

Data Imperfection & Data Prep

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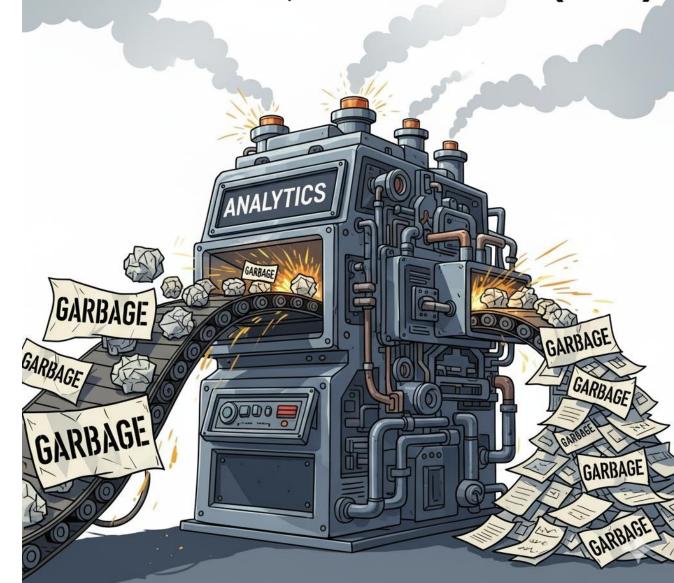
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GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT (GIGO)

Data in the real world is imperfect



Imperfect data contributes to analysis paralysis



Data Quality

According to Gartner, data quality issues cost the average organization \$12.9 million every year.

KEY FINDING Data quality is the top challenge impacting data integrity, and it's negatively affecting other initiatives meant to improve data integrity. Fortunately, data quality is also the top priority for investment in 2024.

2025 Outlook: Data Integrity Trends and Insight, Drexel LeBow's Center for Applied AI and Business Analytics — Precisely

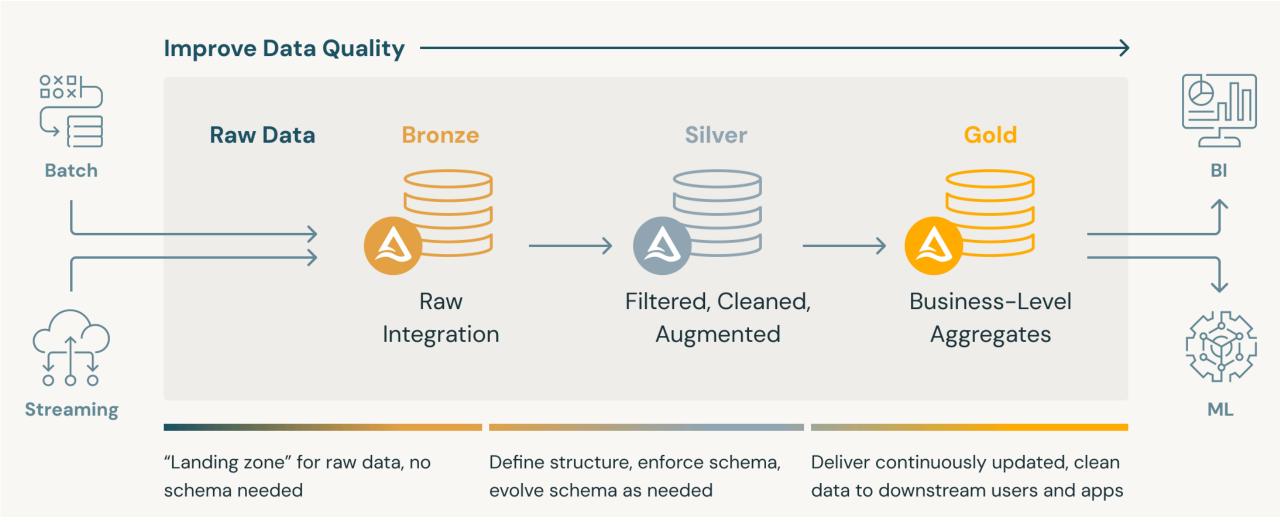
• Data Quality Consistency Data values should not conflict with other values across data sets Accuracy There should be no errors in the data Validity The data should conform to a certain format Data Quality Completeness There should be no missing data

