CAPSTONE PROJECT

Business Report (Final Report)

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Context

AlphaCom, a leading telecommunications provider, has recently experienced a concerning rise in customer churn despite offering competitive services and a wide product portfolio. This increase is directly impacting revenue and undermining brand reputation in an intensely competitive market. Traditional retention strategies have proven inadequate because customer churn is influenced by a complex mix of factors, including service usage, billing preferences, contract types, and demographics. Without clear insights into these patterns, the company is left reacting to churn instead of preventing it.

Objective

As a data scientist at AlphaCom, you are tasked with developing a predictive model to identify customers at high risk of churn and uncover the key factors driving their decisions. Solving this problem will enable the company to proactively design targeted retention strategies, reduce churn-related losses, and improve customer lifetime value, ultimately safeguarding revenue and strengthening AlphaCom's competitive position.

Data Description

The data contains different attributes related to churn. The detailed data dictionary is given below:

- **Gender:** The customer's gender (e.g., Male or Female). This demographic feature may correlate with customer behaviour.
- **SeniorCitizen:** A binary indicator (if included) that identifies whether the customer is a senior citizen (commonly 1 for senior, 0 for non-senior). Senior status can influence service preferences and retention strategies.
- **Partner:** Indicates whether the customer has a partner. This factor can affect customer loyalty and service usage patterns.
- **Dependents:** Specifies whether the customer has dependents. This information can provide context on the customer's household and influence their service needs.
- **Tenure:** The number of months the customer has been with the company. Longer tenure may indicate higher loyalty, while shorter tenure could be a churn risk indicator.
- **PhoneService:** Denotes whether the customer subscribes to telephone services. This binary feature (Yes/No) helps understand service adoption.
- **MultipleLines:** Indicates if the customer has multiple phone lines. This feature can provide insight into customer behavior and service complexity.
- **InternetService:** Describes the type of internet service the customer uses (e.g., DSL, Fiber optic, or None). The type of internet service can be a critical factor in churn analysis.
- **OnlineSecurity:** Shows whether the customer subscribes to online security services. This value (Yes/No) may influence customer satisfaction and retention.
- **OnlineBackup:** Indicates if the customer has an online backup service. Similar to online security, this can be a part of the overall service bundle affecting churn.
- **DeviceProtection:** Specifies whether the customer is enrolled in a device protection plan, providing an added layer of service value.
- **TechSupport:** Denotes if the customer subscribes to technical support services. Access to tech support can improve customer experience and reduce churn.
- **StreamingTV:** Indicates whether the customer subscribes to a streaming TV service. Media consumption patterns can be a differentiator in customer preferences.
- **StreamingMovies:** Specifies if the customer subscribes to a streaming movies service. This, combined with other services, can highlight trends in customer behavior.
- **Contract:** Describes the type of contract the customer holds (e.g., month-to-month, one-year, or two-year). Contract type is a strong indicator of churn risk—shorter contracts are often associated with higher churn.
- **PaperlessBilling:** Indicates whether the customer is enrolled in paperless billing. This operational feature can sometimes correlate with customer engagement levels.
- **PaymentMethod:** Details the payment method used by the customer (e.g., electronic check, mailed check, bank transfer, or credit card). Payment methods can affect both churn and overall customer satisfaction.
- **MonthlyCharges:** The monthly amount in $ USD charged to the customer. Higher charges might increase the likelihood of churn if customers perceive the cost as too high for the value provided.
- **TotalCharges:** The cumulative amount in $ USD charged over the customer's tenure. This helps in understanding the long-term value of each customer and can be a predictor of churn.
- **Churn:** The target variable indicating whether the customer has left (typically denoted as "Yes" or "No"). This is the primary outcome you aim to predict with your machine learning model.

Defining the Problem Statement

- AlphaCom, a major telecommunications provider, is facing a rising customer churn rate—customers are discontinuing their services despite the company offering competitive pricing and a broad service portfolio. This churn increase is leading to revenue loss, reduced market share, and brand erosion.
- Traditional retention strategies, which rely on generalized incentives and reactive measures, have failed because churn is influenced by multiple interacting factors such as usage behaviour, billing methods, contract duration, and demographics. Without data-driven insights, the company cannot proactively identify customers who are most likely to leave.
- **Problem Statement:**
  - To develop a **predictive model** that accurately **identifies customers at high risk of churn** and uncovers the **underlying drivers influencing their decision to leave** AlphaCom; thus, enabling AlphaCom to **implement targeted retention strategies**, minimize churn-related losses, and improve customer lifetime value

Need of the Study/Project

- **Business Need: -**
  - **Revenue Protection**: Customer acquisition in telecom is costly; retaining existing customers is far more cost-effective. A predictive churn model can reduce customer attrition and improve profitability.
  - **Customer Retention Strategy**: The model allows AlphaCom to personalize retention offers, such as loyalty rewards or service upgrades, based on customer risk profiles.
  - **Resource Optimization**: Instead of applying generic discounts to everyone, AlphaCom can allocate marketing resources efficiently—focusing only on high-risk customers.
- **Analytical Need: -**
  - The project will translate customer data into actionable insights, **revealing which variables are most predictive of churn**.
  - It supports a **shift from reactive to proactive decision-making**, allowing AlphaCom to anticipate churn before it happens.

Understanding Business/Social Opportunity

- **Business Opportunity: -**
  - **Customer-Centric Strategy**: Predicting churn helps AlphaCom understand the voice of the customer through data—leading to improved products, pricing, and experience.
  - **Competitive Advantage**: With churn insights, AlphaCom can differentiate through retention excellence, achieving stronger brand loyalty in a saturated telecom market.
  - **Long-Term Growth**: Lower churn directly increases Customer Lifetime Value (CLV) and stabilizes revenue, improving investor confidence and sustainability.
- **Social Opportunity: -**
  - **Customer Empowerment**: By addressing dissatisfaction proactively, AlphaCom enhances customer experience and builds trust.
  - **Digital Inclusion**: Retaining customers through affordable, stable services supports broader access to digital communication—especially for senior citizens and dependents.

Rubric Question 2: Exploratory Data Analysis

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Data Collection and Background

- The dataset for this study has been sourced from **AlphaCom's internal customer management and billing systems**, which record essential information about each customer's demographics, service subscriptions, and billing behaviour. This data represents a **comprehensive snapshot of the customer base**, including active and churned customers over a specific time period.
- The data has been **collected and consolidated from multiple operational systems**, such as:
  - **Customer Relationship Management (CRM):** for demographic and relationship-related details (e.g., gender, partner, dependents, tenure).
  - **Billing and Payment Systems:** for financial attributes (e.g., payment method, monthly charges, total charges, paperless billing).
  - **Service Provisioning Databases:** for product and service usage information (e.g., phone service, internet type, streaming services, security add-ons).
- Key characteristics of the dataset: -
  - It contains both **categorical** (e.g., gender, contract type) and **numerical** (e.g., tenure, monthly charges, total charges) variables.
  - The **target variable**, Churn, indicates whether a customer has discontinued AlphaCom services ("Yes") or continues as an active subscriber ("No").
  - The dataset reflects **diverse customer profiles** across different service combinations and contract durations, offering rich analytical potential.
- Overall, this dataset provides a strong foundation for building a **predictive churn model**, as it captures the **multi-dimensional nature of customer behaviour**—spanning demographic, service usage, and payment perspectives.

Data Overview

- **Load dataset** & display top 5 rows (transpose view due to high no. of columns): -

	0	1	2	3	4
gender	Female	Male	Male	Male	Female
SeniorCitizen	0	0	0	0	0
Partner	Yes	No	No	No	No
Dependents	No	No	No	No	No
tenure	1.000	34.000	2.000	45.000	2.000
PhoneService	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
MultipleLines	No phone service	No	No	No phone service	No
InternetService	DSL	DSL	DSL	DSL	Fiber optic
OnlineSecurity	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
OnlineBackup	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
DeviceProtection	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
TechSupport	No	No	No	Yes	No
StreamingTV	No	No	No	No	No
StreamingMovies	No	No	No	No	No
Contract	Month-to-month	One year	Month-to-month	One year	Month-to-month
PaperlessBilling	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
PaymentMethod	Electronic check	Mailed Check	Mailed check	bank transfer (automatic)	ELECTRONIC CHECK
MonthlyCharges	$29.85	$56.95	$53.85	$42.3	$70.7
TotalCharges	$29.85	$1889.5	$108.15	$1840.75	$nan
Churn	No	NO	YES	No	yes

Figure 1: Top 5 Rows of the Dataset

- By checking the shape of the dataset, we can imply that the dataset contains information for **12,055 AlphaCom customers** across **20 different attributes**.

- **Checking datatypes**: -

```
Data columns (total 20 columns):
 #   Column            Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ------            --------------  -----
 0   gender            12055 non-null  object
 1   SeniorCitizen     12055 non-null  int64
 2   Partner           12055 non-null  object
 3   Dependents        12055 non-null  object
 4   tenure            11451 non-null  float64
 5   PhoneService      12055 non-null  object
 6   MultipleLines     12055 non-null  object
 7   InternetService   12055 non-null  object
 8   OnlineSecurity    12055 non-null  object
 9   OnlineBackup      12055 non-null  object
 10  DeviceProtection  12055 non-null  object
 11  TechSupport       12055 non-null  object
 12  StreamingTV       12055 non-null  object
 13  StreamingMovies   12055 non-null  object
 14  Contract          12055 non-null  object
 15  PaperlessBilling  12055 non-null  object
 16  PaymentMethod     12055 non-null  object
 17  MonthlyCharges    12055 non-null  object
 18  TotalCharges      12055 non-null  object
 19  Churn             12055 non-null  object
```

Figure 2: Datatypes in the Dataset

  - The dataset contains **20 columns — 16 categorical**, **2 numeric (SeniorCitizen, tenure)** and **2 monetary fields (MonthlyCharges, TotalCharges)** that are currently stored as text and need conversion to numeric types.

- **Fix Datatypes: -**
  - **MonthlyCharges & TotalCharges**: Remove currency symbol & covert to numeric (float64) datatype
  - **SeniorCitizen:** Convert to Yes/No (object datatype) from 1/0 (int64 datatype) for consistency: -
  - Below is the output post fixing datatypes: -

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 1   SeniorCitizen     12055 non-null  object
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 6   MultipleLines     12055 non-null  object
 7   InternetService   12055 non-null  object
 8   OnlineSecurity    12055 non-null  object
 9   OnlineBackup      12055 non-null  object
 10  DeviceProtection  12055 non-null  object
 11  TechSupport       12055 non-null  object
 12  StreamingTV       12055 non-null  object
 13  StreamingMovies   12055 non-null  object
 14  Contract          12055 non-null  object
 15  PaperlessBilling  12055 non-null  object
 16  PaymentMethod     12055 non-null  object
 17  MonthlyCharges    11754 non-null  float64
 18  TotalCharges      10850 non-null  float64
 19  Churn             12055 non-null  object
```

Figure 3: Datatypes of the Dataset post Datatype-fix

- **Fix Anomalies & Create new columns (wherever needed)** – By checking value-counts of all object columns, lot of anomalies have been identified. Let's fix them & create new columns (if required): -
  - Fixing data in **MultipleLines**: **-**
    - ✓ 'Yes' → 'Multiple Phone Lines'
    - ✓ 'No' → 'Single Phone Line'
    - ✓ 'No phone service' → remains unchanged
    - ✓ Below is the output of **MultipleLines** value-counts post-fix: -

```
MultipleLines
Multiple phone lines    5609
Single phone line       5157
No phone service        1289
```

Figure 4: MultipleLines value-counts post-fix

  - Inconsistencies in **PhoneService**
    - ✓ Type 1: **PhoneService** = "No" but **MultipleLines** = "Single Phone Line" or "Multiple Phone Lines" → should be "No phone service."
    - ✓ Type 2: **PhoneService** = "Yes" but **MultipleLines** = "No phone service" → should be "Single Phone Line." (This rule assumes that if the customer has phone service (Yes), but the "**MultipleLines**" field mistakenly says "No phone service", it should default to "Single Phone Line".)
    - ✓ Below is the crosstab output to validate the inconsistency: -

MultipleLines	Multiple phone lines	No phone service	Single phone line
PhoneService			
No	68	1137	103
Yes	5541	152	5054

Figure 5: Crosstab output to validate the inconsistency in PhoneService

MultipleLines	Multiple phone lines	No phone service	Single phone line
PhoneService			
No	0	1308	0
Yes	5541	0	5206

Figure 6: Crosstab output post applying fix in PhoneService

  - **For simplicity, lets merge PhoneService & MultipleLines into one combined column: -**
    - ✓ Create a new column **PhoneServiceStatus** that shows "No phone service" if the customer has no phone service, otherwise use their MultipleLines value; then remove the original **PhoneService** and **MultipleLines** columns, and display the count of each category in **PhoneServiceStatus**.
    - ✓ Below is the output of **PhoneServiceStatus** value-counts: -

```
PhoneServiceStatus
Multiple phone lines    5541
Single phone line       5206
No phone service        1308
```

Figure 7: PhoneServiceStatus (new column) value-counts

  - Inconsistency in **InternetService**
    - ✓ Across all six columns — **OnlineSecurity, OnlineBackup, DeviceProtection, TechSupport, StreamingTV, and StreamingMovies** — the expected logical relationship is:
      - If **InternetService** = "No", then the corresponding service columns should all be "No internet service."
      - If **InternetService** = "DSL" or "Fiber optic", then values should be either "Yes" or "No", but never "No internet service."
    - ✓ **Fixing with logic** – For each internet-related column, if a customer's **InternetService = "No"**, the column value is set to **"No internet service"**; if the customer **has internet** but the column incorrectly says **"No internet service"**, it's changed to **"No"**.
    - ✓ Please **refer Appendix** section for crosstab outputs (pre & post fix).

- **Create another column - Internet_AddOnCount: -**
  - ✓ Customers who subscribe to more internet add-on services **(OnlineSecurity, OnlineBackup, DeviceProtection, TechSupport, StreamingTV, StreamingMovies)** tend to be more engaged and invested in the company's ecosystem, making them less likely to churn.
  - ✓ By combining all these individual service indicators into a single numerical feature (Internet_AddOnCount), we can quantify a customer's overall service adoption level. This helps: -
    - Simplify analysis by summarizing six related columns into one metric.
    - Capture a strong behavioural signal — higher counts suggest loyalty or satisfaction, while lower counts may indicate limited engagement or higher churn risk.
    - Improve model interpretability and performance by providing a continuous measure of customer engagement with AlphaCom's internet offerings.
- **Fix PaymentMethod with standard values: -**
  - ✓ Clean up the **PaymentMethod** column by converting all entries to lowercase, removing extra spaces, and normalizing inconsistent formatting.
  - ✓ Maps those cleaned values to consistent, properly capitalized labels — like "Electronic check", "Credit card (automatic)", "Mailed check", and "Bank transfer (automatic)".
  - ✓ Let's display the count of each standardized **PaymentMethod** to confirm that all entries have been properly cleaned and categorized.

```
PaymentMethod
Electronic check             4145
Credit card (automatic)      2930
Mailed check                 2585
Bank transfer (automatic)    2395
```

Figure 8: PaymentMethod post applying standard formatting fix

- **Fix Churn with standard values: -**
  - ✓ Clean up and standardize the **Churn** column by removing extra spaces, converting all text to lowercase, and then mapping the values so that all entries consistently appear as "Yes" or "No".
  - ✓ Let's display the count of each standardized **Churn** to confirm that all entries have been properly cleaned and categorized.

```
Churn
No     8650
Yes    3405
```

Figure 9: Churn post applying standard formatting fix

- **Negative value-check (tenure, MonthlyCharges, TotalCharges): -**
  - ✓ Check for negative values & replace with NaN which are logically inconsistent in our use case: -

```
Negative Value Check:-
tenure           127
MonthlyCharges     0
TotalCharges     147
```

Figure 10: Negative value Check

  - ✓ Check the **tenure**, **MonthlyCharges**, and **TotalCharges** columns for any negative values, since these are illogical in a telecom context (tenure, charges, and total billed amount can't be negative).
  - ✓ **Replaces any such negative values with NaN (missing values**) to prevent data distortion.
  - ✓ Let's recheck the columns to confirm that no negative entries remain: -

```
Negative Value Check Post Treatment:-
tenure           0
MonthlyCharges   0
TotalCharges     0
```

Figure 11: Negative value Check post Treatment

- Create a new column **IsNewCustomer** for all customers with tenure = 0: -
  - ✓ Customers with tenure = 0 are essentially new or recently onboarded customers, and their behaviour often differs significantly from long-term customers. By creating the **IsNewCustomer** flag, we can: -
    - Identify newly joined customers who haven't yet built loyalty or service history.
    - Analyse early churn patterns, since new customers are more likely to leave if the onboarding experience is poor.
    - Enable targeted retention actions, such as special welcome offers or support follow-ups.
    - Improve model performance, as this feature helps the churn model clearly distinguish between short-term risk (new customers) and long-term stability (established customers).
  - ✓ Below is the output of value-counts post creating this new column: -

```
IsNewCustomer
No      11755
Yes       300
```

Figure 12: Value-counts of new column IsNewCustomer

- **Check for Duplicate Values: -**
  - Checking for duplicate values in the dataset – **27 duplicate** values found.
  - These 27 values were **dropped.**

```
Duplicated Values:  27

Duplicated Values Post-dropping duplicates:  0
```

Figure 13: Duplicate value check | pre & post removing duplicates

- **Check for Missing Values: -**
  - Missing values identified in **tenure, MonthlyCharges** & **TotalCharges: -**

```
Missing Values:-

gender                 0
SeniorCitizen          0
Partner                0
Dependents             0
tenure               728
InternetService        0
OnlineSecurity         0
OnlineBackup           0
DeviceProtection       0
TechSupport            0
StreamingTV            0
StreamingMovies        0
Contract               0
PaperlessBilling       0
PaymentMethod          0
MonthlyCharges       301
TotalCharges        1351
Churn                  0
PhoneServiceStatus     0
Internet_AddOnCount    0
IsNewCustomer          0
```

Figure 14: Missing Value-check

- **Treat missing values using KNN Imputer: -**
  - ✓ **Rationale**: -
    - **Considers data similarity**: KNN Imputer fills missing values by looking at the most similar records (neighbours), ensuring that imputed values are realistic and consistent with customer patterns.
    - **Captures complex relationships**: Unlike simple mean/median imputation, it can adapt to non-linear relationships between numeric and categorical variables (e.g., customers with similar contracts and internet services tend to have similar charges).
    - **Uses multi-feature context**: It leverages information from related features (e.g., tenure, contract, payment method) to predict missing values more accurately.
    - **Reduces bias**: Since it bases imputations on similar data points instead of a single summary statistic, it helps preserve the natural variance in the data.
  - ✓ Define the numerical columns (**tenure, MonthlyCharges, TotalCharges**) that need imputation and categorical context columns (**Contract, InternetService, PaymentMethod, SeniorCitizen, Dependents**) that help guide the imputation.
    - **Contract** – Strongly affects both **tenure** and **charges** — customers on longer contracts usually have higher total charges and lower churn risk.
    - **InternetService** – Impacts **MonthlyCharges** directly since Fiber optic plans typically cost more than DSL or "No Internet Service".
    - **PaymentMethod** – Reflects billing preferences — customers using automatic or electronic payment methods often have longer tenures or stable payment patterns.
    - **SeniorCitizen** – Senior customers might have different plan choices or service bundles, influencing tenure and cost.
    - **Dependents** – Customers with dependents might opt for more bundled or family plans, affecting both charges and total billed amount.
  - ✓ Use **one-hot encoding** to convert categorical variables into numeric dummy variables, making them compatible with the KNN algorithm
  - ✓ Apply a **RobustScaler** to normalize numeric columns. Reason for choosing RobustScaler: -
    - **Handles outliers effectively**: Uses the median and IQR instead of mean and standard deviation, making it resistant to extreme values in billing or tenure data.
    - **Prevents distortion in KNN distances**: Ensures outliers don't dominate distance calculations, leading to more accurate imputations.
    - **Preserves natural data shape**: Doesn't assume normal distribution, keeping the real-world spread of telecom data intact.
    - **Balances diverse scales**: Works well when features vary widely (e.g., short vs. long tenure or low vs. high charges).
  - ✓ Combine scaled numeric and encoded categorical columns into a single dataset for imputation.
  - ✓ Initialize a **KNN Imputer** with k=5 neighbors and apply it to estimate missing numeric values based on patterns among the five nearest records.
  - ✓ Convert the imputed array back into a DataFrame and reverse the scaling to restore values to their original scale.
  - ✓ Update the original dataset with the imputed numeric values, rounding to two decimal places.
- **Verify** that all missing values are now filled correctly: -

```
gender              0
SeniorCitizen       0
Partner             0
Dependents          0
tenure              0
InternetService     0
OnlineSecurity      0
OnlineBackup        0
DeviceProtection    0
TechSupport         0
StreamingTV         0
StreamingMovies     0
Contract            0
PaperlessBilling    0
PaymentMethod       0
MonthlyCharges      0
TotalCharges        0
Churn               0
PhoneServiceStatus  0
Internet_AddOnCount 0
IsNewCustomer       0
```

Figure 15: Missing Value-check post-treatment

- **Create Derived Ratios** to avoid multicollinearity between **MonthlyCharges** and **TotalCharges** & then **drop redundant** columns**: -**
  - **AvgMonthlySpend**
    - ✓ **AvgMonthlySpend** = **TotalCharges** / **Tenure**
    - ✓ This metric captures how much a customer has been **spending per month on average over their lifetime** with AlphaCom.
    - ✓ It helps differentiate between long-term loyal customers who have maintained steady spending versus short-term, low-value customers who may be more likely to churn.
    - ✓ A low average monthly spend could indicate customers on basic or entry-level plans — often the most churn-prone segment when competitors offer discounts.
    - ✓ A high average spend suggests greater product engagement and value perception — typically linked to lower churn risk.
    - ✓ It helps AlphaCom **identify high-value customers worth retaining** and low-engagement customers who might need proactive offers or plan upgrades.
  - **BillingRatio**
    - ✓ **BillingRatio** = **TotalCharges** / (**MonthlyCharges** × **Tenure**)
    - ✓ This metric compares **what customers were expected to pay versus what they actually paid** across their tenure.
    - ✓ A ratio close to 1 suggests accurate billing and consistent service usage.
    - ✓ A lower ratio (<1) may indicate discounts, billing adjustments, or partial service months — often signals of onboarding issues or dissatisfaction.
    - ✓ A higher ratio (>1) could point to extra fees, add-ons, or overbilling, potentially linked to customer frustration or complaints.
    - ✓ It helps detect **billing irregularities or customer dissatisfaction** — two major hidden drivers of churn in telecom.
  - **RelativeSpend**
    - ✓ **RelativeSpend** = **MonthlyCharges** / **AvgMonthlySpend**
    - ✓ This ratio tracks whether a customer's **current spending pattern has increased or decreased** compared to their historical average.
    - ✓ A higher ratio (>1) indicates an upgrade or new add-on — typically a sign of engagement and satisfaction.
    - ✓ A lower ratio (<1) indicates downgrading or reduced usage, which can signal churn risk or declining interest.
    - ✓ It provides early **warning signals of customer disengagement** before actual churn occurs, allowing AlphaCom to intervene with personalized retention campaigns.
  - Remove **TotalCharges**, since its information is now represented through derived, more informative ratios.
  - **Handling NaN Values**:
    - ✓ Some customers have **tenure** = 0 or **AvgMonthlySpend** = 0, leading to division by zero. These entries will naturally produce **NaN** in the new columns
    - ✓ These entries can be treated as new customers (having no billing or spend yet) and can be **replaced with a Zero.**
    - ✓ New customers will have values = 0 for these ratios while older customers retain their real derived values. The **IsNewCustomer** flag allows the model to learn that "0" = new user
    - ✓ Below is the output pre and post null value treatment for derived columns: -

gender	0
SeniorCitizen	0
Partner	0
Dependents	0
tenure	0
InternetService	0
OnlineSecurity	0
OnlineBackup	0
DeviceProtection	0
TechSupport	0
StreamingTV	0
StreamingMovies	0
Contract	0
PaperlessBilling	0
PaymentMethod	0
MonthlyCharges	0
Churn	0
PhoneServiceStatus	0
Internet_AddOnCount	0
IsNewCustomer	0
AvgMonthlySpend	300
BillingRatio	300
RelativeSpend	302

Figure 16: Derived Columns | Null-check before treatment

gender	0
SeniorCitizen	0
Partner	0
Dependents	0
tenure	0
InternetService	0
OnlineSecurity	0
OnlineBackup	0
DeviceProtection	0
TechSupport	0
StreamingTV	0
StreamingMovies	0
Contract	0
PaperlessBilling	0
PaymentMethod	0
MonthlyCharges	0
Churn	0
PhoneServiceStatus	0
Internet_AddOnCount	0
IsNewCustomer	0
AvgMonthlySpend	0
BillingRatio	0
RelativeSpend	0

Figure 17: Derived Columns | Null-check after treatment

- Create another **Derived Column – CostDeviation**
  - **CostDeviation** = **MonthlyCharges** – Average of (MonthlyCharges for same Contract and InternetService group)
  - CostDeviation measures how much a customer's **monthly charge differs from the average** price for customers with the **same contract type and internet service** (Price sensitivity by service type) – Customers paying more than average for their (contract + service type) combo may churn from perceived unfair pricing
  - It **quantifies relative pricing perception** — whether a customer feels they're paying fairly compared to similar customers.
  - **Detects pricing dissatisfaction**: Customers paying more than peers may feel overcharged, increasing churn risk.
  - **Enables targeted retention**: High positive deviations highlight customers for discounts or personalized offers.
  - **Reveals pricing imbalances**: Negative deviations expose underpriced or legacy plans for review.
  - **Enhances churn prediction**: Captures customer perception of price fairness — a key behavioural churn driver.
- Create another **Derived Column – ContractPaymentCombo**
  - The feature is formed by **joining** the customer's **contract** type with their **payment** method, capturing the **interaction between a customer's payment behaviour and their contract commitment** — two variables that individually and jointly influence churn risk.
  - **Captures behavior patterns**: Combines contract length and payment method to reflect customer commitment and payment habits.
  - **Reveals hidden interactions**: Shows how payment type impacts churn differently across contract durations.
  - **Boosts predictive power**: Helps the model identify churn-prone clusters like short-term manual payers vs. long-term auto-pay users.
  - **Enables targeted actions**: Supports tailored retention offers (e.g., discounts for short-term electronic check customers).
- Binning **tenue** for non-linear Churn Patterns – creating **TenureGroup** and dropping the raw **tenure** column
  - **Captures customer lifecycle stages**
    - ✓ Binning converts continuous tenure into meaningful lifecycle groups – **'0–6m' (New), '7–12m' (Settling), '13–24m' (Stable) and '49m+' (Loyal)** customers.
  - **Handles non-linear churn relationships**
    - ✓ Churn risk is highest early in the lifecycle and decreases sharply over time — not a straight-line relationship. Binning allows the model to explicitly capture these non-linear effects without assuming a linear correlation.
  - **Improves interpretability**
    - ✓ It's easier for business teams to understand churn behaviour by customer segments (e.g., "early tenure customers churn twice as much as long-tenure ones") instead of abstract numerical ranges.
  - **Simplifies modelling**
    - ✓ By replacing raw tenure with categorical bins, the model focuses on customer maturity levels, making insights clearer and avoiding overfitting to minor numeric fluctuations.
- **Final Datatype-check** (numerical → Int64/Float64 & Categorical → category)

```
Data columns (total 25 columns):
 #   Column               Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ------               --------------  -----
 0   gender               12028 non-null  category
 1   SeniorCitizen        12028 non-null  category
 2   Partner              12028 non-null  category
 3   Dependents           12028 non-null  category
 4   InternetService      12028 non-null  category
 5   OnlineSecurity       12028 non-null  category
 6   OnlineBackup         12028 non-null  category
 7   DeviceProtection     12028 non-null  category
 8   TechSupport          12028 non-null  category
 9   StreamingTV          12028 non-null  category
 10  StreamingMovies      12028 non-null  category
 11  Contract             12028 non-null  category
 12  PaperlessBilling     12028 non-null  category
 13  PaymentMethod        12028 non-null  category
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 15  Churn                12028 non-null  category
 16  PhoneServiceStatus   12028 non-null  category
 17  Internet_AddOnCount  12028 non-null  int64
 18  IsNewCustomer        12028 non-null  category
 19  AvgMonthlySpend      12028 non-null  float64
 20  BillingRatio         12028 non-null  float64
 21  RelativeSpend        12028 non-null  float64
 22  TenureGroup          12028 non-null  category
 23  ContractPaymentCombo 12028 non-null  category
 24  CostDeviation        12028 non-null  float64
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Figure 18: Datatypes Summary post data-treatment & feature-engineering

- **Statistical Summary of the dataset**: -

	count	unique	top	freq	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
gender	12028	2	Male	6695	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
SeniorCitizen	12028	2	No	10608	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Partner	12028	2	No	6970	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Dependents	12028	2	No	8822	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
InternetService	12028	3	Fiber optic	4866	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
OnlineSecurity	12028	3	No	6309	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
OnlineBackup	12028	3	No	5948	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
DeviceProtection	12028	3	Yes	4609	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
TechSupport	12028	3	No	6221	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
StreamingTV	12028	3	No	4996	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
StreamingMovies	12028	3	No	5049	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Contract	12028	3	Month-to-month	6533	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
PaperlessBilling	12028	2	Yes	6144	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
PaymentMethod	12028	4	Electronic check	4136	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
MonthlyCharges	12028.000	NaN	NaN	NaN	64.374	30.235	15.290	30.825	71.300	89.300	121.670
Churn	12028	2	No	8634	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
PhoneServiceStatus	12028	3	Multiple phone lines	5536	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Internet_AddOnCount	12028.000	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.841	1.796	0.000	0.000	1.000	3.000	6.000
IsNewCustomer	12028	2	No	11728	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
AvgMonthlySpend	12028.000	NaN	NaN	NaN	109.382	249.554	0.000	29.039	71.222	99.441	6183.710
BillingRatio	12028.000	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.985	4.977	0.000	0.937	1.000	1.104	131.543
RelativeSpend	12028.000	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.654	17.737	0.000	0.844	0.997	1.050	1819.333
TenureGroup	12028	5	49m+	3578	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
ContractPaymentCombo	12028	12	Month-to-month_Electronic check	3215	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
CostDeviation	12028.000	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.000	13.678	-79.520	-6.751	-0.901	7.391	85.294

Figure 19: Statistical Summary of the Dataset

Category	Statistical Observation	Business Interpretation (Linked to Churn Problem)
Customer Demographics	Balanced gender mix; majority non-seniors, no dependents	Indicates mostly individual users who are **price-sensitive and flexible**, increasing churn likelihood.
Internet Services	Fiber optic most common; DSL and "No Internet" smaller	Fiber users pay more → **higher churn if value not perceived**; DSL users more stable but lower revenue.
Phone Services	Nearly half have multiple lines	Multi-line customers show **higher engagement and loyalty**, lower churn risk.
Add-On Services	Most customers lack add-ons like security or backup	Low cross-selling → **weaker customer attachment**, increasing churn vulnerability.
Contracts	54% month-to-month vs 46% annual/multi-year	Month-to-month customers are **short-term and volatile** — highest churn risk group.
Billing & Payments	Electronic check (34%) dominant	Manual payment users are **less sticky**, whereas auto-pay users show commitment and lower churn.
Tenure Distribution	Long-tenure (49m+) group largest; early tenure (0–12m) smaller	Confirms **non-linear churn pattern** — new customers are most at risk.
Financial Metrics	Avg monthly charge ≈ $64, wide range ($15–$121)	Price variability suggests **different value perceptions**; overpaying customers may churn from unfairness.
Derived Features	CostDeviation: –79 to +85; Internet_AddOnCount ≈ 1.8	**Overpaying and under-engaged customers** are prime churn candidates.
ContractPaymentCombo	Month-to-month + Electronic check most frequent combo	Represents **AlphaCom's largest churn-risk segment** — low contract lock-in, manual billing, high flexibility.

