

# Assignment – Group Work

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## Week 4 Assignment: Data Handling and Predictive Modeling

### Introduction

This assignment involves analyzing a dataset from a manufacturing unit, performing data cleaning, exploratory data analysis (EDA), and developing a predictive model to estimate the time required for new product manufacturing.

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## Step 1: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

### 1.1 Data Inspection

- Load the dataset and check for missing values, data types, and inconsistencies.
- Identify key features relevant to the problem.
- Summarize numerical and categorical variables.

### 1.2 Data Visualization

- Use histograms, box plots, and scatter plots to understand data distribution.
  - Identify patterns, trends, and outliers affecting the prediction model.
  - Correlation analysis between variables.
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## Step 2: Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

### 2.1 Handling Missing Values

- Use mean/median/mode for numerical variables.
- Use the most frequent category or create an "Unknown" category for categorical data.

### 2.2 Outlier Detection and Treatment

- Use Z-score or IQR method to detect and remove or cap outliers.

## 2.3 Encoding Categorical Variables

- Convert categorical variables into numerical values using One-Hot Encoding or Label Encoding.

## 2.4 Splitting Data

- Divide the dataset into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets to validate the model.
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## Step 3: Feature Engineering

- Select relevant features using correlation analysis and domain knowledge.
  - Create new meaningful features, if applicable.
  - Standardize or normalize data if needed.
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## Step 4: Model Building

### 4.1 Selecting the Model

- Consider models like Linear Regression, Decision Trees, or Random Forest.
- Compare model performances using evaluation metrics.

### 4.2 Model Training and Evaluation

- Train the model on the training dataset.
  - Evaluate performance using RMSE, MAE, and R-squared.
  - Optimize hyperparameters to improve accuracy.
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## Step 5: Conclusion

- Summarize key findings from EDA and model performance.
  - Discuss any limitations and potential improvements.
  - Provide recommendations for future enhancements.
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