Timeliness The data should be up to date

Uniqueness There should be no duplicates

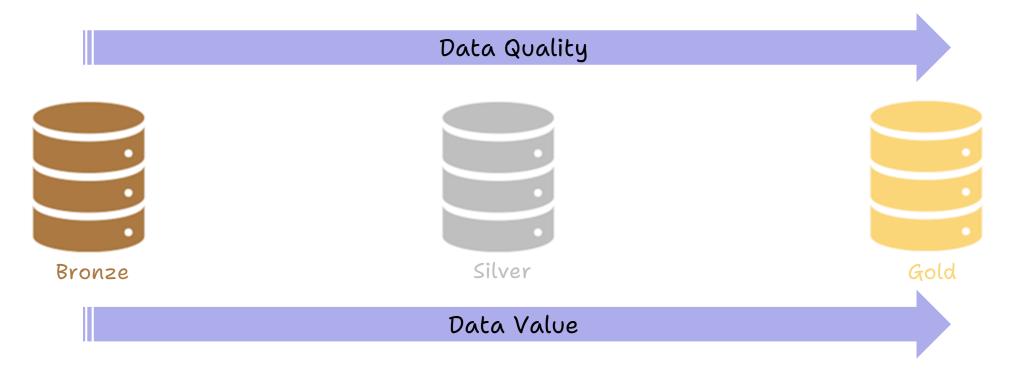
Source: https://www.databricks.com/discover/pages/data-quality-management

• Medallion Architecture





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Sensor logs and machine data ingested directly from factory floor equipment (e.g., temperature, vibration, error codes, raw PLC messages)

Cleaned and joined data streams with sensor readings mapped to equipment IDs, timestamps corrected, outliers removed, and joined with shift schedules or production orders.

Aggregated production KPIs, such as hourly OEE (Overall Equipment Effectiveness), downtime analysis per machine, predictive maintenance alerts, and executive dashboards for decision-making.

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Data Imperfection Aspects

Structure Issues

- "Equip_ID" vs.

 "EquipmentID" in
 different tables.
- Columns labeled "Maint_Date" in one table and "ServiceDt" in another for the same maintenance event, causing misalignment in reliability reports.

Inconsistency

- Dates as "12/05/2025" vs. "05-Dec-2025".
- Vibration in mm/s vs. in/s.
- Failure types as "Mechanical" vs.
 "Mech".
- Run hours as text ("1200 hrs") vs. numeric (1200).
- Nickname vs. full name (e.g., Moh vs. Mohamed) in equipment operator records or "Aramco" vs. "Saudi Aramco" in company data.

Incompleteness

Missing pump temperature readings.

Redundancy

Duplicate conveyor belt maintenance entries.

Imbalance

90% of equipment sensor readings reflect normal operation (e.g., stable vibration levels), while only 10% capture faulty conditions (e.g., high vibration from bearing wear).

Outlier

- Erratic bearing temperature spikes from interference.
- Downtime outlier of 10,000 hours vs. 10 hours.

Data Imperfection Aspects

Structure Issues

Examples:

Header/ column issues

Potential Impact:

- Analytics scripts may fail
- Misaligned data

Mitigation Approach

- Normalize headers
- Remove quotes/newlines
- Standardize names

Inconsistency

Examples:

- Time/date issues,
 Inconsistent units,
 Inconsistent categories,
- Incorrect data types
- Noisy data

Potential Impact:

- Misinterpretation of trends
- calculation errors

Mitigation Approach

- Standardize formats
- Convert units
- Enforce correct data types

Incompleteness

Examples:

Missing data

Potential Impact:

Incomplete analysis

Mitigation Approach

Impute missing values

Redundancy

Examples:

Duplicate data

Potential

Impact:

Biased results

Mitigation

Approach

Remove duplicates

Imbalance

Examples:

Imbalance data

Potential Impact:

Skewed models

Mitigation

Approach

Resampling, filtering

Outlier

Examples:

Outliers

Potential Impact:

reduced prediction accuracy

Mitigation

Approach

Outlier detection and

treatment

• Example: Smart Supply Chain Dataset (DataCo)

