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Nutritional Label for HomeCredit ADS

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Our Analysis

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Background, I/O

purpose, stated goals,
trade-offs, data
collection & selection

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Implementation

data cleaning,
preprocessing,
validation of stated
goals

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Validation

validation of stated
goals, Kaggle score

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effectiveness across
subpopulations

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advice, stakeholders,
appropriateness





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Utilities

Assessed their Logistic Regression model as well as their Light Gradient Boosting Machine model



Purpose

Predict Home Credit Group clients' repayment ability($Y:1, N:0$) while acting as a 'How-to'



Trade-Offs

The naive is simple, understandable, has insignificant signals; The complex model is slow, less understandable, yet yields top-tier accuracy

Input, Output



Home Credit Group



Released sample of their datasets, sourced from themselves, Credit Bureau

EXT_SOURCE#

Were named as fields for which they want to keep origin hidden



Rules



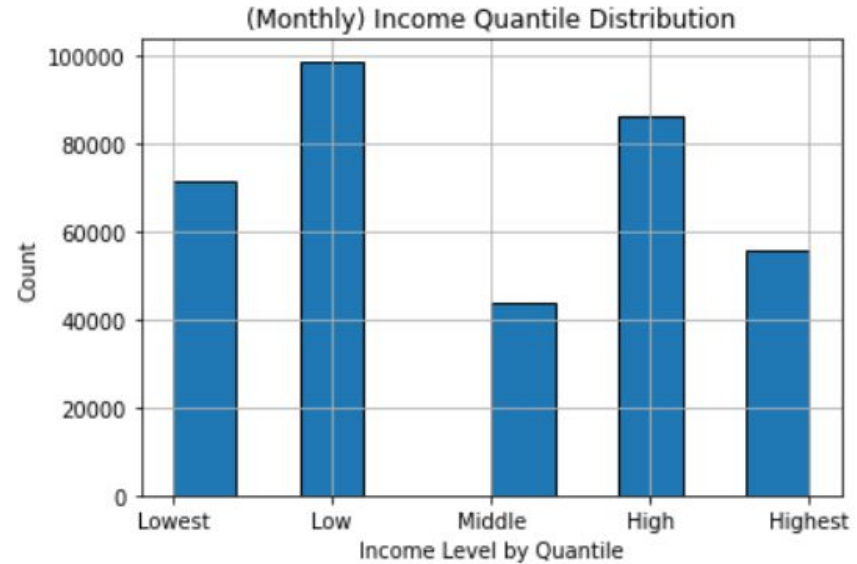
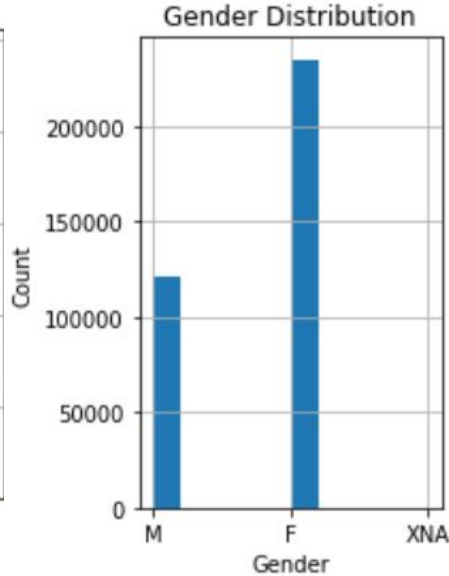
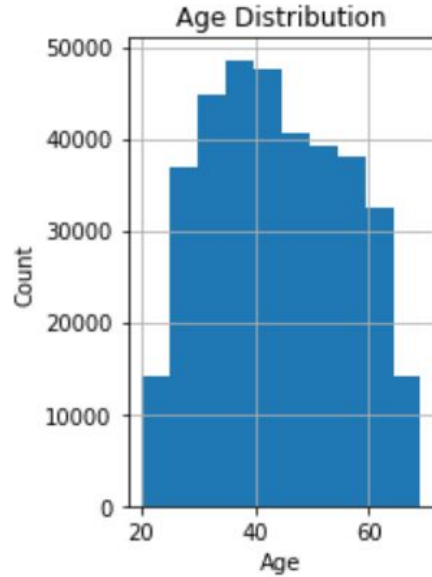
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Our Focus

