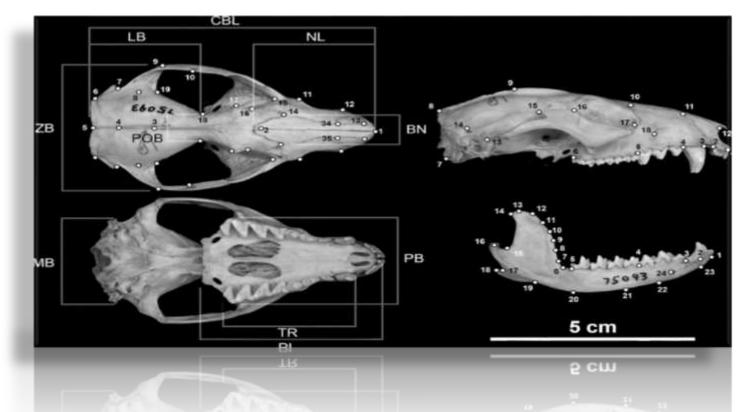
# Predictive Modeling and Analysis of Possum Morphometrics:

A Regression Approach



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# **Abstract:**

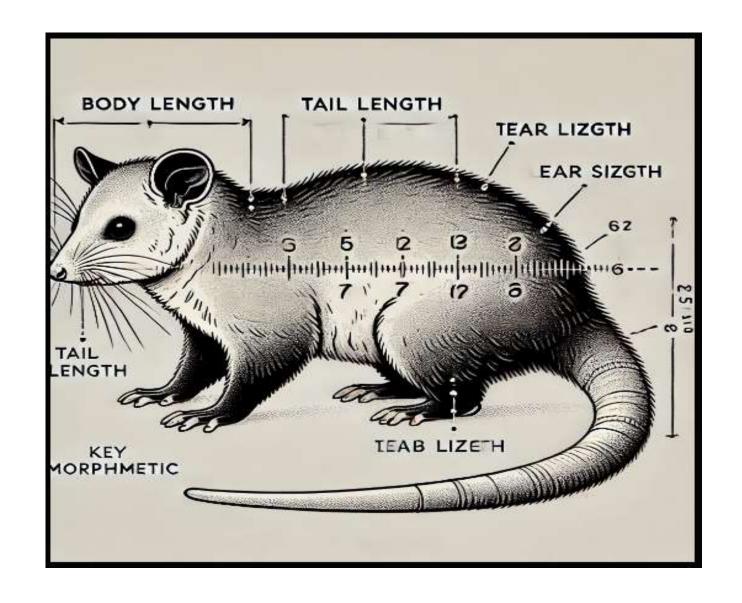
This study applies regression analysis to the possum dataset to explore relationships between morphological features, such as head length, skull width, and tail length. The goal is to develop predictive models that reveal how these characteristics are interrelated, providing insights useful for species identification and ecological research

# **Objectives:**

- **I.To identify key relationships** between various morphological features of possums using regression analysis.
- **2.To develop predictive models** that estimate specific possum characteristics (e.g., body or head length) based on other physical attributes.
- 3.To evaluate model accuracy and determine the best predictors among the variables in the dataset.

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# INTODUCTION:

Possums exhibit diverse physical traits that vary across species and habitats. Using the possum dataset, this study applies regression analysis to explore relationships among features like head length, skull width, and tail length. The goal is to identify key predictors and develop models for estimating specific traits based on others. This analysis provides insights into possum morphology, supporting species classification and ecological research.



# LITERATURE REVIEW



## LITRATURE REVIEW-I

McDonald and Rose (2000) examined age-related changes in skeletal morphology of possums, documenting how certain features, like skull width and body length, increase with age. Their findings are often used to create growth models for wild populations.

## **LITRATURE REVIEW-2**

-Tyndale-Biscoe and MacKenzie (1976) examined morphological differences in possums from coastal versus inland habitats, concluding that environmental factors like temperature and food resources significantly impact body size and growth patterns.

