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Cold Calls: Data Mining and Model Selection

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This kernel aims to predict car insurance cold call success. It shows data exploration and visualization, along with feature engineering and model selection. Any comments/suggestions are welcome.

In [1]:

```
%matplotlib inline
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import datetime
from scipy import stats
from scipy.stats import skew
from scipy.stats import mode
from scipy.optimize import minimize
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split,
cross_val_score
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
from sklearn.grid_search import GridSearchCV
from sklearn import svm
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, E
xtraTreesClassifier,GradientBoostingClassifier, Voting
Classifier
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
```

/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sk learn/cross_validation.py:41: Deprecation Warning: This module was deprecated in ve rsion 0.18 in favor of the model_selection module into which all the refactored cl asses and functions are moved. Also note that the interface of the new CV iterators are different from that of this module

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DeprecationWarning)
/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sk
learn/grid_search.py:42: DeprecationWarni
ng: This module was deprecated in version
0.18 in favor of the model_selection modu
le into which all the refactored classes
and functions are moved. This module will
be removed in 0.20.
DeprecationWarning)
```

In [2]:

```
# Read-in train and test datasets
train = pd.read_csv('../input/carInsurance_train.csv')
test = pd.read_csv('../input/carInsurance_test.csv')
```

In [3]:

Out[4]:

4000.000000

```
print('The train dataset has %d observations and %d fe
atures' % (train.shape[0], train.shape[1]))
print('The test dataset has %d observations and %d fea
tures' % (test.shape[0], test.shape[1]))
```

The train dataset has 4000 observations a nd 19 features
The test dataset has 1000 observations an d 19 features

Data Exploration & Visualization

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In [4]:
# Take a peak at the data
train.describe()
```

	ld	Age	Default	Balan
count	4000.000000	4000.000000	4000.000000	4000.00000
mean	2000.500000	41.214750	0.014500	1532.93725
std	1154.844867	11.550194	0.119555	3511.45248
min	1.000000	18.000000	0.000000	-3058.00000
25%	1000.750000	32.000000	0.000000	111.000000
50%	2000.500000	39.000000	0.000000	551.500000
75%	3000.250000	49.000000	0.000000	1619.00000

1.000000

98417.0000

95.000000

```
In [5]:
train.describe(include=['0'])
```

Out[5]:

	Job	Marital	Education	Communication	
count	3981	4000	3831	3098	
unique	11	3	3	2	
top	management	married	secondary	cellular	
freq	893	2304	1988	2831	
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In [6]:
train.head()
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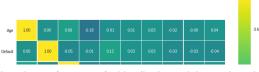
Out[6]:

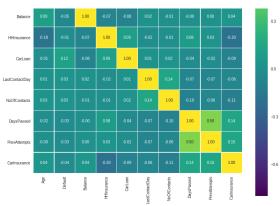
Out[7]:

	ld	Age	Job	Marital	Education	Default	Ва
0	1	32	management	single	tertiary	0	12
1	2	32	blue-collar	married	primary	0	11
2	3	29	management	single	tertiary	0	63
3	4	25	student	single	primary	0	37
4	5	30	management	married	tertiary	0	26
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```
In [7]:
# First check out correlations among numeric features
# Heatmap is a useful tool to get a quick understanding
of which variables are important
colormap = plt.cm.viridis
cor = train.corr()
cor = cor.drop(['Id'],axis=1).drop(['Id'],axis=0)
plt.figure(figsize=(12,12))
sns.heatmap(cor,vmax=0.8,cmap=colormap,annot=True,fmt=
'.2f',square=True,annot_kws={'size':10},linecolor='white',linewidths=0.1)
```

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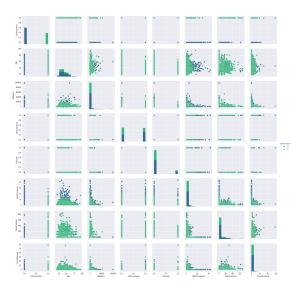




Features are fairly independent, except DaysPassed and PreAttempts. Cold call success is positively correlated with PreAttemps,DaysPassed,Age and Balance, and negatively correlated with default, HHInsurance, CarLoan, LastContactDay and NoOfContacts.

