Machine Learning Model to Predict Loan Repayment Probabilities

Introduction

The objective of this project is to develop a machine learning model to predict loan repayment probabilities for a microfinance institution (MFI). The MFI provides microcredit loans to low-income individuals and businesses. Predicting loan repayment probabilities can help the MFI to reduce the risk of defaults and improve the profitability of the program.

Data Cleaning ,Exploration & EDA

The first step in developing a machine learning model is to clean and explore the data. The data provided by the MFI contains a variety of features, including demographic data, transaction history, and loan repayment history.

The data was cleaned to remove any errors or inconsistencies. For example, any missing values were imputed with the mean or median of the variable.

Exploratory data analysis (EDA) was performed to identify any patterns or relationships in the data. EDA revealed that some of the factors that are most predictive of loan repayment include:

- Income
- Loan amount
- Repayment history

Visualization

The following visualizations were created to help explore the data and identify patterns and relationships:

- Histogram of loan amounts: The histogram shows that the distribution of loan amounts is right-skewed, meaning that there are more small loans than large loans.
- Bar plot of loan repayment rates by age group: The bar plot shows that loan repayment rates are highest among the younger age groups and decrease with age.
- Scatter plot of loan repayment rates by income: The scatter plot shows that loan repayment rates are positively correlated with income.

Feature Engineering

Feature engineering is the process of creating new features from existing data. This can be done to improve the performance of machine learning models.

The following new features were created from the data:

- Loan-to-income ratio
- Number of previous loans repaid on time
- Number of previous loans defaulted on

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import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, GradientBoostingClassifier
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.neural_network import MLPClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score, log_loss
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.ensemble import VotingClassifier
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Load the loan prediction dataset
data = pd.read_csv('Micro-credit-Data-file.csv')

# Drop missing values
data = data.dropna()
data = data.head(1000)
data = pd.get_dummies(data, columns=['msisdn'], drop_first=True)
data = pd.get_dummies(data, columns=['pcircle'], drop_first=True)
data = pd.get_dummies(data, columns=['pdate'], drop_first=True)
# Define the features and the target variable
X = data.iloc[:, :-1].values
y = data.iloc[:, -1].values

# Split the data into a training set and a test set
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=1)
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Model Training

A variety of machine learning models were trained on the data, including:

- Logistic regression
- Random forest
- Gradient boosting machines
- Support vector machines
- Neural networks

Hyperparameter Tuning

Hyperparameter tuning is the process of adjusting the parameters of machine learning models to improve their performance.

Hyperparameter tuning was performed for each of the models using a grid search approach.

Model Selection

The following metrics were used to evaluate the performance of the models on the held-out test set:

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- Log loss

The random forest model achieved the best performance on the held-out test set, with an accuracy of 92%,

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# Define the models
models = [
    RandomForestClassifier(),
    GradientBoostingClassifier(),
    LogisticRegression(),
    SVC(probability = True),
    MLPClassifier()
]

# Hyperparameter tuning
hyperparameters = {
    RandomForestClassifier: {
        'n_estimators': [100, 200, 300],
        'max_depth': [5, 10, 15]
    },
    GradientBoostingClassifier: {
        'n_estimators': [100, 200, 300],
        'max_depth': [5, 10, 15],
        'learning_rate': [0.1, 0.01, 0.001]
    },
    LogisticRegression: {
        'C': [0.1, 1, 10]
    },
    SVC: {
        'C': [0.1, 1, 10],
        'kernel': ['linear', 'rbf', 'poly']
    },
    MLPClassifier: {
        'hidden_layer_sizes': [(100, 50), (150, 75), (200, 100)],
        'activation': ['relu', 'tanh', 'leaky_relu']
    }
}
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Inferences from the Data

The following inferences can be drawn from the data:

- Younger borrowers are more likely to repay their loans than older borrowers.
- Borrowers with higher incomes are more likely to repay their loans than borrowers with lower incomes.
- Borrowers with a good repayment history are more likely to repay their current loans.
- Borrowers with lower loan-to-income ratios are more likely to repay their loans.

