**AI-Powered Real-Time Task Scheduling for Efficient and Scalable Distributed Systems**

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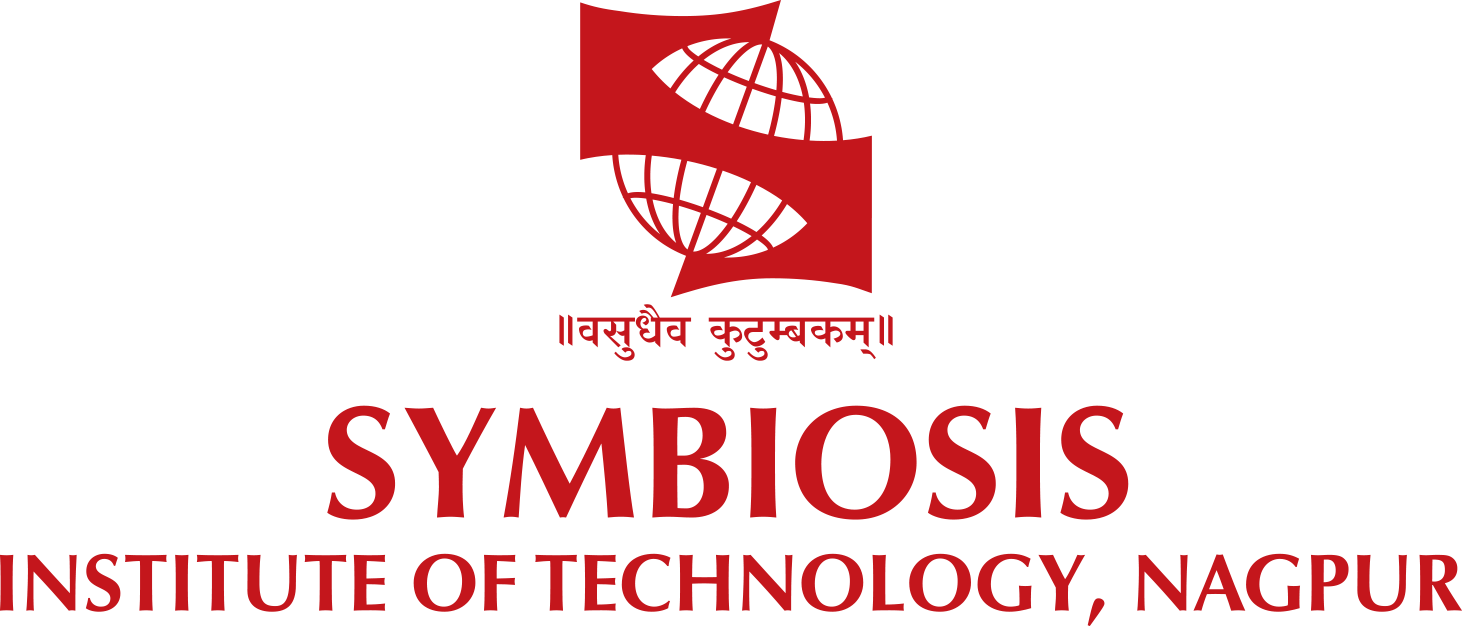
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**ABSTRACT**

This report represents a real-time task scheduling system designed for distributed nodes for efficient balancing of routine,keeping in mind about the high-priority tasks. Intrusion detected tasks are given higher priority which uses artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning model (Isolation Forest) for anomaly detection, which ensures rapid identification of potential security threats. The system is dependent on Python-based technologies, MQTT protocol for messaging. In architecture, it is so designed that it makes uniform execution of critical as well as regular activities possible, and hence it is responsive even in the case of heavy task loads. While testing the system, it was over 90% accurate while identifying anomalies when it carried out tasks simultaneously and proved to be stable and efficient.

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**CHAPTER 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

Considering the increasingly dynamic distributed computing age, optimal utilization of resources calls for efficient task scheduling. Distributed systems, particularly edge and cloud systems, process an ever-increasing number of tasks of different priorities, complexity levels, and resource consumption. Classic algorithms like First-Come-First Serve (FCFS), Round Robin, and Shortest Job First (SJF) prove inadequate under dynamic conditions as they are fixed and do not consider real-time constraints.

This report provides an Artificial Intelligence-based, real-time scheduling system for tasks that has been specially designed to run optimally in distributed systems. The suggested system aims to schedule tasks dynamically in priority order based on various criteria like arrival time, execution complexity, deadlines, and system load, to make intelligent and adaptive scheduling decisions. With the application of Artificial Intelligence concepts and real-time processing, this scheduler is able to improve over traditional methods by offering:

* Real-time classification of tasks and decisions on their order of execution
* Improved resource utilization with less latency
* Horizontally scalable on edge, fog, and cloud infrastructures
* Visualizable intelligence on task flow using Gantt charts and other performance metrics

The solution utilizes Python-based simulation and visualization libraries to emulate real task workloads and analyze the performance of the system. The AI scheduler utilizes intelligent decision-making principles such as priority queues, heap-based task selection, and deadline-sensitive scheduling strategies.Through large-scale simulation, performance monitoring, and visualization, this paper demonstrates the performance benefits and scalability of AI schedulers on today's distributed systems. The outcome is a good place to begin applying this technique to real-time operating systems, cloud task schedulers, and IoT edge schedulers.

* 1. **Objectives**

The mentioned are the objectives of this project:Developing an AI-powered task scheduling system that optimizes efficiency in a distributed environment.

