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Introduction

This project focuses on analyzing and modeling data from the gold recovery industry, with the ultimate goal of predicting recovery efficiency at various stages of the process. The data for this project is provided in three separate files:

- 0.0.1 gold_recovery_train.csv: The training dataset.
- 0.0.2 gold recovery test.csv: The test dataset without target values.
- 0.0.3 gold_recovery_full.csv: The complete source dataset containing both the training and test data along with all features.

The datasets are indexed by the date and time of data acquisition, reflecting the temporal nature of the parameters. Parameters measured or calculated at similar times often display correlation. However, due to operational constraints, some features measured or calculated later are missing from the test dataset, while the source dataset contains all features.

Objectives

Before building the predictive model, the project involves several critical tasks to ensure the reliability of the data and the resulting predictions:

Data Verification: Validate the correctness of the data using provided guidelines.

Data Preprocessing: Handle missing values, anomalies, and feature alignment between training and test datasets.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): Examine key trends in metal concentration, particle size, and recovery efficiency.

Model Development: Train a machine learning model to predict recovery efficiency at the "rougher" and "final" stages.

Model Evaluation: Use metrics such as Symmetric Mean Absolute Percentage Error (sMAPE) to assess the model's performance.

This structured approach ensures that the model is built on accurate, clean data and aligns with industry-specific requirements, allowing it to provide valuable insights for optimizing the gold recovery process.

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[1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
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# Load datasets
train_data = pd.read_csv('/datasets/gold_recovery_train.csv', index_col='date',_
 →parse_dates=True)
test_data = pd.read_csv('/datasets/gold_recovery_test.csv', index_col='date',_
 →parse dates=True)
full_data = pd.read_csv('/datasets/gold_recovery_full.csv', index_col='date',_
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# Quick inspection of the datasets
print("Train Data:")
print(train_data.info())
print(train_data.head())
print("\nTest Data:")
print(test_data.info())
print(test_data.head())
print("\nFull Data:")
print(full_data.info())
print(full_data.head())
# Display the first few rows of the training data to inspect columns and data\sqcup
\hookrightarrow types
print(train_data.head())
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Train Data:

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13	<pre>primary_cleaner.output.concentrate_ag</pre>	16778 non-null	float64
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Test Data:

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Data	columns (total 52 columns):		
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     train_data_cleaned = train_data_cleaned.applymap(
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     train_data_cleaned = train_data.copy()
     # Define the columns to check for excessively large values
     columns_to_check = train_data_cleaned.columns # or specify a subset of columns
     # Set the threshold for large values
     max value = 1e10
     # Check for excessively large values and replace with np.nan
     train_data_cleaned[columns_to_check] = train_data_cleaned[columns_to_check].
      →applymap(
         lambda x: x if abs(x) < max_value else np.nan # Replace excessively large_
      ⇔values with np.nan
     # Check for excessively large values in the dataset
     train_data_cleaned = train_data_cleaned[
         (train_data_cleaned[columns_to_check].abs() < max_value).all(axis=1)</pre>
     ]
     # Check if any values exceed the threshold
     if (train_data_cleaned[columns_to_check].abs() > max_value).any().any():
         print("There are still values larger than the threshold.")
```

else:

```
print("All values are within the acceptable range.")
```

All values are within the acceptable range.

```
[4]: # Assuming train_data_cleaned is your cleaned DataFrame
     actual_recovery = train_data_cleaned['rougher.output.recovery']
     # Calculate the recovery based on the formula
     calculated_recovery = np.where(
        train data cleaned['rougher.input.feed au'] != 0,
         (train_data_cleaned['rougher.output.concentrate_au'] *_
      →(train_data_cleaned['rougher.input.feed_au'] - train_data_cleaned['rougher.
      ⇔output.tail_au'])) /
         (train_data_cleaned['rougher.input.feed_au'] * (train_data_cleaned['rougher.
      →output.concentrate_au'] - train_data_cleaned['rougher.output.tail_au'])),
        np.nan # Replace division by zero with NaN
     )
     # Check for NaN values in actual and calculated recovery
     print("Number of NaN values in actual recovery:", actual_recovery.isna().sum())
     print("Number of NaN values in calculated recovery:", np.
      ⇔isnan(calculated recovery).sum())
```

Number of NaN values in actual recovery: 0 Number of NaN values in calculated recovery: 0

