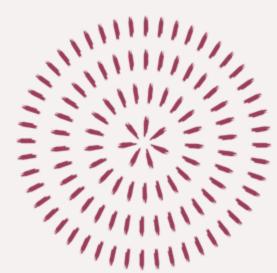


Introduction

- Customer retention is one of the primary growth pillars for products with a subscription-based <u>business model</u>.
- □ Competition is tough in the SaaS market where customers are free to choose from plenty of providers even within one product category.
- ☐ Several bad experiences or even one and a customer may quit.
- When analyzing customer data from a company many interesting patterns can be observed and further analysis can lead to predictive models for various metrics.
 - ☐ Customer churn.
 - Monthly payments.
- ☐ Usually, customers want to get quality service for the best possible price. If they don't get it, they may choose another service provider.



What is customer churn?

- □ Customer churn (or customer attrition) is the tendency of customers to abandon a brand and stop paying clients of a particular business.
- ☐ The percentage of customers that discontinue using a company's products or services during a particular time period is called a customer churn (attrition) rate.
- Churn rate is a health indicator for businesses whose customers are subscribers and paying for services on a recurring basis, notes the head of the data analytics department at Science Soft <u>Alex Bekker</u>.

Case for customer churn prediction









MEDIA



TELECOM COMPANIES (CABLE OR WIRELESS)



SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Music and video streaming services are probably the most commonly associated with the subscription business model (Netflix, YouTube, Apple Music, Google Play, Spotify, Hulu, Amazon Video, Deezer, etc.).
- **Media**. Digital presence is a must among the press, so news companies offer readers digital subscriptions besides print ones (Bloomberg, The Guardian, Financial Times, The New York Times, Medium etc.).
- **Telecom companies (cable or wireles**s). These companies may provide a full range of products and services, including wireless network, internet, TV, cell phone, and home phone services (AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, Cox Communications, etc.). Some specialize in mobile telecommunications (China Mobile, Vodafone, T-Mobile, etc.).
- **Software as a service providers.** The adoption of cloud-hosted software is growing. According to Gartner, the SaaS market remains the largest segment of the cloud market. Its revenue is expected to grow 17.8 percent and reach \$85.1 billion in 2019. The product range of SaaS providers is extensive: graphic and video editing (Adobe Creative Cloud, Canva), accounting (Sage 50cloud, FreshBooks), eCommerce (BigCommerce, Shopify), email marketing (MailChimp, Zoho Campaigns), and many others.

These company types may use churn rate to measure the effectiveness of cross-department operations and product management.

Methodology





Understanding a problem and the final goal: In our case is the churn prediction



Data collection



Data preparation and preprocessing



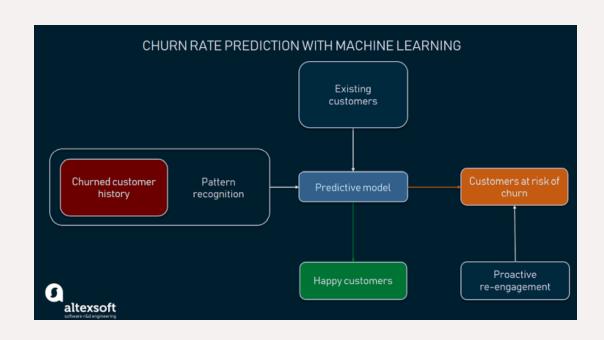
Modeling and testing

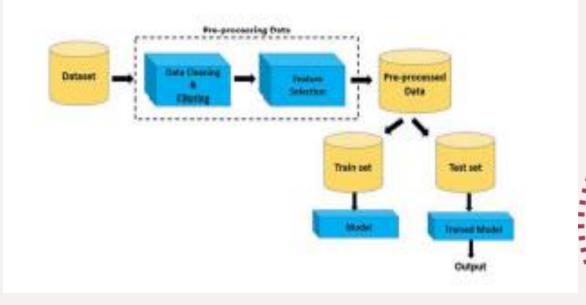


Model deployment and monitoring

Churn rate predictive model

Exploratory Data Analysis





Statistical Learning Methods:











DECISION TREE

RANDOM FOREST ANALYSIS LOGISTIC REGRESSION



Goal of this project

☐ This project aims to predict churn behaviors or not churn behaviors to help retain customers



Data Overview

The data was downloaded from IBM Sample Data Sets for customer retention programs. (IBM Sample Data Sets).

