

Final Project Submission

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SyriaTel Customer Churn Study

Overview

In this study, I will analyze the 'SyriaTel Customer Churn' data. The SyriaTel is a telecommunication company. The purpose of the study is to predict whether a customer will ("soon") stop doing business with SyriaTel.

Business Problem

The telecommunication company, SyriaTel, hired me to analyze the Customer Churn data. The company wants to understand the customer's decision to discontinue their business with SyriaTel. The results of the analysis will be used to make business decisions for improving the company finances.

This study will

- Search for the predictable pattern for customer decision on stop or continue doing business with SyriaTel
- Choose a model which will best identify the customers who will stop doing business with SyriaTel

Data

Load

I use SyriaTel Customer Churn data for this study. The data file is downloaded from Kaggle.

The file name is 'bigml_59c28831336c6604c800002a.csv'.

```
In [1]: # Import base libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import seaborn as sns

import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

```
In [313]: # Import data
df = pd.read_csv('bigml_59c28831336c6604c800002a.csv')
df.head()
```

Out[313]:

	state	account length	area code	phone number	international plan	voice mail plan	number vmail messages	total day minutes	total day calls	total day charge	...	total eve calls
0	KS	128	415	382-4657	no	yes	25	265.1	110	45.07	...	99
1	OH	107	415	371-7191	no	yes	26	161.6	123	27.47	...	103
2	NJ	137	415	358-1921	no	no	0	243.4	114	41.38	...	110
3	OH	84	408	375-9999	yes	no	0	299.4	71	50.90	...	88
4	OK	75	415	330-6626	yes	no	0	166.7	113	28.34	...	122

5 rows × 21 columns

Scrub / Explore

I will first look at the data closely.

```
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
```

```
df.isna().sum()
```

state	0
account length	0
area code	0
phone number	0
international plan	0
voice mail plan	0
number vmail messages	0
total day minutes	0
total day calls	0
total day charge	0
total eve minutes	0
total eve calls	0
total eve charge	0
total night minutes	0
total night calls	0
total night charge	0
total intl minutes	0
total intl calls	0
total intl charge	0
customer service calls	0
churn	0
dtype:	int64

I will remove the column 'phone number' from dataset. Most digits in the phone number is random, and it will not have much use in modeling. This variable will also be a problem in dummy variable creation, because all values will be unique.

```
In [316]: df = df.drop('phone number', axis=1)
```

I will convert 'international plan', 'voice mail plan', and 'churn' variables to binary.

```
In [317]: # Convert to binary
df['international plan'] = df['international plan'].map({'yes':1, 'no':0})
df['voice mail plan'] = df['voice mail plan'].map({'yes':1, 'no':0})
df['churn'] = df['churn'].map({True:1, False:0})
df.head()
```

Out[317]:

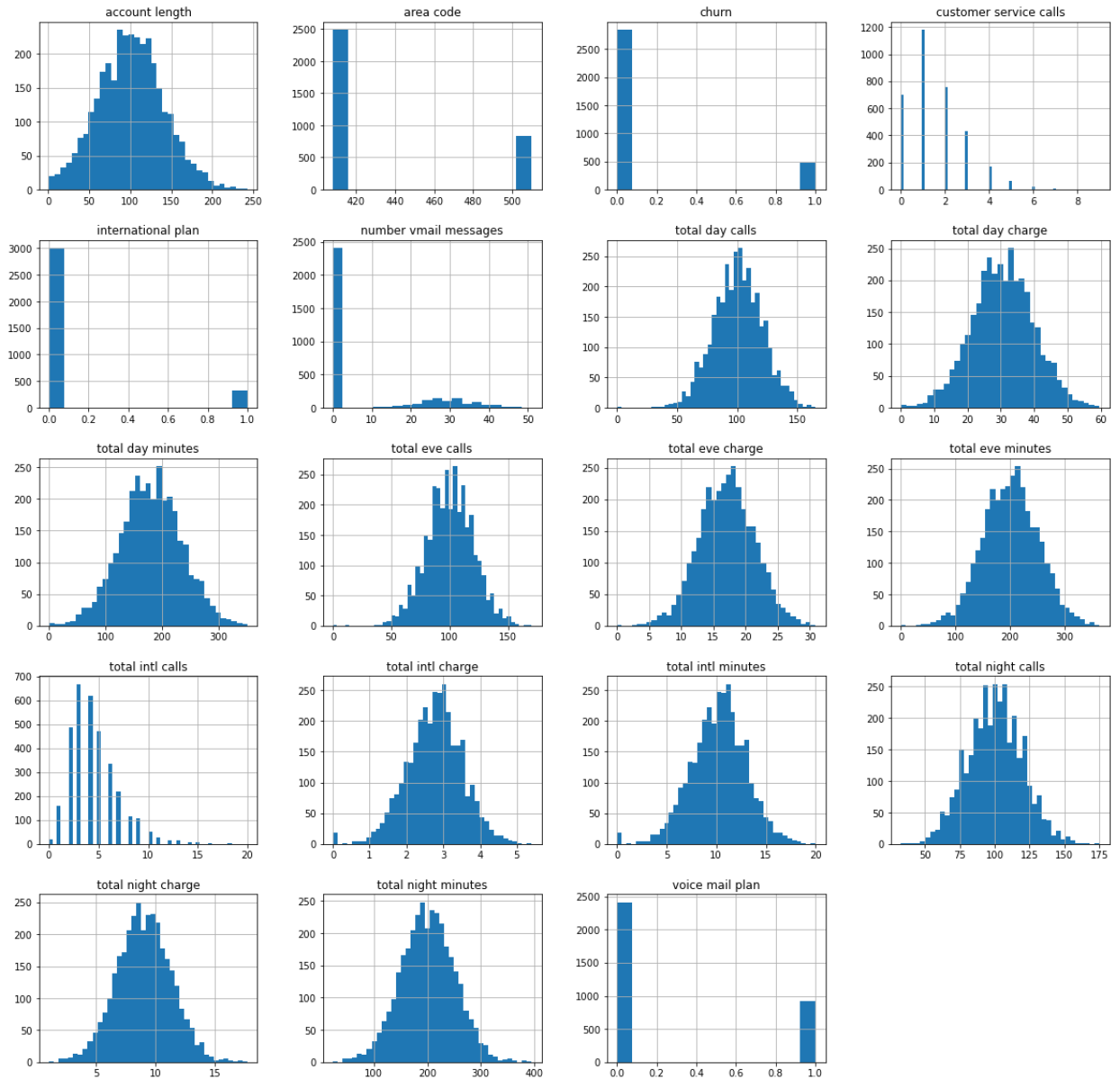
	state	account length	area code	international plan	voice mail plan	number vmail messages	total day minutes	total day calls	total day charge	total eve minutes	total eve calls	ch
0	KS	128	415	0	1	25	265.1	110	45.07	197.4	99	.
1	OH	107	415	0	1	26	161.6	123	27.47	195.5	103	.
2	NJ	137	415	0	0	0	243.4	114	41.38	121.2	110	.
3	OH	84	408	1	0	0	299.4	71	50.90	61.9	88	.
4	OK	75	415	1	0	0	166.7	113	28.34	148.3	122	.

