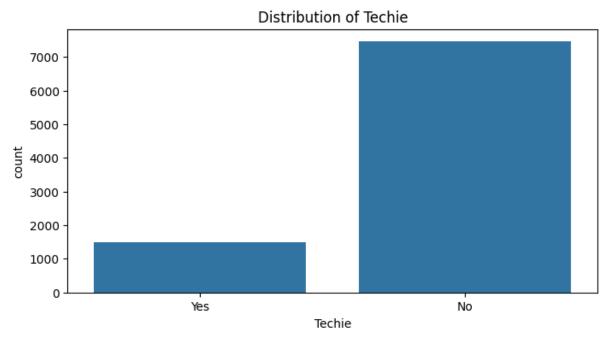


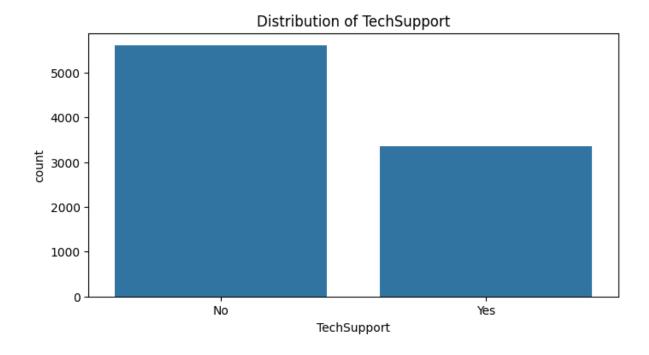


For categorical variables, bar plots are the most informative.







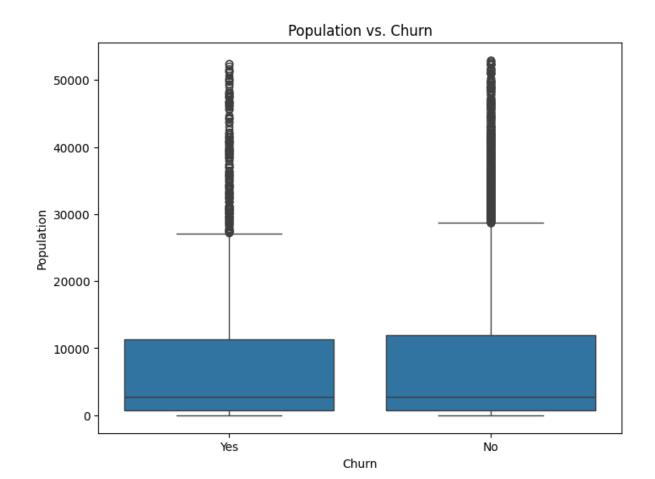


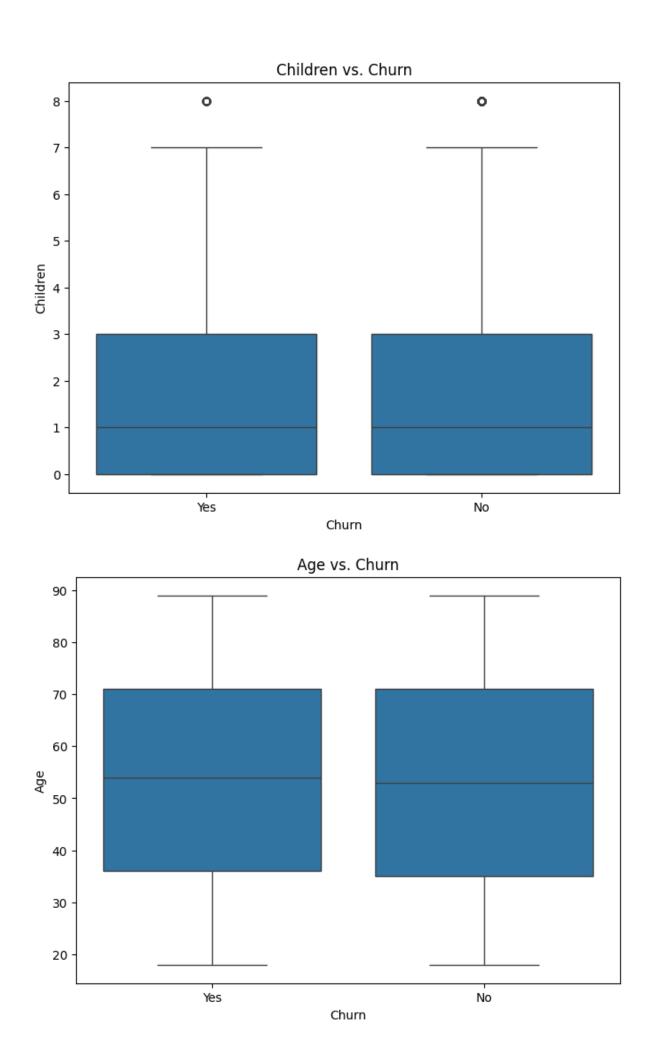
Bivariate Visualization with Churn:

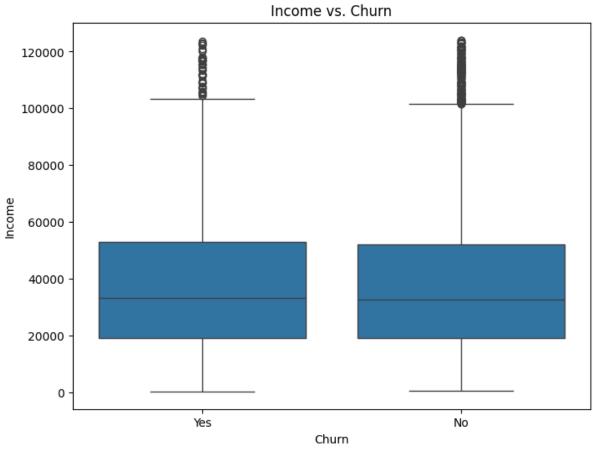
Bivariate statistical analysis involves examining the relationship between two variables simultaneously (Bruce et al., 2020).

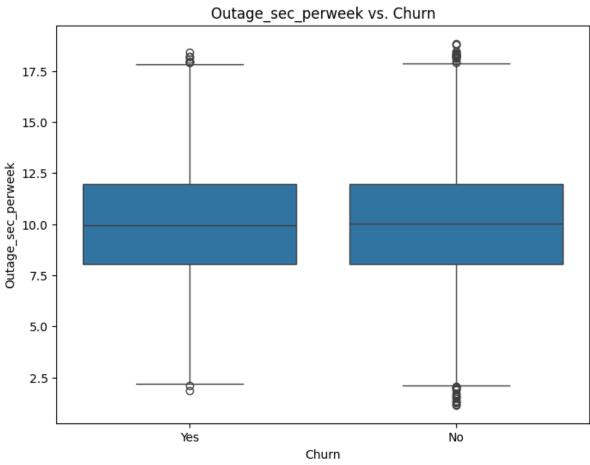
1. Numerical Variables vs. Churn

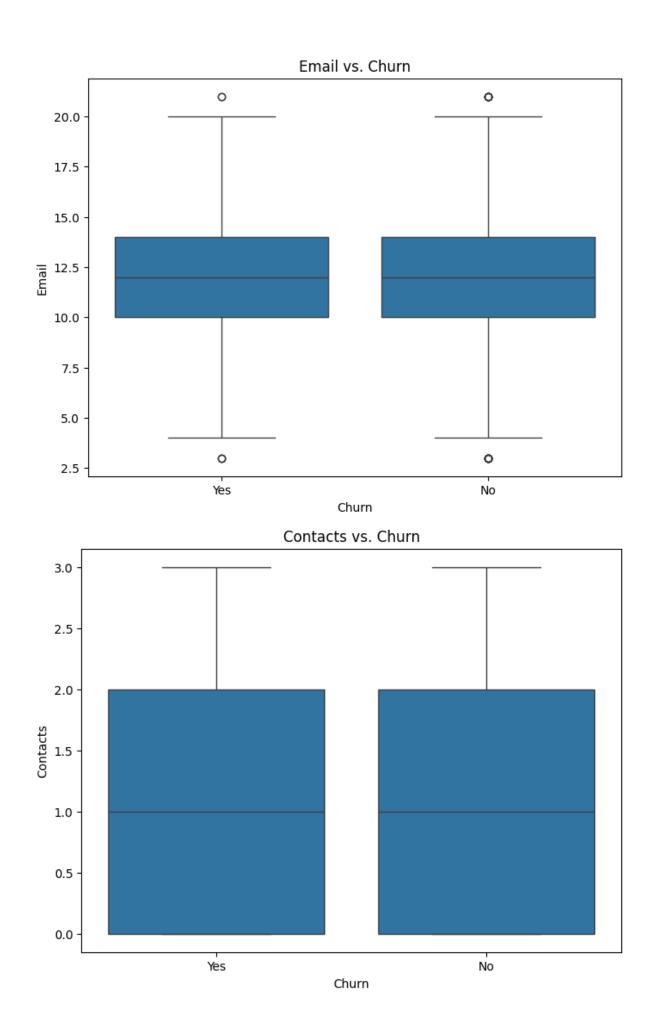
Boxplots show the distribution of numerical variables across the Churn categories.