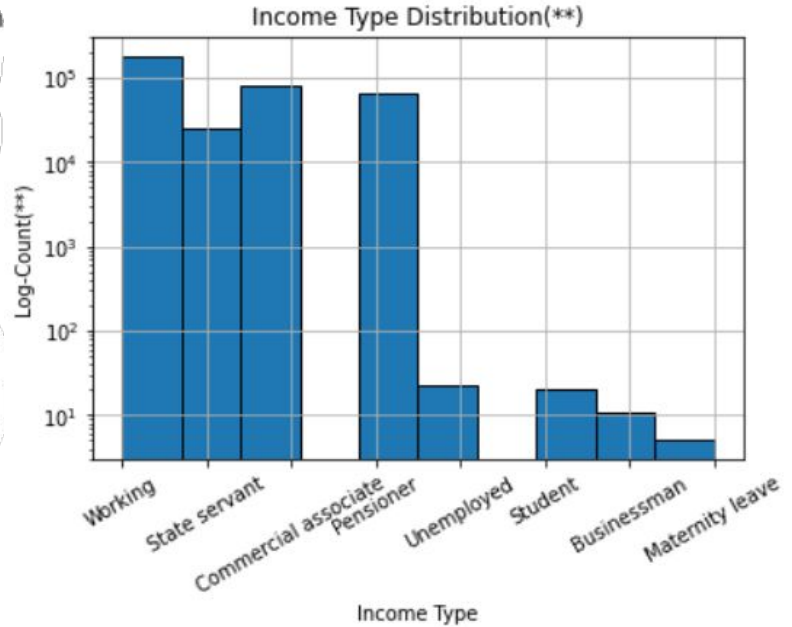
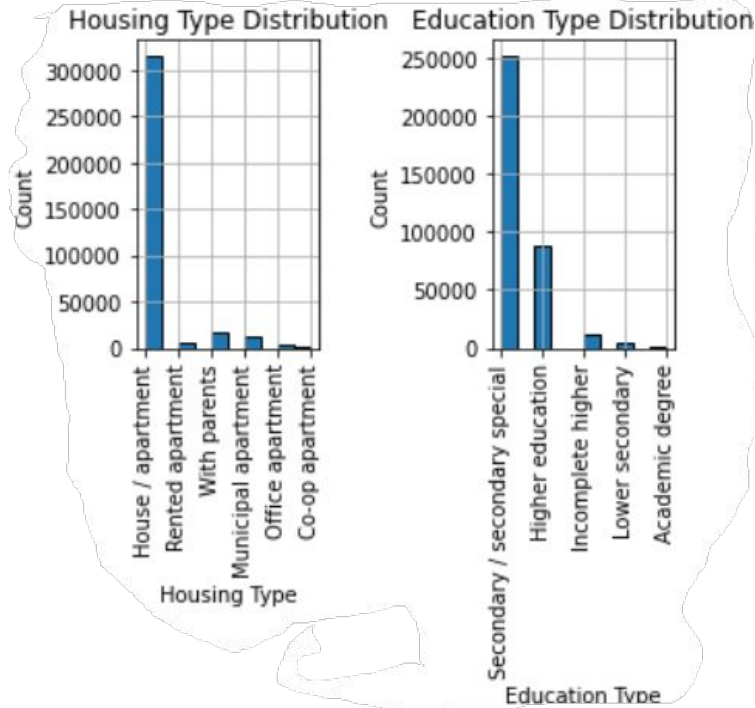
Age, Income, Gender,
Income/Education/
Housing Types



