

My Decision For 3rd Model:

I got 65% accuracy with Random Forest. Need for Improvements :

For my third Submission I have used XG Boost.

XGBoost stands for **extreme gradient boosting**, which is an implementation of gradient boosting with several additional features focused on performance and speed.

Major Steps and my Philosophy Involved:

I was having some troubles importing XGboost in jupyter-notebook , hence had to use:

```
import sys
print(sys.base_prefix)

import pip
pip.main(['install', 'xgboost'])
```

a) Exploring Dataset : Getting to know the data

For my references : Shape,description , info , If any null values, name of columns , dtype of columns etc

b) Dealing with Null Values:

There are many null values in the training data set : Out of 50882 -- 27334 rows have got null values , deleting all these rows will be a huge loss of data to us.

As many fields contain **categorical values** , I have decided to **replace null values with most frequently occurring attributes** in respective columns using **Mode function**

c) Processing Data - Getting Data Ready for Model:

I thought to use the **One-Hot-Encoding** , but before going ahead with that, there are 2 columns that are neither string nor float/int , thus i need to process these columns differently.

For these 2 columns , **Health Indicator and Holding_Policy_Duration**, I specifically replaced all the unique attributes in the column using a corresponding int value, so as to categorise.

For Example: For Health Indicator Column,

data['Health Indicator'].replace

({"X1":1,"X2":2,"X3":3,"X4":4,"X5":5,"X6":6,"X7":7,"X8":8,"X9":9},inplace=True)

Processing Other Columns with One-Hot-Encoder:

I have processed the remaining columns by using sklearn Label Encoder.

```
# Import Label Encoder

from sklearn import preprocessing
# Label_encoder object knows how to understand word labels.

label_encoder = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
# Encode Labels in column 'Country'.

data['City_Code']= label_encoder.fit_transform(data['City_Code'])
data['Accommodation_Type']= label_encoder.fit_transform(data['Accommodation_Type'])
data['Reco_Insurance_Type']= label_encoder.fit_transform(data['Reco_Insurance_Type'])
data['Is_Spouse']= label_encoder.fit_transform(data['Is_Spouse'])

print(data.head())

#Defining Features AS x

x = data[["City_Code", "Region_Code",
          "Accommodation_Type", "Reco_Insurance_Type", "Upper_Age",
          "Lower_Age", "Is_Spouse", "Health_Indicator", "Holding_Policy_Duration",
          "Holding_Policy_Type", "Reco_Policy_Cat", "Reco_Policy_Premium"]]
```

Also need to convert Object Type Column before feeding to XG-Boost:

```
#Need to convert the object type before feeding to xgboost
from sklearn import preprocessing
lbl = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
data['Holding_Policy_Duration'] = lbl.fit_transform(data['Holding_Policy_Duration'].astype(str))

print(data.dtypes)
```

d) Building the model:

As already mentioned , I used the XG Boost as a model for prediction.

e) Next , Obvious steps , Fitting the training data into the model , and making predictions out of it. For now , I have not splitted my training data into test/train, I will first see the result with this, and then make changes if required to improve upon.

f) Repeating the same processing steps for Test-data

Let's Hope for Good Results!