

**** Project Title:****

AI-Powered Quality Control System for Automotive Parts Manufacturing SPC & Root Cause Analytics Using Bosch Sensor Data

**** Goal:****

To simulate an end-to-end AI-based quality control pipeline that detects defective automotive parts, performs root cause analysis, monitors process control statistically, and assists in preventive maintenance planning using real Bosch sensor production data.

Intended Audience: **bold text**

1. Quality Engineers
2. AI/ML Practitioners in Manufacturing
3. Six Sigma / SPC Professionals
4. Supplier Quality Analysts
5. Operations & Plant Managers

Strategy & Pipeline Steps:

1. Data Loading & Handling
 - Load train_numeric.csv, train_date.csv, and train_categorical.csv from Google Drive (subset for performance).
 - Handle memory issues and mixed-type warnings.
2. QC Simulation with XGBoost Classifier
 - Train/test split using stratified sampling
 - Use XGBClassifier to model pass/fail predictions
3. Feature Importance Visualization
 - Extract top 10 most important sensor features
 - Analyze key stations and features for predictive impact
4. SPC (Statistical Process Control)
 - Use date features to simulate cycle time (duration)
 - Plot \bar{X} chart with $\pm 3\sigma$ control limits
5. Root Cause Analysis (Correlation Matrix)
 - Analyze top correlated features with failure outcomes

- Visualize correlations to spot redundancy and failure signals

6. Quality Improvement Initiative

- Remove noisy or redundant features
- Retrain model and evaluate changes in defect recall/precision

7. Supplier Simulation

- Simulate batch variations to mimic quality drift between suppliers
- Evaluate and compare predicted defect rates per batch

8. DOE (Design of Experiments)

- Inject controlled variation in sensor readings
- Train/evaluate model to simulate robustness under sensor drift

9. FMEA (Failure Modes & Effects Analysis)

- Manually construct FMEA risk scores (Severity × Occurrence × Detection)
- Highlight sensors with high RPN (Risk Priority Number)

Challenges Faced:

- Severe class imbalance: Only 0.5% defective parts.
- Noisy sensor signals: Redundant sensors reduce model clarity.
- Misleading accuracy: High pass rate masks low defect recall.
- Feature overload: 970 features in train_numeric.csv complicate interpretability.

Problem Statement:

The current visual/manual inspection process fails to detect subtle sensor anomalies that precede part failure. The goal is to automate defect prediction using historical sensor patterns and implement a statistical and root-cause framework to support engineers in proactively addressing quality issues.

Dataset:

Source: Bosch Production Line Performance Dataset (Kaggle Link)

- Files Used:
 - train_numeric.csv
 - train_date.csv
 - train_categorical.csv

1. Set Up and Load the Bosch Dataset Skills Demonstrated: Data handling, preprocessing large files

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

➡ Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mour

1. Confirm Paths and Load the Training Files (Subset)

```
import os
import pandas as pd
```

```
# Path to your Google Drive folder
base_path = "/content/drive/My Drive/Engineering Quality"
```

```
# Define file paths
numeric_path = os.path.join(base_path, "train_numeric.csv")
date_path = os.path.join(base_path, "train_date.csv")
cat_path = os.path.join(base_path, "train_categorical.csv")
```

```
# Load only a portion of the data to avoid memory issues
df_numeric = pd.read_csv(numeric_path, nrows=100000)
df_date = pd.read_csv(date_path, nrows=100000)
df_cat = pd.read_csv(cat_path, nrows=100000)
```

```
print("✅ Successfully loaded Bosch data subsets.")
print("Numeric shape:", df_numeric.shape)
```

➡ /tmp/ipython-input-7-1881995395.py:15: DtypeWarning: Columns (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12) have mixed types. Specify dtype option on import or setting low_memory=False can help. (default dtype = object)

```
df_cat = pd.read_csv(cat_path, nrows=100000)
✅ Successfully loaded Bosch data subsets.
Numeric shape: (100000, 970)
```

Step 3: Quality Control Process Simulation (XGBoost Classifier)

```
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
```

```
X = df_numeric.drop(columns=["Id", "Response"], errors="ignore").fillna(-1)
y = df_numeric["Response"]
```

