

Project Overview The project intends to buffer the customer loss of a telecommunication company. The project is done based on different customer-related attributes to construct a machine learning model that will classify a customer as "churn" or "not churn".

The major stakeholder of the project is the Customer Retention Team of a telecommunication company. It will seek to reduce customer loss by highlighting the at-risk customers and giving indications for the application of retention initiatives.

Business Problem Problem Statement: Customer churn is one of the biggest dilemmas in the field of telecommunication, through which revenue might get a chance to be lost, and customer acquisition costs go up. In reference, the business problem will be to develop a predictive model that accurately identifies customers who are at risk of churning. This may provide an opportunity for the retention team to act proactively by reaching out to customers with some form of incentives to reduce churning rates.

Data: The dataset includes the following information for customers: how long the customer has had an account, their usage patterns, meaning total minutes and charges for day, evening, and night, whether international and voicemail plans are on, and interactions with customer service. The target variable is churn, which describes whether the customer has left or not.

Classification Task Overview Target Variable: It is a binary categorical variable because it contains either True, representing the customers who have churned, or False for those who have not.

Classification Problem: Prediction for whether a customer will churn TRUE or not FALSE. Since the target variable is of categories-a customer has either churned or not churned-it falls under a classification problem, rather than a regression problem.

Import libraries and load the dataset

Import the necessary libraries

import numpy as np import pandas as pd import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import seaborn as sns %matplotlib inline

Load the dataset

df = pd.read_csv('./data/bigml.csv')

Display the rows

The dataset has 3333 rows and 21 columns

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA). Data Understanding df.info() <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'> RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332 Data columns (total 21 columns):

Column Non-Null Count Dtype

0 state 3333 non-null object 1 account length 3333 non-null int64

2 area code 3333 non-null int64

3 phone number 3333 non-null object 4 international plan 3333 non-null object 5 voice mail plan 3333 non-null object 6 number vmail messages 3333 non-null int64

7 total day minutes 3333 non-null float64 8 total day calls 3333 non-null int64

9 total day charge 3333 non-null float64 10 total eve minutes 3333 non-null float64 11 total eve calls 3333 non-null int64

12 total eve charge 3333 non-null float64 13 total night minutes 3333 non-null float64 14 total night calls 3333 non-null int64

15 total night charge 3333 non-null float64 16 total intl minutes 3333 non-null float64 17 total intl calls 3333 non-null int64

18 total intl charge 3333 non-null float64 19 customer service calls 3333 non-null int64

20 churn 3333 non-null bool

dtypes: bool(1), float64(8), int64(8), object(4) memory usage: 524.2+ KB The dataset has both boolean data, float/integer data type and four columns contain object data type.

The boolean data type is the target variable.

Summary statistics for numerical features

df.describe() account length area code number vmail messages total day minutes total day calls total day charge total eve minutes total eve calls total eve charge total night minutes total night calls total night charge total intl minutes total intl calls total intl charge customer service calls count 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 3333.000000 mean 101.064806 437.182418 8.099010 179.775098 100.435644 30.562307 200.980348 100.114311 17.083540 200.872037 100.107711 9.039325 10.237294 4.479448 2.764581 1.562856 std 39.822106 42.371290 13.688365 54.467389 20.069084 9.259435 50.713844 19.922625 4.310668 50.573847 19.568609 2.275873 74.000000 408.000000 0.000000 143.700000 87.000000 24.430000 166.600000 87.000000 14.160000 167.000000 87.000000 7.520000 8.500000 3.000000 2.300000 1.000000 50% 101.000000 415.000000 0.000000 179.400000 101.000000 30.500000 201.400000 100.000000 17.120000 201.200000 100.000000 9.050000 10.300000 4.000000 2.780000 1.000000 75% 127.000000 510.000000 20.000000 216.400000 114.000000 36.790000 235.300000 114.000000 20.000000 235.300000 113.000000 10.590000 12.100000 6.000000 3.270000 2.000000 max 243.000000 510.000000 51.000000 350.800000 165.000000 59.640000 363.700000 170.000000 30.910000 395.000000 175.000000 17.770000 20.000000 20.000000 5.400000 9.000000 df.isnull().sum() account length 0 area code 0 number vmail messages 0 total day minutes 0 total day calls 0 .. phone number_422-8333 0 phone number_422-8344 0 phone number_422-9964 0 international plan_yes 0 voice mail plan_yes 0 Length: 3401, dtype: int64 categorical = [var for var in df.columns if df[var].dtype=='O']print('There are {} categorical variables\n'.format(len(categorical)))print('The categorical variables are :', categorical)df[categorical].head() There are 4 categorical variables

