

## High Level Design (HLD)

## CONCRETE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH PREDICTION

**Project - Machine Learning Technology** 

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## **Project Outline**

Project Title	Concrete Compressive Strength Prediction
Technologies	Machine Learning Technology
Domain	Infra
Project Difficulties level	Intermediate





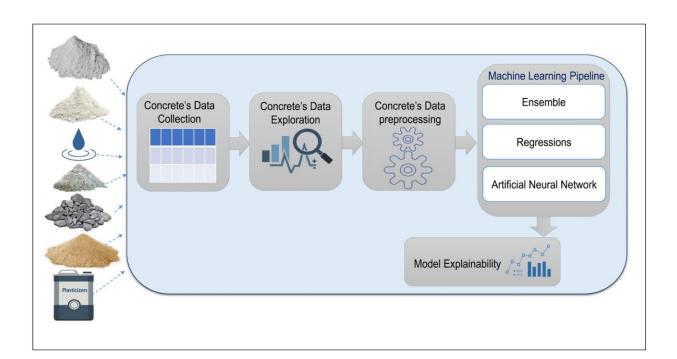
## **Problem Statement**

The quality of concrete is determined by its compressive strength, which is measured using a conventional crushing test on a concrete cylinder.

The strength of the concrete is also a vital aspect in achieving the requisite longevity. It will take 28 days to test strength, which is a long period.

So, what will we do now?

We can save a lot of time and effort by using Data Science to estimate how much quantity of which raw material we need for acceptable compressive strength



#### **Objective:**

To build a solution that should able to predict the compressive strength of the concrete. (Using Machine Learning)

#### Approach:

The classical machine learning tasks like Data Exploration, Data Cleaning, Feature Engineering, Model Building and Model Testing.

Different machine learning algorithms that's best fit for the above case will be tried out...



### Given Dataset

S.No	Variables	Units	Description		
ı	Cement	Feature/Input			
2	Blast FurnaceSlag	kg in a m³ mixture	Feature/Input		
3	Fly Ash	kg in a m³ mixture	Feature/Input		
4	Water	kg in a m³ mixture	Feature/Input		
5	Superplasticizer	kg in a m³ mixture	Feature/Input		
6	Coarse Aggregate	kg in a m³ mixture	Feature/Input		
7	Fine Aggregate	kg in a m³ mixture	Feature/Input		
8	Age	kg in a m³ mixture	Feature/Input		
9	Concrete compressive strength	kg in a m³ mixture	Target/Output		

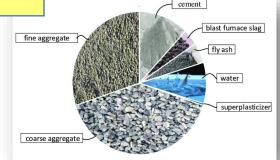
Number of instances (observations): 1030

**Number of Attributes: 9** 

Attribute breakdown: 8 quantitative input variables, and 1 quantitative output variable

<u>Link:</u>

https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Concrete+Compressive+Strength

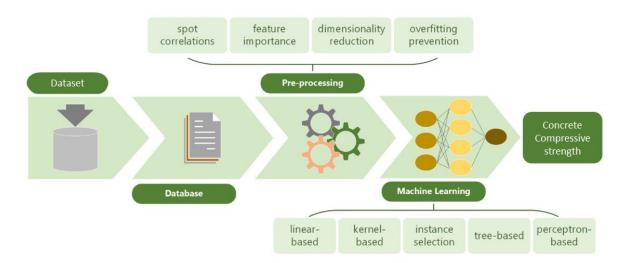


#### Here's a brief explanation of each variable:

- **I.Cement**: The amount of cement used in the concrete mix. Cement is the binding agent that holds concrete together.
- **2.Blast Furnace Slag**: Blast furnace slag is a byproduct of iron production and is often used as a supplementary cementitious material in concrete to improve its properties.
- **3.Fly Ash**: Fly ash is another supplementary cementitious material, typically derived from coal combustion, that is used in concrete to enhance its performance.
- **4.Water**: The amount of water used in the concrete mix. Water is necessary for the hydration process of cement but must be carefully controlled to achieve desired concrete properties.
- **5.Superplasticizer**: A type of chemical additive used in concrete to improve its workability and reduce the water-to-cement ratio without sacrificing strength.
- **6.Coarse Aggregate**: The portion of the aggregate in the concrete mix that consists of larger particles, such as gravel or crushed stone.
- **7.Fine Aggregate**: The portion of the aggregate in the concrete mix that consists of smaller particles, such as sand.
- **8.Age**: The age of the concrete specimen when its compressive strength was measured. Concrete strength typically increases with age due to ongoing hydration reactions.
- **9.Concrete Compressive Strength**: The ultimate strength of the concrete, measured in units of pressure (e.g., megapascals or pounds per square inch), which indicates its ability to withstand compressive loads.