	Туре	Days for shipping (real)	Days shipm (schedul	ent Bene	fit per order	Sales per customer	Delivery Status	Late_delivery	/_risk	Category Id	Category Name	Custom Ci		Order Zipcode	Produ Card	Category
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2	CASH	4		4 -247.	779999	309.720001	Shipping on time		0	73	Sporting Goods	San Jos	se	NaN	13	60 73
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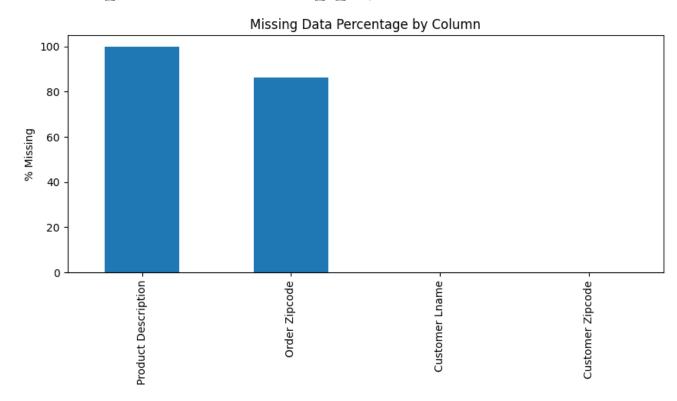


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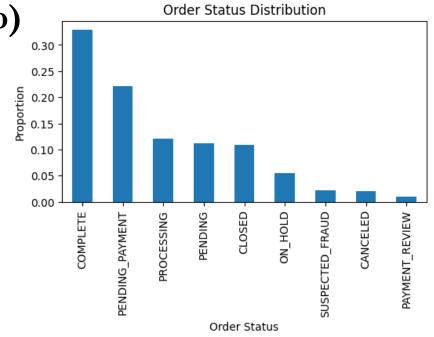
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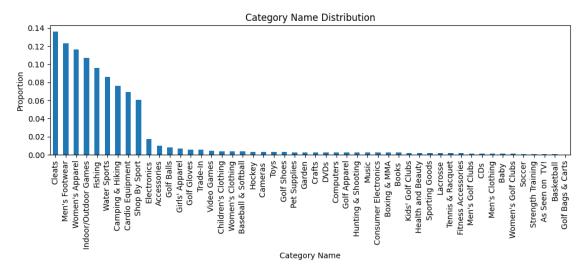
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• Example: Smart Supply Chain Dataset (DataCo)



Unique Order Status values: ['COMPLETE' 'PENDING' 'CLOSED' 'PENDING_PAYMENT' 'CANCELED' 'PROCESSING 'SUSPECTED_FRAUD' 'ON_HOLD' 'PAYMENT_REVIEW']
Unique Customer Country values: ['Puerto Rico' 'EE. UU.']
Unique Order Region values: ['Southeast Asia' 'South Asia' 'Oceania' 'Eastern Asia' 'West Asia' 'West of USA' 'US Center' 'West Africa' 'Central Africa' 'North Africa' 'Western Europe' 'Northern Europe' 'Central America' 'Caribbean' 'South America' 'East Africa' 'Southern Europe' 'East of USA' 'Canada' 'Southern Africa' 'Central Asia' 'Eastern Europe' 'South of USA']





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Potential Impact	Analytics scripts may fail, Misaligned data
Mitigation Approach	Normalize headers, Remove quotes/newlines & Standardize names

```
['line',
'MCCE\nquipment',
'MCCDescription',
 'ProblemsItems',
'Action',
 'jobcompleted',
'Shift'.
'Month',
'IssueDate',
'EndDate',
'Starttime',
'Finishtime',
 'NetTime'.
'D.T Time',
'R.T Time',
'W O',
'M C C',
'PersonFinishJob',
 'SpareStatusandorigin-from',
 'SAPNo',
'SAPCode',
'SpareParts',
'quantity',
'LE/Uintes',
'PMCM',
 'Reason']
```

```
def clean header(col: str) -> str:
   if not isinstance(col, str):
       col = str(col)
    col = col.replace('"', '') # remove quotes
    col = col.replace("'", '') # remove single quotes
   col = col.replace('\r', ' ').replace('\n', ' ') # remove newlines
    col = re.sub(r'\s+', ' ', col) # collapse whitespace
    col = col.strip().lower() # trim + lowercase
    col = col.replace(' ', ' ') # spaces -> underscores
    # remove non-alnum/underscore except Arabic letters
    col = re.sub(r'[^0-9a-zA-Z \u0600-\u06FF]', '', col)
    # collapse multiple underscores
    col = re.sub(r' +', '', col)
    return col
cleaned cols = [clean header(c) for c in df.columns]
cleaned cols
```

