## Replication

The results were produced on a local machine

**System Specifications:** 

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 10 Pro

Processor: Intel Core i5-12400F

Memory: 32GB

Python Version 3.13.2 64-bit

Results were generated with the following parameter settings:

Polynomial Feature Expansion Enabled: 'preprocess\_data(data, add\_poly=True)'

**Degree 2 Polynomials Used:** 'PolynomialFeatures(degree=2, include\_bias=False)'

**Hyperparameter Options**: 'param\_grid = {'n\_estimators': [50, 100, 150], 'learning\_rate': [0.05, 0.1, 0.2], 'max\_depth': [3, 4, 5]}'

**k-Fold Cross-Validation with 5 folds**: 'evaluate\_model(model, X, y, cv\_folds=5)'

**k-Fold random state set to 42**: 'kf = KFold(n\_splits=cv\_folds, shuffle=True, random\_state=42)'

**Seed**: 'base\_random\_seed = 1'