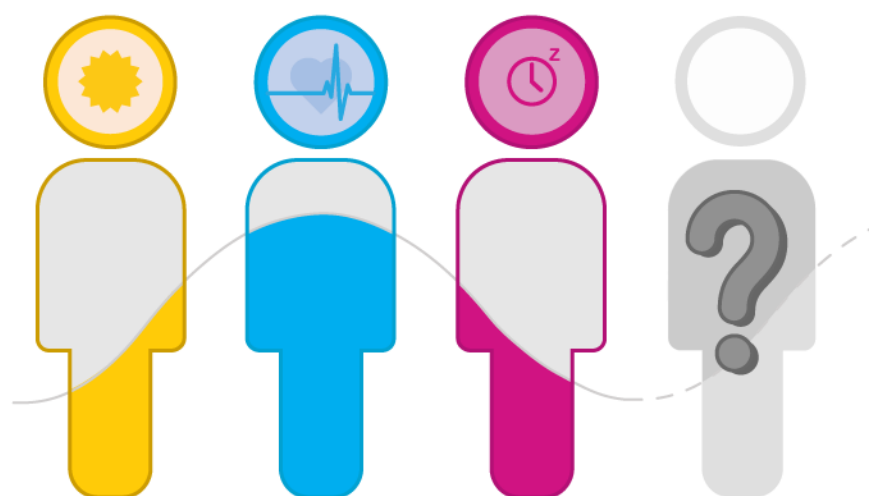


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User Cancellation Modelling: on Clustering of Customer Behaviours

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1. Introduction

Motivation and goal

Retained customers in general create higher revenues than new customers do, and making a sell to a new customer can cost up to 5 times more depending on the business. Therefore, many companies form the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) team with a focus on customer retention strategies. A crucial step is then to identify high risk customers who are intending to discontinue their usage of the services. This assessment is better known as *churn prediction*.

Our project aims to perform the churn prediction task based on investigation of customers' behavioural clusterings, and formulate the processes into a scalable pipeline which can be easily reused, updated and extended for many applications. In particular, we apply the pipeline to analyse pupil subscribers' data for Whizz Education (referred to as "Whizz"). Whizz provides online virtual tutorial service, Math-Whizz, which pupils can access by purchasing subscriptions.

Churn prediction helps the business to detect customers who are likely to cancel a subscription.

1. Modelling pipeline

We can reference loads of useful stuff like Figures 1 and 2, and also Table 1.

| Quantity | Name | Value | Units |
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| Time | Tenure | 12 | μs |
| Length | Height | 1.82 | cm |
| Planks constant | \hbar | $6.62 \cdot 10^{-32}$ | $\text{m}^2 \text{kg s}^{-1}$ |

Table 1 – Some useful values.

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$$\|I\|_{\infty}^4 = \frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial g^4} := x^2 + y^2 = z^2. \quad (1)$$

1. Glossary of terms

- **Cartoon:** A brilliant sketch.
- **Lay report:** A smaller version of the technical report without all the maths.
- **InFoMM:** A great way to get a PhD and change the world.
- **Something a bit odd:** Sator Arepo tenet opera rotas. Sator Arepo tenet opera rotas. Sator Arepo tenet opera rotas. Sator Arepo tenet opera rotas. Sator Arepo tenet opera rotas.

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| | Value | Units |
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| c | $3 \cdot 10^3$ | m s^{-1} |
| \hbar | $6.62 \cdot 10^{-32}$ | $\text{m}^2 \text{kg s}^{-1}$ |

Table 2 – Some physical constants which frequently come in handy for calculations, (although InFoMM students always non-dimensionalise).



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1. An odd point



Figure 1 – He is my favourite cartoonist.

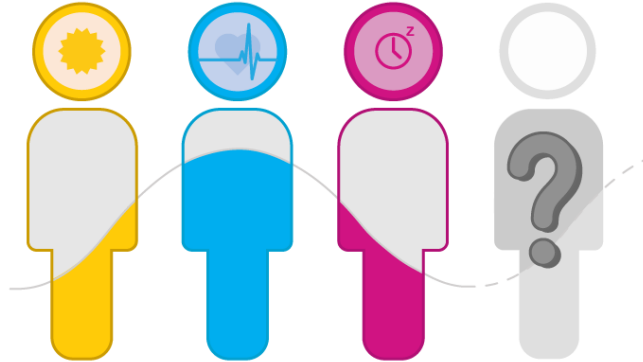


Figure 2 – A hilarious S. Harris cartoon. Here $e = mc^2$ or $e = mc^2$.

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2. Some crazy maths

Code 1 is a nice example of using Python rather than Matlab.

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1 def prime_numbers():
2     """
3     A prime number generator.
4     :return: Int, prime number.
5     """
6     x = 2
7     primes = [x]
8     yield x # We the first prime number.
9     while True:
10        if x in primes:
11            x += 1
12        else:
13            is_prime = True
14            for p in primes:
15                if x % p == 0:
16                    is_prime = False # The number is not prime.
17                    x += 1
18                    break # We do not need further checks.
19            if is_prime:
20                primes.append(x)
21            yield x

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Code 1 – Some example python code, incase we wanted to show the company some awesome programming idea.

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_0 q^k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n a_0 q^k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_0 \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q} = \frac{a_0}{1 - q}$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2}$$

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3. Discussion, conclusions & recommendations

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Dr. Junaid Mubeen, Director of Education at Whizz Education said: *“We are very pleased with Victor’s contribution. He has addressed our key requirement of developing a model that allows us to predict the likelihood of home users cancelling their subscription from one month to the next. Discussions are already underway with our Development and Marketing teams to understand how we can make use of Victor’s model on a continual basis to turn around customers “at risk” of cancelling. Victor has also illuminated a number of Machine Learning strategies that we can see having applications in other business problems.”*

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4. COMMENTS ON THE REPORT

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