

Why this project?

- Credit card fraud can cause financial loss and identity theft to both financial institutions and their clients.
- A fraud detection system is required to prevent such fraudulent activities and protect the customers' identities.
- According to a report published by the Nilson Report in December 2021, the global losses due to credit card fraud was \$28.58 billion in 2020.

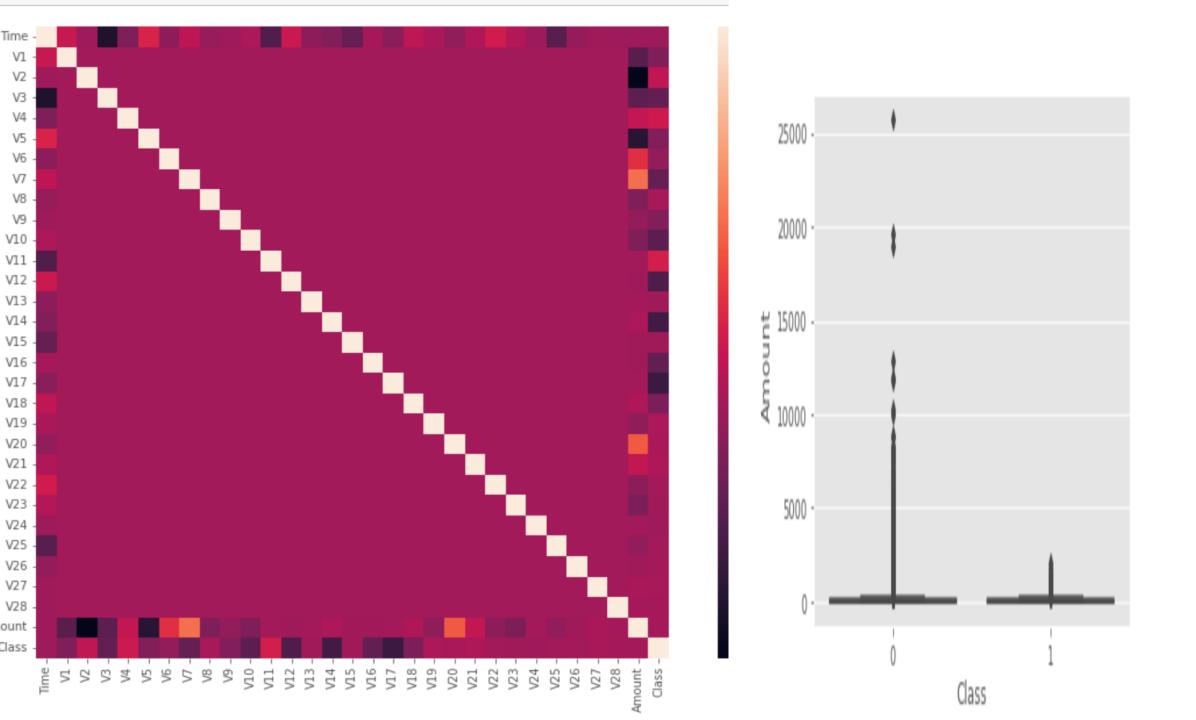
Dataset

- Source : Kaggle
- https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/mlg-ulb/creditcardfraud
- The dataset contains credit card transactions that took place in September 2013 in Europe, involving a total of 284,807 transactions.
- 492 Fraudulent Transactions
- The dataset is imbalanced as the proportion of fraudulent transactions is very low.

