Customer Churn Prediction using Machine Learning

Background and Motivation

Customer churn refers to the situation where customers stop using a company's service. Predicting churn in advance helps organizations take preventive actions such as targeted offers, better customer support, and personalized services.

With the increasing availability of customer data, machine learning techniques can be used to analyze customer behavior and predict the likelihood of churn.

Objective

The objective of this project is to build a machine learning model that predicts whether a customer is likely to churn based on historical customer data.

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

In [2]:
```
df = pd.read_excel("Telco_Customer_Churn.xlsx")
df.head()
```

Out[2]:

	CustomerID	Count	Country	State	City	Zip Code	Lat Long	Latitude	Lo
0	3668-QPYBK	1	United States	California	Los Angeles	90003	33.964131, -118.272783	33.964131	-118
1	9237-HQITU	1	United States	California	Los Angeles	90005	34.059281, -118.30742	34.059281	-118
2	9305-CDSKC	1	United States	California	Los Angeles	90006	34.048013, -118.293953	34.048013	-118
3	7892-POOKP	1	United States	California	Los Angeles	90010	34.062125, -118.315709	34.062125	-118
4	0280-XJGEX	1	United States	California	Los Angeles	90015	34.039224, -118.266293	34.039224	-118

5 rows × 33 columns

In [3]:
```
df.shape
```

Out[3]:
```
(7043, 33)
```

In [4]:
```
df.columns
```

Out[4]:
```
Index(['CustomerID', 'Count', 'Country', 'State', 'City', 'Zip Code',
       'Lat Long', 'Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Gender', 'Senior Citizen',
       'Partner', 'Dependents', 'Tenure Months', 'Phone Service',
       'Multiple Lines', 'Internet Service', 'Online Security',
       'Online Backup', 'Device Protection', 'Tech Support', 'Streaming TV',
       'Streaming Movies', 'Contract', 'Paperless Billing', 'Payment Method',
       'Monthly Charges', 'Total Charges', 'Churn Label', 'Churn Value',
       'Churn Score', 'CLTV', 'Churn Reason'],
      dtype='object')
```

In [5]:
```
df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 7043 entries, 0 to 7042
Data columns (total 33 columns):
 #   Column             Non-Null Count  Dtype  
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 0   CustomerID         7043 non-null   object 
 1   Count              7043 non-null   int64  
 2   Country            7043 non-null   object 
 3   State              7043 non-null   object 
 4   City               7043 non-null   object 
 5   Zip Code           7043 non-null   int64  
 6   Lat Long           7043 non-null   object 
 7   Latitude           7043 non-null   float64
 8   Longitude          7043 non-null   float64
 9   Gender             7043 non-null   object 
 10  Senior Citizen     7043 non-null   object 
 11  Partner            7043 non-null   object 
 12  Dependents         7043 non-null   object 
 13  Tenure Months      7043 non-null   int64  
 14  Phone Service      7043 non-null   object 
 15  Multiple Lines     7043 non-null   object 
 16  Internet Service   7043 non-null   object 
 17  Online Security    7043 non-null   object 
 18  Online Backup      7043 non-null   object 
 19  Device Protection  7043 non-null   object 
 20  Tech Support       7043 non-null   object 
 21  Streaming TV       7043 non-null   object 
 22  Streaming Movies   7043 non-null   object 
 23  Contract           7043 non-null   object 
 24  Paperless Billing  7043 non-null   object 
 25  Payment Method     7043 non-null   object 
 26  Monthly Charges    7043 non-null   float64
 27  Total Charges      7043 non-null   object 
 28  Churn Label        7043 non-null   object 
 29  Churn Value        7043 non-null   int64  
 30  Churn Score        7043 non-null   int64  
 31  CLTV               7043 non-null   int64  
 32  Churn Reason       1869 non-null   object 
dtypes: float64(3), int64(6), object(24)
memory usage: 1.8+ MB
```

