

Summary

X education gets a lot of leads, it's lead conversion rate is very poor at around 30%. Then the company requires us to build a model wherein we need to assign a lead score to each of the leads such that the customers with a higher lead score have higher conversion chance. CEO's target for lead conversion rate is around 80%.

Data Cleaning:

- Columns with >40% nulls were dropped. Value counts within categorical columns were checked to decide appropriate action: If imputation causes skew, then column was dropped, created new category (others), impute high frequency value, drop columns that don't add any value.
- Numerical categorical data were imputed with model and columns with only one unique response from customer were dropped.
- Other activities like outlier's treatment, fixing invalid data, grouping low frequency values, mapping binary categorical values were carried out.

Exploratory Data Analysis(EDA):

- Data imbalance checked - only 38.5% leads converted.
- Performed univariate and bivariate analysis for categorical and numerical variables. "Lead Origin", "Current occupation", "Lead Source", etc. Provide valuable insight on effect on target variables.
- Time spend on website shows positive impact on lead conversion.

Data Preparation:

- Created dummy features (one-hot encoded) for categorical variables.
- Splitting Train & Test Sets: 70:30 ration.
- Feature scaling using Standardization
- Dropped few columns, they were highly correlated with each other

Model Building:

- Used RFE to reduce variables from 48 to 15. This will make data frame more manageable.
- Manual Feature Reduction process was used to build models by dropping variables with P-Value > 0.05.
- Total three models were built before reaching final Model 5 which was stable with (P-Values < 0.05). No sign of multicollinearity with VIF < 5.
- The logm5 model was selected as final model with 11 variables, we used it for making prediction on train and test set.

Model Evaluation:

- Confusion matrix was made and cut-off point of 0.284 was selected based on accuracy, sensitivity and specificity plot. This cut off gave accuracy, specificity and precision all around 80%. Whereas precision recall view gave less performance metrics around 75%.
- As to solve business problem CEO asked to boost conversion rate to 80%, but metrics dropped when we took precision-recall view. So, we will choose sensitivity-specificity view for our optimal cut-off for final predictions.
- Lead score was assigned to train data using 0.284 as cut-off.

Making Predictions on Test Data:

- Making Predictions on Test: Scaling and predicting using final model.
- Evaluation metrics for train & test are very close to around 80%.
- Lead score was assigned.
- Top 3 features are:
 - Lead Source_Weingak Website
 - Current_occupation_Working Professional
 - Lead Source_Reference

Recommendations:

- More budget/spend can be done on Weingak Website in terms of advertising, etc.
- Incentives/discounts for providing reference that convert to lead, encourage to provide more references.
- Working professionals to be aggressively targeted as they have high conversion rate and will have better financial situation to pay higher fees too.

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