

# Holiday Package Purchase Prediction

Our objective is to develop a statistical model using supervised machine learning, employing Excel's Analytical Solver to predict the likelihood of a person purchasing a product, while also identifying the factors influencing their buying decision.

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# Business Description

Trips & Travel.Com wants to grow its customer base by offering new packages. Currently, they have five types of packages - Basic, Standard, Deluxe, Super Deluxe, and King. They observed that 18% of customers bought these packages last year, but marketing costs were high because they reached out randomly. Now, they plan to launch a Wellness Tourism Package, focusing on promoting healthy lifestyles. They aim to use customer data to make marketing more efficient.

Dataset: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/susant4learning/holiday-package-purchase-prediction>

# Business Questions

1. Predict whether a specific customer will purchase the tour package.
2. Determine which types of customers are most and least likely to buy a travel package.
3. Identify groups of people for targeted marketing to reduce marketing costs.

Since our overall goal (Target) is to predict whether a customer will purchase the travel package based on various influencing factors (Predictor Variables), we have determined that we need to work with classification models.

# Missing Data Handling

- Output Records: 4128
- Records Deleted: 760
- 760 records had missing values which were deleted.

# Dependent & Independent Variables:

Target Variable	Numerical - Predictors	Categorical - Predictors
The target variable in this case is <b>ProdTaken</b> , which is a binary categorical variable describing whether or not the customer would buy the product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age</li><li>• Duration Of Pitch</li><li>• Number Of Person Visiting</li><li>• Number Of Follow ups</li><li>• Preferred Property Star</li><li>• Number Of Trips</li><li>• Pitch Satisfaction Score</li><li>• Number Of Children Visiting</li><li>• Monthly Income</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passport</li><li>• Own Car</li><li>• Typeof Contact</li><li>• CityTier</li><li>• Occupation</li><li>• Gender</li><li>• Product Pitched</li><li>• Marital Status</li><li>• Designation</li></ul>

# Statistical modelling - Classification

## EDA

- Missing Data Handling
- Checked distributions of variables with histogram and box plot analysis
- Used scatter plots to measure relationship to the target variable

## Models Used

- Logistic Regression
- Decision Tree
- Neural Network

## Model Validation & Performance

- Precision, Accuracy, Recall, Error rates and F1 Scores
- AUC Score and ROC Curve
- Lift and Decile Charts

# Logistic Regression

Our target variable is "product taken," which is a categorical variable. Therefore, we employed logistic regression, classification trees, and neural networks to evaluate and compare model performance in achieving our objective. I'll begin with logistic regression.

Best Subsets Details				
Subset ID	#Coefficients	RSS	Mallows's Cp	Probability
Subset 1	1	3247.695	279.017337	2.38288E-46
Subset 2	2	3137.29	187.3948862	4.63699E-30
Subset 3	3	3102.633	160.0060026	2.99479E-25
Subset 4	4	3080.128	142.9215319	2.82928E-22
Subset 5	5	3051.156	120.3541051	2.56329E-18
Subset 6	6	3029.211	103.7448906	1.99346E-15
Subset 7	7	3007.724	87.52370425	1.2868E-12
Subset 8	8	2980.397	66.35054814	5.33424E-09
Subset 9	9	2955.44	47.18698536	7.53904E-06
Subset 10	10	2944.751	40.1235389	0.000103611
Subset 11	11	2933.163	32.29643413	0.001695462
Subset 12	12	2927.081	29.13946015	0.005509771
Subset 13	13	2921.562	26.4594302	0.015125678

Subsequently, after conducting Logistic Regression, we selected the final model (Subset 13) due to its optimal Mallow's Cp, which closely matched the number of coefficients, and it exhibited the highest probability among all models evaluated..

#### variable selection techniques used:

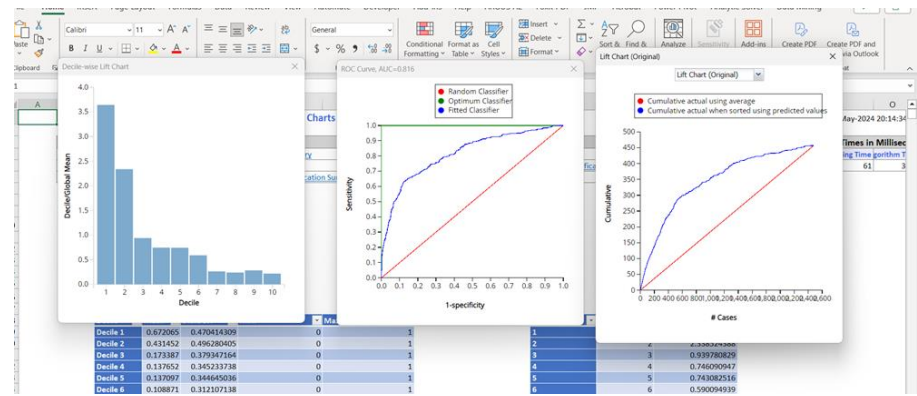
- Stepwise Selection
- Significance Based on P-Value
- Coefficient Close to Zero

Following feature selection in logistic regression, we have identified Subset 13, comprising the following selected variables:

DurationOfPitch, NumberOfFollowups, PreferredPropertyStar, Passport, MonthlyIncome, TypeofContact, CityTier, Occupation\_Salaried, Occupation\_SmallBusiness, ProductPitched, MaritalStatus\_Married, and MaritalStatus\_Divorced.

