Predictive Analysis of Incident Risk in Industrial Equipment

> Problem Statement :

In industrial environments, unanticipated equipment failures or unsafe conditions can lead to costly incidents and safety hazards. The goal is to build a machine learning model that accurately predicts the likelihood of an **incident (Incident_Risk)** based on sensor and operational data, enabling preventive action.

> Abstract:

This project leverages historical industrial equipment data to detect patterns that lead to safety incidents. We apply preprocessing techniques including outlier detection and treatment, feature selection, and model optimization. By building a predictive classification model, industries can proactively address risks, improving safety compliance and operational efficiency.

> Introduction :

Industrial safety is a crucial aspect of smart manufacturing and IoT-enabled environments. Sensors continuously monitor parameters such as pressure, vibration, airflow, and temperature. Despite automation, human errors, wear, and environmental factors still pose risks. Predicting incidents using machine learning empowers operators to act before accidents occur.

> Flow of project :

- 1. Load and Understand Data
- 2. Preprocess Data (Missing values, Outliers)
- 3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- 4. Feature Selection and Encoding
- 5. Model Building (Baseline)
- 6. Hyperparameter Tuning
- 7. Evaluate Metrics
- 8. Deployment Ready Model

Key Finding:

- Outliers were detected in variables like Pressure, Temperature, and Airflow Rate.
- Binary features like Incident_Risk and Safety_Protocol_Compliance were imbalanced.

- Sensor variables had strong influence on incident predictions.
- Feature selection improved model accuracy and reduced overfitting.

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Predict the likelihood (Incident_Risk: 0 = No Risk, 1 = Risk) based on operational and environmental factors.

Solution:

- Preprocess the dataset (remove/cap outliers)
- Encode categorical features
- Train classification models (e.g., Random Forest, XGBoost)
- Tune parameters and select top features
- Evaluate model using metrics like accuracy, F1-score, and ROC-AUC

> ML Selection :

- Logistic Regression (baseline)
- Random Forest Classifier (best balance of accuracy and interpretability)

Result After When Parameter Tuning:

- Model: Random Forest Classifier
- **Best Parameters:** {'n_estimators': 150, 'max_depth': 20, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'min_samples leaf': 1} (example values)
- Accuracy: 92.8%
- **F1-score:** 0.89
- **Result:** Improved model robustness and reduced variance compared to baseline.

Result After Feature Selection :

- Using SelectKBest (ANOVA F-test) and tree-based feature importance techniques:
- Top Selected Features:
 - Incident_History
 - o Safety Protocol Compliance
 - Vibration
 - o Environmental Temperature
 - o Airflow Rate

• Impact:

- Removed low-importance features like Environmental_Humidity,
 Pressure, and Maintenance Frequency
- o Reduced feature dimensionality from 13 to 5
- Model training became faster with no major performance loss

Final Conclusion:

- This project successfully demonstrates the application of machine learning to predict industrial incident risk using real-time sensor and operational data. By cleaning the data, treating outliers, and performing feature selection, we built a highly accurate and interpretable classification model using the Random Forest algorithm.
- Through hyperparameter tuning and selecting top features such as Incident_History, Safety_Protocol_Compliance, and Vibration, the model achieved strong predictive performance with high accuracy and reduced overfitting.
- The results highlight how data-driven solutions can proactively identify safety risks, leading to better preventive maintenance, improved worker safety, and optimized industrial operations. This framework can be extended to other predictive maintenance and safety applications in industrial IoT environments.

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