

NAME OF THE PROJECT

**MICRO CREDIT**

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**INTRODUCTION**

* Business Problem Framing

The growth in micro finance sector has been significant in last decades.  
A Microfinance Institution (MFI) is an organization that offers financial services to low-income populations. MFS becomes very useful when targeting especially the unbanked poor families living in remote areas with not much sources of income.

Micro finance is widely accepted as a poverty-reduction tool.

In today’s world communication is the key element for every person’s life  
In this project we are working and analyzing a data set provided by a company which is in telecom business and providing their customers airtime credit depending on their credit and usage history of their mobile number.  
In this project work we will be predicting the class of the customers who have paid the airtime credit/loan amount with interest with in time or not.  
Our target variable here is label which has 2 classes (1= paid the loan amount within time, 2=didn’t paid the loan amount within time).

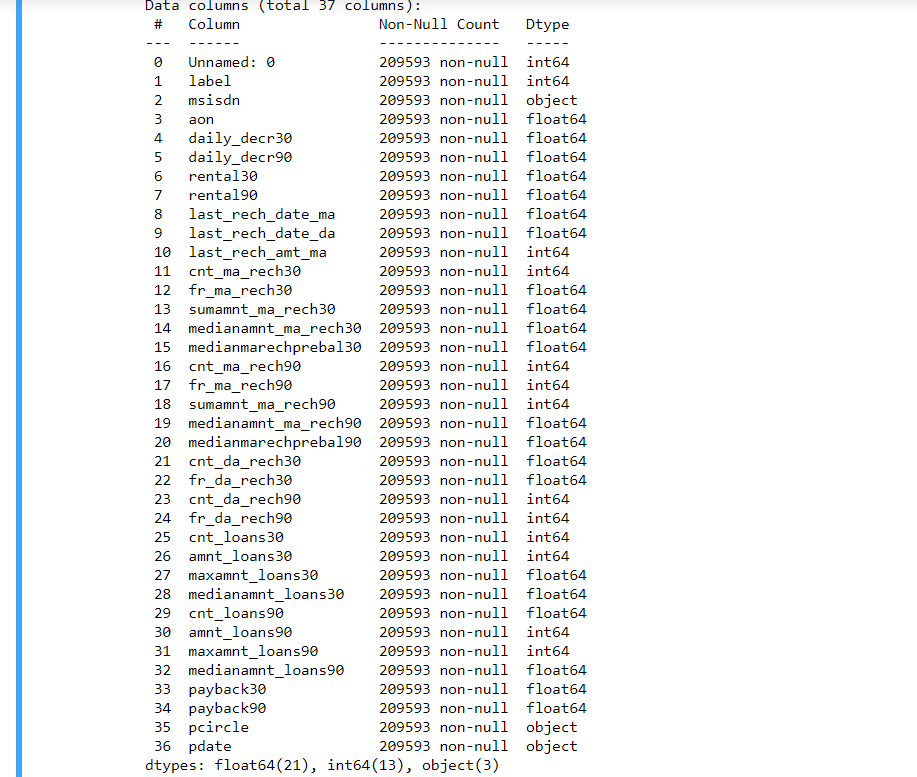
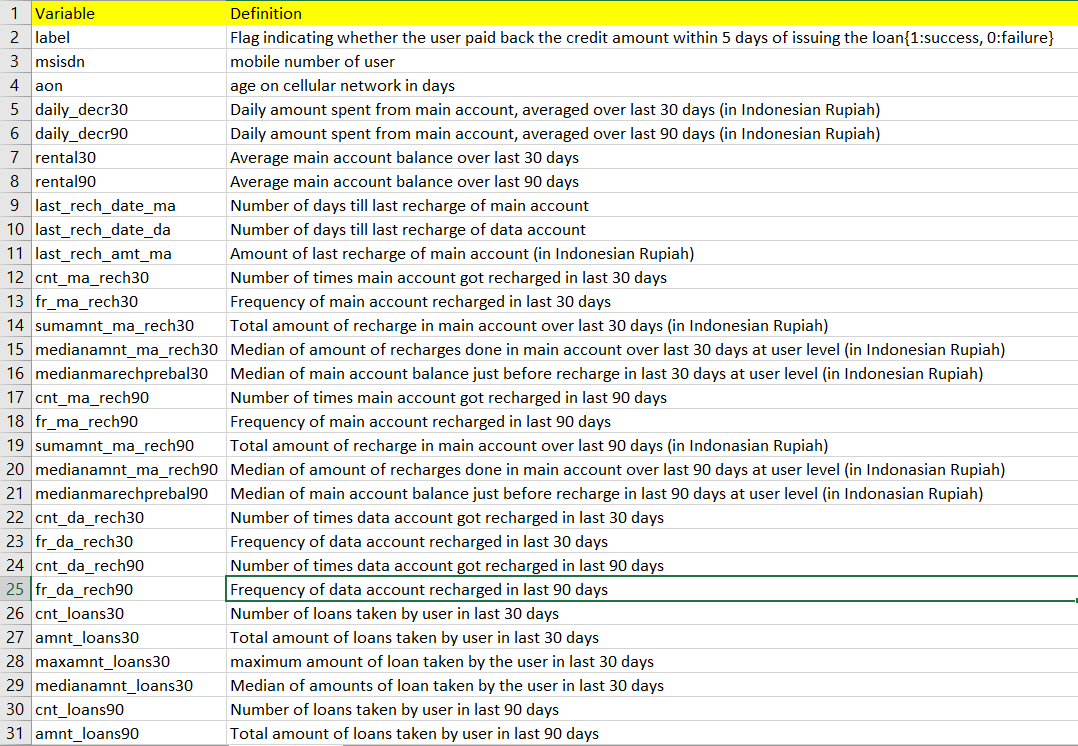
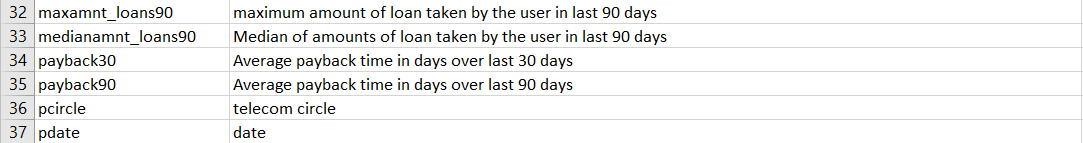
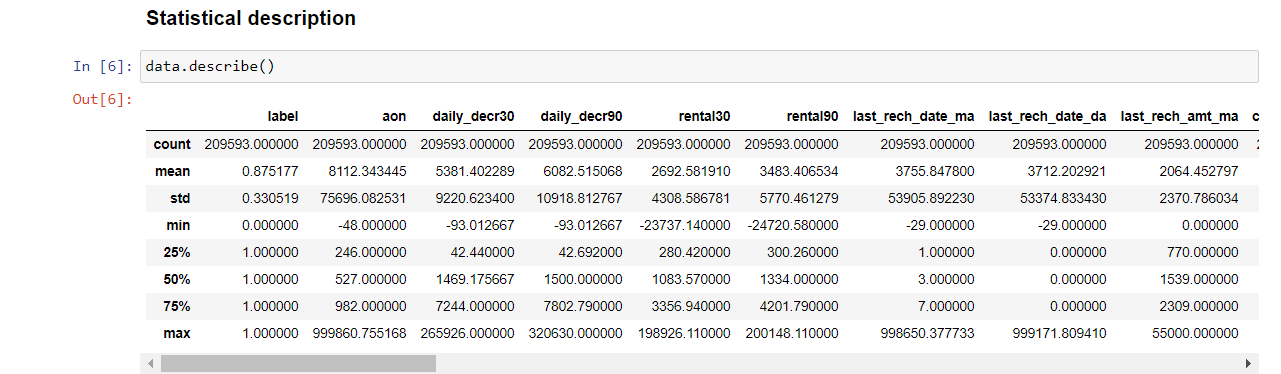
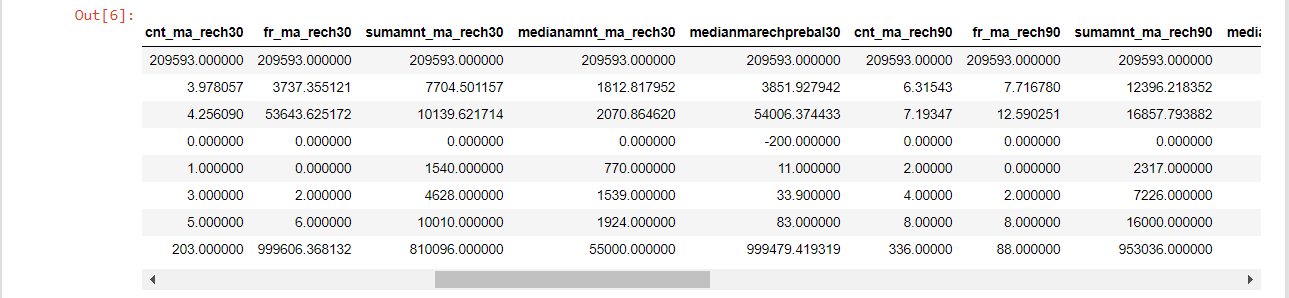
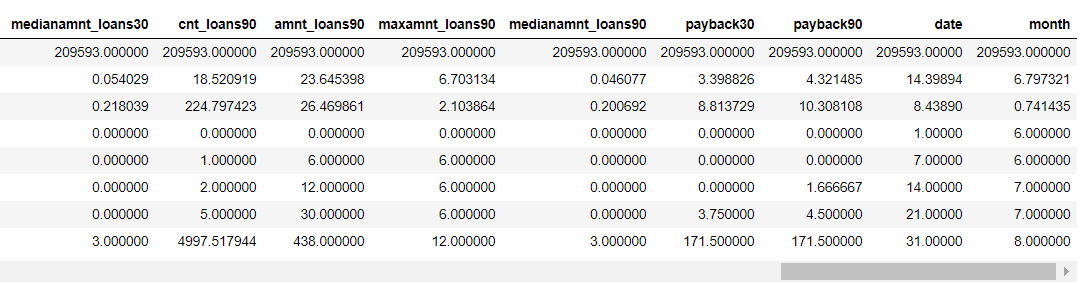
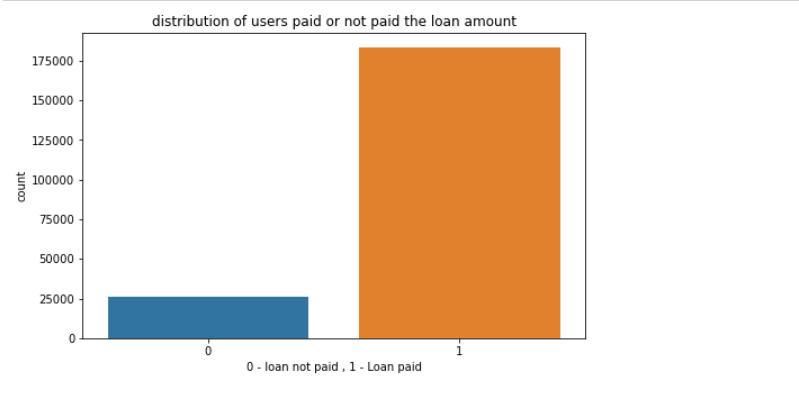
The main purpose of this project/analysis is to look at the credit risk problems that can arise so that the risk can be reduced.  
In real-life scenarios financial institutes like banks, credit rating companies are very concerned with credit risk analysis. This project is also related to this as when a telecom company is providing airtime credit/loan, then it becomes the liability of the telecom company to repay the loan amount to the lending company (Micro Finance Institute).