https://colab.research.google.com/github/DrAlaaKhamis/ISE518/blob/main/6 Data imperfection/data structure.ipynb

```
['line',
 'mcce quipment',
 'mccdescription',
 'problemsitems',
 'action',
 'jobcompleted',
 'shift'.
 'month',
 'issuedate',
 'enddate',
 'starttime',
'finishtime',
 'nettime',
 'dt time',
 'rt time',
 'w_o',
 'm c c',
 'personfinishjob',
 'sparestatusandoriginfrom',
 'sapno',
 'sapcode',
 'spareparts',
'quantity',
 'leuintes',
 'pmcm',
 'reason'l
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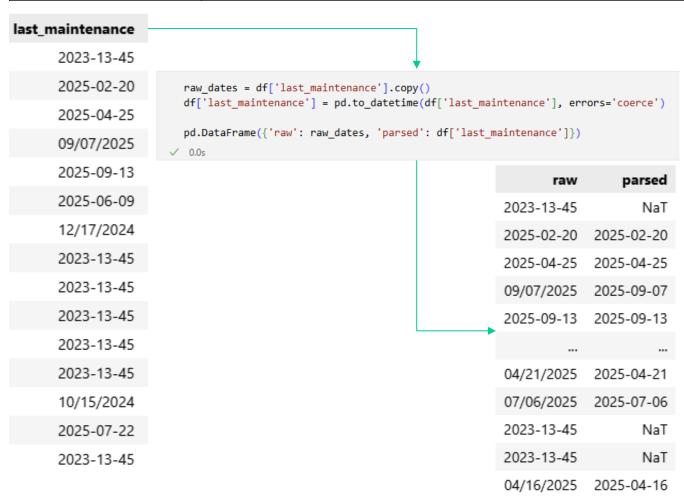
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	maintenance_id	equipment_name	equipment_type	last_maintenance	maintenance_interval	status	temperature	cost
0	1	Equip-1	pump	2023-13-45	199 days	active	53.9	6766.31
1	2	Equip-2	Pump	2025-02-20	845 HRS	maint	83.7	\$8886
2	3	Equip-3	motor	2025-04-25	573 hours	Maintenance	78.9	1069.3
3	4	Equip-4	Motor	09/07/2025	195 hours	ACTIVE	58.9	\$6670
4	5	Equip-5	Motor	2025-09-13	499 HRS	Active	181.1	\$9205
5	6	Equip-6	PUMP	2025-06-09	403 hours	ACTIVE	151.4	665.94
6	7	Equip-7	pump	12/17/2024	261 hrs	active	79.5	\$9849
7	8	Equip-8	VALVE	2023-13-45	982 hours	active	95.3	493.44
8	9	Equip-9	pump	2023-13-45	773 min	Maint	45.3	\$5247
9	10	Equip-10	Valve	2023-13-45	505 hours	ACTIVE	111.2	\$1288
10	11	Equip-11	Pump	2023-13-45	736 min	Maint	78.5	\$4445
11	12	Equip-12	Pump	2023-13-45	457 hrs	Maint	121.2	\$9000
12	13	Equip-13	pump	10/15/2024	641 hrs	Maintenance	147.9	NaN
13	14	Equip-14	Motor	2025-07-22	860 min	maint	42.5	\$5717
14	15	Equip-15	Motor	2023-13-45	749 HRS	DOWN	40.1	NaN

Data Consistency

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```
import re
def interval_to_hours(s):
    if pd.isna(s): return pd.NA
        s=str(s).lower().strip()
        m=re.search(r'(\d+(?:\.\d+)?)\s*(days|day|d|hours|hrs|hr|h)',s)
        if not m: return pd.NA
        val=float(m.group(1)); unit=m.group(2)
        return val*24 if unit in ['days','day','d'] else val

df['maintenance_interval_hours']=df['maintenance_interval'].apply(interval_to_hours)
        df[['maintenance_interval','maintenance_interval_hours']]
```

	maintenance_interval	$maintenance_interval_hours$
0	199 days	4776.0
1	845 HRS	845.0
2	573 hours	573.0
3	195 hours	195.0
4	499 HRS	499.0
95	894 hours	894.0
96	743 hrs	743.0
97	473 days	11352.0
98	235 min	<na></na>
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Data Imputation

Data imputation is a technique for handling missing values in a dataset by replacing them with estimated values to create a complete and usable dataset for analysis or modeling.

