DEBT AND MORTGAGE DATA ANALYSIS & PREDICTION

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INTRODUCTION

- Performed analysis on the dynamics of mortgage and debt in US

- The following classification and regression models were used to predict which demographic groups are more affected by debt and mortgage:

  - K Nearest Neighbour

  - Support Vector Machines

  - Logistic Regression

  - Decision Tree

 - Hard-voting Ensembling

  - Random Forest

THE DATASET

- Collected by US Census in 2012-2016.
- 39,030 records with 80 features
- Geographic variables were converted to 'object'

- Numeric features as summary statistics:
  - Mortgage and Owner Costs
  - Owner Costs
  - Gross Rent
  - Household Income
  - Family Income

- Numeric features as proportions:
  - Second mortgage
  - Home equity loan
  - Debt
  - High school degree
  - Divorced, separated or married

PREPROCESSING

- Drop irrelevant/redundant columns of summary statistics
- Removed outliers with function based on quartiles
- Interpolation for null values with mean of column

- 38 features and 20,190 rows
- Only mean and proportion features

VISUALIZATION OF TARGET VARIABLES RENT AND DEBT:
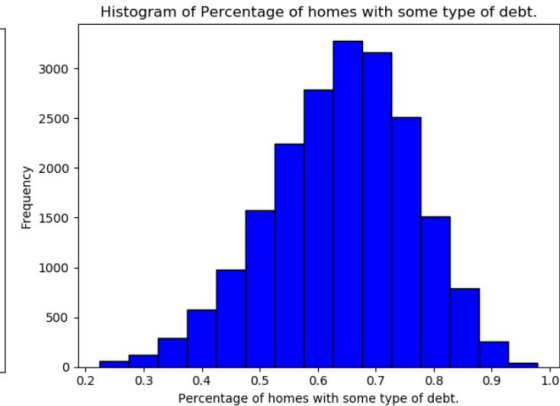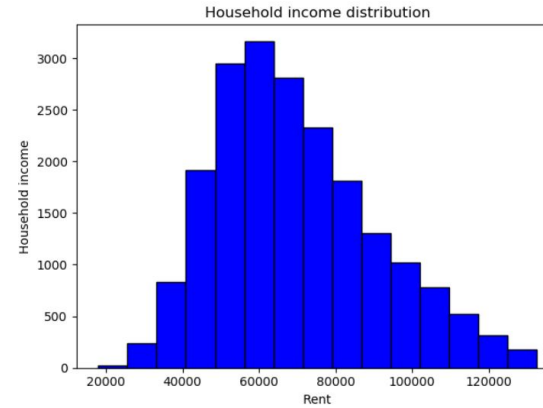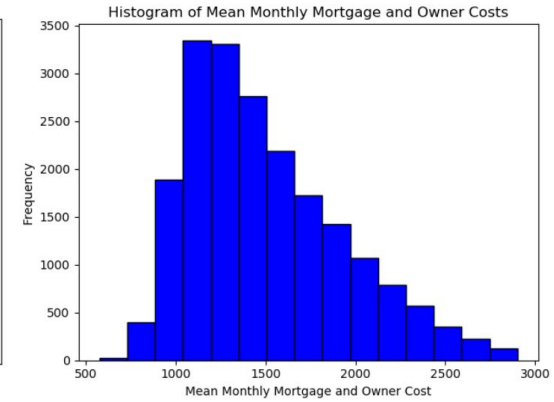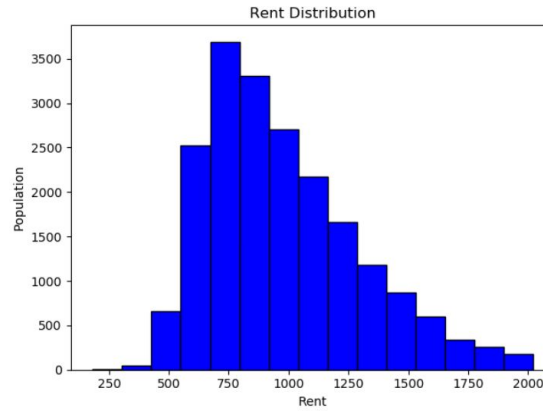
MODELING PROTOCOL