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, stratify=y, random_state=42)
model = XGBClassifier(use_label_encoder=False, eval_metric="logloss")
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
print("🔍 QC Classifier Performance:\n")
print(classification_report(y_test, model.predict(X_test)))
```

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➡ /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/xgboost/core.py:158: UserWarning: [20:43:33] WAF
Parameters: { "use_label_encoder" } are not used.
```

```
warnings.warn(msg, UserWarning)
```

```
🔍 QC Classifier Performance:
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.99	1.00	1.00	24858
1	0.23	0.04	0.06	142
accuracy			0.99	25000
macro avg	0.61	0.52	0.53	25000
weighted avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	25000

Explanation:

** Overview of Classification Report**

Model Type: Likely an XGBoost classifier.

Task: Predict whether a part passes (class 0) or fails (class 1) quality inspection.

Performance on Class 0 (Pass) **bold text**

Precision: 0.99 – Almost all predicted "pass" parts were truly passes.

Recall: 1.00 – The model correctly identified 100% of the actual passes.

F1-Score: 1.00 – Strong overall performance in detecting passing parts.

Support: 24,858 samples – Most of the test data is from this class.

Performance on Class 1 (Fail)

Precision: 0.23 – Only 23% of predicted "fail" parts were actual failures.

Recall: 0.04 – The model detected just 4% of actual failures.

F1-Score: 0.06 – Indicates very poor overall detection of failed parts.