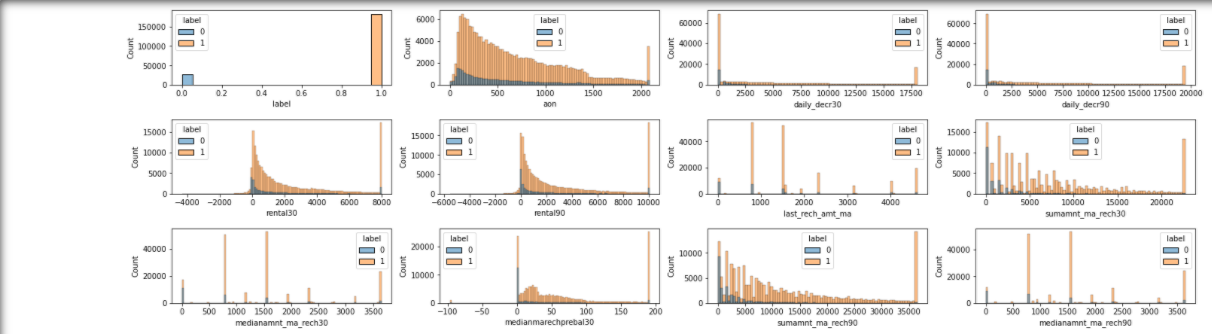
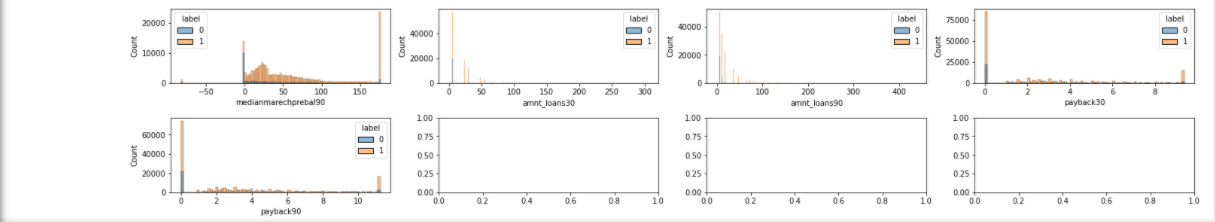
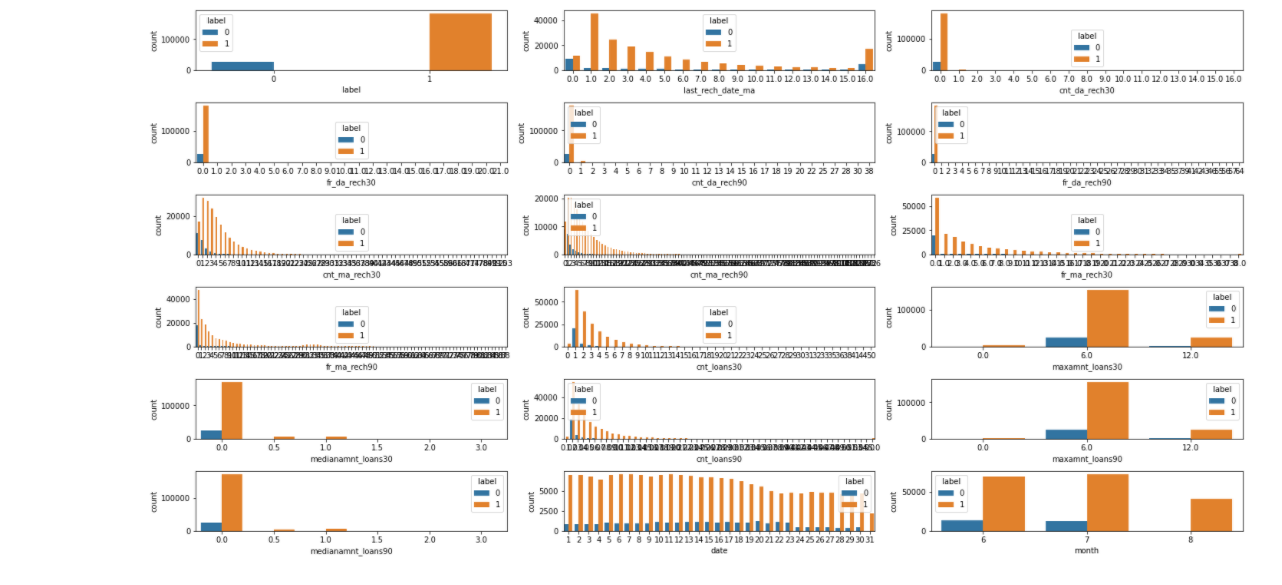
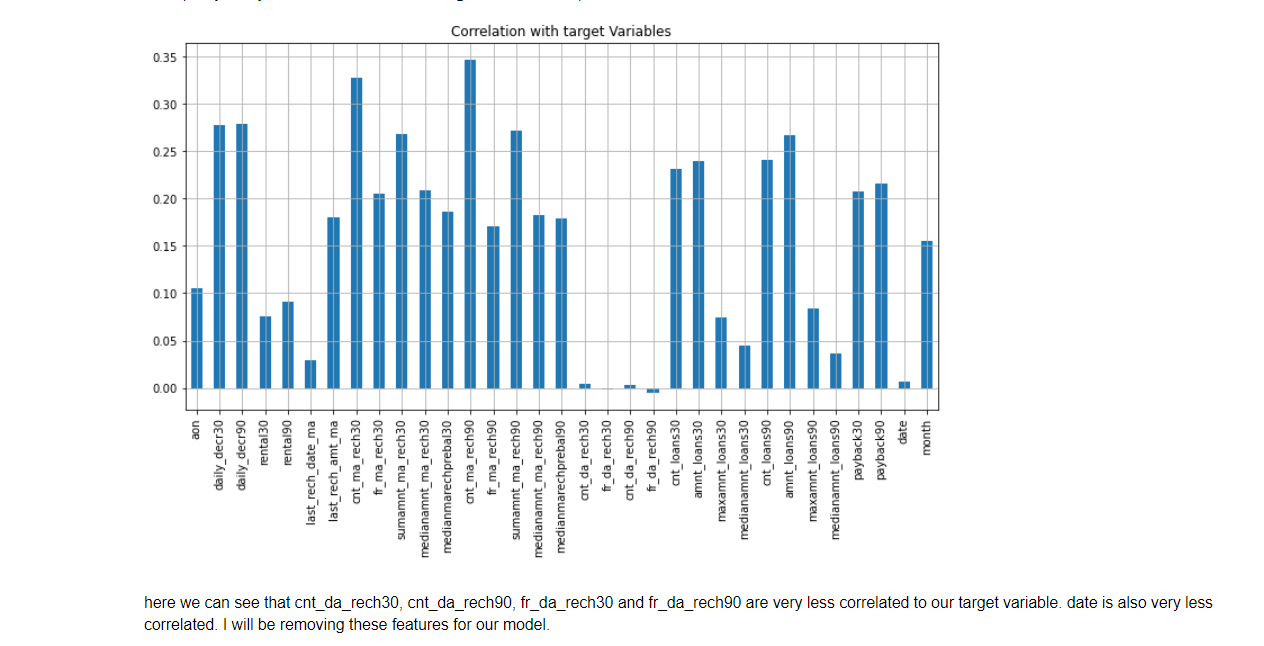
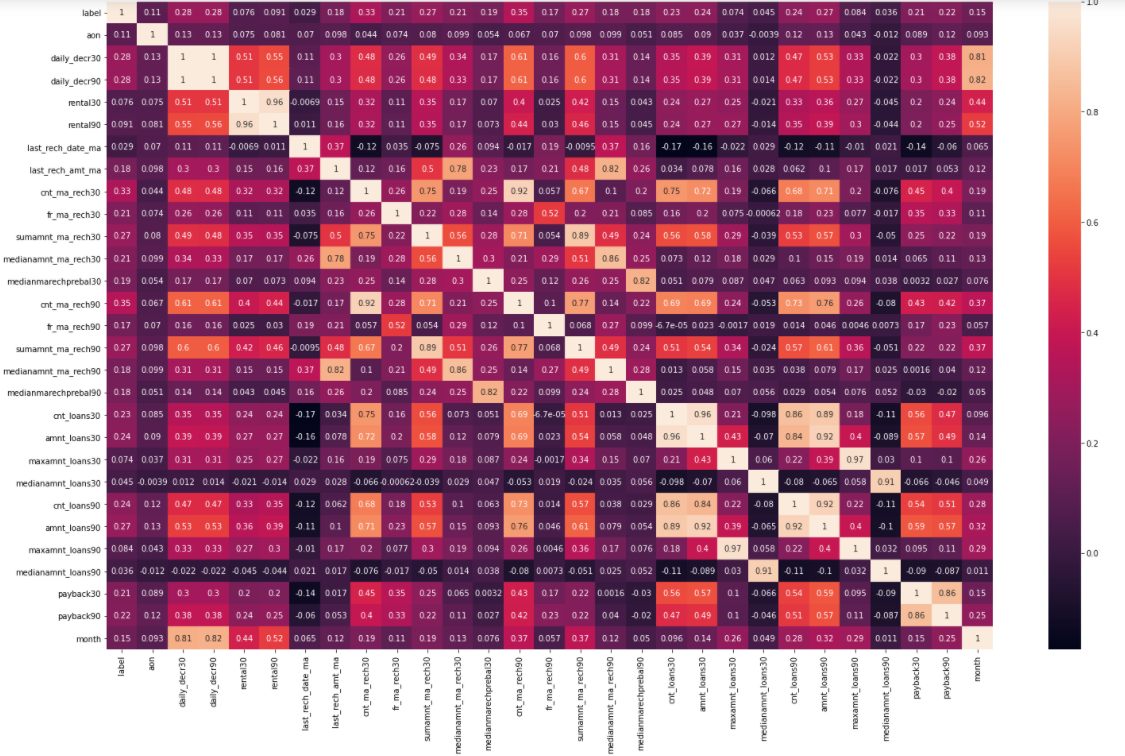
