Report: Predictive Analysis for Academic Performance

Abstract:

This predictive assessment project aims to evaluate learning outcomes through a comprehensive analysis of various machine learning algorithms. The review covers critical issues in predictive analytics, including data preprocessing, exploratory data analysis (EDA), model development, data validation, and deployment.

The initial phase consists of careful data preprocessing to ensure data quality and accuracy. Subsequently, exploratory data analysis reveals meaningful insights into the relationships among the variables. In the core predictive modeling phase, comparative analysis is performed on at least 4-5 AI/ML algorithms. Successful data validation procedures are used to build predictions and emphasize the strength of the models . The final step is to develop a graphical user interface (GUI) that facilitates testing new data. Users can enter context, select the desired prediction model, and see the predicted results, specifically focusing on SGPA and CGPA for the 5th grade.

Introduction:

In higher education, understanding the factors that influence academic performance is of paramount importance. Academic institutions continually seek to enhance educational experiences and provide targeted support to students, fostering an environment conducive to success. Predictive analysis emerges as a powerful tool in this pursuit, offering insights into the drivers of academic achievement and enabling proactive measures to be taken.

This predictive analysis for academic performance delves into the intricate relationship between various factors and the academic outcomes of students, with a particular focus on predicting SGPA (Semester Grade Point Average) and CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) for the 5th semester. By leveraging data-driven methodologies, this study aims to unearth patterns, trends, and potential predictors that can significantly impact a student's performance.

The methodology involves a systematic approach to data cleaning, including the removal of irrelevant and subjective information, meticulous error handling to ensure data integrity, and the identification and elimination of duplicate entries. With a cleaned and refined dataset, the subsequent steps will explore the presence of outliers, further enhancing the robustness of the predictive model.

Activity On Node Diagram:

Activity	Duration	Immediate Predecessor
	(Days)	Activities
A: Data Collection	3	-
B: Data	5	A
Preprocessing		
C: EDA - Part 1	4	В
D: EDA - Part 2	3	С
E: Model Training	6	С
F: Model Evaluation	2	Е
G: GUI	5	В
Development		
H: Intermediate	2	D, G
Report		
I: Final	3	F, H
Documentation		
J: Submission	1	I
Dummy Activity 1	0	C, D

Project Tasks:

A: Data Collection (3 days)

B: Data Preprocessing (5 days, follows A)

C: EDA - Part 1 (4 days, follows B)

D: EDA - Part 2 (3 days, follows C)

E: Model Training (6 days, follows C)

F: Model Evaluation (2 days, follows E)

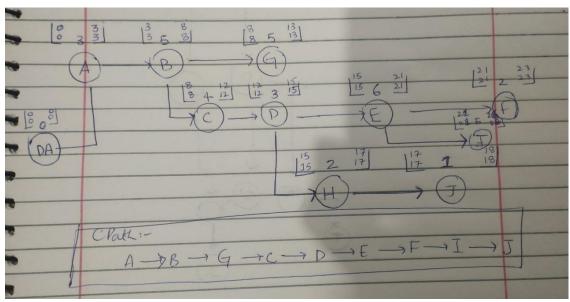
G: GUI Development (5 days, can start after B)

H: Intermediate Report (2 days, follows D and G)

I: Final Documentation (3 days, follows F and H)

J: Submission (1 day, follows I)

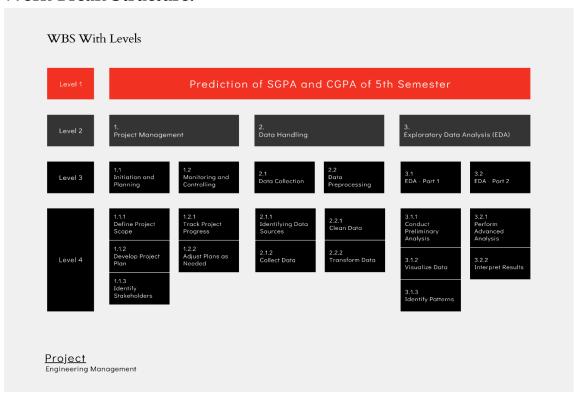
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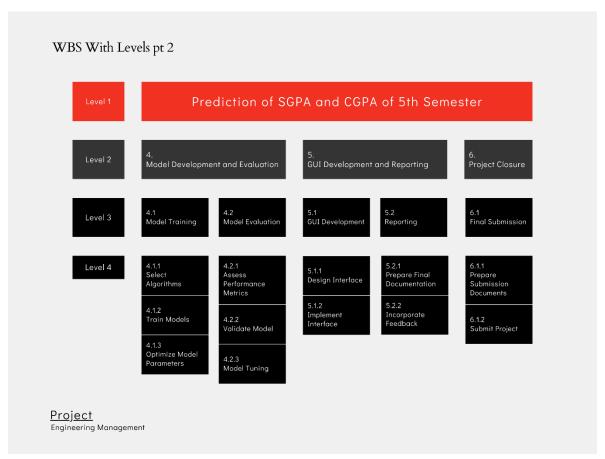


