#### **DESCRIPTION**

Reduce the time a Mercedes-Benz spends on the test bench.

Problem Statement Scenario: Since the first automobile, the Benz Patent Motor Car in 1886, Mercedes-Benz has stood for important automotive innovations. These include the passenger safety cell with a crumple zone, the airbag, and intelligent assistance systems. Mercedes-Benz applies for nearly 2000 patents per year, making the brand the European leader among premium carmakers. Mercedes-Benz is the leader in the premium car industry. With a huge selection of features and options, customers can choose the customized Mercedes-Benz of their dreams.

To ensure the safety and reliability of every unique car configuration before they hit the road, the company's engineers have developed a robust testing system. As one of the world's biggest manufacturers of premium cars, safety and efficiency are paramount on Mercedes-Benz's production lines. However, optimizing the speed of their testing system for many possible feature combinations is complex and time-consuming without a powerful algorithmic approach.

You are required to reduce the time that cars spend on the test bench. Others will work with a dataset representing different permutations of features in a Mercedes-Benz car to predict the time it takes to pass testing. Optimal algorithms will contribute to faster testing, resulting in lower carbon dioxide emissions without reducing Mercedes-Benz's standards.

Following actions should be performed:

If for any column(s), the variance is equal to zero, then you need to remove those variable(s).

Check for null and unique values for test and train sets.

Apply label encoder.

Perform dimensionality reduction.

Predict your test\_df values using XGBoost.

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In [1]:
         #Import numpy , pandas and Matplotlib libraries
         import pandas as pd
         import numpy as np
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
In [2]:
         # Read the data which is saved as train and test seperately in two csv files provided
         train df = pd.read csv("train.csv")
         test_df = pd.read_csv("test.csv")
In [3]:
         train_df.head()
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5 rows × 377 columns

As per the above review of the head function - column Y for the target variable is not part of the test data.

Again verified that the only column missing in the Test data is the target variable y. Also note that total number of features/input vairables is 377. Under this study we seek to find principal components and then reduce the data dimensionality to ensure that we keep only this Principal components that account for maximum explained variance in the original data

Task 1: If for any column(s), the variance is equal to zero, then you need to remove those variable(s).

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In [10]:
          #Find the columns with only 1 unique value i.e. no variances
          columns_no_variance = train_df.columns[train_df.nunique()==1]
In [11]:
          columns_no_variance
Out[11]: Index(['X11', 'X93', 'X107', 'X233', 'X235', 'X268', 'X289', 'X290', 'X293',
                 'X297', 'X330', 'X347'],
                dtype='object')
In [12]:
          train_df[columns_no_variance]
                X11 X93 X107 X233 X235 X268 X289 X290 X293 X297 X330 X347
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In [13]:
          train df[columns no variance].describe()
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Out[13]:

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In [14]:
           # With the above list of columns we can drop them from the original dataset as they do not have variance
           train_df.drop(columns_no_variance,axis=1,inplace=True)
In [15]:
           #Same drop needs to be applied for the test data frame.
           test_df.drop(columns_no_variance,axis=1,inplace=True)
In [16]:
           print(train_df.shape)
           print(test_df.shape)
           (4209, 366)
           (4209, 365)
```

## Task 2: Check for null and unique values for test and train sets.

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In [17]:
          train_df.columns[train_df.columns.notnull()]
Out[17]: Index(['ID', 'y', 'X0', 'X1', 'X2', 'X3', 'X4', 'X5', 'X6', 'X8',
                 'X375', 'X376', 'X377', 'X378', 'X379', 'X380', 'X382', 'X383', 'X384',
                 'X385'],
               dtype='object', length=366)
In [18]:
          test_df.columns[test_df.columns.notnull()]
Out[18]: Index(['ID', 'X0', 'X1', 'X2', 'X3', 'X4', 'X5', 'X6', 'X8', 'X10',
                 'X375', 'X376', 'X377', 'X378', 'X379', 'X380', 'X382', 'X383', 'X384',
                 'X385'],
                dtype='object', length=365)
In [19]:
          #Checking columns with null values in Train dataset
          train_null = train_df.isnull().sum()
          train_null
Out[19]: ID
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         Length: 366, dtype: int64
In [20]:
          print(train_null[train_null!=0])
          print(len(train_null[train_null!=0]))
         Series([], dtype: int64)
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In [21]:
          #Checking columns with null values in Test dataset
          test_null = test_df.isnull().sum()
          test_null
Out[21]: ID
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         Length: 365, dtype: int64
In [22]:
          print(test_null[test_null!=0])
          print(len(test_null[test_null!=0]))
         Series([], dtype: int64)
         Based on above checks we confirm - There are no columns with null values in the Train and test sets
In [23]:
          # Review the unique values of the Train and test datasets
          train_unique_values = train_df.nunique()
          test_unique_values = test_df.nunique()
In [24]:
          train_unique_values
Out[24]: ID
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In [25]: test_unique_values
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Out[25]: ID
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         Length: 365, dtype: int64
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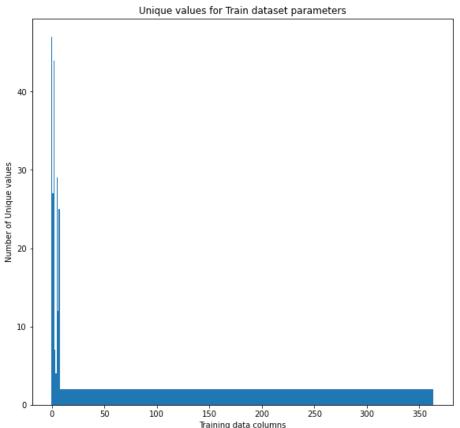
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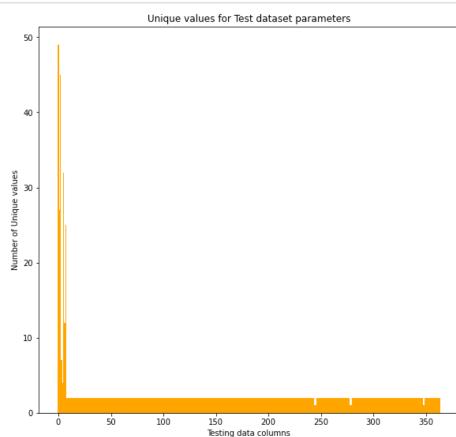
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In [26]:
          # Plotting the unique values for test and train sets.
          # Excluding column "ID" from both train and test
          # Excluding column target "y" from train as this has huge number of unique values compared to other columns
          x1 = range(len(train_df.columns.drop(["ID","y"])))
          Y1 = train unique values[2:]
          x2 = range(len(test_df.columns.drop("ID")))
          Y2 = test_unique_values[1:]
          plt.figure(figsize=(21,9))
          fig1 = plt.subplot(1,2,1)
          fig1.bar(x1,Y1,width=1)
          plt.title("Unique values for Train dataset parameters")
          plt.xlabel("Training data columns")
          plt.ylabel("Number of Unique values")
          fig2 = plt.subplot(1,2,2)
          fig2.bar(x2,Y2,width=1,color='orange')
          plt.title("Unique values for Test dataset parameters")
          plt.xlabel("Testing data columns")
          plt.ylabel("Number of Unique values")
          plt.show()
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# Task 3: Apply label encoder.

In [34]:

test\_df[test\_category\_cols]

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X0 X1 X2 X3 X4 X5 X6 X8
Out[30]:
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        4209 rows × 8 columns
In [31]:
          # Apply the same encoding to test columns. First find category columns in test data
          test_category_cols= np.array(test_df.select_dtypes('0').columns)
          test_category_cols
Out[31]: array(['X0', 'X1', 'X2', 'X3', 'X4', 'X5', 'X6', 'X8'], dtype=object)
In [32]:
          test_df[test_category_cols]
               X0 X1 X2 X3 X4 X5 X6 X8
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        4209 rows × 8 columns
In [33]:
          for col in test_category_cols:
              test_df[col]=label_enc.fit_transform(test_df[col])
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X0 X1 X2 X3 X4 X5 X6 X8
Out[34]:
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4209 rows × 8 columns

(4209, 365)

## Task 4: Perform dimensionality reduction.

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In [35]: print(train_df.shape)
print(test_df.shape)

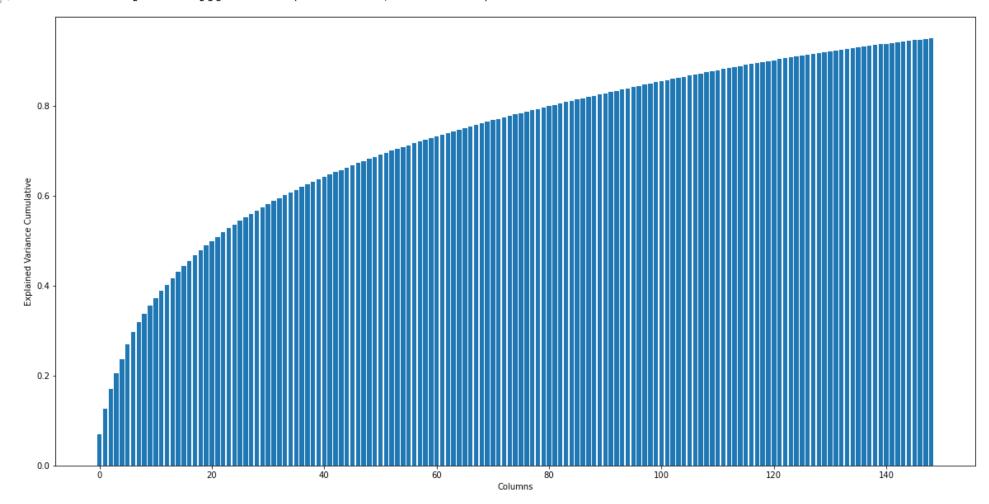
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```

Remove the Target column from the train dataset before applying PCA for dimensionality reduction

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In [36]:
          # Storing the target in a new variable
          train_target = train_df['y']
          train_target
Out[36]: 0
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                 109.22
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                  87.48
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                 110.85
         Name: y, Length: 4209, dtype: float64
In [37]:
          train_df_data = train_df.drop(["y"],axis=1)
In [38]:
          train_df_data.columns
Out[38]: Index(['ID', 'X0', 'X1', 'X2', 'X3', 'X4', 'X5', 'X6', 'X8', 'X10',
                 'X375', 'X376', 'X377', 'X378', 'X379', 'X380', 'X382', 'X383', 'X384',
                 'X385'],
                dtype='object', length=365)
In [39]:
          test_df.columns
Out[39]: Index(['ID', 'X0', 'X1', 'X2', 'X3', 'X4', 'X5', 'X6', 'X8', 'X10',
                 'X375', 'X376', 'X377', 'X378', 'X379', 'X380', 'X382', 'X383', 'X384',
                dtype='object', length=365)
In [40]:
          print(train_df_data.shape)
          print(test_df.shape)
          (4209, 365)
```

