

A Project Report

On

Predictive Maintenance of Aircraft Engines:

Machine Learning Approaches for Remaining Useful Life Estimation

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Chapter 1: Introduction to Project

1.1 Introduction

- Aircraft are complex machines with interdependent components, where the engine is critical for safety and performance. Due to extreme operational conditions like high temperatures, pressure, and stress, engines are prone to degradation, potentially leading to catastrophic failures, costly repairs, or loss of life. To address these risks, the aviation industry adopts predictive maintenance, a proactive, data-driven approach that forecasts failures using real-time sensor data. This method enhances safety, reduces operational costs, and optimizes maintenance schedules. This research focuses on developing a machine learning-based predictive model to estimate the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of aircraft engines, leveraging NASA's C-MAPSS FD001 dataset. Key objectives include:
- **Developing Predictive Models:** Building machine learning models to predict RUL, aiming for performance comparable to deep learning and LSTM methods.
- **Feature Engineering:** Preprocessing data, normalizing features, and applying hyperparameter tuning for noise reduction and accuracy improvement.
- **Integration & Visualization:** Integrating models with PostgreSQL for data management and deploying a Flask-based web interface for dynamic result visualization.
- The dataset, stored in PostgreSQL, includes 26 operational parameters. A target column was computed using defined thresholds (optimal at 130 cycles) to enhance model accuracy. The workflow incorporates Explainable AI (XAI) for feature importance, Min-Max scaling, and detailed visualizations like boxplots for clarity. This integrated approach supports effective maintenance planning, ensuring safety and operational efficiency.

1.2 Problem Definition

Even the minor failure mode can cause devastation in terms of economy and manpower. Hence a detailed Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (FMEA) along with recovery procedures is needed. The sensors are installed at various locations on the system and the data is acquired. The type of sensors may vary from temperature, pressure, vibration, gas etc. Also, the sensor data may be either numeric or in the form of discrete or continuous signals. The challenge addressed by this project is to develop a data-driven predictive model that estimates the engine's remaining cycles before failure (i.e., predicting the number of cycles left before shutdown), based on machine learning algorithms that estimates the Remaining useful lifetime with performance nearly equal to deep learning methods. This is critical for both operational efficiency and safety in the aerospace industry.

1.3 Project Scope

This project aims to develop a predictive maintenance system specifically designed for aircraft engines, with a primary focus on estimating the Remaining Useful Life (RUL). The following components outline the project's boundaries and expected outcomes:

1. Data Acquisition:

Leverage the NASA Commercial Modular Aero-Propulsion System Simulation (CMAPSS) dataset, which contains time series data collected from various aircraft engines.Import this dataset into a PostgreSQL database to facilitate efficient data management.

2. **Data Preprocessing:**

Perform essential preprocessing tasks, including data cleaning, feature selection, calculation of the target variable (RUL), and normalization to prepare the dataset for modeling.

3. **Model Development:**

Develop and train a range of machine learning models, such as Random Forest, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Linear Regression, XGBoost, and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN).

Assess and compare the performance of these models' using metrics like Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and R² score to determine their effectiveness.

4. Feature Importance Analysis:

Utilize feature importance techniques to pinpoint the most significant factors impacting engine RUL, with the aim of minimizing prediction errors and enhancing model accuracy.

5. Visualization and User Interface:

Design a front-end application that presents model performance metrics visually. This application will retrieve and plot pertinent data from PostgreSQL, enabling users to track and evaluate model performance. 6. Documentation and Reporting:

Create thorough documentation that outlines the methodologies employed, results achieved, and insights gained throughout the project. This documentation will serve as a valuable resource for stakeholders and future research initiatives.

7. Limitations:

The focus will be on predicting RUL for aircraft engines using the CMAPSS dataset, and the project may not extend to other machinery types or datasets.

The efficacy of the models will depend on the quality and representativeness of the input data.

By delineating the project scope, this initiative aims to provide a concentrated and organized approach to developing an effective predictive maintenance solution for the aerospace sector.

1.4 Motivation

The motivation behind this project stems from the critical need for enhanced predictive maintenance strategies in the aerospace industry. As global air traffic continues to rise, the demand for safe and reliable aircraft operations becomes increasingly paramount. Unexpected engine failures not only pose significant safety risks but also lead to substantial financial losses due to unplanned downtimes and costly repairs. Predictive maintenance, particularly through accurate RUL predictions, offers a proactive approach to addressing these challenges. By accurately forecasting when an engine may fail, airlines and maintenance organizations can schedule maintenance more effectively, reducing the likelihood of in-flight failures and extending the lifespan of their engines.

Furthermore, advancements in machine learning and data analytics provide unprecedented opportunities to harness large volumes of sensor data for actionable insights. By leveraging historical data and applying sophisticated machine learning algorithms, this project aims to improve the accuracy of RUL predictions, ultimately leading to more informed decision-making in maintenance operations.

Additionally, with the integration of a user-friendly front-end application that visualizes model performance metrics, stakeholders will be equipped with the necessary tools to monitor engine health proactively. This transparency enhances trust in predictive models and allows for timely interventions based on real-time data.

The goal of this project is to contribute to the development of a safer, more efficient, and cost-effective aerospace industry, where predictive maintenance becomes an integral part of operational strategies, benefiting both operators and passengers alike.

1.5 Literature Survey

Remaining Useful Life (RUL) prediction has become a critical focus in industries relying on the longevity and performance of machinery, particularly in aviation and aerospace sectors. The ability to predict the remaining cycles of aircraft engines not only helps in scheduling maintenance but also ensures optimal performance and safety. In recent years, more studies have leveraged deep learning techniques over traditional machine learning approaches to address the challenge of RUL prediction, with a focus on accurately forecasting engine failure based on sensor data, to improve operational efficiency and reduce unforeseen downtimes.

Khelif et al. [1] modelled using SVM and obtained a competitive score value of 448 compared to neural networks that had a score value of 1046. This is attributed to the high classification accuracy when using a kernel function in modelling. Due to its powerful self-learning capabilities, deep learning has already achieved significant success in the manufacturing industry [2]. A core challenge in predicting a system's Remaining Useful Life (RUL) lies in determining the precise output value for each input data point. In real-world applications, the absence of an accurate physics-based model makes it difficult to reliably assess system health status at each time step [2].

Typically, two main approaches address this RUL prediction challenge. The first assigns the desired output as the actual remaining time until failure, while the second derives output values based on a suitable degradation model. In this context, we focus on NASA's Commercial Modular Aero-Propulsion System Simulation (C-MAPSS) dataset, a widely used multivariate benchmark for evaluating predictive deep learning algorithms. For C-MAPSS, a piecewise linear degradation model has been proposed [3], which assumes that system degradation begins only after a specific usage threshold.

Shi and Chehade [5] introduced a dual LSTM framework capable of detecting change points in sensor data, using a health index function to help identify threshold values in the degradation process. Ayodeji et al. [6] proposed a Causal Augmented Convolution Network (CaConvNet), which was further optimized with a dynamic hyperparameter search algorithm to minimize manual tuning and uncertainties, utilizing a piece-wise linear function with a threshold value of 130. Shi and Chehade [5] also advanced a dual-LSTM approach for RUL prediction by assuming the threshold at the midpoint of the degradation process for each engine. Li et al. [8] developed a GRU-based model with a high-level feature fusion block, replacing traditional fully connected layers and using the novel activation function Mish to predict aeroengine RUL, employing a piece-wise linear function with a threshold of 120 across all C-MAPSS subsets [9]. Zhang et al. [8] applied the piece-wise linear model, introducing a unique method to determine the threshold value based on dataset characteristics.

This threshold, observed empirically, varies by dataset and has since been widely adopted in related research as a standard model for RUL prediction [4]. Notably, the threshold value determined in this study is 130, based on observations from the first subset (FD001) and is adapted from [4].

In the research conducted by Zhiqiang Lyu and colleagues [11], a comprehensive analysis was performed to estimate the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of lithium-ion batteries using both Support Vector Regression (SVR) and Random Forest Regressor models. The study achieved notable results, with an RMSE of 33.5 for the SVR model and 30.6125 for the Random Forest Regressor.

