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Estimate Remaining Useful Life of Turbofan engines



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One of the main challenges in the aviation industry is to reduce maintenance costs and downtime of machines by maintaining or improving safety standard. A large per cent of costly delays are a result of unplanned maintenance such as when an aircraft has an abnormal behaviour on the previous flight, creating an operational disruption and even requiring change.

Since you don't know when failure will occur, you have to be conservative in your plan especially if you're operating safety-critical equipment like engines. But by scheduling maintenance very early, you're wasting machine life or spare part life that is still usable adds to costs to the owner.

However, if you can predict when machine failure will occur, you can schedule maintenance before it. By implementing predictive maintenance we can minimize unnecessarily scheduled maintenance and production hours lost during maintenance (improve the overall availability of equipment) and reduce the cost of spare parts and its consumables during the maintenance process.

In order to develop an algorithm that predicts the breakdown of a piece of equipment given time window (typically some number of days), we require enough historical data for us to capture information about events leading to failure.

About Data set:

In this post, we are using the C-MAPSS dataset, which is engine degradation simulation carried out at NASA by using C-MAPSS simulation software. C-MAPSS has created four data sets simulated under different combinations of operational conditions and fault injection.

Data sets consist of three operational settings and 21 sensor measurements (temperature, pressure, fan speed, etc.) for several engines and for every cycle of their lifetime.

The engine is operating normally at the start of each time series and develops a fault at some point during the series. In the training set, the fault grows in magnitude until system failure. In the test set, the time series ends sometime prior to system failure.

Problem statement:

The goal of predictive maintenance is to predict at the time t , using the data up to that time, whether the equipment will fail in the near future.

This problem can be formulated in two ways:

Classification: we aim to predict the probability that the equipment will fail within a specified time window.

Regression: A regression-based approach to which aims to estimate the remaining time to the end of the equipment's useful life of an engine.

In this blog, we'll focus on the second dataset (FD002) in which all engines develop faults under six operating conditions.

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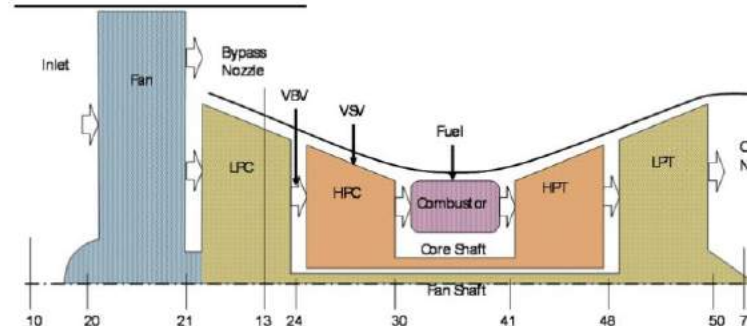
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Feature engineering

Based on my domain knowledge i come up with 40 new features which can improve n performance.This features are performance parameters of turbofan engines like, Thrust,Propulsion efficiency,Thermal efficiency,Turbine Entry Temperature(TET),etc...



Schematic diagram showing the components,station numbers and sensor data taken C-MAPSS engine.A brief description some of the major modules is summarized below

Exhaust Gas Temperature (EGT)(T90): expressed in Kelvin, is the temperature at the exhaust and a measure of an engine's efficiency in producing its design level thrust; th the EGT the more wear and deterioration affect an engine. High EGT can be an indicat degraded engine performance. An exceedance in EGT limits can lead to immediate da engine parts and/or a life reduction of engine parts. With this in mind it then becomes important to keep the EGT as low as possible for as long as possible.

Turbine Inlet Temperature(T41): The general trend is that raising the turbine inlet te increases the specific thrust of the engines with a small increase in fuel consumption rate.However, high temperatures can damage the turbine, as the blades are under lar centrifugal stresses and materials are weaker at high temperature.

Thermal efficiency is a prime factor in turbine performance.The three most importan affecting the thermal efficiency are turbine inlet temperature(T41), compression ratio and the component efficiencies of the compressor and turbine. Other factors that affe efficiency are compressor inlet temperature(P21) and combustion efficiency.Maximum efficiency can be obtained by maintaining the highest possible exhaust temperature.s life is greatly reduced at high turbine inlet temperatures, the operator should not exce exhaust temperatures specified for continuous operation.

All this feature are created using given sensor data with some assumptions. I am not discuss all the feature hear. Please ref to [1],[2]

More about my Feature engineering [GitHub](#)

Improvement:

- From EDA we understand that data set having different operating conditions,so create clustering and do labeling on top that create onehotencoder but this onb FD002 and FD004 datasets
- If possible we can create feature engineering with autoencoder.
- If we can remove noise from data, we can achieve good results.Let's try noise n effectively by using the autoencoder or other noise reduction techniques

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Model Building

As mention early in home page we are going to solve both regression and classification

After completing feature engineering, we got total 63 feature and applied random forest algorithm to select feature and we got 23 feature.

