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1 Summary

In this project, I worked with the Loan Approval Classification Dataset from Kaggle: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/taweilo/loan-approval-classification-data/data. This project aims to build a classification model that would predict whether or not a person should be granted a loan, given the loan's details and that person's various characteristics: loan amount, interest rates, credit score, income, etc. To achieve that goal, I initially trained a random forest classifier. While this model achieved a high accuracy of 93% on the validation dataset, it does not perform very well on the positive instances. Therefore, I tried to improve the model twice using two different methods. However, none of these updated models significantly beated the first one in terms of accuracy, both on the whole validation dataset and on the positive instances. Therefore, I concluded by choosing the original model and use it to make predictions on the test dataset. The achieved accuracy is 92.94%.

2 Importing data

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
    csv_file_path = "./loan_data.csv"

    df = pd.read_csv(csv_file_path)
    df
```

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[1]:
             person_age person_gender person_education
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person_emp_exp person_home_ownership loan_amnt loan_intent \
0 0 RENT 35000.0 PERSONAL
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3	0	RENT	35000.0	MEDICAL
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44996	17	RENT	9000.0	HOMEIMPROVEMENT
44997	7	RENT	2771.0	DEBTCONSOLIDATION
44998	4	RENT	12000.0	EDUCATION
44999	1	RENT 6668		DEBTCONSOLIDATION
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44997	10.02	0.05		10.0
44998	13.23	0.36		6.0
44999	17.05	0.13		3.0
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1	504		Yes	0
2	635		No	1
3	675		No	1
4	586		No	1
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44995	645		No	1
44996	621		No	1
44997	668		No	1
44998	604		No	1
44999	628		No	1

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3 Getting used to the data

3.1 Feature description

1. person_age: Age of the person

2. person_gender: Gender of the person

3. person_education: Highest education level

4. person_income: Annual income

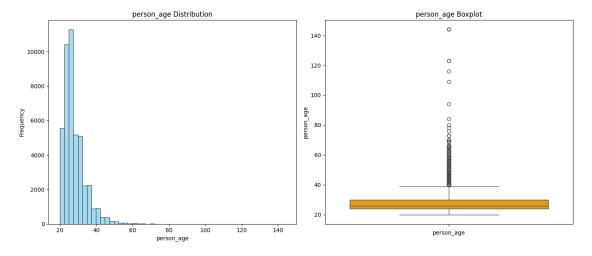
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5. person_emp_exp: Years of employment experience
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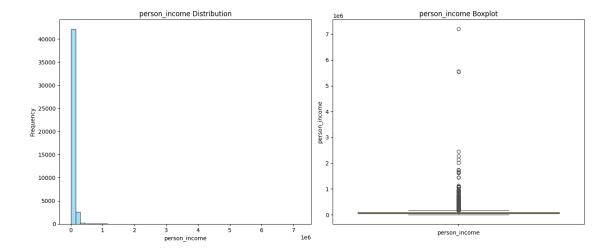
- 6. person_home_ownership: Home ownership status (e.g., rent, own, mortgage)
- 7. loan amnt: Loan amount requested
- 8. loan_intent: Purpose of the loan
- 9. loan int rate: Loan interest rate
- 10. loan_percent_income: Loan amount as a percentage of annual income
- 11. cb_person_cred_hist_length: Length of credit history in years
- 12. credit_score: Credit score of the person
- 13. previous loan defaults on file: Indicator of previous loan defaults
- 14. loan_status (target variable): Loan approval status: 1 = approved; 0 = rejected

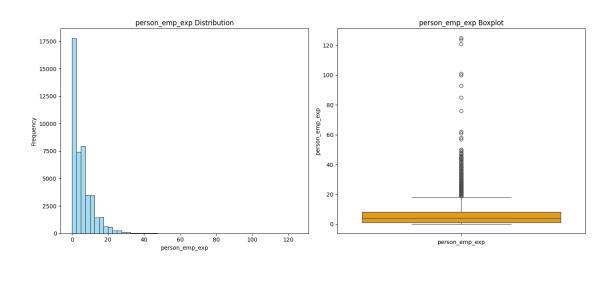
3.2 Visualizing numerical data

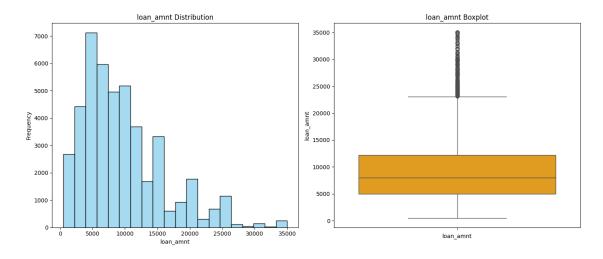
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[2]: # Helper function to draw a histogram and a boxplot showing the distribution of
