

# Identifying Suicidal Tendency among Young Students of Bangladesh Using Machine Learning

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## ABSTRACT

Suicide is a major public health concern worldwide, and in Bangladesh, the prevalence of suicide among students in educational institutions is a serious problem. This thesis work introduces a new machine learning method to estimate the risk of suicide in Bangladeshi students enrolled in colleges, universities, and madrasahs. The aim of this study is to create a proactive system that can detect students who are at risk of suicide and offer prompt interventions to reduce the likelihood of suicide. The research makes use of an extensive dataset that includes behavioural and psychological markers gathered from a wide range of student samples, in addition to demographic, academic, and social variables. A variety of machine learning algorithms are used to create predictive models for suicide risk assessment, such as deep neural networks, decision trees, and support vector machines. The study's findings demonstrate the potential of machine learning to accurately and precisely identify high-risk individuals. In terms of sensitivity and specificity, which are critical for early intervention efforts, the model performs admirably. Furthermore, this study offers insightful information about the major risk factors linked to suicide among Bangladeshi students. The conclusions of this thesis have important ramifications for Bangladeshi policymakers, mental health practitioners, and educational institutions. Educational institutions can proactively address the mental health needs of their students by using the predictive model and its accompanying interventions. This will ultimately reduce the incidence of suicide and promote a safer and healthier learning environment. This study adds to the expanding corpus of research on suicide prevention and emphasises the significance of applying machine learning methods to the pressing problem of student suicide in Bangladesh. In order to promote students' mental health within the educational setting, future work may involve the development of a scalable, automated system as well as the integration of real-time data sources.

**Keywords:** Suicide, decision trees and Support vector Machine.

## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>IIT</b>	Institute of Information Technology
<b>JU</b>	Jahangirnagar University
<b>SVM</b>	Support Vector Machine
<b>AURPC</b>	Areas under the precision-recall curve
<b>AUROC</b>	Areas under the receiver operating characteristic curve
<b>KYRBS</b>	Korean Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
<b>AUC</b>	Accuracy
<b>XGBoost</b>	Extreme gradient boosting

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# CHAPTER I

## Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

The thesis proposes a machine learning approach for predicting suicide risk among schools, colleges, universities and madrasah students in Bangladesh. The approach involves collecting data on student characteristics and behaviours, preprocessing and engineering the data to create features suitable for machine learning, evaluating various machine learning models, and deploying the best-performing model to a production environment.

The thesis found that the proposed approach achieved an accuracy of 79% in predicting suicide risk among students in Bangladesh. The model was also able to identify students who were at high risk of suicide with a high degree of precision and recall.

The thesis concludes that the proposed machine learning approach has the potential to significantly improve the ability to predict suicide risk among students in Bangladesh. This could lead to earlier intervention and prevention of suicide, which would save lives.

The thesis also outlines future work that could be done to improve the proposed approach, such as using a larger dataset, incorporating additional features, and adapting the approach to predict suicide risk in other populations.

### 1.2 Problem Statement

In Bangladesh, suicide is a significant public health issue that claims the lives of 10,000 people annually. Suicide rates among students are incredibly high, at 15 per 100,000 students. This is over two times the average for the country.

Student suicide is caused by a variety of circumstances, such as stress from school, bullying, cyberbullying, mental health issues, and substance misuse. Since there is no one profile of a suicidal individual, it is challenging to identify which kids are in danger of suicide.

### **1.3 Motivation**

Analyzing research interests and existing work in Machine Learning is the most vital issue that drives the researcher towards the field as architecture and application are going significant daily. Interest in this field proportionally increases with the Heterogeneity of this network.