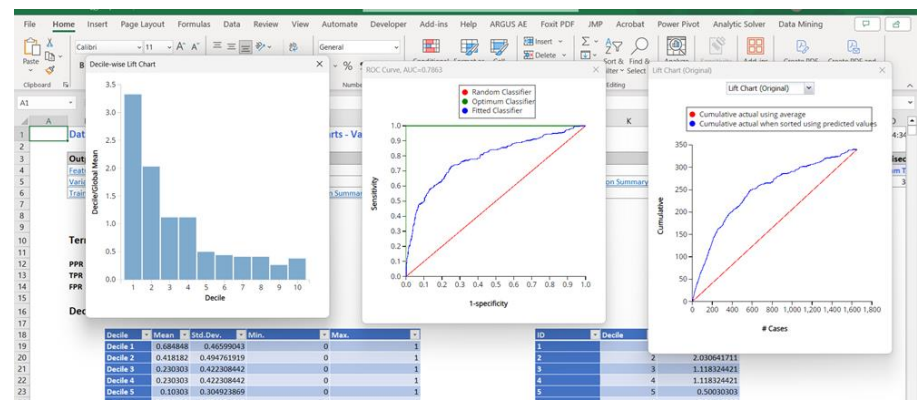


Training:

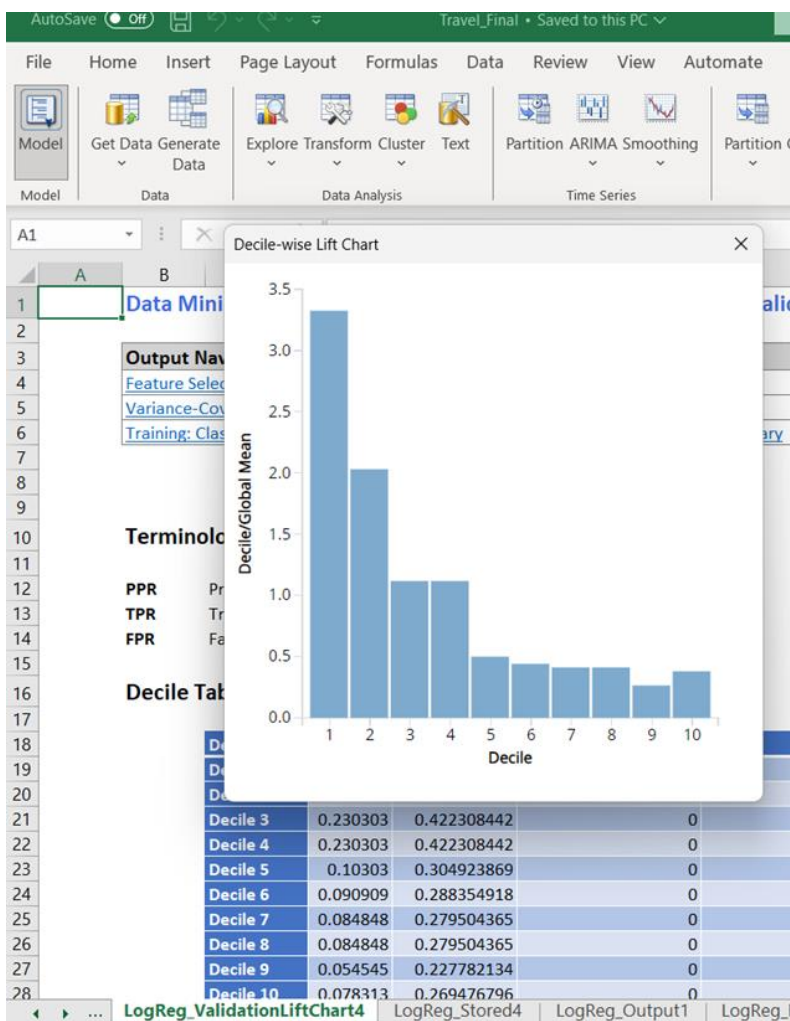


This model works well; the AUC is larger than 0.5, indicating that the model performs better than the benchmark. Furthermore, the performances are quite similar in both the training and validation datasets, suggesting that it will perform well on new datasets too.

Validation:



The training AUC value of 0.816 and the validation AUC of 0.7863 are closely aligned, indicating consistency in performance between the training and validation datasets. This similarity suggests no apparent overfitting issues, and that the model exhibits good predictive capability and generalizability to new data.



ID	Decile	Decile/Global Mean
1	1	3.325543672
2	2	2.030641711
3	3	1.118324421
4	4	1.118324421
5	5	0.50030303
6	6	0.44144385
7	7	0.41201426
8	8	0.41201426
9	9	0.26486631
10	10	0.380279943

660	Record 2709	0	0	0.150615966	0.849384034
693	Record 43	0	0	0.152097153	0.847902847
694	Record 1193	0	0	0.152097153	0.847902847
695	Record 226	0	0	0.150905181	0.849094819
696	Record 3580	0	0	0.150615966	0.849384034
697	Record 2948	0	0	0.150277761	0.849722239
698	Record 2658	0	0	0.150235887	0.849764113

In Logistic Regression, due to a notably low recall rate when using a 0.5 default cutoff probability for the success class, we opted to adjust it to 0.1506.