- Target variables used:
  - Rent Costs (average of gross rent costs)
  - Debt (percentage of houses with debt)
- To perform classification the target variables:
  - Categorize with median split (KNN, SVM, Logit) and quartile split (DT)
- Only the numeric features were used as predictors
- Split data in training (75%) and test (25%)
- The data was the scaled data with standardized based on the model used
- Predict target with test data using classification and regression
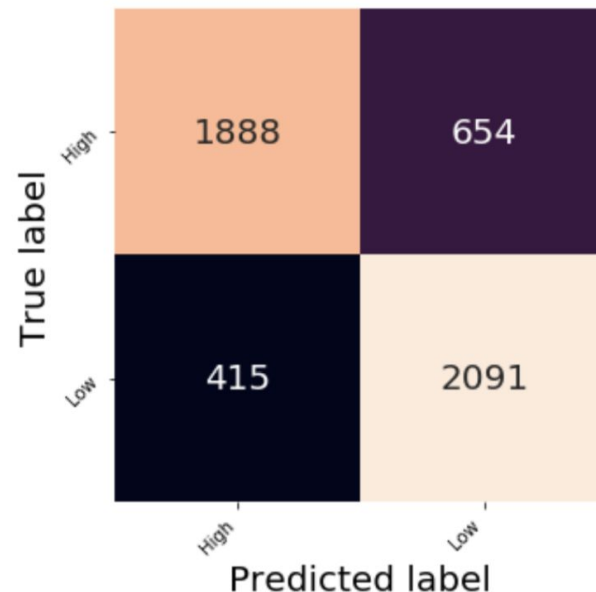- Each model was then evaluated using the confusion matrix and accuracy scores

K NEAREST NEIGHBOUR

For KNN we used 9 as our K value since we have 20 features.

The classifier accuracy is found to be more than that of the regressor.

Classifier Accuracy = 78.82

Regressor Accuracy = 53.45
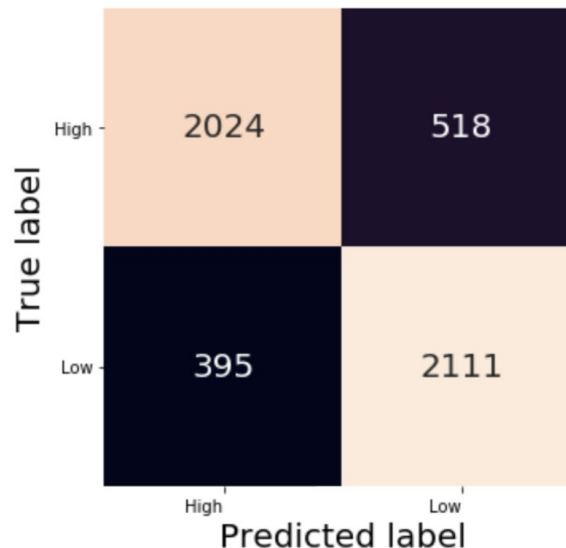
SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES

In SVM we used two kernels, linear and radial basis function. We used the linear Kernel for classification and RBF for regression.

