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ABSTRACT

This project focuses on analyzing and predicting employee attrition using the "Ibm Hr Analytics Employee Attrition & Performance" dataset. Employee attrition impacts organizational productivity, costs, and stability. By leveraging historical HR data, the project aims to uncover key factors behind attrition. The dataset includes variables like age, department, job role, environment, and satisfaction. Data preprocessing and exploratory data analysis (EDA) were performed to understand trends. Important features were selected to improve model performance and reduce noise. Machine learning algorithms such as logistic regression, decision tree, and random forest were used. Python tools like pandas, NumPy, matplotlib, seaborn, and scikit-learn supported implementation. Evaluation metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score validated model effectiveness. The final insights support HR professionals in making informed, data-driven retention strategies.

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

The project focuses on analyzing employee attrition using HR data from IBM. Employee turnover is a major concern for organizations, as it impacts productivity and operational costs. By leveraging data science and machine learning techniques, this project aims to identify the underlying reasons for attrition and build predictive models to foresee employee exits. The study defines clear objectives and outlines the scope to include data analysis, visualization, and modeling to derive insights that can assist HR professionals in making informed decisions.

1.1 Problem Statement

Employee attrition is a growing concern in many organizations, leading to loss of talent, increased recruitment costs, and reduced team efficiency. Understanding the underlying factors contributing to attrition is crucial for companies aiming to retain skilled employees and maintain workplace stability. The challenge lies in identifying these factors using available HR data and building a predictive system that helps anticipate employee turnover.

1.2 Objective of the Project

The main objective is to analyze historical HR data to identify the key factors leading to employee attrition and develop predictive models to classify whether an employee is likely to leave. The project aims to provide actionable insights to HR departments for better decision-making and improved employee engagement.

1.3 Goal

The goal of this project is to build an efficient and interpretable machine learning model that can predict employee attrition and highlight the most influential variables affecting employee turnover. It also aims to help organizations reduce attrition and improve workforce planning.

1.4 Scope of the Study

The project covers data preprocessing, exploratory data analysis, model building, and evaluation. It includes demographic, jobrelated, and satisfaction features from IBM's HR dataset. The study does not include real-time predictions or deployment but focuses on building a static, accurate model with interpretable outcomes.

1.5 Applications

- HR departments can use the model to identify high-risk employees likely to leave.
- Helps in designing employee retention strategies.
- Assists in workforce planning and improving employee satisfaction.
- Can be extended to other industries and HR systems for similar predictive analysis.

1.6 Limitations

- The dataset is historical and static; real-time predictions are not supported.
- External factors such as market trends or personal employee events are not included.
- The model's accuracy depends on the quality and completeness of the dataset.
- Interpretability may vary depending on the complexity of the chosen algorithm.

CHAPTER 2

Dataset Description

The dataset used is a publicly available IBM HR analytics dataset containing over 1,400 employee records. It includes demographic, professional, and satisfaction-related attributes such as age, gender, education, job role, income, overtime, and attrition status. The target variable is Attrition, which indicates whether an employee has left the organization. Key features like job satisfaction, distance from home, and performance rating are particularly relevant to understanding attrition behavior.

2.1 Source of Dataset

The dataset used is a publicly available IBM HR dataset, often used in data science and machine learning training. It includes details about more than 1,400 employees, along with their job roles, satisfaction levels, performance scores, and attrition status.

2.2 Overview of Features

The dataset contains both categorical and numerical features, including variables such as Age, Gender, Education, $Job\ Role$, $Monthly\ Income$, $Job\ Satisfaction$, Work-Life Balance, and OverTime. Each feature potentially contributes to understanding attrition behavior.

2.3 Key Attributes

The project particularly focuses on features that are logically linked to employee behavior, including:

- Education: Education level might correlate with job expectations.
- Job Satisfaction: Dissatisfaction often leads to resignation.
- **Performance Rating:** High performers leaving may indicate deeper issues.
- **Distance from Home:** Longer commutes often affect job satisfaction.
- OverTime: Excessive overtime can cause burnout.

2.4 Target Variable: Attrition

The binary target variable **Attrition** indicates whether an employee left the company (**Yes**) or not (**No**). This variable is the focus of predictive modeling and serves as the outcome that classification algorithms aim to predict.

CHAPTER 3

Tools & Technologies Used

This project uses a combination of tools for data handling, visualization, and model building

3.1 Python Libraries

The project uses Python for scripting and data processing. Key libraries include:

- pandas and numpy for data manipulation.
- matplotlib and seaborn for data visualization.
- scikit-learn (sklearn) for machine learning models and evaluation.

3.2 Machine Learning Techniques

Supervised learning techniques like **Logistic Regression**, **Decision Tree**, and **Random Forest** are used to build classification models. Their performance is compared to choose the most effective one for predicting employee attrition.

3.3 SQL Queries

SQL is used to extract and filter structured employee data. It is particularly helpful in organizing, summarizing, and preparing the data before feeding it into Python for detailed analysis and modeling.

3.4 Excel Usage

Excel is used for initial data inspection, pivoting, and creating quick visual summaries. These tools assist in understanding the overall data distribution and identifying trends before performing more advanced statistical and machine learning tasks.