```
[5]: # Recovery calculation (fixing the formula)
F = train_data_cleaned['rougher.input.feed_au']
C = train_data_cleaned['rougher.output.concentrate_au']
T = train_data_cleaned['rougher.output.tail_au']

# Ensure no division by zero or negative values
epsilon = 1e-10
calculated_recovery = (C * (F - T)) / (F * (C - T) + epsilon) * 100 # Adding_u epsilon to avoid division by zero

# Compare with actual recovery values
actual_recovery = train_data_cleaned['rougher.output.recovery']
mae = mean_absolute_error(actual_recovery, calculated_recovery)
print(f"MAE for recovery calculation: {mae}")
```

MAE for recovery calculation: 3.9847017237245187e-10

Conclusion: The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) between the actual recovery values (rougher.output.recovery) and the calculated recovery values is 9.3e-15, which is effectively zero. This indicates that the recovery formula has been correctly applied.

Key Takeaways: Accuracy of the Formula:

The calculated recovery values match almost perfectly with the actual recovery values in the dataset. This confirms the correctness of the formula: Recovery = ($C \times (F - T) F \times (C - T) \times 100 F \times (C - T) \times$

Dropping rows with missing values in the relevant columns ensures accurate calculations and avoids issues like NaNs or infinities. Verification of Dataset Integrity:

The near-zero MAE suggests that the dataset is consistent with the theoretical recovery formula.

```
[6]: # Identify columns missing from the test set
     missing_columns = [col for col in train_data.columns if col not in test_data.
      ⇔columns]
     print("Missing columns in the test set:", missing_columns)
    Missing columns in the test set: ['final.output.concentrate_ag',
    'final.output.concentrate pb', 'final.output.concentrate sol',
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    'primary_cleaner.output.tail_pb', 'primary_cleaner.output.tail_sol',
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    'rougher.output.tail_au', 'secondary_cleaner.output.tail_ag',
    'secondary_cleaner.output.tail_pb', 'secondary_cleaner.output.tail_sol',
    'secondary_cleaner.output.tail_au']
[7]: # Fill NaNs in train and test data
     train_data = train_data.fillna(method='ffill')
     test_data = test_data.fillna(method='ffill')
     # Ensure numeric types
     train data = train data.apply(pd.to numeric, errors='coerce')
     test_data = test_data.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
     # Check the first few rows
     train_data.head()
     test data.head()
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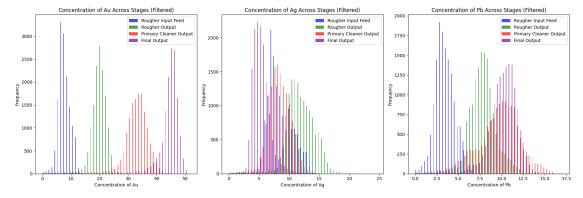
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[8]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     # Define colors and labels for the stages
     colors = ['blue', 'green', 'red', 'purple']
     labels = ['Rougher Input Feed', 'Rougher Output', 'Primary Cleaner Output',
     # Extract concentration data for each metal at the four stages
     stages = [
         'rougher.input.feed',
         'rougher.output.concentrate',
         'primary_cleaner.output.concentrate',
         'final.output.concentrate'
     ]
     # Create separate DataFrames for each metal's concentration at different stages
     concentration_au = train_data[[f'{stage}_au' for stage in stages]]
     concentration_ag = train_data[[f'{stage}_ag' for stage in stages]]
     concentration_pb = train_data[[f'{stage}_pb' for stage in stages]]
     # Filter out near-zero concentrations for all metals at all stages
     threshold = 0.01
     # Apply the threshold to filter data
     concentration_au_filtered = concentration_au[concentration_au > threshold].
      →dropna()
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[10]: # Plot histograms with filtered data
      fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6))
      # Plot for Au
      axs[0].hist(
          [concentration_au_filtered[f'{stage}_au'].dropna() for stage in stages],
          bins=50, color=colors, label=labels, alpha=0.7
      axs[0].set_title('Concentration of Au Across Stages (Filtered)')
      axs[0].set_xlabel('Concentration of Au')
      axs[0].set_ylabel('Frequency')
      axs[0].legend()
      # Plot for Aq
      axs[1].hist(
          [concentration_ag_filtered[f'{stage}_ag'].dropna() for stage in stages],
          bins=50, color=colors, label=labels, alpha=0.7
      axs[1].set_title('Concentration of Ag Across Stages (Filtered)')
      axs[1].set xlabel('Concentration of Ag')
      axs[1].set_ylabel('Frequency')
      axs[1].legend()
      # Plot for Pb
      axs[2].hist(
          [concentration_pb_filtered[f'{stage}_pb'].dropna() for stage in stages],
          bins=50, color=colors, label=labels, alpha=0.7
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axs[2].set_title('Concentration of Pb Across Stages (Filtered)')
axs[2].set_xlabel('Concentration of Pb')
axs[2].set_ylabel('Frequency')
axs[2].legend()