Classifier Accuracy = 81.91

Regressor Accuracy = 46.57

LOGISTIC REGRESSION

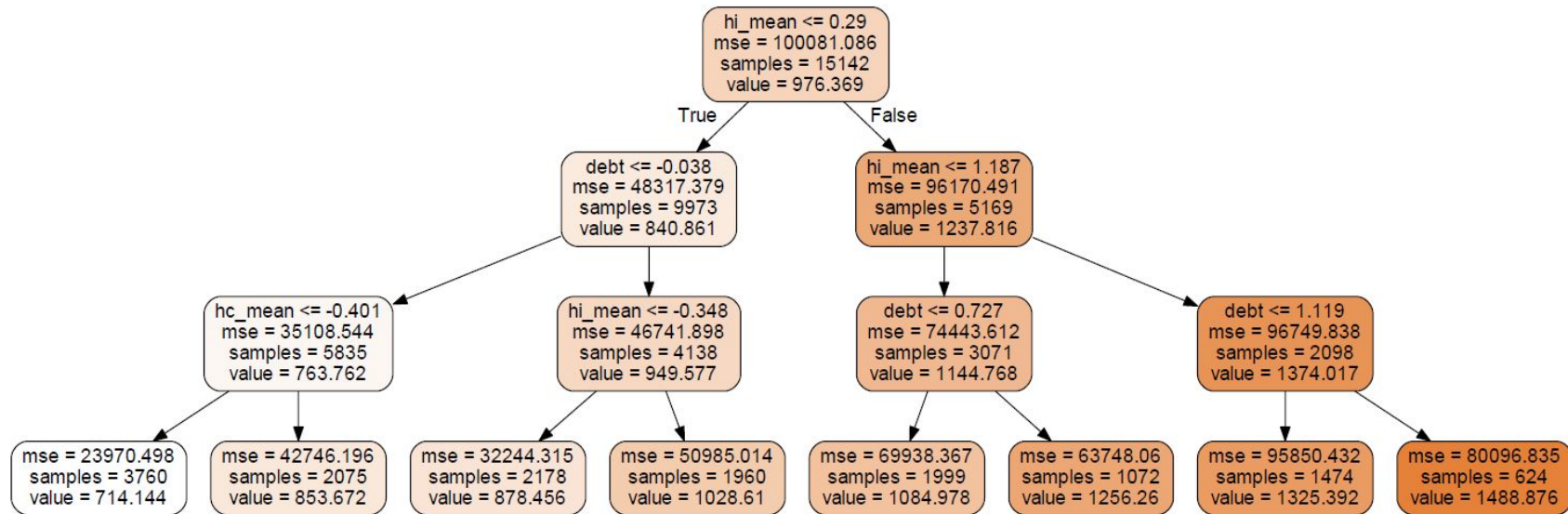Classifier Accuracy = 79.44

Receiver Operating Characteristic
Curve = 86.67

DECISION TREES

Entropy was used to calculate the homogeneity of a sample.