Critical Path:

 $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow G \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow F \rightarrow I \rightarrow J$

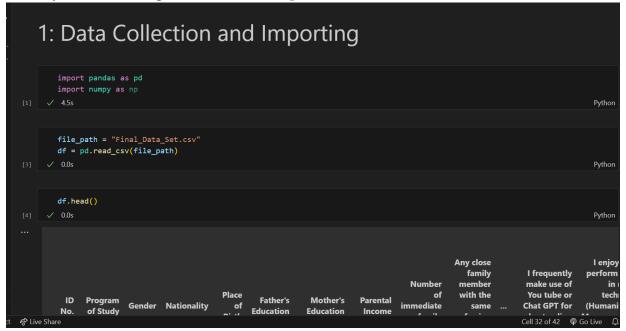
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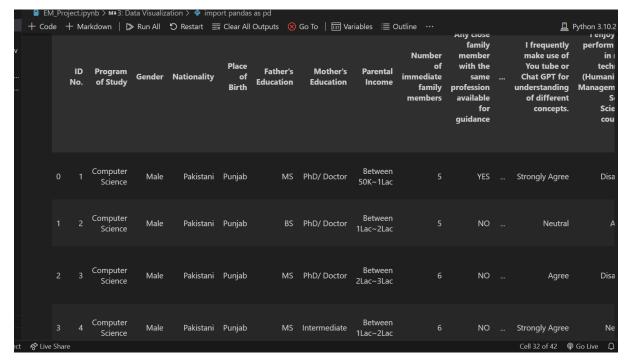




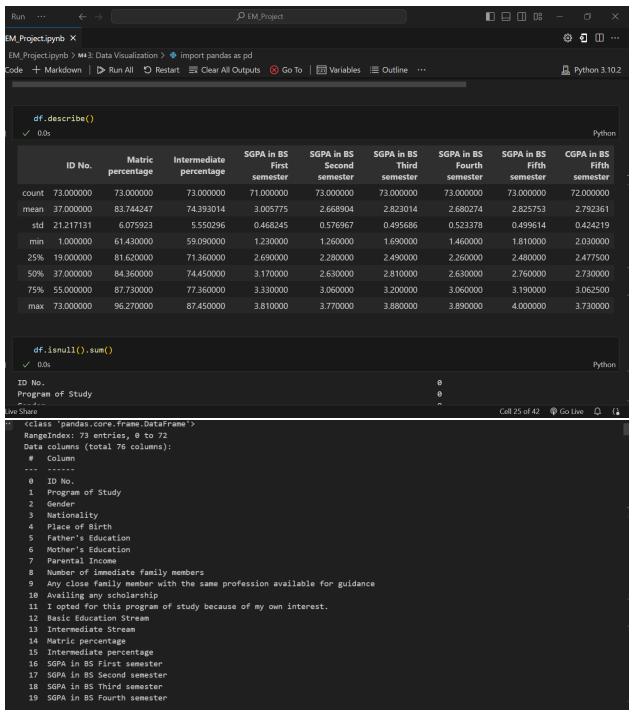
Data Preprocessing:

Initially, data cleaning is the start of the process For, that we first load the dataset.





In Semester 5, columns deemed not significant for predicting academic achievement were identified and removed. These lines contained ideas about personal and individual preferences, which were not thought to be relevant to the mainstream research. Error handling was used to ensure robustness in column name processing. This includes troubleshooting potential problems such as leading or trailing positions or hidden characters in character names, which can lead to parsing errors. Verified for missing values in the remaining lines of the DataFrame. Fortunately, no missing values were identified, eliminating the need for additional processing or imputation of missing data. Duplicate rows have been detected and removed from the DataFrame.



This step was necessary to ensure that each student's data was unique and prevented distortions in subsequent analyses. Graphical techniques such as box plots or histograms were suggested to identify potential redundancies in the statistical scores. The decision to deal with outliers is left open, as the specific treatment will depend on domain knowledge and the quality of the data.

