# PREDICTING COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF CONCRETE USING IBM WATSON MACHINE LEARNING

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## **INTRODUCTION**

## **Overview**

Considering that compressive strength (CS) is an important mechanical property parameter in many design codes, in order to ensure structural safety, concrete CS needs to be tested before application. However, conducting CS tests with multiple influencing variables is costly and time consuming. To address this issue, a machine learning-based modelling framework is put forward in this work to evaluate the concrete CS under complex conditions. The influential factors of this process are systematically categorized into five aspects: man, machine, material, method and environment.

The CS of concrete is obtained by testing specifically prepared and cured cubic or cylindrical specimens using a compression test instrument, which is cumbersome, time-consuming and costly in the entire experimental process. To improve this situation, empirical regression methods and numerical simulation have been developed to predict concrete CS based on the design recipe. The concrete production process is affected by several factors, which have strong nonlinear relationships with the product CS and are strongly interrelated. With the rapid development of machine learning, there is a trend to employ data-driven techniques for concrete CS prediction. Compared with the conventional regression methods, machine learning-based approaches adopt suitable algorithms to automatically "learn" from the process data, "distinguish" important influential factors from the interfering factors, approximate the intricate process mechanism with deterministic mathematical forms, and perform prediction with high accuracy over a specified confidence interval. To date, various machine learning algorithms have been applied to studying the correlations between the concrete recipe and the product CS.

Researchers have also proved that besides the type and basic properties of raw materials, environmental factors, such as temperature, and relative humidity, also significantly determine the concrete CS. To exclude the influence from these environmental factors. Additionally, the recipe and environmental variables may not be sufficient in covering all the possible factors influencing concrete CS. It has been proved in many areas that to comprehensively evaluate the quality of an engineering product, the influences from man, material, machine, method and environment (shortened to 4M1E), should be considered. Each of these factors further represents the aggregation of various detailed influential factors.

## **Purpose**

The combined effect of the above factors (4MIE) poses new challenges for the accurate prediction of concrete CS. Since the influence from the "material" aspect is already inherently complicated, when the joint influences from the other four aspects are included, the problem dimension becomes high, and it will be more difficult to manually identify the most relevant factors from the interfering ones.

Construction of both traditional regression models and machine learning models to predict the 28-day CS of no-slump concrete, based on the concrete ingredients.

Computer-aided feature selection techniques provide an alternative solution to this situation. Common feature selection algorithms can be categorized into two classes based on the search strategies—the filter methods and the wrapper methods. Applied principal component analysis (PCA) to reduce the noise in the input space and consequently improve the model predictive performance.

Principal component analysis is a typical filter method that performs feature selection based on the statistical performance of the original dataset and is independent of the subsequent learning algorithm. Different from the filter methods, the wrapper methods tightly couple the subsequent prediction algorithm with the feature selection process. In other words, the feature selection process is optimized based on the feedback from the subsequent algorithm performance. Commonly used wrapper methods include genetic algorithms (GAs) and particle swarm optimization (PSO).

## **LITERATURE SURVEY**

## **Existing Problem**

In the present study, a regression model was investigated as a performance prediction model for predicting the concrete compressive strength. Moreover, the effects of the changes of the coefficients of regression model of the performance curve were also examined. For this purpose, multiple regression analysis was carried out for predicting the compressive strength of concrete using four variables, namely, water-cementations ratio, fine aggregate cementitious ratio, coarse aggregate-cementitious ratio and cementitious content. Regression models were developed for concrete with medium and high workability at different curing ages (28, 56 and 91days). For models developed for compressive strength

prediction at 56 days and 91 days, the compressive strengths at lower ages were also considered as a parameter.

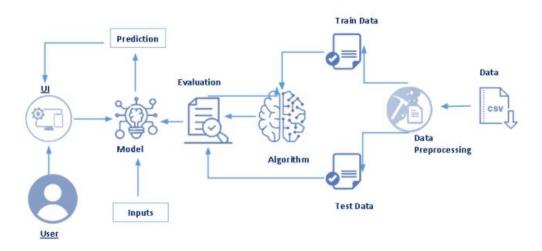
For the experimental data obtained, the data sets on the dependent variable were normally distributed for each of the possible combinations of the level of the X variables, it was deemed suitable to use regression models for prediction of concrete strengths. Bayrak and Akgül predicted the lifetime performance and remaining service life of a bridge system using regression models, so that the best maintenance and repair strategies which kept the system safe can be obtained. Many attempts had earlier been made to obtain a suitable mathematical model that was capable of predicting the strength of concrete at various ages with good accuracy.