     ⇔each numerical feature
     # Produced and edited from chatGPT prompt: Write Python function to draw a_{\sqcup}
      ⇔graph summarizing the distribution
     # of the columns with numerical data in the above DataFrame"
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
     def plot_numerical_distributions(column, num_of_bins):
         Plots the distribution and summary statistics of all numerical columns in
      \hookrightarrow the DataFrame.
         Args:
             columns: pd.DataFrame.column, the DataFrame.column containing numerical.
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         .....
         plt.figure(figsize=(14, 6))
         # Histogram
         plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
         sns.histplot(column.dropna(), bins=num_of_bins, kde=False, color='skyblue')
         plt.title(f'{column.name} Distribution')
         plt.xlabel(column.name)
         plt.ylabel('Frequency')
         # Boxplot
         plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
         sns.boxplot(column.dropna(), color='orange')
         plt.title(f'{column.name} Boxplot')
         plt.xlabel(column.name)
         plt.tight_layout()
         plt.show()
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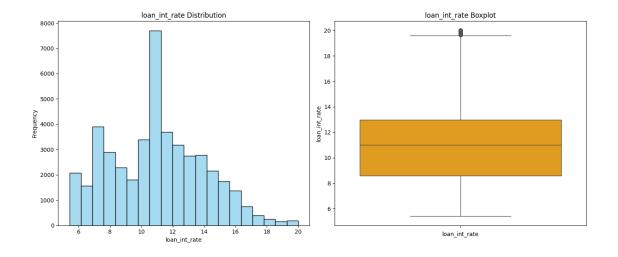
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[3]: plot_numerical_distributions(df['person_age'], 50)
    plot_numerical_distributions(df['person_income'], 50)
    plot_numerical_distributions(df['person_emp_exp'], 50)
    plot_numerical_distributions(df['loan_amnt'], 20)
    plot_numerical_distributions(df['loan_int_rate'], 20)
    plot_numerical_distributions(df['loan_percent_income'], 20)
    plot_numerical_distributions(df['cb_person_cred_hist_length'], 20)
    plot_numerical_distributions(df['credit_score'], 20)
    plot_numerical_distributions(df['loan_status'], 20)
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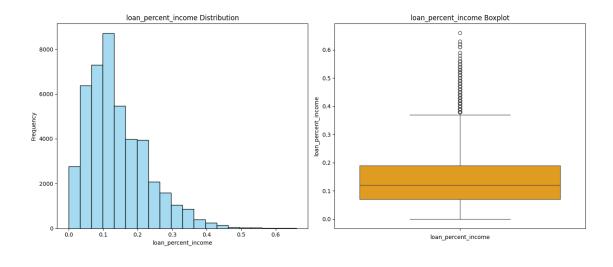


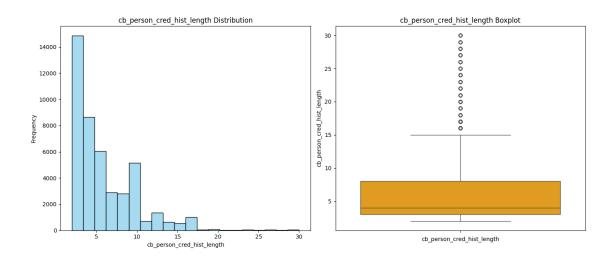


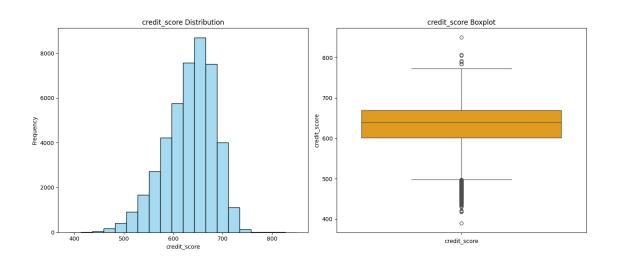


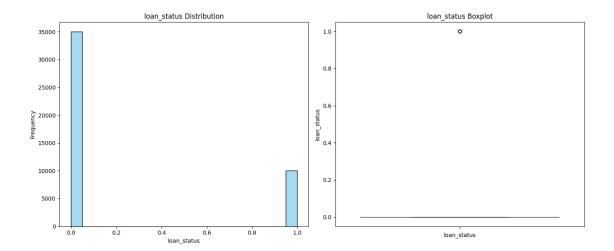












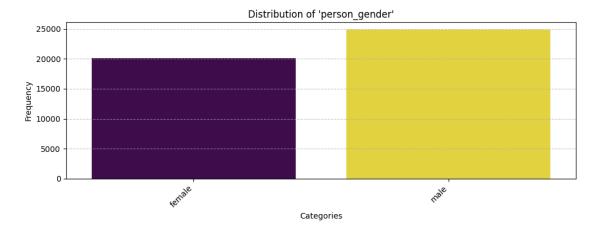
3.3 Visualizing categorical data

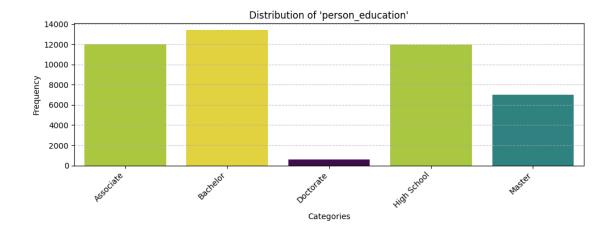
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[4]: # Helper function to draw a bar chart showing the distribution of each
      ⇔categorical feature
     \# Produced and edited from chatGPT prompt: Write Python function to draw a_{\sqcup}
      ⇔graph summarizing
     # a column with categorical data in a DataFrame"
     import seaborn as sns
     def plot_categorical_column(df, column_name):
         Plots a bar chart summarizing the distribution of a categorical column in \Box
      \hookrightarrow the DataFrame.
         Args:
             df: pd.DataFrame, the DataFrame containing the column.
             column_name: str, the name of the categorical column to be summarized.
         Returns:
             None
         if column_name not in df.columns:
             print(f"Column '{column_name}' not found in the DataFrame.")
             return
         # Ensure the column is treated as categorical
         if not pd.api.types.is_categorical_dtype(df[column_name]):
             df[column_name] = df[column_name].astype('category')
```