```
In [318]: df.info()
```

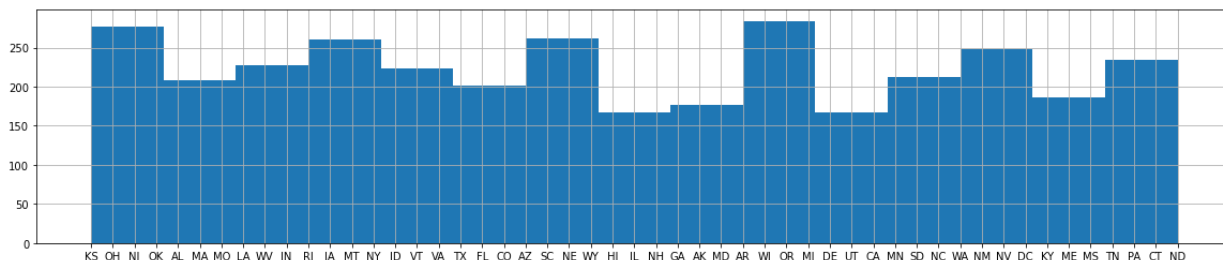
```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332
Data columns (total 20 columns):
 #   Column                                  Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
 0   state                                  3333 non-null   object
 1   account length                        3333 non-null   int64
 2   area code                             3333 non-null   int64
 3   international plan                    3333 non-null   int64
 4   voice mail plan                       3333 non-null   int64
 5   number vmail messages                 3333 non-null   int64
 6   total day minutes                     3333 non-null   float64
 7   total day calls                       3333 non-null   int64
 8   total day charge                      3333 non-null   float64
 9   total eve minutes                     3333 non-null   float64
10   total eve calls                       3333 non-null   int64
11   total eve charge                      3333 non-null   float64
12   total night minutes                   3333 non-null   float64
13   total night calls                     3333 non-null   int64
14   total night charge                    3333 non-null   float64
15   total intl minutes                    3333 non-null   float64
16   total intl calls                      3333 non-null   int64
17   total intl charge                     3333 non-null   float64
18   customer service calls                3333 non-null   int64
19   churn                                3333 non-null   int64
dtypes: float64(8), int64(11), object(1)
memory usage: 520.9+ KB
```

Let's see distributions for all variables.

```
In [320]: df.hist(figsize=(20,20), bins='auto')
plt.savefig('images/histograms_All.png')
```



```
In [330]: df['state'].hist(figsize=(20,4), bins='auto')
plt.savefig('images/histogram_state.png')
```



Now, the binary variables have type int64. I will change the dtype to object for these variables, to make them available for dummy variable creation.

The variable 'area code' is also dtype int64, however it is a categorical variable. I will also change it to object.

```
In [321]: df = df.astype({'international plan': 'object'})
df = df.astype({'voice mail plan': 'object'})
df = df.astype({'area code': 'object'})
```

```
In [322]: df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332
Data columns (total 20 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   object
 3   international plan                    3333 non-null   object
 4   voice mail plan                       3333 non-null   object
 5   number vmail messages                 3333 non-null   int64
 6   total day minutes                     3333 non-null   float64
 7   total day calls                       3333 non-null   int64
 8   total day charge                      3333 non-null   float64
 9   total eve minutes                     3333 non-null   float64
10   total eve calls                       3333 non-null   int64
11   total eve charge                      3333 non-null   float64
12   total night minutes                   3333 non-null   float64
13   total night calls                     3333 non-null   int64
14   total night charge                    3333 non-null   float64
15   total intl minutes                    3333 non-null   float64
16   total intl calls                      3333 non-null   int64
17   total intl charge                     3333 non-null   float64
18   customer service calls                3333 non-null   int64
19   churn                                3333 non-null   int64
dtypes: float64(8), int64(8), object(4)
memory usage: 520.9+ KB
```

```
In [323]: df.describe()
```

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Out[323]:
```

