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## **Project Document**

Project Source Code Link:

Final Project Folder [Google Link]

Project Track:

Application

Application Field:

Serverless Real-Time Credit Card Fraud Detection [Reference Google Blog Link]

# **Key Techniques:**

# Technology Wise:

o Colab, TensorFlow, BigQuery, Al Platform, Cloud Firestore, Pub/Sub, Dataflow,

# Model Wise:

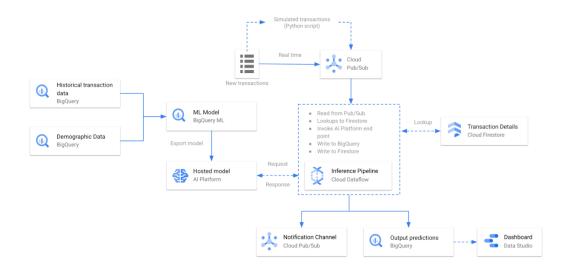
o Boost Tree Model, Deep Neural Network Model, Random Forest Model, Gradient Boost Tree Model, Cart Tree Model

# Concept Wise:

Machine Learning, Data Mining, Feature Engineering, Cloud Computing, Serverless
 Computing, Stream Processing, Batch Processing

#### Overall Architecture:

# Workflow Architecture Diagram:



## Application Objective:

This project aims to predict whether a credit card transaction is fraudulent or not in real time.

After the models are trained and deployed, we will use streaming dataflow pipeline to

- o consume incoming transaction details from Cloud Pub/Sub
- does data preprocessing (by calling Firestore for data enrichment using transaction history)
- o invokes multiple ML models deployed on Al Platform
- o stores the prediction results to BigQuery and
- sends notification to another Pub/Sub topic when a transaction is predicted fraudulent for downstream consumptions

### **Utilized Dataset:**

Fake Credit Card Transaction Data Generator [GitHub Repo Link]

#### **Dataset Details:**

BigQuery Tables (for BigQuery model Usage):

- o train raw Data used for ML model training
- o test raw Data used for ML model evaluation
- o simulation data Data to be used for real-time inferences
- o train with standard BQ view providing standard features for training model
- o train with aggregates BQ view providing aggregates features for training model
- o test with standard BQ view providing standard test data for evaluating model
- test\_with\_aggregates BQ view providing aggregates test data for evaluating model
- o demographics Data comprising customer demographics like name, gender, address

### CSV Tables (for TensorFlow model Usage):

- o train with aggregates.csv Same as above
- o test with aggregates.csv Same as above

#### **About Models:**

For this pattern, we opted for the XGBoost (boost tree) model which worked really well while still retaining some level of model explainability. We initially used the boosted tree classifier in BigQuery ML by using standard SQL to train the model and arrive at the probability score for each transaction. Due to the imbalanced nature of the dataset, we used the F1 score and AUC to evaluate the performance of the model.

After the initial evaluation, to boost the performance of the model we derived additional features from the dataset focusing on the frequency of the transactions and the average transaction amount over a period of time.

As part of the solution, we have used predictions from both models as part of the pipeline. The model using the standard features gives relatively faster results, the other model uses the features derived from looking at historical data to make the predictions, so it is relatively slow.

For performance comparison purposes, we trained other models such as BigQuery DNN model and the TensorFlow Random Forest model, we will illustrate the performance in the model performance section.

### Model Differences:

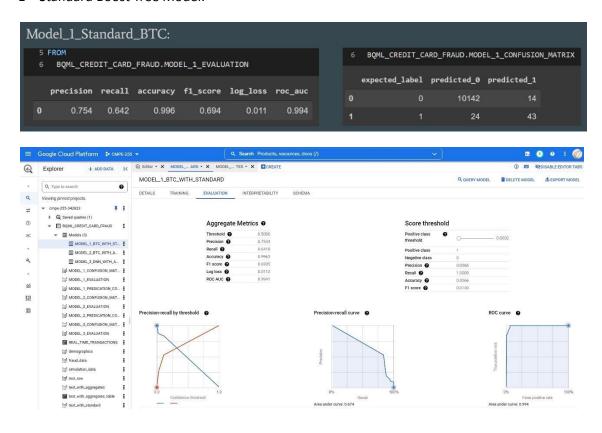
Modesl with standard features: It uses the features which are present in the dataset and don't rely on any feature generation techniques.