In the research conducted by Mathew Toby and colleagues [12], a thorough analysis was performed on Remaining Useful Life (RUL) prediction using the C-MAPSS dataset. The study employed ten different machine learning models, specifically focusing on Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), and Gradient Boosting models applied to Dataset 1. The results revealed an RMSE of 48.17 for the SVM model, while the Random Forest model achieved a significantly lower RMSE of 25.86, and the Gradient Boosting model recorded an RMSE of 27.45.

In the study by Sheng et al. [13], a novel self-adapting deep learning network (CSDLN) was developed to predict the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of aircraft engines. This model achieved a remarkable RMSE of 15.977, showcasing significant improvements in prediction accuracy over previous methods. The CSDLN integrates a multi-branch 1D involution neural network for feature extraction and a trend recognition unit for identifying degradation trends. The authors employed advanced techniques such as comparative and ablation experiments to validate the model's performance, demonstrating its effectiveness in handling complex RUL prediction tasks in aerospace applications.

In the study conducted by Fernando Sánchez Lasheras and colleagues [14], a hybrid model combining Support Vector Machines (SVM) and the Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) technique was developed to predict the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of aircraft engines. Utilizing the C-MAPSS dataset, the researchers achieved a Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 39.6843, indicating a high level of accuracy in their predictions.

Chapter 2: Project Planning

2.1 Project Schedule

The project is planned to span from **August 1, 2024**, to **October 5, 2024**. The schedule includes various phases, tasks, and deadlines as outlined below:

Task	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Required Skills
Project Initialization	1-Aug-24	7-Aug-24	1 Week	Project management tools
Requirements Gathering	8-Aug-24	15-Aug-24	1 Week	HTML, kaggle
Design Phase	16-Aug-24	25-Aug-24	10 Days	Figma, Adobe XD
Implementation Phase	26-Aug-24	15-Sep-24	3 Weeks	Python, Keras, Flask
Testing Phase	16-Sep-24	30-Sep-24	2 Weeks	Pytest

Deployment	1-Oct-24	4-Oct-24	4 Days	AWS, Docker
Project Closure	5-Oct-24	5-Oct-24	1 Day	Documentation tools

Table 1:project schedule

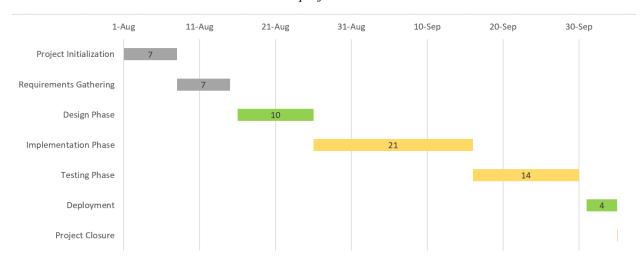


Figure 0: gantt chart

Colours resembles the member who worked on team:

- All members
- manikanta
- murari
- rahul

2.2 Effort and Resource Estimation

The effort and resource estimation for this project follows the **COCOMO** (**Constructive Cost Model**), which provides a structured approach to estimate the effort, duration, and costs involved based on the project size and complexity.

Project Size: The size of the project is estimated in terms of lines of code (LOC). Assuming the final deliverable will consist of approximately **20,000 LOC**.

Estimated Effort: After calculating, we estimate the total effort required for the project is approximately 10 weeks. Task Breakdown, Effort, Resources, and Timeline:

- Project Initialization
 - o Timeline: August 1 − August 7, 2024
 - o **Effort**: 1 week
 - o **Description**: Establish initial project setup, team alignment, and project goals.

Resources Needed:

- Team meeting tools: Zoom, Slack
- Project management software: Asana, Trello

• Requirements Gathering

- o Timeline: August 8 August 15, 2024
- o **Effort**: 1 week
- o **Description**: Collect, document, and finalize project requirements and scope.
- Resources Needed:
 - Documentation tools: Google Docs, Confluence
 - Data sources: NASA C-MAPSS dataset for RUL prediction

• Design Phase

- o Timeline: August 16 August 25, 2024
- o **Effort**: 1.5 weeks
- o **Description**: Develop the system architecture and user interface designs.
- Resources Needed:
 - Design tools: Figma, Adobe XD
 - Collaboration tools: Whiteboard for brainstorming, Miro

• Implementation Phase

- Timeline: August 26 September 22, 2024
- o **Effort**: 4 weeks
- Description: Core development phase, including backend and frontend coding, model training, and component integration.
- Resources Needed:
 - Development environment: IDE (VS Code, PyCharm)
 - Version control: Git
 - Libraries: Keras, TensorFlow, Flask

• Testing Phase

- o Timeline: September 23 September 30, 2024
- o **Effort**: 1 week
- Description: Conduct rigorous testing of core modules, model accuracy, and system integration.
- Resources Needed:
 - Testing frameworks: Pytest
 - Test management tools: TestRail, Jira
 - Additional data: Test datasets for RUL model validation

Deployment

- o Timeline: October 1 October 3, 2024
- o **Effort**: 3 days
- Description: Deploy the application, setting up cloud infrastructure and database configuration.
- Resources Needed:
 - Cloud services: AWS or Azure for hosting
 - Containerization tools: Docker
 - Deployment scripts

• Project Closure

- o Timeline: October 4 October 5, 2024
- o **Effort**: 2 days
- o **Description**: Conduct final review, documentation completion, and project handover.
- Resources Needed:
 - Documentation tools: Confluence, Google Docs
 - Review meetings: Final wrap-up and project evaluation meeting

Chapter 3: Requirement Gathering and Analysis

3.1 Dataset

In this project, the dataset plays a crucial role in building the model and achieving the desired outcomes. The dataset consists of multiple features that provide valuable insights for analysis. Below are the details of the dataset used:

- Dataset Source: The dataset is obtained from NASA. the dataset is relevant and up-to-date.
- Dataset Description:
 - Type: The dataset is a structured dataset comprising [number] records and 26 features.
 - o **Key Features**: The key features of the dataset include:
 - Engine: Identifier for the engine (categorical).
 - Time: Time stamp for the recorded data (numerical).
 - op setting 1: Operational setting parameter 1 (numerical).
 - op setting 2: Operational setting parameter 2 (numerical).
 - op setting 3: Operational setting parameter 3 (numerical).
 - **s1 to s21**: Sensor measurements from s1 to s21 (numerical). These represent various sensor readings related to the engine performance, with each sensor providing critical data points.

• Data Quality:

The dataset is evaluated for completeness and accuracy. Missing values and anomalies are identified and addressed through techniques such as imputation or removal.

• Data Preprocessing:

- Data preprocessing steps include:
 - **Normalization**: Scaling numerical features to a common range.
 - Encoding: Converting categorical variables into numerical format, if necessary.
 - **Splitting**: Dividing the dataset into training and testing sets, typically using an 70/30 split.

3.2 Data Modeling

Data modeling is essential for deriving insights from the dataset and creating predictive models. The following points outline the approach for data modeling in this project:

• Model Selection:

In this phase, various machine learning models were developed, trained on the normalized training dataset, and subsequently evaluated using the normalized validation and testing datasets to predict the

Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of 100 engines. We have taken basic LR model to Ensemble learning XGBoost model. These are selected because these are widely used and adaptable to regression models. The predictive results were stored in PostgreSQL for future reference and for dynamic rendering on a web interface. The primary objective of these models was to accurately estimate the number of operational cycles remaining from the current cycle, providing valuable insights into engine health and maintenance requirements.

- Random Forest
- > Support vector Regressor
- ➤ Linear Regressor
- > XGBoost
- KNN Regressor

Each model's performance was evaluated based on Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and R² score. For an ideal model, RMSE should be as close to 0 as possible, indicating minimal prediction error, and the R² score should approach 1, signifying a strong fit to the data.

5.2 Hyper Parameter Tuning:

To optimize model performance, GridSearchCV and RandomizedSearchCV were employed for hyperparameter tuning. These techniques identified the most efficient parameter settings for each model, leading to improved prediction accuracy and overall performance. The tuned parameters significantly enhanced the models' ability to generalize to unseen data, ensuring robust RUL predictions.

