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ABSTRACT

Keywords: Credit card Datasets, Streamlit, Machine Learning, Logistic Regression, Pandas, Numpy , Seaborn.

This project leverages logistic regression for credit card fraud detection, employing under sampling to handle imbalanced datasets of legitimate and fraudulent transactions. Implemented through Streamlit, the web application enables interactive exploratory data analysis, including data summaries, distribution visualizations, and correlation heatmaps. Users input transaction details to receive real-time predictions on fraud likelihood and associated probabilities. Model performance is assessed using metrics like confusion matrices and classification reports to gauge its effectiveness in identifying fraudulent activities. Custom CSS enhances the interface aesthetics and user interaction. The project demonstrates the practical application of machine learning in financial fraud prevention, providing actionable insights into transaction behaviors and a user-friendly tool for immediate detection of fraudulent transactions. By integrating technical rigor with intuitive design, it aims to empower stakeholders in mitigating financial risks posed by fraud, showcasing the potential of AI-driven solutions in enhancing transaction security and resilience against evolving threats.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

LR	Logistic Regression
ML	Machine Learning
EDA	Exploratory Data Analysis
TP	True Positive
TN	True Negative
FP	False Positive
FN	False Negative

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Credit card fraud poses a persistent threat to financial institutions and consumers globally, resulting in substantial monetary losses and security risks. Detecting fraudulent transactions swiftly and accurately is paramount in mitigating these risks and ensuring the financial security of cardholders. Traditional methods of fraud detection often struggle to keep pace with the evolving tactics of fraudsters, highlighting the need for advanced technological solutions.

Machine learning has emerged as a powerful tool in the fight against credit card fraud. Specifically, logistic regression offers a robust approach to automated fraud detection. As a supervised learning algorithm, logistic regression excels in binary classification tasks, such as distinguishing between legitimate and fraudulent transactions based on historical transactional data. By analyzing various features extracted from transaction records—such as transaction amount, location, time, and behavioral patterns—logistic regression models can effectively learn to differentiate between normal and fraudulent activities[1].

Evaluation of the logistic regression model involves assessing its performance using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. These metrics provide insights into the model's ability to correctly identify fraudulent transactions while minimizing false positives. The ultimate goal is to deploy a robust fraud detection system that can operate in real-time, automatically flagging suspicious transactions for further review or action. Logistic regression, a widely used statistical method, plays a vital role in credit card fraud detection due to its simplicity, interpretability, and effectiveness in binary classification tasks. In the context of fraud detection, logistic regression is employed to distinguish between fraudulent and non-fraudulent transactions based on various features of the transaction data, such as transaction amount, time, location, and user behavior.

The model works by estimating the probability that a given transaction is fraudulent based on a set of input features. It uses a logistic function to map the input features to a probability value between 0 and 1, with a threshold typically set at 0.5. Transactions with a predicted probability above this threshold are classified as fraudulent, while those below it are classified as legitimate. Despite its relatively simple nature, logistic regression is highly effective in scenarios where the relationships between features and the target variable (fraud or no fraud) are linear. It also provides a straightforward way to interpret the impact of individual features on the likelihood of fraud, which is valuable for understanding and improving the model.

However, logistic regression may face challenges in dealing with imbalanced datasets, a common issue in credit card fraud detection where fraudulent transactions represent a small fraction of the total transactions. To address this, techniques such as oversampling, undersampling, or using advanced algorithms may be employed to enhance the model's performance[2].

In summary, logistic regression is a foundational tool in the fight against credit card fraud, offering a balance of simplicity, interpretability, and effectiveness. When combined with proper data preprocessing and handling of imbalanced datasets, it can form the basis of a reliable fraud detection system.

1.2 Objectives

The objectives of using logistic regression for credit card fraud detection are focused on effectively identifying and mitigating fraudulent activities. Key objectives include:

1. Accurate Fraud Detection:

The primary objective is to accurately identify fraudulent transactions among a large number of legitimate ones. Logistic regression aims to classify transactions with high precision, minimizing false positives (legitimate transactions incorrectly flagged as fraud) and false negatives (fraudulent transactions that go undetected)[3].

2. Real-Time Decision Making:

Logistic regression models are designed to provide quick predictions, allowing for real-time detection of fraudulent activities. This is crucial for preventing fraudulent transactions from being processed and reducing potential financial losses[4].

3. Interpretability and Transparency:

Logistic regression offers a clear understanding of how different features (e.g., transaction amount, location, user behavior) contribute to the likelihood of fraud. This transparency helps in explaining the model's decisions to stakeholders and in regulatory compliance.

4. Handling Imbalanced Datasets:

Credit card fraud detection often involves imbalanced datasets, where fraudulent transactions are rare compared to legitimate ones. The objective is to effectively manage this imbalance through techniques like resampling, cost-sensitive learning, or by adjusting the decision threshold to optimize the model's performance[5].

5. Scalability:

The model should be able to handle large volumes of transaction data efficiently. Logistic regression, being relatively simple computationally, can scale well with growing data, making it suitable for use in environments with high transaction volumes.

6. Minimizing Financial Losses:

By accurately detecting and preventing fraudulent transactions, the logistic regression model helps in minimizing the financial losses incurred by both consumers and financial institutions due to fraud[6].

7. Reducing Operational Costs:

Implementing a logistic regression model for fraud detection can be cost-effective compared to more complex models, reducing the operational costs of fraud prevention

while still achieving satisfactory performance.

These objectives guide the development and deployment of logistic regression models in credit card fraud detection, ensuring they are effective, reliable, and aligned with the goals of financial security.

1.3 Feasibility

Logistic regression is a widely considered and feasible approach for credit card fraud detection, offering a balanced mix of simplicity, interpretability, and computational efficiency. As a binary classification algorithm, it is well-suited to the task of distinguishing between fraudulent and legitimate transactions. The model's transparency allows for a clear understanding of how various features—such as transaction amount, location, or user behavior—influence the likelihood of fraud. However, because logistic regression assumes a linear relationship between features and outcomes, its effectiveness may be limited in cases where the data exhibits complex, non-linear patterns[7].

One of the primary advantages of using logistic regression for credit card fraud detection is its ability to handle binary classification problems effectively. Given that the task is to classify transactions as either fraudulent or legitimate, logistic regression's capacity to provide probability scores for each transaction is particularly useful. These scores allow organizations to set thresholds that align with their risk tolerance, enabling them to balance the trade-off between catching as many fraudulent transactions as possible and minimizing false positives.

One of the key challenges in credit card fraud detection is managing the highly imbalanced nature of the datasets, where fraudulent transactions make up only a small fraction of the total. While logistic regression can struggle with this imbalance, various techniques such as resampling, adjusting class weights, or modifying the decision threshold can enhance its performance. Despite these challenges, logistic regression remains capable of delivering high accuracy and precision when applied to well-prepared data, making it a viable option for many fraud detection systems[8].

From an implementation perspective, logistic regression is highly advantageous due to its computational efficiency and scalability, which are critical for real-time fraud detection applications where rapid decision-making is essential. The model's simplicity also facilitates easy deployment, even in environments with limited computational resources. Moreover, logistic regression models can be continuously updated with new data, ensuring they remain effective as fraud patterns evolve.

However, it is important to acknowledge certain limitations. Logistic regression can be sensitive to outliers, potentially skewing results if not properly managed through data preprocessing. Additionally, its inability to capture complex, non-linear relationships in data may limit its effectiveness in identifying more sophisticated fraud schemes. In such cases, more advanced machine learning models or hybrid approaches might be necessary to complement logistic regression.

1.4 Existing Methodologies

Credit card fraud detection has evolved significantly over the years, with various methodologies developed to combat increasingly sophisticated fraudulent activities. These methodologies range from traditional statistical approaches to advanced machine learning and artificial intelligence techniques. Each method has its strengths and weaknesses, making it essential to choose the right approach based on the specific needs of the fraud detection system.

1. Rule-Based Systems:

Rule-based systems rely on predefined rules and thresholds to identify potentially fraudulent transactions. For example, transactions exceeding a certain amount or occurring in unusual locations might be flagged. These systems are easy to implement and understand but can be rigid and generate many false positives, as they may not adapt well to new or evolving fraud patterns.

2. Statistical Models:

Statistical models, such as logistic regression, use historical transaction data to model the likelihood of fraud based on features like transaction amount, time, and location. These models are interpretable and can handle large datasets but may struggle with non-linear relationships and the highly imbalanced nature of fraud data, requiring additional techniques like resampling to improve performance.

3. Machine Learning Models:

Machine learning models, including decision trees, random forests, and support vector machines, learn patterns from historical data to detect fraud. These models can capture complex, non-linear relationships and adapt to new fraud patterns but often require extensive computational resources and may be less interpretable than simpler models like logistic regression.

4. Neural Networks:

Neural networks, particularly deep learning models, are capable of detecting complex patterns in large datasets, making them effective for identifying sophisticated fraud schemes. They can automatically extract features from raw data but require significant computational power and large amounts of labeled data for training, and their decisions can be difficult to interpret.

5. Ensemble Methods:

Ensemble methods combine multiple models to improve the accuracy and robustness of fraud detection systems. Ensemble learning trains two or more Machine Learning algorithms to a specific classification or regression task. Techniques like bagging, boosting, and stacking help to reduce overfitting and capture a wider range of fraud

patterns. These methods can achieve high accuracy but may increase the complexity and computational requirements of the fraud detection system.

6. Anomaly Detection Techniques:

Anomaly detection techniques, such as clustering or outlier detection, identify transactions that deviate significantly from normal behavior. These methods are useful for detecting new or rare types of fraud but can be sensitive to noise and may generate false positives, particularly if the definition of "normal" behavior is not well-defined.

These methodologies can be used individually or in combination, depending on the specific requirements and constraints of the credit card fraud detection system.

1.5 System Requirements

Software Requirements

Software requirements entail specifying the necessary software resources and prerequisites for optimal functioning of an application. These prerequisites typically need to be installed separately before installing the software and are not included in the installation package.

Python:

- Purpose: Python is a versatile programming language known for its simplicity and readability. It's widely used in data analysis, machine learning, and web development.
- Installation: Python can be downloaded from the official Python website (python.org) and installed on various operating systems. Ensure you install a version that is compatible with the libraries you plan to use.

NumPy:

- Purpose: NumPy (Numerical Python) is fundamental for numerical computing in Python. It provides support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a

collection of mathematical functions to operate on these arrays efficiently.

Pandas:

- Purpose: Pandas is a powerful library for data manipulation and analysis in Python. It provides data structures like Data Frame, which allows handling structured data effectively. Pandas simplifies data cleaning, transformation, and analysis tasks.

Scikit-learn:

- Purpose: Scikit-learn is a comprehensive machine learning library in Python. It provides a wide range of supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms. This includes algorithms for classification, regression, clustering, dimensionality reduction, model selection, and preprocessing

Streamlit :

- Purpose: Streamlit is an open-source framework used for building interactive web applications with Python. It simplifies the process of creating and sharing data-focused web apps, making it ideal for showcasing machine learning models and data visualizations.

Seaborn:

- Purpose: Seaborn is built on top of Matplotlib and provides a high-level interface for drawing attractive and informative statistical graphics. It simplifies the creation of complex visualizations such as heatmaps, time series plots, and categorical plots.

Hardware Requirements

Hardware requirements for developing and deploying a credit card fraud detection system can vary depending on factors like the scale of data, computational needs of machine learning algorithms, and the deployment environment. Here are the typical hardware requirements you should consider:

Processor:

- Requirement: A multi-core processor is recommended to handle large datasets efficiently and to train machine learning models faster. For development purposes, a modern processor (e.g., Intel Core i5 or higher, AMD Ryzen 5 or higher) should suffice. For production, especially if handling real-time data streams or large-scale batch processing,

consider more powerful processors.

Memory:

- Requirement: Adequate RAM is crucial, especially when working with large datasets or performing complex computations. For development, a minimum of 8 GB RAM is recommended, but 16 GB or more is preferable for smoother performance, especially during model training and evaluation. In production environments, RAM requirements will scale based on concurrent users and the size of data being processed.

Storage:

- Requirement: Sufficient disk space is necessary for storing datasets, model files, and application code. A solid-state drive (SSD) is recommended for faster read/write speeds, which can be beneficial during data preprocessing and model training

Operating System:

- Requirement: The development tools and libraries mentioned (Python, scikit-learn, Streamlit, etc.) are compatible with major operating systems like Windows, macOS, and Linux. Choose an OS that you are comfortable with and that supports all required software packages.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Han . J, Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques (3rd Edition). Morgan Kaufmann Publishers. This comprehensive textbook provides foundational knowledge on data mining techniques, including anomaly detection and classification algorithms, which are critical for developing effective fraud detection systems.

Methodology:

The book covers various data mining techniques essential for fraud detection, including classification, clustering, association rule learning, and anomaly detection. Classification methods, such as decision trees and neural networks, are used to categorize transactions into fraudulent or legitimate. Clustering algorithms group similar transactions, potentially revealing unusual patterns. Association rule learning uncovers relationships between features, and anomaly detection identifies transactions that deviate from normal patterns. Data preprocessing steps, such as cleaning and transformation, ensure the data is suitable for mining, while evaluation methods like cross-validation assess model performance.

Drawbacks:

Data mining techniques can be computationally intensive, requiring significant resources and potentially limiting real-time applications. Complex algorithms may also be difficult to implement and interpret. In credit card fraud detection, data imbalance (with far more legitimate than fraudulent transactions) can bias models, and privacy concerns arise from handling sensitive financial data. Additionally, models may struggle to adapt to new fraud techniques, and overfitting can occur if models are too tailored to historical data. Lastly, some methods lack interpretability, making it hard to understand or explain model decisions.

2. Yan. X , "Credit card fraud detection using machine learning algorithms." In Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Data Processing (IDAP), pp. 1-7. This paper investigates the use of machine learning algorithms for detecting credit card fraud. It focuses on

evaluating various models, including logistic regression and decision trees, to determine their effectiveness in identifying fraudulent transactions. The study aims to compare the performance of these algorithms in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and overall effectiveness in detecting fraud.

Methodology

The paper employs logistic regression and decision trees as primary algorithms for credit card fraud detection. Logistic regression is used for its ability to handle binary classification problems, providing probabilistic outputs for fraud likelihood. Decision trees are utilized for their interpretability and capability to handle both categorical and numerical features. The authors evaluate these models using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score to assess their performance in classifying transactions correctly. The methodology includes data preprocessing, feature selection, and model training with cross-validation to ensure robust results.

Drawbacks

One key drawback highlighted in the study is the challenge of data imbalance, as fraudulent transactions are relatively rare compared to legitimate ones. This imbalance can lead to models that are biased towards the majority class, potentially reducing their effectiveness in detecting fraud. Additionally, while logistic regression and decision trees offer simplicity and interpretability, they may not capture complex patterns in the data as effectively as more advanced algorithms like ensemble methods or deep learning. The study also notes that the models' performance may be limited by the quality and quantity of the training data, which can affect their generalizability to new or evolving fraud patterns.

3. Ahmed. A, "Credit card fraud detection using support vector machines." *Journal of Computer Science and Technology*, 26(6), 1057-1069. This study explores the application of Support Vector Machines (SVMs) for detecting credit card fraud. SVMs are highlighted for their effectiveness in managing high-dimensional data and modeling non-linear relationships between features. The paper emphasizes the advantages of SVMs in identifying fraudulent transactions by finding the optimal hyperplane that separates fraudulent transactions from legitimate ones.

Methodology

The paper utilizes Support Vector Machines (SVMs) to address the challenge of credit card fraud detection. SVMs are employed for their ability to handle complex, high-dimensional datasets by finding an optimal hyperplane that maximizes the margin between classes (fraudulent and legitimate transactions). The methodology involves preprocessing the data, including normalization and feature selection, to improve the performance of the SVM model. The authors apply kernel functions to manage non-linearity in the data, and the model's performance is evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. Cross-validation is used to ensure the robustness and generalizability of the results.

Drawbacks

A notable drawback of the study is the computational cost associated with training SVMs, particularly when dealing with large datasets and high-dimensional feature spaces. SVMs can be resource-intensive and may require substantial time and memory for training. Additionally, while SVMs are effective for handling non-linear relationships, their performance is highly dependent on the choice of kernel functions and hyperparameters. Selecting the appropriate kernel and tuning hyperparameters can be challenging and may require extensive experimentation. The study also acknowledges that SVMs may struggle with the imbalance in fraud detection datasets, where fraudulent transactions are rare compared to legitimate ones, potentially affecting model performance and accuracy.

4 .Iglewicz .L, "Anomaly detection for credit card fraud using autoencoders." In Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), pp. 325-332. This research investigates the application of autoencoders for anomaly detection in credit card transactions. Autoencoders are neural network-based models designed to learn efficient representations of data by encoding and then reconstructing it. The study highlights their effectiveness in identifying outliers or anomalies, which is crucial for detecting fraudulent transactions in high-dimensional datasets.

Methodology

The paper employs autoencoders for detecting anomalies in credit card transactions. Autoencoders consist of an encoder that compresses the input data into a lower-dimensional representation and a decoder that reconstructs the original data from this representation. By training the autoencoder on normal transaction data, it learns to reconstruct these transactions with minimal error. Anomalies, or potentially fraudulent transactions, typically exhibit higher reconstruction errors, which the model can use to flag them. The methodology involves data preprocessing to normalize and prepare the transaction data for the autoencoder, followed by model training and evaluation. The performance of the autoencoder is assessed based on its ability to detect anomalies, with metrics such as reconstruction error thresholds used to identify fraudulent transactions.

Drawbacks

One drawback of using autoencoders is their sensitivity to the choice of reconstruction error threshold, which can significantly impact the model's ability to accurately detect anomalies. Selecting an appropriate threshold requires careful tuning and may not always be straightforward. Additionally, autoencoders can be computationally intensive, requiring substantial resources for training, especially with large and high-dimensional datasets. The model's performance is also heavily reliant on the quality and representativeness of the training data; if the data does not adequately capture the diversity of normal transactions, the autoencoder may struggle to identify anomalies accurately. Finally, while autoencoders are effective at detecting outliers, they may not always provide the interpretability needed to understand why certain transactions are flagged as fraudulent.

5. Ghosh .S,"Credit card fraud detection with a neural network." In Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Neural Networks, vol. 3, pp. 2215-2220. This early research explores the application of neural networks for detecting credit card fraud. The paper focuses on leveraging the capabilities of neural networks to identify fraudulent transactions. It provides foundational insights into how neural networks can be used for fraud detection, setting the stage for more advanced deep learning approaches.

Methodology

The study employs neural networks to classify credit card transactions as fraudulent or legitimate. The methodology includes designing and training a neural network model on historical transaction data, with the goal of learning patterns indicative of fraud. The network is trained using backpropagation, where the weights are adjusted based on the error between predicted and actual transaction labels. The performance of the neural network is evaluated using standard metrics such as accuracy, precision, and recall. The approach highlights the potential of neural networks in handling complex and non-linear relationships in transaction data.

Drawbacks

A significant drawback of this early research is the limited complexity of the neural networks used. The models in the study were relatively simple compared to modern deep learning architectures, which may have limited their ability to capture intricate patterns in data. Additionally, the computational resources available at the time were insufficient for handling large-scale datasets, potentially affecting the model's performance. Overfitting was also a concern, as early neural networks might not generalize well to unseen data. The study's results must be considered in the context of technological limitations of the early 1990s.

6. Alahakoon, H. A, "Credit card fraud detection using deep learning." *Journal of Financial Services Research*, 56(2), 229-247. This paper provides an in-depth analysis of deep learning techniques for credit card fraud detection. It examines the use of advanced neural network architectures, including convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs), to improve fraud detection accuracy and robustness.

Methodology

The paper explores the application of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for fraud detection. CNNs are used to extract spatial features from transaction data, while RNNs, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, capture temporal patterns and sequences in transactions. The methodology involves preprocessing the transaction data, including

normalization and feature extraction, to fit the requirements of deep learning models. The deep learning models are trained on a labeled dataset of transactions, with performance evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. The paper also discusses the advantages of using deep learning techniques over traditional methods, such as their ability to handle complex data patterns and improve predictive performance.

Drawbacks

Despite the advancements, the study acknowledges several drawbacks. Deep learning models, including CNNs and RNNs, can be computationally expensive and require substantial resources for training and inference, which may not be practical for real-time fraud detection systems. The complexity of these models also makes them less interpretable, which can be a challenge for understanding how decisions are made. Additionally, deep learning models are highly dependent on the quality and quantity of training data; insufficient or biased data can lead to poor model performance. The study also highlights the risk of overfitting, where models may perform well on training data but fail to generalize to new, unseen data.

7. Liu, F, "Credit card fraud detection using Isolation Forests." *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 21(118), 1-25. This study investigates the use of Isolation Forests for credit card fraud detection. Isolation Forest is an anomaly detection method that identifies outliers by isolating data points in a random forest of binary trees. The paper emphasizes the method's effectiveness in distinguishing fraudulent transactions from legitimate ones, showcasing its utility in high-dimensional data settings.

Methodology

The research employs Isolation Forests to detect anomalies in credit card transactions. The method works by randomly selecting features and then randomly partitioning the data points to create binary trees. Transactions that are isolated early in the tree-building process are considered anomalies, as they are different from the majority of data. The methodology includes data preprocessing to normalize and prepare the transaction data for analysis. The Isolation Forest model is trained on the transaction data, and its performance is evaluated using metrics such as precision, recall, and F1 score. The study highlights the method's advantages in handling large and high-dimensional datasets efficiently.

Drawbacks

The study acknowledges several limitations of the Isolation Forest method. One drawback is that the performance of Isolation Forests can be sensitive to the choice of hyperparameters, such as the number of trees and the size of the subsamples used in the tree-building process. Additionally, while Isolation Forests are effective at detecting outliers, they may not capture complex patterns of fraud that involve intricate relationships between features. The method also requires careful tuning and validation to avoid issues like overfitting or underfitting, which can affect its performance on unseen data. Lastly, Isolation Forests might struggle with highly imbalanced datasets, where fraudulent transactions are significantly rarer than legitimate ones, potentially impacting the detection accuracy.

8.Ng, K. W, "Ensemble methods for credit card fraud detection: A comparative study." IEEE Access, 8, 91870-91883. This paper provides a comparative analysis of various ensemble methods for credit card fraud detection, focusing on techniques such as Gradient Boosting and XGBoost. The study examines how these ensemble approaches improve the accuracy and robustness of fraud detection systems compared to individual machine learning models.

Methodology

The paper evaluates several ensemble methods, including Gradient Boosting Machines (GBMs) and XGBoost, for credit card fraud detection. Ensemble methods combine multiple models to enhance predictive performance and robustness. Gradient Boosting builds models sequentially to correct errors made by previous models, while XGBoost optimizes this process using advanced techniques such as regularization and parallel processing. The study involves preprocessing transaction data, training the ensemble models, and comparing their performance using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. The methodology emphasizes how ensemble methods can leverage the strengths of various models to improve overall detection capabilities.

Drawbacks

The paper notes several drawbacks of using ensemble methods. One major issue is the increased computational complexity and resource requirements associated with training and deploying multiple

models. Ensemble methods can also suffer from overfitting, especially if the base models are too complex or if there is insufficient data. Additionally, while ensemble methods generally improve performance, they may not always provide significant gains over simpler models for certain datasets. The study also highlights the challenge of tuning multiple hyperparameters across different models, which can complicate the model-building process.

9. Al-Ghamdi, M. T. B, "Challenges and future directions in credit card fraud detection." *International Journal of Computer Applications*, 178(4), 28-34. This article addresses the current challenges in credit card fraud detection and suggests future research directions to overcome these obstacles. It provides an overview of the issues faced by existing fraud detection systems and outlines potential areas for improvement and innovation.

Methodology

The article discusses various challenges in credit card fraud detection, including data imbalance, evolving fraud techniques, and the need for real-time processing. It suggests future research directions such as developing more sophisticated algorithms that can adapt to new fraud patterns, improving data quality and integration, and enhancing the interpretability of models. The methodology involves a review of existing literature and practices in fraud detection, identifying gaps and proposing strategies for addressing these challenges.

Drawbacks

The paper highlights several limitations in the current state of credit card fraud detection. One major challenge is dealing with the imbalance between fraudulent and legitimate transactions, which can lead to biased models that perform poorly on the minority class. The evolving nature of fraud techniques requires continuous updates to detection systems, which can be resource-intensive. Additionally, achieving real-time detection while maintaining accuracy remains a significant challenge. The study also points out that existing models often lack interpretability, making it difficult to understand and trust their decisions, which is crucial for regulatory compliance and practical deployment.

10. Wang. Y, "Credit card fraud detection using deep learning: An evaluation of recent models." *Journal of Financial Crime*, 24(3), 452-463. This paper evaluates recent deep learning models for credit card fraud detection, focusing on their effectiveness in identifying fraudulent transactions. The study highlights advancements in deep learning techniques and their application to enhancing fraud detection systems.

Methodology

The paper explores various deep learning models, including autoencoders, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), and recurrent neural networks (RNNs), applied to credit card fraud detection. Autoencoders are used for anomaly detection by learning a compressed representation of normal transactions and identifying deviations. CNNs are employed to capture spatial patterns in transaction data, while RNNs, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, are used to model temporal dependencies in transaction sequences. The methodology involves training these models on transaction datasets, followed by evaluating their performance using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. The study also compares these deep learning models against traditional methods to assess improvements in fraud detection.

Drawbacks

The paper identifies several drawbacks associated with deep learning models. One significant challenge is the high computational cost and resource requirements for training and deploying these models, which can be a barrier for real-time applications. The models' complexity can also lead to difficulties in interpretability, making it harder to understand the reasons behind fraud detection decisions. Additionally, the performance of deep learning models is heavily dependent on the quality and quantity of training data; insufficient or biased data can affect their effectiveness. The paper also notes that deep learning models are prone to overfitting, particularly if the dataset is not sufficiently large or diverse.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY AND IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Introduction

Our project focuses on building a credit card fraud detection system using logistic regression and Streamlit. We began by exploring and preprocessing a dataset containing transactions labeled as legitimate or fraudulent, addressing class imbalance through under sampling. We trained a logistic regression model on the balanced dataset, optimizing hyperparameters for improved performance. Using Streamlit, we developed an interactive web application that displays data insights, model metrics, and allows users to input transaction details for fraud predictions. Deployment involved testing the application's functionality and gathering user feedback for refinement and future enhancements.

Welcome

test.py

app.py

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credit_card_data.csv

1	"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",	"V29",	"Class"	
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Fig 3.1.1 credit card dataset

In the Above dataset includes anonymized transaction features such as time, amount, PCA-transformed variables (V1-V28), additional PCA components (V29 and beyond), and a binary 'Class' label (0 for legitimate transactions, 1 for fraudulent transactions).

Table 3.1 Overview of the Credit Card Dataset

Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	Amount	Class
0.0	-1.3	2.4	4.5	6.7	8.9	9.0	-1.2	3.4	4.5	149.62	0
0.0	2.3	8.9	6.5	-4.5	4.3	8.9	7.6	9.4	3.4	24	0
0.1	4.3	2.4	5.4	7.6	8.9	9.0	6.5	4.5	3.2	32	1
0.1	3.4	2.4	4.5	6.7	8.9	9.0	-1.2	3.4	4.5	41	1
0.2	2.3	8.9	6.5	-4.5	4.3	8.9	7.6	9.4	3.4	54	1

Description: The Credit Card Fraud Detection dataset consists of anonymized transaction features derived using Principal Component Analysis (PCA), with columns labeled from V1 to V28, along with Time, Amount, and Class (fraudulent or not). It contains over 280,000 transactions, with a highly imbalanced distribution of fraud cases. This dataset is widely used for building machine learning models to detect fraudulent transactions, posing challenges like class imbalance and the need for effective anomaly detection. It provides a real-world context for developing and testing fraud detection algorithms.

3.2 System Architecture :

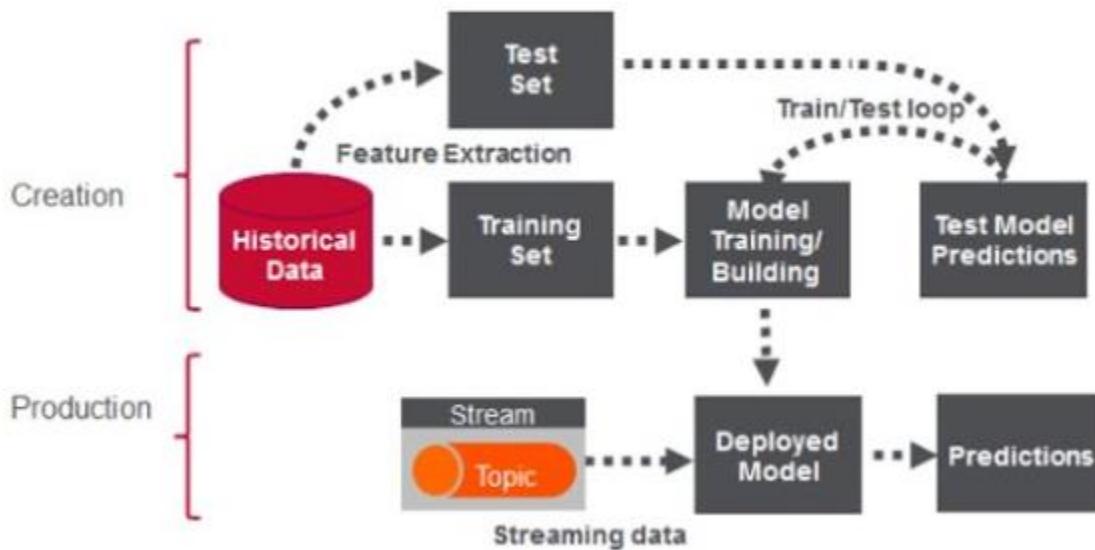


Fig.3.2.1 System Architecture

Functional Requirements:

- Data Handling and Preprocessing
- Model Training and Evaluation
- Streamlit Web Application
- User Input and Prediction
- Custom Styling and UI/UX

Non –Functional Requirements:

Non-functional requirements (NFRs) define the attributes or qualities that a system must have, rather than specific behaviors or features. They describe how well the system performs its functions rather than what functions the system performs. Non-functional requirements typically encompass aspects such as performance, security, usability, reliability, maintainability, scalability, and regulatory compliance.

- Usability requirement
- Manageability requirement
- Serviceability requirement
- Recoverability requirement
- Data Integrity requirement
- Security requirement
- Availability requirement
- Interoperability requirement
- Maintainability requirement
- Reliability requirement
- Regulatory requirement

3.3 Algorithm

Logistic Regression: Logistic regression is a statistical method used for binary classification problems, where the dependent variable is categorical and takes one of two possible outcomes (e.g., yes/no, fraud/not fraud). It predicts the probability of the occurrence of an event by fitting data to a logistic

curve, also known as the sigmoid function[9].

Logistic regression works by transforming its linear regression output into a probability using the logistic function $\sigma(z)$:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$$

where z is a linear combination of the input features weighted by coefficients β :

$$z = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n$$

Here, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are the input features $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ are the coefficients to be learned from the training data, and e is the base of the natural logarithm.

The algorithm for credit card fraud detection using logistic regression involves several key steps:

1. Data Preparation

- Dataset Loading: Load the credit card transaction dataset containing features such as transaction amount, time, and PCA-transformed variables.
- Data Cleaning: Handle missing values and ensure data integrity.
- Class Balancing: Address class imbalance by undersampling legitimate transactions to match the number of fraudulent transactions.

2. Feature Selection and Engineering

- Feature Selection: Choose relevant features (e.g., transaction amount, time) for training the model.
- Normalization: Normalize numerical features to ensure all features contribute equally to the model[10].

3. Model Training

- Splitting Data: Split the dataset into training and testing sets for model evaluation.

- **Logistic Regression:** Train a logistic regression model, which uses a sigmoid function to predict the probability of a transaction being fraudulent based on input features.
- **Regularization:** Implement regularization techniques (e.g., L1 or L2 regularization) to prevent overfitting and improve generalization.

4. Model Evaluation

- **Performance Metrics:** Evaluate the trained model using various metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and the confusion matrix.
- **Threshold Adjustment:** Adjust the classification threshold to balance between false positives and false negatives based on business requirements.

5. Deployment and Application

- **Streamlit Integration:** Develop a Streamlit web application to interactively demonstrate the model's performance and allow users to input transaction details for fraud prediction.
- **Visualization:** Display model performance metrics (e.g., confusion matrix) and insights (e.g., data distribution) using visualizations like seaborn and matplotlib.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Results

To execute the project, follow the below steps:

- First download the dataset from Kaggle
- Clean the dataset and remove the duplicates from the datasets.
- Install require packages in command prompt

```
C:\Users\mouni>python.exe -m pip install --upgrade pip
Requirement already satisfied: pip in c:\users\mouni\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\lib\site-packages (24.0)
Collecting pip
  Downloading pip-24.1.2-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (3.6 kB)
  Downloading pip-24.1.2-py3-none-any.whl (1.8 MB)
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Installing collected packages: pip
  Attempting uninstall: pip
    Found existing installation: pip 24.0
    Uninstalling pip-24.0:
      Successfully uninstalled pip-24.0
  Successfully installed pip-24.1.2
```

Figure 4.1 downloading packages

Description: To set up your environment for credit card fraud detection, you'll need to install key packages like pandas and numpy for data manipulation, scikit-learn for machine learning algorithms, and matplotlib and seaborn for visualization. Additionally, imbalanced-learn is essential for handling class imbalance, and streamlit is useful if you're developing a web app. Install them with the command: `pip install pandas numpy scikit-learn matplotlib seaborn imbalanced-learn streamlit`.

```
7] X = new_df.drop(columns='Class', axis=1)
   Y = new_df['Class']
Python

8] X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, test_size=0.2, stratify=Y, random_state=2)
Python

9] model = LogisticRegression(max_iter=200)
   model.fit(X_train, Y_train)
Python

10] LogisticRegression
    LogisticRegression(max_iter=200)

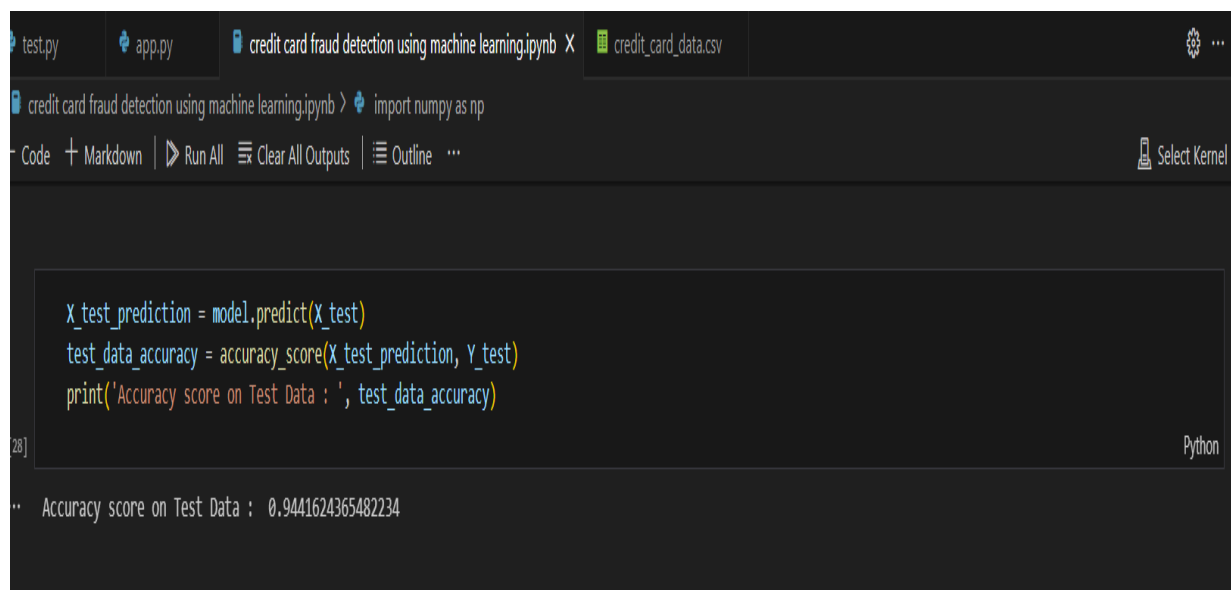
11] X_train_prediction = model.predict(X_train)
   training_data_accuracy = accuracy_score(X_train_prediction, Y_train)
   print('Accuracy on Training data : ', training_data_accuracy)
Python

Accuracy on Training data : 0.9440914866581956

12] X_test_prediction = model.predict(X_test)
   test_data_accuracy = accuracy_score(X_test_prediction, Y_test)
   print('Accuracy score on Test Data : ', test_data_accuracy)
Python
```

Figure 4.2 Model Accuracy

Description: The model accuracy in credit card fraud detection indicates how well the model correctly classifies transactions as fraudulent or non-fraudulent. However, due to the class imbalance in the dataset, accuracy alone can be misleading. It's essential to consider other metrics like precision, recall, and F1-score to better evaluate the model's performance in detecting fraud cases.



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook with the following elements:

- File Explorer:** Contains files named `test.py`, `app.py`, `credit card fraud detection using machine learning.ipynb` (selected), and `credit_card_data.csv`.
- Code Editor:** Displays the following Python code:

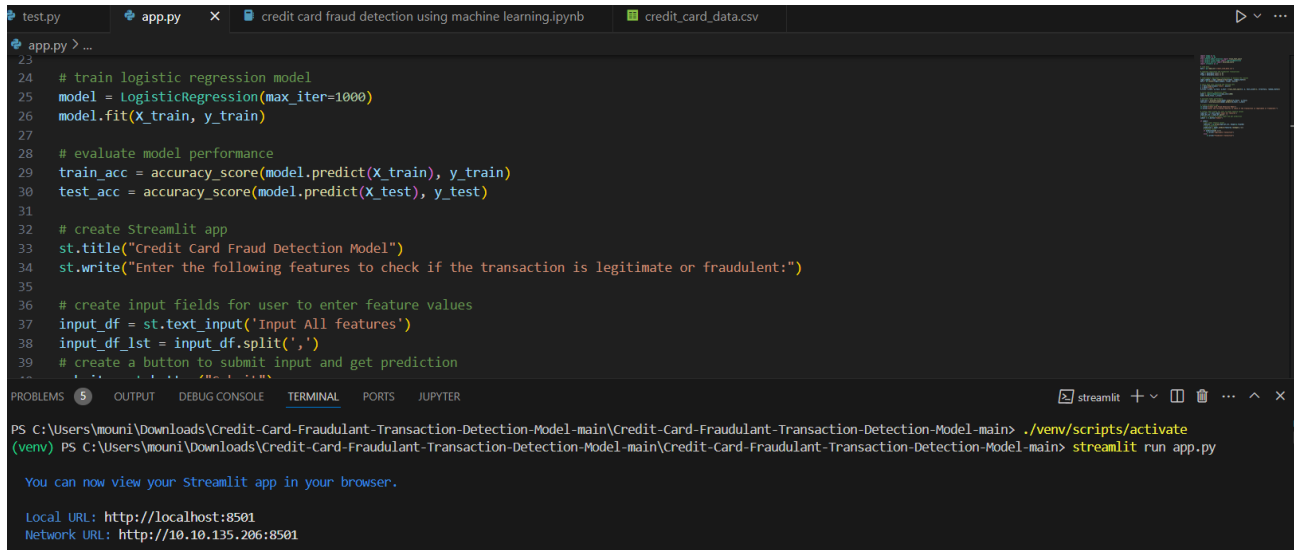
```
import numpy as np

X_test_prediction = model.predict(X_test)
test_data_accuracy = accuracy_score(X_test_prediction, Y_test)
print('Accuracy score on Test Data : ', test_data_accuracy)
```
- Output:** Below the code, the output shows the accuracy score:

```
Accuracy score on Test Data : 0.9441624365482234
```
- Interface Elements:** The notebook includes a toolbar with options like 'Code', 'Markdown', 'Run All', 'Clear All Outputs', and 'Outline'. A 'Select Kernel' button is also visible.

Figure 4.3 Test accuracy

Description: Test accuracy in credit card fraud detection measures the proportion of correctly classified transactions (fraudulent and non-fraudulent) on unseen test data. However, given the imbalanced nature of the dataset, a high-test accuracy might not necessarily mean the model is effective at detecting fraud. For example, if 99.8% of transactions are non-fraudulent, a model that predicts every transaction as non-fraudulent would still achieve 99.8% accuracy but fail to detect any fraud.



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with a file explorer at the top containing 'test.py', 'app.py', 'credit card fraud detection using machine learning.ipynb', and 'credit_card_data.csv'. The active notebook is 'app.py', which contains the following code:

```
23
24 # train logistic regression model
25 model = LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000)
26 model.fit(X_train, y_train)
27
28 # evaluate model performance
29 train_acc = accuracy_score(model.predict(X_train), y_train)
30 test_acc = accuracy_score(model.predict(X_test), y_test)
31
32 # create Streamlit app
33 st.title("Credit Card Fraud Detection Model")
34 st.write("Enter the following features to check if the transaction is legitimate or fraudulent:")
35
36 # create input fields for user to enter feature values
37 input_df = st.text_input('Input All features')
38 input_df_lst = input_df.split(',')
39 # create a button to submit input and get prediction
```

Below the code editor is a terminal window. The terminal shows the command `streamlit run app.py` being executed in a virtual environment. The output indicates that the app is running and provides the local and network URLs: `http://localhost:8501` and `http://10.10.135.206:8501`.

Figure 4.4 Starting of Web Server

Description : To start a web server for your credit card fraud detection app using **Streamlit**, first ensure that Streamlit is installed (`pip install streamlit`). Then, create a Python script (e.g., `app.py`) containing your Streamlit code. To run the web server, navigate to the directory containing your script in the terminal or command prompt and execute the command `streamlit run app.py`. This will launch a local web server, and you can access the app in your browser via the displayed URL (usually <http://localhost:8501>).

To stop the server, you can use `Ctrl+C` in the terminal where it's running. For production deployments, consider using a platform like Streamlit Sharing or a cloud service to host your application.

Credit Card Fraud Detection Model

Enter the following features to check if the transaction is legitimate or fraudulent:

Input All features

Submit

Figure 4.5 Streamlit Web Server

Description : Streamlit's web server allows you to deploy interactive applications with minimal setup. By running a Python script with `streamlit run`, it starts a local server that serves your app, which you can view in your browser at `http://localhost:8501`. This setup is ideal for quick prototyping and development. For broader access, consider deploying to cloud platforms or using Streamlit's sharing services.

Table 4.1 Classification Report

Class	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Support
0	0.90	0.96	0.93	99
1	0.96	0.96	0.93	98
Accuracy	0.93			197
Macro Avg	0.93	0.93	0.93	197
Weighted Avg	0.93	0.93	0.93	197

Description : The classification report shows the performance of the model across two classes (0 and 1). For class 0, the model achieved a precision of 0.90, recall of 0.96, and F1-score of 0.93. For class 1, the precision is 0.96, recall is 0.90, and F1-score is also 0.93. The overall accuracy of the model is 0.93. Both macro and weighted averages for precision, recall, and F1-score are also 0.93, indicating balanced performance across classes. The support column reflects the number of true instances for each class (99 for class 0 and 98 for class 1).

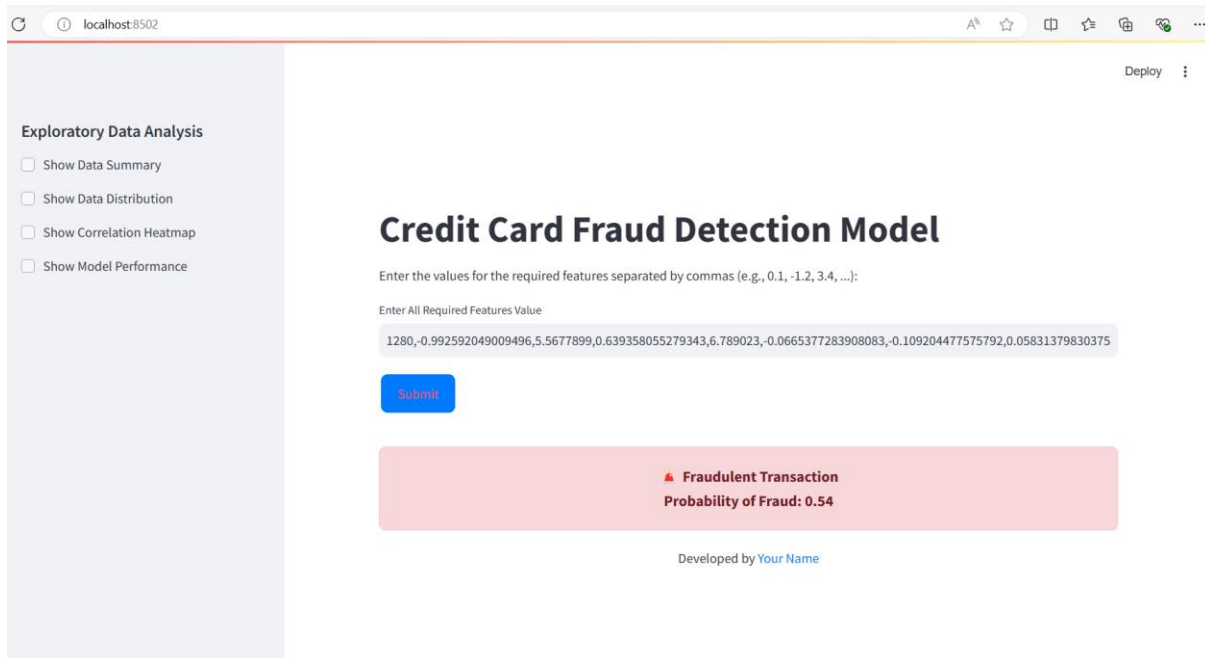


Figure 4.6 Final Prediction

Description: In the final prediction phase of the credit card fraud detection Streamlit application, the user inputs transaction details, and the model analyzes the data to predict whether the transaction is fraudulent or not. Based on the trained logistic regression model, the app outputs a clear result indicating "Fraudulent" or "Not Fraudulent." Additionally, it may display the probability score, providing insight into the confidence level of the prediction. The user-friendly interface allows easy interpretation of results, making it accessible for both technical and non-technical users.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

5.1 Conclusion

In this project, we developed a Credit Card Fraud Detection system using Logistic Regression and deployed it as a web application using Streamlit. The key steps included data preparation, model training, web application development, and model evaluation. We balanced the dataset by under sampling the legitimate transactions to address the class imbalance issue, a common problem in fraud detection datasets. Logistic Regression was chosen for model training due to its simplicity, interpretability, and effectiveness in binary classification problems. The user-friendly web application, developed using Streamlit, allows users to input transaction details and receive predictions on whether the transaction is fraudulent or legitimate. Additionally, the application offers features for Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA), including data summary, distribution visualization, and correlation heatmap. Model performance was evaluated using confusion matrix and classification report, providing insights into the model's accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

5.2 Future Scope

While the current system performs reasonably well, there are several areas for future improvement and expansion. Incorporating more sophisticated machine learning models such as Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, or Neural Networks could potentially improve detection accuracy. Ensemble methods, in particular, could provide better performance by combining the strengths of multiple models. Implementing the system in a real-time environment would require further optimization and integration with transaction processing systems, as real-time detection is crucial for immediate fraud prevention.

Exploring additional features and performing feature engineering could enhance the model's ability to distinguish between legitimate and fraudulent transactions. Domain-specific knowledge could be applied to create new, more predictive features. While undersampling helped balance

the dataset, other techniques like oversampling, SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique), or cost-sensitive learning could be explored to handle the class imbalance more effectively. Enhancing the interpretability of the model's predictions can be valuable for stakeholders, with techniques like SHAP (Shapley Additive explanations) values or LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations) providing insights into why a particular transaction was classified as fraudulent or legitimate.

Improving the user interface and experience of the web application can make it more intuitive and accessible. Adding features like batch processing of transactions, detailed logs, and visual analytics can provide more value to the users. Ensuring the security and privacy of transaction data is paramount, and implementing robust data encryption, access controls, and compliance with data protection regulations will be essential as the system is deployed in real-world scenarios. Finally, as the volume of transactions grows, the system must be scalable to handle large datasets and high throughput. Implementing distributed computing and optimizing the codebase for performance can help achieve scalability. By addressing these areas, the Credit Card Fraud Detection system can be further refined and expanded, providing more accurate, reliable, and user-friendly solutions for combating credit card fraud.

CHAPTER 6

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