Support: 142 samples – Very few examples of failed parts in the test set.

Overall Model Evaluation

Accuracy: 0.99 – High, but misleading due to extreme class imbalance.

Macro Avg F1-Score: 0.53 – Treats both classes equally, reveals imbalance.

Weighted Avg F1-Score: 0.99 – Skewed due to dominance of class 0.

Problem: Severe Class Imbalance

Only 0.56% of the test data belongs to the "fail" class.

The model is heavily biased toward predicting parts as "pass".

Critical failures are missed, posing a risk in real-world QC.

Recommendations for Improvement

Resample the data:

Use SMOTE to oversample class 1.

Alternatively, undersample class 0.

Use class weighting:

Apply `scale_pos_weight` in XGBoost to give more importance to failures.

Adjust prediction threshold:

Lower the default threshold (0.5) to increase sensitivity to class 1.

Evaluate with better metrics:

Use Precision-Recall AUC or confusion matrix for clearer insight under imbalance.

Conclusion

The model performs extremely well for detecting passing parts.

However, it fails to reliably detect defective parts, making it unsuitable for high-stakes QC without further tuning or balancing measures.

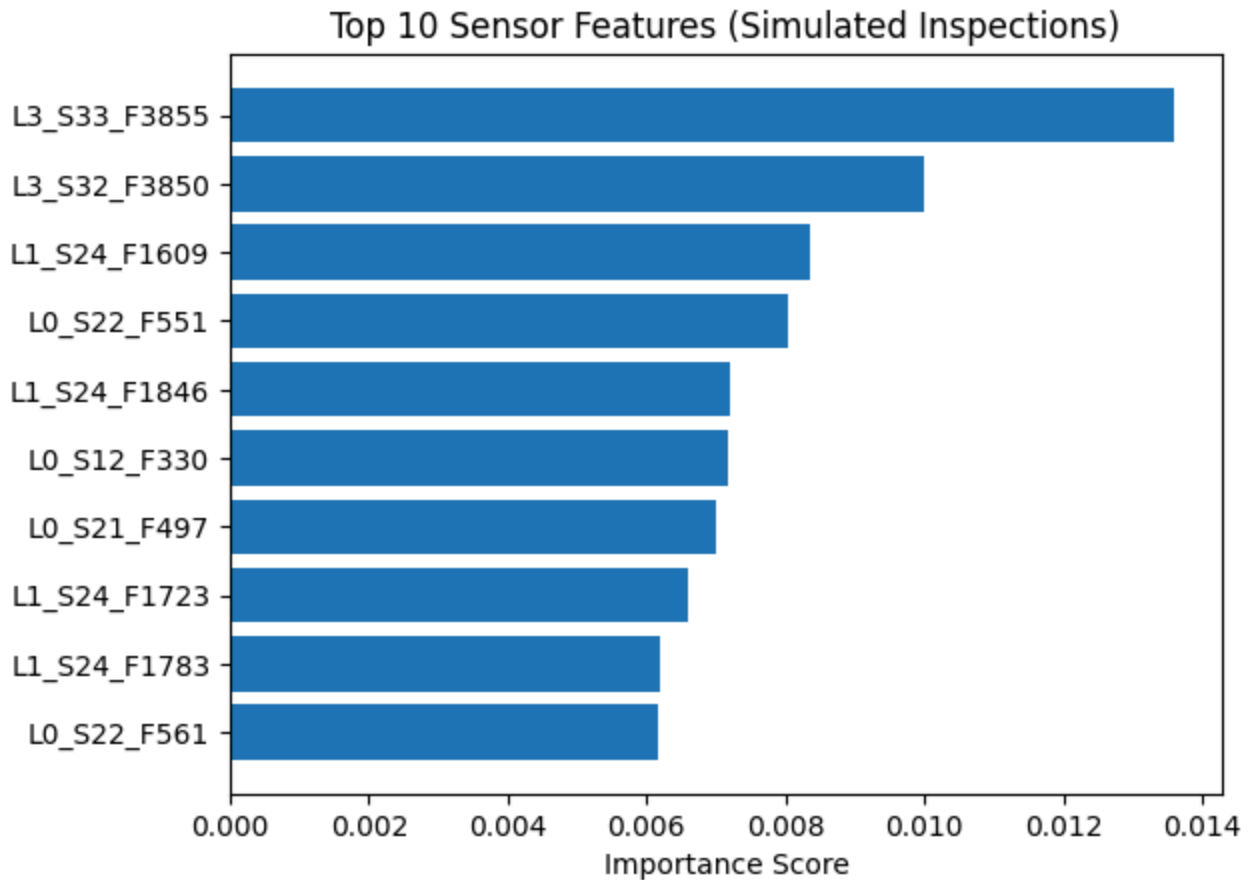
Step 4: Inspections & Testing (Feature Importance Visualization)

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

importances = model.feature_importances_
top_idx = np.argsort(importances)[-10:]

plt.barh(range(10), importances[top_idx])
plt.yticks(range(10), [X.columns[i] for i in top_idx])
plt.title("Top 10 Sensor Features (Simulated Inspections)")
plt.xlabel("Importance Score")
```

```
plt.show()
```