Classifier Accuracy = 50.09

Regressor Accuracy = 49.34

REGRESSION TREE
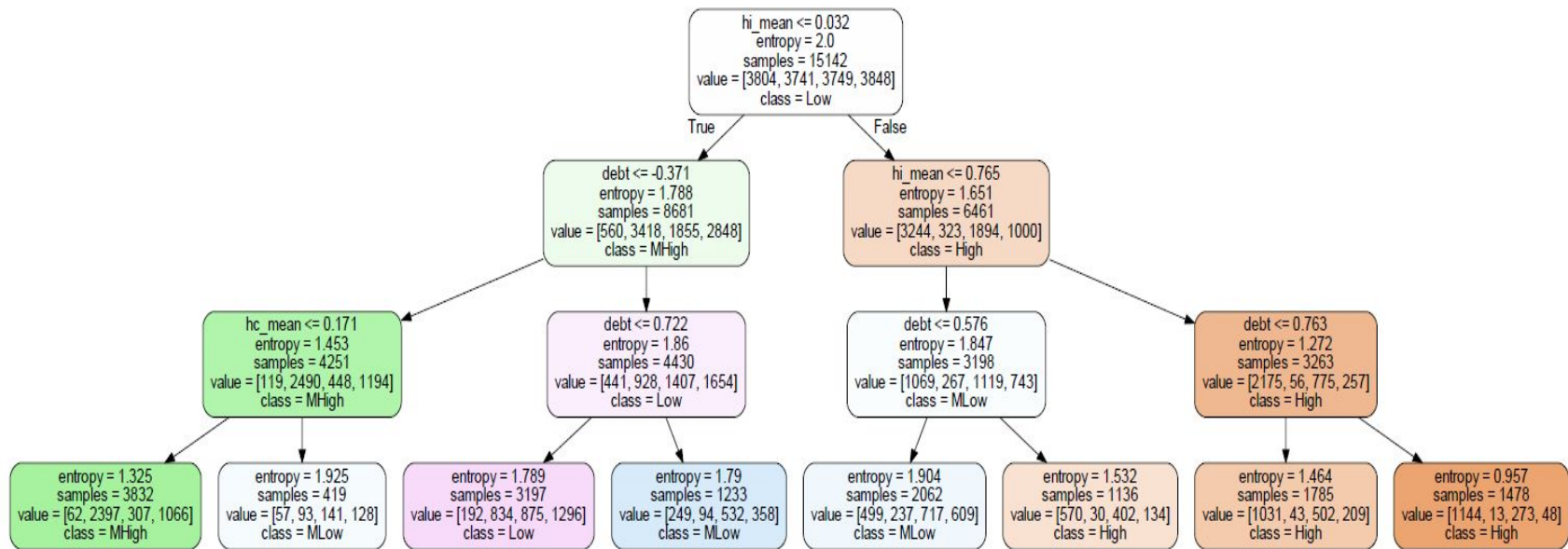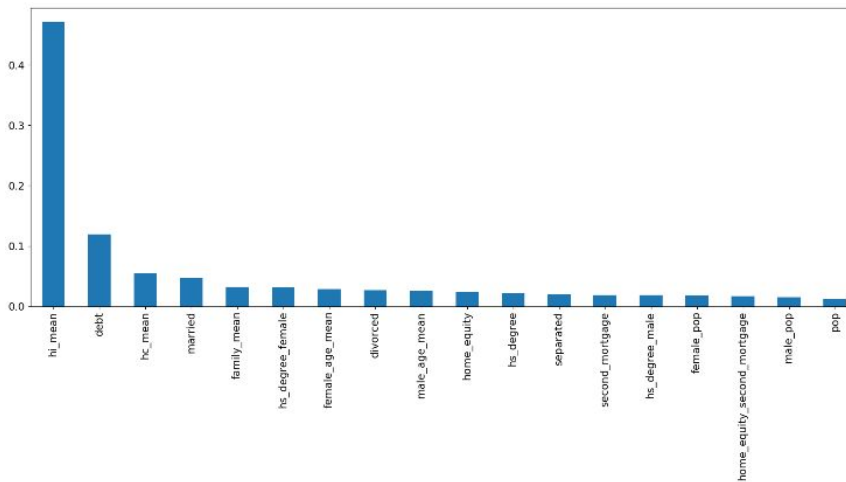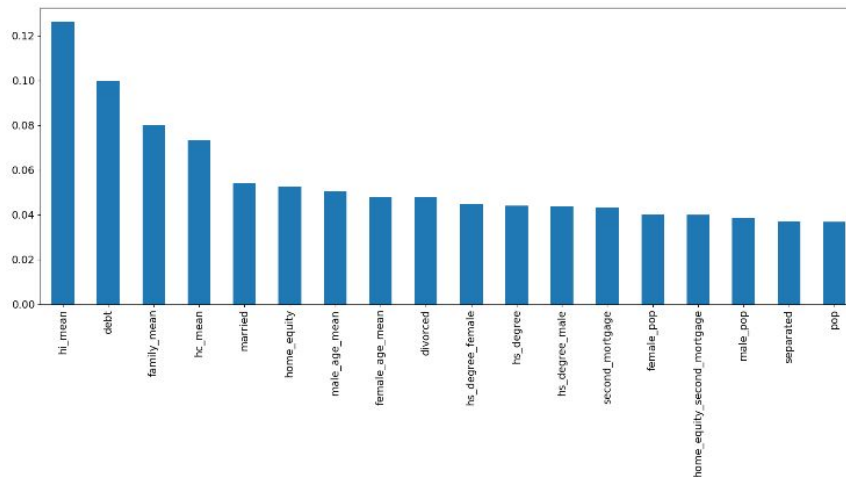
CLASSIFICATION TREE

