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Abstract:

This document describes a data-driven approach for Fraud credit card transaction detection. The study was performed on the transaction data records of the transaction made by European cardholders in September 2013 for 2 days which consists of PCA transformed 30 numerical features along with one target – Class.

As first step data cleaning was performed followed by a check for distribution and skewness. Data scaling was performed on observed skewness features. Also, Class imbalance was identified where resampling was performed before using the data for training. The EDA involves both univariate and bivariate analysis.

The study was performed using different models – Logistic Regression, Random Forest Classifier and XGBoost classifier where XGBoost model outperformed based on AUC score. The study proposes periodic re-training of the model with fresh data to capture the evolving fraud patterns.

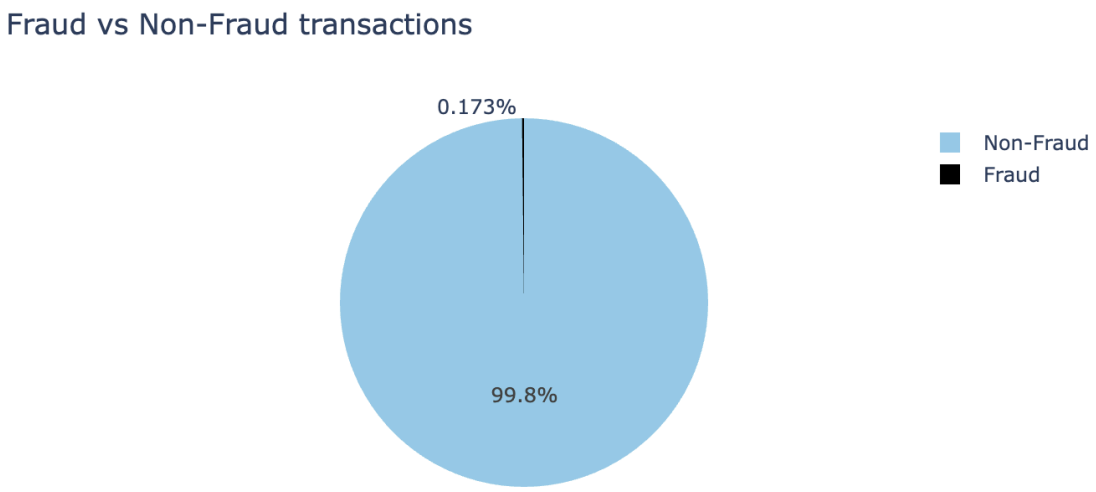
1. Introduction

This project aims to build a robust machine learning pipeline for the detection of fraudulent credit card transactions using a real-world anonymized dataset available from Kaggle. The dataset represents credit card transactions made by European cardholders over a period of two days in September 2013.

Out of 284,807 transactions, only 492 are frauds—highlighting the **extreme class imbalance** in the data, where fraudulent transactions represent just **0.173%** of the total. Each transaction has 30 input features transformed using **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**, preserving customer confidentiality. The features include 28 anonymized components (V1 to V28), transaction **Time**, and **Amount**.

Due to the complexity and imbalance of the data, traditional classifiers are often biased toward the majority class. To address this, advanced sampling methods and classification algorithms are explored. The models considered include **Logistic Regression**, **Random Forest**, **XGBoost** with evaluation based on **Precision**, **Recall**, **F1-score**, and **ROC-AUC**.

This report outlines a complete workflow including data exploration, preprocessing, model selection, evaluation, and interpretation of results. It demonstrates the critical steps needed to build a production-ready fraud detection system using machine learning.



2. Data Cleaning / Preparation

Effective data preprocessing is a foundational step in developing a reliable fraud detection model. This section outlines how the raw dataset was inspected, cleaned, and transformed to ensure high-quality inputs for machine learning.

2.1 Handling Missing Values and Data Integrity Checks

- The dataset was examined for missing, blank, and null values using:
    - DataFrame.info()
    - A custom summary statistics function.

```
# Information of variables for data set:
def inspect_data(data):
    data_details =  pd.DataFrame({"Data Type":data.dtypes,
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                       "No of Unique Data":data.apply(lambda x: x.nunique(),axis=0),
                        "Levels":data.apply(lambda x: str(x.unique()),axis=0)
                       })
    return data_details

inspect_data(df)
```

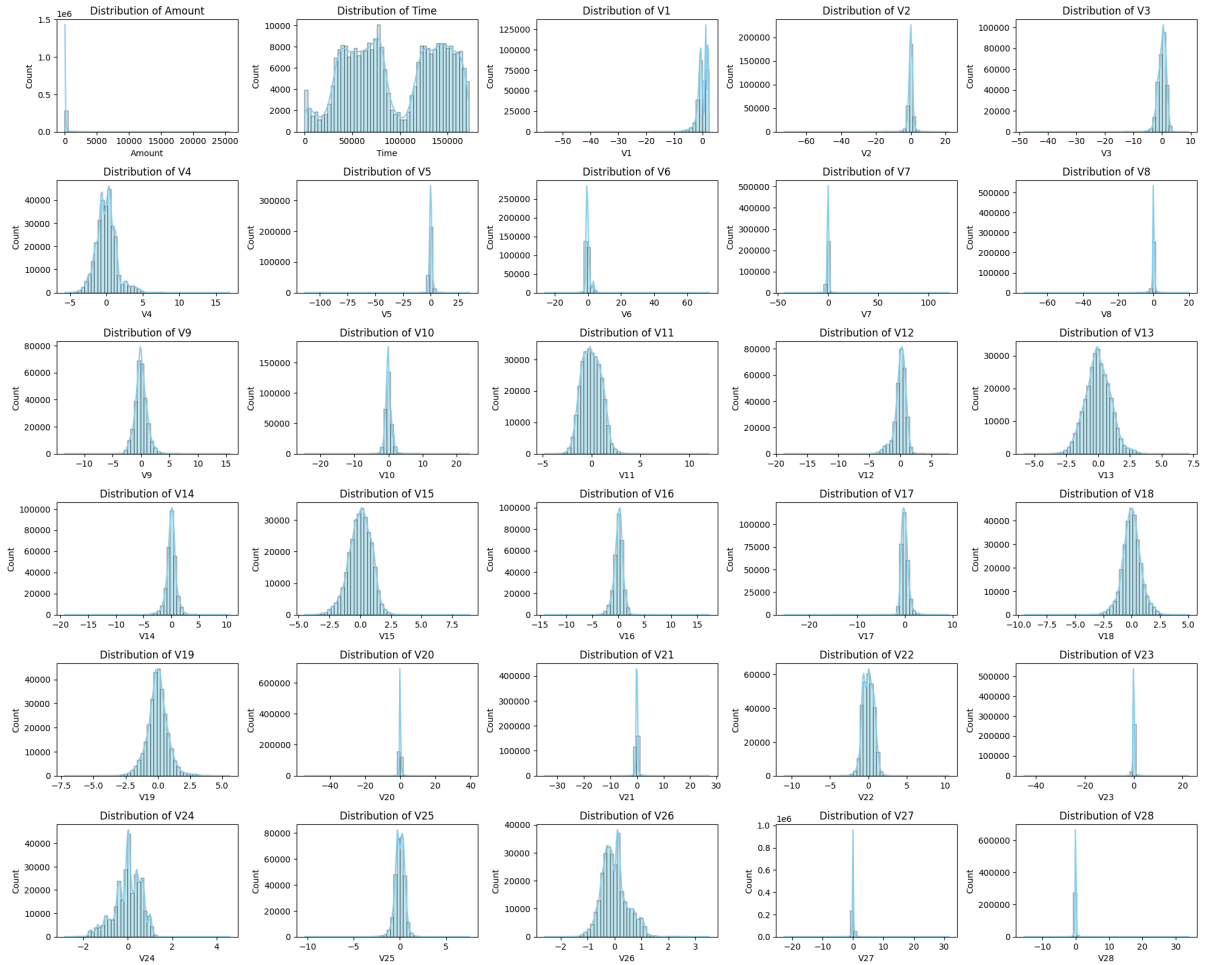
- **Result**:

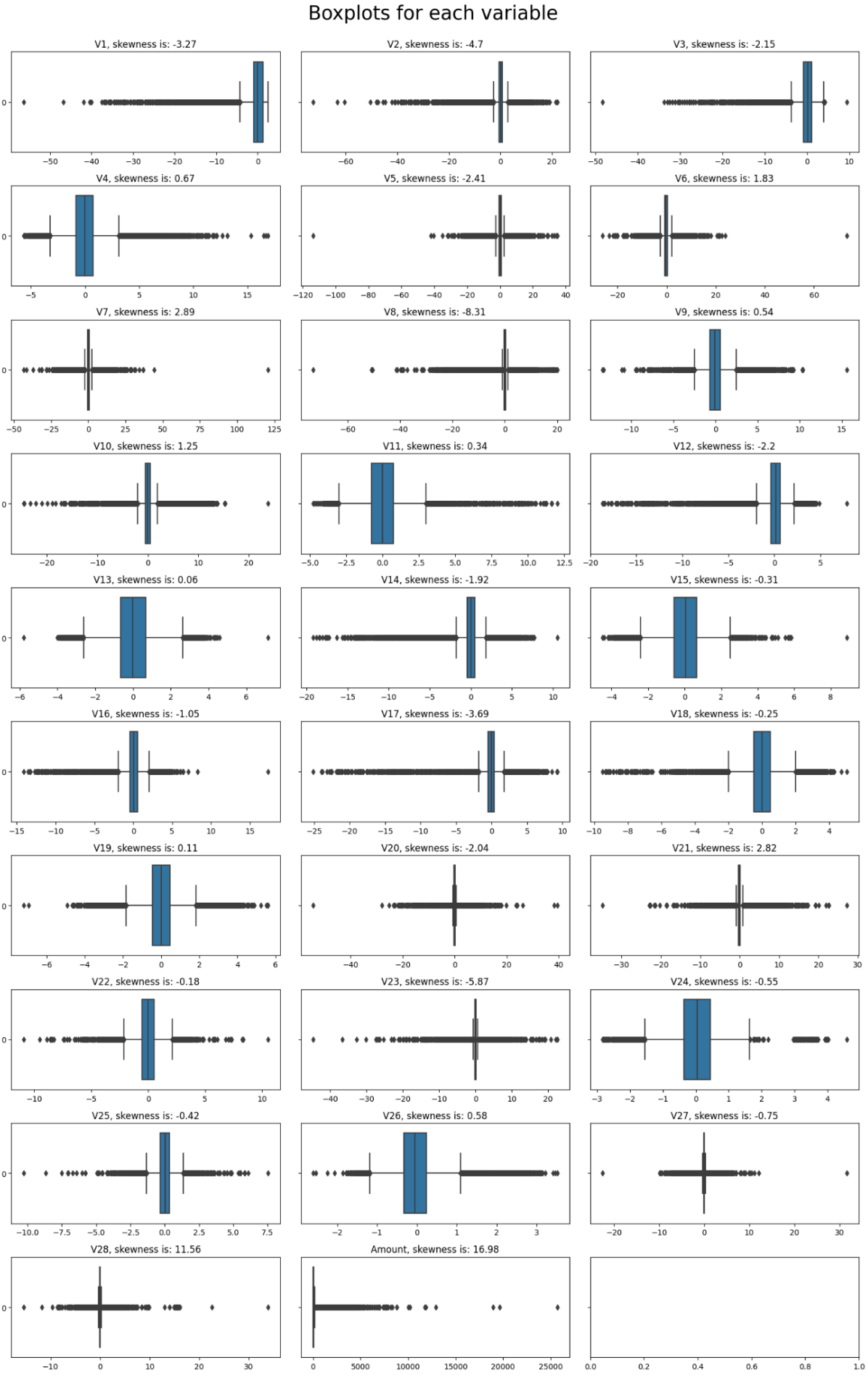
- No missing values across all 31 columns.
- Each feature contained exactly **284,807 non-null entries**.

- **Conclusion**: The dataset was complete and required no imputation or removal of entries.

2.2 Feature Distribution and Skewness

- Certain features exhibited strong skewness, which could distort model training: Notably, features V2, V10, V14, and V23 showed long tails and asymmetric distributions.
- These features were scaled using StandardScaler, a normalization technique that transforms data to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. This standardization ensures that all features contribute equally to model training by eliminating differences in scale.
- It prevents variables with larger ranges from dominating those with smaller ranges

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V28, skewness is: 11.56
Amount, skewness is: 16.98

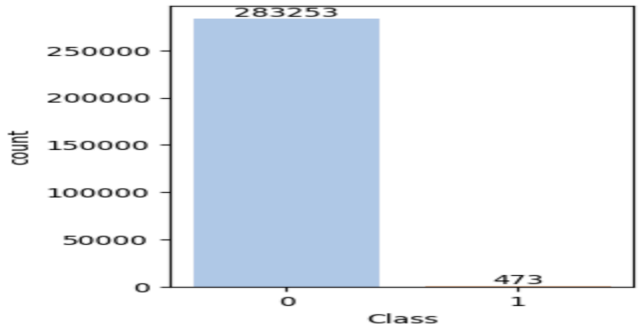
Feature	Shape	Outliers	Interpretation
V1	Bell-shaped, slight tails	Minor	Stable distribution, moderate variance
V2	Skewed left, heavy tails	Yes	Could capture abnormal activity
V3	Bell with fat tails	Yes	Likely useful for modeling
V4	Long tail, asymmetric	Yes	Known fraud-separating feature
V5	Normal-ish	Few	May contribute to combined signal
V6	Centered, asymmetric	Yes	Moderate variance
V7	Near-flat, wide range	Few	Lower density; may be weak alone
V8	Symmetric, low peak	No	Likely low information feature
V9	Tailed distribution	Yes	High range; potential fraud marker
V10	Strong left skew	Yes	**Important feature in fraud detection**
V11	Sharp peak, narrow	No	Limited discriminative power
V12	Strong skew	Yes	Sensitive to rare patterns
V13	Slight asymmetry	Few	Could be mid-strength
V14	Highly skewed	Yes	One of the **top fraud indicators**
V15	Symmetric, narrow	No	Low signal visually
V16	Symmetric, flat peak	No	Weak on its own
V17	Asymmetric, wide	Yes	Often useful with interactions
V18	Low variance	No	Low standalone value
V19	Flat distribution	No	Could be ignored
V20	Near-constant	No	Minimal variance — likely non-informative
V21	Similar to V20	No	Same — likely low impact
V22	Asymmetric, light tail	Few	May show rare events
V23	Long-tailed	Yes	Could relate to fraud dynamics
V24	Bell with outliers	Yes	Moderate potential
V25	Flat, low spread	No	Weak predictor alone
V26	Some outliers	Yes	Worth modeling with others
V27	Very tight range	No	Potential candidate to drop
V28	Symmetric, clean	No	Good baseline input

2.3 Class Imbalance Identification and Visualization

- The target variable `Class` was found to be **severely imbalanced**:
    - Non-Fraud (Class 0): 283,253 (99.83%)
    - Fraud (Class 1): 473 (0.17%)

📉 **Observation**: On average, only **1 out of every 600 transactions** is fraudulent.

Visualization:
A bar plot was generated to highlight this extreme imbalance, emphasizing the need for class-balancing techniques during modelling.



2.4 Resampling Strategy

To counter the skewed class distribution, two key resampling approaches were adopted:

1. **Under-Sampling**:
    - Randomly reduced the size of the majority class to match the minority class.
    - Prevents overwhelming bias toward non-fraudulent transactions.
2. **SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique)**:
    - Created synthetic samples of the minority class using feature-space similarities.
    - Helps maintain class diversity and avoids overfitting.

These strategies were applied **only to the training set** to preserve test set integrity.

2.5 Train-Test Split with Stratification

- Dataset split into:
    - **70% Training Set**
    - **30% Test Set**

- `train_test_split()` used with `stratify=y` to maintain **original class proportions** across both splits.

2.6 Final Feature Scaling

To prepare the dataset for machine learning:

- **StandardScaler**:
    - Used for features with Gaussian-like distributions.
    - Ensures zero mean and unit variance.
- **RobustScaler**:
    - Applied where features showed strong skew or outliers.
    - Particularly effective for models sensitive to feature scale (e.g., Logistic Regression, Gradient Boosting).

Impact: Scaling accelerated model convergence and stabilized learning across classifiers.

Summary of Preprocessing Strategy

Step	Technique	Purpose
Null Checks	`df.info()`, summary stats	Ensure dataset completeness
Distribution Review	Histograms, skew stats	Detect long-tailed features
Outlier-Safe Scaling	StandardScaler	Normalize skewed distributions
Class Imbalance Handling	SMOTE + Under-sampling	Prevent bias in learning phase

Stratified Split	`train_test_split(stratify=y)`	Preserve label ratio in train/test
Final Scaling	StandardScaler	Accelerate training; balance features

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3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

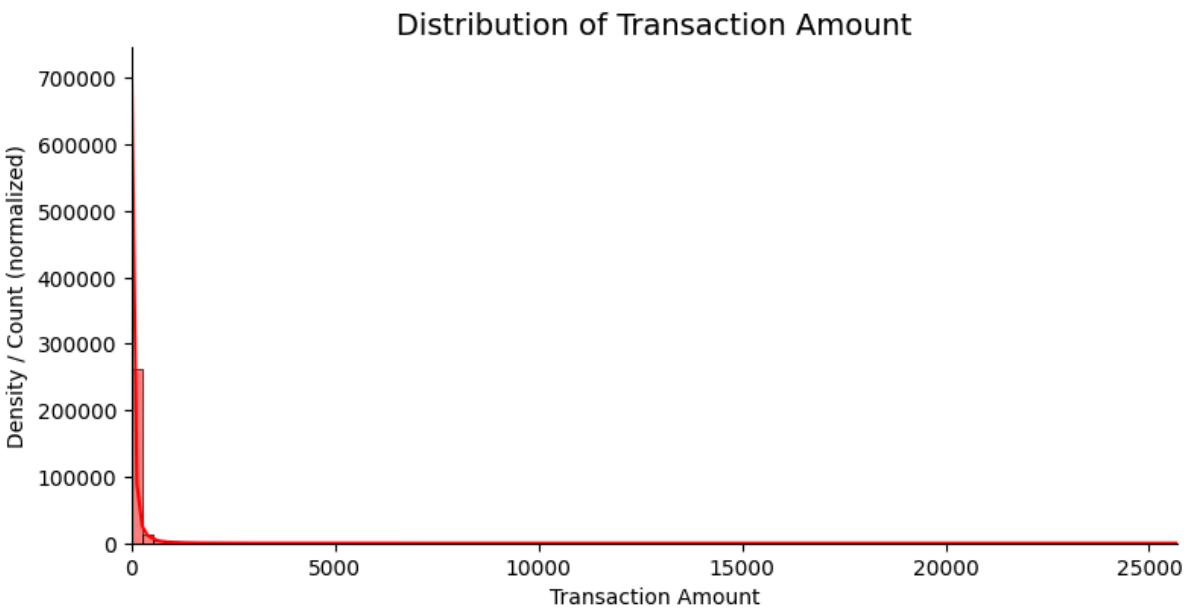
3.1 Objective of EDA

- Understand distributions and relationships in the anonymized dataset.
- Identify variables that can meaningfully distinguish between **fraudulent** and **non-fraudulent** transactions.
- Uncover patterns or clusters in transaction behavior using visual tools.