2.1: Handle missing values

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

# Define a list of columns with missing values
columns_with_missing = df.columns[df.isnull().any()]

# Impute missing values for numerical columns with mean
for col in columns_with_missing:
    if df[col].dtype == 'float64':
        | df[col].fillna(df[col].mean(), inplace=True)

# Impute missing values for numerical columns with median
for col in columns_with_missing:
    if df[col].dtype == 'float64':
        | df[col].fillna(df[col].median(), inplace=True)

# Impute missing values for categorical columns with mode
for col in columns_with_missing:
    if df[col].dtype == 'object':
        | df[col].fillna(df[col].mode()[0], inplace=True)
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2.2: Remove duplicate

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# Remove duplicate rows

df.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)

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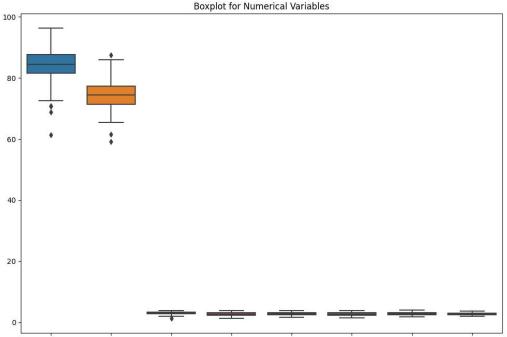
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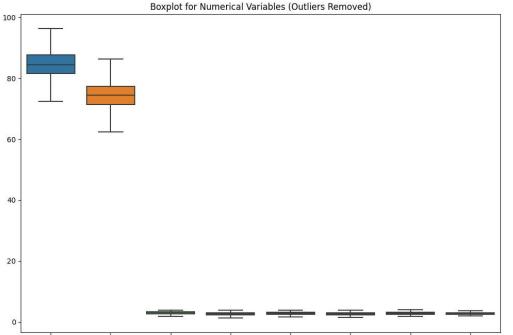
2.3: Outlier detection and treatment

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.stats import zscore

# Assuming df is your DataFrame
# Step 1: Visual Exploration
# Use box plots for numerical variables
numerical_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['float64']).columns
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
sns.boxplot(data=df[numerical_columns])
plt.title('Boxplot for Numerical Variables')
plt.show()
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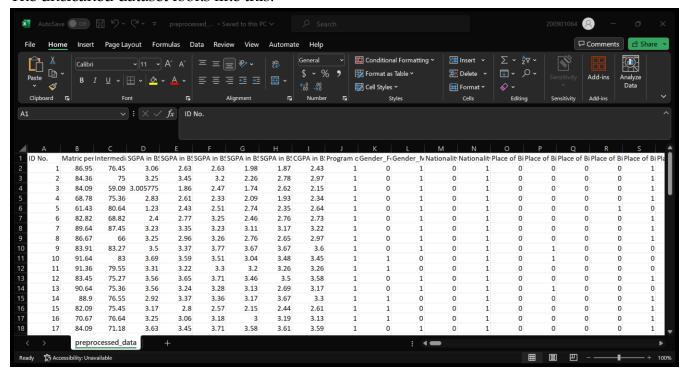


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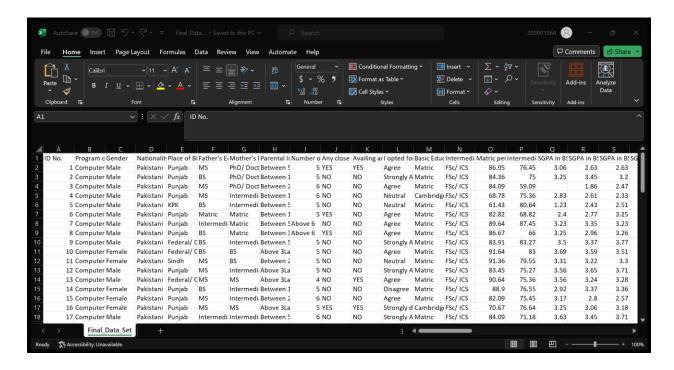


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The uncleaned dataset looks like this.



After cleaning the dataset looks like.



The rows and columns that were needed for prediction analysis were kept during cleaning.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is a crucial step in the data science and machine learning pipeline as it helps you understand your data better and make informed decisions throughout the modeling process. Following is the pair plot of the analysis.

