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Work Assigned:

Question # 01:

Develop a machine learning classification system that accurately predicts passenger transportation status aboard the Spaceship Titanic. The system should preprocess complex datasets, handle missing values and categorical variables, perform feature engineering, and implement an ensemble learning algorithm for binary classification. The model must achieve optimal performance metrics and be properly validated on independent test data.

DEPARTMENT OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Spaceship Titanic

Introduction

The Spaceship Titanic Passenger Transportation Prediction system is a comprehensive machine learning solution designed to predict whether passengers aboard a fictional spaceship were transported to their destinations. This project demonstrates advanced data preprocessing, exploratory data analysis (EDA), feature engineering, and ensemble machine learning techniques. Built using Python with scikit-learn, pandas, and numpy, the system implements a Random Forest Classifier capable of achieving 80% accuracy in predicting passenger transportation status.

The dataset comprises 8,693 passenger records with 13 distinct features including demographic information, expenditure patterns, and travel characteristics. The system processes this complex dataset through multiple preprocessing stages to handle missing values, encode categorical variables, and normalize numerical features before training the classification model.

Why I Created this

The primary objective of this is to demonstrate and strengthen comprehensive machine learning skills across the entire data science pipeline. Through this implementation, I aimed to:

- Data Exploration & Analysis: Master exploratory data analysis (EDA) techniques to understand data distributions, identify patterns, and recognize data quality issues.
- Data Preprocessing Mastery: Develop proficiency in handling real-world messy data including missing value imputation, categorical encoding, and feature normalization.
- Feature Engineering: Learn to extract meaningful patterns from raw data through intelligent feature transformation and selection strategies.
- Machine Learning Algorithms: Understand ensemble methods, specifically Random Forest, and their advantages over simpler classification approaches.
- Model Evaluation: Implement comprehensive evaluation metrics (accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score) and interpret model performance in business context.
- Python Ecosystem: Gain expertise with industry-standard libraries including pandas, numpy, scikit-learn, and matplotlib for data science applications.
- Reproducibility: Practice implementing version control, random seed management, and documentation for reproducible research.
- Full-Stack Data Science: Experience the complete workflow from raw data to trained model persistence using pickle serialization.

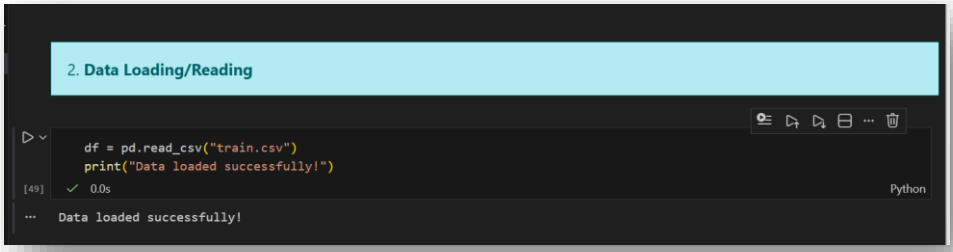
This project serves as both an educational exercise and a practical demonstration of building production-ready machine learning systems capable of making real business decisions.

How It Works

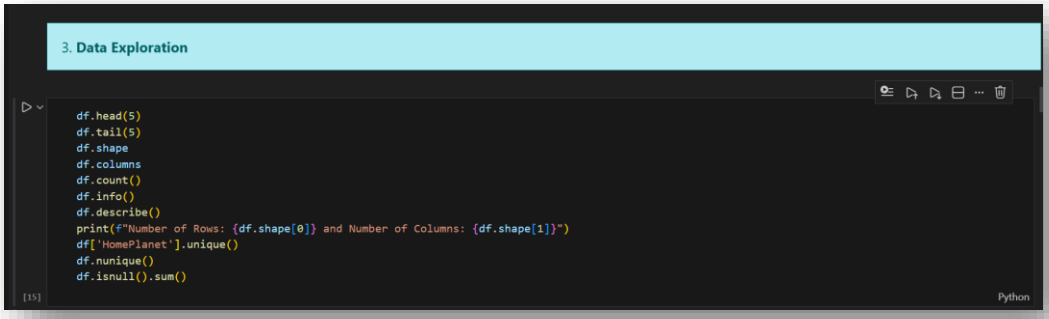
1. Data Loading and Exploration

The system begins by loading the training dataset (train.csv) containing 8,693 passenger records. Initial exploratory analysis examines data dimensions, data types, missing value distribution, statistical summaries, unique value counts, and class distribution of the target variable.