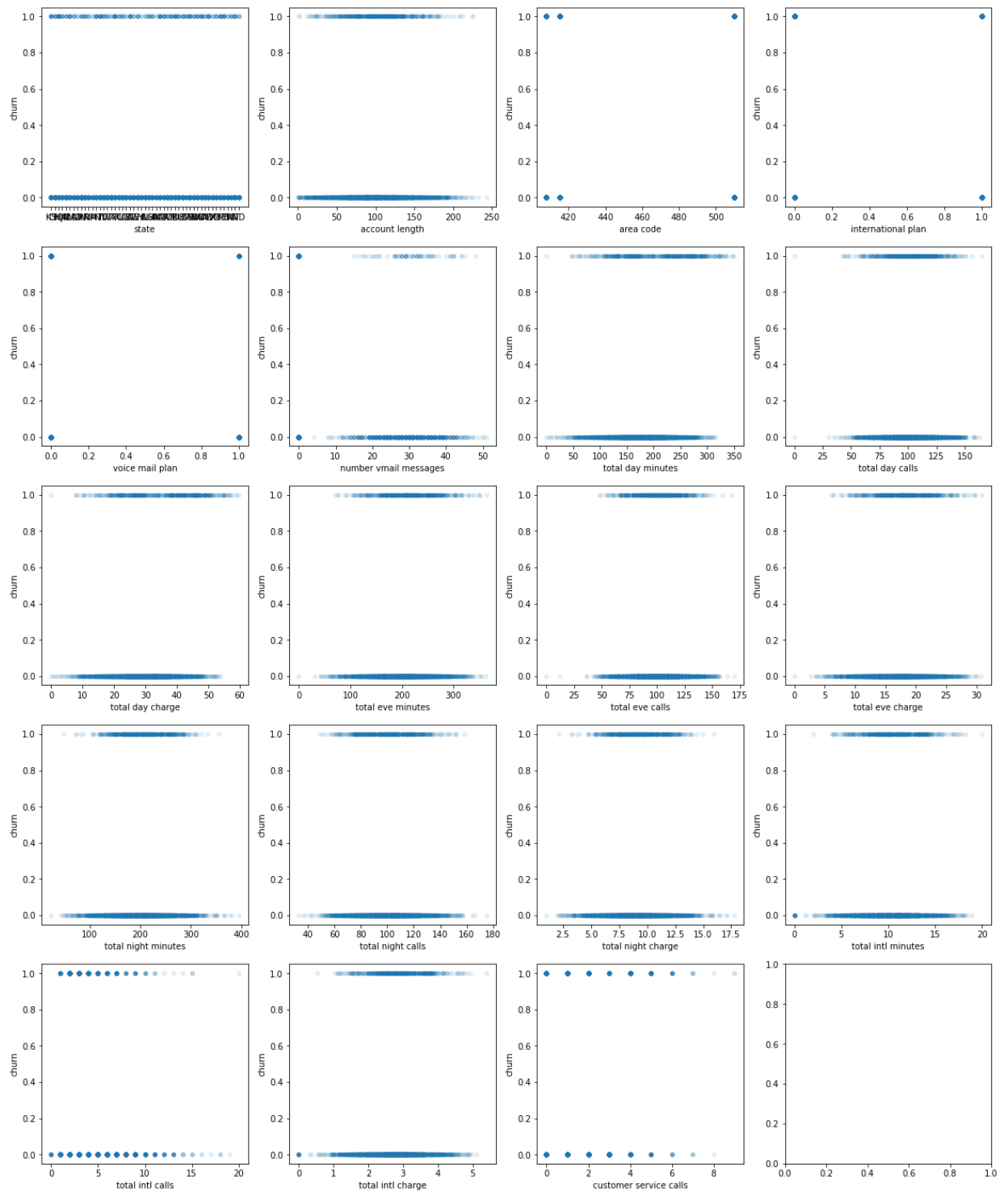
	account length	number vmail messages	total day minutes	total day calls	total day charge	total eve minutes	total eve calls
count	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000
mean	101.064806	8.099010	179.775098	100.435644	30.562307	200.980348	100.114311
std	39.822106	13.688365	54.467389	20.069084	9.259435	50.713844	19.922625
min	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	74.000000	0.000000	143.700000	87.000000	24.430000	166.600000	87.000000
50%	101.000000	0.000000	179.400000	101.000000	30.500000	201.400000	100.000000
75%	127.000000	20.000000	216.400000	114.000000	36.790000	235.300000	114.000000
max	243.000000	51.000000	350.800000	165.000000	59.640000	363.700000	170.000000

The target variable for this study is 'churn'. Let's check the scatter matrixes.


```
In [331]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(5, 4, figsize=(20, 25))

for ax, col in zip(axes.flatten(), df.columns[:-1]):
    df.plot.scatter(col, 'churn', alpha=0.1, ax=ax)

plt.savefig('images/scatters_All.png')
```



It is hard to recognize any patterns for 'churn' in these plots.

We will now look at the models to derive patterns and predictions.

Model

In this study, we are trying to predict customer's decision on stopping the business with the company. The prediction will be True (1) or False (0). Therefore we will use binary classification model.

Pre-process

The target variable is 'churn': activity of customers leaving the company and discarding the services offered

The rest of the variables in the dataset will be predictors. I will also create dummy variables from categorical variables.

Let's create the target data series (y) and predictor dataframe (X).

```
In [325]: # Assign target and predictor
y = df['churn']
X = df.drop('churn', axis=1)

X = pd.get_dummies(X)
X.head()
```

Out[325]:

	account length	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	...	state_Wi
0	128	25	265.1	110	45.07	197.4	99	16.78	244.7	91	...	C
1	107	26	161.6	123	27.47	195.5	103	16.62	254.4	103	...	C
2	137	0	243.4	114	41.38	121.2	110	10.30	162.6	104	...	C
3	84	0	299.4	71	50.90	61.9	88	5.26	196.9	89	...	C
4	75	0	166.7	113	28.34	148.3	122	12.61	186.9	121	...	C

5 rows × 73 columns

Next, I will separate the data into train and test splits. I will allocate 25% of the data for testing. I will also assign a random state for repeatability.

```
In [326]: # Sepearate data into train and test splist
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

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

print('X_train shape = ', X_train.shape)
print('y_train shape = ', y_train.shape)
print('X_test shape = ', X_test.shape)
print('y_test shape = ', y_test.shape)

X_train shape = (2499, 73)
y_train shape = (2499,)
X_test shape = (834, 73)
y_test shape = (834,)
```

The data values have different ranges, so I need to normalize/scale each variable in train and test data (X) before modeling.

```
In [327]: # Scale/Normalize the predictor variables
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

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

# Convert to Dataframe
X_train_scaled = pd.DataFrame(X_train_scaled, columns=X_train.columns)
X_test_scaled = pd.DataFrame(X_test_scaled, columns=X_test.columns)
X_train_scaled.head()
```

```
Out[327]:
```

	account length	number vmail messages	total day minutes	total day calls	total day charge	total eve minutes	total eve calls	total eve charge	total night minutes
0	-1.404508	-0.584700	-1.883677	1.330852	-1.884170	1.037727	0.401340	1.037905	1.069609
1	0.366388	-0.584700	0.294083	0.529165	0.293703	0.516178	0.401340	0.517286	2.214376
2	0.518179	1.685101	1.056392	-1.875896	1.056666	0.093407	0.849774	0.094283	-0.077125
3	2.010792	-0.584700	-0.679156	1.681590	-0.679320	-0.402459	0.650470	-0.403094	-0.322994
4	0.290493	-0.584700	0.484660	1.080325	0.484172	-0.718549	-0.296224	-0.719184	-1.186487

5 rows x 73 columns

Evaluation Metrics

In the next steps, I will use several classifiers to model the data. I will check their performance using the evaluation metrics:

precision:

- Number of True Positives / Number of Predicted Positives
- How precise our predictions are?

recall:

- Nuber of True Positives / Number of Actual Total Positives
- What percentage of the classes we're interested in were actually captured by the model?

accuracy:

- (Number of True Positives + Number of True Negatives) / (Number of Total Observations)
- Out of all the predictions our model made, what percentage were correct?

f1-score:

- $2 * (\text{Precision} * \text{Recall}) / (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})$
- Harmonic Mean of Precision and Recall.