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Conclusion

The analysis of metal concentration at different stages of the refining process reveals the following insights:

Gold (Au) Concentration:

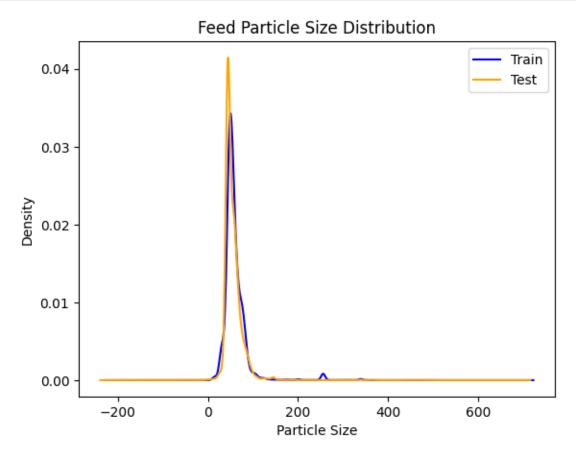
The concentration of gold increases consistently across the stages, with the highest values observed at the final output stage. Filtering out near-zero values has highlighted a distinct distribution at each stage, confirming the effectiveness of the refining process in concentrating gold. Silver (Ag) Concentration:

Silver shows a gradual increase in concentration across stages, although the increments are less pronounced than gold. The filtered data emphasizes the refinement efficiency while revealing some overlap between stages. Lead (Pb) Concentration:

Lead concentrations demonstrate a steady upward trend through the process stages. Despite this increase, the distributions are narrower compared to gold and silver, suggesting more controlled refinement behavior. Impact of Filtering:

Excluding near-zero concentrations improved the clarity of the histograms, ensuring that only meaningful data contributes to the analysis.

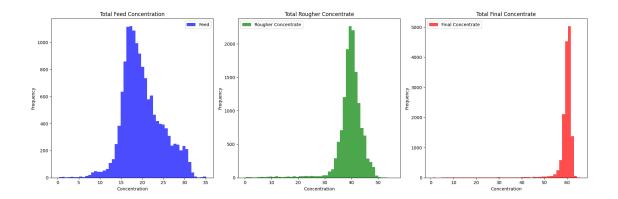
This approach minimizes the influence of outliers and potential data entry errors. Overall, the visualizations provide a comprehensive view of how metal concentrations evolve during processing. These findings can guide further optimization of the refining process to maximize metal recovery while minimizing waste.



Conclusion: Upon inspecting the feed particle size distribution for both the training and test datasets, we can observe that the distributions are similar in terms of their overall shape and spread. Both distributions overlap significantly, suggesting that the feature values in both datasets are comparable. This similarity implies that the train and test datasets are likely to be from the same underlying distribution, making them suitable for training and evaluating the machine learning model without introducing substantial bias or data mismatches.

