

Project Title: IoT Predictive Maintenance Engine (Time-Series Classification)

Product Brand Name: "FactoryGuard AI"

Use Case (Production): A critical manufacturing plant floor contains 500 robotic arms with vibration, temperature, and pressure sensors. The objective is to predict a catastrophic failure 24 hours before it occurs to allow for scheduled, preemptive maintenance, avoiding millions in unscheduled downtime.

Dataset: NASA Turbofan Engine Degradation Dataset (C-MAPSS)

The NASA Turbofan Engine Degradation Simulation Dataset (also known as C-MAPSS) is a synthetic, run-to-failure time-series dataset developed by NASA for predictive maintenance and remaining useful life (RUL) modeling.

| Dataset Entity | Manufacturing Analogy |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Turbofan engine | Robotic arm / Machine |
| Engine cycle | Operating hour |
| Sensor readings | Vibration, temperature, pressure |
| Failure point | Machine breakdown |
| RUL | Time left before failure |

>>Files in the Downloaded Folder

1.Training Files:

- Contain full run-to-failure data
- Each engine runs until failure
- Used to train models

2. Test Files:

- Engines do NOT reach failure
- Used for model evaluation
- Corresponding RUL provided separately

3. RUL Files

- Each value = Remaining cycles after last test cycle
- Used to calculate true RUL for test engines

In this Project we will use Dataset Variant-FD001 (single condition, single fault)

Data Structure: Each row represents: One engine at one operating cycle

Total Columns: 26

| Column Type | Count |
|----------------------|-------|
| Engine ID | 1 |
| Cycle number | 1 |
| Operational settings | 3 |
| Sensor measurements | 21 |

Column Description

- Identification Columns

| Column | Description |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| engine_id | Unique engine identifier |
| cycle | Time step / operating hour |

- Operational Settings

| Column | Meaning |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| op_setting_1 | Environmental / operating condition |
| op_setting_2 | Environmental / operating condition |
| op_setting_3 | Environmental / operating condition |

- Sensor Measurements

| | Sensor Type | Example Meaning |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| sensor_1 | | Fan inlet temperature |
| sensor_2 | | Pressure |
| sensor_3 | | Rotational speed |
| sensor_4 | | Fuel flow |
| sensor_7 | | Vibration-related |
| sensor_11 | | Temperature |
| sensor_15 | | Mechanical efficiency |

Not all sensors degrade — some are constant or noisy.

Time-Series Nature

- Each engine has different lifespan
- Sensor readings show:
 - Stable behavior initially
 - Gradual degradation
 - Rapid failure close to end

Label Availability

- The dataset does NOT contain: Failure flag or Binary classification label
- What Is Provided:
 - Run-to-failure cycles (training)
 - Remaining Useful Life (RUL) for test set

Why this is ideal?

- Designed exactly for predictive maintenance
- Contains time-series sensor readings
- Includes failure labels

What it contains?

- Multiple engines (similar to robotic arms)
- Sensor readings over time
- Engine gradually degrades until failure
- Can be converted to: Failure in next 24 hours → Yes/No

Task 1: Feature Engineering

Production Requirements & Features: Advanced Rolling Window Statistics: Creating time-series features such as Rolling Mean, Exponential Moving Average, Standard Deviation of sensor readings over the last 1, 6, and 12 hours. Lag Features (t-1, t-2) are essential.

Implementation Details: Focus on Pandas for feature creation; efficient serialization with joblib.

| Feature Type | What It Captures |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Lag (t-1) | Immediate past behavior |
| Lag (t-2) | Short-term trend |
| Rolling Mean | Smoothed behavior |
| EMA | Recent degradation |
| Rolling Std | Instability |

Efficient Serialization Using joblib

- Saving trained data (features, labels, models) to disk so they can be reused later without recomputation.
- This is critical for production ML systems.

joblib is a Python library used for:

- Fast serialization of large numerical data
- Saving ML models, features, pipelines
- Efficient memory handling

It is optimized for NumPy and Pandas objects.

Task 2: Modeling

Model Selection: Start with a simple Logistic Regression or Scikit-Learn Random Forest as a baseline. The production model must be XGBoost or LightGBM for maximum predictive power.

- **Imbalance Handling**

Class Imbalance is Extreme: Failures are rare (typically <1% of the data). Do NOT use Accuracy. Must use Precision-Recall Area Under Curve (PR-AUC). Handle imbalance using SMOTE or, preferably, by adjusting Class Weights in the model.

Use the imbalanced-learn library. Prioritize High Precision (avoiding false alarms).

- **Hyperparameter Tuning** via GridSearchCV or the advanced Optuna library.

Production Model: XGBoost

Why approach using scale_pos_weight (NO SMOTE) approach is better than SMOTE in production

SMOTE

scale_pos_weight

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Creates fake samples ✗ | Uses real data only ✓ |
| Risk of leakage ✗ | Safe for deployment ✓ |
| Memory heavy ✗ | Lightweight ✓ |
| Offline training only ✗ | Online retraining friendly ✓ |

Key Observations from Precision–Recall Curve

- PR-AUC = 0.994. This is near-perfect performance
- High Precision Across Most Recall Range

Precision stays ~1.0 for recall up to ~85–90%

This means: Very few false alarms

- Sharp Precision Drop Near Recall ≈ 1.0

Key Observations from Evaluation Metrics (Confusion matrix)

Class 0 (Negative / Majority Class)

| Metric | Value | Meaning |
|-----------|---------------|--|
| Precision | 0.9959 | Almost all predicted negatives are correct |
| Recall | 0.9926 | Very few false positives |
| F1-score | 0.9942 | Excellent balance |

- The model rarely raises false alarms
- Stable performance on the majority class

Class 1 (Positive / Minority Class – Most Important)

| Metric | Value | Meaning |
|-----------|---------------|---|
| Precision | 0.9511 | ~95% of predicted positives are correct |
| Recall | 0.9720 | 97% of actual positives are detected |
| F1-score | 0.9614 | Strong balance between precision & recall |

- The model captures almost all minority cases while keeping false positives low