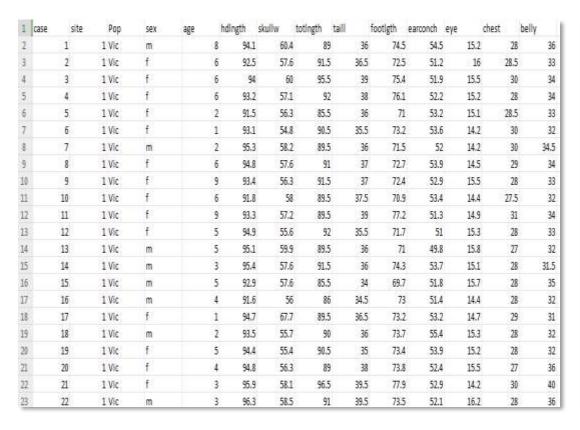
# DATA PREPROCESSING



## DATA

DATASET: The data consists of 14 variables and 105 records

SOURCE: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/lvGS">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/lvGS</a> RCnhqSxEH53BgLqhh32FlqNKqfOim?usp=drive\_link



## **VARIABLES**

The variables are of two types: continuous and categorical data, where the continuous variables are in integer and float format and categorical variables are in object format

Integer	Float	Object		
case	age	рор		
site	hdlngth,eye	sex		
	skullw totlngth			
	taill			
	footlngth			
	eaarconch			
	Chest, belly			

## DATA CLEANING

- Checking the Unique Values: The unique values of all the columns are identified.
- Identifying Null Values: The data is analysed for any missing value or null value.
- Replacing the Null Values: The null values which are found are then replaced with suitable values like mean/



- To perform dummy variable encoding we divided the data into two sets, which are independent variables and dependent variables
- The categorical variables are encoded into continuous variables using the dummy variables
- Renaming the columns, the dummy columns are

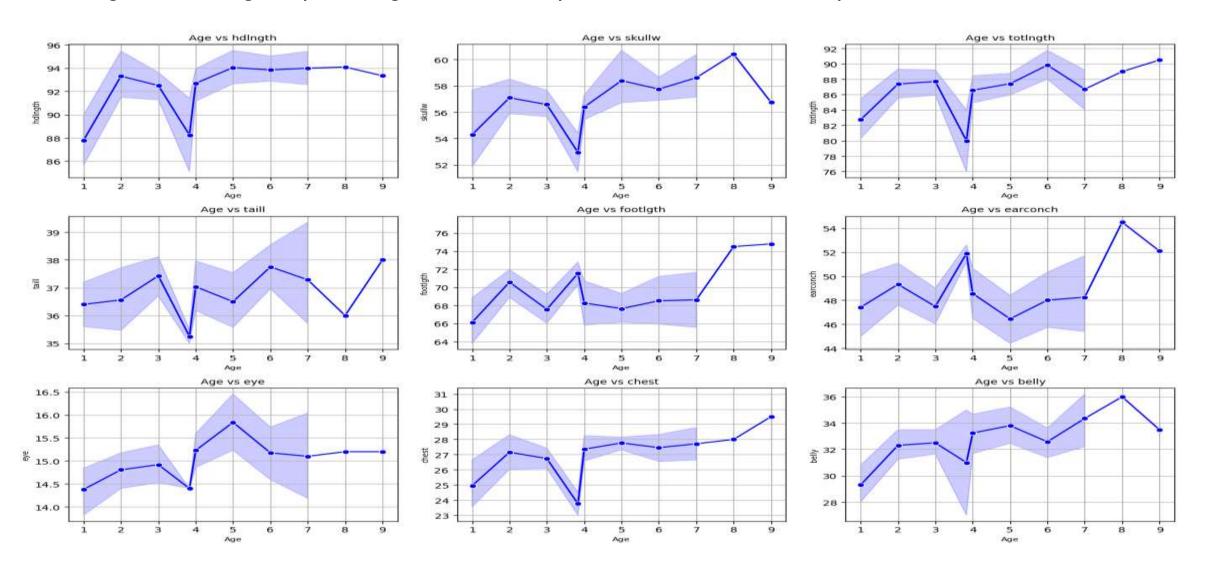
ORGINAL VARIABLE NAMES	RENAMED VARIABLE NAMES
pop	pop_other
sex	Sex_m

# EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS



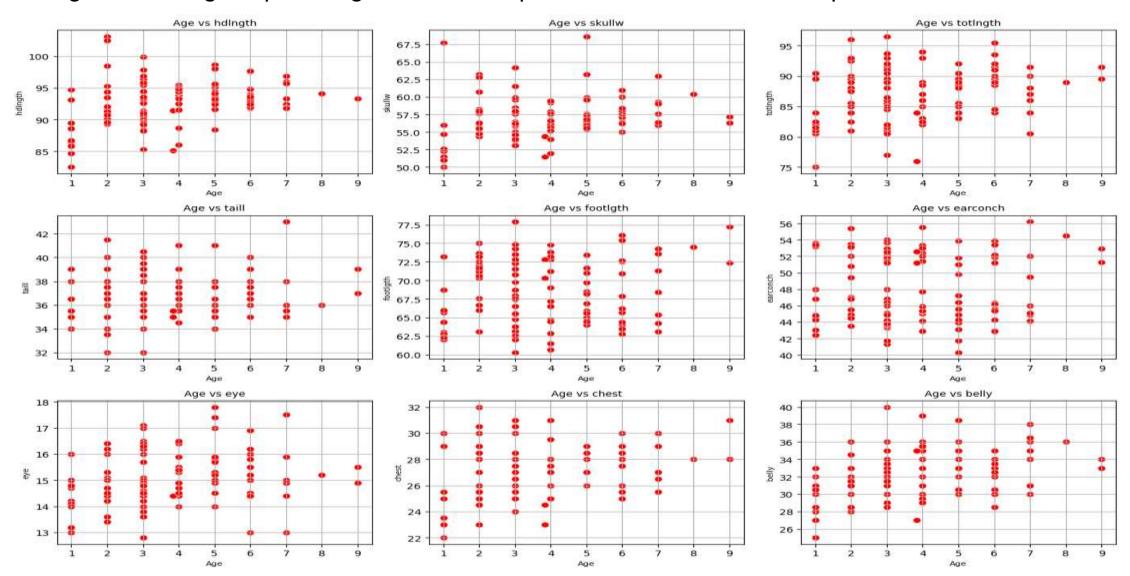
# LINEPLOT

The target variable "age" is plotted against all the independent variables in the line plots as shown below.



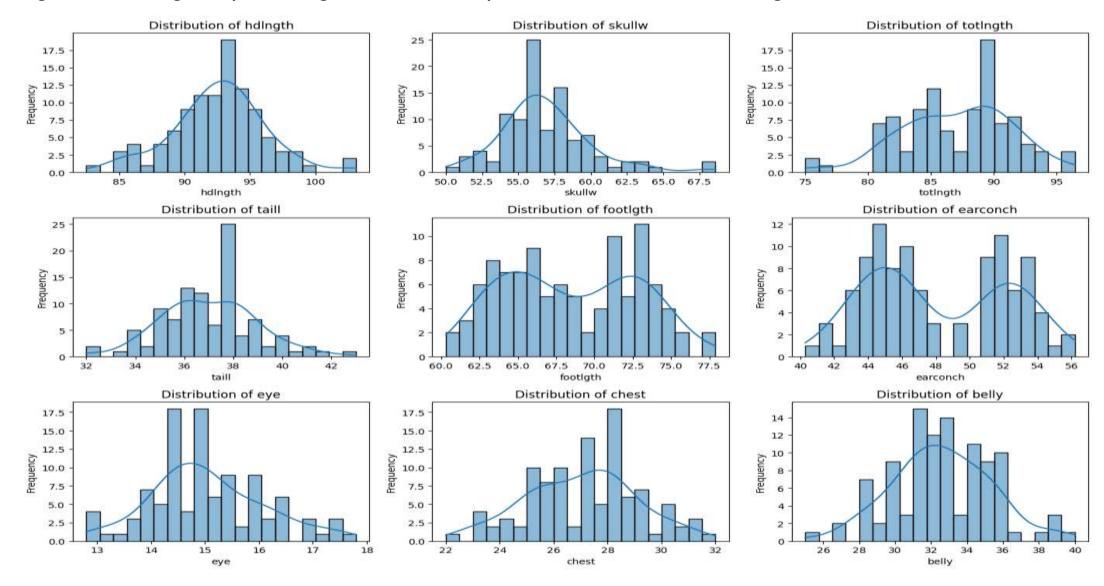
# SCATTERPLOT

The target variable "age" is plotted against all the independent variables in the scatter plot shown below.



# **HISTOGRAM**

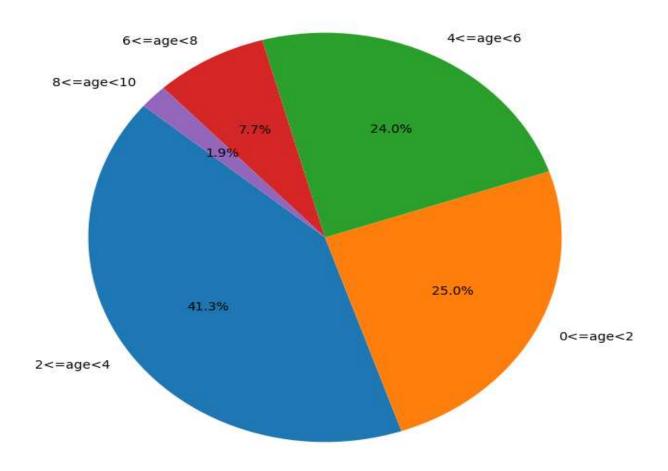
The target variable "age" is plotted against all the independent variables in the histogram shown below.