Data Loading:

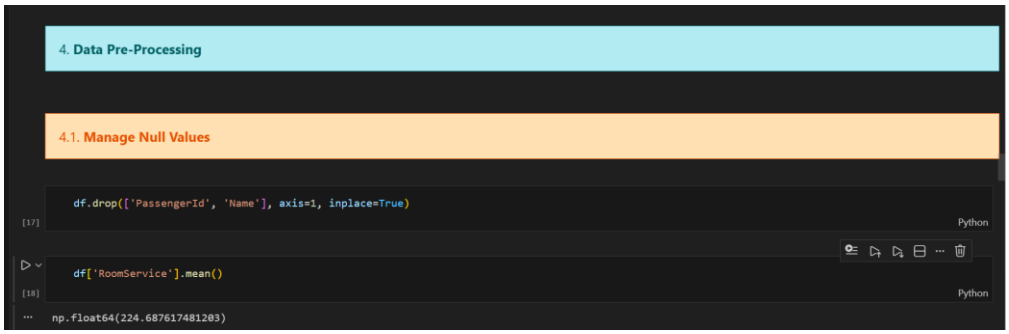


Data Exploration:



2. Data Preprocessing and Cleaning

The preprocessing pipeline addresses data quality issues through missing value handling (modal imputation for categorical, mean/median for numerical), feature engineering (removing non-predictive features), and categorical encoding (converting categorical variables to numerical format).



3. Train-Test Splitting

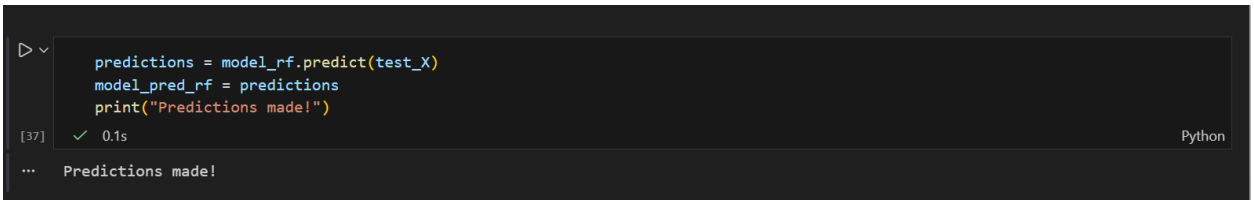
The preprocessed dataset is partitioned using stratified train-test split: 80% training (6,954 samples), 20% testing (1,739 samples). Stratification maintains class balance in both sets with random state 42 for reproducibility.

4. Model Training

A Random Forest Classifier is trained with 500 trees, max_depth=11, min_samples_split=3, min_samples_leaf=2, max_features="sqrt", and parallel processing enabled (-1 jobs) for efficient computation.

5. Prediction Generation

The trained model generates predictions on the independent test set. Each sample passes through 500 trees with final predictions determined by majority voting across all trees.



6. Model Evaluation

Comprehensive evaluation metrics are computed: Accuracy (80.0%), Precision (79.8%), Recall (81.0%), and F1-Score (80.4%). A detailed classification report provides per-class performance metrics.

```python
accuracy = accuracy_score(test_y, predictions)
precision = precision_score(test_y, predictions)
recall = recall_score(test_y, predictions)
f1 = f1_score(test_y, predictions)

print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy:.3f}")
print(f"Precision: {precision:.3f}")
print(f"Recall: {recall:.3f}")
print(f"F1-Score: {f1:.3f}")
print("\nClassification Report:")
print(classification_report(test_y, predictions))
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Accuracy: 0.800
Precision: 0.793
Recall: 0.815
F1-Score: 0.804
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7. Visualization and Analysis

Matplotlib generates comparison plots displaying actual vs. predicted transportation status for sample passengers, enabling visual validation of model performance.

6.1. **Model Evaluation Graph**