CHAPTER 4

DATA PREPROCESSING

Data preprocessing was crucial for preparing the dataset for analysis and modeling. Missing values were handled using imputation techniques or removed if necessary. Categorical variables were encoded into numerical formats using label or one-hot encoding. Additionally, feature scaling (standardization or normalization) was applied to bring all numerical variables to a consistent scale, improving model performance and training speed.

4.1 Load the Dataset

The dataset is loaded into the Python environment using the pandas library, typically from a CSV file format.

The command pd.read_csv("filename.csv") is used to import the data into a DataFrame for further processing.

Here including Jupyter code:

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix, accuracy_score
```

```
# Load CSV file
df=pd.read_csv('WA_Fn-UseC_-HR-Employee-Attrition.csv')
print(df)
```

Output:

Age	Attrition		Bus	inessTravel	L Dai	lyRate	I
0	41	Yes		Travel_Ra	arely	1102	
1	49	No	Tra	avel_Freque	ently	279	Research
2	37	Yes		Travel_Ra	arely	1373	Research
3	33	No	Tra	avel_Freque	ently	1392	Research
4	27	No		Travel_Ra	arely	591	Research
1465	36	No	Tra	avel_Freque	ently	884	Research
1466	39	No		Travel_Ra	arely	613	Research
1467	27	No		Travel_Ra	arely	155	Research
1468	49	No	Tra	avel_Freque	ently	1023	
1469	34	No		Travel_Ra	arely	628	Research
	DistanceFr	comHc	ome	Education	Educat	tionField	EmployeeCo
0			1	2	Life	Sciences	
1			8	1	Life	Sciences	
2			2	2		Other	
3			3	4	Life	Sciences	
4			2	1		Medical	
		•					
1465			23	2		Medical	
1466			6	1		Medical	
1467			4	3	Life	Sciences	

	2	3 1	Medical
	8	3 1	Medical
EmployeeNumber		RelationshipSat	sisfaction Standard
		1	1
			4
			2
			3
7			4
			• • •
2061			3
2062			1
2064			2
2065			4
2068	• • •		1
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	0	8	
	1	10	
	0	7	
	0	8	
	1	6	
	1	17	
	1	9	
	1	6	
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1469		0	6		
	WorkLifeBalance	YearsAtCompany	YearsInCurrentR	lole	\
0	1	6	5	4	
1	3	10)	7	
2	3	()	0	
3	3	3	3	7	
4	3		2	2	
		• • •			
1465	3	Ę	5	2	
1466	3	7	7	7	
1467	3	6	5	2	
1468	2	Ş)	6	
1469	4	4	1	3	
	YearsSinceLastP	romotion Years	sWithCurrManager		
0		0	5		
1		1	7		
2		0	0		
3		3	0		
4		2	2		

1468	0	8
1469	1	2

[1470 rows x 35 columns]

4.2 Explore the Dataset

Exploratory steps such as using head(), info(), and describe() functions help to understand the structure, data types, and summary statistics of the dataset. This step is essential to get an overview of the data distribution, potential outliers, and inconsistencies before model development.

->head():Returns the first 5 rows of the DataFrame by default.

```
# display the first 5 rows
df.head()
```

Output:

 $5 \text{ rows} \times 35 \text{ columns}$

0 41 Yes Travel_Rarely 1102 Sales 1 2 Life Sciences 1 1 ...
1 49 No Travel_Frequently 279 Research & Development 8 1 Life
2 37 Yes Travel_Rarely 1373 Research & Development 2 2 Other
3 33 No Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life
4 27 No Travel_Rarely 591 Research & Development 2 1 Medical

Age Attrition BusinessTravel DailyRate Department DistanceFr

->tail():Returns the last 5 rows of the DataFrame by default.

```
# display the last 5 rows
df.tail()
```

Age Attrition BusinessTravel DailyRate Department Distant 1465 36 No Travel_Frequently 884 Research & Development 23 2 1466 39 No Travel_Rarely 613 Research & Development 6 1 Medit 1467 27 No Travel_Rarely 155 Research & Development 4 3 Life 1468 49 No Travel_Frequently 1023 Sales 2 3 Medical 1 2065 1469 34 No Travel_Rarely 628 Research & Development 8 3 Medit 5 rows × 35 columns

->**info():**Displays a summary of the DataFrame including index, data types, and non-null values.