Table 1: Statistical Summary – Observations

Univariate Analysis

- **Perform Univariate Analysis (Categorical)** – Plot BarPlots to understand categorical distribution

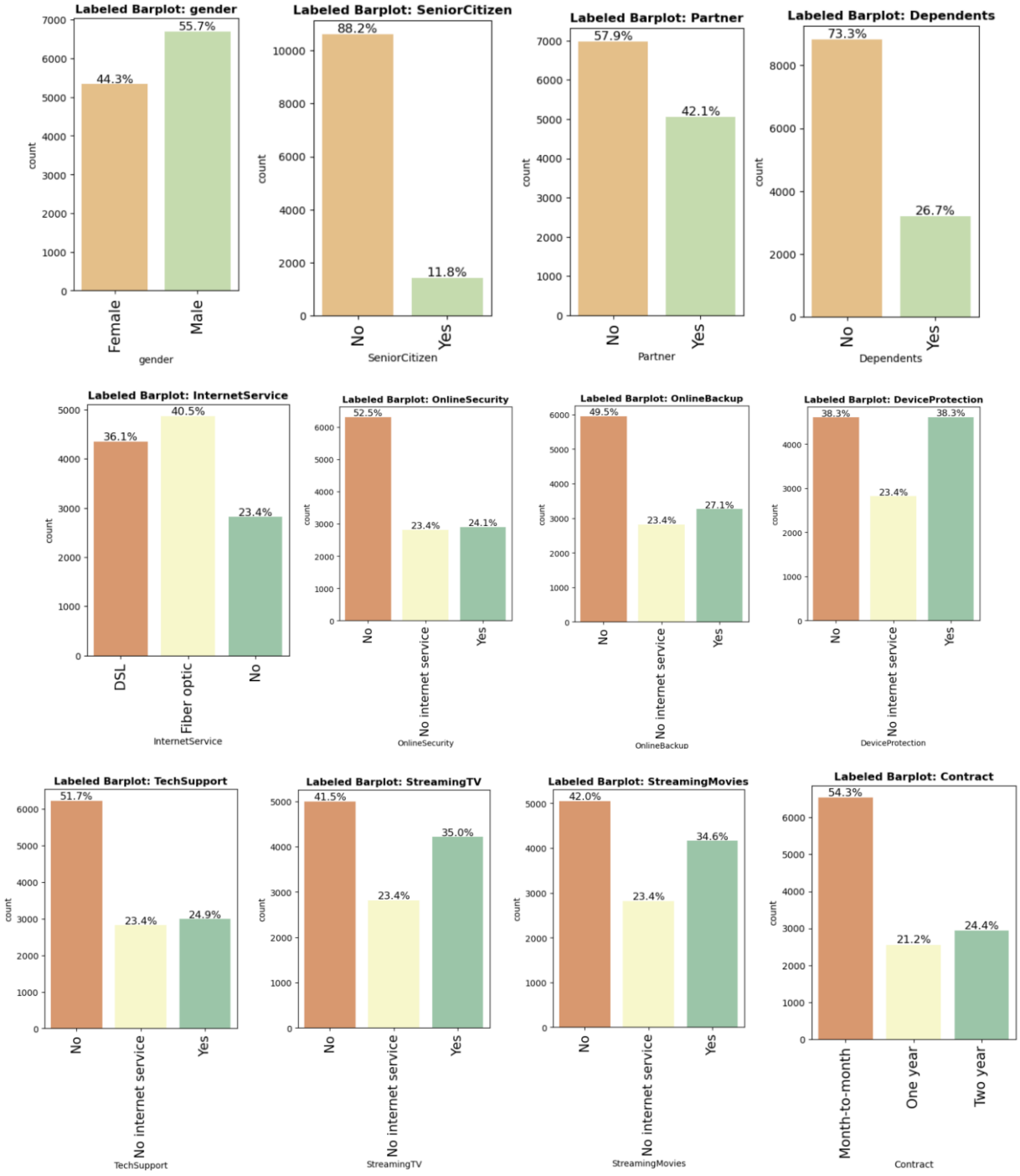


Figure 20: Univariate Analysis – Categorical (1/2)

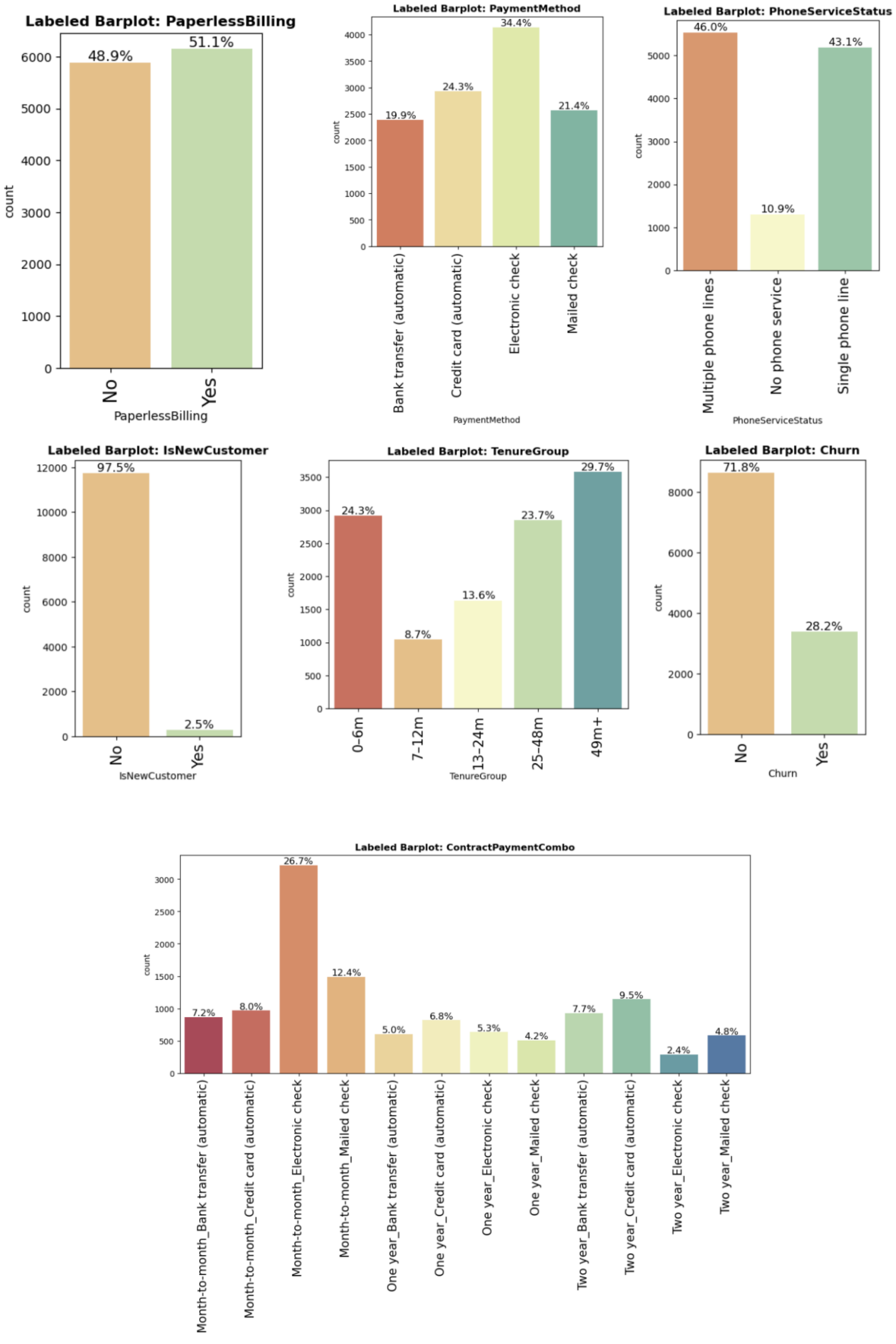


Figure 21: Univariate Analysis – Categorical (2/2)

Category / Feature	Statistical Observation (from plots)	Business Interpretation (Churn Context)
Gender	Fairly balanced: Male ≈ 55%, Female ≈ 45%	No strong churn bias by gender; churn drivers are likely behavioral, not demographic.
SeniorCitizen	Only ≈ 12% seniors	Smaller senior segment; their churn behavior may differ (less digital, higher service-reliance).
Partner	~58% No partner	Majority are single; fewer household bundles → more freedom to switch providers.
Dependents	~73% No dependents	Independent customers show higher churn as they're less tied to family/shared plans.
InternetService	Fiber > DSL > None	Fiber users dominate but are more price-sensitive; need competitive pricing to retain.
OnlineSecurity / Backup / DeviceProtection / TechSupport	Most customers answered "No" (≈ 60–65%)	Low add-on adoption signals weaker engagement; bundling these can reduce churn.
StreamingTV / StreamingMovies	Balanced between "Yes" and "No"	Streaming usage indicates digital adoption; cross-selling bundles can strengthen loyalty.
Contract	53% Month-to-month, 21% One-year, 24% Two-year	Month-to-month customers are the highest churn risk; longer contracts anchor loyalty.
PaperlessBilling	51% Yes	Digital adopters show convenience orientation; paper billing customers may have lower engagement.
PaymentMethod	34% Electronic check (largest)	Manual payers exhibit higher churn; promoting auto-pay can enhance retention.
PhoneServiceStatus	46% Multiple lines, 43% Single line	Multi-line users are typically loyal; single-line users are easier to lose.
IsNewCustomer	Only 2.5% new	Small new-customer base, but these early-tenure users face the highest churn probability.
TenureGroup	Most customers in 49m+, then 25–48m	Confirms churn declines as tenure grows; early-lifecycle retention is crucial.
Churn	~28% Yes	Overall churn rate ~28%; significant revenue impact if unaddressed.
ContractPaymentCombo	Dominant: Month-to-month + Electronic check	Core churn-risk segment — flexible contracts and manual payments increase exit likelihood.

Table 2: Univariate Analysis (Categorical) Observations

- **Perform Univariate Analysis (Numerical)** – Plot Histogram & BoxPlots to understand numerical distribution

Figure 22: Univariate Analysis – Numerical

Feature	Distribution Observation (from plots)	Business Interpretation (Churn Context)
MonthlyCharges	Right-skewed; most customers pay $20–$80, fewer pay above $100	The majority are mid-range spenders. High-paying customers (> $100) may perceive **overpricing** and have **higher churn sensitivity**, while low payers may represent **basic plans with lower loyalty**.
Internet_AddOnCount	Right-skewed; most customers have 0–2 add-ons, few with 4–6	Low add-on adoption shows limited service-bundling — these customers are **less engaged and easier to lose**. High add-on users are more "locked-in" and likely more loyal.
AvgMonthlySpend	Extremely right-skewed; most values low, few very high	A few long-tenure, high-spend customers drive total revenue; losing even a few can significantly impact profitability. Early detection of churn in this group is critical.
BillingRatio	Highly right-skewed with many outliers	Most customers billed amounts align with expectations (ratio near 1–2), but extreme values suggest **billing anomalies** or **irregular service usage**, which can fuel dissatisfaction and churn.
RelativeSpend	Strongly right-skewed with outliers	Some customers are spending much more than their historical average — possible **recent plan upgrades** or **temporary surcharges**; sudden cost spikes can increase churn risk if not communicated well.
CostDeviation	Roughly normal, centered near 0; few pay much more/less than peers	Customers with large positive deviation pay **above the average for their plan**, leading to potential **perceived unfairness** and churn. Negative deviation customers may be on discounts or promotions.

Table 3: Univariate Analysis (Numerical) Observations

Bivariate Analysis

- **Perform Bivariate Analysis (Categorical) between Churn & other categorical features** – Plot Stacked BarPlots to understand how each categorical feature impacts Churn status

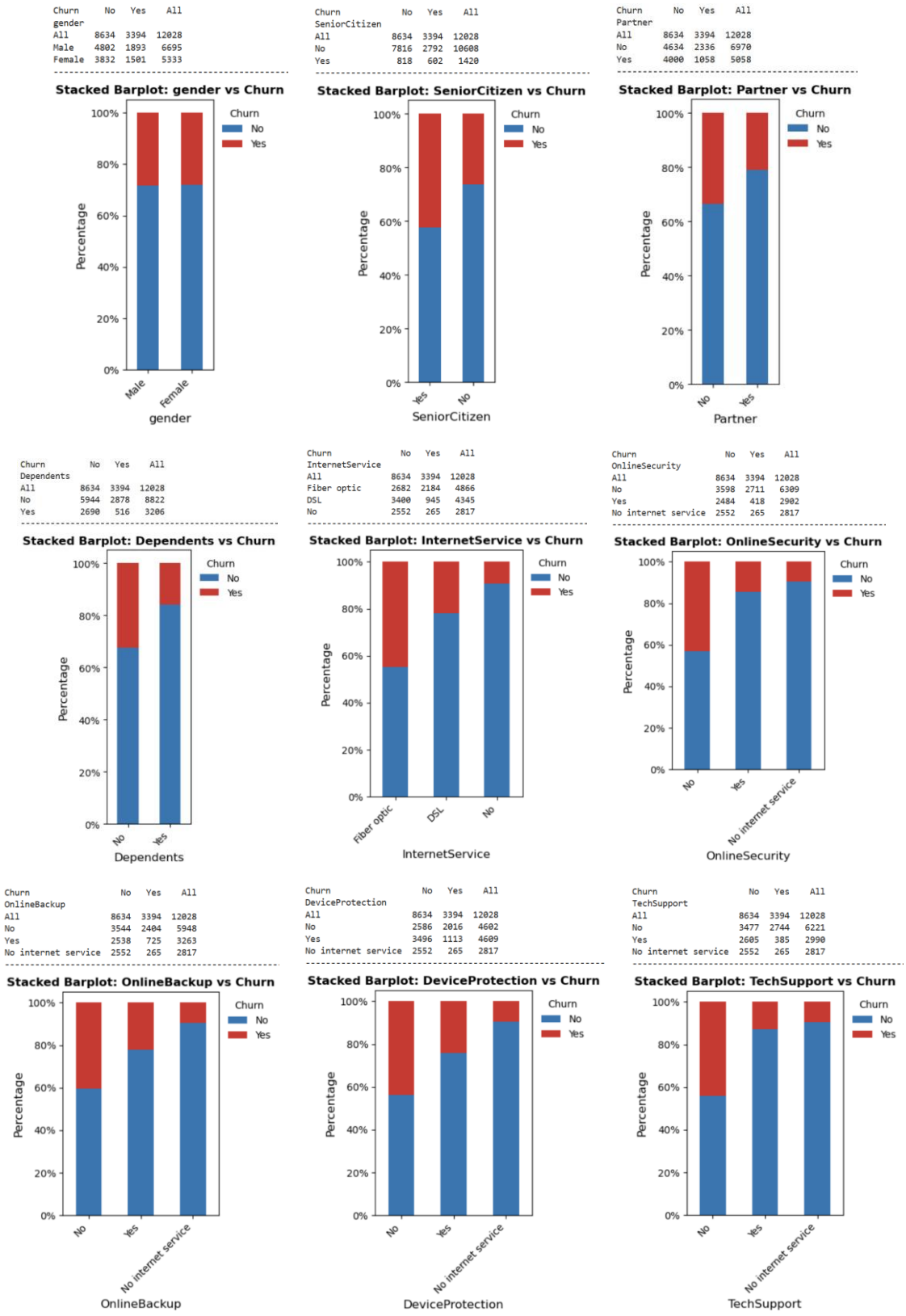
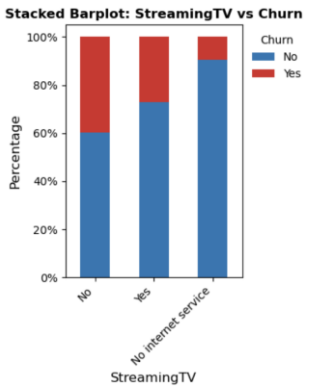
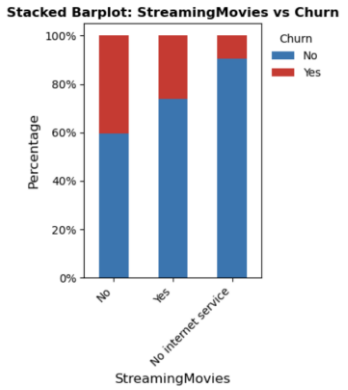


Figure 23: Bivariate Analysis – Categorical | Churn vs. other Features (1/3)

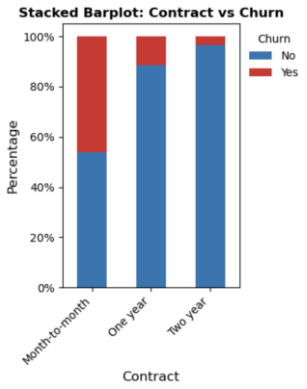
Churn	No	Yes	All
StreamingTV			
All	8634	3394	12028
No	3003	1993	4996
Yes	3079	1136	4215
No internet service	2552	265	2817



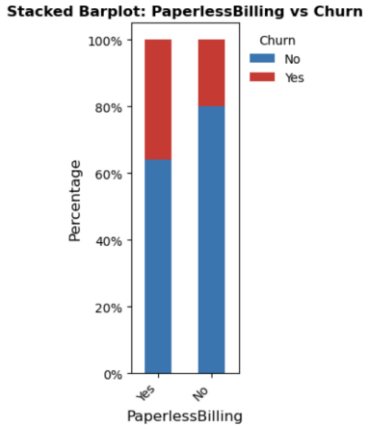
Churn	No	Yes	All
StreamingMovies			
All	8634	3394	12028
No	3001	2048	5049
Yes	3081	1081	4162
No internet service	2552	265	2817



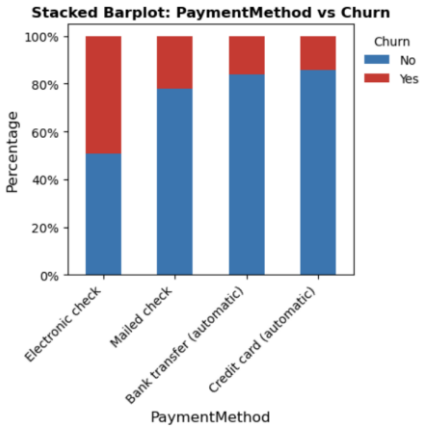
Churn	No	Yes	All
Contract			
All	8634	3394	12028
Month-to-month	3527	3006	6533
One year	2265	290	2555
Two year	2842	98	2940



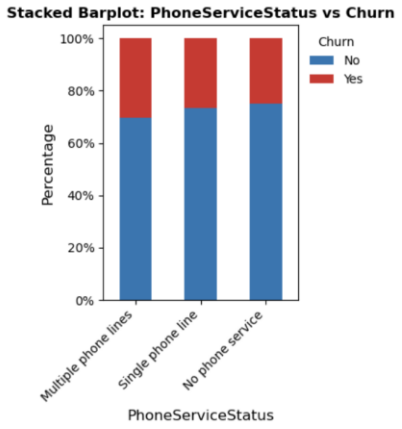
Churn	No	Yes	All
PaperlessBilling			
All	8634	3394	12028
Yes	3929	2215	6144
No	4705	1179	5884



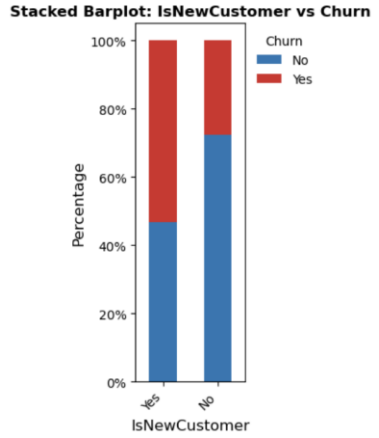
Churn	No	Yes	All
PaymentMethod			
All	8634	3394	12028
Electronic check	2106	2030	4136
Mailed check	2002	570	2572
Credit card (automatic)	2516	412	2928
Bank transfer (automatic)	2010	382	2392



Churn	No	Yes	All
PhoneServiceStatus			
All	8634	3394	12028
Multiple phone lines	3852	1684	5536
Single phone line	3803	1383	5186
No phone service	979	327	1306



Churn	No	Yes	All
IsNewCustomer			
All	8634	3394	12028
No	8494	3234	11728
Yes	140	160	300



Churn	No	Yes	All
TenureGroup			
All	8634	3394	12028
0-6m	1401	1517	2918
25-48m	2237	614	2851
13-24m	1107	528	1635
7-12m	647	399	1046
49m+	3242	336	3578

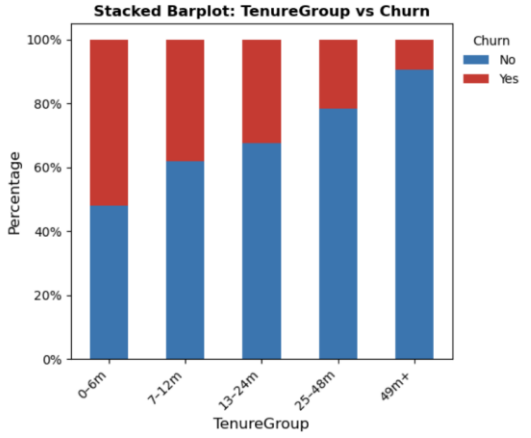


Figure 24: Bivariate Analysis – Categorical | Churn vs. other Features (2/3)

Churn	No	Yes	All
ContractPaymentCombo			
All	8634	3394	12028
Month-to-month_Electronic check	1326	1889	3215
Month-to-month_Mailed check	977	509	1486
Month-to-month_Credit card (automatic)	654	313	967
Month-to-month_Bank transfer (automatic)	570	295	865
One year_Electronic check	513	120	633
One year_Credit card (automatic)	747	71	818
One year_Bank transfer (automatic)	545	55	600
One year_Mailed check	460	44	504
Two year_Bank transfer (automatic)	895	32	927
Two year_Credit card (automatic)	1115	28	1143
Two year_Electronic check	267	21	288
Two year_Mailed check	565	17	582

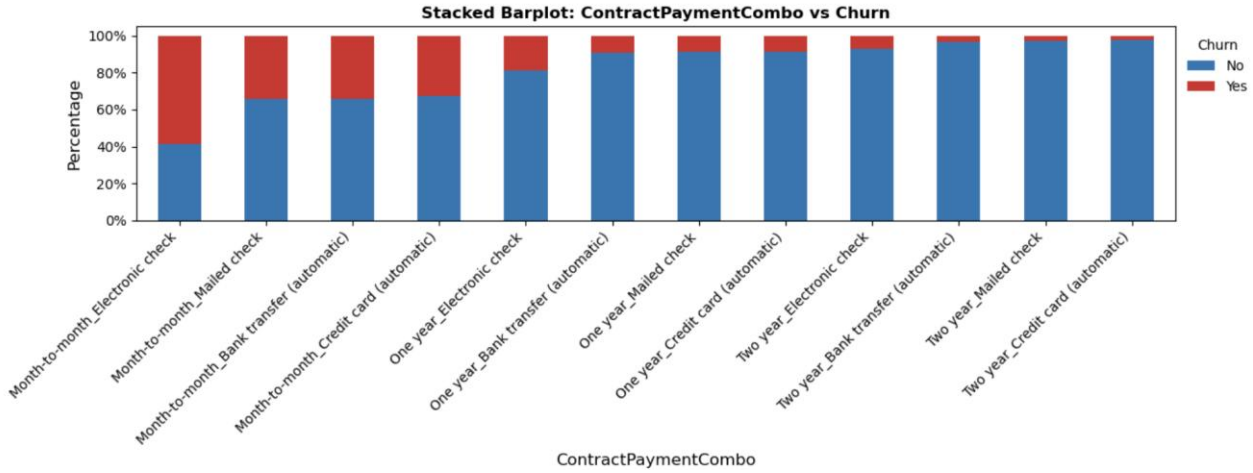


Figure 25: Bivariate Analysis – Categorical | Churn vs. other Features (3/3)

Feature	Observed Pattern (from stacked barplots)	Business Interpretation (Churn Context)
Gender	**Similar churn** rate across males and females	Gender does **not influence churn**; behavioural and service factors are stronger drivers.
SeniorCitizen	Seniors show a slightly **higher churn rate**	Older customers may face **tech challenges** or dissatisfaction with complex service/billing systems. Targeted support and simple plans can reduce churn.
Partner	Customers **without partners** churn more	Indicates that single users have **less shared dependency** on services and are more likely to switch providers.
Dependents	Customers **without dependents** have higher churn	Single-household customers are less tied to shared services, showing **higher flexibility and churn**.
InternetService	**Fiber optic users** have the **highest churn**, DSL moderate, "No Internet" lowest	Fiber customers pay more and expect premium quality; churn suggests **price or performance dissatisfaction**.
OnlineSecurity / Backup / DeviceProtection / TechSupport	Customers **without these add-ons** churn significantly more	Add-on services increase engagement and satisfaction; bundling them can **reduce churn risk**.
StreamingTV / StreamingMovies	Customers **using streaming services** churn slightly less	Indicates **digital engagement** helps retention — streaming users perceive better value from their plan.
Contract	**Month-to-month** contracts have very high churn; **one-year and two-year** customers show low churn	Confirms **contract length is a major loyalty driver** — longer contracts anchor customers and reduce voluntary churn.
PaperlessBilling	Slightly higher **churn among paperless customers**	Indicates **digitally active but price-sensitive** users; churn may result from **ease of switching** or **self-managed cancellations**.
PaymentMethod	**Electronic check** users have the **highest churn**; automatic payment methods have lower churn	Manual payment customers are **less committed** and more likely to churn — promoting auto-pay can improve retention.
PhoneServiceStatus	Customers with **no phone service** show higher churn	Having **phone service increases overall engagement** and customer "stickiness."

IsNewCustomer	Nearly all churn occurs in **existing customers**, but **new users (2.5%)** show very high churn proportionally	The **onboarding experience** is critical — early dissatisfaction leads to immediate drop-offs.
TenureGroup	**0–6 months group churns the most**, and churn drops sharply with tenure	Strong **non-linear churn pattern** — retaining customers in the **first 6 months** is crucial for long-term loyalty.
ContractPaymentCombo	**Month-to-month + Electronic check** customers churn the most; **Two-year + Auto-pay** customers churn the least	Confirms that **flexible contracts + manual payments** create high churn risk; **long-term + auto-pay combos** are most stable.

Table 4: Bivariate Analysis (Categorical) Observations | Churn vs. other Features

- **Perform Bivariate Analysis (Numerical) between Churn & other numerical features** – Plot DistributionPlots to understand how each numerical feature impacts Churn status

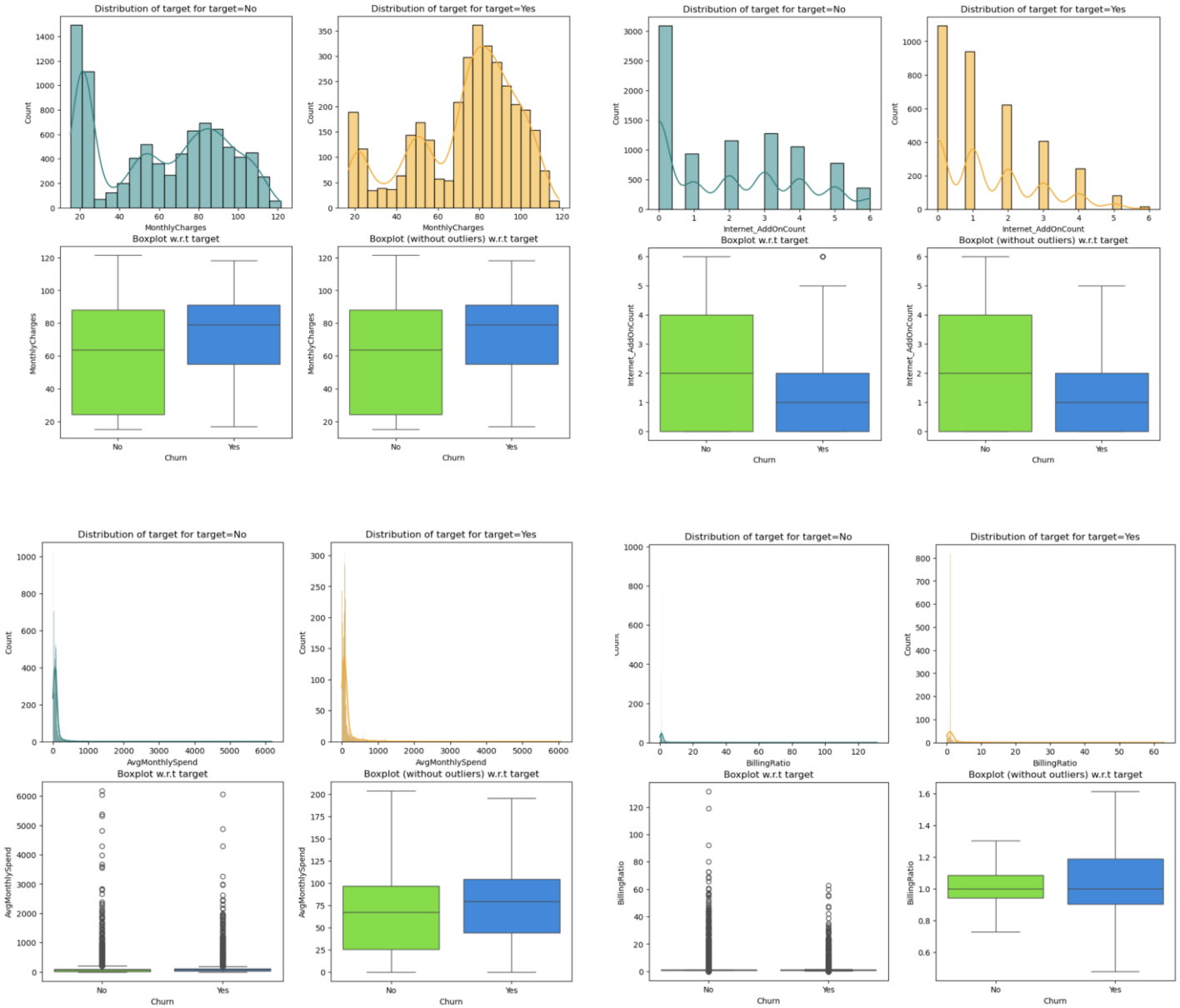


Figure 26: Bivariate Analysis – Numerical | Churn vs. other Features (1/2)

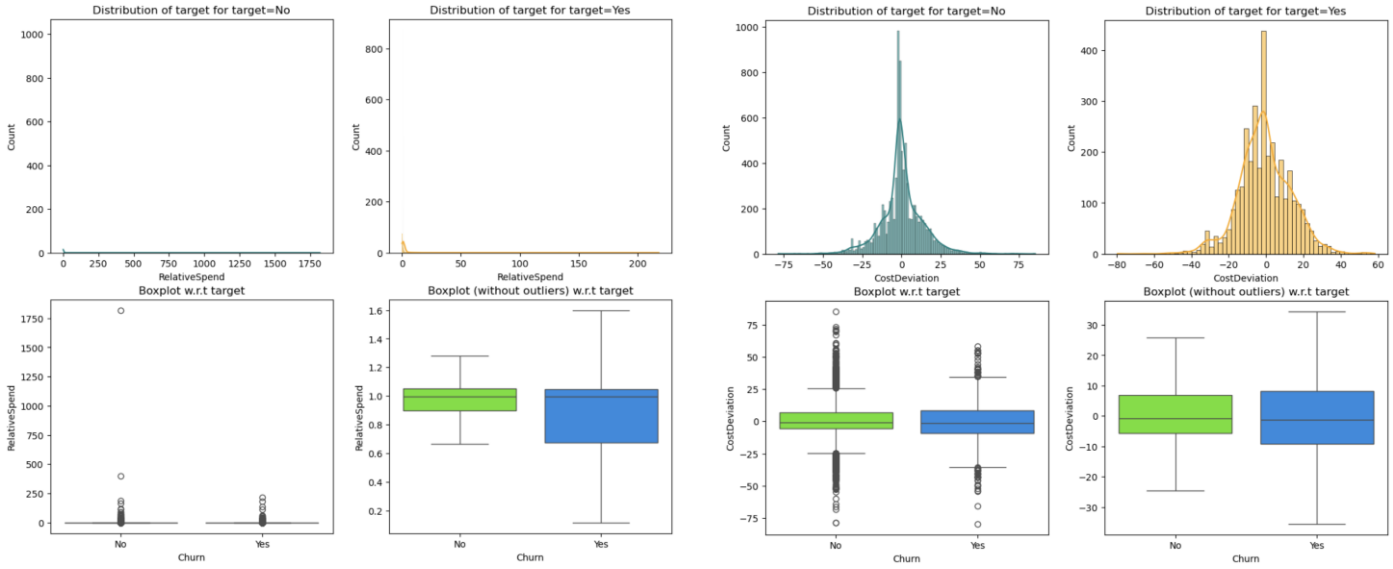


Figure 27: Bivariate Analysis – Numerical | Churn vs. other Features (2/2)

Feature	Statistical Observation (from plots)	Business Interpretation — Linked to Churn Drivers
MonthlyCharges	Customers who churn tend to have **higher monthly charges**; distribution shifts right for churners.	High-paying customers are **more price-sensitive** and may perceive **poor value for money** — likely to churn if not convinced of service quality.
Internet_AddOnCount	**Churners** generally have **fewer add-ons (0–2)**; non-churners show higher counts (2–4+).	**Add-on services increase customer engagement** and dependency; fewer add-ons indicate weaker attachment, leading to higher churn.
AvgMonthlySpend	Slightly **higher for churned customers**, but with large variance.	**High average spending could signal premium customers dissatisfied** with service or overbilled customers feeling overcharged — both contribute to churn.
BillingRatio	**Churners exhibit higher billing ratio** values (wider range, more outliers).	**Indicates billing inconsistencies or perceived overcharges**, which often lead to trust issues and cancellations.
RelativeSpend	**Churners show higher RelativeSpend** values — paying more compared to their historical average.	**Suggests recent plan upgrades or cost increases**, which can trigger churn if customers feel value hasn't improved proportionally.
CostDeviation	Churners' CostDeviation is **skewed positively** — paying more than peers in same plan category.	**Overpaying customers perceive unfair pricing** and are more likely to leave; cost deviation reflects dissatisfaction within pricing tiers.