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Set the style of seaborn for better visualization
sns.set(style="whitegrid")

# Select numerical columns for visualization
numerical_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['float64']).columns

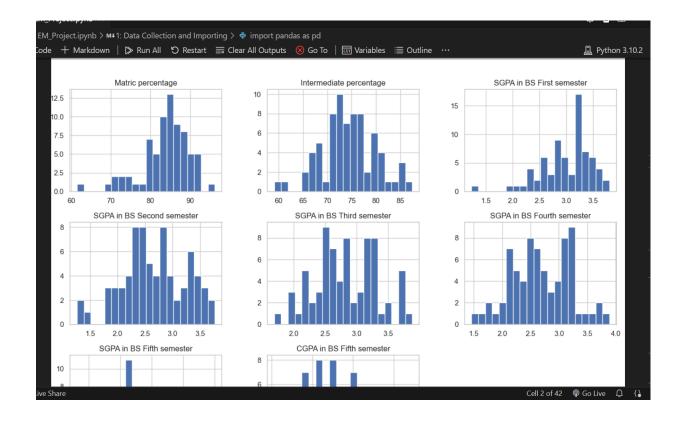
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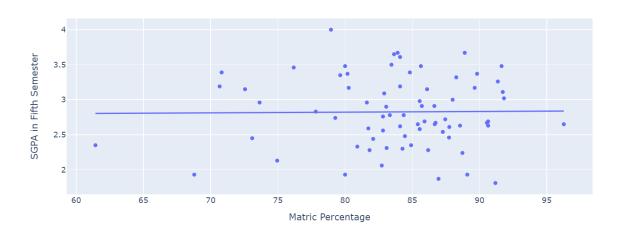
# Histograms for Numerical Variables
df[numerical_columns].hist(bins=20, figsize=(15, 10))
plt.suptitle('Histograms for Numerical Variables', y=1.02)
plt.show()

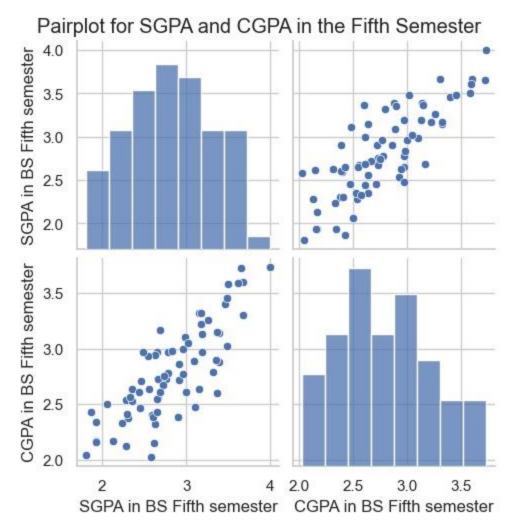
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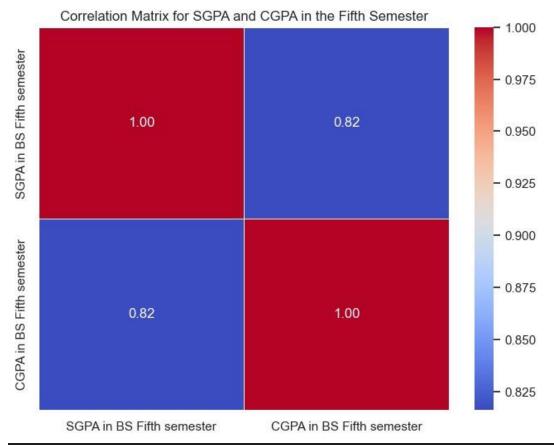






The horizontal axis of the points indicates the student's SGPA, and the horizontal axis indicates the student's CGPA. The diagonal line from bottom left to top right shows where the points would be if each student's SGPA and CGPA were exactly the same.

The plot shows that there is a positive correlation between SGPA and CGPA. This means that students with higher SGPA in fifth semester also have higher CGPA. However, the relationship is not perfect. There are some students who have high SGPA but low CGPA, and vice versa. In fifth semester, the average SGPA is higher than the average CGPA. This means that students perform better in their individual sessions than overall. SGPA has broader features than CGPA. This indicates that there is greater variation in performance from any semester than the performance of the students as a whole.



```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Assuming df is your DataFrame

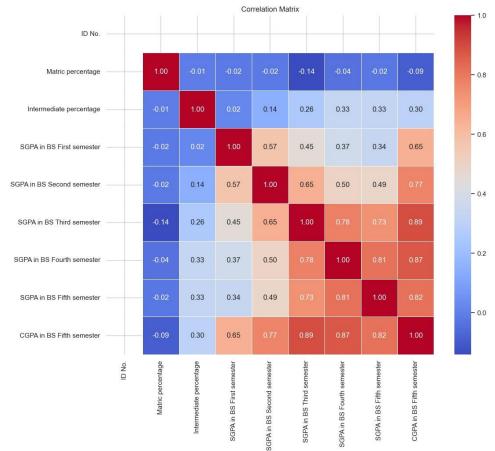
# Selecting only numeric columns for the correlation matrix
numeric_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['float64']).columns

# Creating the correlation matrix
correlation_matrix = df[numeric_columns].corr()

# Plotting the correlation matrix using a heatmap
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f', linewidths=.5)
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
```

