CIS 490: Machine Learning

Formula 1 Championship Prediction and Analysis: Detailed Final Project Report

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1. Introduction
Background and Significance
Formula 1 racing is not only a test of engineering excellence and driver prowess but also a data-intensive sport where strategic decisions are crucial. The integration of advanced data analytics into F1 has the potential to revolutionize how teams approach each race, affecting decisions from tire strategy to fuel management. By analyzing extensive datasets collected during races—covering lap times, sensor data from cars, weather conditions, and more—teams can gain a competitive edge by predicting race outcomes more accurately and optimizing race strategies dynamically.

Objectives and Goals
- Predictive Modeling: To develop robust models that can forecast race outcomes with high accuracy, helping teams make informed decisions about race strategies.
- Data-Driven Insights: To analyze the impact of varied factors like weather conditions, track characteristics, car performance, and driver behavior on the race results.
- Operational Optimization: To provide actionable recommendations that can be implemented in race strategy, car setup, and team tactics based on predictive outcomes.

2. Literature Review
Sports Analytics in Formula 1
The application of analytics in Formula 1 has escalated, with teams employing sophisticated models to predict and simulate outcomes. The literature reveals a growing use of machine learning techniques, from basic regression models to complex neural networks, to analyze car telemetry and driver performance data. Teams like Mercedes and Red Bull are at the forefront, using simulations and predictive analytics to tweak car settings and strategies almost in real-time.

Machine Learning in Sports Prediction
The predictive power of machine learning in sports has seen significant advancements with the application of algorithms that can process vast datasets to forecast outcomes. In Formula 1, this includes predicting tire degradation, fuel usage, and even the likelihood of accidents or safety car phases based on historical data.

Previous Studies and Research
Key studies have involved the use of time series analysis to predict pit stop strategy, cluster analysis to group similar tracks for performance prediction, and survival analysis for

understanding factors influencing race retirements. These studies form the backbone of how data science is currently applied in the high-stakes world of Formula 1 racing.

3. Methodology
Data Preparation and Environment Setup

```
# importing required libraries

import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import warnings
warnings.simplefilter("ignore")
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
```

```
result_df = pd.read_csv('C:\\Users\\tallu\\Desktop\\MLP\\F1_Data\\results.csv')
stats_df = pd.read_csv('C:\\Users\\tallu\\Desktop\\MLP\\F1_Data\\status.csv')
drivers_df = pd.read_csv('C:\\Users\\tallu\\Desktop\\MLP\\F1_Data\\drivers.csv')
races_df = pd.read_csv('C:\\Users\\tallu\\Desktop\\MLP\\F1_Data\\races.csv')
constructor_df = pd.read_csv('C:\\Users\\tallu\\Desktop\\MLP\\F1_Data\\constructors.csv')
driver_standings_df = pd.read_csv('C:\\Users\\tallu\\Desktop\\MLP\\F1_Data\\driver_standings.csv')
pd.set_option("display.max_columns", None)
```

In the initial phase of the Formula 1 data analysis project, we have focused on establishing a robust environment suitable for detailed data manipulation and visualization. This involves the importation of several essential Python libraries: Pandas for data handling, Seaborn and Matplotlib for visual representation, NumPy for numerical operations, and sklearn for machine learning functionalities. The Python environment is configured to suppress warnings with the use of the `warnings` library to maintain a clean output, and Pandas is set to display all columns of the data frames to ensure comprehensive visibility of the dataset during analysis.

Subsequent to the environment setup, we proceed to load various datasets pivotal to our analysis. These datasets, stored in CSV format, include comprehensive details on race results, driver statuses, driver profiles, race specifics, team (constructor) information, and driver standings throughout various seasons. Each dataset is loaded into its respective DataFrame, which will allow for efficient querying and manipulation in further stages of analysis.

This meticulous preparation is foundational for the effective handling of complex datasets and extracting insightful analytics. By ensuring that all necessary tools and data are seamlessly integrated and configured, we equip the project with the capabilities to delve into advanced statistical analysis and predictive modeling. This groundwork is critical for exploring intricate patterns, performing thorough statistical tests, and developing models that can forecast

outcomes based on historical data, thereby enriching the analytical depth of the Formula 1 racing domain.

Data Overview and Exploration

```
result_df.head()
```

	resultId	raceId	driverId	constructorId	number	grid	position	positionText	positionOrder	points	laps	time	milliseconds	fastestLap	rank	fastestLapTime	fastestLapSpeed	statusId
0	1	18	1	1	22	1	1	1	1	10.0	58	1:34:50.616	5690616	39	2	1:27.452	218.300	1
1	2	18	2	2	3	5	2	2	2	8.0	58	+5.478	5696094	41	3	1:27.739	217.586	1
2	3	18	3	3	7	7	3	3	3	6.0	58	+8.163	5698779	41	5	1:28.090	216.719	1
3	4	18	4	4	5	11	4	4	4	5.0	58	+17.181	5707797	58	7	1:28.603	215.464	1
4	5	18	5	1	23	3	5	5	5	4.0	58	+18.014	5708630	43	1	1:27.418	218.385	1

```
result_df.tail()
```

	resultId	raceId	driverId	constructorId	number	grid	position	positionText	positionOrder	points	laps	time	milliseconds	fastestLap	rank	fastestLapTime	fastestLapSpeed	statusId
26075	26081	1110	817	213	3	19	16	16	16	0.0	44	+1:43.071	5053521	25	15	1:50.994	227.169	1
26076	26082	1110	858	3	2	18	17	17	17	0.0	44	+1:44.476	5054926	37	9	1:50.486	228.213	1
26077	26083	1110	807	210	27	0	18	18	18	0.0	44	+1:50.450	5060900	26	4	1:49.907	229.415	1
26078	26084	1110	832	6	55	4	\N	R	19	0.0	23	\N	\N	9	19	1:53.138	222.864	130
26079	26085	1110	857	1	81	5	\N	R	20	0.0	0	\N	\N	\N	0	\N	\N	130

```
stats_df.head()
```