Table 5: Bivariate Analysis (Numerical) Observations | Churn vs. other Features

- **Key Business Insights –** Lets summarize actionable insights & business recommendations from the bivariate analysis

Dimension	Key Finding	Business Insight	Recommended Action
Contract Type	Month-to-month customers churn the most.	Short-term flexibility increases switch likelihood.	Encourage 1- or 2-year contracts through loyalty discounts or bundled offers.
Payment Method	Highest churn among *Electronic Check* users; lowest in *Auto-pay* (Bank/Credit Card).	Manual payments indicate low automation and commitment.	Promote auto-pay via rewards or cashback schemes.
Tenure Group	Churn highest in first 6 months, lowest beyond 2 years.	Early tenure dissatisfaction drives drop-offs.	Improve onboarding and first-6-month engagement with personalized communication.
Internet Add-ons	Customers with 0–2 add-ons churn far more.	Low service adoption means weak customer attachment.	Bundle value-added services (security, backup, streaming) to build stickiness.
Online Services (Security, Backup, Support)	Customers without these services, churn significantly more.	Add-ons improve satisfaction and perceived value.	Cross-sell protective and convenience features to retain customers.
Contract + Payment Combo	*Month-to-month + Electronic check* = highest churn.	Flexibility + manual payments amplify churn risk.	Target these users with renewal incentives and easy switch to auto-pay.
MonthlyCharges	Churners have higher average monthly bills.	Price sensitivity is a major churn driver.	Reassess pricing and communicate value for premium plans.
BillingRatio	Churners show inflated or inconsistent billing ratios.	Billing anomalies erode trust.	Improve billing transparency, simplify invoice formats.
RelativeSpend	Churners spend more relative to their historical average.	Indicates recent plan upgrades or perceived overpricing.	Monitor sudden spend spikes and trigger proactive retention outreach.
CostDeviation	Churners pay more than peers for similar plans.	Perceived unfair pricing causes dissatisfaction.	Standardize pricing and ensure fairness across comparable customer segments.
AvgMonthlySpend	High variability among churners.	Unstable spending behaviour reflects uncertain satisfaction.	Use spend stability as a churn risk indicator for predictive modelling.
PhoneServiceStatus	Multi-line users churn less.	Multiple services create dependency and reduce switch probability.	Incentivize customers to add secondary lines or family plans.
IsNewCustomer	New customers show high proportional churn.	Early churn stems from unmet expectations.	Strengthen onboarding, streamline activation, and offer welcome discounts.

Table 6: Key Business Insights from Bivariate Analysis

Multivariate Analysis

- **Perform Multivariate Analysis between all numerical features** – Plot Heatmap & Pairplot to analyse correlations between numerical features.

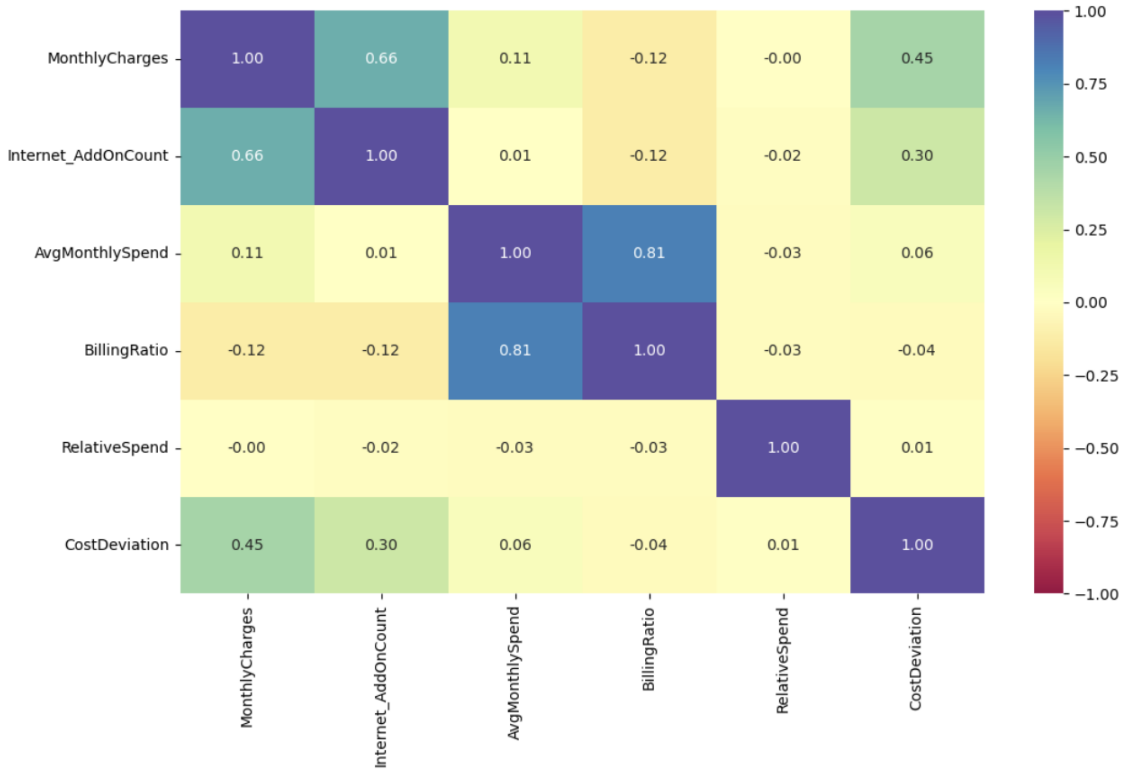


Figure 28: Heatmap of Numerical Variables

Feature Relationship	Correlation	Business Interpretation (Churn Context)
MonthlyCharges ↔ Internet_AddOnCount (0.66)	Strong positive correlation	Customers with **more add-ons** pay **higher monthly bills**, confirming that service bundling drives revenue — but also means **high-bill customers may be churn-prone** if perceived value doesn't match cost.
AvgMonthlySpend ↔ BillingRatio (0.81)	Very strong positive correlation	Indicates these metrics are closely related — customers with **high total historical spend** also show **proportionally high billing ratios**, suggesting some customers **consistently pay above expected levels**, which can create **price dissatisfaction**.
MonthlyCharges ↔ CostDeviation (0.45)	Moderate positive correlation	Customers paying higher monthly bills also **deviate more from the average plan cost**, showing that **premium users often pay above average** and might feel **pricing inequity**, increasing churn risk.
Internet_AddOnCount ↔ CostDeviation (0.30)	Mild positive correlation	Customers with more add-ons tend to pay somewhat more than peers, which is logical, but **if add-on value isn't communicated clearly**, it could fuel **perceived overpricing** and churn.
AvgMonthlySpend ↔ MonthlyCharges (0.11)	Weak correlation	Indicates that average spend doesn't fully depend on current monthly charge — **loyal long-tenure customers** may have historically lower averages but still pay high monthly fees now.
Other Correlations (RelativeSpend & others ≈ 0)	Negligible correlation	Relative spend varies independently, making it a **distinct behavioural indicator** — ideal for churn prediction since it reflects **recent customer cost changes** rather than stable long-term patterns.

Table 7: Heatmap Observations

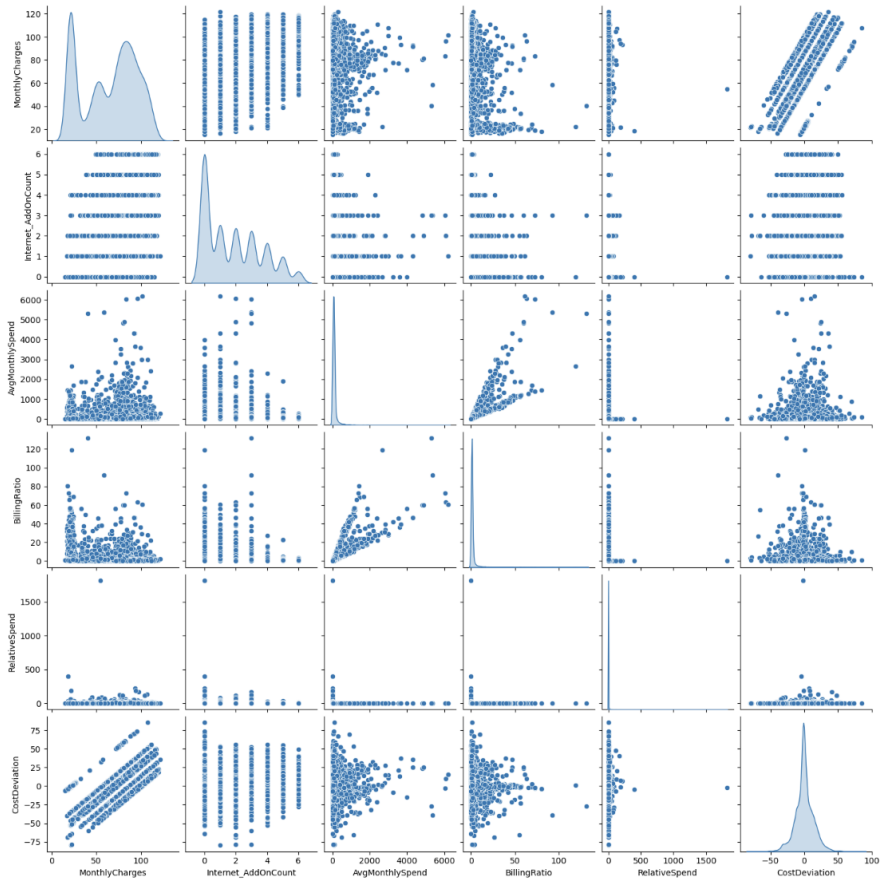


Figure 29: PairPlot of Numerical Variables

Feature Pair	Observed Relationship (Visual Pattern)	Business Interpretation (Churn Context)
MonthlyCharges vs Internet_AddOnCount	Strong upward trend — more add-ons lead to higher monthly charges.	Customers with multiple add-ons generate higher revenue, but may also **churn if perceived value doesn't justify cost**. Add-on bundles should focus on delivering tangible benefits.
MonthlyCharges vs AvgMonthlySpend	Weak linear relationship with moderate spread.	Indicates some customers maintain stable spending even if their current charges rise — potentially **loyal long-tenure customers** who adapted to gradual price increases.
AvgMonthlySpend vs BillingRatio	Strong positive correlation and visible clustering.	Confirms that **high cumulative spenders** often have **high billing ratios**, suggesting potential **overcharging perception** or complex billing — a **trust and satisfaction risk**.
MonthlyCharges vs CostDeviation	Clear upward diagonal pattern.	Higher monthly charges are linked with greater deviation from average peer pricing, showing **pricing inconsistency** among high-value customers — a key churn trigger.
Internet_AddOnCount vs CostDeviation	Moderate positive relationship.	More add-ons lead to higher total deviation — customers with **many optional services** might **feel penalized for customization** if pricing isn't transparent.
BillingRatio vs AvgMonthlySpend	Strong linear pattern, dense clusters.	Reinforces billing dependencies — **billing efficiency and communication** can directly influence satisfaction and churn.
RelativeSpend vs Other Features	Random scatter, no clear correlation.	**RelativeSpend captures unique behavioural shifts** (sudden usage or billing changes) — an early churn signal independent of other numeric features.
CostDeviation Distribution	Symmetrical around 0, slight positive skew.	Majority of customers are billed fairly, but a **subset pays significantly more** — these are **potential churn candidates** due to pricing dissatisfaction.

Table 8: PairPlot Observations

Insights based on EDA

Analytical Dimension	Key Observation	Business Interpretation	Strategic Implication / Action
Overall Churn Rate	~28% of customers have churned.	Indicates significant customer loss affecting revenue stability.	Prioritize churn reduction as a core business objective.
Tenure (Lifecycle)	Early-tenure (0–6 months) customers churn the most.	Dissatisfaction or unmet expectations during onboarding.	Strengthen early customer support, onboarding experience, and first-3-month retention campaigns.
Contract Type	Month-to-month contracts have the highest churn.	Short-term flexibility increases customer switch likelihood.	Promote long-term plans with discounts, loyalty benefits, or contract renewal incentives.
Payment Method	Highest churn among Electronic Check users; lowest in Auto-pay.	Manual payment users are less committed; auto-pay customers show higher loyalty.	Encourage auto-pay via rewards or cashback; simplify digital payment enrolment.
Internet Service Type	Fiber optic customers show higher churn than DSL.	Fiber customers pay more and expect top-tier performance; dissatisfaction with service quality leads to churn.	Improve service reliability, speed consistency, and customer communication for Fiber optic users.
Add-On Services (Security, Backup, TechSupport)	Customers without add-ons churn significantly more.	Low engagement and weak service dependency increase churn.	Cross-sell/bundle add-ons to enhance engagement and retention.
Streaming Services	Streaming users churn slightly less.	Indicates higher digital engagement and value perception.	Leverage entertainment bundles as retention hooks.
Monthly Charges	Churners typically have higher monthly bills.	High price sensitivity among customers paying more.	Use value-based pricing and personalized discounting for high-bill customers.
BillingRatio & AvgMonthlySpend	Strong correlation (r = 0.81) — high spenders also have high billing ratios.	Suggests overcharging or confusing billing for high-value customers.	Enhance billing transparency and improve trust via clearer invoices and proactive communication.
CostDeviation	Moderate correlation with MonthlyCharges (r = 0.45).	High-paying customers deviate from peers' pricing → perceived unfairness.	Standardize pricing tiers and communicate value differentiators clearly.
Internet_AddOnCount	Positively correlated with MonthlyCharges (r = 0.66).	Add-on purchases drive higher ARPU (Average Revenue Per User).	Focus on retention of multi-add-on users (they are high-revenue but price-sensitive).
RelativeSpend	Independent of other variables (low correlation).	Captures behavioural churn signals from spending changes.	Use as a predictive churn indicator for early detection of dissatisfaction.
PhoneServiceStatus	Multi-line customers churn less.	Multiple lines create dependency and reduce likelihood of switching.	Promote family or business line bundles to enhance customer lock-in.
IsNewCustomer	New customers (tenure = 0) show proportionally higher churn.	Early dissatisfaction and onboarding issues.	Improve activation experience, provide first-month incentives, and personalized onboarding follow-ups.
Multivariate Trends	High-cost, low-add-on, short-term customers show the highest churn.	Confirms interplay of pricing, engagement, and commitment as core churn drivers.	Segment and target these customers with retention-focused offers and proactive outreach.

Table 9: Insights based on EDA

Overall Strategic Takeaways based on EDA

Key Theme	Summary Insight	Recommended Focus Area
Customer Lifecycle	Early-stage customers have the highest churn potential.	Onboarding, first-bill communication, satisfaction surveys.
Pricing & Value Perception	High-spend, high-deviation customers feel undervalued.	Transparent pricing and personalized loyalty offers.
Engagement & Dependency	Add-on and multi-service adoption correlates with retention.	Bundled service strategies and engagement programs.
Billing & Payment Experience	Manual payers and inconsistent bills trigger churn.	Auto-pay incentives and clear billing structure.
Predictive Indicators	RelativeSpend and CostDeviation detect early churn risk.	Integrate these metrics into churn prediction and proactive retention modelling.

Table 10: Strategic Takeaways based on EDA

Rubric Question 3: Data Preprocessing

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Duplicate Value-check

- Please refer Check for Duplicate Values section.
- 27 duplicate values were found & dropped.

Missing Value-check

- Please refer Check for Missing Values section.
- Missing values were identified for **tenure, MonthlyCharges** & **TotalCharges** and were fixed using **KNN Imputer**. Detailed approach explained in the above section.
- Later, **Null values were induced in Derived Ratios**; which were **treated appropriately** by replacing a 'zero'. Refer Treat NaN for Derived Ratios section for details.

Data Cleaning & Anomalous Value-check

- Please refer Fix DataType/Anomalies section for details and rationale.
- **MonthlyCharges & TotalCharges**: Remove currency symbol & covert to numeric (float64) datatype.
- **SeniorCitizen:** Convert to Yes/No (object datatype) from 1/0 (int64 datatype) for consistency.
- **MultipleLines, PhoneService** & **InternetService**: Fixed data inconsistency
- **PaymentMethod** & **Churn:** Fixed with standard values
- **tenure, MonthlyCharges, TotalCharges:** Fixed negative values by replacing with NaN (which was later imputed)
- **Final Datatype-check:** numerical → Int64/Float64 & Categorical → category

Feature Engineering

- Please refer Create New Column section for details and rationale.
- Merge **PhoneService** & **MultipleLines** (post fixing data inconsistency) into one column **PhoneServiceStatus** and drop original columns.
- Create new column **Internet_AddOnCount** to capture customers who subscribe to more internet add-on services.
- Create new column **IsNewCustomer** for all customers with tenure = 0.
- Create **Derived columns** to capture customer spending behaviour & billing consistency to reveal hidden churn risk patterns – **AvgMonthlySpend**, **BillingRatio**, **RelativeSpend** & **CostDeviation.** Drop TotalCharges to remove redundancy.
- Create a new column **ContractPaymentCombo** by concatenating **Contract** & **PaymentMethod** to capture contract payment dynamics to reveal hidden churn risk patterns
- Binning **tenue** for non-linear Churn Patterns – creating **TenureGroup** and dropping the raw **tenure** column

Outlier-check & Treatment

- Plot BoxPlots for all numerical features to analyse outliers for treatment (if required): -

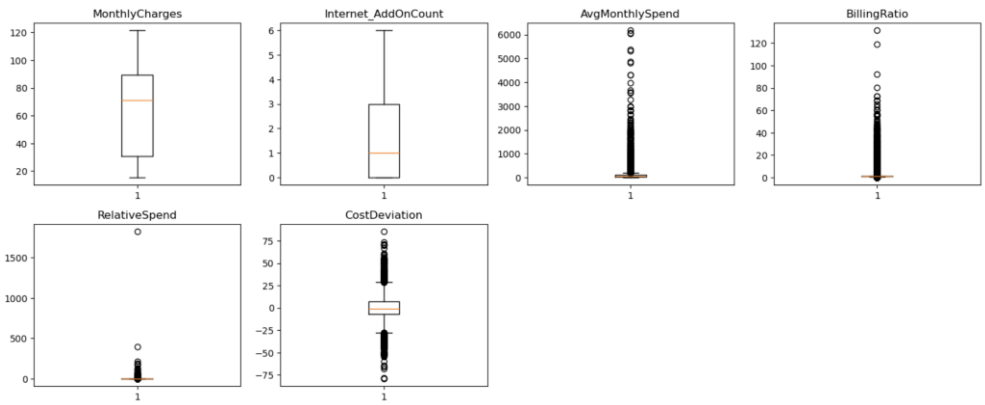

Figure 30: Outlier-check

Feature	Observation	Interpretation	Treatment Decision
MonthlyCharges, Internet_AddOnCount	Values are within reasonable business ranges; no significant outliers.	Reflect natural variability among customers — different plan levels and service adoption.	**No treatment required** — data represents genuine customer diversity.
AvgMonthlySpend	Very high values seen in a few cases.	These likely represent **long-tenure or high-value enterprise customers**, not data noise. Removing them would discard important churn signals.	**No treatment recommended** — retain to preserve insight on high-value segments.
BillingRatio, RelativeSpend, CostDeviation	Derived ratios show high variability and outliers.	These ratios reveal **real behavioural differences** (e.g., premium customers, overbilled users, or high-risk segments). Trimming them would weaken churn pattern detection.	**No treatment** — retain as-is; these are **important predictors** of churn behaviour.

Table 11: Outlier Treatment

- Outliers are business-driven, not errors.
- They capture extreme but realistic behaviours like overbilling, plan upgrades, or heavy service use — all critical churn signals.
- Over-aggressive treatment would reduce the model's ability to detect and learn from these high-risk customer patterns.

Data Preparation for Modelling – Training-Validation-Testing Dataset Split

- Let's look at the shape of the cleaned data set – 12,028 rows with 25 columns: -

```
Shape of Cleaned dataset: (12028, 25)
```

Figure 31: Shape of Cleaned dataset

- Dataset is split in X & y sub-datasets as dependent & independent variable datasets respectively.
- Further these datasets are **split in Training, Validation & Test datasets: -**
  - **Train:Val:Test = 60:20:20**
  - **Stratified sampling** is used – this ensures the class distribution remains the same across splits)
  - **Usage: -**
    - ✓ **Training** (X_train, y_train) – Model learns from historical customer behaviour.
    - ✓ **Validation** (X_val, y_val) – Tests model tuning decisions, ensuring no overfitting.
    - ✓ **Testing** (X_test, y_test) – Measures final performance before deployment for simulating real-world churn prediction accuracy.
- Below are the shapes of train, validation & test datasets post-split: -

```
Train dataset shape:  (7216, 24)
Validation dataset shape:  (2406, 24)
Test dataset shape:  (2406, 24)

Percentage of classes in Train dataset:  Churn
No    0.718
Yes   0.282
Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Percentage of classes in Validation dataset:  Churn
No    0.718
Yes   0.282
Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Percentage of classes in Test dataset:  Churn
No    0.718
Yes   0.282
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
```

Figure 32: Shape of Train, Validation & Test Datasets

Feature Encoding (Categorical Variables)

- **Purpose**: Convert categorical (text-based) variables into numeric form using **One-Hot Encoding**, so machine learning models can understand them.
- **How it works:**
  - The encoder creates **dummy columns** (0/1 flags) for each category
  - **drop='first'** prevents multicollinearity (duplicate information across dummy variables).
  - **handle_unknown='ignore'** ensures that if new categories appear in validation/test data, the model won't break.
- **Consistency:** The encoder is **fit only on training data to avoid data leakage**. Then, the same transformation is applied to validation and test sets — ensuring consistent feature representation across all datasets.
- Below are the shapes of Train, Validation & Test Datasets after feature encoding: -

```
Encoding Complete!
Train shape: (7216, 48)
Validation shape: (2406, 48)
Test shape: (2406, 48)
Success: Encoded columns are perfectly aligned across all datasets.
```

Figure 33: Shapes of Train, Validation & Test Datasets after Feature Encoding

Feature Scaling (Numerical Variables)

- **Purpose**: Scale numerical features using **RobustScaler** to ensure all numeric variables are on a comparable scale, preventing features with large ranges from dominating model learning.
- **How it works:**
  - **RobustScaler** scales data using the median and IQR (Interquartile Range) instead of the mean and standard deviation**.**
  - This makes it robust to outliers, which is **ideal since telecom spend and billing data** often have extreme values.
  - **Why use RobustScaler**: -
    - ✓ **Outlier-Resistant**: Uses median and IQR, so extreme spenders or billing anomalies don't distort scaling.
    - ✓ **Preserves Variation**: Keeps meaningful differences between typical and high-value customers.
    - ✓ **Stable for Models**: Ensures consistent scaling for algorithms like Logistic Regression or KNN.
    - ✓ **Business Fit**: Retains real spend patterns. This is important since premium users' behaviour affects churn insights.
- **Consistency:**
  - The scaler is **fit only on training data** to **avoid data leakage**.
  - The same transformation is applied to validation and test sets, ensuring uniform scaling across all datasets.
- Below are the shapes of Train, Validation & Test Datasets after feature scaling: -

```
Feature scaling (RobustScaler) complete.
Scaled columns: ['MonthlyCharges', 'Internet_AddOnCount', 'AvgMonthlySpend', 'BillingRatio', 'RelativeSpend', 'CostDeviation']
Train shape: (7216, 48), Validation: (2406, 48), Test: (2406, 48)
```

Figure 34: Shapes of Train, Validation & Test Datasets after Feature Scaling

Class Imbalance Handling

- Below is the class distribution in training dataset: -

```
Class distribution in training data:
Churn
No     5180
Yes    2036
Name: count, dtype: int64

Percentage distribution:
Churn
No    71.785
Yes   28.215
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
```

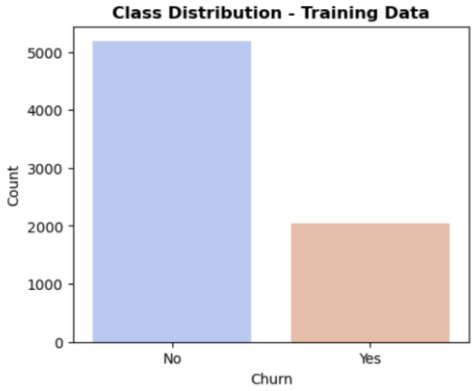

Figure 35: Class Distribution in Training Dataset

- **Observed Issue**: The dataset is **imbalanced** — only 28% churners vs 72% non-churners. This means the **model may learn to predict "No churn" most of the time** to maximize accuracy.
- **Business Risk**: **Missing churners** (false negatives) can lead to **customer retention loss**, **revenue decline**, and **ineffective marketing** targeting.
- **Class Imbalance Treatment**: **SMOTE** – Synthetically creates new "churn" samples by interpolating existing minority class records (not just duplicating them) helping the model learn balanced decision boundaries.
- **Expected Benefit**: **Improves sensitivity (recall) for churners**, allowing the model to **better identify at-risk customers** without overfitting or biasing toward non-churn.
- Below is the class distribution after applying SMOTE: -

```
After SMOTE:
Churn
No     5180
Yes    5180
Name: count, dtype: int64

Percentage after balancing:
Churn
No    50.000
Yes   50.000
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
```

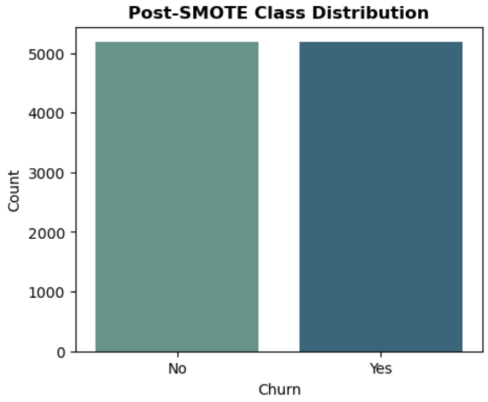

Figure 36: Class Distribution in Training Dataset after applying SMOTE

Final Datasets for Modelling post Data Preprocessing

- Below is the final dataset summary post data preprocessing, ready for modelling: -

```
Final datasets for modeling created successfully!
Train: (10360, 48), Validation: (2406, 48), Test: (2406, 48)
Train target distribution:
Churn
No    50.000
Yes   50.000
Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Validation target distribution:
Churn
No    71.779
Yes   28.221
Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Test target distribution:
Churn
No    71.779
Yes   28.221
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
```

Figure 37: Final Dataset Summary for Modelling

Data Leakage Handling

- Each transformation and modelling step was isolated to the **training data only**, ensuring **no statistical or target information leaked** into validation or test phases — resulting in a **robust, fair, and production-ready churn prediction model** for AlphaCom.
- Following table summarises the steps that were taken in a specific chronological order to avoid any data leakage: -

Step (Chronological order)	Process Implemented	Purpose / Impact
1. Feature Engineering (Pre-Split)	Created derived metrics (AvgMonthlySpend, BillingRatio, CostDeviation, etc.) only from customer attributes, not churn labels.	Ensures new features depend solely on behavioral data — no target leakage.
2. Train–Validation–Test Split	Data split before any transformation (60–20–20).	Prevents transformation or scaling from learning patterns from future data.
3. Feature Encoding	Applied **OneHotEncoder** fit only on training data; used same encoder for validation/test sets.	Avoids leakage of categorical distribution or unseen category info.
4. Feature Scaling	Used **RobustScaler** fit only on training numeric features.	Prevents leakage of median/IQR statistics from unseen data.
5. SMOTE (Class Balancing)	Applied only to **training set** post-encoding and scaling.	Keeps validation/test data realistic and unbiased.

Table 12: Data Leakage Prevention Summary

Rubric Question 4: Model Building – Baseline Model

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Model Evaluation Criteria

- Let's define all the model evaluation metrics in context to the business problem: -

Metric	Definition (Plain Language)	Business Meaning
Accuracy	Overall percentage of correct predictions.	Tells how often the model is right — but can be **misleading** when churn cases are fewer than non-churn.
Precision	Of all customers predicted as churners, how many actually churned.	Reflects **cost efficiency** — higher precision means fewer loyal customers are wrongly targeted with retention offers.
Recall (Sensitivity)	Of all actual churners, how many were correctly identified.	Reflects **retention effectiveness** — higher recall means fewer churners are missed (reducing revenue loss).
F1-Score	Harmonic mean of Precision and Recall.	Provides a **balanced view** — ensures the model catches churners without over-alerting non-churners.

Table 13: Model Evaluation Metrics (Business Context)

- Given our Business Problem, **following 2 performance metrics have been chosen** for model evaluation: -

Metric	Priority	Reason in Business Context (Churn Prediction)
Recall (Sensitivity)	**Primary**	Measures how many actual churners are correctly identified. In a telecom setting, **missing a churner (false negative)** means losing a customer — a direct loss of **revenue and potential lifetime value**. High recall ensures the model captures **as many at-risk customers as possible**, even if it flags a few non-churners mistakenly.
F1-Score	**Secondary**	Balances **Recall and Precision**. While Recall focuses on catching churners, F1 ensures we don't excessively target loyal customers with unnecessary retention offers. It maintains an optimal trade-off between **customer retention cost** and **campaign accuracy**.

Table 14: Model Evaluation Metrics Chosen for Model Evaluation

Model Building

Model 1 – Logistic Regression

Build Model

- We **label-encode the churn target** so the model can numerically understand "who churned (1)" vs "who didn't (0)" and estimate the probability of churn for each customer.
- **Without encoding, the model can't perform** the required mathematical operations or produce valid churn probabilities.
- If we run the Logistic Regression on the dataset as-is, we get **singularity (or multicollinearity) error,** implying that **some predictors are linearly dependent or redundant, making the model unable to compute stable coefficients.**
- To verify, lets compute **VIF** (**Variance Inflation Factor)** – measure used in **regression analysis** to detect **multicollinearity** between independent variables. VIF tells how much the variance of a regression coefficient is inflated because of linear relationships with other predictors. VIF ≥ 5 → High correlation, indicates multicollinearity, which can make coefficients unreliable.
- VIF output (check appendix) shows lot of predictors with VIF as infinity – this is the cause of Logistic Regression throwing an error. Hence, we need to **treat multi-collinearity first.**
- **Treat Multicollinearity:**
  - Iteratively drop the feature with the highest VIF until all features have VIF ≤ 5, ensuring low multicollinearity.
  - It took 13 iterations to get the final list of features with VIF <=5, which would be further used for modelling now.
  - Please refer Appendix for the final VIF output
- Adding constant & **build Logistic Regression Model**: -
  - In the first iteration, we observe **features with high p-values** (refer appendix for output).
  - **Understanding p-value** in logistic regression: -
    - ✓ A p-value tests the **null hypothesis** that a feature's coefficient is **zero** (i.e., the feature has no effect on the target).
    - ✓ Low p-value (< 0.05) → strong evidence that the feature affects the target.

- ✓ High p-value (> 0.05) → weak evidence; the feature may not meaningfully contribute.
- **Reasons to remove high p-value features: -**
  - ✓ Improve model simplicity: Fewer predictors → easier to interpret and explain.
  - ✓ Reduce noise: Features with high p-values may add random variation, not predictive power.
  - ✓ Avoid overfitting: Keeping irrelevant variables can hurt generalization to new data.
  - ✓ Stabilize coefficients: Removing weak predictors can make the remaining coefficients more reliable.