The upper left panel shows the correlation between SGPA and CGPA, which is 1.000. This shows an overall positive relationship, indicating that students with higher SGPAs also have higher CGPAs, and vice versa. The bottom right box also shows the same correlation coefficient of 1.000. This is because the matrix is symmetric, that is, the relationship between the two variables is the same in both directions. The boxes along the diagonal show the correlation of each variable with itself, which is always 1.000. The boxes on the diagonal show the relationship between SGPA and CGPA across scores. For

example, the box in the second column and the second column show the relationship between students with SGPA between 0.900 and 0.925 and students with CGPA between 0.875 and 0.900 The correlation coefficient in this box is 0.950, which is also a very strong positive correlation.



Fifth-year BS SGPA and fifth-year BS CGPA: The value of this cell is 1.000, as expected, indicating a perfectly positive relationship between these two measures of academic performance.

Matriculation percentage and CGPA in fifth year of BS: The value of this cell is -0.09, indicating a very weak negative relationship. This means that there is little or no correlation between a student's performance in matriculation examination and their overall CGPA in the BS programme.

Mean percentage and CGPA in fifth year of BS: The value of this cell is 0.30, indicating a weak positive relationship. This suggests that students' performance in intermediate examinations may have some positive correlation with their overall CGPA in BS programme.

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder

# Identify categorical columns (you might want to adjust this based on your specific dataset)
categorical_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['object', 'category']).columns

# Initialize OneHotEncoder
encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse=False)

# Apply OneHotEncoder to the categorical columns
encoded_data = encoder.fit_transform(df[categorical_columns])

# Getting new column names for the encoded features
encoded_columns = encoder.get_feature_names_out(categorical_columns)

# Creating a DataFrame with the encoded data
encoded_df = pd.DataFrame(encoded_data, columns=encoded_columns)

# Concatenate the encoded DataFrame with the original DataFrame (excluding the original categorical columns)

final_df = pd.concat([df.drop(columns=categorical_columns), encoded_df], axis=1)
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SGPA in BS Third semester SGPA in BS Fourth semester \
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Predictive Models:

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
     from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression, Ridge, Lasso, ElasticNet
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor, GradientBoostingRegressor
    from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
     from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
    X = data.drop(columns=['SGPA in BS Fifth semester', 'CGPA in BS Fifth semester'])
    y_sgpa = data['SGPA in BS Fifth semester'] # Target variable SGPA
y_cgpa = data['CGPA in BS Fifth semester'] # Target variable CGPA
     X_train, X_test, y_train_sgpa, y_test_sgpa = train_test_split(
        X, y_sgpa, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
     X_train, X_test, y_train_cgpa, y_test_cgpa = train_test_split(
        X, y_cgpa, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
     models = {
        "Linear Regression": LinearRegression(),
        "Ridge Regression": Ridge(),
        "Lasso Regression": Lasso(),
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    "Ridge Regression": Ridge(),
    "Lasso Regression": Lasso(),
    "ElasticNet Regression": ElasticNet(),
    "Random Forest": RandomForestRegressor(),
    "Gradient Boosting": GradientBoostingRegressor(),
    "XGBoost": XGBRegressor(),
    "LightGBM": LGBMRegressor(),
    "Decision Tree": DecisionTreeRegressor()
results = {}
/for model_name, model in models.items():
    model.fit(X_train, y_train_sgpa)
    # Predict SGPA
    y_pred_sgpa = model.predict(X_test)
    # Calculate RMSE for SGPA
    rmse_sgpa = mean_squared_error(y_test_sgpa, y_pred_sgpa, squared=False)
    model.fit(X_train, y_train_cgpa)
```

1. Linear Regression:

Linear Regression is a simple and widely used regression model that establishes a linear relationship between the input features and the target variable. It aims to minimize the difference between actual and predicted values by finding the best-fit line.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.14 RMSE for CGPA: 0.07

2. Ridge Regression:

Ridge Regression is a regularization technique applied to Linear Regression. It adds a penalty term to the linear regression objective function, preventing overfitting by discouraging large coefficients. It's particularly useful when dealing with multicollinearity.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.13 RMSE for CGPA: 0.07

3. Lasso Regression:

Lasso Regression, like Ridge, is a regularization method for Linear Regression. It adds a penalty term that encourages sparsity in the model by driving some coefficients to exactly zero. This feature selection property makes it useful in high-dimensional datasets.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.23 RMSE for CGPA: 0.27

4. ElasticNet Regression:

ElasticNet Regression combines the penalties of Ridge and Lasso. It is effective when there are multiple features and some of them are highly correlated. This model addresses their limitations individually and provides a balanced approach.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.23 RMSE for CGPA: 0.27

5. Random Forest:

Random Forest is an ensemble learning model that builds a multitude of decision trees and merges them to improve predictive accuracy and control overfitting. It is versatile, handles both regression and classification tasks, and provides feature importance.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.16 RMSE for CGPA: 0.08

6. Gradient Boosting:

Gradient Boosting is an ensemble technique that builds decision trees sequentially, with each tree correcting the errors of the previous one. It is powerful and often achieves high predictive accuracy. Common implementations include XGBoost, LightGBM, and Scikit-Learn's GradientBoostingRegressor.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.18 RMSE for CGPA: 0.09

7. XGBoost:

XGBoost (Extreme Gradient Boosting) is an optimized implementation of gradient boosting. It excels in speed and performance, using techniques like pruning and

regularization. XGBoost is widely used in machine learning competitions and real-world applications.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.19 RMSE for CGPA: 0.11

8. LightGBM:

LightGBM is a gradient boosting framework developed by Microsoft. It is designed for efficient training with large datasets and features a novel tree-growing algorithm, making it faster than many other boosting implementations.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.16 RMSE for CGPA: 0.11

9. Decision Tree:

Decision Tree is a tree-like model where each node represents a decision based on input features. It recursively splits the data to create a structure that leads to a decision or prediction. Decision trees are interpretable and widely used in machine learning and data analysis.

RMSE for SGPA: 0.20 RMSE for CGPA: 0.11

Hybrid Model:

A hybrid model can combine different machine learning models or algorithms to take advantage of their individual strengths and overcome weaknesses. It often combines various approaches, such as integrating rule-based systems with machine learning models or integrating predictive analytics or hybrid models with the aim of increasing and achieving overall performance a difficult prediction.