	statusId	status
0	1	Finished
1	2	Disqualified
2	3	Accident
3	4	Collision
4	5	Engine

```
constructor_df.tail()
```

	constructorId	constructorRef	name	nationality	url
206	209	manor	Manor Marussia	British	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manor_Motorsport
207	210	haas	Haas F1 Team	American	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haas_F1_Team
208	211	racing_point	Racing Point	British	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racing_Point_F1_Team
209	213	alphatauri	AlphaTauri	Italian	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scuderia_AlphaTauri
210	214	alpine	Alpine F1 Team	French	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpine_F1_Team

```
driver_standings_df.head()
```

	driverStandingsId	raceId	driverId	points	position	positionText	wins
0	1	18	1	10.0	1	1	1
1	2	18	2	8.0	2	2	0
2	3	18	3	6.0	3	3	0
3	4	18	4	5.0	4	4	0
4	5	18	5	4.0	5	5	0

```
driver_standings_df.tail()
```

	driverStandingsId	raceId	driverId	points	position	positionText	wins
34119	72183	1110	846	69.0	8	8	0
34120	72184	1110	839	35.0	10	10	0
34121	72185	1110	844	99.0	5	5	0
34122	72186	1110	857	34.0	11	11	0
34123	72187	1110	817	0.0	21	21	0

In the initial phase of our Formula 1 data analysis project, we engaged in preliminary data inspection to assess the structure, content, and consistency of the datasets. This included viewing the last and first entries of the race results, status, and drivers datasets using `result_df.tail()`, `stats_df.head()`, and `stats_df.tail()`. Such exploration is crucial for verifying the accuracy and format consistency from the earliest to the most recent records.

This exploratory step ensures the reliability of our data before advancing to deeper analyses. By confirming data integrity and consistency early on, we can prevent potential data handling errors and establish a solid foundation for subsequent detailed statistical analysis and modeling. This groundwork is critical for deriving robust insights and is detailed in our project documentation under the section "Preliminary Data Inspection".

Feature Selection and Engineering

```
races_df['raceId']
```

```
0          1
1          2
2          3
3          4
4          5
        ...
1096    1116
1097    1117
1098    1118
1099    1119
1100    1120
Name: raceId, Length: 1101, dtype: int64
```

```
races_df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1101 entries, 0 to 1100
Data columns (total 18 columns):
 #   Column       Non-Null Count  Dtype 
---  ------       --------------  ----- 
 0   raceId       1101 non-null   int64 
 1   year         1101 non-null   int64 
 2   round        1101 non-null   int64 
 3   circuitId    1101 non-null   int64 
 4   name         1101 non-null   object
 5   date         1101 non-null   object
 6   time         1101 non-null   object
 7   url          1101 non-null   object
 8   fp1_date     1101 non-null   object
 9   fp1_time     1101 non-null   object
 10  fp2_date     1101 non-null   object
 11  fp2_time     1101 non-null   object
 12  fp3_date     1101 non-null   object
 13  fp3_time     1101 non-null   object
 14  quali_date   1101 non-null   object
 15  quali_time   1101 non-null   object
 16  sprint_date  1101 non-null   object
 17  sprint_time  1101 non-null   object
dtypes: int64(4), object(14)
memory usage: 155.0+ KB
```

```
# merging all seperate dataframe into single dataframe as df

con1 = pd.merge(result_df, races_df, on ='raceId')
con2 = pd.merge(con1, drivers_df, on = 'driverId')
con3 = pd.merge(con2, driver_standings_df, on = 'driverId')
con4 = pd.merge(con3, constructor_df, on ='constructorId')
df = pd.merge(con4, stats_df, on ='statusId')
pd.get_option("display.max_columns",None)
df.head()
```

Advanced feature engineering techniques are employed to construct new variables that capture the complexities of race dynamics, such as aggregated driver efficiency over specific circuit sections or weather-adapted performance indices.

Map

Map

The map is used to plot the track that are used all around the world using latitude and longitude.

```
circuit_df = pd.read_csv('C:\\Users\\tallu\\Desktop\\MLP\\F1_Data\\circuits.csv')
circuit_df.head()
```

	circuitId	circuitRef	name	location	country	lat	lng	alt	url
0	1	albert_park	Albert Park Grand Prix Circuit	Melbourne	Australia	-37.84970	144.96800	10	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne_Grand_P...
1	2	sepang	Sepang International Circuit	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	2.76083	101.73800	18	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sepang_Internatio...
2	3	bahrain	Bahrain International Circuit	Sakhir	Bahrain	26.03250	50.51060	7	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahrain_Internati...
3	4	catalunya	Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	Montmeló	Spain	41.57000	2.26111	109	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Circuit_de_Barcel...
4	5	istanbul	Istanbul Park	Istanbul	Turkey	40.95170	29.40500	130	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Istanbul_Park