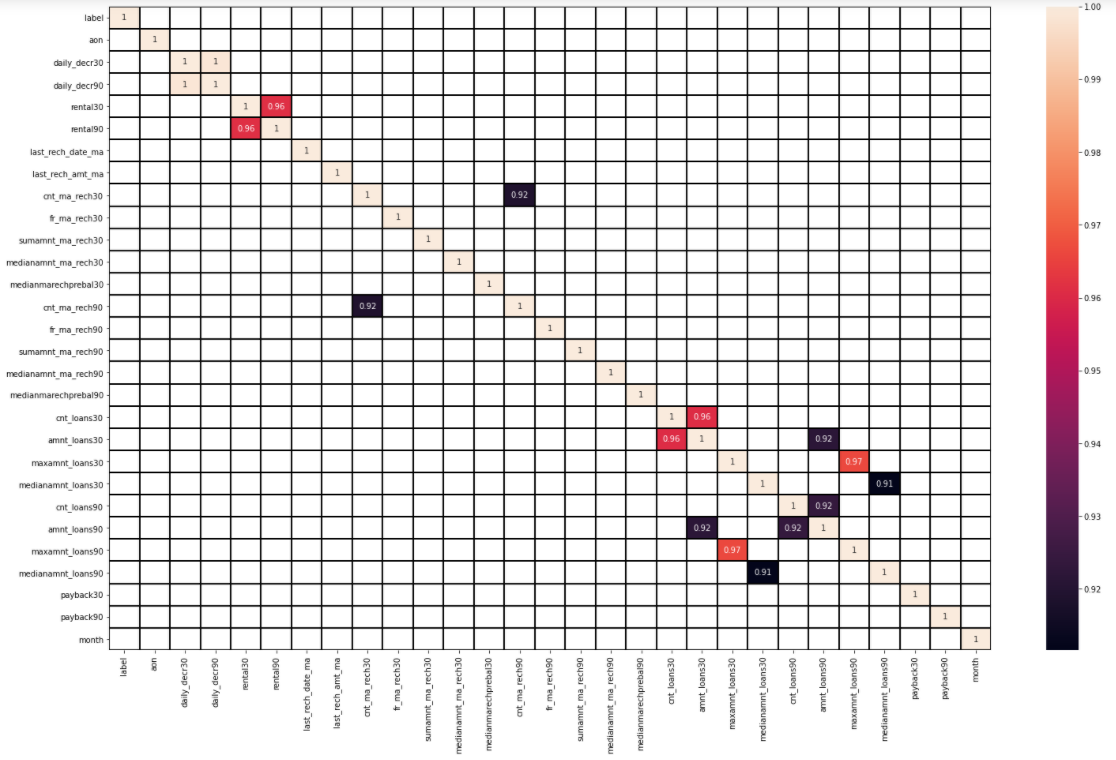
Airtime-based credit scoring algorithms help MNOs better monetize their customer data to offer a wider range of products, including mobile money platforms either directly or in collaboration with banks.

