# PredictFlightOntimePerformance

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[22]: import pandas as pd
     # Read flight data from spreadsheet to 'pandas' model
     # read_csv returns a DataFrame (two-D data structure with labeled axes)
     flight_data = pd.read_csv('ONTIME_FLIGHT_DATA.csv')
     flight_data.head()
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    print(type(flight_data))
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<sup>&</sup>lt;class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

### 1 Clean Data

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[24]: # before construct a model, need to clean data to remove null values
     flight_data.isnull().values.any()
[24]: True
[25]: flight_data.isnull().sum()
[25]: YEAR
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     dtype: int64
[26]: flight_data = flight_data.drop('Unnamed: 15', axis=1)
[27]: flight_data.isnull().sum()
[27]: YEAR
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     ARR_DEL15
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     dtype: int64
                            Scheduled arrival time; ARR_DEL15
[28]: # CRS_ARR_TIME
                                                                        0=Arrived less_
      →than 15 minutes late, 1=Arrived 15 minutes or more late
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flight_data = flight_data[['MONTH', 'DAY_OF_MONTH', 'DAY_OF_WEEK', 'ORIGIN', __
      →'DEST', 'CRS_DEP_TIME', 'ARR_DEL15']]
[29]: flight_data.isnull().sum()
[29]: MONTH
     DAY_OF_MONTH
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     ORIGIN
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     DEST
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     CRS DEP TIME
     ARR DEL15
                      21000
     dtype: int64
[30]: flight_data.shape
[30]: (638649, 7)
[31]: flight_data = flight_data.fillna({'ARR_DEL15': 1}) # fill NA values with '1' in_
      \hookrightarrow ARR DEL15 column
[32]: import numpy as np
     # \it In order to avoid overfitting, divide \it CRS\_DEP\_TIME:scheduled arrival time \it by_{LL}
      →100 because it matters more if flight is delayed by hours rather than by a<sub>L</sub>
      \rightarrowminutes
     flight_data['CRS_DEP_TIME'] = flight_data['CRS_DEP_TIME'].div(100).apply(np.
      →floor)
[33]: flight_data.head()
[33]:
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[34]: # Create dummies for 'ORIGIN' and 'DEST' columns
     # These columns need to be converted into discrete columns containing indicator.
      →variables, sometimes known as "dummy" variables.
     # With each column containing 1s and 0s indicating whether a flight originated_
      →at the airport that the column represents.
     flight_data = pd.get_dummies(flight_data, columns=['ORIGIN', 'DEST'])
     flight_data.head()
[34]:
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[5 rows x 725 columns]

## 2 Build Machine Learning Model

```
[35]: import math
     flight_data_first_quarter = flight_data[: math.floor(len(flight_data.index)/4)]
     flight_data_first_quarter.shape
[35]: (159662, 725)
[36]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
     # Split DataFrame: flight data into a training set containing 80% of the ...
      →original data, and a test set containing the remaining 20%
     # The random\_state parameter seeds the random\_number generator used to do the_{f L}
      \rightarrowsplitting, while the first and second parameters are DataFrames containing the \Box
      → feature columns and the label column.
     train_x, test_x, train_y, test_y = train_test_split(flight_data_first_quarter.
      →drop('ARR_DEL15', axis=1), flight_data_first_quarter['ARR_DEL15'], test_size=0.
      \rightarrow 2, random_state=42)
[37]: train_x.shape
[37]: (127729, 724)
[38]: train_y.shape
[38]: (127729,)
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[39]: test_x.shape
[39]: (31933, 724)
[40]: test_y.shape
[40]: (31933,)
```

#### 3 Train a classification model

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[122]: # In this project predicting the probability of a flight will deplay, model will
       →be a binary classification model that predicts
      # whether a flight will arrive on-time or late ("binary" because there are only_{f \sqcup}
       \rightarrow two possible outputs).
      # Use RandomForestClassifier which fits multiple decision trees to the data and
       →uses averaging to boost the overall accuracy and limit overfitting.
      from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
[123]: from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
      def get_mae(max_leaf_nodes, n_estimators, train_x, test_x, train_y, test_y):
          model = RandomForestClassifier(max_leaf_nodes=max_leaf_nodes,__
       →n_estimators=n_estimators, random_state=3)
          model.fit(train_x, train_y)
          preds_val = model.predict(test_x)
          mae = mean_absolute_error(test_y, preds_val)
          return(mae)
[131]: # compare MAE with differing values of max_leaf_nodes
      scores = {leaf_size: get_mae(leaf_size, 30, train_x, test_x, train_y, test_y)_u
       →for leaf_size in [100, 500, 1000, 2000, 2500, 5000, 10000, 50000]}
[132]: best_tree_size = min(scores, key=scores.get)
      print(best_tree_size)
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10000