6. Model Evaluation

After model development and training, overfitting and underfitting were assessed by calculating RMSE and R² scores for both training and validation datasets. A model is balanced when both scores are nearly identical. The models were then tested on a dataset containing sensor data from 100 engines, with predictions focused on identifying remaining cycles from a given point. These predictions were compared with a reference dataset that provides the actual remaining cycles, ensuring accurate model evaluation.

6.1 Best model Selection

The XGBoost Regressor was selected as the best model due to its robust performance, demonstrating neither overfitting nor underfitting. It achieved an acceptable RMSE (<25) and an R² score (65-70), metrics typically associated with deep learning models, thus aligning well with the project's objectives.

Model Comparison					
Model	Training RMSE	Training R2 Score	Testing RMSE	Testing R2 Score	
Random Forest	15.79	0.86	28.15	0.54	
Support vector Regressor	19.76	0.79	23.7	0.67	

Linear Regressor	22.62	0.73	29.07	0.51
XGBoost	20.58	0.77	23.80	0.67
KNN	29.16	0.55	30.73	0.45

Table2: Model performance Comparison Table

This model is serialized into a pickle file and stored within the Flask application to facilitate RUL predictions based on input from the form data.

7. Implementation of Expandable AI(XAI):

After selecting the most effective model, Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) techniques were utilized to determine the significance of each feature in predicting RUL. This process entails mapping feature importance, quantifying the contribution of each attribute to the overall outcome. By leveraging the XGBoost model, we assessed feature importance to identify which factors notably impact RUL predictions, we can observer in figure 10. Each feature is assigned an importance score that indicates its predictive strength, offering essential insights into the key drivers of model performance.

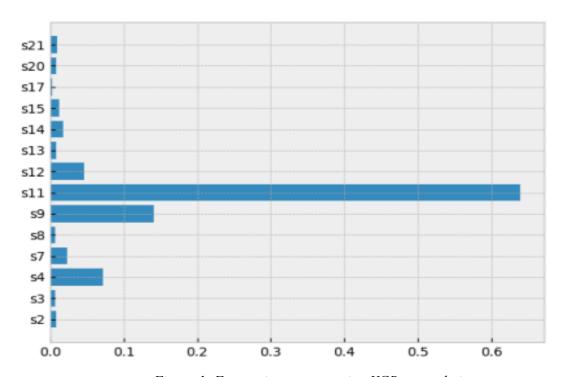


Figure-1: Feature importance using XGBoost technique.

8. Web page rendering:

We have developed a Flask-based web application that dynamically renders the analysis of the models, adapting in real-time as the data within PostgreSQL evolves due to changes in the dataset or fluctuations in model performance. This web interface serves as a comprehensive platform, showcasing the various preprocessing techniques implemented, the predictive outcomes of the models, detailed descriptions of the datasets, and much more.

Additionally, the application enables users to input sensor data directly, facilitating the dynamic prediction of the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) for specific engines utilizing the optimized model encapsulated within the pickle file. This integration not only enhances user engagement but also provides critical insights into engine health, thereby supporting informed decision-making regarding maintenance and operational efficiency. The architecture of the web application ensures seamless interaction with the underlying database, fostering a responsive environment that reflects the latest analytical results and model predictions.

Chapter 4: Designs

4.1 Architecture diagram

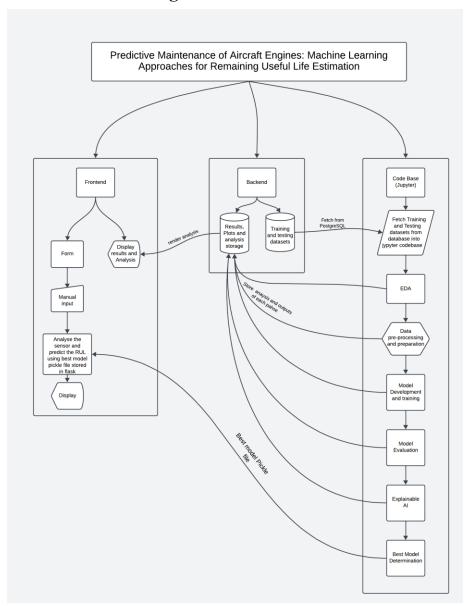


Figure 2: Architecture of the project

4.2 ML Model and Flow Charts

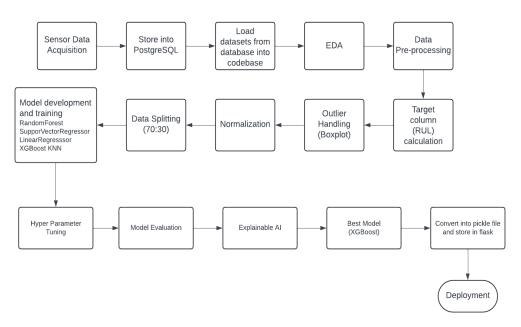


Figure 3: Operational Workflow for Engine RUL Analysis and Prediction

Chapter 5: Development

5.1 Tools Description and Development Approach Used

In this project, a variety of tools and technologies were employed to facilitate the development of a predictive maintenance system for aircraft engines, focusing on the prediction of Remaining Useful Life (RUL). Below is an overview of the key tools used and the development approach taken:

Technologies and libraries Description

Technologies Used

PostgreSQL: A powerful open-source relational database system used for efficient data management and storage. It supports complex queries, indexing, and data retrieval, making it ideal for handling large-scale engine health data.

Python: Core language for implementing machine learning algorithms and performing data analysis. Its libraries, such as Pandas, Numpy, and Scikit-learn, provide extensive functionalities for data manipulation, processing, and statistical analysis.

TensorFlow: An open-source machine learning framework used for building, training, and deploying machine learning models. It supports deep learning algorithms and provides scalability for production environments.

Keras: A high-level neural networks API written in Python and capable of running on top of TensorFlow. Keras simplifies the process of building deep learning models, allowing for quick prototyping and experimentation.

Apache Kafka: A distributed event streaming platform used for real-time data ingestion. It enables the system to handle high-throughput data streams, facilitating real-time engine health monitoring and prediction.

Docker: Containerization tool used for packaging the application along with its dependencies into a portable container. Docker ensures consistency across various environments and simplifies deployment.

Flask: A micro web framework in Python, used for building lightweight web applications and APIs. Flask enables seamless interaction between the frontend and backend components of the application.

React.js: A JavaScript library for building interactive user interfaces. React enables the development of dynamic and responsive frontend components, improving user experience.

Apache Spark: A powerful data processing framework used for handling large-scale datasets. Spark provides high-speed computation and facilitates distributed data processing, making it suitable for engine health data analysis.

AWS: Cloud platform used for scalable infrastructure. AWS provides resources such as EC2, S3, and RDS to support the deployment, storage, and processing of data-intensive applications.

Libraries Used

Pandas: A powerful data analysis library in Python that allows for efficient data manipulation and handling of tabular data. Pandas is essential for data preprocessing and cleaning tasks.

Numpy: Fundamental package for numerical computing in Python. It provides support for arrays and matrices, including mathematical functions required for data analysis and manipulation.

Scikit-learn: A machine learning library in Python that offers various algorithms for classification, regression, clustering, and dimensionality reduction. It simplifies model implementation and evaluation.

Matplotlib: A comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python. It is used to create plots and graphs to analyze data patterns.

Seaborn: An extension of Matplotlib, Seaborn provides aesthetic statistical graphics and enhances data visualization, making it easier to interpret complex data.

XGBoost: An optimized gradient boosting library used for creating highly efficient, flexible, and portable machine learning models. XGBoost is commonly used for predictive modeling.

NLTK: The Natural Language Toolkit, a suite of libraries and programs for symbolic and statistical natural language processing in Python. NLTK is used for text processing tasks.

SQLAlchemy: A SQL toolkit and Object Relational Mapper (ORM) for Python. SQLAlchemy provides tools for interacting with databases, making it easier to query and manipulate data.