* Conceptual Background of the Domain Problem  
  Mobile subscribers in the world are estimated to reach around 5.86 billion by 2025.  
  For a MNO it is very important to retain their most valued customers because of the competition in the telecom industry.  
  Out of the total subscribers' base 80% are on prepaid plans and mostly in rural, unbanked areas and churn rate is also more in prepaid plans, more than 80% of new prepaid users leave within the first 90 days in hyper-competitive markets. Companies spends hundreds of millions of dollars to retain new prepaid customers, only to lose 60%+ of them within 30 days.  
  Now the question arises: Are the high costs of acquisition and constant churn in prepaid sustainable in emerging markets looking to reduce opex? Can we allow this model to take hold in developed markets? The answers can only be: no, it's not; and no, we can't.  
    
  So, what is the solution this? The answer to this is creating "SIM equity" -- a strong, compelling reason for subscribers to stick with their operator on the same SIM despite better short-term deals from competitors. It requires an approach that puts retention ahead of acquisition -- a monumental shift in MNO marketing strategy... especially in emerging markets.
* Review of Literature  
    
  For this project work I read an article by Steve Polsky (Founder and CEO, Juvo). The objective is to retain the prepaid users.  
  Prepaid users are invisible to MNOs beyond a phone number and an account balance. In many emerging markets, the average prepaid user will experience a "zero balance" day every week -- one day where they have no credit and cannot use their devices. In these markets, many customers do not have formal financial identities. This makes offering credit to encourage continued service usage nigh-on impossible -- if you take a traditional view of credit, which is to say "no" a lot more than "yes."  
    
  But it only takes an operator to say "yes" to, for example, a small interest-free airtime credit extension, to provide prepaid customers with the opportunity of a lifetime. Then, based on the subscriber's payback behaviour, machine learning can determine individualized lending criteria based on real-time data. Using this model, an individual can continue to borrow and pay back larger and larger amounts of credit -- slowly building trust, reducing risk and building an identity score that creates a compelling reason to stay with their operator.
* Motivation for the Problem Undertaken

The motivation for doing this project was primarily an interest in undertaking a challenging project in an interesting area of research. The opportunity to learn about a new area of computing not covered in lectures was appealing.

