How can a credit card Fraud happen?

Some of the most common ways it may happen are:

- 1. Firstly and most ostensibly when your card details are overseen by some other person.
- 2. When your card is lost or stolen and the person possessing it knows how to get things done.
- 3. Fake phone call convincing you to share the details.
- 4. And lastly and most improbably, a high-level hacking of the bank account details.

Main challenges involved in credit card fraud detection are:

- Enormous Data is processed every day and the model build must be fast enough to respond to the scam in time.
- 2. Imbalanced Data i.e most of the transactions(99.8%) are not fraudulent which makes it really hard for detecting the fraudulent ones
- 3. Data availability as the data is mostly private.
- 4. Misclassified Data can be another major issue, as not every fraudulent transaction is caught and reported.
- 5. And last but not the least, Adaptive techniques used against the model by the scammers.

How to tackle these challenges?

- 1. The model used must be simple and fast enough to detect the anomaly and classify it as a fraudulent transaction as quickly as possible.
- 2. Imbalance can be dealt with by properly using some methods which we will talk about in the next paragraph
- 3. For protecting the privacy of the user the dimensionality of the data can be reduced.
- 4. A more trustworthy source must be taken which double-check the data, at least for training the model.
- 5. We can make the model simple and interpretable so that when the scammer adapts to it with just some tweaks we can have a new model up and running to deploy.

Dealing with Imbalance

We will see in the later parts of the article that the data we received is highly imbalanced i.e only 0.17% of the total Credit Card transaction is fraudulent. Well, a class imbalance is a very common problem in real life and needs to be handled before applying any algorithm to it.

There are three common ways to deal with the imbalance of Data

- 1. Undersampling- One-sided sampling by Kubat and Matwin(ICML 1997)
- 2. Oversampling-SMOTE(Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique)
- Combining the above two.

For those of you who are wondering if the fraudulent transaction is so rare why even bother, well here is another fact. The amount of money involved in the fraudulent transaction reaches Billions of USD and by increasing the specificity to 0.1% we can save Millions of USD. Whereas higher Sensitivity means fewer people harassed

Import all Necessary Libraries

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from matplotlib import gridspec
import pickle
```

Load the Dataset

Understanding the Data

In [3]: # view the first 5 values
 data.head()

Out[3]:

	Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	
0	0.0	-1.359807	-0.072781	2.536347	1.378155	-0.338321	0.462388	0.239599	0.098698	(
1	0.0	1.191857	0.266151	0.166480	0.448154	0.060018	-0.082361	-0.078803	0.085102	-(
2	1.0	-1.358354	-1.340163	1.773209	0.379780	-0.503198	1.800499	0.791461	0.247676	-′
3	1.0	-0.966272	-0.185226	1.792993	-0.863291	-0.010309	1.247203	0.237609	0.377436	-′
4	2.0	-1.158233	0.877737	1.548718	0.403034	-0.407193	0.095921	0.592941	-0.270533	(

5 rows × 31 columns

Out[4]:

	Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	
284802	172786.0	-11.881118	10.071785	-9.834783	-2.066656	-5.364473	-2.606837	-4.918215	7
284803	172787.0	-0.732789	-0.055080	2.035030	-0.738589	0.868229	1.058415	0.024330	(
284804	172788.0	1.919565	-0.301254	-3.249640	-0.557828	2.630515	3.031260	-0.296827	(
284805	172788.0	-0.240440	0.530483	0.702510	0.689799	-0.377961	0.623708	-0.686180	(
284806	172792.0	-0.533413	-0.189733	0.703337	-0.506271	-0.012546	-0.649617	1.577006	-(

5 rows × 31 columns

Out[5]: (284807, 31)

```
In [10]: # view the type of data
          data.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 284807 entries, 0 to 284806
         Data columns (total 31 columns):
                    284807 non-null float64
         V1
                    284807 non-null float64
         V2
                    284807 non-null float64
         V3
                    284807 non-null float64
         V4
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         V15
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         V16
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         V21
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         V22
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                    284807 non-null float64
         V25
                    284807 non-null float64
         V26
                    284807 non-null float64
         V27
                    284807 non-null float64
         V28
                    284807 non-null float64
         Amount
                    284807 non-null float64
                    284807 non-null int64
         Class
         dtypes: float64(30), int64(1)
```

Check if any missing values in the dataset

memory usage: 67.4 MB

```
In [11]: data.isnull().any()
Out[11]: Time
                    False
         ٧1
                    False
         V2
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         ٧3
                    False
         ٧4
                    False
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         V19
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         V20
                    False
         V21
                    False
         V22
                    False
         V23
                    False
         V24
                    False
         V25
                    False
         V26
                    False
```

V27

V28

Amount

dtype: bool

Class

False

False

False

False