The categorical variables are: ['state', 'phone number', 'international plan', 'voice mail plan'] state phone number international plan voice mail plan 0 KS 382-4657 no yes 1 OH 371-7191 no yes 2 NJ 358-1921 no no 3 OH 375-9999 yes no 4 OK 330-6626 yes no

Import oneHotEncoder

from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder

Apply one-hot encoding to the categorical columns

Distribution of churn (target variable)

churn_distribution = df['churn'].value_counts(normalize=True) * 100 churn_distribution False 85.508551 True 14.491449 Name: churn, dtype: float64 Ploting the Distribution of the numerical features of the churn dataset.

Plotting the distribution of the numerical features

fig, axes = plt.subplots(4, 2, figsize=(15, 20)) numerical_features = ['account length', 'number vmail messages', 'total day minutes', 'total day calls', 'total day charge', 'total eve minutes', 'total eve calls', 'total eve charge']for i, feature in enumerate(numerical_features): sns.histplot(df[feature], kde=True, ax=axes[i//2, i%2]) axes[i//2, i%2].set title(f'Distribution of {feature})'plt.tight layout()

correlation of the numerical features

Heatmap for correlation analysis between numerical features

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8)) sns.heatmap(df.corr(), annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f') plt.title('Correlation Matrix of Numerical Features') Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Correlation Matrix of Numerical Features')

Summary of Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Summary Statistics: Some of the features in this dataset are numerical in nature and have different scales. For example, account length varies from 1 to 243 days. Total daytime minutes vary from 0 to 350.8 minutes. The average number of customer service calls is approximately 1.56, at most 9.

Churn Distribution: While about 14.5% have churned, 85.5% have not; thus, the target variable is imbalanced. In fact, most of the churn prediction datasets represent an imbalanced target variable.

Distributions: These numeric features such as total day minutes, total eve minutes, and total night minutes are a bit right-skewed, which means most of the customers use less than the maximum available minutes. This includes features like number vmail messages and customer service calls which all have a high number of zeroes, probably indicating that a large number of customers either do not ever use voicemail or very seldom call customer service.

Analysis of Correlation: The correlation matrix shows strong features of inter-feature dependencies involving the features total day minutes, total day charge, total eve minutes, and total eve charge. This makes a lot of sense because these charges are actually derived from the respective minutes. Most of the features are weakly correlated with the target variable of churn, hence suggesting more complex modeling to capture this relationship.

Investigate the relationship between categorical variables (international plan, voice mail plan) and churn

cat_features = ['international plan', 'voice mail plan'] cat_features ['international plan', 'voice mail plan'] fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(15, 6))for i, feature in enumerate(cat_features): sns.countplot(x=feature, hue='churn', data=df, ax=axes[i]) axes[i].set_title(f'Relationship between {feature} and Churn') axes[i].set_ylabel('Count') axes[i].set_xlabel(feature)plt.tight_layout()

Analyze the influence of specific numerical features on churn using box plots

num_features = ['total day minutes', 'customer service calls', 'total intl charge']fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(20, 6))for i, feature in enumerate(num_features): sns.boxplot(x='churn', y=feature, data=df, ax=axes[i]) axes[i].set_title(f'Box plot of {feature} vs. Churn') axes[i].set_ylabel(feature) axes[i].set_xlabel('Churn')plt.tight_layout() plt.show()

Address Class Imbalance You can address class imbalance by:

Resampling: Use either oversampling or undersampling techniques.

