1.0 BUSINESS UNDERSTANDING

1.1 Overview

Financial inclusion,access to financial services as well as financial literacy is crucial for economic development as well as poverty eradication. Affordable and accessible financial products and services-such as savings,transactions,credit insurance-is thus an essential tool that helps individuals pull themselves from poverty, manage risk, invest in businesses and build wealth ensuring financial security and freedom.

According to **The World Bank**, financial inclusion is a catalyst to solving **seven(7)** of the **seventeen(17)** Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs). This project is thus looking to solve the problem of access to banking services in East Africa (Kenya,Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda)

1.2 Objective

The objective of this project is to predict whether an **individual has a bank account to their name** using various demographic and socio-economic features in the data set.

This classification problem, will aim to assist various financial institutions, policy makers or even international entities i.e IMF in identifying unbanked poppulations to promote financial inclusion

1.3 Key Business Questions

- 1. Who does not have a bank account?
- 2. What are the factors that influence ownership of a bank account?
- 3. How best can the model support financial inclusion?

1.4 Success Criteria

- 1. **Accuracy of the model** How good is the model in predicting who may or may not have a bank account
- 2.**Actionable insights-** Providing quality and actionable insights on factors affecting bank account ownership
- 3.**Business Impact**-Assistance in targeting appropriate audiences for financial inclusion programs.

2.0 DATA UNDERSTANDING

2.1 Overview

The dataset contains 23,524 records from four East African countries: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda, and aims to predict whether an individual has a bank account (bank account-Yes = 1, No = 0).

2.2 Key Features and Data Types

The data set we will be using has a total of 13 features, 12 independent and 1(Bank account) target. Below is a summary of each feature description as well as the data type:

1.**country**: The country in which the respondent resides (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda) (Categorical)

2.year: Year of data collection (numerical)

3. uniqueid: A unique identifier for each respondent (categorical)

4.bank_account: The target variable (Yes/No) (Binary)

5.location_type: Whether the respondent resides in an urban or rural area (Binary)

6.cellphone_access: Whether the respondent has access to a cellphone (Binary)

7.household_size: Number of people in the household (Numerical)

8.age_of_respondent: Age of the respondent (Numerical)

9.gender_of_respondent: Gender of the respondent (Binary)

10.**relationship_with_head**: The relationship of the respondent to the head of the household (Categorical)

11.marital_status: Marital status of the respondent (Categorical)

12.education_level: Education level of the respondent (Categorical)

13.**job_type**: Type of job held by the respondent (Categorical)

2.3 Data Distribution

The target variable (bank_account) could potentially be imbalanced, especially since access to banking services may be limited in rural and less developed regions. A detailed breakdown of the bank_account variable will be necessary to check for imbalance, which can impact model performance.

If imbalanced, techniques like SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) or class weights in the model may be required.

3.0 DATA CLEANING

This is an assential part of the Data Science procedure as the quality of the model is

In [1010]:

#importing the necessary libraries

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

In [1011]:

#Loading the data set

df=pd.read_csv(r"C:\Users\User\OneDrive\Desktop\Phase 3 Project\Train.c

#make a copy
df_copy=df.copy()
#Viewing the first five rows
df_copy.head()

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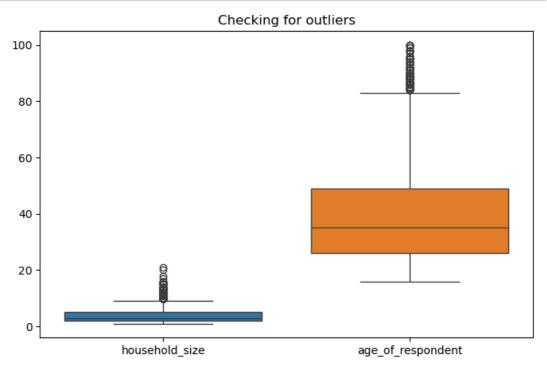
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1	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_2	No	Rural	No	
2	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_3	Yes	Urban	Yes	
3	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_4	No	Rural	Yes	
4	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_5	No	Urban	No	
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In [1012]:
              #Looking at the data summary
              df_copy.info()
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               11 education_level
                                          23524 non-null object
               12 job_type
                                          23524 non-null object
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In [1013]:
              #Checking for null values
              df_copy.isnull().sum()
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              relationship_with_head
              marital_status
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              job_type
              dtype: int64
           In [1014]:
              df_copy.duplicated().sum()
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Out[1014]: 0