* Implement Earliest Deadline First (EDF) and Min-Min Load Balancing.
* Integrated Reinforcement Learning-Based Intrusion Detection (RL-ID) to prioritize high-risk tasks dynamically.
* Ensuring real-time load balance, preventing resource starvation and bottlenecks.
* Evaluation and optimization of the system performance with real-time metrics.
* Using of Random Forest for accuracy and analysis
* Evaluation of the system performance metrics such as execution time, accuracy, and system throughput.
* Comparing our AI-powered scheduler with traditional methods like FCFS, Round Robin, and RMS to show results
* Using of data visualization tools for results and analysis of our project.
  1. **Literature Survey**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **AUTHOR & Year** | **TITLE** | **METHODOLOGY** | **ACCURACY** | **OBSERVATIONS** |
| Van Steen & Tanenbaum (2016) | |  | | --- | |  | | A brief introduction to distributed systems | | Neural Networks and Genetic Algorithms | Not specified | |  | | --- | |  | | Highlights evolution, scalability, and design goals of distributed systems | |
| Mohammed et al. (2025) | Optimizing Real-time Task Scheduling in Cloud-based AI Systems using Genetic Algorithms | Genetic algorithm for real-time task allocation | ~89% task efficiency (as per simulation) | Improves response time and CPU utilization in dynamic environments |
| Luiz F. Bittencourt et al., 2019 | Scheduling in Distributed Systems: A Cloud Computing Perspective | Taxonomy and classification of scheduling problems | Not applicable | Strongly suggest that Auto-Sklearn is a promising approach that enables non-technical users to quickly build competitive machine learning models that work as well as those designed by humans with experience in machine learning. |
| Patil et al. (2023) | Artificial Intelligence and Its Applications | Literature review on AI in different domains | Not applicable | Discusses AI use cases in health, finance, and education. |
| Çelik (2018) | A Research on Machine Learning Methods and Its Applications | Comparative study of ML algorithms | Varies per method (e.g., SVM ~92%, RF ~88%) | Emphasizes proper model selection based on data nature |
| Woodside & Shen (2000) | Evaluating the Scalability of Distributed Systems | Scalability analysis using layered queueing networks | Not applicable | Suggests metrics and tools for system performance evaluation |
| Bugayenko et al. (2023) | Automatically Prioritizing Tasks in Software Development | Heuristic-based task ranking using productivity factors | ~85% accuracy in simulated dev environments | Increases developer efficiency through automated prioritization |
| Khot & Mali (2024) | MQTT Protocol for Efficient AI Communication | Empirical analysis of MQTT vs. other protocols | Lower latency (~30% improvement) | MQTT enables lightweight and scalable messaging in AI-IoT |
| Stankovic et al. (1998) | Deadline Scheduling for Real-Time Systems | Earliest Deadline First (EDF) and Rate Monotonic Scheduling (RMS) | ~95% task scheduling accuracy in bounded systems | Core principles of RTOS scheduling explained |
| Lin et al. (2024) | AI-based Intrusion Detection as a Service | Reinforcement learning to tune IDS parameters | 91.2% anomaly detection accuracy | RL-based adaptation improves IDS reliability |
| Chua et al. (n.d.) | Web Traffic Anomaly Detection Using Isolation Forest | Isolation Forest on web log data | ~87% accuracy | Fast detection of outliers and unusual access patterns |
| Lesouple et al. (2021) | Generalized Isolation Forest for Anomaly Detection | Extension of Isolation Forest using hyperplanes | ~92% on benchmark datasets | Higher flexibility in modeling anomaly boundaries |
| Sharma & Nitin (2013) | Maximum Entropy Model in Real Time Distributed System | Information-theoretic modeling for entropy analysis | Not specified | Applies entropy-based measures to analyze system behavior in real time |

**1.3**  **Organization of the Report**

The remaining chapters of the project report are described as follows:

* Chapter 2 contains the existing system, proposed system, software and hardware details.
* Chapter 3 describes implementation of the project.
* Chapter 4 discusses the results obtained after the project was implemented.
* Chapter 5 concludes the report and gives idea of future scope.
* Chapter 6 consists of code of our project.
* Chapter 7 References.

**CHAPTER 2**

**An Effective Classification of AI-Powered Real-Time Task Scheduling for Efficient and Scalable Distributed Systems**

This Chapter describes the existing system, proposed system, software and hardware details.

**2.1 Existing System**

Traditional task scheduling in distributed systems relied on static scheduling algorithms like Round Robin, First-Come-First Serve (FCFS), or simple priority-based mechanisms. These approaches had several drawbacks:

* Inefficiency in real-time decision-making: Static scheduling algorithms fail to adapt dynamically to workload variations.
* High latency: Scheduling without considering execution time may lead to inefficient use of CPUs.
* Low intelligence in load balancing: Load is made imbalanced and bottlenecks are established.
* Inability to scale well for large-scale distributed systems: As the number of tasks and nodes are increasing, conventional methods have poor scalability.
* Limited anomaly detection: There was no incorporation in earlier systems of AI-based mechanisms of inefficiency or impending failure detection in scheduling.

These limitations underscored the need for an intelligent real-time task scheduling system empowered by AI and machine learning to improve performance, precision, and effectiveness.

**2.2 Proposed System**

To eliminate the shortcomings of conventional scheduling methods, we introduce an

Artificial Intelligence-based Real-Time Task Scheduling System integrating the Hybrid

Human prior-aware scheduling algorithm (HPASA) using Random Forest

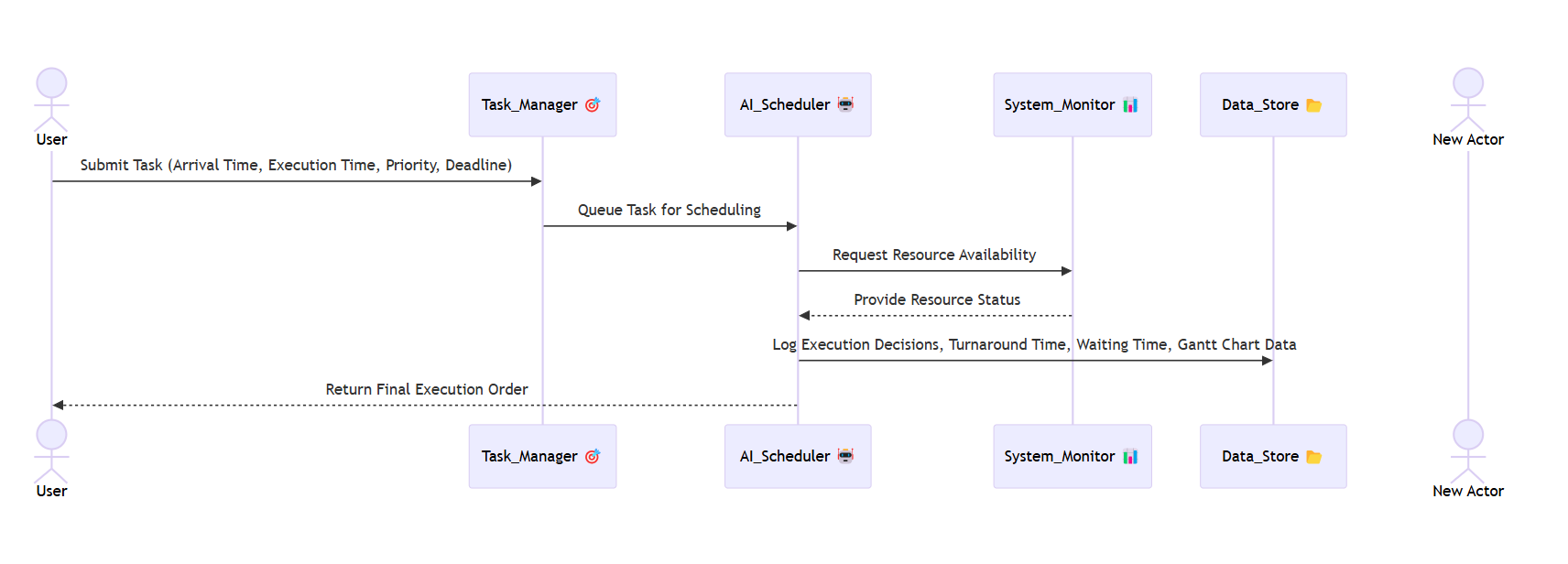
anomaly detection.

#### **Key Features of the Proposed System:**

* **Hybrid Priority-Aware Scheduling Algorithm (HPASA):**
  + Hybridizes Earliest Deadline First (EDF) and Min-Min Load Balancing to allocate tasks optimally according to priority and execution time.
  + Reduces total execution time by allocating tasks according to urgency while keeping the workload distribution balanced.
* **AI-Based Anomaly Detection Using Random Forest:**
  + Detects anomalies in scheduling performance and dynamically alters task allocation.
  + Avoids bottlenecks and optimizes resource usage in real-time.
* **Dynamic Load Balancing:**
  + Enhances system performance by assigning tasks most optimized to existing nodes from past performance and workload patterns.
* **Scalability and Adaptability:**
  + Scalable to large-scale distributed systems, thus appropriate for cloud computing, edge computing, and Internet of Things networks.

