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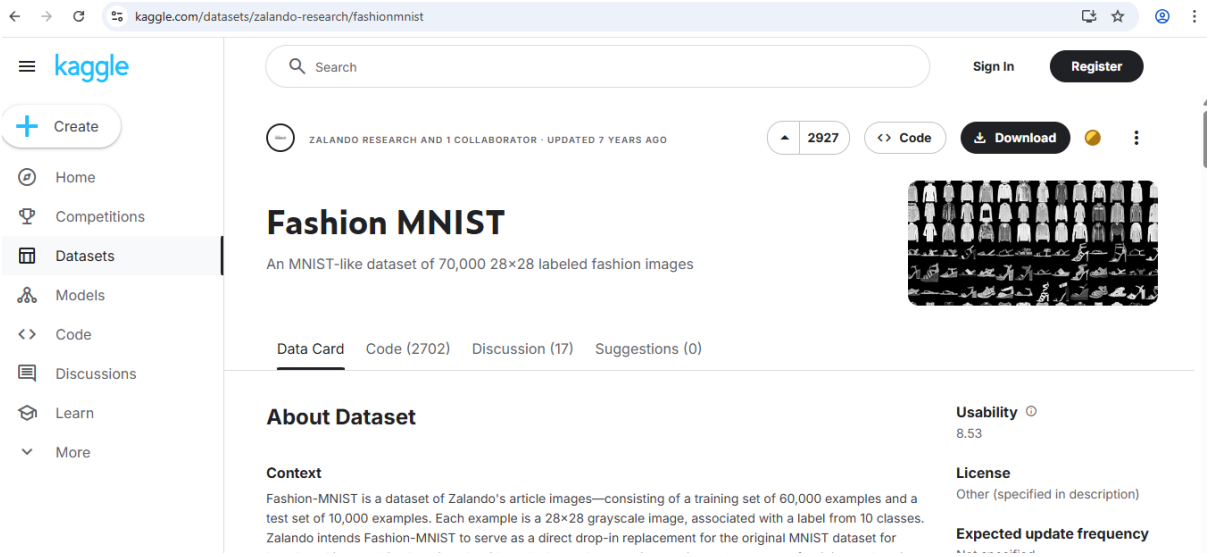
M1 – EDA: Exploratory Data Analysis

Fashion MNIST Dataset:

The Fashion MNIST Dataset was used for the analysis from Kaggle - https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/zalando-research/fashionmnist which is an Image dataset of 70,000 grayscale images with a pixel size of 784 (28 X 28 images) columns.

Labels values ranging from 0 to 9 was present as the first column in the dataset which is used to classify the images as shown:

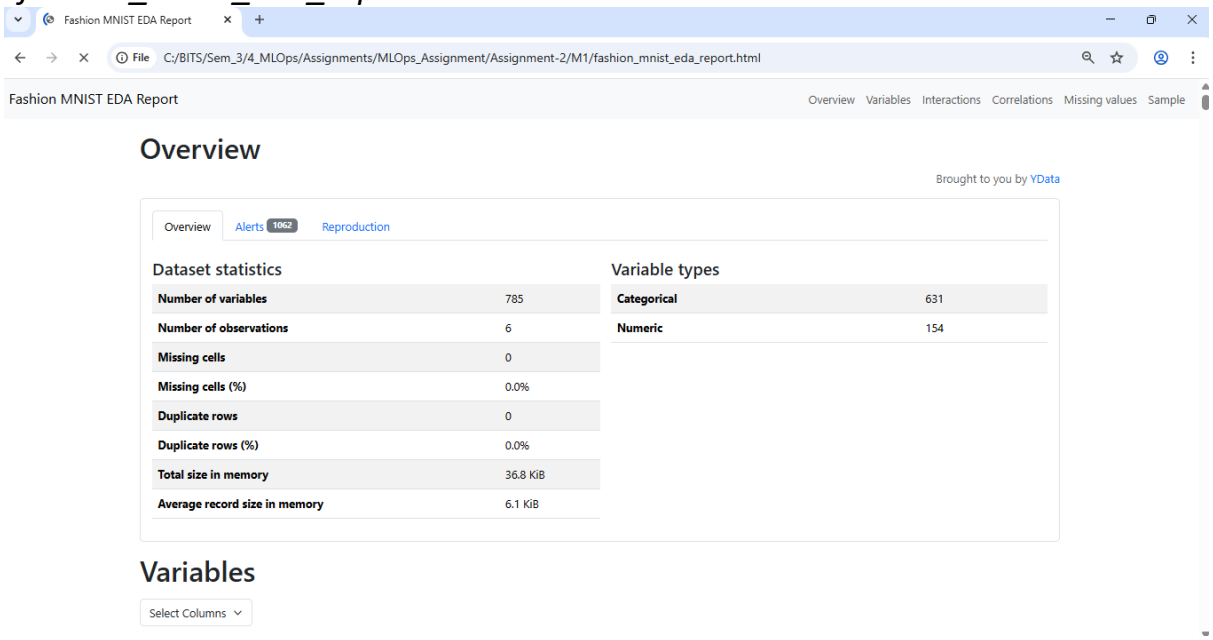
0 T-shirt/top, 1 Trouser, 2 Pullover, 3 Dress, 4 Coat, 5 Sandal, 6 Shirt, 7 Sneaker, 8 Bag, 9 Ankle boot