Using Performance Metrics: Use metrics like F1-score, ROC-AUC score, or precision-recall curves that take class imbalance into account.

pip install scikit-learn==0.22 Collecting scikit-learn==0.22 Downloading scikit_learn-0.22-cp38-cp38-win_amd64.whl (6.3 MB) Requirement already satisfied: scipy>=0.17.0 in c:\users\john.kul\appdata\local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages (from scikit-learn==0.22) (1.5.0) Requirement already satisfied: numpy>=1.11.0 in c:\users\john.kul\appdata\local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages (from scikit-learn==0.22) (1.18.5) Requirement already satisfied: joblib>=0.11 in c:\users\john.kul\appdata\local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages (from scikit-learn==0.22) (1.4.2) Installing collected packages: scikit-learn Attempting uninstall: scikit-learn Found existing installation: scikit-learn 1.3.2 Uninstalling scikit-learn-1.3.2: Successfully uninstalled scikit-learn-1.3.2 Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages. ERROR: Could not install packages due to an EnvironmentError: [WinError 5] Access is denied: 'C:\Users\John.Kul\AppData\Local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\Lib\site-packages\~klearn\.libs\msvcp140.dll' Consider using the --user option or check the permissions.

pip install --upgrade scikit-learn imbalanced-learn Requirement already up-to-date: scikit-learn in c:\users\john.kul\appdata\local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages (1.3.2) Collecting imbalanced-learn Using cached imbalanced_learn-0.12.3-py3-none-any.whl (258 kB) Requirement already satisfied, skipping upgrade: scipy>=1.5.0 in c:\users\john.kul\appdata\local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages (from scikit-learn) (1.5.0) Requirement already satisfied, skipping upgrade: joblib>=1.1.1 in c:\users\john.kul\appdata\local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages (from scikit-learn) (1.4.2) Requirement already satisfied, skipping upgrade: threadpoolctl>=2.0.0 in c:\users\john.kul\appdata\local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages (from scikit-learn) (2.1.0) Requirement already satisfied, skipping upgrade: numpy<2.0,>=1.17.3 in c:\users\john.kul\appdata\local\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages (from scikit-learn) (1.18.5) Installing collected packages: imbalanced-learn Attempting uninstall: imbalanced-learn Found existing installation: imbalanced-learn 0.7.0 Uninstalling imbalanced-learn-0.7.0: Successfully uninstalled imbalanced-learn-0.7.0 Successfully installed imbalanced-learn-0.12.3 Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

Import oneHotEncoder

from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder

Apply one-hot encoding to the categorical columns

df = pd.get_dummies(df, columns = categorical, drop_first=True) df.head() account length area code number vmail messages total day minutes total day calls total day charge total eve minutes total eve calls total eve charge total night minutes ... phone number_422-5874 phone number_422-6685 phone number_422-6690 phone number_422-7728 phone number_422-8268 phone number_422-8333 phone number_422-8344 phone number_422-9964 international plan_yes voice mail plan_yes 0 128 415 25 265.1 110 45.07 197.4 99 16.78 244.7 ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 107 415 26 161.6 123 27.47 195.5 103 16.62 254.4 ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 137 415 0 243.4 114 41.38 121.2 110 10.30 162.6 ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 84 408 0 299.4 71 50.90 61.9 88 5.26 196.9 ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 4 75 415 0 166.7 113 28.34 148.3 122 12.61 186.9 ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 5 rows × 3401 columns

Build a Baseline Model Logistic Regression: This is a good starting point due to its simplicity and interpretability.

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, accuracy_score from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

Assuming df is your DataFrame and 'churn' is the target variable

X = df.drop(columns=['churn']) y = df['churn']

Split the data into train and test sets

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)

Standardize the features

scaler = StandardScaler() X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train) X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)

Build the baseline Logistic Regression model

log_model = LogisticRegression(random_state=42) log_model.fit(X_train, y_train)

Predict on the test set

y_pred = log_model.predict(X_test)

Evaluate the model

print("Baseline Logistic Regression Model Performance") print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred):.2f}") print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred)) Baseline Logistic Regression Model Performance Accuracy: 0.86 precision recall f1-score support

False 0.86 1.00 0.92 857 True 0.00 0.00 0.00 143



accuracy 0.86 1000

macro avg 0.43 0.50 0.46 1000 weighted avg 0.73 0.86 0.79 1000

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from sklearn.model selection import GridSearchCV

Define the parameter grid

param_grid = { 'C': [0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100], 'penalty': ['I1', 'I2'], 'solver': ['liblinear'] }

Grid search

grid_search = GridSearchCV(LogisticRegression(random_state=42), param_grid, cv=5, scoring='accuracy') grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)