Based on the decile chart. We decided by arranging the post-probability 1 values in descending order and selecting the probability associated with the 660th record from the entire dataset.

Validation: Classification Summary

Confusion Matrix		
Actual\Predicted	0	1
0	909	402
1	82	258

Error Report			
Class	# Cases	# Errors	% Error
0	1311	402	30.66361556
1	340	82	24.11764706
Overall	1651	484	29.31556632

Metrics	
Metric	Value
Accuracy (#correct)	1167
Accuracy (%correct)	70.68443368
Specificity	0.693363844
Sensitivity (Recall)	0.758823529
Precision	0.390909091
F1 score	0.516
Success Class	1
Success Probability	0.1506

The Overall Accuracy of the model is 70.68%. The Error rate of Class 0 is 30.66%, The Error rate of Class 1 is 24.12% and the overall error rate is 29.32%.

The Specificity is 0.693, which means that out of all the persons predicted to buy the product 69.3% bought the product.

The Sensitivity (Recall) is 0.7588, which means that out of all the persons who actually bought the product 75.88% were correctly predicted by the model.

Predictor	Estimate	Confidence Interval: Lower	Confidence Interval: Upper	Odds	Standard Error	Chi2-Statistic	P-Value
Intercept	-0.650209376	-1.679325347	0.378906594	0.521936484	0.525068817	1.533465474	0.215593083
Age	-0.028476419	-0.043105141	-0.013847698	0.971925212	0.007463771	14.55640658	0.000136025
DurationOfPitch	0.037613788	0.023484714	0.051742863	1.03833014	0.007208844	27.22468716	1.81131E-07
NumberOfFollowups	0.426197245	0.299562312	0.552832178	1.531422811	0.064610847	43.51213659	4.21338E-11
PreferredPropertyStar	0.335334674	0.193132289	0.477537059	1.398408318	0.07255357	21.36187383	3.80258E-06
Passport	1.719748818	1.474966882	1.964530753	5.583125907	0.124891038	189.6127304	3.86246E-43
MonthlyIncome	-0.000114108	-0.00014902	-7.91965E-05	0.999885898	1.78125E-05	41.0378226	1.49312E-10
TypeofContact_Self Enquiry	-0.396214571	-0.649395022	-0.143034121	0.672862303	0.129176073	9.407987513	0.002160422
CityTier_3	0.808712679	0.540838671	1.076586687	2.245016069	0.136672924	35.01253317	3.2759E-09
Occupation_Salaried	-0.361525515	-0.755963194	0.032912165	0.696612822	0.201247412	3.227136224	0.072427241
Occupation_Small Business	-0.588170868	-0.991195092	-0.185146644	0.555342151	0.205628382	8.181650083	0.004231625
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MaritalStatus_Divorced	-1.042662382	-1.387886724	-0.697438039	0.352514902	0.176138105	35.04134516	3.22778E-09
MaritalStatus_Married	-0.988038877	-1.249145195	-0.726932559	0.372306114	0.133219957	55.00592694	1.20167E-13

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$$\text{Odds}(\text{Prodtaken}=1)=\text{Odds}_0*(\text{Odds}_1)^{x_1}*(\text{Odds}_2)^{x_2}*(\text{Odds}_3)^{x_3}*\dots*(\text{Odds}_q)^{x_q}$$

$$\text{Odds}(\text{Prodtaken}=1)=0.522*(0.972)^{\text{Age}}*(1.038)^{\text{DurationOfPitch}}*(1.531)^{\text{NoOfFollowups}}*(1.398)^{\text{PreferredPropertyStar}}*(5.583)^{\text{Passport}}*(1)^{\text{MonthlyIncome}}*(0.673)^{\text{TypeofContact\_SelfEnquiry}}*(2.245)^{\text{CityTier\_3}}*(0.7)^{\text{Occupation\_Salaried}}*(0.55)^{\text{Occupation\_SmallBusiness}}*(0.295)^{\text{ProductPitched\_Deluxe}}*(0.352)^{\text{MaritalStatus\_Divorced}}*(0.372)^{\text{MaritalStatus\_Married}}$$

**Age:** Each additional unit of age decreases the odds of taking the product by about 0.972, all else constant.

**DurationOfPitch:** Increasing pitch duration boosts odds of product uptake by around 1.038 times, keeping other factors constant.

**NumberOfFollowups:** Each extra follow-up raises odds of product uptake by roughly 1.531 times, holding other variables steady.