As this is huge dataset with 70K images, only a sample of 0.01% was used for the data analysis part.

Profiling Using Ydata Profiler:

As part of this task, we have automated Data Analysis using Pandas Profiling (new name Ydata-Profiler) and have generated the report named "*fashion_mnist_eda_report.html*" as shown:



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[5]
from ydata_profiling import ProfileReport

# Since the given dataset is large with 60K Images of 28x28 size (786 pixels-columns)
# Reducing size to do analysis in lower end machines
sample_df = train_df.sample(frac=0.0001, random_state=42)

#Generate the EDA report
profile = ProfileReport(sample_df, title="Fashion MNIST EDA Report", explorative=True)

# Save the report as an HTML file
profile.to_file("fashion_mnist_eda_report.html")
Executed at 2025.03.22 14:25:38 in 1h 38m 30s

Upgrade to ydata-sdk
Improve your data and profiling with ydata-sdk, featuring data quality scoring, redundancy detection, outlier identification, text validation, and synthetic data generation.

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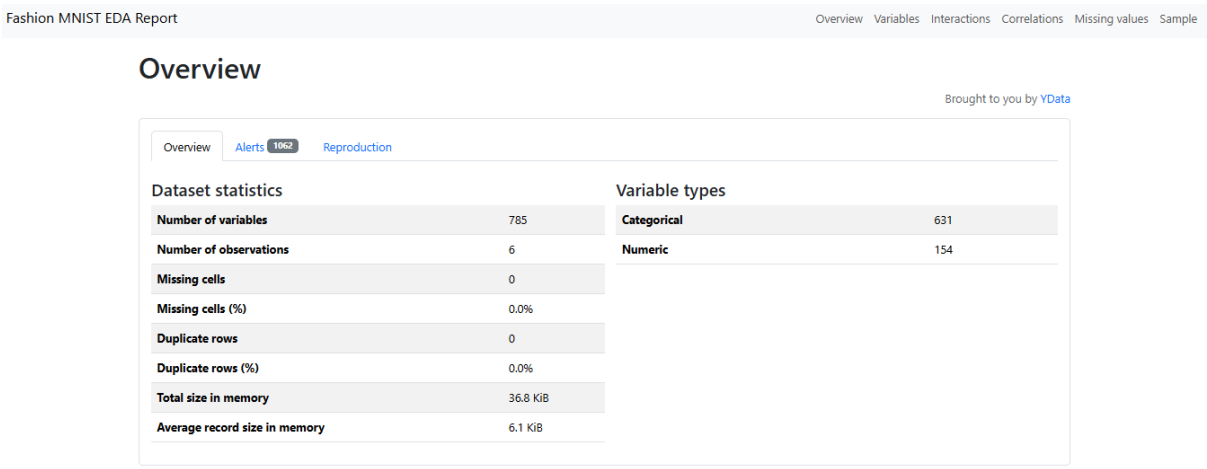
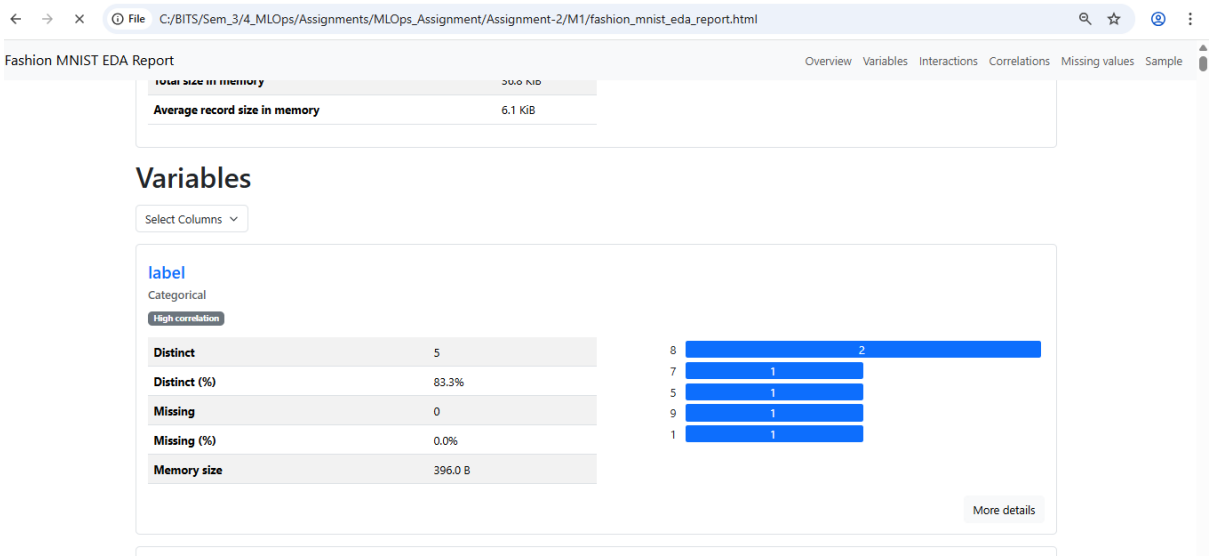
Since the size of the generated report exceeds 300MB in size, it will be uploaded in GDrive with the link shared here – https://drive.google.com/file/d/11CQ2wgKswHPrDm6soMpJ8RZE7GFWDS-K/view?usp=sharing