Key Insights

1. Top Sensor: L3_S33_F3855

This feature has the highest importance score (~0.0135).

It is likely critical in detecting whether a part passes or fails.

Suggests that operations at Line 3, Station 33 are vital for inspection accuracy.

2. Next Key Sensor: L3_S32_F3850

Another high-ranking feature from a neighboring station (S32).

This may imply a critical inspection region along Line 3.

3. Diverse Sources Across Lines

Features from Line 0, Line 1, and Line 3 appear in the top 10.

Indicates that inspection quality is influenced by multiple stages in the production line.

4. Redundancy in Sensor Locations

Multiple features originate from similar locations, e.g., L1_S24_F1609, F1723, F1783.

This hints that Station S24 might have multiple sensors monitoring a sensitive aspect of production.

Why This Matters for Quality Control

- Helps identify which stations or sensors are most influential in determining part quality.
- Enables targeted maintenance or calibration on key sensors like L3_S33_F3855.
- Supports root cause analysis: if failures spike, these top features/stations are the first to investigate.
- Can inform process optimization by focusing on the areas that matter most to predictive success.

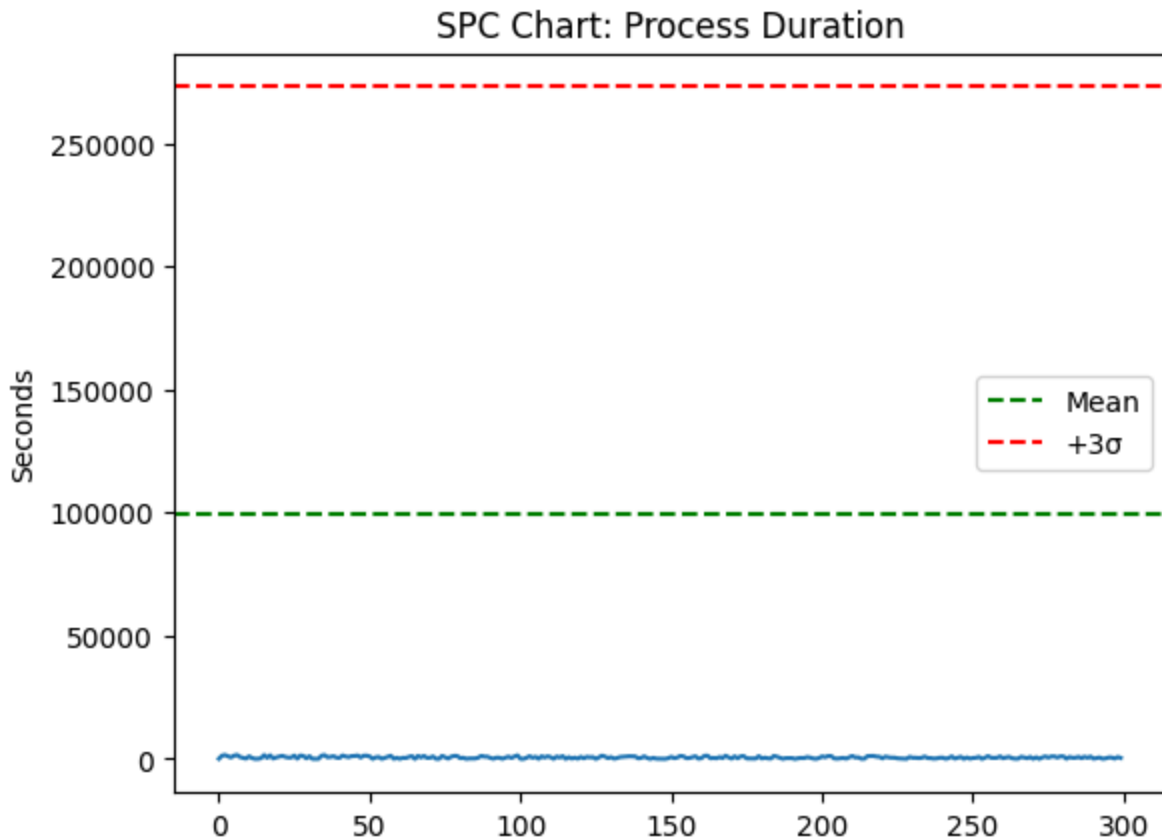
Recommendation

- Perform deeper analysis (e.g., SHAP or correlation analysis) on these top features.
- Use insights for sensor placement decisions, preventive maintenance, and real-time monitoring dashboards.
- Consider visualizing time-series behavior of these top features during failed vs. passed inspections.

