Assignment 2 – CMP3749M Big Data

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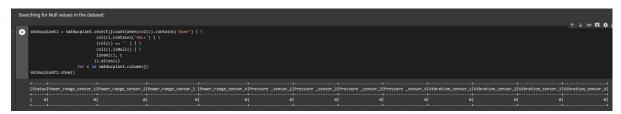
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Task 1 – Analysis of Nuclear Plants dataset (2500 words)

1.1 − Dataset groups:

Upon being given some datasets to analyse for this assignment, we must first consider the integrity and validity of the data. This process ensures that there are no missing values or duplicates from erroneous input before planning out data insights.

Below you can see the code implemented to irradicate any None, NULL or NaN values from the dataset so that we can delve deeper into this task.



As shown underneath the code box, the results show the number of erroneous results per column; evidently, there is no missing data in the datasets given. Therefore, the methods to dealing with this issue will be discussed throughout.

What is missing data:

Missing data is when a value, for whatever reason, is not present in the dataset where it can be assumed that it should be. This can offer occur due to human error in cases such as:

- -Data has been omitted by the user and has not been given.
- -Data has been deleted or manipulated incorrectly which can lead to missing values or data corruption.
- -Data cleaning method not covering all types of invalid datatypes; thus, they remain among justified data.
- -Data entry is empty
- -A data breach has occurred and unauthorised access to the data will result in unwanted effects; data has been tampered with. (Irwin, L. 2022)

All of these are prevalent issues faced in data science when creating insights and predictions into the future and use cases of the datasets, especially so when human error is involved as this is the cause of a good portion of mishaps in maintaining and securing large scale dataframes. Nonetype values are represented differently depending on the library that manipulates the dataframe. For example, in the Pandas dataframe, Nonetype values are represented as "NaN" which stands for "Not a Number", or in a PySpark dataframe these values are shown as "Null". These erroneous results can be filtered out using the loop shown in the figure above. The code above also filters out any other unwanted values like "None" or empty entries as in evaluation, these entries have no weight at all and could throw off a comparison. (Tamboli, N. 2021. 1-3)

As for why the data is missing; there are various patterns that have been studied of where and why data has been verified as invalid. These include topologies such as Missing At Random (MAR), Missing Not At Random (MNAR) and Missing Completely At Random (MCAR). (Tamboli, N. 2021, 4)

Beneath some case studies will be discussed and give some insight into how each pattern may occur.

MAR – Data that is Missing At Random is a pattern in which the data is conditionally missing when the probability of the data missing depends on the data that is observed. for example, it is not completely missing at random, but it is related to other variables in the given dataset. Another example of this pattern would be that we can analyse the where and why the data is missing, hypothetically in the context of the nuclear power plant dataset, if the data were more likely to be missing based on the Status being abnormal than normal, then we can classify this as Missing At Random based on this condition. (Tamboli, N. 2021, 6)

MNAR – Data which is classified as Missing Not At Random is often a sign that the data that is missing, has been made deliberately so. This could range from the user cleaning out the database based on a condition, to the data entry having omitted fields. An example of data cleaning would be that if there were too many missing data entries, then there are two methods which will determine the next steps. These being either deleting the columns or rows where there are many missing entries or using data imputation to predict a value to substitute for the empty field. In order to classify data as MNAR, we must use different methods to ensure that there is no underlying condition for the missing data. These methods include little's MCAR test, a sensitivity analysis and even a visual inspection in some cases. A sensitivity analysis runs and algorithm that tests the rate of missingness against conclusions of statistical analysis in order to detect any kind of bias between relationships of variables in correlation to given conclusions. In our context, the decision to remove or predict data is very dangerous because formulating data that could determine the coolant dispersion rate of a nuclear power plant could lead to a complete meltdown if a prediction is even slightly wrong, very real proof of this concept would be the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster; although not the direct cause, very likely to be a contributing factor. (Tamboli, N. 2021, 7)

MCAR – Data that is Missing Completely At Random is missing data that has no linkable relationship to other variables. A sure-fire way to determine this is through Little's MCAR test, only after all other variable relationships have been ruled out as this method will assume there are no connections or correlations. This method is especially good at confirming that the missing data is actually Missing Completely At Random, because it tests the null hypothesis, runs the data through a complex algorithm and returns a p-value; if the value is above 0.05 this usually means that the data has some underlying relationship that is not MCAR. To put this into context, if data is missing as such then it shows that there is a major fault somewhere in the system and immediate action must be taken or very real consequences may occur.(Tamboli, N. 2021, 5)

1.2 – Splitting Dataframe by Status:

To correctly prepare this dataset, it is important that we separate the values into the two groups of subjects: Normal and Abnormal. This is a necessary step before we can properly analyse and isolate relevant data to use in our evaluation. This is especially the case with a nuclear power plant as the representation of "Normal" values must show clear differences otherwise temperature readings are potentially random which are likely to cause real world consequences.