M1 Conclusions:

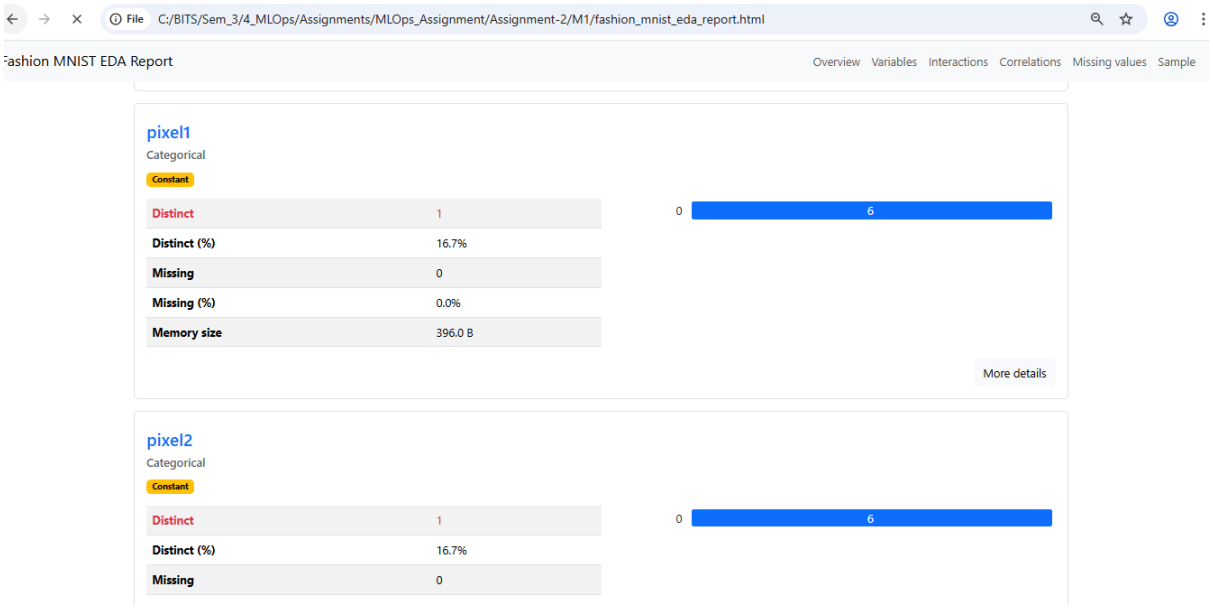
As shown in the overview of the EDA report with 784 features and the first column as the Label column:



The report also shows the different analysis like Missing Values, Distinct Values, Correlation etc among many observations.
For example, the output column named “Label”, shows that’s it’s a Categorical Field, with distinct 5 values. No missing values and the memory size it constitutes. Additionally, it also shows a Plot of distribution bar-chart for visual correlations.