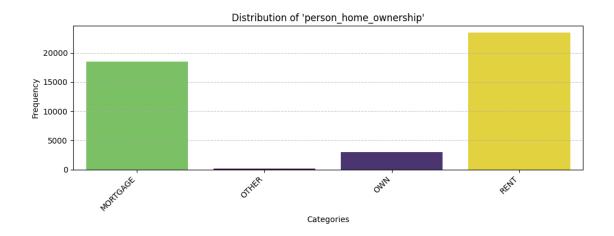
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# Count the occurrences of each category
category_counts = df[column_name].value_counts()

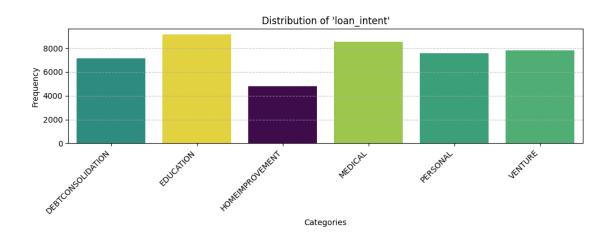
# Plot the distribution
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 4))
sns.barplot(x=category_counts.index, y=category_counts.values,___
palette="viridis", hue=category_counts, legend=False)
plt.title(f"Distribution of '{column_name}'")
plt.xlabel("Categories")
plt.ylabel("Frequency")
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha="right")
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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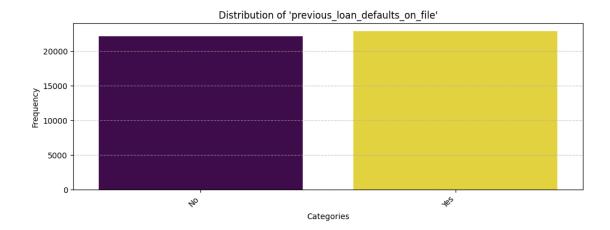
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[5]: plot_categorical_column(df, 'person_gender')
plot_categorical_column(df, 'person_education')
plot_categorical_column(df, 'person_home_ownership')
plot_categorical_column(df, 'loan_intent')
plot_categorical_column(df, 'previous_loan_defaults_on_file')
```











4 Cleaning data

4.1 Removing obvious data outliers

4.1.1 Removing those with age >= 100

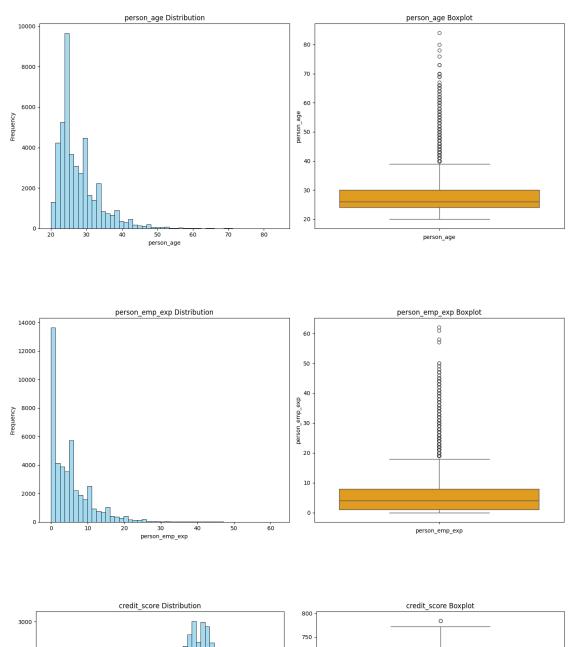
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[6]: drop_index = df[df['person_age'] >= 100].index
df.drop(drop_index , inplace=True)
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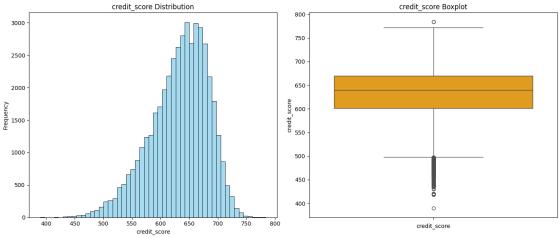
4.1.2 Removing those with employment experience >= 70

```
[7]: drop_index = df[df['person_emp_exp'] >= 70].index df.drop(drop_index , inplace=True)
```

4.1.3 Viewing the changed distributions after cleaning the data

```
[8]: plot_numerical_distributions(df['person_age'], 50)
plot_numerical_distributions(df['person_emp_exp'], 50)
plot_numerical_distributions(df['credit_score'], 50)
```





4.2 Converting categorical data into dummies

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[9]: df = pd.get_dummies(df, columns=None, drop_first=True)
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[44992 rows x 23 columns]

Out of k categorical levels in each category, we get an extra k-1 columns. For example, the "person_home_ownership" variable has 4 categories: "MORTGAGE, OTHER, OWN, RENT". 3 extra variables are created: "person_home_ownership_OTHER", "person_home_ownership_OWN", "person_home_ownership_RENT".

5 Creating datasets

5.1 Splitting features and labels

```
[10]: y = df['loan_status']
X = df[df.columns.drop('loan_status')]
```

5.2 Splitting the dataset into training, testing, and validating datasets

The datasets' shape after splitting:

```
[12]: print(f"train_X: {train_X.shape}")
    print(f"validate_X: {validate_X.shape}")
    print(f"test_X: {test_X.shape}")
    print(f"train_y: {train_y.shape}")
    print(f"validate_y: {validate_y.shape}")
    print(f"test_y: {test_y.shape}")
```

train_X: (26992, 22)
validate_X: (9000, 22)
test_X: (9000, 22)
train_y: (26992,)
validate_y: (9000,)
test_y: (9000,)

6 Training

6.1 Random Forest Classifier

6.1.1 Fitting

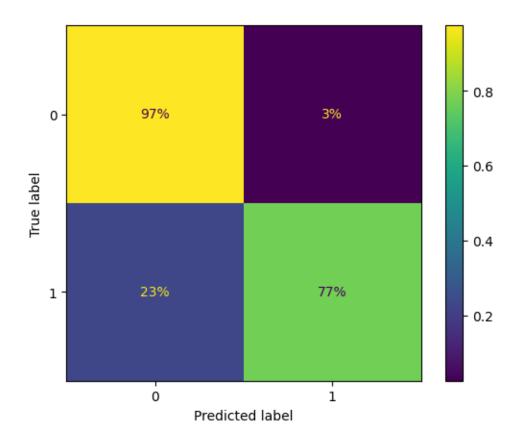
[13]: RandomForestClassifier(criterion='entropy', n_estimators=500, n_jobs=-1, random_state=40)