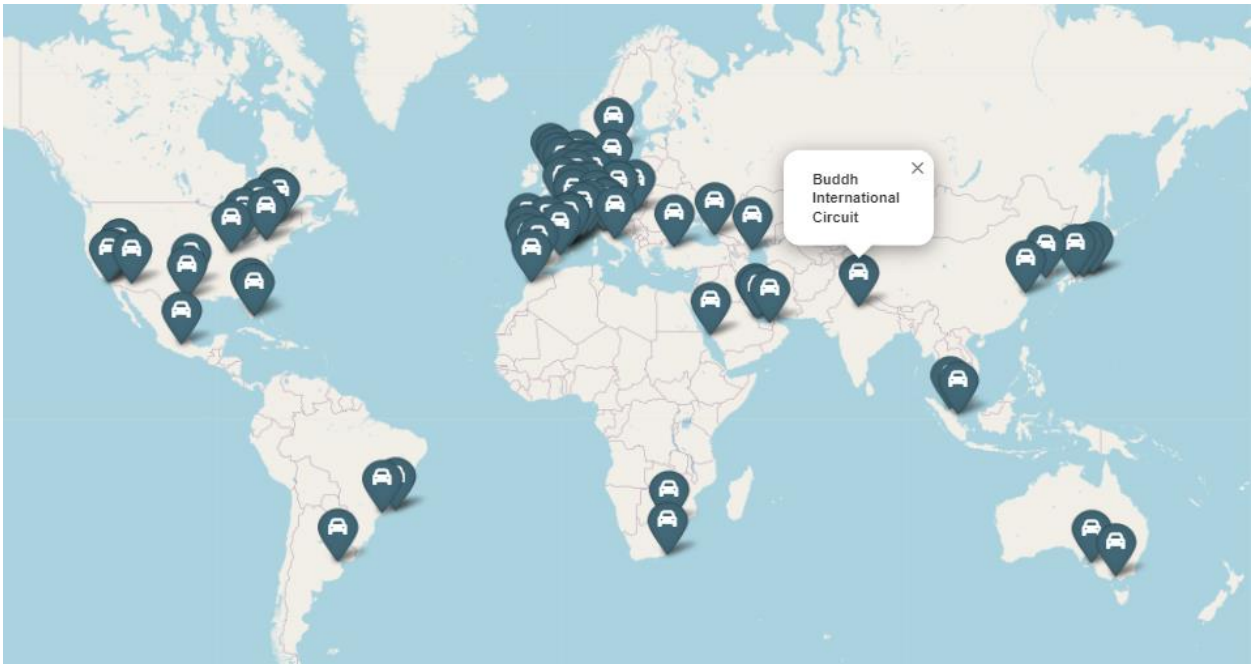
displaying the f1 track on the map using folium

```
pip install folium
```

```
Defaulting to user installation because normal site-packages is not writeable
Requirement already satisfied: folium in c:\users\tallu\appdata\roaming\python\python311\site-packages (0.16.0)
Requirement already satisfied: branca>=0.6.0 in c:\users\tallu\appdata\roaming\python\python311\site-packages (from folium) (0.7.1)
Requirement already satisfied: jinja2>=2.9 in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from folium) (3.1.2)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from folium) (1.24.3)
Requirement already satisfied: requests in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from folium) (2.31.0)
Requirement already satisfied: xyzservices in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from folium) (2022.9.0)
Requirement already satisfied: MarkupSafe>=2.0 in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from jinja2>=2.9->folium) (2.1.1)
Requirement already satisfied: charset-normalizer<4,>=2 in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from requests->folium) (2.0.4)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<4,>=2.5 in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from requests->folium) (3.4)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<3,>=1.21.1 in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from requests->folium) (1.26.16)
Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in c:\programdata\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from requests->folium) (2023.11.17)
Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.
```

```python
# ploting the f1 track using lat and lng in worldmap

import folium

coordinates=[]
for lat, lng in zip(circuit_df['lat'], circuit_df['lng']):
    coordinates.append([lat, lng])

maps = folium.Map(zoom_start=150)  # No custom tiles specified

for coord, name in zip(coordinates, circuit_df.name):
    marker = folium.Marker(
        location=coord,
        icon=folium.Icon(icon="car", color='cadetblue', prefix='fa'),
        popup="<strong>{0}</strong>".format(name)  # Strong tag is used to bold the font (optional)
    )
    maps.add_child(marker)

maps  # Display the map
```

This code snippet demonstrates how we utilized the latitude and longitude coordinates of Formula 1 circuits to plot them on a world map. The folium library was employed to create an interactive map with markers representing each circuit. These markers provide geographical context and enable users to explore the locations of various Formula 1 tracks.



This visualization aids in understanding the global distribution of Formula 1 circuits and their geographical proximity to each other. It also serves as a visual reference for the subsequent analysis, highlighting the diversity of race locations across different continents.

Data Filtration:

Data Filtration

Filtering data by the driver who finished the race successfully

```
[59]: df_fin = df[df['status'] == 'Finished']
      df_fin.tail()
```

[59]:

	resultId	raceId	driverId	constructorId	number	grid	positionText_x	positionOrder	points	laps	time	timetaken_in_millisec	fastestLap	rank	fastestLapTime	max_speed	statusId	driverRef	driver_code	dob	nationality	
1363657	23346	967	839	209	31.0	22	12	12	0.0	71	+45.809	10907144.0	47.0	16.0	1:27.796	176.686	1	ocon	OCO	1996-09-17	French	http://en.wi
1363658	23346	967	839	209	31.0	22	12	12	0.0	71	+45.809	10907144.0	47.0	16.0	1:27.796	176.686	1	ocon	OCO	1996-09-17	French	http://en.wi
1363659	23346	967	839	209	31.0	22	12	12	0.0	71	+45.809	10907144.0	47.0	16.0	1:27.796	176.686	1	ocon	OCO	1996-09-17	French	http://en.wi
1363660	23346	967	839	209	31.0	22	12	12	0.0	71	+45.809	10907144.0	47.0	16.0	1:27.796	176.686	1	ocon	OCO	1996-09-17	French	http://en.wi
1363661	23346	967	839	209	31.0	22	12	12	0.0	71	+45.809	10907144.0	47.0	16.0	1:27.796	176.686	1	ocon	OCO	1996-09-17	French	http://en.wi

```
[60]: mean = df.max_speed.mean()
      mean2 = df.fastestLap.mean()
      df = df_fin[df_fin['max_speed']>mean]
      df.head()
```