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0	0.0	-1.359807	-0.072781	2.536347	1.378155	-0.338321	0.462388	0.239599	0.098698	0.363787	 -0.018307	0.277838	-0.11047
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2	1.0	-1.358354	-1.340163	1.773209	0.379780	-0.503198	1.800499	0.791461	0.247676	-1.514654	 0.247998	0.771679	0.90941
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4	2.0	-1.158233	0.877737	1.548718	0.403034	-0.407193	0.095921	0.592941	-0.270533	0.817739	 -0.009431	0.798278	-0.13745
5	2.0	-0.425966	0.960523	1.141109	-0.168252	0.420987	-0.029728	0.476201	0.260314	-0.568671	 -0.208254	-0.559825	-0.02639
6	4.0	1.229658	0.141004	0.045371	1.202613	0.191881	0.272708	-0.005159	0.081213	0.464960	 -0.167716	-0.270710	-0.15410
7	7.0	-0.644269	1.417964	1.074380	-0.492199	0.948934	0.428118	1.120631	-3.807864	0.615375	 1.943465	-1.015455	0.05750
8	7.0	-0.894286	0.286157	-0.113192	-0.271526	2.669599	3.721818	0.370145	0.851084	-0.392048	 -0.073425	-0.268092	-0.20423
9	9.0	-0.338262	1.119593	1.044367	-0.222187	0.499361	-0.246761	0.651583	0.069539	-0.736727	 -0.246914	-0.633753	-0.12079

Exploratory data analysis

- The data was visualized using histograms, box plots, and scatter plots to gain insights.
- Investigated the correlation between different features to identify potential predictors of fraud.



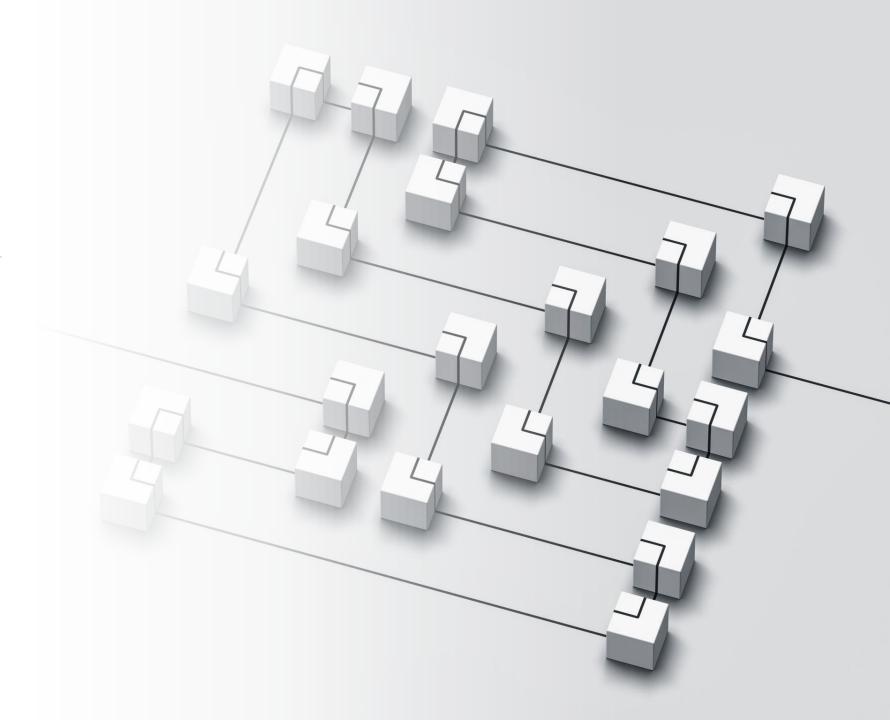
Data preprocessing

- The time and amount variables were scaled to have similar ranges using a standard scaling method.
- The dataset was down sampled using random under-sampling to balance the class distribution between fraudulent and non-fraudulent transactions.

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0 1040
1 393
Name: Class, dtype: int64
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Model

- Used several machine learning models, including XGBoost, logistic regression, decision trees, random forests, and support vector machines.
- Evaluated the models using different metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.





Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-score
Logistic Regression	0.9991	0.8636	0.5816	0.6951
Decision Tree	0.9991	0.7115	0.7908	0.7488
Random Forest	0.9996	0.9730	0.7714	0.8605
Gradient Boosting	0.9989	0.7375	0.6020	0.6629
AdaBoost	0.9993	0.8554	0.7245	0.7845
K-Nearest Neighbors	0.9995	0.9383	0.7755	0.8492
Support Vector Machine	0.9993	0.9531	0.6224	0.7531

Challenges

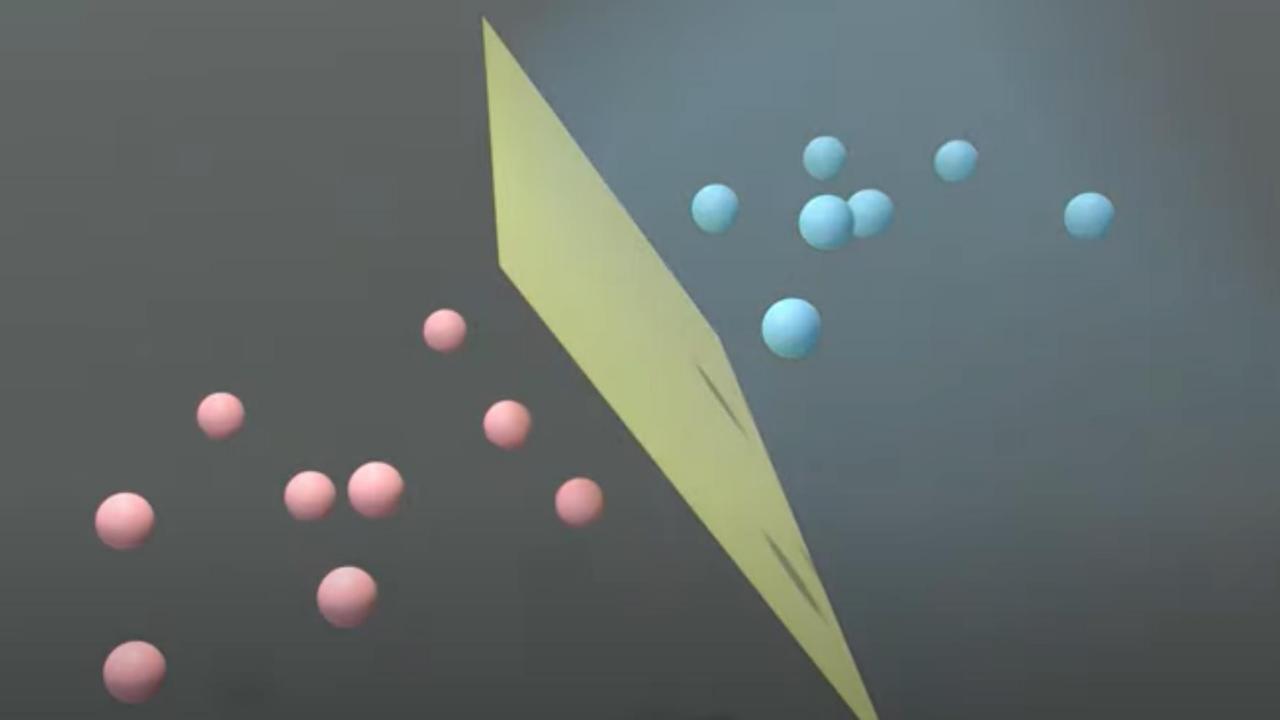
- The dataset was imbalanced, which made it difficult to train models that accurately capture the patterns in the data.
- The absence of information regarding the data collection process and the features created challenges in interpreting the results obtained from the models.