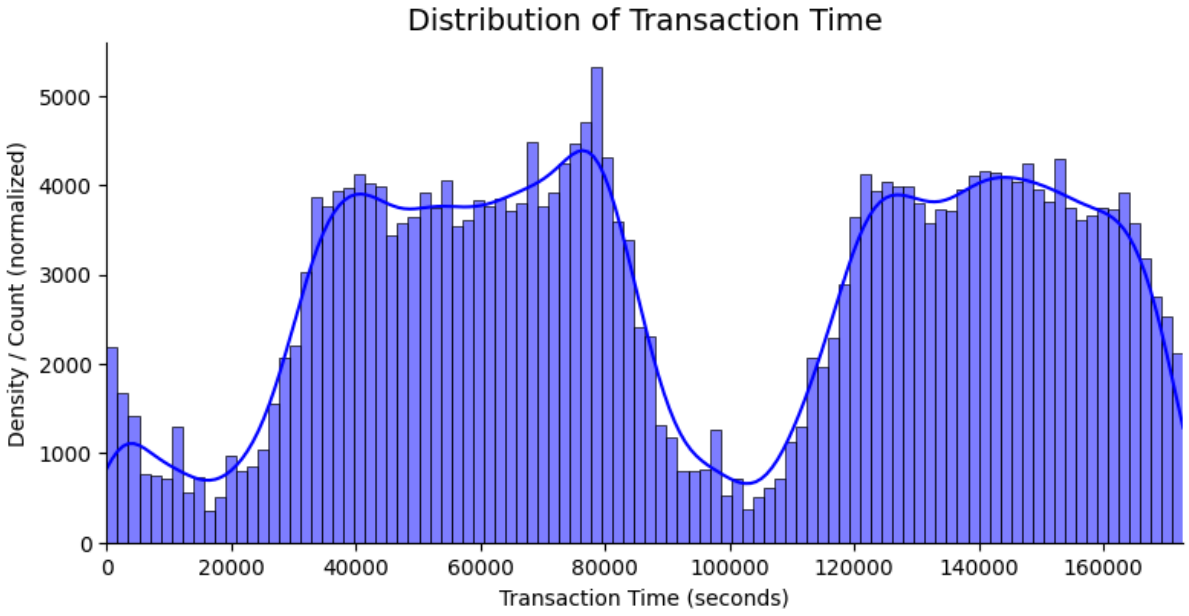
3.2 Univariate Analysis

Histogram: Transaction Amount and Time

- **Goal**: Understand the distribution of numeric, non-PCA features.
- **Interpretation**:
    - Amount is **right-skewed** — most transactions are low in value, but some high-value outliers exist.

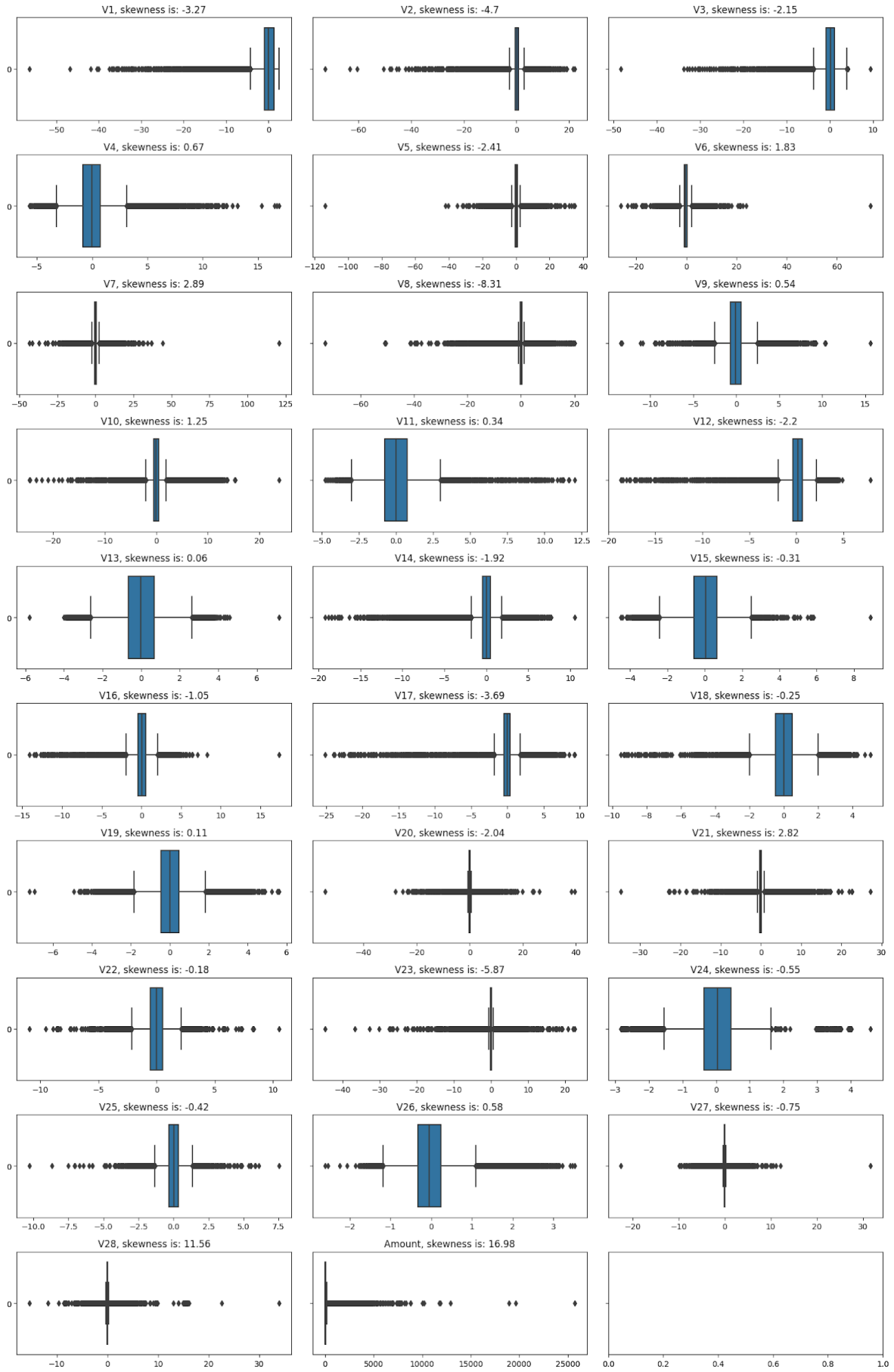


- Time shows activity over a **48-hour period**. There are **periodic spikes** that may correspond to fraud detection windows.



3.3 Feature Skewness Observed

- Features like **V2, V10, V14, and V23** show **strong skew and long tails**, which can negatively affect model performance.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- These were handled using **RobustScaler**, which scales data based on **median** and **IQR**, making it resistant to outliers.

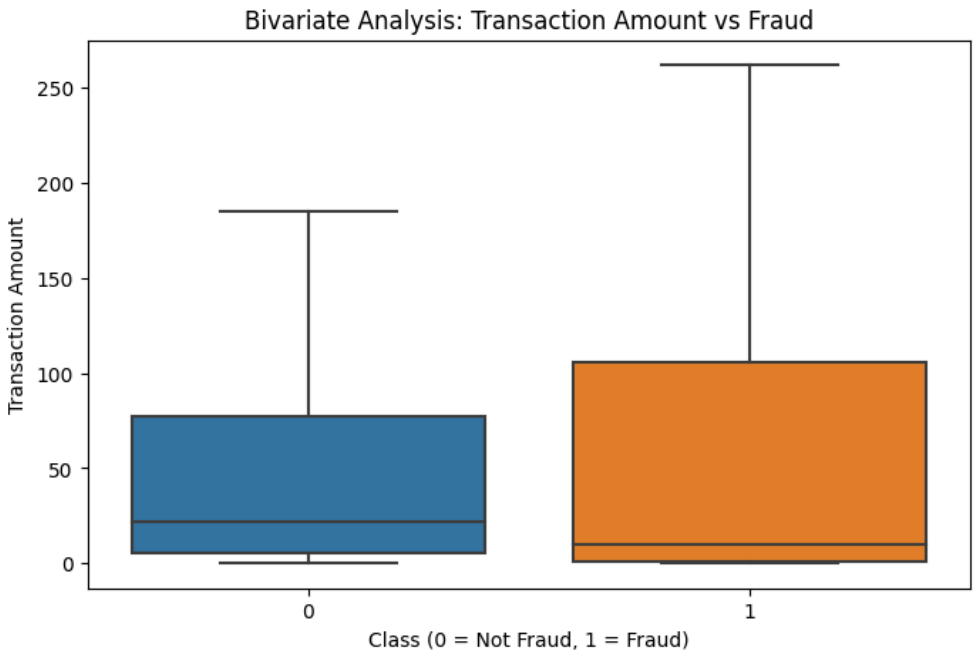
Transformation:

X_scaled = (X - Median) / IQR

3.4 Bivariate Analysis

Boxplot: Transaction Amount vs Class

- **Observation**:
    - Fraudulent transactions (**Class = 1**) have a **lower median amount**, but with **occasional large outliers**.
    - Non-fraudulent transactions (**Class = 0**) are more spread across the amount range.



Conclusion: While average fraud values are low, some **high-value frauds** exist — requiring vigilance beyond simple thresholding.

Boxplot: Hour of Day vs Class

- Hours are derived from the Time column (Hour = (Time // 3600) % 24).
- **Observation**:

- Fraudulent transactions **spike during off-business hours** (late night/early morning).
- Regular transactions are more uniformly spread.

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BIVARIATE ANALYSIS PAIR PLOTs
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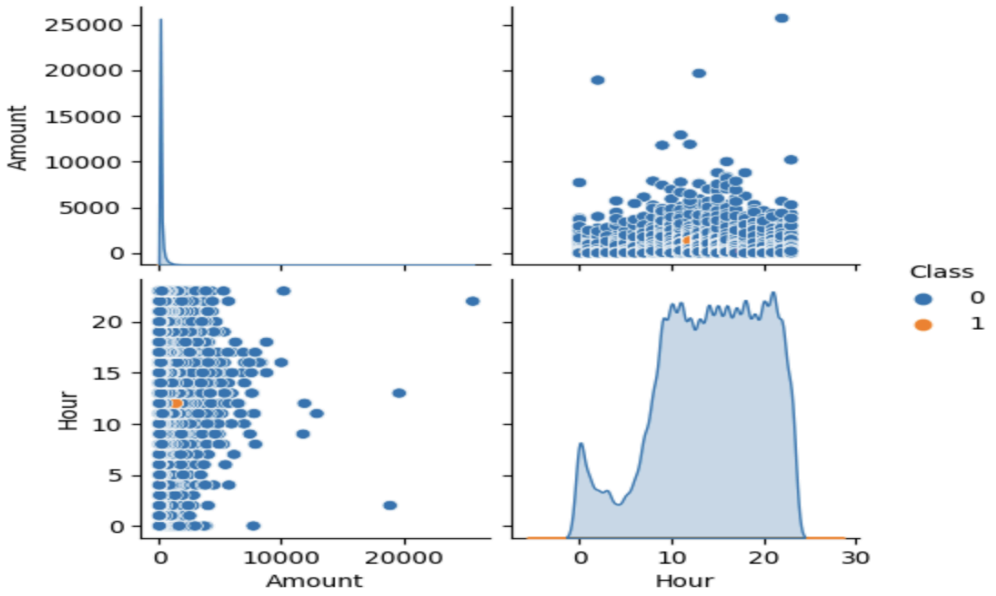
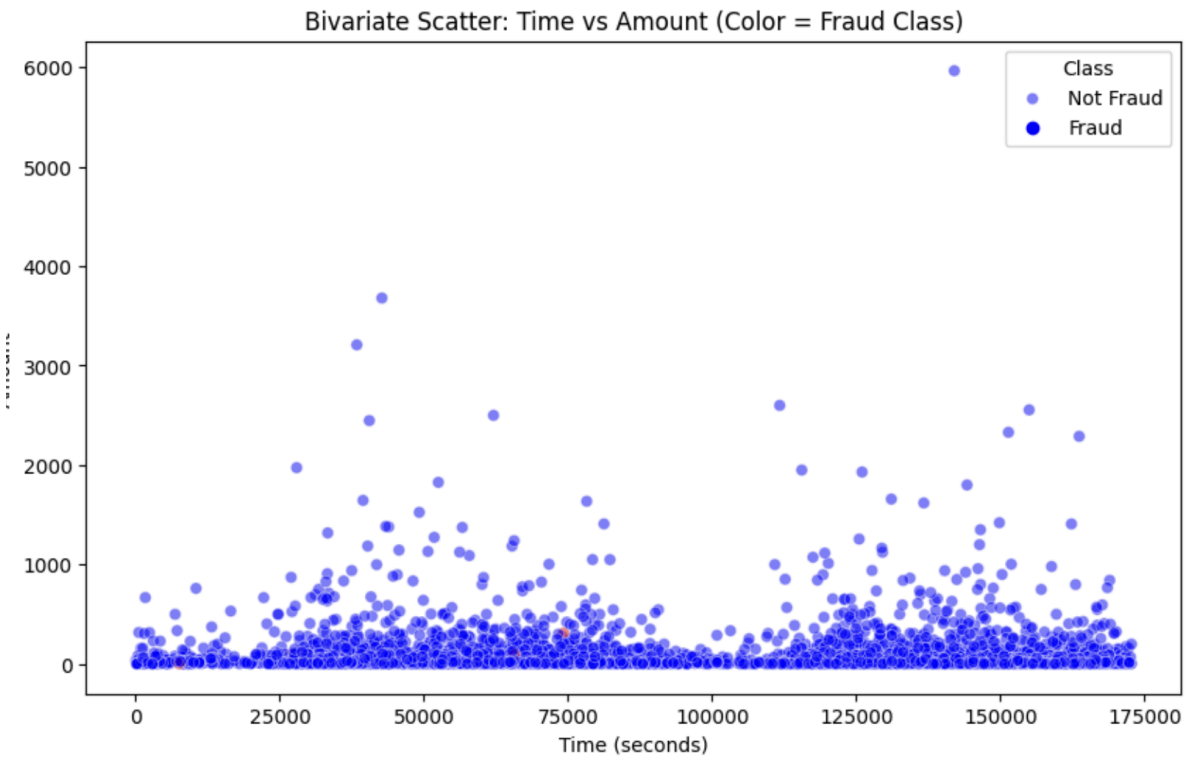


Conclusion: Time-of-day is a **useful predictor** of fraud behavior.

3.5 Scatterplot: Time vs Amount (Colored by Class)

- Visualizes **transaction density** by value and time.
- **Red dots (fraudulent)** cluster in **specific time-value bands**, indicating possible **automated or scripted fraud attempts**.

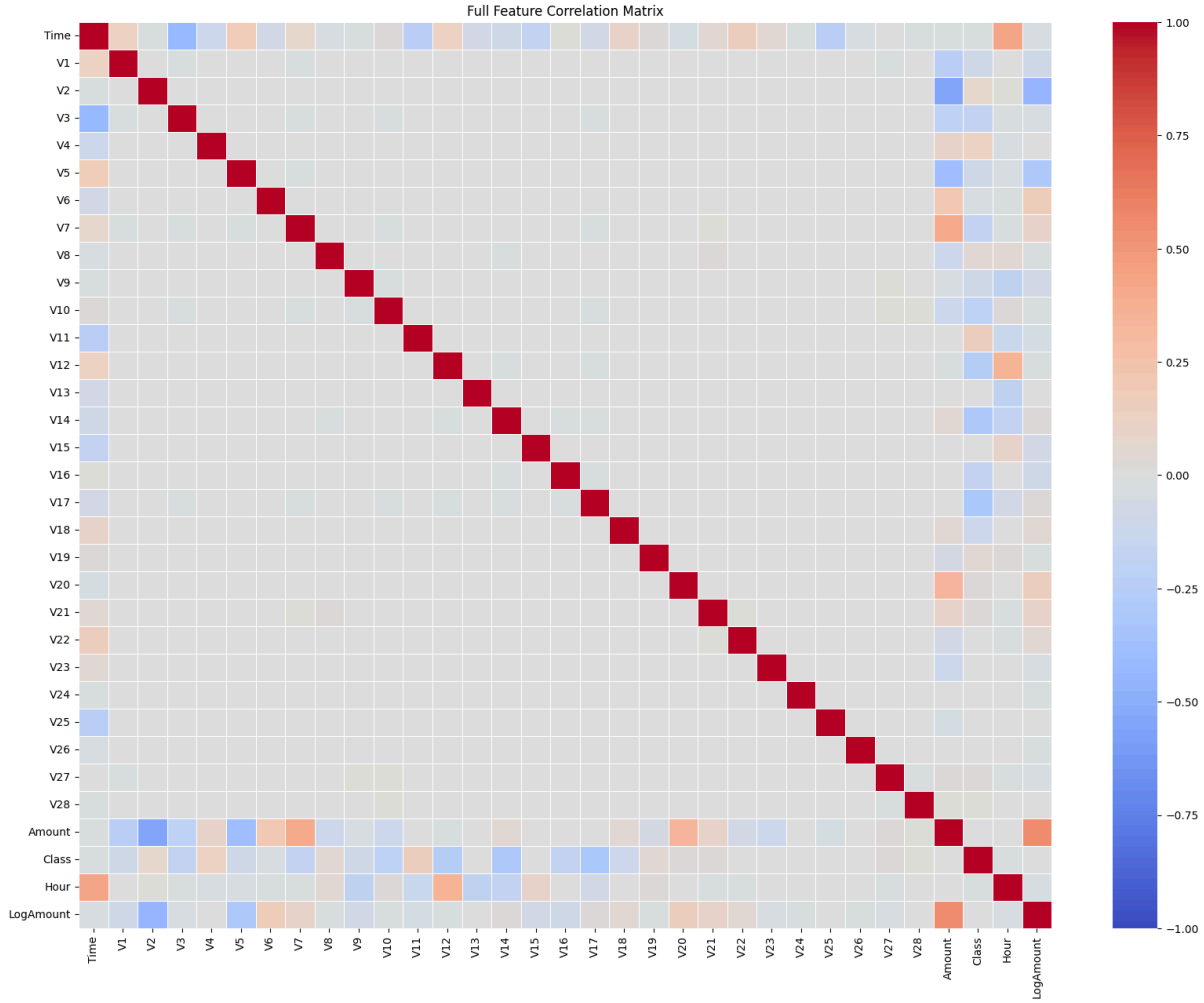


Conclusion: Fraud is **not randomly distributed** — it's more prevalent in **certain time-amount clusters**, a pattern that can be modeled effectively.