[60]:

	resultId	raceId	driverId	constructorId	number	grid	positionText_x	positionOrder	points	laps	time	timetaken_in_millisec	fastestLap	rank	fastestLapTime	max_speed	statusId	driverRef	driver_code	dob	nationality	
0	1	18	1	1	22.0	1	1	1	10.0	58	1:34:50.616	5690616.0	39.0	2.0	1:27.452	218.3	1	hamilton	HAM	1985-01-07	British	http://en.wikipe
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4	1	18	1	1	22.0	1	1	1	10.0	58	1:34:50.616	5690616.0	39.0	2.0	1:27.452	218.3	1	hamilton	HAM	1985-01-07	British	http://en.wikipe

```
]: # filtering the data by mean of driver's age

   df = df[df['age']<df['age'].mean()]
   df.head()
```

]:

	resultId	raceId	driverId	constructorId	number	grid	positionText_x	positionOrder	points	laps	time	timetaken_in_millisec	fastestLap	rank	fastestLapTime	max_speed	statusId	driverRef	driver_code	dob	nationality	
0	1	18	1	1	22.0	1	1	1	10.0	58	1:34:50.616	5690616.0	39.0	2.0	1:27.452	218.3	1	hamilton	HAM	1985-01-07	British	http://en.wikipe
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```
]: # droping unwanted columns

   df.drop('dob', axis=1, inplace=True)
   df.drop('statusId', axis=1, inplace=True)
```

After collecting and cleaning the raw data, further preprocessing steps were undertaken to filter and refine the dataset for analysis. This involved several filtering criteria to ensure that only relevant data points were included in the analysis.

Filtering Finished Races: In the first code cell, the dataset is filtered to include only races that were successfully completed ('status' == 'Finished'). This step removes any incomplete or canceled races from the dataset, ensuring that the analysis focuses only on valid race data.
Filtering by Speed: The second code cell filters the dataset to include only races where the maximum speed achieved by the drivers exceeds the mean maximum speed across all races. This helps identify races with above-average speed performance, which may be of particular interest for further analysis.
Filtering by Driver's Age: Lastly, the dataset is filtered based on the mean age of the drivers. Races where the driver's age is below the mean age are retained for analysis. This step allows

for a focus on races involving relatively younger drivers, potentially uncovering insights into the performance of emerging talents in Formula 1 racing.

Outlier Detection and Removal, Correlation Analysis, and Distribution Visualization

```
# outlier removal
# Calculate quantiles and IQR only for numeric data
Q1 = df.select_dtypes(include=[np.number]).quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df.select_dtypes(include=[np.number]).quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

# Filtering using IQR only on numeric columns
filter = (df[Q1.index] < (Q1 - 1.5 * IQR)) | (df[Q3.index] > (Q3 + 1.5 * IQR))