**Analytical Problem Framing**

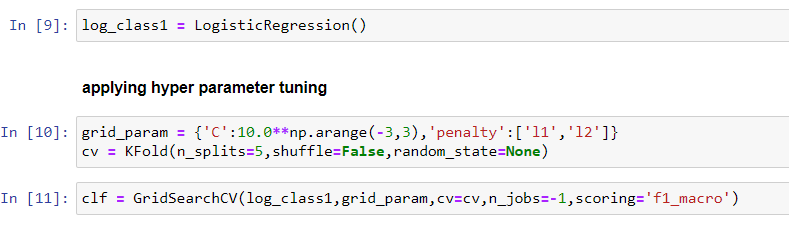
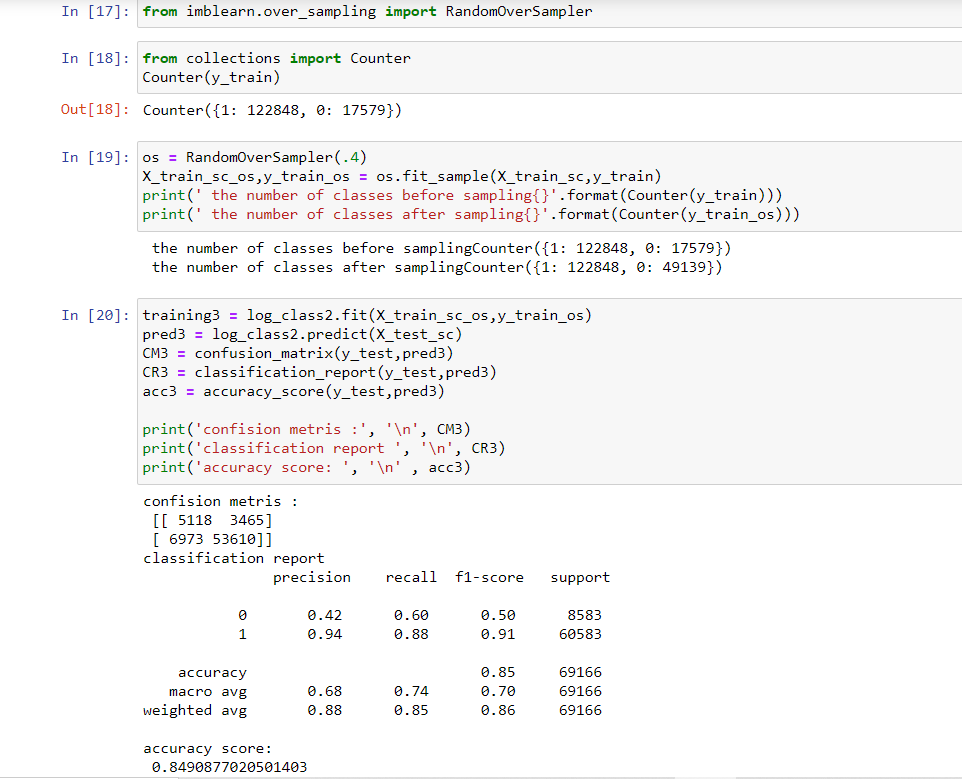
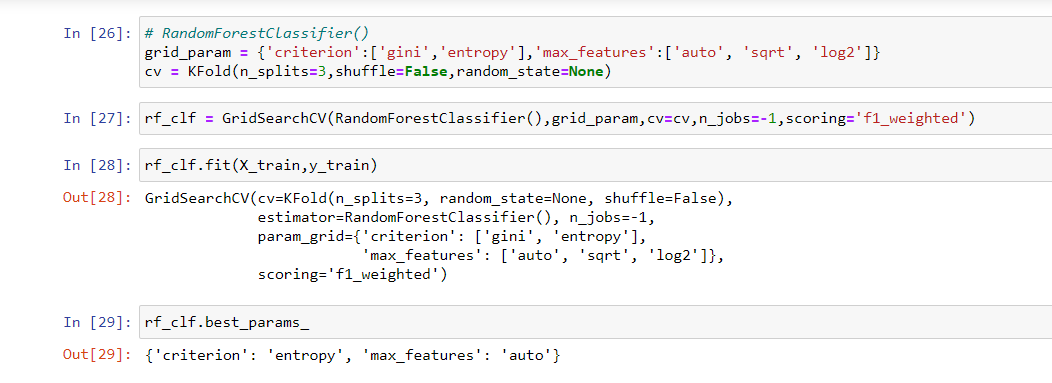
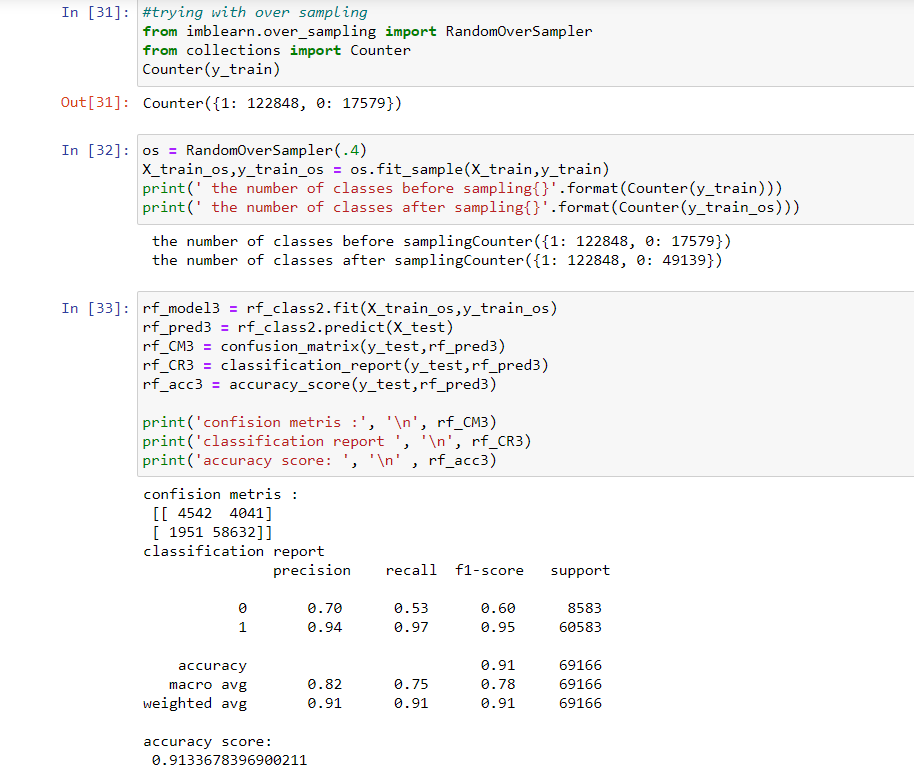
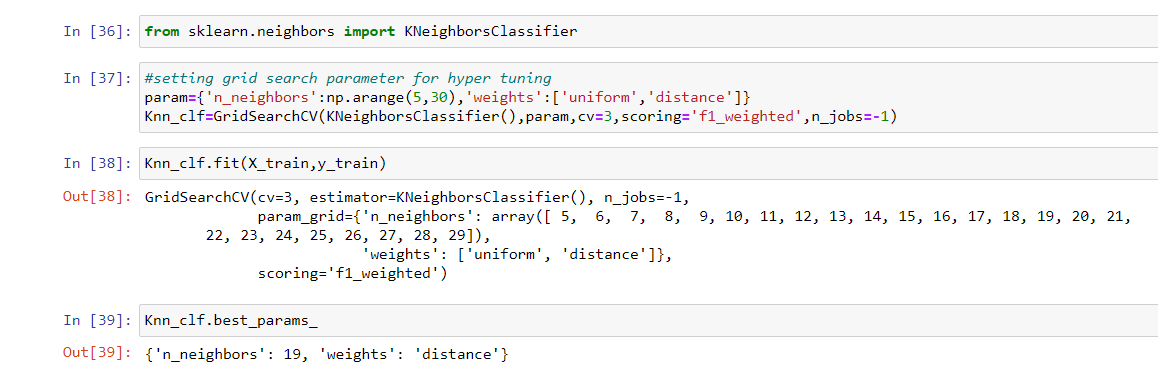
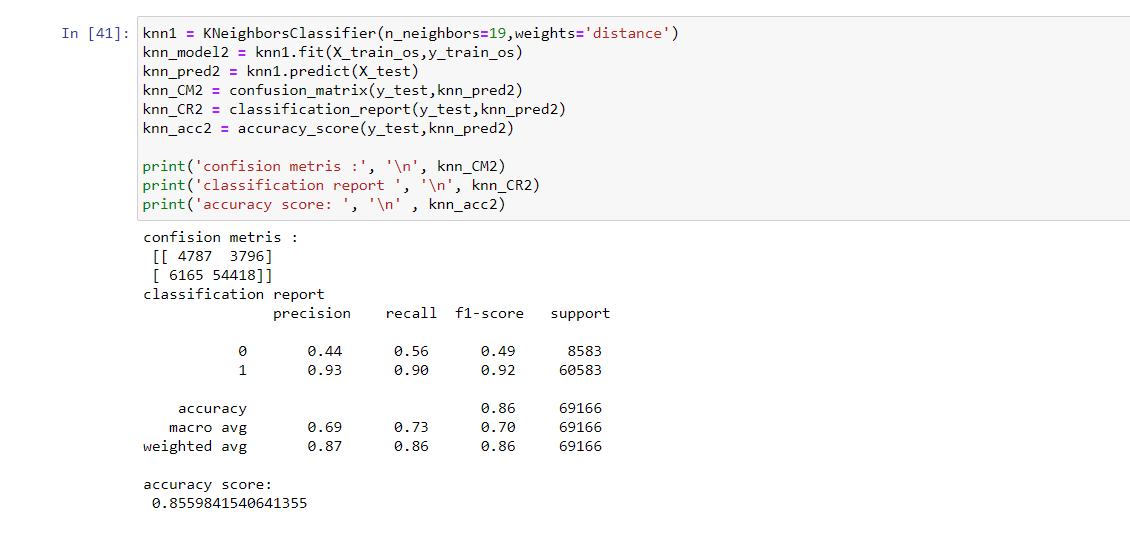
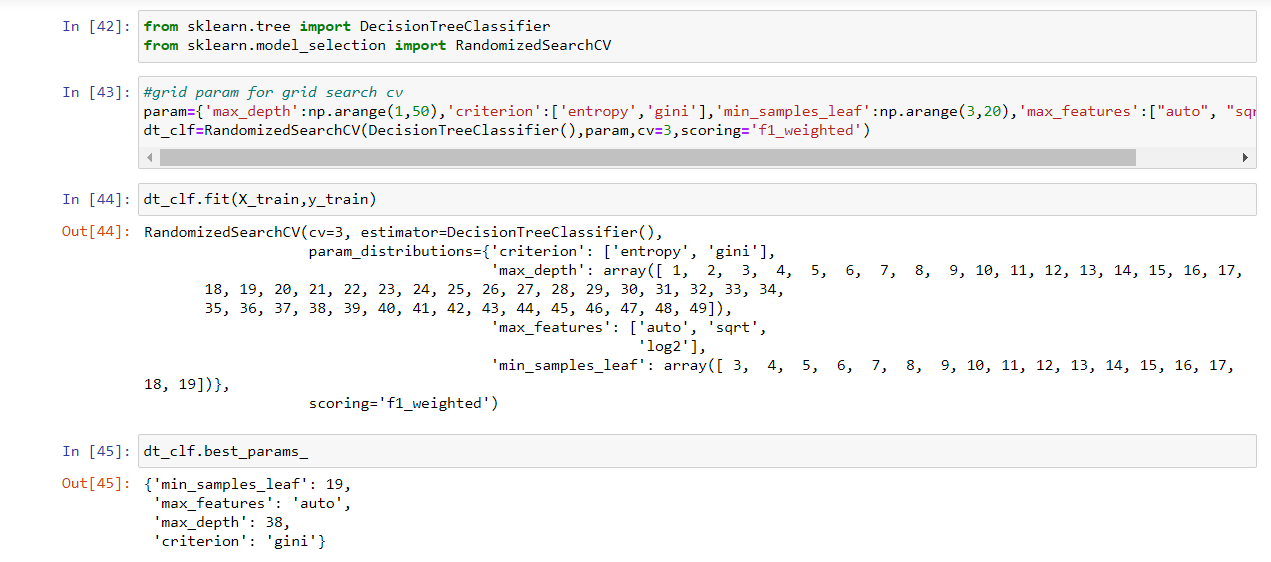
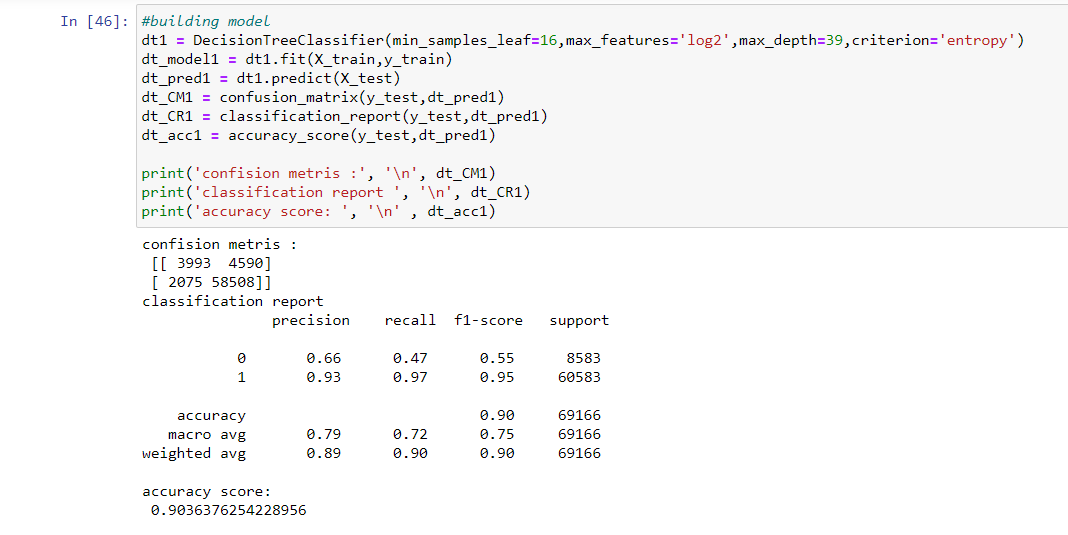
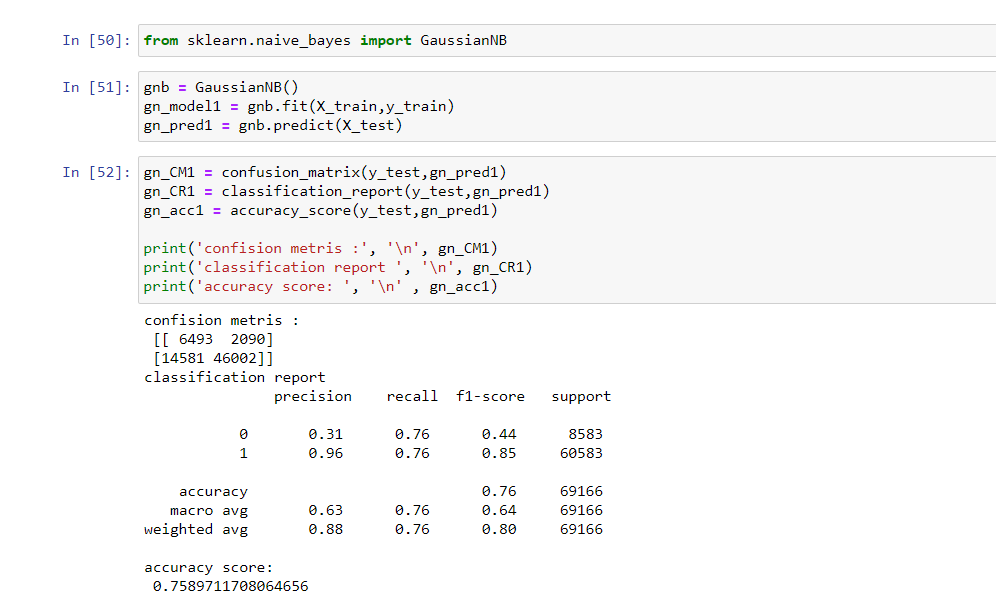
* **Mathematical/ Analytical Modeling of the Problem**
  1. Absolute value conversion - some of the inputs were having negative values which was unrealistic for that variable, so an absolute data conversion is done there.
  2. Log transformation - for some input variables log transformation is done for normalizing the data.
  3. IQR – Interquartile Range is the difference between Q3 and Q1, this is used for replacing high var values (outliers).
  4. Correlation - Correlation is a statistic that measures the degree to which two variables move in relation to each other. It is used to check the correlation of input variables with other input variables and target variable and to check for multicollinearity.
* **Data Sources and their formats**
  1. **Data was provided by the client.**  
     In our data set we have 209593 observations and 37 variables/features including our target variable/feature (label).
  2. **Data Info: -**  
       