```
[14]: # Saving the model
import joblib
joblib.dump(random_forest_classifier, "random_forest_classifier_v1.pkl")
```

[14]: ['random_forest_classifier_v1.pkl']

6.1.2 Evaluating

The model's accuracy on the validation dataset is: 0.9303



We see that almost 1 in 4 positive instances is predicted as a negative one. We proceed to investigate the reason behind this issue.

6.1.3 View feature importances

```
[16]:
                                      Feature Feature importance
      21 previous_loan_defaults_on_file_Yes
                                                          0.276974
      5
                         loan_percent_income
                                                          0.140489
      4
                                loan_int_rate
                                                          0.138041
                                person_income
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      3
                                    loan_amnt
                                                          0.059095
      7
                                 credit_score
                                                          0.053702
```

15	<pre>person_home_ownership_RENT</pre>	0.052389
0	person_age	0.032056
2	person_emp_exp	0.029754
6	cb_person_cred_hist_length	0.027219

The most important features are: 1. previous_loan_defaults_on_file: Indicator of previous loan defaults 2. loan_int_rate: Loan interest rate 3. loan_percent_income: Loan amount as a percentage of annual income 4. person_income: Annual income 5. loan_amnt: Loan amount requested 6. credit_score: Credit score of the person

6.1.4 Summary of false negatives

Collecting the TN, FP, FN, TP instances

```
[17]: # True negative
X_00 = validate_X[(validate_y == 0) & (predicted_y == 0)]