```
In [12]: data.isnull().sum()
Out[12]: Time
                     0
          ٧1
                     0
          V2
                     0
          V3
                     0
          ۷4
                     0
          V5
                     0
          ۷6
                     0
          V7
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          V20
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          V21
          V22
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          V23
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          V24
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          V25
                     0
          V26
                     0
          V27
          V28
          Amount
          Class
          dtype: int64
```

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

In [7]: | data.describe().describe()

Out[7]:

	Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	1
count	8.000000	8.000000	8.000000	8.000000	8.000000	8.00000
mean	109764.375691	35594.427437	35594.782996	35596.236238	35602.435362	35591.16307
std	88923.633614	100697.087720	100696.945914	100696.356440	100693.850245	100698.4141
min	0.000000	-56.407510	-72.715728	-48.325589	-5.683171	-113.7433(
25%	52523.161489	-0.230093	-0.149637	-0.222591	-0.227045	-0.2136
50%	89752.929788	0.666875	0.434605	0.603521	0.371671	0.30596
75%	147688.375000	2.082754	6.752914	3.482831	5.280737	9.7356(
max	284807.000000	284807.000000	284807.000000	284807.000000	284807.000000	284807.00000

8 rows × 31 columns

In [9]: # EDA using Datasist Library
import datasist as ds
ds.structdata.describe(data)

First five data points

	Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V 7	V8	
0	0.0	-1.359807	-0.072781	2.536347	1.378155	-0.338321	0.462388	0.239599	0.098698	(
1	0.0	1.191857	0.266151	0.166480	0.448154	0.060018	-0.082361	-0.078803	0.085102	-(
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4	2.0	-1.158233	0.877737	1.548718	0.403034	-0.407193	0.095921	0.592941	-0.270533	(

5 rows × 31 columns

Last five data points

	Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	
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284803	172787.0	-0.732789	-0.055080	2.035030	-0.738589	0.868229	1.058415	0.024330	(
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284805	172788.0	-0.240440	0.530483	0.702510	0.689799	-0.377961	0.623708	-0.686180	(
284806	172792.0	-0.533413	-0.189733	0.703337	-0.506271	-0.012546	-0.649617	1.577006	-(

5 rows × 31 columns

Shape of data set: (284807, 31)

Size of data set: 8829017

Data Types

Note: All Non-numerical features are identified as objects in pandas

	Data Type
Time	float64
V1	float64
V2	float64
V3	float64
V4	float64
V5	float64
V6	float64
V7	float64
V8	float64
V9	float64
V10	float64
V11	float64
V12	float64
V13	float64
V14	float64
V15	float64
V16	float64
V17	float64
V18	float64
V19	float64
V20	float64
V21	float64
V22	float64
V23	float64
V24	float64
V25	float64
V26	float64
V27	float64
V28	float64
Amount	float64
01.1	

Class

int64