Each row represents a customer, each column contains a customer's attribute.

Customers who left within the last month - the column is called Churn.

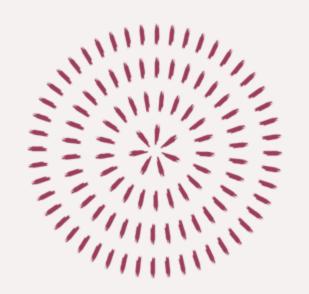
Services that each customer has signed up for - phone, multiple lines, internet, online security, online backup, device protection, tech support, and streaming TV and movies.

Customer account information - how long they've been a customer, contract, payment method, paperless billing, monthly charges, and total charges Demographic info about customers - gender, age range, and if they have partners and dependents.

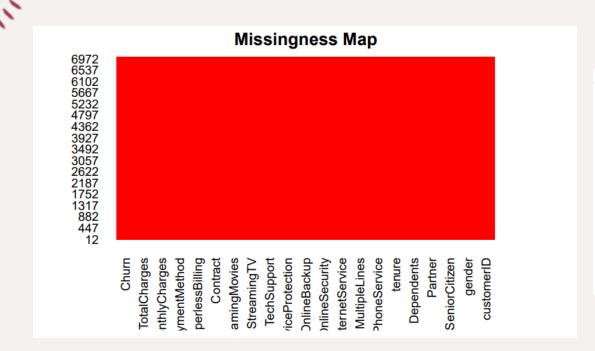


The raw data contains 7043 rows (customers) and 21 columns (features). The "Churn" column is our target. We used all other columns as features of our model.

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Exploration and DataAnalysis (EDA)



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☐ Missing values in each column

■ No missing data in this dataset!





Changed "No internet service" to
"No" for six columns, they are:
"OnlineSecurity",
"OnlineBackup",
"DeviceProtection", "TechSupport",
"streaming tv",
"streaming movies".

Change "No phone service" to "No" for column "multiple lines".

Grouping Tenure: Since the minimum tenure is 1 month and maximum tenure is 72 months, we grouped them into five tenure groups:

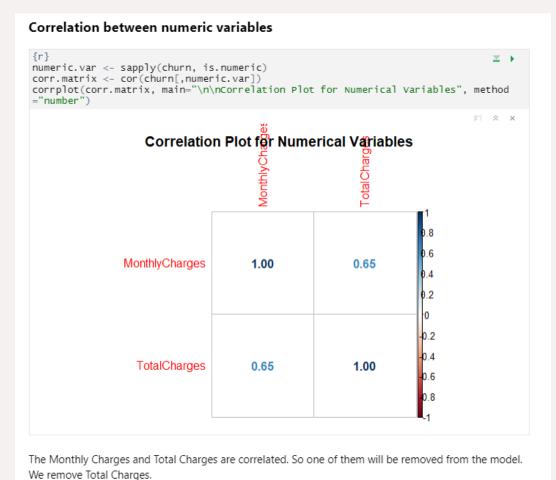
"0-12 Months",
"12-24 Months",
"24-48 Months",
"48-60 Month",
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. Changed the values in column "SeniorCitizen"

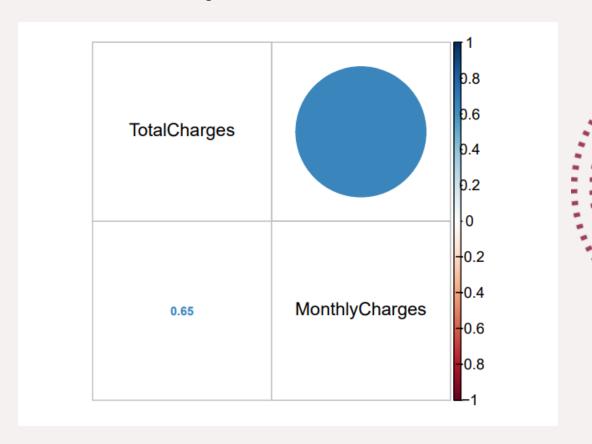
from 0 or 1 to "No" or "Yes".

