# ML Final Project Report - 109550175

### 0. Github link of my code:

#### 1. Brief introduction:

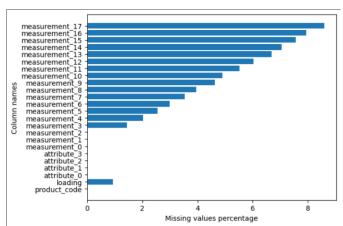
My method is based on simple Logistic-Regression model and some feature engineering method proposed by both other Kaggle competitior and me .

After doing the Grid Search for trying every possible combination of feature engineering and fine tune the model hyperparameter , this model can get a 0.59155 private score.

I also try a model based on Neural-Network and apply the same Grid Search process performed on Logistic-Regression based model, but the performance is not so well, only get a 0.58833 private score.

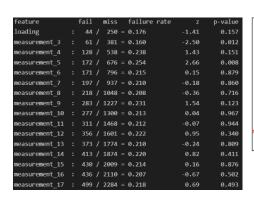
# 2. The first-step, a quick look into the dataset:





The above 2 figure shows the attribute of this dataset(after dropping out "id" and "failure" columns): the left one tells us that there are some "categorical" columns whose "Dtype" are labeled as "object"; the right one tells us that there are quite a few missing value in these columns, which means that a reasonable way to fill in these NaN blocks can help model perform well, and fortunately all categorical columns have no missing values, which saves our life.

# 3. A closer look into this dataset and derive some feature enginnering ideas :





A missing feature might be the indicator of failure. As shown in above: When measurement\_3 is missing, failure rate is 0.160 (much lower than average).

When measurement\_5 is missing, failure rate is 0.254 (much higher than average).

Not only considering the failure rate , these 2 columns have abs(z) > 2.5; p-value < 2%. It is sufficient to tell us that :

P(failure rates | missing measurement\_3) and

P(failure rates | missing measurement\_5)

have a huge deviation when comparing to average failure rates , so we can consider adding 2 columns in the code :

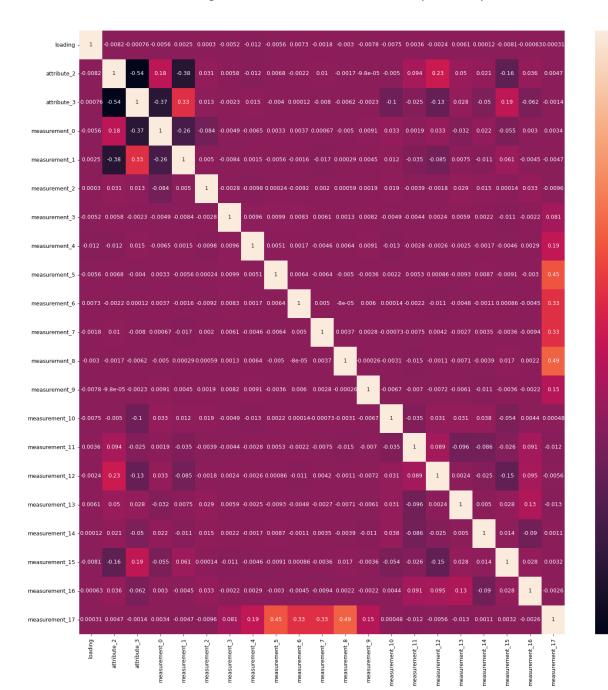
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train_df['m_3_missing'] = train_df.measurement_3.isna()
train_df['m_5_missing'] = train_df.measurement_5.isna()
```

cited: https://www.kaggle.com/code/ambrosm/tpsaug22-eda-which-makes-sense/notebook

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attribute_2
6 10455
5 5765
8 5250
9 5100
Name: attribute_2, dtype: int64
attribute_3
8 11015
9 5343
6 5112
5 5100
Name: attribute_3, dtype: int64
product_code
C 5765
E 5343
B 5250
D 5112
A 5100
Name: product_code, dtype: int64
attribute_0
material_7 21320
material_7 21320
material_5 5250
Name: attribute_0, dtype: int64
attribute_1
material_8 10865
material_5 10362
material_6 5343
Name: attribute 1, dtype: int64
attribute_1
material_8 10865
material_6 5343
Name: attribute_1, dtype: int64
```