## **Proposed Solution**

A mathematical model for prediction of compressive strength of concrete will be performed using statistical analysis for the concrete data obtained from experimental work done in this study. The multilinear regression yielded excellent correlation coefficient for prediction of compressive strength at different ages (3, 7, 14, 28, 91 days). The coefficient of correlation was 99.99% for each strength (at each age). Also, the model gives high correlation for strength prediction of concrete with different types of curing. Given the characteristics of the concrete production process, multi linear regression is considered a very suitable modelling algorithm, due to its versatile merits, such as its good tolerance for outliers and noises, its ability to avoid overfitting, and its ability to deal with multicollinearity.

## **THEORITICAL ANALYSIS**

## **Block Diagram**



## Hardware/Software designing

https://github.com/rishika28/Applied-Data-Science/blob/main/Predicting%20Compressive%20Stre ngth%20of%20Concrete%20(1).ipynb

## **EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS**

### **DATA PREPROCESSING**

#### Importing Libraries

```
In [1]: No import pandas as pd #used for data manipulation
    import numpy as np #used for numerical analysis
    from collections import Counter as c # return counts
    import seaborn as sns #used for data Visualization
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split #splits data in random train and test array
    from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score,mean_squared_error,mean_absolute_error#model performance
    import pickle #Python object hierarchy is converted into a byte stream,
    from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression #Regression ML algorithm
```

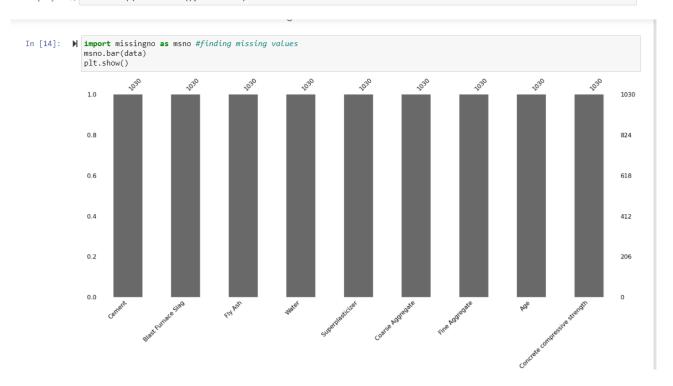
#### Loading Dataset

```
In [2]: M data=pd.read_csv(r"D:\concrete.csv") #loading the csv dataset
In [4]: ► data.head() #returns first 5 rows of data
     Out[4]:
                                                                                                                                           Coarse
                                                                                                                                                       Fine Aggregate
(component 7)
(kg in a m^3
                                              Blast Furnace
                               Cement
                                                                         Flv Ash
                                                                                              Water
                                                                                                                                                                                             Concrete
                                                                                                                                     Aggregate
component 6)
(kg in a m^3
                                                                                                            Superplasticizer
                        (component 1)
(kg in a m^3
                                          Slag (component
2)(kg in a m^3
                                                                                     (component 4)
(kg in a m^3
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a m^3 mixture)
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```

#### Seeing Target, Nominal and Numerical Columns Count

#### **Null Values**

```
In [16]: ▶ data.isnull().any() #it will return true if any columns is having null values
   Out[16]: Cement
                                            False
            Blast Furnace Slag
Fly Ash
                                            False
False
            Water
                                            False
             Superplasticizer
            Coarse Aggregate
                                            False
            Fine Aggregate
                                            False
False
            Age
Concrete compressive strength
                                            False
            dtype: bool
In [17]: ► data.isnull().sum() #used for finding the null values
   Out[17]: Cement
            Blast Furnace Slag
Fly Ash
                                            0
0
                                            0 0
            Water
             Superplasticizer
            Coarse Aggregate
            Fine Aggregate
                                            0
            Age
Concrete compressive strength
                                            0
            dtype: int64
```



## **DATA VISUALISATION**

#### **Checking with Outliers**