```
# Initialize the meta-learner (you can choose a different model if needed)

meta_learner = LinearRegression()

# Create the stacked model

stacked_model_sgpa = StackingRegressor(estimators=base_models, final_estimator=meta_learner)

stacked_model_cgpa = StackingRegressor(estimators=base_models, final_estimator=meta_learner)

# Train the stacked models

stacked_model_sgpa.fit(X_train, y_train_sgpa)

stacked_model_cgpa.fit(X_train, y_train_cgpa)

# Predict SGPA and CGPA using the stacked models

y_pred_sgpa_stacked = stacked_model_sgpa.predict(X_test)

y_pred_cgpa_stacked = stacked_model_cgpa.predict(X_test)

# Calculate RMSE for SGPA and CGPA predictions

rmse_sgpa_stacked = mean_squared_error(y_test_sgpa, y_pred_sgpa_stacked, squared=False)

print(f"Stacked Model (SGPA) - RMSE: {rmse_sgpa_stacked:.2f}")

print(f"Stacked Model (CGPA) - RMSE: {rmse_sgpa_stacked:.2f}")
```

1. Stacked Model:

Stacked Model, or Stacking, combines predictions from multiple machine learning models and trains a meta-model on their results. Instead of using homogeneous analyzes (as in clusters), the meta-model learns to calibrate the predictions of the base models based on their performance. Stacking aims to capture overlapping features in models, which can improve overall prediction accuracy and robustness.

Stacked Model (SGPA) - RMSE: 0.15 Stacked Model (CGPA) - RMSE: 0.07

2. Parallel Model:

Parallel models involve running multiple machine learning models simultaneously on the same data set or task. Each model works independently, and the results together make predictions or decisions. Parallelization speeds up computation, allowing for faster training and analysis. It is often used in batch processes where models contribute to the final output.

Parallel Ensemble Model (SGPA) - RMSE: 0.15 Parallel Ensemble Model (CGPA) - RMSE: 0.11

```
# Create the parallel ensemble model for SGPA
ensemble_model_sgpa = VotingRegressor(estimators=base_models, n_jobs=-1)

# Create the parallel ensemble model for CGPA
ensemble_model_cgpa = VotingRegressor(estimators=base_models, n_jobs=-1)

# Train the parallel ensemble models
ensemble_model_sgpa.fit(X_train, y_train_sgpa)
ensemble_model_cgpa.fit(X_train, y_train_cgpa)