Plotly: A graphing library in Python that enables the creation of interactive, web-based visualizations. It is used for dashboard creation and real-time data visualization.

Development Approach

Data Acquisition and Storage

Sensor Data Acquisition: Gather real-time or historical sensor data from engines.

Store into PostgreSQL: Save the acquired sensor data into PostgreSQL for organized storage, ensuring it's accessible for analysis and modeling. Data will be continuously updated in PostgreSQL as new sensor data is received.

Data Loading and Initial Analysis

Load Datasets from Database into Codebase: Retrieve the stored sensor data from PostgreSQL into the working codebase for further processing.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): Perform EDA to understand the data distribution, identify patterns, and spot anomalies or missing values. Any findings or changes during EDA will be stored and updated in PostgreSQL to maintain data consistency.

Data Preprocessing

Data Pre-processing: Clean and transform the data as necessary, including handling missing values or erroneous entries.

Target Column (RUL) Calculation: Calculate the target variable, Remaining Useful Life (RUL), which predicts the engine's health status. The processed data, along with the RUL calculation, is saved in PostgreSQL and updated whenever preprocessing changes are applied.

Data Cleaning and Transformation

Outlier Handling (Boxplot): Identify and handle outliers using statistical methods, such as boxplots, to improve model accuracy.

Normalization: Scale the data to ensure uniformity across features, essential for optimal model performance. Both steps (outlier handling and normalization) are stored and updated in PostgreSQL after any adjustments.

Data Splitting and Model Selection

Data Splitting (70:30): Divide the data into training (70%) and testing (30%) sets for model training and validation. The split datasets are saved in PostgreSQL.

Model Development and Training: Use various regression algorithms (Random Forest, Support Vector Regressor, Linear Regressor, XGBoost, KNN) to train models on the training set. The trained models are regularly updated in PostgreSQL as part of the system's machine learning assets.

Model Optimization and Evaluation

Hyperparameter Tuning: Fine-tune the model parameters to enhance performance. The tuned parameters are recorded in PostgreSQL.

Model Evaluation: Evaluate model performance using metrics such as MAE, MSE, and R-squared, and store evaluation results in PostgreSQL for tracking model improvements.

Explainable AI and Model Selection

Explainable AI: Apply techniques to make the model's predictions interpretable, helping stakeholders understand how the model makes decisions. Explanations are saved in PostgreSQL, providing insights alongside model predictions.

Best Model Selection (XGBoost): Based on evaluation, choose the best-performing model (e.g., XGBoost) for deployment. The chosen model is saved and updated in PostgreSQL.

Model Serialization and Deployment

Convert into Pickle File and Store in Flask: Serialize the best model into a pickle file and integrate it into the Flask framework for deployment.

Deployment: Deploy the model as an API or web application using Flask, allowing real-time predictions. The deployment status and any updates are documented in PostgreSQL.

5.2 Code with visualizations

Initial Data Loading and Exploration:

```
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
plt.style.use('bmh')
import psycopg2
import pandas as pd
# Establish connection to PostgreSQL
# Connect to PostgreSQL
def connect db():
  return psycopg2.connect(
    host="localhost",
                         # If using remote, replace with your remote host address
    database="IDBMS DATASETS", # Replace with your database name
    user="postgres", # Replace with your PostgreSQL username
    password="1234"
connection = connect_db()
# Create a cursor object to interact with PostgreSQL
cursor = connection.cursor()
# SQL query to select all data from your table
training_query = "SELECT * FROM train_fd001"
testing_query = "SELECT * FROM testing_fd001"
traing rul query = "SELECT * FROM testing rul"
```

```
# Read the data into a pandas DataFrame
data train = pd.read sql(training query, connection)
data val = pd.read sql(testing query, connection)
y_val = pd.read_sql(traing_rul_query, connection)
## Close the connection
cursor.close()
connection.close()
# Check the first few rows of the dataset
print(data train.shape)
print(data_val.shape)
print(y_val.shape)
(20631, 26)
(13096, 26)
(100, 1)
df = data_train.copy()
df val = data val.copy()
print(df.shape , df val.shape)
(20631, 26) (13096, 26)
print(df.columns)
print(df_val.columns)print(y_val.columns)
Index(['Engine', 'time', 'op_setting_1', 'op_setting_2', 'op_setting_3', 's1',
        's2', 's3', 's4', 's5', 's6', 's7', 's8', 's9', 's10', 's11', 's12',
        's13', 's14', 's15', 's16', 's17', 's18', 's19', 's20', 's21'],
       dtype='object')
Index(['Engine', 'time', 'op_setting_1', 'op_setting_2', 'op_setting_3', 's1',
        's2', 's3', 's4', 's5', 's6', 's7', 's8', 's9', 's10', 's11', 's12',
        's13', 's14', 's15', 's16', 's17', 's18', 's19', 's20', 's21'],
       dtype='object')
Index(['rul'], dtype='object')
```

df.info()

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
 RangeIndex: 20631 entries, 0 to 20630
 Data columns (total 26 columns):
      Column
                     Non-Null Count
                                       Dtype
                      20631 non-null int64
  0
      Engine
                      20631 non-null int64
  1
      time
  2
      op_setting_1 20631 non-null float64
  3
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    s14
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                     20631 non-null float64
  19
      s15
     s20
                     20631 non-null float64
  24
                      20631 non-null float64
  25 s21
 dtypes: float64(22), int64(4)
 memory usage: 4.1 MB
Output is truncated. View as a scrollable element or open in a text editor. Adjust cell output settings
# usefull info of dataset
df info = pd.concat ( [data train.isna().sum(), data train.nunique(), data train.dtypes], axis = 1 )
df_info.columns = ['missing value', 'no.of unique value', 'dtype']
df_{info}
df.loc[:,['Engine','time']].describe()
df.loc[:,'s2':'s21'].describe().transpose()
engine_counts = df['Engine'].value_counts()
print(engine counts)
```

```
Engine
69
      362
92
      341
96
      336
67
      313
83
      293
24
      147
57
      137
70
      137
91
      135
39
      128
Name: count, Length: 100, dtype: int64
```

Data Visualization: -

Selecting and Plotting Sensor Data for a Specific Engine

```
# Plot individual line plots for each setting and sensor

for ax, column in zip(axes.flatten(), columns_to_plot):

ax.plot(engine_data['time'], engine_data[column], label=column)

ax.set_title(f'{column} over Cycles')

ax.set_xlabel('Cycle')

ax.set_ylabel('Value')

ax.legend()

ax.grid(True)

# Adjust the layout so that subgraphs do not overlap

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()
```

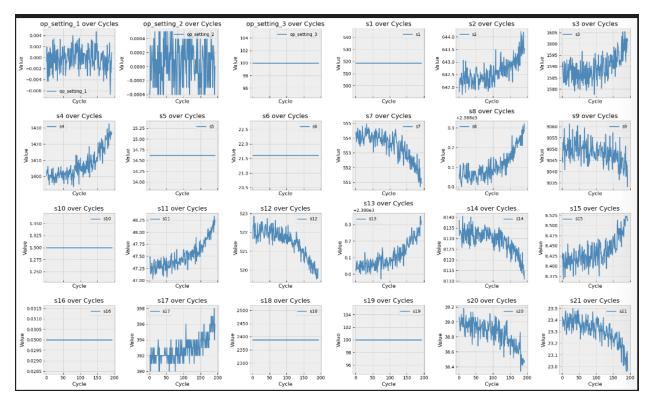


Figure 4:Plotting Sensor Data for a Specific Engine

Correlation Analysis and Heatmap of Sensor and Setting Variables