3.6 Correlation Matrix with Target (Class)

- **Goal**: Examine how individual PCA components correlate with fraud.
- **Interpretation**:
    - **Positive Correlation**: V11, V4, V2
    - **Negative Correlation**: V14, V17, V10

Conclusion: These features offer the best discrimination power for fraud prediction and are key model inputs.


Full Feature Correlation Matrix
Time
V1
V2
V3
V4
V5
V6
V7
V8
V9
V10
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V13
V14
V15
V16
V17
V18
V19
V20
V21
V22
V23
V24
V25
V26
V27
V28
Amount
Class
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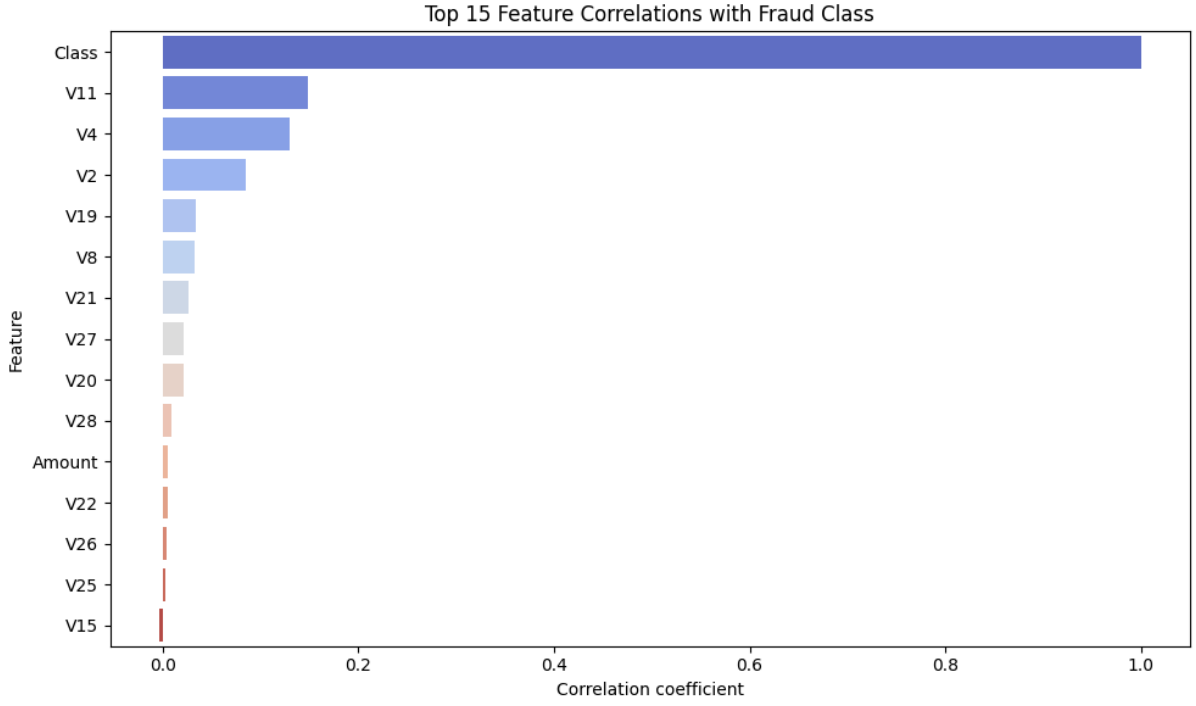
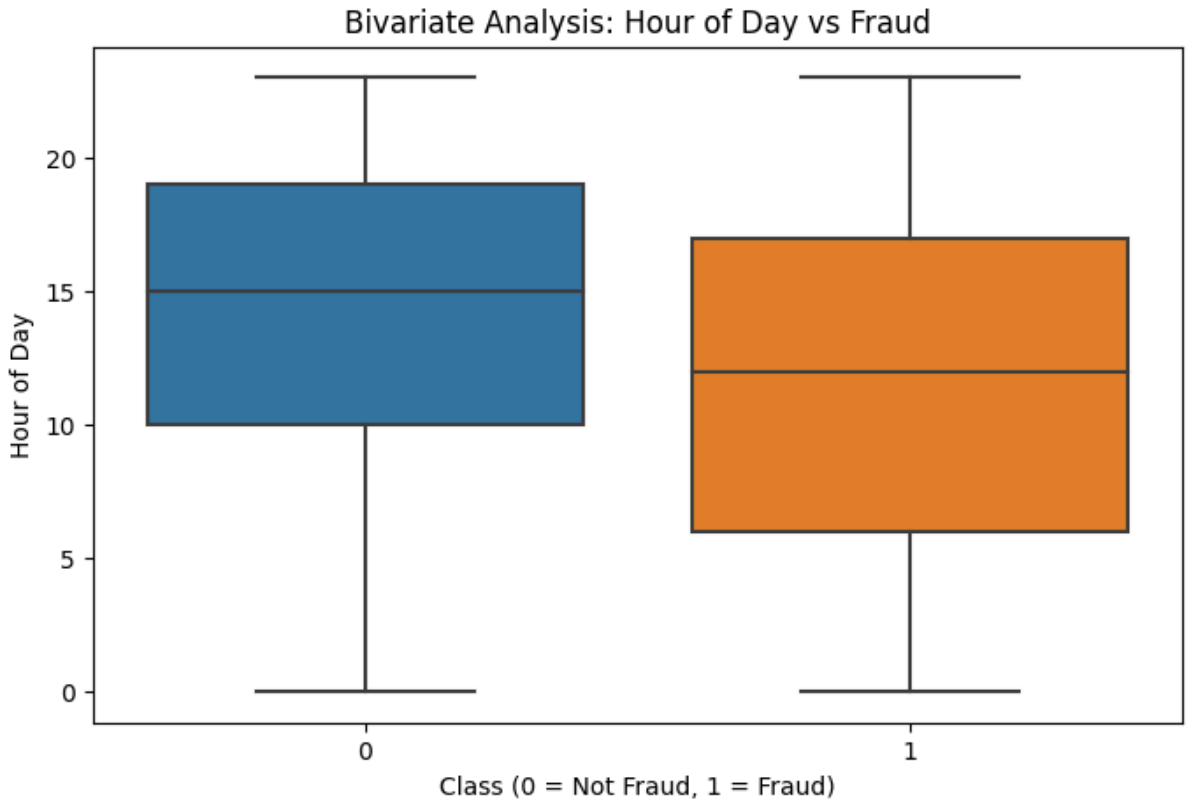
−1.00


Top 15 Feature Correlations with Fraud Class
Class
V11
V4
V2
V19
V8
V21
V27
V20
V28
Amount
V22
V26
V25
V15
Feature
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0
Correlation coefficient

3.7 Pairplot (Amount, Hour, Class)

- KDE and scatter overlays were generated for selected features.
- **Observation**: Clear separation in feature distributions between Class 0 and Class 1.

Conclusion: PCA-transformed features still retain enough variability and separability for classification tasks.



4. Model Selection

Model selection in credit card fraud detection is guided by the **severe class imbalance** and the **business cost** of misclassification. The objective is to select models that maximize fraud detection (Recall) while minimizing false positives (Precision) and overfitting.

4.1 Evaluation Metric: Prioritizing Recall

Fraud detection favors **Recall** over **Precision**:

- A **False Negative** (failing to detect a fraud) is **more costly** than a **False Positive** (flagging a genuine transaction).
- Hence, the model is tuned for high **Recall**, even if it sacrifices some Precision.

4.2 Models Evaluated

The following models were tested using cross-validation and stratified sampling:

Model	Tuning Method	Scoring Metric
Logistic Regression	None (Baseline)	F1, AUC
Random Forest Classifier	Hyperopt	AUC
XGBoost Classifier	Hyperopt (Bayesian)	AUC, Log Loss

4.3 Cross-Validation and Stratified Split

Stratified train_test_split ensured **proportional representation** of fraud in both training and testing datasets, maintaining class balance despite resampling.

4.4 Logistic Regression (Baseline)

- Logistic regression is a statistical method used for binary classification, where the outcome is categorical—typically 0 or 1.
- It models the probability that a given input belongs to a particular class using the sigmoid function.
- In fraud detection, logistic regression estimates the likelihood of a transaction being fraudulent based on various features.
- It's effective for problems where interpretability is important, as the model coefficients indicate feature impact. Despite its simplicity, it can perform well with proper feature scaling and balanced data.
- Logistic Regression is used for benchmarking. Evaluated with standard metrics:
  - AUC, Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score
  - Coefficients were interpreted for their direction and significance

Logit Regression Results

Dep. Variable:	Class	No. Observations:	198608
Model:	Logit	Df Residuals:	198577
Method:	MLE	Df Model:	30
Date:	Sun, 22 Jun 2025	Pseudo R-squ.:	0.7008
Time:	07:38:52	Log-Likelihood:	-732.54
converged:	True	LL-Null:	-2448.1
Covariance Type:	nonrobust	LLR p-value:	0.000

	coef	std err	z	P>|z|	[0.025	0.975]
const	-8.7422	0.313	-27.927	0.000	-9.356	-8.129
Time	-3.024e-07	2.76e-06	-0.110	0.913	-5.71e-06	5.1e-06
V1	0.0913	0.050	1.811	0.070	-0.007	0.190
V2	0.0136	0.069	0.197	0.844	-0.122	0.149
V3	-0.0171	0.063	-0.271	0.786	-0.141	0.106
V4	0.6840	0.090	7.606	0.000	0.508	0.860
V5	0.1513	0.079	1.910	0.056	-0.004	0.307
V6	-0.0752	0.084	-0.894	0.371	-0.240	0.090
V7	-0.0727	0.083	-0.876	0.381	-0.235	0.090
V8	-0.1752	0.036	-4.902	0.000	-0.245	-0.105
V9	-0.3014	0.135	-2.232	0.026	-0.566	-0.037
V10	-0.8884	0.116	-7.664	0.000	-1.116	-0.661
V11	-0.0788	0.101	-0.781	0.435	-0.276	0.119
V12	0.0839	0.111	0.758	0.449	-0.133	0.301
V13	-0.1980	0.101	-1.958	0.050	-0.396	0.000
V14	-0.5580	0.076	-7.383	0.000	-0.706	-0.410
V15	-0.1956	0.107	-1.835	0.067	-0.405	0.013
V16	-0.2317	0.149	-1.555	0.120	-0.524	0.060
V17	-0.0343	0.088	-0.388	0.698	-0.207	0.139
V18	0.0515	0.158	0.327	0.744	-0.258	0.361
V19	0.0893	0.120	0.744	0.457	-0.146	0.324
V20	-0.4782	0.099	-4.836	0.000	-0.672	-0.284
V21	0.3566	0.072	4.944	0.000	0.215	0.498
V22	0.5837	0.165	3.546	0.000	0.261	0.906
V23	-0.0853	0.070	-1.222	0.222	-0.222	0.052
V24	0.2816	0.179	1.576	0.115	-0.069	0.632
V25	0.0763	0.160	0.478	0.633	-0.236	0.389
V26	-0.1075	0.239	-0.450	0.652	-0.575	0.360
V27	-0.8294	0.152	-5.456	0.000	-1.127	-0.531
V28	-0.3207	0.100	-3.214	0.001	-0.516	-0.125
Amount	0.2317	0.109	2.127	0.033	0.018	0.445

Interpretation Summary

- The logistic regression model shows **strong predictive power**, with a **high pseudo R^2 of 0.7008** and a **significant likelihood ratio test ($p < 0.001$)**.
- The model effectively captures variability in the target variable Class (likely binary classification, e.g., fraud vs. non-fraud).
- **Significant positive predictors** include V4, V21, V22, and Amount, which **increase the odds** of the target class (Class = 1).
- **Strong negative predictors** like V10, V14, V20, and V27 **substantially decrease the odds** of the target class.
- The intercept (const = -8.7422) indicates **very low baseline odds** of the target event occurring when all predictors are 0.
- Many variables (e.g., Time, V1, V2, V3, V6, V11, V17, etc.) have **non-significant p-values ($p > 0.05$)**, suggesting they may not contribute meaningfully and can be considered for removal.
- The variable Amount is a **significant positive predictor**, indicating that **larger transaction amounts** are associated with **higher likelihood of Class = 1**.

- The model appears **well-calibrated** and is a good starting point for classification, though simplification or regularization could enhance interpretability.

Variable	Coefficient	Effect	Odds Impact	p-value
const	-8.7422	↓↓↓	Very low base odds	0.000
V4	+0.6840	↑↑	OR ≈ 1.98	0.000
V8	-0.1752	↓	OR ≈ 0.84	0.000
V9	-0.3014	↓	OR ≈ 0.74	0.026
V10	-0.8884	↓↓↓	OR ≈ 0.41	0.000
V13	-0.1980	↓	OR ≈ 0.82	0.050
V14	-0.5580	↓↓	OR ≈ 0.57	0.000
V20	-0.4782	↓↓	OR ≈ 0.62	0.000
V21	+0.3566	↑	OR ≈ 1.43	0.000
V22	+0.5837	↑↑	OR ≈ 1.79	0.000
V27	-0.8294	↓↓↓	OR ≈ 0.44	0.000
V28	-0.3207	↓	OR ≈ 0.73	0.001
Amount	+0.2317	↑	OR ≈ 1.26	0.033

4.5 Random Forest: Hyperparameter Tuning with Hyperopt

Random Forest tuning used the hyperopt library to explore:

- n_estimators, max_depth, min_samples_leaf, max_features
- Scored using 4-fold cross-validation on **ROC AUC**.

Code Snippet:

```python
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score
from hyperopt import hp, fmin, tpe, STATUS_OK, Trials

# Define search space
space = {
    'criterion': hp.choice('criterion', ['entropy', 'gini']),
    'max_depth': hp.quniform('max_depth', 1, 5, 1),
    'max_features': hp.choice('max_features', ['auto', 'sqrt', 'log2', None]),
    'min_samples_leaf': hp.uniform('min_samples_leaf', 0, 0.5),
    'min_samples_split': hp.uniform('min_samples_split', 0, 1),
    'n_estimators': hp.quniform('n_estimators', 10, 100, 10)
}

# Objective function to maximize AUC
def objective(space):
    model = RandomForestClassifier(
        criterion=space['criterion'],
        max_depth=int(space['max_depth']),
        max_features=space['max_features'],
        min_samples_leaf=space['min_samples_leaf'],
        min_samples_split=space['min_samples_split'],
        n_estimators=int(space['n_estimators']),
        random_state=42,
        n_jobs=-1
    )

    auc_scores = cross_val_score(model, X_train, y_train, cv=4, scoring='roc_auc')
    auc = auc_scores.mean()

    return {'loss': 1 - auc, 'status': STATUS_OK}


    # Write to the csv file ('a' means append)
    of_connection = open(out_file, 'a')
    writer = csv.writer(of_connection)
    writer.writerow([auc_train,auc_test,loss, rf_params, ITERATION,n_estimators,run_time,fea_90_cnt])

    # Dictionary with information for evaluation
    return {'loss': loss,
            'params': rf_params,
            'iteration': ITERATION,
            'estimators': n_estimators,
            'train_time': run_time,
            'status': STATUS_OK}
```

Result: Overfitting was low (gap of ~0.02 between train/test AUC).

4.6 XGBoost: Bayesian Optimization

XGBoost was tuned using Bayesian optimization (tpe.suggest from hyperopt) with a custom objective function to maximize **AUC**.