```
In [8]:

# Next, pair plot some important features
imp_feats = ['CarInsurance','Age','Balance','HHInsuran
ce', 'CarLoan','NoOfContacts','DaysPassed','PrevAttemp
ts']
sns.pairplot(train[imp_feats],hue='CarInsurance',palet
te='viridis',size=2.5)
plt.show()
```



Age: It's interesting to see that seniors are more likely to buy car insurance.

Balance: For balance, the data point at the upper right corner might be an outlier

.

HHInsurance: Households insured are less likely to buy car insurance

CarLoan: People with car loan are less likely to buy

 $\textbf{NoOfContacts}{:}\ Too\ many\ contacts\ causes\ customer\ attrition$

DaysPassed: It looks like the more day passed since the last contact, the better

PrevAttempts: Also, more previous attempts, less likely to buy. There is a potential outlier here

```
In [9]:
# Take a further look at Age
facet = sns.FacetGrid(train, hue='CarInsurance', size=5
,aspect=3,palette='seismic')
facet.map(plt.hist,'Age',bins=30,alpha=0.5,normed=True)
facet.set(xlim=(0,train.Age.max()+10))
facet.add_legend()
```

Out[9]:

<seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7fb0489e
fe10>

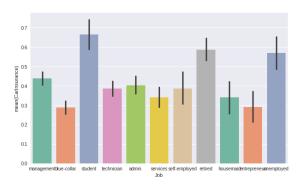


It looks like young people(<=30 years) and seniors are more likely to buy car insurance from this bank

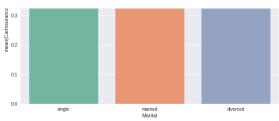
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In [10]:

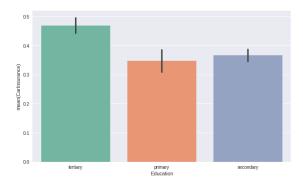
# Next check out categorical features
cat_feats = train.select_dtypes(include=['object']).co
lumns
plt_feats = cat_feats[(cat_feats!= 'CallStart') & (cat
_feats!='CallEnd')]

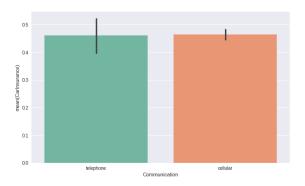
for feature in plt_feats:
    plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
    sns.barplot(feature, 'CarInsurance', data=train,pal
ette='Set2')
```

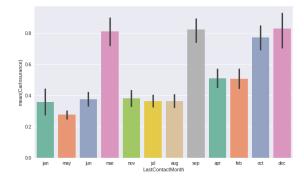


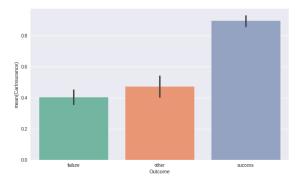












Job: Student are most likely to buy insurance, followed by retired and unemployed folks. This is aligned with the age distribution. There might be some promotion targeting students?

Marital status: Married people are least likely to buy car insurance.

Opportunities for developing family insurance business

Education: People with higher education are more likely to buy

Communication: No big difference between cellular and telephone

Outcome in previous campaign: Success in previous marketing campaign

is largely associated with success in this campaign

Contact Month: Mar, Sep, Oct, and Dec are the hot months. It might be associated with school season?

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In [11]:

# Check outliers

# From the pairplot, we can see there is an outlier wit
h extreme high balance. Drop that obs here.
train[train['Balance']>80000]
train = train.drop(train[train.index==1742].index)
```

Handling Miss Data

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In [12]:
# merge train and test data here in order to impute mis
sing values all at once
all=pd.concat([train,test],keys=('train','test'))
all.drop(['CarInsurance','Id'],axis=1,inplace=True)
print(all.shape)
```

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(4999, 17)
```

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In [13]:

total = all.isnull().sum()
pct = total/all.isnull().count()

NAs = pd.concat([total,pct],axis=1,keys=('Total','Pct'
))

NAs[NAs.Total>0].sort_values(by='Total',ascending=Fals e)
```

Out[13]:

	Total	Pct
Outcome	3798	0.759752
Communication	1123	0.224645
Education	216	0.043209
Job	24	0.004801

```
In [14]:
all_df = all.copy()
# Fill missing outcome as not in previous campaign
all_df[all_df['DaysPassed']==-1].count()
all_df.loc[all_df['DaysPassed']==-1,'Outcome']='NoPre
# Fill missing communication with none
all_df['Communication'].value_counts()
all_df['Communication'].fillna('None',inplace=True)
# Fill missing education with the most common education
level by job type
all_df['Education'].value_counts()
# Create job-education level mode mapping
edu_mode=[]
job_types = all_df.Job.value_counts().index
for job in job_types:
    mode = all_df[all_df.Job==job]['Education'].value_
counts().nlargest(1).index
    edu_mode = np.append(edu_mode, mode)
edu_map=pd.Series(edu_mode,index=all_df.Job.value_coun
ts().index)
# Apply the mapping to missing eductaion obs
for j in job_types:
    all_df.loc[(all_df['Education'].isnull()) & (all_d
f['Job']==j), 'Education'] = edu_map.loc[edu_map.index=
=j][0]
all_df['Education'].fillna('None',inplace=True)
# Fill missing job with none
all_df['Job'].fillna('None',inplace=True)
# Double check if there is still any missing value
all_df.isnull().sum().sum()
Out[14]:
```

Feature Engineering

There are three types of features:

Client features: Age, Job, Marital, Education, Default, Balance,

HHInsurance, CarLoan

 $\textbf{Communication features:} \ Last Contact Day, \ Last Contact Month, \ Call Start,$

CallEnd, Communication, NoOfContacts, DaysPassed **Previous campaign features**: PrevAttempts, Outcome In [15]:

First simplify some client features

```
# Create age group based on age bands
all_df['AgeBand']=pd.cut(all_df['Age'],5)
print(all_df['AgeBand'].value_counts())
all_df.loc[(all_df['Age']>=17) & (all_df['Age']<34),'A
geBin'] = 1
all_df.loc[(all_df['Age']>=34) & (all_df['Age']<49),'A
geBin'] = 2
all_df.loc[(all_df['Age']>=49) & (all_df['Age']<65),'A
geBin'] = 3
all_df.loc[(all_df['Age']>=65) & (all_df['Age']<80),'A
geBin'] = 4
all_df.loc[(all_df['Age']>=80) & (all_df['Age']<96),'A
geBin'] = 5
all_df['AgeBin'] = all_df['AgeBin'].astype(int)
# Create balance groups
all_df['BalanceBand']=pd.cut(all_df['Balance'],5)
print(all_df['BalanceBand'].value_counts())
all_df.loc[(all_df['Balance']>=-3200) & (all_df['Balan
ce']<17237),'BalanceBin'] = 1</pre>
all_df.loc[(all_df['Balance']>=17237) & (all_df['Balan
ce']<37532),'BalanceBin'] = 2</pre>
all_df.loc[(all_df['Balance']>=37532) & (all_df['Balan
ce']<57827),'BalanceBin'] = 3</pre>
all_df.loc[(all_df['Balance']>=57827) & (all_df['Balan
ce']<78122),'BalanceBin'] = 4</pre>
all_df.loc[(all_df['Balance']>=78122) & (all_df['Balan
ce']<98418),'BalanceBin'] = 5</pre>
all_df['BalanceBin'] = all_df['BalanceBin'].astype(int
all_df = all_df.drop(['AgeBand', 'BalanceBand', 'Age', 'B
alance'],axis=1)
# Convert education level to numeric
all_df['Education'] = all_df['Education'].replace({'No
ne':0,'primary':1,'secondary':2,'tertiary':3})
(33.4, 48.8]
                  2184
(17.923, 33.4]
                  1508
(48.8, 64.2]
                  1147
(64.2, 79.6]
                   133
(79.6, 95.0]
                    27
Name: AgeBand, dtype: int64
(-3113.645, 8071.0]
                        4847
(8071.0, 19200.0]
                         123
(19200.0, 30329.0]
                          20
(30329.0, 41458.0]
                           5
(41458.0, 52587.0]
Name: BalanceBand, dtype: int64
```

```
# Next create some new communication Features. This is
 the place feature engineering coming into play
# Get call length
all_df['CallEnd'] = pd.to_datetime(all_df['CallEnd'])
all_df['CallStart'] = pd.to_datetime(all_df['CallStar
all_df['CallLength'] = ((all_df['CallEnd'] - all_df['C
allStart'])/np.timedelta64(1,'m')).astype(float)
all_df['CallLenBand']=pd.cut(all_df['CallLength'],5)
print(all_df['CallLenBand'].value_counts())
# Create call length bins
all_df.loc[(all_df['CallLength']>= 0) & (all_df['CallL
ength']<11),'CallLengthBin'] = 1</pre>
all_df.loc[(all_df['CallLength']>=11) & (all_df['CallL
ength']<22),'CallLengthBin'] = 2
all_df.loc[(all_df['CallLength']>=22) & (all_df['CallL
ength']<33),'CallLengthBin'] = 3</pre>
all_df.loc[(all_df['CallLength']>=33) & (all_df['CallL
ength']<44),'CallLengthBin'] = 4</pre>
all_df.loc[(all_df['CallLength']>=44) & (all_df['CallL
ength']<55),'CallLengthBin'] = 5</pre>
all_df['CallLengthBin'] = all_df['CallLengthBin'].asty
pe(int)
all_df = all_df.drop('CallLenBand',axis=1)
# Get call start hour
all_df['CallStartHour'] = all_df['CallStart'].dt.hour
print(all_df[['CallStart','CallEnd','CallLength','Call
StartHour']].head())
# Get workday of last contact based on call day and mon
th, assuming the year is 2016
all_df['LastContactDate'] = all_df.apply(lambda x:date
time.datetime.strptime("%s %s %s" %(2016,x['LastContac
tMonth'],x['LastContactDay']),"%Y %b %d"),axis=1)
all_df['LastContactWkd'] = all_df['LastContactDate'].d
t.weekday
all_df['LastContactWkd'].value_counts()
all_df['LastContactMon'] = all_df['LastContactDate'].d
all_df = all_df.drop('LastContactMonth',axis=1)
# Get week of last contact
all_df['LastContactWk'] = all_df['LastContactDate'].dt
.week
# Get num of week in a month. There might be easier way
s to do this, I will keep exploring.
MonWk = all_df.groupby(['LastContactWk','LastContactMo
n'])['Education'].count().reset_index()
MonWk = MonWk.drop('Education',axis=1)
MonWk['LastContactWkNum']=0
for m in range(1,13):
    k=0
    for i,row in MonWk.iterrows():
```