RANDOM FOREST

A hundred trees were used as estimators

Classifier Accuracy = 54.42

Regressor Accuracy = 61.74

ENSEMBLING

A hard voting classifier was used with the following models:

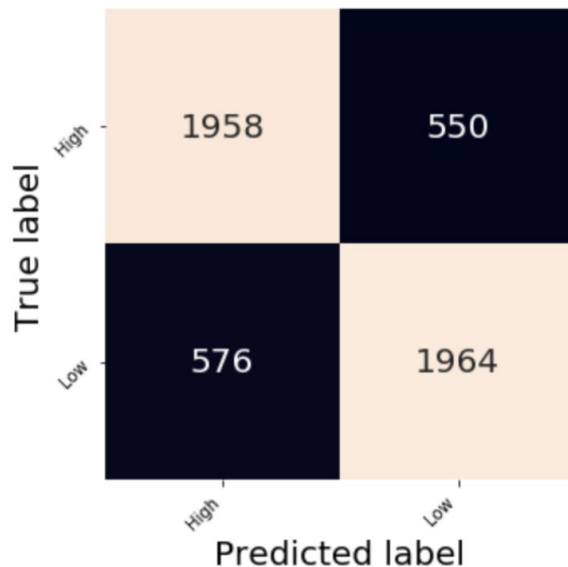- Logistic Regression
- Decision Trees

Accuracy = 78.88

MODEL USED	ACCURACY
SVM Classifier	81.91
Logistic Regression	79.43
Ensembling	78.88
KNN Classifier	78.82
Random Forest Regression	61.74
Random Forest Classifier	54.42
KNN Regressor	53.44
Decision Tree Classifier	50.09
Decision Tree Regression	49.34
SVM Regression	46.57

K NEAREST NEIGHBOR

As we saw in Rent analysis we used 9 neighbours for classification and we see that the classification accuracy is still higher than that of regressor.

Classifier Accuracy = 77.69

Regressor Accuracy = 56.72

SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES

In SVM we used two kernels, linear and radial basis function again for analysis.

Classifier Accuracy = 80.21

Regressor Accuracy = 60.71

LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Classifier Accuracy = 75.36

Receiver Operating Characteristic
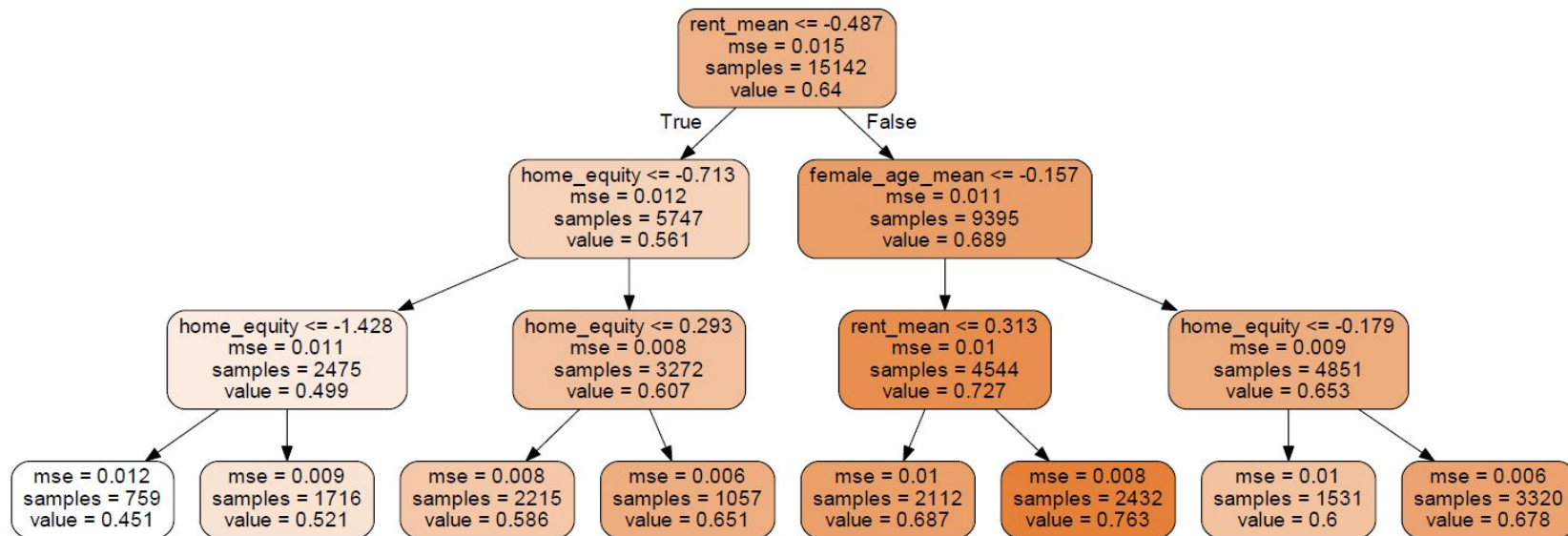Curve = 83.71