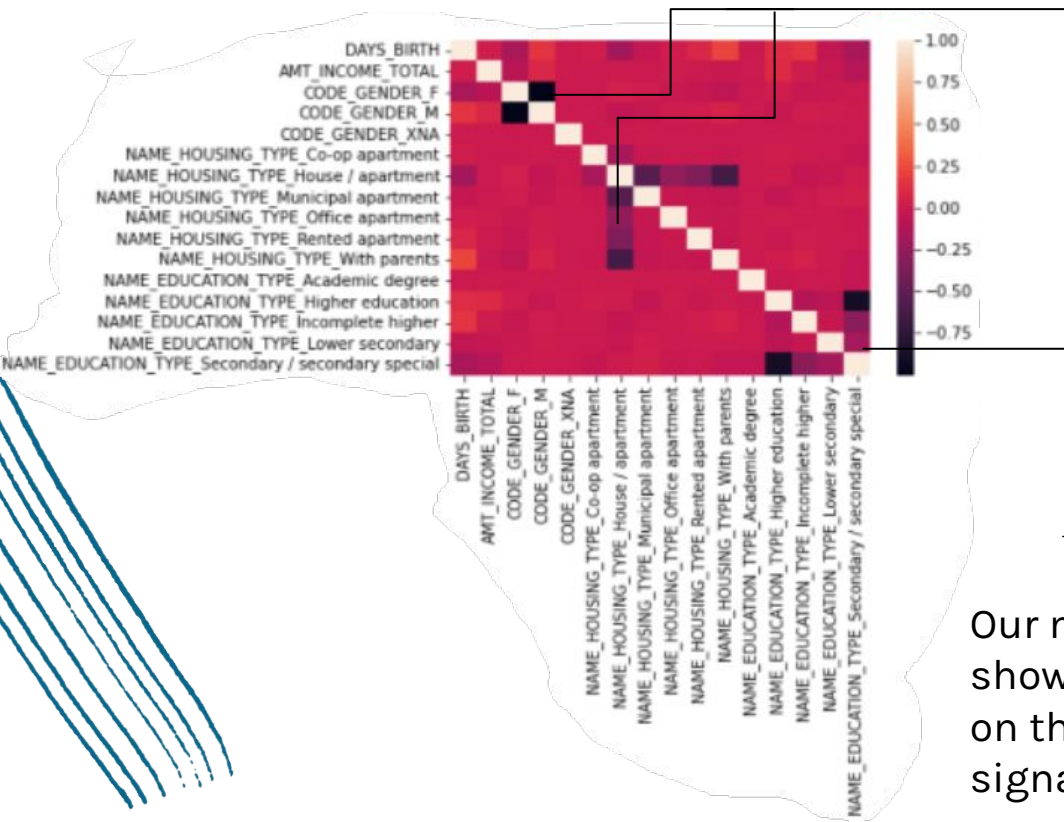
Distributions of the Full Dataset



Distributions, cntd.



Correlation Heatmap



Indicators

These groups of negative correlations are because they're indicator fields from the same parent feature

Weak

Our naive model showed to pick up on these noisier signals

Stronger +/-

Some make direct sense, i.e., age & housing type

Implementation

Feature Engineering

**Data
Exploration**



recall: the
creators want this
to be a 'How-To'

Polynomial

Raise feature to
exponent to create
a new input
variable

**Domain
Knowledge**

Variables added to
dataset based on
assumption

Validation

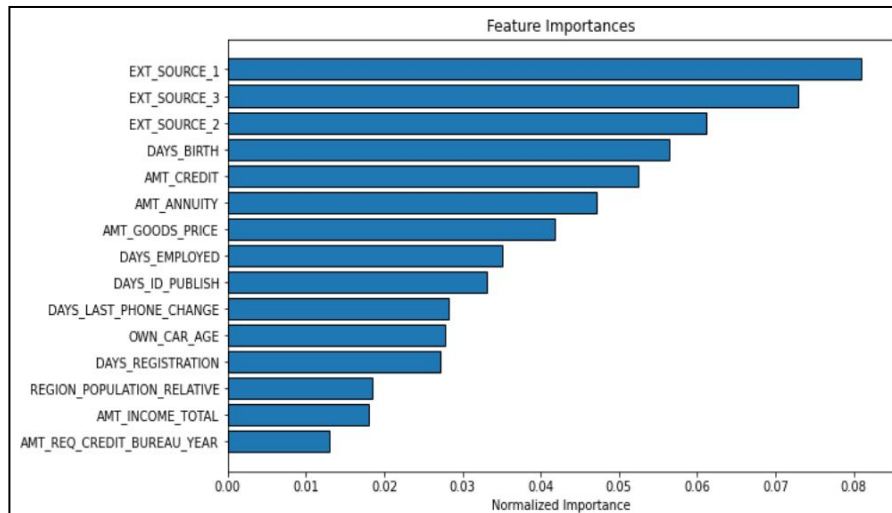
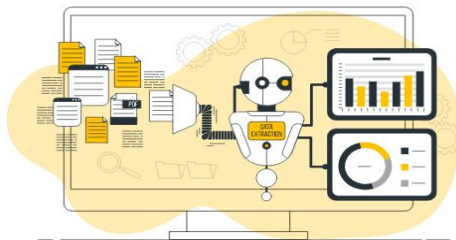


this could affect
the models
differently

Validation

The creator(s) showed their
feature importance to
validate their feature
engineering