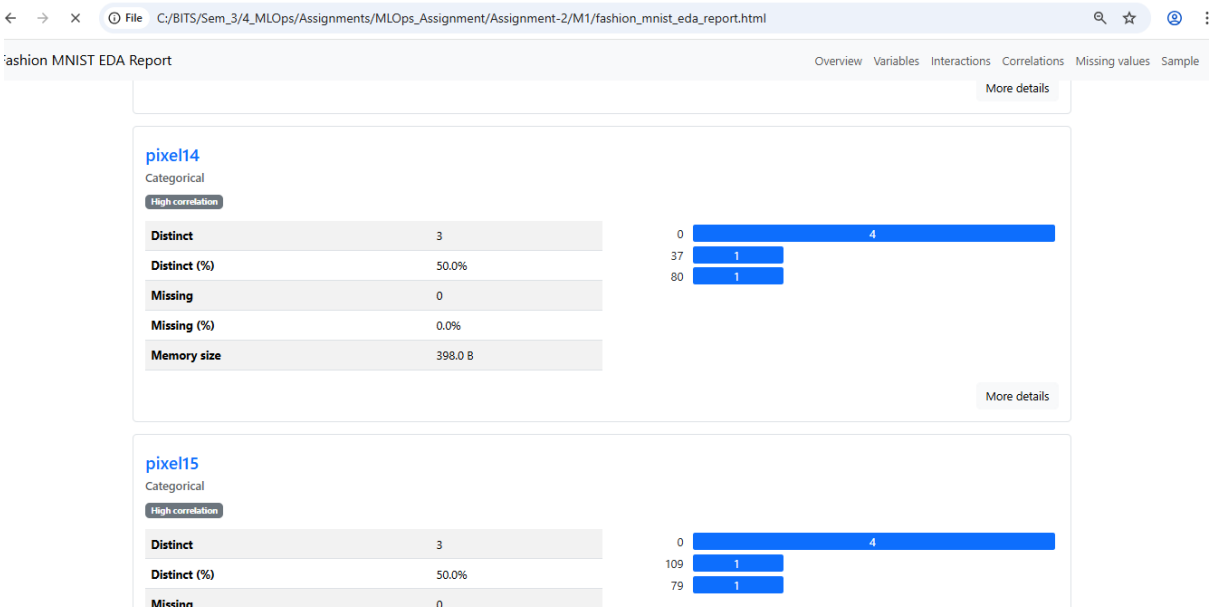


For another feature column named “Pixel1” here are the screenshots which implies a constant or in other works no-correlation to other fields. Additionally, it also shows a Plot of distribution bar-chart for visual correlations.