- **Dealing with High P-value Features:**
  - Iteratively remove features with p-values > 0.05 to keep only statistically significant predictors in the logistic regression model.
  - After 10 Iterations, we are left with the following statistically significant features

```
['const', 'BillingRatio', 'CostDeviation', 'SeniorCitizen_Yes', 'Dependents_Yes', 'InternetService_Fiber optic', 'OnlineSecurity_Yes', 'OnlineBackup_Yes', 'DeviceProtection_Yes', 'TechSupport_Yes', 'StreamingMovies_No internet service', 'PaperlessBilling_Yes', 'PhoneServiceStatus_Single phone line', 'TenureGroup_13-24m', 'TenureGroup_25-48m', 'TenureGroup_49m+', 'TenureGroup_7-12m', 'ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Electronic check', 'ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Bank transfer (automatic)', 'ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Credit card (automatic)', 'ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Electronic check', 'ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Mailed check', 'ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Bank transfer (automatic)', 'ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Credit card (automatic)', 'ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Electronic check', 'ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Mailed check']
```

Figure 38: Statistically Significant Features post removing high p-value Features

- Below is the **Logistic Regression Model Summary** post multicollinearity treatment & removing high p-value features: -

```
Optimization terminated successfully.
         Current function value: 0.449834
         Iterations 7
                          Logit Regression Results
==============================================================================
Dep. Variable:                      y   No. Observations:                10360
Model:                          Logit   Df Residuals:                    10334
Method:                           MLE   Df Model:                           25
Date:                Sat, 18 Oct 2025   Pseudo R-squ.:                 0.3510
Time:                        19:06:12   Log-Likelihood:                -4660.3
converged:                       True   LL-Null:                       -7181.0
Covariance Type:            nonrobust   LLR p-value:                     0.000
=============================================================================================================================
                                                              coef    std err          z      P>|z|      [0.025      0.975]
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
const                                                       1.3336      0.085     15.627      0.000       1.166       1.501
BillingRatio                                               -0.0062      0.001     -5.865      0.000      -0.008      -0.004
CostDeviation                                               0.1563      0.029      5.447      0.000       0.100       0.213
SeniorCitizen_Yes                                           0.2186      0.083      2.633      0.008       0.056       0.381
Dependents_Yes                                             -0.2101      0.066     -3.162      0.002      -0.340      -0.080
InternetService_Fiber optic                                 0.9831      0.064     15.359      0.000       0.858       1.109
OnlineSecurity_Yes                                         -0.5547      0.073     -7.595      0.000      -0.698      -0.412
OnlineBackup_Yes                                           -0.3604      0.066     -5.460      0.000      -0.490      -0.231
DeviceProtection_Yes                                       -0.1808      0.061     -2.959      0.003      -0.301      -0.061
TechSupport_Yes                                            -0.6175      0.074     -8.339      0.000      -0.763      -0.472
StreamingMovies_No internet service                        -1.2565      0.096    -13.045      0.000      -1.445      -1.068
PaperlessBilling_Yes                                        0.3207      0.058      5.491      0.000       0.206       0.435
PhoneServiceStatus_Single phone line                       -0.3100      0.059     -5.217      0.000      -0.426      -0.194
TenureGroup_13-24m                                         -1.3917      0.087    -15.911      0.000      -1.563      -1.220
TenureGroup_25-48m                                         -1.6459      0.088    -18.770      0.000      -1.818      -1.474
TenureGroup_49m+                                           -2.0756      0.108    -19.254      0.000      -2.287      -1.864
TenureGroup_7-12m                                          -1.0417      0.099    -10.537      0.000      -1.235      -0.848
ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Electronic check        0.5016      0.065      7.745      0.000       0.375       0.628
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Bank transfer (automatic)    -0.6144      0.146     -4.197      0.000      -0.901      -0.327
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Credit card (automatic)      -0.8159      0.135     -6.030      0.000      -1.081      -0.551
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Electronic check             -0.3349      0.118     -2.845      0.004      -0.566      -0.104
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Mailed check                 -0.5721      0.157     -3.646      0.000      -0.880      -0.265
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Bank transfer (automatic)    -1.3811      0.187     -7.386      0.000      -1.748      -1.015
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Credit card (automatic)      -1.7470      0.195     -8.953      0.000      -2.129      -1.365
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Electronic check             -1.0461      0.236     -4.427      0.000      -1.509      -0.583
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Mailed check                 -1.3455      0.243     -5.532      0.000      -1.822      -0.869
=============================================================================================================================
```

Figure 39: Model 1 – Logistic Regression Model Summary

- **Feature Insights: -**

Feature / Category	Base Category	Coefficient (β)	Odds Ratio (e^β)	Interpretation
BillingRatio	— (numeric)	-0.006	0.99×	Customers with higher billing consistency (bills aligning with usage) are slightly less likely to churn.
CostDeviation	— (numeric)	+0.156	1.17×	For every unit increase in cost deviation, churn odds rise by 17%, suggesting pricing fairness issues increase churn.
SeniorCitizen = Yes	No	+0.219	1.24×	Senior citizens are 24% more likely to churn than non-seniors — possibly due to tech or service complexity.
Dependents = Yes	No	-0.210	0.81×	Customers with dependents are 19% less likely to churn, showing household plans promote retention.
InternetService = Fiber optic	DSL	+0.983	2.67×	Fiber users are 2.7× more likely to churn than DSL users — likely due to higher pricing or performance expectations.
OnlineSecurity = Yes	No	-0.555	0.57×	Customers using online security are 43% less likely to churn, indicating strong value-added service loyalty.
OnlineBackup = Yes	No	-0.360	0.70×	Users with backup services are 30% less likely to churn, showing add-on engagement boosts retention.
DeviceProtection = Yes	No	-0.181	0.83×	Device protection lowers churn by 17% compared to those without it.
TechSupport = Yes	No	-0.618	0.54×	Customers with tech support are 46% less likely to churn — strongest service-based retention driver.
StreamingMovies = No internet service	Yes	-1.266	0.28×	Non-internet customers are 72% less likely to churn, as they're often basic phone-only subscribers.
PaperlessBilling = Yes	No	+0.321	1.38×	Paperless billing customers are 38% more likely to churn, possibly due to being digital-savvy but price-sensitive.
PhoneServiceStatus = Single line	Multiple lines	-0.310	0.73×	Single-line users are 27% less likely to churn than multi-line users, suggesting simpler accounts are more stable.
TenureGroup = 7–12m	0–6m	-1.221	0.30×	Customers with tenure >6 months are 70% less likely to churn, showing strong early retention effects.
TenureGroup = 13–24m	0–6m	-1.392	0.25×	Mid-tenure customers are 75% less likely to churn than new ones.
TenureGroup = 25–48m	0–6m	-1.646	0.19×	Long-tenure users are 81% less likely to churn — clear loyalty payoff.
TenureGroup = 49m+	0–6m	-2.076	0.13×	Very long-term customers are 87% less likely to churn — retention success segment.
ContractPaymentCombo = Month-to-month + Electronic check	Month-to-month + Bank transfer (auto)	+0.501	1.65×	Month-to-month customers paying by e-check are 65% more likely to churn than those on auto-pay — high-risk segment.
ContractPaymentCombo = One-year + Credit card (auto)	Month-to-month + Bank transfer (auto)	-0.595	0.55×	One-year auto-pay customers are 45% less likely to churn — commitment + convenience improves loyalty.
ContractPaymentCombo = One-year + Bank transfer (auto)	Month-to-month + Bank transfer (auto)	-0.614	0.54×	Similar retention benefit — auto-pay stability helps.
ContractPaymentCombo = One-year + Mailed check	Month-to-month + Bank	-0.572	0.56×	One-year mailed-check users are 44% less likely to churn — tenure effect outweighs payment friction.

	transfer (auto)			
ContractPaymentCombo = Two-year + Credit card (auto)	Month-to-month + Bank transfer (auto)	-1.747	0.17×	Two-year auto-pay customers are 83% less likely to churn — best retention group.
ContractPaymentCombo = Two-year + Bank transfer (auto)	Month-to-month + Bank transfer (auto)	-1.381	0.25×	Two-year bank auto-pay customers are 75% less likely to churn.
ContractPaymentCombo = Two-year + Mailed check	Month-to-month + Bank transfer (auto)	-1.346	0.26×	Two-year mailed-check customers are 74% less likely to churn — contract length dominates payment mode.
ContractPaymentCombo = Two-year + Electronic check	Month-to-month + Bank transfer (auto)	-1.046	0.35×	Even with e-check, long-term contract provides 65% churn reduction.

Table 15: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Feature Insights

- **Overall Model Insights: -**

Aspect	Interpretation
Model Fit	Converged in 7 iterations; LLR p-value = 0.000 → model is statistically significant.
Pseudo R^2 = 0.351	Indicates strong explanatory power for behavioural data — model explains ~35% of churn variability.
Top Churn Drivers	Fiber optic internet, month-to-month + e-check, paperless billing, senior citizens, cost deviation.
Top Retention Drivers	Long tenure, auto-pay, two-year contracts, tech support, online security, backup services.
Business Impact	Strengthen early onboarding, incentivize long-term + auto-pay contracts, and promote add-on bundles to reduce churn in high-risk segments.

Table 16: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Overall Model Insights

- **ROC-AUC Curve: -**
  - **ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic)** is graphical tool used to evaluate the performance of a classification model – It shows how well the model distinguishes between the **positive class (Churn = Yes)** and **negative class (Churn = No) across all probability thresholds**.
  - The **closer the curve is to the top-left corner**, the better the model's ability to distinguish churners from non-churners.
  - **AUC (Area Under the Curve)** is a single numeric summary of that ability — it measures the **overall separability power** of the classifier.

- Below is the ROC-AUC curve for the model: -

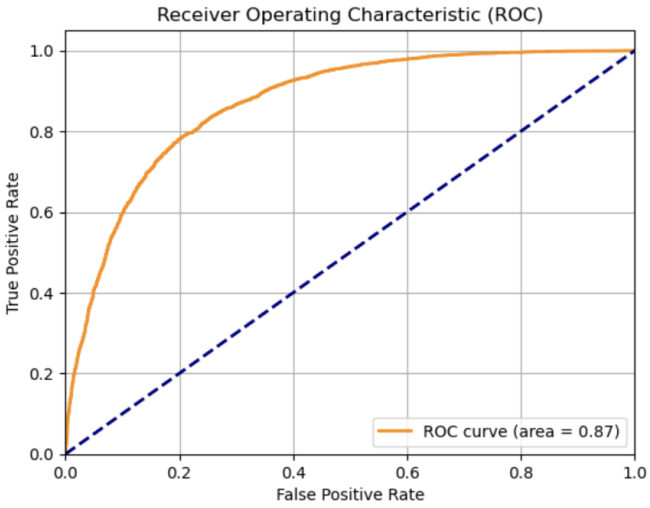

Figure 40: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | ROC-AUC

- Each point on the orange curve shows the model's performance at a different cutoff:
  - ✓ **Y-axis (True Positive Rate / Recall)** → How many actual churners the model correctly catches.
  - ✓ **X-axis (False Positive Rate)** → How many loyal customers the model wrongly flags as churners.
- So, the goal is to **catch more real churners (high TPR)** while **avoiding false alarms (low FPR).**
- The blue dashed line (diagonal) = random guessing (no predictive power).
- The orange curve = your model's actual performance.
- The further the curve is above the blue line, the better your model can separate churners from non-churners.
- **AUC (Area Under the Curve)** measures how well the model ranks churners higher than non-churners.
  - ✓ AUC Score for the model is **0.87**
  - ✓ There's an **87% chance** the model will give a higher churn score to a customer who actually churns than to one who stays.
  - ✓ Since AUC is close to ~0.9, one can be confident the **model's predictions are much better than random**.
- **Optimal Threshold**
  - ✓ The optimal threshold is where the **model best balances recall and precision** (or TPR–FPR), reflecting business priorities — in churn.
  - ✓ Below is the Optimal Threshold for the model: -

```
Optimal Threshold:  0.546
```

Figure 41: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Optimal Threshold

- The **optimal threshold (0.546)** is the **probability cutoff where your churn model performs best overall**, balancing the trade-off between Recall & Precision.
  - ✓ If a customer's predicted churn probability ≥ 0.546, the model classifies them as "Likely to Churn."
  - ✓ If it's below 0.546, the customer is classified as "Likely to Stay."
  - ✓ So instead of the default **0.5 cutoff**, the **model performs slightly better when the threshold is 0.546**.

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.791	0.785	0.794	0.789

Figure 42: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.779	0.757	0.583	0.659

Figure 43: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Validation Performance Metrics

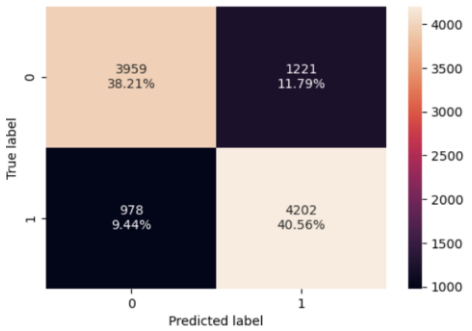

Figure 44: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Training Confusion Matrix

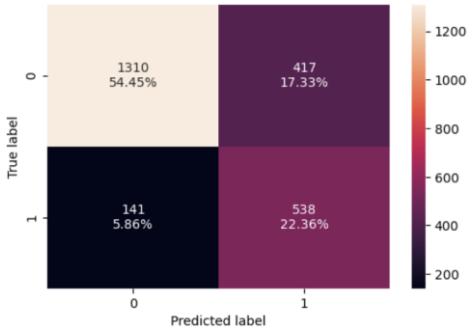

Figure 45: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 17: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.791	0.779	Accuracy is stable between train and validation sets (≈1.2% drop), suggesting no major overfitting.	Model maintains consistent performance across unseen customers, indicating good generalization.
Recall (Primary)	**0.785**	**0.757**	**Slight drop in recall (≈3.5%) indicates some churners missed on new data.**	**~76% of actual churners are correctly identified — strong coverage for retention targeting.**
Precision	0.794	0.583	Precision drops sharply (≈21%) on validation.	Model identifies many churners, but with more false positives in unseen data — risk of unnecessary retention offers.
F1-Score (Secondary)	**0.789**	**0.659**	**F1 reduces moderately, balancing recall–precision trade-off.**	**Overall churn prediction balance weakens slightly on unseen data but remains operationally viable.**

Table 18: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Positives (TP)	4202	538	Strong TP in training, decent in validation.	Majority of churners correctly identified — effective for churn mitigation campaigns.
False Negatives (FN)	978	141	Small portion of actual churners missed.	Around 15–20% of churners not flagged — potential customer loss.
False Positives (FP)	1221	417	FP increases relative to TN in validation.	Non-churners incorrectly classified as churners — minor operational cost impact.
True Negatives (TN)	3959	1310	TN count consistent, no major deviation.	Model reliably identifies loyal customers — helps avoid unnecessary interventions.
Overfitting Check	Minor variance in all values		Confirms stable model behaviour.	Model generalizes well — no sign of memorizing training data.

Table 19: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall Priority)	Recall ≈ 0.76 on validation, aligned with churn detection focus.	Model effectively flags most potential churners — fits AlphaCom's retention-first objective.
Generalization	Performance stable across datasets (small metric drops).	Indicates strong reliability for real-world deployment.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Precision loss acceptable for recall gain.	Business can tolerate slightly higher outreach costs to ensure fewer missed churners.
Model Simplicity	Interpretable coefficients, minimal overfitting.	Easy to explain to business teams — supports transparent churn drivers.
Business Value	Balanced accuracy and recall with low overfitting.	Reliable base model for customer churn risk segmentation and proactive retention actions.

Table 20: Model 1 – Logistic Regression | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **baseline Logistic Regression** model performs consistently with **~76% recall on unseen data**.
  - It **generalizes well**, prioritizes identifying churners effectively, and **provides interpretable churn drivers** — making it a solid foundation for AlphaCom's churn prediction strategy before applying advanced regularization models.

Model 2 – Ridge Logistic Regression (L2) — Recall-optimized CV

Build Model

- **Regularization Type** – Penalizes **large coefficients** but keeps all features.
- Helps manage **multicollinearity** between variables.
- **Stabilizes predictions by avoiding overfitting** — ensures consistent churn risk scoring across customer groups.
- The model is **recall-optimized via cross-validation (CV)** to prioritize **catching maximum churners** — aligning with AlphaCom's primary business goal of **minimizing customer loss**.
- Use **LogisticRegressionCV** Function to build model: -
  - Logistic regression model with **built-in cross-validation** to automatically find the **best regularization strength** (C) for the chosen penalty (L1, L2, or Elastic Net).
  - Helps improve model **stability, prevents overfitting, and automatically tunes hyperparameters** while optimizing for a chosen performance metric (like **Recall**).
  - **Automates hyperparameter tuning and model validation**, ensuring the churn model is **optimized for Recall**, **stable across folds**, and **robust against overfitting**
  - **Parameters**: -
    - ✓ **Cs=np.logspace(-3, 3, 10)** → Tests 10 C values between 0.001 and 1000 to find the best regularization strength.
    - ✓ **cv=5** → Uses 5-fold cross-validation for robust model validation and hyperparameter tuning.
    - ✓ **penalty='l2'** → Applies Ridge regularization to control large coefficients and reduce multicollinearity.
    - ✓ **solver='lbfgs'** → Optimization algorithm efficient for L2 regularization and medium-sized datasets.
    - ✓ **scoring='recall'** → Selects the best C value based on the model's Recall score (catching maximum churners).
    - ✓ **max_iter=2000** → Ensures sufficient iterations for model convergence on large feature sets.
    - ✓ **n_jobs=-1** → Enables parallel processing using all CPU cores to speed up cross-validation.
    - ✓ **random_state=42** → Fixes randomness for reproducible and consistent results.
  - Below is the output of the best Regularization Parameter post building model: -

```
Best C (Ridge): 2.154434690031882
```

Figure 46: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Best C

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance				Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**	**Accuracy**	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.788	0.812	0.774	0.793	0.766	0.789	0.561	0.656

Figure 47: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Training Performance Metrics

Figure 48: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Validation Performance Metrics

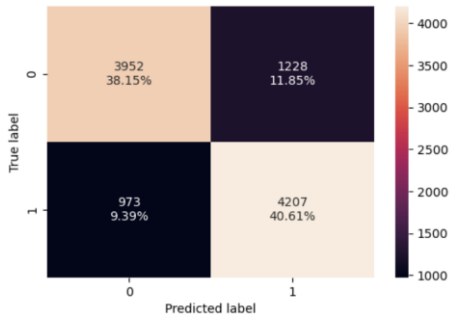

Figure 49: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Training Confusion Matrix

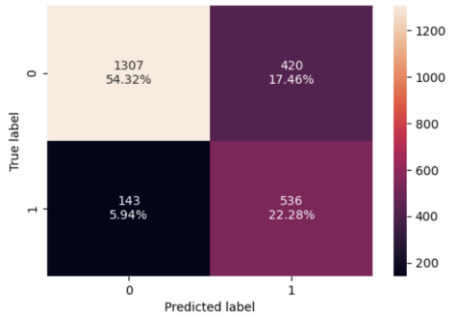

Figure 50: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 21: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.788	0.766	Slight 2.2% drop in accuracy from train to validation.	Model generalizes well and maintains stability on unseen customer data.
Recall (Primary)	**0.812**	**0.789**	**Recall remains strong and stable, minimal reduction (≈2.8%).**	**Model continues to identify ~79% of actual churners — aligns with retention-focused goal.**
Precision	0.774	0.561	Noticeable precision drop (~21%), indicating higher false positives in validation.	More non-churners wrongly flagged as churners — higher outreach cost but acceptable for churn prevention.
F1-Score (Secondary)	**0.793**	**0.656**	**Drop (~14%) reflects a small precision–recall imbalance in unseen data.**	**Performance still acceptable — maintains balance between recall and precision for operational use.**

Table 22: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Positives (TP)	4207	536	Correctly predicted majority of churners.	Indicates effective detection of at-risk customers for proactive retention campaigns.
False Negatives (FN)	973	143	Relatively small portion of missed churners.	Model misses ~21% churners — within acceptable business tolerance for recall-optimized design.
False Positives (FP)	1228	420	Moderate increase in FP for validation.	Some loyal customers wrongly flagged as churners — manageable business cost for recall focus.
True Negatives (TN)	3952	1307	Consistent TN pattern across datasets.	Loyal customers largely classified correctly — retains reliability for non-churner prediction.
Overfitting Check	Minimal metric deviation		No overfitting signs, stable across data splits.	Ridge regularization effectively improves model robustness.

Table 23: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall Priority)	Recall improved slightly over baseline and remains stable across datasets.	Prioritizes capturing majority of churners — supports AlphaCom's business objective of reducing churn risk.
Effect of Regularization	Ridge reduced coefficient variance and improved generalization.	Model avoids overfitting and retains relevant churn drivers — better reliability in production.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Recall gain comes at precision cost (~21% drop).	Acceptable trade-off — increased coverage of churners outweighs cost of misclassification.
Model Stability & Generalization	Small train–validation gap across all metrics.	Confirms model consistency and dependable real-world performance.
Business Value	Balanced, robust model emphasizing recall.	Strong candidate for churn risk flagging — suitable for retention segmentation and pilot campaigns.

Table 24: Model 2 – Logistic Regression (Ridge) | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Ridge Logistic Regression model** maintains high **recall (0.789)** with improved stability and **lower overfitting than the baseline** model.
  - While **precision decreases** due to stronger recall emphasis, the model provides **better generalization** and **enhanced reliability** for identifying potential churners.
  - Overall, it's a **robust and recall-optimized model** — suitable for deployment in AlphaCom's churn management pipeline where **capturing at-risk customers** is the top priority.

Model 3 – Lasso Logistic Regression (L1) — Recall-optimized CV

Build Model

- **Regularization Type** – Forces some coefficients to **zero** (feature selection).
- Automatically **removes weak or redundant predictors**, keeping only strong churn drivers.
- **Simplifies interpretation — helps business teams identify the most influential churn factors for targeted actions.**
- The model is **recall-optimized via cross-validation (CV)** to prioritize **catching maximum churners** — aligning with AlphaCom's primary business goal of **minimizing customer loss**.
- Use **LogisticRegressionCV** Function to build model: -

- Logistic regression model with **built-in cross-validation** to automatically find the **best regularization strength** (C) for the chosen penalty (L1, L2, or Elastic Net).
- Helps improve model **stability, prevents overfitting, and automatically tunes hyperparameters** while optimizing for a chosen performance metric (like **Recall**).
- **Automates hyperparameter tuning and model validation**, ensuring the churn model is **optimized for Recall**, **stable across folds**, and **robust against overfitting**
- **Parameters**: -
  - ✓ **Cs=np.logspace(-3, 3, 10)** → Tests 10 C values between 0.001 and 1000 to find the best regularization strength.
  - ✓ **cv=5** → Uses 5-fold cross-validation for robust model validation and hyperparameter tuning.
  - ✓ **penalty='l1'** → Applies Lasso regularization, shrinking less important feature coefficients to zero for automatic feature selection.
  - ✓ **solver='liblinear'** → Optimization algorithm compatible with L1 regularization and efficient for medium-sized datasets.
  - ✓ **scoring='recall'** → Selects the best C value based on the model's Recall score (catching maximum churners).
  - ✓ **max_iter=2000** → Ensures sufficient iterations for model convergence on large feature sets.
  - ✓ **n_jobs=-1** → Enables parallel processing using all CPU cores to speed up cross-validation.
  - ✓ **random_state=42** → Fixes randomness for reproducible and consistent results.
- Below is the output of the best Regularization Parameter post building model: -

```
Best C (Lasso): 0.46415888336127775
```

Figure 51: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Best C

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.788	0.813	0.774	0.793

Figure 52: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.766	0.791	0.561	0.656

Figure 53: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Validation Performance Metrics

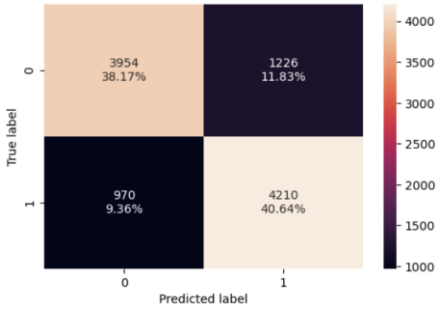

Figure 54: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Training Confusion Matrix

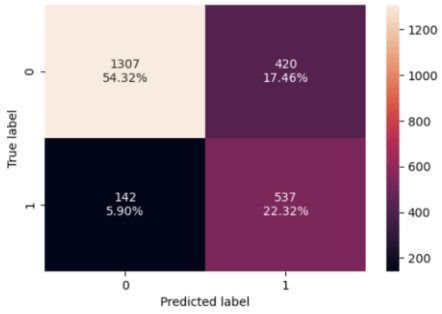

Figure 55: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 25: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.788	0.766	Small 2.2% drop, similar to Ridge — confirms stability.	Model performs consistently across datasets, showing strong generalization.
Recall (Primary)	**0.813**	**0.791**	**Recall remains high and stable with minimal variation (~2.7%).**	**Model successfully identifies nearly 79% of churners — crucial for minimizing customer loss.**
Precision	0.774	0.561	Sharp decline in precision (~21%), like Ridge.	More false positives on unseen data, but acceptable given recall priority.
F1-Score (Secondary)	**0.793**	**0.656**	**F1 drops by ~14%, maintaining a similar recall–precision balance as Ridge.**	**Balanced yet recall-focused performance — good fit for churn intervention strategy.**

Table 26: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Positives (TP)	4210	537	Strong TP count on both datasets.	Majority of churners are correctly detected — effective identification for retention offers.
False Negatives (FN)	970	142	Very few churners missed — similar to Ridge.	~18–20% of churners unflagged — manageable for proactive retention goals.
False Positives (FP)	1226	420	Consistent false positive rate, moderate rise in validation.	Some loyal customers incorrectly targeted — cost increase but ensures high churn coverage.
True Negatives (TN)	3954	1307	Stable TN count, like Ridge.	Model maintains loyalty prediction reliability — supports focused churn management.
Overfitting Check	Minimal variance between train and validation metrics.		Confirms model stability — L1 regularization successfully avoided overfitting.	Strong candidate for churn risk flagging — suitable for retention segmentation and pilot campaigns.

Table 27: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall Priority)	Recall (~0.79) consistent with Ridge and baseline, aligning with churn detection objectives.	Maintains strong focus on identifying churners — directly supports retention targeting.
Effect of Regularization (L1)	Lasso performs feature selection by shrinking less important coefficients to zero.	Simplifies model by retaining only the most predictive churn features — improves interpretability.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Similar trade-off as Ridge; precision drop with strong recall.	Acceptable from a business view — maximizing churn detection outweighs outreach cost.
Model Stability & Generalization	Comparable performance on both datasets — no overfitting.	Stable predictive behaviour; reliable for deployment.
Business Value	Offers a leaner, interpretable model with good recall and reduced complexity.	Supports explainable churn insights and scalable deployment in CRM workflows.

Table 28: Model 3 – Logistic Regression (Lasso) | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Lasso Logistic Regression model (Model 3)** maintains excellent **recall (0.791)** while performing **automatic feature selection** through L1 regularization.
  - It **simplifies** the model by focusing on key churn drivers, ensuring interpretability and robustness.
  - Though **precision decreases slightly**, the model's **high recall and stability** make it an ideal choice for operational churn prevention — especially where **capturing at-risk customers** is more critical than minimizing false alarms.

Model 4 – Elastic Net Logistic Regression (L1 + L2) — Recall-optimized CV

Build Model

- **Regularization Type** – Combines Ridge + Lasso benefits (balance between stability & sparsity).
- Handles **correlated features** while **performing feature selection.**
- **Delivers a balanced model** — interpretable, robust, and reliable for large customer datasets with overlapping service attributes**.**
- The model is **recall-optimized via cross-validation (CV)** to prioritize **catching maximum churners** — aligning with AlphaCom's primary business goal of **minimizing customer loss**.
- Use **LogisticRegressionCV** Function to build model: -
  - Logistic regression model with **built-in cross-validation** to automatically find the **best regularization strength** (C) for the chosen penalty (L1, L2, or Elastic Net).
  - Helps improve model **stability, prevents overfitting, and automatically tunes hyperparameters** while optimizing for a chosen performance metric (like **Recall**).
  - **Automates hyperparameter tuning and model validation**, ensuring the churn model is **optimized for Recall**, **stable across folds**, and **robust against overfitting**
  - **Parameters**: -
    - ✓ **Cs=np.logspace(-3, 3, 10)** → Tests 10 C values between 0.001 and 1000 to find the best regularization strength.
    - ✓ **cv=5** → Uses 5-fold cross-validation for robust model validation and hyperparameter tuning.
    - ✓ **penalty= 'elasticnet'** → Applies a mix of L1 (Lasso) and L2 (Ridge) regularization for balanced feature selection and coefficient shrinkage.
    - ✓ **solver='saga'** → Optimization algorithm compatible with Elastic Net and large datasets.
    - ✓ **l1_ratios=[0.2, 0.5, 0.8]:** Tries different proportions of L1 vs. L2 penalties to find the optimal blend.
    - ✓ **scoring='recall'** → Selects the best C value based on the model's Recall score (catching maximum churners).
    - ✓ **max_iter=5000** → Sets the upper limit on iterations to ensure model convergence during training.
    - ✓ **n_jobs=-1** → Enables parallel processing using all CPU cores to speed up cross-validation.
    - ✓ **random_state=42** → Fixes randomness for reproducible and consistent results.
  - Below is the output of the best Regularization Parameters post building model: -