Original Data

F1	F2	F3	F4
3.4	100	65	32
4.0	?	85	?
1.3	110	?	56
?	103	43	63
7.8	198	77	45

Imputed Data

F1	F2	F3	F4
3.4	100	65	32
4.0	105	85	44
1.3	110	64	56
4.5	103	43	63
7.8	198	77	45

WARNING

You must understand WHY
do you have missing values
before imputing them

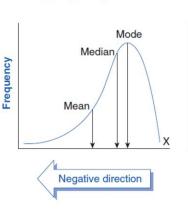
Data Imputation Methods

- Mean/Median/Mode imputation:
 - **Mean:** Best for numerical data that is normally distributed.
 - o **Median:** Better for numerical data with outliers, as it is less sensitive to extreme values.
 - o **Mode:** Used for categorical data, where the missing value is replaced by the most frequent category.

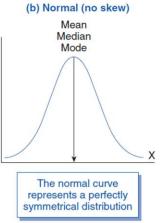


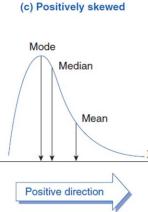






(a) Negatively skewed

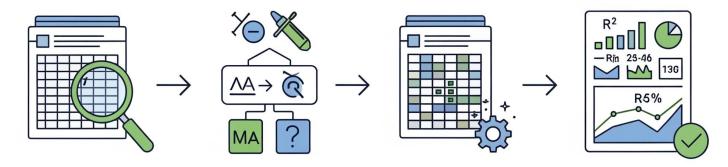




- Forward/Backward fill: For time-series or ordered data, a missing value is replaced by the last or next observed value.
- **Regression imputation:** Uses a regression model to predict the missing value of one variable based on other variables in the dataset.

• Performing Data Imputation

- Identify missing data: detect missing values in the dataset using tools in programming languages like Python (e.g., isnull() or isna() in pandas).
- **Select an imputation strategy:** Choose a method based on the data type, the amount of missing data, the underlying missingness mechanism, and the desired level of accuracy.
- **Perform the imputation:** Implement the chosen technique using a relevant software library.
- **Evaluate imputation quality:** Check the quality of the imputed data by comparing its distribution to the original data and evaluating the performance of a downstream model



Data Imputation Methods

```
import pandas as pd
  # Sample DataFrame with missing values
  df=pd.DataFrame({
      'A':[1,2,None,4],
      'B':[None,2,3,4],
      'C':[1,None,None,4]
  df.head()
   1.0 NaN
   2.0 2.0 NaN
         3.0 NaN
  # Drop rows with any missing values
  df cleaned = df.dropna()
  df cleaned.head()
   A B C
3 4.0 4.0 4.0
  # Replace missing values with a specific value (e.g., 0)
  df_filled = df.fillna(0)
  df filled.head()
   A B C
0 1.0 0.0 1.0
1 2.0 2.0 0.0
2 0.0 3.0 0.0
3 4.0 4.0 4.0
```

```
import numpy as np
   # Sample array with missing values
   arr = np.array([[1, 2, np.nan], [4, np.nan, 6], [7, 8, 9]])
array([[ 1., 2., nan],
      [ 4., nan, 6.],
      [7., 8., 9.]])
   # Identify missing values
   missing mask = np.isnan(arr)
   missing mask
array([[False, False, True],
       [False, True, False],
      [False, False, False]])
   # Handle missing values by replacing them with a specific value (e.g., 0)
   arr_filled = np.where(missing_mask, 0, arr)
   arr filled
array([[1., 2., 0.],
      [4., 0., 6.],
      [7., 8., 9.]])
   # Handle missing values by replacing them with the mean of the columns
   col_means = np.nanmean(arr, axis=0)
```

```
import numpy as np
from scipy.interpolate import interp1d
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Sample array with missing values
x = np.array([0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9])
y=np.array([np.nan,1,np.nan,3,4,np.nan,6,7,np.nan,9])

# Interpolate to fill missing values
mask = ~np.isnan(y)
interp_func = interp1d(x[mask], y[mask], kind='linear', fill_value='extrapolate')
y_filled = interp_func(x)

# Plot original and filled data
plt.plot(x, y, 'o', label='Original Data')
plt.plot(x, y_filled, '-', label='Interpolated Data')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