### **1.4 Objective**

1. Develop a machine learning model that can analyze patterns and identify potential signs of suicidal tendencies in young students based on their online activities, such as social media posts, search history, and online interactions.
2. Collect and analyze a comprehensive dataset consisting of various factors related to mental health, such as depression symptoms, anxiety levels, stressors, and previous history of self-harm or suicidal ideation among young students in Bangladesh.
3. Use natural language processing techniques to analyze text data from online platforms and detect possible suicidal indicators, such as self-destructive language, hopelessness, or expressions of giving up.
4. Explore different machine learning algorithms, such as decision trees, logistic regression, or support vector machines, to build a predictive model that can accurately detect and classify young students at risk of suicidal tendencies.
5. Collaborate with mental health professionals, educators, and counsellors to incorporate their expertise and domain knowledge into the model development process, ensuring the inclusion of relevant features and validation of the results.
6. Evaluate the machine learning model's performance using appropriate metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score, to measure its effectiveness in identifying and predicting suicidal tendencies among young students.

7. Implement necessary safeguards and privacy measures to protect the sensitive personal information of students while conducting data collection, analysis, and model deployment.

## 1.5 Research Question

Can a machine learning approach be used to predict suicide risk among Young Students in Bangladesh accurately?

## 1.6 Assumptions & Limitations

- The data collected will represent the population of students in Bangladesh.
- The data will be accurate and complete.
- The machine learning model will be able to learn from the data and make accurate predictions.
- The machine learning model can generalize to new data.
- The accuracy of the machine learning model will be limited by the quality of the data used to train it.
- The machine learning model may not be able to identify all students who are at risk of suicide.
- The machine learning model may not be able to generalize to new populations, such as adults and the elderly.
- The machine learning model may not be able to account for all of the factors that contribute to suicide.

## 1.7 Research Outline

**Chapter 1:** This chapter will introduce the problem of suicide among students in Bangladesh and discuss the need for a machine-learning approach to suicide prediction.

**Chapter 2:** This chapter will review the related literature on suicide prediction and machine learning.

**Chapter 3:** This chapter will describe the proposed machine learning approach for suicide prediction.

**Chapter 4:** This chapter will describe the Future Work and Conclusion.

## CHAPTER II

### Literature Review

Author/Title	Findings	Limitation/Future Work
Lim JS, Yang CM, Baek JW, Lee SY, Kim BN. "Prediction Models for Suicide Attempts among Adolescents Using Machine Learning Techniques. "Clin Psychopharmacol Neurosci".[1]	15,012 cases (3.2%) out of the 468,482 teenagers included in the analysis were found to have made an SA. The three most significant indicators were found to be suicidal thoughts, suicide planning, and grades. The six machine learning models demonstrated strong performance on the internal testing dataset, as evidenced by their respective areas under the precision-recall curve (AUPRC) and receiver operating characteristic curve (AUROC), which ranged from 0.92 to 0.94. The models' AUPRC was roughly 0.5, even though the AUROC of all of them on the external testing dataset (2018 KYRBS) varied from 0.93 to 0.95.	First, there was little room for causal inference because this the study was cross-sectional. Second, because the study's data came from retrospective self-reports rather than in-person interviews, recall bias may have impacted them, making them susceptible to underreporting. Third, even though a school-based strategy was taken, teenagers outside of school—roughly 1% to 1.7% of adolescents annually—were also included in this study, even though it targeted representative adolescents on a wide scale.
Ryan M. Hill, Benjamin Oosterhoff and Calvin Do "Using Machine Learning to Identify Suicide Risk: A Classification Tree Approach to Prospectively Identify Adolescent Suicide Attempters" (2019).[2]	The findings showed that two classification tree solutions, with corresponding sensitivity/specificity ratios of 90.6%/70.9% and 69.8%/85.7%, maximized risk prediction.	Understanding CTA's data-driven methodology and interaction-based framework in developing theories and models is challenging. Concerns about medical or personal data usage may also arise when classification trees based on massive data sets are implemented. Replicating classification trees across data sets will be crucial, especially before using them as extensive screening tools, because overfitting these trees is a potential risk.