```
Numerical Features in Data set ['Time', 'V1', 'V2', 'V3', 'V4', 'V5', 'V6', 'V7', 'V8', 'V9', 'V10', 'V11', 'V12', 'V13', 'V14', 'V15', 'V16', 'V17', 'V18', 'V19', 'V20', 'V21', 'V22', 'V23', 'V24', 'V25', 'V26', 'V27', 'V28', 'Amount', 'Class']
```

Statistical Description of Columns

	Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5
count	284807.000000	2.848070e+05	2.848070e+05	2.848070e+05	2.848070e+05	2.848070e+05
mean	94813.859575	3.919560e-15	5.688174e-16	-8.769071e-15	2.782312e-15	-1.552563e-15
std	47488.145955	1.958696e+00	1.651309e+00	1.516255e+00	1.415869e+00	1.380247e+00
min	0.000000	-5.640751e+01	-7.271573e+01	-4.832559e+01	-5.683171e+00	-1.137433e+02
25%	54201.500000	-9.203734e-01	-5.985499e-01	-8.903648e-01	-8.486401e-01	-6.915971e-01
50%	84692.000000	1.810880e-02	6.548556e-02	1.798463e-01	-1.984653e-02	-5.433583e-02
75%	139320.500000	1.315642e+00	8.037239e-01	1.027196e+00	7.433413e-01	6.119264e-01
max	172792.000000	2.454930e+00	2.205773e+01	9.382558e+00	1.687534e+01	3.480167e+01

8 rows × 31 columns

Categorical Features in Data set

[]

Unique class Count of Categorical features

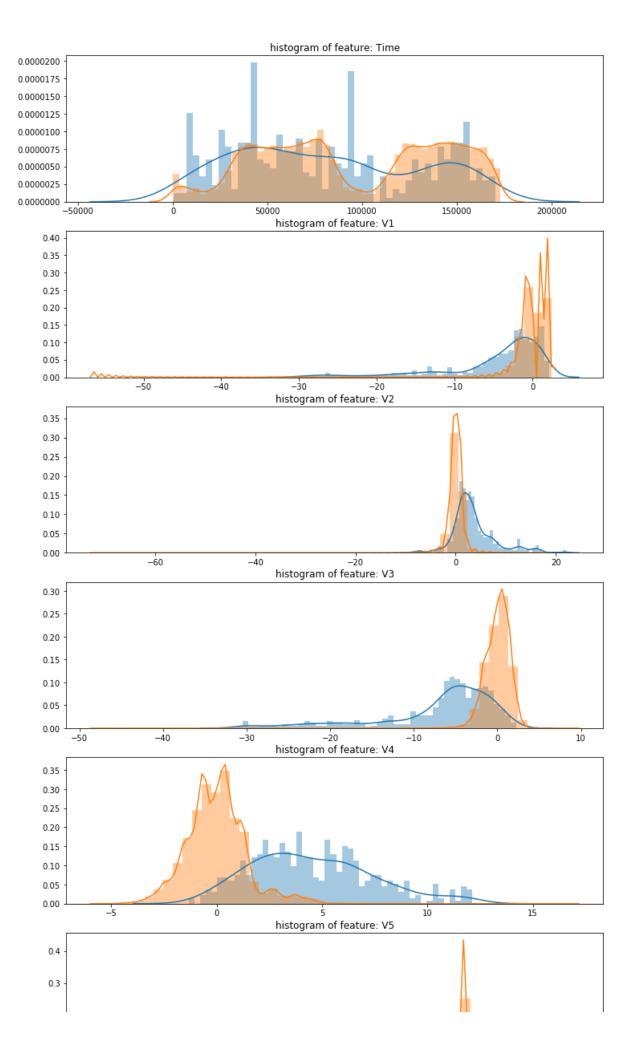
Feature Unique Count