(0.0292, 10.91]

(10.91, 21.737]

4274

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(21.737, 32.563]
                     104
(32.563, 43.39]
                      15
(43.39, 54.217]
Name: CallLenBand, dtype: int64
                  CallStart
                                         С
allEnd CallLength CallStartHour
train 0 2017-07-20 13:45:20 2017-07-20 1
3:46:30
          1.166667
      1 2017-07-20 14:49:03 2017-07-20 1
4:52:08
           3.083333
      2 2017-07-20 16:30:24 2017-07-20 1
6:36:04
           5.666667
      3 2017-07-20 12:06:43 2017-07-20 1
2:20:22
         13.650000
      4 2017-07-20 14:35:44 2017-07-20 1
4:38:56
           3.200000
         LastContactWkNum LastContactWk
LastContactMon
train 0
                                        4
1
      1
                                      21
5
      2
                                      22
6
      3
                        2
                                       19
5
                                      22
6
      5
                        3
                                      20
5
                                       11
3
      7
                        2
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5
                                       46
11
                                       19
5
```

also tried to add some interactions and polynomial features, but none of them seems helpful. I am planning to explore more on this.

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Assembling Final Datasets

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In [17]:
# Spilt numeric and categorical features
cat_feats = all_df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).c
num_feats = all_df.select_dtypes(include=['float64','i
nt64']).columns
num_df = all_df[num_feats]
cat_df = all_df[cat_feats]
print('There are %d numeric features and %d categorica
1 features\n' %(len(num_feats),len(cat_feats)))
print('Numeric features:\n',num_feats.values)
print('Categorical features:\n',cat_feats.values)
There are 17 numeric features and 4 categ
orical features
Numeric features:
 ['Education' 'Default' 'HHInsurance' 'Ca
rLoan' 'LastContactDay'
 'NoOfContacts' 'DaysPassed' 'PrevAttempt
s' 'AgeBin' 'BalanceBin'
 'CallLength' 'CallLengthBin' 'CallStartH
our' 'LastContactWkd'
 'LastContactMon' 'LastContactWk' 'LastCo
ntactWkNum']
Categorical features:
 ['Job' 'Marital' 'Communication' 'Outcom
e']
In [18]:
# One hot encoding
cat_df = pd.get_dummies(cat_df)
In [19]:
# Merge all features
all_data = pd.concat([num_df,cat_df],axis=1)
In [20]:
# Split train and test
idx=pd.IndexSlice
train_df=all_data.loc[idx[['train',],:]]
test df=all data.loc[idx[['test'.].:]]
```

```
train_label=train['CarInsurance']
print(train_df.shape)
print(len(train_label))
print(test_df.shape)

(3999, 39)
3999
(1000, 39)

In [21]:
# Train test split
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(train_df,train_label,test_size = 0.3,random_state=3)
```

