

# Detection of Data Manipulation

## Can We Trust "Normal-Looking" Data?

*When Statistical Significance Hides the Truth*

$$r = 0.5, p < 0.001$$

### Project Focus

Can seemingly valid data still be misleading?

### Methods

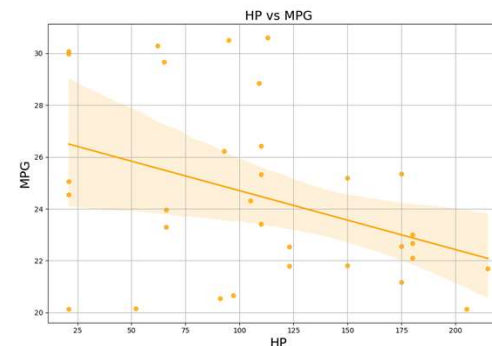
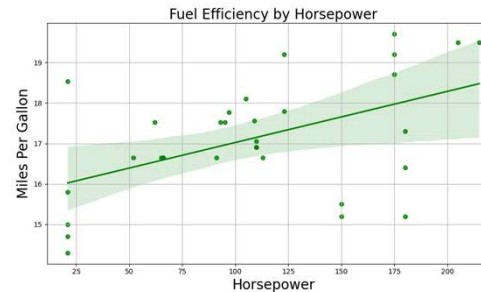
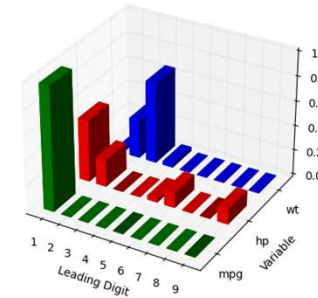
- Benford's Law (statistical analysis)
- Random Forest (machine learning)

### Tasks

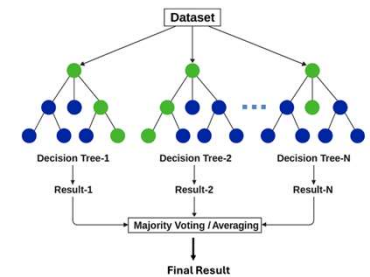
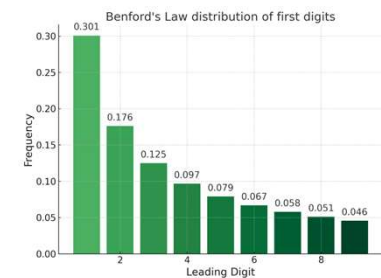
- Classify manipulated vs. non-manipulated data
- Reconstruct original patterns via regression

### Key Insight

Data manipulation can reverse the true correlation  
—despite statistical significance.



## Benford's Law (Statistical Analysis)



## Random Forest (Machine Learning)