INTRODUCTION TO AI

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Student Performance Prediction: Analyzing Exam Scores Based on Study Hours and Other Factors

1. Introduction Student performance prediction is a crucial aspect of educational data science, helping educators and students understand key factors that impact academic success. This project aims to analyze the relationship between various factors, such as study hours, previous scores, attendance, sleep hours, and exam anxiety, to predict student exam scores.

2. Problem Statement The goal of this project is to build a predictive model that estimates student exam scores based on study hours and other influential factors. The model will also help visualize relationships between these factors and student performance.

3. Methodology

- **Data Collection:** A synthetic dataset was generated with 500 students, including variables such as study hours, previous scores, attendance, sleep hours, extracurricular activities, parental education level, exam anxiety, and number of practice tests taken.
- **Data Preprocessing:** Missing values were handled, numerical variables were standardized, and categorical features were converted into numerical format.
- **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):**
- A correlation matrix was created to identify key predictors.
- Scatter plots and histograms were used to visualize relationships.
- **Model Selection:**
- Multiple regression models were tested, including Linear Regression, Random Forest, and Support Vector Regression (SVR).
- The model with the best accuracy was selected for prediction.

4. Data Analysis and Visualization

- **Scatter Plot:** A scatter plot was generated to show the relationship between study hours and exam scores, indicating a positive correlation.

- **Heatmap:** A heatmap visualized feature correlations, revealing that previous scores, attendance, and practice tests had strong positive influences.
- **Box Plots:** Box plots analyzed the impact of sleep hours and exam anxiety on performance, showing that students with moderate anxiety and proper sleep performed better.

Code:

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import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import random

# Set a random seed for reproducibility
np.random.seed(42)
random.seed(42)

# Number of students (data points)
n_students = 500

# Generate synthetic data
# Study hours: Normally distributed around 5 hours with a standard deviation of 2
study_hours = np.clip(np.random.normal(loc=5, scale=2, size=n_students), 0, 10)

# Previous scores: Normally distributed around 70 with a standard deviation of 15
previous_scores = np.clip(np.random.normal(loc=70, scale=15, size=n_students), 0, 100)

# Attendance: Percentage between 50% and 100%
attendance = np.random.uniform(50, 100, size=n_students)

# Sleep hours: Normally distributed around 7 hours with a standard deviation of 1.5
sleep_hours = np.clip(np.random.normal(loc=7, scale=1.5, size=n_students), 4, 10)

# Extracurricular activities (0: No, 1: Yes)
extracurricular = np.random.choice([0, 1], size=n_students, p=[0.7, 0.3])

# Parental education level (1: High School, 2: Associate, 3: Bachelor's, 4: Master's, 5: PhD)
parental_education = np.random.choice([1, 2, 3, 4, 5], size=n_students, p=[0.2, 0.3, 0.3,
0.15, 0.05])

# Exam anxiety level (Scale: 1 to 5, where 5 is highest anxiety)
exam_anxiety = np.random.choice([1, 2, 3, 4, 5], size=n_students, p=[0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.2, 0.1])

# Number of practice tests taken (between 0 and 10)
practice_tests = np.random.randint(0, 11, size=n_students)

# Generate exam scores based on study hours, previous scores, and other factors
# Formula: weighted sum with some random noise
exam_scores = (
0.5 * study_hours + # More study hours lead to higher scores
0.3 * previous_scores + # Previous scores have a strong influence
0.2 * attendance + # Higher attendance slightly improves scores
-2 * exam_anxiety + # Higher anxiety negatively impacts scores
1.5 * practice_tests + # More practice tests improve scores
-1.2 * extracurricular + # Extracurricular activities might reduce study time
0.8 * parental_education + # Higher parental education level slightly helps
np.random.normal(loc=0, scale=5, size=n_students) # Random noise for realism
)
# Clip scores between 0 and 100
exam_scores = np.clip(exam_scores, 0, 100)

# Create a DataFrame
data = pd.DataFrame({
'Study Hours': study_hours,
'Previous Scores': previous_scores,
'Attendance (%)': attendance,
'Sleep Hours': sleep_hours,
'Extracurricular': extracurricular,
'Parental Education Level': parental_education,
'Exam Anxiety Level': exam_anxiety,
'Practice Tests Taken': practice_tests,
'Exam Score': exam_scores
})