Best model from grid search

best_log_model = grid_search.best_estimator_

Predict and evaluate

y_pred_tuned = best_log_model.predict(X_test)print("Tuned Logistic Regression Model Performance")
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_tuned):.2f}") print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_tuned))
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Assuming 'df' is your DataFrame and 'churn' is your target variable

X = df.drop(columns=['churn']) y = df['churn']

Split the data

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)

Apply SMOTE

sm = SMOTE(random state=42) X res, y res = sm.fit resample(X train, y train)

Check the new distribution

print(y_res.value_counts())True 1993 False 1993 Name: churn, dtype: int64 Refine the Model ROC-AUC and Precision-Recall AUC from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score, roc_curve, precision_recall_curve, auc import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

Predict probabilities instead of labels

y_prob = log_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]

Calculate ROC-AUC

roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, y_prob) print(f"ROC-AUC Score: {roc_auc:.2f}")

Plot ROC curve

fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test, y_prob) plt.figure() plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange', lw=2, label='ROC curve (area = %0.2f)' % roc_auc) plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=2, linestyle='--') plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0]) plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05]) plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate') plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate') plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic') plt.legend(loc="lower right") plt.show()

Precision-Recall Curve

precision, recall, _ = precision_recall_curve(y_test, y_prob) plt.figure() plt.plot(recall, precision, color='blue', lw=2) plt.xlabel('Recall') plt.ylabel('Precision') plt.title('Precision-Recall Curve') plt.show()

Calculate the AUC for the Precision-Recall curve

pr_auc = auc(recall, precision) print(f"Precision-Recall AUC: {pr_auc:.2f}") ROC-AUC Score: 0.82

Precision-Recall AUC: 0.45 Model Performance Interpretation The model's performance is evaluated using two key metrics: ROC-AUC and Precision-Recall AUC.

ROC-AUC Score: 0.82

The ROC-AUC score of 0.82 indicates that the model has a good ability to distinguish between the positive and negative classes. The closer this value is to 1, the better the model's performance. A score of 0.82 suggests that the model performs well in terms of overall classification accuracy across different thresholds.

Precision-Recall AUC: 0.45

The Precision-Recall AUC score of 0.45 suggests that the model's performance is moderate when specifically evaluating the trade-off between precision and recall. Since this score is closer to 0.5, it indicates that the model struggles to maintain both high precision and recall simultaneously, especially in a dataset that may be imbalanced.

Hyperparameter Tuning for Logistic Regression: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

Define the parameter grid for Random Forest

param_grid_rf = { 'n_estimators': [100, 200, 500], 'max_depth': [None, 10, 20, 30], 'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10], 'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4], 'class_weight': ['balanced', 'balanced_subsample'] }

Grid search

grid_search_rf = GridSearchCV(RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42), param_grid_rf, cv=5, scoring='roc_auc') grid_search_rf.fit(X_train, y_train)

Best model from grid search

best_rf_model = grid_search_rf.best_estimator_

Predict and evaluate

y_pred_rf = best_rf_model.predict(X_test)

Evaluate the model with the new metrics

roc_auc_rf = roc_auc_score(y_test, best_rf_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]) precision_rf, recall_rf, _ = precision_recall_curve(y_test, best_rf_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]) pr_auc_rf = auc(recall_rf, precision_rf) print(f"Random Forest ROC-AUC Score: {roc_auc_rf:.2f}") print(f"Random Forest Precision-Recall AUC: {pr_auc_rf:.2f}") Random Forest ROC-AUC Score: 0.94 Random Forest Precision-Recall AUC: 0.86 While the model demonstrates strong overall discriminative power with a ROC-AUC of 0.82, it faces challenges in balancing precision and recall, as evidenced by the Precision-Recall AUC of 0.45. This discrepancy highlights the importance of considering both metrics, especially in cases involving imbalanced datasets.

from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

Define the parameter grid

param_grid = { 'C': [0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100], 'penalty': ['11', '12'], 'solver': ['liblinear'] }

Grid search

grid_search = GridSearchCV(LogisticRegression(random_state=42), param_grid, cv=5, scoring='accuracy') grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)

Best model from grid search

best_log_model = grid_search.best_estimator_

Predict and evaluate

y_pred_tuned = best_log_model.predict(X_test)print("Tuned Logistic Regression Model Performance")
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_tuned):.2f}") print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_tuned))
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Key Points:

No Improvement: The tuning did not improve the model's ability to detect the minority class (True). The performance metrics for the minority class are the same as those in the baseline model. Persistent Bias: The model remains biased towards the majority class, reflecting the ongoing issue of class imbalance. Further Action Required: This indicates that the tuning strategy was insufficient to address the class imbalance. Further steps, such as more aggressive resampling, adjusting the class weights, or exploring different algorithms, are necessary to achieve better performance on the minority class. Build and Evaluate a Decision Tree Model from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier

Build the baseline Decision Tree model

tree_model = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42) tree_model.fit(X_train, y_train)

Predict on the test set

y_pred_tree = tree_model.predict(X_test)

Evaluate the model

print("Decision Tree Model Performance") print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_tree):.2f}") print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_tree)) Decision Tree Model Performance Accuracy: 0.94 precision recall f1-score support

False 0.95 0.98 0.97 857
True 0.87 0.72 0.79 143
accuracy 0.94 1000

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macro avg 0.91 0.85 0.88 1000 weighted avg 0.94 0.94 0.94 1000

Evaluate the Model The Decision Tree model outperforms the logistic regression models, reaching an accuracy of 0.94. It considerably improves the precision (0.87), recall (0.72), and F1-score (0.79) for the minority class. This shows that the Decision Tree is significantly more effective at recognising and correctly classifying occurrences of the minority class, giving it a more balanced and accurate model than the previously evaluated logistic regression models. The overall performance indicators, particularly for the minority class, are more favourable, making the Decision Tree a preferable choice for this classification assignment given the dataset's imbalance.

Hyperparameter Tuning for Decision Tree param_grid_tree = { 'max_depth': [None, 10, 20, 30], 'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10], 'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4] }grid_search_tree = GridSearchCV(DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42), param_grid_tree, cv=5, scoring='accuracy') grid_search_tree.fit(X_train, y_train)best_tree_model = grid_search_tree.best_estimator_y_pred_tree_tuned = best_tree_model.predict(X_test)print("Tuned Decision Tree Model Performance") print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_tree_tuned):.2f}") print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_tree_tuned)) Tuned Decision Tree Model Performance Accuracy: 0.94 precision recall f1-score support

False	0.95	0.98	0.97	857
True	0.85	0.72	0.78	143
accuracy			0.94	1000

macro avg 0.90 0.85 0.87 1000 weighted avg 0.94 0.94 0.94 1000

Tuned Decision Tree Model Performance Evaluation The tuned Decision Tree model maintains a high accuracy of 0.94, matching the performance of the previous model. The precision (0.85) and F1-score (0.78) for the True class are slightly lower than the earlier model (which had 0.87 precision and 0.79 F1-score). The recall for the True class remains consistent at 0.72. The differences are minor, indicating that while the tuning may have made slight adjustments, the overall performance remains robust and consistent with the earlier decision tree model. This suggests that the model is well-tuned, with only marginal trade-offs in precision and F1-score for the minority class.

Model Performance Comparison Baseline Logistic Regression Model:

Accuracy: 0.86 Precision (True): 0.00 Recall (True): 0.00 F1-Score (True): 0.00

Summary: The model performs well on the majority class (False) but fails completely on the minority class (True), resulting in a severe imbalance. This makes it unsuitable for scenarios where correctly identifying the minority class is important. Tuned Logistic Regression Model:

Accuracy: 0.86 (same as the baseline) Precision (True): 0.00 Recall (True): 0.00 F1-Score (True): 0.00

Summary: The tuning did not improve the performance on the minority class. The model remains biased towards the majority class and does not provide a balanced solution. Initial Decision Tree Model:

Accuracy: 0.94 Precision (True): 0.87 Recall (True): 0.72 F1-Score (True): 0.79

Summary: The Decision Tree model significantly improves the ability to identify the minority class (True), with a notable increase in precision, recall, and F1-score compared to the logistic regression models. It provides a more balanced and effective solution for the given task. Tuned Decision Tree Model:

Accuracy: 0.94 (same as the initial Decision Tree) Precision (True): 0.85 (slightly lower than initial) Recall (True): 0.72 (same as initial) F1-Score (True): 0.78 (slightly lower than initial) Summary: The tuning led to minor changes, with a slight reduction in precision and F1-score for the True class. The overall performance remains strong, with the model still effectively balancing between precision and recall.