Models with aggregate features: Along with the provided features, It uses feature generation techniques to compute transaction frequency, average spend etc. For a given credit card:

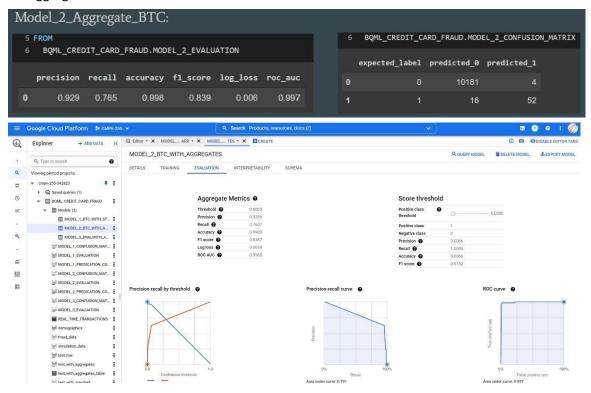
- o trans\_freq\_24 Number of transactions in the last 24 hours
- o trans diff Time difference between current transaction and last transaction in seconds
- o avg\_spend\_pw Average transaction amount in the past 1 week
- o avg\_spend\_pm Average transaction amount in the past 1 month

### Model Performance:

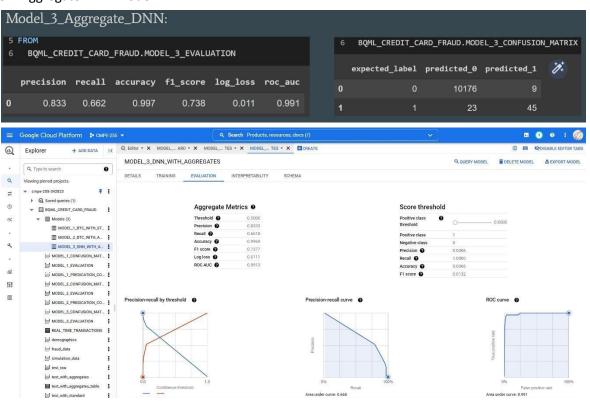
## 1 - Standard Boost Tree Model:



## 2 – Aggregate XGBoost Model:



## 3 – Aggregate DNN Model:



# 4 – Aggregate Random Forest Model:

loss: 0.0000

tp: 1390.0000

fp: 78.0000

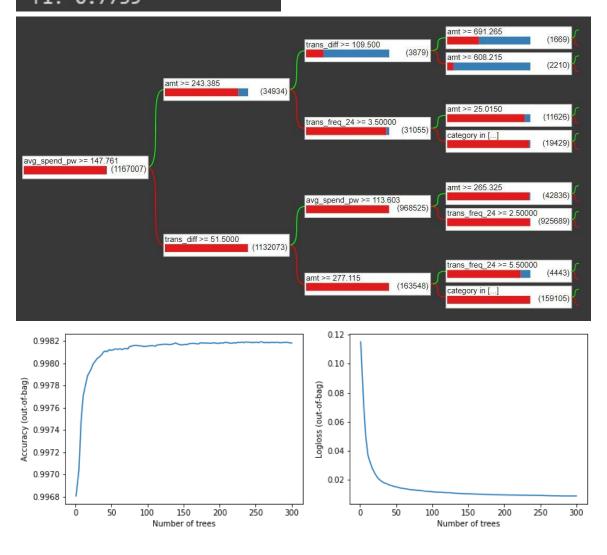
tn: 497945.0000

fn: 734.0000

accuracy: 0.9984 precision: 0.9469

recall: 0.6544

auc: 0.9801 prc: 0.8551 f1: 0.7739



### 5 - Gradient Boosted Trees Model:

loss: 0.0000

tp: 1569.0000

fp: 249.0000

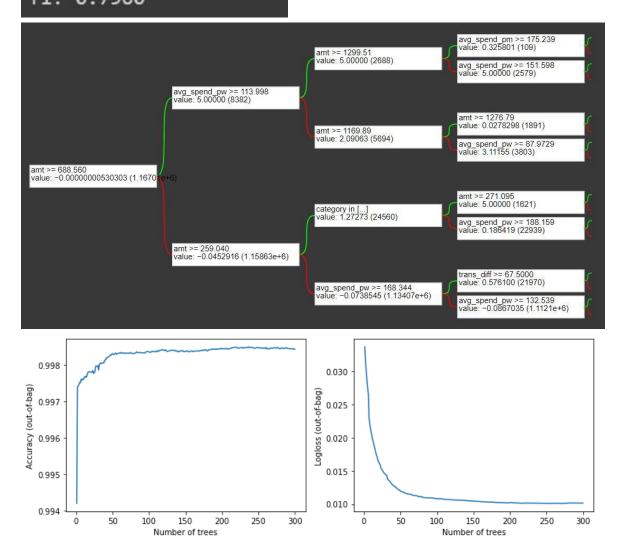
tn: 497774.0000

fn: 555.0000

accuracy: 0.9984 precision: 0.8630

recall: 0.7387

auc: 0.9749 prc: 0.8407 f1: 0.7960



#### 6 - Cart Tree Model:

loss: 0.0000

tp: 1321.0000

fp: 282.0000

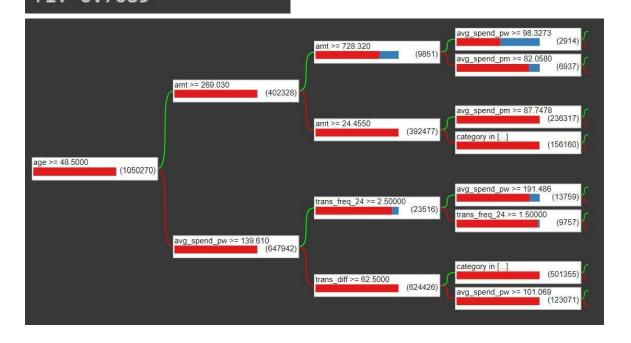
tn: 497741.0000

fn: 803.0000

accuracy: 0.9978 precision: 0.8241

recall: 0.6219

auc: 0.9178 prc: 0.6820 f1: 0.7089



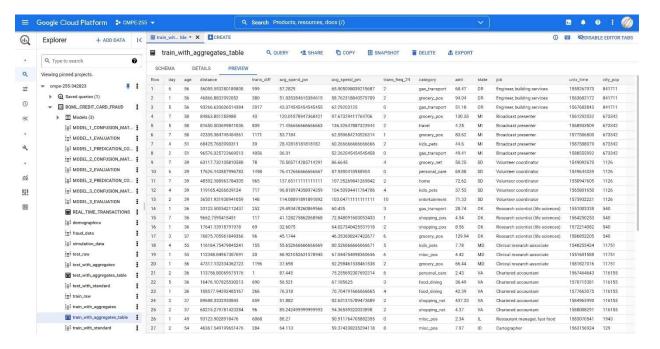
## Conclusion:

- We want to capture fraud transactions, so we aim for high TP, and low FN, high recall, and high F1, so overall performance in descending order:
  - Model 2 > Model 5 > Model 4 > Model 3 > Model 6 > Model 1
- All model works well on identifying the normal transaction, and works well on identifying the real fraud transactions (high precision) but works relatively poor on identifying all fraud transactions from all transactions (low recall)

- Compared to the standard features, the aggregates features successfully boost the overall model performance, especially precision and recall
- Without further hyperparameter tunning, the Boost Tree Model works the best for the training dataset (where data is unbalanced)