```
Original Data
Interpolated Data

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```

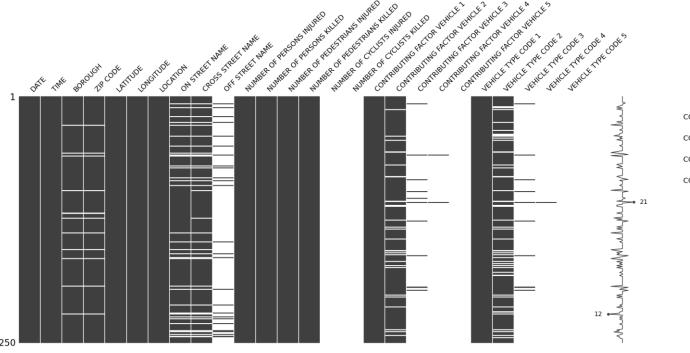
• Data Imputation: Maintenance Data

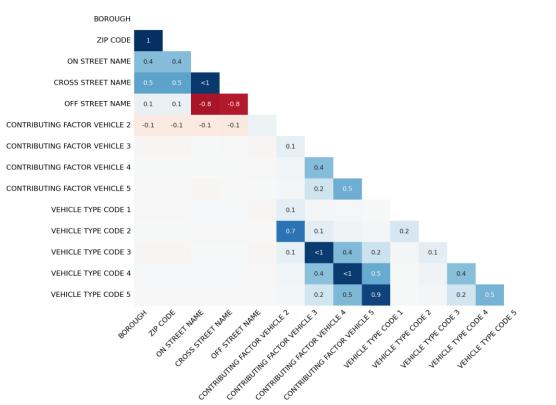
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0	1	Equip-1	pump	2023-13-45	199 days	active	53.9	6766.31	demo.isna().sum()	
1	2	Equip-2	Pump	2025-02-20	845 HRS	maint	NaN	\$8886		
2	3	Equip-3	motor	2025-04-25	573 hours	NaN	78.9	1069.3	maintenance id	0
3	4	Equip-4	Motor	09/07/2025	195 hours	ACTIVE	58.9	\$6670	equipment name	9
4	5	Equip-5	Motor	2025-09-13	499 HRS	Active	181.1	NaN	 =	9
5	6	Equip-6	PUMP	2025-06-09	403 hours	ACTIVE	151.4	665.94	equipment_type last maintenance	9
6	7	Equip-7	pump	12/17/2024	261 hrs	active	79.5	\$9849	maintenance interval	0
7	8	Equip-8	VALVE	2023-13-45	982 hours	active	95.3	493.44	status	1
8	9	Equip-9	pump	2023-13-45	773 min	Maint	45.3	\$5247	temperature	1
9	10	Equip-10	Valve	2023-13-45	505 hours	ACTIVE	111.2	\$1288	cost	13
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cate	<pre>gorical_cols = [c for c in demo.columns if c not in numeric_col</pre>
# Fo	r numeric columns
for	col in numeric_cols:
	<pre>if demo[col].isna().any():</pre>
	<pre>demo[col] = demo[col].fillna(demo[col].median())</pre>
# Fo	r categorical columns
for	col in categorical_cols:
	if demo[col].isna().any():
	<pre>mode_val = demo[col].mode().iloc[0]</pre>
	<pre>demo[col] = demo[col].fillna(mode val)</pre>

	maintenance_id	equipment_name	equipment_type	last_maintenance	maintenance_interval	status	temperature	cost
0	1	Equip-1	pump	2023-13-45	199 days	active	53.90	6766.31
1	2	Equip-2	Pump	2025-02-20	845 HRS	maint	81.95	\$8886
2	3	Equip-3	motor	2025-04-25	573 hours	maint	78.90	1069.3
3	4	Equip-4	Motor	09/07/2025	195 hours	ACTIVE	58.90	\$6670
4	5	Equip-5	Motor	2025-09-13	499 HRS	Active	181.10	6766.31
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• Data Imputation: NYC Collision Data