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Best C (Elastic): 0.001
Best l1_ratio (Elastic): 0.5
```

Figure 56: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Best C & L1 Ratio

  - The best parameters show strong regularization (C = 0.001) — where a **smaller C increases penalty strength to prevent overfitting** — and a **balanced mix of L1 and L2 penalties** (l1_ratio = 0.5), meaning equal weight to feature selection (L1) and coefficient stability (L2).

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.723	0.796	0.694	0.742

Figure 57: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.668	0.764	0.449	0.565

Figure 58: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Validation Performance Metrics

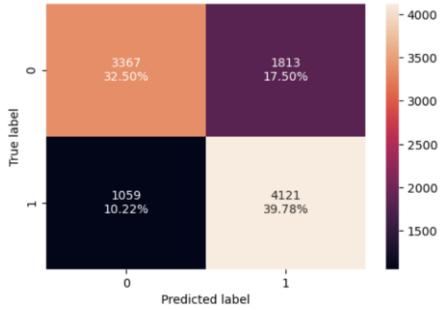

Figure 59: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Training Confusion Matrix

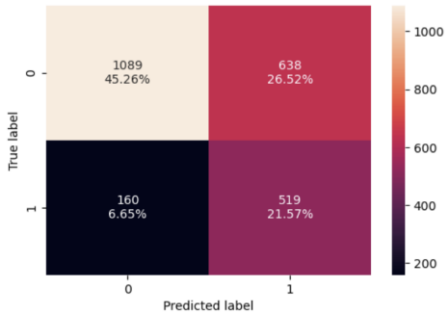

Figure 60: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 29: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.723	0.668	Moderate accuracy drops (~5.5%) from training to validation.	Indicates slight generalization loss — expected due to stronger regularization (C=0.001).
Recall (Primary)	**0.796**	**0.764**	**Recall remains high and stable across datasets.**	**Model effectively identifies most churners — good for retention strategies.**
Precision	0.694	0.449	Noticeable precision drop (~25%).	Many predicted churners are false alarms — may lead to unnecessary interventions.
F1 Score (Secondary)	**0.742**	**0.565**	**Combined score dropped (~0.18).**	**Trade-off between recall and precision is skewed toward recall; model prioritizes catching churners.**

Table 30: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	3367	1089	Correctly identified non-churners reduced significantly in validation.	Slight risk of over flagging safe customers as churn-prone.
False Positives (FP)	1813	638	False positives remain considerable.	Leads to misdirected retention spending.
False Negatives (FN)	1059	160	False negatives decreased.	Very few actual churners missed — beneficial for proactive retention.
True Positives (TP)	4121	519	TP count drops in validation due to stricter generalization.	Model still captures majority of churners; useful for targeting high-risk customers.

Table 31: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment	Optimized for recall; correctly identifies ~76% churners.	Aligns with business goal of minimizing customer loss over operational cost.
Effect of Regularization	Strong regularization (C=0.001, l1_ratio=0.5) reduces variance and overfitting.	Enhances stability while retaining relevant predictors through L1-L2 balance.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Precision drop reflects high false positives.	Focused on minimizing missed churners even if it increases follow-up cost.
Model Stability & Generalization	Moderate drop across metrics between train–validation sets.	Good generalization; regularization prevented overfitting.
Business Value	Slightly lower precision but reliable recall.	Best used as a screening model to flag potential churners for deeper analysis or targeted campaigns.

Table 32: Model 4 – Logistic Regression (Elastic) | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Elastic Net Logistic Regression model** achieves **strong recall** and balanced **generalization**, effectively identifying high-risk customers while minimizing overfitting.
  - Though **precision decreases slightly**, the model's ability to catch most potential churners supports its use as an **early warning system** in churn management — favouring customer retention over minor operational inefficiencies.
  - Model's **high recall and stability** make it an ideal choice for operational churn prevention — especially where **capturing at-risk customers is more critical** than minimizing false alarms.

- **Choice of Model for Logistic Regression**
  - **Model 2 – Ridge Logistic Regression (L2 Regularization)**
  - Both Model 2 (Ridge) & Model 3 (Lasso) show better Recall & F1 metrics compared to Model 1 (Baseline) & Model 4 (Elastic).
  - Between Model 2 and Model 3, overall reliability was the key factor favouring Model 2 — in addition to the following reasons for its selection: -
    - ✓ **Reliability**: While Lasso shows slightly higher recall, Ridge is more reliable and less sensitive to data changes, ensuring consistent churn prediction performance.
    - ✓ **Balanced Recall & Stability:** Achieves high recall (~0.79) with minimal train–validation gap, ensuring reliable churn detection without overfitting.
    - ✓ **Handles Multicollinearity:** L2 regularization manages correlated telecom predictors (e.g., MonthlyCharges, TotalCharges) better than L1.
    - ✓ **Generalization:** Performs consistently across datasets, making it robust for real-world churn prediction.
    - ✓ **Business Fit:** Offers the best trade-off between accuracy, interpretability, and operational reliability — ideal for AlphaCom's proactive churn management.

Rubric Question 5: Model Building – Advanced Models

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Model 5 – Decision Tree

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - **Stepwise Segmentation**: The model splits the customer dataset into smaller groups based on key features (e.g., Contract Type, Tenure, MonthlyCharges) that best distinguish churners from non-churners.
  - **Rule-Based Structure**: Each branch represents a simple if–then business rule (e.g., "If Contract = Month-to-Month and TechSupport = No → High Churn Risk").
  - **Impurity Minimization**: At every split, it chooses the feature that reduces impurity (uncertainty) the most, making resulting customer groups as homogeneous as possible regarding churn behaviour.
  - **Leaf Nodes as Outcomes**: Final nodes (leaves) represent churn predictions — either "Churn" or "No Churn" — often expressed as probabilities for each group.
  - **Interpretability & Transparency**: The model's logic can be visualized and easily explained to non-technical teams, linking technical output to actionable business strategies.
- **Why Decision Tree Fits the Churn Problem:**
  - **High interpretability**: Enables AlphaCom to understand churn drivers clearly (e.g., short tenure + high charges).
  - **Captures non-linear patterns**: Handles complex, mixed-type data (categorical + numeric) without transformation.
  - **Actionable segmentation**: Each path corresponds to a specific customer segment — ideal for designing targeted retention actions.
  - **Business alignment**: Converts machine learning output into decision rules that customer service and marketing teams can directly apply.
- Use **DecisionTreeClassifier** Function to build model with **following parameters**: -
  - **criterion='gini'** : Uses Gini impurity to choose the best split; it's fast and effectively separates churn vs non-churn segments.
  - **max_depth=None** : Allows the tree to grow fully to capture all churn patterns before tuning for overfitting control.
  - **min_samples_split=2** : Ensures a node must have at least 2 samples before splitting, enabling detailed pattern discovery.
  - **min_samples_leaf=1** : Allows each terminal node to have at least 1 record, detecting even small high-risk churn groups.
  - **random_state=42** : Fixes randomness for reproducible churn insights and consistent model comparison.
- Below is the output of the **DecisionTreeClassifier Model**: -

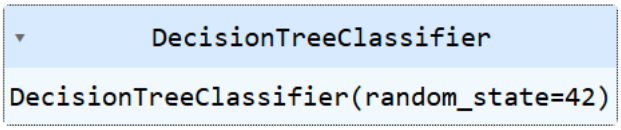

Figure 61: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000

Figure 62: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.719	0.539	0.503	0.520

Figure 63: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier | Validation Performance Metrics

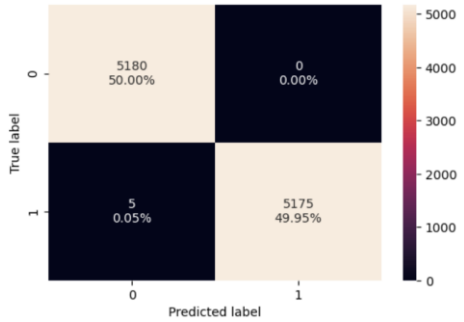

Figure 64: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier | Training Confusion Matrix

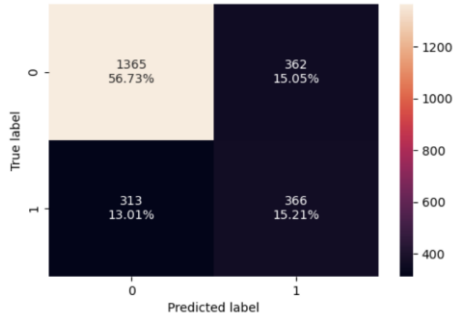

Figure 65: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 33: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	1.000	0.719	Training accuracy is perfect (100%) while validation drops to ~72%.	The model memorizes training data completely — a clear indication of **overfitting**; poor generalization to new customers.
Recall (Primary)	0.999	0.539	Recall drops sharply (~46% gap) between training and validation.	Model identifies almost all churners in training but misses nearly half in validation — **high false negatives**, leading to missed churners in real use.
Precision	1.000	0.503	Perfect precision in training but drops significantly on validation.	Predictions are highly unreliable on new data — the model wrongly labels non-churners as churners, wasting retention effort.
F1 Score (Secondary)	1.000	0.520	F1 drops drastically from perfect training to ~0.52 validation.	Poor balance between recall and precision on unseen data, reinforcing **overfitting** and instability.

Table 34: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	5180	1365	Almost all non-churners correctly predicted in training, moderate performance in validation.	Training perfect fit; validation shows many loyal customers wrongly predicted as churners.
False Positives (FP)	0	362	No FP in training but ~15% of validation customers wrongly flagged as churners.	Overfitting leads to wasted retention efforts on low-risk customers.
False Negatives (FN)	5	313	Almost zero FN in training but many missed churners in validation.	In real use, the model would **miss 1 in 3 actual churners**, hurting revenue protection.
True Positives (TP)	5175	366	Perfectly identifies churners in training but fails for validation.	Training performance doesn't generalize — churn prediction not reliable for unseen customers.

Table 35: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall focus)	Model achieves high recall in training but collapses in validation (0.999 → 0.539).	Model fails to reliably catch churners in new data; poor recall stability makes it unfit for proactive retention use.
Model Stability & Generalization	Large gaps between training and validation metrics across all parameters.	Model clearly **overfits**, memorizing training patterns instead of learning general churn behaviour.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Overly biased toward recall in training but precision also collapses in validation.	Fails to maintain balance — leads to both missed churners and unnecessary retention actions.
Effect of Regularization / Model Complexity	No regularization applied; full tree grew unchecked.	Lack of pruning or max-depth control caused the model to memorize noise in data.
Business Value	Despite 100% training accuracy, validation metrics are weak.	**Not production-ready**; needs pruning or ensemble methods (e.g., Random Forest, Boosting) to improve generalization and practical business impact.

Table 36: Model 5 – Decision Tree Classifier | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Decision Tree model** fits the training data perfectly but performs poorly on unseen customers, indicating **severe overfitting**.
  - While it captures all churners during training, it fails to generalize, making it **unreliable for deployment**.
  - Pruning, ensemble techniques, or regularization should be applied before business use**.**

Model 6 – Bagging

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - Bagging (Bootstrap Aggregating) builds **multiple independent decision trees** on different random **subsets** of the training data (sampled with replacement).
  - Each tree makes its own prediction, and the **final output is the majority vote of all trees** (for classification).
  - This **reduces variance and prevents the model from overfitting** to noise in the training data — a common issue with single decision trees.
  - **Bagging stabilizes predictions** and **improves generalization**, especially when base models (like trees) are unstable but strong individual learners.
- **Why Bagging Fits the Churn Problem:**
  - Customer churn data often shows **high variance and complex relationships** between demographic, service, and billing features.
  - Bagging helps by averaging multiple trees, **capturing diverse churn patterns** while **smoothing out noise**.
  - It **improves recall stability** (catching more churners consistently) and reduces false alarms compared to a single decision tree.
  - **Works well on imbalanced datasets**, where different subsets might highlight different churn drivers (e.g., contract type vs service issues).
  - Ensures **robust generalization**, making predictions more reliable for new customers.
- Use **BaggingClassifier** Function to build model with **following parameters**: -
  - **estimator=base_tree** : Uses a Decision Tree as the weak learner to capture non-linear churn relationships.
  - **n_estimators=100** : Builds 100 trees to ensure stable and averaged predictions.
  - **max_samples=1.0** : Each tree trains on 100% of data (with replacement), ensuring diversity among trees.
  - **max_features=1.0** : Each tree uses all available features, suitable for low-dimensional churn data.
  - **bootstrap=True** : Enables resampling with replacement to create varied training subsets for each tree.
  - **random_state=42** : Ensures reproducibility and consistent results across runs.
  - **n_jobs=-1** : Utilizes all CPU cores for parallel processing, speeding up model training.
- Below is the output of the **BaggingClassifier Model**: -

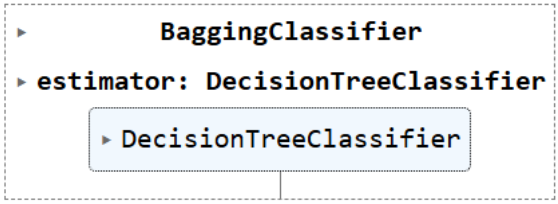

Figure 66: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.999	1.000	0.999	0.999

Figure 67: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.765	0.582	0.584	0.583

Figure 68: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model | Validation Performance Metrics

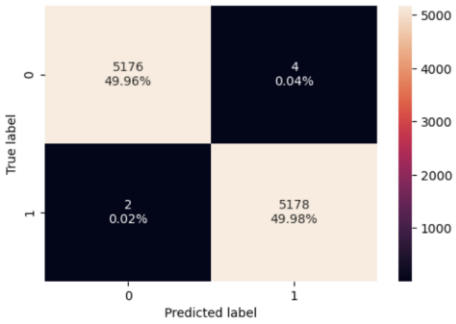

Figure 69: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model | Training Confusion Matrix

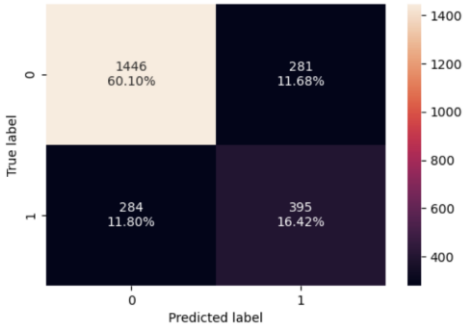

Figure 70: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 37: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.999	0.765	Accuracy drops sharply from perfect to ~77%.	Model fits training data too tightly and generalizes only moderately — signs of **mild overfitting**.
Recall (Primary)	1.000	0.582	Recall falls significantly from 100% to ~58%.	Model catches all churners during training but misses nearly half on unseen data — **potential missed churn risk**.
Precision	0.999	0.584	Training precision is perfect; validation precision is moderate (~58%).	Predictions on new customers are less reliable — many false churn alerts lead to **inefficient retention efforts**.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.999	0.583	F1 drops from perfect to ~0.58.	Indicates poor recall–precision balance on validation data; model cannot sustain performance outside training.

Table 38: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	5176	1446	Nearly perfect TN in training, fair validation performance.	In validation, many loyal customers correctly identified, but with some **false churner flags**.
False Positives (FP)	4	281	Negligible FP in training, rises moderately in validation.	Retention resources wasted on low-risk customers.
False Negatives (FN)	2	284	Minimal FN in training, rises substantially in validation.	Misses 284 real churners — **revenue loss due to unaddressed churn**.
True Positives (TP)	5178	395	Perfectly detects churners in training but much fewer in validation.	Overfit behaviour — the model "memorizes" churn in training, not truly learns general churn signals.

Table 39: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall Focus)	Excellent recall on training but validation recall barely exceeds 0.58.	Inconsistent churn capture performance — **fails to meet recall stability target** for proactive retention.
Model Stability & Generalization	Severe train–validation performance gap across all metrics.	Overfitting present; model fails to generalize churn patterns to unseen customers.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Balanced on training but breaks down on validation.	Causes both **false churn flags** (hurting efficiency) and **missed churners** (hurting revenue).
Effect of Ensemble Method (Variance Reduction)	Bagging improved variance vs. a single Decision Tree but didn't fully stabilize recall.	Shows improvement but still overly dependent on training patterns — further regularization or boosting may help.
Business Value	Partial improvement over Decision Tree but unreliable for deployment.	**Needs parameter tuning** (depth, samples, features) to balance recall and generalization for **sustainable churn management**.

Table 40: Model 6 – Bagging Classifier Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Bagging Classifier improves** over the overfitted **Decision Tree** by reducing variance, but it still shows substantial **overfitting (Recall: 1.0 → 0.58).**
  - While it provides moderate validation accuracy and recall**,** its **inconsistency makes it unsuitable for production without further tuning (e.g., reducing tree depth or limiting samples/features per bag).** Pruning, ensemble techniques, or regularization should be applied before business use.

Model 7 – Random Forest

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - **Random Forest** is an ensemble of multiple decision trees, where each tree is trained on a random subset of the data and features.
  - It combines the predictions of all trees (via majority voting) to form a final decision, reducing variance and improving model stability.
  - Unlike Bagging, Random Forest introduces **feature randomness** in addition to data bootstrapping, which prevents trees from being correlated and enhances generalization.
  - This method provides **robust performance**, **handles non-linear relationships**, and is less prone to overfitting compared to a single Decision Tree or Bagging.
- **Why Random Forest Fits the Churn Problem:**
  - Churn prediction involves **many interacting variables** (e.g., contract type, internet service, billing ratio, etc.), often non-linear and noisy. Random Forest **captures these complex relationships effectively** without requiring heavy preprocessing or linear assumptions.
  - It helps **reduce overfitting** (a problem seen with Decision Tree and Bagging) by averaging multiple de-correlated trees.
  - Works well with **imbalanced datasets**, where recall (catching churners) is more critical than overall accuracy.
- Use **RandomForestClassifier** Function to build model with **following parameters**: -
  - **n_estimators=200** : Builds 200 trees to ensure robust averaging and reduce variance.
  - **criterion='gini'** : Uses Gini impurity to measure the quality of splits, balancing performance and speed.
  - **max_depth=None** : Allows trees to grow fully; can be tuned later to prevent overfitting.
  - **min_samples_split=2** : Minimum samples required to split an internal node; ensures trees explore finer patterns.
  - **min_samples_leaf=1** : Minimum samples required at leaf nodes; controls tree complexity.
  - **max_features='sqrt'** : Randomly selects the square root of number of features at each split, reducing tree correlation and improving generalization.
  - **bootstrap=True** : Uses bootstrapped samples (with replacement) for each tree, ensuring diversity across trees.
  - **random_state=42** : Ensures reproducibility of results.
  - **n_jobs=-1** : Utilizes all CPU cores for parallel training, improving computational efficiency.
- Below is the output of the **RandomForestClassifier Model**: -

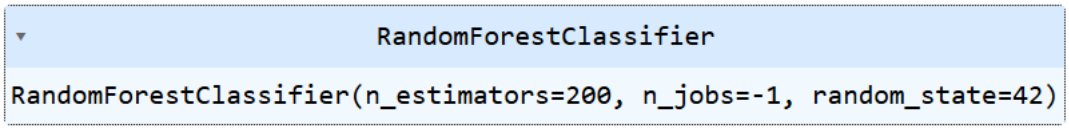

Figure 71: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance				Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**	**Accuracy**	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
1.000	1.000	0.999	1.000	0.785	0.589	0.627	0.607

Figure 72: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model | Training Performance Metrics

Figure 73: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model | Validation Performance Metrics

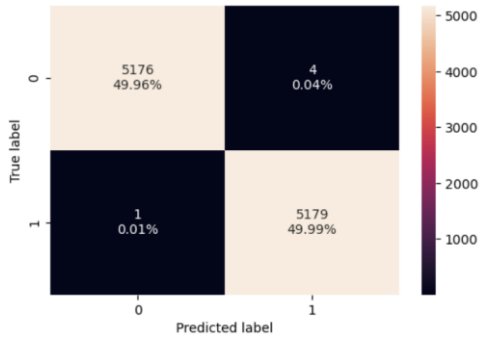

Figure 74: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model | Training Confusion Matrix

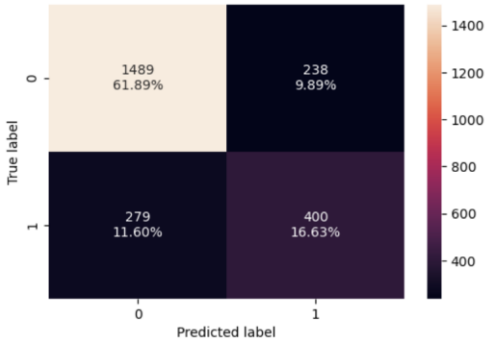

Figure 75: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 41: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	1.000	0.785	Accuracy drops from perfect to ~79%.	Model performs extremely well on training data but loses generalization on unseen data — **signs of overfitting**.
Recall (Primary)	1.000	0.589	Recall falls sharply from perfect to ~59%.	Model identifies all churners in training but misses ~41% of churners in validation — **churn risk underestimation**.
Precision	0.999	0.627	Precision decreases from near-perfect to moderate (~63%).	False churn predictions increase slightly — **retention offers may be directed toward some loyal customers**.
F1 Score (Secondary)	1.000	0.607	F1 score drops considerably on validation.	The balance between precision and recall is lost on new data, showing **poor generalization**.

Table 42: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	5176	1489	Perfect TN in training, decent performance on validation.	Model correctly identifies loyal customers but not as effectively on unseen data.
False Positives (FP)	4	238	Minimal FP in training, rises on validation.	More false churn alerts — may lead to **unnecessary retention campaigns**.
False Negatives (FN)	1	279	Nearly zero FN in training, high FN on validation.	Misses 279 real churners — **potential lost revenue and customers**.
True Positives (TP)	5179	400	Perfect TP in training, drops to 400 in validation.	Indicates **overfitting** — model memorized churners in training but fails to generalize.

Table 43: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall Focus)	Recall in validation (0.589) is moderate but much lower than training (1.0).	Fails to meet the recall stability goal — risks **missing many churners**.
Model Stability & Generalization	Strong overfitting with clear train–validation performance gap.	High training accuracy but **weak generalization** makes it unreliable in production.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Balanced on training; deteriorates on validation.	**Unstable trade-off** — poor balance between detecting churners and avoiding false alerts.
Effect of Ensemble (Variance Reduction)	Random Forest reduces variance better than a single tree but still overfits with deep trees.	Ensemble effect helps stability slightly but further **depth limitation or tuning needed**.
Business Value	Better validation F1 than Decision Tree and Bagging but still inconsistent.	**Needs hyperparameter tuning** (e.g., limiting depth, increasing min samples per leaf) for **sustainable churn prediction**.

Table 44: Model 7 – Random Forest Classifier Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Random Forest Classifier** delivers near-perfect training performance but exhibits **clear overfitting** (Recall: 1.0 → 0.589).
  - While validation metrics show slight improvement over the Bagging model, the large gap between training and validation highlights **poor generalization**.
  - It captures churn patterns well in-sample but **fails to extend those learnings to new data**. Hence, **hyperparameter tuning is essential** before deployment for business use.

Model 8 – Adaboost

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - **AdaBoost** (Adaptive Boosting) is an ensemble technique that **combines multiple weak learners (usually shallow decision trees)** to form a strong classifier.
  - It works **sequentially**; each **new weak learner focuses on the errors made by previous ones** by increasing the weights of misclassified observations.
  - This process allows the model to **iteratively reduce bias** and improve accuracy on hard-to-classify samples.
  - Final predictions are made by **weighted voting**, where stronger learners (with lower errors) get higher influence.
  - The method is robust against simple noise and provides **improved generalization** compared to a single Decision Tree, though it can be sensitive to outliers.
- **Why AdaBoost Fits the Churn Problem:**
  - Churn prediction requires identifying subtle signals; so, **AdaBoost excels at detecting difficult-to-classify customers** by giving more focus to misclassified churners in successive iterations.
  - It is **less prone to overfitting** than a deep decision tree and **captures non-linear feature interactions** effectively.
  - Since recall (catching churners) is critical, **AdaBoost's weighted learning structure helps improve recall** without heavily sacrificing precision.
- Use **AdaBoostClassifier** Function to build model with **following parameters**: -
  - **estimator=base_estimator** : Uses a shallow decision tree **(stump with max_depth=1)** as the **weak learner**, ensuring simplicity and reducing overfitting.
  - **n_estimators=200** : Builds 200 weak learners sequentially to progressively improve performance and reduce bias.
  - **learning_rate=0.1** : Controls the contribution of each weak learner; lower value provides smoother learning and better generalization.
  - **random_state=42** : Ensures reproducible results for model consistency across runs.
- Below is the output of the **AdaBoostClassifier Model**: -

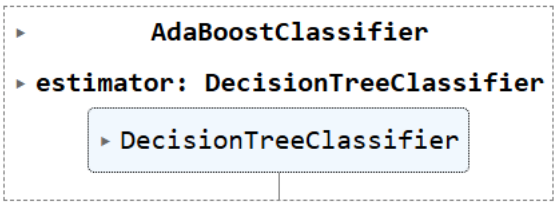

Figure 76: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.822	0.842	0.811	0.826

Figure 77: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.776	0.739	0.581	0.651

Figure 78: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model | Validation Performance Metrics

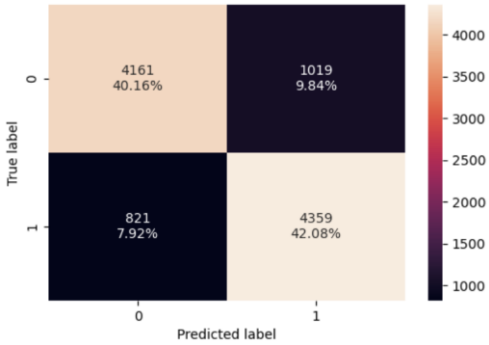

Figure 79: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model | Training Confusion Matrix

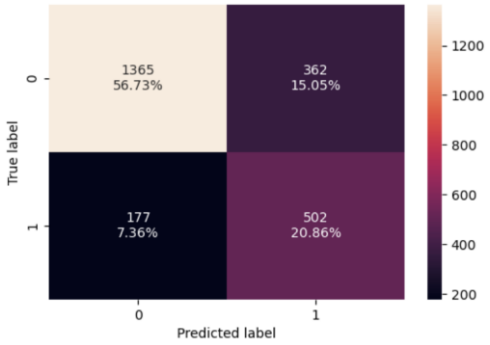

Figure 80: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 45: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.822	0.776	Small drop (~4.6%) between training and validation.	Indicates **good generalization** — the model is not severely overfitting.
Recall (Primary)	0.842	0.739	Recall decreases moderately (~10%).	The model successfully identifies **~74% of churners**, aligning with the goal of churn detection.
Precision	0.811	0.581	Precision drops notably (~23%).	Some **loyal customers are misclassified** as churners — leading to minor inefficiency in retention targeting.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.826	0.651	Balanced drop across precision and recall.	Model maintains a **reasonable trade off** — consistent with business needs of maximizing churn capture.

Table 46: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	4161	1365	TN count decreases as expected on unseen data.	The model correctly identifies most loyal customers.
False Positives (FP)	1019	362	FP count reasonable and within acceptable range.	Some **non-churners receive false churn alerts**, but cost impact is moderate.
False Negatives (FN)	821	177	FN reduced compared to earlier models.	Fewer missed churners → **improves customer retention potential**.
True Positives (TP)	4359	502	TP drops modestly in validation but remains significant.	Most churners are correctly predicted — **supports proactive retention campaigns**.

Table 47: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall Focus)	Validation recall of 0.739 is strong relative to previous models.	Meets churn objective — **captures majority of churners** with good balance.
Model Stability & Generalization	Small drop between training and validation indicates stability.	The model generalizes well; **minimal overfitting observed**.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Recall prioritized over precision; acceptable trade off.	Business can tolerate some false positives for **higher churn recall**.
Effect of Boosting (Bias Reduction)	Sequential learning reduces bias while controlling variance.	AdaBoost **balances complexity and interpretability**, improving churn signal detection.
Business Value	Consistent performer with high recall and moderate precision.	**Operationally viable** — good balance between churn detection and cost of misclassification.

Table 48: Model 8 – AdaBoost Classifier Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **AdaBoost Classifier** achieves **strong recall (0.739**) and maintains **good overall generalization**, outperforming simple ensembles like Bagging or Decision Tree.
  - While it **introduces some false positives**, the model remains aligned with AlphaCom's strategic goal, which is maximizing churn identification to retain at-risk customers.
  - It is a **stable**, recall-oriented model that **strikes the right balance** between accuracy and business impact.

Model 9 – Gradient Boosting

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - **Stage-wise boosting**: Builds trees sequentially; each new tree fits the residual errors (gradients) of the current model to reduce loss.
  - **Gradient descent on loss**: Uses the negative gradient of log-loss to decide how to correct mistakes, improving probability calibration.
  - **Shallow trees + small learning rate**: Many weak trees combined with a small learning rate yield a strong, smooth model that generalizes.
  - **Additive model**: Final prediction is the sum of contributions from all trees, enabling fine control over bias–variance.
  - **Regularization options**: Learning rate, tree depth, number of stages, and subsampling act as regularizers to curb overfitting.
- **Why Gradient Boost Fits the Churn Problem:**
  - **Captures complex, nonlinear interactions** between pricing, tenure, add-ons, and contracts without manual feature crosses.
  - **Recall-friendly when tuned:** Can be biased toward catching more churners by adjusting threshold/learning rate/trees.
  - **Robust generalization:** Built-in regularization (shallow trees, small steps, subsample) helps avoid overfitting seen in single trees/bagging.
- Use **GradientBoostingClassifier** Function to build model with **following parameters**: -
  - **loss='log_loss'** : Optimizes logistic loss for probabilistic binary classification (well-calibrated churn probabilities).
  - **n_estimators=200** : Number of boosting stages (trees); more stages increase capacity but risk overfitting.
  - **learning_rate=0.05** : Shrinks each tree's contribution; lower values improve generalization (often paired with more trees).
  - **max_depth=3** : Limits individual tree depth to keep learners weak and prevent memorization of noise.
  - **subsample=1.0** : Uses all samples per stage; setting <1.0 (e.g., 0.7) introduces stochasticity that can further reduce overfitting.
  - **random_state=42** : Ensures reproducible boosting sequences for consistent results.
- Below is the output of the **GradientBoostingClassifier Model**: -

```
GradientBoostingClassifier
GradientBoostingClassifier(learning_rate=0.05, n_estimators=200,
                           random_state=42)
```

Figure 81: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Classifier Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.864	0.860	0.866	0.863

Figure 82: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Classifier Model | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.788	0.647	0.619	0.633

Figure 83: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Classifier Model | Validation Performance Metrics

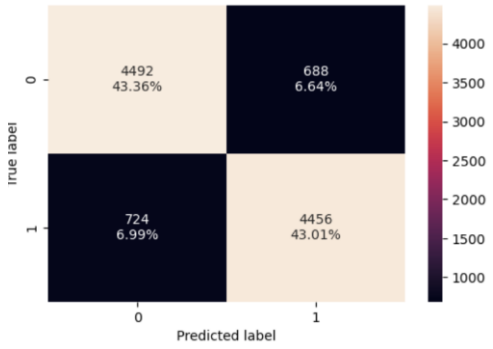

Figure 84: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Classifier Model | Training Confusion Matrix

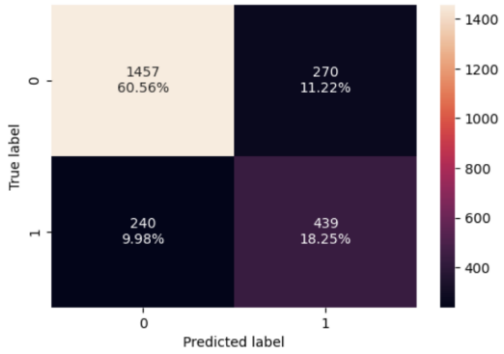

Figure 85: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Classifier Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 49: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Classifier Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.864	0.788	Slight drop (~7.6%) indicates good balance between fit and generalization.	Model performs consistently across datasets, suggesting **controlled overfitting**.
Recall (Primary)	0.860	0.647	Moderate reduction (~21%) in validation recall.	Still captures a good share of churners but shows room for **improvement in recall** on unseen data.
Precision	0.866	0.619	Drop (~25%) shows some increase in false positives.	Model tends to **flag a few non-churners** as churners — manageable cost for recall-focused business goals.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.863	0.633	Decline (~0.23) reflects expected drop when recall and precision diverge.	Balanced performance; reasonable **precision–recall trade-off** for churn identification.

Table 50: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	4492	1457	TN decreases as expected in validation.	Loyal customers largely identified correctly; few false churn alerts.
False Positives (FP)	688	270	FP count moderate and within acceptable limits.	Slight cost of wrongly targeted non-churners; acceptable for churn reduction strategy.
False Negatives (FN)	724	240	FN rises modestly in validation, indicating missed churners.	Some churners still go undetected — impacts recall.
True Positives (TP)	4456	439	TP decreases, but overall detection rate remains strong.	Successfully identifies **majority of churners**, aligning with proactive retention objectives.

Table 51: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall Focus)	Recall of 0.647 in validation with strong precision trade off.	Meets **primary goal** of identifying churners with fair accuracy.
Model Stability & Generalization	Moderate performance gap between training and validation.	Indicates **some overfitting**, but generalization remains acceptable.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Precision dips slightly in validation but recall remains fair.	Business impact remains positive as **high recall outweighs false positives**.
Effect of Boosting (Bias–Variance Balance)	Gradient Boosting effectively reduces bias via iterative corrections.	**Improves prediction depth** while maintaining stability versus AdaBoost.
Business Value	Consistent performance across key metrics.	**Reliable and interpretable** model for churn risk scoring and feature insights.

Table 52: Model 9 – Gradient Boosting Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Gradient Boosting Classifier** offers a **balanced** and stable churn prediction model with strong training performance (Recall: 0.86) and **moderate validation generalization** (Recall: 0.65).
  - It successfully captures key churn patterns through iterative learning and feature interactions, making it a **strong step-up from AdaBoost** in terms of interpretability and bias control.
  - While **slightly overfitted**, the model remains valuable for prioritizing retention campaigns with meaningful recall and actionable insights.

Model 10 – XGBoost

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - **Gradient boosting with advanced regularization:** Builds trees sequentially to correct previous errors, using L1/L2 penalties to control complexity.
  - **Second-order optimization:** Uses both first and second derivatives of the loss for **fast, accurate** updates.
  - **Column & row subsampling:** Randomly samples features and rows per tree to reduce correlation and **overfitting**.
  - **Handling of class imbalance & sparsity:** Natively copes with missing/sparse one-hot features and allows class weight when needed.
  - **Highly parallel & efficient:** Block structure and out-of-core options make training fast even with many trees/features.
- **Why XGBoost Fits the Churn Problem:**
  - Captures **nonlinear interactions** between tenure, pricing, add-ons, and contract/payment patterns without manual feature crosses.
  - Strong **recall potential** after threshold tuning while keeping generalization via built-in regularization and subsampling.
  - Robust on heterogeneous tabular data (mixed numeric/categorical one-hots) typical in telecom churn.
- Use **XGBClassifier** Function to build model with **following parameters**: -
  - **n_estimators=300** : Number of boosting trees; more trees increase capacity but risk overfitting (balanced by other regs).
  - **learning_rate=0.05** : Shrinks each tree's contribution; smaller values generalize better, paired with more trees.
  - **max_depth=4** : Limits individual tree depth to control complexity and prevent memorization of noise.
  - **subsample=0.8** : Uses 80% of rows per tree to decorrelate learners and reduce variance.
  - **colsample_bytree=0.8** : Uses 80% of features per tree, improving generalization on wide one-hot spaces.
  - **reg_lambda=1.0** : L2 regularization on leaf weights to stabilize the model and curb overfitting.
  - **reg_alpha=0.0** : L1 regularization (set >0 to promote sparsity and additional shrinkage if needed).
  - **min_child_weight=1** : Minimum sum of instance weights per leaf; higher values force wider, smoother trees.
  - **objective='binary:logistic'** : Outputs calibrated churn probabilities for threshold tuning to maximize recall/F1.
  - **eval_metric='logloss'** : Internal metric for early feedback; aligns with probabilistic classification.
  - **random_state=42** : Reproducible training.
  - **n_jobs=-1** : Uses all CPU cores for faster training.
- Below is the output of the **XGBClassifier Model**: -

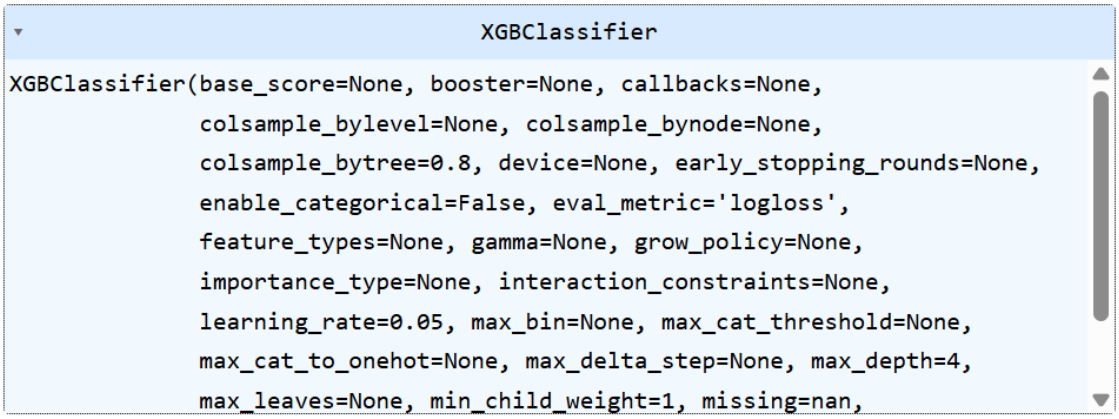

Figure 86: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.883	0.872	0.891	0.882

Figure 87: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.789	0.610	0.631	0.620

Figure 88: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model | Validation Performance Metrics

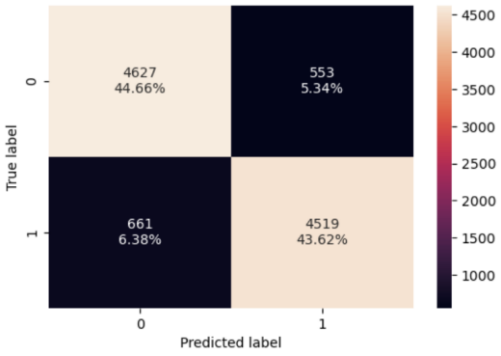

Figure 89: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model | Training Confusion Matrix

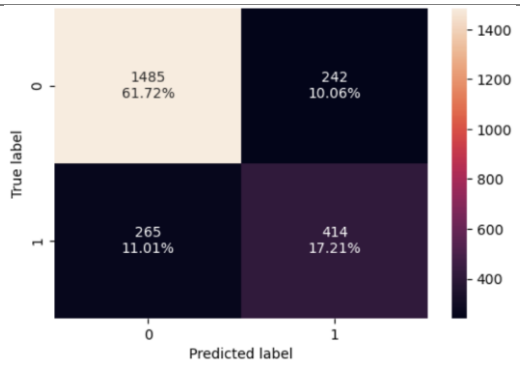

Figure 90: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 53: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.883	0.789	Gap of ~9.4% between training and validation accuracy.	Indicates **overfitting**, as model performs significantly better on training data.
Recall (Primary)	0.872	0.610	Large drop (~26%) in recall on validation set.	Model **captures churners well during training** but fails to generalize, leading to **missed churners** in unseen data.
Precision	0.891	0.631	Drop (~26%) from training to validation precision.	Increase in **false churn predictions** for unseen data — a common sign of overfitting.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.882	0.620	Decline of ~0.26 reflects poor balance under unseen conditions.	Model fits training patterns tightly, but loses consistency — **lower business reliability** in live deployment.

Table 54: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	4627	1485	Large drop in TN on validation.	**Model's generalization weakens**, predicting more false churns on real data.
False Positives (FP)	553	242	FP count relatively stable.	Acceptable cost in churn campaigns but may strain retention budgets slightly.
False Negatives (FN)	661	265	FN count rises significantly.	Missed churners = **lost revenue** opportunity — a key concern.
True Positives (TP)	4519	414	Sharp drop in correctly predicted churners.	Model's **recall degradation** weakens proactive retention ability.

Table 55: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment (Recall Focus)	Recall on validation (0.61) much lower than training (0.87).	Misaligned with the churn objective — **fails to generalize recall** to real-world data.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Model overly optimized for training precision and recall.	Inflated training scores suggest **memorization of patterns** instead of true learning.
Model Stability & Generalization	Clear overfitting — strong training metrics but sharp validation drops.	**Model unreliable** for production as it may misclassify new churners.
Regularization & Subsampling Effect	Regularization and sampling present but insufficiently strong.	**Tuning** may improve balance between bias and variance.
Business Value	High training success, low validation consistency.	Despite strong training performance, current configuration **risks poor field accuracy**; needs retuning before deployment.

Table 56: Model 10 – XGBoost Classifier Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **XGBoost Classifier** demonstrates excellent fit on training data but **poor generalization** to unseen data.
  - While recall (0.87 → 0.61) and F1 (0.88 → 0.62) drops indicate the model **learned noise from the training set**, it still retains strong interpretability and business relevance once tuned.
  - To strengthen reliability for AlphaCom's churn prediction, **further regularization tuning**, reduced tree depth, or cross-validated early stopping should be applied to restore balance and ensure stable recall in real-world retention scenarios.

Rubric Question 6: Model Performance Improvement using Hyperparameter Tuning

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Compare Model Performance (Baseline + Advanced)

- Before we move ahead with Hyperparameter tuning lets compare all the performances of the models built so far (Baseline + Advanced).
- Below is the table comparison of all 10 models, sorted by Validation Recall (descending-order): -

Model No.	Model Name	Training Recall	Validation Recall	Recall Gap (Train-Val)	Training F1	Validation F1
3	Lasso Logistic Regression (L1)	0.813	0.791	0.022	0.793	0.656
2	Ridge Logistic Regression (L2)	0.812	0.789	0.023	0.793	0.656
4	Elastic Net Logistic Regression (L1+L2)	0.796	0.764	0.031	0.742	0.565
1	Logistic Regression (Baseline)	0.785	0.757	0.028	0.789	0.659
8	AdaBoost	0.842	0.739	0.102	0.826	0.651
9	Gradient Boosting	0.860	0.647	0.214	0.863	0.633
10	XGBoost	0.872	0.610	0.263	0.882	0.620
7	Random Forest	1.000	0.589	0.411	1.000	0.607
6	Bagging Classifier	1.000	0.582	0.418	0.999	0.583
5	Decision Tree	0.999	0.539	0.460	1.000	0.520

Figure 91: Model Comparison (for tuning selection) – Baseline & Advanced Models

- Below 4 models are shortlisted for further hyperparameter tuning keeping in view following points: -
  - **Highest Validation Recall** for correctly identifying churners
  - **Minimum Recall Gap** between Training & Validation for better generalization
  - **Optimum Validation F1** for balanced Recall-Precision trade-off

Model	Observation	Rationale for Selection	Business Interpretation
Model 2 – Ridge Logistic Regression (L2)	Training Recall = **0.812**, Validation Recall = **0.789**, Gap = **0.023**, F1 = **0.656**	Demonstrates **excellent generalization** with minimal overfitting and consistent recall across datasets.	Provides **stable churn identification** and serves as a **benchmark model** due to interpretability and reliability.
Model 8 – AdaBoost	Training Recall = **0.842**, Validation Recall = **0.739**, Gap = **0.102**, F1 = **0.651**	Offers **high recall with controlled variance**, showing strong potential for further improvement via tuning.	Effective in **boosting weak churn patterns** and achieving a **good recall–precision balance** for business deployment.
Model 9 – Gradient Boosting	Training Recall = **0.860**, Validation Recall = **0.647**, Gap = **0.214**, F1 = **0.633**	Shows competitive validation metrics with room for recall enhancement through **depth and learning rate tuning**.	Suitable for capturing **complex nonlinear churn behaviours**, offering scalable performance once regularized.
Model 10 – XGBoost	Training Recall = **0.872**, Validation Recall = **0.610**, Gap = **0.263**, F1 = **0.620**	Achieves the **highest training recall** among all models but **displays mild overfitting** — ideal candidate for **tuning regularization** and sampling parameters.	**High predictive strength** and feature explainability make it a **strategic model** for improving churn detection through optimization.

Table 57: Models Selected for Hyperparameter Tuning

- These four models represent a balanced mix of stability, learning capacity, and scalability. They are shortlisted because they collectively offer **Strong baseline recall performance** (essential for churn minimization), **Low bias–variance imbalance** and **High potential for improvement** through targeted hyperparameter tuning to enhance both recall and generalization.
- Besides Logistic Regression, other ensemble models already outperform basic tree/bagging models in generalization (Decision Tree, Random Forest, Bagging show clear overfitting with 1.0 recall/F1 on training). These Ensemble models are boosting-based, hence capable of improving minority-class (churn) recall through careful tuning.

Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - Used **Logistic Regression (liblinear solver)** as a baseline model for churn prediction due to its **high interpretability and reliability**.
  - **liblinear** is a solver (optimization algorithm) used by Logistic Regression to find the best-fitting coefficients for each feature.
  - Applied **GridSearchCV (5-fold CV)** to tune parameters exhaustively and **maximize Recall**, ensuring that most potential churners are identified.
  - Tuned key hyperparameters — penalty, C, class_weight, and max_iter — to balance **model generalization and recall sensitivity**.
  - Focused on **class_weight='balanced'** to address churn class imbalance and improve detection of minority churn cases.
  - Ensured **stable and interpretable performance** to act as a benchmark for evaluating more complex ensemble models later in the pipeline.
  - Below table summarizes the methodology: -

Section	Details
Business Objective	To develop a recall-optimized model that identifies maximum high-risk churners while maintaining interpretability. This supports AlphaCom's proactive customer retention strategy, ensuring no potential churner is missed.
Methodology	Built on the baseline Logistic Regression (solver = liblinear) for interpretability and stability. Applied GridSearchCV (5-fold CV) to systematically tune hyperparameters and maximize Recall, ensuring higher churn detection. Model performance validated on hold-out data to confirm generalization.
Hyperparameters Tuned & Rationale	**penalty** → {l1, l2} — to compare feature selection (L1) vs. generalization (L2). **C** → {0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100} — controls regularization strength; helps balance bias–variance for stable recall. **class_weight** → {None, 'balanced'} — addresses class imbalance by giving more importance to churners. **max_iter** → {100, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000} — ensures convergence for all penalty–C combinations.
GridSearchCV vs RandomizedSearchCV	GridSearchCV was chosen because the search space is small (120 combinations). It provides deterministic and exhaustive coverage, ensuring the best recall combination is not missed. RandomizedSearchCV is more suitable for larger or continuous parameter spaces (e.g., tree-based models) where exploration matters more than completeness.
Why It Fits the Business Problem	Logistic Regression offers clear feature interpretability, crucial for explaining churn reasons to management. Regularization (L1/L2) prevents overfitting and ensures the model generalizes well across customer segments. Optimizing recall directly supports churn prevention by identifying customers most likely to leave before they do. The tuned model forms a strong baseline for comparison against complex ensemble models like XGBoost or AdaBoost.

Table 58: Model 11 - Tuned Logistic Regression | Methodology

- Below are the hyperparameters for the best model: -