Removed the columns we do not need for the analysis.

Exploratory data analysis and feature selection



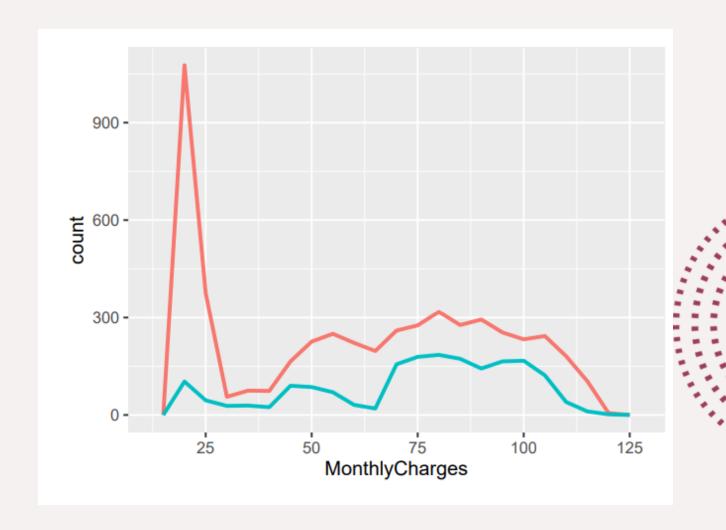
- ☐ The plot shows high correlations between Totalcharges and tenure and between TotalCharges and MonthlyCharges. Pay attention to these variables while training models later.
- ☐ Multicollinearity does not reduce the predictive power or reliability of the model as a whole, at least within the sample data set. But it affects calculations regarding individual predictors.
- ☐ The Monthly Charges and Total Charges are correlated. So, one of them will be removed from the model.
- ☐ We removed TotalCharges.





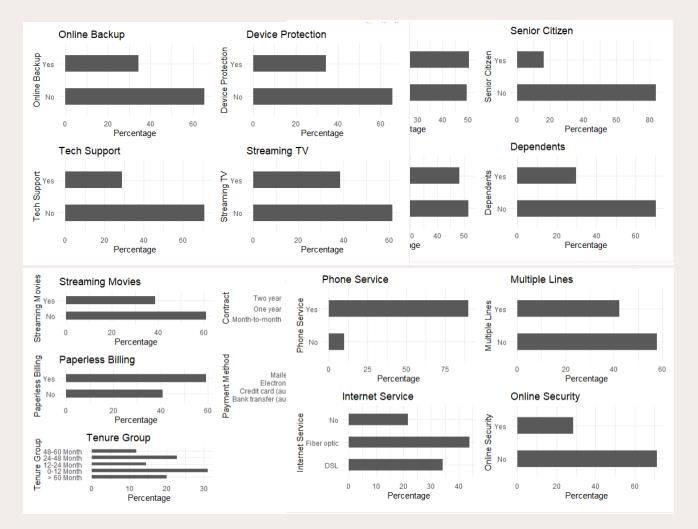
Continuous Variables

- ☐ The number of current customers with MonthlyCharges below \$25 is extremely high.
- ☐ For the customers with Monthlycharges greater than \$30, the distributions are similar between those who churned and who did not churn.



Bar plots of categorical variables

☐ All the categorical variables seem to have a reasonably broad distribution, therefore, all of them will be kept for further analysis.



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Logistic Regression

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    Null deviance: 5702.8 on 4923 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 4045.6 on 4898 degrees of freedom
AIC: 4097.6
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
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Feature Analysis

- ☐ Analyzing the deviance table, we can see the drop in deviance when adding each variable one at a time.
- Adding InternetService, Contract and tenure_group significantly reduces the residual deviance.
- ☐ The other variables such as PaymentMethod and Dependents seem to improve the model less even though they all have low p-values.