Key Params Tuned:

- learning_rate, n_estimators, max_depth, gamma, subsample, colsample_bytree, scale_pos_weight

Evaluation:

- Best iteration found using early stopping
- Plotted AUC curves for train and validation sets

```python
def objective(space):
    """Objective function for Gradient Boosting Machine Hyperparameter Optimization"""
    global  ITERATION
    ITERATION += 1

    start = timer()
    xgb_params = space

    print('Params selected: ',xgb_params, "\n")


    model = XGBClassifier(**xgb_params)

    model.fit(
    X_train[feat_cols],
    y_train,
    eval_set=[(X_train[feat_cols], y_train), (X_test[feat_cols], y_test)],
    verbose=True
)

    run_time = timer() - start

    auc_test = max(model.evals_result()['validation_1']['auc'])
    index = model.evals_result()['validation_1']['auc'].index(max(model.evals_result()['validation_1']['auc']))
    auc_train = model.evals_result()['validation_0']['auc'][index]


    n_estimators = model.best_iteration + 1 #same as index+1

    print(len(X_train[feat_cols].columns), len(model.feature_importances_), model.feature_importances_)
     # Creating feature importance dataframe
    feat_df = pd.DataFrame({'Features': X_train[feat_cols].columns, 'Importance': model.feature_importances_})
    feat_df.sort_values('Importance', ascending=False, inplace=True)
    feat_df['cumul_fea_imp'] = feat_df['Importance'].cumsum()
    final_features_temp = feat_df[feat_df['cumul_fea_imp']<=0.95]['Features'].tolist()
    fea_95_cnt = len(final_features_temp)
    # feat_df.to_csv("feat_df.csv")
    # print("fea_90_cnt:", fea_90_cnt)

    # Extract the best score
    best_score = auc_test

    # Loss must be minimized
    loss = 1 - best_score

    # Write to the csv file ('a' means append)
    of_connection = open(out_file, 'a')
    writer = csv.writer(of_connection)
    writer.writerow([auc_train,auc_test,loss, xgb_params, ITERATION,n_estimators,run_time,fea_95_cnt])

    # Dictionary with information for evaluation
    return {'loss': loss,
            'params': xgb_params,
            'iteration': ITERATION,
            'estimators': n_estimators,
            'train_time': run_time,
            'status': STATUS_OK}
```

```python
space = {
    'n_estimators': hp.choice('n_estimators', [10, 50,75,100]),
     'early_stopping_rounds': 10,
     'learning_rate': hp.quniform('learning_rate', 0.05,0.5,0.05),
     'max_depth': hp.choice('max_depth', [2,3,4,5,6]),
     'subsample': hp.choice('sub_sample', [0.7,0.8,0.9]),
     'min_child_weight': hp.quniform('min_child_weight', 50,1000,10),
     'gamma': hp.quniform('gamma',5,100,1),
     'reg_alpha': hp.quniform('reg_alpha', 0.01,10, 0.05),
     'eval_metric': 'auc',
     'objective': 'binary:logistic',
     'nthread': 10,
     'booster': 'gbtree',
     'importance_type':'gain',
     'random_state': 46464646,
     'missing': -999.0
     }
```

Best AUC Scores:

- **Training AUC**: 0.9978
- **Test AUC**: 0.9705

- **Log Loss** (test): 0.00311
  → Indicates high separability between classes.

XGBoost outperformed Random Forest in terms of generalization and precision-recall balance.

4.7 Final Model Selection

XGBoost was selected due to:

- Superior **AUC on test data (0.97)**
- Better **log loss**, indicating lower error probability
- Balanced trade-off between **model complexity and interpretability**

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5. Model Analysis

The trained models were analyzed using classification metrics, AUC scores, confusion matrices, and feature importances. This analysis validated model performance on both training and unseen test data, with a focus on fraud detection efficacy.

5.1 Logistic Regression

Overview: Logistic regression was used as a **baseline model**. It was trained using statsmodels with maximum likelihood estimation.

Key Evaluation Metrics:

Metric	Value
Pseudo R^2	0.7008
Log-Likelihood	–732.54
LLR p-value	0.000
Accuracy	1.00
Recall (Fraud)	0.57
F1-Score (Fraud)	0.68

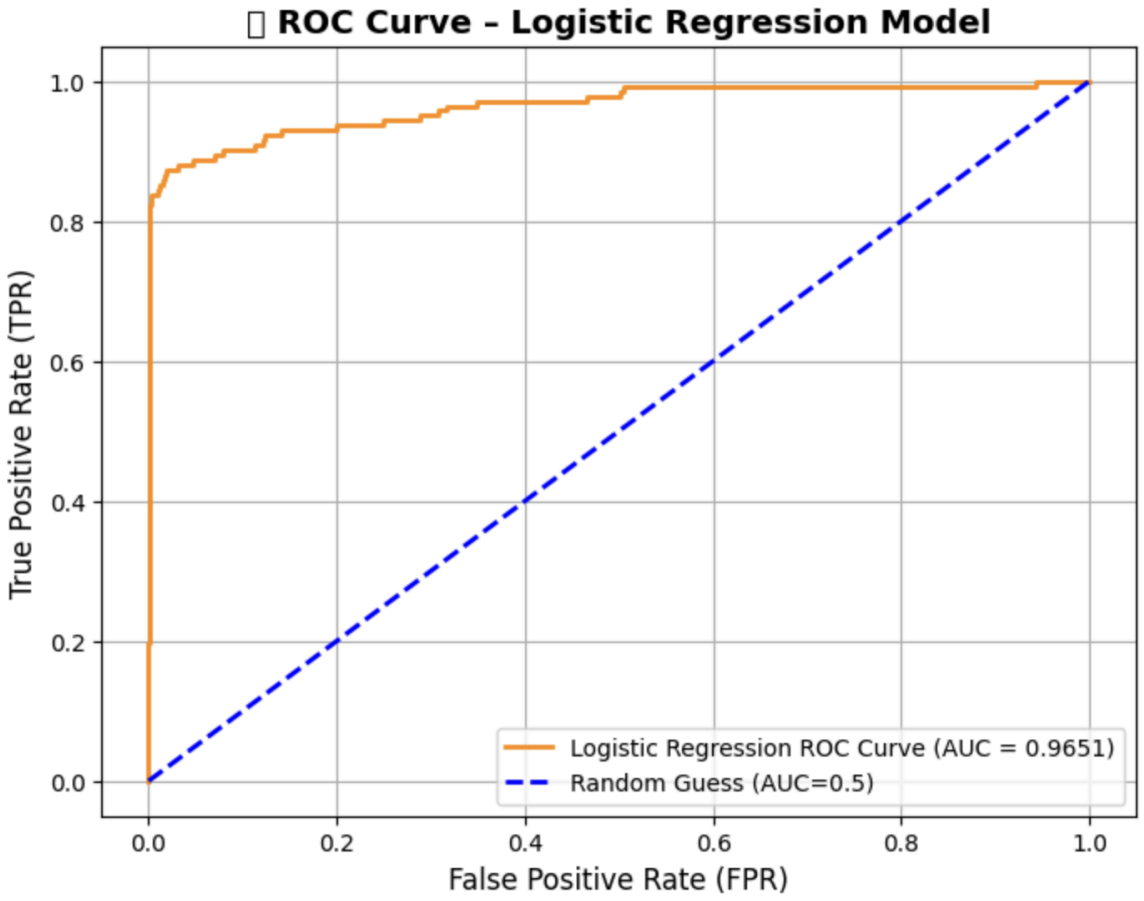
Confusion Matrix:

Actual / Predicted	Not Fraud	Fraud
Not Fraud	84,961	15
Fraud	61	81

Feature Coefficients (Top Contributors):

Feature	Coef	p-value	Interpretation
V4	+0.684	0.000	Strong positive influence on fraud
V8	–0.175	0.000	Negatively associated with fraud
V10	–0.888	0.000	Strong negative indicator
V21	+0.357	0.000	Highly indicative of fraud
V27	–0.829	0.000	Strong negative influence

Conclusion: Logistic regression provided interpretable results and identified statistically significant predictors but had lower recall than tree-based models.



5.2 Random Forest

Overview: Random Forest was tuned using **Hyperopt** to find optimal parameters. Evaluation used cross-validated AUC scores.

Best Hyperparameters:

- n_estimators: 100
- max_depth: variable
- min_samples_leaf: variable
- max_features: ‘sqrt’

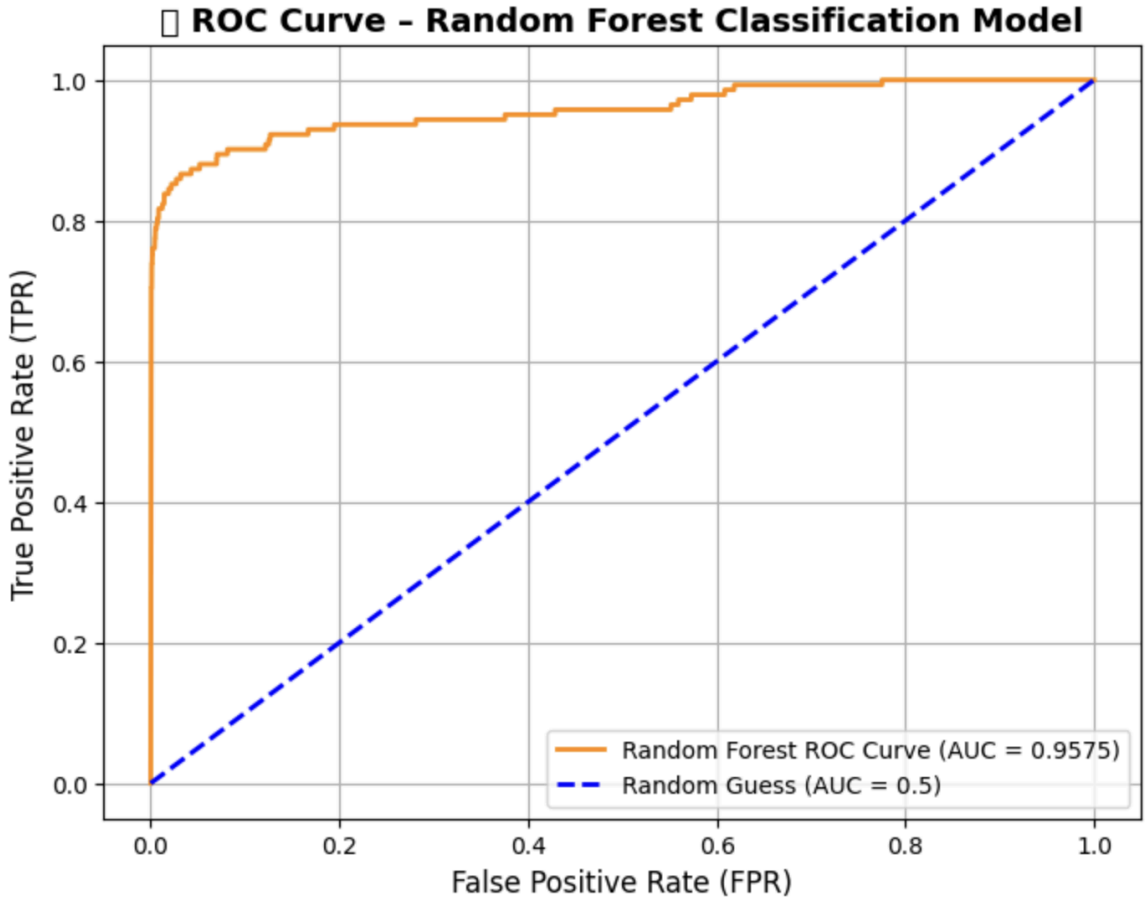
Evaluation (Cross-Validation):

Metric	Value (Approx)
AUC (Train)	~0.981
AUC (Test)	~0.947
Recall	High
Precision	Moderate
Overfitting	Minimal

Feature Importance (Top 5):

Feature	Importance
V10	0.353
V14	0.133
V4	0.190
V12	0.108
V11	0.045

Conclusion: Random Forest performed well with low overfitting and strong discriminative power, but model complexity limited interpretability.



5.3 XGBoost

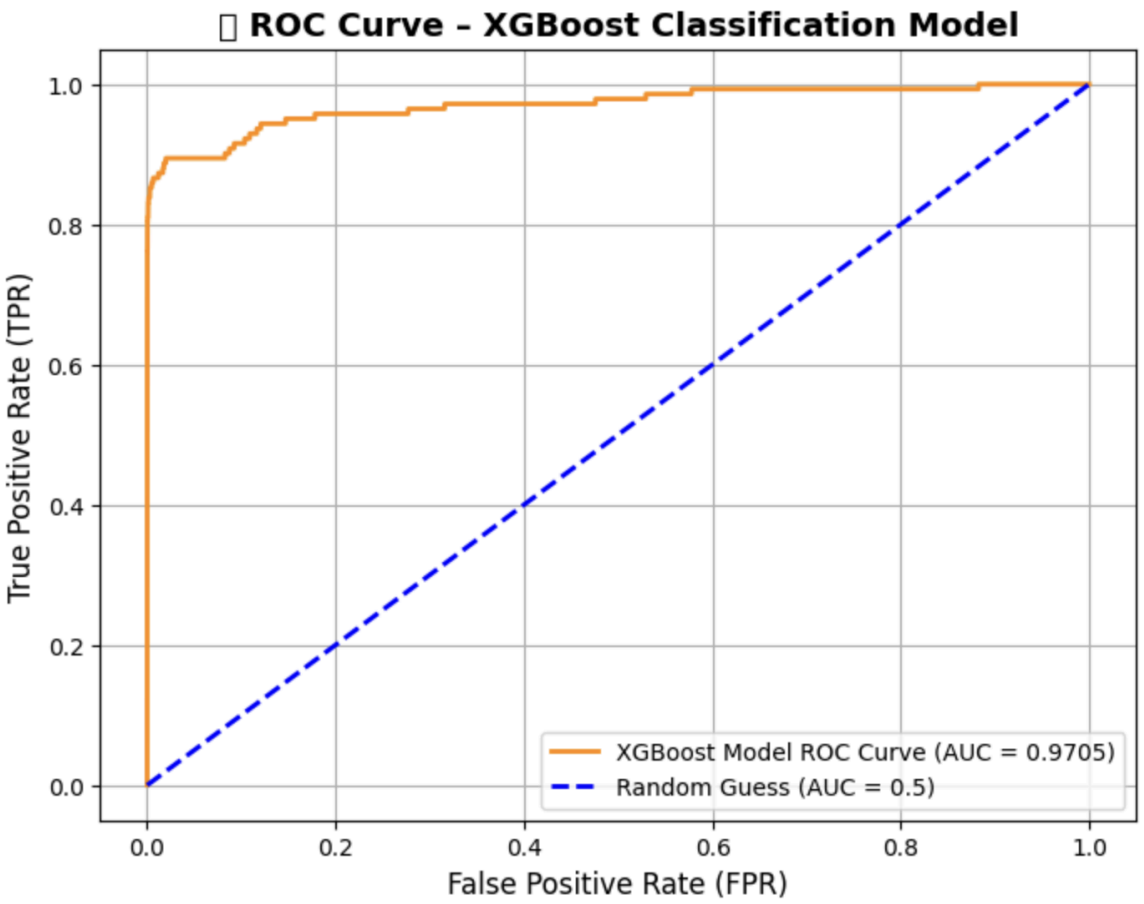
Overview: XGBoost was tuned using **Bayesian optimization** with hyperopt and used **early stopping** on AUC to prevent overfitting.

Best Parameters Example:

```
{
   'max_depth': 4,
   'learning_rate': 0.15,
   'gamma': 84.0,
   'min_child_weight': 930.0,
   'subsample': 0.9,
   'reg_alpha': 1.85
}
```

Performance:

Metric	Value
AUC (Train)	0.978
AUC (Test)	0.958
Log Loss	0.0031
Accuracy	~99.93%
Recall (Fraud)	0.57
Precision	0.84



Conclusion: XGBoost delivered **best generalization** with superior AUC and log-loss. It balanced recall and precision effectively and was selected as the **final model**

6. Conclusion and Recommendations

6.1 Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrated an end-to-end machine learning workflow for detecting fraudulent credit card transactions using anonymized real-world data.

Key takeaways:

- **Highly Imbalanced Data**: The dataset was overwhelmingly skewed toward non-fraudulent transactions (99.83%). This necessitated the use of **resampling** and **stratified splitting** to train models effectively.
- **EDA Insights**: Fraudulent transactions often occurred during **off-business hours** and with **lower transaction amounts**, though some high-value outliers were observed.

PCA components such as **V10**, **V14**, and **V4** were identified as key fraud indicators through correlation analysis and feature importance.

- **Model Comparison**:
    - **Logistic Regression** provided good interpretability but was limited in capturing complex patterns.
    - **Random Forest** improved recall and handled feature interactions better.
    - **XGBoost** delivered the **best overall performance**, with an **AUC of 0.97** and low **log loss (0.0031)** on test data.
- **Evaluation Metric**: The models were optimized for **Recall**, prioritizing the detection of fraud even at the cost of higher false positives. This aligns with business goals to minimize undetected fraud.

6.2 Recommendations

Based on the model performance and analysis:

Model Deployment

- **XGBoost** should be the chosen model for production deployment due to its superior generalization and predictive performance.

Periodic Retraining

- Retrain models periodically with fresh data to capture evolving fraud patterns.

Threshold Tuning

- Calibrate classification thresholds using business cost metrics to balance false positives and false negatives optimally.

Feature Monitoring

- Continuously monitor the behavior of high-importance features like **V10** and **V14** to identify drift or new patterns in fraud attempts.

Future Work

- Integrate real-time fraud detection with **streaming architectures** (e.g., Kafka + Spark Streaming).
- Explore **deep learning** methods (e.g., autoencoders) to detect unseen fraud types.
- Incorporate **non-anonymized datasets** (if available) to improve explainability and traceability of results.