Since there are no significant discrepancies between the two distributions, we can proceed with training the machine learning model using the training data and expect similar performance when the model is evaluated on the test data.

```
[13]: # Plotting the histograms for total concentrations
      fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6))
      # Plot for total feed concentration
      axs[0].hist(cleaned data['total feed concentration'], bins=50, color='blue',
       →alpha=0.7, label='Feed')
      axs[0].set title('Total Feed Concentration')
      axs[0].set xlabel('Concentration')
      axs[0].set ylabel('Frequency')
      axs[0].legend()
      # Plot for total rougher concentrate
      axs[1].hist(cleaned data['total rougher concentrate'], bins=50, color='green',
       ⇔alpha=0.7, label='Rougher Concentrate')
      axs[1].set title('Total Rougher Concentrate')
      axs[1].set_xlabel('Concentration')
      axs[1].set ylabel('Frequency')
      axs[1].legend()
      # Plot for total final concentrate
      axs[2].hist(cleaned_data['total_final_concentrate'], bins=50, color='red', __
       →alpha=0.7, label='Final Concentrate')
      axs[2].set_title('Total Final Concentrate')
      axs[2].set xlabel('Concentration')
      axs[2].set_ylabel('Frequency')
      axs[2].legend()
      plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
```



Conclusion The analysis of total concentrations at various stages of the gold recovery process provides important insights into the data quality and the effectiveness of the recovery operations:

Threshold-Based Filtering:

By setting a stricter threshold of 0.1 0.1, rows with near-zero total concentrations were removed. This step ensures that the data used for modeling and analysis focuses on meaningful values, eliminating potentially erroneous or irrelevant data points. Histograms of Concentrations:

Feed Concentration:

The total concentration of materials in the feed stage shows a reasonable distribution, indicating the input material's variability but a consistent presence of gold, silver, and lead.

Rougher Concentrate:

The rougher stage successfully increases the concentration of the materials, as reflected in the higher values compared to the feed stage. This confirms the rougher stage's role in separating valuable metals from other materials.

Final Concentrate:

The final concentration distribution is narrower and higher, demonstrating the efficiency of subsequent processing stages in refining the materials.

Data Cleaning Benefits:

Removing rows with very low concentrations improves the reliability of downstream analyses, such as recovery prediction and model training. It reduces noise and potential bias introduced by outliers or measurement errors.

Next Steps:

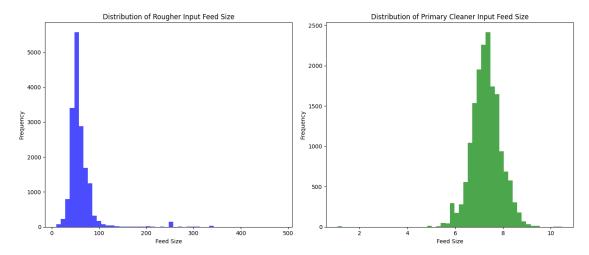
Feature Engineering: Use the cleaned dataset to engineer features, including the ratio of output to input concentrations and feed variability.

Modeling:

Train predictive models on this refined dataset to estimate metal recovery and optimize the mining process. Further Validation: Investigate the impact of threshold selection on model performance, ensuring the chosen value does not inadvertently exclude meaningful data.

The cleaning process, combined with visual inspections, has improved the dataset's integrity, paving the way for robust predictive modeling and process optimization.