Kaggle evaluated the ADS
using the ROC curve



Outcomes

Our View

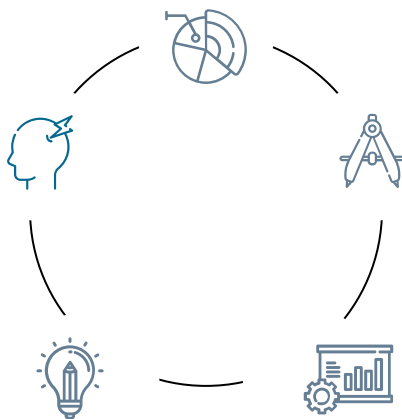
We took a stance of belief in
demographic parity and
Rawlsian EO

Visuals

Prediction values
across subgroups

AIF360

Comparing Mean
Difference/Disparate
Impact Across fields



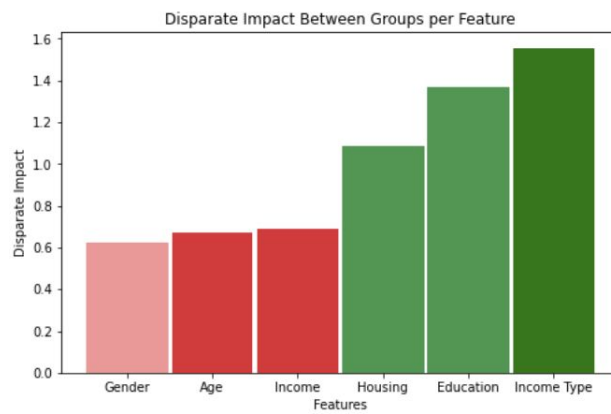
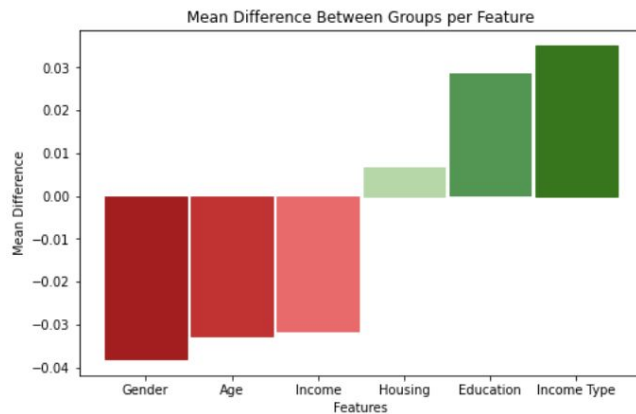
Summary Plot