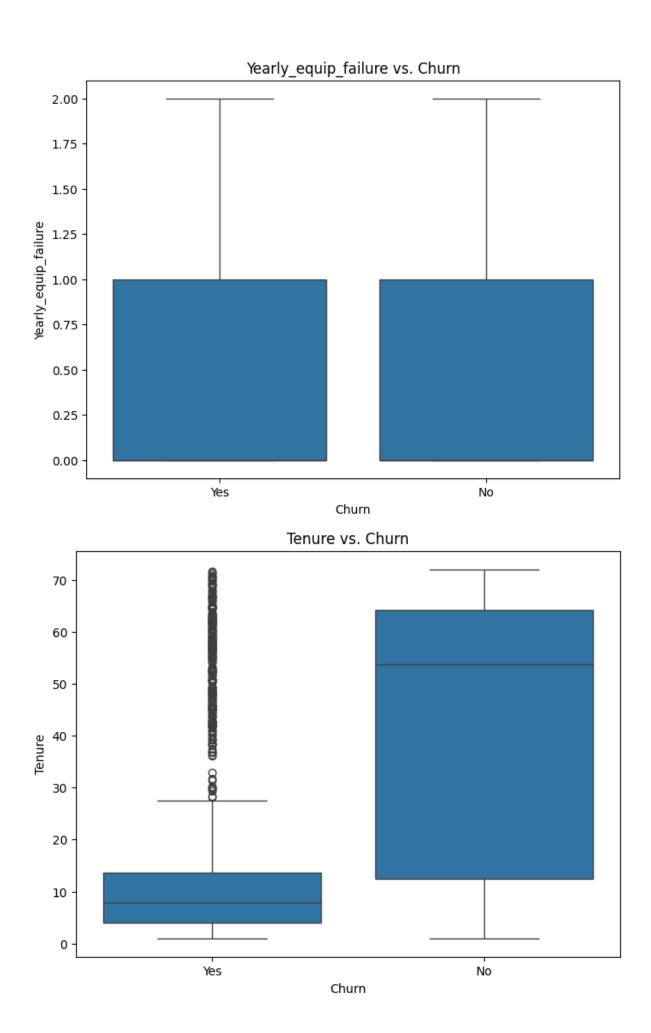


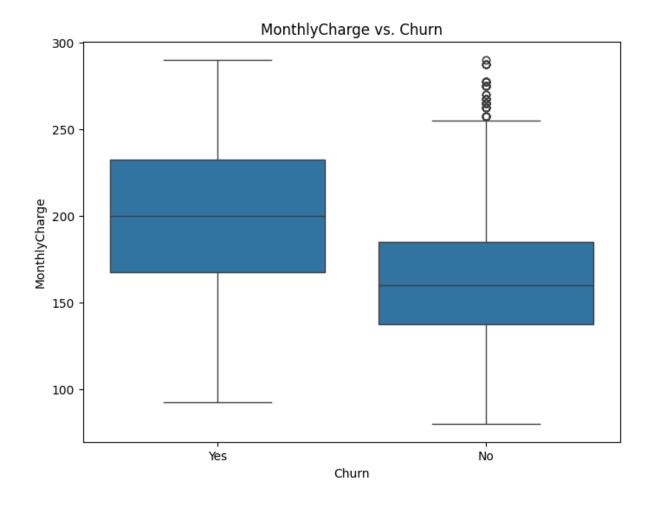






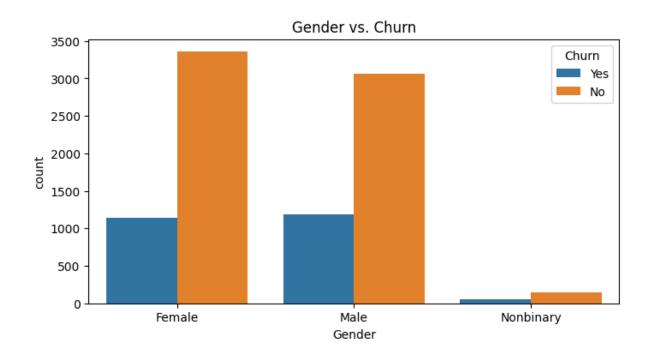