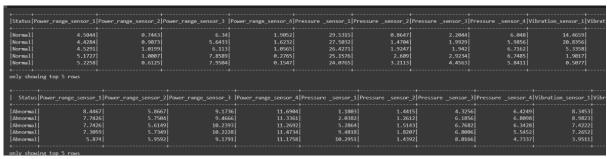
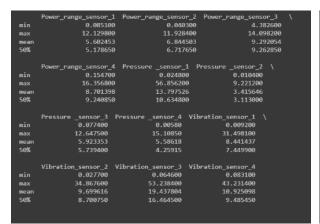


Figure 1. dataset splits by status

As seen in the figure above, the data has been split by the status column before the evaluation has started.



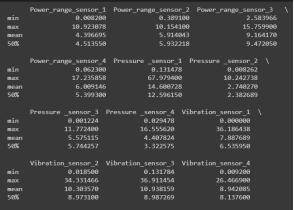


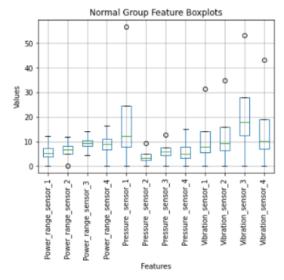
Figure 2. Normal Status stats

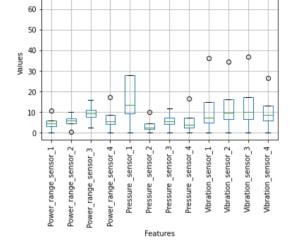
Figure 3. Abnormal Status stats

As seen in Figures 2 and 3, the minimum, maximum, mean and median values have all been extracted from each column separately as a step of pre-processing the dataset for our analysis.

These values are necessary in order to create boxplots for each data split as infographics help the viewer to better understand the correlations between datasets better than just visually scanning the numbers individually.

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Abnormal Group Feature Boxplots

Figure 4. Normal Status Boxplots

Figure 5. Abnormal Status Boxplots

In both figures 4 and 5, the split datasets have been formatted into boxplots so that the stakeholder may better understand the niche differences between the statuses. Something to note is that although the graphs look similar, the scales very slightly differ; the abnormal group has as maximum value difference of roughly 10 for Pressure_sensor_1. Even though the pattern of the results looks similar, the abnormal results display slight differences in value whether above the norm or beneath, hence the Abnormal status.

1.3 – Correlation Matrix:

A correlation matrix is an effective way to measure the relationship or likelihood of two different variables, this is done by comparing a dataset's fields to one another and returning a value between 1 and -1 based on the similarities. This is calculated by plotting all the points of the dataset on a graph and drawing a line of best fit through the points; the closer the points to the line the stronger the correlation, also the direction of the line is important; upward facing means positive, the inverse is also true for both factors. Although Correlation does not imply causation, the linear dependence of each variable must be further studied before drawing any conclusions about their relationships. A good example of this conundrum is "women who are more educated tend to have lesser children. Women who are less educated tend to have more children, it's a general observation. If you look at the population of developed and under-developed countries and look at their national education index, the two seem to be correlated but we can't say education makes you produce lesser babies." Thus correlation is a better suggestion than an ultimatum. (M, Krishnan, website)