     Most of our variables are in float format, pdate, pcircle and msisdn are string type data.
  3. **Data Description: -**  
       
     
  4. **Statistical description of data**  
       
       
       
     
  5. **Findings from statistical description: -**  
     - Mean of all the variables is less than their respective standard deviation, which is not correct. It shows the data is not normally distributed.  
       
     - In aon, we see that minimum value is negative, it shouldn’t be negative as age in days can never be negative.  
       
     - In daily\_decr30 and daily\_decr90 we see minimum value is in negative, it shouldn’t be negative as the daily spending should be 0 or more than negative.  
       
     - In last\_rech\_date\_ma and last\_rech\_date\_da minimum value is also negative; it also needs correction as difference between the last recharge date and consideration date cannot be negative.  
       
     - In p-cirlce there are no variance among all the observation.  
       
     - In p-date format of the variable is object type, it should be datetime format to extract details.  
       
     - Most of the variables are highly skewed to right due to some unrealistic values.  
       
     - Our data is imbalanced, if we look at the target variable, we can see that the distribution is imbalanced.
* Data Pre-processing Done
  1. Firstly, we have converted the negative values in aon, daily\_decr30, daily\_decr90, last\_rech\_date\_ma and last\_rech\_date\_da into absolute values.
  2. Now, as we see independent variables are highly skewed to right, to not to lose the data we have replaced the high values which are more than (Q3 + 1.5(IQR)) with Q3 + 1.5(IQR) and in some column's where values are less than (Q1-1.5(IQR)) with Q1-1.5(IQR).
  3. In fr\_ma\_rech30 I have replaced the values which are greater than 38 with 38. Because there were many values which were far away from 38 so I replaced them by the max value (excluding far away values), In cnt\_da\_rech30 I replaced those values by 16, in fr\_da\_rech30 I replaced the values by 21 and in cnt\_ma\_rech90 I replaced the values by 55.
  4. In maxamnt\_loan30 and maxamnt\_loan90 the maximum amount of loan should be 6 and 12 for both, here are some values which are very high so, here I replaced those values which were higher than 12 with the median of respective variables.
  5. After correcting last\_rech\_date\_da it appears that there is no variance there so removed the column from the dataset.
  6. Log transformation using np.log1p done in most of the variable where the skewness was very hight. Log transformation helped us to make our input variables normally distributed and have less skeweness. Only with continuous values we have used log transformation.
  7. Converted pdate variable into date time format and extracted the day and month details from it.
  8. Removed variables (Unnamed: 0, msisdn, pcircle, pdate), Unnamed :0 and msisdn are not affecting our target variable as they are only representing the observation index, in pcircle there is no variance, pdate is not required as we have already extracted the day and month details from it.
* Data Inputs- Logic- Output Relationships
  1. Target variable (label) in our data set is highly imbalanced.  
       
     here, we can see that out of the total users 87.5 % are those who paid the loan amount with interest in time and 12.5 are those who didn’t paid the loan amount with interest within time.

1. Other independent variables are skewed to right.   
     
     
   - in aon we can see that the data is skewed to right, most of users are using number ranging from 0-500, it shows that there are many new users. From 0-300 approx. the number of defaulters is more than of non-defaulters, new users tend to fall in defaulter class.  
     
   - daily\_decr30 and daily\_decr90 shows almost same pattern, from 0 to 2500 the number of defaulters is more, when there is less amount spends on main account by the user, he/she is more likely to fall in defaulter’s list.  
     
   - rental30 and rental90 shows users with negative and less balance in the main account falls in defaulter’s list. It is obvious that with having more and more balance in the account it is easy for the user to repay the loan amount.  
     
   - last\_rech\_amnt\_ma - here we can see that when there is 0 the number of defaulters is more. Mean value for class 0 is 1075.73 and for class 1 is 1810.87.  
     
   - sum\_amnt\_ma\_rech30 and sum\_amnt\_ma\_rech90 is having 2155.96 and 3104.51 respectively for class 0 (defaulters) and 7532.14 and 11987.52 respectively for class 1(non-defaulters), when the total amount of recharge is less than the number of defaulters is more.  
     
   - amnt\_loans30 and amnt\_loans90 shows a right skewed data, from 0-25 in amnt\_loans30 users are more. From 0-50 in amnt\_loans90 users are more.  
     
   **ANALYSIS OF CATEGORICAL VARIABLES**  
     
   **-** last\_rech\_date\_ma - the number of defaulters decreases as the number of recharge increases, at 0 when there is no recharge number of defaulters are at max.  
     
   - cnt\_da\_rech30 - here at 0 number of defaulters are more, most of the data is at 0.  
     
   - fr\_da\_rech30 - here at 0 number of defaulters are more, most of the data is at 0.  
     
   - cnt\_da\_rech90 - here at 0 number of defaulters are more, most of the data is at 0.  
     
   - fr\_da\_rech90 - here at 0 number of defaulters are more, most of the data is at 0.  
     