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[133]: # 'n_estimators' is the number of trees in the forest
model = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=3, max_leaf_nodes=best_tree_size)
model.fit(train_x, train_y)
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/home/nbuser/anaconda3_501/lib/python3.6/site-
packages/sklearn/ensemble/forest.py:246: FutureWarning: The default value of n_estimators will change from 10 in version 0.20 to 100 in 0.22.

"10 in version 0.20 to 100 in 0.22.", FutureWarning)
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[133]: RandomForestClassifier(bootstrap=True, class\_weight=None, criterion='gini', max\_depth=None, max\_features='auto', max\_leaf\_nodes=10000, min\_impurity\_decrease=0.0, min\_impurity\_split=None,

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min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0, n_estimators=10, n_jobs=None,
                  oob_score=False, random_state=3, verbose=0, warm_start=False)
[134]: predicted = model.predict(test_x)
      model.score(test_x, test_y)
[134]: 0.8162402530297811
[135]: # One of the best overall measures for a binary classification model is Area,
       → Under Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve
      # (sometimes referred to as "ROC AUC"), which essentially quantifies how often
       →the model will make a correct prediction
      # regardless of the outcome.
      # Compute an ROC AUC score for the model
      #from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score
      probabilities = model.predict_proba(test_x)
[136]: roc_auc_score(test_y, probabilities[:, 1])
[136]: 0.7486295016551348
[137]: # The output from the score method reflects how many of the items in the test
       →set the model predicted correctly.
      # This score is skewed by the fact that the dataset the model was trained and \Box
       →tested with contains
      # many more rows representing on-time arrivals than rows representing late_
       \rightarrow arrivals.
      # Because of this imbalance in the data, it's more likely to be correct if you
       →predict that a flight will be on time than if you predict that a flight will
       \rightarrowbe late.
      # ROC AUC takes this into account and provides a more accurate indication of how,
       \rightarrow likely it is that a prediction of on-time or late will be correct.
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min\_samples\_leaf=1, min\_samples\_split=2,

#### 4 Confusion Matrix

### 5 Precison and Recall

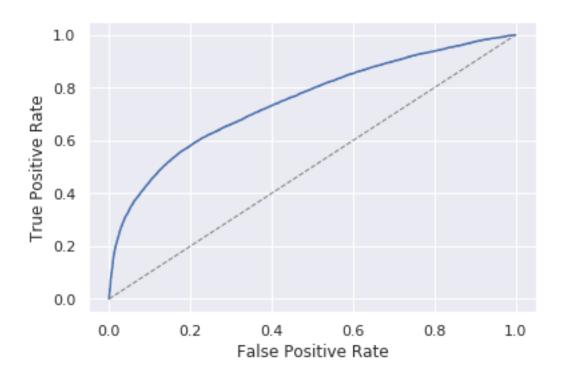
# 6 Visualize Output of Model

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[142]: %matplotlib inline
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import seaborn as sns

    sns.set()