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• Data Imputation: Maintenance Data

```
# Create DataFrame with duplicate rows
df = pd.DataFrame({
    'A': [1, 2, 2, 4],
    'B': [5, 6, 6, 8],
    'C': [9, 10, 10, 12]
})
df.head()
```

```
      A
      B
      C

      0
      1
      5
      9

      1
      2
      6
      10

      2
      2
      6
      10

      3
      4
      8
      12
```

```
# Remove duplicate rows
df_no_duplicates = df.drop_duplicates()
df_no_duplicates.head()
```

```
    A
    B
    C

    0
    1
    5
    9

    1
    2
    6
    10

    3
    4
    8
    12
```

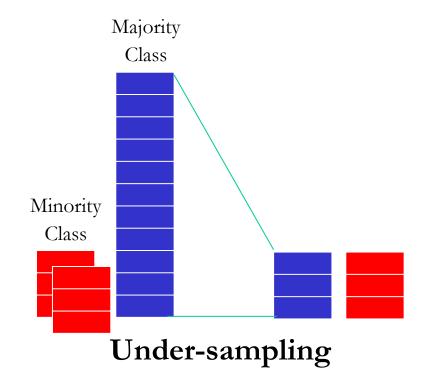
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Imbalanced data occurs when certain classes or values appear much more frequently than others in a dataset. This can cause predictive models to be biased toward the majority class and perform poorly on the minority class, which is often of greater interest (such as fraud detection or rare diseases).

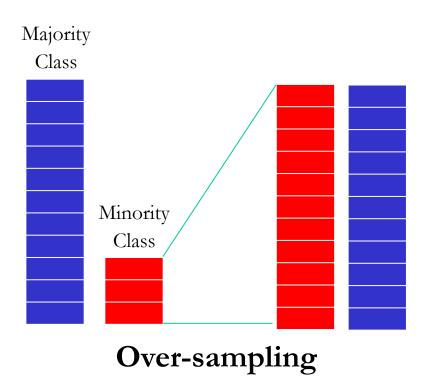
- One or more classes greatly outnumber others.
- Leads to biased or misleading model performance.
- Requires special techniques for detection and correction (e.g., resampling, balanced metrics).



Data Sampling



In under-sampling, we reduce the number of observations from all classes but the minority class

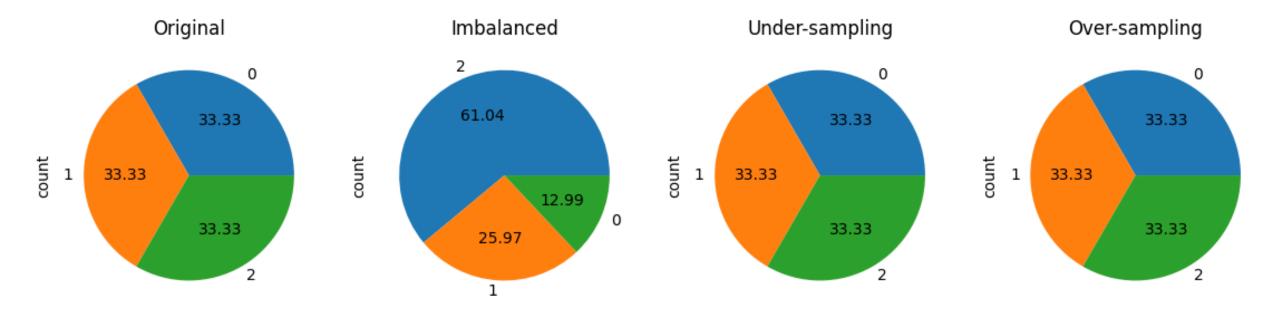


In over-sampling, we generate new samples in the classes which are under-represented

• Data Sampling: Iris Dataset

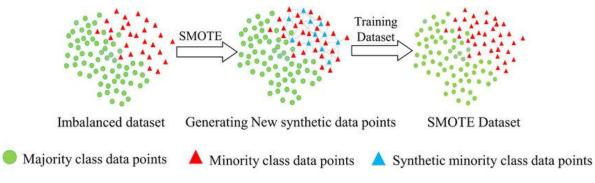
Iris dataset includes three iris species with 50 samples each as well as some properties about each flower. One flower species is linearly separable from the other two, but the other two are not linearly separable from each other.