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Analysis of Deviance Table
Model: binomial, link: logit
Response: Churn
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OnlineBackup
                        76.56
                                   4913
DeviceProtection 1
                        50.54
                                   4912
TechSupport
                        87.64
                                   4911
StreamingTV
                         0.44
                                   4910
                                             4541.7 0.5082631
                         0.01
StreamingMovies
                                   4909
                                             4541.7 0.9237943
                       285.27
                                   4907
Contract
PaperlessBilling 1
                        12.28
                                   4906
PaymentMethod
                        27.20
                                   4903
                                             4216.9 5.345e-06 ***
MonthlyCharges
                         1.89
                                   4902
                                             4215.0 0.1696467
                       169.41
                                   4898
                                             4045.6 < 2.2e-16 ***
tenure_group
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

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Odds Ratio

One of the interesting performance measurements in logistic regression is Odds Ratio.Basically, Odds ratio is what the odds of an event is happening.

```
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exp(cbind(OR=coef(LogModel), confint(LogModel)))
                                                                         Waiting for profiling to be done...
                                                   2.5 %
(Intercept)
                                    0.4081848 0.05843796 2.8449400
                                    0.9561102 0.82012875 1.1145815
genderMale
SeniorCitizenYes
                                    1.2570751 1.02808565 1.5365642
                                    0.9190590 0.76545831 1.1035375
PartnerYes
                                    0.8727981 0.70695778 1.0761487
DependentsYes
PhoneServiceYes
                                    1.3698005 0.29752252 6.3128509
MultipleLinesYes
                                    1.6633934 1.09748393 2.5235833
                                    7.2708502 1.11057926 47.8532201
InternetServiceFiber optic
InternetServiceNo
                                    0.1454344 0.02184231 0.9659622
OnlineSecurityYes
                                    0.8218634 0.54033958 1.2491036
OnlineBackupYes
                                    1.0521596 0.69579015 1.5911833
                                    1.1549879 0.76262017 1.7498228
DeviceProtectionYes
TechSupportYes
                                    0.8172392 0.53338968 1.2510047
StreamingTVYes
                                    2.0115860 0.93027585 4.3578916
                                    1.8532883 0.86076872 3.9967881
StreamingMoviesYes
ContractOne year
                                    0.4537089 0.35142261 0.5825610
                                    0.2091979 0.13553485 0.3151113
ContractTwo year
PaperlessBillingYes
                                    1.3839794 1.16127359 1.6505242
PaymentMethodCredit card (automatic) 0.8646670 0.66303926 1.1267861
PaymentMethodElectronic check
                                    1.2084551 0.96859200 1.5095377
PaymentMethodMailed check
                                    0.9756001 0.74582216 1.2772428
                                    0.9606414 0.89143729 1.0350842
MonthlyCharges
tenure_group0-12 Month
                                     6.3456204 4.26573995 9.5188296
tenure_group12-24 Month
                                     2.2823815 1.54170235 3.4005803
tenure_group24-48 Month
                                    1.7630372 1.23645724 2.5327105
tenure_group48-60 Month
                                    1.3339511 0.90344611 1.9725979
```

For each unit increase in Monthly Charge, there is a 2.4% decrease in the likelihood of a customer's churning.

Logistic Regression Confusion Matrix

```
{r}
print("Confusion Matrix for Logistic Regression"); table(testing$Churn, fitted
.results > 0.5)
[1] "Confusion Matrix for Logistic Regression"
```

