## Loan Payment Prediction Analysis

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#### **ANALYSIS OUTLINE**

- 1. Raw data filtering & cleaning
- 2. Feature encoding & transformation & selection
- 3. Baseline Model Selection(GradientBoosting & Logistic Regression)

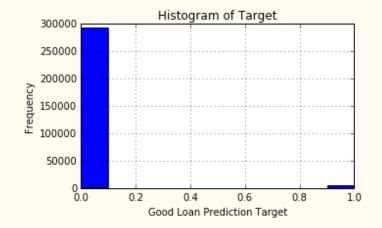
- 4. Gradient Boosting(GBM) model parameters tuning
- 5. Assessment data prediction
- 6. Future work & Improvements

#### Data Cleaning & Filtering

- Find all missing value representations in the raw data source. For example, '-' and 'N\A'. Use null value to replace them all.
- Check columns that have over half of the missing values. Such as 'DIF\_INCOME\_LAST\_180DAY\_R', 'DIF\_RESPERIOD\_LAST\_180DAY\_R', 'DIF\_PERIOD\_LAST\_180DAY\_R', ect
- Check columns that have the same value over the whole dataset: none.
- Drop the above columns with DDATE and ID2 columns. Since in this dataset, I have no idea how to transform the DATE data into a useful feature. If we know the data collection date, we can transform it into how long the customer participated in the loan borrowing system. Also, we don't need ID columns for training.
- 3. Check the distribution for all features
- 4. Output a csv file for later usage to reduce IO reading time

#### Potential Problem: Target Data Distribution

- From the TARGET column of raw data, we know that few values are 1.
- Target 1 Percent: 1.812%
- Target 0 Percent: 98.188%
- This means, if we predict 1 for every customer, our prediction accuracy will be 98.188%. Therefore, we should have a model performs better than this accuracy and use AUC number and confusion matrix to evaluate the model.

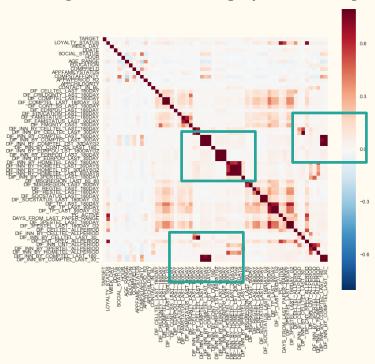


## Object Data Numerical & On-Hot Encoding

- For this dataset, most of the features that python read in are considered as Object. For example, "1-3", ">1" columns.
- Use package LabelEncoder to encode this levels into numerical value (1,2,3,4) by its number range size.
- Categorical features such as ['SOCIAL\_STATUS', 'EDUCATION'] are onhot encoded into dummy variables: SOCIAL\_STATUS\_1, SOCIAL\_STATUS\_2,...

#### Feature Correlation Check

• Check features interactions & correlations. Some of them are highly correlated; thus, drop one feature in a highly correlated pair.



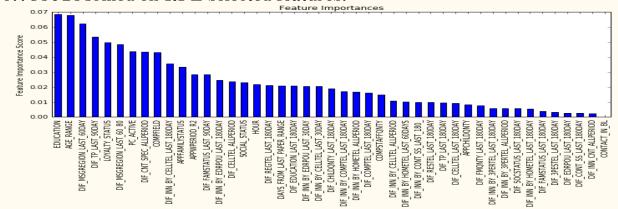
### Feature Selection: RFE & KBest Algorithms

- Recursive Feature Elimination(RFE) algorithm was used to select important features among all. 60 out of 80 (including dummy variables) were selected.
- Univariate selection (Kbest), which uses a set of statistical test to find significant features, were also performed to choose 60 features.

## Develop Gradient Boosting Machine(GBM) Baseline Model – Use RFE Features

Baseline model performed on RFE selected features & the feature importance rank

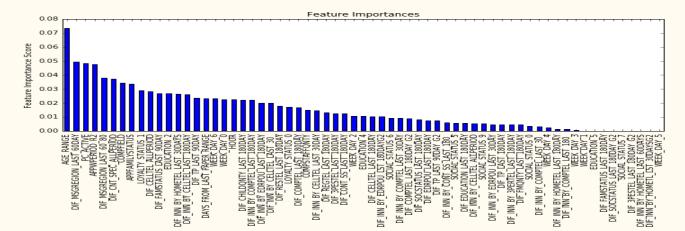
- Accuracy: 0.9897
- AUC Score (Train): 0.798859
- CV Score: Mean 0.7708912 | Std 0.01233622 | Min 0.7505894 | Max 0.7859253rmed on RFE selected features.