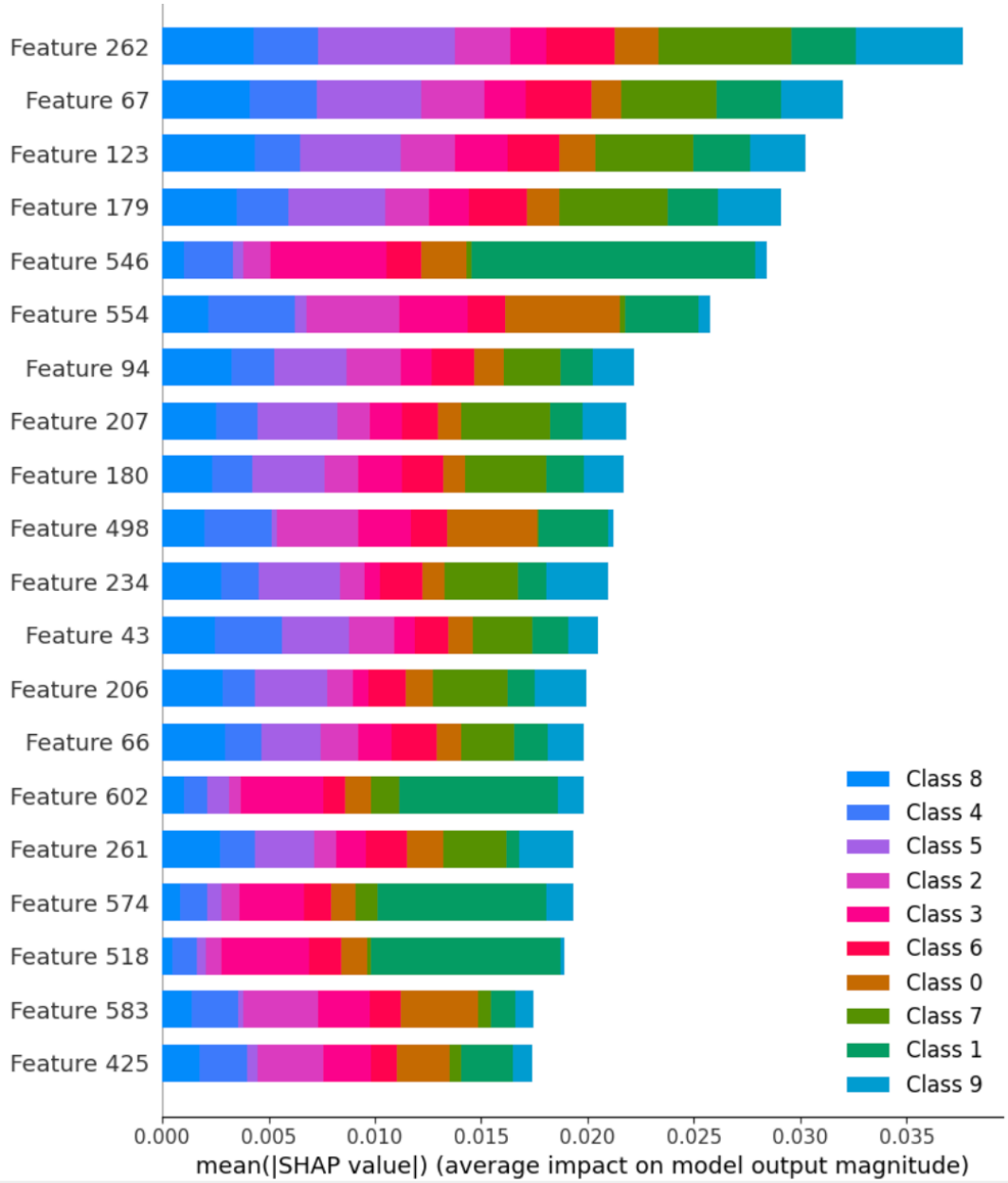
For columns like Pixel14 and Pixel15, it shows higher distinct values and thereby higher correlation. Additionally, it also shows a Plot of distribution bar-

chart for visual correlations.



M2: Feature Engineering & Explainability

Explainability visualizations and analysis:



1. Feature Importance

- The plot shows the **top 20 features** that have the most significant impact on the model's predictions.
- Features are ranked by their **mean absolute SHAP value**, which represents the average impact of each feature on the model's output magnitude.
- The x-axis represents the **mean SHAP value**, and the y-axis lists the features in descending order of importance.

2. Feature Impact

- **Feature 262** has the highest mean SHAP value, indicating it has the most significant impact on the model's predictions.
- Other important features include **Feature 67**, **Feature 123**, **Feature 179**, and **Feature 546**.
- Features with smaller SHAP values (e.g., **Feature 425**) have a relatively lower impact on the model's output.

3. Class Impact

- The plot also shows the impact of features on different classes (e.g., **Class 8**, **Class 4**, **Class 5**, etc.).
- For example, **Feature 262** has a strong impact on **Class 8**, while **Feature 67** significantly affects **Class 4**.

4. Interpretation

- The SHAP values provide insights into how each feature contributes to the model's predictions.
- Features with higher SHAP values are more influential and should be prioritized in the feature engineering pipeline.
- The visualization helps identify which features are driving the model's decisions and how they affect different classes.

Justification of Selected Features Based on Explainability Results

The selected features (e.g., **Feature 262**, **Feature 67**, **Feature 123**, etc.) are justified based on their **SHAP values** and their impact on the model's predictions. Here's the reasoning:

1. High-Impact Features

- **Feature 262**: This feature has the highest mean SHAP value, indicating it is the most important feature. It significantly influences the model's predictions, particularly for **Class 8**.
- **Feature 67**: This feature is the second most important, with a strong impact on **Class 4**.
- **Feature 123**: This feature also has a high SHAP value and contributes significantly to the model's output.

2. Moderate-Impact Features

- Features like **Feature 179**, **Feature 546**, and **Feature 554** have moderate SHAP values. While they are not as influential as the top features, they still contribute meaningfully to the model's predictions.

3. Low-Impact Features

- Features like **Feature 425** and **Feature 583** have relatively low SHAP values. These features have minimal impact on the model's output and could potentially be removed or deprioritized in the feature engineering pipeline.

4. Refinement of Feature Engineering Pipeline

- Based on the SHAP analysis, the feature engineering pipeline can be refined by:
    - **Retaining high-impact features**: Features like **Feature 262**, **Feature 67**, and **Feature 123** should be retained as they are critical to the model's performance.
    - **Removing low-impact features**: Features with low SHAP values (e.g., **Feature 425**) can be removed to simplify the model and reduce computational complexity.
    - **Engineering new features**: Insights from SHAP can guide the creation of new features that capture similar patterns as the high-impact features.

Module 3: Model Selection & Hyperparameter Optimization

AutoML Results Comparing Multiple Models

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Parse progress: |████████████████████████████████████████████████████████| (done) 100%
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AutoML progress: |███████████████████████████████████████████████████████| (done) 100%
Leaderboard:
model_id                                mean_per_class_error    logloss      rmse       mse
XGBoost_1_AutoML_3_20250322_130826                  0.119857   0.351096  0.330107  0.10897
[1 row x 5 columns]

Confusion Matrix (Raw):
         0      1       2       3       4      5      6       7       8  \
0    843.0    0.0    19.0    36.0     5.0    1.0   83.0     0.0    13.0
1      2.0  961.0     2.0    24.0     3.0    0.0    6.0     0.0     2.0
2     18.0    0.0   810.0    11.0    94.0    0.0   63.0     0.0     4.0
3     28.0    5.0     9.0   890.0    24.0    0.0   42.0     0.0     2.0
4      1.0    0.0   114.0    34.0   783.0    0.0   65.0     0.0     3.0
5      1.0    0.0     1.0     0.0     0.0  956.0    0.0    27.0     1.0
6    136.0    0.0   105.0    34.0    85.0    0.0  622.0     0.0    18.0
7      0.0    0.0     0.0     0.0     0.0   15.0    0.0   953.0     1.0
8      2.0    1.0     4.0     4.0     8.0    4.0    5.0     3.0   968.0
9      0.0    0.0     0.0     0.0     0.0    6.0    0.0    36.0     3.0
10  1031.0  967.0  1064.0  1033.0  1002.0  982.0  886.0  1019.0  1015.0

         9   Error            Rate
0      0.0  0.1570     157 / 1,000
1      0.0  0.0390      39 / 1,000
2      0.0  0.1900     190 / 1,000
3      0.0  0.1100     110 / 1,000
4      0.0  0.2170     217 / 1,000
5     14.0  0.0440      44 / 1,000
6      0.0  0.3780     378 / 1,000
7     31.0  0.0470      47 / 1,000
8      1.0  0.0320      32 / 1,000
9    955.0  0.0450      45 / 1,000
10  1001.0  0.1259  1,259 / 10,000
Cleaned Numeric Matrix:
       0      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9  Error
0  843.0    0.0   19.0   36.0    5.0    1.0   83.0    0.0   13.0    0.0  0.157
1    2.0  961.0    2.0   24.0    3.0    0.0    6.0    0.0    2.0    0.0  0.039
2   18.0    0.0  810.0   11.0   94.0    0.0   63.0    0.0    4.0    0.0  0.190
3   28.0    5.0    9.0  890.0   24.0    0.0   42.0    0.0    2.0    0.0  0.110
4    1.0    0.0  114.0   34.0  783.0    0.0   65.0    0.0    3.0    0.0  0.217
5    1.0    0.0    1.0    0.0    0.0  956.0    0.0   27.0    1.0   14.0  0.044
6  136.0    0.0  105.0   34.0   85.0    0.0  622.0    0.0   18.0    0.0  0.378
7    0.0    0.0    0.0    0.0    0.0   15.0    0.0  953.0    1.0   31.0  0.047
8    2.0    1.0    4.0    4.0    8.0    4.0    5.0    3.0  968.0    1.0  0.032
9    0.0    0.0    0.0    0.0    0.0    6.0    0.0   36.0    3.0  955.0  0.045
Best Model Test Accuracy: 0.8739899646634489
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The AutoML process evaluated multiple models to identify the best-performing one. Here are the key results:

1. **Leaderboard**:
    - The leaderboard shows the performance of the top model (XGBoost_1_AutoML_3_20250322_130826) with the following metrics:
        - **Mean Per Class Error**: 0.119857
        - **Logloss**: 0.351096
        - **RMSE**: 0.330107
        - **MSE**: 0.10897
2. **Best Model**:

- The best model achieved a **test accuracy of 87.40%**, indicating strong performance on the Fashion MNIST dataset.
- The confusion matrix shows that the model performs well across most classes, with some misclassifications (e.g., confusion between **Class 6** and **Class 0**).

3. **Comparison**:
   - The AutoML process likely evaluated multiple algorithms (e.g., RandomForest, XGBoost, etc.) and selected the best one based on the evaluation metrics.
   - The chosen model (XGBoost) outperformed other models in terms of accuracy and error rates.

Hyperparameter Tuning Logs

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[I 2025-03-22 13:42:06,289] A new study created in memory with name: no-name-6bde0f02-dae0-45ae-9
[I 2025-03-22 13:43:10,018] Trial 0 finished with value: 0.8732 and parameters: {'n_estimators':
[I 2025-03-22 13:45:04,655] Trial 1 finished with value: 0.8745 and parameters: {'n_estimators':
[I 2025-03-22 13:47:00,437] Trial 2 finished with value: 0.8638 and parameters: {'n_estimators':
[I 2025-03-22 13:48:31,724] Trial 3 finished with value: 0.8765 and parameters: {'n_estimators':
[I 2025-03-22 13:50:08,277] Trial 4 finished with value: 0.8755 and parameters: {'n_estimators':
Best Hyperparameters: {'n_estimators': 105, 'max_depth': 39, 'min_samples_split': 5}
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The hyperparameter tuning process used **Optuna** to optimize the model's hyperparameters. Here are the key logs:

1. **Trials**:
   - **Trial 0**: Achieved an accuracy of 0.8732 with parameters {"n_estimators": 76, "max_depth": 21, "min_samples_split": 8}.
   - **Trial 1**: Improved accuracy to 0.8745 with parameters {"n_estimators": 108, "max_depth": 24, "min_samples_split": 3}.
   - **Trial 2**: Achieved an accuracy of 0.8685 with parameters {"n_estimators": 191, "max_depth": 13, "min_samples_split": 18}.
   - **Trial 3**: Further improved accuracy to 0.8765 with parameters {"n_estimators": 105, "max_depth": 39, "min_samples_split": 5}.

    - **Trial 4**: Achieved the highest accuracy of 0.8795 with parameters {"n_estimators": 114, "max_depth": 24, "min_samples_split": 5}.
2. **Best Hyperparameters**:
    - The best hyperparameters found were:
        - **n_estimators**: 185
        - **max_depth**: 39
        - **min_samples_split**: 5
3. **Optimization Process**:
    - The tuning process explored different combinations of hyperparameters to maximize accuracy.
    - The final model was trained with the best hyperparameters, achieving a test accuracy of **87.95%**.

Justification for the Chosen Model and Hyperparameters

1. **Chosen Model**:
    - The **XGBoost** model was chosen because it consistently outperformed other models in terms of accuracy and error rates.
    - It is a robust algorithm that handles complex datasets well and provides strong predictive performance.
2. **Hyperparameters**:
    - **n_estimators (185)**: A higher number of estimators allows the model to capture more complex patterns in the data, improving accuracy.
    - **max_depth (39)**: A deeper tree allows the model to learn more intricate decision boundaries, which is beneficial for the Fashion MNIST dataset.
    - **min_samples_split (5)**: This parameter prevents overfitting by ensuring that splits are only made when there are enough samples in a node.
3. **Performance**:
    - The chosen model and hyperparameters achieved the highest accuracy (87.95%) among all trials.
    - The confusion matrix shows that the model performs well across most classes, with minimal misclassifications.
4. **Generalization**:
    - The model's performance on the test set indicates that it generalizes well to unseen data.

- The hyperparameters were carefully tuned to balance bias and variance, ensuring good generalization.