FALSE TRUE 0 1405 143 1 272 288

Assessing the predictive ability of the Logistic Regression model

```
{r}
testing$Churn <- as.character(testing$Churn)
testing$Churn[testing$Churn=="No"] <- "0"
testing$Churn[testing$Churn=="Yes"] <- "1"
fitted.results <- predict(LogModel,newdata=testing,type='response')
fitted.results <- ifelse(fitted.results > 0.5,1,0)
misClasificError <- mean(fitted.results != testing$Churn)
print(paste('Logistic Regression Accuracy',1-misClasificError))

[1] "Logistic Regression Accuracy 0.803130929791271"</pre>
```

```
Coefficients:
                                      Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                                                0.368645
                                                          -4.536 5.73e-06 ***
SeniorCitizenYes
                                     0.308140
                                                0.100146
                                                           3.077 0.002092 **
DependentsYes
                                     -0.174041
                                                0.096333
                                                          -1.807 0.070815 .
MultipleLinesYes
                                     0.284101
                                                0.103896
                                                           2.734 0.006248 **
InternetServiceFiber optic
                                     1.380453
                                                0.227892
                                                           6.057 1.38e-09 ***
InternetServiceNo
                                     -1.366440
                                                0.208605 -6.550 5.74e-11 ***
                                                0.106183
OnlineSecurityYes
                                     -0.260398
                                                          -2.452 0.014192 *
TechSupportYes
                                     -0.208976
                                                0.107566
                                                          -1.943 0.052043 .
                                     0.484673
                                                0.116841
                                                           4.148 3.35e-05 ***
StreamingTVYes
StreamingMoviesYes
                                     0.464643
                                                0.114093
                                                           4.072 4.65e-05 ***
ContractOne year
                                     -0.713688
                                                0.126484 -5.643 1.68e-08 ***
                                                0.209122
ContractTwo year
                                     -1.514632
                                                          -7.243 4.39e-13 ***
PaperlessBillingYes
                                     0.301924
                                                0.088557
                                                           3.409 0.000651 ***
PaymentMethodCredit card (automatic) -0.065011
                                                0.134630
                                                          -0.483 0.629176
                                                           2.550 0.010787 *
PaymentMethodElectronic check
                                     0.284192
                                                0.111468
PaymentMethodMailed check
                                     0.030848
                                                0.134309
                                                           0.230 0.818341
MonthlyCharges
                                     -0.018770
                                                0.006568
                                                          -2.858 0.004266 **
                                     1.817382
                                                0.198418
                                                           9.159 < 2e-16 ***
tenure_group0-12 Month
                                     0.956762
                                                0.198048
tenure_group12-24 Month
                                                           4.831 1.36e-06 ***
                                     0.644349
                                                0.181826
                                                           3.544 0.000394 ***
tenure_group24-48 Month
tenure_group48-60 Month
                                     0.263736
                                                0.198697
                                                           1.327 0.184401
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 5702.8 on 4923 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 4135.6 on 4903 degrees of freedom
AIC: 4177.6
```