# **PIECHART**

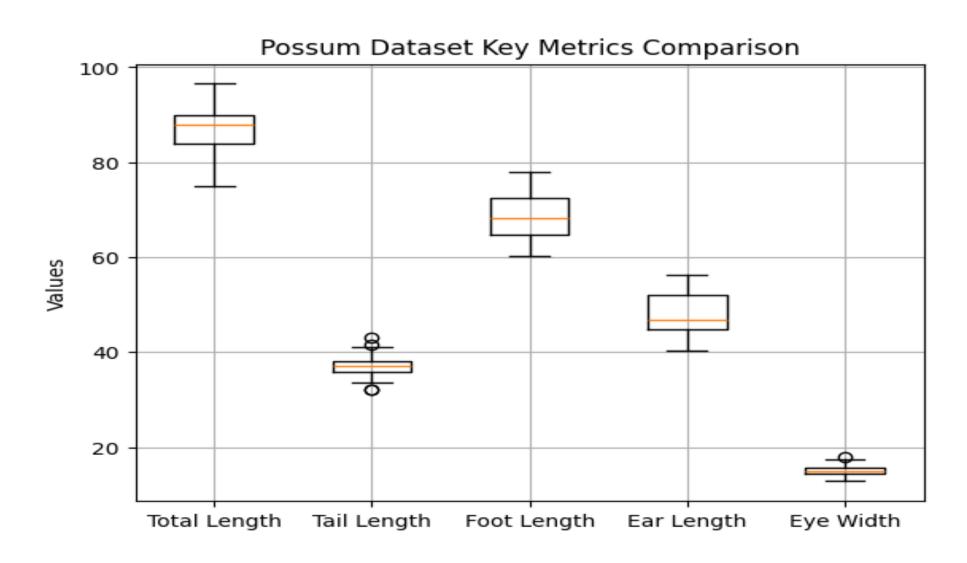
The pie chart below shows the distribution in the "age" column.





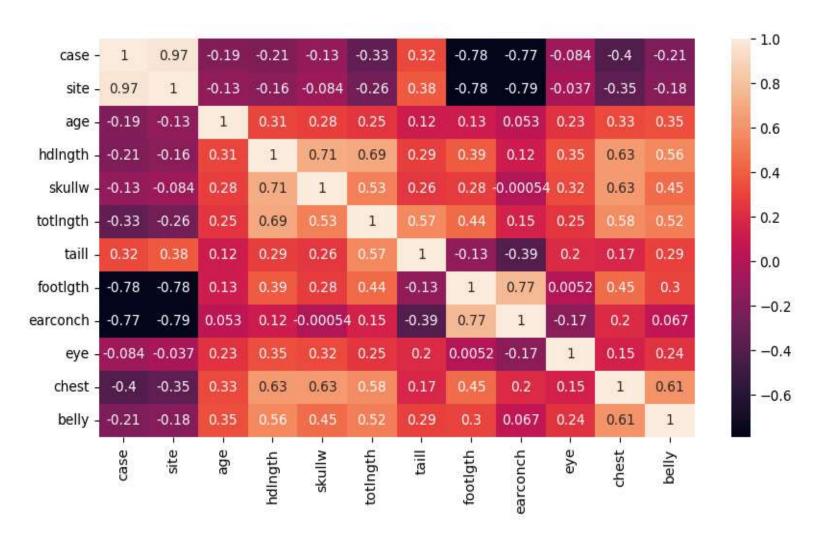
# **BOXPLOT**

The boxplot below shows the possum dataset key metrics comparison.