```
df_corr = df.corr()
mask = np.tril(np.ones(df_corr.shape),k = -1).astype(bool)
df_corr = df_corr.where(mask)
plt.figure(figsize = (12,5))
plt.grid() , plt.title('correlation')
sns.heatmap(df_corr , annot=True , fmt = '0.2f' , cmap='crest' , linewidths=0.01)
insert_plot_to_db('corr_graph',plt)
retrive_from_pgres('corr_graph')
```

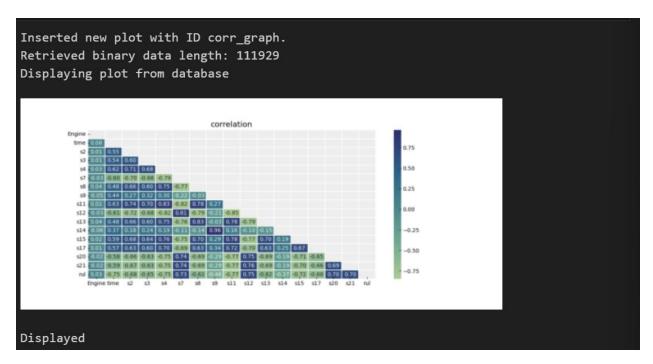


Figure 5: Correlation Analysis and Heatmap of Sensor and Setting Variables

Engine Count Distribution Across Observed Time Cycles

```
# detect more than 95% correlation
high_corr = []
for col in df_corr.columns:
    for row in df_corr.index:
        if abs(df_corr.loc[col , row]) > 0.95 :
            high_corr.append((col , row))
high_corr
# these 2 feature has very high correlation , no need for both of them , we can drop one of them
# df.drop(columns = ['s9'] , inplace = True)
df.columns
engine_counts = df['Engine'].value_counts().reset_index()
engine_counts.columns = ['Engine', 'count']
# Drawing bars with seaborn
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
sns.barplot(x='Engine', y='count', data=engine_counts)
```

```
plt.title('Count of Each Engine')
plt.xlabel('Engine Number')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
plt.show()
```

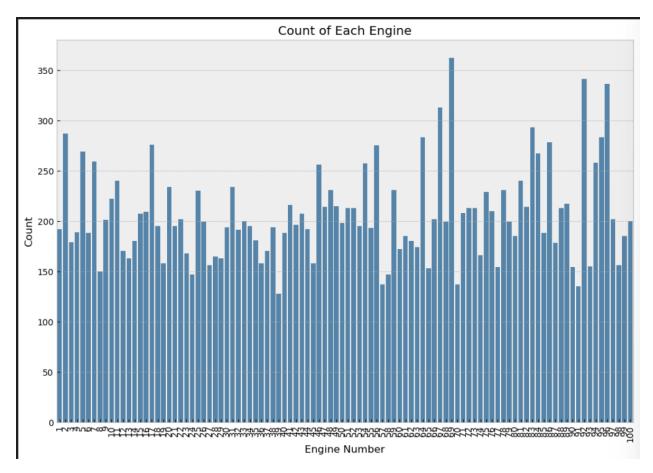


Figure 6: Engine Count Distribution Across Observed Time Cycles

Distribution of Maximum Time Cycles for Engines

```
#no of engines have particular rul.
index_names = ['Engine', 'time']
max_time_cycles=df[index_names].groupby('Engine').max()
sns.displot(max_time_cycles['time'],kde=True,bins=20,height=3,aspect=2)
plt.xlabel('max time cycle')
```

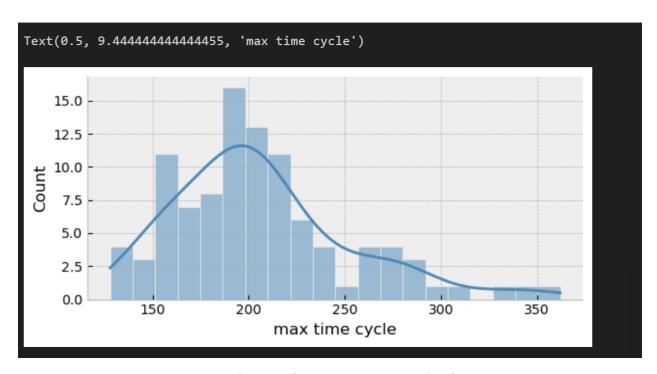


Figure 7: Distribution of Maximum Time Cycles for Engines

Plotting Sensor Data vs. Remaining Useful Life (RUL) for Selected Engines

```
plt.xlim(250, 0) # reverse the x-axis so RUL counts down to zero

plt.xticks(np.arange(0, 300, 25))

plt.ylabel(signal_name)

plt.xlabel('Remaining Useful Life')

plot_id = f'RULvs{signal_name}' # f-string to correctly insert signal_name into the plot_id

insert_plot_to_db(plot_id, plt)

retrive_from_pgres(plot_id)

plt.show()

for i in range(1, 22):

column_name = 's' + str(i)

if column_name in df.columns:

try:

plot_signal(df,'s'+str(i))

except:

pass
```

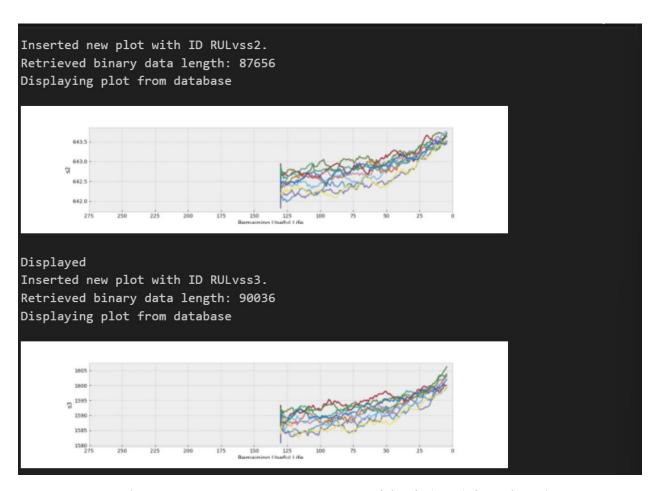


Figure 8: Plotting Sensor Data vs. Remaining Useful Life (RUL) for Selected Engines

Creating Histograms for Sensor Value Distributions

```
# Create a histogram for the current sensor

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6)) # Adjust the size of each individual plot

df[sensor].hist(bins=100)

# Set plot title and labels

plt.title(f'Histogram of {sensor}')

plt.xlabel(sensor)

plt.ylabel('Frequency')

# Create a unique plot ID for each sensor

plot_id = f'Histogram_{sensor}'
```

```
# Insert the plot into PostgreSQL
insert_plot_to_db(plot_id, plt)

# Optionally clear the figure after inserting to avoid overlap with future plots plt.clf()

# Retrieve the plot from the database and display it retrive_from_pgres(plot_id)

plt.show() # Ensure the plot is shown after retrieval
```

Call the function with the dataframe `df` and sensor_names
plot_histogram_for_each_sensor(df, sensor_names)

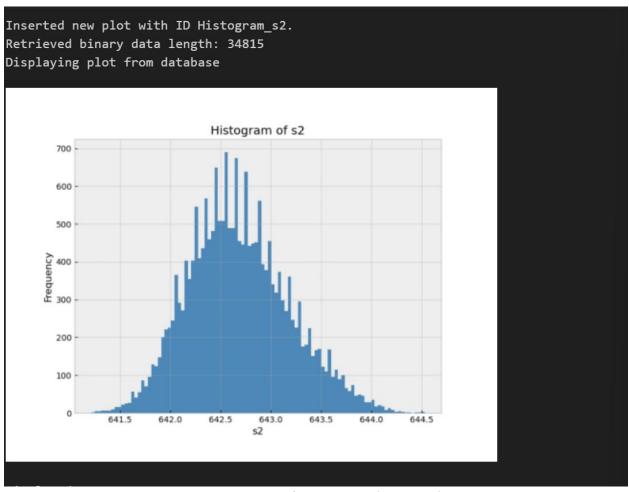


Figure 9: Histograms for Sensor Value Distributions

Generating and Storing Box Plots for Each Sensor