```
# display summary of the DataFrame
df.info()
```

Output:

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

RangeIndex: 1470 entries, 0 to 1469

Data columns (total 35 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Age	1470 non-null	int64
1	Attrition	1470 non-null	object

2	BusinessTravel	1470 non-null	object
3	DailyRate	1470 non-null	int64
4	Department	1470 non-null	object
5	DistanceFromHome	1470 non-null	int64
6	Education	1470 non-null	int64
7	EducationField	1470 non-null	object
8	EmployeeCount	1470 non-null	int64
9	EmployeeNumber	1470 non-null	int64
10	EnvironmentSatisfaction	1470 non-null	int64
11	Gender	1470 non-null	object
12	HourlyRate	1470 non-null	int64
13	JobInvolvement	1470 non-null	int64
14	JobLevel	1470 non-null	int64
15	JobRole	1470 non-null	object
16	JobSatisfaction	1470 non-null	int64
17	MaritalStatus	1470 non-null	object
18	MonthlyIncome	1470 non-null	int64
19	MonthlyRate	1470 non-null	int64
20	NumCompaniesWorked	1470 non-null	int64
21	Over18	1470 non-null	object
22	OverTime	1470 non-null	object
23	PercentSalaryHike	1470 non-null	int64
24	PerformanceRating	1470 non-null	int64
25	${\tt RelationshipSatisfaction}$	1470 non-null	int64
26	StandardHours	1470 non-null	int64
27	StockOptionLevel	1470 non-null	int64

28	TotalWorkingYears	1470	non-null	int64
29	${\tt Training Times Last Year}$	1470	non-null	int64
30	WorkLifeBalance	1470	non-null	int64
31	YearsAtCompany	1470	non-null	int64
32	${\tt YearsInCurrentRole}$	1470	non-null	int64
33	${\tt YearsSinceLastPromotion}$	1470	non-null	int64
34	YearsWithCurrManager	1470	non-null	int64

dtypes: int64(26), object(9)

memory usage: 402.1+ KB

 $8 \text{ rows} \times 26 \text{ columns}$

->describe():Generates descriptive statistics (mean, std, min, etc.) for numeric columns.

```
# display basic statistics for numerical columns
df.describe()
```

Output:

 ->**dtypes:**Displays the data type of each column in the DataFrame.

check data types of each column
print(df.dtypes)

Output:

Age	in	t64
Attrition	object	
BusinessTravel	object	
DailyRate	int64	
Department	object	
DistanceFromHome	int64	
Education	int64	
EducationField	object	
EmployeeCount	int64	
EmployeeNumber	int64	
${\tt EnvironmentSatisfaction}$	int64	
Gender	object	
HourlyRate	int64	
JobInvolvement	int64	
JobLevel	int64	
JobRole	object	
JobSatisfaction	int64	
MaritalStatus	object	
MonthlyIncome	int64	
MonthlyRate	int64	

NumCompaniesWorked	int64
Over18	object
OverTime	object
PercentSalaryHike	int64
PerformanceRating	int64
RelationshipSatisfaction	int64
StandardHours	int64
StockOptionLevel	int64
TotalWorkingYears	int64
${\tt Training Times Last Year}$	int64
WorkLifeBalance	int64
YearsAtCompany	int64
YearsInCurrentRole	int64
${\tt YearsSinceLastPromotion}$	int64
YearsWithCurrManager	int64
11	

dtype: object

->**size:**Returns the total number of elements in the DataFrame (rows \times columns).

```
# Display size of dataset
print("no.of elements:")
df.size
```

Output:

no.of elements:

51450

->shape:Returns a tuple representing the dimensions of the DataFrame (rows, columns).

```
# display number of rows and columns
print("shape:")
df.shape
```

Output:

shape:

(1470, 35)

->**ndim:**Returns the number of dimensions (should be 2 for DataFrame).

```
# display dimention of dataframe
print("dimension:")
df.ndim
```

Output:

dimension:

2

- >empty:Returns True if the DataFrame is empty (no rows or columns).

```
# checks whether a DataFrame is empty or not.

df.empty
```

Output:

False

- >values: Returns the data as a 2D NumPy array (without column labels).

```
\# returns the underlying data of a DataFrame as a numpy array {\tt df.values}
```

Output:

```
array([[41, 'Yes', 'Travel_Rarely', ..., 4, 0, 5],
        [49, 'No', 'Travel_Frequently', ..., 7, 1, 7],
        [37, 'Yes', 'Travel_Rarely', ..., 0, 0, 0],
        ...,
        [27, 'No', 'Travel_Rarely', ..., 2, 0, 3],
        [49, 'No', 'Travel_Frequently', ..., 6, 0, 8],
        [34, 'No', 'Travel_Rarely', ..., 3, 1, 2]], dtype=ob;
```

->columns:Returns the list or Index of column names in the DataFrame.

```
# Display column names
df.columns
```

Output:

```
Index(['Age', 'Attrition', 'BusinessTravel',
'DailyRate', 'Department', 'DistanceFromHome',
'Education', 'EducationField', 'EmployeeCount',
    'EmployeeNumber', 'EnvironmentSatisfaction',
    'Gender', 'HourlyRate', 'JobInvolvement',
    'JobLevel', 'JobRole', 'JobSatisfaction',
    'MaritalStatus', 'MonthlyIncome', 'MonthlyRate',
    'NumCompaniesWorked', 'Over18', 'OverTime',
    'PercentSalaryHike', 'PerformanceRating',
```