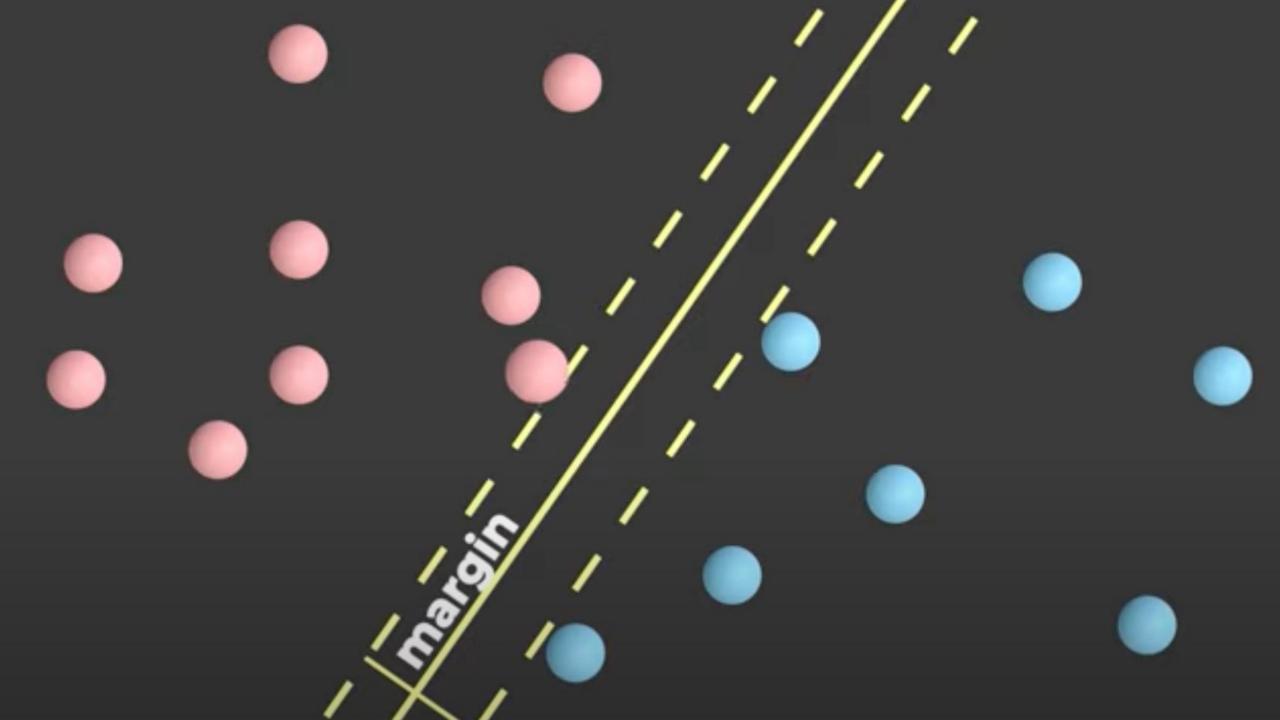
Future of the project

- Finding a more balanced and informative dataset to improve the efficacy and reliability of the analysis.
- Using advanced machine learning techniques, such as deep learning, to enhance the precision and effectiveness of the models.
- Building a real-time fraud detection system capable of monitoring transactions in real-time and sending alerts to customers and financial institutions to detect and prevent fraudulent activities.



- SVM is a supervised machine learning algorithm that can be used for both classification and regression problems.
- SVM finds a boundary or hyperplane that separates different classes of data points.
- The hyperplane is chosen to maximize the margin or distance between the hyperplane and the closest data points from each class.
- This helps the algorithm better classify future data points based on their location in relation to the hyperplane.





Types of SVM

- SVMs are divided into two main categories: linear and non-linear SVM.
- The linear SVM uses a linear hyperplane to separate the data.
- The non-linear SVM, on the other hand, utilizes kernel functions to transform data into a higher-dimensional space where it can be linearly separated.

Advantages of SVM

- It can handle high-dimensional data with a small sample size.
- It is efficient.
- SVM can handle non-linearly separable data by using kernel functions to map the data into a higher-dimensional space.
- less prone to overfitting than other classification methods.
- It is flexible.
- It is effective in handling small to medium-sized datasets.

Disadvantage of SVM

- SVM can be sensitive to the choice of kernel function and its parameters.
- It can be computationally expensive, especially for large datasets.
- It may not work well with noisy data or data with overlapping classes.

Application of SVM

- SVM is widely used in many areas, including image classification, text classification, bioinformatics, and finance.
- It is used in face recognition systems, spam detection, and gene expression analysis.
- It can be used for predicting stock prices, credit default risk, and fraud detection.