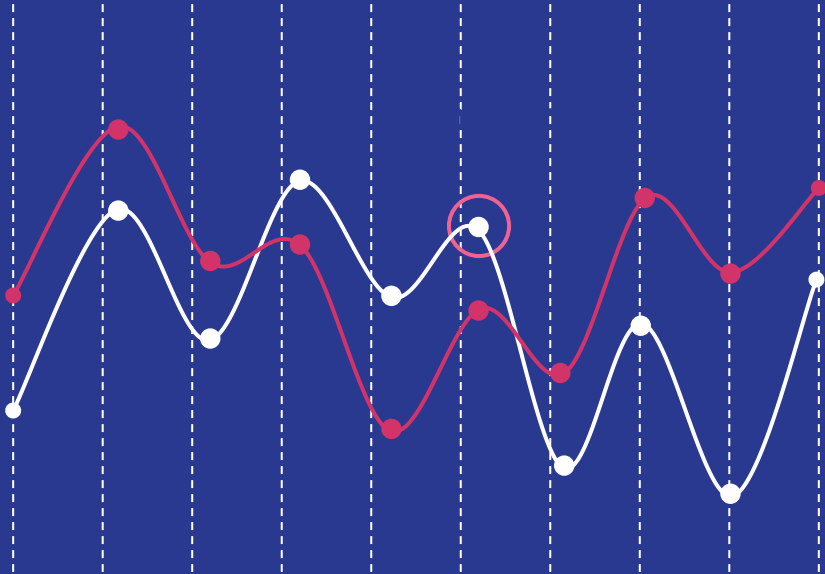
**PreferredPropertyStar:** Every increase in star rating preference elevates odds of product uptake by approximately 1.398 times, with other factors held constant.

**Passport:** Holding a passport increases odds of product uptake by about 5.583 times, other variables remaining constant.

**MonthlyIncome:** Monthly income has minimal impact on product uptake odds, with a coefficient close to zero (0.0001).

**TypeofContact\_SelfEnquiry:** Self-enquiry contacts decrease odds of product uptake by about 0.673 times compared to company-initiated contacts, other variables held constant.

## Impact of coefficients



**CityTier\_3:** Being from City Tier 3 boosts odds of product uptake by roughly 2.245 times compared to other tiers, holding other variables constant.

**Occupation\_Salaried:** Salaried individuals have lower odds of product uptake, decreasing by around 0.7 times compared to other occupations, all else constant.

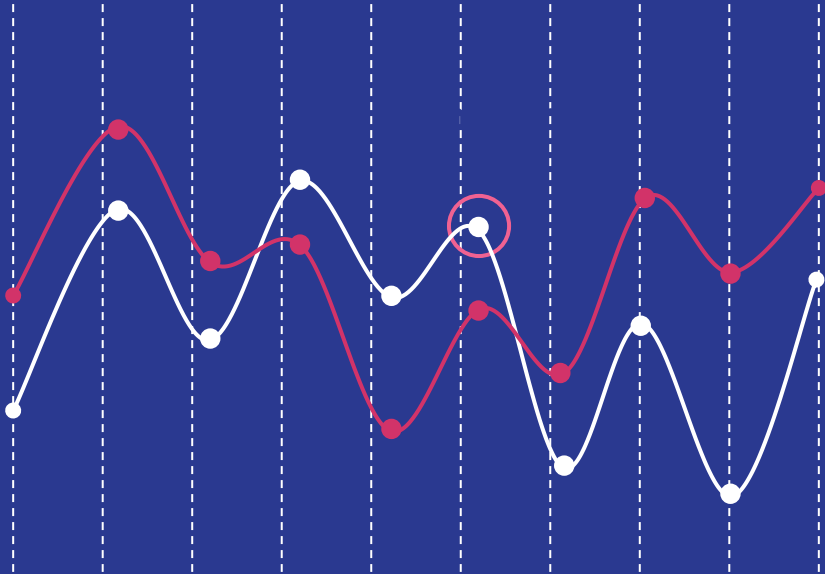
**Occupation\_SmallBusiness:** Small business owners have even lower odds of product uptake, decreasing by about 0.55 times compared to other occupations, all else constant.

**ProductPitched\_Deluxe:** Pitching the deluxe product significantly decreases odds of product uptake by approximately 0.295 times, holding other variables constant.

**MaritalStatus\_Divorced:** Divorced individuals have lower odds of product uptake, decreasing by about 0.352 times compared to other marital statuses, holding other variables constant.

**MaritalStatus\_Married:** Married individuals have lower odds of product uptake, decreasing by about 0.372 times compared to other marital statuses, holding other variables constant.

## Impact of coefficients



# Classification Tree

Since we have a categorical predictor variable , we used a predictive model that organizes data into a hierarchical structure of decisions based on input features, enabling the classification of new data points into predefined categories.



Full-Grown Tree

## Nodes



## Links

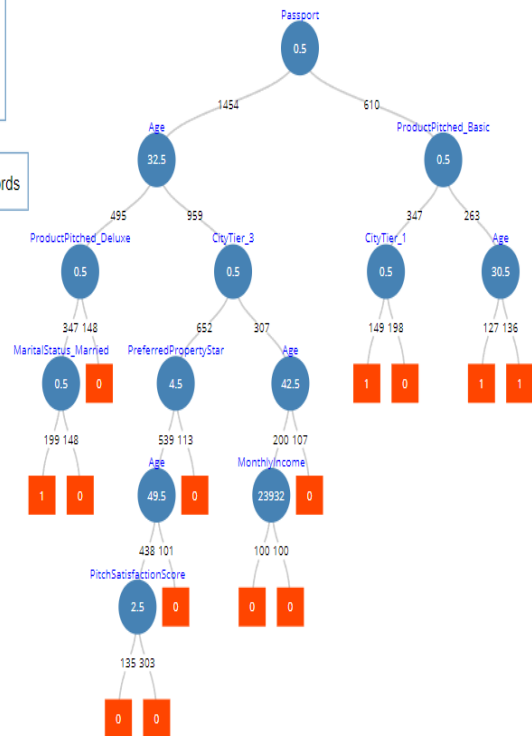
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## Tree Info