## **Steps**



The following process steps were followed for the project

**Data Collection**: Gather relevant data containing features and the corresponding continuous target variable you want to predict.

**Data Preprocessing**: Clean the data, handle missing values, and preprocess features as necessary. For numerical features, you may need to scale or normalize them to ensure that they're on a similar scale.

**Feature Engineering**: Extract or create relevant features from the raw data that may help improve the model's predictive performance. This could involve transformations, interactions, or creating new features based on domain knowledge.

**Model Selection**: Choose a regression algorithm or model architecture suitable for your problem. Common regression algorithms include linear regression, decision trees, random forests, support vector regression, and neural networks.

**Model Training**: Train the selected regression model on the training data. During training, the model learns the relationships between the features and the target variable by adjusting its parameters to minimize the error between its predictions and the actual target values.

**Model Evaluation**: Evaluate the trained regression model's performance using appropriate evaluation metrics such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), or R-squared (coefficient of determination).

**Hyperparameter Tuning**: Fine-tune the model's hyperparameters to optimize its performance further. Hyperparameters for regression models may include regularization parameters, tree depth, learning rate, and batch size, among others.

**Model Deployment**: Once satisfied with the model's performance, deploy it into a production environment where it can make predictions on new data. Ensure that the deployment process is robust and scalable.



### Import Packages and Create Dataframe

```
#IMPORTING THE NECESSARY LIBRARIES
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib as mpl
import seaborn as sns
                                                     # loading the dataset
import warnings
                                                     dataset = pd.read_csv("D:/DATA/iNeuron/Concrete/concrete_data.csv")
import sys
import missingno as mno
                                                     target = dataset['concrete_compressive_strength']
                                                     features = dataset.iloc[:-1]
import plotly.graph objects as go
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots
                                                     original_dataset = dataset.copy
                                                     display(dataset.head())
```

The above mentioned primary libraries and packages were imported and used for the project



#### Dataset loaded and Created Dataframe

	cement	blast_furnace_slag	fly_ash	water	superplasticizer	coarse_aggregate	fine_aggregate	age	concrete_compressive_strength
0	540.0	0.0	0.0	162.0	2.5	1040.0	676.0	28	79.99
1	540.0	0.0	0.0	162.0	2.5	1055.0	676.0	28	61.89
2	332.5	142.5	0.0	228.0	0.0	932.0	594.0	270	40.27
3	332.5	142.5	0.0	228.0	0.0	932.0	594.0	365	41.05
4	198.6	132.4	0.0	192.0	0.0	978.4	825.5	360	44.30

# loading the dataset
dataset = pd.read\_csv("D:/DATA/iNeuron/Concrete/concrete\_data.csv")

target = dataset['concrete\_compressive\_strength']
features = dataset.iloc[:-1]

original\_dataset = dataset.copy
display(dataset.head())

INFORMATION :
The Datset consists of
Features = 9
Total Samples = 1030



## Checking the Dataframe

#### dataset.info() <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'> RangeIndex: 1030 entries, 0 to 1029 Data columns (total 9 columns): Column Non-Null Count Dtvpe -----1030 non-null float64 cement blast\_furnace\_slag 1030 non-null float64 1 fly\_ash 1030 non-null float64 1030 non-null float64 water 1030 non-null float64 1030 non-null float64 superplasticizer 1030 non-null coarse\_aggregate 1030 non-null float64 fine\_aggregate 1030 non-null int64 concrete compressive strength 1030 non-null float64 dtypes: float64(8), int64(1)

#### The records of the Dataframe was checked

- 1) In the given dataset, All the columns are numerical
- 2) All the columns datatype belong to float64, Except for the column 'age'
- 3) The data has 8 quantitative input variables and only one quantitative output variable - concrete\_compressive\_strength