Modeling

```
In [22]:

# Create a cross validation function

def get_best_model(estimator, params_grid={}):

    model = GridSearchCV(estimator = estimator,param_g
    rid = params_grid,cv=3, scoring="accuracy", n_jobs= -1
)

    model.fit(x_train,y_train)
    print('\n--- Best Parameters -------')
    print(model.best_params_)
    print('\n--- Best Model ------')
    best_model = model.best_estimator_
    print(best_model)
    return best_model
```

```
print('Accuracy: %.5f +/- %.4f' % (np.mean(cross_v
al_score(clf,x_train,y_train,cv=cv)),np.std(cross_val_
score(clf,x_train,y_train,cv=cv))))
   print('AUC: %.5f +/- %.4f' % (np.mean(cross_val_sc
ore(clf,x_train,y_train,cv=cv,scoring='roc_auc')),np.s
td(cross_val_score(clf,x_train,y_train,cv=cv,scoring=
'roc_auc'))))
   print('\n--- Validation Set ------
----')
   print('Accuracy: %.5f +/- %.4f' % (np.mean(cross_v
al_score(clf,x_test,y_test,cv=cv)),np.std(cross_val_sc
ore(clf,x_test,y_test,cv=cv))))
    print('AUC: %.5f +/- %.4f' % (np.mean(cross_val_sc
ore(clf,x_test,y_test,cv=cv,scoring='roc_auc')),np.std
(cross_val_score(clf,x_test,y_test,cv=cv,scoring='roc_
auc'))))
   print('-----
----')
   # feature importance
   if feature_imp:
       feat_imp = pd.Series(clf.feature_importances_,
index=all_data.columns)
       feat_imp = feat_imp.nlargest(15).sort_values()
       plt.figure()
       feat_imp.plot(kind="barh",figsize=(6,8),title=
"Most Important Features")
```

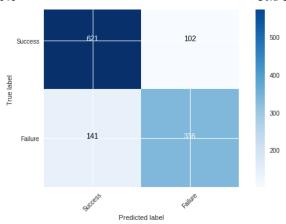
In [24]:

```
# The confusion matrix plotting function is from the sk
learn documentation below:
# http://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto_examples/model_se
lection/plot_confusion_matrix.html
import itertools
def plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes,
                          normalize=False,
                          title='Confusion matrix',
                          cmap=plt.cm.Blues):
    This function prints and plots the confusion matri
    Normalization can be applied by setting `normalize=
True`.
    plt.imshow(cm, interpolation='nearest', cmap=cmap)
    plt.title(title)
    plt.colorbar()
    tick_marks = np.arange(len(classes))
    plt.xticks(tick_marks, classes, rotation=45)
    plt.yticks(tick_marks, classes)
    if normalize:
        cm = cm.astype('float') / cm.sum(axis=1)[:, np
.newaxis]
    thresh = cm.max() / 2.
```