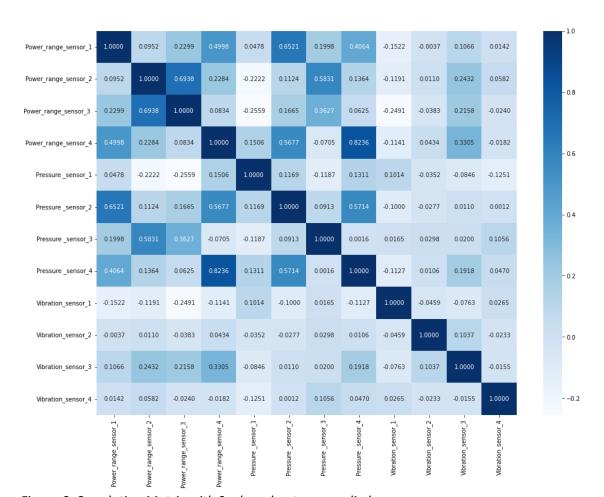


Figure 6. Correlation Matrix with Seaborn heatmap applied

1.4 – Train and test data splits

In order to train machine learning models, the data must be split into training and testing datasets so that the algorithm can be trained to predict or measure something, then the test dataset can be used for the evaluation of the model; accuracy of the measurement and various other metrics can be tested as a result of this.

While the 70:30 split is often a viable choice for a lot of machine learning models, there will be cases where the datasets will need to be split differently as discrepancies in dataset sizes might cause overfitting or underfitting, causing huge miscalculations in model predictions and evaluation. Typically, as the dataset gets bigger, the split of testing data gets smaller as the amount of testing and validation data doesn't scale directly with the volume of the dataset. The most common split in practice is a 80/20 split as this follows the Pareto principle which states that "for many outcomes, roughly 80% of consequences come from 20% of causes" (Chappelow, J. (n.d.)), meaning that 80% of the dataset can be applied to testing and the other 20% for testing for a generally good result with low variance; this leaves a decent segment of the data still to test the model on unseen data to truly evaluate the models metrics. (Asana. 2021)

```
#train test split 70%:30%
randOrder = dataIndexed.orderBy(rand())

##assign train and test sets by shuffled order

[randSplitTraining, randSplitTesting] = randOrder.randomSplit([0.7,0.3], seed=1234)

print(randSplitTraining.count())

print(randSplitTesting.count())

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295
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Figure 7. Train and Test data split count

As seen in figure 7 above, a 70% training to 30% testing data split has been employed, this is a safe bet as the dataset that's being analysed is relatively small in terms of big data scale, otherwise it is safe to assume that the 80% to 20% split would suffice as explained above.

1.5 – Model training and evaluation

In the evaluation of this dataset, 3 separate machine learning models were trained and evaluated against 3 performance metrics; A decision tree, Support Vector Machine and an Artificial Neural Network were tested for error rate, sensitivity and specificity.

It is important to understand how these models work so these will be briefly discussed beneath:

A Decision Tree is a computationally heavy model as it will search through the dataset, figure out the best values to split by based on information gain, create a node and split the data directly between the found value. The model will store all the leaf nodes and logic for each, traversing the entire tree for even the smallest of decisions. Despite this, the model is especially good for finding and working with datasets with exceedingly complex relationships or large volume datasets. (Quinlan, J.R. 1996. 71-72)

A Support Vector Machine is a supervised learning algorithm that maps the input data into a "feature space" where patterns of the data, such as linear separability are tested the SVM will calculate the maximally effective boundary to split the data by a support vector that shares value with the boundary. Once a boundary has been established then data classification can begin by filtering data based on the side of the boundary it lies. SVMs are especially good at dealing with lots of features or variables, even when the dataset's lengths are imbalanced. (Pradhan, A. 2012. 83-84)

An Artificial Neural Network is comprised of layers of interconnected nodes, referred to as neurons, transmit data to one another from an input layer, through a pre-determined number of hidden layers. When each layer receives the input data, it is transformed and tested through some mathematical activation functions, which are influenced by the weighting of given parameters. Finally, these weights are used to optimise the models performance using an algorithm called gradient descent which works to minimise the difference between predicted and ground truth values. (Jerez et al. 2010 3.3.1)

```
[[125 34]
[ 28 108]]

pred accuracy: 0.7898305084745763
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Error Rate (to 5d.p.): 0.21017

Sensitivity (to 5d.p.): 0.78616

Specificity (to 5d.p.): 0.79412
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Figure 8. Decision Tree metrics

Figure 9. SVM metrics

Confusion Matrix:

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confusion Matrix:
    [[140 19]
    [ 36 100]]

pred accuracy: 0.8135593220338984
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Error Rate (to 5d.p.): 0.18644

Sensitivity (to 5d.p.): 0.8805

Specificity (to 5d.p.): 0.73529
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Figure 10. ANN metrics

As seen in Figures 8-10, the metrics tested have varying results, especially the Confusion Matrix seen atop each figure. These are structured to show the True positive, False Positive, False Negative and True Negative values from the testing data split on the trained classification model. (Visa, S. 2011. 121) Error rate is the comparison of all false values against all true values (Visa, S. 2011. 121), sensitivity is the comparison of true positive over actual positive values and finally specificity is the comparison of true negative results against actual negative results. (Marino et al. 2013)

Ultimately, the decision tree has the better prediciton accuracy, specificity and lowest error rate, making this the most accurate model for this context. The dataset has a correct prediction rate of over 75% making it valid for machine learning classifying of the statuses Normal or Adnormal entries from the power plant.