Appendix (code and outputs)

Appendix A (Data Preparation and Analysis)

Appendix A.1 Import Libraries and Data:

Code:

```
import os
for dirname, _, filenames in os.walk('/kaggle/input'):
    for filename in filenames:
        print(os.path.join(dirname, filename))
```

```
#Importing required libraries and reading the data set
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from collections import Counter
import warnings
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import plotly.express as px
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
import statsmodels.api as sm
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix
from sklearn import metrics
from collections import Counter
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
```

```
[12]
# Data set summary with size of rows, columns, data types, non null values
fraud_cc_df.info()
```

Output:

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 284807 entries, 0 to 284806
Data columns (total 31 columns):
 #   Column  Non-Null Count   Dtype  
---  ------  --------------   -----  
 0   Time    284807 non-null  float64
 1   V1      284807 non-null  float64
 2   V2      284807 non-null  float64
 3   V3      284807 non-null  float64
 4   V4      284807 non-null  float64
 5   V5      284807 non-null  float64
 6   V6      284807 non-null  float64
 7   V7      284807 non-null  float64
 8   V8      284807 non-null  float64
 9   V9      284807 non-null  float64
 10  V10     284807 non-null  float64
 11  V11     284807 non-null  float64
 12  V12     284807 non-null  float64
 13  V13     284807 non-null  float64
 14  V14     284807 non-null  float64
 15  V15     284807 non-null  float64
 16  V16     284807 non-null  float64
 17  V17     284807 non-null  float64
 18  V18     284807 non-null  float64
 19  V19     284807 non-null  float64
...
 29  Amount  284807 non-null  float64
 30  Class   284807 non-null  int64  
dtypes: float64(30), int64(1)
memory usage: 67.4 MB
```

Appendix B (EDA)

Appendix B.1 (Inspect data)

Code:

```
fraud_summary_df = inspect_data(fraud_cc_df)

fraud_summary_df.head(100)
```

Output:

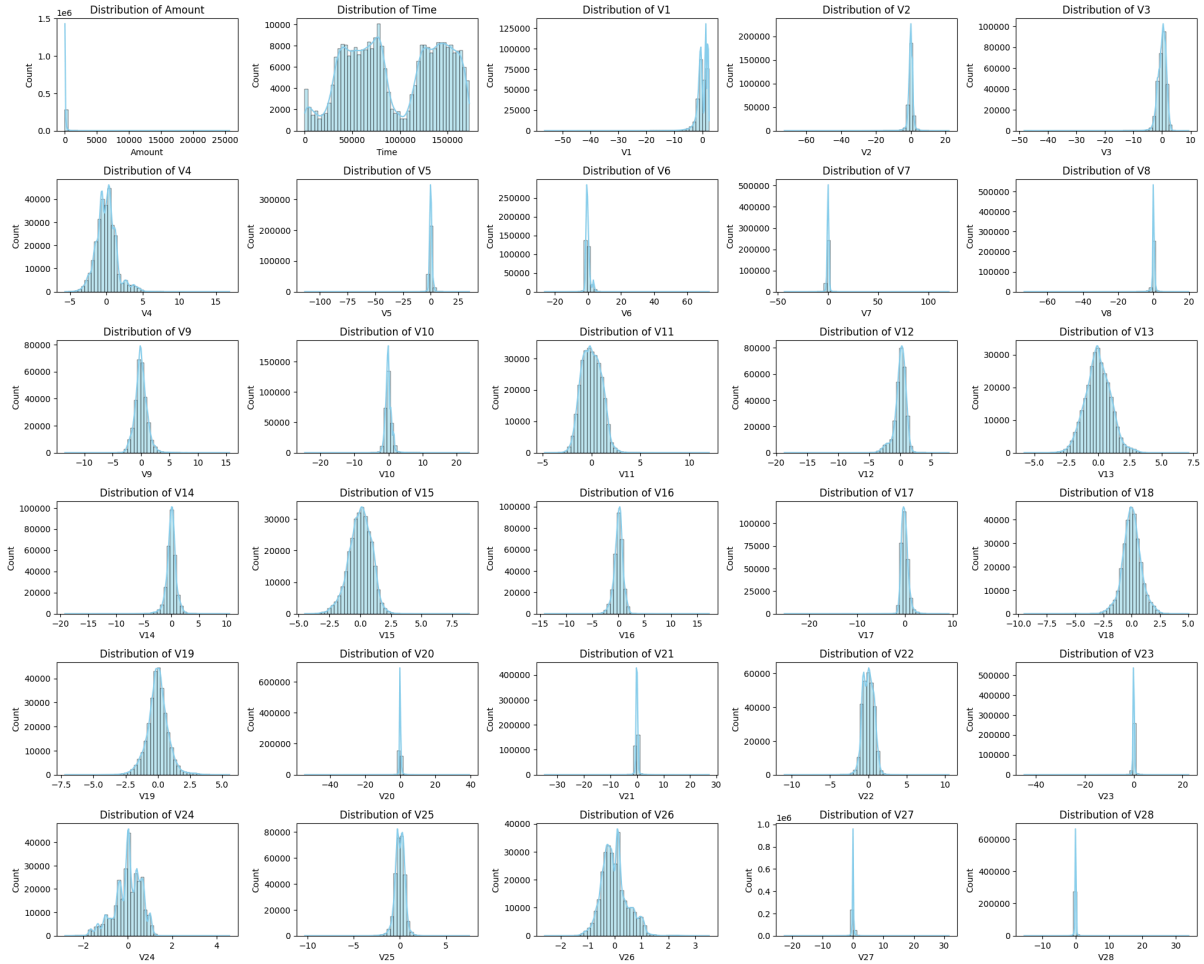
	Data Type	Count of Blank Values	Count of Missing Values	% of Missing Values	No of Unique Data	Levels
Time	float64	0	0	0.0	124592	[0.00000e+00 1.00000e+00 2.00000e+00 ... 1.727...
V1	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-1.35980713 1.19185711 -1.35835406 ... 1.91...
V2	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.07278117 0.26615071 -1.34016307 ... -0.30...
V3	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[2.53634674 0.16648011 1.77320934 ... -3.24...
V4	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[1.37815522 0.44815408 0.37977959 ... -0.55...
V5	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.33832077 0.06001765 -0.50319813 ... 2.63...
V6	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.46238778 -0.08236081 1.80049938 ... 3.03...
V7	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.23959855 -0.07880298 0.79146096 ... -0.29...
V8	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.0986979 0.08510165 0.24767579 ... 0.70...
V9	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.36378697 -0.25542513 -1.51465432 ... 0.43...
V10	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.09079417 -0.16697441 0.20764287 ... -0.48...
V11	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.55159953 1.61272666 0.62450146 ... 0.41...
V12	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.61780086 1.06523531 0.06608369 ... 0.06...
V13	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.99138985 0.48909502 0.71729273 ... -0.18...
V14	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.31116935 -0.1437723 -0.16594592 ... -0.51...
V15	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[1.46817697 0.63555809 2.34586495 ... 1.329283...
V16	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.47040053 0.46391704 -2.89008319 ... 0.14...
V17	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.20797124 -0.11480466 1.10996938 ... 0.31...
V18	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.02579058 -0.18336127 -0.12135931 ... 0.39...
V19	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.40399296 -0.14578304 -2.2618571 ... -0.57...
V20	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.2514121 -0.06908314 0.52497973 ... 0.00...
V21	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.01830678 -0.22577525 0.24799815 ... 0.23...
V22	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.27783758 -0.63867195 0.7716794 ... 0.57...
V23	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.11047391 0.10128802 0.90941226 ... -0.03...
V24	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.06692807 -0.33984648 -0.68928096 ... 0.64...
V25	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.12853936 0.1671704 -0.32764183 ... 0.26...
V26	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.18911484 0.12589453 -0.13909657 ... -0.08...
V27	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[0.13355838 -0.0089831 -0.05535279 ... 0.00...
V28	float64	0	0	0.0	275663	[-0.02105305 0.01472417 -0.05975184 ... -0.02...
Amount	float64	0	0	0.0	32767	[149.62 2.69 378.66 ... 381.05 337.54 95.63]
Class	int64	0	0	0.0	2	[0 1]

Appendix B.2 (Univariate Analysis):

Code:

```
# Select a subset of features for univariate analysis
features_to_plot = ['Amount', 'Time'] + [f'V{i}' for i in range(1, 29)]

# Set up the plot grid
num_features = len(features_to_plot)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=8, ncols=5, figsize=(20, 21))
axes = axes.flatten()

# Plot distribution for each feature
for i, feature in enumerate(features_to_plot):
    sns.histplot(fraud_cc_df[feature], bins=50, kde=True, ax=axes[i], color='skyblue')
    axes[i].set_title(f'Distribution of {feature}', fontsize=12)

# Remove any extra subplots
for j in range(i + 1, len(axes)):
    fig.delaxes(axes[j])

# Final layout adjustment and save
plt.tight_layout()
#plt.savefig('univariate_analysis_plots.png')

plt.show()
```

Output:

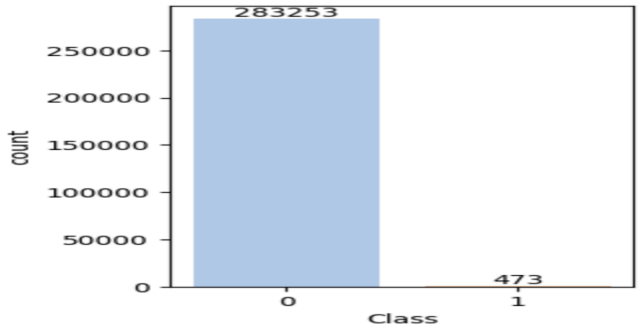


Appendix B.3 (Class imbalance check)

Code:

```
# labels=["Genuine","Fraud"]

# fraud_or_not = fraud_cc_df["Class"].value_counts().tolist()
# values = [fraud_or_not[0], fraud_or_not[1]]

# fig = px.pie(values=fraud_cc_df['Class'].value_counts(), names=labels , width=700, height=400, color_discrete_sequence=["skyblue","black"]
#              ,title="Fraud vs Genuine transactions")
# fig.show()

vc = fraud_cc_df['Class'].value_counts().sort_index()
labels = ["Genuine", "Fraud"]
fig = px.pie(
    values=vc,
    names=labels,
    title="Fraud vs Genuine Transactions",
    color_discrete_sequence=["skyblue", "black"],
    width=700,
    height=400
)
fig.show()
```

Output:



Appendix B.4 (Data duplicity check)

Code:

```
fraud_cc_df_dedup = fraud_cc_df.copy()

fraud_cc_df_dedup.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
print("Original #of records:", fraud_cc_df.shape[0],
    "after drop duplicates- #of records:", fraud_cc_df_dedup.shape[0],"\n",
fraud_cc_df.shape[0]-fraud_cc_df_dedup.shape[0],
    "Duplicated values dropped succesfully")
print("*" * 100)
```

Output:

```
Original #of records: 284807 after drop duplicates- #of records: 283726
 1081 Duplicated values dropped succesfully
****************************************************************************************************
```

- ~0.4% data is duplicated and it is removed from this dataset

Appendix B.5 (Outliers check)

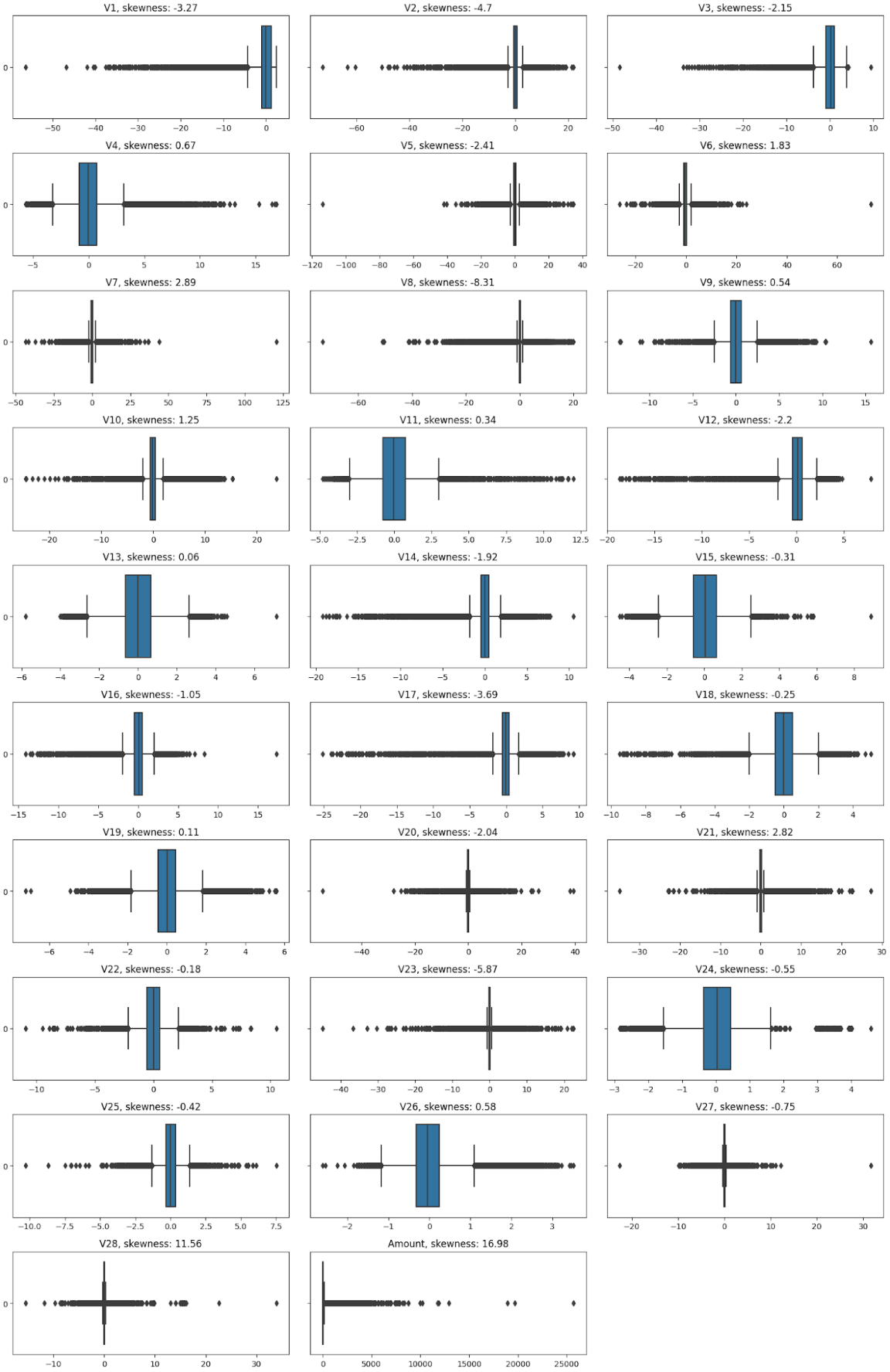
Code:

```
numeric_columns = (list(fraud_cc_df_dedup.loc[:, 'V1':'Amount']))

numeric_columns
```

```
boxplots_custom(dataset=fraud_cc_df_dedup, columns_list=numeric_columns, rows=10, cols=3, suptitle='Boxplots for each variable')
plt.tight_layout()
```

Output:

Boxplots for each variable

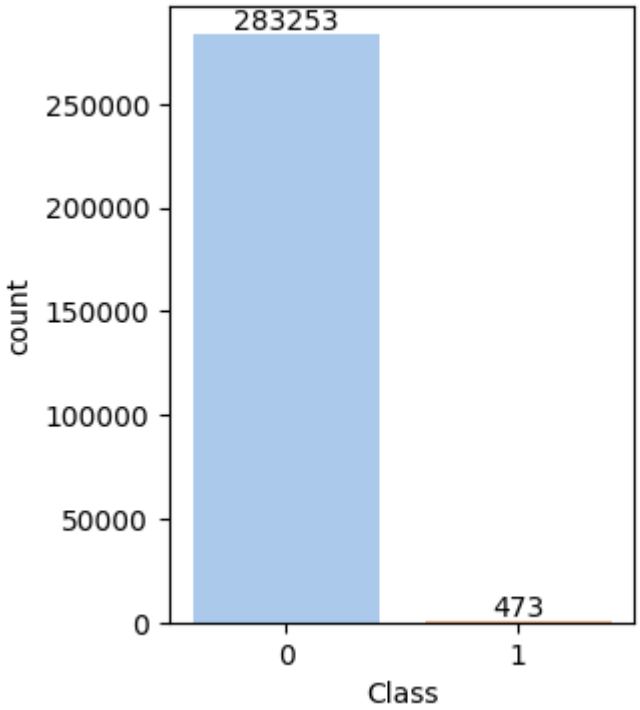


Appendix B.6 (Imbalance check post dedupe)

Code:

```
plt.figure(figsize=(3,4))
ax = sns.countplot(x='Class',data=fraud_cc_df_dedup,palette="pastel")
for i in ax.containers:
    ax.bar_label(i,)
```

Output:

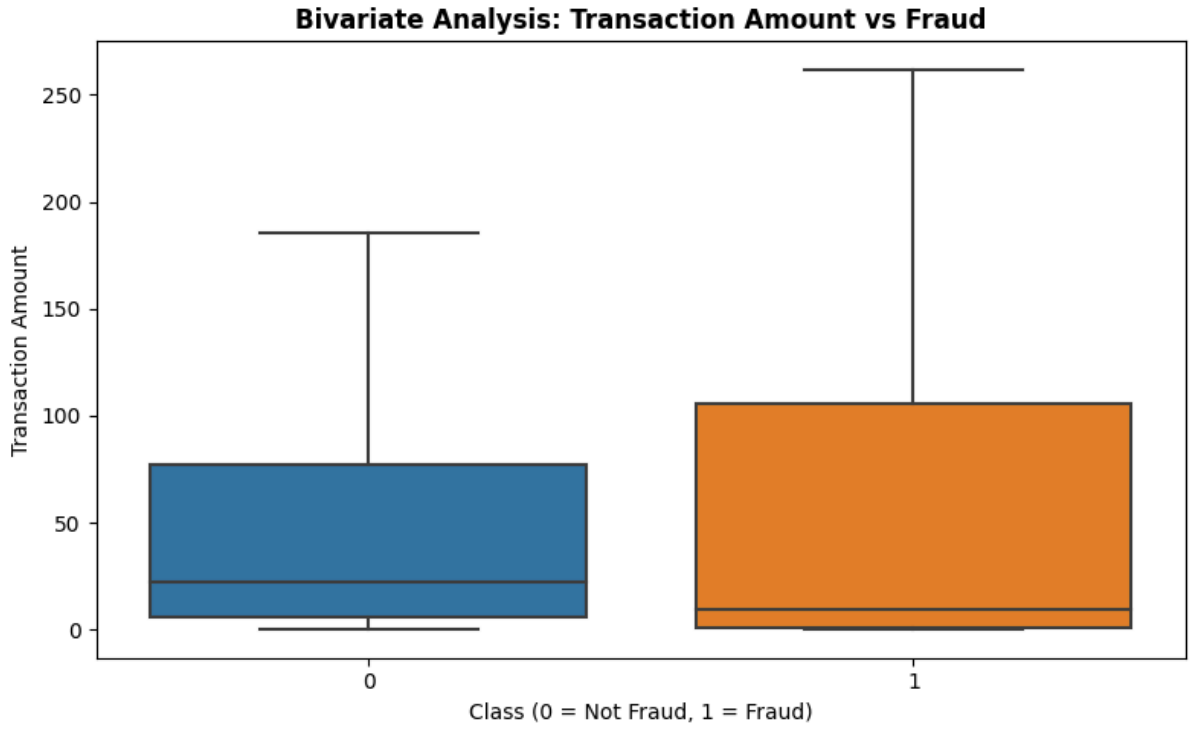


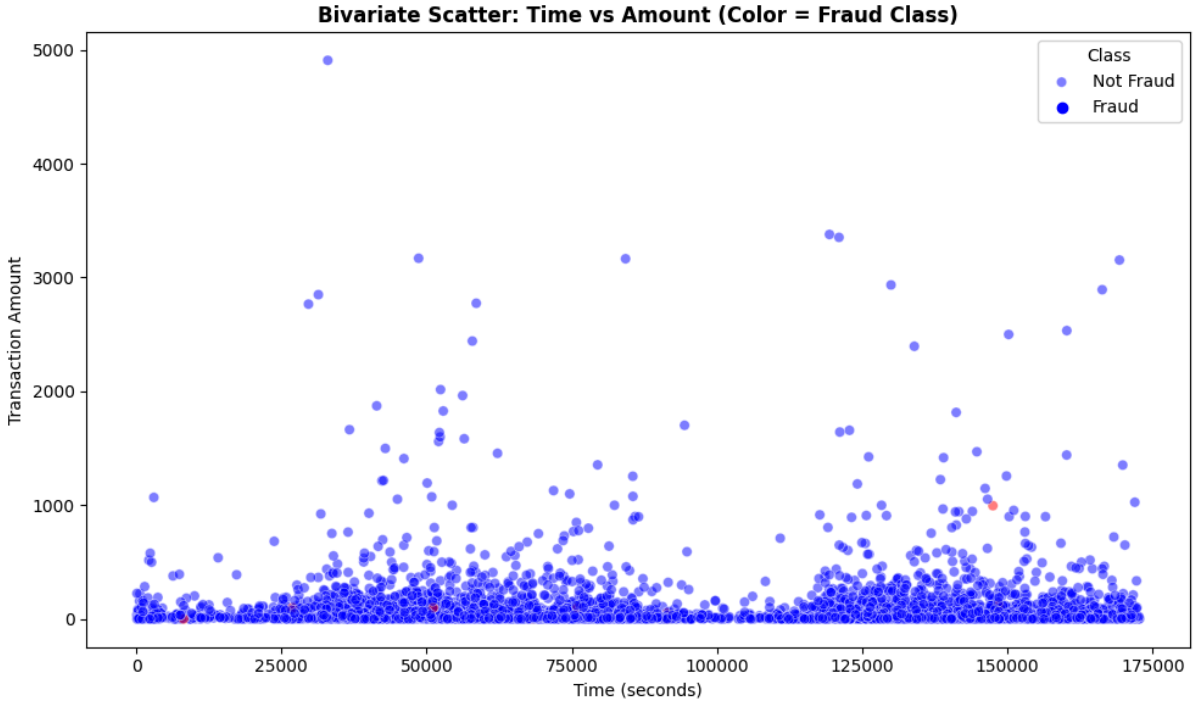
Appendix B.7 (Bivariate analysis)

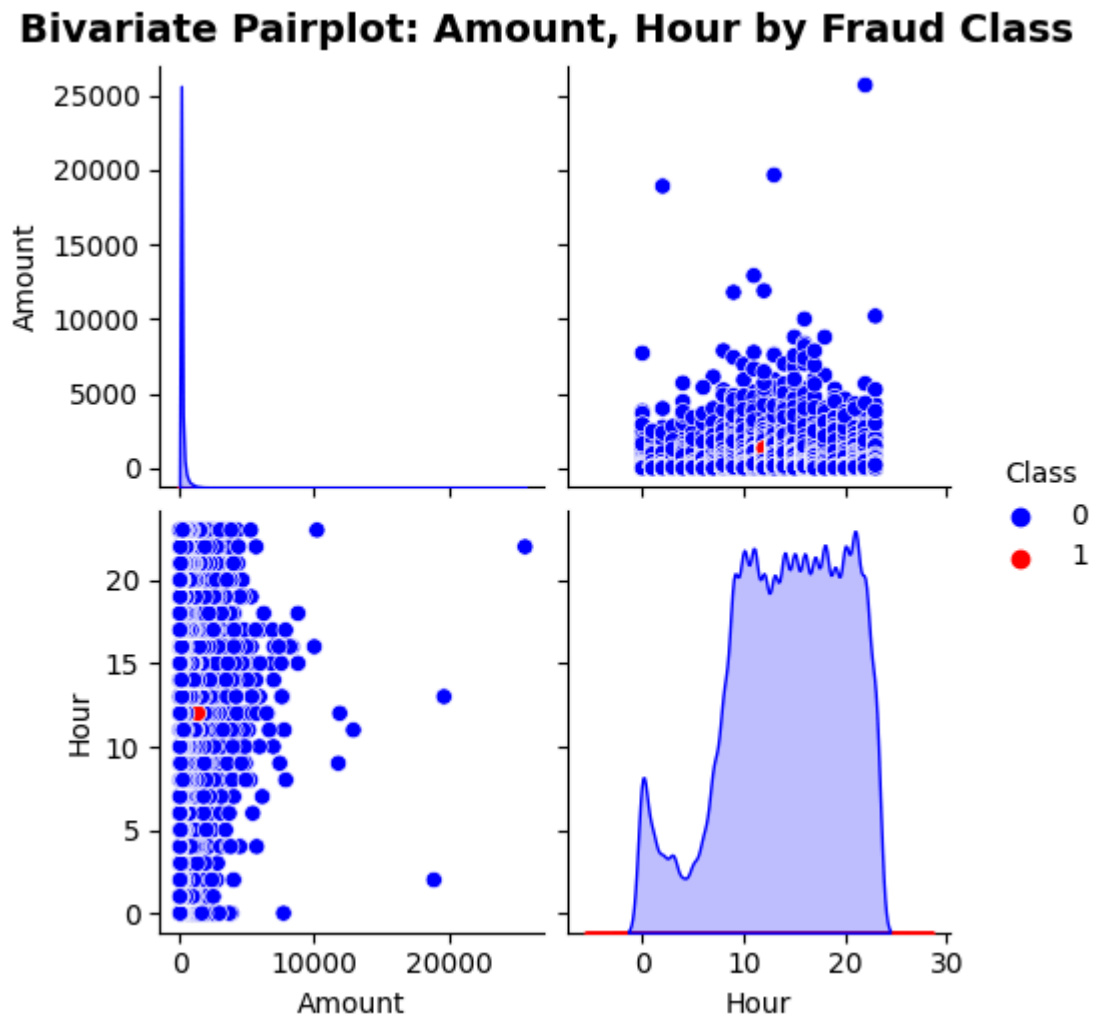
Code:

```python
# Convert time to hours
fraud_cc_df_dedup['Hour'] = (fraud_cc_df_dedup['Time'] // 3600) % 24

# Create a log-scaled amount for visualization
fraud_cc_df_dedup['LogAmount'] = fraud_cc_df_dedup['Amount'].apply(lambda x: np.log1p(x))

# 1. Boxplot: Amount vs Class
print("📊 BIVARIATE ANALYSIS: TRANSACTION AMOUNT vs FRAUD")
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.boxplot(x='Class', y='Amount', data=fraud_cc_df_dedup, showfliers=False)
plt.title("Bivariate Analysis: Transaction Amount vs Fraud", fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.xlabel("Class (0 = Not Fraud, 1 = Fraud)")
plt.ylabel("Transaction Amount")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
print("Fraud transactions often have lower median values but can also include high-value outliers.")
print("Non-fraud transactions show a broader amount range.\n")

# 2. Boxplot: Hour vs Class
print("📊 BIVARIATE ANALYSIS: TRANSACTION HOUR OF DAY vs FRAUD")
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.boxplot(x='Class', y='Hour', data=fraud_cc_df_dedup)
plt.title("Bivariate Analysis: Hour of Day vs Fraud", fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.xlabel("Class (0 = Not Fraud, 1 = Fraud)")
plt.ylabel("Hour of Day")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
print("Fraud might increase during non-business hours like night/early morning.\n")

# 3. Scatter Plot: Time vs Amount
print("📊 BIVARIATE ANALYSIS: TIME vs AMOUNT")
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(
    x='Time',
    y='Amount',
    hue='Class',
    data=fraud_cc_df_dedup.sample(5000),
    alpha=0.5,
    palette={0: 'blue', 1: 'red'}
)
plt.title("Bivariate Scatter: Time vs Amount (Color = Fraud Class)", fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
plt.xlabel("Time (seconds)")
plt.ylabel("Transaction Amount")
plt.legend(title="Class", labels=["Not Fraud", "Fraud"])
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Output:


Bivariate Analysis: Transaction Amount vs Fraud
Transaction Amount
250
200
150
100
50
0
0
1
Class (0 = Not Fraud, 1 = Fraud)


Bivariate Scatter: Time vs Amount (Color = Fraud Class)
Class
Not Fraud
Fraud
Transaction Amount
5000
4000
3000
2000
1000
0
0
25000
50000
75000
100000
125000
150000
175000
Time (seconds)

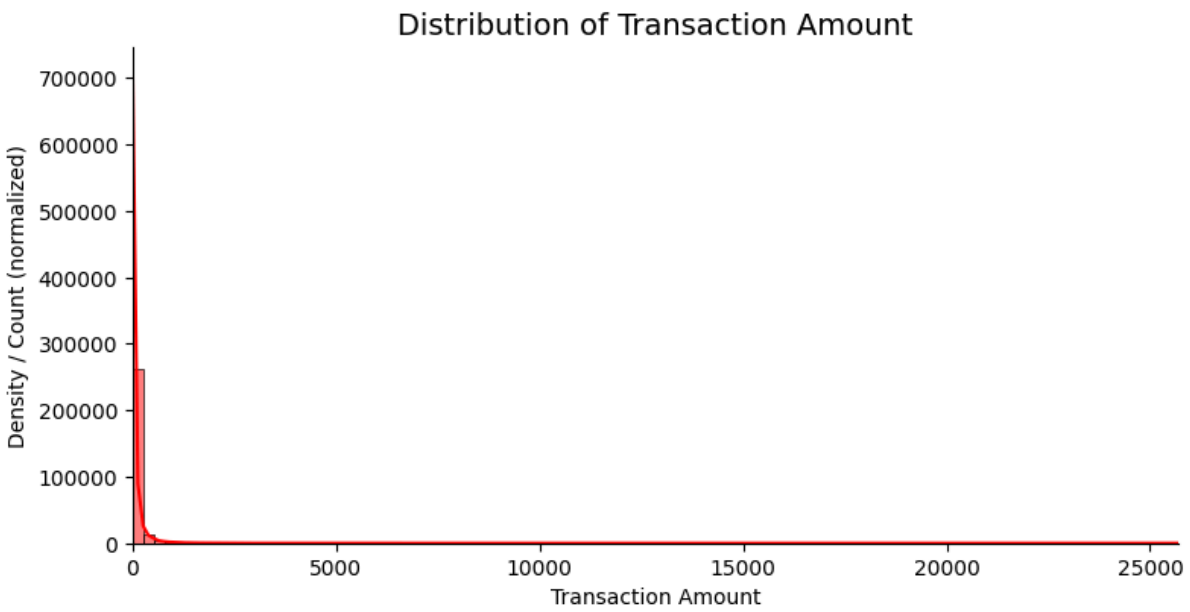


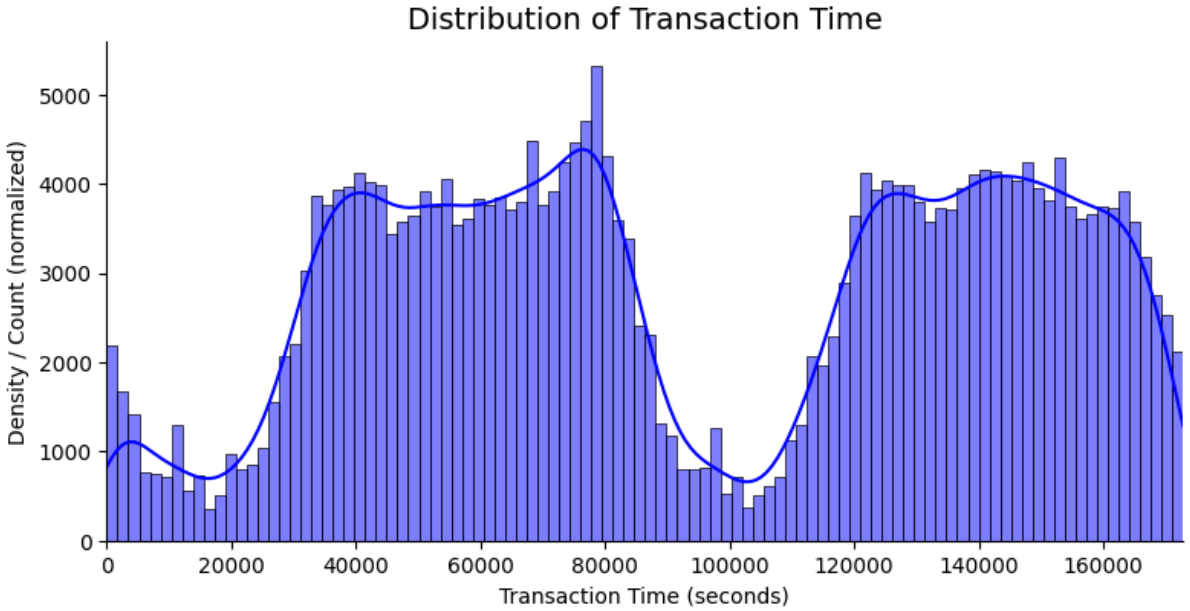
Appendix B.8 (Distribution)

Code:

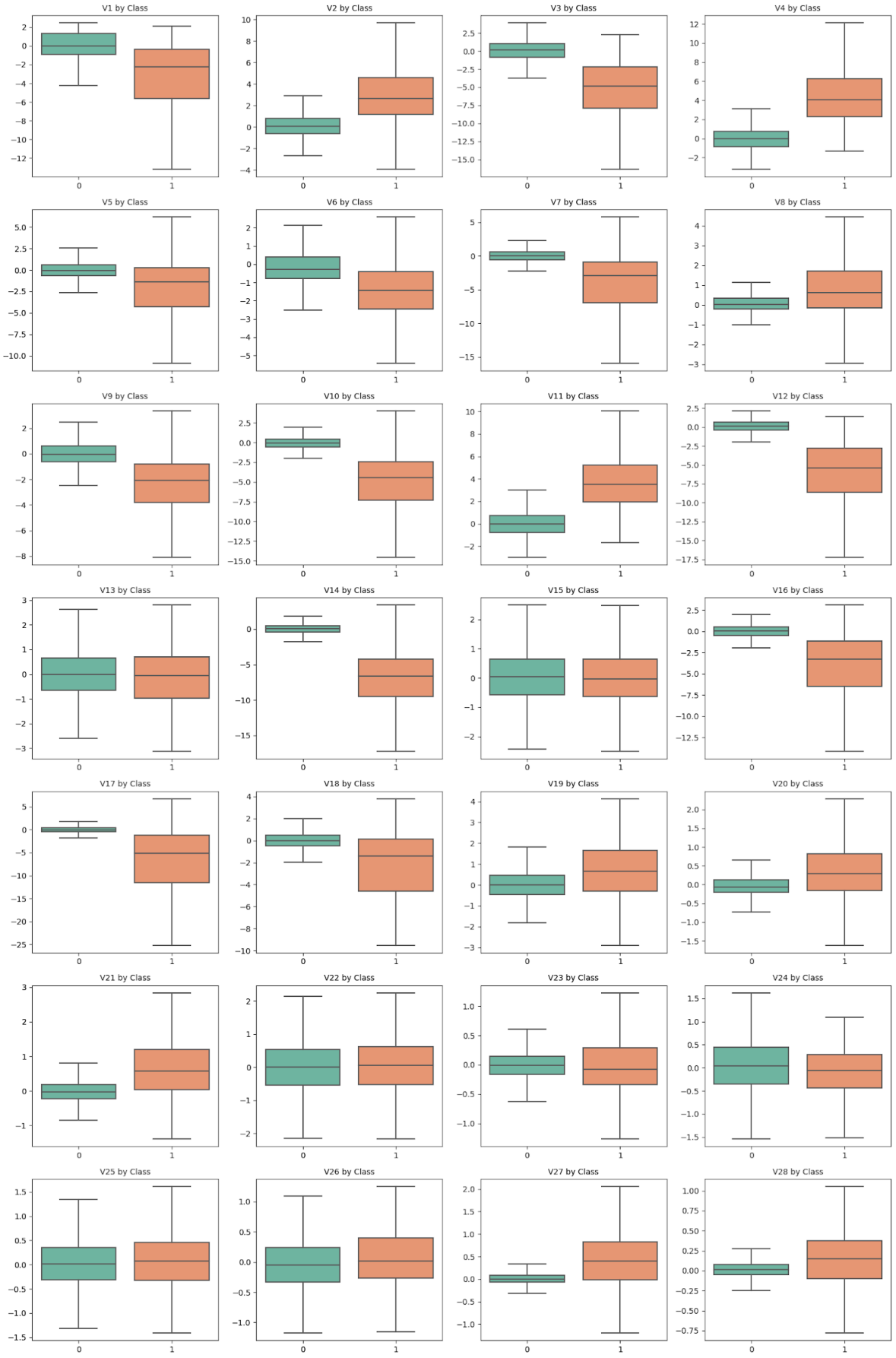
```
# Distribution of Transaction Amount
sns.displot(fraud_cc_df_dedup, x='Amount', kind='hist', bins=100, kde=True, color='r', height=4, aspect=2)
plt.title('Distribution of Transaction Amount', fontsize=14)
plt.xlim(fraud_cc_df_dedup['Amount'].min(), fraud_cc_df_dedup['Amount'].max())
plt.xlabel("Transaction Amount")
plt.ylabel("Density / Count (normalized)")
print("Distribution of the Transaction amount is right skewed distribution.")
print("Most of transactions are of small amount and highest distribution density is between 0 and 100")
plt.show()

# Distribution of Transaction Time
sns.displot(fraud_cc_df_dedup, x='Time', kind='hist', bins=100, kde=True, color='b', height=4, aspect=2)
plt.title('Distribution of Transaction Time', fontsize=14)
plt.xlim(fraud_cc_df_dedup['Time'].min(), fraud_cc_df_dedup['Time'].max())
plt.xlabel("Transaction Time (seconds)")
plt.ylabel("Density / Count (normalized)")
print("Distribution of the transaction time is unevenly distributed over the time.")
print("More repeated transactions over specific time")
plt.show()
```