Tree Height: 7  
# Nodes: 27

Collapse All

Expand All



Best-Pruned Tree

## Nodes



## Links

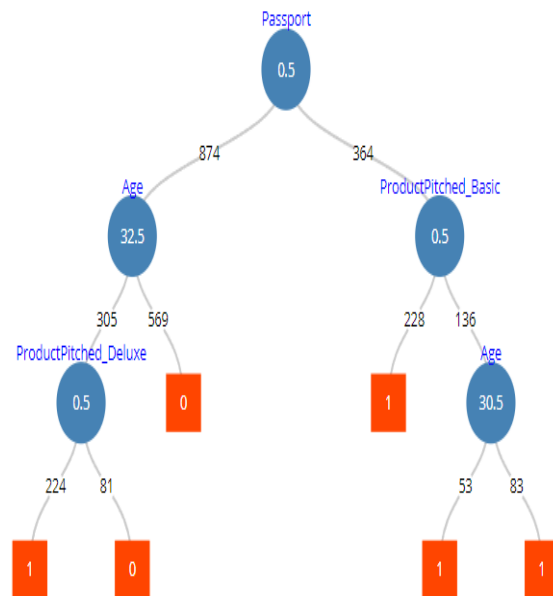
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## Tree Info

Tree Height: 4  
# Nodes: 11

Collapse All

Expand All



- **If Passport < 0.5 and Age >= 32.5, class = 0**

This rule states that if a person does not have a passport and their age is greater than or equal to 32.5, they belong to class 0

- **If Passport < 0.5 and Age < 32.5 and productpitched\_deluxe >= 0.5, class = 0**

This rule applies if a person does not have a passport, their age is less than 32.5, and the product pitched is deluxe. In this case, the class is 0.

- **If Passport < 0.5 and Age < 32.5 and productpitched\_deluxe < 0.5, class = 1**

Here, if a person lacks a passport, their age is less than 32.5, and the product pitched is not deluxe, the class assigned is 1.

- **If Passport >= 0.5 and productpitched\_basic >= 0.5 and Age >= 30.5, class = 1**

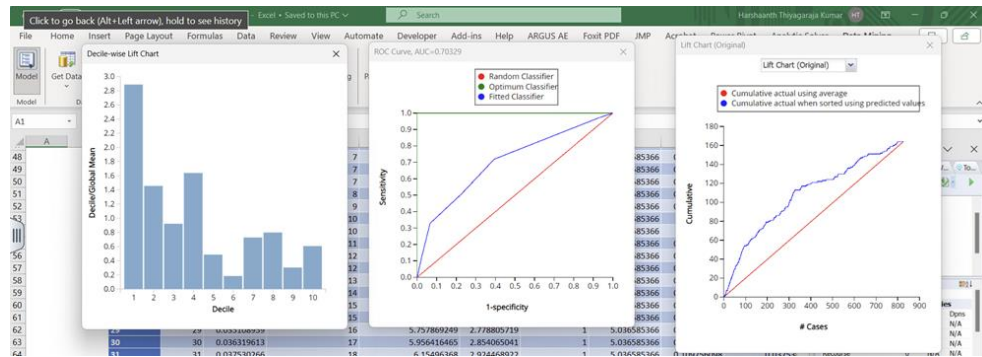
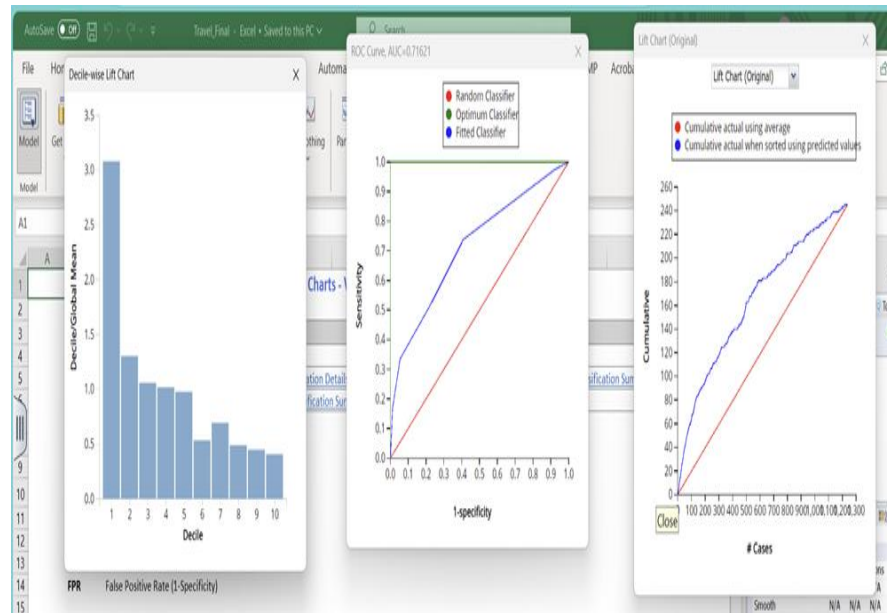
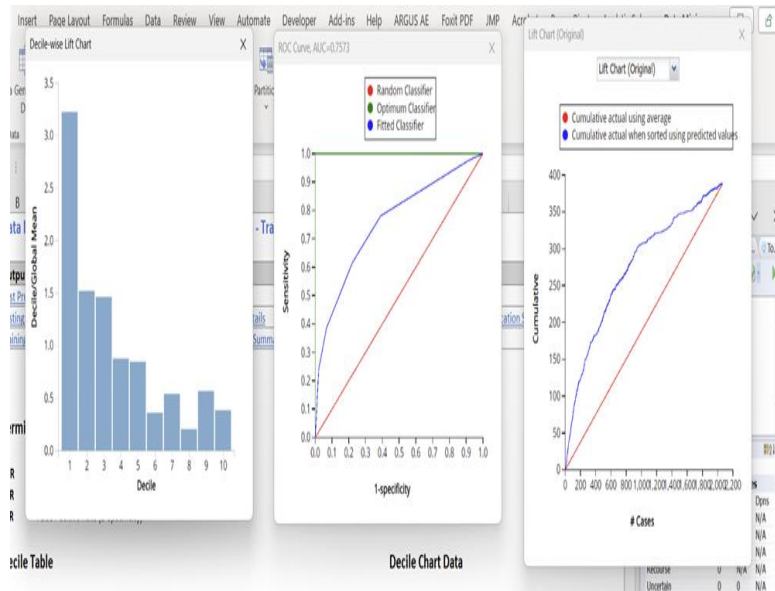
This rule applies when a person has a passport, the product pitched is basic, and their age is 30.5 or older. In this case, the class is 1.