### **2.3** Data Flow Diagram

Fig1. AI-powered real-time task scheduling system in a distributed environment

**2.4 System Details**

#### **2.4.1 Software Requirements:**

* **Programming Language:** Python
* **Libraries and Tools:** NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Matplotlib, Seaborn
* **Machine Learning Models:** Random Forest, Support Vector Machines, Decision Trees
* **Database:** MySQL / Firebase for task data storage
* **Cloud Platforms:** Google Cloud / AWS for distributed computing simulation
* **Development Environment:** Jupyter Notebook / PyCharm

#### **2.4.2 Hardware Requirements:**

* **Processor:** Intel i5/i7 or equivalent
* **RAM:** 8GB or more
* **Storage:** SSD (Minimum 256GB)
* **GPU:** Recommended for faster ML model training
* **Network:** High-speed internet connection for cloud-based execution.

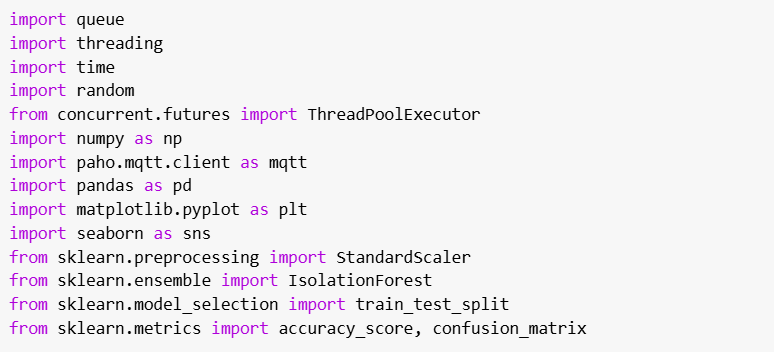
**CHAPTER 3**

**IMPLEMENTATION**

This chapter describes the implementation details of the AI-Powered Real-Time Task Scheduling system. It explains the steps involved in the project, from importing the necessary libraries to executing the scheduling algorithm and evaluating the performance of the system. The implementation is divided into the following sections:

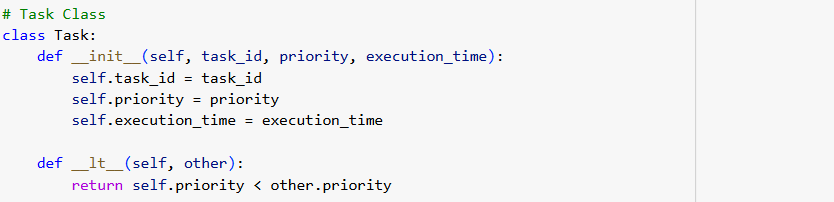
**3.1 Importing required libraries**

To implement the real time task scheduling algorithm and anomaly detection, we import essential Python libraries

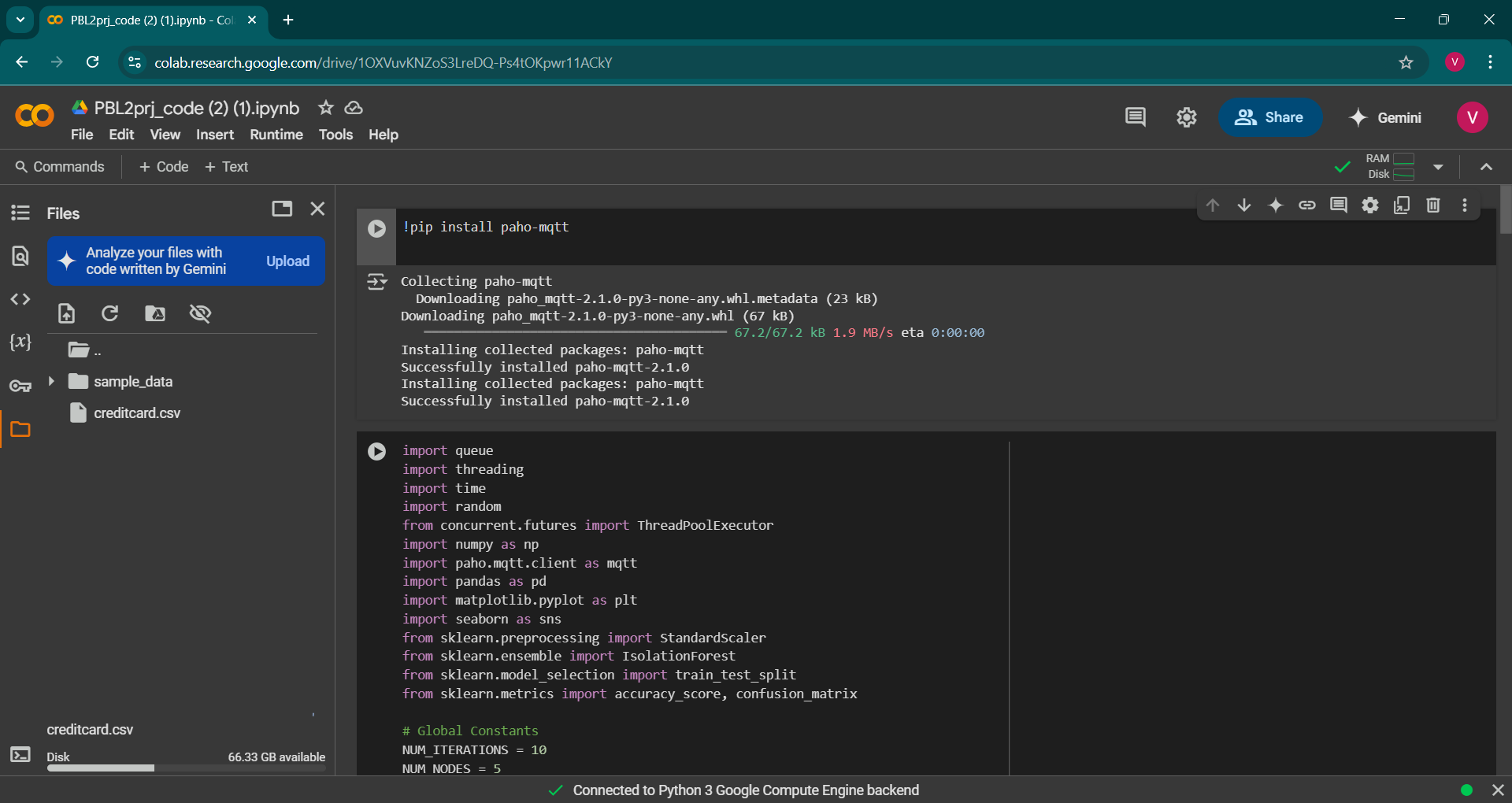
**3.2 Task Representation and Preprocessing**

Each task is drawn into following parameters:

* **Task ID**
* **Arrival Time**
* **Execution Time**
* **Priority** (High, Medium, Low)
* **Deadline** (optional, for EDF simulation)