```
# Generate and insert box plots for each sensor
def plot_boxplot_for_each_sensor(df, sensor_names):
  for i, sensor in enumerate(sensor_names):
     # Create a new figure for each sensor
     plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
     # Create box plot for the current sensor
     plt.boxplot(df[sensor])
     # Set title and labels
     plt.title(f'Box Plot of {sensor}')
     plt.ylabel(sensor)
     # Create a unique plot ID for each box plot
     plot id = f'boxplot {sensor}' # Unique name, where i+1 corresponds to the sensor number
     # Insert the plot into PostgreSQL
     insert_plot_to_db(plot_id, plt)
     # Optionally clear the figure after inserting to avoid overlap with future plots
     plt.clf()
     # Retrieve the plot from PostgreSQL and display it
     retrive_from_pgres(plot_id)
     plt.show() # Ensure the plot is shown after retrieval
# Call the function to generate and store box plots
plot_boxplot_for_each_sensor(df, sensor_names)
```

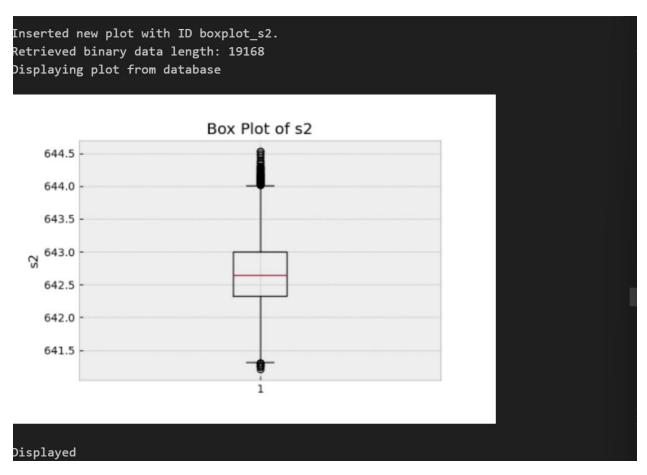


Figure 10; Box Plots for Each Sensor

```
#BEST FEATURE FOR XGBoost
rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
plt.barh(X_train.columns, rf.feature_importances_)
# insert_plot_to_db('FeatureImportance', plt)
# retrive_from_pgres('FeatureImportance')

### Creating new df for rf

Train_rf = X_train.copy()

Test_rf = X_test.copy()

Valid_rf = X_val.copy()

Train_rf.drop(columns=['s4','s7','s9','s11','s12'], inplace=True)

Test_rf.drop(columns=['s4','s7','s9','s11','s12'], inplace=True)
```

```
Valid_rf.drop(columns=['s4','s7','s9','s11','s12'], inplace=True)

Train_rf_s=scaler.fit_transform(Train_rf)

Test_rf_s=scaler.fit_transform(Test_rf)

Valid_rf_s=scaler.fit_transform(Valid_rf)

from sklearn.svm import SVR

xgb = xgboost.XGBRegressor(n_estimators=110, learning_rate=0.02, gamma=0, subsample=0.8,colsample_bytree=0.5, max_depth=3)

xgb.fit(X_train_s,y_train)

y_hat_train = xgb.predict(X_train_s)

evaluate(y_train,y_hat_train, label='train')

y_hat_test = xgb.predict(X_test_s)

evaluate(y_test, y_hat_test, label='test')

y_hat_val = xgb.predict(X_val_s)