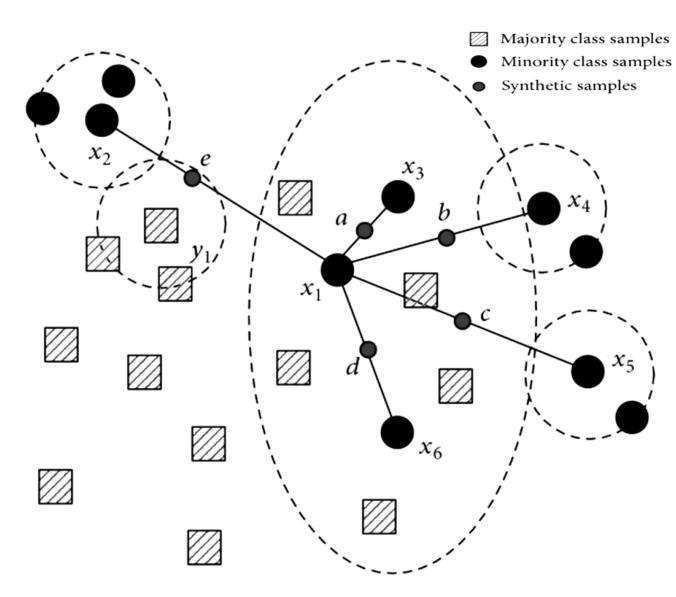
	sepal length (cm)	sepal width (cm)	petal length (cm)	petal width (cm)
0	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2
1	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2
2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2
3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2
4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2



Sampling using SMOTE

Using SMOTE, the minority class is oversampled by taking each minority class sample and introducing synthetic examples along the line segments joining any/all of the k minority class nearest neighbors. Depending upon the amount of over-sampling required, neighbors from the k nearest neighbors are randomly chosen.





SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique)

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Handling data imbalance using SMOTE

```
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
# Create binary target: 1 for fatal, 0 for non-fatal
collisions["fatal"] = (collisions["NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED"] > 0).astype(int)
# Use correct feature names
X = collisions[[
    "NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED",
    "NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS INJURED",
    "NUMBER OF CYCLISTS INJURED" # <-- fixed here
]].fillna(0)
y = collisions["fatal"]
print("Original class distribution:")
print(y.value_counts())
# Apply SMOTE
smote = SMOTE(random_state=42)
X_resampled, y_resampled = smote.fit_resample(X, y)
print("\nAfter SMOTE class distribution:")
print(pd.Series(y resampled).value counts())
```



```
Original class distribution:
fatal
0 7296
1 7
Name: count, dtype: int64

After SMOTE class distribution:
fatal
0 7296
1 7296
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

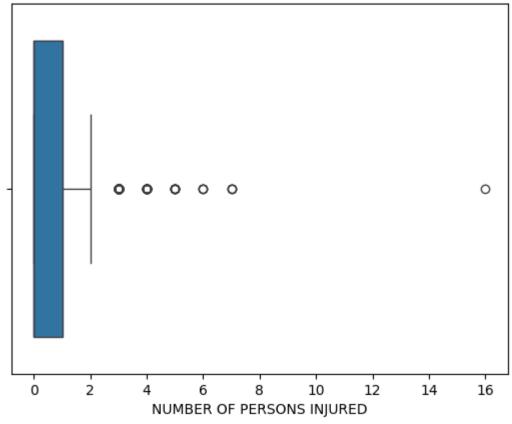
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Outliers

Outliers are data points that differ significantly from other observations. They may result from data entry errors, measurement variability, or genuine rare events. Outliers can distort statistical analyses and model training if not properly addressed.

- Values much higher or lower than most other data.
- Can indicate errors or rare, important cases.
- Affect summary statistics and model training; may require detection and handling.

Boxplot: Number of Persons Injured



Rows with most persons injured:

	NUMBER OF	PERSONS	INJURED	ZIP CODE	CONTRIBUTING FACTOR VEHICLE 1
2626			16	11435.0	Failure to Yield Right-of-Way
4797			7	NaN	Failure to Yield Right-of-Way
696			7	10454.0	Failure to Yield Right-of-Way
6940			7	11208.0	Failure to Yield Right-of-Way
3046			6	11434.0	Failure to Yield Right-of-Way