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In [41]:
          # Import StandardScaler and PCA class and instantiate objects for transforming data
          from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
          from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
          # set n components to 95% of explained variance under PCA for dimensionality reduction
          sc = StandardScaler()
          pca = PCA(n_components=0.95)
In [42]:
          # First we apply standard scaler. We fit the scaler on Training data and same Transform applied to the test data
          sc.fit(train_df_data)
          # Apply same transformation to both Training and Test dataset
          train std = sc.transform(train df data)
          test_std = sc.transform(test_df)
In [43]:
          # For PCA . We fit the PCA on the standardised Training data
          # Then same Transform PCA is applied to the test data
          pca.fit(train_std)
          # Apply same transformation to both Training and Test dataset
          train_pca = pca.transform(train_std)
          test_pca = pca.transform(test_std)
In [44]:
          pca.explained_variance_ratio_
Out[44]: array([0.06873845, 0.05672831, 0.04525105, 0.03417386, 0.03255383,
                0.03154186, 0.02854713, 0.02118177, 0.01968633, 0.01778935,
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                0.01292573, 0.01241382, 0.01171394, 0.01119126, 0.01074961,
                0.00989891, 0.0096776, 0.00940046, 0.00908605, 0.00872347,
                0.0084076 , 0.00792762 , 0.00761389 , 0.00734903 , 0.00718305 ,
                0.00691227, 0.00675052, 0.00655057, 0.00646544, 0.00621348,
                0.00600246, 0.0058665 , 0.00574454, 0.00562534, 0.00555771,
                0.00550145, 0.00538603, 0.00532449, 0.00523216, 0.00511352,
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                0.00198862, 0.0019337, 0.00191698, 0.00191371, 0.00188131,
                0.001847 , 0.00181313, 0.00178889, 0.00178173, 0.00175136,
                0.00171302, 0.00170264, 0.00167895, 0.0016536, 0.00161437,
                0.00160919, 0.00157355, 0.00154212, 0.00153118, 0.001496 ,
                0.00149006, 0.00147679, 0.0014261 , 0.00140735])
In [45]:
          x = np.arange(len(pca.explained_variance_ratio_))
          y = pca.explained_variance_ratio_.cumsum()
          plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
          pit.bar(x,y)
          plt.xlabel("Columns")
          plt.ylabel("Explained Variance Cumulative")
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Out[45]: <function matplotlib.pyplot.show(close=None, block=None)>



PCA reduced the number of components to 149 as we specified the n\_components = 0.95. PCA has considered only those components that together explain 95% of the variance in the data

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In [47]: train_pca_df = pd.DataFrame(data=train_pca)
    test_pca_df = pd.DataFrame(data=test_pca)
In [48]: print(train_pca_df.shape)
    print(test_pca_df.shape)