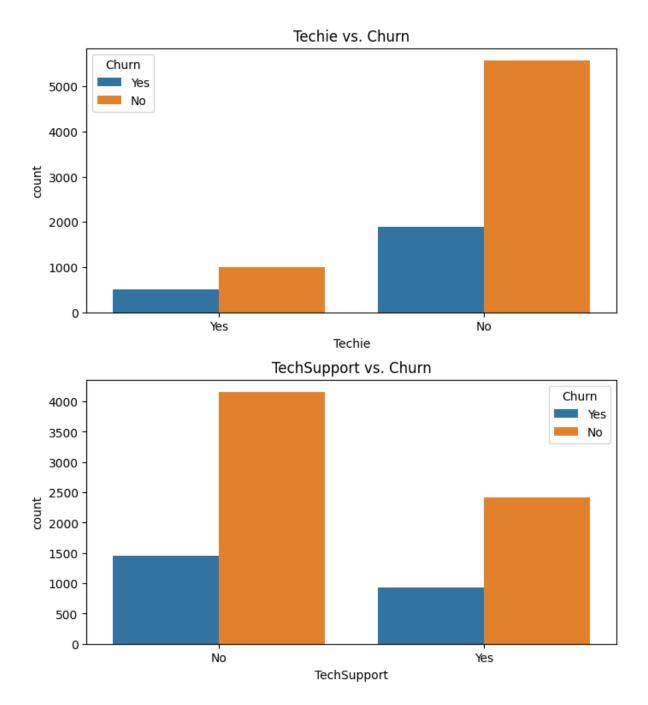




2. Categorical Variables vs. Churn

For categorical variables, we use bar plots to visualize the relationship with Churn.