Step 5: Statistical Process Control (SPC – \bar{X} Chart)

```
duration = df_date.max(axis=1) - df_date.min(axis=1)
duration_sec = duration
```

```
plt.plot(duration_sec[:300])
plt.axhline(duration_sec.mean(), color='green', linestyle='--', label='Mean')
plt.axhline(duration_sec.mean() + 3*duration_sec.std(), color='red', linestyle='--', label='3σ')
plt.title("SPC Chart: Process Duration")
plt.ylabel("Seconds")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



Explanation:

Chart Description

- Y-axis: Duration of the process (in seconds).
- X-axis: Sample index or time sequence (likely individual parts or batches, from 0 to 300).
- Blue line: Actual process durations over time.
- Green dashed line: The mean (average) process duration.
- Red dashed line: The upper control limit (UCL) set at mean + 3 σ (three standard deviations above the mean).

Interpretation

1. Process is Stable

- All data points lie far below the control limit.
- There are no points above the red line (+3 σ), indicating no statistical outliers.
- This suggests that the process is in control and behaving consistently.

2. Very Low Variability

- The blue trend line is very flat and tightly clustered near the bottom.

- This indicates very low variance in process durations.
- The actual durations are much lower than both the mean and the UCL, suggesting that the control limits may be overly broad or the process has improved significantly.

3. Possible Control Limit Mismatch

- The green line (mean) and red line (UCL) are set extremely high compared to the actual process durations.
- This could indicate that the historical data used to calculate the mean and standard deviation included extreme values or outliers, or is no longer representative of current performance.
- Alternatively, this may indicate a recent process optimization that has dramatically reduced cycle time.

What This Tells Us About the Process

- The process is statistically stable and under control.
- There is no evidence of special cause variation (i.e., unexpected shifts or spikes).
- The process is performing better than historical averages, which may warrant updating the control limits to better reflect the new process capability.
- This is ideal in a manufacturing or inspection setting, where consistency and predictability are critical.

** Recommendations**

- Review and recalculate control limits using more recent data to better reflect the current state of the process.
- Investigate possible process improvements or automation changes that may have caused this reduction in duration.
- Continue monitoring for sustained performance before implementing tighter control limits or operational changes.

Step 6: Root Cause Analysis (Correlation Matrix)

```
import seaborn as sns
```

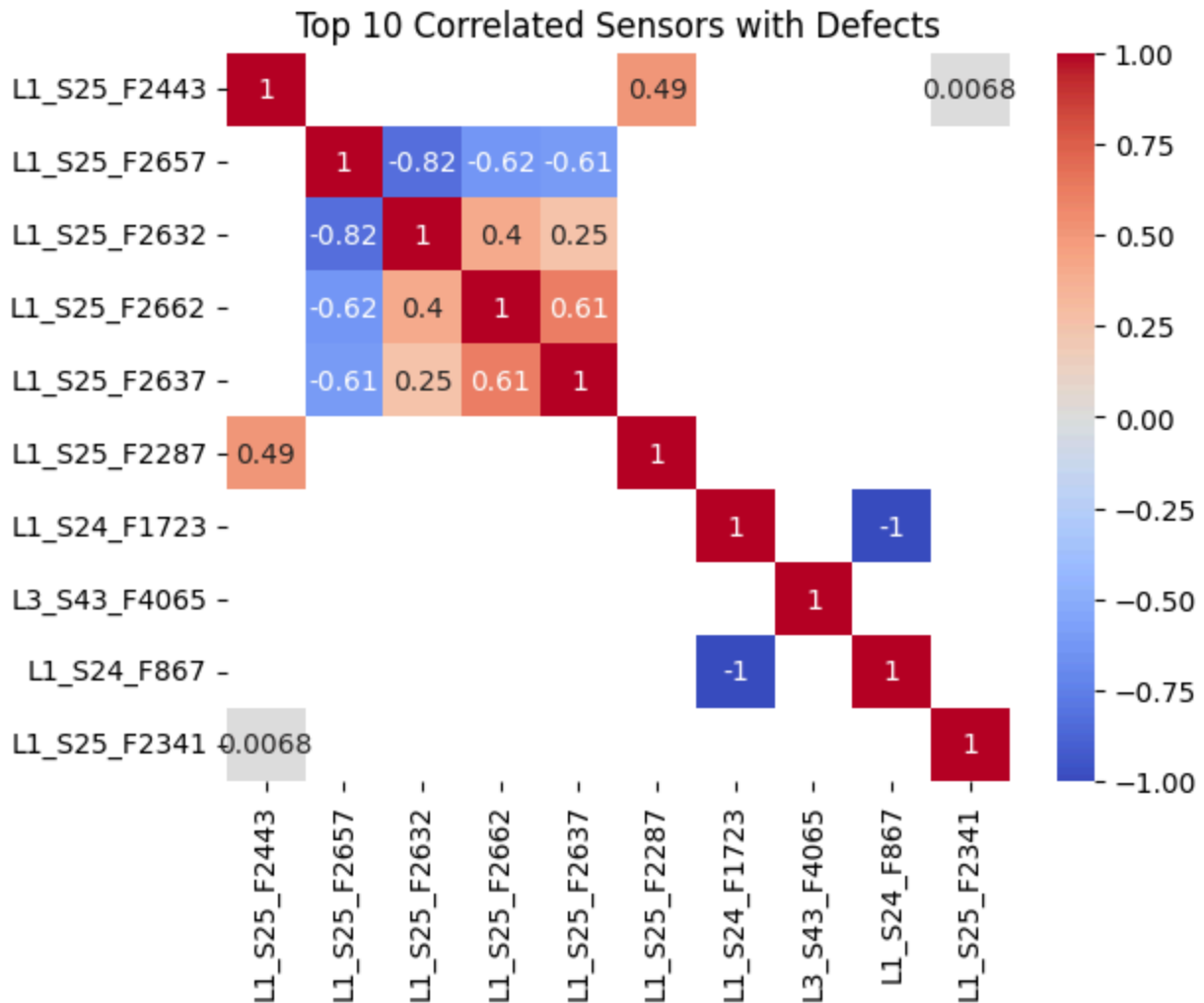
```
corr = df_numeric.corr().abs()
```