Source: Flatiron Data Science Curriculum, Evaluation Metrics

Since my business problem is focusing on identifying the customers who stop doing business, I am interested mainly on the 'recall' metrics. However, when optimizing my model, I should also pay attention to the 'precision'. I want my predictions to be true, to be precise. The recall and precision are inversely proportional. Therefore, I choose to use the f1-score, Harmonic Mean of Precision and Recall, as the main metric for evaluating the performance of the model.

Logistic Regression

I start with Logistic Regression. I instantiate the model with default parameters and fit on training data. Then I will check the evaluation metrics both for training and testing data.

```
In [156]: # Import, Instantiate a LogisticRegression and fit
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

logreg = LogisticRegression(random_state=42)
logreg.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

# Predict
#y_train_pred = logreg.predict(X_train_scaled)
#y_test_pred = logreg.predict(X_test_scaled)
```

```
Out[156]: LogisticRegression(random_state=42)
```

```
In [164]: #Print out the evaluation metrics for training and testing data
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, plot_confusion_matrix, classification_report

print('Training Data:\n', classification_report(y_train, logreg.predict(X_train)))
print('Testing Data:\n', classification_report(y_test, logreg.predict(X_test)))
```

```
Training Data:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

    0       0.89         0.97         0.93         2141
    1       0.64         0.27         0.37          358

 accuracy          0.87         0.87         0.87         2499
 macro avg       0.76         0.62         0.65         2499
 weighted avg    0.85         0.87         0.85         2499

Testing Data:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

    0       0.88         0.97         0.92          709
    1       0.56         0.22         0.32          125

 accuracy          0.86         0.86         0.86          834
 macro avg       0.72         0.60         0.62          834
 weighted avg    0.83         0.86         0.83          834
```

My observations from the printed results:

- The metrics look similar for both training and testing data, just training is a bit better; so slight overfitting.
- The precision - recall - f1 scores are low (for churn=1), so the model prediction performance is not good.
- The high accuracy score is high, but misleading. It is caused by the imbalanced dataset.

Resampling

Class imbalance effects the performance of the classification model.

```
In [167]: print('Original whole data class distribution:')
print(y.value_counts())
print('Original whole data class distribution, normalized:')
print(y.value_counts(normalize=True))
```

```
Original whole data class distribution:
0    2850
1     483
Name: churn, dtype: int64
Original whole data class distribution, normalized:
0    0.855086
1    0.144914
Name: churn, dtype: float64
```

According to the dataset, 85.5% of the customers do continue with SyriaTel and 14.5% of customers stop business. If we make a prediction that, all customers will continue, then we will have 85.5% accuracy. This explains the high accuracy score of the model, despite the other low metric values.

I will use SMOTE to create a synthetic training sample to take care of imbalance.

```
In [173]: # Import SMOTE, resample
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE

smote = SMOTE()
X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled = smote.fit_resample(X_train_sc

print('Original training data class distribution:')
print(y_train.value_counts())
print('Synthetic training data class distribution:')
print(y_train_resampled.value_counts())
```

```
Original training data class distribution:
0    2141
1     358
Name: churn, dtype: int64
Synthetic training data class distribution:
1    2141
0    2141
Name: churn, dtype: int64
```

```
In [186]: # New model after resampling
logreg = LogisticRegression(random_state=42)
logreg.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled)

print('Training Data:\n', classification_report(y_train, logreg.predict(X_t
print('Testing Data:\n', classification_report(y_test, logreg.predict(X_tes
```

Training Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.95	0.78	0.86	2141
1	0.36	0.75	0.49	358
accuracy			0.78	2499
macro avg	0.66	0.76	0.67	2499
weighted avg	0.86	0.78	0.80	2499

Testing Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.95	0.79	0.86	709
1	0.39	0.78	0.52	125
accuracy			0.79	834
macro avg	0.67	0.78	0.69	834
weighted avg	0.87	0.79	0.81	834

After resampling, the Logistic Regression Model performance is clearly improved.

Parameter Tuning

I initially used the default parameters for the Logistic Regression model. I will now apply parameter tuning with GridSearchCV. It will determine the best parameter combination for the given parameter grid.

```
In [141]: print('Default parameters:')
logreg.get_params()
```

Default parameters:

```
Out[141]: {'C': 1.0,
           'class_weight': None,
           'dual': False,
           'fit_intercept': True,
           'intercept_scaling': 1,
           'l1_ratio': None,
           'max_iter': 100,
           'multi_class': 'auto',
           'n_jobs': None,
           'penalty': 'l2',
           'random_state': 42,
           'solver': 'lbfgs',
           'tol': 0.0001,
           'verbose': 0,
           'warm_start': False}
```

```
In [181]: # Tuning Logistic Regression model with GridSearchCV
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

logreg_param_grid = {
    'solver': ['lbfgs', 'liblinear'],
    'C': [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000, 1e5, 1e10, 1e15, 1e20],
}

logreg_gs = GridSearchCV(logreg, logreg_param_grid, cv=5, scoring='f1')
#logreg_gs.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
logreg_gs.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled)

score_logreg_gs = logreg_gs.score(X_test_scaled, y_test)
print('f1-score for test data:', score_logreg_gs)

print("Best Parameter Combination:", logreg_gs.best_params_)
```

f1-score for test data: 0.5166240409207161

Best Parameter Combination: {'C': 0.001, 'solver': 'liblinear'}

It looks like the parameter tuning, with the given parameter grid, didn't improve the performance much.