#### GBM Baseline Model – Use Kbest Features

Baseline model performed on KBest selected features & the feature importance rank

- Accuracy: 0.9897
- AUC Score (Train): 0.808143



#### GBM Baseline Model -- Use All Features

Baseline model performed on ALL features & feature importance rank

Accuracy: 0.9898

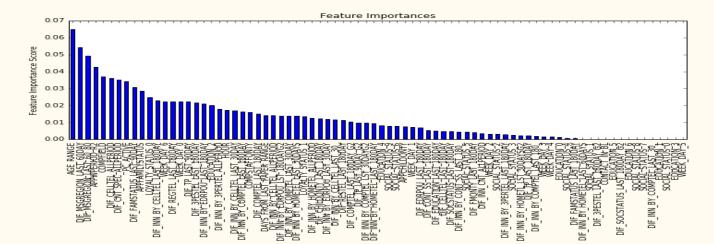
AUC Score (Train): 0.810849



All features: Highest AUC Score

CV Score: Mean - 0.7837371 | Std - 0.006790539 | Min - 0.7748344 | Max -

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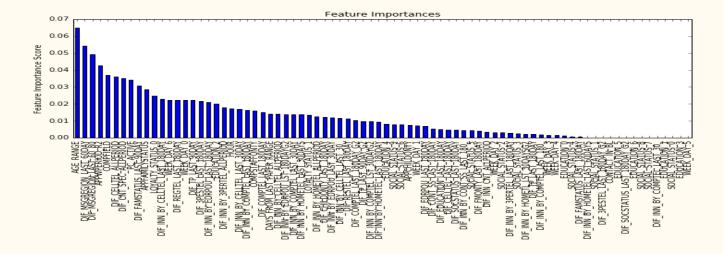
#### Logistic Regression Baseline Model -- All Features

#### **Model Report**

Accuracy: 0.989632605816

AUC Score (Train): 0.763690752416

CV Score: Mean - 0.75759



Since Gradient Boosting (GBM) baseline model performs better than Logistic Regression, we will use GDM to tune the parameters.

### GBM Parameter Tuning

- Step 1, tune the number of estimators
- Parameters to begin with:

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min\_samples\_split = 500: ~usually 0.5-1% of total values (will be tuned later)
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min_samples_leaf = 50: small first, preventing over fitting (will be tuned later)
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max\_depth = 8: since high number of observations and predictors, choose relatively high value (will be tuned later).

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max_features = 'sqrt': general thumb rule to start with (will be tuned later)
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**subsample** = 0.8 : typically used value (will be tuned later)

learning\_rate =0.1: fast at beginning

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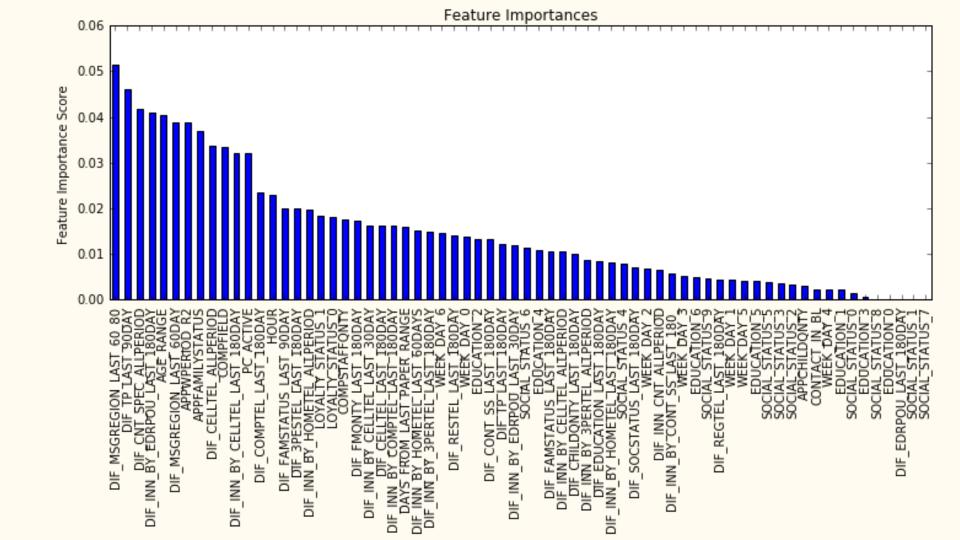
- Step 2, tune tree specific parameters as following one by one
- min\_samples\_split
- min\_samples\_leaf
- max\_depth
- max\_features
- Step 3, tune subsample size and learning rate.
- As the learning rate decreases, the subsample size should increase as the times it decreases

#### GBM Final Tuned Model Performance

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model_tuned = GradientBoostingClassifier(learning_rate=0.005, n_estimators=1200, max_depth=7, min_samples_split=1600, min_samples_leaf=50, subsample=0.75, random_state=10, max_features=24)
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#### **Model Report**

- Accuracy: 0.9896
- AUC Score (Train): 0.839501
- CV Score: Mean 0.7863468 | Std 0.006260485 | Min 0.7757783 | Max 0.7941119



# GBM Final Tuned Model on Test Dataset (20% of Development Data)

#### **Model Report**

- Accuracy: 0.99
- AUC Score (Train): 0.884125
- CV Score: Mean 0.7777595 | Std 0.02181214 | Min 0.7457264 | Max 0.8081906

## Predict the Assessment Dataset by the Tuned Model

- The assessment dataset was cleaned and encoded in the same way as the training dataset.
- Result is shown is the attached csv files
- All code written in python and in the attachment Jupyter Notebook file

#### Problems & Future Work & Improvements

- For the training dataset, the highest AUC we can reach from this model is 0.839.
- However, All customer was predicted as Target 0 in assessment dataset. In reality, we can assess the customer by the prediction probability or based on probability distribution, etc.
- Also we can improve the model by using higher quality data (more useful features instead of can't be interpretable ones). Then we can perform feature transformations such as how long a customer borrow the money, how many times the customer paid back and so on.
- Tune the GBDT parameters on larger and higher-quality dataset
- Try other models such as XGBOOST, Random Forest, Nueron network ect.