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In [1015]: #checking for outliers

plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
    sns.boxplot(df_copy[["household_size","age_of_respondent"]])
    plt.title("Checking for outliers")
    plt.show()
```



Out[1016]: (23283, 13)

3.1 FEATURE ENGINEERING

This is an essential part of in improving performance and predictive power of machine learning models. It mainly involves two options i.e Creating new features or modifying existing ones. This will help the model better understand underlying patterns in the data

3.1.1 Creating age_groups and house_hold_groups

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df2["age_group"]=pd.cut(df2["age_of_respondent"],bins=age_bins,labe
ls=age_labels,right=True)

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	country	year	uniqueid	bank_account	location_type	cellphone_access	household
0	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_1	Yes	Rural	Yes	
1	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_2	No	Rural	No	
2	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_3	Yes	Urban	Yes	
3	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_4	No	Rural	Yes	
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df2["household_group"]=pd.cut(df2["household_size"],bins=household_ bins,labels=household_labels,right=True)

3.1.2 Creating Interaction Features

This is a process involving combining two or more features in the data set to capture their effect on the target variable

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df2["job_edu_inter"]=df2["job_type"]+"_"+df2["education_level"]
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df2["job_cell_inter"]=df2["job_type"]+"_"+df2["cellphone_access"]
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df2["edu_cell_inter"]=df2["education_level"]+"_"+df2["cellphone_acc
ess"]

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tingWithCopyWarning:

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df2["house_location_inter"]=df2["household_size"].astype(str)+"_"+d
f2["location_type"]

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df2["job_household_inter"]=df2["job_type"]+"_"+df2["household_siz
e"].astype(str)

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df2["edu_house_inter"]=df2["education_level"]+"_"+df2["household_si
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ttingWithCopyWarning:

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df2["age_household_inter"]=df2["age_of_respondent"]*df2["household_ size"]

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ttingWithCopyWarning:

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df2["age_cell_inter"]=df2["age_of_respondent"]*(df["cellphone_acces
s"]=="yes").astype(int)

Out[1019]:

	country	year	uniqueid	bank_account	location_type	cellphone_access	household
0	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_1	Yes	Rural	Yes	
1	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_2	No	Rural	No	
2	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_3	Yes	Urban	Yes	
3	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_4	No	Rural	Yes	
4	Kenya	2018	uniqueid_5	No	Urban	No	
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Out[1020]: (23283, 23)

In [1021]: ► #Dropping null values
df2=df2.dropna()

df2.isnull().sum()

df2.shape

Out[1021]: (22821, 23)

4.EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS(EDA)

Exploratory Data analysis is fundamental to the Data Science process as it visualizes the data, uncover patterns thus providing insights

4.1.1 Class Distribution of Target Variable

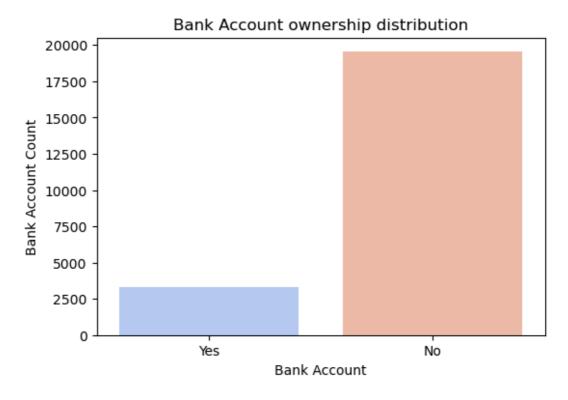
The below graph will show that the target variable is widely imbalanced. This will skew the model results thus we will have to employ class balancing techniques such as SMOTE

```
In [1022]:  plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
    sns.countplot(x="bank_account",data=df2,palette="coolwarm")
    plt.title("Bank Account ownership distribution")
    plt.xlabel("Bank Account")
    plt.ylabel("Bank Account Count")
    plt.show()
```

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reWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be r emoved in v0.14.0. Assign the `x` variable to `hue` and set `legend=F alse` for the same effect.

sns.countplot(x="bank_account",data=df2,palette="coolwarm")



4.1.2 Checking Distribution of Numerical Features

The numerical features are not normally distributed, they are left skewed, thus we will have to do logarithmic transformation to try and normalize them