K-Nearest Neighbors

```
In [229]: # Import, Instantiate, fit KNeighborsClassifier,
          from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier

          knn = KNeighborsClassifier()
          #knn.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train) # #f1 = 0.15 on test data
          knn.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled) #Resampled data with S

          print('Training Data:\n', classification_report(y_train, knn.predict(X_train_scaled_resampled)))
          print('Testing Data:\n', classification_report(y_test, knn.predict(X_test_scaled)))
```

Training Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	0.82	0.90	2141
1	0.47	0.99	0.64	358
accuracy			0.84	2499
macro avg	0.74	0.90	0.77	2499
weighted avg	0.92	0.84	0.86	2499

Testing Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.92	0.73	0.81	709
1	0.29	0.62	0.39	125
accuracy			0.71	834
macro avg	0.60	0.67	0.60	834
weighted avg	0.82	0.71	0.75	834

Observations:

- The performance in training data is better than test data. This is a sign of overfitting.
- The fitting on resampled training data has a better performance. The f1-score for test data increased from 0.15 to 0.39. (The results for resampled data is not shown here, but tested).

Parameter Tuning

```
In [22]: print('Default parameters:')
          knn.get_params()
```

Default parameters:

```
Out[22]: {'algorithm': 'auto',
          'leaf_size': 30,
          'metric': 'minkowski',
          'metric_params': None,
          'n_jobs': None,
          'n_neighbors': 5,
          'p': 2,
          'weights': 'uniform'}
```



```

In [218]: # Tuning KNN model with GridSearchCV
# Takes about 5 minutes on my PC

knn_param_grid = {
    'n_neighbors': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15],
    'p': [1, 2, 3, 4]
}

knn_gs = GridSearchCV(knn, knn_param_grid, cv=5, scoring='f1')
knn_gs.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
#knn_gs.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled) #Lower performance

score_knn_gs = knn_gs.score(X_test_scaled, y_test)
print('f1-score for test data:', score_knn_gs)

print("Best Parameter Combination:", knn_gs.best_params_)

f1-score for test data: 0.27751196172248804
Best Parameter Combination: {'n_neighbors': 1, 'p': 4}

```

Parameter tuning, with the given parameter ranges, didn't improve the KNN model performance.

Why the f1-score decreased after the tuning?

Decision Tress

I will firstly use DecisionTreeClassifier with default parameters, then apply GridSearchCV to find the optimum parameters.

```
In [214]: # Import, Instantiate, fit DecisionTreeClassifier,
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier

dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
dt.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
#dt.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled)

print('Training Data:\n', classification_report(y_train, dt.predict(X_train_scaled)))
print('Testing Data:\n', classification_report(y_test, dt.predict(X_test_scaled)))
```

Training Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	2141
1	1.00	1.00	1.00	358
accuracy			1.00	2499
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	2499
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	2499

Testing Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.96	0.96	0.96	709
1	0.75	0.75	0.75	125
accuracy			0.93	834
macro avg	0.85	0.85	0.85	834
weighted avg	0.93	0.93	0.93	834

Parameter Tuning

```
In [25]: print('Default parameters:')
dt.get_params()
```

Default parameters:

```
Out[25]: {'ccp_alpha': 0.0,
'class_weight': None,
'criterion': 'gini',
'max_depth': None,
'max_features': None,
'max_leaf_nodes': None,
'min_impurity_decrease': 0.0,
'min_samples_leaf': 1,
'min_samples_split': 2,
'min_weight_fraction_leaf': 0.0,
'random_state': 42,
'splitter': 'best'}
```

```
In [217]: # Tuning Decision Trees model with GridSearchCV
# Takes more than 10 minutes on my PC
```

```
dt_param_grid = {
    'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
    'max_depth': [None, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 3, 4, 5, 6],
    #'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
}

dt_gs = GridSearchCV(dt, dt_param_grid, cv=5, scoring='f1')
dt_gs.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
#dt_gs.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled)

score_dt_gs = dt_gs.score(X_test_scaled, y_test)
print('f1-score for test data:', score_dt_gs)

print("Best Parameter Combination:", dt_gs.best_params_)
```

```
f1-score for test data: 0.8088888888888889
Best Parameter Combination: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 6, 'min_sa
mples_split': 6}
```

The parameter tuning significantly improved the Decision Trees performance.

Random Forests

Let's try an ensemble method Random Forests, which uses DecisionTreeClassifier.

```
In [224]: # Import, Instantiate, fit RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

rf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
rf.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
#rf.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled) #No change in f1 score

print('Training Data:\n', classification_report(y_train, rf.predict(X_train_scaled)))
print('Testing Data:\n', classification_report(y_test, rf.predict(X_test_scaled)))
```

Training Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	2141
1	1.00	1.00	1.00	358
accuracy			1.00	2499
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	2499
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	2499

Testing Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.94	1.00	0.97	709
1	0.98	0.63	0.77	125
accuracy			0.94	834
macro avg	0.96	0.81	0.87	834
weighted avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	834

Parameter Tuning

```
In [225]: print('Default parameters:')
rf.get_params()
```

Default parameters:

```
Out[225]: {'bootstrap': True,
'ccp_alpha': 0.0,
'class_weight': None,
'criterion': 'gini',
'max_depth': None,
'max_features': 'auto',
'max_leaf_nodes': None,
'max_samples': None,
'min_impurity_decrease': 0.0,
'min_samples_leaf': 1,
'min_samples_split': 2,
'min_weight_fraction_leaf': 0.0,
'n_estimators': 100,
'n_jobs': None,
'oob_score': False,
'random_state': 42,
'verbose': 0,
'warm_start': False}
```

```
In [230]: # Tuning Random Forest model with GridSearchCV
```

```
rf_param_grid = {
    'n_estimators': [10, 30, 100],
    'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
    'max_depth': [None, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 3, 4, 5, 6],
    # 'min_samples_leaf': [3, 6],
    'max_features': [4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
}

rf_gs = GridSearchCV(rf, rf_param_grid, cv=5, scoring='f1')
rf_gs.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

score_rf_gs = rf_gs.score(X_test_scaled, y_test)
print('f1-score on test data:', score_rf_gs)

print("Best Parameter Combination:", rf_gs.best_params_)
```

```
f1-score on test data: 0.7326732673267325
Best Parameter Combination: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': None, 'max_
_features': 8, 'min_samples_split': 3, 'n_estimators': 100}
```

The parameter tuning didn't improve the performance of Random Forest model.

