Report on PlacementData dataset

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1 Exploratory Data Analysis

1.1 Non-Null Count, Dtype of features

Table 1: Dataset Columns Information

| Index | Column | Non-Null Count | Dtype |
|-------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| 0 | sl_no | 215 | int64 |
| 1 | gender | 215 | object |
| 2 | ssc_p | 215 | float64 |
| 3 | ssc_b | 215 | object |
| 4 | hsc_p | 215 | float64 |
| 5 | hsc_b | 215 | object |
| 6 | hsc_s | 215 | object |
| 7 | degree_p | 215 | float64 |
| 8 | degree_t | 215 | object |
| 9 | workex | 215 | object |
| 10 | etest_p | 215 | float64 |
| 11 | specialisation | 215 | object |
| 12 | mba_p | 215 | float64 |
| 13 | status | 215 | object |
| 14 | salary | 148 | float64 |

1.2 Descriptive Statistics

Table 2: Dataset Descriptive Statistics

| Index | Column Name/Statistic | count | mean | std | min | 25% | 50% | 75% | max |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 0 | sl_no | 215.0 | 108.0 | 62.21 | 1.0 | 54.5 | 108.0 | 161.5 | 215.0 |
| 1 | ssc_p | 215.0 | 67.3 | 10.83 | 40.89 | 60.6 | 67.0 | 75.7 | 89.4 |
| 2 | hsc_p | 215.0 | 66.33 | 10.9 | 37.0 | 60.9 | 65.0 | 73.0 | 97.7 |
| 3 | degree_p | 215.0 | 66.37 | 7.36 | 50.0 | 61.0 | 66.0 | 72.0 | 91.0 |
| 4 | etest_p | 215.0 | 72.1 | 13.28 | 50.0 | 60.0 | 71.0 | 83.5 | 98.0 |
| 5 | mba_p | 215.0 | 62.28 | 5.83 | 51.21 | 57.95 | 62.0 | 66.25 | 77.89 |
| 6 | salary | 148.0 | 288655.41 | 93457.45 | 200000.0 | 240000.0 | 265000.0 | 300000.0 | 940000.0 |

1.3 Distribution of features

1.3.1 Histograms of Numerical columns

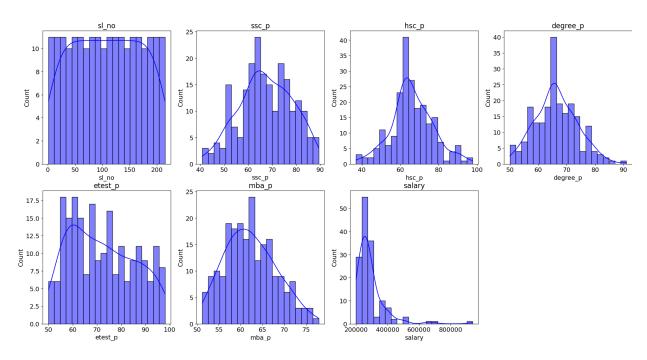


Figure 1: Histograms of Numerical columns

1.3.2 Bar Charts of Categorical columns

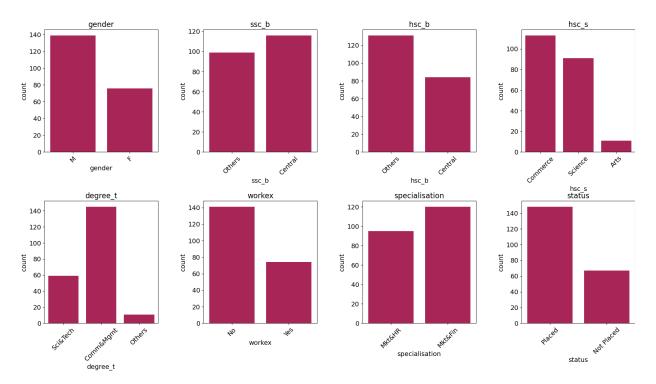


Figure 2: Bar Charts of Categorical columns

2 Evaluation Metrics

2.1 Accuracy

Accuracy is one of the simplest evaluation metrics for classification models. It is defined as the ratio of correctly predicted observations to the total number of observations:

$$\label{eq:accuracy} \text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Number of Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total Number of Predictions}}$$

While accuracy is intuitive and easy to understand, it may not be suitable for imbalanced datasets. For example, in a dataset where 95% of the samples belong to one class, predicting the majority class for every instance would result in high accuracy but poor performance on the minority class.