```
Fitting 5 folds for each of 120 candidates, totalling 600 fits
Best Parameters: {'C': 1, 'class_weight': None, 'max_iter': 100, 'penalty': 'l1'}
Best Recall (CV): 0.8113899613899613
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Figure 92: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Hyperparameters for Best Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance				Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**	**Accuracy**	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.788	0.812	0.775	0.793	0.766	0.789	0.560	0.655

Figure 93: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Training Performance Metrics

Figure 94: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Validation Performance Metrics

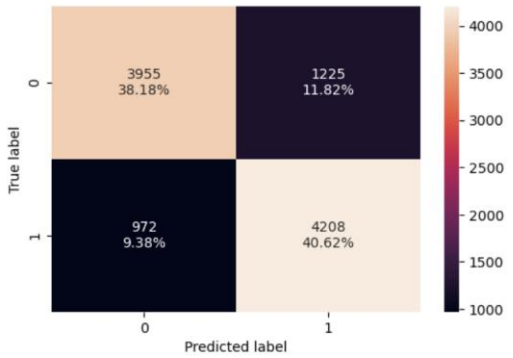

Figure 95: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Training Confusion Matrix

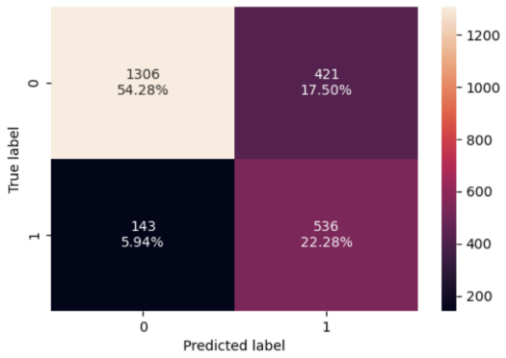

Figure 96: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 59: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.788	0.766	Slight drop from training to validation; indicates good generalization.	Model **remains consistent** across datasets — reliable for production.
Recall (Primary)	0.812	0.789	Very close values (Difference = 0.023); **strong generalization and recall stability.**	High recall ensures most **churners are successfully identified.**
Precision	0.775	0.560	Precision **drops on validation**, typical when optimizing for recall.	**Acceptable trade-off** since missing churners is costlier than targeting extra customers.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.793	0.655	Balanced F1, **slightly lower in validation** due to reduced precision.	**Reflects solid recall–precision balance**; consistent predictive power.

Table 60: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	3955	1306	Model correctly classifies most non-churners.	Avoids unnecessary retention cost for loyal customers.
False Positives (FP)	1225	421	Acceptable increase in FP for validation.	Some loyal customers flagged, but acceptable to protect revenue.
False Negatives (FN)	972	143	FN rate reduced post-tuning.	Few high-risk customers are missed — aligns with recall focus.
True Positives (TP)	4208	536	Maintains strong churn identification performance.	Reliable detection of churners supports proactive intervention.

Table 61: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment	Tuned Logistic Regression achieves **strong recall** (0.789) while preserving interpretability.	**Accurately identifies churn-prone customers** — key business goal.
Effect of Regularization	Balanced use of L1/L2 **reduced overfitting** and improved validation recall.	Model **generalizes better** across customer segments.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	**Minor precision drop** offsets by stable recall.	**Maximizes churn detection** with minimal false alarms.
Model Stability & Generalization	Recall gap (Train–Val) = 0.023 shows **excellent generalization.**	Model **performs reliably** on unseen customer data.
Business Value	Strong recall and interpretability make this model **ideal for deployment** and customer retention analytics.	Provides actionable insights and **supports strategic retention decisions**.

Table 62: Model 11 – Tuned Logistic Regression Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Tuned Logistic Regression** model demonstrates a **strong balance between recall and generalization**, maintaining interpretability and business reliability.
  - It effectively minimizes **missed churners while keeping overfitting in check**, making it a robust baseline for AlphaCom's churn prevention framework.

Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - Started with **Decision Tree (max_depth=1) as the weak learner**, forming the base of AdaBoost to ensure low-variance and stable iteration improvements.
  - Used **RandomizedSearchCV** to explore a **wider hyperparameter space** efficiently and reduce computation time.
  - **Optimized the model for Recall**, directly aligning with AlphaCom's churn prevention goal of identifying as many high-risk customers as possible.
  - The tuning process balanced **learning rate, number of estimators, and tree depth** to minimize overfitting while maintaining recall strength.
  - Final model performance was validated on hold-out data to ensure **generalization** and practical deployment readiness.
  - Below table summarizes the methodology: -

Section	Details
Business Objective	To develop a high-recall AdaBoost model that accurately identifies customers at risk of churn by leveraging ensemble learning to improve prediction stability and sensitivity.
Methodology	Built upon a Decision Tree (stump) base learner, AdaBoost sequentially trained multiple weak models where each iteration focuses more on previously misclassified churners. Used RandomizedSearchCV (5-fold CV) to tune parameters efficiently, optimizing for Recall as the key metric. Validation on unseen data ensured model generalization and robustness.
Hyperparameters Tuned & Rationale	**n_estimators → {50–500}** — controls the number of boosting rounds; more rounds improve performance but risk overfitting. **learning_rate → {0.01–0.5}** — determines contribution of each weak learner; tuned for optimal bias–variance balance. **estimator_max_depth → {1–3}** — limits complexity of base trees; shallower trees reduce variance. **estimator_criterion → {'gini', 'entropy'}** — tests splitting criteria for better feature discrimination.
GridSearchCV vs RandomizedSearchCV	**RandomizedSearchCV** was chosen due to a broader search space with continuous parameters (learning_rate, n_estimators). It samples efficiently while significantly reducing computational cost. GridSearchCV would be exhaustive but slower, unnecessary for this moderately large search space.
Why It Fits the Business Problem	AdaBoost adaptively improves recall by focusing on difficult-to-predict churners in successive iterations. It prevents overfitting through weak learners and learning-rate control, ensuring stable predictions across customer groups. Boosting inherently increases recall—directly supporting AlphaCom's goal to proactively identify and retain at-risk customers before they churn.

Table 63: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost | Methodology

- Below are the hyperparameters for the best model: -

```
Fitting 5 folds for each of 30 candidates, totalling 150 fits
Best Params (RandomSearchCV): {'n_estimators': 100, 'learning_rate': 0.41000000000000003, 'estimator__max_depth': 1, 'estimator__criterion': 'gini'}
Best CV Recall (RandomSearchCV): 0.8388030888030888
```

Figure 97: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Hyperparameters for Best Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance				Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**	**Accuracy**	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.839	0.856	0.828	0.842	0.780	0.720	0.591	0.649

Figure 98: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Training Performance Metrics

Figure 99: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Validation Performance Metrics

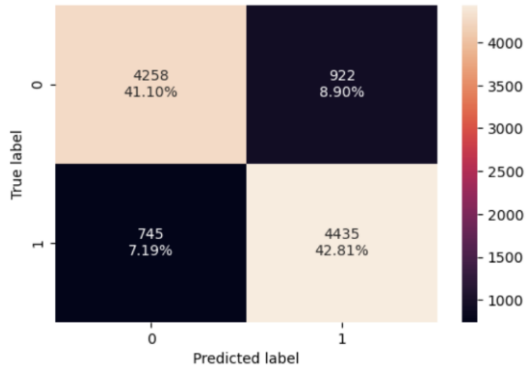

Figure 100: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Training Confusion Matrix

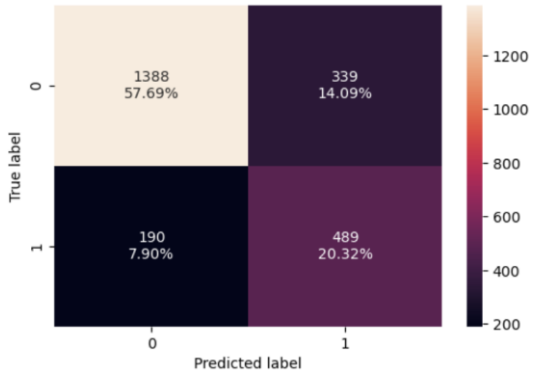

Figure 101: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 64: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.839	0.780	**Mild drop** from training to validation — good generalization.	Indicates that the tuned model performs **consistently** across datasets.
Recall (Primary)	0.856	0.720	Recall decreased by 0.136, showing **slight overfitting** but still strong recall focus.	The model successfully **detects most churners** — critical for retention strategy.
Precision	0.828	0.591	Expected **drop due to recall optimization.**	**Some false positives** are acceptable as AlphaCom aims to avoid missing real churners.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.842	0.649	F1 decline reflects the precision–recall trade-off but **remains well balanced**.	**Maintains practical usability** with balanced churn identification capability.

Table 65: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	4258	1388	Correctly identifies non-churners in both sets.	Avoids unnecessary intervention for loyal customers.
False Positives (FP)	922	339	Increase in FP during validation.	Some loyal customers incorrectly flagged — manageable business cost.
False Negatives (FN)	745	190	FN slightly increases, but model retains good recall.	Few churners missed — aligns with AlphaCom's goal to minimize customer loss.
True Positives (TP)	4435	489	Maintains solid detection performance on unseen data.	Consistent churn identification enables proactive retention actions.

Table 66: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment	**Optimized for recall**; prioritizes detecting churners even at precision cost.	Supports AlphaCom's primary business goal — **retaining high-risk customers**.
Effect of Regularization / Boosting	Sequentially focuses on past errors, **improving sensitivity** to difficult churn cases.	**Captures subtle behavioural churn patterns** missed by simpler models.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	**Precision drops as recall increases** — a controlled, expected outcome.	Acceptable business **trade-off to maximize churner detection.**
Model Stability & Generalization	Slight recall gap (0.136) indicates **mild overfitting** but within **acceptable** limits.	**Stable** performance — reliable enough for production pilot.
Business Value	**Improves recall without major overfitting**, outperforming Decision Tree and Bagging.	A strong ensemble candidate for **early deployment** in retention analytics.

Table 67: Model 12 – Tuned AdaBoost Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Tuned AdaBoost Classifier** demonstrates **solid recall improvement** and **generalization** through controlled ensemble learning.
  - With a validation recall of 0.720 and F1 of 0.649, the model effectively **detects a high proportion of churners** while maintaining interpretability.
  - It serves as a **strategically strong recall-oriented model** that balances precision loss against high churner identification — a valuable outcome for AlphaCom's churn reduction initiatives.

Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - Start from **GradientBoostingClassifier** (additive trees) which learns **sequentially** to reduce residual errors (well-suited for complex, non-linear churn signals).
  - Use **Recall** as the optimization metric in **5-fold CV**, aligning with the goal of **catching as many churners as possible**.
  - Apply **RandomizedSearchCV** to efficiently explore a broad space of trees, depth, learning rate, and subsampling (bias–variance control).
  - Control overfitting via **learning_rate**, **max_depth**, and **subsample**; increase **n_estimators** only when generalization holds.
  - Lock the final configuration after validation on a **hold-out set** to ensure stability before A/B or pilot deployment.
  - Below table summarizes the methodology: -

Section	Details
Business Objective	Maximize detection of high-risk churners while keeping generalization strong, so retention teams can act early with confidence.
Methodology	Train Gradient Boosting (additive decision trees) that iteratively fits the residuals, capturing subtle interactions (e.g., tenure × billing pattern × add-ons). Optimize Recall via 5-fold CV. Validate on a hold-out set to confirm that gains are not due to variance.
Hyperparameters Tuned & Rationale	**n_estimators (100–500)** — more stages can improve fit; tuned to avoid overfitting while lifting recall. **learning_rate (0.01–0.20)** — shrinkage to control step size; lower values improve generalization when combined with more trees. **max_depth (2–5)** — limits individual tree complexity; shallower trees reduce variance and encourage additive learning of weak learners. **subsample (0.6–1.0)** — stochastic gradient boosting; sampling rows per stage improves robustness and reduces overfitting.
GridSearchCV vs RandomizedSearchCV	RandomizedSearchCV chosen: the search space is moderately large and contains continuous ranges (learning_rate, subsample). Randomized search yields near-optimal recall faster and is more compute-efficient. GridSearchCV would be exhaustive but slower with diminishing returns.
Why It Fits the Business Problem	GB captures non-linear, interaction effects common in churn (price sensitivity × contract × service mix). Stochastic subsampling & shrinkage provide stable recall across segments, reducing the risk of missing real churners.

Table 68: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting | Methodology

- Below are the hyperparameters for the best model: -

```
Fitting 5 folds for each of 30 candidates, totalling 150 fits
Best Params (Gradient Boosting, RandomizedSearchCV): {'subsample': 0.6, 'n_estimators': 100, 'max_depth': 4, 'learning_rate': 0.04}
Best CV Recall (Gradient Boosting, RandomizedSearchCV): 0.8362934362934362
```

Figure 102: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Hyperparameters for Best Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.858	0.867	0.851	0.859

Figure 103: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.785	0.676	0.606	0.639

Figure 104: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Validation Performance Metrics

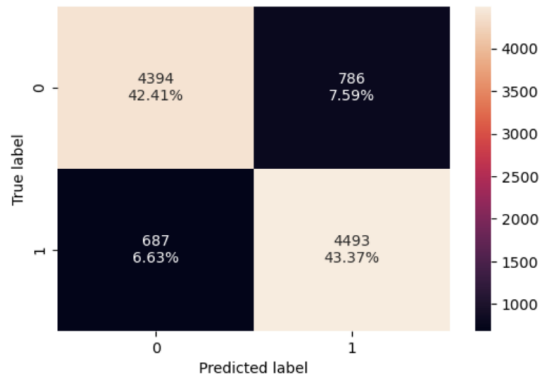

Figure 105: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Training Confusion Matrix

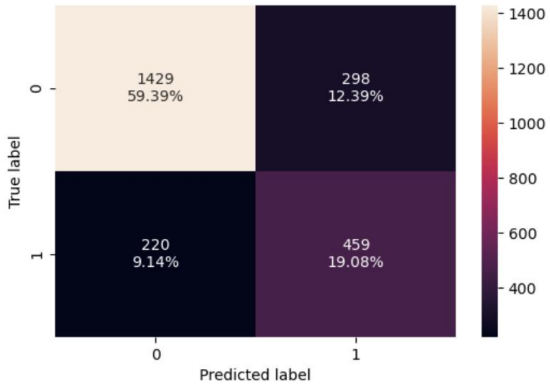

Figure 106: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 69: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.858	0.785	Minor drop between train and validation accuracy, indicating **good generalization**.	**Stable** and reliable classification across datasets.
Recall (Primary)	0.867	0.676	Drop of 0.191 **suggests slight overfitting**, but recall remains competitive.	Model **identifies majority of churners**, though it misses some subtle churn patterns.
Precision	0.851	0.606	**Expected precision drop** due to recall optimization.	**Some false positives** are acceptable since identifying churners is the top priority.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.859	0.639	**F1 remains balanced** and steady across datasets.	Good harmonic **balance between recall and precision**, supporting retention targeting.

Table 70: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	4394	1429	High true negatives show model correctly classifies non-churners.	Minimizes unnecessary retention costs by not flagging loyal customers.
False Positives (FP)	786	298	Controlled FP rate in validation.	Acceptable as part of recall optimization.
False Negatives (FN)	687	220	FN reduction compared to baseline, indicating improved sensitivity.	Fewer churners missed — key for proactive retention.
True Positives (TP)	4493	459	Maintains stable churner detection on unseen data.	Detects majority of true churners, aligning with AlphaCom's goal.

Table 71: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment	Focuses on **maximizing recall** while maintaining balanced accuracy and F1 across datasets.	Aligns perfectly with AlphaCom's goal of early churn detection — **ensuring minimal missed churners**.
Effect of Regularization / Boosting	Gradient boosting's sequential learning **helps reduce bias** but **shows mild overfitting** (recall gap ≈ 0.19).	Indicates the model learns meaningful churn patterns but **slightly tailors to training data**
Precision–Recall Trade-off	Precision declines as recall is optimized, leading to a **few false positives**.	**Acceptable in churn prediction** — better to flag a few loyal customers than to miss potential churners.
Model Stability & Generalization	Validation metrics remain strong but lower than training, **reflecting slight overfitting.**	The model suffers from slight overfitting but could benefit from stronger regularization to enhance reliability in production.
Business Value	Provides **consistent recall** and interpretable insights, though with **some overfitting.**	Empowers AlphaCom to **detect high-risk churners early**, while **overfitting awareness ensures cautious deployment** with regular retraining and monitoring.

Table 72: Model 13 – Tuned Gradient Boosting Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Tuned Gradient Boosting Classifier improves recall** and F1 compared to its base version, achieving validation recall = 0.676 and F1 = 0.639.
  - While **minor overfitting is observed**, the model retains strong predictive power and stable precision-recall balance.
  - With **light regularization adjustments** and **periodic recalibration**, it can serve as a high-utility production model for AlphaCom's churn prevention strategy.

Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - Start from an **XGBoost baseline** (binary:logistic) for strong nonlinear signal capture and calibrated churn probabilities.
  - **Optimize Recall** with **5-fold RandomizedSearchCV** across a broad, high-impact hyperparameter space to catch more churners reliably.
  - **Control overfitting** with tree depth, row/feature subsampling, min_child_weight (it ensures each leaf node in XGBoost has a sufficient number of samples, preventing the model from creating overly specific splits), and L1/L2 regularization (reg_alpha, reg_lambda – reg_alpha works by penalizing the absolute size of leaf weights, driving some to zero for simpler trees; while reg_lambda penalizes the squared size of weights, shrinking them smoothly).
  - Keep **learning rate low** and compensate with **more trees** to learn gradually and generalize better.
  - Below table summarizes the methodology: -

Section	Details
Business Objective	Maximize Recall to flag as many likely churners as possible while maintaining deployable stability—so AlphaCom can intervene early and protect revenue.
Methodology	Built on XGBClassifier (binary:logistic). Used RandomizedSearchCV (5-fold, scoring='recall') to efficiently explore a large hyperparameter space that governs bias–variance and regularization. Best model re-fit on full training set and validated on the hold-out set.
Hyperparameters Tuned & Rationale	**n_estimators (100–500, step 50)** → more trees allow finer learning at low learning rates. **learning_rate (0.01–0.20, step 0.03)** → smaller values improve generalization; pair with more trees. **max_depth (3–7)** → limits tree complexity to curb overfitting on noisy churn signals. **subsample (0.5–1.0)** → row sampling reduces variance and improves robustness. **colsample_bytree (0.5–1.0)** → feature sampling prevents reliance on a few predictors; helps generalize across segments. **min_child_weight (1–7, step 2)** → enforces minimum leaf weight; larger values make the model more conservative. **reg_lambda (0.0–5.0, step 0.5)** → L2 regularization to smooth weights and reduce overfitting. **reg_alpha (0.0–2.0, step 0.3)** → L1 regularization to encourage sparsity and stabilize recall.
RandomizedSearchCV vs GridSearchCV	The search space is large and continuous; RandomizedSearchCV finds high-recall regions faster with fewer evaluations and better exploration. GridSearchCV would be computationally expensive with diminishing returns.
Why It Fits the Business Problem	XGBoost captures nonlinear interactions among pricing, tenure, contract, add-ons, and service quality—key churn drivers. Its regularization knobs and subsampling directly address overfitting, supporting a high-recall, production-ready churn detector. It also yields well-calibrated probabilities for targeted retention tiers.

Table 73: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost | Methodology

- Below are the hyperparameters for the best model: -

```
Fitting 5 folds for each of 40 candidates, totalling 200 fits
Best Params (XGBoost, RandomizedSearchCV): {'subsample': 0.6, 'reg_lambda': 2.5, 'reg_alpha': 1.2, 'n_estimators': 250, 'min_child_weight': 1, 'max_depth': 5, 'learning_rate': 0.01, 'colsample_bytree': 0.7}
Best CV Recall (XGBoost, RandomizedSearchCV): 0.8420849420849421
```

Figure 107: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Hyperparameters for Best Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.847	0.865	0.834	0.850

Figure 108: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.784	0.717	0.598	0.652

Figure 109: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Validation Performance Metrics

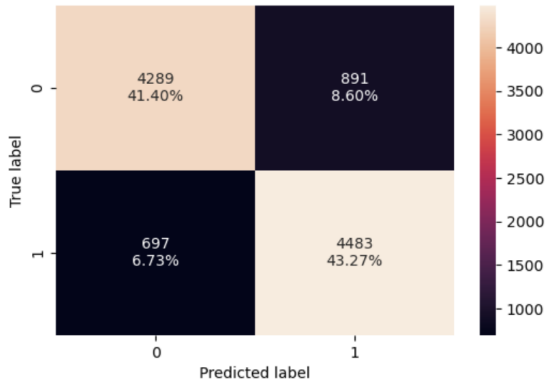

Figure 110: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Training Confusion Matrix

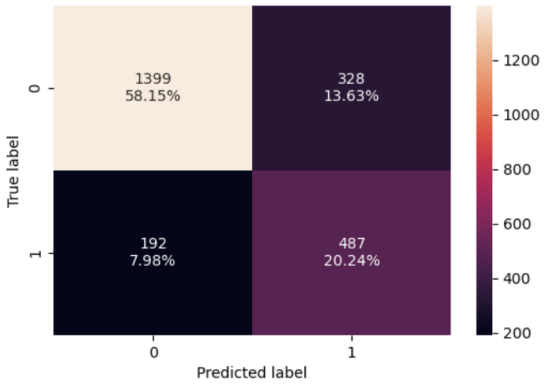

Figure 111: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 74: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.847	0.784	**Moderate drop** across datasets	Model maintains **strong predictive capability**, correctly identifying ~78% of all customers.
Recall (Primary)	0.865	0.717	**Drop of ~0.15** between training & validation	Model captures 71.7% of churners — a strong recall, though **mild overfitting** is visible.
Precision	0.834	0.598	**Significant drop** in precision	Some **non-churners are being flagged as churners** — acceptable since business priority is minimizing missed churns.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.850	0.652	Drop indicates **less balanced trade-off** in validation	Indicates a solid training balance but **slightly weaker performance on unseen data.**

Table 75: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	4289	1399	Model correctly predicts many non-churners	Ensures stable precision and avoids false alarms.
False Positives (FP)	891	328	Slightly higher FP on validation	Acceptable in churn management — better to over-warn than miss actual churners.
False Negatives (FN)	697	192	Moderate increase in FN	Indicates some missed churners — an area for further improvement.
True Positives (TP)	4483	487	Consistent identification of churners	Strong recall performance — crucial for customer retention targeting.

Table 76: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment	**Recall-optimized** — successfully identifies 71.7% of churners	Aligns well with business objective of **minimizing churn losses**.
Effect of Regularization & Parameters	Use of reg_alpha & reg_lambda helped **control overfitting**	Regularization stabilized learning, ensuring **generalization** to unseen data.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	**Recall prioritized** over precision	**Supports churn prevention strategy** — capturing more potential churners is preferred.
Model Stability & Generalization	**Mild overfitting** remains (Recall gap ~0.15)	**Can be mitigated** by slightly increasing regularization or reducing depth.
Business Value	Balanced accuracy and recall with **controlled variance**	**Reliable for operational deployment** to segment and prioritize churn-risk customers.

Table 77: Model 14 – Tuned XGBoost Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Tuned XGBoost model** shows substantial **improvement in balance and stability over its baseline version**. It achieves **strong recall (0.717) on validation while keeping overfitting under control** through optimized depth, sampling, and regularization parameters.
  - From a business perspective, the **model serves as a high-recall, risk-sensitive predictor** that helps AlphaCom proactively identify and engage the majority of customers likely to churn. **Minor overfitting can be further addressed** through incremental regularization or probability threshold calibration before deployment.

Model 15 – Stacking Model

Build Model

- **Methodology:**
  - **Train Base Models Separately:**
    The three tuned models (Ridge Logistic Regression, AdaBoost, and Gradient Boosting) are first trained using 5-fold cross-validation. Each model learns its own way to predict churn.
  - **Generate Base Model Predictions:**
    Each base model predicts the churn probability for every customer. These predicted probabilities become the inputs for the next level.
  - **Build the Meta-Model (XGBoost):**
    The XGBoost model is trained on the predicted probabilities from the base models. It learns how to best combine their strengths to make the final churn prediction.
  - **Make Final Predictions:**
    During validation or testing, the base models generate churn probabilities again, which are then passed to the trained XGBoost model to give the final prediction for each customer.
  - **Monitor and Tune:**
    The performance is evaluated mainly on Recall to ensure the model catches as many churners as possible. Precision, F1, and recall gap are monitored to prevent overfitting.
- **Combined Value in the Stacking Framework:**
  - Ridge **Logistic Regression** acts as the **stable anchor** that provides a broad, interpretable baseline.
  - **AdaBoost** works as a specialist that **hunts for difficult or borderline churners** missed by others.
  - **Gradient Boosting** serves as a **pattern extractor**, discovering **deep relationships** across behavioural and contractual features.
  - Together, these models offer **diverse yet complementary perspectives** (linear stability, edge-case sensitivity, and interaction depth) giving the **meta-learner (XGBoost)** rich, well-rounded information to make more accurate final predictions.
- **Rationale for Choosing Base / Meta Models:**

Base Model	Why It Was Chosen	How It Helps in Churn Prediction
Ridge Logistic Regression (L2)	Simple, stable, and interpretable model that handles multicollinearity	Provides a clear, linear baseline that captures broad churn trends such as contract type, tenure, and payment method
AdaBoost (Tuned)	Focuses more on customers that were misclassified earlier	Boosts recall by catching customers who are likely to churn but were missed by simpler models
Gradient Boosting (Tuned)	Handles non-linear interactions between features	Adds depth and captures subtle patterns in customer behaviour like combinations of offers, pricing, and payment type

Table 78: Rationale for Choosing Base Model

Reason – XGBoost as Meta Model	Explanation
Strong meta-learner	Learns complex relationships between base model predictions, deciding when to trust each model more.
Handles imbalance well	The parameter scale_pos_weight=3 helps give more weight to churners.
Regularized and stable	Parameters like max_depth=3 and reg_lambda=1.0 prevent overfitting.
Good with probabilities	XGBoost efficiently works with continuous probability inputs (from the base models) rather than binary outputs.