# Workflow Screening:

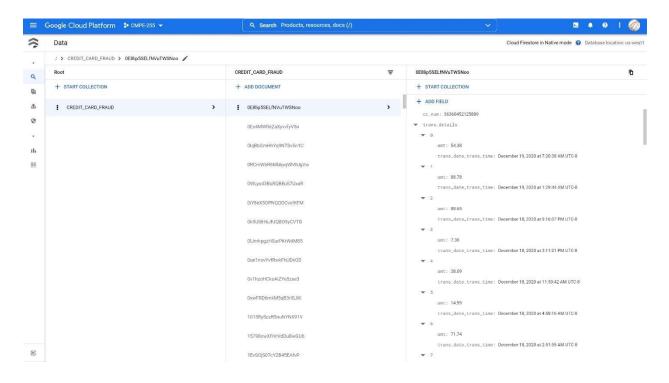
# **BigQuery**



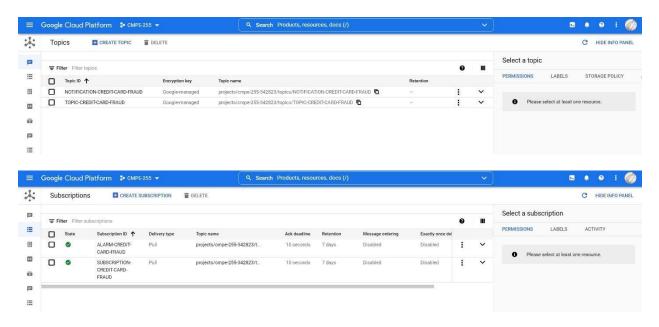
### Al Platform



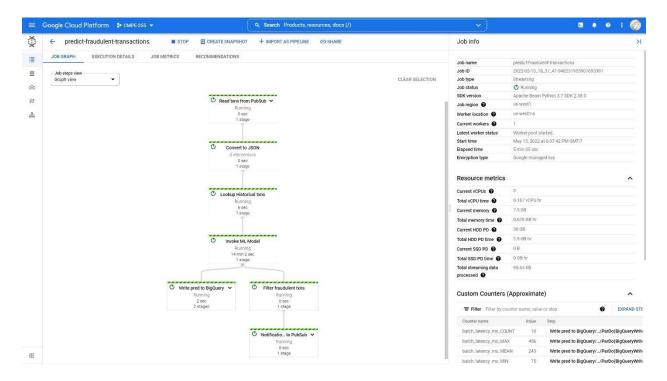
### Firestore



## Pub/Sub



#### **DataFlow**

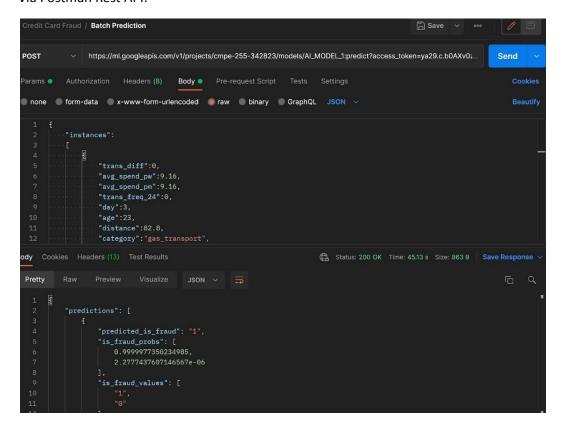


### **Batch Processing**

### Via Terminal RPC:

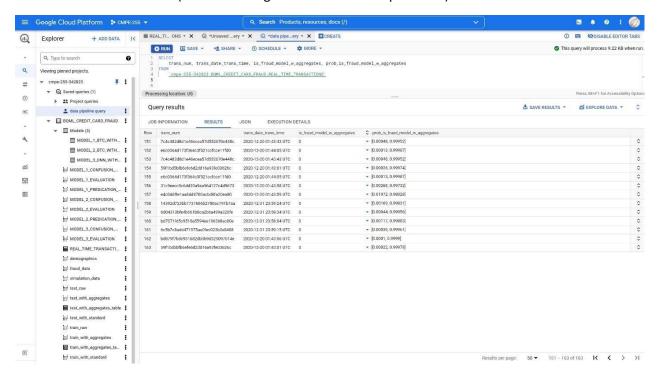
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1 !gcloud ai-platform predict --model $AI_MODEL_NAME \
 2 --version $VERSION_NAME_WITH_STANDARD \
 3 --region global \
 4 -- json-instances sample_inputs/input_w_standard.json
Using endpoint [https://ml.googleapis.com/]
IS_FRAUD_PROBS
                                           IS_FRAUD_VALUES PREDICTED_IS_FRAUD
[0.9293921589851379, 0.07060789316892624] ['1', '0']
 1 !gcloud ai-platform predict --model $AI_MODEL_NAME \
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#### Via Postman Rest API:

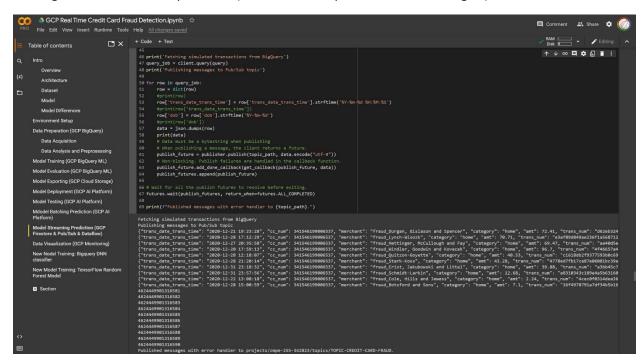


### Stream Processing

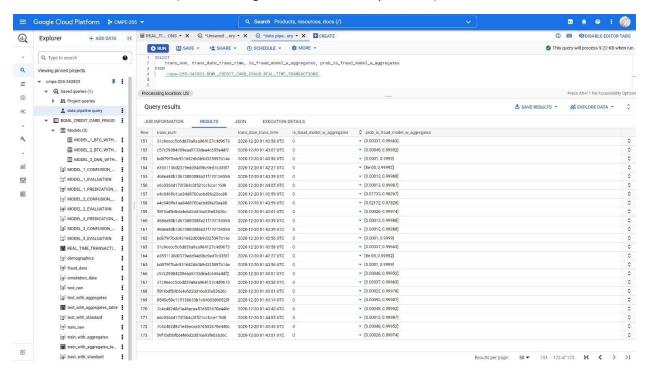
Real-time transaction table (Before sending transactions to the publisher)



Sending transactions to the publisher (10 transactions per call...to save budget!)



Real-time transaction table (After sending transactions to the publisher)



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Cloud Storage documentation | Google Cloud

Firestore documentation | Google Cloud

Al Platform documentation | Google Cloud

Pub/Sub documentation - Google Cloud

Dataflow documentation | Google Cloud

TensorFlow Decision Forests | TensorFlow