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Abstract

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“You have to learn the rules of the game.
And then you have to play better than anyone else”

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1 Introduction

The objective of this project was to create a machine learning model to predict credit card default on an industrial-scale dataset. 7 different machine learning models & 3 deep learning architectures were explored during the experimentation phase.

1.1 Definitions

This section introduces definitions for terms that are important for understanding the problem.

1.1.1 Credit Card Statement Date

The credit card statement date is the date on which the statement/bill is generated every month. Any transaction conducted on the card post billing date will reflect in the next month's credit card statement.

1.1.2 Delinquent Account

A credit card account is considered delinquent if the customer has failed to make the minimum monthly payment for 30 days from the original due date.

1.1.3 Delinquency Rate

The percentage of credit card accounts within a financial institution's portfolio whose payments are delinquent.

$$DelinquencyRate = \left(\frac{NumberOfDelinquentCreditCardAccounts}{TotalNumberOfCreditCardAccount} \right) * 100 \quad (1)$$

1.1.4 Credit Card Default

The customer is considered as defaulting customer in the event of nonpayment of the due amount in 120 days after the latest statement date.

1.2 Motivation

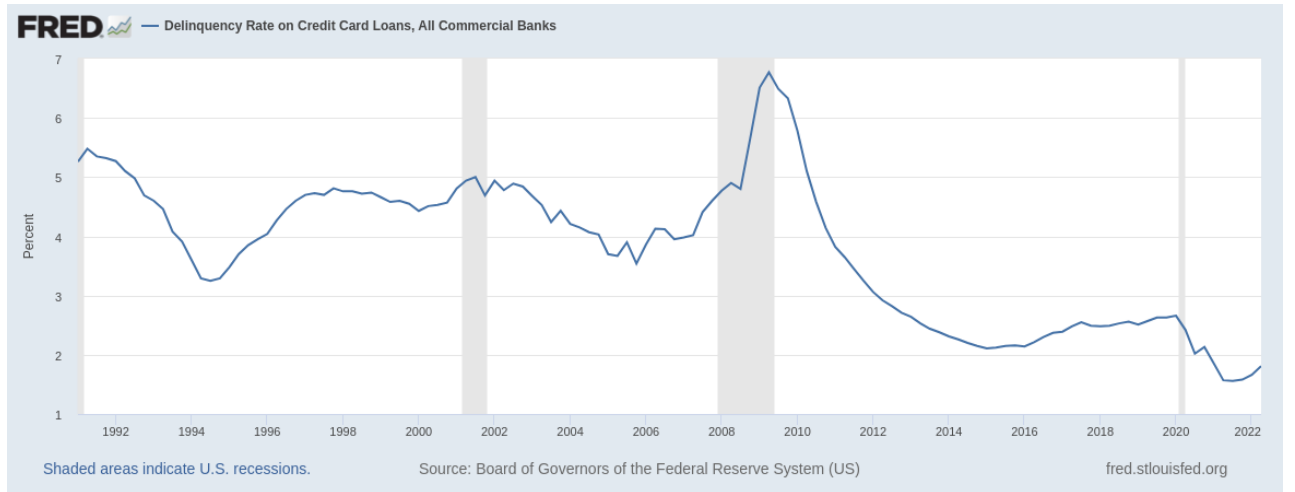


Figure 1: Delinquency rate on credit card loans for the period 1992-2022(Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (US) 2022).

1.3 Aim & Approach

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1.4 Structure of Report

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2 Background Knowledge

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2.1 Summary

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3 Literature Review

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3.1 Summary

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4 Materials

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4.1 Dataset

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4.2 Tools & Software

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5 Methodology

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7 Conclusion & Summary

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8 Appendix One: Code

8.1 Directory Structure

8.2 Running the Provided Code