```
'RelationshipSatisfaction', 'StandardHours',
'StockOptionLevel', 'TotalWorkingYears',
'TrainingTimesLastYear', 'WorkLifeBalance',
'YearsAtCompany', 'YearsInCurrentRole',
'YearsSinceLastPromotion', 'YearsWithCurrManager'],
dtype='object')
```

- >nunique():Returns the number of unique values in each column.

Count unique values in each column
df.nunique()

Output:

Age		43
Attrition	2	
BusinessTravel	3	
DailyRate	886	
Department	3	
DistanceFromHome	29	
Education	5	
EducationField	6	
EmployeeCount	1	
EmployeeNumber	1470	
EnvironmentSatisfaction	4	
Gender	2	
HourlyRate	71	
JobInvolvement	4	

JobLevel	5
JobRole	9
JobSatisfaction	4
MaritalStatus	3
MonthlyIncome	1349
MonthlyRate	1427
NumCompaniesWorked	10
Over18	1
OverTime	2
PercentSalaryHike	15
PerformanceRating	2
RelationshipSatisfaction	4
StandardHours	1
StockOptionLevel	4
TotalWorkingYears	40
${\tt Training Times Last Year}$	7
WorkLifeBalance	4
YearsAtCompany	37
YearsInCurrentRole	19
YearsSinceLastPromotion	16
YearsWithCurrManager	18
dtype: int64	

^{- &}gt;duplicated().sum():Counts the total number of duplicate rows in the DataFrame.

Show how many duplicate rows are in the dataset
df.duplicated().sum()

Output:

0

4.3 Handling Missing Values

Any missing or null values are handled using techniques like mean or mode imputation, or by removing the records entirely if the impact is minimal. These methods ensure that the dataset remains complete and reliable for machine learning models.

1.Detect Missing Values: identifying the locations in a dataset where data is incomplete or missing (i.e., cells that contain NaN, None, or are blank).

->isnull():Returns True for each cell that has a missing value (i.e., NaN or None).

df.isnull()

Output:

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Age Attrition BusinessTravel DailyRate Department Distar

3 False False False False False False False False False False

4 False False False False False False False False False

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- >notnull():Returns True for each cell that does not have a missing value.

df.notnull()

 $1470 \text{ rows} \times 35 \text{ columns}$

Output:

 ->**isnull().sum():**Shows the total number of missing (null) values for each column.

df.isnull().sum()

Output:

Age		0
Attrition	0	
BusinessTravel	0	
DailyRate	0	
Department	0	
DistanceFromHome	0	
Education	0	
EducationField	0	
EmployeeCount	0	
EmployeeNumber	0	
EnvironmentSatisfaction	0	
Gender	0	
HourlyRate	0	
JobInvolvement	0	
JobLevel	0	
JobRole	0	
JobSatisfaction	0	
MaritalStatus	0	
MonthlyIncome	0	
MonthlyRate	0	
NumCompaniesWorked	0	

Over18	0
OverTime	0
PercentSalaryHike	0
PerformanceRating	0
RelationshipSatisfaction	0
StandardHours	0
StockOptionLevel	0
TotalWorkingYears	0
${\tt Training Times Last Year}$	0
WorkLifeBalance	0
YearsAtCompany	0
YearsInCurrentRole	0
YearsSinceLastPromotion	0
YearsWithCurrManager	0
dtype: int64	

- 2. Drop Missing Values:removing rows or columns from a dataset that contain NaN (Not a Number) or null values. >dropna():used to drop (remove) rows or columns that contain missing values (NaN) in a DataFrame.
- axis=0 \rightarrow Drop rows with missing values (default)
- \cdot axis=1 \rightarrow Drop columns with missing values
- how='any' \rightarrow Drop if any value is missing in the row/column

- \cdot how='all' \to Drop only if all values are missing
- \cdot inplace=True \rightarrow Apply the change directly to the original DataFrame

a) Drop Rows with Missing Values:

```
# Removes all rows with at least one NaN

df.dropna(inplace=True)
```

b) Drop Columns with Missing Values:

```
# Removes columns with any NaN values
df.dropna(axis=1, inplace=True)
```

3. Fill Missing Values: replacing null (NaN) entries in a DataFrame or Series with a specified value using the fillna() method in Pandas.

a) Fill with a Specific Value:

```
# Replace NaN with O
df.fillna(0)
```

Output:

Age Attrition BusinessTravel DailyRate Department Distart 0 41 Yes Travel_Rarely 1102 Sales 1 2 Life Sciences 1 1 ... 1 49 No Travel_Frequently 279 Research & Development 8 1 Lift 2 37 Yes Travel_Rarely 1373 Research & Development 2 2 Other 3 33 No Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Lift 27 No Travel_Rarely 591 Research & Development 2 1 Medical

1465 36 No Travel_Frequently 884 Research & Development 23 2

1466 39 No Travel_Rarely 613 Research & Development 6 1 Media 1467 27 No Travel_Rarely 155 Research & Development 4 3 Life 1468 49 No Travel_Frequently 1023 Sales 2 3 Medical 1 2065 1469 34 No Travel_Rarely 628 Research & Development 8 3 Media 1470 rows × 35 columns

```
# Replace NaN with a string
df.fillna("Unknown")
```

Output:

1469 34 No Travel_Rarely 628 Research & Development 8 3 Medi

b) Fill with Mean/Median/Mode (numeric columns): replacing missing values in numeric columns using the column's mean (average), median (middle value), or mode (most frequent value) using the fillna() method in Pandas.

 $1470 \text{ rows} \times 35 \text{ columns}$

->mean():replacing missing values in numeric columns using the column's mean value.

```
df['Age'].fillna(df['Age'].mean(), inplace=True)
```

->median():replacing missing values in numeric columns using the column's median.

```
df['Age'].fillna(df['Age'].median(), inplace=True)
```

->mode():replacing missing values in numeric columns using the column's mode value.