We have 4 different data set with different operating condition. Please Select data set

Please choose a Data set Type

FD001

Scaling:

Sklearn's MinMaxScaler can be used to create a scaler fitted to our train data. The del settings create a scaler to scale our training features between 0-1. The scaler is then both our x_train and x_test set.

Shape of train data : (28611, 26)

Shape of test data : (12096, 26)

Data processing:

By default we are having Train and Test datasets. we keep Train data for train and split into cross_validation and test data. we pick the last sequence data points as test data data points as cross_validation.

we are taken RUL and Label columns as dependent variable, remaining 23 columns as independent variable and remaining one columns is Engine_No column.

For classification approach, generating the label by ourself in this way, from 0 to 30 (3) labeled as 1 (1=3) and rest (2=30) as 0 (Not fail). For regression problem we keep RUL, or without any changes.

	Eng_Life_No	TWB	KT	Pc30	ph1	NP2	NP3
0	1	0.3898	0.3424	0.3890	0.8333	0.2859	0.1944
1	1	0.3526	0.2121	0.3850	0.7409	0.2704	0.1628
2	1	0.3185	0.2727	0.2580	0.7403	0.2280	0.1734
3	1	0.2152	0.2152	0.1607	0.8801	0.2901	0.1709
4	1	0.3858	0.3424	0.2580	0.7463	0.2381	0.1747

After split data we process data for machine learning and deep learning algorithm little which is followed below.

Choose the algorithm

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Machine learning

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Classification

For machine learning algorithm we used data to algorithm as a individual data point.

Shape of Train data after split: (28611, 23)

Shape of Train labeling data : (28611, 1)

Shape of Cross validation data after split: (12096, 23)

Shape of Cross validation labeling data : (12096, 1)

Shape of Test data after split: (108, 23)

Shape of Test labeling data : (108, 1)

☐ Show code for ML data processing

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Logistic regression

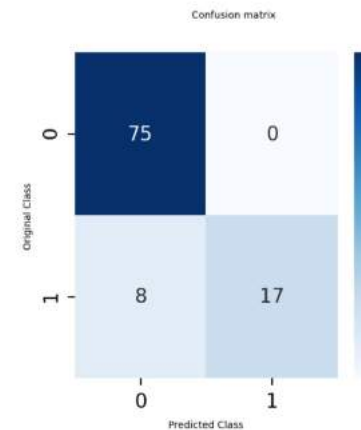
Let's train Logistic regression on FD001 data set.

The train log loss is: 0.69552238850812141

The cross validation log loss is: 0.830429350297613476

The test log loss is: 0.2250700212223636

----- Confusion matrix -----



Number of mis-classified points : 8/8

precision: 0.9836144570312253

recall: 1.0

f1score: 0.9493670080475949

Negative class labels: 75 positive class labels: 25

Conclusion

The task of predicting RUL is certainly interesting. But there is still quite a bit of room for improvement with better training, models, and feature engineering.

Our model give good results, but that's not good enough for aviation standards. we need to improve model performance as follows:

- Deep learning models are not performing as we expected maybe deep learning performs well if have large data sets.
- As we know that data generated by sensors, it means that the data set is contaminated with sensor noise. we can improve model performances by applying denoising!

You can find the full code on my github page [here](#)

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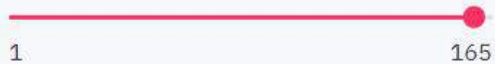
FD001 ▼

Which engine you want predict

8 ▼

Select any engine from 1 to 100

At give some point of time engine fail or not



you are completed 159 and you are predicting what happened in next 30 cycle

Model Prediction

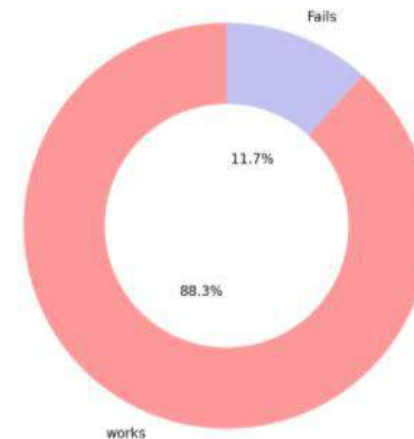
Let's predict how models are performing by giving unseen data.

Selected raw data file from

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/gethgle/predictive-maintenance/main/data/test>

Probability of Engine 8 failure with next 30 life cycle:

Remaining useful life of Engine 8:



Predicted cycles remaining: 89