evaluate(y_val, y_hat_val, label='valid')
```

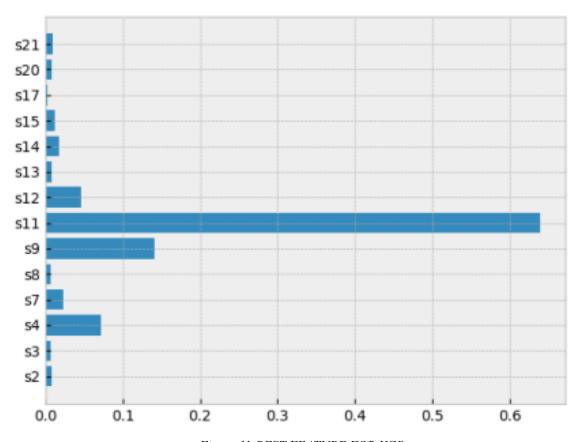


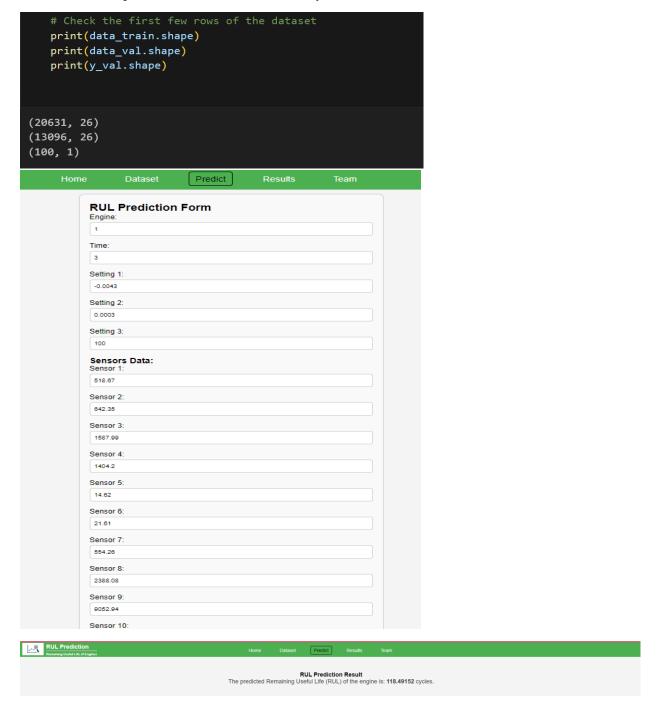
Figure 11:BEST FEATURE FOR XGBoost

Chapter 6: Testing

6.1 Test cases for Important Modules

Verify that PostgreSQL is successfully connected, and that the dataset is loaded into the Jupiter Notebook environment. –

Test Case: Attempt to retrieve a first few data entry.



6.2 model efficiency

Model Performance

i. Model Development and Evaluation

To forecast Remaining Useful Life (RUL) in aircraft engines, a range of machine learning models was rigorously evaluated, including Random Forest Regressor, XGBoost Regressor, Support Vector Regressor, Linear Regressor, and K-Nearest Neighbors. These models were meticulously trained and assessed using historical engine operational data, enabling the accurate differentiation between engines nearing failure and those operating optimally.

1. RandomForestRegressor:

Upon training and validating the RandomForestRegressor model, the following results were obtained:

Training Set: RMSE: 15.80, R²: 0.87

Validation Set: RMSE: 23.24, R²: 0.71

• Test Set: RMSE: 28.16, R²: 0.54

These metrics indicate that while the model demonstrates strong performance on the training dataset, it exhibits a significant decline in predictive accuracy when applied to the testing dataset. This discrepancy suggests that the model is overfitting, capturing noise and specific patterns from the training data rather than generalizing effectively to unseen data.

The predicted vs actual RUL for RandomForestRegressor is as in figure 12.

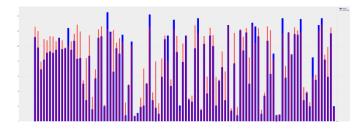


Figure-12: Actual RUL (blue) vs Predicted RUL (red) of RandomForestRegressor

2. Support Vector Regressor

The performance metrics for the Support Vector Regressor (SVR) model are delineated as follows:

Train set RMSE:19.768, R2:0.795

Validation set RMSE:23.987, R2:0.688

test set RMSE:23.784, R2:0.672

These results elucidate that the SVR model exhibits commendable performance on the training dataset, the model is proficient in capturing a substantial portion of the variance present in the training data. However, the metrics for the validation and test datasets indicate a decline in performance.

The relatively stable RMSE values across the validation and test sets imply that the model is generalizing more effectively than the RandomForestRegressor, albeit with some limitations. The R² scores reflect a deficiency in the model's ability to account for a significant portion of the variance in the validation and test datasets, suggesting potential inadequacies in its predictive fidelity.

the Support Vector Regressor demonstrates an admirable capacity to fit the training data, its performance on unseen data underscores a need for enhancement in model generalization.

The predicted vs actual RUL for Support Vector Regressor is as in figure 13.

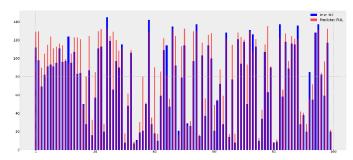


Figure-13: Actual RUL (blue) vs Predicted RUL(red) of SupportVectorRegressor

3. Linear Regressor

train set RMSE:22.628, R2:0.731

validation set RMSE:24.961, R2:0.663

test set RMSE:29.0749, R2:0.51

An analysis of these results reveals that the Linear Regressor demonstrates a moderate level of performance on the training dataset. These values indicate that the model captures a fair proportion of the variance in the training data. But the performance metrics for both the validation and test datasets indicate a noticeable decline.

The increase in RMSE and the corresponding decrease in R² for the validation and test sets suggest that the Linear Regressor is struggling to generalize effectively to unseen data. The R² score of 0.51 on the test set implies that less than half of the variance in the data is being explained, which raises concerns about the model's robustness in predictive tasks.

The Linear Regressor provides a baseline performance, its inability to maintain predictive accuracy across different datasets indicates a potential for underfitting.

The predicted vs actual RUL for Linear Regressor is as in figure 14.

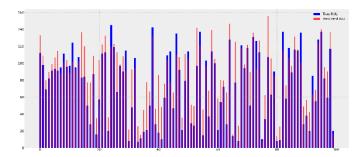


Figure-14: Actual RUL (blue) vs Predicted RUL(red) of LinearRegressor

4. XGBoost Regressor:

train set RMSE:20.581, R2:0.778

validation set RMSE:22.501, R2:0.726

test set RMSE:23.801, R2:0.672

The results indicate a robust capability in predicting the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of engines. The achieved training metrics suggest that the model effectively captures the underlying patterns in the training data, demonstrating a high degree of accuracy in estimating RUL. The relatively low RMSE indicates minimal deviation between the predicted and actual values, while the R² score signifies that approximately 78% of the variance in the training data is explained by the model. The validation performance illustrates the model's ability to generalize well to unseen data, maintaining a strong predictive capability. The validation RMSE, while slightly higher than that of the training set, remains within an acceptable range, indicating that the model is not overfitting but rather adjusting appropriately to the nuances of the validation data. The model's performance on the test set confirms the model's robustness, demonstrating its ability to predict RUL effectively even with completely new data. The R² score indicates that around 67% of the variance in the test data can be explained by the model, showcasing its reliability in real-world applications.

The predicted vs actual RUL for XGboost Regressor is as in figure 15.

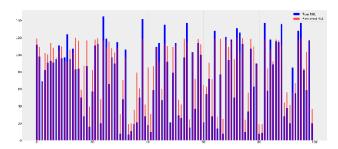


Figure-15: Actual RUL (blue) vs Predicted RUL (red) of XGBoostRegressor

5. KNN

- train set RMSE:29.169, R2:0.55
- validation set RMSE:30.435, R2:0.499
- test set RMSE:30.735, R2:0.453