SHAP Summary Plot
For the naive model

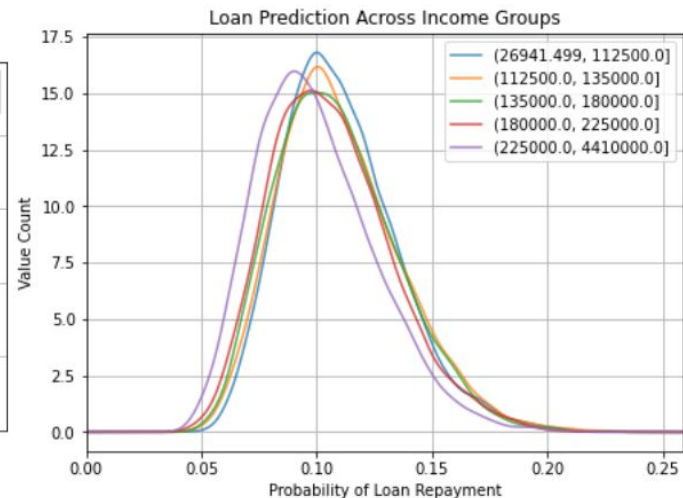
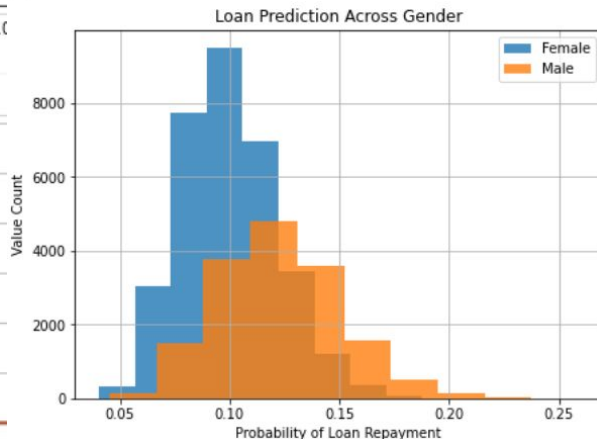
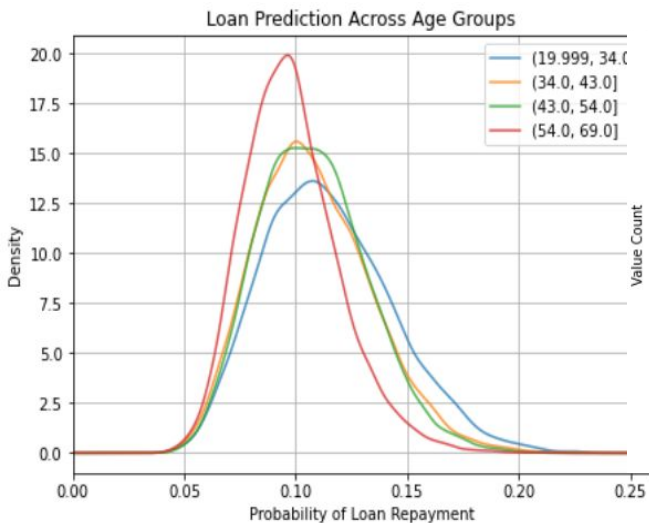
Dependence Plot(s)

Individual SHAP
Dependence Plots for
interesting cases

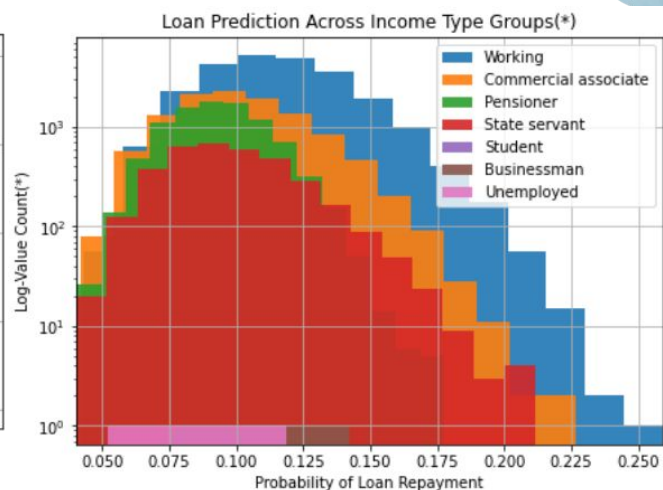
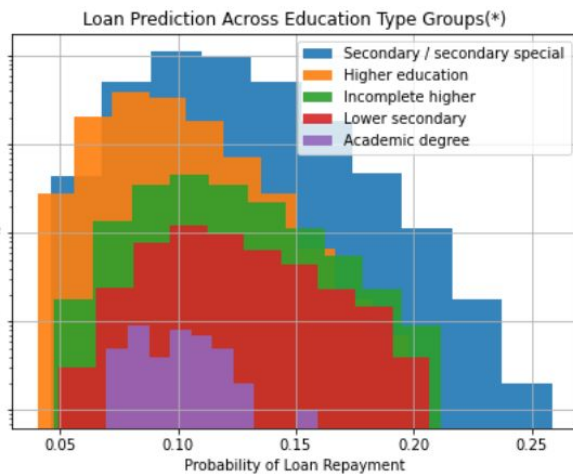
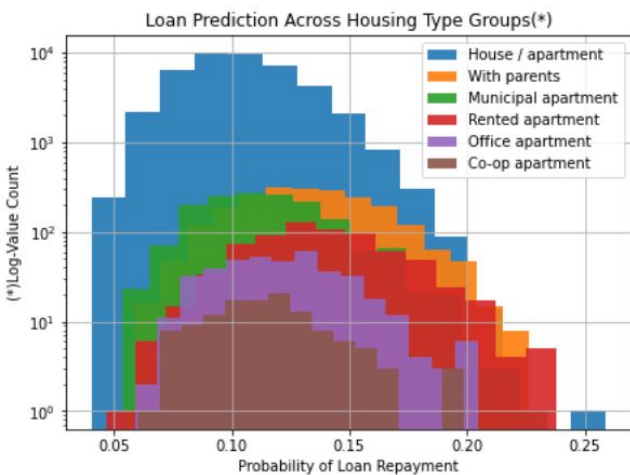
AIF360 Tools on Training Dataset