Best Model Selection: Chosen Model: The initial Decision Tree model is the best overall performer. It offers a significant improvement over logistic regression, especially in terms of handling the minority class. It achieves a high accuracy of 0.94 while maintaining balanced metrics across precision (0.87), recall (0.72), and F1-score (0.79) for the minority class.

Trade-offs: Interpretability vs. Performance: While logistic regression models are more interpretable, the Decision Tree model's improved performance justifies choosing it despite being slightly less interpretable. The tree structure still provides some level of interpretability compared to more complex models like neural networks.

Precision vs. Recall: The Decision Tree model strikes a balance between precision and recall, avoiding extreme trade-offs seen in the logistic regression models, which entirely ignored the minority class.

Real-World Deployment: Why This Model: The Decision Tree model's ability to handle imbalanced data and make accurate predictions across both classes makes it suitable for real-world scenarios where both precision and recall are crucial.

Improvement: Further improvements could involve exploring more advanced tree-based models (e.g., Random Forest or Gradient Boosting), which might offer even better performance. Additionally, fine-tuning hyperparameters or experimenting with ensemble methods could yield marginal gains.

In conclusion, the initial Decision Tree model is the most balanced and effective choice for this task, offering strong performance across accuracy and relevant metrics while maintaining a reasonable level of interpretability.

Findings

Model Performance:

Logistic Regression: The initial logistic regression model struggled with class imbalance, as indicated by an accuracy of 0.86 and a recall of 0.00 for the minority class (True), meaning it failed to predict any positive cases of churn. Even after tuning, the model's performance remained unchanged, highlighting the limitations of this approach for imbalanced datasets.

Decision Tree: The decision tree model significantly improved performance with an accuracy of 0.94. The recall for the True class increased to 0.72, showing the model's better ability to identify churn cases. After tuning, the model maintained its strong performance, with a minor adjustment in precision and recall.

The decision tree model, which performed well, can be analyzed to determine the most critical features in predicting churn. These features likely include aspects such as the customer's international plan, voice mail plan, and usage statistics like total day minutes or number of customer service calls. Understanding which features contribute most to the model's decisions can provide actionable insights for the business.

Recommendations

Application of Predictions:

The decision tree model's strong performance suggests it is well-suited for use in identifying customers at risk of churning. This model can be deployed in scenarios where quick, real-time predictions are needed, such as during customer service interactions or targeted marketing campaigns aimed at customer retention. However, the model may still struggle in edge cases where customer behavior is unusual or does not align with the patterns seen in the training data. Therefore, predictions should be interpreted with caution in such contexts, and the business should have contingency plans for dealing with misclassifications.

Business Strategy Adjustments:

Proactive Customer Retention: Based on the model's predictions, the business could implement proactive retention strategies. For instance, customers identified as high-risk for churn could be offered personalized incentives, such as discounts or service upgrades. Feature Modification: The business can experiment with modifying specific features to influence churn outcomes. For example, if the model identifies that customers with high customer service call rates are more likely to churn, the business could invest in improving customer service efficiency or providing alternative support channels to reduce the need for calls.

Targeted Interventions Based on Model Predictions

High Customer Service Call Rates:

Insight: The Decision Tree model likely identified a high number of customer service calls as a significant predictor of churn. Customers who frequently contact customer service may be experiencing unresolved issues or dissatisfaction. Intervention: Implement a Proactive Customer Service Outreach Program. Customers with a high call frequency should be flagged for follow-up by a dedicated support team focused on resolving their issues before they escalate. This team can offer personalized solutions or compensation if necessary to improve customer satisfaction and reduce churn.

International Plan Subscribers with Low Usage:

Insight: The model may have found that customers who subscribe to an international plan but do not frequently use international services are at higher risk of churning. These customers might feel that they are not getting value from their subscription. Intervention: Introduce a Personalized Usage Review for these customers, offering them tailored advice on how they can maximize the value of their plan. Alternatively, consider offering a downgraded or alternative plan with features that align more closely with their usage patterns, potentially at a lower cost. This approach can increase customer satisfaction and reduce the likelihood of them canceling their subscription.

Customers with High Daytime Minutes:

Insight: Customers with high usage during the day might be key users of your service, but they may also

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