```
num_features=["household_size", "age_of_respondent", "age_household_inter
In [1023]:
                   plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
                   for feature,column in enumerate(num_features):
                        plt.subplot(2,2,feature + 1)
                        sns.histplot(df2[column],kde=True,bins=30)
                        plt.title(f"Distribution of {column}")
                   plt.tight_layout()
                   plt.show()
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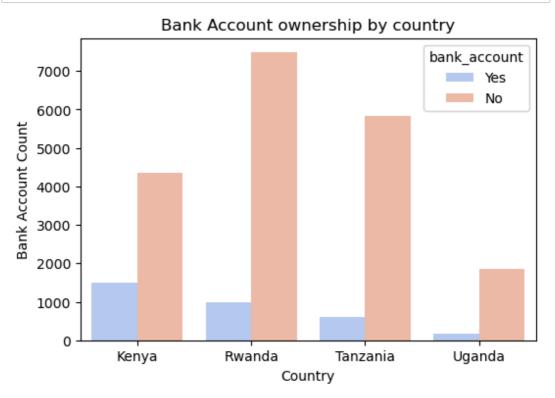
4.2.1 Bank Account vs Country

From the plot it shows that Kenya had the most respondents with bank accounts while Rwanda had the most respondents without bank accounts

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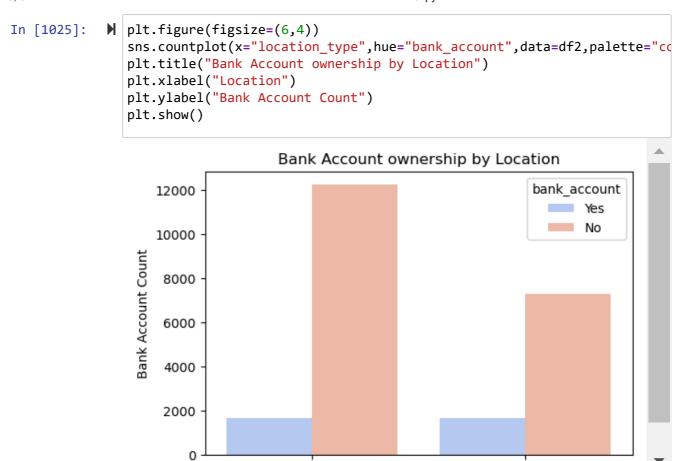
age cell inter

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In [1024]: 
| plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
sns.countplot(x="country",hue="bank_account",data=df2,palette="coolwarn
plt.title("Bank Account ownership by country")
plt.xlabel("Country")
plt.ylabel("Bank Account Count")
plt.show()
```



4.2.2 Bank Account vs Location Type

Majority of Respondents from Rural background had no bank accounts but stunningly around the same number of respondents from Rural and Urban locations had accounts

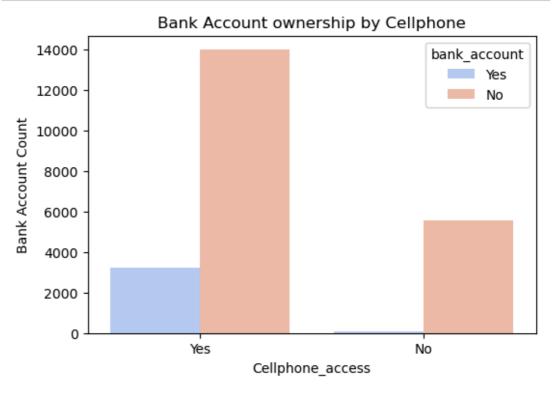


4.2.3 Bank Account by Cellphone access

Rural

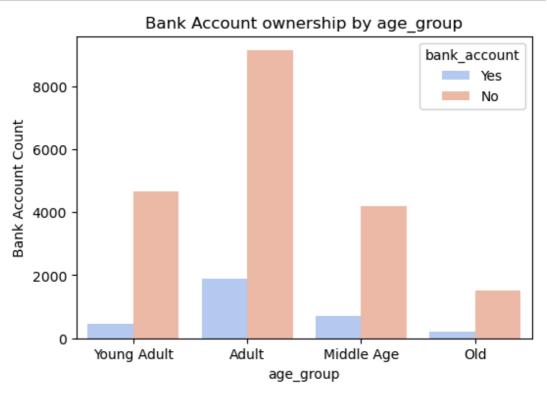
Urban

Unsurprisingly the majority of bank account owners had cellphones



4.2.4 Bank Account by Age group

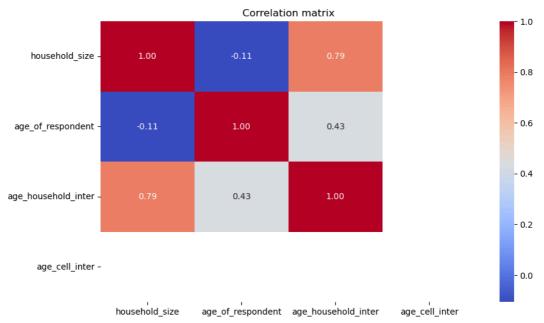
Adults(26-45) accounted to the majority of bank account ownership



4.3.1 Correlation matrix

Only two of the numerical features are highly correlated, with a correlation of 77%

1.household_size & age_household_inter



4. MODELING

Modeling is essentially the predictive part of the Data Science. In this section, I will look to build a classification model that appropriately predicts whether someone has a bank account and I will tune it to further improve its predictive powers

4.1 Preprocessing

This is the first step of modeling where I further prepare the data needed using methods such as Scaling, Logarithmic transformation, Splitting the data into training and testing as well as Label Encoding/OneHotEncoding