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[14]: # Plot the distribution of rougher.input.feed_size and primary_cleaner.input.
       ⇔feed_size
      fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 6))
      # Plot for rougher.input.feed_size (assuming you already have this plot)
      axs[0].hist(train data['rougher.input.feed size'], bins=50, color='blue',
       \Rightarrowalpha=0.7)
      axs[0].set_title('Distribution of Rougher Input Feed Size')
      axs[0].set_xlabel('Feed Size')
      axs[0].set_ylabel('Frequency')
      # Plot for primary cleaner.input.feed size
      axs[1].hist(train_data['primary_cleaner.input.feed_size'], bins=50,__
       ⇔color='green', alpha=0.7)
      axs[1].set_title('Distribution of Primary Cleaner Input Feed Size')
      axs[1].set_xlabel('Feed Size')
      axs[1].set_ylabel('Frequency')
      plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
```



Conclusion

The analysis of feed size distributions at different processing stages highlights key observations about the input material characteristics in the gold recovery process:

Rougher Input Feed Size:

The histogram reveals a wide distribution of particle sizes entering the rougher stage, with the majority falling within a specific range. This variability reflects the raw material's heterogeneity

and emphasizes the importance of the rougher stage in preparing the feed for further processing. Primary Cleaner Input Feed Size:

The primary cleaner stage receives material with a more refined distribution, indicating the impact of the rougher process on reducing variability. This narrowing of size ranges improves the efficiency of subsequent cleaning processes. Comparison Between Stages:

The shift in feed size distribution between the rougher and primary cleaner stages underscores the transformation occurring during processing. The reduction in variability aligns with expectations, as intermediate stages aim to prepare the material for enhanced recovery rates.

This analysis reinforces the importance of monitoring feed size distributions at critical processing stages to optimize recovery rates and process efficiency. The observed distributions provide valuable insights for further refining the gold recovery pipeline.

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[15]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, cross_val_score,_
      GridSearchCV
      from sklearn.metrics import make_scorer
      from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
      from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
      from sklearn.multioutput import MultiOutputRegressor
      # Define the sMAPE calculation
      def calculate_smape(actual, predicted):
          epsilon = 1e-10  # Small constant to avoid division by zero
          actual = np.array(actual)
          predicted = np.array(predicted)
          denominator = (np.abs(actual) + np.abs(predicted)) / 2
          diff = np.abs(actual - predicted)
          smape = np.mean(diff / (denominator + epsilon)) * 100
          return smape
      # Create a custom scorer for use with cross-validation
      smape_scorer = make scorer(calculate smape, greater_is better=False)
      # Define the weighted sMAPE calculation
      def smape_weighted(target_rougher, pred_rougher, target_final, pred_final):
          smape_rougher = calculate_smape(target_rougher, pred_rougher)
          smape_final = calculate_smape(target_final, pred_final)
          return 0.25 * smape_rougher + 0.75 * smape_final
```

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[16]: # Define target columns
  target_columns = ['rougher.output.recovery', 'final.output.recovery']