Output:


Distribution of Transaction Amount
Density / Count (normalized)
700000
600000
500000
400000
300000
200000
100000
0
0
5000
10000
15000
20000
25000
Transaction Amount


Distribution of Transaction Time
Density / Count (normalized)
5000
4000
3000
2000
1000
0
0
20000
40000
60000
80000
100000
120000
140000
160000
Transaction Time (seconds)

Boxplots of V1–V28 by Fraud Class

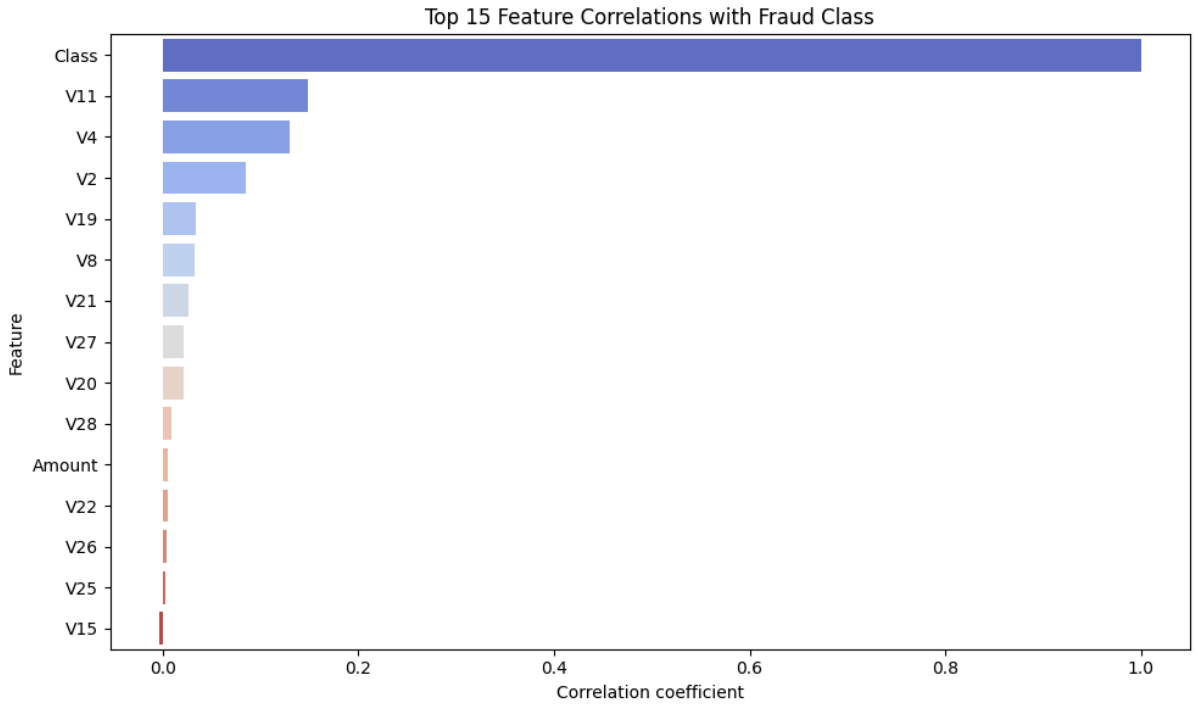


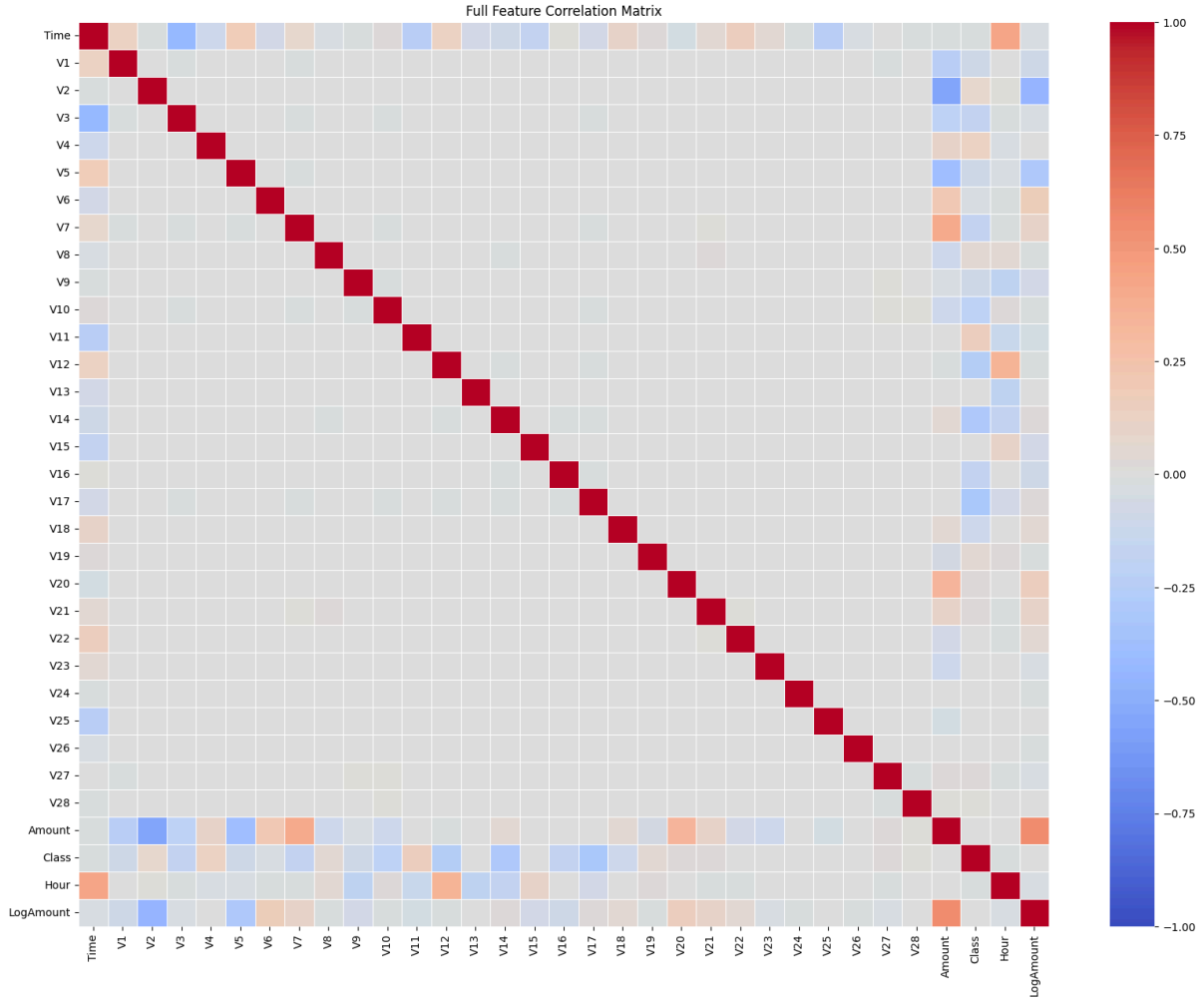
Appendix B.9 (Bivariate analysis: Correlation)

Code:

```
# Compute correlation matrix
corr_matrix = fraud_cc_df_dedup.corr(method='pearson')  # Default is Pearson

# Display full correlation with 'Class' (target)
corr_with_class = corr_matrix['Class'].sort_values(ascending=False)
print("Correlation of features with Fraud Class:\n")
print(corr_with_class)

# Visualize top correlations with Class
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.barplot(x=corr_with_class.values[:15], y=corr_with_class.index[:15], palette='coolwarm')
plt.title("Top 15 Feature Correlations with Fraud Class")
plt.xlabel("Correlation coefficient")
plt.ylabel("Feature")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Optional: Full heatmap of all features (can be large!)
plt.figure(figsize=(20, 15))
sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, cmap='coolwarm', vmin=-1, vmax=1, annot=False, linewidths=0.5)
plt.title("Full Feature Correlation Matrix")
plt.show()
```

Output:





Appendix C (Modelling)

Appendix C.1 (Train test split)
Code:

```
X = fraud_cc_df_dedup.drop('Class', axis=1)
y = fraud_cc_df_dedup['Class']
print(X.shape, y.shape)
```

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, stratify=y, test_size = 0.3, random_state = 42)
print(X_train.shape, y_train.shape, X_test.shape, y_test.shape)
```

```
# Print class distribution in training set
print("Class distribution in y_train:")
print(y_train.value_counts(normalize=True).apply(lambda x: f"{x:.2%}"))

# Print class distribution in test set
print("\nClass distribution in y_test:")
print(y_test.value_counts(normalize=True).apply(lambda x: f"{x:.2%}"))
```

Output:

```
(283726, 32) (283726,)
```

```
(198608, 32) (198608,) (85118, 32) (85118,)


Class distribution in y_train:
Class
0    99.83%
1     0.17%
Name: proportion, dtype: object

Class distribution in y_test:
Class
0    99.83%
1     0.17%
Name: proportion, dtype: object
```

Appendix C.2 (Feature scaling):

Code:

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

# # Creating function for scaling
# def Standard_Scaler (df, col_names):
#     features = df[col_names]
#     scaler = StandardScaler().fit(features.values)
#     features = scaler.transform(features.values)
#     df[col_names] = features

#     return df


scaler = StandardScaler().fit(X_train['Amount'].values.reshape(-1, 1))
X_train['Amount'] = scaler.transform(X_train['Amount'].values.reshape(-1, 1))
X_test['Amount'] = scaler.transform(X_test['Amount'].values.reshape(-1, 1))


# col_names = ['Amount']
# X_train = Standard_Scaler (X_train, col_names)
# X_test = Standard_Scaler (X_test, col_names)
```

```
  # Check scaling of 'Amount' column in training data
  print("Scaled statistics for X_train:")
  print(X_train['Amount'].describe())

  # Scaled statistics for X_train:
  # count    1.986080e+05
  # mean     1.001732e-17
  # std      1.000003e+00
  # min     -3.640437e-01
  # 25%     -3.405495e-01
  # 50%     -2.730345e-01
  # 75%     -4.373915e-02
  # max      7.757907e+01
  # Name: Amount, dtype: float64

  # Mean: 1.0017318839766175e-17
  # Standard Deviation: 1.0000025175314597

  # Optional: Check mean and std separately for clarity
  print("\nMean:", X_train['Amount'].mean())
  print("Standard Deviation:", X_train['Amount'].std())
```

Output:

```
Scaled statistics for X_train:
count    1.986080e+05
mean     1.710099e-17
std      1.000003e+00
min     -3.640437e-01
25%     -3.405495e-01
50%     -2.730345e-01
75%     -4.373915e-02
max      7.757907e+01
Name: Amount, dtype: float64

Mean: 1.71009943050294e-17
Standard Deviation: 1.0000025175314597
```

Appendix C.3 Logistic Regression:

Code:

```
# Add intercept for statsmodels
X_train = X_train[feat_cols]
X_test = X_test[feat_cols]
X_train_sm = sm.add_constant(X_train)

# Fit logistic regression using statsmodels
logit_model = sm.Logit(y_train, X_train_sm)
result = logit_model.fit()

# Model summary
print(result.summary())

# Predict on test data
X_test_sm = sm.add_constant(X_test)
y_pred_prob = result.predict(X_test_sm)
y_pred = (y_pred_prob > 0.5).astype(int)

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

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

Output:

```
Optimization terminated successfully.
         Current function value: 0.003688
         Iterations 13
                           Logit Regression Results
==============================================================================
Dep. Variable:                  Class   No. Observations:               198608
Model:                          Logit   Df Residuals:                   198577
Method:                           MLE   Df Model:                           30
Date:                Mon, 23 Jun 2025   Pseudo R-squ.:                 0.7008
Time:                        13:17:34   Log-Likelihood:                -732.54
converged:                       True   LL-Null:                       -2448.1
Covariance Type:            nonrobust   LLR p-value:                    0.000
==============================================================================
                 coef    std err          z      P>|z|      [0.025      0.975]
------------------------------------------------------------------------------
const         -8.7422      0.313    -27.927      0.000      -9.356      -8.129
Time       -3.024e-07   2.76e-06     -0.110      0.913   -5.71e-06     5.1e-06
V1             0.0913      0.050      1.811      0.070      -0.007       0.190
V2             0.0136      0.069      0.197      0.844      -0.122       0.149
V3            -0.0171      0.063     -0.271      0.786      -0.141       0.106
V4             0.6840      0.090      7.606      0.000       0.508       0.860
V5             0.1513      0.079      1.910      0.056      -0.004       0.307
V6            -0.0752      0.084     -0.894      0.371      -0.240       0.090
V7            -0.0727      0.083     -0.876      0.381      -0.235       0.090
V8            -0.1752      0.036     -4.902      0.000      -0.245      -0.105
...
    accuracy                           1.00     85118
   macro avg       0.92      0.79      0.84     85118
weighted avg       1.00      1.00      1.00     85118
```

Appendix C.4 Weight tuning:

Code:

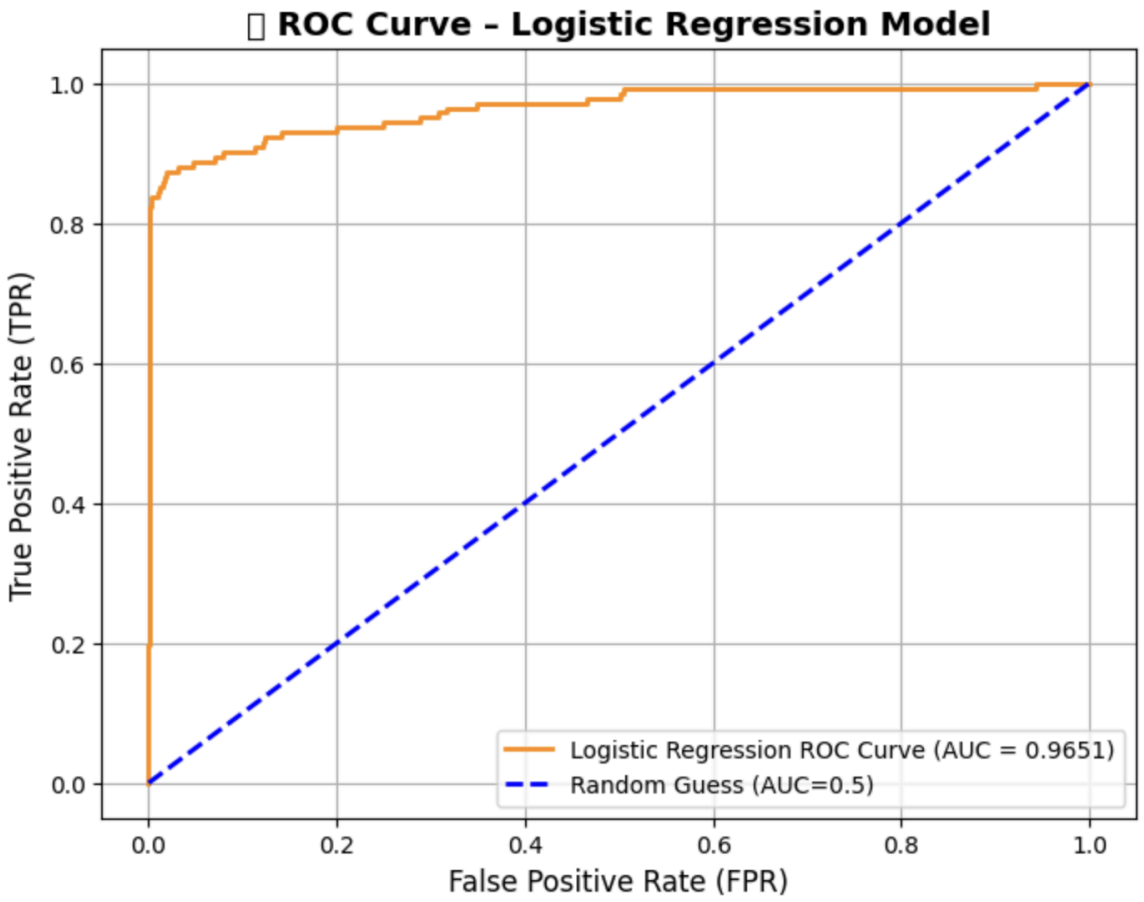
```
5]
    from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, roc_auc_score

    print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

    # Predict on test data
    y_train_pred_prob = result.predict(X_train_sm)
    y_train_pred = (y_train_pred_prob > 0.5).astype(int)

    print("Train ROC AUC Score:", roc_auc_score(y_train, y_train_pred_prob))
    print("Test ROC AUC Score:", roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred_prob))
```

```python
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Step 1: Compute False Positive Rate, True Positive Rate, and thresholds
fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_pred_prob)

# Step 2: Compute AUC (Area Under the ROC Curve)
roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)

# Step 3: Plot the ROC Curve
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

# Plot the ROC curve for Logistic Regression
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange', lw=2,
         label=f'Logistic Regression ROC Curve (AUC = {roc_auc:.4f})')