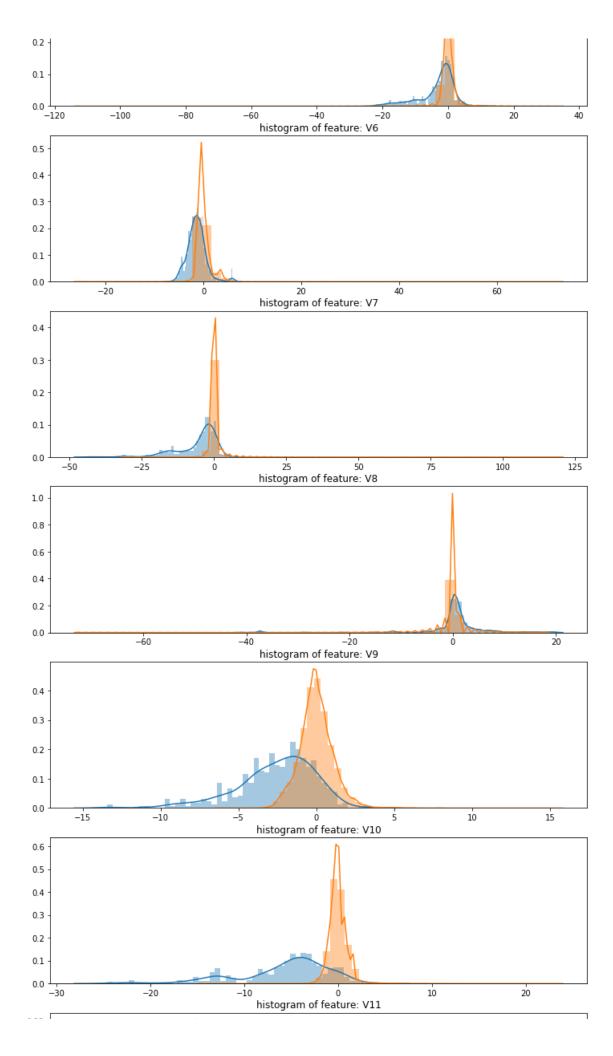
Missing Values in Data

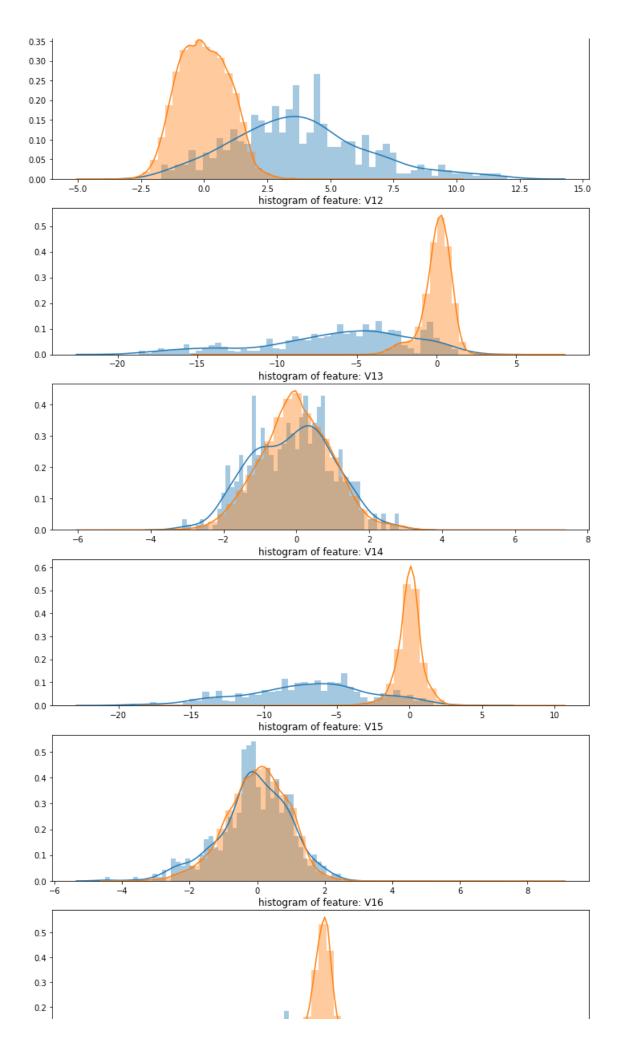
	features	missing_counts	missing_percent
0	Time	0	0.0
1	V1	0	0.0
2	V2	0	0.0
3	V3	0	0.0
4	V4	0	0.0
5	V5	0	0.0
6	V6	0	0.0
7	V7	0	0.0
8	V8	0	0.0
9	V9	0	0.0
10	V10	0	0.0
11	V11	0	0.0
12	V12	0	0.0
13	V13	0	0.0
14	V14	0	0.0
15	V15	0	0.0
16	V16	0	0.0
17	V17	0	0.0
18	V18	0	0.0
19	V19	0	0.0
20	V20	0	0.0
21	V21	0	0.0
22	V22	0	0.0
23	V23	0	0.0
24	V24	0	0.0
25	V25	0	0.0
26	V26	0	0.0
27	V27	0	0.0
28	V28	0	0.0
29	Amount	0	0.0
30	Class	0	0.0

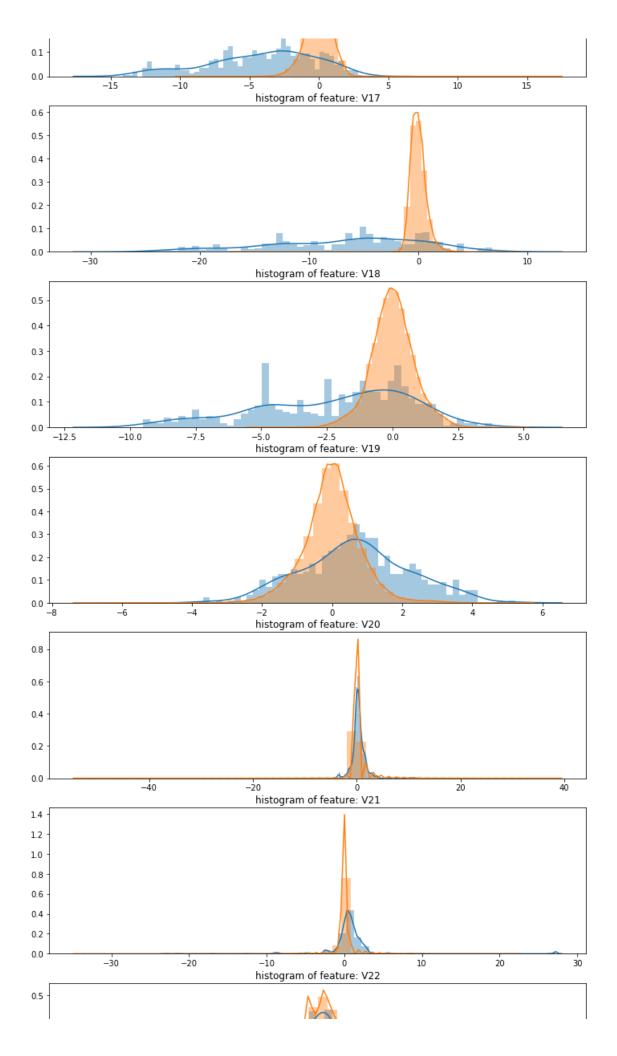
Data Visulizations

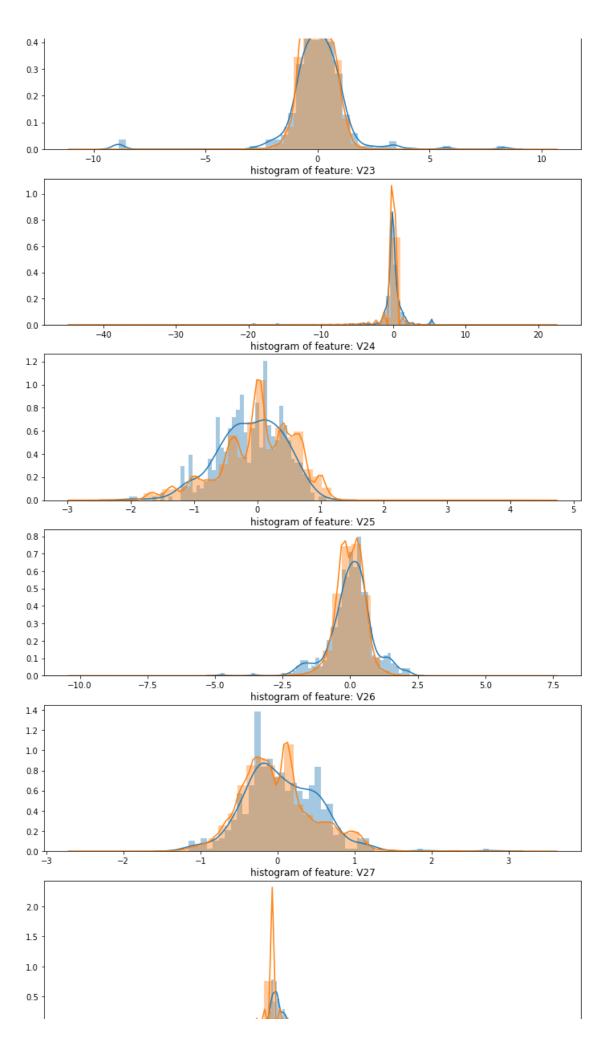
```
In [15]: # distribution of anomalous features
    features = data.iloc[:,0:28].columns
    plt.figure(figsize=(12,28*4))
    gs = gridspec.GridSpec(28, 1)
    for i, c in enumerate(data[features]):
        ax = plt.subplot(gs[i])
        sns.distplot(data[c][data.Class == 1], bins=50)
        sns.distplot(data[c][data.Class == 0], bins=50)
        ax.set_xlabel('')
        ax.set_title('histogram of feature: ' + str(c))
    plt.show()
```











Let's separate the Fraudulent cases from the authentic ones and compare their occurrences in the dataset.