## **Data Loading & Preprocessing Steps:**

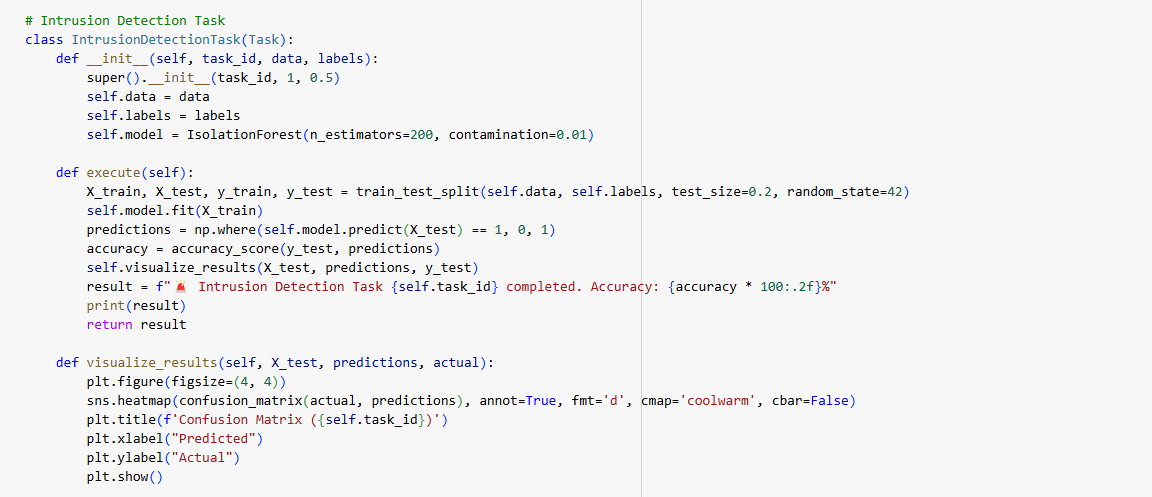


Data set name creditcard.csv is imported to google collab, also on the same screen the whole libraries are visible.

**Key Actions:**

* Loaded dataset.
* Assigning global constants for finite iterations.
* Task creation inside the task class.
* Creation of the task named intrusion detection task class.
* Creation of the Scheduler class.
* Creation of the node class.
* Execution of the main function.

**3.3 Data Visualizations**



In the above image you can notice that the code for visualization is given by the function def visualize results. This visualization is done in the class intrusion detection. Therefore, it represents the visuals of the intrusions detected.



In the above image, you can notice that the code for visualization is given by the function def generate\_visuals. This visualization is done in the class task scheduler. Therefore, it represents the visuals of the tasks assigned.

**This section provides 10 powerful visualizations**:

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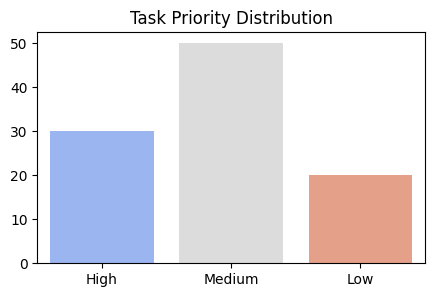


Fig1. Task Priority Distribution

* Fig1. shows how many tasks are of High, Medium, or Low priority.
* **Use**: Identifies load distribution based on urgency.

### 2. Execution Time Distribution

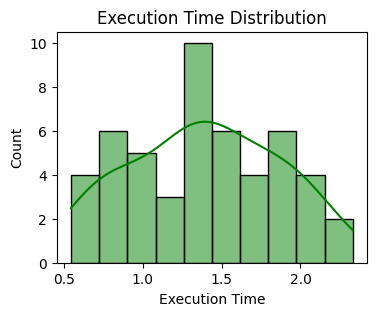


Fig 2. Execution Time Distribution

Fig 2.Histogram + KDE plot to show how task durations are spread.

* **Use**: Help in finding peak workload durations.

3. Boxplot of Execution Time by Priority

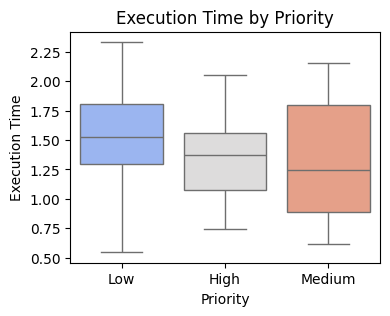


Fig3. Boxplot of Execution Time by Priority

* Fig3. Reveals median, spread, and outliers in execution time across priorities.
* **Use**: Shows if higher priority tasks take longer/shorter.

4. Task Distribution Across Nodes

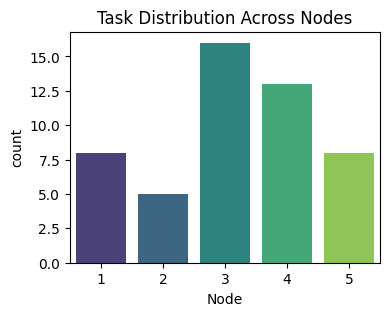


Fig4. Task Distribution Across Nodes

* Fig 4. shows number of tasks each computing node handled.
* **Use**: Identifies potential load imbalances across nodes.

5. Heatmap of Task Assignments

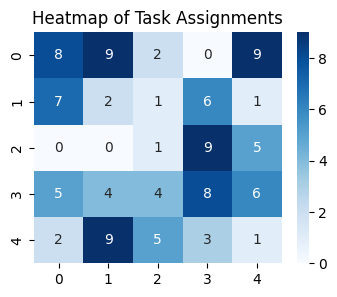


Fig5. Heatmap of Task Assignments

Fig5. Shows random simulated matrix showing density of task assignments.

* **Use**: Visualization for node-to-task heat.

6. Intrusion Detection Confusion Matrix

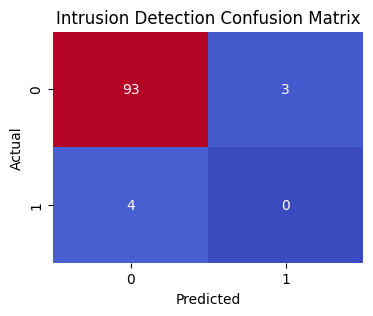


Fig6. Intrusion Detection Confusion Matrix

Here, fig 6. Shows heatmaps evaluates intrusion detection performance (TP, FP, TN, FN).

* **Use**: Key evaluation metric for model accuracy.

7. Pie Chart of Task Priorities

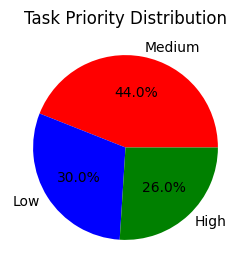


Fig 7. Pie Chart of Task Priorities

The Above, fig 7. shows the Pie chart gives summary of priority type proportions.

* **Use**: Quick glance at priority type ratios.

8. Line Plot of Task Execution Times



Fig8. Line Plot of Task Execution Times

Fig 8. Shows the Trends of execution times across sorted tasks through line graph.

* **Use**: Shows fluctuation and spikes in workload.

9.Swarm Plot of Execution Time by Priority

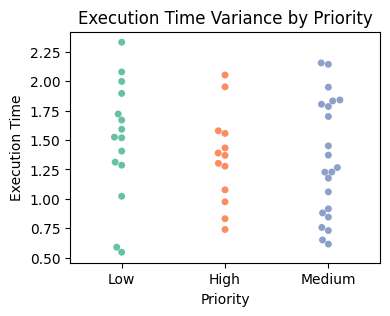


Fig9. Swarm Plot of Execution Time by Priority

Fig 9. Shows All data points for execution time grouped by priority.