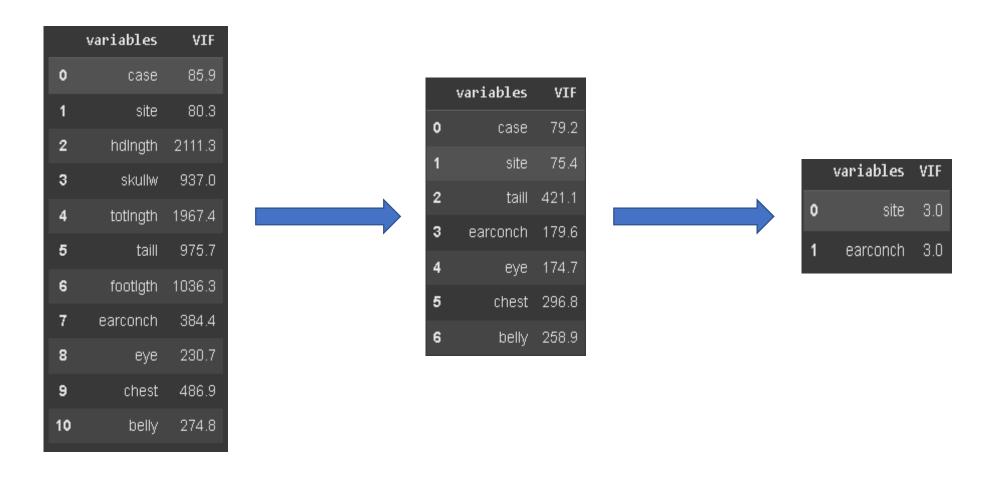
# **CORRELATION MATRIX**

Here we can observe that case and site have high positive correlation. The next most positively correlated are headlength(hlngth) and skullwidth(skullw).