# False positive
X_01 = validate_X[(validate_y == 0) & (predicted_y == 1)]

# False negative
X_10 = validate_X[(validate_y == 1) & (predicted_y == 0)]

# True positive
X_11 = validate_X[(validate_y == 1) & (predicted_y == 1)]

# Viewing the false negative's dataframe
X_10
```

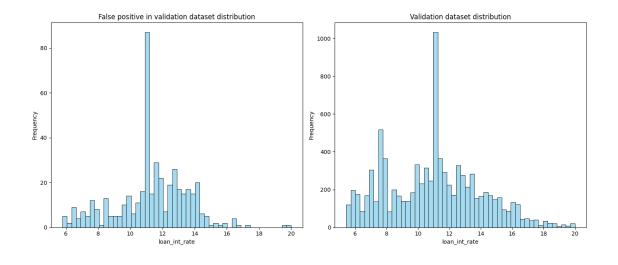
[17]:		person_age	person_i	ncome	person_emp_exp	loan_a	amnt	loan_int	_rate	\	
	2584	25.0	358	364.0	1	300	00.0		6.62		
	42638	23.0	394	487.0	0	488	82.0		14.25		
	44446	33.0	580	656.0	14	699	90.0		12.10		
	13613	23.0	854	433.0	0	1500	00.0		8.90		
	27622	35.0	1688	355.0	11	840	00.0		12.98		
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	32274	38.0	369	945.0	17	300	00.0		13.85		
	42518	28.0	583	368.0	3	800	00.0		11.22		
	31018	46.0	658	314.0	24	1000	00.0		11.71		
	43167	23.0	107	265.0	0	803	38.0		14.08		
	22185	28.0	57	535.0	1	600	00.0		8.88		
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	42638		0.12			3.0		664			
	44446		0.12		5.			654			
	13613	0.18				4.0		678			
	27622		0.05			9.0		657			

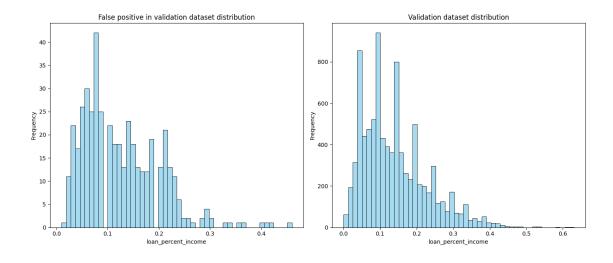
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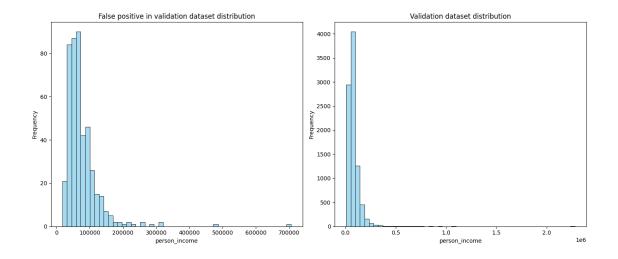
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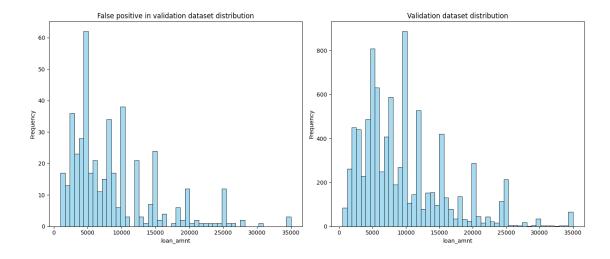
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[18]: # Helper function to plot 2 histograms side-by-side
      def plot_side_by_side_distributions(column1, column2):
           Plots the distribution and summary statistics 2 DataFrame columns of \Box
        \hookrightarrownumerical data.
           Args:
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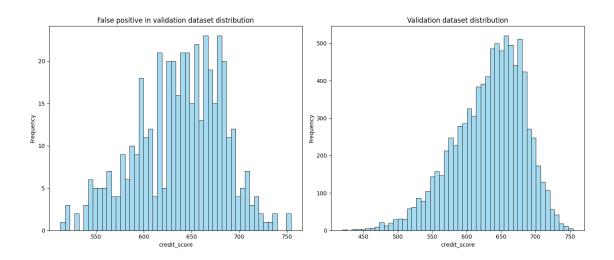
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column1, column2: pd.DataFrame.columns, the DataFrame column containing
 \hookrightarrownumerical values.
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    plt.figure(figsize=(14, 6))
    # Histogram
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
    sns.histplot(column1.dropna(), bins=50, kde=False, color='skyblue')
    plt.title("False positive in validation dataset distribution")
    plt.xlabel(column1.name)
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    # Histogram
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
    sns.histplot(column2.dropna(), bins=50, kde=False, color='skyblue')
    plt.title("Validation dataset distribution")
    plt.xlabel(column1.name)
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
⇔the false negatives,
# while the right one shows the distribution of the validation dataset
plot_side_by_side_distributions(X_10['loan_int_rate'],__
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We see that the distribution of 5 numerical variables does not differ much from left to right. We conclude that no evidence indicating that the false positives concentrate proportionately in a numerical feature has been found.

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Arqs:
              df: pd.DataFrame, the DataFrame containing the column.
              column name: str, the name of the categorical column to be summarized.
         Returns:
             None
          .....
         if column name not in df.columns:
             print(f"Column '{column_name}' not found in the DataFrame.")
             return
          # Ensure the column is treated as categorical
         if not pd.api.types.is_categorical_dtype(df[column_name]):
             df[column_name] = df[column_name].astype('category')
          # Count the occurrences of each category
         category_counts = df[column_name].value_counts()
         # Plot the distribution
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 4))