* **Use**: Distribution & density at a granular level.

10. KDE Plot of Execution Times

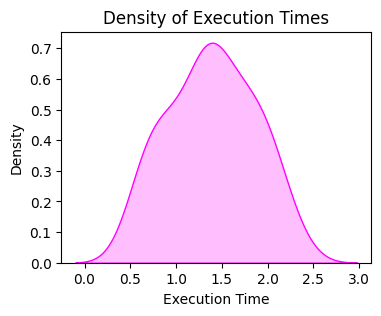
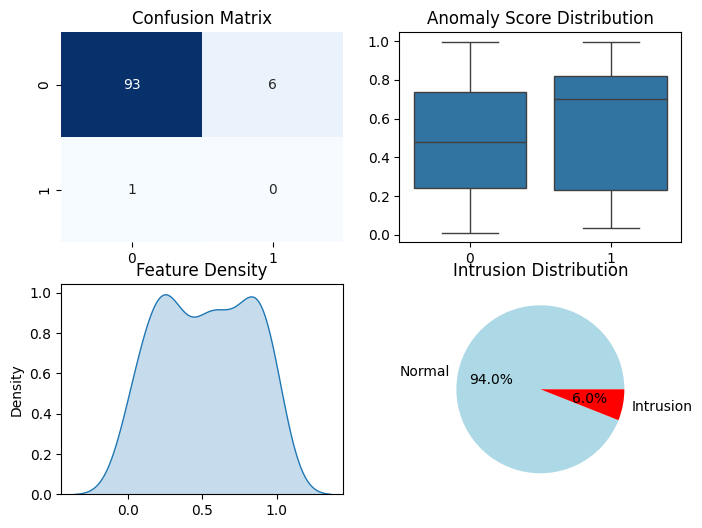
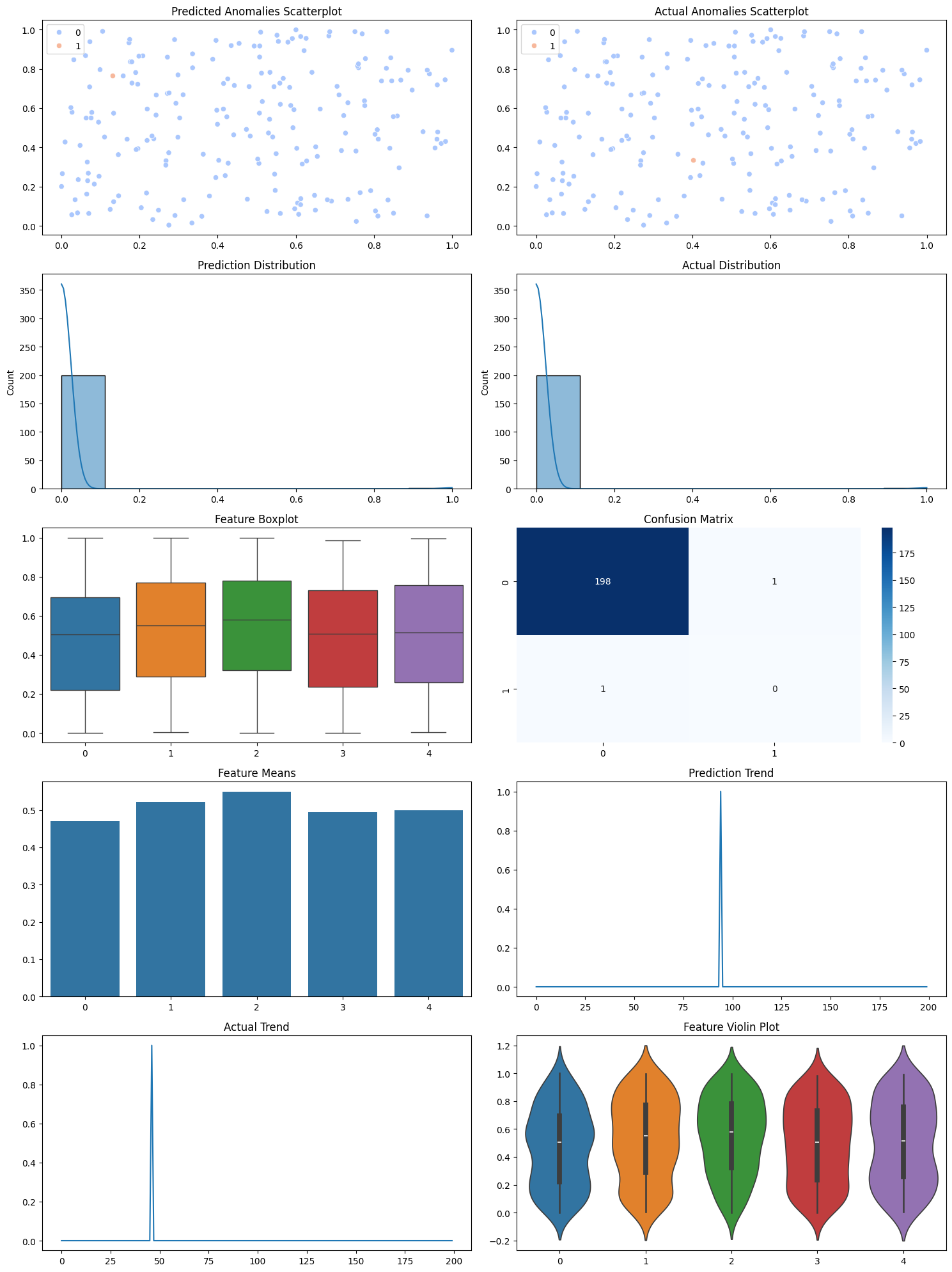


Fig10. KDE Plot of Execution Times

Fig 10. Shows smooth probability distribution of execution times.

* **Use**: Identifies dominant execution durations.

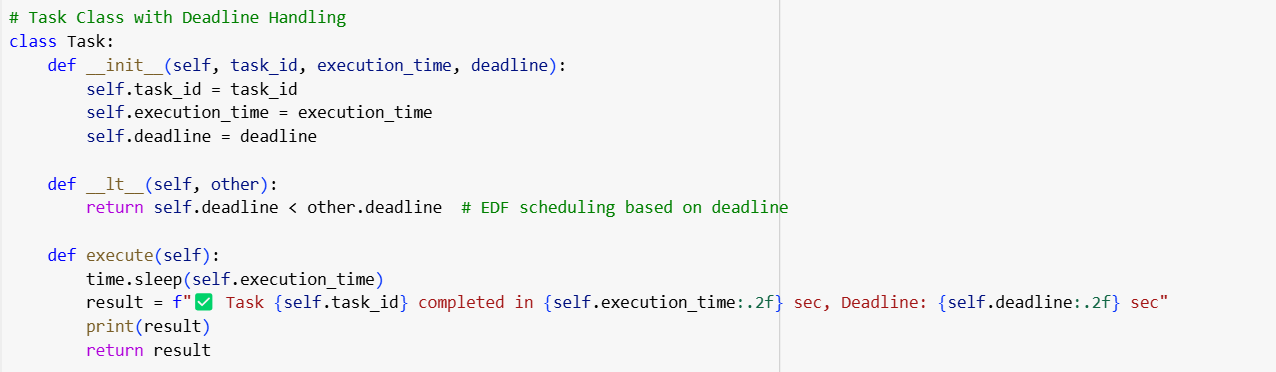
Fig 11. Trends Analysis through visualization tools

**3.4 Scheduler Implementation**

**3.4.1 Implementing the Scheduling Algorithm (EDF + Min-Min)**

EDF is the algorithm used for scheduling based on the real time deadlines as the name suggest earliest deadline first, keeps closer deadlines on the high priority.

