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**USING PYTHON** 

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## **Abstract:**

Credit card fraud detection is the process of identifying fraudulent transactions made using credit or debit cards. With the increasing usage of credit and debit cards for online and offline transactions, the risk of fraud has also increased. Fraudulent activities, such as stolen cards, identity theft, and unauthorized transactions, can cause significant financial losses to individuals and businesses. Credit card fraud detection involves the use of various statistical and machine learning techniques to analyze transactional data and detect any unusual or fraudulent activities. The analysis typically involves identifying patterns, trends, and anomalies in the data that could indicate potential fraud. Some common techniques used for credit card fraud detection include supervised and unsupervised machine learning algorithms, anomaly detection

## Introduction:

In this project we will use various predictive models to see how accurate they are in detecting whether a transaction is a normal payment or a fraud and find the best one. Financial institutions and card issuers have adopted a comprehensive approach to security that tackles fraud on four fronts. The first step is to devalue sensitive information to make it less useful if it falls into the wrong hands. An example is tokenization, which "converts credit card numbers into randomlygenerated values (tokens)." A token is a unique number relating to a specific transaction and has no use beyond that transaction. Consequently, a cybercriminal will find the token data he has obtained to be worthless. Second, there is increasing reliance on the analysis of data, with the object of detecting unusual patterns, for example where the location of the transaction differs from that of the cardholder's mobile phone. Third, pushing businesses and others in the payment system to observe industry protocols, such as the Payment Card Industry (PCI) standards, for the protection of data. For example, under PCI standards, neither point-of-sale (POS) terminals nor a business's own records, can store consumer's credit card numbers. Finally, alerting consumers to the dangers of card fraud and encouraging them to adopt best practices, such as monitoring their accounts regularly. Credit card fraud detection systems use a combination of statistical and machine learning techniques to analyze transactional data and identify patterns, trends, and anomalies that indicate potential fraud. Some common techniques include supervised and unsupervised machine learning algorithms, anomaly detection, and neural networks. These techniques help detect fraudulent activities in real-time and allow credit card issuers to take appropriate actions to prevent further losses. Effective credit card fraud detection systems can help reduce financial losses for financial institutions, merchants, and consumers. However, it is important to balance the need for fraud detection with the need for minimal disruption to legitimate transactions. False positives can be costly and can negatively impact customer experience. Therefore, credit card issuers must continuously refine their fraud detection systems to improve accuracy and minimize disruption to legitimate transactions.

# **Data Description:**

Credit card fraud detection is the process of identifying and preventing fraudulent transactions made using credit cards. The data used for credit card fraud detection typically includes information about the transactions made using credit cards, as well as information about the cardholders and the merchants involved in the transactions.

The data includes the following features:

- Transaction amount: The amount of money involved in the transaction.
- Transaction date and time: The date and time at which the transaction was made.
- Cardholder information: Information about the cardholder, such as their name, addresses, and contact details.
- Card information: Information about the credit card, such as the card number, expiration date, and security code
- Merchant information: Information about the merchant, such as their name, addresses, and contact details.
- Transaction type: The type of transaction, such as online purchase, in-store purchase, or cash withdrawal.
- Transaction status: Whether the transaction was approved or declined.
- Fraud status: Whether the transaction was fraudulent or not.

The goal of credit card fraud detection is to develop machine learning models that can accurately identify fraudulent transactions while minimizing false positives i.e., identifying legitimate transactions as fraudulent. This requires the use of advanced machine learning techniques such as ensemble methods, feature engineering, and oversampling of the minority class (fraudulent transactions).

Types of credit card frauds

- \*counterfeit fraud
- \*lost or stolen card fraud
- \*card does not present fraud
- \*identity fraud
- \* skimming fraud

To detect these counterfeit, stolen cards and card not present fraud classifiers like logistics regression, SVM, decision tree and random forest are very helpful

To Detect identity and skimming fraud anomaly detection and classification algorithms are very helpful

## **Our Goals:**

- credit card fraud detection using machine learning algorithms is to identify fraudulent credit card transactions with high accuracy and speed
- Machine learning algorithms are used to analyze large volumes of transaction data in real-time to detect patterns and anomalies that may indicate fraudulent activity
- Scalability and Adaptability ML algorithms to handle large volumes of data and to adapt changing fraud patterns and techniques

## **Outline:**

- I. Understanding our data
- II. Preprocessing
- III. Machine learning algorithms and models
- IV. Training and Testing
- V. Result and Conclusion