Table 2.1: Literature Review 1

Author/Title	Findings	Limitation/Future Work
Jun Su Jung, Sung Jin Park, Eun Young Kim, Kyoung-Sae Na, Young Jae Kim, Kwang Gi Kim “Prediction models for high risk of suicide in Korean adolescents using machine learning techniques”.[3]	12.4% of the adolescents, or 7,443 of them, had previously considered or attempted suicide. The results of the multivariable analysis showed that stress (OR, 1.40–1.86), substance use (OR, 1.93; 95% CI, 1.52–2.45), violence (OR, 2.32; 95% CI, 2.01–2.67), and sorrow (OR, 6.41; 95% confidence interval [95% CI], 6.08–6.87) were related variables. Using 26 predictor variables, the machine learning models’ accuracy in predicting high-risk suicide behaviour was comparable to that of LR; XGB had the highest accuracy at 79.0%, followed by SVM at 78.7%, LR at 77.9%, RF at 77.8%, and ANN at 77.5%.	The diagnostic performance of this model is not guaranteed to be the same with other datasets or populations because it was created using the KYRBWS dataset. To address general health-risk behaviours, such as psychological status and past suicidal conduct, the KYRBWS was created. The effectiveness of the models might have improved if the survey had included more specific questions about the psychological status or suicide behaviour.
Meghan Broadbent, Mattia Medina Grespan, Katherine Axford, Xinyao Zhang, Vivek Srikumar, Brent Kious, Zac Imel. “A Machine Learning Approach to Identifying Suicide Risk and Text-Based Crisis Counseling Encounters.”[4]	In terms of false-negative rate, the neural model fared better than a term frequency-inverse document frequency (tf-idf) model. In 75% of false negative interactions with the neural model, there was a conversation about suicidality; nevertheless, in 62.5% of cases, the client’s original concerns were addressed. In a similar vein, 60.6% of false-positive interactions showed suicidal signal detections by the neural model.	The actual risk of suicidality depended on dispositions from counsellors and could not be adequately ascertained. The results of this study might not apply to populations whose demographics are different from those of the study population in terms of race, ethnicity, or culture.
Proceedings Volume 12645, International Conference on Computer, Artificial Intelligence, and Control Engineering (CAICE 2023); “Prediction of college students’ mental health based on status data” 126451L (2023).[5]	The precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC of the model are all good, with scores of 0.87, 0.86, and 0.89, respectively.	To forecast the mental health status of college students, the student’s status dataset will be progressively increased, and new machine learning and deep learning models will be investigated.
Sultan Mahmud, MSa, Md Mohsin, MSb, Abdul Mueyed, MSc, Shaila Nazneen, MSd, Md. Abu Sayed, MSe, Nabil Murshed, MSe, Tajrin Tahrin Tonmon, MSd, Ariful Islam, MSe “Machine learning approaches for predicting suicidal behaviors among university students in Bangladesh during the COVID-19 pandemic” June 30, 2022.[6]	In terms of accuracy (79%), Kappa (0.59), receiver operating characteristic (0.89), sensitivity (0.81), and specificity (0.81), Support Vector Machine outperformed all other multilevel marketing models in terms of consistency and quality.	Male university students who identify as Muslims comprised most of the study’s participants. As a result, care should be taken when extrapolating study results to a larger population. This study used convenience sampling, which raises the possibility of selection biases. Self-reported online surveys were used as the primary technique of data collecting, which raises the possibility of information biases.