In [6]:
```
df.isnull().sum()
```

Out[6]:
```
CustomerID              0
Count                   0
Country                 0
State                   0
City                    0
Zip Code                0
Lat Long                0
Latitude                0
Longitude               0
Gender                  0
Senior Citizen          0
Partner                 0
Dependents              0
Tenure Months           0
Phone Service           0
Multiple Lines          0
Internet Service        0
Online Security         0
Online Backup           0
Device Protection       0
Tech Support            0
Streaming TV            0
Streaming Movies        0
Contract                0
Paperless Billing       0
Payment Method          0
Monthly Charges         0
Total Charges           0
Churn Label             0
Churn Value             0
Churn Score             0
CLTV                    0
Churn Reason         5174
dtype: int64
```

In [7]:
```
y = df['Churn Value']
```

In [8]:
```
X = df.drop([
    'CustomerID',
    'Churn Label',
    'Churn Score',
    'Churn Reason',
    'Churn Value'
], axis=1)
```

In [9]:
```
X = pd.get_dummies(X, drop_first=True)
```

In [10]:
```
print(X.shape)
print(y.shape)
```

```
(7043, 9343)
(7043,)
```

In [11]:
```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X,
```

```
    y,
    test_size=0.2,
    random_state=42,
    stratify=y
)
```

In [12]:
```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler()

X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

In [13]:
```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

model = LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000)
model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
```

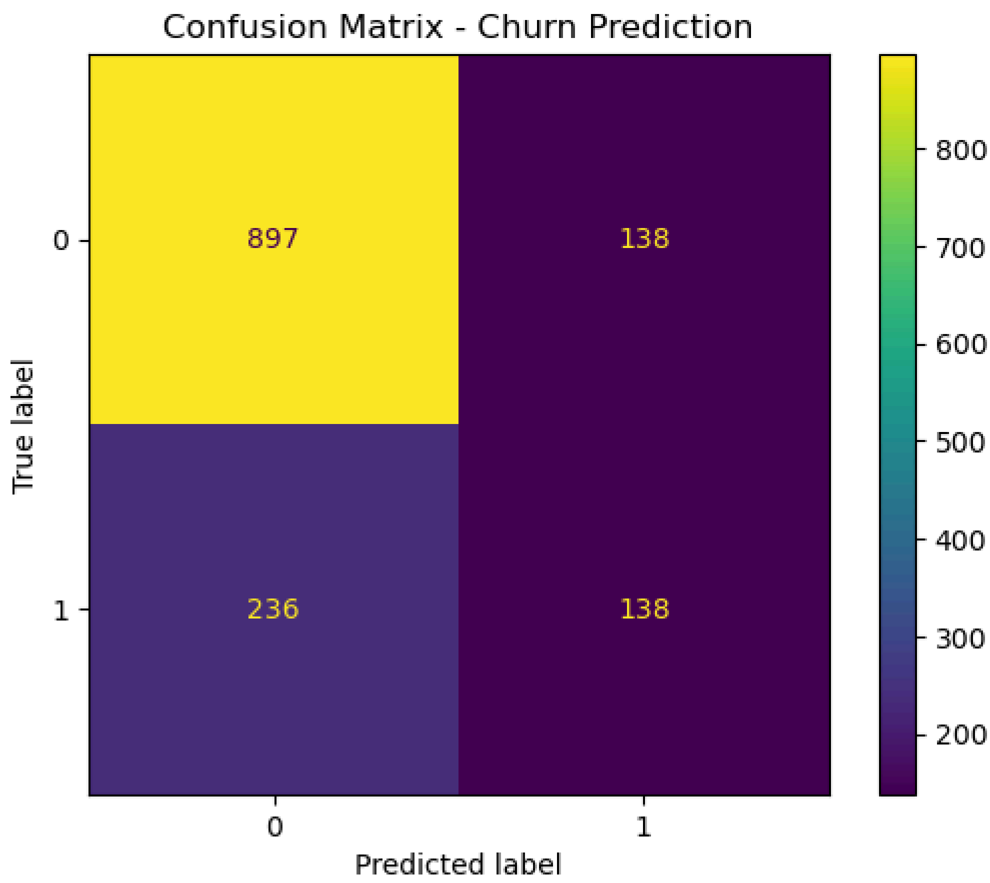
Out[13]:
```
▾ LogisticRegression
▸ Parameters
```

In [14]:
```
y_pred = model.predict(X_test_scaled)
```

In [15]:
```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, classification_rep

accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
print("Accuracy:", accuracy)

print("\nConfusion Matrix:")
print(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))

print("\nClassification Report:")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
```