Call: glm(formula = Churn ~ SeniorCitizen + Dependents + MultipleLines +

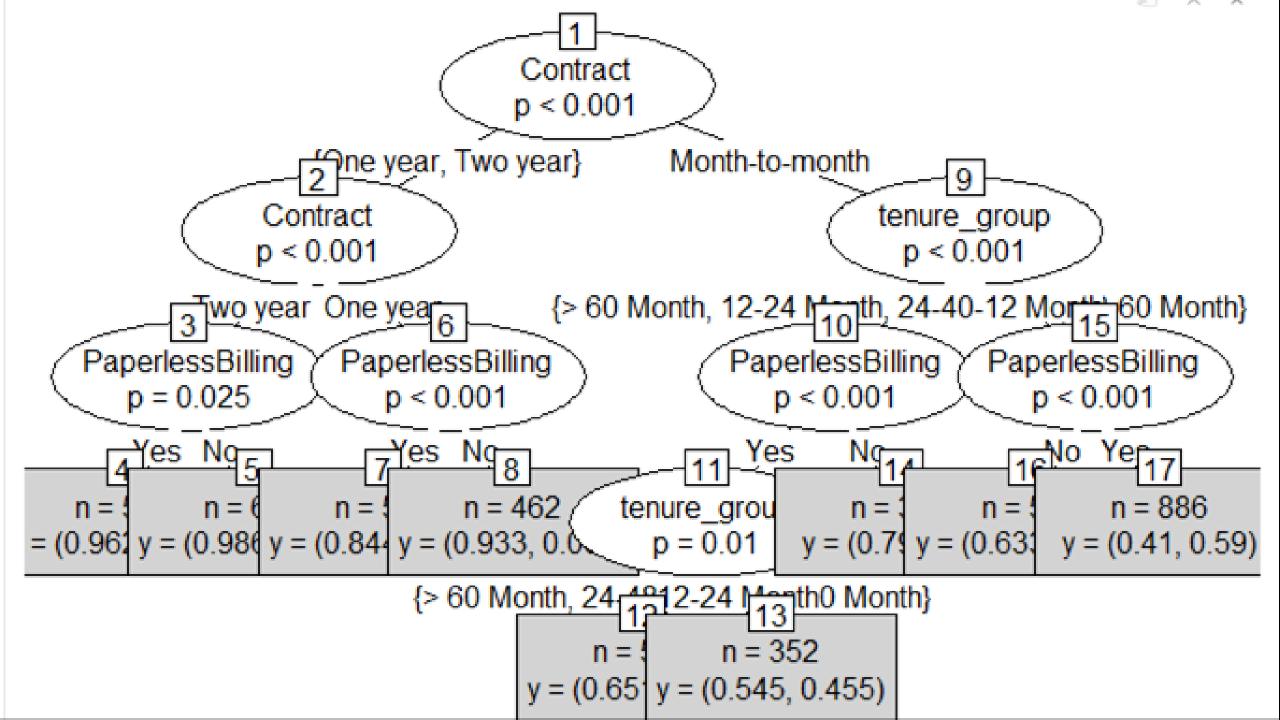
InternetService + OnlineSecurity + TechSupport + StreamingTV +
StreamingMovies + Contract + PaperlessBilling + PaymentMethod +
MonthlyCharges + tenure_group, family = binomial(link = "logit"),
data = training)

Deviance Residuals:

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -1.9293 -0.6763 -0.2949 0.6932 3.1120

Decision Tree





Grouping:

For illustration purposes, we are going to use only three variables, they are "Contract", "tenure_group" and "PaperlessBilling".

Conclusion:

- 1. Out of the three variables we use, Contract is the most important variable to predict customer churn or not churn.
- 2. If a customer is in a one-year or two-year contract, no matter whether he (she) has PapelessBilling or not, he (she) is less likely to churn.
- 3. On the other hand, if a customer is in a month-to-month contract, in the tenure group of 0-12 months, and using PaperlessBilling, then this customer is more likely to churn.





☐ The accuracy of the Decision Tree has hardly improved. Let's see if we can do better using Random Forest.

Decision Tree Accuracy

```
{r}
p1 <- predict(tree, training)
tab1 <- table(Predicted = p1, Actual = training$Churn)
tab2 <- table(Predicted = pred_tree, Actual = testing$Churn)
print(paste('Decision Tree Accuracy',sum(diag(tab2))/sum(tab2)))

[1] "Decision Tree Accuracy 0.769449715370019"</pre>
```



Random Forest

Random Forest Initial Model



```
{r}
set.seed(2017)
rfModel <- randomForest(Churn ~., data = training)
print(rfModel)
call:
 randomForest(formula = Churn ~ ., data = training)
               Type of random forest: classification
                     Number of trees: 500
 No. of variables tried at each split: 4
        OOB estimate of error rate: 21.02%
Confusion matrix:
      No Yes class.error
 No 3244 371 0.1026279
 Yes 664 645 0.5072574
```

- ☐ The error rate is relatively low when predicting "No", and
- ☐ The error rate is much higher when predicting "Yes".