```
In [16]: # Determine number of fraud cases in dataset
Fraud = data[data['Class'] == 1]
   Valid = data[data['Class'] == 0]
   outlier_fraction = len(Fraud)/float(len(Valid))
   print(outlier_fraction)
   print('Fraud Cases: {}'.format(len(data[data['Class'] == 1])))
   print('Valid Transactions: {}'.format(len(data[data['Class'] == 0])))

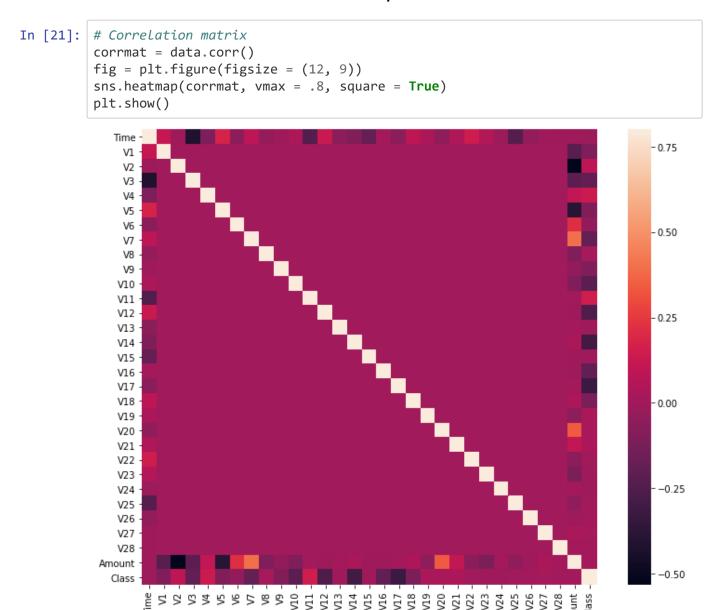
   0.0017304750013189597
   Fraud Cases: 492
   Valid Transactions: 284315
```

fraud There is only 0.17% fraudulent transaction out all the transactions. The data is highly Unbalanced. Lets first apply our models without balancing it and if we don't get a good accuracy then we can find a way to balance this dataset.