XGBoost

```
In [234]: # Import, Instantiate, fit XGBClassifier
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
import xgboost as xgb

xgb = XGBClassifier(random_state=42, eval_metric='logloss') #'logloss' is d
xgb.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
#xgb.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled)

print('Training Data:\n', classification_report(y_train, xgb.predict(X_train_scaled)))
print('Testing Data:\n', classification_report(y_test, xgb.predict(X_test_scaled)))
```

Training Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	2141
1	1.00	1.00	1.00	358
accuracy			1.00	2499
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	2499
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	2499

Testing Data:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.96	0.99	0.97	709
1	0.94	0.74	0.83	125
accuracy			0.95	834
macro avg	0.95	0.86	0.90	834
weighted avg	0.95	0.95	0.95	834

Parameter Tuning

```
In [235]: print('Default parameters:')
xgb.get_params()
```

Default parameters:

```
Out[235]: {'objective': 'binary:logistic',
'use_label_encoder': True,
'base_score': 0.5,
'booster': 'gbtree',
'colsample_bylevel': 1,
'colsample_bynode': 1,
'colsample_bytree': 1,
'gamma': 0,
'gpu_id': -1,
'importance_type': 'gain',
'interaction_constraints': '',
'learning_rate': 0.300000012,
'max_delta_step': 0,
'max_depth': 6,
'min_child_weight': 1,
'missing': nan,
'monotone_constraints': '()',
'n_estimators': 100,
'n_jobs': 4,
'num_parallel_tree': 1,
'random_state': 42,
'reg_alpha': 0,
'reg_lambda': 1,
'scale_pos_weight': 1,
'subsample': 1,
'tree_method': 'exact',
'validate_parameters': 1,
'verbosity': None,
'eval_metric': 'logloss'}
```

```
In [236]: # Tuning XGBClassifier with GridSearchCV
# Takes more than 10 minutes on my PC

from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

xgb_param_grid = {
    'learning_rate': [0.1, 0.2],
    'max_depth': [None, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10],
    'min_child_weight': [1, 2],
    'subsample': [0.5, 0.7],
    'n_estimators': [30, 100],
}

xgb_gs = GridSearchCV(xgb, xgb_param_grid, cv=5, scoring='f1')
xgb_gs.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

score_xgb_gs = xgb_gs.score(X_test_scaled, y_test)
print('f1-score on test data:', score_xgb_gs)

print("Best Parameter Combination:", xgb_gs.best_params_)

f1-score on test data: 0.8288288288288288
Best Parameter Combination: {'learning_rate': 0.1, 'max_depth': 10, 'min_
child_weight': 1, 'n_estimators': 100, 'subsample': 0.7}
```

The parameter tuning didn't effect the XGBoost performance much.

Compare the models

At this section, I will compare the classification models to choose the best one to identify the customers who will study doing business with SyriaTel .

I will now look evaluation metrics like precision, recall, accuracy and f1.

I will also plot ROC curves and calculate AUC for each model.

- ROC: Receiver Operating Characteristic curve illustrates the true positive rate against the false positive rate.
- AUC: Area Under Curve

I will use the optimal/best parameter set selected by the GridSearchCV to instantiate my models.

Optimum parameter sets, with f1-score used for tuning

Logistic Regression: {'C': 0.001, 'solver': 'liblinear'} (with resampled data)

KNN: Default (with resampled data)

Decision Trees: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 6, 'min_samples_split': 6}

Random Forest: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': None, 'max_features': 8, 'min_samples_split': 3, 'n_estimators': 100}

XGBoost: {'learning_rate': 0.1, 'max_depth': 10, 'min_child_weight': 1, 'n_estimators': 100, 'subsample': 0.7}

```
In [237]: # Instantiate models with optimum parameters
from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score, roc_curve, auc
from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score, accuracy_score,

logreg_best = LogisticRegression(C=0.001, solver='liblinear', random_state=
knn_best = KNeighborsClassifier() # use resampled training data
dt_best = DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion='gini', max_depth=6, min_samples
rf_best = RandomForestClassifier(criterion='gini', max_depth=None, max_feat
                                n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
xgb_best = XGBClassifier(learning_rate=0.1, max_depth=10, min_child_weight=
                                subsample=0.7, random_state=42, eval_metric='loglo

model_list = [logreg_best, knn_best, dt_best, rf_best, xgb_best]
model_names = ['Logistic Regression', 'K-Nearest Neighbor', 'Decision Trees
```

```
In [238]: # Import scoring and ROC libraries
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc
from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score, accuracy_score,
```

