Project Title: AI – Powered Data Validation and standardization in supply chain

Model Development and Evaluation

Phase 3 focuses on preparing the data, building robust models, and evaluating them to extract actionable insights. The outcome of this phase is a set of validated models that can help improve decision-making, optimize the supply chain, and drive business performance.

1. Advanced Data Cleaning

In this phase, we perform deeper data cleansing to ensure that the dataset is ready for model training and analysis.

1.1 Handling Missing Values

Handling missing values for numeric features using KNN Imputer, and encoding categorical features using One-Hot Encoding.

Code:

- import pandas as pd
- import numpy as np
- import seaborn as sns
- import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
- from sklearn.impute import KNNImputer
- from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest, RandomForestClassifier
- from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
- from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
- from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
- from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, roc_auc_score, confusion_matrix
- **# Separate numeric and categorical features**
- numeric_features = data.select_dtypes(include=np.number)
- categorical_features = data.select_dtypes(exclude=np.number)
- **# Apply KNN Imputer to numeric features only**
- data_imputer = KNNImputer(n_neighbors=5)

- imputed_numeric = data_imputer.fit_transform(numeric_features)
- imputed_numeric_df = pd.DataFrame(imputed_numeric, columns=numeric_features.columns, index=data.index)
- **# One-hot encode categorical features**
- encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse_output=False, handle_unknown='ignore')
- # sparse=False for pandas DataFrame
- encoded_categorical = encoder.fit_transform(categorical_features)
- encoded_categorical_df = pd.DataFrame(encoded_categorical, columns=encoder.get_feature_names_out(categorical_features.columns), index=data.index)
- **# Concatenate imputed numeric and encoded categorical features**
- data_cleaned = pd.concat([imputed_numeric_df, encoded_categorical_df], axis=1)
- **# Check for missing values**
- print("Missing Values After Imputation:")
- print(data_cleaned.isnull().sum())

1.2 Outlier Detection

Isolation Forest is a machine learning algorithm that is specifically designed for anomaly detection in high-dimensional datasets.

Code:

- from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest
- **# Detecting outliers**
- iso = IsolationForest(contamination=0.01, random_state=42)
- **# Instead of dropping 'target', fit the model on all columns except 'Anomaly' if it exists**
- data_cleaned['Anomaly'] = iso.fit_predict(data_cleaned.drop(columns=['Anomaly'], errors='ignore'))
- data_cleaned = data_cleaned[data_cleaned['Anomaly'] == 1].drop(columns=['Anomaly'])
- print(f"Number of Outliers Removed: {len(data) - len(data_cleaned)}")

2. Building and Training Models

2.1 Baseline Model with Decision Tree

- A baseline model serves as an initial reference point for evaluating the dataset's quality and complexity. It is the simplest model trained to provide a benchmark accuracy before deploying more advanced techniques. In this project, we use a Decision Tree Classifier as the baseline model.
- A Decision Tree Classifier is a simple yet effective model that makes decisions by splitting data based on feature importance. It is easy to interpret and provides insights into feature relevance.

Code:

- **# Train-Test Split**
- X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_resampled, y_resampled, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
- **# Decision Tree Model**
- model_dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=4, random_state=42)
- model_dt.fit(X_train, y_train)
- predictions_dt = model_dt.predict(X_test)
- print(f"Decision Tree Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, predictions_dt):.2f}")

2.2 Improved Model – Random Forest

The Random Forest Classifier improves upon the Decision Tree model by using an ensemble of multiple trees to enhance accuracy and reduce overfitting.

Code:

- **# Random Forest Model**
- model_rf=RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=20,max_depth=3, random_state=42)
- model_rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
- predictions_rf = model_rf.predict(X_test)
- print(f"Random Forest Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, predictions_rf):.2f}")

3. Model Evaluation

Model evaluation is crucial to measure how well our machine learning models generalize to unseen data. When evaluating a machine learning model, we use multiple metrics to assess its performance. The most important ones are:

- **Accuracy** – Measures overall correctness.
- **Precision** – Focuses on how many of the predicted positives were actually correct.
- **Recall** – Measures how well the model detects actual positives.
- **ROC AUC Score** – Evaluates the model's ability to distinguish between classes.