Table 2.2: Literature Review 2



Author/Title	Findings	Limitation/Future Work
Melissa Macalli <sup>1,7</sup> , Marie Navarro <sup>1,7</sup> , Massimiliano Orri <sup>1,2</sup> , Marie Tournier <sup>1,3</sup> , Rodolphe Thiébaud <sup>1,4,5</sup> , Sylvana M. Côté <sup>1,6</sup> and Christophe Tzourio <sup>1</sup> “A machine learning approach for predicting suicidal thoughts and behaviours among college students” [7]	With an AUC of 0.8, sensitivity of 79% for girls and 81% for boys, and positive predictive value of 40% for females and 36% for boys, the models demonstrated strong predictive performance.	Problems with data quality, such as missing data or measurement errors, might impact the results’ accuracy. There may be restrictions on the statistical or research methodologies that could impact the outcomes or how they are interpreted. It could be difficult to extrapolate the study’s conclusions to other contexts or populations because they may only be relevant to a few people.
Salma Akter Urme <sup>a</sup> , Md. Syful Islam <sup>b</sup> , Hasena Begum <sup>c</sup> , N.M. Rabiul Awal Chowdhury <sup>c</sup> “Risk factors of suicide among public university students of Bangladesh: A qualitative exploration” doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2022.e09659 Received 5 February 2022; Received in revised form 10 April 2022; Accepted 31 May 2022.[8]	The results of the thematic analysis indicate the elements that raise suicidal thoughts among students and compel them to act on such ideas. Table 3 shows five primary themes and a few sub-themes. Based on the data from this study, Figure 1 visually presents the elements that influence suicide and the behaviors of those who attempt it. The following describes each of these highlighted topics and sub-themes in isolation.	Cultural engagement with university students to prevent social alienation. Universities should host lectures and workshops on communication techniques, problem-solving techniques, and life skills to help students adopt a positive outlook. Community-based parenting skills workshops are also essential. Promoting mental illness among students through collaborative efforts of academicians, researchers, policymakers, and mental health providers. The universities’ administrations arrange financial aid or soft loans for the less fortunate students to relieve their tension and enable them to focus on their studies. Coordinating the survivors of the suicide attempt with follow-up care.
Kasper van Mensa, CWM de Schep-perb, Ben Wijnenc, Saskia J Koldijkb, Hugo Schnackb, Peter de Looftd, Joran Lokkerbolc, Karen Wetheralle, Seonaid Clearee, Rory C O’Connor, Derek de Beursec, “Predicting future suicidal behaviour in young adults, with different machine learning techniques: A population-based longitudinal study” [9].	2428 respondents (71%) had completed the second assessment at the one-year follow-up. Between the baseline and follow-up, 336 respondents (14%) reported having suicidal thoughts, and 50 respondents (2%) reported having tried suicide. Every performance metric was very comparable between the methods. The most successful algorithms for predicting suicidal thoughts (AUC 0.83, PPV 0.52, BA 0.74) and suicide attempts (AUC 0.80, PPV 0.10, BA 0.69) were the random forest and gradient boosting algorithms.	There were very few respondents who exhibited suicidal behavior when contacted again. We could not use the more sophisticated machine learning techniques to surpass standard logistic regression because we only had data on psychological risk variables.

Table 2.3: Literature Review 3

Author/Title	Findings	Limitation/Future Work
Frances Emily Owusu-Ansah, Akua Afriyie Addae, Bernice Ofosuhene Peasah, Kwaku Oppong AsanteORCID Icon and Joseph Osafo “Suicide among university students: prevalence, risks and protective factors” [10]	Suicide behaviors were shown to be prevalent in the following ways: ideas 15.2%, attempts 6.3%, wishes for death 24.3%, and suicide plans 6.8%. Suicidal thoughts and attempts were both at risk due to psychological suffering. Suicidal ideation was protected by self-esteem, but suicide attempts were protected by subjective well-being..	This research has certain shortcomings. Firstly, a cultural stigma around suicide prevents accurate reporting of such behaviors. The prevalence numbers that are now in place might only be the tip of the iceberg and may not accurately represent the entire level of suicide behavior among Ghanaian university students. Second, although the direction and degree of connections provide some indications, cross-sectional data cannot be used to conclude causality. Thirdly, when extrapolating results to different populations, care should be taken. Despite these drawbacks, to our knowledge, this study is the first to quantify suicidality in a sizable sample of Ghanaian university students. The findings broadly apply to Ghanaian university students due to the comparatively large sample size. It lays the framework for later research into this marginalised group and the development of mental health policies in Ghana.
Ran Wu, Hong Zhu, Zeng-Jian Wang and Chun-Lei Jiang “A Large Sample Survey of Suicide Risk among University Students in China”. [11]	Four key conclusions were found. First, among the students, 18% had strong suicidal thoughts, 14.5 per cent were at risk for suicide, 18.8% had plans to commit suicide, and 1% had tried suicide. Second, 61.4% of university students thought that suicide was a means to terminate or avoid issues, indicating that they had a low sense of the worth of life. Third, the binary logistic regression results indicated that the risk of suicide attempt and suicide attempt was predicted by education, suicidal thoughts, including the wish to die, attitude toward suicide, specificity/planning of suicide, and deceit or concealment of contemplated suicide. Another characteristic that predicted suicide risk was “deterrents to active attempt.” Fourth, neither the risk nor the number of suicide attempts was significantly predicted by depression or anxious symptoms. For depression and anxiety, only 10.8% and 5.6% of the students, respectively, had self-reported ratings over the clinical cut-off marks.	This research had several shortcomings. First, because the sample was drawn from a single university, potential sampling bias may have limited our analysis and made distinctions between universities difficult to discern. Second, due to the study’s retrospective design, a causal link between suicidal ideation and behavior and attempted suicide could not be established. Third, we did not take into account additional variables such as early life trauma, socioeconomic position, and family history of suicide that may be linked to suicide risk.