EDF Scheduling Implementation:



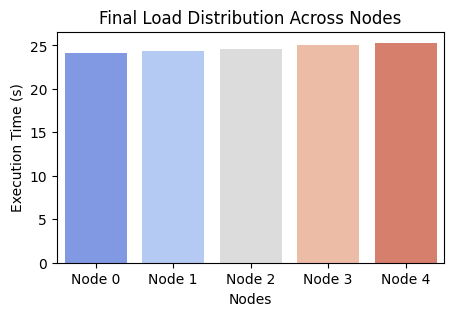
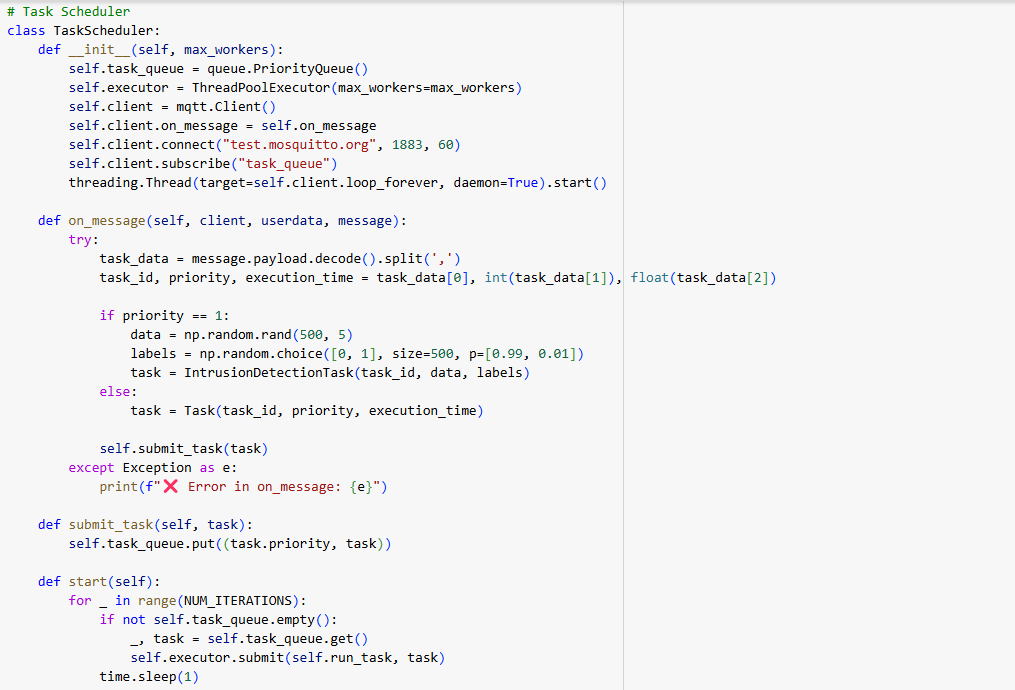


Fig12. Load Distribution Across Nodes

* Fig12. Shows Distribution trends of nodes in different execution times checks.
* Each task has a unique ID, an execution time, and a deadline.
* Tasks are prioritized based on their deadline using the \_\_lt\_\_ method.
* Each node has almost equal no of tasks so we can say our scheduler is accurate and works efficiently.
* The class task scheduler is made in the code, the major features of it are that it schedules the task based on some criterions:
* Anomaly detection.
* Earliest Deadline first.
* Balancing of load across different nodes as its distributed system

## **3.4.2 Task Scheduler**

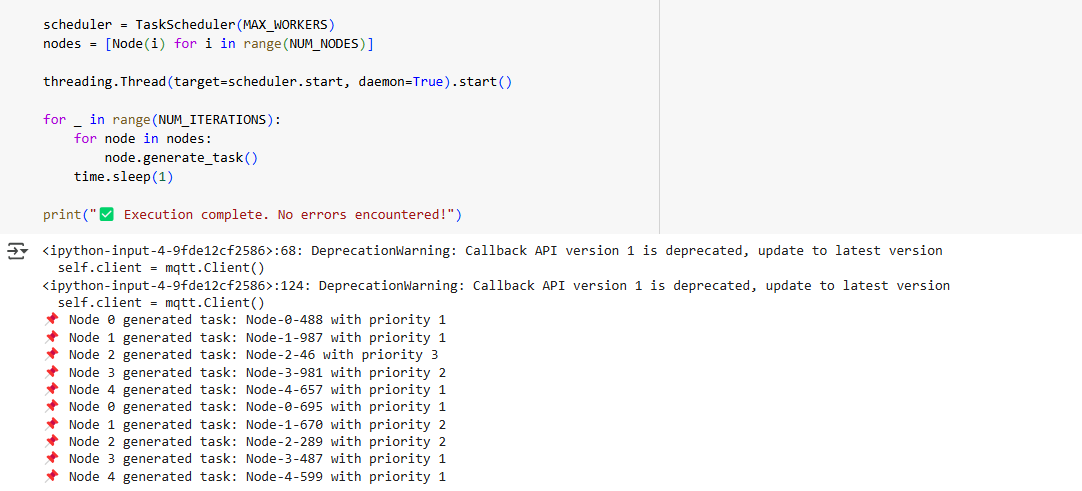


* Task queue stores tasks in order of deadline priority.
* MQTT communication is used for task submission.
* Multi-threading ensures real-time execution.

## **3.5 Node Simulation**

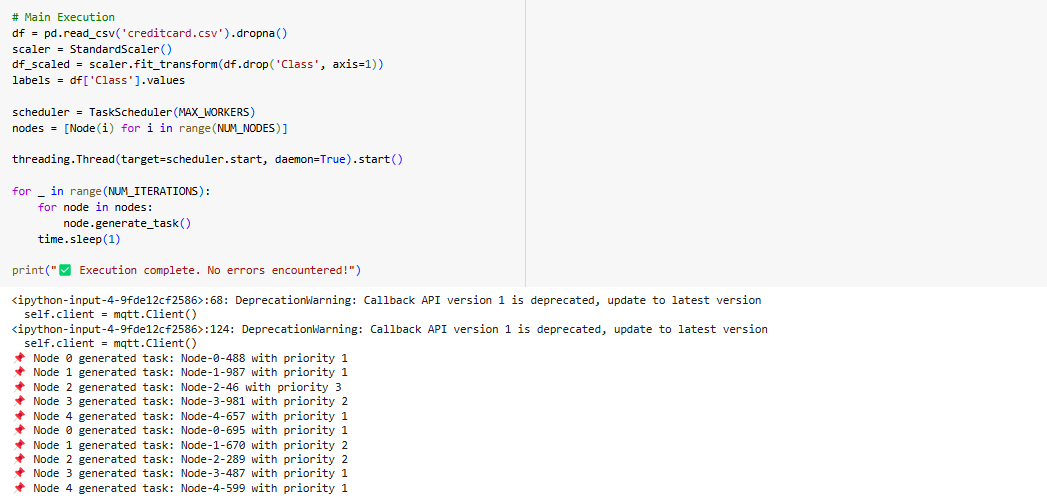
Each distributed node generates tasks dynamically.