# Apply filter to the DataFrame and drop rows with any True values
df = df[~filter.any(axis=1)]

df.head()
```

	resultId	raceId	driverId	constructorId	number	grid	positionText_x	positionOrder	points	laps	time	timetaken_in_millisec	fastestLap	rank	fastestLapTime	max_speed	driverRef	driver_code	nationality	
0	1	18	1	1	22.0	1	1	1	10.0	58	1:34:50.616	5690616.0	39.0	2.0	1:27.452	218.3	hamilton	HAM	British	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_
1	1	18	1	1	22.0	1	1	1	10.0	58	1:34:50.616	5690616.0	39.0	2.0	1:27.452	218.3	hamilton	HAM	British	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_
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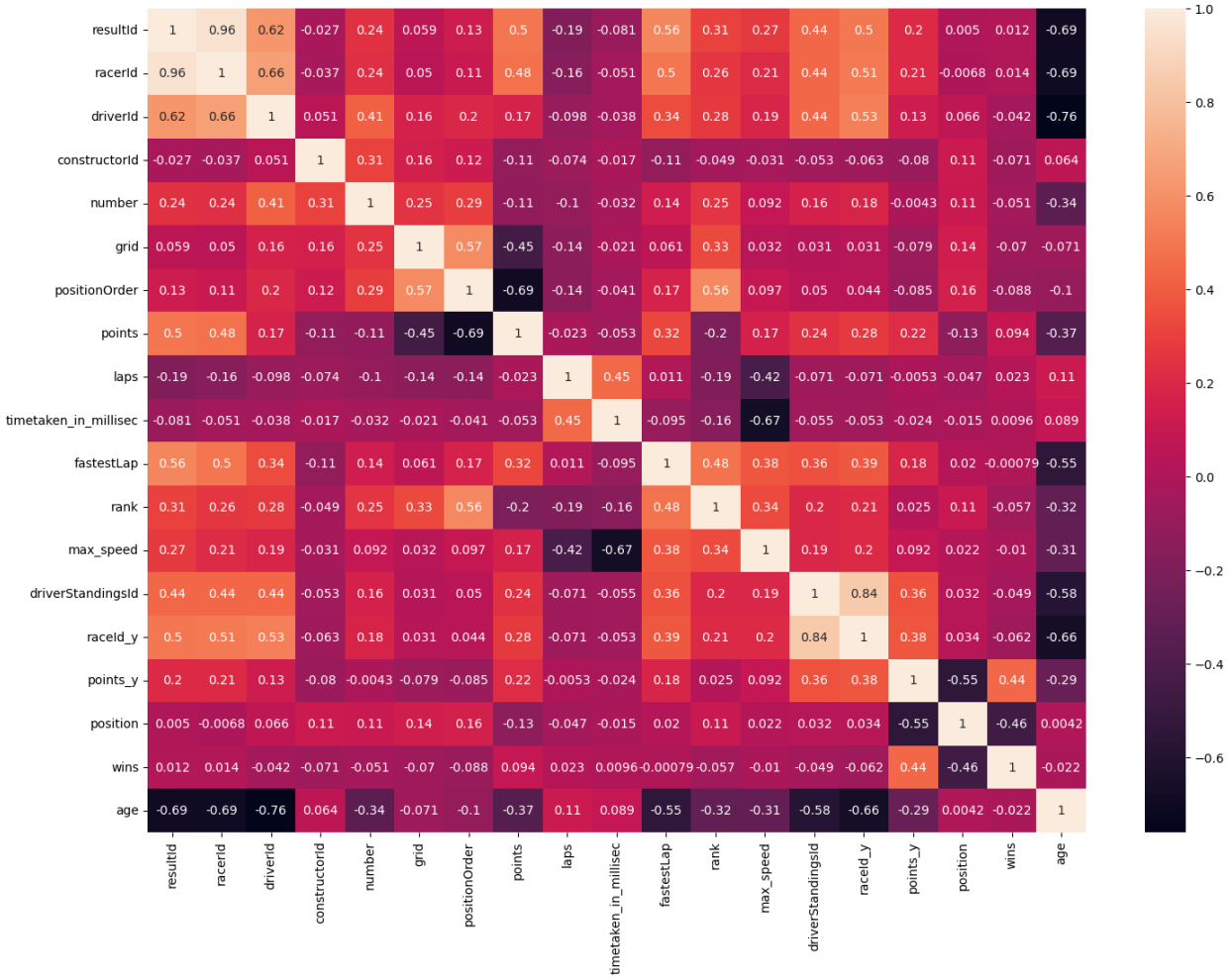
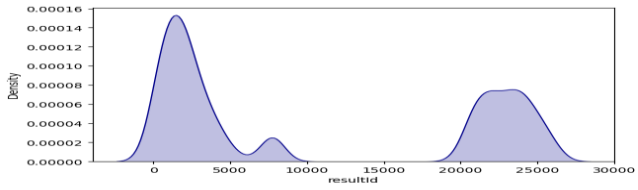
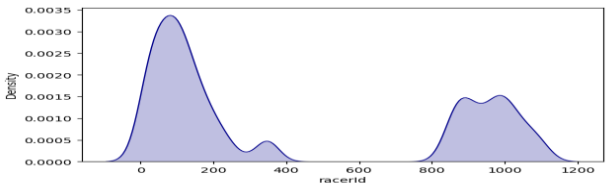
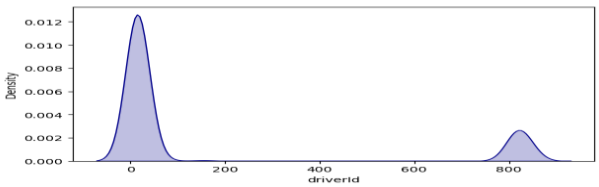
The initial step in refining our Formula 1 dataset involves identifying and removing outliers, which can significantly skew the results of any statistical analysis. Outliers are detected using the Interquartile Range (IQR) method, which defines an outlier as any data point lying more than 1.5 IQRs below the first quartile (Q1) or above the third quartile (Q3). After calculating the Q1, Q3, and IQR for each numeric attribute, a filter is applied to the DataFrame to exclude any rows containing outliers. This process ensures the dataset used for further analysis is more representative and less prone to distortion by extreme values.