```
In [1031]:
               #Defining categorical and numerical columns
               cat=df2.select_dtypes(include=["object","category"]).columns
               num=df2.select_dtypes(include=["int64","float64"]).columns
               #Exclude target variable & unnecessary
               cat=cat.drop(["bank_account","uniqueid"])
               df2=df2.drop(["uniqueid","year","country","age_cell_inter"],axis=1)
            #Label encode the binary columns
In [1032]:
               le=LabelEncoder()
               df2["bank_account"]=le.fit_transform(df2["bank_account"])
               df2["location_type"]=le.fit_transform(df2["location_type"])
               df2["cellphone_access"]=le.fit_transform(df2["cellphone_access"])
               df2["gender_of_respondent"]=le.fit_transform(df2["gender_of_respondent"]
               df2.head(3)
               df2.shape
```

Out[1032]: (22821, 19)

```
In [1033]:
               # Initialize the OneHotEncoder
               ohe = OneHotEncoder(drop="first", sparse_output=False)
               # List of columns to encode
               columns_to_encode = [
                   "relationship_with_head", "marital_status", "education_level", "jot
                   "age_group", "household_group", "job_edu_inter", "job_cell_inter"
                   "edu_cell_inter", "house_location_inter", "job_household_inter", "e
               ]
               # Reset the index of the original DataFrame prevent misalignment during
               df2 = df2.reset_index(drop=True)
               #Apply OneHotEncoder to the selected columns
               encoded values = ohe.fit transform(df2[columns to encode])
               # Get the feature names after encoding
               encoded_column_names = ohe.get_feature_names_out(columns_to_encode)
               #Create a new DataFrame with the encoded columns and their respective r
               encoded_df = pd.DataFrame(encoded_values, columns=encoded_column_names)
               #Concatenate the encoded columns with the original DataFrame, ensuring
               df2 = pd.concat([df2, encoded_df], axis=1)
               #Drop the original columns to avoid duplication
               df2.drop(columns=columns_to_encode, inplace=True)
               # Verify that no extra rows have been created
               print(f"Shape of the DataFrame before OHE: {df2.shape}")
               print(f"Shape of the DataFrame after OHE: {encoded_df.shape}")
```

Shape of the DataFrame before OHE: (22821, 383) Shape of the DataFrame after OHE: (22821, 376)

4.2 Modeling

In this step I will build models and tune them to try

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
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1	0.37	0.69	0.48	997
accuracy			0.79	6847
macro avg	0.66	0.75	0.67	6847
weighted avg	0.86	0.79	0.81	6847

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.90	0.90	0.90	5850
1	0.39	0.38	0.39	997
accuracy			0.82	6847
macro avg	0.64	0.64	0.64	6847
weighted avg	0.82	0.82	0.82	6847

In [1038]: ▶ #Build and Train XGBoost

xgb_c=XGBClassifier()

xgb_c.fit(X_train_resampled,y_train_resampled)

#Making predictions and evaluating the model

xgb_pred=xgb_c.predict(X_test)

print(classification_report(y_test,xgb_pred))

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.91	0.94	0.92	5850
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1	0.56	0.43	0.49	997
accuracy			0.87	6847
macro avg	0.73	0.69	0.71	6847
weighted avg	0.86	0.87	0.86	6847

print(dct_feature_importance.head(15))

Feature Importance 1 cellphone access 0.122128 6 relationship_with_head_Head of Household 0.113716 3 age_of_respondent 0.108653 5 age_household_inter 0.091861 education_level_Primary education 16 0.066243 111 edu_cell_inter_No formal education_Yes 0.061764 12 marital_status_Married/Living together 0.061224 29 age_group_Middle Age 0.040263 115 edu_cell_inter_Primary education_Yes 0.023384 31 age_group_Young Adult 0.023289 18 education_level_Tertiary education 0.018286 117 edu_cell_inter_Secondary education_Yes 0.016269 4 gender_of_respondent 0.015039

marital_status_Single/Never Married

In [1040]:

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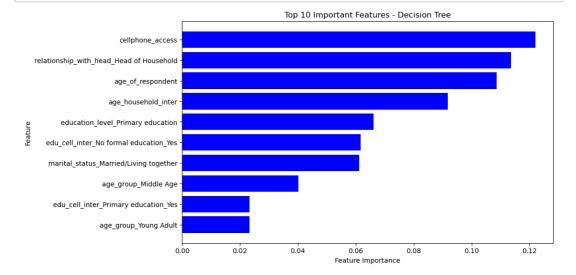
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#Plot feature importance
# Plot feature importance
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.barh(dct_feature_importance['Feature'][:10], dct_feature_importance
plt.xlabel("Feature Importance")
plt.ylabel("Feature")
plt.title("Top 10 Important Features - Decision Tree")
plt.gca().invert_yaxis()
plt.show()
```

