Detecting fraudulent transactions

Identifying questionable transactions to protect banks and consumers



Goal

A national payments network was investing significantly in a new data business.

The primary goal was to detect at least 80% of fraudulent transactions whilst flagging no more than 10 false-positive transactions daily.

Insight and Action

QuantumBlack examined two years' worth of payments data to identify patterns of behaviour.

We worked alongside the inhouse analytics, engineering, and business leadership teams to accelerate the adoption of new techniques and develop a business strategy for bringing new data products to market.

We discovered a new capability to detect fraudulent transactions with greater than 90% accuracy whilst meeting the prescribed false-positive rate on 97% of days.

Results

90%

Accuracy of fraudulent transaction detection

97%

Of days achieved the prescribed false-positive rate

18%

Improvement in fraud detection methods