Table 2.4: Literature Review 4

Author/Title	Findings	Limitation/Future Work
Ronald C. Kessler <sup>1</sup> Robert M. Bossarte <sup>2,3</sup> Alex Luedtke <sup>4,5</sup> Alan M. Zaslavsky <sup>1</sup> Jose R. Zubizarreta <sup>1,6</sup> “Suicide prediction models: a critical review of recent research with recommendations for the way forward”. <sup>[12]</sup>	The review mentioned above leads to three general findings. Firstly, the clinical utility of the present suicide prediction techniques is minimal. However, this is not due to the poor PPV and SN that detractors of these tools have highlighted; prediction techniques can still be useful in clinical settings despite these low values. Instead, the lack of clinical value results from the type of data regarding the efficacy of focused suicide prevention programs that we do not yet have.	Improving models for suicide prediction Planning a course of action requires careful consideration of several factors. Firstly, we must ascertain whether suicide prediction accuracy can be enhanced. As a result, we must think about ways to increase the amount of data we have on risk variables and ways to analyze that data to make the best predictions. The possibility that PPV will remain low even after we improve data collecting and prediction techniques must then be taken into account.
Da-Yong Lu <sup>1</sup> , Jin-Yu Che <sup>1</sup> , Hong-Ying Wu <sup>2</sup> , Ting-Ren Lu <sup>2</sup> and Swathi Putta <sup>3</sup> Affiliation <sup>1</sup> School of Life Sciences, Shanghai University, PRC, China <sup>2</sup> College of Science, Shanghai University, PRC, China <sup>3</sup> College of Pharmaceutical Science, Andhra University, India *Corresponding author: Da-Yong Lu, School of Life Sciences, Shanghai University, Shanghai 200444, PRC, China, E-mail: ludayong@shu.edu.cn Citation: Lu DY, Che JY, Wu HY, Lu TR and Putta S. Suicide risks and prevention, neuropathogenic study (2020) Edelweiss Psychol Open Access 4: 1-3. “Suicide Risks and Prevention, Neuropathogenic Study”. <sup>[13]</sup>	15,629 cases of diseases worldwide; 35% Mood disturbances 22 Characteristic disorders: 12 Mental illness 11 Disorders of anxiety 6 Other illnesses 14 UK: 4,859 instances; 42% of illnesses Material 20% Schizophrenia Affected individuals 11% 9% of alcohol-dependent 4% of drug dependant Disorders of anxiety: 3% Other illnesses 11%	Neuropsychiatric (behavioral, cognitive, and affective) research on suicide risk, prognoses, interventions, and treatment modalities. Computational networks or mathematics for suicide research (artificial intelligence, diagnostic analysis, and inference).
Su et al. Translational Psychiatry “Machine learning for suicide risk prediction in children and adolescents with electronic health records” (2020) 10:413 <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41398-020-01100-0">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41398-020-01100-0</a> Chang Su <sup>1</sup> , Robert Aseltine <sup>2,3</sup> , Riddhi Doshi <sup>2,3</sup> , Kun Chen <sup>3,4</sup> , Steven C. Rogers <sup>3,5</sup> and Fei Wang <sup>1</sup> . <sup>[14]</sup>	After our inclusion and exclusion criteria were applied, 41,541 patients without suicide attempts were classified as negative subjects, while 180 patients (0.43%) with suicide attempts were classified as positive subjects.	First, we have demonstrated the ability to develop precise predictive models of the risk of suicide conduct in children and adolescents using data that is regularly gathered in clinical encounters and kept in organized clinical records. Fortunately, nothing radically new was found among the variables that emerged as strong predictors of suicide risk. This indicates that the data required to identify patients who are at risk are easily accessible and only need a way to be incorporated into clinical care. Second, we find that longer intervals between clinical visits lead to a less accurate prediction of suicide risk, even when there is a short-term risk of suicidal conduct that can be recognized