```
In [19]:
         print("Amount details of fraudulent transaction")
          Fraud.Amount.describe()
         Amount details of fraudulent transaction
Out[19]: count
                    492.000000
         mean
                    122.211321
         std
                    256.683288
         min
                      0.000000
         25%
                      1.000000
         50%
                      9.250000
         75%
                    105.890000
                   2125.870000
         max
         Name: Amount, dtype: float64
         print("details of valid transaction")
In [20]:
          Valid.Amount.describe()
         details of valid transaction
Out[20]: count
                   284315.000000
                       88.291022
         mean
                      250.105092
         std
         min
                        0.000000
         25%
                        5.650000
         50%
                       22.000000
         75%
                       77.050000
                    25691.160000
         max
         Name: Amount, dtype: float64
```

As we can clearly notice from this, the average Money transaction for the fraudulent ones are more. This makes this problem crucial to deal with.

Correlation matrix graphically gives us an idea of how features correlate with each other and can help us predict what are the features that are most relevant for the prediction.



In the HeatMap we can clearly see that most of the features do not correlate to other features but there are some features that either has a positive or a negative correlation with each other. For example "V2" and "V5" are highly negatively correlated with the feature called "Amount". We also see some correlation with "V20" and "Amount". This gives us a deeper understanding of the Data available to us.

With that out of the way let's proceed with dividing the data values into Features and Target.

```
In [23]: #dividing the X and the Y from the dataset
X=data.drop(['Class'], axis=1)
Y=data["Class"]
print(X.shape)
print(Y.shape)
#getting just the values for the sake of processing (its a numpy array with no columns)
X_data=X.values
Y_data=Y.values

(284807, 30)
(284807,)
```

Using Skicit learn to split the data into Training and Testing.

```
In [24]: # Using Skicit-learn to split data into training and testing sets
    from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
    # Split the data into training and testing sets
    X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test = train_test_split(X_data, Y_data, test_size
    = 0.2, random_state = 42)
```

Building the Isolation Forest Model

Isolation forest is generally used for Anomaly detection. Feel free to have a look at this video if you want to learn more about this Algorithm.

```
In [25]: #Building another model/classifier ISOLATION FOREST
    from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest
    ifc=IsolationForest(max_samples=len(X_train),contamination=outlier_fraction,ra
    ndom_state=1)
    ifc.fit(X_train)
    scores_pred = ifc.decision_function(X_train)
    y_pred = ifc.predict(X_test)

C:\Users\sundara.rao.ext\AppData\Local\python\lib\site-packages\sklearn\ensem
    ble\iforest.py:247: FutureWarning: behaviour="old" is deprecated and will be
    removed in version 0.22. Please use behaviour="new", which makes the decision
    _function change to match other anomaly detection algorithm API.
    FutureWarning)
    C:\Users\sundara.rao.ext\AppData\Local\python\lib\site-packages\sklearn\ensem
    ble\iforest.py:415: DeprecationWarning: threshold attribute is deprecated in
```

Building an Evaluation Matrix on Test Set

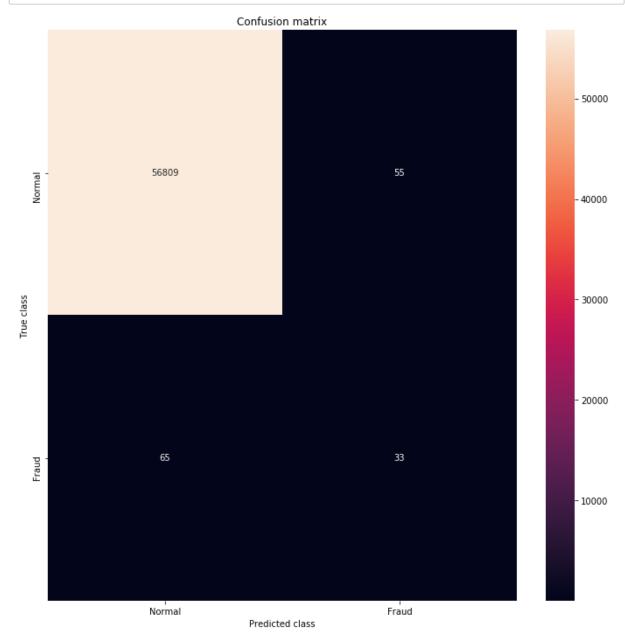
" be removed in 0.22.", DeprecationWarning)

0.20 and will be removed in 0.22.