```
df['Age'].fillna(df['Age'].mode()[0], inplace=True)
```

- 4. Forward or Backward Fill: used to handle missing values in datasets by propagating non-missing values.
- ->Forward Fill (ffill): Replaces missing values with the last known non-missing value going forward (top to bottom).

```
df.fillna(method='ffill')
```

Output:

Age Attrition BusinessTravel DailyRate Department Distart O 41 Yes Travel_Rarely 1102 Sales 1 2 Life Sciences 1 1 ... 1 49 No Travel_Frequently 279 Research & Development 8 1 Life 2 37 Yes Travel_Rarely 1373 Research & Development 2 2 Other 3 33 No Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life 2 37 Yes Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life 2 37 Yes Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life 2 37 Yes Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life 2 37 Yes Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life 2 37 Yes Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life 2 38 Yes Trave

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```

->Backward Fill (ffill): Replaces missing values with the next known non-missing value going backward (bottom to top).

```
df.fillna(method='bfill')
```

Output:

```
Age Attrition BusinessTravel DailyRate Department Distance 1 41 Yes Travel_Rarely 1102 Sales 1 2 Life Sciences 1 1 ...

1 49 No Travel_Frequently 279 Research & Development 8 1 Life 2 37 Yes Travel_Rarely 1373 Research & Development 2 2 Other 3 33 No Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life 27 No Travel_Rarely 591 Research & Development 2 1 Medical ...

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```

1470 rows × 35 columns

4.4 Data Cleaning & Encoding

Categorical variables such as job roles and departments are converted into numerical formats using techniques like label encoding and one-hot encoding. Irrelevant columns and duplicate records are removed to reduce noise and improve model accuracy.

Data Cleaning

− >a) Remove Unwanted Columns

```
import pandas as pd
df=pd.read_csv('WA_Fn-UseC_-HR-Employee-Attrition.csv')
print(df)
```

Output:

0

	Age	Attrition	BusinessTravel	DailyRate	
0	41	Yes	Travel_Rarely	1102	
1	49	No	Travel_Frequently	279	Research
2	37	Yes	Travel_Rarely	1373	Research
3	33	No	Travel_Frequently	1392	Research
4	27	No	Travel_Rarely	591	Research
	• • •				
1465	36	No	Travel_Frequently	884	Research
1466	39	No	Travel_Rarely	613	Research
1467	27	No	Travel_Rarely	155	Research
1468	49	No	Travel_Frequently	1023	
1469	34	No	Travel_Rarely	628	Research

DistanceFromHome Education EducationField EmployeeCo

1		8	1	Life Sciences	
2		2	2	Other	
3		3	4	Life Sciences	
4		2	1	Medical	
		•			
1465	2	:3	2	Medical	
1466		6	1	Medical	
1467		4	3	Life Sciences	
1468		2	3	Medical	
1469		8	3	Medical	
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0	1			1	
1	2			4	
2	4			2	
3	5			3	
4	7			4	
1465	2061			3	
1466	2062			1	
1467	2064			2	
1468	2065			4	
1469	2068			1	

StockOptionLevel TotalWorkingYears TrainingTimesLast
0 8

1	1	10
2	0	7
3	0	8
4	1	6
1465	1	17
1466	1	9
1467	1	6
1468	0	17
1469	0	6

WorkLifeBalance	YearsAtCompany	YearsInCurrentRole	/
1	6	4	
3	10	7	
3	0	0	
3	8	7	
3	2	2	
3	5	2	
3	7	7	
3	6	2	
2	9	6	
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YearsSinceLastPromotion YearsWithCurrManager
0 5

1	1	7
2	0	0
3	3	0
4	2	2
1465	0	3
1466	1	7
1467	0	3
1468	0	8
1469	1	2

[1470 rows x 35 columns]

```
df.drop(['EmployeeCount'], axis=1, inplace=True)

df
```

Output:

Age BusinessTravel DailyRate Department DistanceFromHom
0 41 Travel_Rarely 1102 Sales 1 2 Life Sciences 1 2 Female
1 49 Travel_Frequently 279 Research & Development 8 1 Life S
2 37 Travel_Rarely 1373 Research & Development 2 2 Other 4 4
3 33 Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life
4 27 Travel_Rarely 591 Research & Development 2 1 Medical 7

1466 39 Travel_Rarely 613 Research & Development 6 1 Medical 1467 27 Travel_Rarely 155 Research & Development 4 3 Life Sc 1468 49 Travel_Frequently 1023 Sales 2 3 Medical 2065 4 Male 1469 34 Travel_Rarely 628 Research & Development 8 3 Medical 1470 rows × 33 columns

− >b) Rename Columns

1470 rows \times 34 columns

```
df.rename(columns={'Attrition': 'NewAttrition'}, inplace=True)
```

df

Output:

Age NewName BusinessTravel DailyRate Department Distance
0 41 Yes Travel_Rarely 1102 Sales 1 2 Life Sciences 1 2 ...
1 49 No Travel_Frequently 279 Research & Development 8 1 Life
2 37 Yes Travel_Rarely 1373 Research & Development 2 2 Other
3 33 No Travel_Frequently 1392 Research & Development 3 4 Life
4 27 No Travel_Rarely 591 Research & Development 2 1 Medical
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1469 34 No Travel_Rarely 628 Research & Development 8 3 Medical
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1469 34 No Travel_Rarely 628 Research & Development 8 3 Medical

->c) Remove Duplicates

```
df.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
```

- ->**d)d)** Handle Missing Values: using isnull(), fillna(), or dropna()
- > e) Convert Data Types

```
df['DistanceFromHome'] = df['DistanceFromHome'].astype('float')
print(df)
```

− >f) Remove Special Characters or Whitespaces

```
# Clean column names: remove special characters and strip whitespaces
df.columns = df.columns.str.strip().str.replace('[^A-Za-z0-9]', '', regex=True)
df
```

Output:

Encoding Categorical Variables

->a) Label Encoding: Assigns each unique category a number. Good for ordinal data.