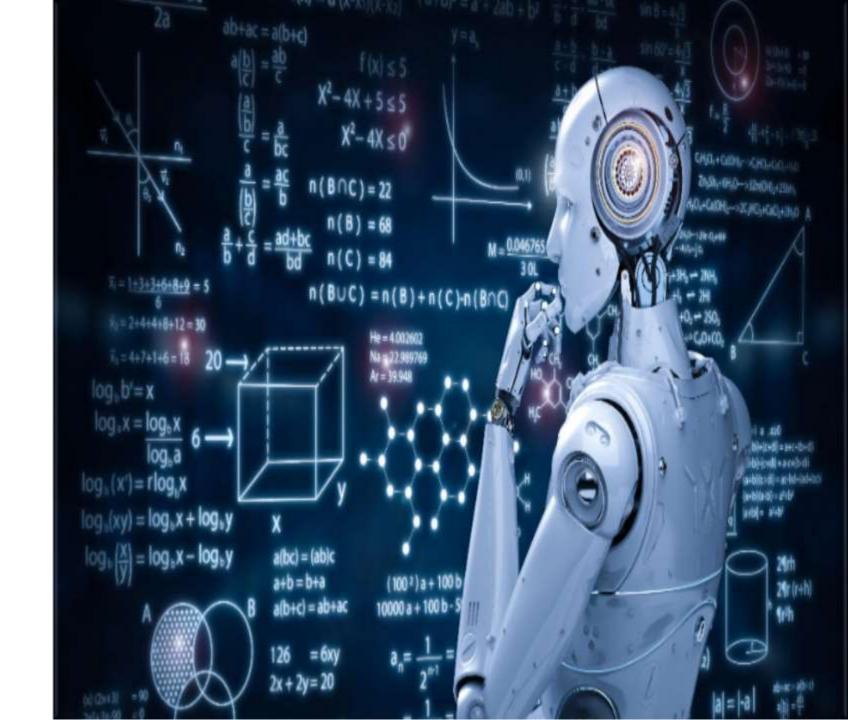


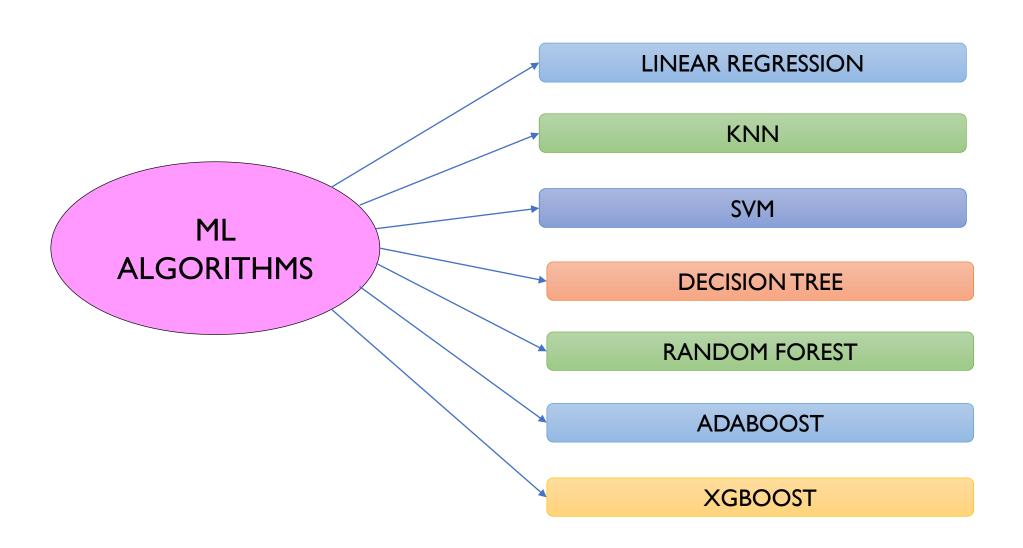
# MULTICOLLINEARITY CHECK

The variables in this dataset are highly correlated with each other as we are only left with 2 variables at last after performing the Multicollinearity Test. Hence performing Multicollinearity Test for this dataset is not suitable



# MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS





# 60:40 Train-Test Split

Algorithm	MAE	R2_score			
Linear Regression	1.530	0.072			
KNN	1.622	0.037			
SVM	1.659	-0.063			
Decision Tree	1.591	0.014			
Random Forest	2.047	0.204			
AdaBoost	1.461	0.098			
XGBoost	1.398	0.272			

# 70:30 Train-Test Split

Algorithm	MAE	R2_score
Linear Regression	1.345	0.150
KNN	1.520	0.035
SVM	1.401	0.118
Decision Tree	1.307	0.147
Random Forest	2.759	0.273
AdaBoost	0.975	0.429
XGBoost	1.258	0.283

# 75:25 Train-Test Split

Algorithm	MAE	R2_score
Linear Regression	1.449	0.148
KNN	1.617	0.033
SVM	1.543	0.149
Decision Tree	1.339	0.235
Random Forest	1.339	0.239
AdaBoost	1.588	0.044
XGBoost	1.403	0.139

# 80:20 Train-Test Split

Algorithm	MAE	R2_score			
Linear Regression	1.525	0.104			
KNN	1.665	0.016			
SVM	1.582	0.124			
Decision Tree	2.047	-0.599			
Random Forest	1.522	0.122			
AdaBoost	1.413	0.108			
XGBoost	1.530	0.003			

# ALGORITHM COMPARISION

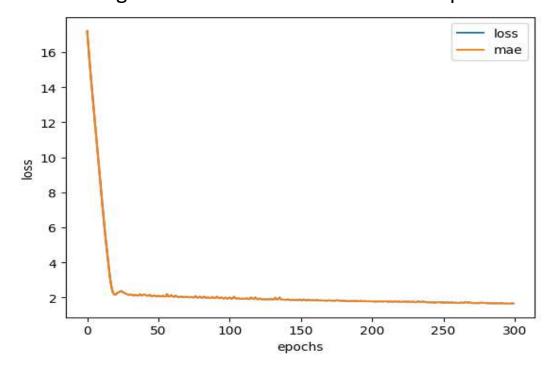
## ADABOOST FOR 70:30 SPLIT

Algorithm	MAE	R2_SCORE			
Linear Regression	1.345	0.150			
KNN	1.520	0.035			
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# ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK:

SLPIT	ARCHITECTURE	OPTIMIZER	EPOCHS	MAE
60-40	10-7-5-1	Adam	300	1.47
70-30	10-7-5-1	Adam	250	1.46
75-25	10-7-5-1	Adam	300	1.33
80-20	10-7-5-1	Adam	250	1.54

## Training Metrics: Loss and MAE for best split 75-25



# CONCLUSION

- The primary goal of this research is to predict the age of a possum based on its body measurements and gender.
- In our study, we applied both Machine Learning (ML) models and a Deep Learning model to build a predictive model for possum age based on its morphometric data.
- Among the ML models, the Adaboost algorithm demonstrated the best performance, achieving the lowest Mean Absolute Error (MAE) value of 0.975.
- For Deep Learning, we used only the Artificial Neural Network (ANN) model, which showed a slightly higher MAE value of 1.33, indicating relatively lower accuracy compared to the ML model.
- Thus, we conclude that the ML model (Adaboost) outperforms the Deep Learning model (ANN) in terms of predictive accuracy for this dataset

## **INSIGHTS**

- •**Key Findings:** Strong correlations observed between head length & skull width; multicollinearity limited usable predictors.
- •Best Model: AdaBoost (70:30 split) outperformed other algorithms.
- •Practical Use: Predictive modeling aids in species identification and ecological research.
- •Challenges: Multicollinearity and small dataset size impacted results.
- •Future Steps: Enhance dataset size and apply advanced feature selection