- **If Passport >= 0.5 and productpitched\_basic >= 0.5 and Age < 30.5, class = 1**

Similar to the previous rule, but here the age condition is less than 30.5.

- **If Passport >= 0.5 and productpitched\_basic < 0.5, class = 1**

This rule applies if a person has a passport and the product pitched is not basic, assigning them to class 1.



Testing: Classification Summary

Confusion Matrix		
Actual\Predicted	0	1
0	401	261
1	46	118

Error Report			
Class	# Cases	# Errors	% Error
0	662	261	39.42598187
1	164	46	28.04878049
Overall	826	307	37.16707022

Metrics	
Metric	Value
Accuracy (#correct)	519
Accuracy (%correct)	62.83292978
Specificity	0.605740181
Sensitivity (Recall)	0.719512195
Precision	0.311345646
F1 score	0.434622468
Success Class	1
Success Probability	0.1844

This model works well; the AUC is larger than 0.5, indicating that the model performs better than the benchmark. Furthermore, the performances are quite similar in both the validation and test datasets, suggesting that it will perform well on new datasets too.

The validation AUC value of 0.71 and the test AUC of 0.70 are closely aligned, indicating consistency in performance between the training and validation datasets. This similarity suggests no apparent overfitting issues, and that the model exhibits good predictive capability and generalizability to new data.

The Overall Accuracy of the model is 62.83%. The Error rate of Class 0 is 39.43%, The Error rate of Class 1 is 28% and the overall error rate is 37.17%.

The Specificity is 0.606, which means that out of all the persons predicted to buy the product 60.6% bought the product.

The Sensitivity (Recall) is 0.72, which means that out of all the persons who actually bought the product 72% were correctly predicted by the model.

# Neural Networks

Neural Networks describe relationships in data other models can't and thus work well for classification analysis. Since our target variable is categorical we have employed a neural network for our analysis.

# Immediate Issues

- We initially had issues with the model performance
- We would see the model classify no positive values after a run of the neural network
- This led to many runs of manual neural networks with different parameters
- Settled on one with high ROC score and changed the cutoff value

## Network Structures Tested:

1 hidden layer 5 nodes

1 hidden layer 10 nodes

2 hidden layers each with 5 nodes

1 hidden layer with 2 nodes

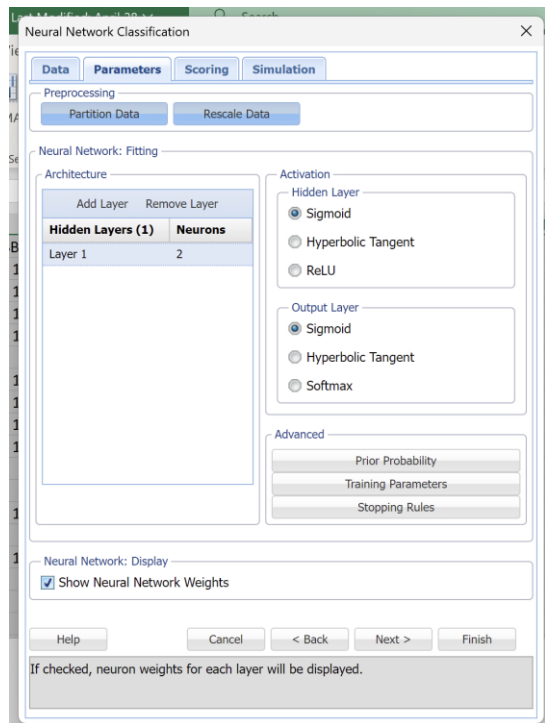
## Training: Classification Summary

Confusion Matrix			
Actual\Predicted	0	1	
0	1676	0	
1	388	0	

Error Report			
Class	# Cases	# Errors	% Error
0	1676	0	0
1	388	388	100
Overall	2064	388	18.79844961