#### dataset.describe().T

memory usage: 72.6 KB

	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
cement	1030.0	281.167864	104.506364	102.00	192.375	272.900	350.000	540.0
blast_furnace_slag	1030.0	73.895825	86.279342	0.00	0.000	22.000	142.950	359.4
fly_ash	1030.0	54.188350	63.997004	0.00	0.000	0.000	118.300	200.1
water	1030.0	181.567282	21.354219	121.80	164.900	185.000	192.000	247.0
superplasticizer	1030.0	6.204660	5.973841	0.00	0.000	6.400	10.200	32.2
coarse_aggregate	1030.0	972.918932	77.753954	801.00	932.000	968.000	1029.400	1145.0
fine_aggregate	1030.0	773.580485	80.175980	594.00	730.950	779.500	824.000	992.6
age	1030.0	45.662136	63.169912	1.00	7.000	28.000	56.000	365.0
concrete_compressive_strength	1030.0	35.817961	16.705742	2.33	23.710	34.445	46.135	82.6

#### The descriptive statistics of the dataset used for the project was checked

#### Data Cleaning:

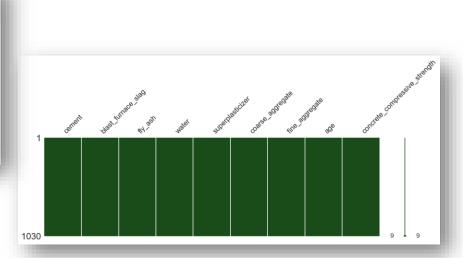
•Check for and handle missing values in the dataset. Depending on the extent of missing data, you might choose to impute missing values or remove rows or columns with missing values.

•Check for and handle outliers that could skew the model's predictions. Outliers may need to be removed or transformed to better fit the distribution of the data.

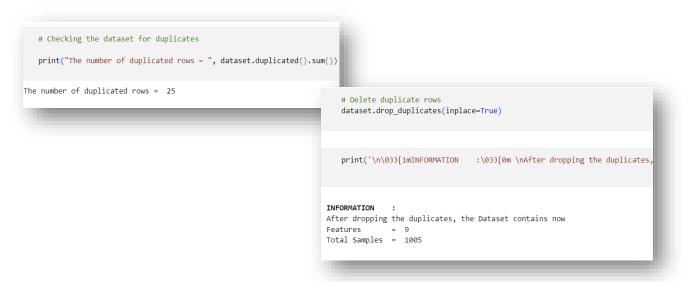


## Checking the Dataframe

```
# Checking for missing values
   dataset.isnull().sum()
cement
blast_furnace_slag
                                  0
fly_ash
                                  0
superplasticizer
                                  0
                                  0
coarse_aggregate
                                  0
fine_aggregate
                                  0
concrete_compressive_strength
dtype: int64
```



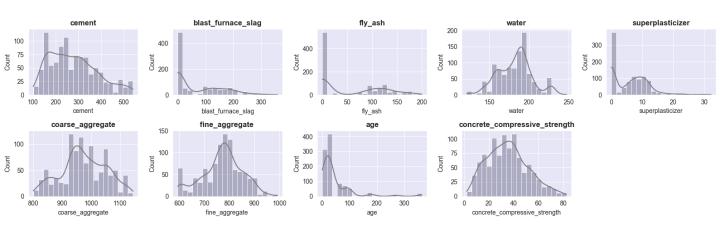
The records of the Dataframe was checked - 9 columns were found with non null values



- 1) In the given dataset, 25 duplicate rows were found
- 2) All the duplicate rows were dropped from the dataset
- 3) Initially the dataset had 1030 rows and now after dropping the dataset has now has 1005 rows.



#### **Histogram Plot**



The distribution plots of all featured variables plotted to understand the distribution

#### **Univariate analysis:**

**Cement** - Right skewed distribution -- cement is skewed to higher values

Burnt Furnace Slag - Right skewed distribution -- slag is skewed to higher values and there are two gaussians

fly Ash - Right skewed distribution -- ash is skewed to higher values and there are two gaussians

Water - Moderately left skewed distribution

Superplasticizer - Right skewed distribution -- superplastic is skewed to higher values and there are two gaussians

Coarse aggregate - Moderately left skewed distribution

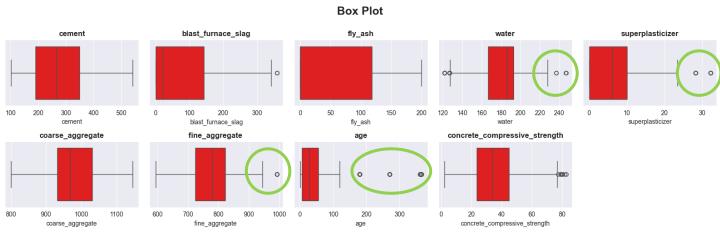
Fine aggregate - Moderately left skewed distribution

Age - Right skewed distribution -- age is skewed to higher values and there are five gaussians