C4. Data Transformation

The data transformation process aimed to prepare the dataset to ensure it aligns with the research question and facilitates logistic regression modeling. The primary objectives were:

- Convert Categorical Variables to Numerical Representations: Logistic regression requires numerical inputs. Therefore, categorical variables such as Churn, Techie, TechSupport, and Gender were transformed into numerical formats.
- 2. Feature Engineering: Create new features to capture potential interactions or relationships between variables. For example, an interaction term between Techie and TechSupport was added to explore their combined influence on customer churn.
- **3. Ensure Consistency in Data Types:** Ensure all columns in the dataset are numeric and formatted correctly to avoid issues during the logistic regression modeling process. This included converting boolean variables to integers and verifying all numerical data types.

Steps Taken

Step 1: Convert Categorical Variables to Numerical Representations

Binary categorical variables (Churn, Techie, TechSupport) were encoded using LabelEncoder, converting them into integer values (1 for "Yes" and 0 for "No"). The Gender variable, which includes Male, Female, and Nonbinary categories, was one-hot encoded, resulting in two binary columns: Gender_Male and Gender_Nonbinary.

Code

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

# Initialize LabelEncoder

label_encoder = LabelEncoder()

# Encode binary categorical columns

df['Churn'] = label_encoder.fit_transform(df['Churn']) # 0 = No, 1 = Yes

df['Techie'] = label_encoder.fit_transform(df['Techie'])

df['TechSupport'] = label_encoder.fit_transform(df['TechSupport'])

# One-hot encode 'Gender'

df = pd.get_dummies(df, columns=['Gender'], drop_first=True)
```

Step 2: Feature Engineering

To capture the combined effect of technical inclination and support on churn, an interaction term (Techie_TechSupport) was created by multiplying the Techie and TechSupport columns. This interaction term provides additional insight into how these variables jointly influence customer behavior.

Code

```
# Creating interaction term between Techie and TechSupport

df['Techie_TechSupport'] = df['Techie'] * df['TechSupport']
```

Step 3: Ensure Consistency in Data Types

To ensure compatibility with logistic regression modeling, all boolean columns were explicitly converted to integer types, and all variables were verified to be numeric. Additionally, missing values were checked and handled by dropping any rows with missing data.

Code

```
# Ensure all boolean columns are converted to integers

X = X.astype({col: 'int' for col in X.select_dtypes(include=['bool']).columns})

# Ensure all data is numeric

X = X.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')

y = pd.to_numeric(y, errors='coerce')

# Check for missing data

print("Missing values in X:", X.isnull().sum())

print("Missing values in y:", y.isnull().sum())

# Drop rows with missing values

X = X.dropna()

y = y.loc[X.index]
```

Through these steps, the dataset was successfully transformed to meet the requirements of logistic regression modeling. The categorical variables were numerically encoded, an interaction term was introduced, and the dataset was thoroughly verified for consistency. This ensured that the data was in an optimal format for the subsequent modeling phase.

C5. Prepared Data set:

The dataset is saved as a CSV file for further analysis and is attached with the submission. Check prepared_churn_dataset.csv file.

Code

save the prepared data set

df.to_csv('prepared_churn_dataset.csv', index=False)

Part IV: Model Comparison and Analysis

D1. Constructing the Initial Logistic Regression Model:

To identify the key factors influencing customer churn, the initial logistic regression model included all independent variables. This approach allowed us to assess the statistical significance of each variable and its predictive power for customer churn.

The model summary revealed several variables with p-values below the significance threshold (0.05), indicating their importance in predicting churn. These variables included Techie, TechSupport, Tenure, MonthlyCharge, and Gender_Male.

Code

```
import pandas as pd
import statsmodels.api as sm
# Load the prepared dataset
df = pd.read_csv('prepared_churn_dataset.csv')
# Initial Logistic Regression Model
X = df.drop('Churn', axis=1)
y = df['Churn']
X = sm.add\_constant(X)
# Ensure all boolean columns are converted to integers
X = X.astype({col: 'int' for col in X.select_dtypes(include=['bool']).columns})
# Ensure all data is numeric
X = X.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
y = pd.to numeric(y, errors='coerce')
# Check for missing data
print("Missing values in X:", X.isnull().sum())
print("Missing values in y:", y.isnull().sum())
# Drop any rows with missing values
```