         sns.barplot(x=category_counts.index, y=category_counts.values,_
       →palette="viridis", hue=category_counts, legend=False)
         plt.title(f"Distribution of '{column_name}' in the {title_addition}")
         plt.xlabel("Categories")
         plt.ylabel("Frequency")
         plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha="right")
         plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
         plt.tight_layout()
         plt.show()
[21]: plot categorical column with title addition(validate X,

¬'previous_loan_defaults_on_file_Yes', "validation dataset")

     plot_categorical_column_with_title_addition(X_00,__

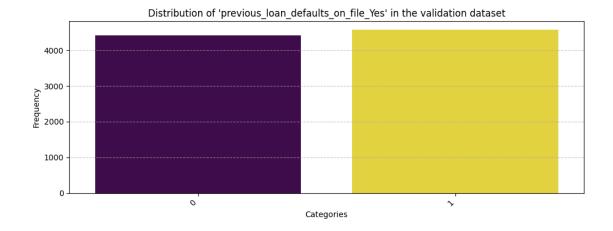
¬'previous_loan_defaults_on_file_Yes', "true negative")

     plot_categorical_column_with_title_addition(X_10,__
       plot_categorical_column_with_title_addition(X_01,_

¬'previous_loan_defaults_on_file_Yes', "false negative")

     plot_categorical_column_with_title_addition(X_11,__

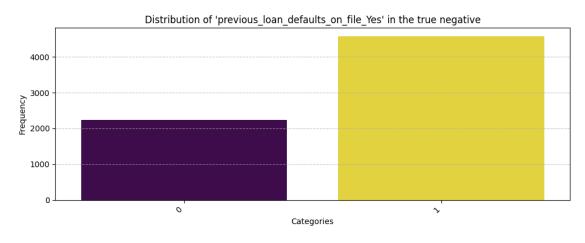
¬'previous_loan_defaults_on_file_Yes', "true positive")
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/var/folders/kh/5ycz460j13q1bq3hw3ytwplw0000gn/T/ipykernel_35804/1570375067.py:2
2: SettingWithCopyWarning:

A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame. Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

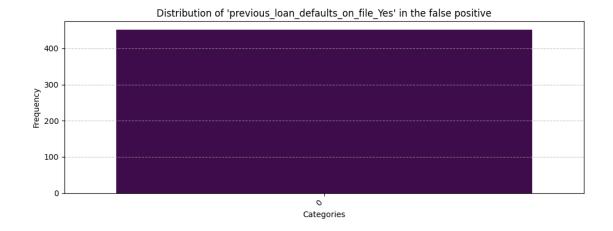
See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy df[column_name] = df[column_name].astype('category')



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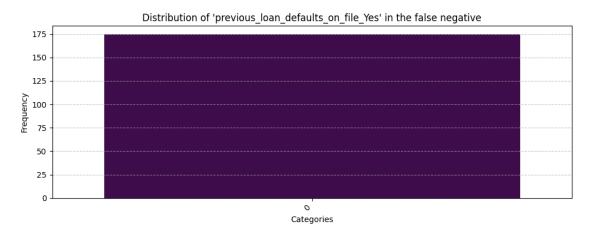
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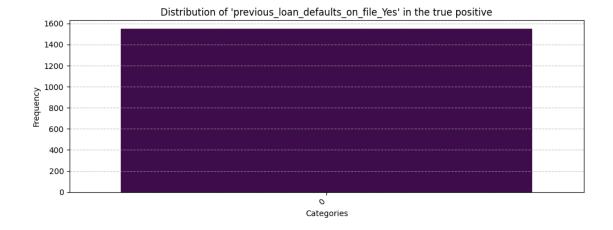
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All of the false positives have previous_loan_defaults_on_file_Yes = 0 i.e., previous_loan_defaults_on_file = "No" (the same happens for all of the True Positives and False Positives). Maybe the importance of previous_loan_defaults_on_file should be higher. We will examine that in section 6.3

6.2 Random Forest Classifier, Hyperparameter tuning version

6.2.1 Tuning the model

In the section below, I tried to search for the optimal combination of the number of estimators, the max depth, and the criterion function of the Random forest classifier

Fitting 3 folds for each of 50 candidates, totalling 150 fits [CV 1/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=43, n_estimators=400;, score=0.922 total

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       6.8s
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[CV 2/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=18, n_estimators=400;, score=0.924 total
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[CV 3/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=22, n_estimators=300;, score=0.923 total
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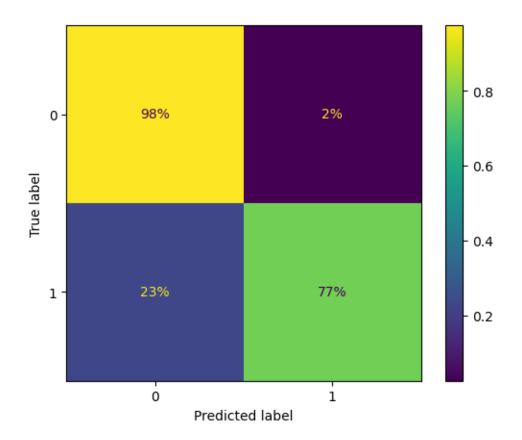
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       3.7s
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time=
       3.6s
[CV 3/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=5, n_estimators=400;, score=0.906 total
time=
       3.6s
[CV 1/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=7, n_estimators=100;, score=0.914 total
       1.0s
[CV 2/3] END criterion=gini, max depth=7, n estimators=100;, score=0.920 total
       1.1s
[CV 3/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=7, n_estimators=100;, score=0.919 total
time=
       1.1s
[CV 1/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=48, n_estimators=100;, score=0.923
total time=
              1.9s
[CV 2/3] END criterion=entropy, max depth=48, n estimators=100;, score=0.924
total time=