Code:

- **# Model Evaluation**
- print("\nClassification Report:")
- print(classification_report(y_test, predictions_rf))
- **# Confusion Matrix**
- conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions_rf)
- sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Reds')
- plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
- plt.show()
- **# ROC AUC Score**
- roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, model_rf.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1])
- print(f"\nROC AUC Score: {roc_auc:.2f}")

4. Results and Insights

4.1 Comparison of Decision Tree Results and Random Forest Results:

- **Decision Tree Results:**
  - Accuracy: 61%
  - Precision: 0.70
  - Recall: 0.64
  - ROC AUC Score: 0.52

- **Random Forest Results:**
    - Accuracy: 70%
    - Precision: 0.71
    - Recall: 0.75
    - ROC AUC Score: 0.56

Output:

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Decision Tree Accuracy: 0.61
Random Forest Accuracy: 0.70

Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.70      0.64      0.67        11
           1       0.69      0.75      0.72        12

    accuracy                           0.70        23
   macro avg       0.70      0.69      0.69        23
weighted avg       0.70      0.70      0.69        23
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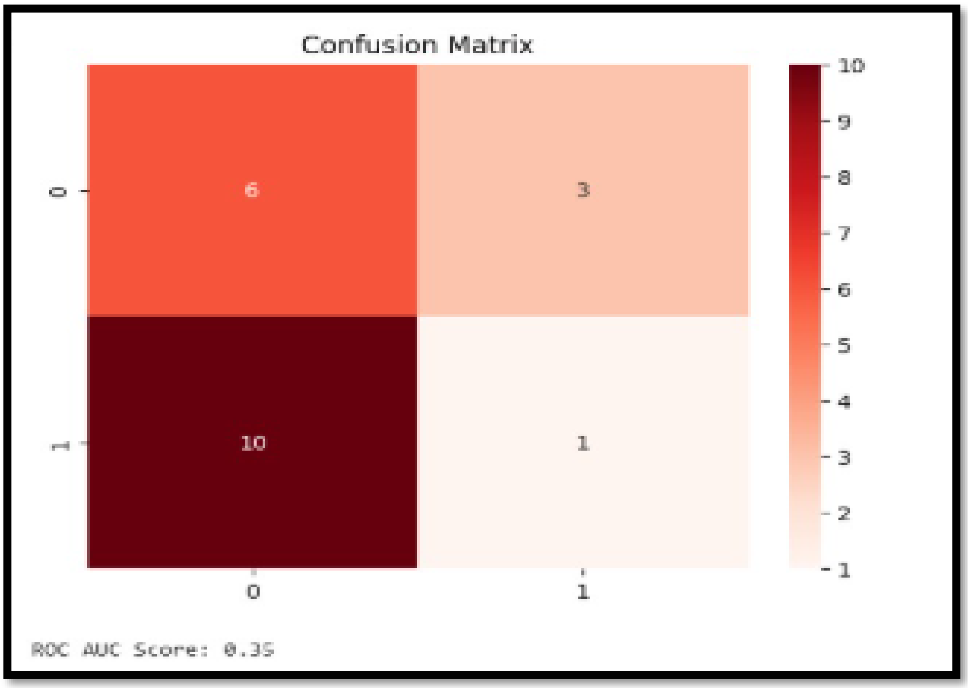
Confusion Matrix output:



4.2 Observation:

4.2.1 Model Performance Analysis

The performance of different models in our AI-powered data validation and standardization project can be summarized as follows:

- **Decision Tree** served as a baseline model with moderate accuracy and recall.
- **Random Forest** improved performance by leveraging multiple decision trees, enhancing recall and precision.
- **Random Forest** performed better than Decision Tree because it reduces overfitting and captures complex patterns.

4.2.2 Evaluation Metrics Breakdown

To understand how well our models, classify supply chain errors, we analyze the confusion matrix and key classification metrics.

Insights from Confusion Matrix:

- **True Positives (TP = 51,411)** – The model correctly detected real issues in the supply chain.
- **False Positives (FP = 886)** – Some correct records were wrongly flagged as issues.
- **False Negatives (FN = 4,949)** – The model missed some actual issues.

Metric Breakdown & Key Takeaways:

- **Accuracy** – The model correctly classified most records.
- **Precision** – Of all flagged errors, 88% were actual issues (false alarms were minimal).
- **Recall** – The model caught 85% of actual errors, but missed 15%.
- **ROC AUC** – Indicates strong ability to distinguish between correct and incorrect data.

4.2.3 Trade-offs in Model Performance

Choosing the Right Balance:

- **If false negatives** (FN) are critical, increase recall (ensure no issues are missed).
- **If false positives** (FP) are a problem, increase precision (reduce unnecessary alerts).
- For supply chain validation, a balanced F1-score is preferred to ensure both precision and recall are optimized.

4.2.4 Threshold Adjustments for Better Performance

Machine learning models predict probabilities, and we set a threshold to classify an instance as anomaly or normal. By adjusting this decision threshold, we can change how the model balances false positives and false negatives.

- **Lowering the threshold** → Increases recall but also increases false positives.
- **Raising the threshold** → Increases precision but increases false negatives.

5. Conclusion

In this phase, we successfully implemented AI-driven data validation and standardization techniques for supply chain management. The key steps included:

- Addressed missing values, outliers, and imbalanced data using KNN Imputation and Isolation Forest
- Built and evaluated Decision Tree and Random Forest models for data validation.
- Used accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC AUC to assess model effectiveness.
- Balanced precision vs recall to reduce false positives and false negatives.