

Decoding Instructor Performance with Data Mining and Machine Learning



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Problem Description

- The Importance of Instructor Evaluations: Universities often rely on student evaluations to assess teaching effectiveness. However, these evaluations can be subjective and influenced by various external factors.
- The Need for Objectivity: There's a growing need to analyze these evaluations systematically to derive objective insights into instructor performance.
- Our Approach: We aim to leverage data mining and machine learning techniques to predict instructor performance more accurately, providing actionable feedback for educational improvement.



Turkiye Student Evaluation Dataset

- 5820 records, 33 columns.
- 28 questions assess instructor effectiveness.
- Data is numerical (1-5 scale) with no missing values.

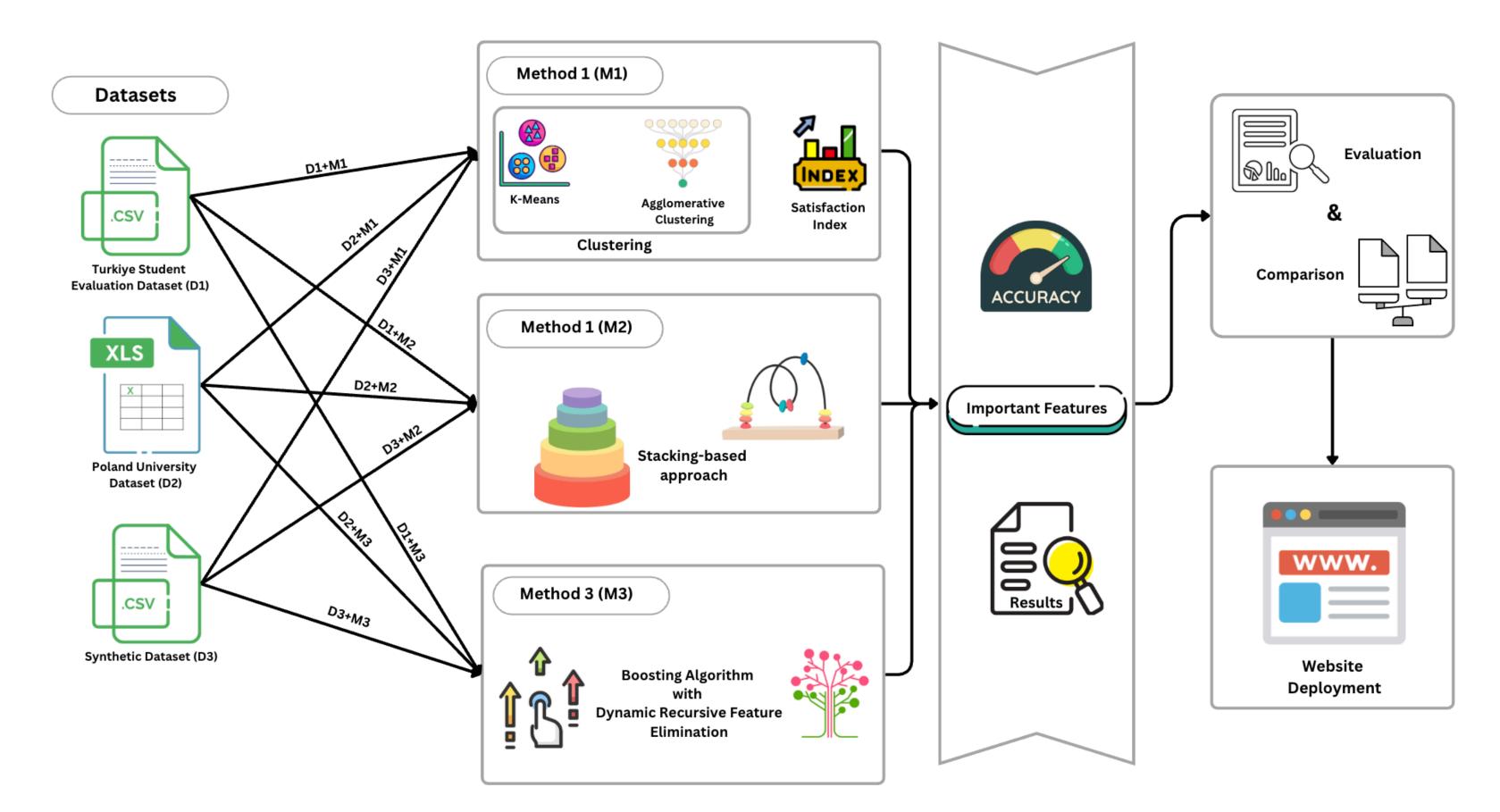
Poland University Dataset

- 8015 records.
- 9 student feedback questions (1-5 scale).
- Additional features: instructor seniority, gender, pass rate, average SET score.

Synthetic Dataset

- Generated Data with 10,000 records.
- 11 evaluation questions based on academic surveys.
- Responses generated randomly for ML model analysis.

Method developed:



Performance Metrics



Turkiye Dataset:

- Best Accuracy: 86.9% (Random Forest + RFE)
- Clustering approaches (KMeans + Logistic Regression): 99.4%

Poland Dataset:

• Best Accuracy: 78.5% (Stacking Classifier)

Synthetic Dataset:

Best Accuracy: 90.15% (Decision Tree → SVM with RFE)

When Synthetic Dataset Methodology when applied on other two datasets we have obtained accuracies as follows:

- Turkiye 82.67%
- Poland 72.14%

Website Deployment:

Website: https://knowmyprof.netlify.app/

Concluding Remark

- We developed a machine learning-based system to evaluate college instructors using student feedback. By analyzing factors like teaching experience, preparedness, and fairness, our models achieved high accuracy: 78% with the Poland dataset, 99.4% with the Turkiye dataset, and 90.15% with a synthetic dataset we created.
- We chose a combination of Decision Tree and Support Vector Machine (SVM) models for deployment due to their strong performance. To make the results accessible, we built a web application where users can search for professors by name or ID to view their ratings and performance details.
- We have also prepared a paper in the IEEE conference format, and our professor has mentioned that if there are any suitable conferences aligned with our work, we will proceed with submitting it for consideration.

Thank you!