DECISION TREES

Entropy was used to calculate the homogeneity of a sample. Here the regressor accuracy is slightly higher than that of the classifier.
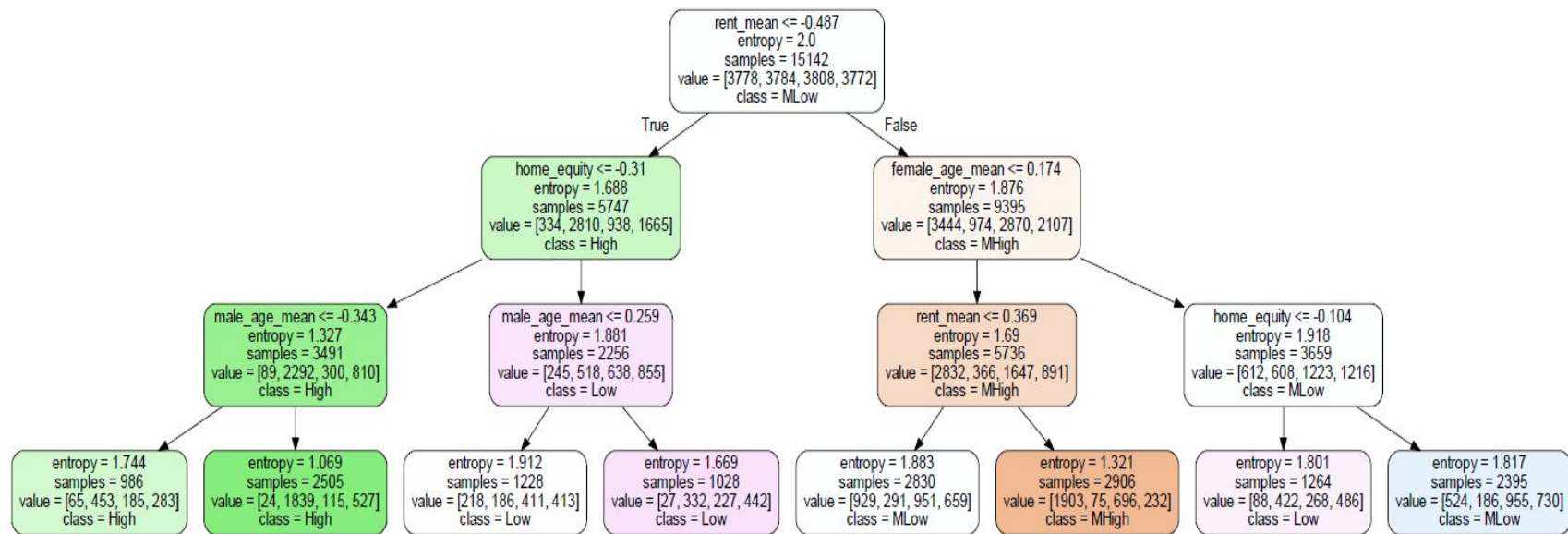
Classifier Accuracy = 51.58