marital_status_Widowed

0.013946

0.013462



```
In [1041]:
             # Selecting the top 10 features
                top_10_features = [
                     "cellphone_access", "relationship_with_head_Head of Household",
                     "age_of_respondent", "age_household_inter", "education_level_Primar
"edu_cell_inter_No formal education_Yes", "marital_status_Married/L
                     "age_group_Middle Age", "age_group_Young Adult", "education_level_1
                ]
                # Subset dataset to include only top 10 features
                X train top10 = X train resampled[top 10 features]
                X_test_top10 = X_test[top_10_features]
                # Initialize and train Decision Tree model
                dct_top10 = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
                dct_top10.fit(X_train_top10, y_train_resampled)
                # Make predictions
                dct_top10_pred = dct_top10.predict(X_test_top10)
                # Evaluate performance
                print(classification_report(y_test, dct_top10_pred))
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.88	0.94	0.91	5850
1	0.43	0.28	0.33	997
accuracy			0.84	6847
macro avg	0.65	0.61	0.62	6847
weighted avg	0.82	0.84	0.83	6847

```
In [1042]:
               #Reapply SMOTE
               X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled = smote.fit_resample(X_train_top10)
               # Step 2: Define Hyperparameter Grid
               param_grid = {
                   'max_depth': [5],
                   'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
                   'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 5],
                   'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy']
               }
               # Step 3: Use GridSearchCV for Hyperparameter Tuning
               grid_search = GridSearchCV(dct, param_grid, cv=5, n_jobs=-1)
               grid_search.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)
               # Step 4: Train Decision Tree with Best Parameters
               best_params = grid_search.best_params_
               best_dct = DecisionTreeClassifier(**best_params, random_state=42)
               best_dct.fit(X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled)
               # Step 5: Evaluate Performance
               y pred = best dct.predict(X test top10)
               print("Best Parameters:", best_params)
               print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
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Best Parameters: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 5, 'min_samples_l
eaf': 1, 'min_samples_split': 2}
              precision
                           recall f1-score
                                               support
                   0.91
                              0.92
                                        0.91
                                                  5850
           0
                   0.49
                              0.45
                                        0.47
                                                   997
                                        0.85
                                                  6847
    accuracy
   macro avg
                   0.70
                              0.69
                                        0.69
                                                  6847
                   0.85
                              0.85
                                        0.85
                                                  6847
weighted avg
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