   - cnt\_ma\_rech30 - when there is a smaller number of recharges in last 30 days, we can see that the number of defaulters is more, as there is more and more recharge done in the number of defaulters decreases. At 0 max number of defaulters are around 12000.  
     
   - cnt\_ma\_rech90 - when there is a smaller number of recharges in last 30 days, we can see that the number of defaulters is more, as there is more and more recharge done in the number of defaulters decreases. At 0 max number of defaulters are at around 9000.  
     
   - fr\_ma\_rech30 and fr\_ma\_rech90 - these 2 also shows the same distribution, the number of defaulters is more when there is no or a smaller number of frequencies of recharge.  
     
   - cnt\_loans30 = those who are taking loans from 1-4 times are tends to be defaulter, when the consumer is taking more loans, he is repaying them in time to build trust.  
     
   - maxamnt\_loans30 - here we can see that maximum amount of loan 6 is mostly taken by the user. About 14% are defaulters when maxamnt\_loans30 is 6 and 4% when maxamnt\_loans30 is 12.  
     
   - medianamnt\_loans30 - the numbers are ranging from 0-3, max number of defaulters is at 0  
     
   - cnt\_loans90, maxamnt\_loans90, and medianamnt\_loans90 - these also shows the same distribution as it was for 30 days.  
     
   - month - here we can see that users who got their numbers in the 6th month have higher ration of defaulters. When month is 6 % of defaulters is 16% and when month is 7 % of defaulters is 15%  
     
   **CORRELATION METRIX**  
     
   here we can see that cnt\_da\_rech30, cnt\_da\_rech90, fr\_da\_rech30 and fr\_da\_rech90 are very less correlated to our target variable. date is also very less correlated. We have removed these features for our model.  
     
     
   Here, we have filtered the correlation matrix in such a way that only the variables with correlation coefficient are more than equal to .90.  
   After checking the correlation of all the independent variables, we have removed one of the variables having .90 or more correlation coefficient.  
   For ex - ('daily\_decr30','rental30','cnt\_ma\_rech30','cnt\_loans30','amnt\_loans30','maxamnt\_loans30','medianamnt\_loans30', 'cnt\_loans90'), these are the variables where correlation was more than equal to .90.  
   This is done to reduce the chances of multicollinearity which will affect our model performance.

**Model/s Development and Evaluation**

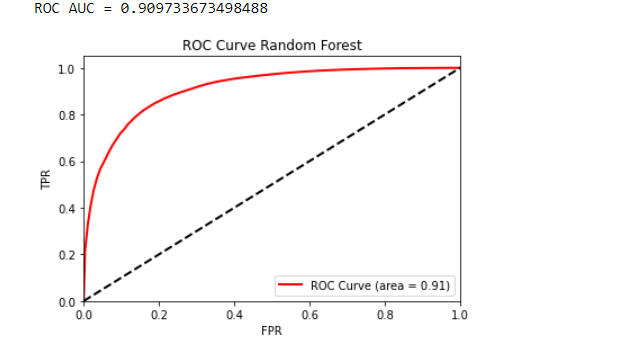
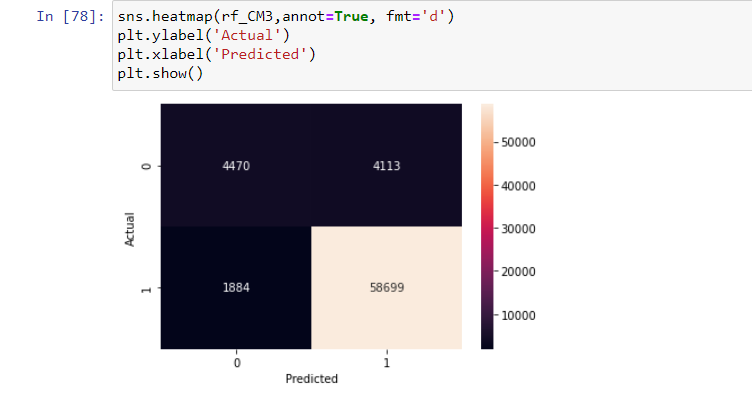
* Identification of possible problem-solving approaches (methods)

The 1st approach we did is to convert some columns like aon, daily\_decr30, ddail\_decr90, last\_rech\_date\_ma and last\_rech\_date\_da then corrected the outlier's values with IQR rule, if we had removed the outliers then there would have been big data loss. For normalising the data, we have used log transformation on those variables where skewness is high, using log transformation the data (independent variables) we have reduced the skewness.  
This is an imbalanced data set so here we have also used oversampling technique to get better model performance.   
Using Correlation matrix, we have removed the independent variables which are highly correlated with each other and having the same correlation with our target variable (label).  
Splatted the data into inputs and output variable then scaled down the data inputs using standard scaler from sklearn.

* Testing of Identified Approaches (Algorithms)
  1. Logistic Regression.
  2. Random Forest Classifier.
  3. K-nearest Neighbor.
  4. Decision Tree.
  5. Gaussian NB.
* Run and Evaluate selected models
  1. **Logistic Regression.**  
       
       
     
  2. **Random Forest Classifier.**  
       
     
  3. **K- nearest Neighbor.**  
       
     
  4. **Decision Tree Classifier.**  
       
     
  5. **Guassian NB.**  
     
* Key Metrics for success in solving problem under consideration

3 key metrics/ performance metrics were used to solve and evaluate this project work.  
- Confusion matrix.  
- Classification report.  
- Accuracy score.  
Accuracy score will show the overall results of our model; however, our data is highly imbalanced so our main focus will be on precision score, recall score and f1 score that is why we are using classification report and confusion matrix is used to check the counts in TP, TN, FP, FN.

* Interpretation of the Results

Out of all the models created Random forest classification performs well.  
An accuracy of 91.32% with f1-score of class 0 (60) and class 1 (95).  
Random forest classifier deals and performs better when the data is imbalanced.  
  
Above roc curve shows the performance of Random forest classifier.  
  
  
above plot shows the distribution of True positive, True negative, False positive and False negative data, it is a heatmap of confusion matrix.

**CONCLUSION**

* Key Findings and Conclusions of the Study

We have seen that features like recharge done on data account and other features related to data account recharge are not much correlated to our target variable, users having more and more balance in their main account are more likely to fall in non-defaulter's list. Most of the users are taking loan of 6 instead of 12.  
Users at initial phase (new users) are more likely to fall in defaulter’s lists, long term customers are loyal to the company and pay the loan amount with interest within time.

* Learning Outcomes of the Study in respect of Data Science

From visualisation we were able to check the distribution of defaulters and non-defaulters with respect to every independent variable. We were able to check the correlation of each variable.  
Visualising Model performance using roc curve and confusion matrix.  
We have concluded that for imbalanced data set ensemble techniques and sampling techniques can be used for better model performance. In our final model we have used Random forest classifier with over sampling technique to get the best results.

* Limitations of this work and Scope for Future Work

Due to some unrealistic values and imbalanced data the model may needs changes to predict future data. XGboost classification can be done for better results. In this data set there are a lot of outliers which should have been checked before as by removing the outliers data set losses 15-18% data which is not a good approach for an imbalanced data.