Data R Us



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Introduction, Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

→ The Expedia dataset is a rich and complex dataset that captures millions of hotel bookings made by users on the popular travel website, Expedia.com. With detailed information about the destinations, travel dates, booking channels, and user behavior, this dataset provides an unparalleled opportunity to explore patterns and trends in the travel industry.

Research Questions

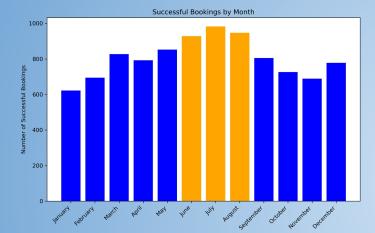
- The goal of this project is to analyze the Expedia dataset to uncover insights that can inform business decisions, such as marketing strategies and product offerings.
- The most popular destinations and travel patterns
- The factors that influence customer booking behaviour
- → The demographic characteristics of Expedia customers

Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

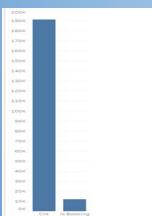
- → Merged the data.csv and dest.csv datasets using a common column.
- -> Removed missing values from the merged dataset.
- → Converted the date_time column to a Pandas datetime object for easier manipulation.
- -> Extracted the year, month, and day as separate numerical features for further analysis.

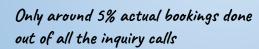
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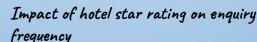
Year in Review: Successful Bookings and Trends



- Bookings steadily increased throughout the year, with the busiest months being June, July, and August
- The slowest months for bookings were October, November, and January
- There were almost 8,500 successful bookings over the course of the year, with July being the most successful month

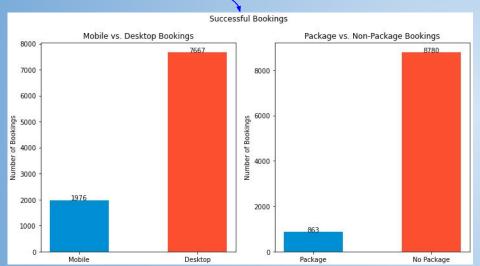


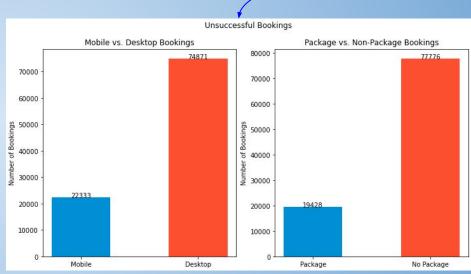




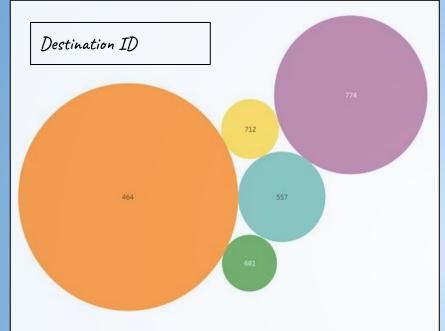


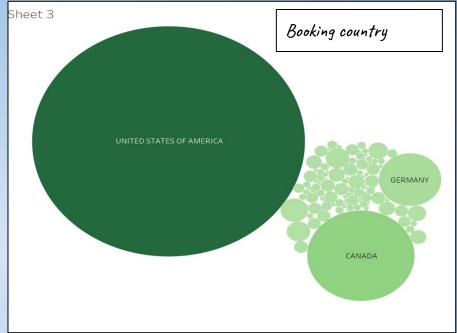
Analyzing Factors Contributing to Booking Success





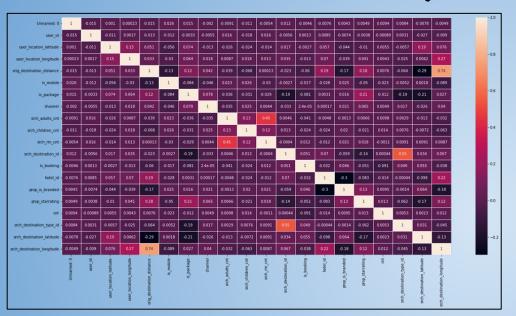






- → Destination ID which is searched the most i.e (ID: 464)
- → In the total search 7 times more enquiry were made for just adults than people who have children.
- → Only around 22% booking call were made via Mobile Phone.
- → Most amount of booking were done in United states, 2nd canada, 3rd germany.
- → Around 600% more booking were done in united states than canada

Modeling and Evaluation



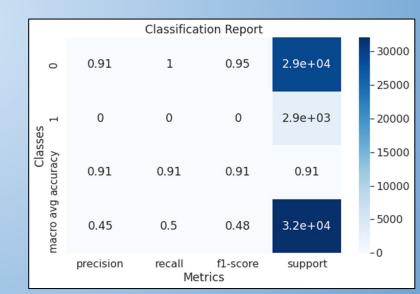
Positive correlation (with is_booking)