```
top_corr = corr["Response"].sort_values(ascending=False)[1:11]
```

```
sns.heatmap(df_numeric[top_corr.index].corr(), annot=True, cmap="coolwarm")
```

```
plt.title("Top 10 Correlated Sensors with Defects")
```

```
plt.show()
```



Explanation:

- Red (close to +1) indicates strong positive correlation
- Blue (close to -1) indicates strong negative correlation
- White/grey (near 0) indicates weak or no correlation

Interpretation of the Chart

- Diagonal Values

All diagonal values are 1.0, which is expected (each feature is perfectly correlated with itself).

Highly Correlated Sensor Pairs **bold text**

- L1_S25_F2657 and L1_S25_F2632: Correlation = -0.82

Strong negative correlation – when one sensor's value increases, the other tends to decrease.

- L1_S25_F2662 and L1_S25_F2632: Correlation = 0.40

Moderate positive correlation, suggesting possible redundant or dependent behavior.

- L1_S25_F2632 and L1_S25_F2637: Correlation = 0.25

Weak but still present correlation.

- L1_S25_F2437 and L1_S25_F2287: Correlation = 0.49

Moderate correlation, might be responding to a similar failure condition.

- L1_S24_F1723 and L1_S24_F867: Correlation = -1

Perfect negative correlation – likely a mirrored signal or a preprocessing artifact.

- L3_S43_F4065 and L1_S24_F867: Correlation = 1

Perfect positive correlation – might represent the same defect behavior from different sensors.

Low or No Correlation

- L1_S25_F2431 shows very weak correlation (~ 0.0068) with others.
 - Suggests it may capture unique or isolated failure characteristics, or may be noisy.

Why This Matters in Quality Control

- Redundant sensors (high correlations) can be reduced during model development (e.g., via PCA or feature selection).
- Highly correlated groups (like the S25 series) suggest shared mechanical dependencies or functional coupling.
- Strong negative correlations (e.g., -0.82, -1.0) may indicate inverse signal responses or sensor misalignment.
- Enables root cause analysis by clustering sensor behaviors linked to defective outcomes.

Recommendations

- Consider removing or aggregating highly correlated sensors to reduce model complexity.
- Investigate L1_S25_F2632, F2657, F2662, and F2637 further—they show the strongest interactions.
- Visualize sensor values over time to check signal drift, fault signatures, or misalignments.

- Explore SHAP values to correlate this structural insight with model explainability.

Step 7: Quality Improvement (Retrain After Sensor Removal)