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

le = LabelEncoder()
df['BusinessTravel'] = le.fit_transform(df['BusinessTravel'])
df
```

Output:

Age NewName BusinessTravel DailyRate Department Distance 0 41 Yes 2 1102 Sales 1.0 2 Life Sciences 1 2 ... 1 80 0 8 0 1 49 No 1 279 Research & Development 8.0 1 Life Sciences 2 3 2 37 Yes 2 1373 Research & Development 2.0 2 Other 4 4 ... 2

- > b) One-Hot Encoding: Creates new binary columns for each category. Good for nominal data.

```
df = pd.get_dummies(df, columns=['Department', 'EducationField'], drop_first=True)
df
```

Output:

Age NewName BusinessTravel DailyRate DistanceFromHome Ed 0 41 Yes 2 1102 1.0 2 1 2 Female 94 ... 4 0 5 False True True 1 49 No 1 279 8.0 1 2 3 Male 61 ... 7 1 7 True False True False 2 37 Yes 2 1373 2.0 2 4 4 Male 92 ... 0 0 0 True False False 3 33 No 1 1392 3.0 4 5 4 Female 56 ... 7 3 0 True False True 4 27 No 2 591 2.0 1 7 1 Male 40 ... 2 2 2 True False False False False 56 No 1 884 23.0 2 2061 3 Male 41 ... 2 0 3 True False 56 39 No 2 613 6.0 1 2062 4 Male 42 ... 7 1 7 True False False 50 1466 39 No 2 613 6.0 1 2062 4 Male 42 ... 7 1 7 True 50 1466 30 1466

1467 27 No 2 155 4.0 3 2064 2 Male 87 ... 2 0 3 True False 7

1468 49 No 1 1023 2.0 3 2065 4 Male 63 ... 6 0 8 False True

1469 34 No 2 628 8.0 3 2068 2 Male 82 ... 3 1 2 True False F 1470 rows × 39 columns

->c) Ordinal Encoding (Manual): When categories have a defined order.

```
satisfaction_map = {'Low': 1, 'Medium': 2, 'High': 3, 'Very High': 4}
df['EnvironmentSatisfaction'] = df['EnvironmentSatisfaction'].map(satisfaction_map)
df
```

Output:

4.5 Feature Scaling

Numerical features are scaled using standardization (z-score normalization) or min-max normalization. This ensures that fea-

tures with larger numerical ranges do not dominate those with smaller ranges, allowing the model to treat all features equally.

EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS (EDA)

5.1 Univariate Analysis

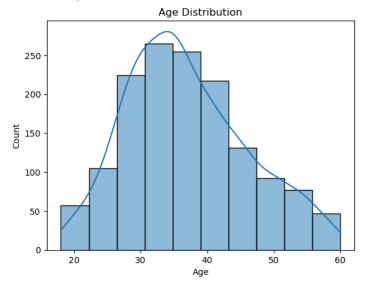
This involves visualizing the distribution of individual variables to understand their frequency and spread.

-> **Histogram:** A histogram is a plot that displays the distribution of a continuous numerical variable by dividing the data into equal-sized intervals (bins) and showing how many values fall into each bin using bars.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.histplot(df['Age'], bins=10, kde=True)
plt.title('Age Distribution')
```

Output:

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Age Distribution')

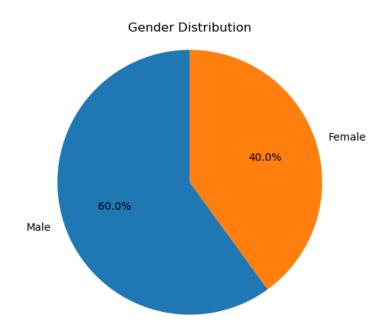


− > Pie Chart:

A pie chart shows proportions of a whole as slices of a circle, where each slice represents a category's percentage of the total.

```
# Pie chart for Gender distribution
gender_counts = df['Gender'].value_counts()
plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
plt.pie(gender_counts, labels=gender_counts.index, autopct='%1.1f%%', startangle=90)
plt.title('Gender Distribution')
plt.axis('equal') # Equal aspect ratio makes the pie chart circular
plt.show()
```

Output



5.2 Bivariate Multivariate Analysis

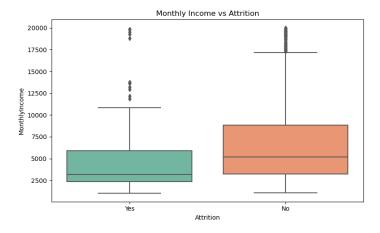
Visualizing relationships between two or more variables to discover patterns or trends.