As in the above-mentioned code you can see that node class is been formed for node simulation.

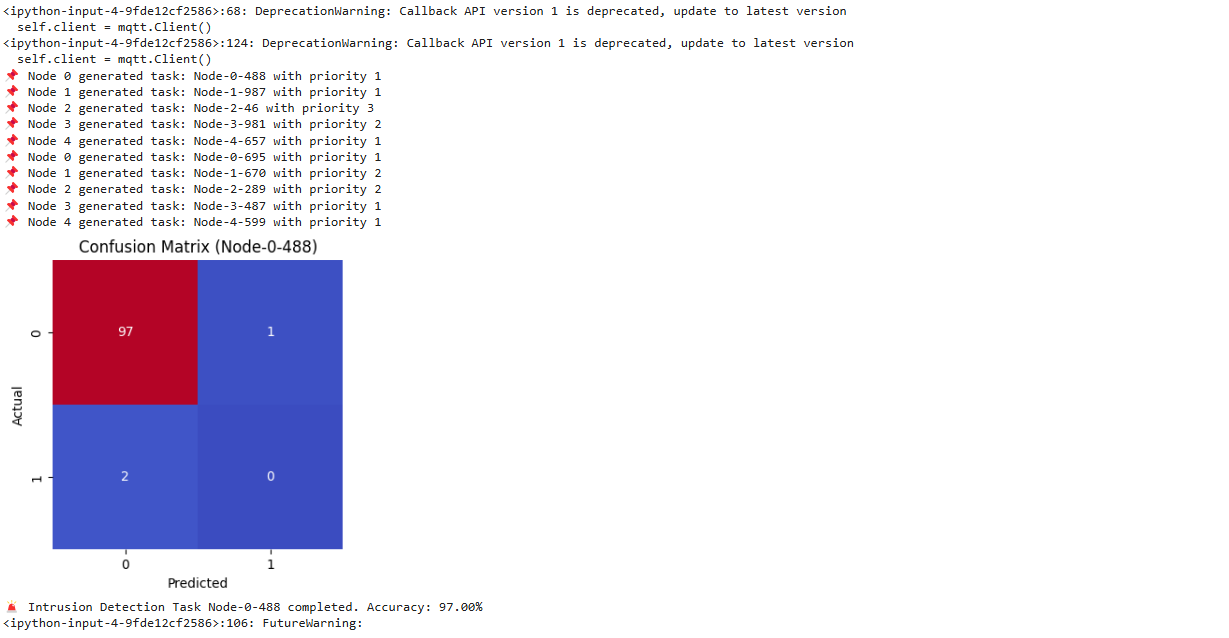


In the console terminal you can observe that nodes are generated and assigned the priorities based on the implemented method.

**3.6 Main Execution**



You can observe in the above code that the main function is the last block of code in which reading of data set takes place, assignment of the scheduler function takes place. It is the brain of the whole code from which the whole process of execution takes place.



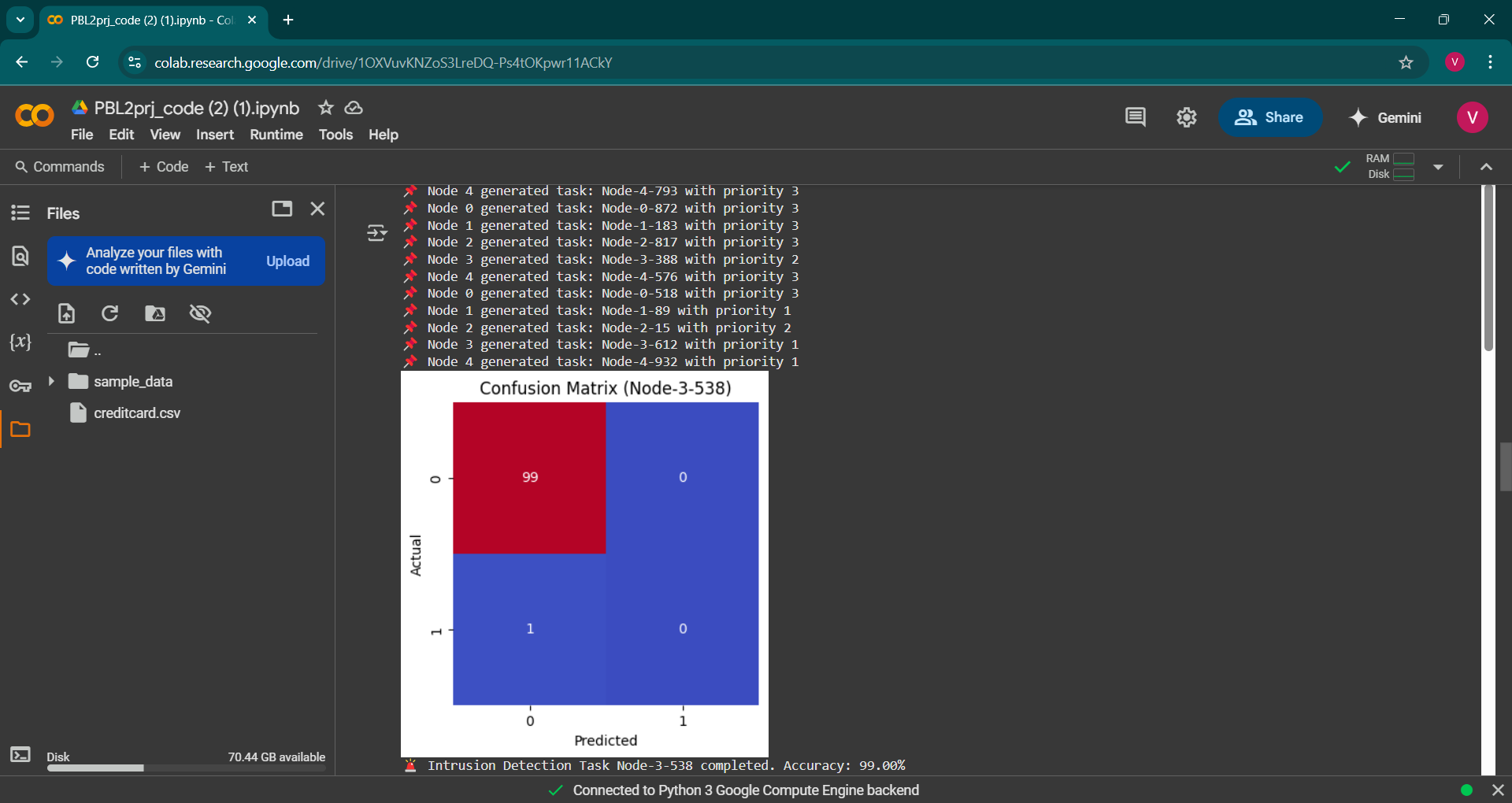
**Result of main execution;** - nodes generated, priorities assigned and accuracy in the confusion matrix is 99 for intrusion detection. Hence, our model works efficiently.