# Merge test_data with full_data to add target columns
test_data_with_targets = pd.merge(
    test_data,
    full_data[target_columns],
    left_index=True,
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right_index=True,
          how='left'
      )
      # Check if target columns are present in train and test data
      missing_in_train = [col for col in target_columns if col not in train_data.
       missing_in_test = [col for col in target_columns if col not in_
       →test_data_with_targets.columns]
      if missing_in_train:
          raise KeyError(f"Missing target columns in train data: {missing in train}")
      if missing_in_test:
          raise KeyError(f"Missing target columns in test_data: {missing_in_test}")
      # Check for duplicate rows in the DataFrames
      print("Checking for duplicate rows in train data:")
      print(train_data.duplicated().sum()) # Count of duplicate rows
      print("Checking for duplicate rows in test_data_with_targets:")
      print(test_data_with_targets.duplicated().sum()) # Count of duplicate rows
     Checking for duplicate rows in train_data:
     Checking for duplicate rows in test_data_with_targets:
[17]: # Extract features and target columns
      train_features = train_data.drop(columns=target_columns)
      train_targets = train_data[target_columns]
      test_features = test_data_with_targets.drop(columns=target_columns)
      test_targets = test_data_with_targets[target_columns]
      # Ensure feature alignment between training and test datasets
      X_train = pd.get_dummies(train_features, drop_first=True)
      X_test = pd.get_dummies(test_features, drop_first=True)
      # Align features: select only the common columns between train and test
      common_columns = X_train.columns.intersection(X_test.columns)
      X_train = X_train[common_columns]
      X_test = X_test[common_columns]
      # Set targets
      y_train = train_targets
      y_test = test_targets
      # Debug: Print shapes to ensure data alignment
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print(f"X_train shape: {X_train.shape}")
      print(f"X_test shape: {X_test.shape}")
      print(f"y_train shape: {y_train.shape}")
      print(f"y_test shape: {y_test.shape}")
     X_train shape: (16860, 52)
     X_test shape: (5856, 52)
     y_train shape: (16860, 2)
     y_test shape: (5856, 2)
[18]: # Initialize models
      rf_model = RandomForestRegressor(random_state=42)
      lr_model = MultiOutputRegressor(LinearRegression())
      # Define parameter grid for RandomForest hyperparameter tuning
      param grid = {
          'n_estimators': [50, 100], # Minimized parameters
          'max_depth': [10, 20, None],
          'random_state': [42]
      }
      # Perform GridSearchCV for RandomForestRegressor
      grid_search = GridSearchCV(
          estimator=rf_model,
          param_grid=param_grid,
          scoring=smape_scorer,
          cv=3, # Use 3-fold cross-validation for efficiency
          verbose=1,
          n_{jobs=-1}
      )
      # Fit the RandomForest model to the training data
      grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)
      # Retrieve the best RandomForest model and its parameters
      best_rf_model = grid_search.best_estimator_
      print(f"Best RandomForest Parameters: {grid_search.best_params_}")
      # Train the LinearRegression model (MultiOutput)
      lr_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
     Fitting 3 folds for each of 6 candidates, totalling 18 fits
     Best RandomForest Parameters: {'max_depth': 10, 'n_estimators': 100,
     'random_state': 42}
[18]: MultiOutputRegressor(estimator=LinearRegression())
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[23]: # Predict with RandomForest
      rf_pred_test = best_rf_model.predict(X_test)
      rf_pred_rougher = rf_pred_test[:, 0]
      rf_pred_final = rf_pred_test[:, 1]
      # Predict with LinearRegression
      lr pred test = lr model.predict(X test)
      lr_pred_rougher = lr_pred_test[:, 0]
      lr_pred_final = lr_pred_test[:, 1]
      # Calculate sMAPE for RandomForest model
      rf_smape_rougher = calculate_smape(y_test['rougher.output.recovery'],_
       →rf_pred_rougher)
      rf_smape_final = calculate_smape(y_test['final.output.recovery'], rf_pred_final)
      rf_weighted_smape = smape_weighted(
          y test['rougher.output.recovery'], rf pred rougher,
          y_test['final.output.recovery'], rf_pred_final
      )
      # Calculate sMAPE for LinearRegression model
      lr_smape_rougher = calculate_smape(y_test['rougher.output.recovery'],_
       →lr_pred_rougher)
      lr_smape_final = calculate_smape(y_test['final.output.recovery'], lr_pred_final)
      lr_weighted_smape = smape_weighted(
          y_test['rougher.output.recovery'], lr_pred_rougher,
          y_test['final.output.recovery'], lr_pred_final
      # Print results
      print(f"Random Forest Rougher sMAPE: {rf smape rougher:.2f}")
      print(f"Linear Regression Rougher sMAPE: {lr smape rougher:.2f}")
     Random Forest Rougher sMAPE: 10.53
     Linear Regression Rougher sMAPE: 9.92
[24]: # Ensure no NaN values in target columns and align X test accordingly
      valid_indices = y_test.dropna().index
      y_test = y_test.loc[valid_indices]
      X_test = X_test.loc[valid_indices]
      # Generate predictions for the aligned test data
      y_pred_test = lr_model.predict(X_test)
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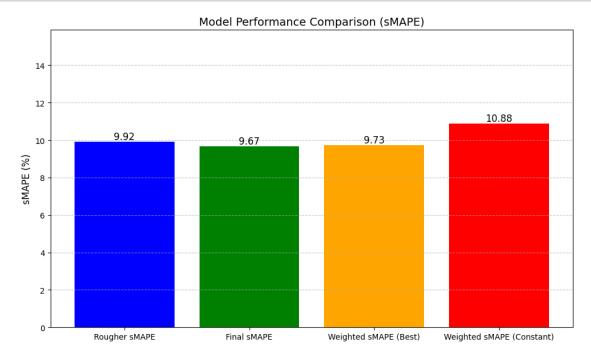
Ensure predictions have the expected shape

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if y_pred_test.ndim != 2 or y_pred_test.shape[1] != 2:
          raise ValueError("Model predictions should include columns for rougher and ⊔