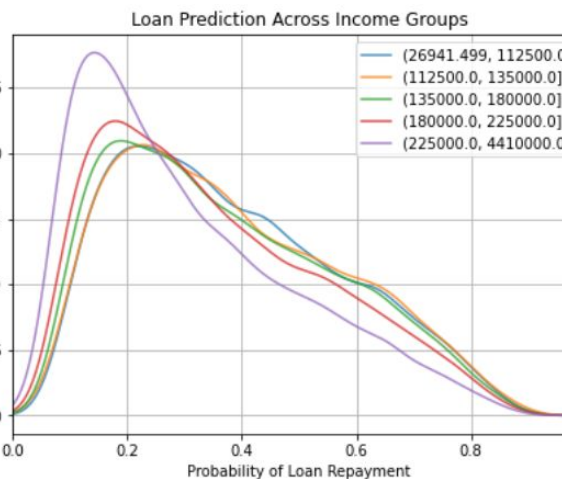
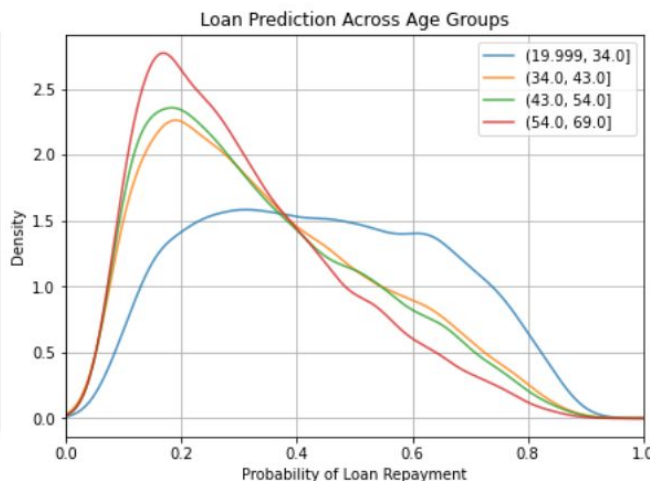
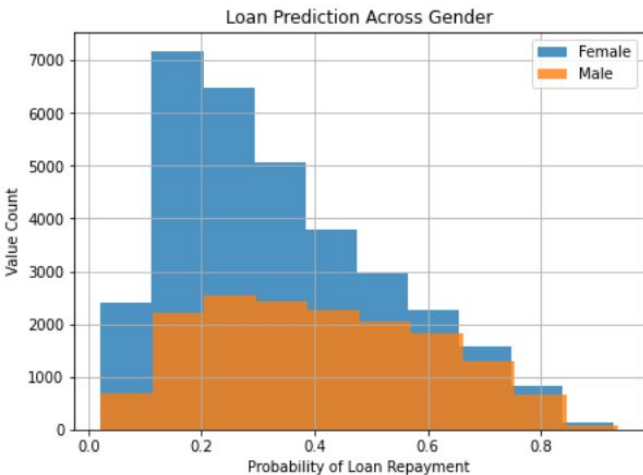
LogReg Predictions Across Subgroups