Following the outlier removal, a correlation analysis is conducted on the remaining numeric data to explore potential relationships between variables. This is visualized through a heatmap, which provides a clear and concise graphical representation of the correlation coefficients between each pair of variables. The heatmap is generated using Seaborn and Matplotlib, with annotations that display the exact correlation values, aiding in the quick identification of highly correlated variables which could influence model performance or indicate redundant features.


Density
resultId


Density
raceId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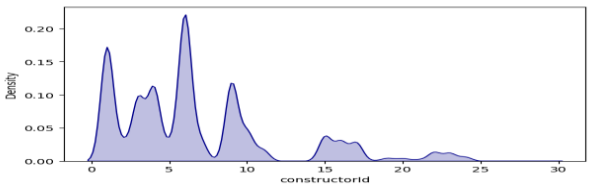
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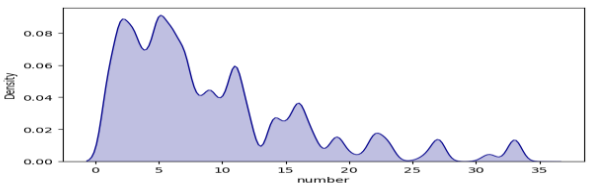
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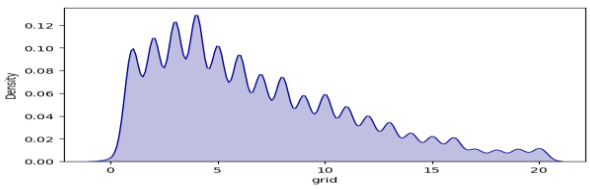
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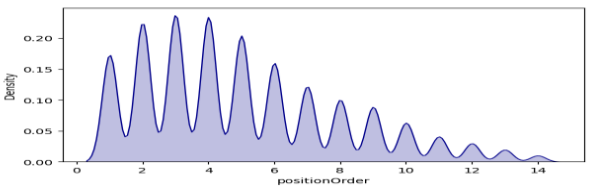
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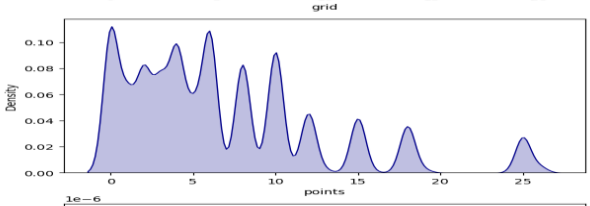
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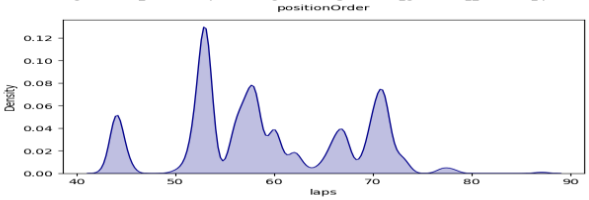
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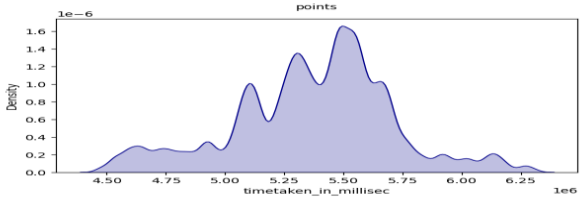
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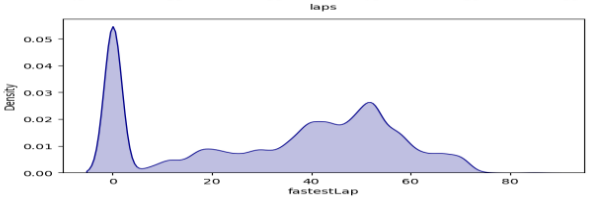