Strength seems to be uniformly distributed

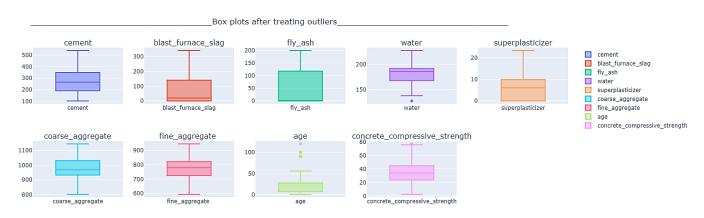


#### **Detecting the Outliers**



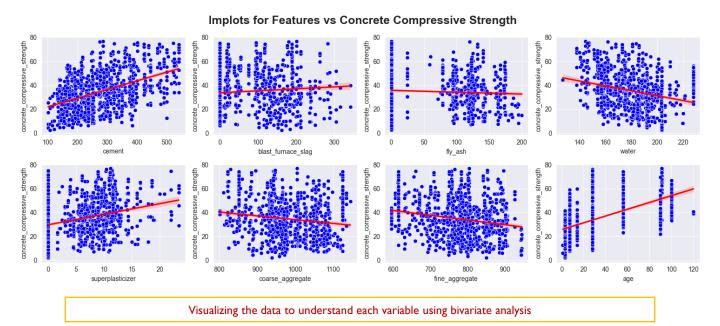
Several outliers have been detected, Next step is to remove outliers

#### **Treating the Outliers**



Removing outliers and plotting the data to check if removed

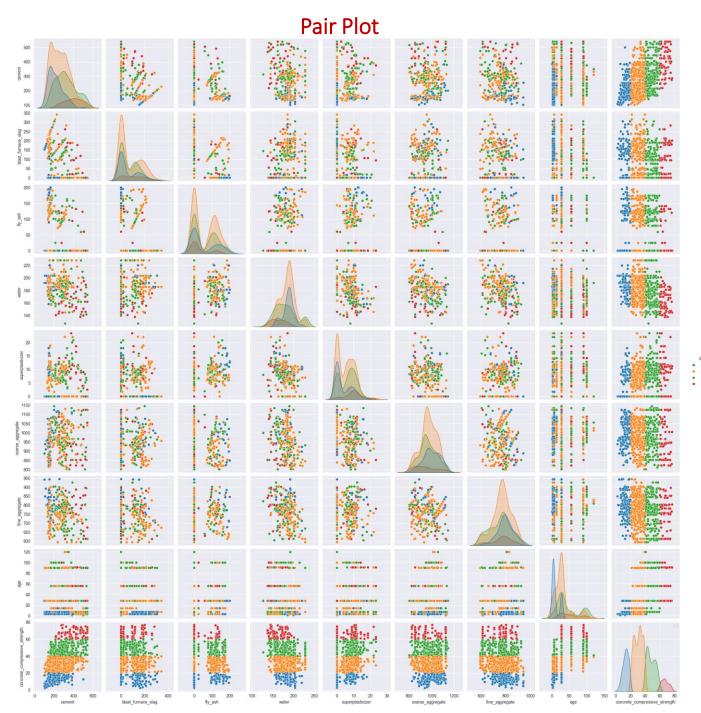




#### **Bivariate analysis:**

- 1) Cement: Widely spread data can be observed, with a linear increase for most of the other features.
- 2) Burnt-furnace-slag: Seems to have a large amount of right skewed and clustered below 200 kg m<sup>3</sup> for most of the other features.
- 3) Fly Ash: Seems to have a dual distribution with values either zero or more than 100 kg m<sup>3</sup> for most of the other features.
- 4) Water: Widely spread data can be observed. with a negative linear relation with most of the features.
- 5) Superplastic: Largely clustered around 5 to 15 units, with a linear increase for most of the other features.
- 6) Coarse aggregate: Widely spread data can be observed. with a negative linear relation with most of the features.
- 7) Fine aggregate: Widely spread data can be observed. with a negative linear relation with most of the features.
- 8) Age: A linear increase for most of the other features. Large data seen for a low age count can be seen in the given dataset.