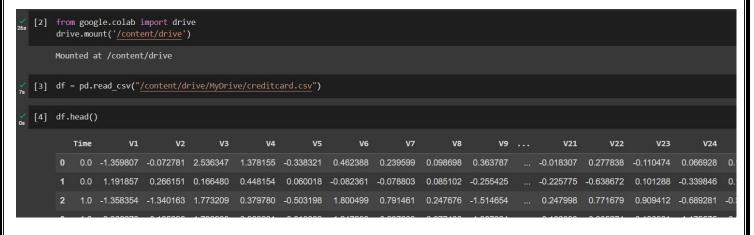
#### **Dataset:**

The dataset (Creditcard.csv) presents transactions that occurred in two days, where we have 492 frauds out of 284,807 transactions. The dataset is highly unbalanced, the positive class (frauds) account for 0.172% of all transactions.

It contains only numerical input variables which are the result of a PCA transformation. Unfortunately, due to confidentiality issues, we cannot provide the original features and more background information about the data. Features V1, V2 ... V28 are the principal components obtained with PCA; the only features which have not been transformed with PCA are 'Time' and 'Amount'. Feature 'Time' contains the seconds elapsed between each transaction and the first transaction in the dataset. The feature 'Amount' is the transaction Amount, this feature can be used for example-dependant cost-sensitive learning. Feature 'Class' is the response variable and it takes value 1 in case of fraud and 0 otherwise.



Let's read the data into a Pandas data frame that we will call by the generic name "df":





We note that the variables V1 to V28 have mean zero, with a standard deviation in the range of 0.3 to 2.

## **Preprocessing**

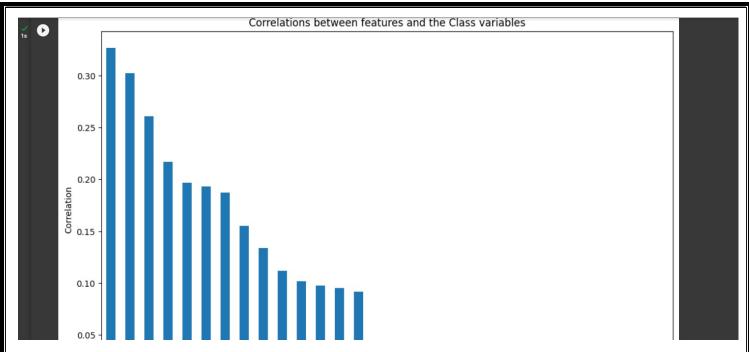
```
df.isnull().sum()
    Time
               0
₽
               0
    V3
               0
    V4
               0
    V5
               0
    V6
               0
    ٧7
               0
    V8
               0
    V9
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    V10
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    V12
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    V13
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    V14
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               0
    V16
    V17
               0
    V18
               0
    V19
               0
    V20
               0
    V21
               0
    V22
               0
    V23
    V24
```

It appears that the only categorical variable is the response variable "Class". All the other variables are continuous numerical variables.

```
corr_Class = df.corr()['Class']
    print(corr_Class)
    Time
             -0.012323
             -0.101347
    V2
              0.091289
             -0.192961
    V4
              0.133447
             -0.094974
    V6
             -0.043643
             -0.187257
    V8
              0.019875
    V9
             -0.097733
    V10
             -0.216883
              0.154876
             -0.260593
             -0.004570
             -0.302544
             -0.004223
    V16
             -0.196539
             -0.326481
    V18
             -0.111485
              0.034783
              0.020090
              0.040413
    V21
              0.000805
              -0.002685
             -0.007221
```

Let's remove the last element ('Class') from the above list, and take the absolute value of the results and then sort the values:

```
plt.figure(figsize=(12,7.5))
corr_Class.plot(kind='bar')
plt.xlabel('Feature')
plt.ylabel('Correlation')
plt.title('Correlations between features and the Class variables')
```



From the above barplot, we can see that there is a significant jump in correlation values between the variables V2 and V6. It therefore makes sense to use the value of the correlation of the V2 variable as a cut-off for the features we want to keep:

```
[13] relevant_features = list(corr_Class[np.abs(corr_Class) > 0.09].index)
print(relevant_features)

['V17', 'V14', 'V12', 'V10', 'V16', 'V3', 'V7', 'V11', 'V4', 'V18', 'V1', 'V9', 'V5', 'V2']
```