[CV 3/3] END criterion=entropy, max depth=48, n estimators=100;, score=0.923
total time=
[CV 1/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=3, n_estimators=100;, score=0.873 total
time=
      0.7s
[CV 2/3] END criterion=gini, max depth=3, n estimators=100;, score=0.871 total
      0.7s
[CV 3/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=3, n_estimators=100;, score=0.867 total
       0.6s
[CV 1/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=35, n_estimators=500;, score=0.922 total
time=
       8.6s
[CV 2/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=35, n_estimators=500;, score=0.923 total
time=
       8.8s
[CV 3/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=35, n_estimators=500;, score=0.923 total
time= 10.8s
[CV 1/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=6, n_estimators=300;, score=0.911
total time=
[CV 2/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=6, n_estimators=300;, score=0.916
total time=
[CV 3/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=6, n_estimators=300;, score=0.914
total time=
             4.0s
[CV 1/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=30, n_estimators=400;, score=0.923
total time=
[CV 2/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=30, n_estimators=400;, score=0.924
total time=
             8.4s
[CV 3/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=30, n_estimators=400;, score=0.924
total time=
             7.7s
[CV 1/3] END criterion=entropy, max depth=46, n_estimators=200;, score=0.923
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4.0s
     total time=
     [CV 2/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=46, n_estimators=200;, score=0.923
     total time=
                   4.1s
     [CV 3/3] END criterion=entropy, max_depth=46, n_estimators=200;, score=0.924
     total time=
                   3.8s
     [CV 1/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=64, n_estimators=400;, score=0.922 total
             6.9s
     [CV 2/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=64, n_estimators=400;, score=0.924 total
            7.3s
     [CV 3/3] END criterion=gini, max_depth=64, n_estimators=400;, score=0.922 total
             7.9s
     time=
[22]: RandomizedSearchCV(cv=3, estimator=RandomForestClassifier(random_state=40),
                         n_iter=50,
                         param_distributions={'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
                                               'max_depth': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
                                                            10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
                                                             16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,
                                                             22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27,
                                                             28, 29, 30, ...],
                                               'n_estimators': [100, 200, 300, 400,
                                                                500]},
                         random_state=42, scoring='accuracy', verbose=2.5)
[23]: | joblib.dump(rfc_searched, "random_forest_classifier_tuned.pkl")
[23]: ['random forest classifier tuned.pkl']
     6.2.2 Evaluating the tuned Random Forest Classifier
[24]: print(f"The model's accuracy on the validation dataset is: {round(rfc_searched.
      ⇒score(validate_X, validate_y), 4)}")
      predicted y = rfc searched.predict(validate X)
      ConfusionMatrixDisplay.from_predictions(validate_y, predicted_y,_
       →normalize="true", values format=".0%")
```