2.2 F1 Score

The **F1 Score** is the harmonic mean of Precision and Recall, providing a balance between the two. It is particularly useful when dealing with imbalanced datasets. Precision and Recall are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{\text{True Positives} + \text{False Positives}} \\ & \text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{\text{True Positives} + \text{False Negatives}} \end{aligned}$$

The F1 Score combines these metrics:

$$F1\ Score = 2 \cdot \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

A high F1 Score indicates a good balance between Precision and Recall, making it a valuable metric in scenarios where false positives and false negatives have significant costs.

2.3 ROC AUC

The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve plots the True Positive Rate (Recall) against the False Positive Rate at various threshold settings. The **Area Under the Curve (AUC) of the ROC curve** measures the overall ability of the model to distinguish between classes.

$$\mathrm{AUC} = \int_{\mathrm{FPR}=0}^{1} \mathrm{TPR}(\mathrm{FPR}) \, d(\mathrm{FPR})$$

Key points about ROC AUC:

- An AUC of 0.5 indicates random guessing.
- An AUC of 1.0 indicates perfect classification.
- It is a threshold-independent metric, providing an aggregate measure of performance across all classification thresholds.

ROC AUC is particularly useful for binary classification tasks and provides insights into the trade-off between sensitivity and specificity.

3 Model Optimization Results

3.1 Optimization Results Tables

Table 3: Random Forest Hyperparameters and achivied metrics

| Index | Metric/Hyperp.\ Iteration | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|-------|---------------------------|------|----------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|
| 0 | f1 | 1.0 | 0.973 | 0.9797 | 0.9561 | 0.9527 | 0.9763 |
| 1 | accuracy | 1.0 | 0.973 | 0.9797 | 0.9561 | 0.9527 | 0.9764 |
| 2 | roc_auc | 1.0 | 0.9961 | 0.9986 | 0.9803 | 0.9932 | 0.9986 |
| 3 | n_estimators | 100 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 200 | 100 |
| 4 | criterion | gini | gini | \log_{loss} | log_loss | gini | entropy |
| 5 | \max_depth | None | 20 | 30 | 10 | 10 | None |
| 6 | $min_samples_split$ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 2 |
| 7 | $min_samples_leaf$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 8 | min_weight_fraction_leaf | 0.0 | 0.01 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.05 | 0.0 |
| 9 | \max_{features} | sqrt | $\log 2$ | None | None | sqrt | sqrt |
| 10 | bootstrap | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Table 4: Decision Tree Hyperparameters and achivied metrics

| Index | Metric/Hyperp. \ Iteration | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| 0 | f1 | 0.9833 | 0.9493 | 0.8546 | 0.973 | 0.7392 | 0.9831 |
| 1 | accuracy | 0.9833 | 0.9493 | 0.8547 | 0.973 | 0.7399 | 0.9831 |
| 2 | roc_auc | 0.9833 | 0.9681 | 0.9144 | 0.9818 | 0.8162 | 0.9831 |
| 3 | criterion | gini | log_loss | log_loss | gini | gini | entropy |
| 4 | splitter | best | best | best | best | random | best |
| 5 | \max_depth | None | None | 40 | 10 | 40 | 10 |
| 6 | $min_samples_split$ | 2 | 10 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| 7 | $min_samples_leaf$ | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 1 |
| 8 | max_features | None | None | sqrt | None | None | None |
| 9 | class_weight | None | None | None | None | balanced | balanced |
| 10 | $\min_{\text{impurity_decrease}}$ | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.0 |