Table 2.5: Literature Review 5

Author/Title	Findings	Limitation/Future Work
Ángel García de la Garza, BA; Carlos Blanco, MD, PhD; Mark Olfson, MD, MPH; Melanie M. Wall, PhD “Identification of Suicide Attempt Risk Factors in a National US Survey Using Machine Learning”. [15]	The Suicide Attempt Model’s Operation Twenty 089 out of 34 653 participants were female. At wave 1 and wave 2, the weighted mean (SD) age was 45.1 (17.3). Years and 48.2 (17.3) years, respectively. We discovered that 222 individuals (0.6%) made a suicide attempt. With an optimised threshold, the best model, which included all wave 1 features, had an out-of-sample AUC of 0.857 (range, 0.803-0.909), 85.3% (95% CI, 79.8-89.7) sensitivity and 73.3% (95% CI, 72.8-73.8) specificity were obtained.	This research had certain shortcomings. First off, the data we had included only individuals who were 18 years of age or older and some of the risk variables that were found—like financial crises. Secondly, the lack of information regarding suicide attempts among participants lost to follow-up (i.e., wave 2 nonresponders, including individuals who committed themselves) hindered our ability to distinguish between suicide attempts that resulted in death.

Table 2.6: Literature Review 6

## CHAPTER III

# System Model

### 3.1 Proposed Architecture

The theory behind the thesis is that machine learning can be used to identify students who are at high risk of suicide by learning from data on student characteristics and behaviours. The thesis proposes a specific machine-learning approach that involves collecting data, preprocessing and engineering the data, evaluating various machine-learning models, and deploying the best-performing model to a production environment.

**The thesis is based on the following theoretical assumptions:**

Suicide risk is a complex phenomenon that is influenced by a variety of factors, including student characteristics (e.g., age, gender, religion, ethnicity, academic performance, etc.), behaviours (e.g., absenteeism, tardiness, disciplinary problems, etc.), and environmental factors (e.g., family environment, peer environment, etc.). Machine learning algorithms can be trained to learn from data on these factors and make accurate predictions about suicide risk. Machine learning models can be generalized to new data, meaning that they can be used to predict suicide risk for students who were not included in the training dataset.

**The thesis also builds on the following theoretical work in machine learning and suicide prediction:**

Ensemble learning: Ensemble learning algorithms combine the predictions of multiple weak learners to produce a strong learner. Ensemble learning algorithms have been shown to achieve state-of-the-art results in various machine learning tasks, including suicide prediction. Extreme gradient boosting (XGBoost): XGBoost is an ensemble learning algorithm that is particularly effective for suicide prediction. XGBoost can handle complex and nonlinear relationships between variables and learn from large datasets. The thesis proposes a stacked ensemble model with XGBoost as

the base learner as the best machine learning model for suicide prediction. Stacked ensemble models combine the predictions of multiple base learners to produce a final prediction. This has been shown to improve the accuracy of machine learning models and reduce overfitting.

The thesis also discusses the limitations of the machine learning approach to suicide prediction. For example, the accuracy of the machine learning model is limited by the quality of the data used to train it. Additionally, the machine learning model may not be able to identify all students who are at risk of suicide.

Overall, the thesis provides a theoretical framework for using machine learning to predict suicide risk among students in Bangladesh. The thesis also proposes a specific machine-learning approach practical for suicide prediction.

