# Applying Machine Learning Algorithms to Predicting Loan Default Risk

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### Introduction

- Home Credit
- Wants to use provided data to predict whether or not a client will default
- Operates in Eastern European countries and Asia as well as the US
  - Makes loans to people with little or no credit

# Data Description

Source: Kaggle "Home Credit Default Risk" competition

Format: CSV

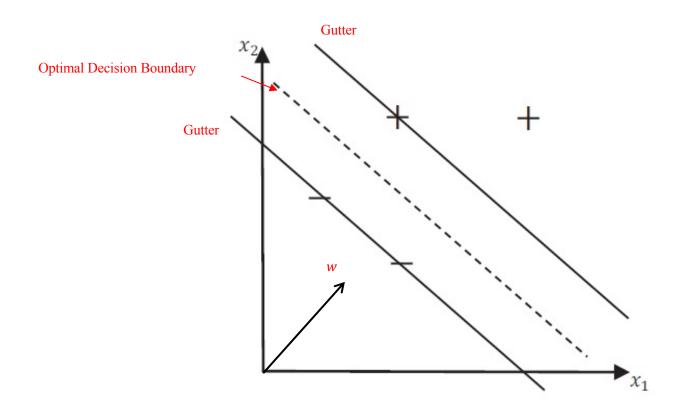
Objective: Predict whether or not borrowers repay the loan

Target: Target - Categorical (0 or 1)

Predictors: Income and age - Numerical

Loan Type, Residual Condition - Categorical

# Support Vector Machine



# Support Vector Machine

Width of the street = 
$$\frac{2}{||w||}$$

Gutter equation:  $y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) - 1 = 0$ 

$$w = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} y_{i} x_{i}$$

$$\sum_{i} \alpha_{i} y_{i} = 0$$

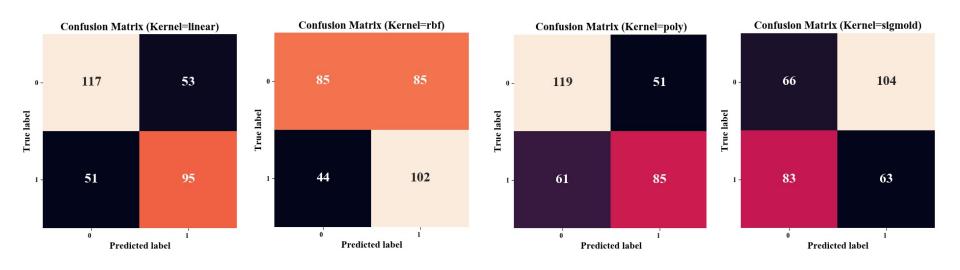
# **Experimental Setup for SVM**

- Resample the data
- Select important features
- Split the data
- Train the data by using various kernels
  - Linear, RBF, polynomial, sigmoid
- Test the performance
  - Accuracy score, confusion matrix, ROC curve

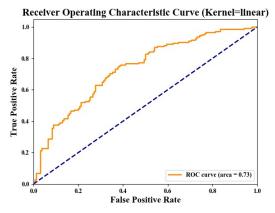
# **SVM Results: Classification Reports**

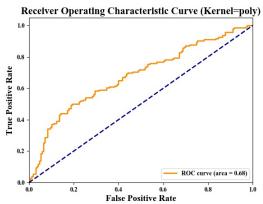
	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Support			
Kernel=linear							
0	0.70	0.69	0.69	170			
1	0.64	0.65	0.65	146			
Avg/ total	0.67	0.67	0.67	316			
Kernel=rbf							
0	0.66	0.50	0.57	170			
1	0.55	0.70	0.61	146			
Avg/ total	0.61	0.59	0.59	316			
Kernel=poly							
0	0.66	0.70	0.68	170			
1	0.62	0.58	0.60	146			
Avg/ total	0.64	0.65	0.64	316			
Kernel=sigmoid							
0	0.44	0.39	0.41	170			
1	0.38	0.43	0.40	146			
Avg/ total	0.41	0.41	0.41	316			

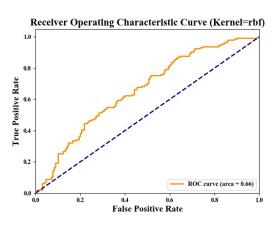
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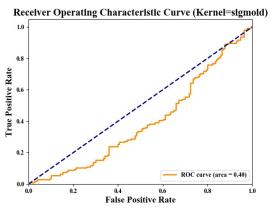


### **SVM Results: Confusion Matrix**









#### Classifier Overview:

- 1. A simple "pure statistical" technique relies on conditional probability.
- 2. Fast and accurate given its "Naïve Assumptions" of independence.
- 3. Naïve Bayes equation:

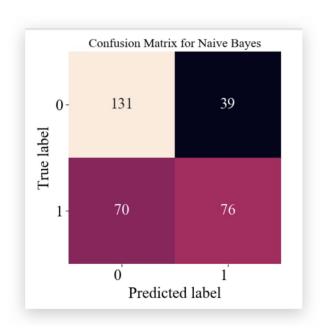
$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{Y} P(Y|X) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{Y} P(x_1|Y) P(x_2|Y) \cdots P(x_n|Y)$$

4. Bayes Rule: A mathematical relation between prior probability and posterior probability.

Classifier Application of Credit Risk:

- Classifier Specification: Gaussian Naïve Bayes
- Steps:
  - Data Processing and Train-Test Split
  - Fit Model Using GaussianNB
  - Model Performance Assessment
- Model Performance Assessments: Acceptable Classification Results

#### Model Performance - Confusion Matrix



We have two classes in the analysis: 1 represents client with payment difficulties while 0 represents all other cases. The Confusion Matrix shows that the we correctly classify 131 loans and 76 loans about its repayment performance. We classify 39 actual performing loans as loans with repayment difficulties and classify 70 actual loans which have repayment difficulties as performing loans.