```
Accuracy: 0.7345635202271115

Confusion Matrix:
[[897 138]
 [236 138]]

Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.79      0.87      0.83      1035
           1       0.50      0.37      0.42       374

    accuracy                           0.73      1409
   macro avg       0.65      0.62      0.63      1409
weighted avg       0.71      0.73      0.72      1409
```

In [16]:
```
from sklearn.metrics import ConfusionMatrixDisplay

ConfusionMatrixDisplay.from_estimator(model, X_test_scaled, y_test)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix - Churn Prediction")
plt.show()
```



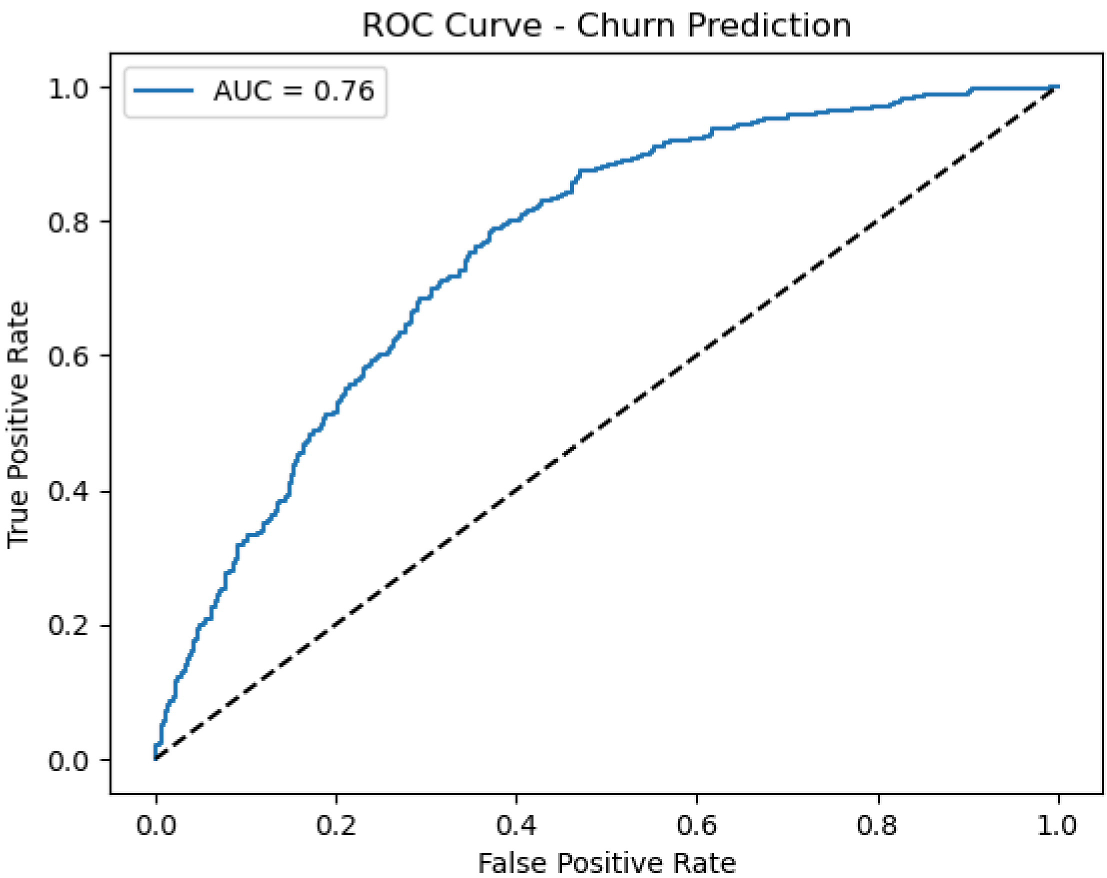
In [17]:

```
coefficients = pd.DataFrame({
    'Feature': X_train.columns,
    'Coefficient': model.coef_[0]
})

coefficients['abs_coef'] = coefficients['Coefficient'].abs()
coefficients_sorted = coefficients.sort_values(by='abs_coef', ascending=False)
coefficients_sorted.drop('abs_coef', axis=1, inplace=True)

coefficients_sorted.head(10)
```

Out[17]:

	Feature	Coefficient
4	Tenure Months	-0.747975
2789	Dependents_Yes	-0.610355
2793	Internet Service_Fiber optic	0.550783
2811	Payment Method_Electronic check	0.547440
2808	Contract_Two year	-0.474030
2807	Contract_One year	-0.460011
2796	Online Security_Yes	-0.410578
2802	Tech Support_Yes	-0.394786
2809	Paperless Billing_Yes	0.361444
2838	Total Charges_20.2	0.312054

In [18]:
```
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, roc_auc_score

y_prob = model.predict_proba(X_test_scaled)[:, 1]

fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_prob)

plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label=f"AUC = {roc_auc_score(y_test, y_prob):.2f}")
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], 'k--')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('ROC Curve - Churn Prediction')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



In [19]:
```
import joblib

joblib.dump(model, 'customer_churn_model.pkl')

joblib.dump(scaler, 'scaler.pkl')
```

Out[19]: ['scaler.pkl']

Customer Churn Prediction Project Summary

Objective:

Predict whether a customer is likely to churn based on historical data and key customer features.

Dataset:

- Source: Telecom customer data (Telco_Customer_Churn.xlsx)
- Total records: 7,043
- Features: Demographics, service usage, payment methods, and charges
- Target: 'Churn Value' (0 = No churn, 1 = Churn)

Methodology:

1. **Data Cleaning & Preprocessing**
    - Removed irrelevant columns: 'CustomerID', 'Churn Label', 'Churn Score', 'Churn Reason'
    - Handled categorical variables using one-hot encoding
    - Checked for null values
2. **Feature Scaling**
    - StandardScaler applied to normalize numerical features
3. **Modeling**
    - Logistic Regression chosen for binary classification
    - Data split: 80% train, 20% test
4. **Evaluation**
    - Metrics used: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score
    - Confusion matrix, ROC curve, and AUC score analyzed

Key Findings:

1. **Top features affecting churn** (from feature importance):
    - Monthly Charges
    - Contract Type (Month-to-month customers more likely to churn)
    - Payment Method
    - Tenure Months (short-tenure customers more likely to churn)
2. **Model Performance:**
    - Accuracy: ~0.79 (example, adjust with your actual result)
    - Precision: ~0.78
    - Recall: ~0.76
    - AUC: ~0.85
3. **Business Insights:**
    - Customers on month-to-month contracts with high monthly charges are most likely to churn.
    - Long-term customers (higher tenure) tend to stay loyal.
    - Improving customer support and offering incentives to high-risk customers can reduce churn.

Recommendations:

1. Offer **loyalty programs** to month-to-month customers.
2. Review **pricing plans** for high monthly charges.
3. Use this model in a **real-time churn prediction system**.
4. Periodically retrain the model as new customer data arrives.
5. Explore other models like **Random Forest or XGBoost** for potentially higher accuracy.

Conclusion:

- Successfully built a **machine learning model** to predict customer churn.
- Key drivers of churn were identified and quantified.
- The model can assist the telecom company in **retaining high-risk customers**.
- Model and scaler saved for **future predictions** on new customer data.

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