```
# Fit the initial logistic regression model
initial_model = sm.Logit(y, X).fit()
print("Initial Model Summary:")
print(initial_model.summary())
Missing values in X: const
Population
Children
Age
Outage_sec_perweek
Contacts
 Yearly_equip_failure
Techie
TechSupport
Tenure
MonthlyCharge
Gender_Male
Gender_Nonbinary
Techie_TechSupport
dtype: int64
Missing values in y: 0
Optimization terminated successfully.
         Current function value: 0.337934
          Iterations 8
Initial Model Summary:
                            Logit Regression Results
Dep. Variable:
                                  Churn
                                          No. Observations:
Method:
                                    MLE
                                          Df Model:
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                      Tue, 21 Jan 2025
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LL-Null:
Time:
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                              nonrobust LLR p-value:
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Income
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0.010
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-0.022
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0.018
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                                                               0.429
                                                  -0.226
Outage_sec_perweek
                                                               0.821
                          0.0026
                                       0.010
                                                   0.258
                                                               0.797
                                                                          -0.017
                                                                                        0.023
Contacts
                           0.0257
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                                                               0.403
                                       0.031
                                                                          -0.035
                                                                                        0.086
 Yearly_equip_failure
                          -0.0274
                                       0.048
                                                   -0.568
                                                               0.570
                                                                           -0.122
                                                                                        0.067
Techie
                          0.6228
                                       0.100
                                                   6.206
                                                               0.000
                                                                           0.426
                                                                                        0.820
TechSupport
                                                   -2.871
                                                               0.004
Tenure
                          -0.0747
                                       0.002
                                                  -41.738
                                                               0.000
                                                                           -0.078
                                                                                        -0.071
```

X = X.dropna()

MonthlyCharge

Gender_Male Gender_Nonbinary

Techie_TechSupport

0.0338

0.1671

-0.0459

0.001

0.062

0.162

2.706

-0.283

0.007

0.777

0.046

-0.363

0.288

0.272

y = y.loc[X.index]

D2. Justification of Model Reduction

Procedure Used: Statistically-Based Feature Selection via P-values

Given the research question, the goal is to identify key factors influencing customer churn. A statistically based feature selection method, particularly the evaluation of p-values, is suitable for this purpose. To refine the model, we applied a statistically-based feature selection method by evaluating the p-values of each variable:

- Objective: Remove variables with p-values greater than the significance threshold of 0.05.
- o **Process:** Iteratively remove variables with the highest p-values until all remaining variables are statistically significant.

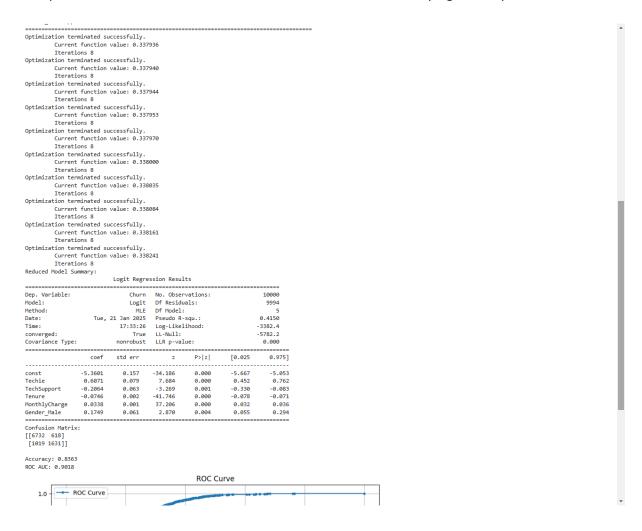
Code