Regressor Accuracy = 54.16
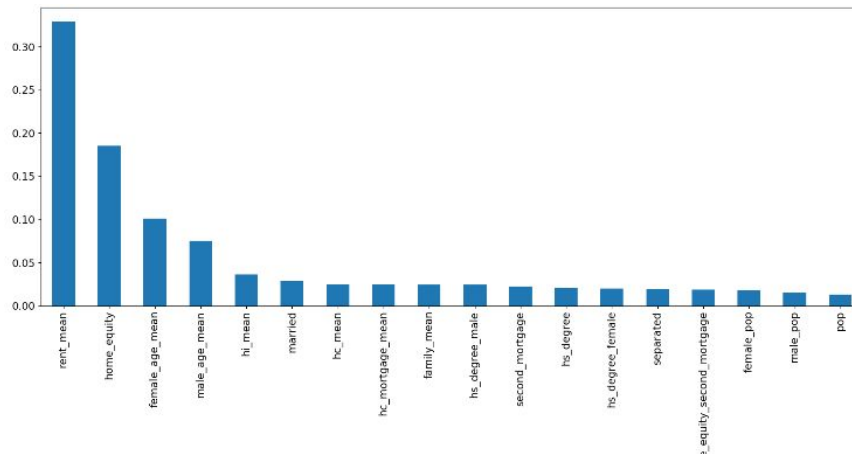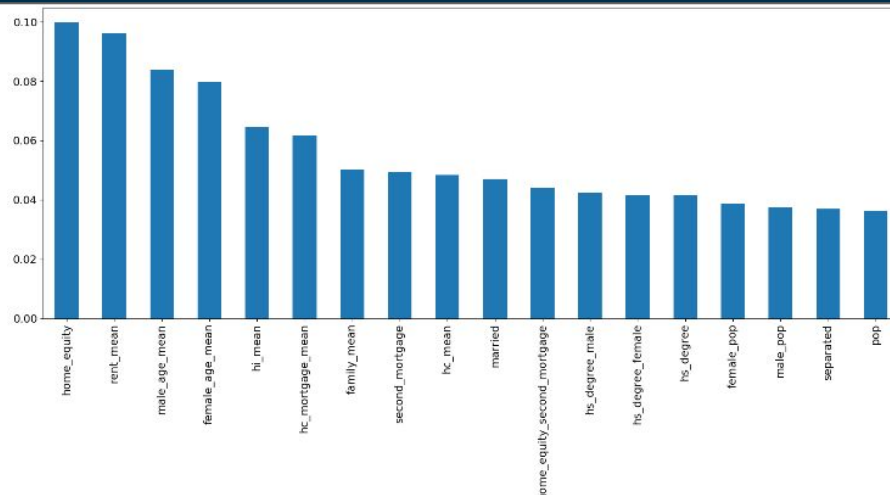
REGRESSION TREE

CLASSIFICATION TREE

RANDOM FOREST

A hundred trees were used as estimators

Classifier Accuracy = 54.46

Regressor Accuracy = 62.33

ENSEMBLING

A hard voting classifier was used with the following models:

- Logistic Regression
- Decision Trees

Accuracy = 76.76

MODEL USED	ACCURACY
SVM Classifier	80.21
KNN Classifier	77.69
Ensembling	76.76
Logistic Regression	75.36
Random Forest Regression	62.33
SVM Regression	60.71
KNN Regressor	56.71
Random Forest Classifier	54.46
Decision Tree Regression	54.16
Decision Tree Classifier	51.58

CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE WORK

CONCLUSION:

- Classification in most cases performs better than regression. This may be due the nature of our data which is in summary format.
- Support Vector Machines Classifier performed the best for fitting and classification of the data

FUTURE WORK:

- If the data was record based we could have found more accurate information.
- Record based data would also enable us to make conclusions based on the geographic area.