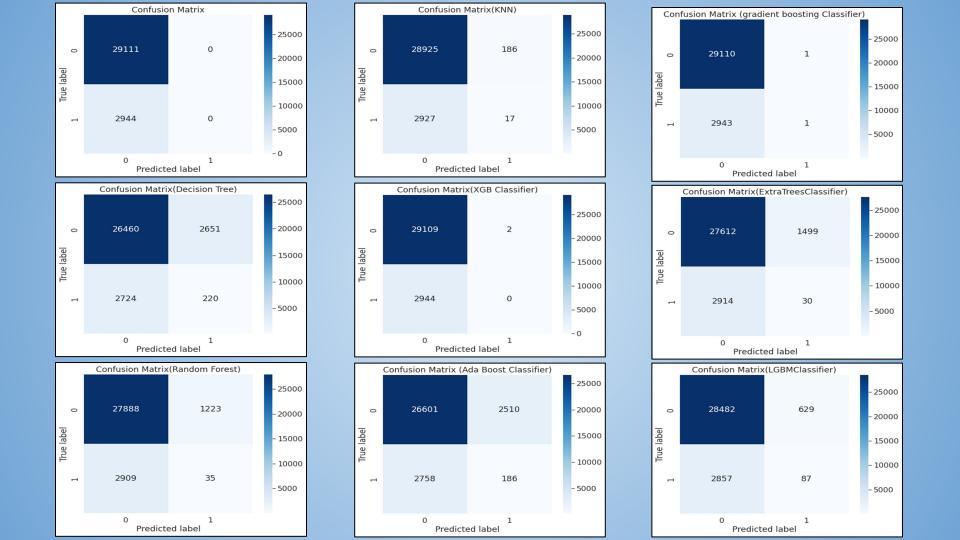
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Supervised Learning

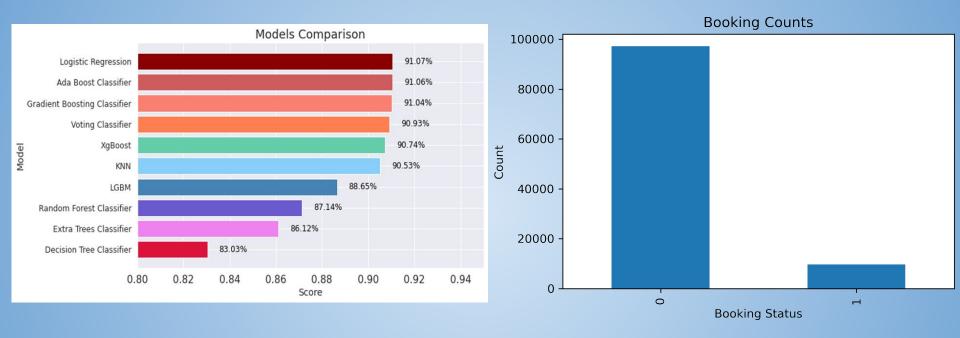
Splitting the Data Training and Testing (70:30)

"Is_booking" is the dependent variable.





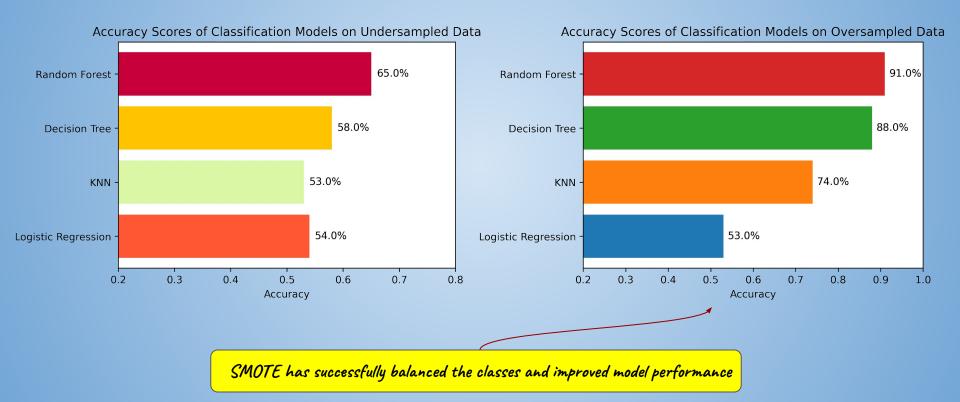
Model Scores



- The models achieved a high accuracy score, but it should be noted that the data was imbalanced
- This indicates that the model is good at predicting the negative class (unsuccessful bookings) but is very poor at detecting positive cases, which is the main problem that needs to be solved in this scenario.

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Comparison of Accuracy Scores for Undersampled and Oversampled Data



Conclusion and Future Work

- → Focus on improving the user experience on mobile devices, as they had fewer successful bookings compared to desktop.
- The oversampled dataset produced significantly better results than the undersampled dataset, with the random forest model achieving the highest accuracy score of 0.91. This suggests that oversampling is a promising approach to address class imbalance in the Expedia dataset.
- Among the four models tested, the random forest model consistently outperformed the other models in both the oversampled and undersampled datasets. This may be due to the ability of random forests to handle high-dimensional data and capture complex interactions between features.
- In future work, it may be worth exploring more advanced oversampling techniques such as adaptive synthetic sampling (ADASYN) to further improve classification performance.
- Tt may also be useful to investigate feature engineering techniques to identify the most important features for classification and potentially improve model performance.