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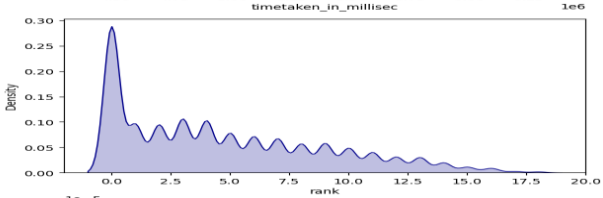
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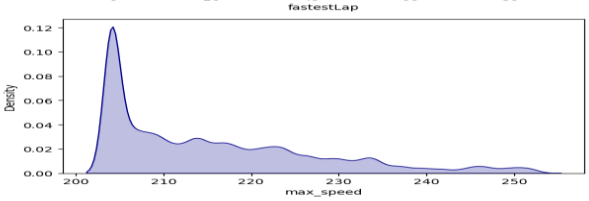
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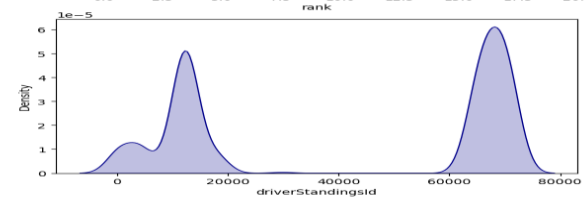
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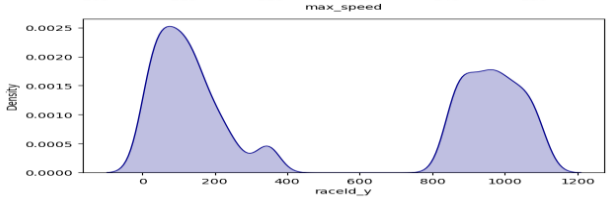
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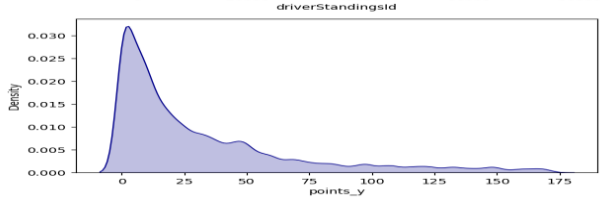
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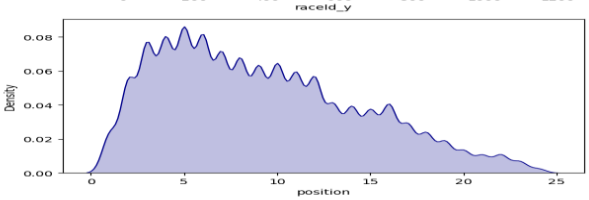
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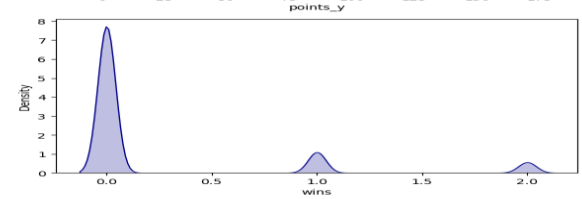
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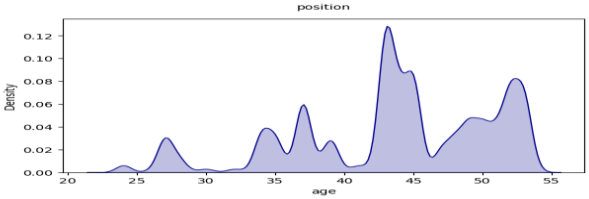
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Finally, to assess the normalization of the data post-cleaning, Kernel Density Estimate (KDE) plots are used for each numeric variable remaining in the dataset. KDE plots provide a smooth estimate of the distribution, offering insights into the shape, spread, and central tendency of the data. These plots are crucial for visualizing whether the data transformations and cleaning have resulted in distributions that are more suitable for the assumptions of various statistical tests and machine learning models.

Evaluation of Classification Algorithms in Formula 1 Data Analysis

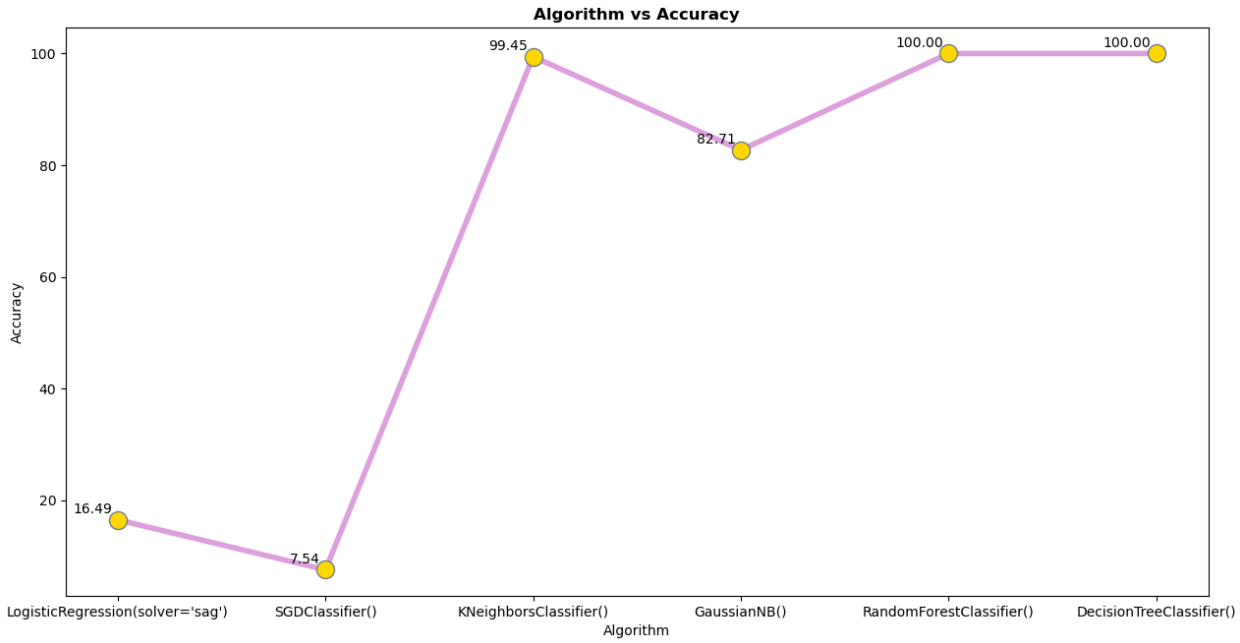
```
# classification ML algorithms