## **FUTURE SCOPE**

- •Expand dataset size and include more features.
- Address multicollinearity using advanced techniques.
- •Optimize models with ensemble methods and tuning.
- •Apply models for species identification in ecology.
- Develop tools for real-time predictions

# Work Distribution

Team Member I (Chaitanya)	Collecting Information about credit card approvals and Literature Review
Team Member 2 (Srikanth)	Data Pre-processing and EDA
Team Member 3 (Harshit)	Implementing ML Algorithms





# **THANK YOU**

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# **APPENDIX**



## LOADING DATASET

[7] data=pd.read\_csv('/content/possum.csv')
 data.head()

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91.5

₹		case	site	Pop	sex	age	hdlngth	skullw	totlngth	taill	footlgth	earconch	eye	chest	belly
	0	1	1	Vic	m	8.0	94.1	60.4	89.0	36.0	74.5	54.5	15.2	28.0	36.0
	1	2	1	Vic	f	6.0	92.5	57.6	91.5	36.5	72.5	51.2	16.0	28.5	33.0
	2	3	1	Vic	f	6.0	94.0	60.0	95.5	39.0	75.4	51.9	15.5	30.0	34.0
	3	4	1	Vic	f	6.0	93.2	57.1	92.0	38.0	76.1	52.2	15.2	28.0	34.0

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#### **Checking Null values**



#### CHECKING DATATYPE

```
data.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 104 entries, 0 to 103
Data columns (total 14 columns):
     Column
               Non-Null Count Dtype
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                               int64
     case
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                               float64
 13 belly
               104 non-null
                               float64
dtypes: float64(10), int64(2), object(2)
memory usage: 11.5+ KB
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#### FINDING UNIQUE VALUES

```
for i in range(data.shape[1]):
     print(data.iloc[:,i].unique())
     print(data.iloc[:,i].value_counts())
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    Name: count, Length: 104, dtype: int64
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[11] data.isna().sum()
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      earconch 0
        eye
       chest
        belly
```

## Replacing missing values

```
[10] continuous_columns = data.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64']).columns
# Replace null values in continuous columns with the mean
for column in continuous_columns:
    mean_value = data[column].mean()
    data[column].fillna(mean_value, inplace=True)
```

#### Dropping the column 'age' and assigning it as target variable

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X=df.drop(['age'],axis=1)
    print(X)
    y=df['age']
    print(y)
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#### CREATING DUMMY VARIABLE

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X=pd.get_dummies(X,dtype='int',drop_first=True)
    print(X)
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```

#### **LIBRARIES**

```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
from sklearn import metrics
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
import numpy as np
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=0)
[ ] # Import library for VIF
   from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
   def calc vif(X):
       # Calculating VIF
       vif = pd.DataFrame()
       vif["variables"] = X.columns
       vif["VIF"] = [variance_inflation_factor(X.values, i).round(1) for i in range(X.shape[1])]
       return(vif)
   calc_vif(X)
```

#### **ML** Models