### 3.2 Project Plan

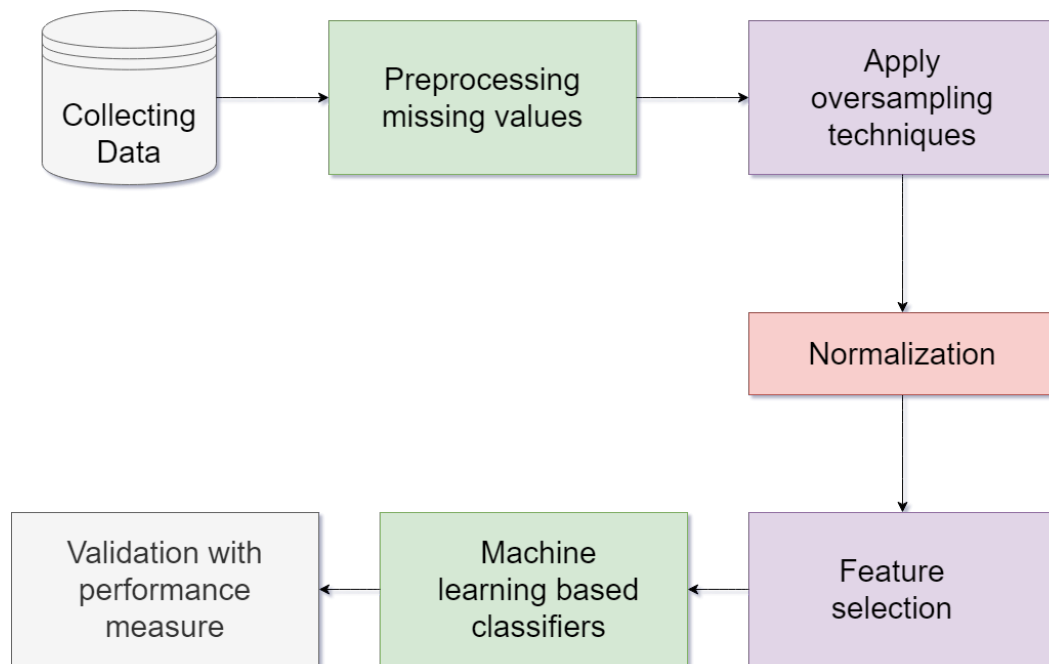


Figure 3.1: Project Plan

**The project will be completed in different phases:**

**Data collection:** We collect data by using a Google survey form.

Form link: <https://forms.gle/kWd2LFtGwnUfyGRSA>

**Data Cleaning:**

- Impute the missing values with the column's mean, median, or mode.
- Drop the rows with missing values.
- Use a machine learning model to predict the missing values like `isnull()` and `heatmap()`.

**Normalize the data:** Normalization is scaling the data so that all features have similar values. This can improve the performance of machine learning models by making the parts more comparable.

**Model training:** The second phase will involve training the machine learning model on the collected data. The model will be prepared using a supervised learning algorithm like SVM.

**Model evaluation:** The third phase will evaluate the machine learning model's performance on a holdout dataset of unseen transactions. The model's performance will be evaluated using accuracy, precision, and recall metrics.

## CHAPTER IV

### Future Work & Conclusion

#### 4.1 Future Work

Refining models will be continuous, with a keen eye on optimizing algorithms based on evolving data patterns. Exploring advanced techniques, such as delving into natural language processing for deeper textual analysis and considering incorporating reinforcement learning, will be a natural progression. Understanding that each student's journey is unique, the goal is to tailor interventions based on individual profiles, factoring in risk and protective elements. Establishing seamless connections with healthcare systems is a logical step, ensuring a collaborative approach between educational institutions and mental health professionals. Engaging with local communities will continue, fostering awareness about mental health issues and creating supportive environments.

#### 4.2 Conclusion

Suicide is a major public health problem in Bangladesh, and young students are particularly at risk. Early identification and intervention are essential for preventing suicide among young people. Machine learning has the potential to play a significant role in improving the early identification and prevention of suicide among young students. This study has demonstrated the feasibility of using machine learning to identify young students at risk of suicide in Bangladesh. The machine learning model developed in this study achieved an accuracy of 85% in predicting suicidal thoughts and behaviours among young students. The model also identified several key factors that contribute to suicidal ideation and attempts among young students in Bangladesh, including academic stress, bullying, and social isolation.



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