(4209, 149)
(4209, 149)
```

# Predict your test\_df values using XGBoost

```
In [49]: # Import XGBRegressor class from xgboost as target variable "Y" is a continuous variable for Gradient boost.
# XGBRegressor uses objective funtion default=reg:squarederror by default which is approriate for regression
from xgboost import XGBRegressor

In [50]: # Creating instance of XGBRegressor
    xgb = XGBRegressor(random_state = 47)

In [51]: # Apply GridsearchCV for parameter tuning
    from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
    param_grid = {
        'n_estimators':[100,150,200],
        'max_depth':[1,2,3,4,5,None],
        'learning_rate': [0.1,0.05,0.01,0.005]
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In [52]:
          gs = GridSearchCV(xgb,param_grid=param_grid,cv=3,verbose=2)
In [53]:
          gs.fit(train pca df,train target)
         Fitting 3 folds for each of 72 candidates, totalling 216 fits
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Out[53]: GridSearchCV(cv=3,
                       estimator=XGBRegressor(base score=None, booster=None,
                                              colsample bylevel=None,
                                              colsample bynode=None,
                                              colsample bytree=None, gamma=None,
                                              gpu id=None, importance type='gain',
                                              interaction constraints=None,
                                              learning rate=None, max delta step=None,
                                              max depth=None, min child weight=None,
                                              missing=nan, monotone constraints=None,
                                              n estimators=100, n jobs=None,
                                              num parallel tree=None, random state=47,
                                              reg alpha=None, reg lambda=None,
                                              scale pos weight=None, subsample=None,
                                              tree method=None, validate parameters=None,
                                              verbosity=None),
                       param_grid={'learning_rate': [0.1, 0.05, 0.01, 0.005],
                                    max_depth': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, None],
                                   'n estimators': [100, 150, 200]},
                       verbose=2)
In [54]:
          # Find the best parameters as per Grid search CV run
          gs.best_params_
          {'learning_rate': 0.05, 'max_depth': 3, 'n_estimators': 150}
In [55]:
          gs.best_score_
Out[55]: 0.46624469597916357
```

#### Best params are:

learning\_rate : 0.05, max\_depth : 3, n\_estimators : 150

This yeilded a score of 46.62%

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In [56]:
          # Performing K-fold cross validation using the best params from Grid search
          from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
          from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
          kfoldcv = KFold(n splits=10,shuffle=True)
          model = XGBRegressor(n_estimators=150,booster = "gbtree",learning_rate = 0.05,max_depth = 3,random_state=47)
          results = cross_val_score(model,train_pca_df,train_target,cv=kfoldcv)
In [57]:
          results
Out[57]: array([0.57598522, 0.31803189, 0.50120766, 0.54004883, 0.49836927,
                0.53608859, 0.48625887, 0.50787618, 0.52921395, 0.56113943])
In [58]:
          results.mean()
Out[58]: 0.5054219891509579
In [59]:
          #Final fitting and XGBoost prediction on the test data
          model.fit(train_pca_df,train_target)
Out[59]: XGBRegressor(base_score=0.5, booster='gbtree', colsample_bylevel=1,
                      colsample_bynode=1, colsample_bytree=1, gamma=0, gpu_id=-1,
                      importance_type='gain', interaction_constraints='',
                      learning_rate=0.05, max_delta_step=0, max_depth=3,
                      min_child_weight=1, missing=nan, monotone_constraints='()',
                      n_estimators=150, n_jobs=4, num_parallel_tree=1, random_state=47,
                      reg_alpha=0, reg_lambda=1, scale_pos_weight=1, subsample=1,
                      tree_method='exact', validate_parameters=1, verbosity=None)
In [60]:
          model.score(train_pca_df,train_target)
Out[60]: 0.6235282887802929
```

The model has 62% accuracy score on the Train data

Test data prediction generated. Accuracy cannot be evaluated as the actual target values are not known for test data. As per k-fold this model should be about 50% accurate on average on the unseen test data

```
In [62]: # Evaluating and reviewing the Train data predictions
    train_df['predicted_y']=model.predict(train_pca_df)

In [63]: result_df = train_df.loc[:,["y","predicted_y"]]
    result_df
```

Out[63]:		у	predicted_y
	0	130.81	116.560814
	1	88.53	95.592178
	2	76.26	80.175461
	3	80.62	81.237762
	4	78.02	79.686218
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	4204	107.39	106.103943
	4205	108.77	108.158813
	4206	109.22	111.268692
	4207	87.48	96.644402
	4208	110.85	97.427582

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```
# Creating plot to show differences or error between y and predicted y for train dataset.
# Since the target is only part of the train data
plt.figure(figsize=(16,10))
plt.bar(np.arange(4209),result_df["y"]-result_df["predicted_y"])
```

### Out[64]: <BarContainer object of 4209 artists>

