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Task 4: Data Science Lifecycle Example

Application Selected: Fraud Detection in E-Commerce

1. Problem Definition

- Online marketplaces face fraudulent activities like payment fraud, fake reviews, and account takeovers.
- The goal is to build a fraud detection system that identifies suspicious transactions in real time.

2. Data Collection

- Gather transaction data, user behaviour logs, and historical fraud cases.
- Data sources include customer purchases, login patterns, IP addresses, and device information.

3. Data Cleaning & Preprocessing

- Remove duplicates and manage missing values.
- Convert categorical data (e.g., payment method, location) into numerical format.
- Normalize transaction amounts to maintain consistency across different currencies.

4. Model Training & Evaluation

- Use machine learning models like Random Forest, Logistic Regression, or Neural Networks to classify transactions as fraudulent or legitimate.
- Split the dataset into training and testing sets.
- Evaluate performance using metrics like precision, recall, and F1-score.

5. Deployment & Monitoring

- Deploy the trained model into the e-commerce platform's transaction processing system.
- Continuously monitor the model's accuracy and update it with new fraud pattern.