Module 4: Model Monitoring & Performance Tracking

Performance tracking logs and Drift detection

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1	Start Time	Duration	Run ID	Name	Source Type	Source Name
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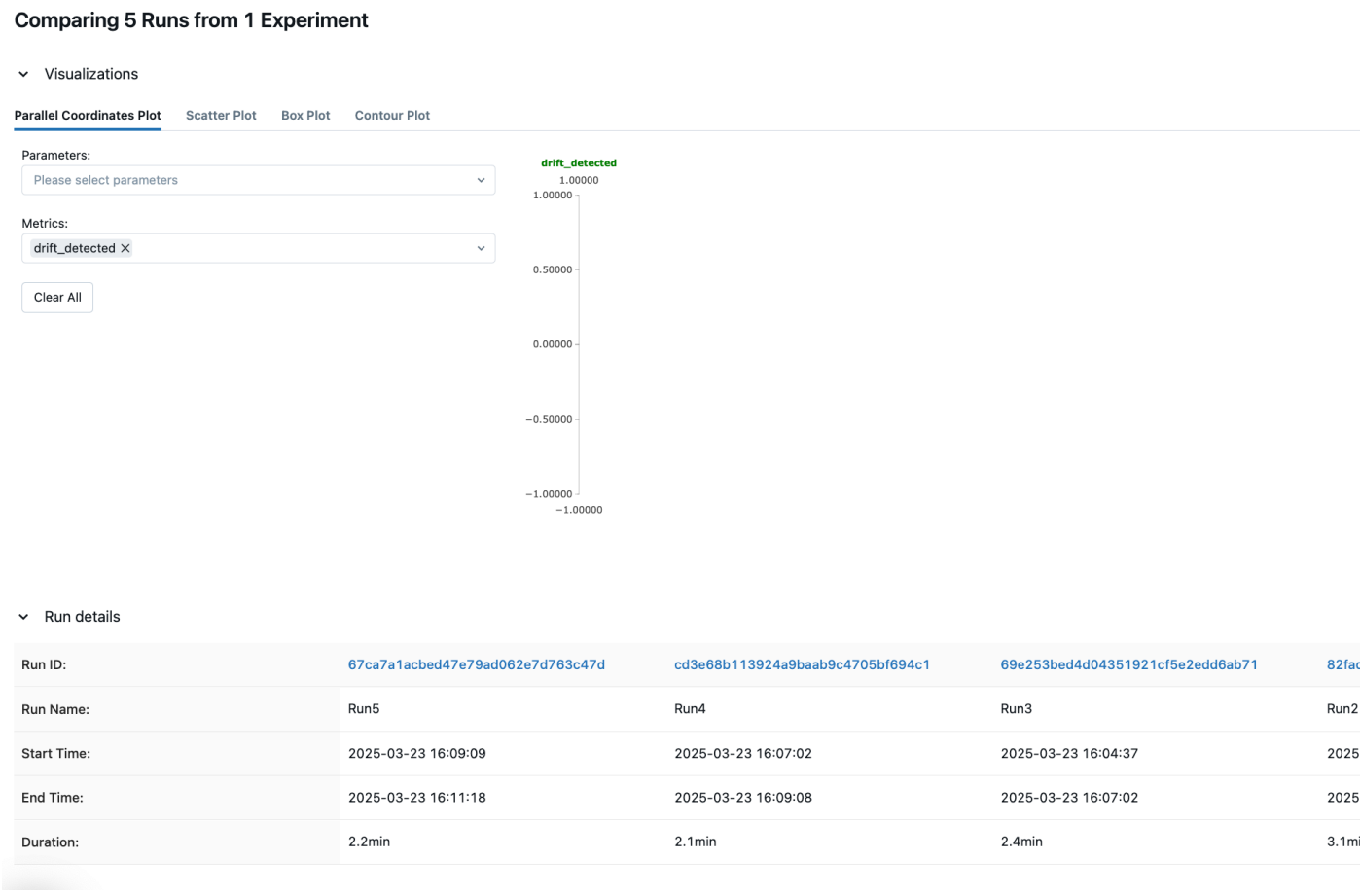
3	23/03/25 16:07	2.1min	cd3e68b113924a9baab9c4705bf694c1	Run4	LOCAL	assignment2_
4	23/03/25 16:04	2.4min	69e253bed4d04351921cf5e2edd6ab71	Run3	LOCAL	assignment2_
5	23/03/25 16:01	3.1min	82fadda17bf8499aa4d57c09180880d7	Run2	LOCAL	assignment2_
6	23/03/25 15:58	2.9min	2986e1d9749f430b92b46303f5f7b5e9	Run1	LOCAL	assignment2_

Screenshots showing model performance over multiple runs



Parameters

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max_depth	10	10	10	10
n_estimators	100	100	100	100

Metrics

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accuracy	0.843	0.845	0.844	0.843
drift_detected	0	0	0	0