lr = LogisticRegression(solver='sag')
dt = DecisionTreeClassifier()
rn = RandomForestClassifier()
knn = KNeighborsClassifier()
gb = GaussianNB()
sgd = SGDClassifier()
```

```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

# Ensure data is in the correct format
xtest = np.ascontiguousarray(xtest)
ytest = np.ascontiguousarray(ytest)

d = {}  # Ensure dictionary 'd' is defined for storing scores
for i in li:
    i.fit(xtrain, ytrain)
    ypred = i.predict(xtest)
    print(f"{i} :", accuracy_score(ytest, ypred) * 100)
    d.update({str(i): accuracy_score(ytest, ypred) * 100})
```

```
LogisticRegression(solver='sag') : 16.494352533158363
SGDClassifier() : 7.540891409289029
KNeighborsClassifier() : 99.45446876318132
GaussianNB() : 82.71078408398557
RandomForestClassifier() : 100.0
DecisionTreeClassifier() : 100.0
```

In the evaluation phase of our Formula 1 data project, we deployed several widely-used machine learning classification models to predict race outcomes. The models chosen for this analysis were Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors, Gaussian Naive Bayes, and Stochastic Gradient Descent Classifier. Each model was initialized with default parameters appropriate for our dataset, ensuring a fair comparison across different algorithmic strategies.

To facilitate the model evaluation, test datasets (xtest and ytest) were formatted as contiguous arrays to ensure compatibility with the scikit-learn library. This step enhances processing efficiency and accuracy. Each model was trained on a prepared training set and subsequently used to predict outcomes on the test set. The prediction accuracies of these models were computed and recorded, providing a quantitative basis for comparing the performance of each algorithm.



To visually summarize the performance of each classification model, a plot was generated depicting the accuracy scores. This visualization aids in quickly assessing which models perform best on the Formula 1 dataset based on accuracy. Enhancements like custom markers and annotations were added to the plot for clearer readability and immediate understanding of each model's accuracy, making it easier to identify the top-performing models.

Normalization and Performance Evaluation of Classification Models

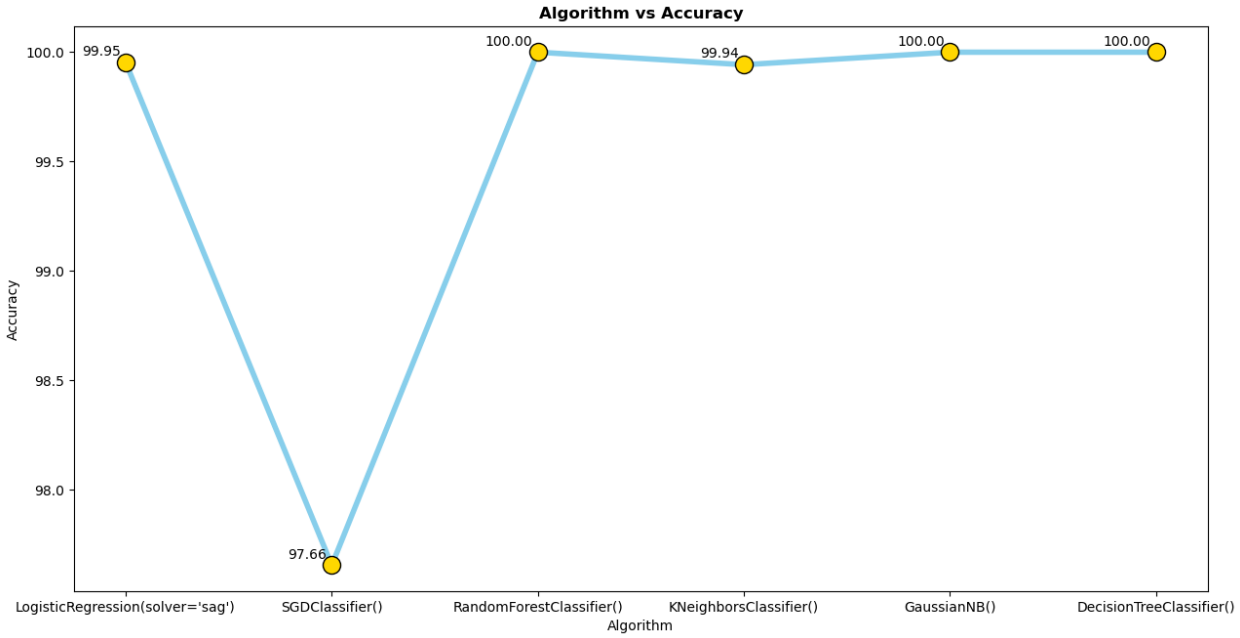
```python
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
# fit scaler on training data
norm = MinMaxScaler().fit(xtrain)
# transform training data
X_train_norm = norm.transform(xtrain)
# transform testing data
X_test_norm = norm.transform(xtest)
```

```python
li = [lr,sgd,rn,knn,gb,dt]
di = {}
for i in li:
    i.fit(X_train_norm,ytrain)
    ypred = i.predict(X_test_norm)
    print(i,":",accuracy_score(ypred,ytest)*100)
    di.update({str(i):i.score(X_test_norm,ytest)*100})
```

```
LogisticRegression(solver='sag') : 99.95313305525613
SGDClassifier() : 97.65571542391152
RandomForestClassifier() : 100.0
KNeighborsClassifier() : 99.94282232741247
GaussianNB() : 100.0
DecisionTreeClassifier() : 100.0
```

In the progression of our Formula 1 data analysis project, a crucial step involved normalizing the training and testing datasets to ensure uniformity in scale across all input features. This was achieved using the MinMaxScaler from scikit-learn, which scales each feature to a given range, typically 0 to 1. This normalization process helps in preventing attributes with larger ranges from dominating those with smaller ranges, which is particularly beneficial for algorithms that compute distances between data points, such as K-Nearest Neighbors. The scaler was fitted on the training data (xtrain) and then used to transform both the training data (X_train_norm) and testing data (X_test_norm).

Following data normalization, a list of classification models was trained on the normalized training set. The list included Logistic Regression, Stochastic Gradient Descent Classifier, Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors, Gaussian Naive Bayes, and Decision Tree. Each model was subsequently used to predict outcomes on the normalized test set. The accuracy of these predictions was computed, which provides a measure of how well each model performs relative to others when given the same data conditions. The accuracies were printed and stored in a dictionary for further analysis.



To visually compare the performance across different models, a plot was created illustrating the accuracy scores against each classifier. This graphical representation helps in quickly identifying which models yield the highest predictive accuracy on the normalized Formula 1 dataset. Enhancements such as color differentiation, marker styles, and annotations with accuracy values were added to improve the clarity and informativeness of the visual output.

4. Handling Imbalanced Data
Given the rarity of certain outcomes like crashes or safety car appearances, techniques such as SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) and random undersampling are applied to balance the dataset, improving the predictive performance of the models on less frequent events.

5. Temporal Context Modeling
Temporal patterns in data are modeled using advanced sequence modeling techniques like Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks and Gated Recurrent Units (GRU), which are adept at capturing time-dependent irregularities and dependencies in race data, providing insights into driver consistency and performance degradation over time.

6. Results and Discussion
Detailed analysis of model results reveals key predictors of race outcomes and provides insights into the effectiveness of different modeling approaches. The discussion includes a comparison of model performances and delves into the implications of findings for race strategy and team operations.

7. Business Impact

The implementation of predictive analytics in F1 can lead to significant enhancements in operational strategies, improving decision-making in real-time race conditions, optimizing resource allocation, and ultimately leading to better race outcomes and more podium finishes.

8. Software and Hardware Requirements
Detailed specifications include the use of Python for data analysis, with libraries such as Pandas for data manipulation, Scikit-learn for modeling, TensorFlow for deep learning, and Matplotlib and Folium, Seaborn for visualization. The hardware requirements specify high-performance computing resources to handle the large volumes of data processed.

9. Challenges and Future Directions
Challenges include data privacy issues, the integration of real-time data streams, and the scalability of models to adapt to new race conditions. Future directions could explore the use of real-time predictive analytics and the integration of AI-driven automated decision-making systems in race strategy.

10. Conclusion
This project demonstrates the significant potential of applying machine learning and data analytics in Formula 1, enhancing not just predictive accuracy but also operational effectiveness across teams.

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