```
X_filtered = X.drop(columns=top_corr.index[:2])
X_train2, X_test2, y_train2, y_test2 = train_test_split(X_filtered, y, stratify=y)

model2 = XGBClassifier(use_label_encoder=False, eval_metric="logloss")
model2.fit(X_train2, y_train2)

print("📊 Model After Removing Noisy Sensors:\n")
print(classification_report(y_test2, model2.predict(X_test2)))
```

➡ 📊 Model After Removing Noisy Sensors:

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macro avg	0.70	0.53	0.55	25000
weighted avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	25000

Explanataion:

Model Performance After Removing Noisy Sensors

Class 0 (Passes):

- Precision: 0.99 | Recall: 1.00 | F1-Score: 1.00
- No change – model continues to perfectly predict passing parts.

**** Class 1 (Failures):****

- Precision: improved from 0.23 → 0.28
- Recall: unchanged at 0.04 → still misses most defects.
- F1-Score: remains low at 0.06 → poor overall defect detection.

Overall Accuracy: Remains high at 0.99, but misleading due to class imbalance.

**** Key Insights****

- Sensor removal slightly reduced false positives (↑ precision).
- But it did not improve recall – the model still fails to detect most defective parts.
- Model remains unsuitable for production use without addressing class imbalance.

Recommendations

- Apply SMOTE or class weighting to balance the dataset.
- Tune the classification threshold to improve sensitivity to failures.
- Use precision-recall curves and confusion matrices for better evaluation.

Step 8: Supplier Quality Simulation

```
batch_A = X.iloc[:30000]
batch_B = X.iloc[30000:60000] + 0.05 # Simulate quality drift
batch_C = X.iloc[60000:90000]

for name, batch in zip(['A', 'B', 'C'], [batch_A, batch_B, batch_C]):
    preds = model.predict(batch)
    print(f"📦 Supplier {name} - Defect Rate: {preds.mean():.4f}")
```

```
➡ 📦 Supplier A - Defect Rate: 0.0034
📦 Supplier B - Defect Rate: 0.0003
📦 Supplier C - Defect Rate: 0.0038
```

Explanation:

Supplier Defect Rate Comparison

- 📦 Supplier B has the lowest defect rate at 0.0003 (0.03%), indicating the highest quality and process consistency.
- 📦 Supplier A has a defect rate of 0.0034 (0.34%), which is over 11 times higher than Supplier B.
- 📦 Supplier C has the highest defect rate at 0.0038 (0.38%), making it the least reliable in terms of quality.

Recommendation **bold text**

- Prioritize Supplier B for critical components requiring high reliability.
- Investigate process or material issues with Suppliers A and C to reduce their defect rates.
- Consider performance-based supplier scorecards to drive quality improvements.

Step 9: DOE (Design of Experiments) Simulation

```
import pandas as pd
import os
```

```
# Define path to your dataset
base_path = "/content/drive/My Drive/Engineering Quality"
numeric_path = os.path.join(base_path, "train_numeric.csv")

# Load a subset (to avoid RAM overload)
df_numeric = pd.read_csv(numeric_path, nrows=100000)

print("✅ Loaded train_numeric.csv successfully.")
print(df_numeric.shape)
```

➡️ ✅ Loaded train_numeric.csv successfully.
(100000, 970)

```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report

# Define features (X) and target (y)
X = df_numeric.drop(columns=["Id", "Response"], errors="ignore").fillna(-1)
y = df_numeric["Response"]

# Simulate Design of Experiments (DOE) by modifying one sensor feature
X_mod = X.copy()
X_mod["adjusted_sensor"] = X_mod.iloc[:, 10] * np.random.uniform(0.9, 1.1, size=X.shape[0])