We now want to compare the above features list to the tentative list of features

```
tentative_features_list = ['V2', 'V3', 'V4', 'V7','V9', 'V10', 'V11', 'V12', 'V14', 'V16', 'V17', 'V18']

set(relevant_features) - set(tentative_features_list)
```

```
[14] X = df.loc[:, relevant_features]
y = df['Class']
print('Shape of X: ', X.shape)
print('Shape of y: ', y.shape)

Shape of X: (284807, 14)
Shape of y: (284807,)

[15] from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25, random_state=42)
print('Shape of X_train: ', X_train.shape)
print('Shape of y_train: ', y_train.shape)
print('Nshape of X_test: ', X_test.shape)
print('Shape of y_train: ', y_test.shape)

Shape of X_train: (213605, 14)
Shape of Y_train: (213605,)
Shape of X_test: (71202, 14)
Shape of y_test: (71202,)
```



Out of 284807 transactions, only 492 are fraudulent.

```
[20] # define predictors and target
    target = "Class"
    # all columns except class
    predictors = df.columns.tolist()[:-1]

[21] # split the data
    train_df, test_df = train_test_split(df, test_size = 0.2, random_state = 42, shuffle = True)
    train_df, valid_df = train_test_split(train_df, test_size = 0.2, random_state = 42, shuffle = True)
```

## Random forest classifier

Random forests are an ensemble learning method that combines multiple decision trees to improve the accuracy of the model. Random forests are known for their high accuracy and robustness and can be used to detect counterfeit fraud by identifying patterns in the data that suggest fraudulent activity, such as multiple transactions at the same merchant or transactions with unusual amounts.



The precision, being the percentage of predicted positives that were correctly classified, is 0.88: out of the predicted positives (84 + 9 = 93), 84 were correctly classified, which represents 90% of all predicted positives. In other words, 1 out of 10 predicted positives is a false positive.

The recall, being the percentage of actual positives that were correctly classified, is 0.74: out of the actual positives (84 + 29 = 113), 84 were correctly classified, which represents 74% of all actual positives. In other words, 3 out of every 4 fraudulent transactions are caught, with the remaining 1 out of every 4 transactions remaining undetected.

#### **Logistic Regression:**

Logistic regression is a statistical method that predicts a binary outcome based on the input features. In the case of credit card fraud detection, the binary outcome is either fraud or non-fraud. Logistic regression can be useful in identifying counterfeit fraud because it can identify patterns in the data that suggest fraudulent activity, such as unusual spending patterns or transactions outside of the user's usual geographic location.

```
Logistic regression
[29] from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
      from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, classification_report
[30] X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df.iloc[:,:-1], df.iloc[:,-1], test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
     model = LogisticRegression()
      model.fit(X_train, y_train)
      y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
     print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
print("Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
      print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
      Accuracy: 0.9988998513628969
      Confusion Matrix:
                  48]
          46
                 90]]
      Classification Report:
                                 recall f1-score support
```



The performance of the logistic regression is not as good as the random forest classifier: the precision is lower, as is the recall.

#### **Decision tree Classifier**

Decision trees are another popular algorithm used for classification problems, including credit card fraud detection. They work by dividing the data into smaller and smaller subsets based on the input features until the subsets are homogenous. Decision trees are easy to interpret and explain, making them a popular choice for credit card fraud detection. The decision tree model can be used to identify the most important features in predicting whether a transaction is fraudulent or not. By understanding which features are most important, analysts can develop strategies to reduce the risk of fraud by monitoring and verifying these features more closely.

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
      from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, classification_report
     from sklearn.model selection import train test split
[33] # Split the dataset into training and testing sets
     X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df.iloc[:,:-1], df.iloc[:,-1], test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
[34]
     model = DecisionTreeClassifier()
     model.fit(X_train, y_train)
     y pred = model.predict(X test)
     print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
     print("Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
     print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
     Accuracy: 0.9990988144142879
     Confusion Matrix:
          29 107]]
     Classification Report:
```

decision tree classifiers have been shown to be effective in detecting credit card fraud, achieving high accuracy and reducing the number of false positives.

#### **Anomaly Detection**

Anomaly detection algorithms can be used to detect unusual patterns or outliers in credit card transaction data that may be indicative of skimming fraud. These algorithms can be trained on a dataset of known legitimate transactions to identify patterns that are consistent with normal behavior. Any transactions that fall outside of these patterns can be flagged as potentially fraudulent and investigated further.