The K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm exhibited subpar performance across all evaluated datasets. The model showed only moderate accuracy and limited predictive power. On the validation set indicates a decline in performance on unseen data. This trend continued with the test set further demonstrating the model's inadequacy in generalizing beyond the training data. Overall, the KNN model's inability to provide reliable estimates for Remaining Useful Life (RUL) suggests that it may not be suitable for this predictive maintenance task.

The predicted vs actual RUL for KNN is as in figure 16.

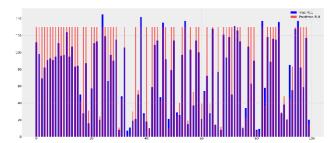


Figure-16: Actual RUL (blue) vs Predicted RUL(red) of KNN

6.3 Evaluation metrics

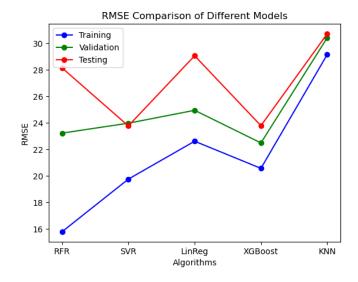


Figure-17: RMSE comparison for different models

Unlike other models evaluated in this analysis, XGBoost shows a consistent predictive capability across different datasets. The validation R² of 0.73 signifies that the model explains a substantial portion of the variance in RUL, reinforcing its utility in practical applications. Moreover, the test R² score of 0.67

suggests that XGBoost maintains robust predictive performance even when faced with unseen data, highlighting its proficiency in generalizing from the training examples.

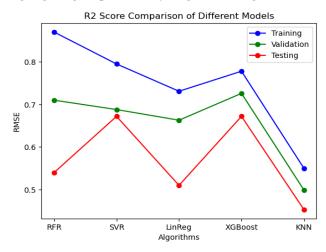


Figure-18: R² score comparison for different models

Chapter 7: Screenshots of Development Product

analytical results and model predictions. the images of the flask-based web page.

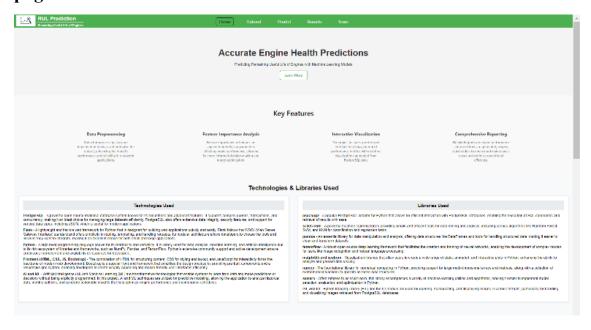


Figure 19.1: Home page containing key features and technologies, libraries used

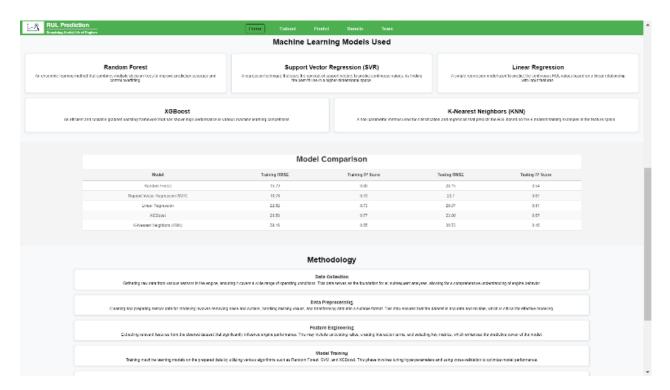


Figure 19.2: Home page containing machine learning models used

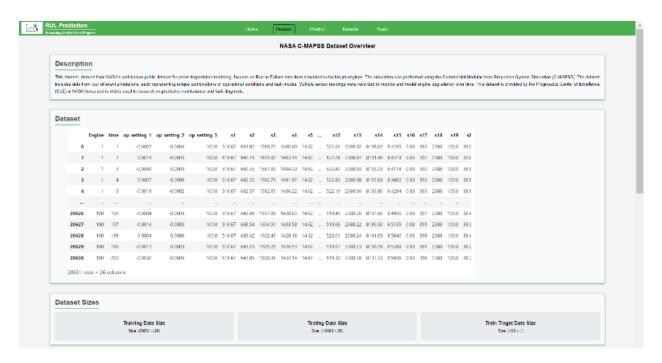


Figure 19.3 : dataset page

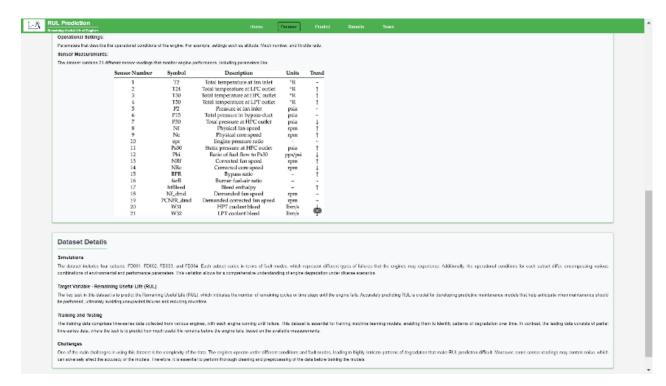


Figure 19.3: dataset page with dataset details

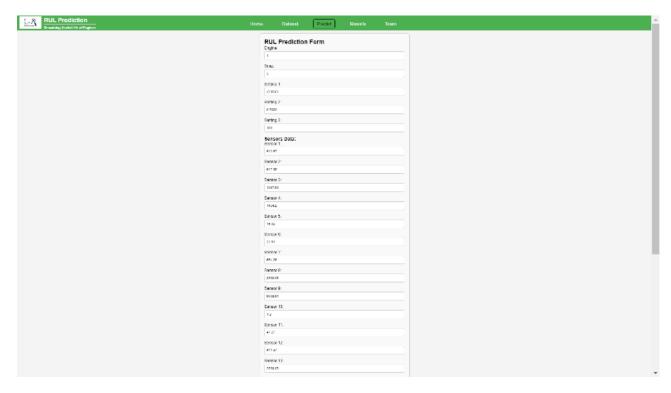


Figure 19.5: Result page

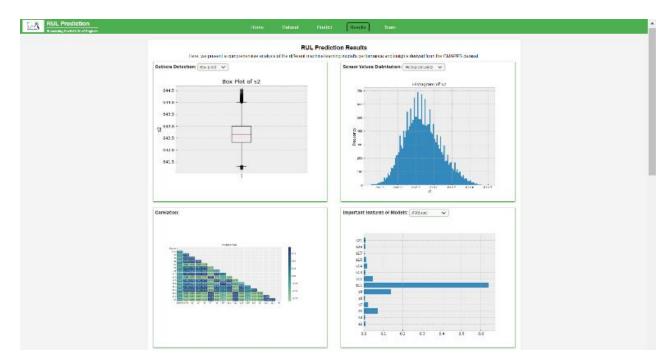


Figure 19.6: Visualizations of result

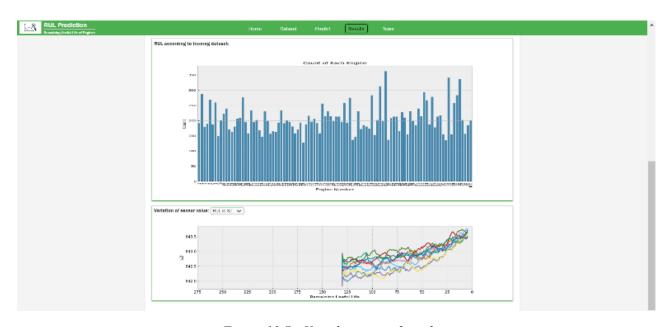


Figure 19.7: Visualizations of result

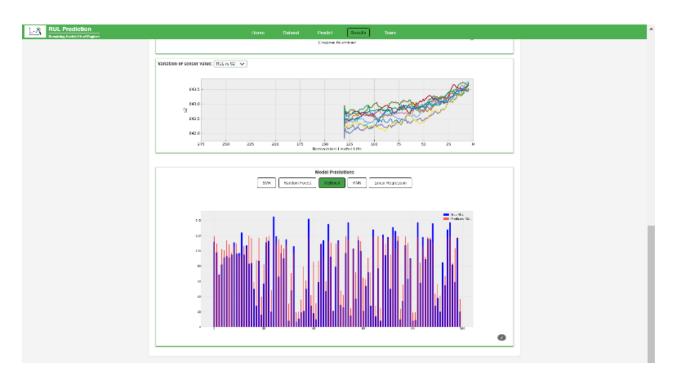


Figure 19.8: Visualizations of result

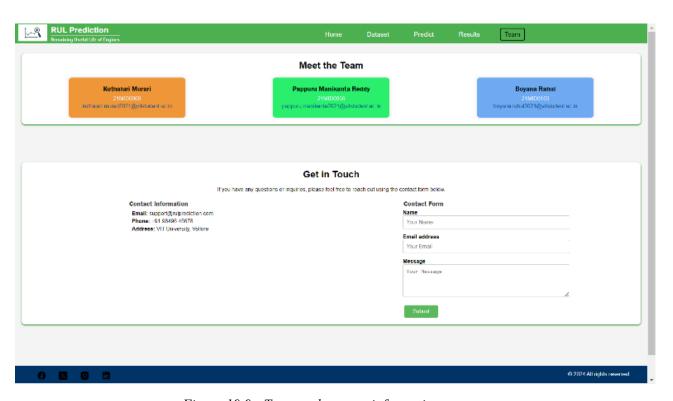


Figure 19.9: Team and contact information page

Chapter 8: Outcome

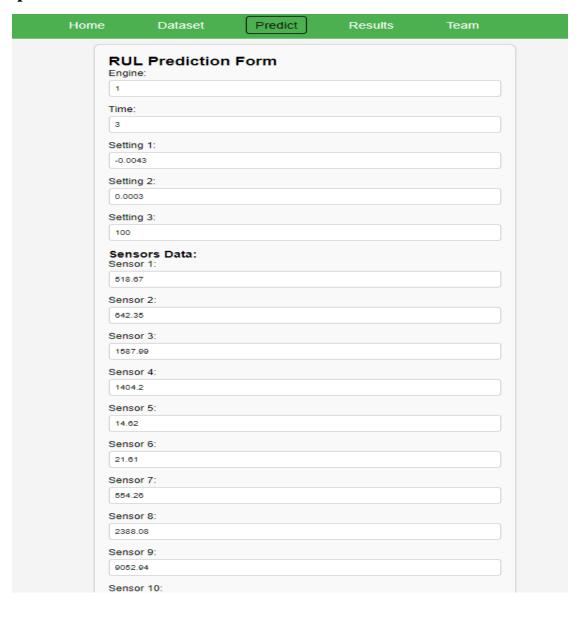




Figure-20 Predicting RUL from User-Entered Data via Pickle File

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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the project successfully developed a robust predictive maintenance system for estimating the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of aircraft engines, utilizing machine learning models and integrating multiple technologies to ensure efficiency and accuracy. By leveraging the NASA CMAPSS dataset, extensive preprocessing techniques, and various regression models, the system was able to predict RUL with a high degree of accuracy. Among the models tested, XGBoost demonstrated the most reliable performance, with a low RMSE and a high R² score, indicating its ability to make precise predictions without overfitting or underfitting. The integration of feature importance through Explainable AI (XAI) also provided insights into the influence of sensor data on RUL predictions.

Particularly XGBoost, which demonstrated impressive performance. The model's RMSE and R² scores were comparable to those typically achieved by deep learning models such as LSTM, highlighting its effectiveness in providing accurate predictions without the added complexity of deep learning architectures. XGBoost consistently outperformed other traditional models, offering an optimal balance of accuracy and efficiency while avoiding issues of overfitting or underfitting.

A key strength of the system lies in its comprehensive architecture, which combines PostgreSQL for data management, machine learning models for analysis, and Flask for real-time web deployment. The entire data pipeline, from data storage in PostgreSQL to model execution and result visualization on the web interface, worked seamlessly, ensuring that users can interact with and analyse engine data dynamically. The incorporation of manual data input through the web form further demonstrates the system's flexibility and usability in practical scenarios, proving its readiness for real-world application. This project highlights the potential of integrating machine learning, web technologies, and database systems for predictive maintenance. The system's modular design ensures scalability and adaptability for future enhancements, making it a valuable tool in the field of predictive analytics for machinery. Overall, the project not only achieves its goals of accurate RUL prediction but also sets a foundation for further advancements in the field, offering a significant contribution to maintenance optimization and operational efficiency in industrial applications.

This predictive maintenance system is highly valuable in the aircraft industry, where timely and accurate predictions of engine failure are crucial for safety and operational efficiency. By accurately estimating the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of engines, airlines can optimize maintenance schedules, reduce unexpected downtime, and avoid costly repairs. This proactive approach minimizes the risk of in-flight engine failures, ensuring safer and more reliable operations. Moreover, by leveraging sensor data and machine learning, the system can continuously monitor engine performance in real time, allowing for dynamic adjustments and more informed decision-making. This technological advancement aligns with the aviation industry's increasing reliance on data-driven solutions to enhance maintenance strategies and overall aircraft lifecycle management.

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