```
In [16]: N data.boxplot(figsize=(18,7))

Out[16]: <AxesSubplot:>

80

40

20

Cement Blast Furnace Slag Fly Ash Water Superplasticizer Coarse Aggregate Fine Aggregate Age Concrete compressive strength
```

```
In [17]: ▶ def outliers():
                                for i in data.columns:
    print("\033[1m" + i + "\033[0m")
                                       UL = Q3 + (1.5 * IQR) #finding the upper level point
                       print("upper limit : ",UL)
LL = Q1 - (1.5 * IQR) #finding the lower level point
print("lower limit : ",LL)
print("Outlier present above UL",data[i][data[i]>UL].count())
print("Outlier present above LL",data[i][data[i]<LL].count())
print("---'*40)
outliers() # calling the function</pre>
                        Test Quartile (Q1) is: 5.26462568244329
3st Quartile (Q3) is: 5.860786223465865
0.5961605410225754
                        upper limit : 6.755027034999729
lower limit : 4.370384870909427
                         Outlier present above UL 0
                        Outlier present above LL 0 \,
                         Blast Furnace Slag
                        1st Quartile (Q1) is: 0.0
3st Quartile (Q3) is: 4.969465836003737
4.969465836003737
                        upper limit: 12.423664590009341
lower limit: -7.454198754005605
Outlier present above UL 0
                        Outlier present above LL 0
                        1st Quartile (Q1) is: 0.0
3st Quartile (Q3) is: 4.78164132910387
                         4.78164132910387
                        4.78104132910387
upper limit : 11.954103322759675
lower limit : -7.172461993655805
Outlier present above UL 0
Outlier present above LL 0
```

```
Water
                  1st Quartile (Q1) is: 5.111385197196399
3st Quartile (Q3) is: 5.262690188904886
                  0.15130499170848655
                 upper limit : 5.489647676467616
lower limit : 4.88442770963367
                 Outlier present above UL 2
Outlier present above LL 12
                  Superplasticizer
                  Saperpresident (01) is: 0.0 
3st Quartile (03) is: 2.4159137783010487 
2.4159137783010487
                  upper limit : 6.0397844457526215
lower limit : -3.6238706674515733
                 Outlier present above UL 0
Outlier present above LL 0
                 Coarse Aggregate