```
In [26]: # Reshape the prediction values to 0 for valid, 1 for fraud.
y_pred[y_pred == 1] = 0
y_pred[y_pred == -1] = 1
n_errors = (y_pred != Y_test).sum()
```

Visualizing the Confusion Matrix for this model.

```
In [38]: #printing the confusion matrix
    from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix,accuracy_score,precision_score,re
    call_score,f1_score,matthews_corrcoef
    LABELS = ['Normal', 'Fraud']
    conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(Y_test, y_pred)
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))
    sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, xticklabels=LABELS,yticklabels=LABELS, annot=True, fm
    t="d");
    plt.title("Confusion matrix")
    plt.ylabel('True class')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted class')
    plt.show()
```



Let's see how to Evaluate the Model and print the results. We will be calculating the Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score and the Matthews correlation coefficient for the sake of totality.

```
In [39]: #evaluation of the model
         #printing every score of the classifier
         #scoring in any thing
         n outliers = len(Fraud)
         print("the Model used is {}".format("Isolation Forest"))
         acc= accuracy_score(Y_test,y_pred)
         print("The accuracy is {}".format(acc))
         prec= precision score(Y test,y pred)
         print("The precision is {}".format(prec))
         rec= recall_score(Y_test,y_pred)
         print("The recall is {}".format(rec))
         f1= f1_score(Y_test,y_pred)
         print("The F1-Score is {}".format(f1))
         MCC=matthews corrcoef(Y test,y pred)
         print("The Matthews correlation coefficient is{}".format(MCC))
         the Model used is Isolation Forest
         The accuracy is 0.9978933323970366
         The precision is 0.375
         The recall is 0.336734693877551
         The F1-Score is 0.3548387096774193
         The Matthews correlation coefficient is0.3543008067850027
```

As you can clearly see this model is not doing as great as expected, so let's build some other model to get a better result.

Building the Random Forest Model

Lets us Build a Random Forest to increase the performance of the Detector. I thought of using a Decision Tree Model but as we know Random Forest is like an army of Decision Trees, then why to even bother trying and failing. You can think Random Forest to be the Ensembling applied to the Decision Tree

```
In [40]: # Building the Random Forest Classifier (RANDOM FOREST)
    from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
    # random forest model creation
    rfc = RandomForestClassifier()
    rfc.fit(X_train,Y_train)
    # predictions
    y_pred = rfc.predict(X_test)
```

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ble\forest.py:245: FutureWarning: The default value of n_estimators will chan
ge from 10 in version 0.20 to 100 in 0.22.
 "10 in version 0.20 to 100 in 0.22.", FutureWarning)

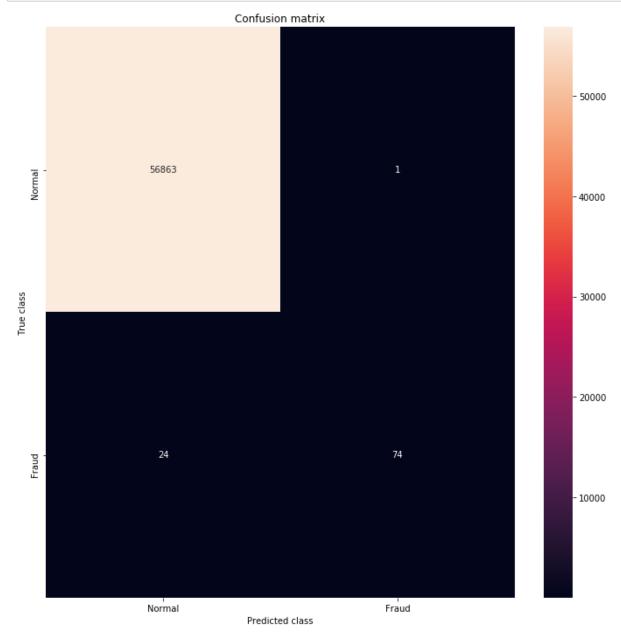
Building an Evaluation matrix on test set

We will be calculating the Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and the Matthews correlation coefficient.