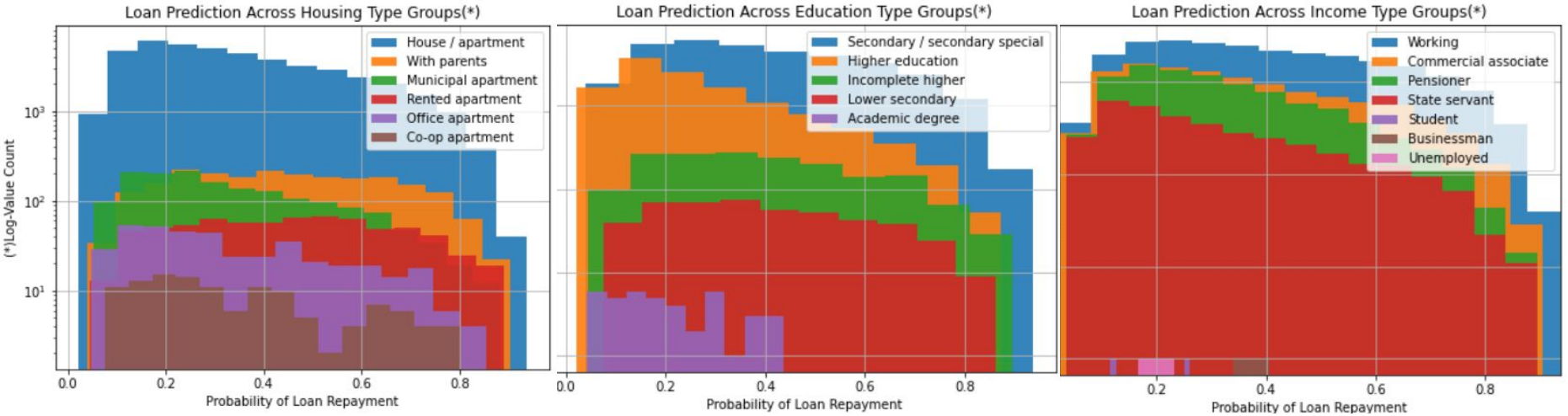
LogReg Predictions, cntd.