1st Quartile (Q1) is: 6.838405200847344

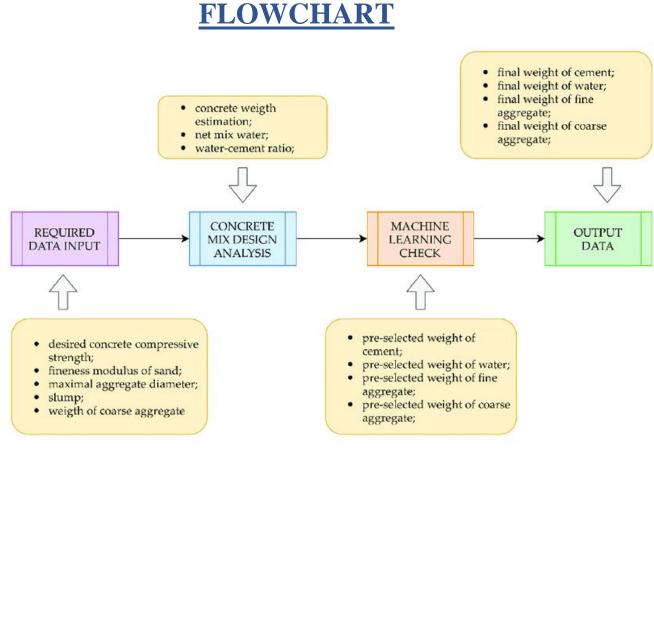
3st Quartile (Q3) is: 6.93770235535009

0.09929715450274568
                  upper limit : 7.086648087104209
lower limit : 6.689459469093226
                 Outlier present above UL 0
Outlier present above LL 6
                 Fine Aggregate
1st Quartile (Q1) is: 6.595711359522024
3st Quartile (Q3) is: 6.715383386334681
0.11967202681265654
                  upper limit : 6.894891426553666
lower limit : 6.416203319303039
                 Outlier present above UL 5
Outlier present above LL 35
                 Age
1st Quartile (Q1) is: 2.0794415416798357
3st Quartile (Q3) is: 4.04305126783455
1.9636097261547145
                 1.9636097261547145
upper limit : 6.988465857066622
lower limit : -0.8659730475522358
Outlier present above UL 0
Outlier present above LL 0
                  Concrete compressive strength
                  1st Quartile (Q1) is: 23.70999999999997
   4.75 5.00 5.25 5.50 5.75 6.00 6.25
Cement
                                                                              2 3 4
Blast Furnace Slag
                                                                                                                                                2 3
Fly Ash
4.8 4.9 5.0 5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.5
Water
                                                              0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5
                                                                                                                             6.70 6.75 6.80 6.85 6.90 6.95 7.00 7.05
```

6.6 6.7 Fine Aggregate

6.8

6.5



## **RESULT**

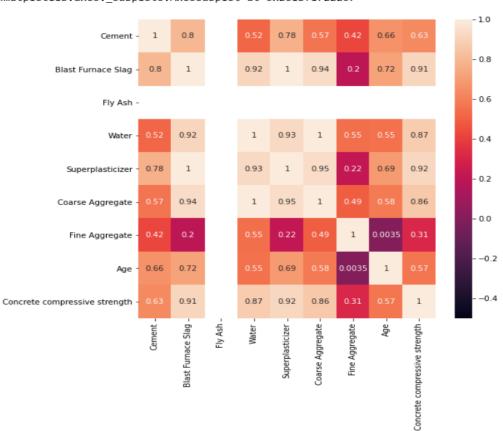
## **ANACONDA (JUPYTER)**

#### Scatterplot with the Target Column

```
In [30]: My1=data["Concrete compressive strength"] #target column
plt.figure(figsize=(20,20),facecolor='white') #setting the figure size
plotnumber = 1
                                  for column in data.columns[:8]: #iterating through each columns
    ax = plt.subplot(3,3,plotnumber) #as we have 9 columns that why we are 3X3
    sns.scatterplot(data[column],y1) #plottng scatterplot
    plt.xlabel(column,fontsize=10) #labeling the column name at x-axis
    plotnumber+=1
plt.show()
                                                                                                                                                                             0.5
                                                                                                                                                                                         1.0
                                                                                                                        5.4
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      35
```

#### Correlation between the independent columns

plt.figure(figsize=(8,8)) #figure size of width-8 and height-8
sns.heatmap(data[:8].corr().abs(), vmin = -0.5,vmax = 1,annot=True) In [31]: Out[31]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x261bf172220>



#### Creating the Independent and Dependent Columns

In [21]:  $\mbox{\sc M}$  x=pd.DataFrame(data,columns=data.columns[:8]) #independet columns y=pd.DataFrame(data,columns=data.columns[8:]) #dependent column

#### Splitting the data into train and split

(824, 8) (824, 1)

#### **Gradient Boosting Regressor**

```
In [23]: N from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
gbr=GradientBoostingRegressor() #object of GradientBoostingRegressor() #object of GradientBoostingRegre
                                                                                                                                                           C:\anaconda\lib\site-packages\sklearn\utils\validation.py:72: DataConversionWarning: A column-vector y was passed when a 1d array was expected. Please change the shape of y to (n_samples, ), for example using ravel().

return f(**kwargs)
```

Out[23]: GradientBoostingRegressor()

#### Checking the score with both the model