Task 2 – MapReduce for Margie Travel dataset

The analysis of the datasets provided by Margie Travel has been undertaken with the use of Hadoop's MapReduce programming model, which excels in manipulating large datasets in parallel using distributed processing systems. MapReduce works by splitting the dataset into smaller chunks based on a pair of decisive values; the map function is called upon every record to generate a key value pair prepare the data in the correct format for the Reduce function in the next step. The Mapping stage also shuffles and sorts the mapped pairs based on the similarity between keys (Mastering Hadoop page 31). for an example see Figure 11's heading "Sort" and "Merge" sections for a visual representation.

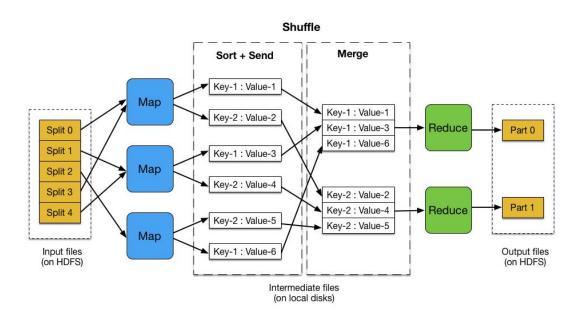


Figure 11. MapReduce example from Sunlab (www.sunlab.org)

The Reduce stage of the MapReduce methodology is where all the sorted and shuffled chunks are merged into one singular map for output, to summarise all the results into a reusable RDD variable. The number of nodes required for a for a reduce task is determined by a parameter fed into the function, which by default is 1 if not specified, which runs a great risk of overloading a particular node and causing data spill (mastering Hadoop page 50).

It is also important to note that we are using the AComp_Passenger_data_no_error dataset rather than the original file, AComp_Passenger_data. Although data cleaning is not out of the scope, we will are going to use the two files independently to make the comparison of filtered against unfiltered datasets for the analyses. In the uncleaned dataset there are various erroneous entries containing either Null values or entirely empty entries, the invalid entries can be either removed entirely or we could potentially use data imputation to predict the missing values if only a couple fields are empty. Another issue that should be noted is that a portion of the fields have either incorrect values or the data hasn't been formatted correctly for the field. For example, there are some airport codes that have symbols in, entry number 204's airport departure code is "A;S", wherein symbols are invalid or certainly unexpected for the formatting of an airport code. In this case, the data must be verified by the airport before evaluating further as running any correlation algorithms will yield incorrect results; erroneous entries will throw off prediction weighting and decrease true accuracy greatly.

The Datetime datasets results match up exactly with the results I gained from the conversion and calculation of datetime as seen in 2.2, the only difference in the results is that the formatting of the values is different; my results are formatted to include the date.

2.1 – Airport Usage.