The model's accuracy on the validation dataset is: 0.9301

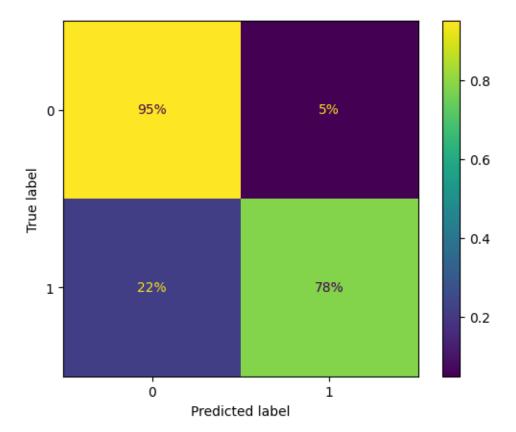
plt.show()



After doing random hyperparameter search, we arrive at a model whose's accuracy on the validation set does not differ much from that of the original model (0.9301 compared to 0.9303)

6.3 Random Forest Classifier, but with only 6 important parameters involved

The model's accuracy on the validation dataset is: 0.9139



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[27]:
                                     feature
                                              Feature Importances
                                                          0.314016
         previous_loan_defaults_on_file_Yes
                               loan_int_rate
                                                          0.183111
      1
      3
                               person_income
                                                          0.168589
      2
                         loan_percent_income
                                                          0.154359
      5
                                credit_score
                                                          0.099608
                                   loan amnt
                                                          0.080317
```

Unfortunately, limiting the model to only 6 most important features does not solve the problem that many positive instances are incorrectly predicted.

7 Testing the model on the test set

We choose the model with the best performance i.e. the initial random_forest_classifier

The model's accuracy on the test dataset is: 0.9294