```
# Feature Selection and Reduced Model
current_model = initial_model
significant_level = 0.05
while True:
    p_values = current_model.pvalues
    max_p_value = p_values.max()
    max_p_var = p_values.idxmax()

if max_p_value > significant_level:
    X = X.drop(columns=max_p_var)
    current_model = sm.Logit(y, X).fit()
else:
    break
print("Reduced Model Summary:")
print(current_model.summary())
```

D3. Reduced Logistic Regression Model

After applying the feature selection procedure, we developed a reduced logistic regression model that retains only the significant variables. The model was reduced from the original set of independent variables down to five variables, each with a statistically significant p-value.



E1. Model Comparison:

Comparison of Initial and Reduced Models

1. Initial Logistic Regression Model

Results:

Log-Likelihood: -3379.3Pseudo R-squared: 0.4156

 Significant Variables: Variables such as Techie, TechSupport, Tenure, MonthlyCharge, and Gender_Male were statistically significant, while others like Population, Children, Age, and Income were not.

2. Reduced Logistic Regression Model

Results:

Log-Likelihood: -3382.4Pseudo R-squared: 0.4150

Significant Variables: The reduced model retained only five significant variables: Techie,
 TechSupport, Tenure, MonthlyCharge, and Gender_Male.

E2. Performance Evaluation: Confusion Matrix and Accuracy

Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix for the reduced model is as follows:

Predicted: No Churn	Predicted: Churn
Actual: No Churn	6732
Actual: Churn	1019

- o True Positives (TP): 1,631 customers who churned were correctly identified.
- o True Negatives (TN): 6,732 customers who did not churn were correctly identified.
- o False Positives (FP): 618 customers were incorrectly predicted to churn but did not.
- o False Negatives (FN): 1,019 customers who churned were not correctly identified.

Accuracy

o Accuracy: 0.8363

 This accuracy score indicates that 83.63% of the model's predictions (both churn and no churn) were correct.

E3. Complete Error-Free Python Code:

An error-free copy of the code is attached with the submission.

Part V: Data Summary and Implications

F1. Results

a. Regression Equation for the Reduced Model

The reduced logistic regression model can be represented by the following equation:

 $Logit(P(Churn)) = -5.3601 + 0.6071 \times Techie - 0.2064 \times TechSupport - 0.0746 \times Tenure + 0.0338 \times MonthlyCharge + 0.1749 \times Gender Male$

b. Interpretation of Coefficients:

- Techie: Customers who identify as tech-savvy have a higher likelihood of churning (+0.6071).
- TechSupport: Customers with tech support add-ons are less likely to churn (-0.2064).
- Tenure: Longer tenure with the company significantly decreases the likelihood of churn (-0.0746).
- MonthlyCharge: Higher monthly charges are associated with an increased likelihood of churn (+0.0338).
- Gender_Male: Male customers have a slightly higher probability of churning compared to other genders (+0.1749).

c. Statistical and Practical Significance

- Statistical Significance: The variables included in the reduced model are statistically significant, as indicated by their p-values (all below 0.05).
- Practical Significance: The model is practically significant, as it highlights actionable factors (e.g., monthly charges, tech support) that can be targeted to reduce churn.

d. Limitations

The relatively small dataset may limit the model's generalizability. A larger dataset could provide more robust results. Additionally, the reduced model includes a limited number of predictors, which might not capture all factors influencing churn. The model's predictions might be influenced by biases in the data collection process or unobserved variables.

F2. Recommendations

Based on the analysis, it is recommended to:

- Enhance Tech Support Offerings: Since tech support is associated with reduced churn, the company should promote tech support services and potentially offer them as part of bundled packages.
- Target High-Risk Customers: Focus on customers with high monthly charges and those who
 identify as tech-savvy, as they are more likely to churn. Tailored retention strategies such as
 personalized offers or loyalty programs can be effective.

 Loyalty Programs: Strengthen loyalty programs to reward long-term customers, as tenure is a significant factor in reducing churn.

By implementing these recommendations, the business can work towards reducing churn rates and improving customer satisfaction.

Part VI: Demonstration

G. Demonstration

Video link: -

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