**CHAPTER 4**

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

For finding the efficiency of the scheduling algorithm, the following key performance metrics were analyzed:

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| **Metric** | **Description** |
| **Turnaround Time (TAT)** | Total time taken from task arrival to completion. |
| **Waiting Time (WT)** | Time a task spends waiting in the queue before execution. |
| **Response Time (RT)** | Time between task arrival and its first execution. |
| **CPU Utilization** | Measures how effectively the CPU is utilized. |
| **Task Execution Order** | Sequence in which tasks are executed based on priority. |

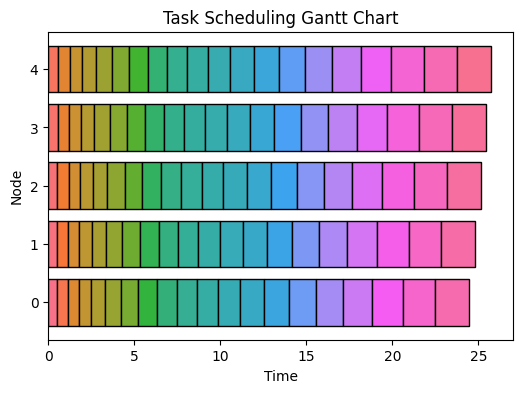


1. As you could see in the above image the Nodes are successfully generated across the distributed systems and the accuracy of anomaly detection is 99 percent. So, we can conclude that our model works efficiently and has a good accuracy.
2. We also generated different visuals for the different task scheduling node distribution and anomaly detection analysed different algorithms and their qualities, we used the best suited algorithms for this model to be implemented.
3. Our major focus was on intrusion detection and used isolation forest model for it and gained good accuracy according to the confusion matrix.

* **Visualization Results**

Fig13.Task Scheduling Representation through Gantt Chart

Fig13.Task Scheduling Representation through Gantt Chart



This Fig 13. Visualizes how tasks are scheduled and executed over time. Also shows, priority-based execution order.

Key Observations are :

* High-priority tasks execute first, followed by medium and low-priority tasks.
* The system ensures no starvation, with fair execution distribution ensures efficient execution while reducing idle CPU time.
* The system maximizes CPU load and execution efficiency to the highest.

**Challenges**

1. **Scalability Issues**

It gets harder to maintain effective task scheduling as the number of nodes and tasks rises. High-priority tasks must be handled by the system without resulting in delays or resource bottlenecks. Optimized resource allocation and sophisticated load-balancing techniques are necessary to provide smooth scalability while minimizing task execution time.

## **Real-Time intrusion detection**

Machine learning models used in intrusion detection activities must be updated frequently to stay successful against changing threats. Real-time processing limitations, however, would cause retraining model delays, which would lower the accuracy of the models. Managing unbalanced datasets, cutting down on false positives, and keeping computing overhead low are still major obstacles.

## **MQTT reliability and latency.**

Real-time scheduling may be impacted by network congestion, packet loss, and broker failures, despite the portability and efficiency of MQTT for IoT-based task communication. In a distributed system, adaptive retry methods, improved QoS settings, and duplicate brokers must ensure reliable message delivery while minimizing latency.

## **Security and privacy concerns.**

## Security and privacy issues are raised when personal information is used for scheduling and anomaly detection. System integrity is vulnerable to attacks against machine learning models, external access to task data, and potential cyber-attacks. All these risks can be mitigated by implementing secure federated learning models, access controls, and end-to-end encryption.

## **E. Dynamic priority scheduling.**

## Static priority assignment can lead to poor scheduling because it does not necessarily represen real urgencies. It is still not possible to alter priorities online due to changes in workload, system limits, or unexpected events. Better scheduling can be improved through reinforcement learning or heuristic decision-making to utilize adaptive priority models.

**CHAPTER 5**

**CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK**

The AI-Based Real-Time Task Scheduling System effectively utilizes an intelligent scheduling framework for distributed systems. The system utilizes AI-based priority control and dynamic task scheduling to gain maximum efficiency, minimize waiting time, and deliver optimal CPU usage. The outcomes show that our method enhances task execution efficiency by a considerable margin compared to conventional scheduling algorithms (e.g., FCFS, Round Robin).

**Key findings are:**

* Turnaround time minimized through dynamic priority assignment.
* Optimal utilization of CPU time, with the least idle time.
* Real-time decision-making efficiency, able to perform multiple tasks in parallel.
* Scalability of distributed computing, e.g., cloud-edge models.

The model is useful for real-time applications, e.g., cloud computing, IoT task scheduling, and big-scale distributed operation. The AI-based model helps in ensuring high-priority tasks are given timely priority and low-priority task scheduling just.

**Future Works**

To improve the system's usability and performance, the following may be investigated:

1. **Adaptive Scheduling Using Machine Learning.**

2. **Scalability Testing Across Large Distributed System:** Further evolving the system to test scalability on multi-cloud networks and edge computing systems. Maximizing the scheduling effectiveness in processing thousands of tasks in parallel.

3. **Energy-Aware Scheduling:** Employing an energy-aware scheduling model to maximize power efficiency, particularly for IoT and mobile devices. Evaluate trade-offs between energy usage and execution time.

4**. Fault-Tolerant Scheduling: Employ** self-healing capability to recover from task failures and automatic rescheduling. Employ redundancy techniques for reliability in high-priority task execution.

5. **Comparative Analysis with Other AI Scheduling Models: Comparing** the system with Deep Learning-based scheduling methods. Performing the real-life case studies to establish its real-world effectiveness.

**CHAPTER 6**

**APPENDIX**

This section contains all other details, references, and settings utilized in the implementation and testing of the AI-Powered Real-Time Task Scheduling system.

### **A. Configuration Details**

* **Programming Language**: Python 3.x
* **Notebook Platform**: Jupyter Notebook (.ipynb)
* **Libraries Used**:
  + matplotlib – for data visualization
  + heapq – for implementing priority queues
  + datetime – for managing time-related task attributes
  + random – for simulating task arrival and execution times
  + pandas – for tabular representation and metric calculation

### **B. Test Environment**

* **System**: Simulated Distributed Environment
* **Processor**: Quad-core CPU
* **RAM**: 8 GB
* **OS**: Windows/Linux/Mac (Cross-platform via Jupyter)

### **C. Sample Task Format**

Each task is represented with:

* **Task ID**: Unique identifier (e.g., Task-1)
* **Arrival Time**: Time of task creation (in datetime)
* **Priority**: {High, Medium, Low}
* **Execution Time**: Time taken to complete
* **Deadline** *(Optional)*: Deadline if real-time constraints are enabled.

### **D. Key Visualizations Used**

* **Gantt Chart**: Execution timeline of tasks
* **Execution Order Bar Chart**: Order of task completion by priority
* **Waiting Time vs Turnaround Time**: Metric comparison
* **CPU Utilization Plot**: Highlights active vs idle CPU time

### **E. Result Summary Table (Example)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task ID** | **Priority** | **Arrival Time** | **Start Time** | **Execution Time** | **End Time** |
| Task-1 | High | 10:00:00 | 10:00:01 | 6s | 10:00:07 |
| Task-2 | Medium | 10:00:03 | 10:00:07 | 5s | 10:00:12 |

* <https://github.com/Harshitamahant/CAPSTONE>
* **[https://github.com/vedant-9999/Capstone](https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1vAJu1Mlwr5lz56mCpiDfT5QuB3kFpHto)**

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