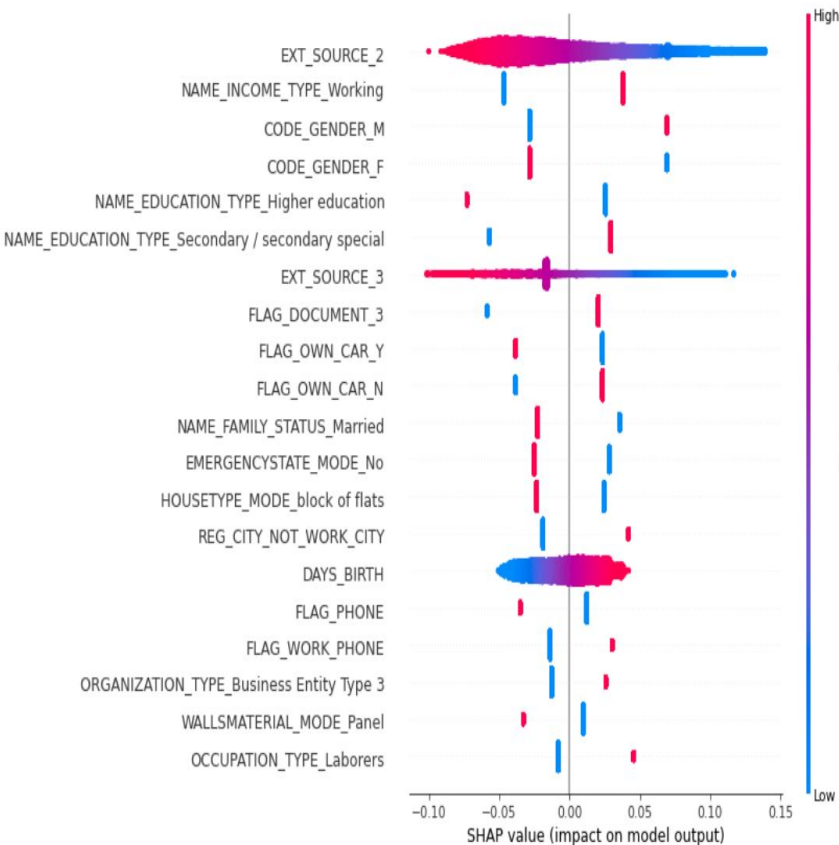


LGB Machine Predictions Across Subgroups



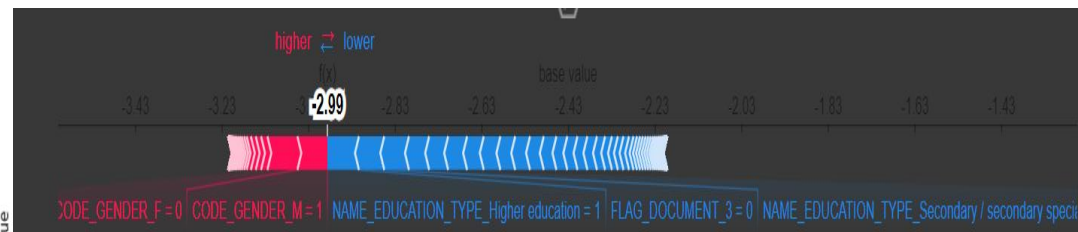
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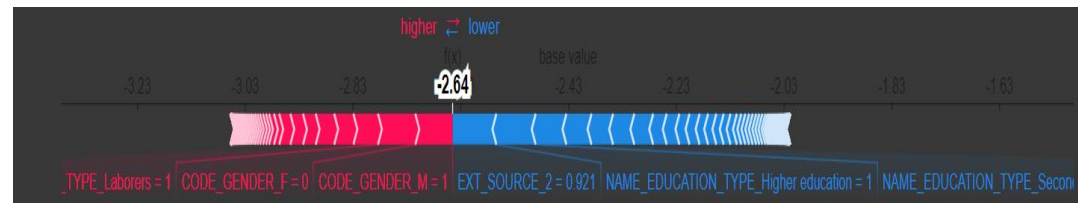


SHAP

Unemployed



Student



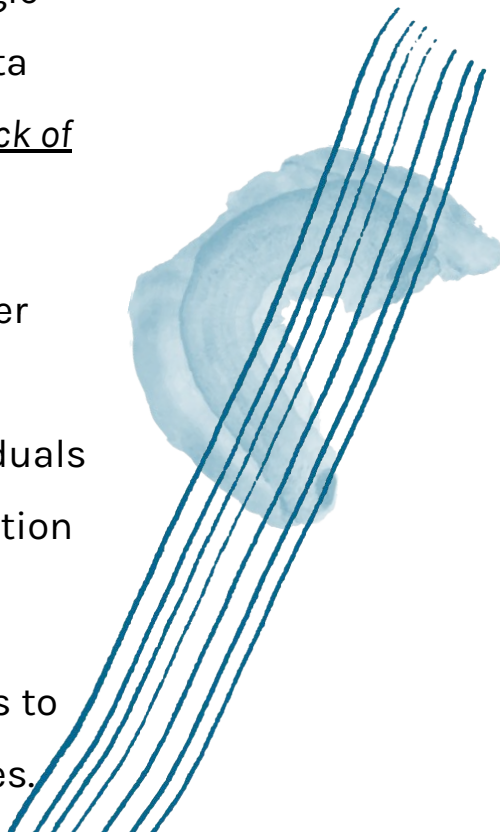


Summary

As an ADS that is meant to also be a guide for Kaggle beginners, we want to be forgiving to how little data processing exists. But this guide displays a strong lack of fairness to subgroups.

The data was inappropriate, it skewed towards upper middle class, college educated, white women, an inaccurate representation of the population of individuals potentially needing a loan. It also uses poor privatization techniques.

The ADS bias is high, it inputted sensitive attributes to both models, despite no bias mitigation techniques.



Summary, cntd.

The ADS implementation is risky but accurate. Its use of domain knowledge features run the risk of the user's own biases/errors being caught as a signal, yet the ADS scored high on Kaggle with a top-tier score for accuracy for its LGBM model.

In no way are we comfortable with implementing this ADS in the industry. We suggest as improvements:



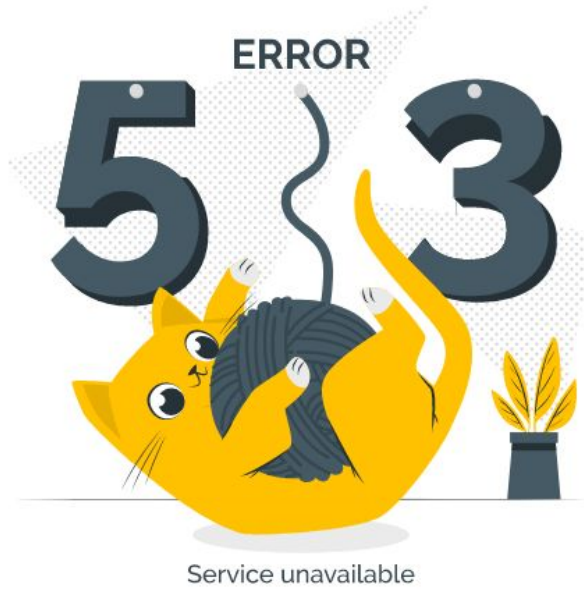
Adversarial Debiasing for the simpler model



Re-weighting preprocessing and/or Threshold optimizer post-processing for the complex model



Differentially private and representative data collection



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