



# Enhancing the Loan Approval Process

Predictive Modeling for Home Credit Default Risk  
Loan Approvals

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# Presentation Agenda



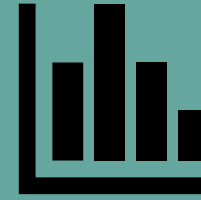
**Predictive Modeling  
Goals**



**Data  
Information/Feature  
Selection**



**Model Fitting**



**Final Models**



**Ethical  
Considerations**

# Predictive Modeling Goals



## Build

Build a predictive model for assessing ability to pay back a loan



## Provide

Provide a comprehensive evaluation of various model types



## Offer

Offer actionable insights and provide a tool to enhance loan approvals

# Data Information

Kaggle: application\_train

- *Main dataset*

Kaggle: bureau

- *Past credits clients have in credit bureau*

*Kaggle: previous\_application*

- *Past applications for home credit loans*

# Data Sample

TARGET	WEEKDAY_APPR_PROCESS_START	HOURLY_APPR_PROCESS_START	...	COLLEGE_FLAG	PREV_APPS	APPROVAL
1	Wednesday	10	...	0	1	Approved
0	Monday	11	...	1	3	Approved
0	Monday	9	...	0	1	Approved

# Feature Selection

Applicant  
Education/Work

Applicant  
Personal  
Information

Loan  
Application  
Information

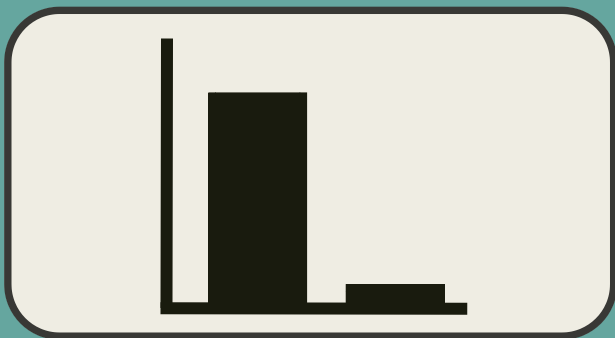
Applicant Loan  
History

Hand-  
Picked Features

All Filtered  
Features

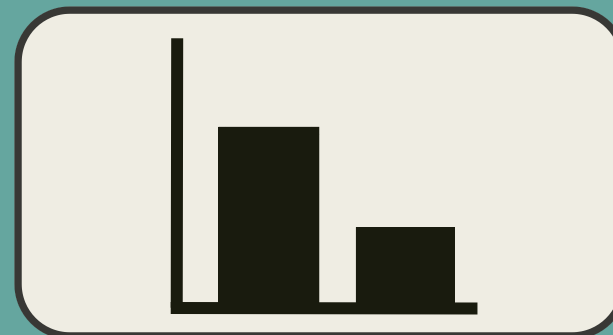
# Addressing Data Imbalance

## Challenge



Approximately 8% of the data did not result in a loan offer.  
Significant imbalance

## Strategy



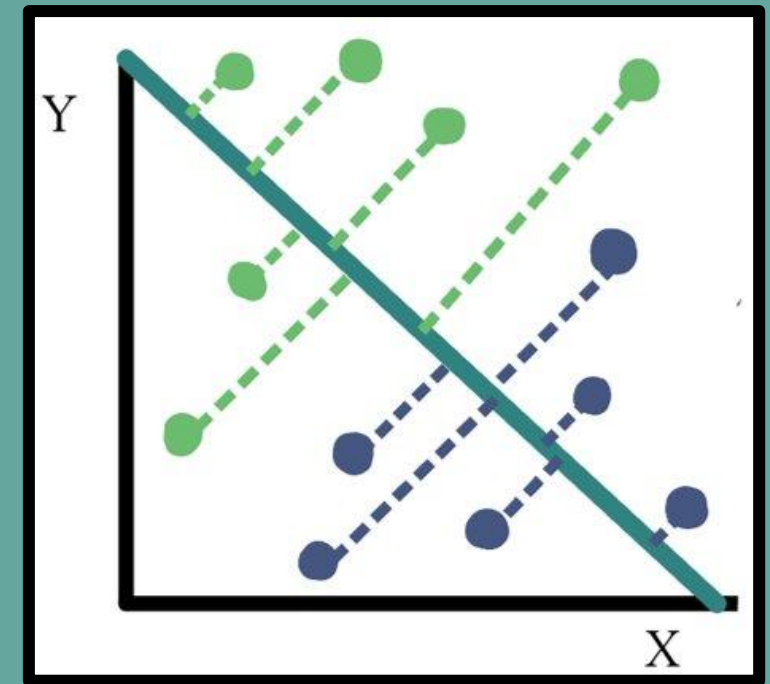
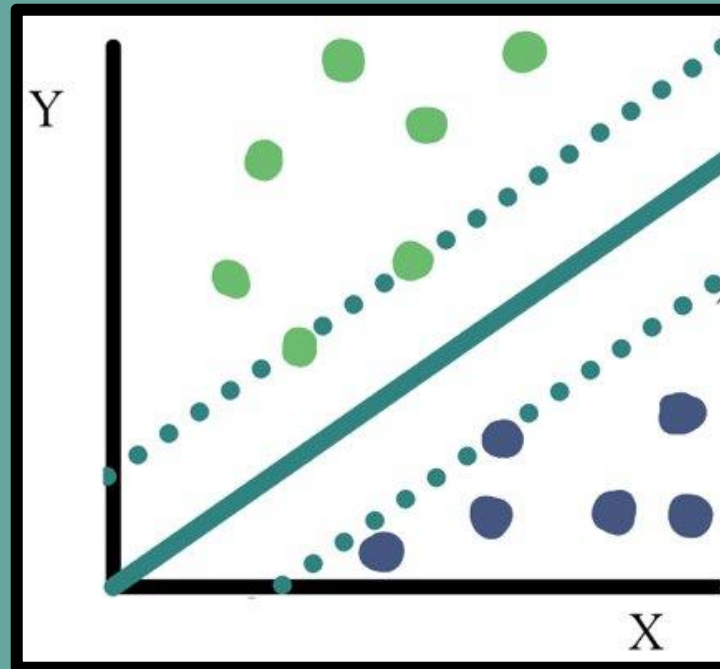
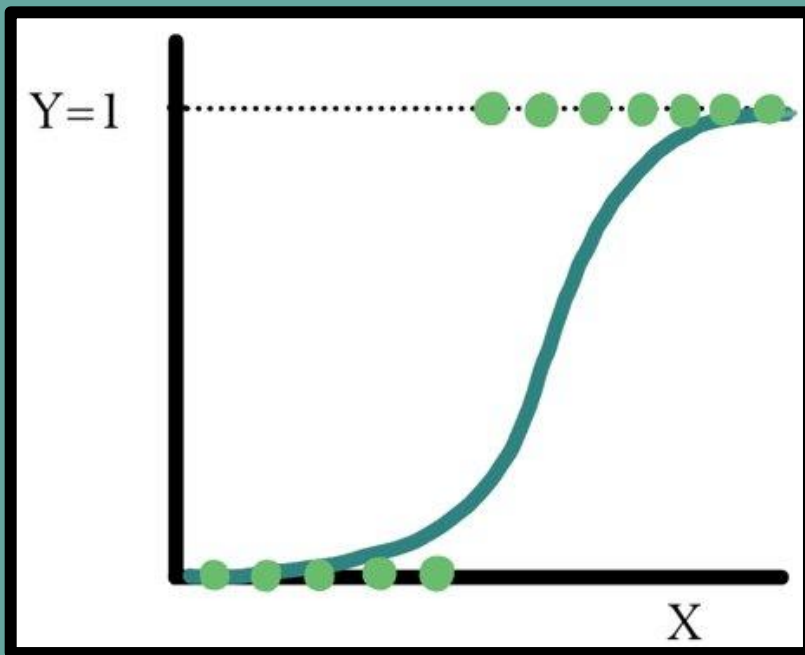
Actively reduce proportion of the cases offered a loan

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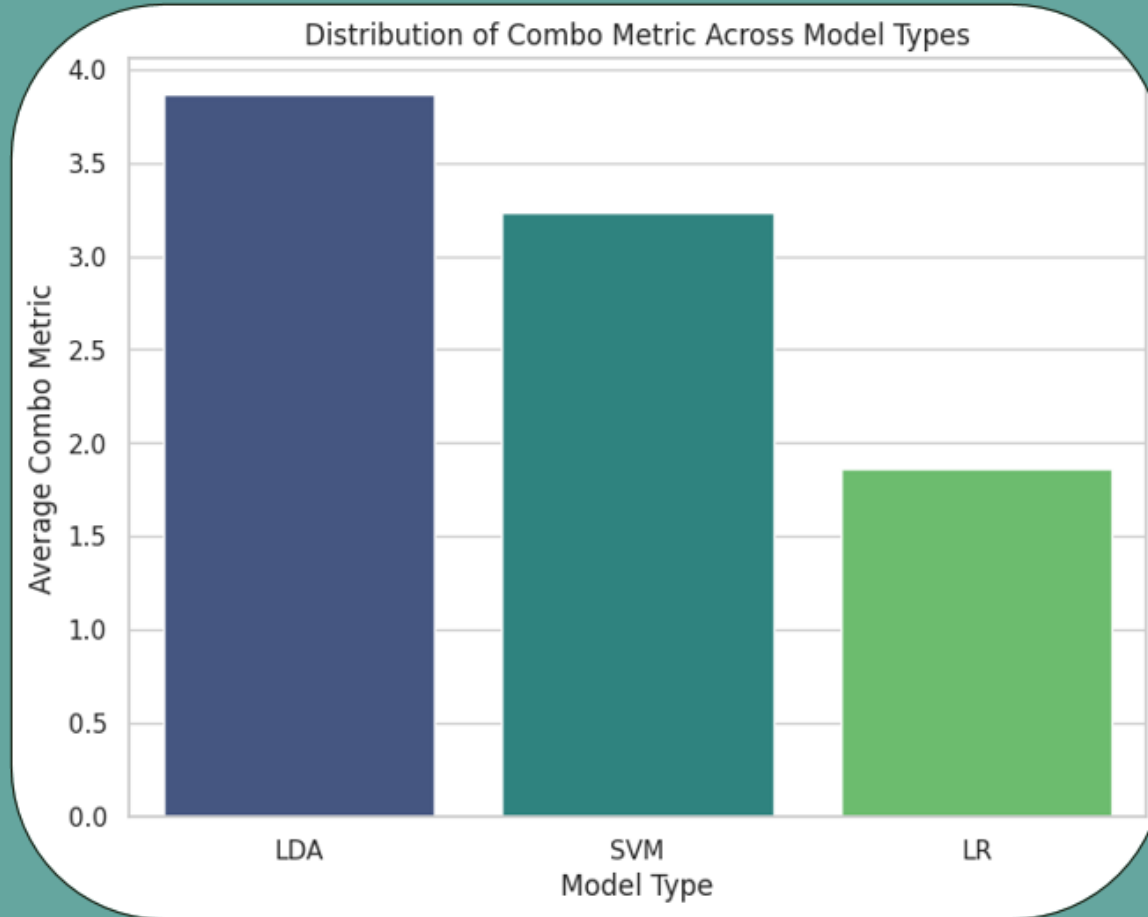
Logistic Regression

Support Vector  
Machine

Linear Discriminant  
Analysis



# Model comparison



Best  
Performance:  
**LDA**

# Best Performing Model

**ROC-AUC**

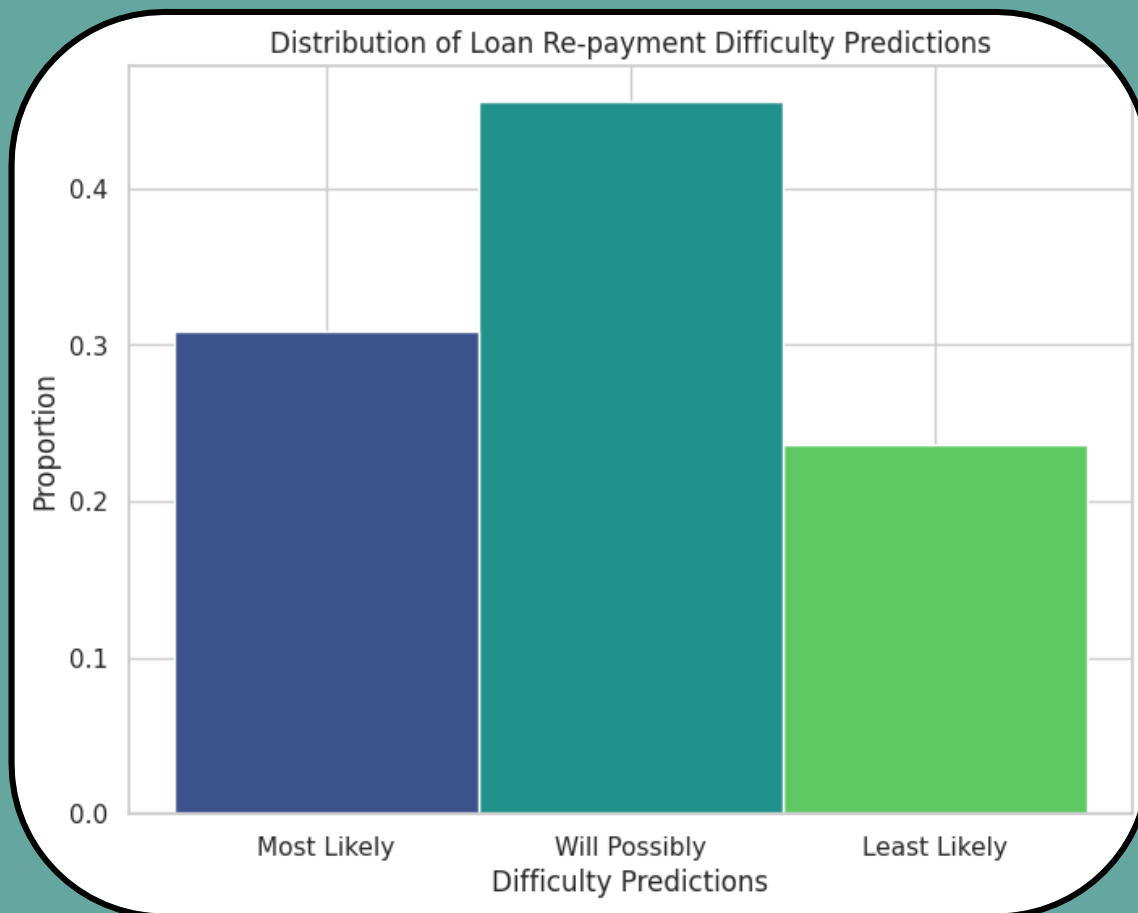
**0.65**

**False Positive  
Rate**

**5.71%**

**Accuracy**

**68%**



**Best  
Performing  
Model Fit**

# Ethical Recommendations

Best Performing Model  
**Demographic Parity: 0.2747**



*Unfair*

Between  
Females  
and  
Males

Most Fair Model  
**Demographic Parity: 1.2315**



*Fair*

Between  
Females  
and  
Males

# Next Steps

**Assess your model needs**

Ethical model?

High-performing model?

**Don't let our model take out the  
human factor**

Use as a resource, rather than the deciding factor