Metrics	
Metric	Value
Accuracy (#correct)	1676
Accuracy (%correct)	81.2015504
Specificity	1
Sensitivity (Recall)	0
Precision	#N/A
F1 score	#N/A
Success Class	1
Success Probability	0.5

# Data Preprocessing



Initially we had problems getting the network to work with our data

Ultimately for our model we used all the variables in the dataset to construct it

Split the dataset into 60% training and 40% test variables

Standardized the variables

# Cutoff Selection

Training: Classification Summary

Confusion Matrix			
Actual\Predicted	0	1	
0	1676	0	
1	388	0	

Error Report				
Class	# Cases	# Errors	% Error	
0	1676	0	0	
1	388	388	100	
Overall	2064	388	18.79844961	

Metrics	
Metric	Value
Accuracy (#correct)	1676
Accuracy (%correct)	81.2015504
Specificity	1
Sensitivity (Recall)	0
Precision	#N/A
F1 score	#N/A
Success Class	1
Success Probability	0.5

412.8 = .2 \* 2064  
new cutoff = .3099

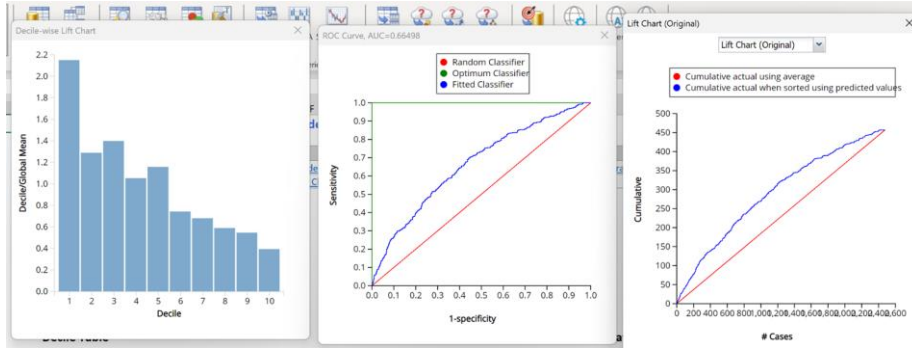
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Record 3773	0	0	0.68993101	0.31006899
Record 2381	1	0	0.6899882	0.3100118
Record 1760	0	0	0.690058895	0.309941105
Record 2100	0	0	0.690070467	0.309929533
Record 2397	0	0	0.690099033	0.309900967
Record 3279	0	0	0.690135398	0.309864602

- We decided the best network to use was one with an ROC score of .6636
- To fix the classification issues we were having in earlier runs of the neural network we decided to select a new cutoff value
- There was a massive drop off in the decile charts at decile 2 so we selected the probability of that value as our cutoff
- The new cutoff value selected is: **.3099**

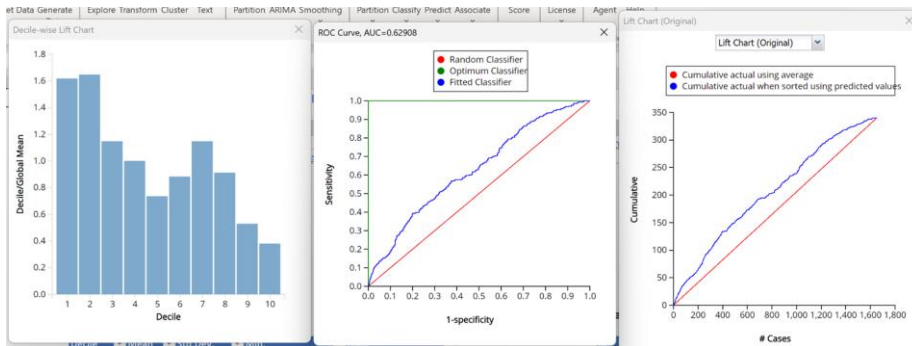


# Model Results

## Training



## Validation



We had a mixed result running this model on our data

The accuracy and specificity of our model are both high, as is the ROC score

However, the recall, precision and F1 scores of this model are all very low which shows poor performance of our model

## Training

### Training: Classification Summary

Confusion Matrix			
Actual\Predicted	0	1	
0	1710	310	
1	307	150	

Error Report			
Class	# Cases	# Errors	% Error
0	2020	310	15.34653465
1	457	307	67.17724289
Overall	2477	617	24.90916431

Metrics	
Metric	Value
Accuracy (#correct)	1860
Accuracy (%correct)	75.0908357
Specificity	0.84653465
Sensitivity (Recall)	0.32822757
Precision	0.32608696
F1 score	0.32715376
Success Class	1
Success Probability	0.3099