#### Model Performance - ROC and Classification Report

Classification Report: precision		recall	f1-score	support
0.0 1.0	0.65 0.66	0.77 0.52	0.71 0.58	170 146
avg / total	0.66	0.66	0.65	316

Accuracy: 65.50632911392405

ROC\_AUC: 71.55519742143433

We have a 65.51% accuracy; we have 0.65 precision for estimating class 0 which is clients without payment difficulties and 0.66 precision for classifying class 1 which is clients with payment difficulties.

### Random Forest Model

- Ensemble Method
- Averages across several decision trees that each use random pulls of the dataset
- This allows to correct for overfitting that often results from decision trees

#### Algorithm 15.1 Random Forest for Regression or Classification.

iii. Split the node into two daughter nodes.

- 1. For b = 1 to B:
- (a) Draw a bootstrap sample  $\mathbf{Z}^*$  of size N from the training data.
  - (b) Grow a random-forest tree  $T_b$  to the bootstrapped data, by recursively repeating the following steps for each terminal node of the tree, until the minimum node size  $n_{min}$  is reached.
    - i. Select m variables at random from the p variables.
      - ii. Pick the best variable/split-point among the m.
  - 2. Output the ensemble of trees  $\{T_b\}_1^B$ .

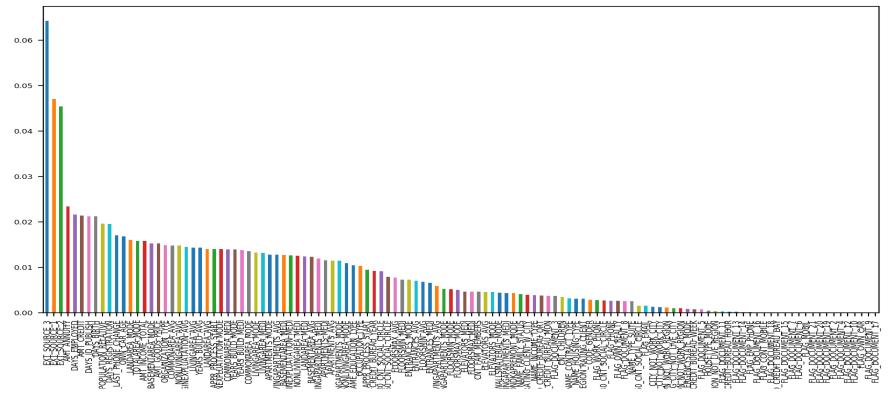
To make a prediction at a new point m

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$$x$$
:

Regression:  $\hat{f}_{rf}^{B}(x) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^{B} T_{b}(x)$ .

Classification: Let  $\hat{C}_{b}(x)$  be the class prediction of the bth random-forest tree. Then  $\hat{C}_{rf}^{B}(x) = majority \ vote \{\hat{C}_{b}(x)\}_{1}^{B}$ .

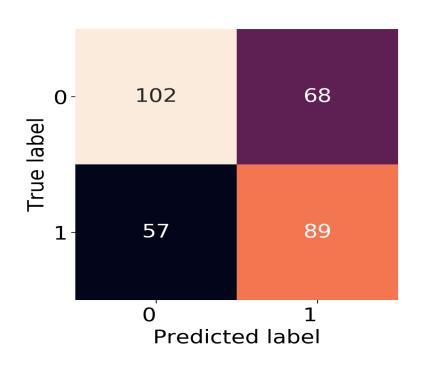
### Feature importance



# Classification report (all features)

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Results Using All Features:
Classification Report:
          precision recall f1-score
                                     support
              0.64
                       0.60
                               0.62
                                        170
              0.57
                       0.61
                               0.59
                                        146
avg / total
              0.61
                       0.60
                               0.60
                                        316
Accuracy: 60.44303797468354
ROC_AUC:
         65.03827558420629
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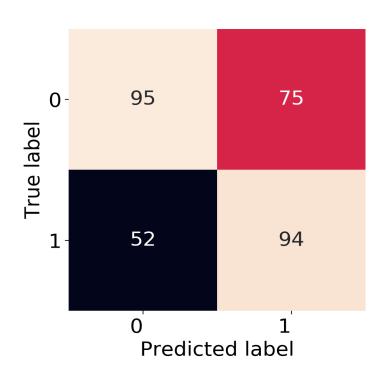
# Confusion matrix (all features)



# Classification report (top 25 features)

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Results Using K features:
Classification Report:
           precision recall f1-score
                                      support
                                0.60
               0.65
                       0.56
                                         170
               0.56
                       0.64
                                0.60
                                         146
avg / total
               0.60
                       0.60
                                0.60
                                         316
Accuracy: 59.81012658227848
ROC_AUC: 65.75543916196615
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# Confusion Matrix (top 25 features)



### Final results

- These models are not great
- Could be improved by using more features
- Could be improved by testing for correlation in the k-features model and choosing features that are not correlated