[143]: from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve

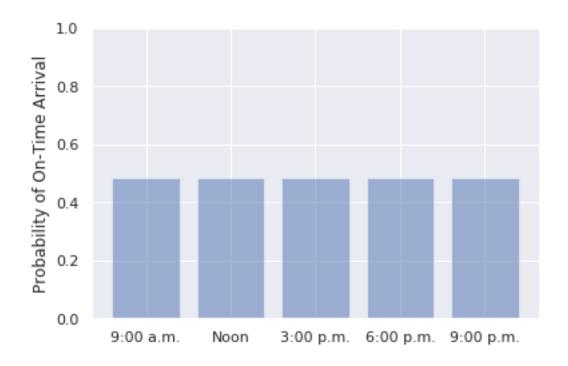
    fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(test_y, probabilities[:, 1])
    plt.plot(fpr, tpr)
    plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='grey', lw=1, linestyle='--')
    plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
    plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
[143]: Text(0, 0.5, 'True Positive Rate')
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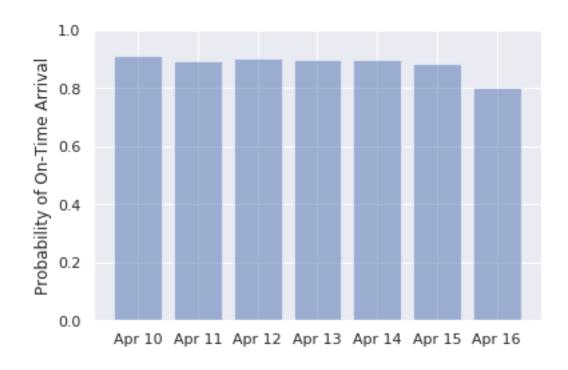
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[144]: def insertCode(origin, destinatation):
          origin = 'ORIGIN_' + origin
          destinatation = 'DEST_' + destinatation
          # Create a dict of airports with initial value 0
          airportDict = {}
          for code in train_x.columns.tolist()[4:]:
              airportDict[code] = 0
          airportDict[origin] = 1
          airportDict[destinatation] = 1
          return airportDict
[145]: def predict_delay(departure_date_time, origin, destination):
          from datetime import datetime
          try:
              departure_date_time_parsed = datetime.strptime(departure_date_time, '%d/
       \rightarrow%m %H:%M')
          except ValueError as e:
              return 'Error parsing date/time - {}'.format(e)
          month = departure_date_time_parsed.month
          day = departure_date_time_parsed.day
          day_of_week = departure_date_time_parsed.isoweekday()
          hour = departure_date_time_parsed.hour
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origin = origin.upper()
          destination = destination.upper()
          input = {'MONTH': month,
                    'DAY_OF_MONTH': day,
                    'DAY_OF_WEEK': day_of_week,
                     'CRS_DEP_TIME': hour}
          input = [{**input, **insertCode(origin, destination)}]
          return model.predict_proba(pd.DataFrame(input))[0][0]
[146]: predict_delay('1/10 15:45', 'EWR', 'SEA')
[146]: 0.9008042316939283
[147]: predict_delay('24/12 09:00', 'LAX', 'EWR')
[147]: 0.9052498451781034
[148]: # flights leaving SEA for ATL at 9:00 a.m., noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 9:00 \mu
       \rightarrow p.m. on January 30 will arrive on time
      labels = ('9:00 a.m.', 'Noon', '3:00 p.m.', '6:00 p.m.', '9:00 p.m.')
      values = (predict_delay('23/12 09:00', 'EWR', 'LAX'),
                predict_delay('23/12 12:00', 'EWR', 'LAX'),
                predict_delay('23/12 15:45', 'EWR', 'LAX'),
                predict_delay('23/12 18:00', 'EWR', 'LAX'),
                predict_delay('23/12 21:00', 'EWR', 'LAX'))
      alabels = np.arange(len(labels))
      plt.bar(alabels, values, align='center', alpha=0.5)
      plt.xticks(alabels, labels)
      plt.ylabel('Probability of On-Time Arrival')
      plt.ylim((0.0, 1.0))
```

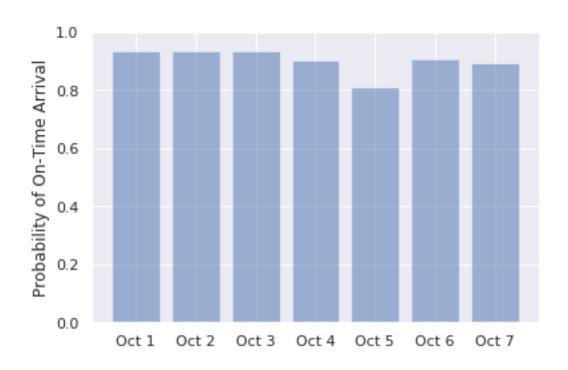
[148]: (0.0, 1.0)



[149]: (0.0, 1.0)



[150]: (0.0, 1.0)



[]: