Big Data

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**Task 1 – narrative**

**Understanding customers behaviour better at American Express**

*Small intro maybe*

**Methods**

One analysis method is Descriptive analysis, it involves trying to present some kind of discovery from data that has already been collected. American Express use this method frequently to analyse all different types of data to draw conclusions. For example, finding how many new users have joined this year or what is the average spending per customer per day for different countries. These descriptive answers will be used to gain a real analysis over the situation being examined.

Another analysis method is Diagnostic analysis. Its used to identify an underlying pattern in data. American Express uses this approach to detect fraud within transactions. They also use data fusion, a method of combining multiple different data sources together to give a wider picture of a pattern which may not have been visible from just a single source. American Express uses data like card membership information, spending details, and merchant information to stop transactions from going through which most probable are fraudulent. On average AmEx has stopped 2 billion dollars’ worth of potential fraud annually.

One analysis method is Predictive analysis, it involves trying to predict some kind of information or future outcome from historic. American Express uses vast amounts of historical data about its customers, especially transaction history and usage frequency, to determine which of its accounts will close. They expect 24% of all Australian accounts to close due to inactivity within 4 months. With this discovery, based on customer data, American express can spend more effort on its Australian market and take measures to keep existing customers.

Prescriptive analysis is used in Big Data to build on predictions to then advice actions. This can be extremely useful especially for American Express. They use this analysis method for other businesses which use Amex’s service for transaction payments. Their service called American Express Advance use Big Data collected from customer transactions and other similar businesses transactions to then provide the business using the service to gain useful insights like purchasing patterns and potential customers. American Express have a great advantage over other banks and business merchants due to it’s a closed loop system allowing them to access and predict far greater data.

**Advantages and Disadvantages to each method**

Descriptive:

Advantages:

* It takes into account of both types of data, quantitative and qualitative.
* It is quick to carry out descriptive investigations, meaning costs are not high and time is low compared with other investigations.

Disadvantages:

* Questions must be well formed, if not the answers may not be completely reliable, this could make it difficult to carry out a credible investigation.
* Data collected for descriptive analysis is collected at random which makes it impossible to obtain valid data that would represent the entire population.

Diagnostic:

Advantages:

* Can turn complex data into easily understandable information, makes it easier for all stakeholder to visualise and gain insights
* Can uncover useful information which may not have been discovered without searching for patterns in data

Disadvantages:

* Analysis focusses on past occurrences which could falsely predict future ones
* Analysis method may not be enough for certain businesses, may require more advanced solution (predictive)

Predictive:

Advantages:

* Can turn complex data into easily understandable information, makes it easier for all stakeholder to visualise and gain insights
* Can uncover useful information which may not have been discovered without searching for patterns in data

Disadvantages:

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1. Critical reflection including fundamental limitations for methods I mention

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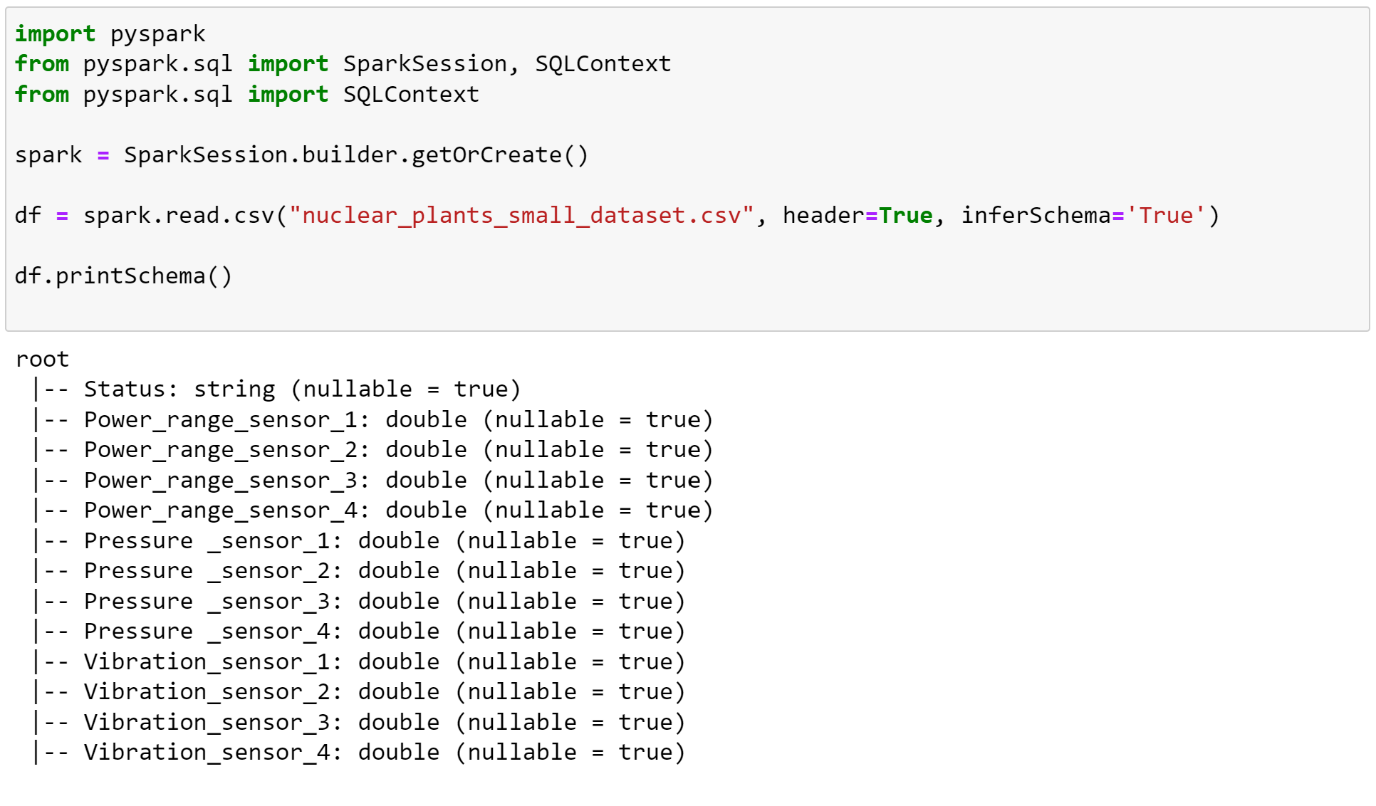
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**Task 2 – Analysis (2500 words max strict) (90%)**

Loading the data:

The smaller dataset ‘nuclear\_plants\_small\_dataset.csv’ contains just under 1000 columns. This needs to be loaded into a pyspark dataframe, so that the data can be further examined. (Fig.1)

Fig.1



The ‘nuclear\_plants\_small\_dataset.csv’ can now be targeted in python through the ‘df’ variable.

**Task 1**

The data must be in the appropriate form to analyse. All columns shouldn't contain any missing values and if they do we would want to remove the entire column as long as the data is missing at random. If the data was missing not at random then we would need to look into the reason why there are empty fields within the dataset, if this was the case then the column with missing data cannot simply be removed as it may result in a bias in the results.

In Pyspark, we can query ‘df’ dataframe to find all columns to find which rows contain no value at all, null. Also, we can query for any value which is not a number, NAN, this could be useful in finding values that should have been a number but are not.

Below shows how this is done in Pyspark (fig.2)

fig.2



The only row returned by this query is row 0 because it contains the header for the csv. The header contains words which fit the category, not a number (NAN). This means all numerical values for the sensors does not contain any missing values.

**Task 2**

Summary statistics of each feature for both groups

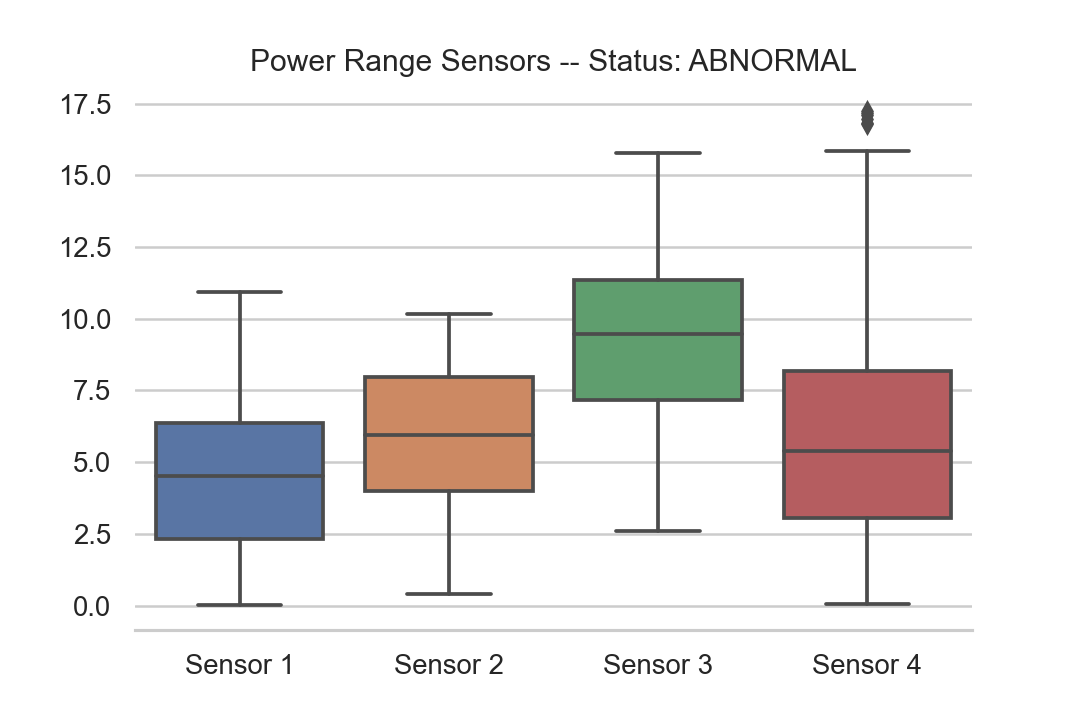
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| Status | Sensor | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Median | Mode | Variance |
| Normal | Power range 1 | 0.0851 | 9.9463 | 5.602452811244976 | 5.178649 |  | 8.374354492436746 |
| Abnormal | 0.0082 | 9.649302 | 4.396694975903612 | 4.51355 |  | 6.201490118793131 |
| Normal | Power range 2 | 0.0403 | 9.9298 | 6.844503413654616 | 6.71765 |  | 4.880531200853515 |
| Abnormal | 0.3891 | 9.9188 | 5.914042 | 5.932218 |  | 5.392428867 |
| Normal | Power range 3 | 10.0012 | 9.9966 | 9.292054016064245 | 9.26285 |  | 4.173688700195111 |
| Abnormal | 10.019154 | 9.9994 | 9.164170212851408 | 9.47205 |  | 8.654818018354874 |
| Normal | Power range 4 | 0.1547 | 9.9957 | 8.701398192771098 | 9.24085 |  | 20.053993554020884 |
| Abnormal | 0.0623 | 9.953772 | 6.00914597991968 | 5.3993 |  | 14.280946623673312 |

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| Normal | Pressure 1 | 0.0248 | 56.8562 | 13.797525502008051 | 10.6348 |  | 138.37257347272865 |
| Abnormal | 0.131478 | 67.9794 | 14.600728132530124 | 12.596150000000002 |  | 134.42562444441973 |
| Normal | Pressure 2 | 0.0104 | 9.2212 | 3.4156463855421695 | 3.113 |  | 4.806673026314872 |
| Abnormal | 0.008262 | 10.242738 | 2.7402695381526083 | 2.382689 |  | 4.014421746820416 |
| Normal | Pressure 3 | 0.0774 | 12.6475 | 5.923352610441759 | 5.7394 |  | 6.499049116421752 |
| Abnormal | 0.001224 | 11.7724 | 5.5751150803212814 | 5.744256999999999 |  | 6.215756717729965 |
| Normal | Pressure 4 | 0.0058 | 15.1085 | 5.586180120481923 | 4.25915 |  | 18.37268188992595 |
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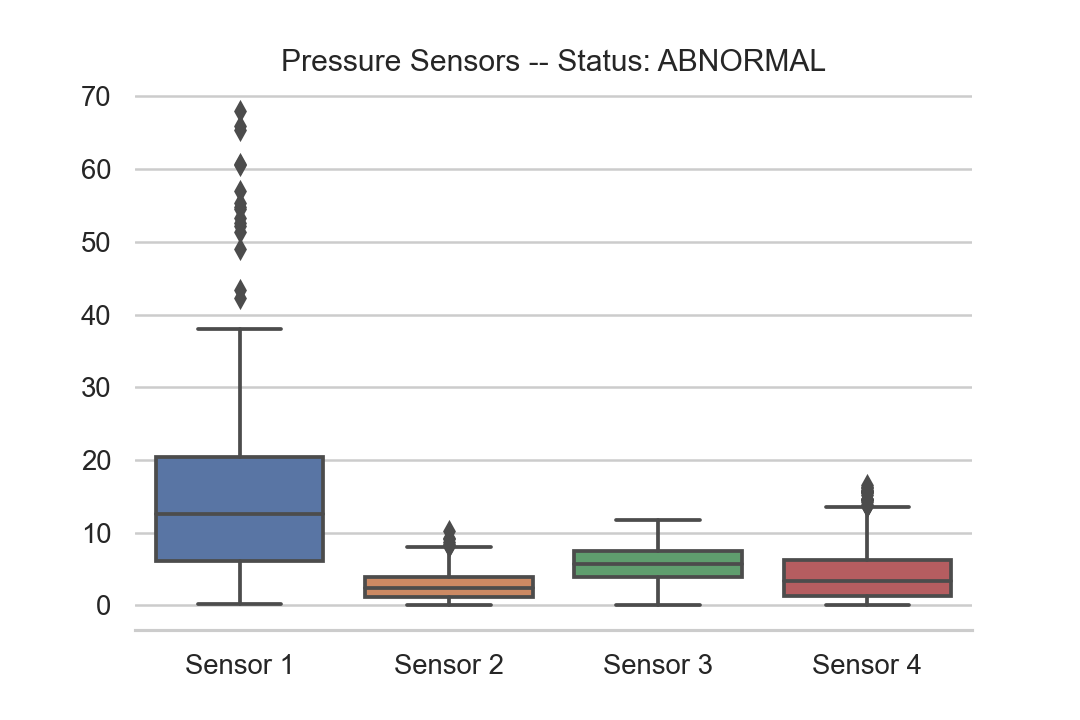
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| Abnormal | 0.0 | 36.186438 | 7.887688803212859 | 6.53595 |  | 37.61341588622746 |
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| Normal | Vibration 1 | 0.0831 | 43.2314 | 10.925097590361439 | 9.48545 |  | 67.3093714686461 |
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**Boxplots of each feature for each group**

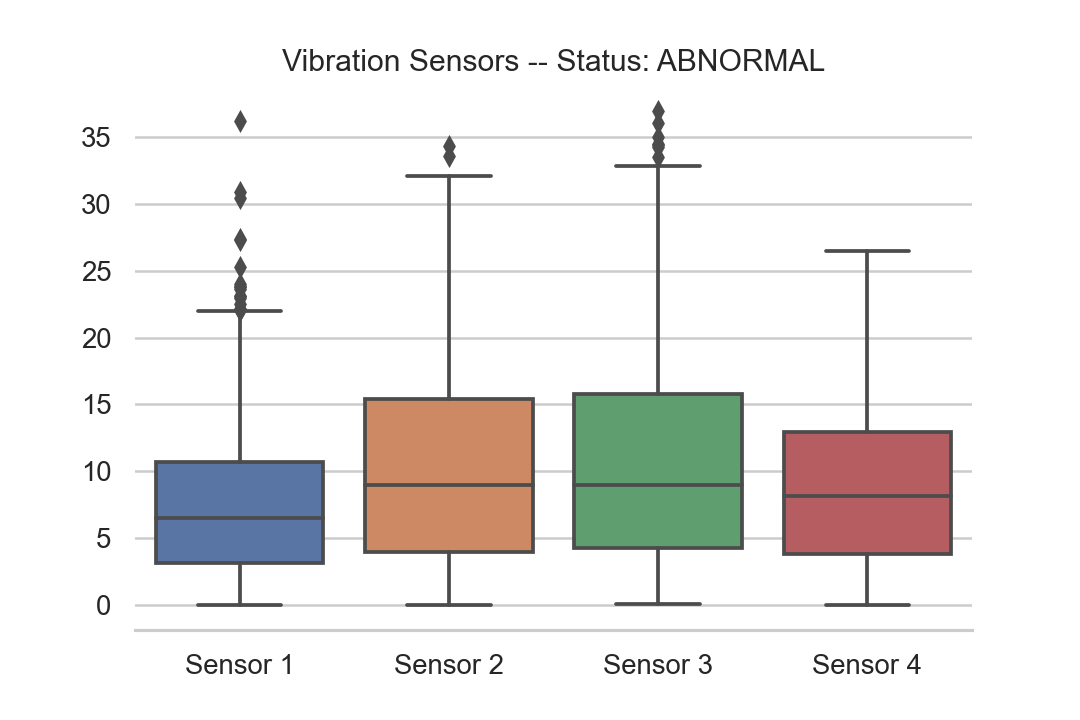
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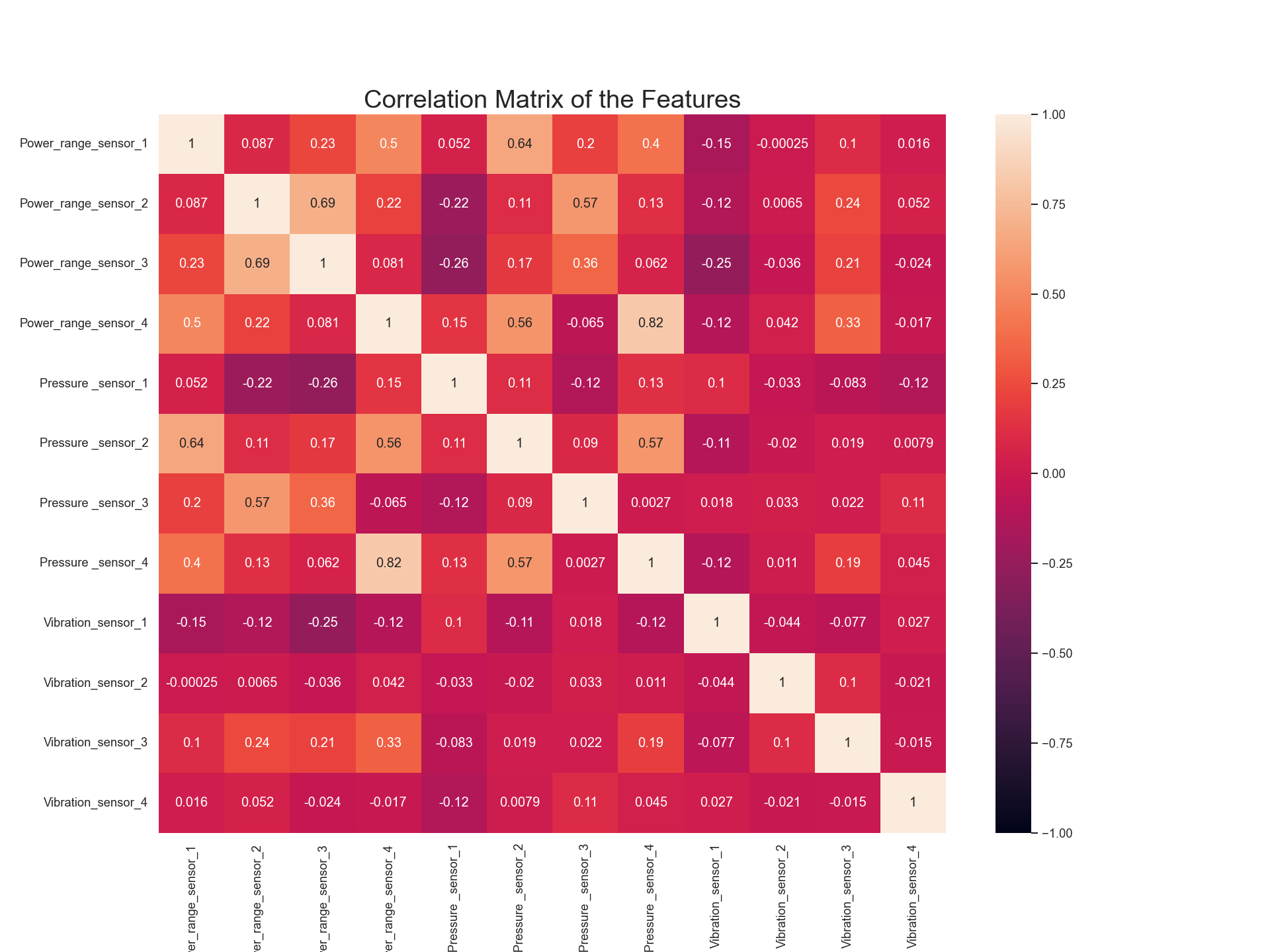
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**Task 3**

Correlation matrix:





Discuss your observations on the correlation matrix. Are there any features which are highly correlated? In any case, we will use all the features in the following tasks.

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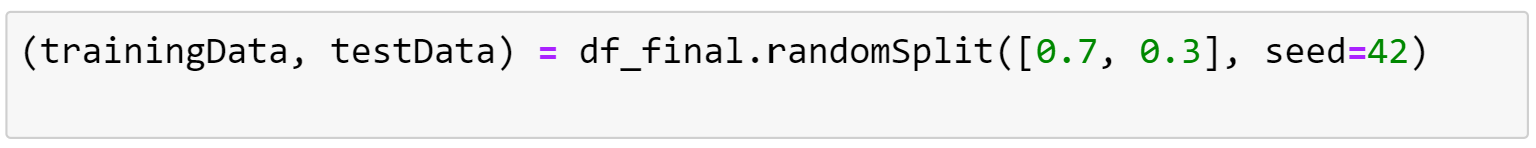
Power\_range\_sensor\_2 and Power\_range\_sensor\_3

Pressure\_sensor\_4 and Power\_range\_sensor\_4

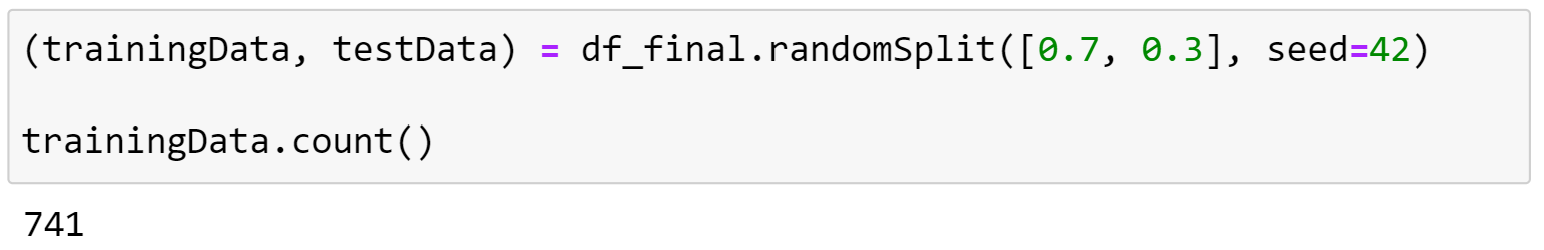
**Task 4**

Splitting the data into test and train sets.

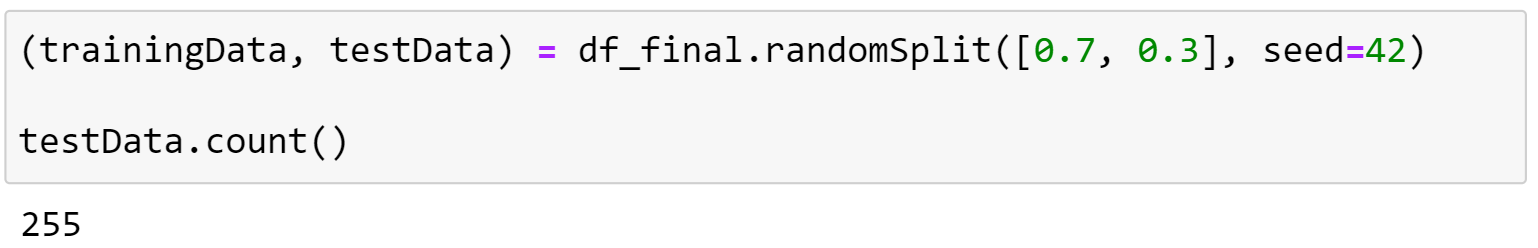
The data is shuffled using the randomSplit method from PySpark.



The training df contains 741 records using seed of 42

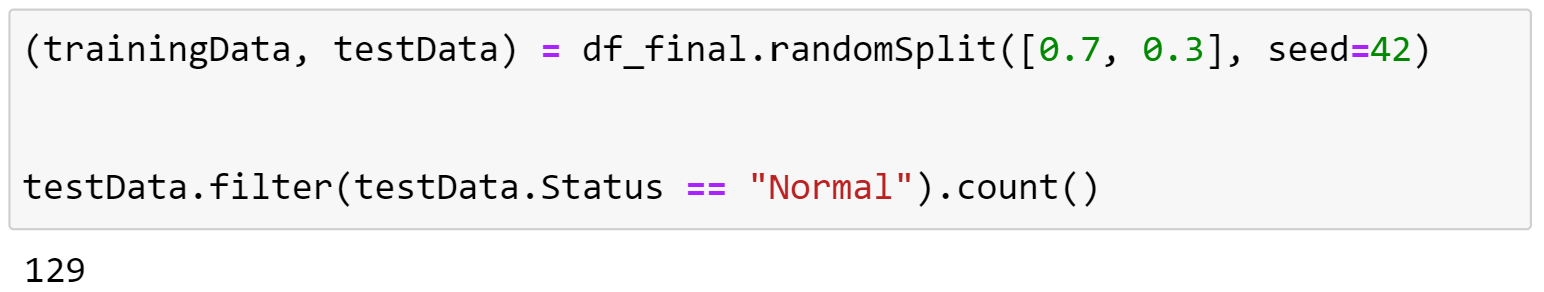
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The Testing df contains 255 records using seed of 42

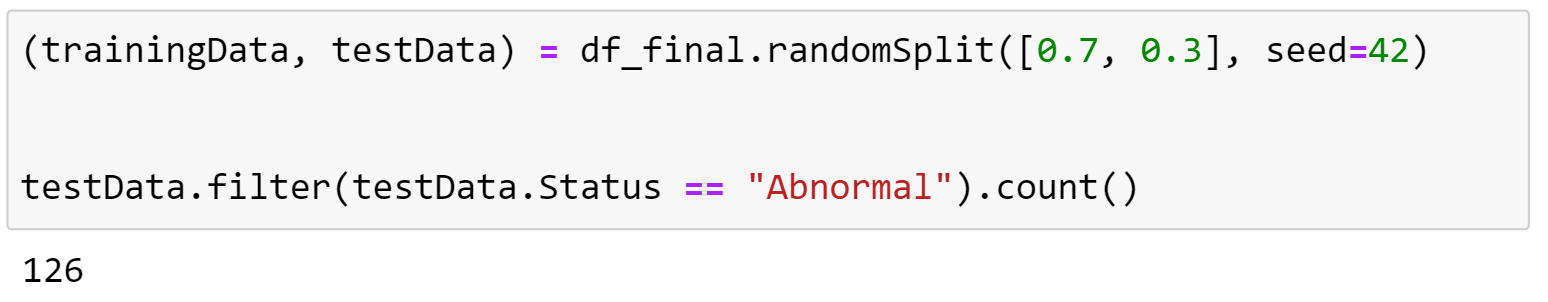
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**Getting the amount of each group in the testing dataset**

**129 samples with Status Normal**

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**126 samples with Status Abnormal**

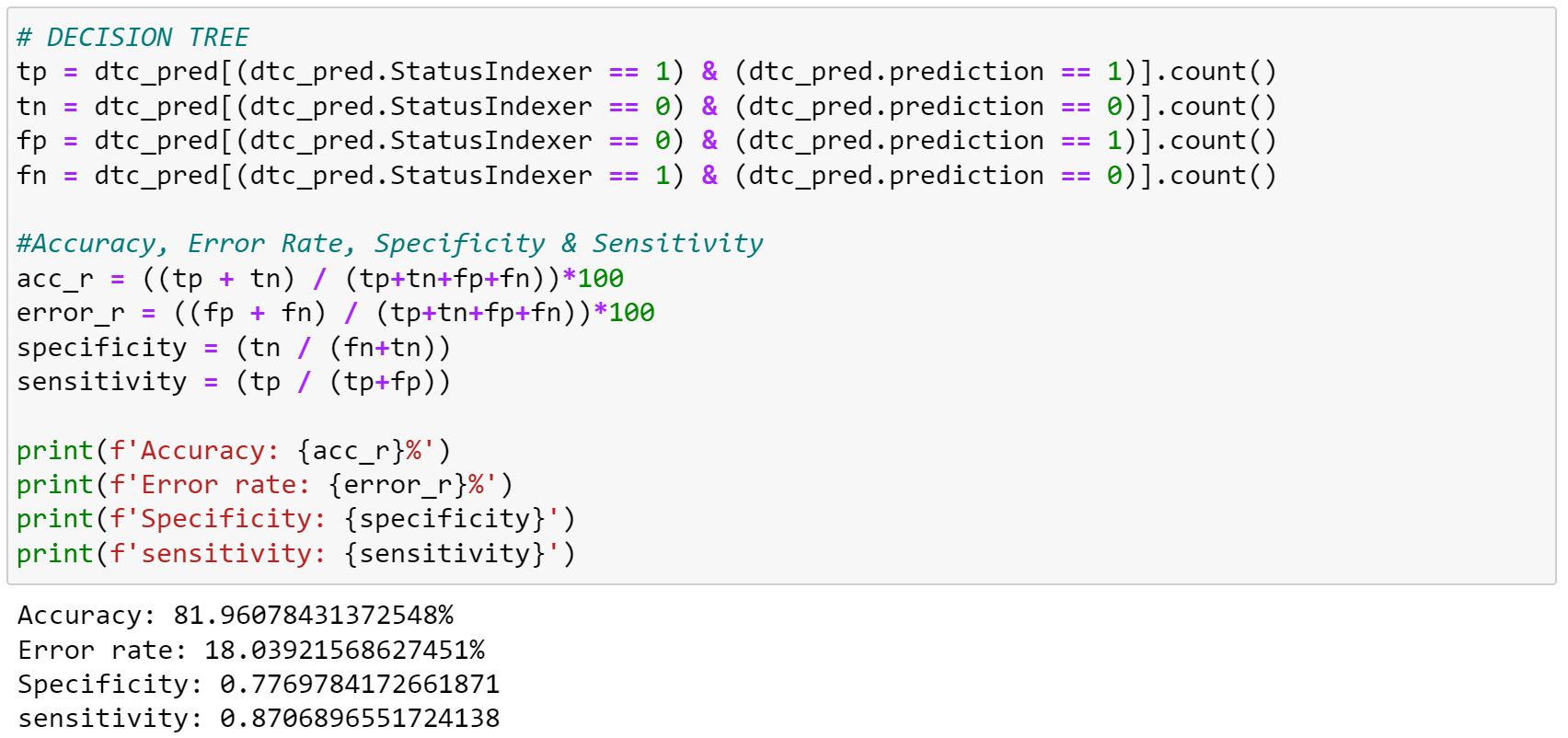
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**Task 5**

Confusion matrix:

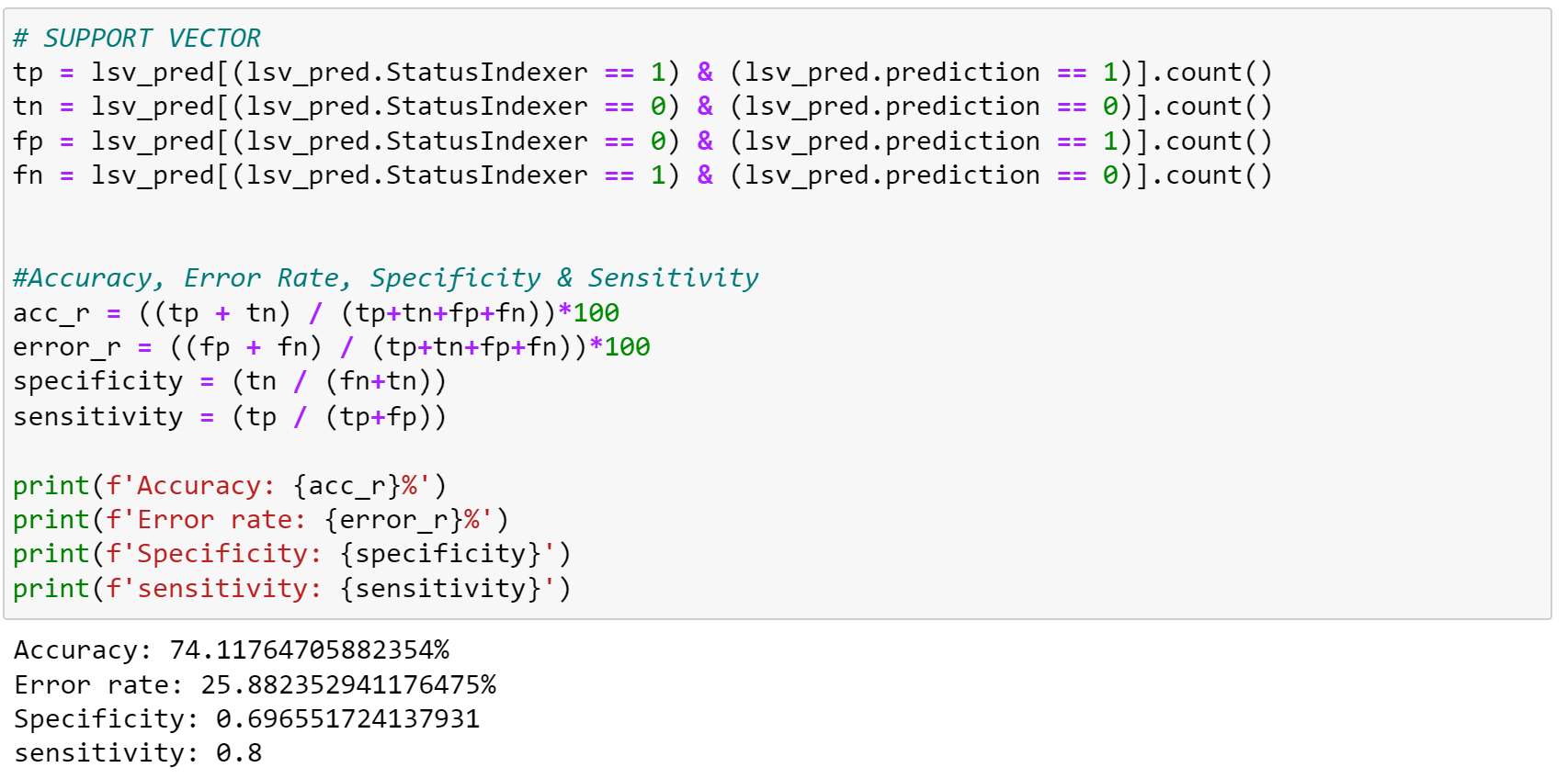
Decision Tree:

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| N = 255 | Positive | Negative |
| Positive | 101 | 108 |
| Negative | 15 | 31 |



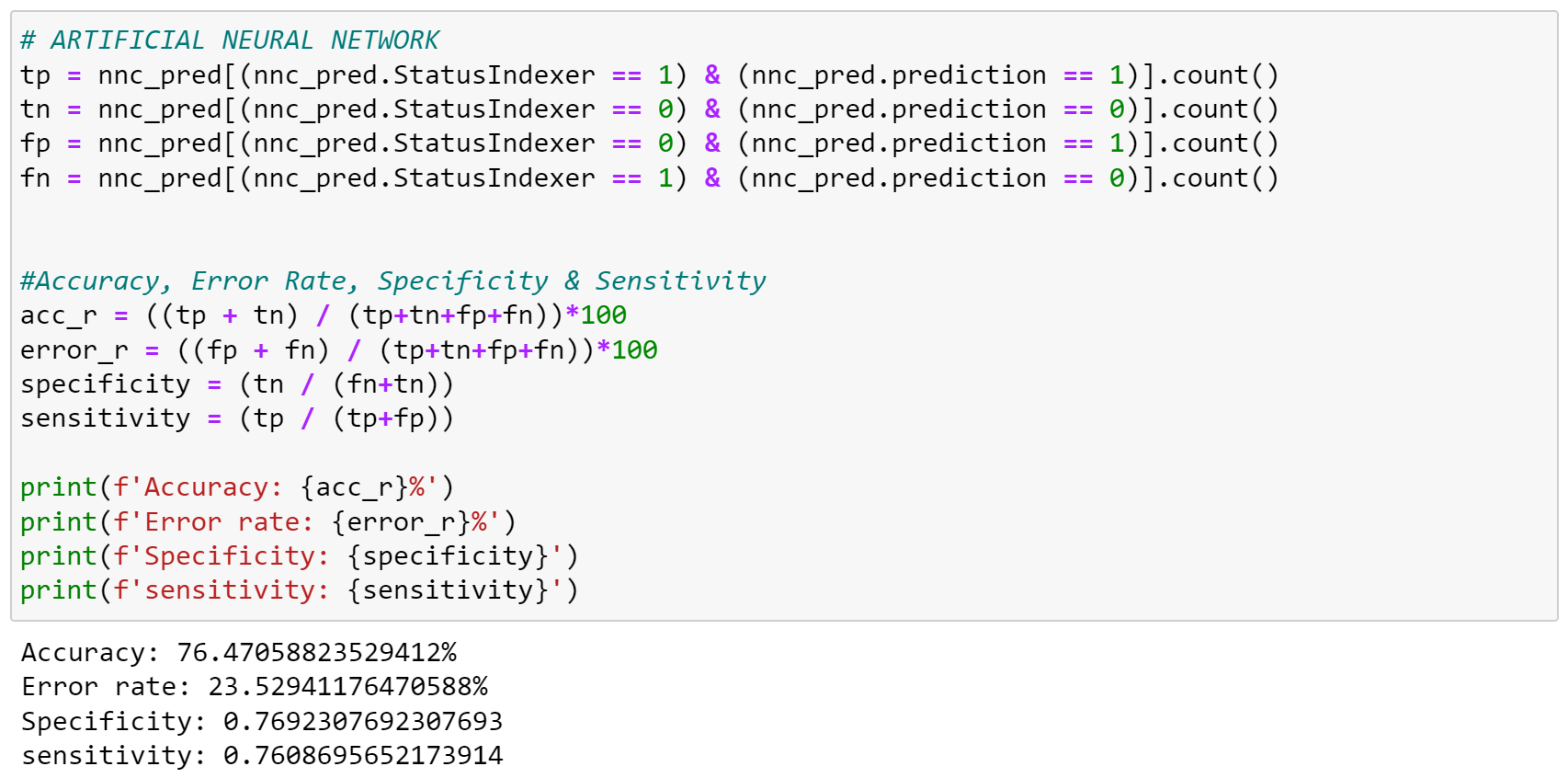
Support Vector Machine:

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| N = 255 | Positive | Negative |
| Positive | 88 | 101 |
| Negative | 22 | 44 |



Artificial Neural Network:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| N = 255 | Positive | Negative |
| Positive | 105 | 90 |
| Negative | 33 | 27 |



**Task 6**

Based on the results obtained in task 5, I would use the Decision Tree as the best means to classify the reactors status as it returns the highest accuracy of the three, or lowest error rate.

**Task 7**

The decision tree returns the lowest error rate of xxx.

**Task 8**

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