Table 5: XGBoost Hyperparameters and achivied metrics

| Index | Metric/Hyperp. \ Iteration | 0 | 1 |
|-------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| 0 | f1 | 1.0 | 0.9797 |
| 1 1 | accuracy | 1.0 | 0.9797 |
| 2 | roc_auc | 1.0 | 0.9969 |
| 3 | eval_metric | logloss | logloss |
| 4 | n_estimators | 100 | 50 |
| 5 | \max_depth | 6 | 10 |
| 6 | learning_rate | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 7 | subsample | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| 8 | colsample_bytree | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| 9 | min_child_weight | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | gamma | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | reg_alpha | 0 | 1 |
| 12 | reg_lambda | 1 | 1 |

3.2 Boxplots of accuracy, f1, roc_auc

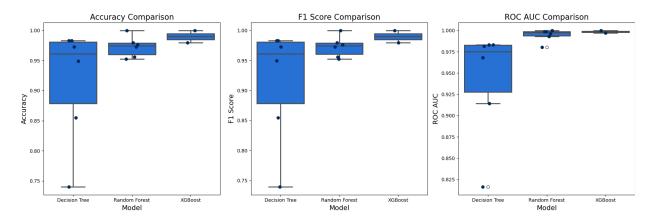


Figure 3: Boxplots of accuracy, f1, roc_auc

3.3 Barplots of maximum values of metrics achievied by model

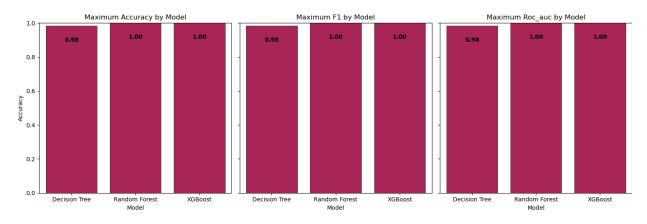


Figure 4: Barplots of maximum values of metrics achievied by model

4 Interpretabilty of the best models

Auto2class package defined the best model as the one that achieved the highest value of a metric, chosen by the user, or ROC AUC by default. In this case, the optimization process was aimed at maximizing **F1 Score.**Do not forget, that after preprocessing, columns names have changed, because of transformations of categorical features.

4.1 The best XGBoost model Explanation

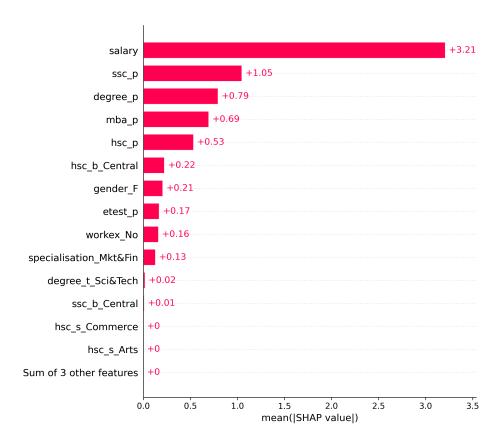


Figure 5: SHAP values for the best XGBoost model

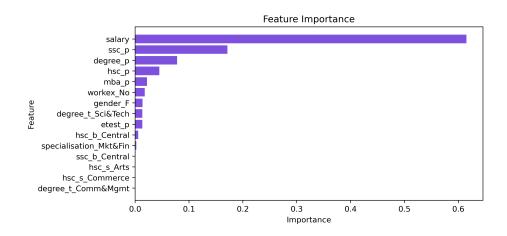


Figure 6: Feature Importance for the best XGBoost model

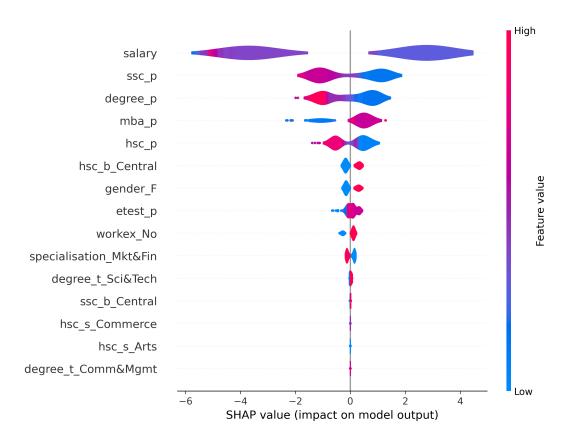


Figure 7: Violin plot (SHAP) of impact on prediction for the best default XGBoost model