In [245]:

```
def model_scores(dataset_type, X_scaled, y_true):
    """
    dataset_type = 'Testing' or 'Training'
    X_scaled = X_test_scaled or X_train_scaled
    y_true = y_train or y_test

    """
    colors = sns.color_palette('Set2')
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))

    model_scores_list = []

    for n, clf in enumerate(model_list):
        #print(n)

        if n==0 or n==1:
            clf.fit(X_train_scaled_resampled, y_train_resampled)
        else:
            clf.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

        y_pred = clf.predict(X_scaled)

        #y_score = clf.decision_function(X_scaled)
        y_prob = clf.predict_proba(X_scaled) #Probability estimates for each
        fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_true, y_prob[:,1])
        auc_score = auc(fpr, tpr)
        plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color=colors[n], lw=2, label=f'{names[n]}, AUC={

        fit_scores = {'model': model_names[n],
                       'precision': precision_score(y_true, y_pred),
                       'recall': recall_score(y_true, y_pred),
                       'accuracy': accuracy_score(y_true, y_pred),
                       'f1': f1_score(y_true, y_pred),
                       'auc': auc_score
                      }

        model_scores_list.append(fit_scores)

    plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=2, linestyle='--')
    plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
    plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
    plt.yticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
    plt.xticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
    plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate', fontsize=14)
    plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate', fontsize=14)
    plt.title(f'ROC Curve for {dataset_type} Data', fontsize=14)
    plt.legend(loc='lower right', fontsize=12)
    #plt.show()
    plt.savefig(f'images/ROC_Curve_{dataset_type}.png')

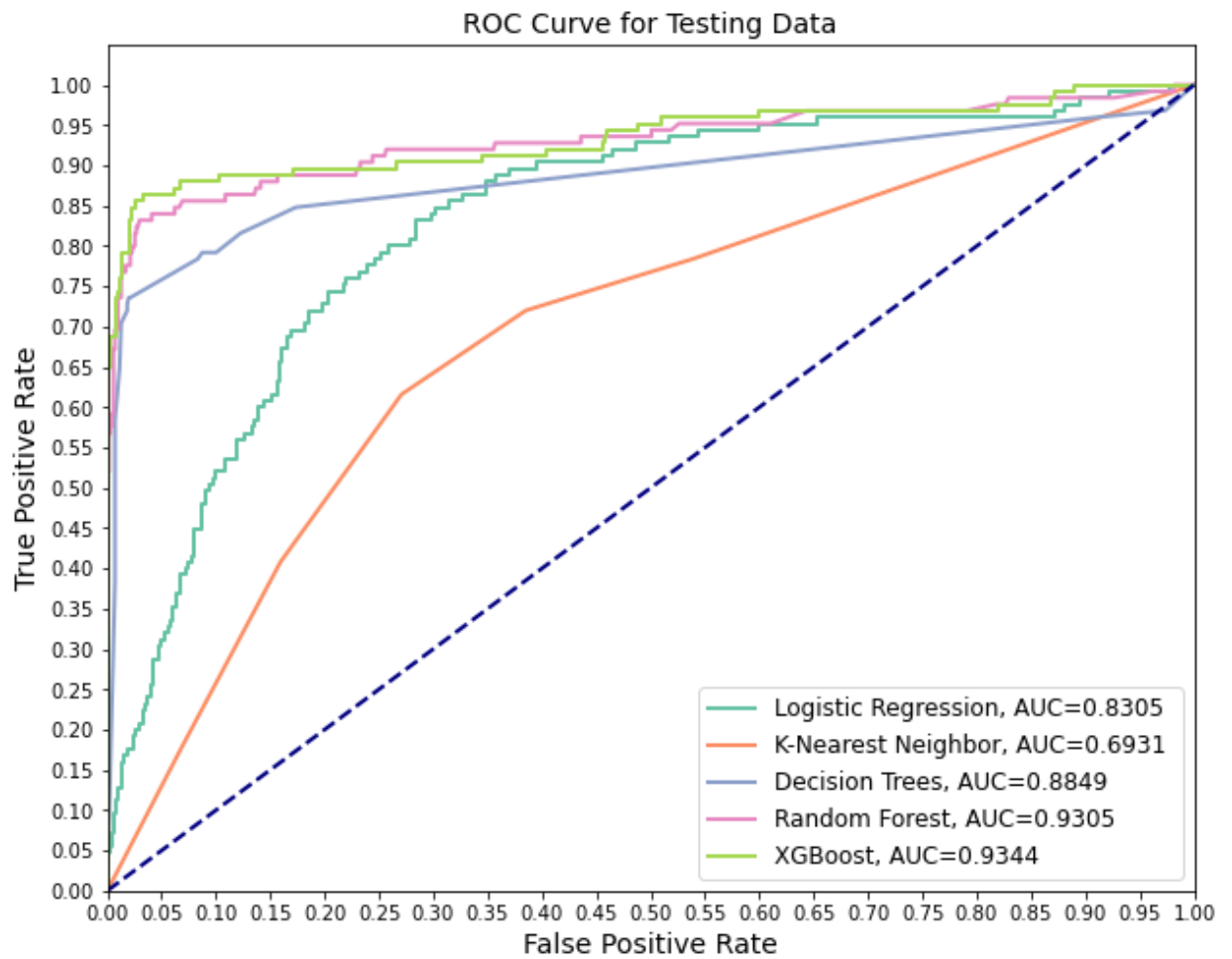
    model_scores_df = pd.DataFrame(model_scores_list)
    model_scores_df = model_scores_df.set_index('model')
    #print(model_scores_df)
```

```
return model_scores_df
```

```
In [246]: model_scores('Testing', X_test_scaled, y_test)
```

```
Out[246]:
```