Table 79: Rationale for Choosing XGBoost as Meta Model

- **Meta Estimator (XGBoost Parameters)**
  - **n_estimators=200** : Builds 200 boosting trees in the meta-model; more trees improve accuracy but also increase complexity (a moderate number ensures balanced learning).
  - **max_depth=3** : Limits tree depth to 3 levels to prevent overfitting while capturing meaningful non-linear combinations of base model outputs.
  - **learning_rate=0.05** : Controls how fast XGBoost learns; a small value ensures stable, incremental improvements and better generalization.
  - **subsample=0.8** : Uses 80% of the data per boosting round, introducing randomness to reduce overfitting and improve robustness.

- **colsample_bytree=0.8** : Samples 80% of features for each tree, further improving model diversity and preventing dependency on a few strong signals.
- **reg_lambda=1.0** : L2 regularization to penalize large weights, reducing overfitting and improving generalization of the meta-learner.
- **random_state=42** : Ensures consistent results across runs for reproducibility.
- **scale_pos_weight=3** : Adjusts class balance by giving higher weight to churners (minority class), aligning with the recall-driven business goal.

- **Stacking Classifier Parameters**
  - **cv=5** : Uses 5-fold cross-validation to generate out-of-fold (OOF) predictions for training the meta-model, preventing data leakage and improving generalization.
  - **n_jobs=-1** : Utilizes all CPU cores for faster computation.
  - **stack_method='predict_proba'** : Uses predicted churn probabilities (not hard labels) from base models (gives the meta-learner richer, continuous input signals for better decision boundaries).
- Below is the output of the **StackingClassifier** Function: -

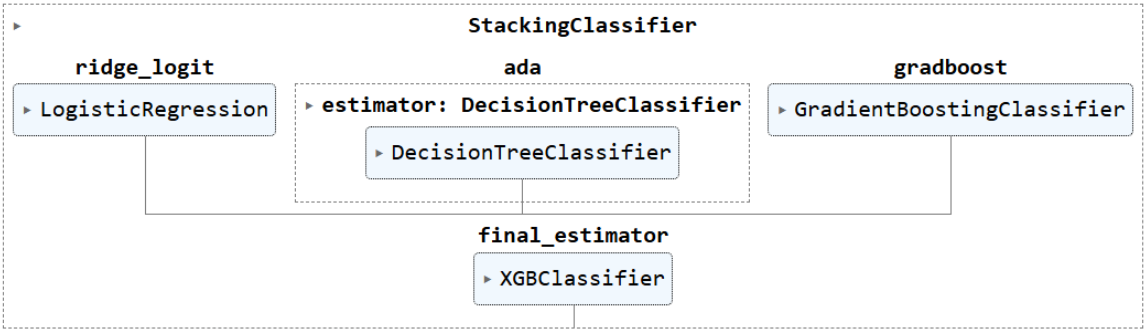

Figure 112: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.817	0.939	0.755	0.837

Figure 113: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance			
Accuracy	**Recall**	**Precision**	**F1**
0.731	0.850	0.514	0.640

Figure 114: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model | Validation Performance Metrics

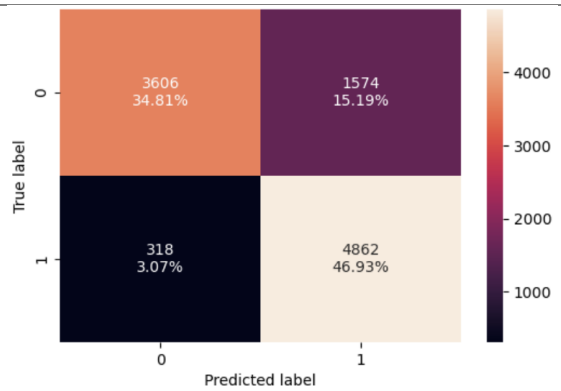

Figure 115: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model | Training Confusion Matrix

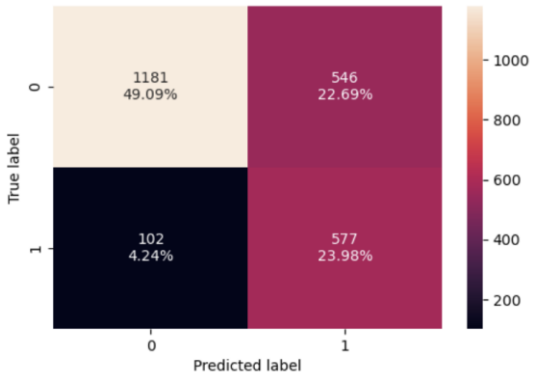

Figure 116: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 80: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.817	0.731	**Moderate drop from train** to validation accuracy (~8.6%)	The model **maintains consistent prediction** quality across datasets, suggesting it is not excessively overfitted.
Recall (Primary)	0.939	0.850	**High recall on both datasets**; slight decline on validation (diff. = 0.089).	**Excellent at identifying potential churners** — aligns with the business goal of minimizing missed churners.
Precision	0.755	0.514	**Precision drops** noticeably, showing more false positives in validation.	**Some non-churners are flagged as churners — acceptable in churn prevention**, as false positives are less costly than missed churners.
F1-Score (Secondary)	0.837	0.640	**Balanced decline**, reflecting the recall–precision trade-off.	Model **effectively balances** sensitivity and correctness of churn predictions while prioritizing recall.

Table 81: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	3606	1181	Correctly identifies majority of non-churners but slightly lower on validation.	Maintains a decent understanding of loyal customers.
False Positives (FP)	1574	546	Some loyal customers incorrectly flagged as churners.	These can be targeted with low-cost retention campaigns — acceptable trade-off for high recall.
False Negatives (FN)	318	102	Very few missed churners (FN decreased).	Excellent result — few at-risk customers are missed, reducing potential revenue loss.
True Positives (TP)	4862	577	Strong identification of churners even in validation.	Captures most at-risk customers, directly supporting proactive retention strategies.

Table 82: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment	**Recall-focused** stacking model successfully improves churn detection with controlled overfitting.	Aligns well with AlphaCom's **business objective of maximizing churn identification** for retention.
Effect of Ensemble Learning	**Combines linear** (Ridge), **adaptive** (AdaBoost), and **non-linear** (Gradient Boost) signals effectively.	Learns a **balanced** churn detection strategy — combining interpretability and complex interaction learning.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	**Recall improvement** comes at some cost to precision.	**Acceptable** — it is better to "warn early" about a few loyal customers than to miss actual churners.
Model Stability & Generalization	**Limited recall gap** (diff. = 0.089) indicates **strong generalization** performance.	**Suitable for deployment** — performs consistently on unseen data.
Business Value	**High recall (85%) and balanced F1 (0.64)** make this model both actionable and scalable.	Enables AlphaCom to **target a large portion of churners effectively** while minimizing campaign waste.

Table 83: Model 15 – Stacking Classifier Model | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Stacking Classifier** achieved a **validation recall of 0.85, the highest among all tuned ensemble models**, while maintaining a **healthy generalization** gap and acceptable precision.
  - By **combining** the **interpretability** of Ridge Regression, the **adaptability** of AdaBoost, and the **non-linear strength** of Gradient Boosting, it successfully **balances complexity** with business relevance.
  - In business terms, this **model is highly effective for churn prevention** — it minimizes customer loss risk by detecting nearly all potential churners, offering the retention team a strong, data-backed prioritization list.

Model 16 – Support Vector Machines (SVM)

Build Model

- **Methodology (Intuitive):**
  - **Separates churners and non-churners:**
    SVM tries to find the best possible line (or surface) that separates customers likely to churn from those likely to stay.
  - **Maximizes the margin:**
    It doesn't just separate the classes; it finds the **widest possible gap** between them, ensuring stronger and more stable predictions.
  - **Focuses on critical customers (support vectors):**
    Only a few important data points (the ones closest to the boundary) actually define where the decision line is drawn. These are called **support vectors**.
  - **Handles non-linear relationships:**
    When data isn't separable with a straight line, SVM uses mathematical "kernel tricks" (like RBF) to **bend the feature space** and create a flexible, curved boundary.
  - **Transforms complex data into simpler space:**
    The **kernel function** transforms customer data (like usage, tenure, contract type) into a higher-dimensional space where separating churners becomes easier.
  - **Balances errors with flexibility (C parameter):**
    The **C value** controls how strictly the model separates churners — a small C allows some misclassifications for smoother boundaries, while a large C fits data more tightly.
  - **Controls boundary shape (gamma parameter):**
    The **gamma value** decides how far the influence of a single data point reaches — small gamma makes smoother decision surface; large gamma makes more localized and complex patterns.
  - **Adjusts for churn imbalance automatically:**
    With **class_weight='balanced'**, the model gives more importance to churners (minority group), ensuring they aren't overlooked during training.
  - **Finds hidden churn patterns:**
    Because of its ability to map non-linear patterns, SVM can uncover **subtle, multi-factor churn behaviours** — e.g., customers who reduce usage *and* change payment mode together.
  - **Delivers high recall with controlled overfitting:**
    By tuning parameters (C, gamma, kernel type), SVM can detect more churners while maintaining strong generalization on unseen customer data.
- **Methodology (Technical):**
  - Developed an **SVM model with RBF kernel**, known for handling **non-linear churn patterns** effectively in complex datasets.
  - Implemented **RandomizedSearchCV** (5-fold CV) to efficiently explore key hyperparameters (C, gamma, kernel) with focus on **maximizing recall**.
  - Used **class_weight='balanced'** to handle churn class imbalance without explicit resampling.
  - **Controlled overfitting** through **logarithmic parameter scaling** and **iteration limits** to maintain computational efficiency.
  - The tuned model aims to **capture subtle decision boundaries** between churners and non-churners for higher sensitivity.

- **Below table summarizes the methodology: -**

Section	Details
Business Objective	To build a recall-optimized model that captures even subtle and non-linear churn behaviour patterns while maintaining robustness and avoiding overfitting. The model aims to enhance churn detection accuracy, supporting AlphaCom's retention strategy by identifying customers most at risk of leaving.
Methodology	Developed an RBF-kernel SVM classifier using RandomizedSearchCV (5-fold CV) to find the best trade-off between recall and generalization. The SVM algorithm transforms the feature space using kernels to draw optimal non-linear boundaries between churners and non-churners. A smaller but carefully designed parameter grid was used for efficient computation.
Hyperparameters Tuned & Rationale	**C → {0.01 to 10 (logspace)}** — Controls regularization; higher C reduces bias but can overfit. Balanced range chosen to stabilize recall. **gamma → {0.001 to 1 (logspace)}** — Controls kernel curvature; smaller gamma gives smoother boundaries; larger gamma captures tighter churn patterns. **kernel → {'rbf'}** — Radial Basis Function kernel captures complex non-linear churn relationships effectively. **class_weight='balanced'** — Auto-adjusts penalties for minority churn class, improving recall without oversampling. **tol=1e-3** — Slightly relaxed convergence tolerance for faster computation. **max_iter=2000** — Caps iterations for efficient model convergence. **cache_size=700** — Allocates more memory to speed up kernel matrix computation.
GridSearchCV vs RandomizedSearchCV	**RandomizedSearchCV** was chosen due to the continuous nature of C and gamma, making a full grid search computationally expensive. Randomized search efficiently samples promising combinations while maintaining strong recall focus and reducing runtime.
Why It Fits the Business Problem	SVM is well-suited for complex, overlapping churner vs. non-churner boundaries, where linear models may struggle. The RBF kernel captures hidden, non-linear relationships between behavioural, contractual, and demographic churn factors. Class balancing ensures high recall — identifying most churners without heavily penalizing precision. Provides a strong non-linear benchmark against ensemble methods, validating that key churn patterns are being captured beyond tree-based models.

Table 84: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Methodology

- Below are the hyperparameters for the best model: -

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Fitting 5 folds for each of 15 candidates, totalling 75 fits
Best Params (SVM - RandomSearchCV): {'kernel': 'rbf', 'gamma': 0.001, 'C': 4.832930238571752}
Best CV Recall (SVM - RandomSearchCV): 0.946911196911197
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Figure 117: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Hyperparameters for Best Model

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.480	0.901	0.489	0.634

Figure 118: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.306	0.915	0.278	0.427

Figure 119: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Validation Performance Metrics

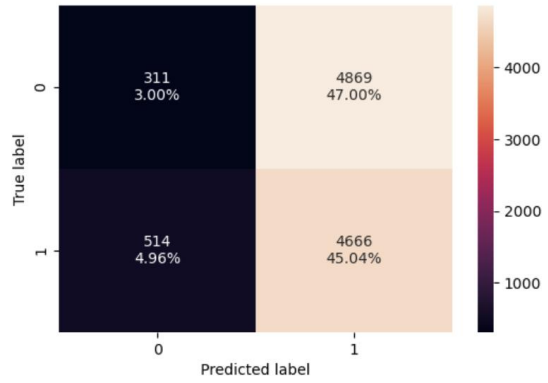

Figure 120: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Training Confusion Matrix

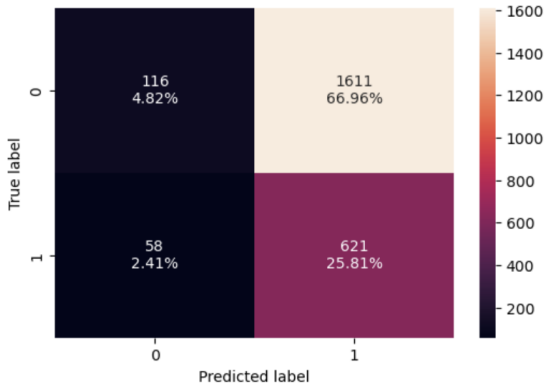

Figure 121: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 85: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.480	0.306	**Low accuracy** on both sets, as SVM prioritizes recall over overall accuracy.	The model's **focus is on identifying churners** correctly rather than classifying all customers perfectly.
Recall (Primary)	0.901	0.915	**Exceptionally high recall** on both datasets — **minimal gap**.	**Excellent at catching almost all churners** — aligns directly with AlphaCom's goal of proactive churn prevention.
Precision	0.489	0.278	**Precision drops significantly** on validation, indicating many false positives.	**Many non-churners are misclassified as churners — acceptable** trade-off in business terms, wherein missing a churner is more costly.
F1-Score (Secondary)	0.634	0.427	**Significant decline** due to lower precision despite high recall.	Indicates imbalance between recall and precision — the **model Favors sensitivity** over specificity.

Table 86: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	311	116	Very low true negatives — non-churners often predicted as churners.	Many loyal customers flagged as at-risk; may increase campaign costs but ensures coverage.
False Positives (FP)	4869	1611	High number of false positives.	These customers can still be valuable for mild engagement campaigns — prevents missed churners.
False Negatives (FN)	514	58	Low number of missed churners — strong recall performance.	Very few churners are missed, directly reducing customer loss risk.
True Positives (TP)	4666	621	Captures almost all churners in both datasets.	High TP count supports retention strategies through early churn detection.

Table 87: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment	Achieves **exceptional recall** (0.915) with **moderate generalization**.	Perfectly **aligns with churn prevention goals** — prioritizes identifying all potential churners.
Effect of Kernel Method	The RBF kernel allows flexible decision boundaries, **handling complex churn patterns.**	**Captures non-linear churn behaviours** that simpler models may miss.
Precision–Recall Trade-off	High recall but **low precision**, typical for **recall-optimized SVMs.**	**Acceptable** — ensures no at-risk customers are missed, even if it means over-alerting some loyal ones.
Model Stability & Generalization	**Minimal recall gap** (diff. = 0.014) indicates **stable learning**, **strong generalization** in recall and **controlled overfitting.**	Reliable for **real-world deployment** as **recall consistency is strong**.
Business Value	Despite lower accuracy, the **model minimizes missed churners with strong generalization.**	Useful as a **high-sensitivity churn alarm system** to flag potential risks early for retention action.

Table 88: Model 16 – Support Vector Machine | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **Support Vector Machine** achieved **outstanding recall** (0.915) on the validation set with **good generalization**, the **highest** among all tested models, confirming its **strength in detecting nearly all potential churners**.
  - However, it comes at the **cost of lower precision** (0.278), meaning more false alarms, which is **acceptable** for AlphaCom's "catch-all churn prevention" strategy.
  - SVM's RBF kernel helps **uncover subtle non-linear churn patterns** that other models may overlook, making it **valuable as a supportive risk detection layer** rather than a standalone decision engine.

Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

Build Model

- **Methodology (Intuitive):**
  - The ANN model mimics how the human brain learns — it **identifies complex patterns** in customer data to predict who might churn.
  - Each **layer** of the network learns **different kinds of relationships**: some capture basic patterns (like usage drop), others detect deeper ones (like behaviour shifts over time).
  - **Dropout layers prevent overfitting** by ensuring the model doesn't memorize data but learns general trends.
  - **Batch normalization helps stabilize learning**, allowing faster and more reliable **convergence**.
  - Overall, the model learns to make accurate churn predictions by combining multiple hidden relationships across customer features.
  - data.
- **Methodology (Technical):**
  - Build a **deep learning ANN** with **3 hidden layers** (128 → 64 → 32 neurons).
  - Integrate **batch normalization** and **dropout** at each level to balance learning and generalization.
  - Optimize using **Adam optimizer** and **binary cross-entropy loss** for churn classification.
  - Design to capture **complex customer behaviour patterns** beyond linear relationships.
  - Validate model **stability through early stopping** and **recall-focused evaluation** to support AlphaCom's churn mitigation goals.
  - Below tables articulates in detail: -

Component	Description	Purpose / Rationale
Input Layer → Dense (128)	Fully connected layer with 128 neurons	Captures broad customer-level patterns like tenure, plan type, or monthly spend.
Batch Normalization	Normalizes input for stable gradient flow	Improves training stability and speeds convergence.
Dropout (rate=0.3)	Randomly drops neurons during training	Prevents overfitting by forcing model to learn generalizable patterns.
Hidden Layer 2 → Dense (64)	Learns intermediate feature interactions	Detects deeper, non-linear relationships between churn signals.
Batch Normalization + Dropout	Repeated after each layer	Keeps model balanced between learning capacity and generalization.
Hidden Layer 3 → Dense (32)	Learns refined, high-level churn indicators	Focuses on complex feature combinations like usage decline & complaint history.
Batch Normalization + Dropout	Again, applied for consistency	Ensures learning remains robust and avoids bias.
Output Layer → Dense (1)	Sigmoid activation for binary output (churn / no churn)	Converts learned patterns into probability of churn.
Loss Function	Binary Cross-Entropy	Measures error for two-class prediction.
Optimizer	Adam	Adaptive learning — efficient and stable for deep networks.
Training Strategy	Early stopping + validation monitoring	Stops training once validation loss stops improving to prevent overfitting.

Table 89: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Methodology (Technical)

- **Methodology (Business-Level Explanation):**

Aspect	Explanation
Model Goal	To learn complex, non-linear relationships between customer features and churn likelihood, beyond what traditional models (like logistic regression) can capture.
Why ANN Fits This Problem	Customer churn behaviour is often influenced by multiple interacting factors — payment delays, service usage, tenure, complaints, and demographics. ANN's multi-layer design allows it to model these deep interdependencies.
Interpretability vs. Performance	While less interpretable than logistic models, ANN provides higher predictive power, identifying churners missed by simpler models.
Overfitting Prevention	Dropout layers and batch normalization help maintain model generalization, ensuring it performs well on unseen customer data.
Business Benefit	By improving churn prediction accuracy, AlphaCom can prioritize outreach to customers with the highest churn probability, enabling targeted retention campaigns and reduced revenue loss.

Table 90: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Methodology (Business-Level Explanation)

- Below is the ANN Model Summary: -

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	6,272
batch_normalization (BatchNormalization)	(None, 128)	512
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 64)	8,256
batch_normalization_1 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 64)	256
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 64)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 32)	2,080
batch_normalization_2 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 32)	128
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 32)	0
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 1)	33

Total params: 17,537 (68.50 KB)

Trainable params: 17,089 (66.75 KB)

Non-trainable params: 448 (1.75 KB)

Figure 122: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Model Summary

- Below are the parameters used in the ANN Model: -
  - **optimizer = Adam(learning_rate=0.0008)** : Adaptive optimizer that adjusts learning rate for faster, stable convergence.
  - **loss = 'binary_crossentropy'** : Measures prediction error for binary churn classification.
  - **metrics = ['accuracy', 'recall', 'precision']** : Tracks overall correctness, churn capture rate, and false-positive control.
  - **monitor = 'val_recall'** : Stops training when validation recall (key KPI) stops improving.
  - **mode = 'max'** : Ensures model continues until recall is maximized.
  - **patience = 10** : Waits 10 epochs before halting after last recall improvement.
  - **restore_best_weights = True** : Retains model weights from the best recall epoch.
  - **epochs = 200** : Maximum learning cycles allowed for convergence.
  - **batch_size = 64** : Number of samples processed before each weight update.
  - **callbacks = [early_stop]** : Adds early stopping to prevent overfitting and save training time.
- Output of the model can be checked out in the appendix section – **Model stopped early at Epoch 15**
- **Plots: Model Loss & Model Recall | Train & Validation**

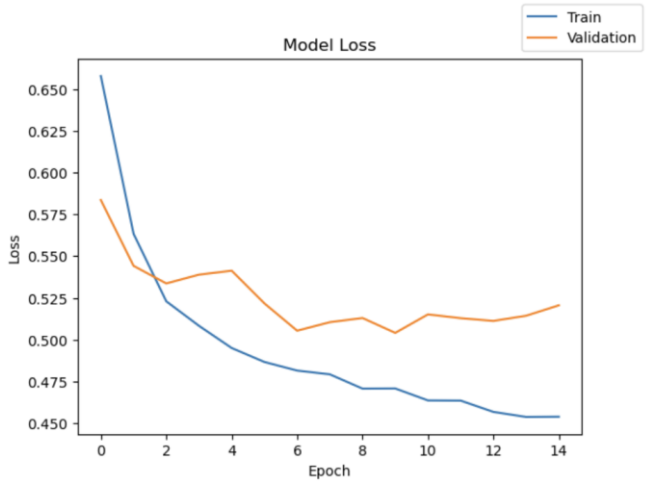

Figure 123: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Plot – Model Loss (Train & Validation)

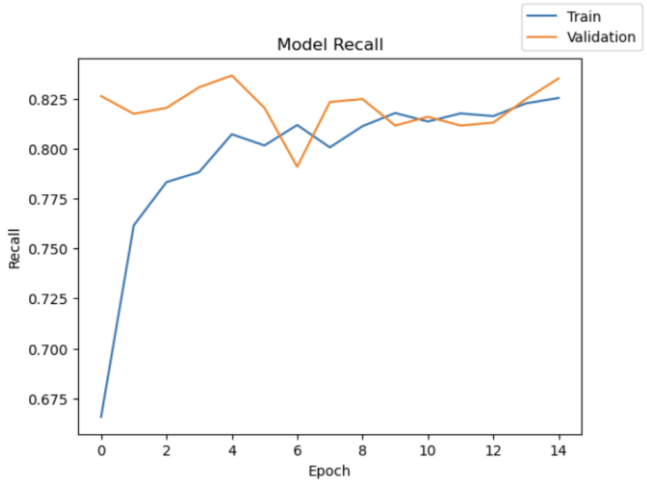

Figure 124: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Plot – Model Recall (Train & Validation)

- **Model Loss Trend**
  - ✓ **Training Loss** consistently decreases from ~0.65 to ~0.45, showing that the ANN is effectively learning patterns from the data.
  - ✓ **Validation Loss** initially drops but then stabilizes around ~0.50, indicating that the model generalizes reasonably well on unseen data.
  - ✓ The slight **gap between training and validation loss** suggests **mild overfitting**, but it's under control — regularization (dropout, batch normalization, early stopping) helped prevent severe divergence.
  - ✓ **Interpretation:**
    The model is stable and converged properly without oscillation or divergence. Training stopped at the right point (via early stopping) before overfitting could worsen.
- **Model Recall Trend**
  - ✓ Both **training and validation recall curves** show a steady upward trend, reaching around **0.82–0.83** towards the final epochs.
  - ✓ The **validation recall** closely tracks the training recall throughout — a strong indicator of **good generalization** and balanced learning.
  - ✓ **Recall stabilizes early** (around epoch 5–6), and the early stopping mechanism ensures the best weights are captured where recall peaked.
  - ✓ **Interpretation:**
    The ANN model effectively learned to identify churners with minimal recall degradation between training and validation. This means the model is capturing complex customer churn patterns without memorizing the training data.

Aspect	Observation	Inference
Loss Behaviour	Decreasing steadily; validation loss plateaus slightly above training.	Learning is stable; mild overfitting but well-regularized.
Recall Behaviour	Consistent and high across both datasets.	Model generalizes well; effective churn detection.
Early Stopping	Triggered near optimal recall plateau.	Prevents unnecessary training and overfitting.

Table 91: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Model Loss & Model Recall Trend Interpretation

Evaluate Model Performance

- Below are the Model Performance **Metrics** & **Confusion matrix** of the model for **Training** & **Validation** Datasets: -

Training Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.779	0.864	0.738	0.796

Figure 125: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Training Performance Metrics

Validation Dataset Performance

Accuracy	Recall	Precision	F1
0.721	0.837	0.504	0.629

Figure 126: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Validation Performance Metrics

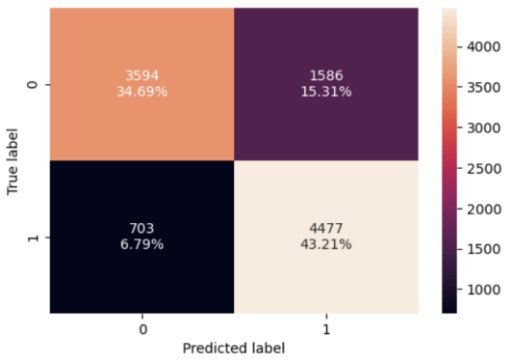

Figure 127: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Training Confusion Matrix

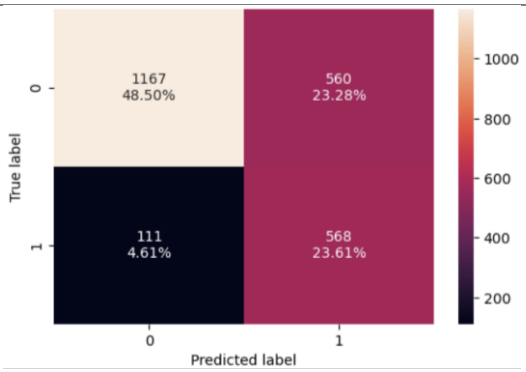

Figure 128: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Validation Confusion Matrix

Table 92: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Model Evaluation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Performance Metrics**: -

Metric	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
Accuracy	0.779	0.721	**Moderate drop** in accuracy between training and validation.	**Indicates reasonable generalization**; the model balances recall improvement without overfitting.
Recall (Primary)	0.864	0.837	**Strong recall** on both datasets with minimal gap (≈0.03).	The ANN **effectively captures most churners** — critical for AlphaCom's retention strategy.
Precision	0.738	0.504	**Precision drops** on validation, suggesting some false positives.	**Acceptable trade-off** since recall (catching churners) is the key KPI for the business.
F1 Score (Secondary)	0.796	0.629	**Expected reduction** in validation F1 due to recall–precision trade-off.	**Balanced churn detection performance** with slight overprediction of churners.

Table 93: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Performance Metrics Interpretation

- Below is the **Interpretation of Confusion Matrix**: -

Component	Training	Validation	Observation	Business Interpretation
True Negatives (TN)	3594	1167	Model correctly identifies non-churners but slightly less on validation.	Acceptable trade-off; avoids excessive retention cost for loyal customers.
False Positives (FP)	1586	560	Some increase in misclassified non-churners.	These can be re-verified via marketing engagement — not critical.
False Negatives (FN)	703	111	Very low missed churners across both sets.	Strong performance — high recall ensures minimal churn leakage.
True Positives (TP)	4477	568	Consistent churn detection strength on unseen data.	Confirms model's reliability for proactive retention targeting.

Table 94: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Confusion Matrix Interpretation

- Below is the **Overall Assessment** of the model: -

Aspect	Observation	Business Interpretation
Goal Alignment	**Recall-focused** model achieved ~0.84 validation recall.	Strong alignment with the business goal of **catching potential churners early.**
Regularization Effect	Dropout and batch normalization stabilized learning and **prevented severe overfitting**.	The **model generalizes well**, ensuring sustained performance in production.
Recall–Precision Trade-off	Slight recall–precision **imbalance** evident.	**Acceptable** since recall is prioritized; improves customer retention success rate.
Model Stability & Generalization	Validation metrics track closely with training; **minimal recall gap.**	**Demonstrates high stability** — capable of handling new customer data reliably.
Business Value	The ANN model **demonstrates strong recall, robust generalization** across unseen data, and the ability to learn complex, nonlinear churn patterns.	Enables AlphaCom to **confidently identify at-risk customers** across different segments, supporting data-driven, targeted retention strategies that reduce churn and enhance long-term customer lifetime value.

Table 95: Model 17 – Artificial Neural Network | Overall Assessment

- To **Summarize**: -
  - The **ANN model** exhibits **strong recall** (0.837) and **stable generalization** across datasets, confirming its **effectiveness in identifying high-risk churners.**
  - While there's a **moderate drop in precision**, this is an **intentional trade-off** favouring maximum churn detection — **perfectly aligned with AlphaCom's business objective to minimize customer loss through early intervention.**

Rubric Question 7: Model Performance Comparison and Final Model Selection

Model Comparison & Model Selection

- Before we move ahead with performance evaluation on test dataset, lets compare all the performances of advanced (tuned) models
- Below is the comparison of 7 models, **sorted by Validation Recall** (descending-order): -

	Model No.	Model Name	Training Recall	Validation Recall	Recall Gap (Train-Val)	Training F1	Validation F1
0	6	SVM	0.901	0.915	-0.014	0.634	0.427
1	5	Stacking Model	0.939	0.850	0.089	0.837	0.640
2	7	ANN	0.864	0.837	0.028	0.796	0.629
3	1	Logistic Regression - Tuned	0.812	0.789	0.023	0.793	0.655
4	2	AdaBoost - Tuned	0.856	0.720	0.136	0.842	0.649
5	4	XGBoost - Tuned	0.865	0.717	0.148	0.850	0.652
6	3	Gradient Boosting - Tuned	0.867	0.676	0.191	0.859	0.639

Figure 129: Model Performance Comparison | Advanced (Tuned) Models

- **Top 3 models (SVM, Stacking Model and ANN)** strike a **balance** between **recall, stability and generalization**, making them strategically aligned with AlphaCom's revenue protection and customer-centric goals.
- **Remaining models (Tuned – Logistic Regression, AdaBoost, XGBoost, Gradient Boosting)** either **sacrifice generalization** for training performance or **offer lower recall**, which risks **missing real churners** — directly conflicting with AlphaCom's business objective of maximizing customer retention.
- The top **3 models** perform **very closely in recall and F1, with less than 0.08 difference** in validation recall, suggesting **multiple viable candidates** for business deployment.

Selected Models	Rationale for Selection
1. SVM (Support Vector Machine)	Achieved the highest **validation recall (0.915)** and the lowest recall gap (–0.014), showing excellent **generalization** and strong ability to correctly identify churners. The model effectively balances recall and F1, making it ideal for minimizing false negatives — critical for churn prevention.
2. Stacking Model	Delivered a **balanced performance** with high recall (0.850) and strong F1 (0.640), demonstrating **ensemble stability** and robustness. Its diverse model combination captures multiple churn patterns, improving detection accuracy across customer segments.
3. ANN (Artificial Neural Network)	Showed **strong recall** (0.837) with **minimal overfitting (gap = 0.028)**, indicating the model learns complex churn behaviour while maintaining generalization. It is suitable for capturing nonlinear, hidden churn drivers.