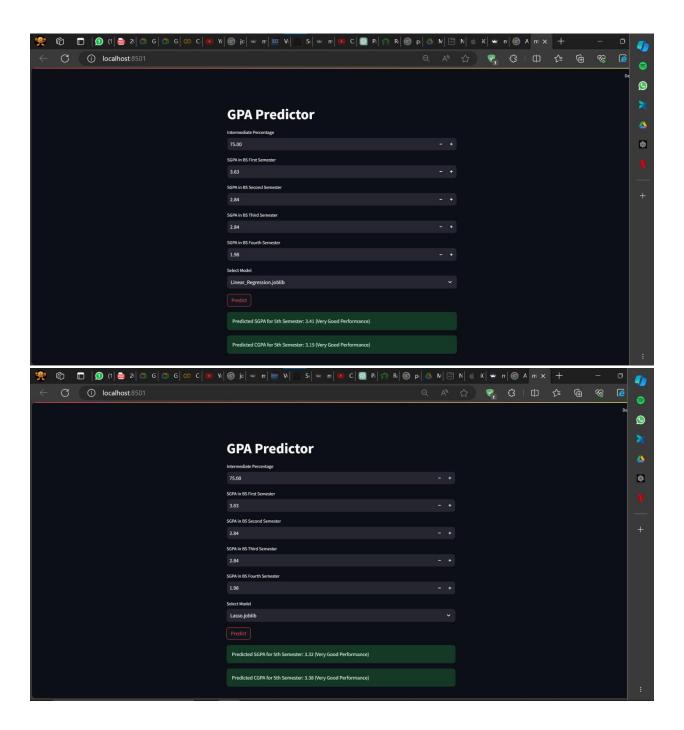
# Predict SGPA and CGPA using the parallel ensemble models
y_pred_sgpa_ensemble = ensemble_model_sgpa.predict(X_test)
y_pred_cgpa_ensemble = ensemble_model_cgpa.predict(X_test)

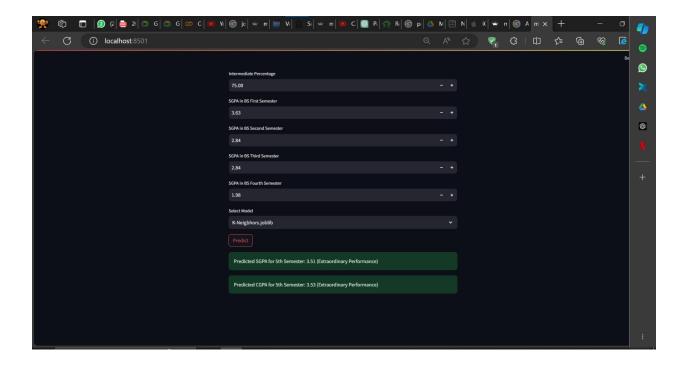
# Calculate RMSE for SGPA and CGPA predictions
rmse_sgpa_ensemble = mean_squared_error(y_test_sgpa, y_pred_sgpa_ensemble, squared=False)
rmse_cgpa_ensemble = mean_squared_error(y_test_cgpa, y_pred_cgpa_ensemble, squared=False)

print(f"Parallel Ensemble Model (SGPA) - RMSE: {rmse_sgpa_ensemble:.2f}")
print(f"Parallel Ensemble Model (CGPA) - RMSE: {rmse_cgpa_ensemble:.2f}")
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5. Deployment:

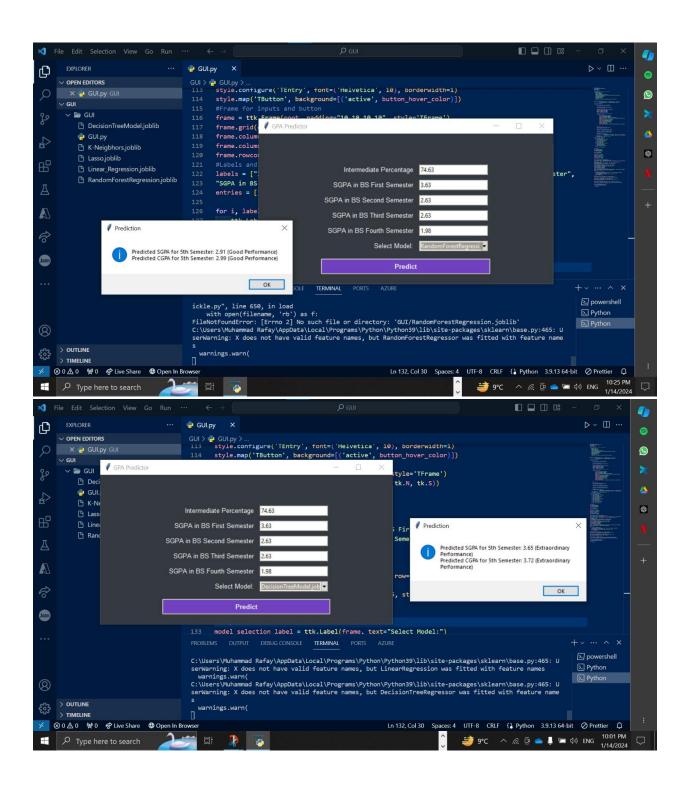
Streamlit is a Python library designed for rapid development and deployment of interactive web applications. It simplifies the process of turning data scripts into shareable web applications with minimal effort. With its intuitive and user-friendly syntax, Streamlit allows developers and data scientists to create interactive dashboards and visualizations effortlessly. Leveraging Streamlit, one can seamlessly integrate data exploration, analysis, and visualization into a web-based format, making it an ideal choice for quick and efficient deployment of machine learning models and data-driven applications.