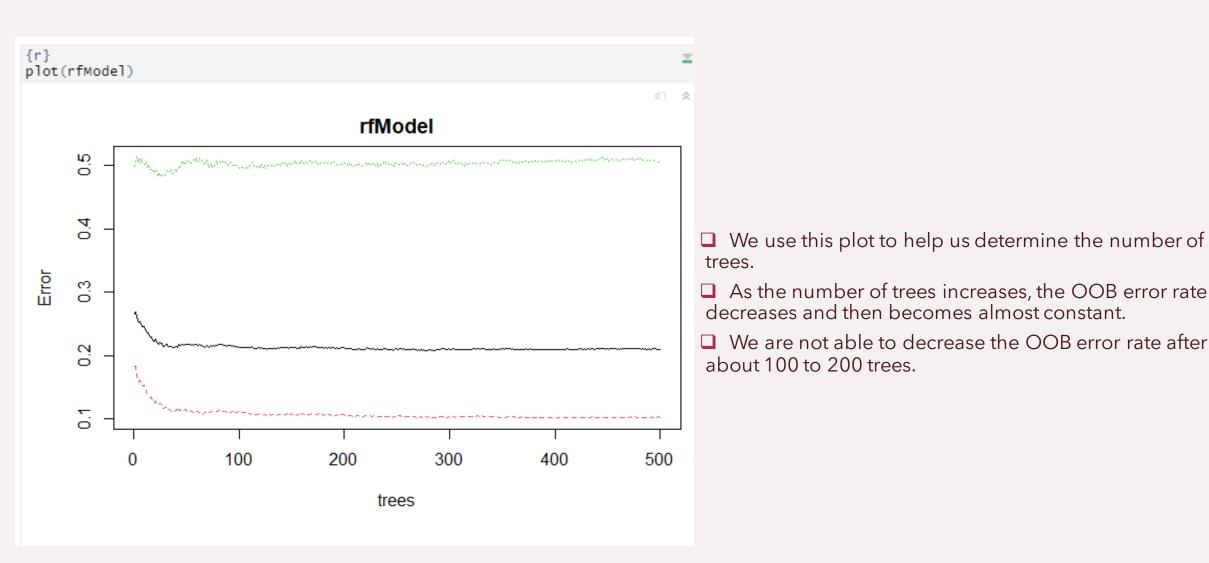
Random Forest Prediction and Confusion Matrix





```
pred_rf <- predict(rfModel, testing)</pre>
caret::confusionMatrix(pred_rf, testing$Churn)
                                                                         Confusion Matrix and Statistics
          Reference
Prediction No Yes
       No 1400 284
       Yes 148 276
               Accuracy: 0.7951
                 95% CI: (0.7772, 0.8121)
    No Information Rate: 0.7343
    P-Value [Acc > NIR] : 5.339e-11
                  Kappa : 0.4306
 Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 8.293e-11
            Sensitivity: 0.9044
            Specificity: 0.4929
         Pos Pred Value: 0.8314
         Neg Pred Value: 0.6509
             Prevalence: 0.7343
         Detection Rate: 0.6641
   Detection Prevalence: 0.7989
      Balanced Accuracy: 0.6986
       'Positive' Class : No
```

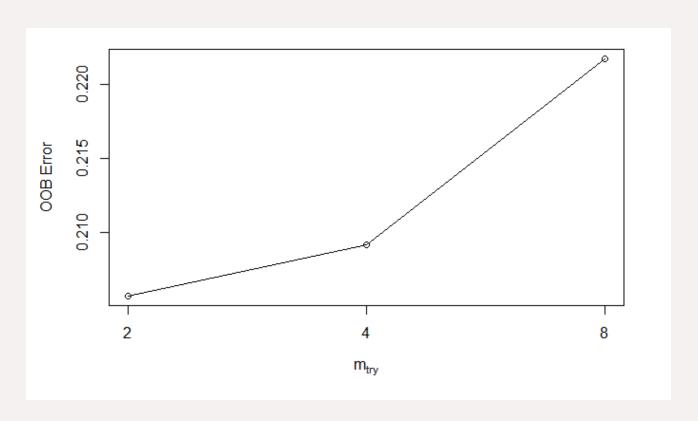
Random Forest Error Rate



Tune Random Forest Model



```
mtry = 4 00B error = 20.92%
Searching left ...
mtry = 8 00B error = 22.18%
-0.06019417 0.05
Searching right ...
mtry = 2 00B error = 20.57%
0.01650485 0.05
```



- ☐ We use this plot to give us some ideas on the number of mtry to choose.
- \square OOB error rate is at its lowest when mtry is 2. Therefore, we choose mtry=2.