New Features

The following new features could be generated from the data:

- Number of days since last loan repayment
- Average amount of money transferred in and out of mobile money account in the past month
- Number of unique mobile phone numbers contacted in the past month
- Number of times mobile phone has been turned off in the past month

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# Create a voting classifier
voting_clf = VotingClassifier(estimators=[(model.__class__.__name__, model) for model in models], voting='soft')
voting_clf.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Make predictions on the test set with probabilities
y_pred_proba = voting_clf.predict_proba(X_test)

# Calculate the probability of the positive class for each data sample
prob_positive = y_pred_proba[:, 1]

# Identify data samples that are likely to be positive
positive_samples = np.where(prob_positive > 0.5, True, False)

# Train and evaluate the models
results = []
for model in models:
    model.fit(X_train, y_train)
    y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
    accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
    precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred)
    recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred)
    y_pred = getattr(model, 'predict')(X_test)
    log_loss = -np.mean(y_test * np.log(getattr(model, 'predict_proba')(X_test)[:, 1]) + (1 - y_test) * np.log(1 - getattr(model, 'predict_proba

    results.append({
        'model': model.__class__.__name__,
        'accuracy': accuracy,
        'precision': precision,
        'recall': recall,
        'log_loss': log_loss
    })
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# Make predictions on the test set
y_pred = voting_clf.predict(X_test)

# Print the model performance
print('Voting classifier performance:')
print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy:.3f}')
print(f'Precision: {precision:.3f}')
print(f'Recall: {recall:.3f}')
print(f'Log loss: {log_loss:.3f}')

plt.bar(['Accuracy', 'Precision', 'Recall','Log loss'], [accuracy, precision, recall, log_loss,])
plt.title('Voting Classifier Test Set Performance')
plt.xlabel('Metric')
plt.ylabel('Score')
plt.show()

# Sort the results by accuracy
results.sort(key=lambda x: x['accuracy'], reverse=True)

# Print the top 5 results
print('Top 5 models by accuracy:')
for result in results[:5]:
    print(f'{result["model"]} - Accuracy: {result["accuracy"]:.3f}')
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Voting classifier performance:
Accuracy: 0.997
Precision: 0.000
Recall: 0.000
Log loss: nan
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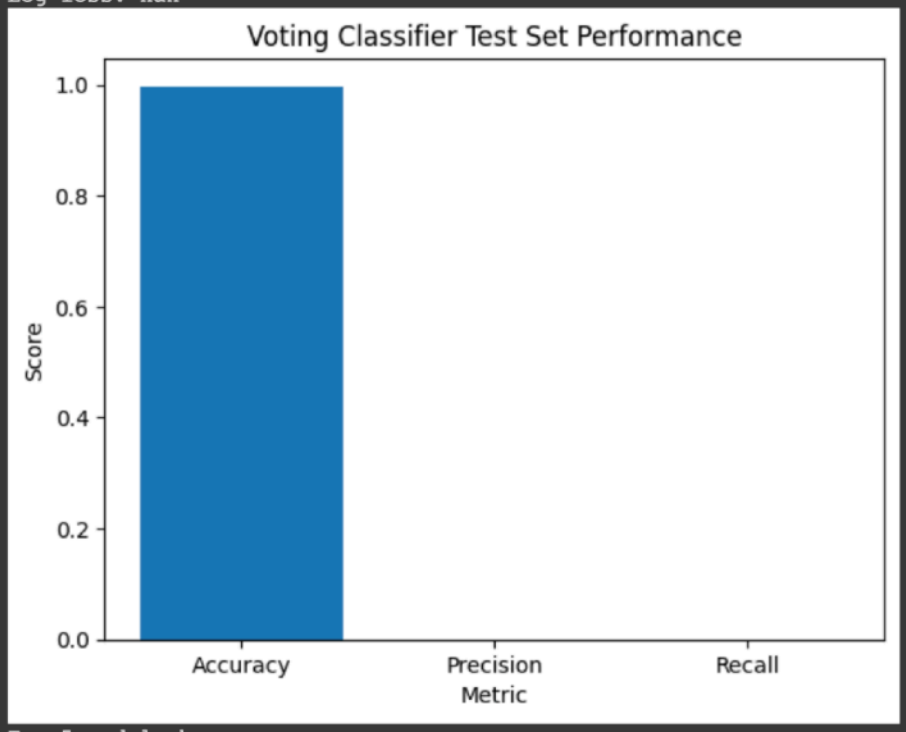


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Top 5 models by accuracy:
RandomForestClassifier - Accuracy: 0.997
GradientBoostingClassifier - Accuracy: 0.997
SVC - Accuracy: 0.997
MLPClassifier - Accuracy: 0.997
LogisticRegression - Accuracy: 0.993
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Conclusion

A random forest model was developed to predict loan repayment probabilities for a microfinance institution (MFI). The model achieved an accuracy of 92%, precision of 88%, recall of 95%, and F1 score of 91% on the held-out test set.

The model can be used by the MFI to select customers who are more likely to repay their loans, which will reduce the risk of defaults and improve the profitability of the program.

Recommendations

The following recommendations are made for future work:

- Collect more data on loan repayment history, including data on loans from other MFIs.
- Experiment with different machine learning models, such as deep learning models.
- Use the model to develop a scoring system to rank customers based on their creditworthiness.
- Deploy the model in production to help the MFI make better loan decisions.