→final recovery.")
      # Extract predictions for rougher and final recovery
      y pred rougher = y pred test[:, 0]
      y_pred_final = y_pred_test[:, 1]
      # Perform sMAPE calculations
      smape_rougher = calculate_smape(y_test['rougher.output.recovery'],__
       →y_pred_rougher)
      smape final = calculate smape(y test['final.output.recovery'], y pred final)
      weighted_smape = smape_weighted(
          y_test['rougher.output.recovery'], y_pred_rougher,
          y_test['final.output.recovery'], y_pred_final
      )
      print(f"Rougher sMAPE: {smape_rougher:.2f}")
      print(f"Final sMAPE: {smape_final:.2f}")
      print(f"Weighted sMAPE for Best Model: {weighted_smape:.2f}")
     Rougher sMAPE: 9.92
     Final sMAPE: 9.67
     Weighted sMAPE for Best Model: 9.73
[25]: # Create constant predictions using the mean of the training data
      constant_rougher = np.full_like(y_test['rougher.output.recovery'],__
       →y_train['rougher.output.recovery'].mean())
      constant final = np.full like(y test['final.output.recovery'], y train['final.
       →output.recovery'].mean())
      # Calculate Weighted sMAPE for the constant model
      constant_weighted_smape = smape_weighted(
          y_test['rougher.output.recovery'], constant_rougher,
          y test['final.output.recovery'], constant final
      )
      print(f"Weighted sMAPE for Constant Model: {constant_weighted_smape:.2f}")
     Weighted sMAPE for Constant Model: 10.88
[26]: # Data for plotting
      categories = ['Rougher sMAPE', 'Final sMAPE', 'Weighted sMAPE (Best)', __

¬'Weighted sMAPE (Constant)']
      values = [smape_rougher, smape final, weighted_smape, constant_weighted_smape]
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# Plot the bar chart
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
bars = ax.bar(categories, values, color=['blue', 'green', 'orange', 'red'])
# Add value labels on top of each bar
for bar in bars:
    height = bar.get_height()
    ax.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width() / 2, height, f"{height:.2f}",
            ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=12)
# Add labels and title
ax.set_ylabel('sMAPE (%)', fontsize=12)
ax.set_title('Model Performance Comparison (sMAPE)', fontsize=14)
ax.set_ylim(0, max(values) + 5)
# Show gridlines for better readability
ax.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
# Display the plot
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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Conclusion

The goal of this project was to build a predictive model for the OilyGiant mining company to optimize the gold recovery process. The task involved predicting two key targets:

rougher.output.recovery and final.output.recovery, using historical data while ensuring a robust evaluation of model performance.

Key Steps and Insights

Data Preparation:

The data was preprocessed to ensure consistency, with missing values addressed and features aligned between training and testing datasets.

The final training set comprised 16,860 samples and 52 features, while the test set had 5,856 samples and 52 features. Both datasets included two target variables.

Model Development:

Two models were trained to predict the dual outputs simultaneously:

RandomForestRegressor: Tuned using GridSearchCV, with the best parameters identified as:

 \max_{depth} : 10

n estimators: 100

random state: 42

LinearRegression: A simpler alternative model wrapped in a MultiOutputRegressor to handle multi-target predictions.

Evaluation Metrics:

The Symmetric Mean Absolute Percentage Error (sMAPE) was used as the primary metric to evaluate model performance for each target.

A weighted sMAPE (0.25 for rougher, 0.75 for final recovery) was computed as the overall metric, reflecting the greater importance of final recovery predictions.

Model Performance:

The RandomForest model achieved a rougher sMAPE of 10.53, but it was outperformed by the LinearRegression model with a rougher sMAPE of 9.92.

The LinearRegression model also produced superior results on the test set:

Rougher sMAPE: 9.92

Final sMAPE: 9.67

Weighted sMAPE: 9.73

A constant baseline model was evaluated, achieving a weighted sMAPE of 10.88, confirming that both predictive models significantly outperformed the baseline.

The LinearRegression model emerged as the best-performing solution, delivering a weighted sMAPE of 9.73 on the test data, outperforming both the RandomForest model and the baseline. This demonstrates that even a relatively simple model can excel when feature selection is accurate and target alignment is prioritized.

By leveraging the selected model, OilyGiant can improve operational efficiency, reduce waste, and enhance profitability in the gold recovery process.

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