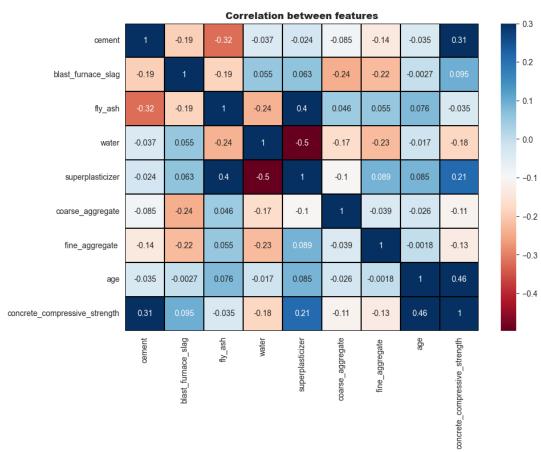
#### **INFERENCE**

From the pair plots, a Right skewed distribution is observed for majority of the features. Except for the aggregates and water.

At least 2 Gaussian (2 peaks) in furnace\_Slag, fly\_Ash, Superplasticer and Age, even though it's not unsupervised learning but in this dataset there are at least 2 clusters and there may be more.

Majority of the dataset is seen in the Range between 20 to 40 mPa for the concrete strength.



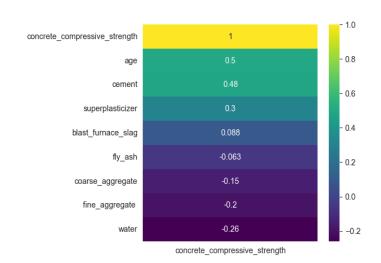


#### Concrete Compressive Strength

Age ,Cement, Superplasticizer and slag can be observed to have good linear relationship compared to other features

Water has a total negative correlation

# Inference – Only few variables seem to correlate with Concrete strength 1) Cement 2) Age 3) Superplasticizer 4) Blast furnace slag