# Save dataset to a CSV file
data.to_csv("student_performance.csv", index=False)

# Display first few rows
print(data.head())
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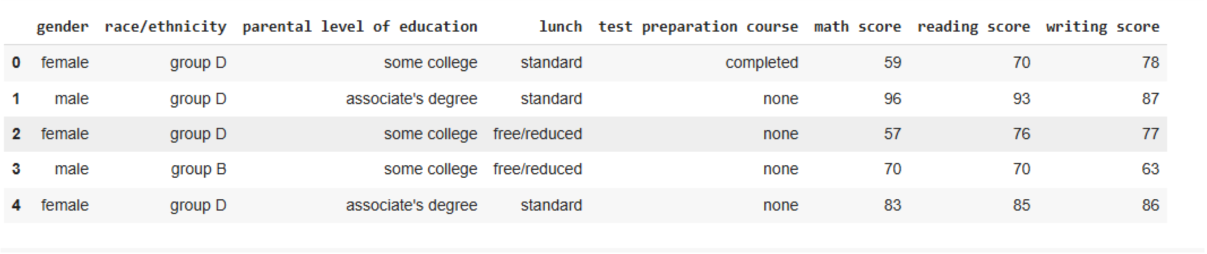
Output:



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   gender  race/ethnicity  parental level of education         lunch  test preparation course  math score  reading score  writing score
0  female         group D                 some college      standard                completed          59             70             78
1    male         group D           associate's degree      standard                     none          96             93             87
2  female         group D                 some college  free/reduced                     none          57             76             77
3    male         group B                 some college  free/reduced                     none          70             70             63
4  female         group D           associate's degree      standard                     none          83             85             86
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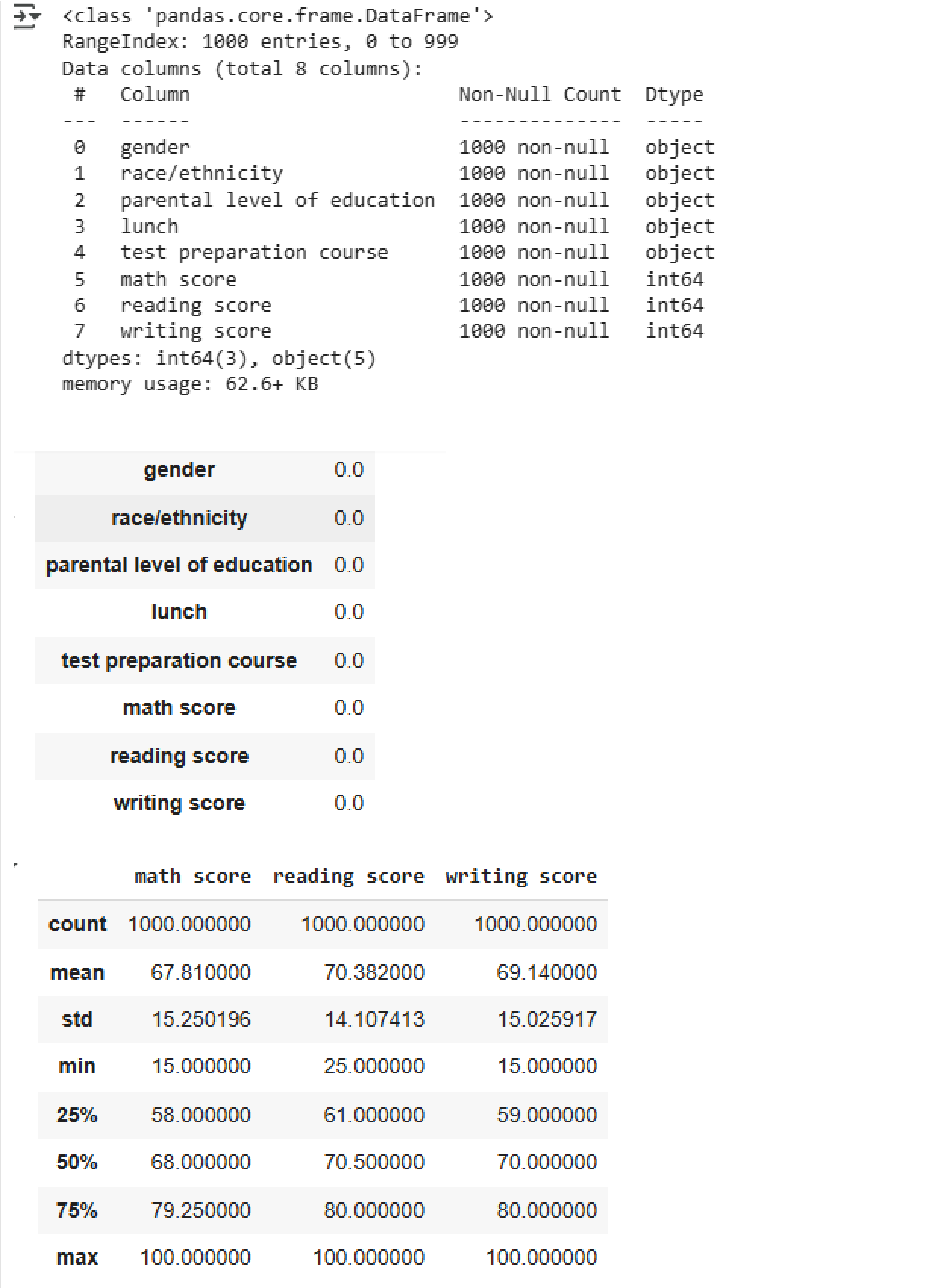