## Validation

### Validation: Classification Summary

Confusion Matrix			
Actual\Predicted	0	1	
0	1113	198	
1	238	102	

Error Report			
Class	# Cases	# Errors	% Error
0	1311	198	15.10297483
1	340	238	70
Overall	1651	436	26.40823743

Metrics	
Metric	Value
Accuracy (#correct)	1215
Accuracy (%correct)	73.5917626
Specificity	0.84897025
Sensitivity (Recall)	0.3
Precision	0.34
F1 score	0.31875
Success Class	1
Success Probability	0.3099

# Model Comparison

- The training AUC of 0.816 and validation AUC of 0.7863 closely align, indicating consistent performance in logistic regression, outperforming the classification tree and neural networks.
- The model achieves an overall accuracy of 70.68%, with a Class 0 error rate of 30.66%, a Class 1 error rate of 24.12%, and an overall error rate of 29.32%.
- The sensitivity (recall) of 0.7588 indicates that the model correctly identifies 75.88% of actual buyers. The specificity of 69.3% suggests that 69.3% of predicted non-buyers do not purchase the product.
- These metrics enable us to make informed decisions on marketing investments, effectively and efficiently targeting specific customer groups.

# Conclusions

Based on model comparison, we have decided that the logistic regression model is the best choice for our analysis.

It demonstrates superior performance metrics compared to the other models tested, selects the most relevant variables for analysis, and overall, it is the optimal model for predicting whether any given customer will purchase a travel package from us.

Based on Logistic Regression We can answer our Business Questions:

1. Predict whether a specific customer will purchase the tour package.
  2. Determine which types of customers are most and least likely to buy a travel package.
  3. Identify groups of people for targeted marketing to reduce marketing costs.
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**Most likely to purchase the product:**

Customers who are younger, have been pitched the product for a longer duration, have been followed up with more times, prefer higher star-rated properties, have a passport, and are from City Tier 3, are more likely to take the product.

**Least likely to purchase the product:**

Customers who are older, don't have a passport, who self-enquired, salaried individuals, individuals with small businesses, those who were pitched the deluxe product, and those in a divorced marital status are less likely to take the product. Married individuals, as being married also decreases the odds of taking the product.

**Example:**If a person is 27 years old, type of contact is self-inquiry, city tier is 2, duration of pitch is 10, occupation is salaried, gender is male, number of person visiting is 3, number of follow-ups is 3, product pitched is basic, preferred property star is 4, marital status is single, number of trips is 2, passport is 0, pitch satisfaction is 5, owns a car is 1, number of children visiting is 0, designation is manager, and monthly income is 30,000. Will the person buy the product?

$$\text{Odds}(\text{Prodtaken}=1) = \text{Odds}_0 * (\text{Odds}_1)^{x_1} * (\text{Odds}_2)^{x_2} * (\text{Odds}_3)^{x_3} * \dots * (\text{Odds}_q)^{x_q}$$

$$\text{Odds}(\text{Prodtaken}=1) = 0.522 * (0.972)^{\text{Age}} * (1.038)^{\text{DurationOfPitch}} * (1.531)^{\text{NoOfFollowups}} * (1.398)^{\text{PrefferedPropertyStar}} * (5.583)^{\text{Passport}} * (1)^{\text{MonthlyIncome}} * (0.673)^{\text{TypeofContact\_SelfEnquiry}} * (2.245)^{\text{CityTier\_3}} * (0.7)^{\text{Occupation\_Salaried}} * (0.55)^{\text{Occupation\_SmallBusiness}} * (0.295)^{\text{ProductPitched\_Delux}} * (0.352)^{\text{MaritalStatus\_Divorced}} * (0.372)^{\text{MaritalStatus\_Married}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Odds}(\text{Prodtaken}=1) &= 0.522 * (0.972)^{27} * (1.038)^{10} * (1.531)^3 * (1.398)^4 * (5.583)^0 * (1)^{30,000} * (0.673)^0 * (2.245)^0 * (0.7)^1 * (0.55)^0 * (0.295)^0 * (0.352)^0 * (0.372)^0 \\ \text{Odds}(\text{Prodtaken}=1) &= 2.675 \end{aligned}$$

$$P = \text{Odds} / (1 + \text{Odds}) = 2.675 / (1 + 2.675) = 0.727$$

Since predicted Probability (0.727) > Success class cutoff probability (0.1506), Classification 1

So, the probability of the person taking the product is approximately 0.727. Since this probability is greater than the cutoff probability of 0.1506, the person is predicted to buy the product.

# Summary

In this analysis we learned a few valuable lessons. We learned how to apply the models we've studied in class to real, actionable models that will help determine who is most likely to buy a travel package. We learned how to use metric scores to determine which of those models works best for the objectives we are looking to accomplish. We learned how to change models such that if they don't work in one iteration they can then perform reasonably well in another. When working with this data we also have found a few things we would recommend the authors of the dataset change. They may want to add a few more columns to the dataset to expand their understanding of what drives people to buy travel packages. Perhaps some information about the types of rental properties available or specific details of the vacation plans offered would be helpful.