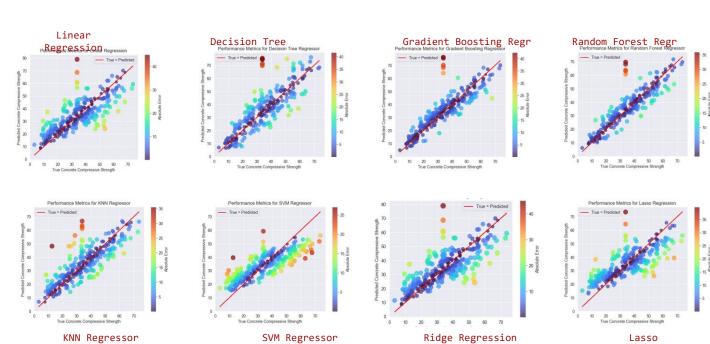
## **Model Building**

```
# splitting into independant and target features
   features = dataset.iloc[:, :-1]
target = dataset['concrete_compressive_strength']# splitting into independant and target features
   features = dataset.iloc[:, :-1]
                                                         ### Train test split
   target = dataset['concrete_compressive_strength']
                                                         from sklearn.model selection import train_test_split
                                                         X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(features_scaled,target, test_size= 0.3, random_state=40)
                                                         print(f'Train\ dataset\ shape:\ \{X\_train.shape\},\ \{y\_train.shape\}')
                                                         print(f'Test dataset shape: {X_test.shape}, {y_test.shape}')
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#### **Data Modeling:**

Since this is a Regression problem, I tried to build using few common Regression models for our training data and then compare performance of each model on test data to accurately predict target variable

Linear Regression Decision Tree Gradient Boosting Regr Random Forest Regr KNN Regressor SVM Regressor Ridge Regression Lasso Regression



Regression



## **Models testing Output**

Comparing all the models - to find out the best model

S No.	Model No.	RMSE	MAE	MSE	<b>R2</b>
1	Linear Regression	9.390438	6.860813	88.180334	0.622271
2	Decision Tree	8.627499	5.691987	74.433745	0.681156
3	Gradient Boosting Regr	7.039062	4.541052	49.548396	0.787755
4	Random Forest Regr	6.443462	4.290236	41.518202	0.822153
5	KNN Regressor	8.303886	5.885437	68.954524	0.704627
6	SVM Regressor	9.124020	7.199210	83.247745	0.643400
7	Ridge Regression	9.387114	6.862371	88.117918	0.622538
8	Lasso Regression	9.606232	7.417111	92.279699	0.604711

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Random Forest algorithm was chosen to do the final prediction as it gave the best parameters.

n\_estimators = [100, 200, 500]
max\_depths = [30, 50, 70]
min\_samples\_leafs = [2, 5, 10]

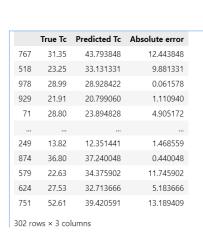
With the above mentioned parameters Model hypertuning was carried out for random forest algorithm

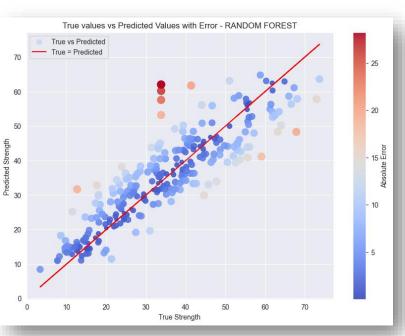
An improved R2 of 83.13 % was obtained

Model No.	RMSE	MAE	MSE	R2
Random Forest Regr	6.443462	4.290236	41.518202	0.822153

Estimator	Max Depth	Min Samples Leaf	R2 Score	MSE	MAE	RMSE
200	30	2	0.831345	39.37236	4.219989	6.27474

## Final Model Output

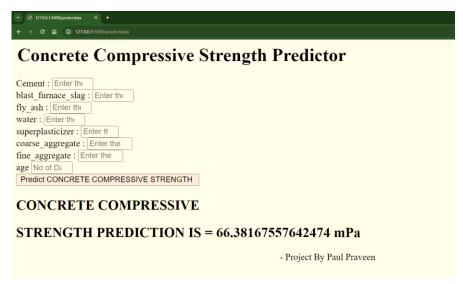




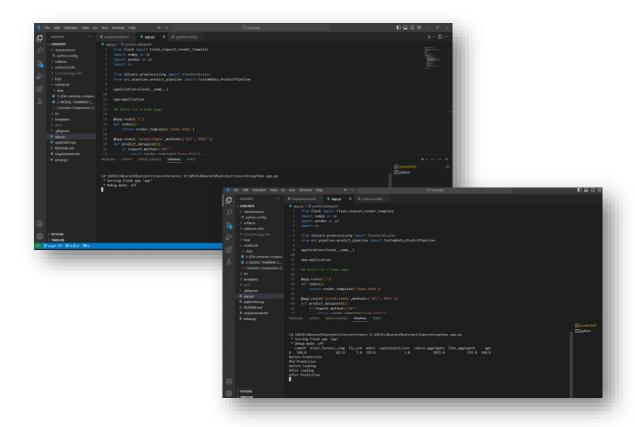
Applying Random forest algorithm to build final model



## Final Model Deployment

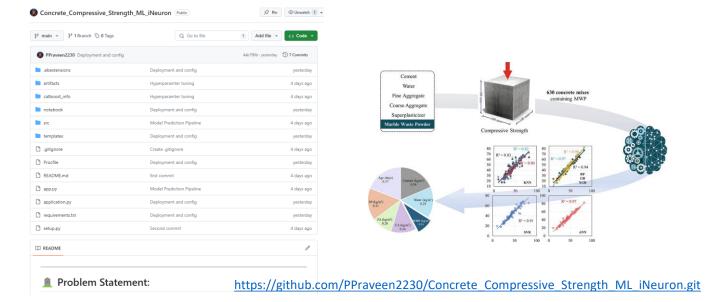


Using Flask to deploy the model





## Git hub Repository



The Project being uploaded in my Git hub repository

## Conclusion

- 1. Concrete compressive strength using original features with an accuracy of 84 % on test data were predicted from this project
- 2. Results from various methods of analysis shows us that we got the best accuracy from original features and followed below steps to gain that much of accuracy.
- a. As mentioned in Multi-variate analysis, there are some non-linear(curvy-linear) relationship within independent features as well as with target variable hence polynomial features were implemented.
  - b. Simple linear regression with polynomial features with degree = 2 performs better on both training and test set with 1% difference.
- 3. We had 25 duplicate instances in dataset and dropped those duplicates.
- 4. We had outliers in 'Water', 'Superplastic', 'Fineagg', 'Age' and 'Strength' column also, handled these outliers by replacing every outlier with upper and lower side of the whisker.
- 5. Except 'Cement', 'Superplastic', 'slag' and 'Age' features, all other features are having very weak relationship with concrete 'Strength' feature and does not account for making statistical decision (of correlation).
- 6. Range of clusters in this dataset is 2 to 6
- 7. No missing values were found in dataset.
- 8. Finally Random Forest Regressor model with an accuracy of 84 % is our best model.

RMSE	MAE	MSE	R2
6.443462	4.290236	41.5182	0.822153
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