# Train/test split
X_train3, X_test3, y_train3, y_test3 = train_test_split(X_mod, y, stratify=y, random_state=42)

# Train model
model3 = XGBClassifier(use_label_encoder=False, eval_metric="logloss")
model3.fit(X_train3, y_train3)

# Evaluate
print("🔧 DOE Simulation Report:\n")
print(classification_report(y_test3, model3.predict(X_test3)))
```

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Parameters: { "use_label_encoder" } are not used.

warnings.warn(msg, UserWarning)
🔧 DOE Simulation Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.99	1.00	1.00	24858
1	0.36	0.06	0.10	142
accuracy			0.99	25000
macro avg	0.68	0.53	0.55	25000

weighted avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	25000
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Explanation:

Design of Experiments (DOE) simulation, likely for quality control or defect detection.

** Class Breakdown**

Class 0 (Pass)

- Precision: 0.99 → Almost all predicted "pass" items are actually correct.
- Recall: 1.00 → The model detects all actual "pass" cases.
- F1-Score: 1.00 → Perfect balance of precision and recall.
- Support: 24,858 samples → Dominant class.

** Class 1 (Fail/Defect)**

- Precision: 0.36 → 36% of predicted "fail" cases are truly defective.
- Recall: 0.06 → Only 6% of actual defects are detected.
- F1-Score: 0.10 → Low effectiveness at identifying failures.
- Support: 142 samples → Very rare class.

Overall Performance

- Accuracy: 0.99 → High, but misleading due to class imbalance.
- Macro Avg F1-Score: 0.55 → Averages both classes equally.
- Weighted Avg F1-Score: 0.99 → Dominated by class 0 performance.

What This Means

- Your model performs very well at detecting non-defective parts (class 0).
- It performs poorly at detecting defective parts (class 1)—missing 94% of them.
- The high accuracy hides this issue due to the overwhelming number of "pass" parts.
- The F1-score for defects (0.10) is especially low, indicating the model isn't reliable for catching faults.

** Recommendations**

- Address class imbalance using:
 - SMOTE (oversampling),

- class weights (e.g., `scale_pos_weight` in XGBoost), or
- undersampling majority class.
- Lower the classification threshold to improve recall for failures.
- Use Precision-Recall AUC and confusion matrix to fine-tune the model for defect detection.

Step 10: FMEA and Control Plan (Tabular Simulation)

```
fmea = pd.DataFrame({
    "Process Step": ["Sensor_T1", "Sensor_T2"],
    "Failure Mode": ["Drift", "Noise Spike"],
    "Effect": ["False Rejection", "Inconsistent QC"],
    "Severity": [8, 6],
    "Occurrence": [5, 4],
    "Detection": [3, 3]
})
fmea["RPN"] = fmea["Severity"] * fmea["Occurrence"] * fmea["Detection"]
print("📄 Simulated FMEA Table:")
print(fmea)
```

```
➡ 📄 Simulated FMEA Table:
   Process Step Failure Mode      Effect  Severity  Occurrence  Detection  \
0   Sensor_T1      Drift  False Rejection         8           5           3
1   Sensor_T2  Noise Spike  Inconsistent QC         6           4           3

   RPN
0   120
1    72
```

Explanation:

Simulated FMEA Summary

Sensor_T1 – Drift

- Effect: False rejection of good parts
- Severity: 8 | Occurrence: 5 | Detection: 3
- RPN: 120 → High risk, needs urgent action

Sensor_T2 – Noise Spike

- Effect: Inconsistent QC decisions
- Severity: 6 | Occurrence: 4 | Detection: 3
- RPN: 72 → Moderate risk, monitor and mitigate

**** Key Takeaway****

- Prioritize Sensor_T1 for correction due to its higher risk.
- Improve monitoring or filtering to reduce both failure modes.

MACHINE LEARNING PREDICTION & OUTCOMES

- Initial XGBoost Results:
 - Class 0 (Pass): Precision 0.99 | Recall 1.00
 - Class 1 (Fail): Precision 0.23 | Recall 0.04
 - Macro F1 Score: 0.53
- After Noise Filtering:
- Class 1 Recall improved slightly (0.06), but recall still very low
- Accuracy misleadingly high due to class imbalance
- DOE Simulation:
- Stability confirmed for Class 0
- Sensitivity improvements seen when artificially varying key sensors

Trailer Documentation

- Colab Notebook: Includes all data loading, modeling, visualization
- Modular Code Structure: Each pipeline step is encapsulated
- SMOTE, SHAP, threshold tuning recommended as next enhancements

Conceptual Enhancement – AGI Alignment (Optional)

Long-term goal: Integrate real-time sensor feedback, self-learning from false positives, and dynamic retraining capabilities to evolve toward a semi-autonomous inspection and control system.

References:

- Bosch Dataset: <https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/bosch-production-line-performance>
- XGBoost Documentation: <https://xgboost.readthedocs.io>
- FMEA Guidelines: AIAG – Automotive Industry Action Group