```
Anomaly detection

[40] # Fit an Elliptic Envelope model on the training set
from sklearn.covariance import EllipticEnvelope
model = EllipticEnvelope(contamination=0.01)
model.fit(X_train)

# Predict the labels for the testing set
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

# Compute the accuracy score

warnings.warn(
[40] /usr/local/lib/python3.9/dist-packages/sklearn/covariance/_robust_covariance.py:184: RuntimeWarning: Det
warnings.warn(
```

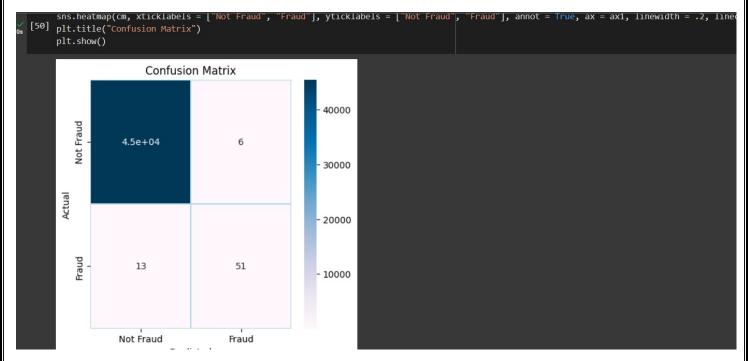
```
warnings.warn(
/usr/local/lib/python3.9/dist-packages/sklearn/covariance/_robust_covariance.py:184: RuntimeWarning: Det w
```

We observe that the accuracy for anomaly detection is 87%

#### **AdaBoost Classifier**

AdaBoost (Adaptive Boosting) is a popular ensemble learning algorithm that can be used for classification problems, including credit card fraud detection. The main idea behind AdaBoost is to combine multiple "weak" classifiers into a "strong" classifier. In the context of credit card fraud detection, a weak classifier could be a simple decision tree or logistic regression model that is not very accurate on its own but can still provide some predictive power.

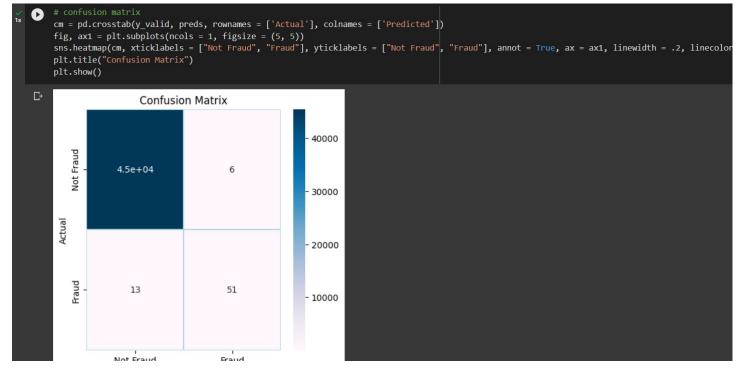
```
AdaBoost
[45] from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
[46] X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df.iloc[:,:-1], df.iloc[:,-1], test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
[48] \ \ clf = AdaBoostClassifier(base\_estimator=DecisionTreeClassifier(max\_depth=1), \ n\_estimators=100)
     clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
     y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)
     print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
     print("Confusion \ Matrix: \ \ 'n", \ confusion\_matrix(y\_test, \ y\_pred))
     print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
     /usr/local/lib/python3.9/dist-packages/sklearn/ensemble/_base.py:166: FutureWarning: `base_estimator` was renamed to `estimator` in versi
       warnings.warn(
     Accuracy: 0.9994850368081645
     Confusion Matrix:
      [[85291
                161
          28 108]]
     Classification Report:
                    precision
                                 recall f1-score support
```



#### **CatBoost Classifier**

CatBoost is a popular gradient boosting framework used in machine learning that can be applied to various applications, including credit card fraud detection. CatBoost, with its ability to handle categorical features, can be particularly useful for fraud detection tasks that involve transaction data.

```
[59] from catboost import CatBoostClassifier
     clf = CatBoostClassifier(iterations = 500, learning_rate = 0.02, depth = 12,
                              eval_metric = "AUC", random_seed = 42, bagging_temperature = 0.2,
                              od_type = "Iter", metric_period = 50, od_wait = 100)
[61] X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df.iloc[:,:-1], df.iloc[:,-1], test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
[62] model = CatBoostClassifier(iterations=1000, learning_rate=0.1, depth=6, loss_function='Logloss', eval_metric='AUC', random_seed
     model.fit(X_train, y_train, verbose=False)
     y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
     print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
     print("Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
     print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
     Accuracy: 0.9996254813150287
     Confusion Matrix:
      [[85298 9]
[ 23 113]]
     Classification Report:
                    precision
                                 recall f1-score
                                                    support
                        1.00
                                  1.00
                                            1.00
```



#### **XGBoost Classifier**

XGBoost is a widely-used gradient boosting framework in machine learning that can also be applied to credit card fraud detection. Credit card fraud detection typically involves identifying fraudulent transactions by analyzing transaction data. XGBoost can be useful in this application as it is capable of handling complex, high-dimensional data and can be effective in identifying patterns and anomalies in transaction data.