```
    LINEAR REGRESSION

D ### SCIKIT-LEARN ###
    feature_cols = ['case', 'site', 'hdlngth', 'skullw', 'totlngth', 'taill', 'footlgth', 'earconch', 'eye', 'chest', 'belly']
    X = data[feature cols]
    y = data.age
    lm2 = LinearRegression()
    lm2.fit(X, y)
    print(lm2.intercept )
    print(lm2.coef )
-5.20235066884844
    [-0.05649674 0.5077668 0.0796396 0.04261819 -0.06877445 0.08789572
     [ ] X = data[[ case , site', hdlngth', skullw', totlngth', taill', 'footlgth', 'earconch', 'eye', 'chest', 'belly']]
    X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, random state=1)
    lm2 = LinearRegression()
    lm2.fit(X train, y train)
    y pred = lm2.predict(X test)
    print(np.sqrt(metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)))
T 1.5766374109418895
 [ ] X_train1, X_test1, y_train1, y_test1 = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.48, random_state=42)
    X train2, X test2, y train2, y test2 = train test split(X, y, test size=0.30, random state=42)
    X_train3, X_test3, y_train3, y_test3 = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25, random_state=42)
    X_train4 ,X_test4, y_train4, y_test4 = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.20, random_state=42)
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KNN
60-40
 [ ] from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor
 [ ] model=KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=25)
 model.fit(X train1, y train1)
           KNeighborsRegressor
     KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=25)
 ] y pred1 = model.predict(X test1)
 [ ] y_pred1
→ array([3.87333333, 4.04
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           3.44 , 3.95333333, 4.
                                        , 4.12
                                                   , 3.593333333,
           3.55333333, 3.96
 [ ] knn = pd.DataFrame({'Predicted':y pred1,'Actual':y test1})
     knn
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SVM
60-40
 ] from sklearn.svm import SVR
 ] model = SVR(kernel='linear')
 ] model.fit(X train1, y train1)
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             SVR
    SVR(kernel='linear')
[ ] y pred1 = model.predict(X test1)
    y pred1
→ array([3.78349348, 4.41898078, 3.66060923, 5.09121879, 0.86563047,
           3.10057874, 1.95960846, 4.06685823, 4.37329096, 5.52784653,
           3.42793154, 2.29967115, 3.92479408, 2.55413257, 3.09316111,
           6.03890767, 3.35093645, 2.57073635, 4.88493594, 2.38128164,
           2.84346003, 4.08931164, 3.38687573, 4.16790598, 1.75766679,
           1.81515822, 3.53821012, 1.1654959, 2.66874514, 5.56223427,
           3.991962 , 4.67050832, 1.96700702, 2.83582736, 1.03266035,
           3.6287386 , 5.15237627 , 4.71475792 , 5.29207748 , 1.97820386 ,
           1.76123744, 4.38749148])
    svm = pd.DataFrame({'Predicted':y pred1, 'Actual':y test1})
```

```
RANDOM FOREST
60-40
[ ] from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
    from sklearn.tree import plot_tree
 ] rf=RandomForestRegressor()
   rf.fit(X_train1,y_train1)
     RandomForestRegressor()
[ ] y_pred1=rf.predict(X_test1)
    y pred1
→ array([4.045
                         , 4.62
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                   , 2.60666667, 4.19
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          5.95833333, 3.76
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```
BOOSTING

    XGboost

[ ] import xgboost as xgb
60-40
    model1 = xgb.XGBRegressor()
     model2 = xgb.XGBRegressor(n estimators=100, max depth=8, learning rate=0.1, subsample=0.5)
     train model1 = model1.fit(X train1, y train1)
     train_model2 = model2.fit(X_train1, y_train1)
[ ] pred1 = train_model1.predict(X_test1)
     pred2 = train model2.predict(X test1)
EVALUATION METRICS
[ ] print("RMSE1:",np.sqrt(metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test1, pred1)))
     print("RMSE2:",np.sqrt(metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test1, pred2)))
     print("R2 score1:",metrics.r2 score(y test1,pred1))
     print("R2 score2:", metrics.r2_score(y_test1, pred2))
F RMSE1: 1.7318548517013523
     RMSE2: 1.9981763626516869
     R2 score1: 0.2723557167707735
     R2 score2: 0.03135693198142453
```

## AdaBoost [ ] from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostRegressor [ ] from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostRegressor from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor base\_estimator = DecisionTreeRegressor(max\_depth=3, random\_state=0) adaboost = AdaBoostRegressor(estimator=base\_estimator, # Changed argument name here n\_estimators=3,random\_state=0) 60-40 adaboost.fit(X\_train1, y\_train1) **3** 1 3 AdaBoostRegressor estimator: DecisionTreeRegressor ▶ DecisionTreeRegressor ② [ ] y\_pred1 = adaboost.predict(X\_test1) **EVALUATION METRICS** [ ] print("RMSE:",np.sqrt(metrics.mean\_squared\_error(y\_test1,y\_pred1))) print("R2 score:",metrics.r2\_score(y\_test1,y\_pred1)) ₹ RMSE: 1.9278896842681346 R2 score: 0.09830326007898671

### DEEP LEARNING MODEL(ANN)

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NN
 ] import tensorflow as tf
  60-40 Train Test Split
Epochs=100, optimizer=Adam
   tf.random.set_seed(42)
    # STEP1: Creating the model
    model= tf.keras.Sequential([
                               tf.keras.layers.Dense(10),
                               tf.keras.layers.Dense(5),
                               tf.keras.layers.Dense(1)
    # STEP2: Compiling the model # optimizer can be SGD, Adam
    model.compile(loss= tf.keras.losses.mae,
                 optimizer= tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(), #SGD
                 metrics= ["mae"])
    # STEP3: Fit the model
    history= model.fit(X_train1, y_train1, epochs= 100, verbose=1)
                            0s 7ms/step - loss: 2.2349 - mae: 2.2349
```