# Plot the random guess line (baseline performance)
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='blue', lw=2, linestyle='--',
         label='Logistic Regression (AUC = 0.5)')

# Step 4: Add titles and labels
plt.title('📈 ROC Curve – Logistic Regression Model', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate (FPR)', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate (TPR)', fontsize=12)
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
plt.grid(True)

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```

Output:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	84976
1	0.84	0.57	0.68	142
accuracy			1.00	85118
macro avg	0.92	0.79	0.84	85118
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	85118

```
Train ROC AUC Score: 0.9813309790735404
Test ROC AUC Score: 0.9651150880049645
```



Appendix C.5 Random Forest with Hyperopt

Code:

```python
# Define search space
space = {
    'criterion': hp.choice('criterion', ['entropy', 'gini']),
    'max_depth': hp.quniform('max_depth', 1, 5, 1),
    'max_features': hp.choice('max_features', ['auto', 'sqrt', 'log2', None]),
    'min_samples_leaf': hp.uniform('min_samples_leaf', 0, 0.5),
    'min_samples_split': hp.uniform('min_samples_split', 0, 1),
    'n_estimators': hp.choice('n_estimators', [10, 50])
}

# Objective function to maximize AUC
def objective(space):
    model = RandomForestClassifier(
        criterion=space['criterion'],
        max_depth=int(space['max_depth']),
        max_features=space['max_features'],
        min_samples_leaf=space['min_samples_leaf'],
        min_samples_split=space['min_samples_split'],
        n_estimators=space['n_estimators'],
        random_state=42,
        n_jobs=-1
    )

    auc_scores = cross_val_score(model, X_train, y_train, cv=4, scoring='roc_auc')
    auc = auc_scores.mean()

    return {'loss': 1 - auc, 'status': STATUS_OK}


    # Write to the csv file ('a' means append)
    of_connection = open(out_file, 'a')
    writer = csv.writer(of_connection)
    writer.writerow([auc_train,auc_test,loss, rf_params, ITERATION,n_estimators,run_time,fea_90_cnt])

    # Dictionary with information for evaluation
    return {'loss': loss,
            'params': rf_params,
            'iteration': ITERATION,
            'estimators': n_estimators,
            'train_time': run_time,
            'status': STATUS_OK}
```

Output:

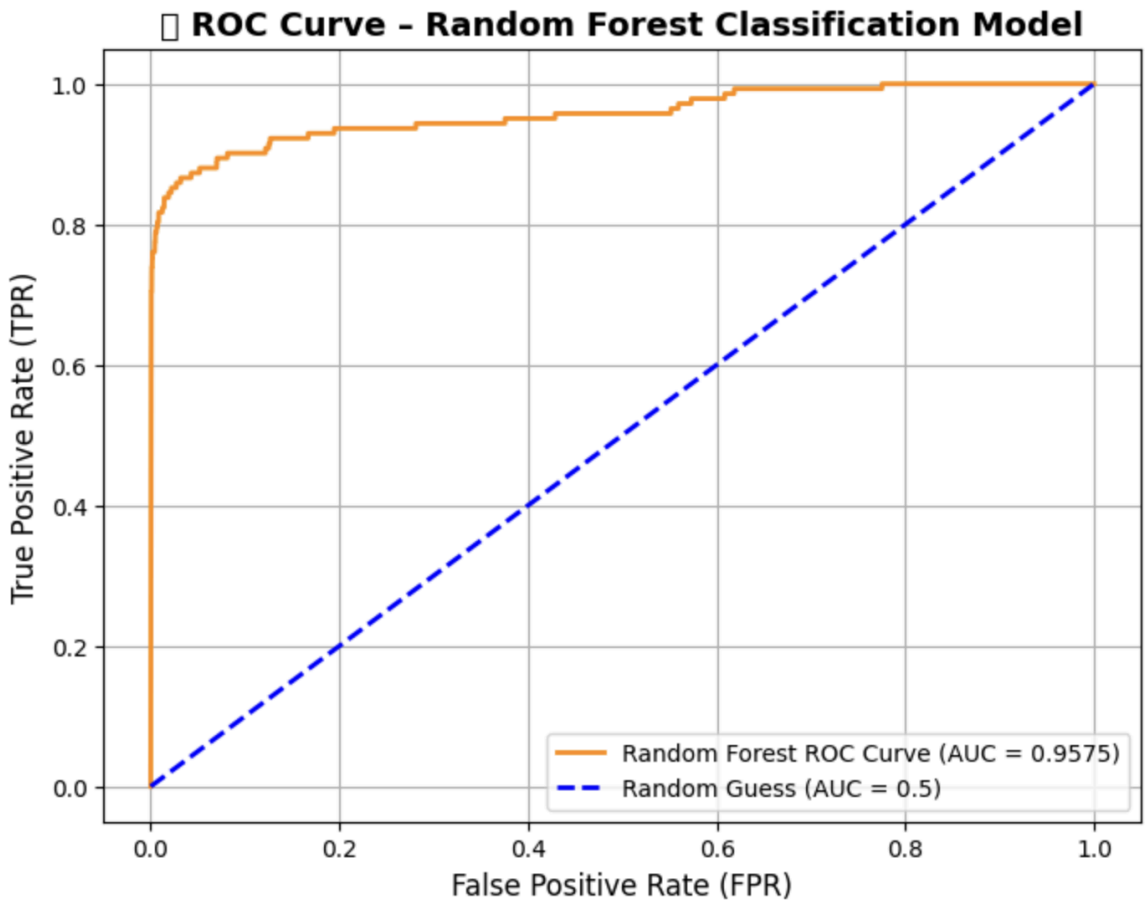
```
Params selected:
{'booster': 'gbtree', 'early_stopping_rounds': 10, 'eval_metric': 'auc', 'gamma': 25.0, 'importance_type': 'gain', 'learning_rate': 0.35000000000000003, 'max_depth': 4, 'min_child_weight': 35
[0]     validation_0-auc:0.91693        validation_1-auc:0.90959
[1]     validation_0-auc:0.93349        validation_1-auc:0.92056
[2]     validation_0-auc:0.94179        validation_1-auc:0.92310
[3]     validation_0-auc:0.94303        validation_1-auc:0.92279
[4]     validation_0-auc:0.94333        validation_1-auc:0.92753
[5]     validation_0-auc:0.94651        validation_1-auc:0.93274
[6]     validation_0-auc:0.96929        validation_1-auc:0.94444
[7]     validation_0-auc:0.97050        validation_1-auc:0.95125
[8]     validation_0-auc:0.96979        validation_1-auc:0.95365
[9]     validation_0-auc:0.97373        validation_1-auc:0.96249
[10]    validation_0-auc:0.97616        validation_1-auc:0.96463
[11]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
[12]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
[13]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
[14]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
[15]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
[16]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
[17]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
[18]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
[19]    validation_0-auc:0.97873        validation_1-auc:0.96414
30
30
[0.        0.        0.        0.        0.24241856 0.
...
 0.20063178 0.        0.2289992  0.        0.        0.
 0.        0.        0.        0.        0.        0.
 0.        0.        0.        0.        0.        0.       ]
100%|██████████| 10/10 [00:26<00:00,  2.64s/trial, best loss: 0.03536561938946803]
```

Appendix C.5 Random Forest with Single model

```python
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score
import pandas as pd

param = {'criterion': 0 ,
 'max_depth': 2.0,
 'max_features': 1,
 'min_samples_leaf': 0.13489892897095584,
 'min_samples_split': 0.13145061301665495, 'n_estimators': 1}


# Convert index-based choices to real values
param['criterion'] = ['entropy', 'gini'][param['criterion']]
param['max_features'] = ['auto', 'sqrt', 'log2', None][param['max_features']]
param['n_estimators'] = [10, 50][param['n_estimators']]
param['max_depth'] = int(param['max_depth'])

print(param)

# Fit final model
RF_model = RandomForestClassifier(**param)
RF_model.fit(X_train[feat_cols], y_train)

# Score the sets
X_train["Scored_values"] = RF_model.predict_proba(X_train[feat_cols].values)[:, 1]
X_test["Scored_values"] = RF_model.predict_proba(X_test[feat_cols].values)[:, 1]

# Evaluate
print("Dev AUC", roc_auc_score(y_true=y_train, y_score=X_train["Scored_values"]))
print("Test AUC", roc_auc_score(y_true=y_test, y_score=X_test["Scored_values"]))
```

Output:

```
{'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 2, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 0.134898928
97095584, 'min_samples_split': 0.13145061301665495, 'n_estimators': 50}
Dev AUC 0.9759302752731396
Test AUC 0.9497012495325938
```



Appendix C.5 XGBoost with Hyperopt

Code:

```
    model = XGBClassifier(**xgb_params)

    model.fit(
    X_train[feat_cols],
    y_train,
    eval_set=[(X_train[feat_cols], y_train), (X_test[feat_cols], y_test)],
    verbose=True
)

    run_time = timer() - start

    auc_test = max(model.evals_result()['validation_1']['auc'])
    index = model.evals_result()['validation_1']['auc'].index(max(model.evals_result()['validation_1']['auc']))
    auc_train = model.evals_result()['validation_0']['auc'][index]


    n_estimators = model.best_iteration + 1 #same as index+1

    print(len(X_train[feat_cols].columns), len(model.feature_importances_), model.feature_importances_)
     # Creating feature importance dataframe
    feat_df = pd.DataFrame({'Features': X_train[feat_cols].columns, 'Importance': model.feature_importances_})
    feat_df.sort_values('Importance', ascending=False, inplace=True)
    feat_df['cumul_fea_imp'] = feat_df['Importance'].cumsum()
    final_features_temp = feat_df[feat_df['cumul_fea_imp']<=0.95]['Features'].tolist()
    fea_95_cnt = len(final_features_temp)
    # feat_df.to_csv("feat_df.csv")
    # print("fea_90_cnt:", fea_90_cnt)

    # Extract the best score
    best_score = auc_test

    # Loss must be minimized
    loss = 1 - best_score

    # Write to the csv file ('a' means append)
    of_connection = open(out_file, 'a')
    writer = csv.writer(of_connection)
    writer.writerow([auc_train,auc_test,loss, xgb_params, ITERATION,n_estimators,run_time,fea_95_cnt])

    # Dictionary with information for evaluation
    return {'loss': loss,
            'params': xgb_params,
            'iteration': ITERATION,
            'estimators': n_estimators,
            'train_time': run_time,
```

Appendix C.6 XGBoost with Single model

```
from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score


basic_params = {'n_estimators':50,
                'max_depth':2}


xgb_model,xgb_feat_imp = build_single_model(X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test,
                                            feat_cols = feat_cols,
                                            alg = XGBClassifier,
                                            param= basic_params
                                            )

xgb_feat_imp.sort_values('Importance', ascending=False, inplace=True)
xgb_feat_imp['cumul_fea_imp'] = xgb_feat_imp['Importance'].cumsum()
```

Output:

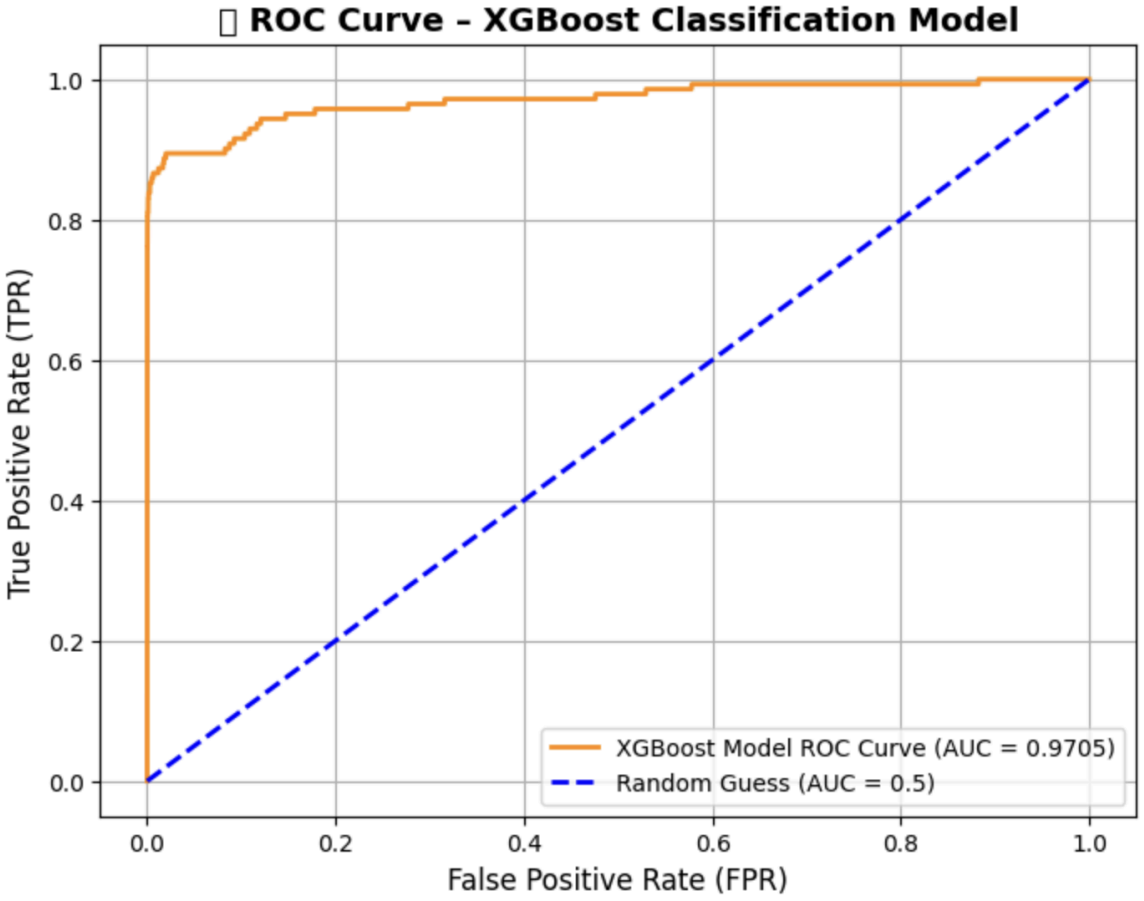
```
[49]    validation_0-logloss:0.00190    validation_1-logloss:0.00311
Scoring the base
Dev AUC 0.9978715348741493
Test AUC 0.9705019859791397
```

Appendix C.7 ROC final XGBoost model

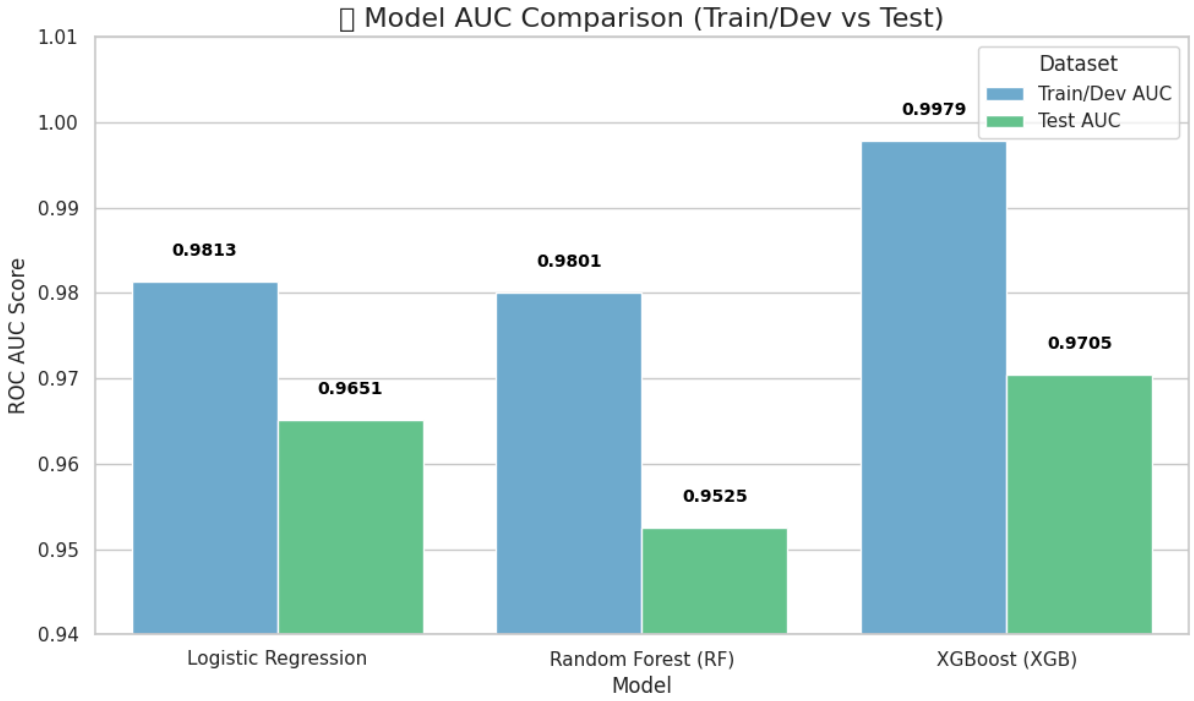
Code:

```
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Step 1: Compute False Positive Rate, True Positive Rate, and thresholds
fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, xgb_model.predict_proba(X_test[feat_cols])[:,1])

# Step 2: Compute AUC (Area Under the ROC Curve)
roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)

# Step 3: Plot the ROC Curve
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

# Plot the ROC curve for Logistic Regression
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange', lw=2,
         label=f'Random Forest ROC Curve (AUC = {roc_auc:.4f})')

# Plot the random guess line (baseline performance)
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='blue', lw=2, linestyle='--',
         label='XGBoost Model (AUC = 0.5)')

# Step 4: Add titles and labels
plt.title('📈 ROC Curve – XGBoost Classification Model', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate (FPR)', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate (TPR)', fontsize=12)
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
plt.grid(True)

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```

Output:



Appendix C.8 Comparison of Model performance



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