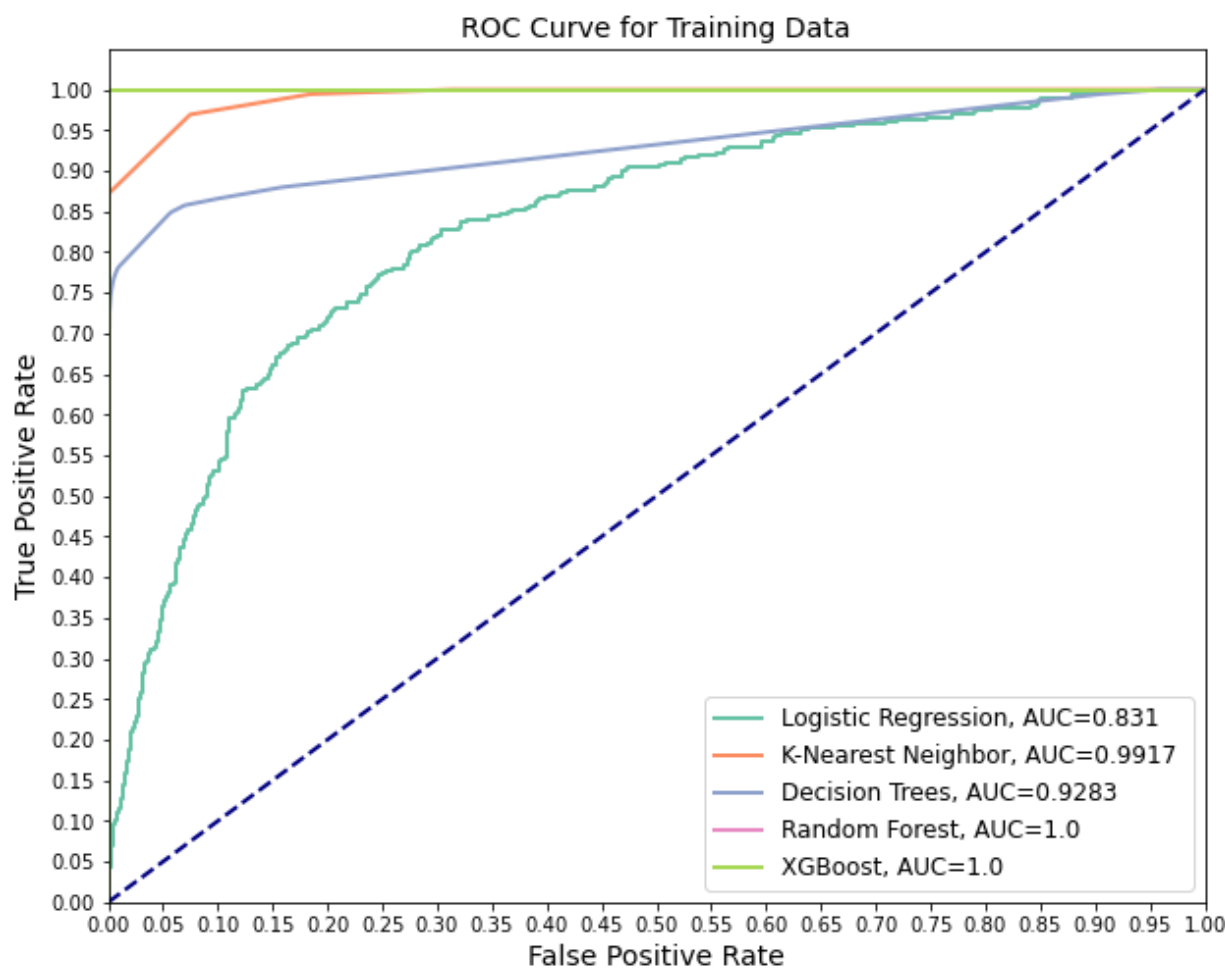
	precision	recall	accuracy	f1	auc
model					
Logistic Regression	0.330189	0.840	0.720624	0.474041	0.830511
K-Nearest Neighbor	0.286245	0.616	0.712230	0.390863	0.693106
Decision Trees	0.873786	0.720	0.942446	0.789474	0.884897
Random Forest	0.961039	0.592	0.935252	0.732673	0.930482
XGBoost	0.948454	0.736	0.954436	0.828829	0.934409



```
In [247]: model_scores('Training', X_train_scaled, y_train)
```

Out[247]:

	precision	recall	accuracy	f1	auc
model					
Logistic Regression	0.314378	0.818436	0.718287	0.454264	0.831022
K-Nearest Neighbor	0.474035	0.994413	0.841136	0.642020	0.991698
Decision Trees	0.971429	0.759777	0.962385	0.852665	0.928302
Random Forest	1.000000	0.986034	0.997999	0.992968	1.000000
XGBoost	1.000000	0.994413	0.999200	0.997199	1.000000



Interpret

Let's interpret our results in the light of our business questions:

- Search for the predictable pattern for customer decision on stop or continue doing business with SyriaTel
- Choose a model which will best identify the customers who will stop doing business with SyriaTel

All of my models showed some pattern for customer decision on stop or continue doing business. They also did predictions to identify the customers who will discontinue service (churn customers).

Which model is best on identifying churn customers?

I use the test data evaluation results to do final model comparisons.

Here are my observations based on evaluation metrics and AUC:

- Overall performance: Decision Trees, Random Forest and XGBoost are top three.
- f1-score: Decision Trees, Random Forest and XGBoost are best
- recall: Decision Trees and XGBoost have better scores
- precision: Random Forest and XGBoost are best
- accuracy: Decision Trees, Random Forest and XGBoost are top three
- AUC: Random Forest and XGBoost have better value

The results showed that XGBoost classifier has the best performance in all aspects. It also has the best 'recall' and 'f1 score', which matters most for my study.

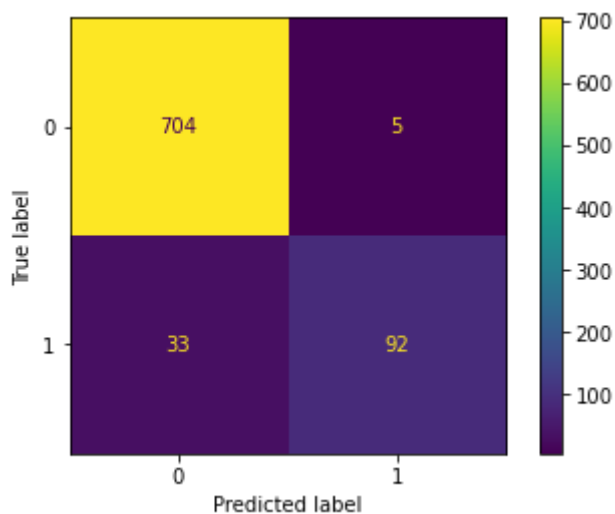
I choose the XGBoost model as my final model.

```
In [265]: xgb_best.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

print(classification_report(y_test, xgb_best.predict(X_test_scaled)))

plot_confusion_matrix(xgb_best, X_test_scaled, y_test)
plt.savefig('images/confusion_matrix_XGB.png')
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.96	0.99	0.97	709
1	0.95	0.74	0.83	125
accuracy			0.95	834
macro avg	0.95	0.86	0.90	834
weighted avg	0.95	0.95	0.95	834



The summary of XGBoost Classifier Model performance:

- It successfully identifies the 74% of the true churn customers. (recall)
- Among the model predicted churn customers, 95% of them are true churn customers. (precision)
- The Harmonic Mean of Precision and Recall (f1-score) is 83%.

The identification numbers on test data:

- Identification numbers:
 - Number of true positives: 92
 - Number of true negatives: 704
 - Number of false positives: 5
 - Number of false negatives: 33

- It identifies 92 out of 125 churn customers correctly.
- 92 out of 97 predicted churn customers are real churn.

Future Work

- Improve the XGBT model performance with more detailed parameter tuning
 - Search each parameter separately to understand the effect on performance
 - Obtain a more sensitive range for each parameter to be used in grid search
 - Study the effect of other hyperparameters
- Study the parameter tuning with different scoring?
 - Try 'recall' metric for tuning. Will it decrease the precision significantly?
 - Maybe use multiparameter, recall and f1-score for tuning?