```
XGBoost
[70] from xgboost import XGBClassifier
     X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df.iloc[:,:-1], df.iloc[:,-1], test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
[72] xgb_clf = xgb.XGBClassifier()
     xgb_clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
     y_pred = xgb_clf.predict(X_test)
     print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
     print("Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
     print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
     Accuracy: 0.9996722961506501
     Confusion Matrix:
         22 114]]
     Classification Report:
                                 recall f1-score
                    precision
                                                    support
                        1.00
                                  1.00
                                            1.00
                                                     85307
                        0.95
                                  0.84
                                            0.89
                                                      136
         accuracy
                                            1.00
                                                     85443
        macro avg
                        0.97
                                  0.92
                                            0.95
     weighted avg
                                            1.00
                                                     85443
```

XGBoost seems to have the best balance between precision and recall, with a precision score of  $\sim$ 0.9 (1 out of 10 predicted positives is a false positive), and a recall score of  $\sim$ 0.90 (22% of fraudulent transactions go undetected).

#### **LightGBM**

LightGBM is another popular gradient boosting framework that can be applied to credit card fraud detection. Like XGBoost and CatBoost, it is capable of handling large datasets and can effectively handle high-dimensional and sparse data. In credit card fraud detection, LightGBM can be useful for identifying patterns and anomalies in transaction data. Similar to using XGBoost or CatBoost, we can prepare the data and select relevant features.

```
LightGBM
[75] import lightgbm as lgb
      X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df.iloc[:,:-1], df.iloc[:,-1], test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
[76] params = {
          'objective': 'binary',
          'boosting_type': 'gbdt',
          'num_leaves': 31,
          'learning_rate': 0.05,
[79] train_data = lgb.Dataset(X_train, label=y_train)
      model = lgb.train(params, train_data, num_boost_round=100)
      y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
      y_pred = np.where(y_pred > 0.5, 1, 0)
      print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
      print("Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
      print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
      [LightGBM] [Info] Number of positive: 356, number of negative: 199008
      [LightGBM] [Warning] Auto-choosing col-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.066885 seconds.
      You can set `force_col_wise=true` to remove the overhead.
[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 7650
      LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 199364, number of used features: 30
```

Classification	n Report: precision	recall	f1-score	support			
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	85307			
1	0.21	0.76	0.33	136			
accuracy			1.00	85443			
macro avg	0.60	0.88	0.66	85443			
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	85443			
] # area under	curve						
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This has shown a promising solution for credit card fraud detection and has demonstrated high accuracy and efficiency in various studies and competitions.

#### **Results:**

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- Random Forest: 0.88
- logistic regression: 0.99
- · Anamoly detection: 0.87
- AdaBoost: 0.89
- CatBoost: 0.89
- XGBoost: 0.91
- LightGBM: 0.87

#### **Discussion and Conclusion:**

In order to get a feel of how good our classification models were, let us compare the performance of these models

By comparison, our best models were the following:

- Random forest with balanced class weights: 27% precision and 89% recall.
- A logistic regression with balanced class weights: 5% precision and 91% recall. This is the best recall we obtained in all the models we have studied. The drawback is the precision, which is quite small (note that this model is at least as good as the neural network with oversampling referenced above).
- Decision tree classifier with balanced class weights: 69% precision and 79% recall. This is also the best recall we obtained in all the models we have studied. And also the precision we got is also good.
- Anomaly detection, we observe that the accuracy for anomaly detection is 87%
- Adaboost classifier with balanced class weights: 87% precision and 79% recall. This is also the best recall we obtained in all the models we have studied. And also the precision we got is also good.
- CatBoost classifier with balanced class weights: 93% precision and 83% recall. This is also the best recall we obtained in all the models we have studied. And also the precision we got is also good.
- XGBoost classifier with balanced class weights: 95% precision and 84% recall. This is also the best recall we obtained in all the models we have studied. And also the precision we got is also good.