Fit the Random Forest Model After Tuning

OOB error rate decreased to 19.7% from 20.65% earlier.

```
{r}
rfModel_new <- randomForest(Churn \sim., data = training, ntree = 200, mtry = 2,
importance = TRUE, proximity = TRUE)
print(rfModel_new)
call:
 randomForest(formula = Churn \sim ., data = training, ntree = 200, mtry = 2,
importance = TRUE, proximity = TRUE)
               Type of random forest: classification
                     Number of trees: 200
No. of variables tried at each split: 2
        OOB estimate of error rate: 20.67%
Confusion matrix:
      No Yes class.error
No 3307 308 0.08520055
Yes 710 599 0.54239878
```

Random Forest Predictions and Confusion Matrix After Tuning

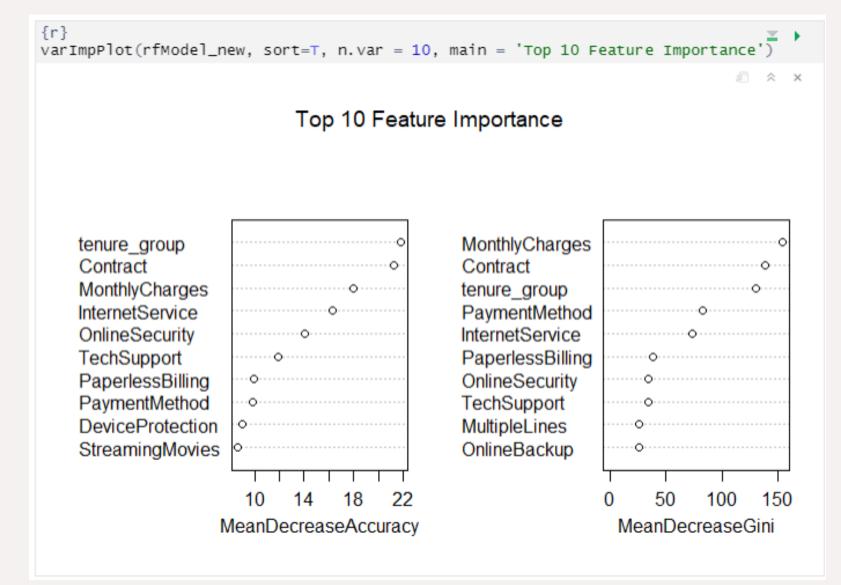
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```
pred_rf_new <- predict(rfModel_new, testing)</pre>
caret::confusionMatrix(pred_rf_new, testing$Churn)
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Confusion Matrix and Statistics
          Reference
Prediction No Yes
       No 1420 301
       Yes 128 259
               Accuracy: 0.7965
                 95% CI: (0.7787, 0.8135)
    No Information Rate: 0.7343
    P-Value [Acc > NIR] : 1.872e-11
                  Карра : 0.4214
 Mcnemar's Test P-Value : < 2.2e-16
            Sensitivity: 0.9173
            Specificity: 0.4625
         Pos Pred Value: 0.8251
         Neg Pred Value: 0.6693
             Prevalence: 0.7343
         Detection Rate: 0.6736
   Detection Prevalence: 0.8164
      Balanced Accuracy: 0.6899
       'Positive' Class: No
```

[☐] The accuracy and sensitivity improved, compared with the initial Random Forest model.

Random Forest Feature Importance





Summary

From the above example, we can see that Logistic
Regression and Random
Forest performed better than
Decision Tree for customer
churn analysis for this
particular dataset.



Throughout the analysis, we have learned several important things:

- ☐ Feature such as tenure_group, Contract, Paperless Billing, Monthly Charges, and internet service appears to play a role in customer churn.
- ☐ There does not seem to be a relationship between gender and churn.
- ☐ Customers in a month-to-month contract, with PaperlessBilling and are within 12 months of tenure, are more likely to churn;
- ☐ On the other hand, customers with one or two-year contracts, with longer than 12 months tenure, that are not using PaperlessBilling, are less likely to churn.