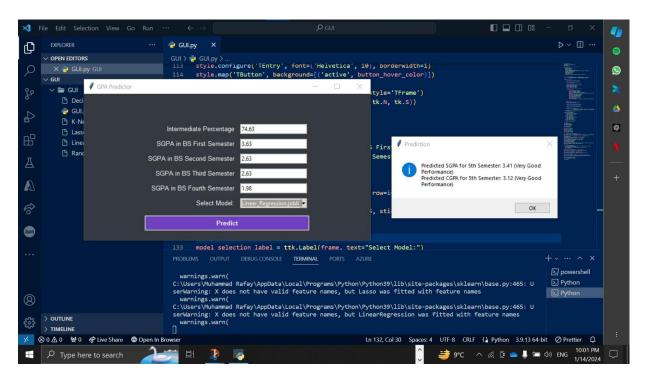


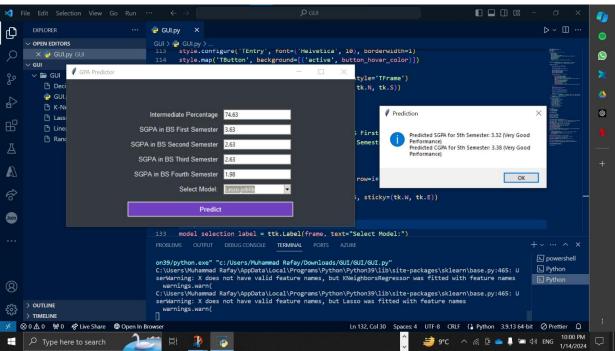


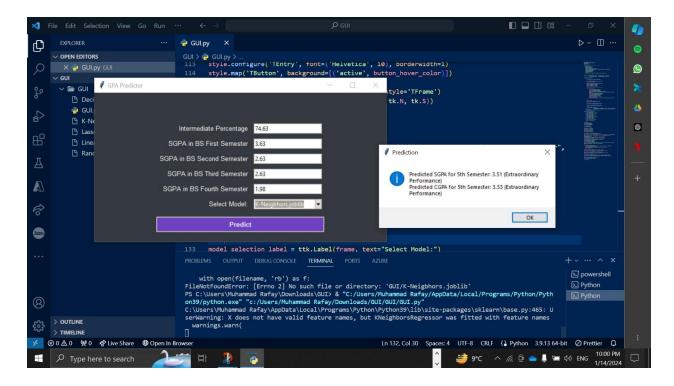
6. GUI Development:

This is a Python-based GUI application designed for predicting a student's SGPA and CGPA for the fifth semester. The user inputs data such as SGPA in previous semesters and intermediate percentage. The application employs machine learning models like Decision Tree, K-Neighbors, Lasso, Linear Regression, and Random Forest Regression for predictions. A "Predict" button initiates the process, gathering input data, loading the selected model, and displaying predicted SGPA and CGPA values. The GUI also offers file navigation and code editing features.









7. Conclusion:

This study employs a systematic approach to assess and predict academic performance based on various factors. Through careful data preprocessing and exploratory data analysis, the project identifies patterns and correlations in the dataset. The machine learning models employed demonstrate varying levels of accuracy in predicting SGPA and CGPA, with Linear Regression and Ridge Regression showing lower RMSE values compared to Lasso Regression and ElasticNet Regression. Random Forest and Gradient Boosting, as ensemble models, provide competitive performance. The GUI developed facilitates user interaction for testing new data and predicting outcomes. Overall, this project contributes valuable insights into academic predictive analytics, showcasing the potential for proactive interventions to enhance student success in higher education.