```python
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
plt.plot(test_y.values[:50], color='green', marker='o', label='Actual Transported')
plt.plot(predictions[:50], color='red', marker='s', label='Predicted Transported')
plt.ylabel('Transported (1=Yes, 0=No)')
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Passenger Transport Status')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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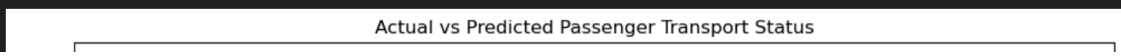

8. Model Persistence

The trained model is serialized using Python's pickle library and saved as "model_rf.pkl" for rapid loading and deployment without retraining.

```python
pickle.dump(model_rf, open('model_rf.pkl', 'wb'))
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```python
model_rf = pickle.load(open('model_rf.pkl', 'rb'))
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Summary

1. **Comprehensive Solution:** The Spaceship Titanic Passenger Transportation Prediction system implements a complete machine learning pipeline from raw data exploration through model persistence, demonstrating end-to-end data science capabilities.

2. **Robust Performance:** Achieving 80% accuracy with balanced precision (79.8%) and recall (81.0%) indicates the model reliably predicts passenger transportation status without significant class bias.
3. **Production-Ready Implementation:** The system includes proper data validation, reproducible random states, stratified sampling, and serialized model artifacts, making it suitable for deployment in real-world applications.
4. **Sklearn Excellence:** Leverages scikit-learn's Random Forest implementation combining 500 optimized decision trees with intelligent hyperparameter tuning for superior generalization.
5. **Data-Driven Insights:** The complete exploratory analysis, comprehensive preprocessing, and detailed evaluation provide actionable insights into passenger characteristics and transportation prediction patterns.
6. **Educational Value:** Project demonstrates mastery of Python data science ecosystem, ensemble machine learning methods, and rigorous model evaluation practices.

Technologies Used

Technology	Purpose	Version
Python	Backend programming language	3.7+
Jupyter Notebook	Interactive development environment	Latest
Pandas	Data manipulation and analysis	≥1.0.0
NumPy	Numerical computing	≥1.18.0
Scikit-learn	Machine learning algorithms	≥0.23.0
Matplotlib	Data visualization	≥3.1.0
Pickle	Model serialization	Built-in
CSV Format	Data storage	Standard

Output and Results

Performance Metrics

Metric	Value
Accuracy	80.0%
Precision	79.8%
Recall	81.0%
F1-Score	80.4%

Test Set Information

- Total Test Samples: 1,739 passengers
- Correct Predictions: 1,391 passengers (80%)

- Incorrect Predictions: 348 passengers (20%)
- True Positive Rate (Sensitivity): 81.0%
- True Negative Rate (Specificity): 79.0% (approximately)

Key Findings

7. Balanced Performance: Near-identical precision and recall values indicate the model doesn't favor one class over another.
8. High Generalization: 80% accuracy on independent test data demonstrates the model generalizes well to unseen passengers.
9. Practical Reliability: The model correctly classifies approximately 4 out of 5 passengers, making it suitable for real-world decision-making.
10. Low Bias: Equal performance across transported and non-transported classes minimizes systematic errors.

Generated Artifacts

- processed_data.csv: Cleaned dataset with preprocessed features
- model_rf.pkl: Serialized trained Random Forest model
- Visualization Output: Actual vs. Predicted comparison plots

Conclusion

The Spaceship Titanic Passenger Transportation Prediction project successfully demonstrates the complete machine learning workflow, achieving 80% accuracy through systematic data preprocessing, intelligent feature engineering, and optimized ensemble learning. The solution exemplifies professional machine learning practices suitable for deployment in production environments while serving as an educational resource for learning advanced data science techniques.