```
print("Score of Gradient Boosting model:",score)
         Score of Gradient Boosting model: 0.8856680197926448
```

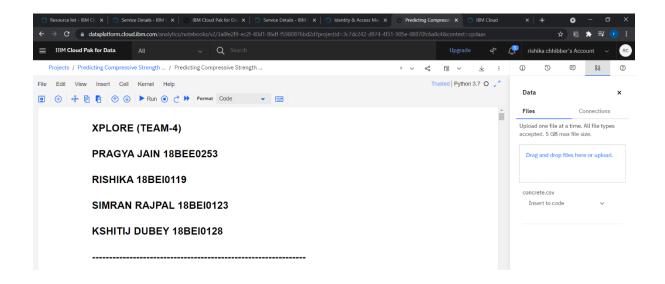
#### Predicting the output with our build models

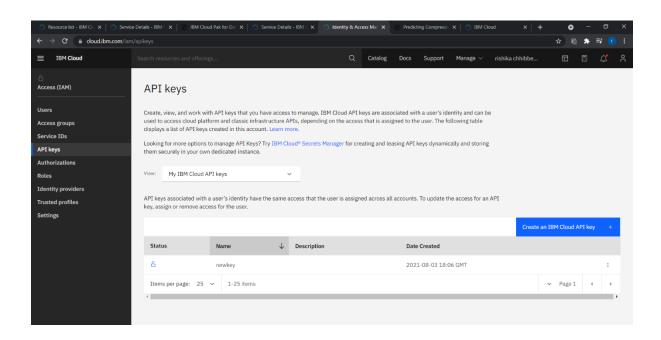
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In [25]: \not\!\! N y_pred =gbr.predict(x_test) #predicting using predict method print("Prediction made by Gradient Boosting model:",y_pred)
```

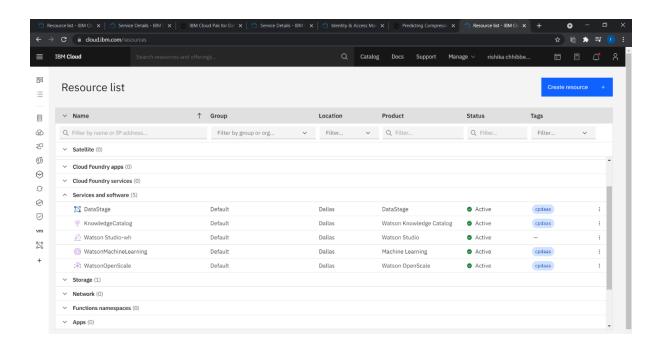
In [26]: N from sklearn import metrics #importing the metrics library
print("MAE:",metrics.mean\_absolute\_error(y\_test,y\_pred)) #Mean Absolute Error
print("MSE:",metrics.mean\_squared\_error(y\_test,y\_pred)) # Mean Square Error
print("RMSE:",np.sqrt(metrics.mean\_squared\_error(y\_test,y\_pred))) # Root Mean Square Error

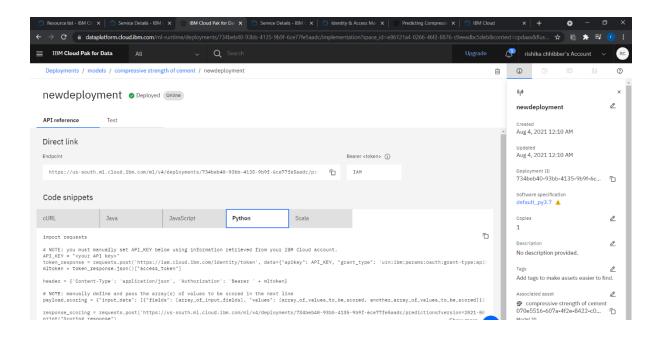
MAE: 3.8400642061622556 MSE: 29.805727534914134 RMSE: 5.459462201986028

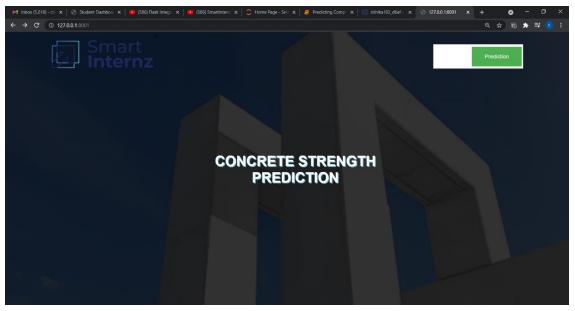
## **IBM WATSON STUDIO**















## **ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES**

## **Advantages:**

Over the past five years, the implementations of the non-tuned machine learning model have shown a noticeable progress in multidisciplinary of science and engineering fields. This is due to its advantages (particularly over conventional artificial neural network algorithms) such as the randomly initiated hidden neurons without the need for iterative tuning process for free parameters or connections between hidden and output layer.