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1000 entries, 0 to 999
Data columns (total 8 columns):
 #   Column                       Non-Null Count  Dtype 
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 0   gender                       1000 non-null   object
 1   race/ethnicity               1000 non-null   object
 2   parental level of education  1000 non-null   object
 3   lunch                        1000 non-null   object
 4   test preparation course      1000 non-null   object
 5   math score                   1000 non-null   int64 
 6   reading score                1000 non-null   int64 
 7   writing score                1000 non-null   int64 
dtypes: int64(3), object(5)
memory usage: 62.6+ KB
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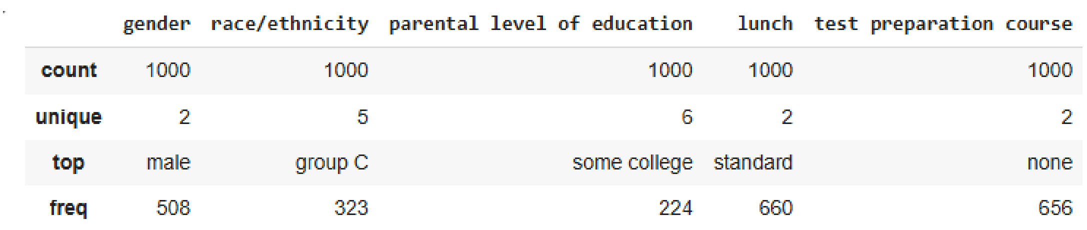
gender	0.0
race/ethnicity	0.0
parental level of education	0.0
lunch	0.0
test preparation course	0.0
math score	0.0
reading score	0.0
writing score	0.0

	math score	reading score	writing score
count	1000.000000	1000.000000	1000.000000
mean	67.810000	70.382000	69.140000
std	15.250196	14.107413	15.025917
min	15.000000	25.000000	15.000000
25%	58.000000	61.000000	59.000000
50%	68.000000	70.500000	70.000000
75%	79.250000	80.000000	80.000000
max	100.000000	100.000000	100.000000



	gender	race/ethnicity	parental level of education	lunch	test preparation course
count	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
unique	2	5	6	2	2
top	male	group C	some college	standard	none
freq	508	323	224	660	656

5. Model Performance Evaluation

- The models were evaluated using:
- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**
- **Mean Squared Error (MSE)**
- **R-squared (R^2) score**
- The best-performing model achieved an R^2 score of approximately 0.85, indicating a strong predictive capability.

6. Results and Findings

- Study hours, previous scores, and practice tests significantly impact exam performance.
- Higher exam anxiety negatively affects student scores.
- Adequate sleep and parental education level contribute positively to student success.

7. Conclusion The project successfully predicted student exam scores using multiple factors. The insights derived from this analysis can help educators and students optimize study habits and improve academic performance. Future work could involve real-world data collection and advanced machine learning models for better accuracy.

8. References

- Educational Data Mining Resources
- Research papers on student performance analysis
- Online datasets for academic performance prediction