As seen in Figure 12, It has been discovered that the Denver airport, code DEN, has accumulated the highest number of flights departing from it, the next highest being 5 different airports at 2 flights each. It is important that we can conclude these things because after data cleaning this dataset can be effectively used to make predictions and potentially map out insights for future usage.

```
Airport DEN has appeared 3 times
Airport JFK has appeared 1 times
Airport ORD has appeared 2 times
Airport KUL has appeared 2 times
Airport MAD has appeared 1 times
Airport LHR has appeared 1 times
Airport CGK has appeared 2 times
Airport MUC has appeared 1 times
Airport AMS has appeared 1 times
Airport DFW has appeared 1 times
Airport MIA has appeared 1 times
Airport CDG has appeared 1 times
Airport CAN has appeared 2
Airport IAH has appeared 2 times
Airport LAS has appeared 1 times
Airport CLT has appeared 1 times
Airport ATL has appeared 2 times
Airport PVG has appeared 1 times
Airport FCO has appeared 1 times
Airport BKK has appeared 1 times
Airport PEK has appeared 1 times
Airport HND has appeared 1 times
Below is a list of airports that have no flights:
['LAX', 'FRA', 'HKG', 'DXB', 'SIN', 'SFO', 'PHX', 'IST']
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Figure 12. Airport usage.

Another segment to this investigation was to collect a list of all airports that have no departures in this dataset, at the bottom of Figure 12 you can see the list of the codes not used.

2.2 – Passengers per flight and flight times.

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Flight	SQU6245R	departs	from	DEN	at	17:14,	arriving	at	FRA	at	10:43,	with	21	passengers.
Flight	XX04064B	departs	from	JFK	at	17:05.	arriving	at	FRA	at	06:27.	with	25	passengers.
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Flight	PME81785	departs	from	DEN	at	17:13.	arriving	at	PEK	at	15:15.	with	18	passengers.
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Figure 13. Full flight information

In order of the flights first occurring in the dataset, Figure 13 shows a variety of information found from this investigation, including the departure and arrival times of each flight and the number of passengers on each flight. This was achieved by using map to collate all entries in the dataset by taking all columns necessary and reducing by the key of each key value pair to count all instances of the same flight IDs in parallel with one another. To get the timestamps for each flight the Unix epoch code and unformatted integer were passed through custom functions to calculate both instances of time shown in this investigation.

2.3 - Total Nautical Miles travelled

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Passenger UES9151GS5 accumulated 132026.8516084164 nautical miles
Passenger BWI0520BG6 accumulated 124877.43077719095 nautical miles
Passenger DAZ3029XA0 accumulated 123221.24192152942 nautical miles
Passenger SPR4484HA6 accumulated 122395.49033551376 nautical miles
Passenger PUD82090G3 accumulated 115942.80142856004 nautical miles
Passenger WBE6935NU3 accumulated 99270.6931500715 nautical miles
Passenger HCA3158QA6 accumulated 97102.59986851209 nautical miles
Passenger WYU2010YH8 accumulated 96844.57147002101 nautical miles
Passenger JJM4724RF7 accumulated 93147.21911000309 nautical miles
Passenger CKZ3132BR4 accumulated 92832.79793950269 nautical miles
Passenger EZC9678QI6 accumulated 89419.94124146449 nautical miles
Passenger LLZ3798PE3 accumulated 84190.57755153331 nautical miles
Passenger HGO4350KK1 accumulated 81887.9219352002 nautical miles
Passenger POP2875LH3 accumulated 81122.66332327103 nautical miles
Passenger CXN7304ER2 accumulated 78832.6331209729 nautical miles
Passenger YMH6360YP0 accumulated 76343.53544752272 nautical miles
Passenger VZY2993ME1 accumulated 73773.0084819783 nautical miles
Passenger EDV2089LK5 accumulated 70509.91998052782 nautical miles
Passenger JBE2302VO4 accumulated 69079.99332739634 nautical miles
Passenger SJD8775RZ4 accumulated 67526.64993984473 nautical miles
Passenger XFG5747ZT9 accumulated 66495.08874440922 nautical miles
Passenger CDC0302NN5 accumulated 63183.804415471124 nautical miles
Passenger MXU9187YC7 accumulated 61108.84127858806 nautical miles
Passenger WTC9125IE5 accumulated 59677.48335596712 nautical miles
Passenger KKP5277HZ7 accumulated 58621.720671994444 nautical miles Passenger ONL0812DH1 accumulated 54287.14124382211 nautical miles
Passenger CYJ0225CH1 accumulated 54253.08085093294 nautical miles
Passenger IEG9308EA5 accumulated 42062.85490750052 nautical miles
Passenger PIT2755XC1 accumulated 36117.04632723889 nautical miles
Passenger PAJ3974RK1 accumulated 34267.70881103935 nautical miles
Passenger UMH6360YP0 accumulated 3344.994467200869 nautical miles
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Figure 14. User Distance ranking in descending order.

For the final evaluation of the Margie Travel dataset, we were tasked with calculating the total nautical miles travelled by each passenger and rank them in descending order so the top passenger can be identified. This is a useful metric to evaluate as in the real world it could be used to offer loyalty discounts to the most loyal customers or compare this to other metrics and figure out what makes someone want to travel more or scale up their ticket.

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