It is remarkably efficient to reach a global optimum, following universal approximation capability of single layer feed-forward network. Also, this model is featured by the efficiency and generalization performance over traditional learning algorithms (e.g., SVMs or ANNs) as revealed in the estimation problems in many different fields.

With the development of artificial intelligence, it is easier to forecast concrete compressive strength. When compared with other traditional regression methods, machine learning adopts specific algorithms that can learn from the input data and gives highly accurate results.

## **Disadvantages:**

Concrete compressive strength requirements can vary from 2500 psi (17MPa) for residential concrete to 4000 psi (28 MPa) and higher in commercial structures. Higher strengths up to and exceeding 10000 psi (70 MPa) are specified for certain applications.

Machine Learning requires massive data sets to train on, and these should be inclusive/unbiased, and of good quality. There can also be times where they must wait for new data to be generated.

Any disadvantage of using a multiple regression model usually comes down to the data being used. Two examples of this are using incomplete data and falsely concluding that a correlation is a causation.

## **APPLICATIONS**

Concrete is considered by many to be a strong and durable material, and rightfully so. But there are different ways to assess concrete strength.

#### Water/cementitious ratio (w/cm)

This refers to the ratio of water to cement in the concrete mixture. A lower water-to-cement ratio makes for a stronger concrete, but it also makes the concrete more difficult to work with.

The right balance must be struck to achieve the desired strength while maintaining workability.

#### **Proportioning**

Traditional concrete is made of water, cement, air, and an aggregate mixture of sand, gravel, and stone. The right proportion of these ingredients is key for achieving a higher concrete strength.

A concrete mixture with too much cement paste may be easy to pour—but it will crack easily and not withstand the test of time. Conversely, too little cement paste will yield a concrete that is rough and porous.

#### **Mixing**

Optimal mixing time is important for strength. While strength does tend to increase with mixing time to a certain point, mixing for too long can actually cause excess water evaporation and the formation of fine particles within the mix. This ends up making the concrete harder to work with and less strong.

There is no golden rule for optimal mixing time, as it depends on many factors, such as: the type of mixer being used, the speed of the mixer rotation, and the specific components and materials within a given batch of concrete.

### **Curing methods**

The longer the concrete is kept moist, the stronger it will become. To protect the concrete, precautions must be taken when curing concrete in extremely cold or hot temperatures.

## **CONCLUSION**

Earlier and accurate estimation of concrete strength are valuable to the construction industry. The presence of such model would possibly obtain the hard balance and equality between controlling the quality (quality control process) and economics (saving time and expense, i.e., this model could be used in construction to make the necessary adjustments on mix proportion used, to avoid

situations where, concrete does not reach the required design strength or by avoiding concrete that is unnecessarily strong.

This methodology allows a fast and accurate prediction of values for compressive strength on site. Common methods for estimation of in place strength requires extensive use of curing of mortar cubes at constant temperatures or the use of databases containing a large number of compressive strength values made at many ages and cured at different temperatures. These databases have to be fed with a statistical relevant amount of data before a reliable estimation of the strength can be made. Furthermore, all of these methods requires many hours of lab and field time for testing, collecting and analysing data.

Furthermore, the existing variables in the model yielded good reasonable results. Also, it is not preferred to load the prediction model with large number of variables, because it is preferred to use a model with lesser number of variables with higher possible accuracy to assure the rapid and easy use of the model.

## **FUTURE SCOPE**

Compressive strength is one of the most important properties of concrete and mortar. The strength of the binder (cement) therefore has a significant effect on the performance characteristics of the mixture and ensures the overall quality of the finished product. The test for compressive strength is generally carried out by crushing cubes of hardened cement-sand mortar in a compression machine.

For now, we have created the web application of the process, which can be further converted to an android app which will be more useful and convenient for the user to use and will help in saving time.

App development will help in creating the project process oriented.

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## **APPENDIX**

## a. Source Code

https://github.com/rishika28/Applied-Data-Science/blob/main/Predicting%20Compressive%20Stre ngth%20of%20Concrete%20(1).ipynb

## **b. UI output Screenshots**