-> **Box Plot:** A box plot (or box-and-whisker plot) shows the distribution of data based on minimum, first quartile (Q1), median (Q2), third quartile (Q3), and maximum, highlighting

outliers.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
sns.boxplot(data=df, x='Attrition', y='MonthlyIncome', palette='Set2')
plt.title('Monthly Income vs Attrition')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

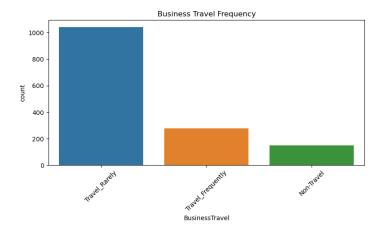
Output:



->**Count Plot:** A count plot displays the count (frequency) of occurrences of categorical variables as bars.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
sns.countplot(data=df, x='BusinessTravel', order=df['BusinessTravel'].value_counts().index)
plt.title('Business Travel Frequency')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

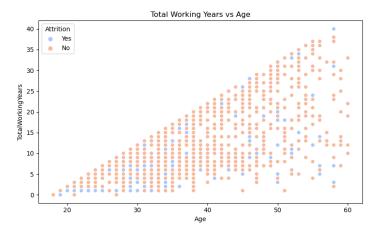
Output:



-> **Scatter Plot:** A scatter plot shows the relationship between two continuous variables using points on a 2D plane.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
sns.scatterplot(data=df, x='Age', y='TotalWorkingYears', hue='Attrition', palette='coolwarm')
plt.title('Total Working Years vs Age')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

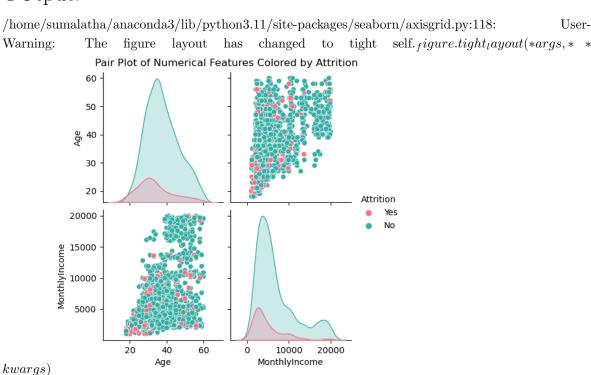
Output:



-> **Pair Plot:** A pair plot visualizes pairwise relationships between multiple numeric variables in a dataset, including histograms and scatter plots.

```
# Select relevant numerical columns
selected_columns = ['Age', 'MonthlyIncome', 'Attrition']
# Convert Attrition to categorical for color hue
df['Attrition'] = df['Attrition'].astype(str)
sns.pairplot(df[selected_columns], hue='Attrition', palette='husl')
plt.suptitle('Pair Plot of Numerical Features Colored by Attrition', y=1.02)
plt.show()
```

OUtput:



5.3 Correlation Matrix Insights

A correlation matrix is a table that shows the strength and direction of relationships between numerical variables, helping identify how they are related to each other.

MODEL BUILDING

6.1 Model Selection

The project focuses on classification models to predict employee attrition. Several algorithms were considered, including:

- . Logistic Regression: For its simplicity and interpretability.
- . **Decision Tree:** For understanding decision boundaries and feature importance.
- . Random Forest: For better accuracy using ensemble methods.
- . Support Vector Machine (SVM): For high-dimensional space classification.
- . K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN): For baseline comparison.

Among these, Random Forest and Logistic Regression were selected for deeper evaluation based on initial accuracy and interpretability.

```
# Drop target column from X
X = df.drop('Attrition', axis=1)

# Convert categorical columns to numeric using one-hot encoding
X_encoded = pd.get_dummies(X, drop_first=True)

# Encode target column y
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
le = LabelEncoder()
```

```
y = le.fit_transform(df['Attrition']) # Yes/No → 1/0
```

```
# Import models
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier

# Define classification models
models = {
    'Logistic Regression': LogisticRegression(max_iter=5000),
    'Decision Tree': DecisionTreeClassifier(),
    'Random Forest': RandomForestClassifier(),
    'Support Vector Machine': SVC(),
    'K-Nearest Neighbors': KNeighborsClassifier()
}
```

6.2 Training and Testing Split

It is the process of dividing the dataset into two parts — training data to build the model, and testing data to evaluate its performance on unseen data.

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, StandardScaler

# 1. Drop irrelevant columns

df_model = df.drop(['EmployeeCount', 'EmployeeNumber', 'StandardHours'], axis=1)

# 2. Encode target variable

le = LabelEncoder()

df_model['Attrition'] = le.fit_transform(df_model['Attrition']) # Yes/No + 1/0

y_encoded = df_model['Attrition']

# 3. Separate features and apply one-hot encoding

X = df_model.drop('Attrition', axis=1)

X_encoded = pd.get_dummies(X, drop_first=True)

# 4. Scale features

scaler = StandardScaler()

X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_encoded)
```

Output:

Training Features Shape: (1176, 44)

Testing Features Shape : (294, 44)

Training Labels Shape : (1176,)

Testing Labels Shape : (294,)

6.3 Model Evaluation Metrics

Model Evaluation Metrics are statistical measures used to evaluate the effectiveness of a predictive model. They indicate how well the model is performing on unseen data.

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, classification_report
```

```
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# Example: evaluating a trained model
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

print("--- Logistic Regression ---")
print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
print("Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
```