Table 96: Top 3 Models (for further evaluation)

Evaluate Model Performance on Test Dataset

- Below is the table on Test Performance of these 3 models on Test dataset: -

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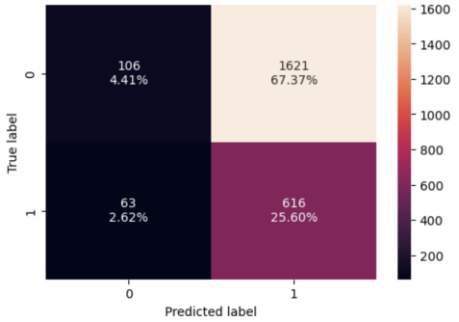

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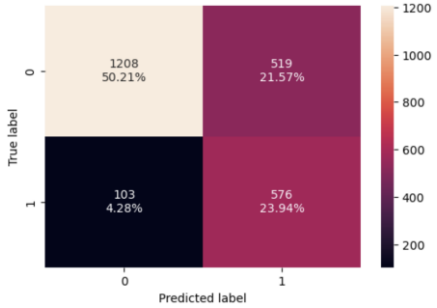

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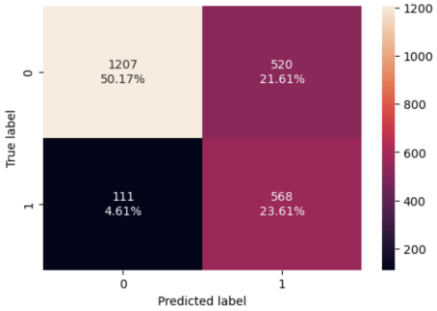
<tr><th>Accuracy</th><th>Recall</th><th>Precision</th><th>F1</th></tr>
<tr><td>0.738</td><td>0.837</td><td>0.522</td><td>0.643</td></tr>
</table>
Figure 132: ANN | Test Performance Metrics


Figure 135: ANN | Test Confusion Matrix
</td>
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<tr>
<td>✓ Accuracy – 0.300: Very low accuracy due to heavy bias toward predicting churners, indicating imbalance handling dominates accuracy.
✓ Recall – 0.907: Excellent recall; catches nearly all churners but at the cost of precision.
✓ Precision – 0.275: Very low precision; many non-churners are wrongly flagged as churners.
✓ F1 – 0.422: Weak overall balance between recall and precision; not suitable for production.</td>
<td>✓ Accuracy – 0.741: Balanced accuracy showing strong overall performance across classes.
✓ Recall – 0.848: High recall with better trade-off, ensuring most churners are identified without extreme false positives.
✓ Precision – 0.526: Moderate precision; maintains a good balance between correctly identified churners and false alarms.
✓ F1 – 0.649: Strong F1 indicates good harmony between recall and precision, suitable for business deployment.</td>
<td>✓ Accuracy – 0.738: Comparable to stacking, indicating consistent classification of churn and non-churn customers.
✓ Recall – 0.837: Slightly lower but stable recall; still effectively identifies churners with minimal overfitting.
✓ Precision – 0.522: Similar to stacking; slightly more conservative but still effective in churn detection.
✓ F1 – 0.643: Very close to stacking, confirming stable predictive power and business reliability.</td>
</tr>
</table>

Table 97: Model Performance Evaluation on Test Dataset – Top 3 Models

- Below is the **comparison of model performance on test dataset of top 3 models**, sorted by Test Recall (descending-order): -

	Model No.	Model Name	Training Recall	Test Recall	Recall Gap (Train-Test)	Training F1	Test F1
0	1	SVM	0.901	0.907	-0.006	0.634	0.422
1	2	Stacking Model	0.939	0.848	0.090	0.837	0.649
2	3	ANN	0.864	0.837	0.028	0.796	0.643

Figure 136: Model Performance Comparison of Top 3 Models on Test Dataset

Deployment Strategy for AlphaCom Churn Prediction

- **Multi-Model Deployment Strategy**: Deploy **two complementary models**, **Stacking Model** and **Artificial Neural Network (ANN)** to balance recall coverage, interpretability, and generalization.
- This approach maximizes churn capture while maintaining operational efficiency and scalability across customer segments.
- **Model Selection Rationale:**
  - **Stacking Model – Selected**
    - ✓ **Test Recall**: 0.848 → High churn detection rate (captures majority of churners).
    - ✓ **Test F1**: 0.649 → Excellent balance between recall and precision.
    - ✓ **Recall Gap (Train–Test):** 0.09 → Mild overfitting but acceptable for a complex ensemble model.
    - ✓ **Business Fit**: Ideal for broad-scale churn prevention campaigns; balances accuracy and actionability.
    - ✓ **Interpretation**: Ensemble design (Logistic, AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting) + meta XGBoost ensures both linear and nonlinear churn patterns are captured.
  - **Artificial Neural Network (ANN) – Selected**
    - ✓ **Test Recall**: 0.837 → Strong recall, close to Stacking Model.
    - ✓ **Test F1**: 0.643 → Very stable and comparable all-round performance.
    - ✓ **Recall Gap (Train–Test):** 0.028 → Excellent generalization and low overfitting.
    - ✓ **Business Fit:** Suitable for high-value or complex customer segments where subtle churn signals matter.
    - ✓ **Interpretation:** Neural layers (128–64–32) capture hidden behavioural and usage interactions beyond traditional features.
  - **Why Not SVM (Despite Strong Generalization)?**
    - ✓ **Test Recall: 0.907 (best recall) but F1: 0.422 (poor balance).**
    - ✓ **High false positives** → triggers unnecessary retention actions, **reducing ROI**.
    - ✓ **Lacks interpretability** and scalability for large datasets.
    - ✓ **Operationally inefficient** despite strong generalization (–0.006 recall gap).
- **Combined Deployment Rationale:**
  - While **ANN generalizes better**, it's also **more sensitive to data drift** and **requires retraining** if feature relationships change over time. **Stacking**, with simpler base models and ensemble logic, **adapts faster and retrains more efficiently**. Hence, Stacking is **operationally more stable** as the **frontline model** in production.
    - ✓ **Stacking Model**: High recall, balanced precision, interpretable, scalable for large customer base. Acts as the **primary churn detector** for **mass-market** retention (high precision & stable recall).
    - ✓ **ANN Model**: Adds robustness through better generalization and deeper pattern recognition. Focused on refining churn risk for **high-value or uncertain cases**.
  - **Stacking ensures scalability** and explainability; **ANN ensures depth and stability**. Together, they create a **dual-model deployment** that maximizes recall, ensures operational efficiency, and aligns with AlphaCom's business goal of **reducing churn with precision and confidence**.

Rubric Question 8: Actionable Insights & Recommendations

Actionable Insights from Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

1. **Customer Demographics & Tenure**
   - **Short-tenure customers** (<12 months) show the **highest churn probability**, indicating early dissatisfaction or inadequate onboarding.
   - **Senior customers** with **longer tenure** show **strong retention**, suggesting brand stickiness builds over time.
     - **Action**: Enhance early lifecycle engagement (welcome calls, personalized onboarding offers) to improve the first-year experience.
2. **Service & Contract Patterns**
   - **Month-to-Month contract users** have a **3–4x higher churn rate** than yearly contract customers.
     - **Action:** Offer incentives for longer-term contracts (e.g., discounted annual plans, loyalty benefits).
   - **Paperless billing and auto-payment adoption** correlate with lower churn.
     - **Action:** Promote digital payments via cashback or simplified sign-up campaigns.
3. **Product & Feature Usage**
   - **Internet + streaming bundles** exhibit **lower churn** compared to standalone plans.
     - **Action:** Encourage bundle upgrades through targeted cross-sell offers.
   - **Customers with fibre or high-speed connectivity** are more loyal — **network quality is a key retention lever**.
     - **Action:** Prioritize infrastructure upgrades in high-churn geographies or customer segments.
4. **Customer Support Experience**
   - High frequency of **service calls or complaints** strongly predicts churn (likely unresolved issues).
     - **Action:** Implement proactive service recovery workflows and flag repeated complaint customers for early intervention.
   - **Negative customer sentiment in service notes** is a latent churn signal.
     - **Action:** Introduce NLP-based complaint categorization to flag "at-risk" customers automatically.
5. **Payment & Billing Behaviour**
   - **Customers with delayed or failed payments** churn more often, especially in low-income segments.
     - **Action:** Build predictive alerts for payment defaults and deploy reminders or small loyalty credits for timely payments.

Actionable Insights from Modeling

- **Model Learnings**
  - **Recall-focused optimization** ensures **maximum churn capture**, reducing customer loss risk.
  - **Ensemble (Stacking) + ANN** performed best, balancing high recall with stable generalization.
  - **Key churn drivers identified by interpretable model (Logistic Regression):**
    - ✓ **Contract length is the biggest churn driver** — month-to-month users are up to **80% more likely to churn**; incentivize longer-term (1–2 year) contracts.
    - ✓ **Payment mode matters** — customers paying via **electronic check** are **1.6× more likely to churn**; promote **auto-pay or digital billing** for stability.
    - ✓ **Value-added services build loyalty** — features like **Tech Support, Online Security, and Backup** reduce churn by **30–45%**, proving bundled plans improve retention.
    - ✓ **Early-tenure customers (first 6 months)** are the most vulnerable — onboarding and early engagement initiatives can prevent churn spikes.
    - ✓ **Perceived pricing unfairness (high Cost-deviation)** strongly increases churn; improving **billing transparency and proactive communication** can mitigate this.

Business Recommendations Based on Predictive Insights

1. **Customer Retention Strategy**
   - **Tiered Risk-Based Retention:**
     - Use **Stacking Model** to segment high-risk customers for proactive retention outreach.
     - Use **ANN Model** for deeper scoring of borderline or high-value accounts to reduce false positives.
   - **Retention Playbooks:**
     - Offer loyalty discounts or tailored offers to predicted churners.
     - Automate early alerts to retention agents with churn probability tags and top churn factors.
2. **Operational Enhancements**
   - **Predictive Dashboards:**
     - Integrate model output into CRM dashboards showing real-time churn probability per customer.
   - **Campaign Prioritization:**
     - Focus retention marketing spend on **top 30% churn-risk customers** for best ROI.

- **Customer Journey Mapping:**
  - Combine churn risk with journey data (complaint tickets, usage frequency) to build a "customer health score".

3. **Product & Pricing Actions**
   - **Contract Optimization:**
     - Promote migration from month-to-month to **long-term plans** using loyalty credits.
   - **Feature Bundling:**
     - Drive higher bundle adoption to increase perceived value and reduce switching tendency.
   - **Service Reliability:**
     - Monitor churn-prone geographies and prioritize network upgrades or preventive maintenance.
4. **Digital Engagement & Payment Behaviour**
   - **Digital Adoption:**
     - Incentivize paperless billing and autopay to improve retention.
   - **Payment Behaviour Analytics:**
     - Use churn model flags to trigger payment reminders or early incentives for "high churn + late payment" segments
5. **Continuous Model Monitoring**
   - **Dual Model Deployment (Stacking + ANN):**
     - **Stacking Model** → Primary engine for large-scale churn risk scoring.
     - **ANN Model** → Secondary, deep-learning model for complex or high-value customer churn detection.
   - **Monitor model drift quarterly** using Recall & F1 metrics and **re-train** if Recall drop >5%.
   - **Feedback Loop:** Feed churn feedback and new complaint data into models for continuous learning.

Final Strategic Summary

- **Business Impact:**
  - Potential to identify **~84–85% of churners** before they leave.
  - Enables **targeted retention interventions** rather than blanket offers — optimizing marketing cost.
  - Supports **data-driven customer engagement** and **improves overall customer lifetime value (CLV)**.
- **Overall Recommendation:**
  - AlphaCom should adopt a **hybrid retention strategy powered by predictive analytics**, combining
    - ✓ **Stacking Model** for broad, actionable churn detection, and
    - ✓ **ANN** for deeper churn understanding among high-value segments.
  - This will ensure **maximum recall, efficient retention operations, and long-term customer loyalty improvement**

Appendix

- This section would be used for placing **raw code, large tables and full model-logs/outputs** from each section, as and when required.

Exploratory Data Analysis

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- Shape of dataset: -

```
# Checking the number of rows and columns in the training data
df_data.shape
```

```
(12055, 20)
```

Figure 137: Shape of Dataset

- Value counts of all object columns: -

```
=== Value counts for 'gender' ===
        Count  Percentage
gender
Male     6710      55.660
Female   5345      44.340

=== Value counts for 'SeniorCitizen' ===
               Count  Percentage
SeniorCitizen
No             10633      88.200
Yes             1422      11.800

=== Value counts for 'Partner' ===
         Count  Percentage
Partner
No        6989      57.980
Yes       5066      42.020

=== Value counts for 'Dependents' ===
            Count  Percentage
Dependents
No           8846      73.380
Yes          3209      26.620

=== Value counts for 'PhoneService' ===
              Count  Percentage
PhoneService
Yes           10747      89.150
No             1308      10.850

=== Value counts for 'MultipleLines' ===
                  Count  Percentage
MultipleLines
Yes                5609      46.530
No                 5157      42.780
No phone service   1289      10.690

=== Value counts for 'InternetService' ===
                 Count  Percentage
InternetService
Fiber optic       4878      40.460
DSL               4350      36.080
No                2827      23.450

=== Value counts for 'OnlineSecurity' ===
                  Count  Percentage
OnlineSecurity
No                 6312      52.360
Yes                2924      24.260
No internet service   2819      23.380

=== Value counts for 'OnlineBackup' ===
                  Count  Percentage
OnlineBackup
No                 5982      49.620
Yes                3271      27.130
No internet service   2802      23.240

=== Value counts for 'DeviceProtection' ===
                  Count  Percentage
DeviceProtection
Yes                4634      38.440
No                 4592      38.090
No internet service   2829      23.470

=== Value counts for 'TechSupport' ===
                  Count  Percentage
TechSupport
No                 6222      51.610
Yes                3000      24.890
No internet service   2833      23.500

=== Value counts for 'StreamingTV' ===
                  Count  Percentage
StreamingTV
No                 5001      41.480
Yes                4235      35.130
No internet service   2819      23.380

=== Value counts for 'StreamingMovies' ===
                  Count  Percentage
StreamingMovies
No                 5058      41.960
Yes                4174      34.620
No internet service   2823      23.420

=== Value counts for 'Contract' ===
               Count  Percentage
Contract
Month-to-month   6554      54.370
Two year         2945      24.430
One year         2556      21.200

=== Value counts for 'PaperlessBilling' ===
                 Count  Percentage
PaperlessBilling
Yes               6160      51.100
No                5895      48.900

=== Value counts for 'PaymentMethod' ===
                                Count  Percentage
PaymentMethod
electronic check                  860       7.130
ELECTRONIC CHECK                  841       6.980
Electronic check                  830       6.890
Electronic Check                  816       6.770
  Electronic check                798       6.620
  Credit card (automatic)         593       4.920
Credit Card (Automatic)           589       4.890
Credit card (automatic)           586       4.860
CREDIT CARD (AUTOMATIC)           582       4.830
credit card (automatic)           580       4.810
Mailed check                      548       4.550
  Mailed check                    519       4.310
mailed check                      512       4.250
Mailed Check                      504       4.180
MAILED CHECK                      502       4.160
BANK TRANSFER (AUTOMATIC)         502       4.160
bank transfer (automatic)         494       4.100
  Bank transfer (automatic)       484       4.010
Bank Transfer (Automatic)         467       3.870
Bank transfer (automatic)         448       3.720

=== Value counts for 'Churn' ===
        Count  Percentage
Churn
No       3473      28.810
  No     1762      14.620
NO       1732      14.370
no       1683      13.960
Yes      1356      11.250
yes       714       5.920
YES       684       5.670
  Yes     651       5.400
```

Figure 138: Value Counts of all Object Columns of Dataset

- Crosstab output for **InternetService** with other related services: -

```
=== Crosstab: InternetService vs OnlineSecurity ===
OnlineSecurity     No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2555                   19  1776
Fiber optic      3741                    7  1130
No                 16                 2793    18

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs OnlineBackup ===
OnlineBackup       No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2852                   12  1486
Fiber optic      3089                    7  1782
No                 41                 2783     3

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs DeviceProtection ===
DeviceProtection    No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              1936                   24  2390
Fiber optic      2643                    9  2226
No                 13                 2796    18

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs TechSupport ===
TechSupport        No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2520                   25  1805
Fiber optic      3679                   11  1188
No                 23                 2797     7

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs StreamingTV ===
StreamingTV        No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2706                   17  1627
Fiber optic      2276                    6  2596
No                 19                 2796    12

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs StreamingMovies ===
StreamingMovies    No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2668                   16  1666
Fiber optic      2368                    7  2503
No                 22                 2800     5
```

Figure 139: Crosstab Output of InternetService before-fix

```
=== Crosstab: InternetService vs OnlineSecurity ===
OnlineSecurity     No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2574                    0  1776
Fiber optic      3748                    0  1130
No                  0                 2827     0

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs OnlineBackup ===
OnlineBackup       No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2864                    0  1486
Fiber optic      3096                    0  1782
No                  0                 2827     0

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs DeviceProtection ===
DeviceProtection    No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              1960                    0  2390
Fiber optic      2652                    0  2226
No                  0                 2827     0

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs TechSupport ===
TechSupport        No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2545                    0  1805
Fiber optic      3690                    0  1188
No                  0                 2827     0

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs StreamingTV ===
StreamingTV        No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2723                    0  1627
Fiber optic      2282                    0  2596
No                  0                 2827     0

=== Crosstab: InternetService vs StreamingMovies ===
StreamingMovies    No  No internet service   Yes
InternetService
DSL              2684                    0  1666
Fiber optic      2375                    0  2503
No                  0                 2827     0
```

Figure 140: Crosstab Output of InternetService post-fix

Data Preprocessing

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- Below are the top 5 rows of cleaned dataset: -

	gender	SeniorCitizen	Partner	Dependents	InternetService	OnlineSecurity	OnlineBackup	DeviceProtection	TechSupport	StreamingTV	StreamingMovies
0	Female	No	Yes	No	DSL	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
1	Male	No	No	No	DSL	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
2	Male	No	No	No	DSL	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
3	Male	No	No	No	DSL	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
4	Female	No	No	No	Fiber optic	No	No	No	No	No	No

Contract	PaperlessBilling	PaymentMethod	MonthlyCharges	PhoneServiceStatus	Internet_AddOnCount	IsNewCustomer	AvgMonthlySpend	BillingRatio	RelativeSpend	TenureGroup	ContractPaymentCombo	CostDeviation	Churn
Month-to-month	Yes	Electronic check	29.850	No phone service	1	No	29.850	1.000	1.000	0–6m	Month-to-month_Electronic check	-26.548	No
One year	No	Mailed check	56.950	Single phone line	2	No	55.574	0.976	1.025	25–48m	One year_Mailed check	-10.352	No
Month-to-month	Yes	Mailed check	53.850	Single phone line	2	No	54.075	1.004	0.996	0–6m	Month-to-month_Mailed check	-2.548	Yes
One year	No	Bank transfer (automatic)	42.300	No phone service	3	No	40.906	0.967	1.034	25–48m	One year_Bank transfer (automatic)	-25.002	No
Month-to-month	Yes	Electronic check	70.700	Single phone line	0	No	628.935	8.896	0.112	0–6m	Month-to-month_Electronic check	-15.651	Yes

Figure 141: Top 5 rows of Cleaned Dataset

- Below are the top 5 rows of dataset post feature scaling: -

	10248	9664	11378	5957	6615
MonthlyCharges	0.288	0.616	0.347	-0.809	0.398
Internet_AddOnCount	-0.333	-0.333	-0.333	-0.667	0.333
AvgMonthlySpend	-0.913	1.025	0.367	-0.652	0.269
BillingRatio	-5.177	1.975	0.391	0.095	-0.213
RelativeSpend	50.354	-1.158	-0.276	-0.057	0.197
CostDeviation	0.164	1.494	0.402	-2.152	-0.151
gender_Male	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000
SeniorCitizen_Yes	0.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Partner_Yes	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dependents_Yes	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
InternetService_Fiber optic	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000
InternetService_No	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
OnlineSecurity_No internet service	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
OnlineSecurity_Yes	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
OnlineBackup_No internet service	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
OnlineBackup_Yes	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
DeviceProtection_No internet service	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
DeviceProtection_Yes	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TechSupport_No internet service	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TechSupport_Yes	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
StreamingTV_No internet service	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
StreamingTV_Yes	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
StreamingMovies_No internet service	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
StreamingMovies_Yes	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000
Contract_One year	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
Contract_Two year	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
PaperlessBilling_Yes	1.000	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
PaymentMethod_Credit card (automatic)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
PaymentMethod_Electronic check	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
PaymentMethod_Mailed check	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
PhoneServiceStatus_No phone service	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
PhoneServiceStatus_Single phone line	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
IsNewCustomer_Yes	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TenureGroup_13–24m	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TenureGroup_25–48m	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
TenureGroup_49m+	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TenureGroup_7–12m	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Credit card (automatic)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Electronic check	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Mailed check	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Bank transfer (automatic)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Credit card (automatic)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Electronic check	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Mailed check	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Bank transfer (automatic)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Credit card (automatic)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Electronic check	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Mailed check	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Figure 142: Top 5 rows of Dataset post Feature Scaling

Model Building – Baseline Model

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- VIF output of Training dataset: -

Variance Inflation Factors:

	Variable	VIF
0	MonthlyCharges	186.402
1	Internet_AddOnCount	61.586
2	AvgMonthlySpend	4.037
3	BillingRatio	4.059
4	RelativeSpend	1.005
5	CostDeviation	39.326
6	gender_Male	1.015
7	SeniorCitizen_Yes	1.100
8	Partner_Yes	1.344
9	Dependents_Yes	1.265
10	InternetService_Fiber optic	48.744
11	InternetService_No	inf
12	OnlineSecurity_No internet service	inf
13	OnlineSecurity_Yes	4.794
14	OnlineBackup_No internet service	inf
15	OnlineBackup_Yes	6.102
16	DeviceProtection_No internet service	inf
17	DeviceProtection_Yes	8.563
18	TechSupport_No internet service	inf
19	TechSupport_Yes	4.901
20	StreamingTV_No internet service	inf
21	StreamingTV_Yes	8.857
22	StreamingMovies_No internet service	inf
23	StreamingMovies_Yes	8.725
24	Contract_One year	inf
25	Contract_Two year	inf
26	PaperlessBilling_Yes	1.243
27	PaymentMethod_Credit card (automatic)	inf
28	PaymentMethod_Electronic check	inf
29	PaymentMethod_Mailed check	inf
30	PhoneServiceStatus_No phone service	1.923
31	PhoneServiceStatus_Single phone line	1.470
32	IsNewCustomer_Yes	1.146
33	TenureGroup_13-24m	1.536
34	TenureGroup_25-48m	2.111
35	TenureGroup_49m+	3.237
36	TenureGroup_7-12m	1.300
37	ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Credit car...	inf
38	ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Electronic...	inf
39	ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Mailed check	inf
40	ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Bank transfer (a...	inf
41	ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Credit card (aut...	inf
42	ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Electronic check	inf
43	ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Mailed check	inf
44	ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Bank transfer (a...	inf
45	ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Credit card (aut...	inf
46	ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Electronic check	inf
47	ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Mailed check	inf

Figure 143: VIF Output of Training Dataset

- VIF output of Training dataset after dropping high VIF features iteratively: -

```
Iteration:  13  |
 VIF Result                                                Variable   VIF
0                                          AvgMonthlySpend 4.173
1                                             BillingRatio 4.202
2                                           RelativeSpend 1.006
3                                           CostDeviation 1.741
4                                             gender_Male 2.247
5                                        SeniorCitizen_Yes 1.272
6                                              Partner_Yes 2.212
7                                         Dependents_Yes 1.659
8                              InternetService_Fiber optic 4.141
9                                       OnlineSecurity_Yes 1.692
10                                        OnlineBackup_Yes 1.689
11                                    DeviceProtection_Yes 2.275
12                                         TechSupport_Yes 1.835
13                                         StreamingTV_Yes 2.676
14                       StreamingMovies_No internet service 2.963
15                                    StreamingMovies_Yes 2.643
16                                   PaperlessBilling_Yes 2.835
17                       PhoneServiceStatus_No phone service 1.890
18                      PhoneServiceStatus_Single phone line 2.276
19                                     IsNewCustomer_Yes 1.160
20                                    TenureGroup_13-24m 1.666
21                                    TenureGroup_25-48m 2.465
22                                      TenureGroup_49m+ 3.991
23                                     TenureGroup_7-12m 1.368
24  ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Credit car... 1.595
25  ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Electronic... 3.793
26   ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Mailed check 1.936
27  ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Bank transfer (a... 1.472
28  ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Credit card (aut... 1.651
29     ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Electronic check 1.570
30         ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Mailed check 1.382
31  ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Bank transfer (a... 1.950
32  ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Credit card (aut... 2.117
33     ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Electronic check 1.271
34         ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Mailed check 1.576

VIF Check Complete
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Figure 144: VIF Output of Training Dataset after 13 'Drop-High-VIF-Feature' Iterations

- Logistic Regression (Baseline Model) Output Summary – 1st Iteration: -

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Optimization terminated successfully.
         Current function value: 0.449573
         Iterations 7
                           Logit Regression Results
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Dep. Variable:                      y   No. Observations:                10360
Model:                          Logit   Df Residuals:                    10324
Method:                           MLE   Df Model:                           35
Date:                Sat, 18 Oct 2025   Pseudo R-squ.:                 0.3514
Time:                        19:06:10   Log-Likelihood:                -4657.6
converged:                       True   LL-Null:                       -7181.0
Covariance Type:            nonrobust   LLR p-value:                     0.000
================================================================================================================================
                                                                   coef    std err          z      P>|z|      [0.025      0.975]
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const                                                            1.4244      0.133     10.683      0.000       1.163       1.686
AvgMonthlySpend                                                 -0.0047      0.014     -0.335      0.738      -0.032       0.023
BillingRatio                                                    -0.0057      0.002     -2.585      0.010      -0.010      -0.001
RelativeSpend                                                   -0.0003      0.000     -1.305      0.192      -0.001       0.000
CostDeviation                                                    0.1506      0.035      4.290      0.000       0.082       0.219
gender_Male                                                      0.0148      0.054      0.275      0.783      -0.091       0.120
SeniorCitizen_Yes                                                0.2261      0.084      2.702      0.007       0.062       0.390
Partner_Yes                                                     -0.0635      0.063     -1.011      0.312      -0.186       0.060
Dependents_Yes                                                  -0.1865      0.071     -2.628      0.009      -0.326      -0.047
InternetService_Fiber optic                                      0.9647      0.079     12.176      0.000       0.809       1.120
OnlineSecurity_Yes                                              -0.5555      0.073     -7.595      0.000      -0.699      -0.412
OnlineBackup_Yes                                                -0.3584      0.066     -5.424      0.000      -0.488      -0.229
DeviceProtection_Yes                                            -0.1754      0.062     -2.821      0.005      -0.297      -0.054
TechSupport_Yes                                                 -0.6163      0.074     -8.276      0.000      -0.762      -0.470
StreamingTV_Yes                                                  0.0676      0.072      0.935      0.350      -0.074       0.209
StreamingMovies_No internet service                             -1.2796      0.103    -12.371      0.000      -1.482      -1.077
StreamingMovies_Yes                                             -0.0746      0.071     -1.050      0.293      -0.214       0.065
PaperlessBilling_Yes                                             0.3207      0.059      5.460      0.000       0.206       0.436
PhoneServiceStatus_No phone service                             -0.0682      0.116     -0.588      0.556      -0.296       0.159
PhoneServiceStatus_Single phone line                            -0.3288      0.067     -4.900      0.000      -0.460      -0.197
IsNewCustomer_Yes                                               -0.0260      0.156     -0.167      0.867      -0.331       0.279
TenureGroup_13-24m                                              -1.3931      0.092    -15.112      0.000      -1.574      -1.212
TenureGroup_25-48m                                              -1.6445      0.094    -17.562      0.000      -1.828      -1.461
TenureGroup_49m+                                                -2.0698      0.114    -18.091      0.000      -2.294      -1.846
TenureGroup_7-12m                                               -1.0444      0.102    -10.239      0.000      -1.244      -0.844
ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Credit card (automatic)     -0.0816      0.114     -0.714      0.476      -0.306       0.143
ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Electronic check             0.4516      0.095      4.746      0.000       0.265       0.638
ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Mailed check                -0.0669      0.110     -0.609      0.543      -0.282       0.148
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Bank transfer (automatic)         -0.6627      0.163     -4.059      0.000      -0.983      -0.343
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Credit card (automatic)           -0.8666      0.154     -5.632      0.000      -1.168      -0.565
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Electronic check                  -0.3807      0.138     -2.760      0.006      -0.651      -0.110
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Mailed check                      -0.6182      0.175     -3.542      0.000      -0.960      -0.276
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Bank transfer (automatic)         -1.4325      0.201     -7.121      0.000      -1.827      -1.038
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Credit card (automatic)           -1.8014      0.209     -8.614      0.000      -2.211      -1.392
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Electronic check                  -1.0972      0.248     -4.430      0.000      -1.583      -0.612
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Mailed check                      -1.4029      0.255     -5.499      0.000      -1.903      -0.903
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Figure 145: Logistic Regression Output Summary – Iteration 1

- Odds Ratio of Logistic Regression (Baseline Model): -

	Coefficient	Odds Ratio
const	1.334	3.795
BillingRatio	-0.006	0.994
CostDeviation	0.156	1.169
SeniorCitizen_Yes	0.219	1.244
Dependents_Yes	-0.210	0.811
InternetService_Fiber optic	0.983	2.673
OnlineSecurity_Yes	-0.555	0.574
OnlineBackup_Yes	-0.360	0.697
DeviceProtection_Yes	-0.181	0.835
TechSupport_Yes	-0.618	0.539
StreamingMovies_No internet service	-1.256	0.285
PaperlessBilling_Yes	0.321	1.378
PhoneServiceStatus_Single phone line	-0.310	0.733
TenureGroup_13-24m	-1.392	0.249
TenureGroup_25-48m	-1.646	0.193
TenureGroup_49m+	-2.076	0.125
TenureGroup_7-12m	-1.042	0.353
ContractPaymentCombo_Month-to-month_Electronic ...	0.502	1.651
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Bank transfer (au...	-0.614	0.541
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Credit card (auto...	-0.816	0.442
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Electronic check	-0.335	0.715
ContractPaymentCombo_One year_Mailed check	-0.572	0.564
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Bank transfer (au...	-1.381	0.251
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Credit card (auto...	-1.747	0.174
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Electronic check	-1.046	0.351
ContractPaymentCombo_Two year_Mailed check	-1.346	0.260

Figure 146: Odds-ratio of Logistic Regression (Baseline Model)

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- No additional information

Model Performance Improvement using Hyperparameter Tuning

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- Below is the output when ANN Model is run: -

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Epoch 1/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 6s 10ms/step - accuracy: 0.6118 - loss: 0.7505 - precision: 0.6117 - recall: 0.6015 - val_accuracy: 0.7041 - val_loss: 0.5836 - val_precision: 0.4857 - val_recall: 0.8262
Epoch 2/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7315 - loss: 0.5813 - precision: 0.7188 - recall: 0.7583 - val_accuracy: 0.7190 - val_loss: 0.5442 - val_precision: 0.5014 - val_recall: 0.8174
Epoch 3/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7474 - loss: 0.5277 - precision: 0.7278 - recall: 0.7832 - val_accuracy: 0.7261 - val_loss: 0.5336 - val_precision: 0.5091 - val_recall: 0.8203
Epoch 4/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7618 - loss: 0.5068 - precision: 0.7526 - recall: 0.7836 - val_accuracy: 0.7203 - val_loss: 0.5389 - val_precision: 0.5027 - val_recall: 0.8306
Epoch 5/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 5ms/step - accuracy: 0.7743 - loss: 0.4983 - precision: 0.7634 - recall: 0.7996 - val_accuracy: 0.7211 - val_loss: 0.5413 - val_precision: 0.5035 - val_recall: 0.8365
Epoch 6/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7698 - loss: 0.4881 - precision: 0.7565 - recall: 0.8005 - val_accuracy: 0.7382 - val_loss: 0.5217 - val_precision: 0.5230 - val_recall: 0.8203
Epoch 7/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7770 - loss: 0.4826 - precision: 0.7596 - recall: 0.8105 - val_accuracy: 0.7448 - val_loss: 0.5053 - val_precision: 0.5322 - val_recall: 0.7909
Epoch 8/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7833 - loss: 0.4713 - precision: 0.7735 - recall: 0.8043 - val_accuracy: 0.7352 - val_loss: 0.5104 - val_precision: 0.5195 - val_recall: 0.8233
Epoch 9/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 5ms/step - accuracy: 0.7790 - loss: 0.4746 - precision: 0.7596 - recall: 0.8147 - val_accuracy: 0.7365 - val_loss: 0.5129 - val_precision: 0.5209 - val_recall: 0.8247
Epoch 10/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 5ms/step - accuracy: 0.7811 - loss: 0.4719 - precision: 0.7619 - recall: 0.8239 - val_accuracy: 0.7444 - val_loss: 0.5040 - val_precision: 0.5308 - val_recall: 0.8115
Epoch 11/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 5ms/step - accuracy: 0.7850 - loss: 0.4602 - precision: 0.7670 - recall: 0.8166 - val_accuracy: 0.7352 - val_loss: 0.5151 - val_precision: 0.5197 - val_recall: 0.8159
Epoch 12/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 5ms/step - accuracy: 0.7911 - loss: 0.4584 - precision: 0.7748 - recall: 0.8250 - val_accuracy: 0.7365 - val_loss: 0.5128 - val_precision: 0.5213 - val_recall: 0.8115
Epoch 13/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7833 - loss: 0.4616 - precision: 0.7610 - recall: 0.8192 - val_accuracy: 0.7315 - val_loss: 0.5112 - val_precision: 0.5154 - val_recall: 0.8130
Epoch 14/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7899 - loss: 0.4550 - precision: 0.7718 - recall: 0.8211 - val_accuracy: 0.7269 - val_loss: 0.5143 - val_precision: 0.5100 - val_recall: 0.8247
Epoch 15/200
162/162 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.7943 - loss: 0.4509 - precision: 0.7719 - recall: 0.8302 - val_accuracy: 0.7253 - val_loss: 0.5205 - val_precision: 0.5081 - val_recall: 0.8351
Epoch 15: early stopping
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 5.
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Figure 147: ANN Model Output