```
In [41]: #Evaluating the classifier
         #printing every score of the classifier
         #scoring in any thing
         from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, accuracy_score,precision_sc
         ore, recall score, f1 score, matthews corrcoef
         from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix
         n_outliers = len(Fraud)
         n_errors = (y_pred != Y_test).sum()
         print("The model used is Random Forest classifier")
         acc= accuracy_score(Y_test,y_pred)
         print("The accuracy is {}".format(acc))
         prec= precision score(Y test,y pred)
         print("The precision is {}".format(prec))
         rec= recall_score(Y_test,y_pred)
         print("The recall is {}".format(rec))
         f1= f1_score(Y_test,y_pred)
         print("The F1-Score is {}".format(f1))
         MCC=matthews_corrcoef(Y_test,y_pred)
         print("The Matthews correlation coefficient is{}".format(MCC))
         The model used is Random Forest classifier
         The accuracy is 0.9995611109160493
         The precision is 0.986666666666667
         The recall is 0.7551020408163265
         The F1-Score is 0.8554913294797689
         The Matthews correlation coefficient is 0.8629589216367891
```

Visualizing the confusion matrix as well.

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In [43]: #printing the confusion matrix
    LABELS = ['Normal', 'Fraud']
    conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(Y_test, y_pred)
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))
    sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, xticklabels=LABELS, yticklabels=LABELS, annot=True, f
    mt="d");
    plt.title("Confusion matrix")
    plt.ylabel('True class')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted class')
    plt.show()
```



Visualizing the Forest

A single tree from the forest is taken randomly and then visualized for the sake of knowing how the Algorithm is taking its decision and this will help in changing the model easily if a countermeasure is taken by the scammers. For that, you have to import some Tools from Sklearn library and IPython library to display it in your Notebook.

In [46]: pip install pydot

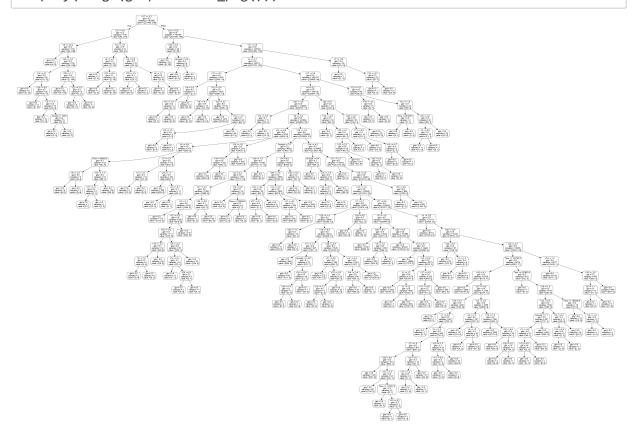
Collecting pydot

Using cached https://files.pythonhosted.org/packages/33/d1/b1479a770f66d962 f545c2101630ce1d5592d90cb4f083d38862e93d16d2/pydot-1.4.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl Requirement already satisfied: pyparsing>=2.1.4 in c:\users\sundara.rao.ext\a ppdata\local\python\lib\site-packages (from pydot) (2.4.0)

Installing collected packages: pydot
Successfully installed pydot-1.4.1

Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

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In [47]: #visualizing the random tree
    feature_list = list(X.columns)
    # Import tools needed for visualization
    from IPython.display import Image
    from sklearn.tree import export_graphviz
    import pydot
    #pulling out one tree from the forest
    tree = rfc.estimators_[5]
    export_graphviz(tree, out_file = 'tree.dot', feature_names = feature_list, rou
    nded = True, precision = 1)
    # Use dot file to create a graph
    (graph, ) = pydot.graph_from_dot_file('tree.dot')
    # Write graph to a png file
    display(Image(graph.create_png()))
```



Conclusion

Our Random Forest result in most cases exceeds the previously reported results with a Matthews Correlation Coefficient of 0.8629. Other performance characteristics are also satisfactory so now we don't need to apply some other model to this.

As you can clearly see that our model or any model, in general, have a low Recall Value, which is precisely the reason why you get harassed by so many confirmation messages after a transaction. But with more and more advancements in Machine Learning Models, we are slowly but steadily dealing with that problem without compromising your account's security.

The model is fast, it is definitely simple and most importantly easily interpretable as shown in the Decision Tree diagram. The privacy of the user is still intact, as the data used had its dimensionality reduced in the beginning. Well, we still have not managed to deal with the unbalancing of data, but I think we have done pretty fine without it. It is, actually a big milestone covered for all of us. There is and will always be a long way to go but this sounds like a good start to me. Hope you enjoyed reading this article as much as I enjoyed writing it. Honestly, I was a bit skeptical about it at first, especially when the Isolation Forest did not produce a good result but now having seen the result from the Random Forest, I am feeling pretty gratified after finishing it with this kind of result.

This field needs so much more research and this is one of the topics where an increase in specificity by 0.1% will save Millions, if not Billions of Dollars.

Save the Model