k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

```
--- Best Parameters -----
{'n_neighbors': 6, 'p': 2, 'weights': 'di
stance'}
--- Best Model -----
KNeighborsClassifier(algorithm='auto', le
af_size=30, metric='minkowski',
         metric_params=None, n_jobs=1,
n_neighbors=6, p=2,
         weights='distance')
--- Train Set -----
Accuracy: 0.81854 +/- 0.0222
AUC: 0.88925 +/- 0.0154
--- Validation Set -----
Accuracy: 0.76491 +/- 0.0254
AUC: 0.84183 +/- 0.0121
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```

Confusion matrix



Naive Bayes Classifier

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In [26]:
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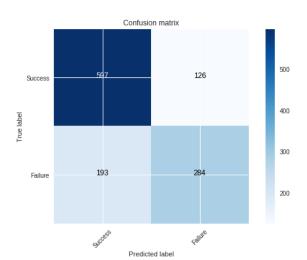
As expected, Naive Bayes classifier doesn't perform w ell here.

There are multiple reasons. Some of the numeric featu res are not normally distributed, which is a strong ass emption hold by Naive Bayes.

Also, features are definitely not independent.

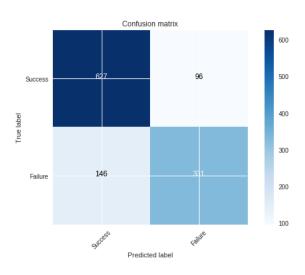
clf_nb = GaussianNB()

model_fit(model=clf_nb,feature_imp=False)



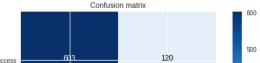
Logistic Regression

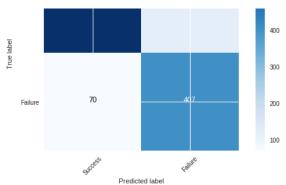
```
--- Best Parameters -----
{'C': 0.9, 'penalty': '11'}
--- Best Model -----
LogisticRegression(C=0.9, class_weight=No
ne, dual=False, fit_intercept=True,
        intercept_scaling=1, max_iter=1
00, multi_class='ovr', n_jobs=1,
        penalty='11', random_state=3, s
olver='liblinear', tol=0.0001,
        verbose=0, warm_start=False)
--- Train Set -----
Accuracy: 0.81923 +/- 0.0112
AUC: 0.89938 +/- 0.0132
--- Validation Set -----
Accuracy: 0.80413 +/- 0.0109
AUC: 0.88579 +/- 0.0133
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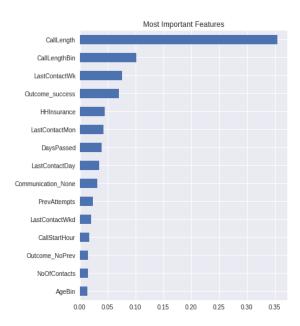


Random Forest

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In [28]:
# I did some manual parameter tuning here. This is the
best model so far.
# Based on the feature importance report, call length,
last contact week, and previous success are strong pre
dictors of cold call success
rf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=3)
parameters={'n_estimators':[100],
           'max_depth':[10],
           'max_features':[13,14],
           'min_samples_split':[11]}
clf_rf= get_best_model(rf,parameters)
model_fit(model=clf_rf, feature_imp=True)
--- Best Parameters -----
{'max_depth': 10, 'max_features': 13, 'mi
n_samples_split': 11, 'n_estimators': 10
--- Best Model -----
RandomForestClassifier(bootstrap=True, cl
ass_weight=None, criterion='gini',
           max_depth=10, max_features=1
3, max_leaf_nodes=None,
           min_impurity_decrease=0.0, mi
n_impurity_split=None,
           min_samples_leaf=1, min_sampl
es_split=11,
           min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0,
n_estimators=100, n_jobs=1,
           oob_score=False, random_state
=3, verbose=0, warm_start=False)
--- Train Set -----
Accuracy: 0.84495 +/- 0.0074
AUC: 0.92308 +/- 0.0078
--- Validation Set -----
Accuracy: 0.82081 +/- 0.0115
AUC: 0.90453 +/- 0.0081
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               Confusion matrix
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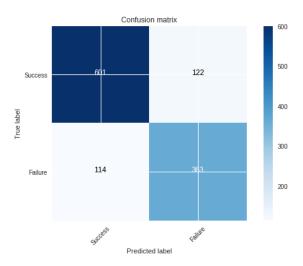




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tate=3, shrinking=True, tol=0.001,
 verbose=False)
--- Train Set ------
Accuracy: 0.83569 +/- 0.0215
AUC: 0.90523 +/- 0.0149
--- Validation Set -----
Accuracy: 0.78242 +/- 0.0253
AUC: 0.86055 +/- 0.0155
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XGBoost

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In [30]:
# Finally let's try out XBGoost. As expected, it outper
forms all other algorithms.
# Also, based on feature importances, some of the newly
created features such as call start hour, last contact
 week and weekday
# have been picked as top features.
import xgboost as xgb
xgb = xgb.XGBClassifier()
parameters={'n_estimators':[900,1000,1100],
            'learning_rate':[0.01],
            'max_depth':[8],
            'min_child_weight':[1],
            'subsample':[0.8],
            'colsample_bytree':[0.3,0.4,0.5]}
clf_xgb= get_best_model(xgb,parameters)
model_fit(model=clf_xgb, feature_imp=True)
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--- Best Parameters -----

