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Exposé

**Examining Random Forest vs Neural Networks for
LogP Prediction of Drug-like Compounds**

A Proof-of-Concept Implementation and Performance Analysis

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Problem Statement

The accurate prediction of logP is crucial in various fields, including drug discovery and environmental chemistry.

Objectives

The primary objectives of this project are:

- To find a curated dataset of molecules and find whether a fingerprint-based logP estimation is feasible
- To evaluate the performance of the implemented models in terms of accuracy and efficiency.

Methodology

The project will follow these steps:

1. Data Collection: Gather a dataset of chemical compounds with known logP values. The ZINC20 database will be used as a primary source for this data.
2. Fingerprint Generation: The molecules will be converted to fingerprints using multiple algorithms, like Morgan (ECFP4) and MACCS Fingerprints.
3. Model Development: Train multiple machine learning models like Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Neural Network (NN)

Planned Structure

The paper will likely be structured as follows:

- Introduction
- Research Question and Objectives

- Literature Review
- Methodology
- Results and Discussion
- Limitations
- Conclusion and Future Work
- References
- AI Declaration
- Declaration of Authorship