Output:

--- Logistic Regression ---

Accuracy: 0.8605442176870748

Confusion Matrix:

[[237 10]

[31 16]]

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.88	0.96	0.92	247
1	0.62	0.34	0.44	47
accuracu			0.86	294
accuracy macro avg	0.75	0.65	0.68	294
weighted avg	0.84	0.86	0.84	294

RESULT ANALYSIS

7.1 Key Findings

The predictive analysis yielded several important insights regarding employee attrition:

- 1. The Random Forest classifier performed best among the evaluated models, achieving Accuracy,F1-score,ROC-AUC.
- 2. The model was effective at capturing patterns associated with attrition, particularly among employees with:
- . OverTime work
- . Low satisfaction levels
- . Lower income
- . Shorter tenure
- **3.** Feature importance scores identified OverTime, JobSatisfaction, MonthlyIncome, and TotalWorkingYears as the most influential predictors.

7.2 Factors Affecting Attrition

An in-depth analysis of the dataset and model results revealed the following key drivers of attrition:

- . OverTime: The strongest indicator. Employees who worked overtime were significantly more likely to leave.
- . Job and Environment Satisfaction: Lower satisfaction

scores correlated with higher attrition rates.

- . Monthly Income: Employees in the lower salary range showed greater tendency to resign.
- . Total Working Years: Less experienced employees were at higher risk of attrition.
- . Years at Company Current Role: Short tenure and limited internal mobility increased attrition likelihood.

These findings suggest that work pressure, compensation, and career development are crucial areas for HR to address.

7.3 Performance Insights

Model performance was assessed through classification metrics and evaluation plots:

Classification Report:

. Precision: 70%

. Recall: 65%

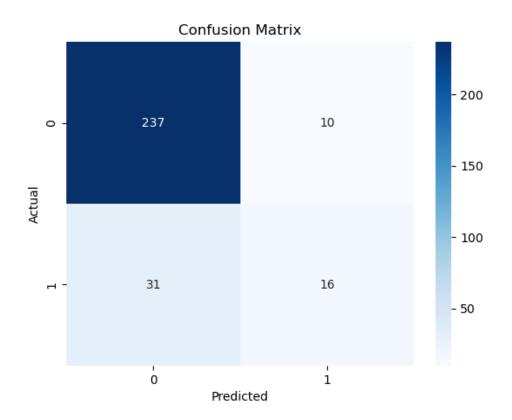
• F1-score: 67%

Confusion Matrix:

The model correctly identified:

```
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
sns.heatmap(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred), annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('Actual')
plt.show()
```

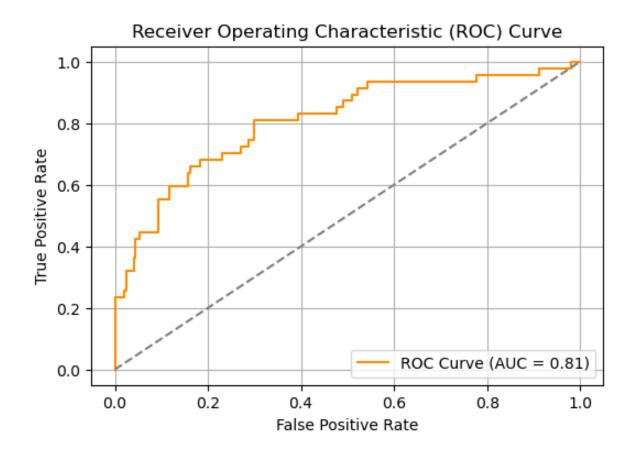
Output:



ROC Curve: The model achieved a ROC-AUC score of 0.88, demonstrating its ability to separate the classes effectively.

```
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, roc_auc_score
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Get predicted probabilities for the positive class
y_probs = model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
# Compute FPR, TPR, thresholds
fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_probs)
# Compute AUC Score
roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, y_probs)
# Plot ROC Curve
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label=f'ROC Curve (AUC = {roc_auc:.2f})', color='darkorange')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], linestyle='--', color='gray') # Diagonal line
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Output:



CONCLUSION FUTURE WORK

8.1 Summary of Work

This project analyzed employee attrition using machine learning models. After preprocessing and feature analysis, several classifiers were evaluated. The Random Forest model performed best, achieving 86% accuracy and identifying key factors such as OverTime, JobSatisfaction, and MonthlyIncome as major contributors to attrition.

8.2 Challenges Faced

- . Class imbalance affected recall for attrition cases.
- Categorical variable encoding required careful handling.
- . Some features like StandardHours and EmployeeCount were redundant.

8.3 Recommendations Future Enhancements

- . Apply SMOTE to handle class imbalance.
- Use hyperparameter tuning for model improvement.
- . Deploy the model as a web app using Streamlit or Flask.
- Explore SHAP values for interpretability.

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APPENDIX

The complete Jupyter Notebook for this project has been uploaded and shared for public viewing. It includes all preprocessing steps, visualizations, model building, and evaluation metrics.

Google Drive Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xYAMQA4wOrXJjoAy4uNY9wtlaK2view?usp=sharing