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{'colsample_bytree': 0.3, 'learning_rat
e': 0.01, 'max_depth': 8, 'min_child_weig
ht': 1, 'n_estimators': 1000, 'subsampl
e': 0.8}
--- Best Model -----
XGBClassifier(base_score=0.5, booster='gb
tree', colsample_bylevel=1,
      colsample_bytree=0.3, gamma=0, lea
rning_rate=0.01, max_delta_step=0,
      max_depth=8, min_child_weight=1, m
issing=None, n_estimators=1000,
      n_jobs=1, nthread=None, objective
='binary:logistic', random_state=0,
      reg_alpha=0, reg_lambda=1, scale_p
os_weight=1, seed=None,
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silent=True, subsample=0.8)

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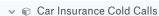






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Data Sources



DSS_DMC_Description.pdf

19 columns 19 columns



Car Insurance Cold Calls

We help the guys and girls at the front to get out of Cold Call Hell

Last Updated: 2 years ago (Version 1)

About this Dataset

Introduction

Here you find a very simple, beginner-friendly data set. No sparse matrices, no fancy tools needed to understand what's going on. Just a couple of rows and columns. Super simple stuff. As explained below, this data set is used for a competition. As it turns out, this competition tends to reveal a common truth in data science: KISS - Keep It Simple Stupid

What is so special about this data set is, given it's simplicity, it pays off to use "simple" classifiers as well. This year's competition was won by a C5.0. Can you do better?

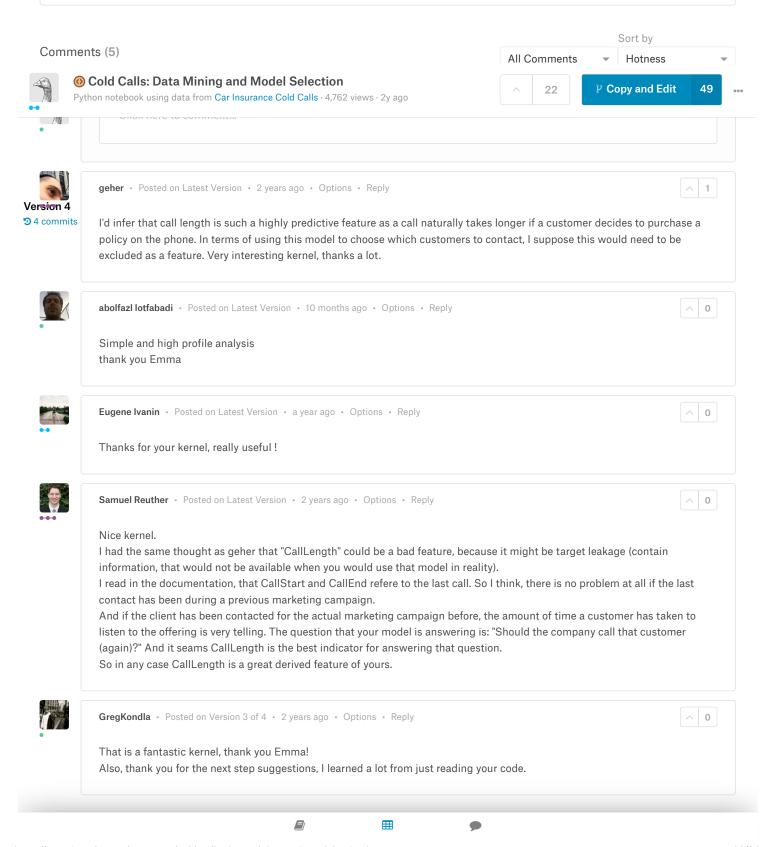
Description

We are looking at cold call results. Turns out, same salespeople called existing insurance customers up and tried to sell car insurance. What you have are details about the called customers. Their age, job, marital status, whether the have home insurance, a car loan, etc. As I said, super simple.

What I would love to see is some of you applying some crazy XGBoost classifiers, which we can square off against some logistic regressions. It would be curious to see what comes out on top. Thank you for your time, I hope you enjoy using the data set.

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