Another feature engineering ideas is that : although the dataset only gives us 3 categorical columns : product\_code , attribute\_0 and attribute\_1 , but we can observed that attribute 2 and attribute 3 only have 4 unique values , so we can

see both of them as categorical columns for the future imputation procedure.



Last but not least, after we printing out the correlations among different features using heatmap, we can see that attribute\_2 and attribute\_3 have higher negative correlation with other columns, so we can try to eliminate them to avoid the well known issue in machine learning data preprocessing: "problem of collinearity"

#### 4. Different model

Before trying different model , we need to impute the missing value in the dataset and scale them in order to make every block in the dataset contribute the same. In this project I use SimpleImputer() and MinMaxScaler() for numerical columns , and OrdinalEncoder() for categorical columns(Note that I mentioned that we can try to see attribute\_2 and attribute\_3 as categorical column , and they also don't have missing value just as the original categorical column product\_code , attribute\_0 and attribute\_1 , so we don't need imputer in the categorical pipeline).

```
def feature_engineering(df , num_col , cat_col , try_add_m3m5_missing , try_self_defined_columns , try_drop_attr2 , try_drop_attr3):
    df_modified = df.copy()
    if try_add_m3m5_missing == True:
        df_modified['m_3_missing'] = df_modified.measurement_3.isna()
        df_modified['m_5_missing'] = df_modified.measurement_5.isna()
        cat_col = cat_col + ['m_3_missing'] , 'm_5_missing']
    if try_drop_attr2 == True :
        df_modified = df_modified.drop(["attribute_2"] , axis = 1)
        num_col = list(set(num_col) - set(["attribute_2"]))
    if try_drop_attr3 == True :
        df_modified = df_modified.drop(["attribute_3"]))
    if try_self_defined_columns == True and try_drop_attr2 == False and try_drop_attr3 == False:
        cat_col = cat_col + ["attribute_2" , "attribute_3"]))
    return_df_modified , num_col , cat_col
```

And the above code is for feature engineering,

"try\_add\_m3m5\_missing" is whether to add 2 additional columns (m\_3\_missng and m 5 missing) to the original dataframe

"try\_self\_defined\_columns" is whether to see attribute\_2 and attribute\_3 as categorical columns

"try\_drop\_attrX" is whether to drop attribute\_X in the original dataset for training

I'll run a big 2\*4 for loop for feature engineering Grid Search and submit all these result to Kaggle and pick the best private scored one for every model.

### Method 1: Logistic-Regression based

The above hyper parameter for model itself is the fine tuned one , and the best feature engineering parameter is "all True"



Here is the private score, which surpass the baseline

#### Method 2: NN based

The above hyper parameter for model itself is the fine tuned one, and the best feature engineering parameter is "all True, without try self defined columns"



### 5. Abalation studies regarding feature engineering

Submission and Description	Private Score ①	Public Score (i)	Selected
check.csv Complete (after deadline) - now	0.5888	0.58331	
check.csv Complete (after deadline) - 1m ago	0.59062	0.58342	
check.csv Complete (after deadline) - 2m ago	0.5897	0.58353	
check.csv Complete (after deadline) - 2m ago	0.59004	0.58372	
check.csv Complete (after deadline) - 3m ago	0.58989	0.58317	
check.csv Complete (after deadline) - 4m ago	0.59008	0.58347	

Below is 6 submissions without feature engineering(in the Grid Search for loop all 4 parameters set to False), which has an average of 0.589855. So it shows that the feature engineering proposed above indeed does some improvement.

# 6. Summary:

This seemingly complicated dataset can be solved by a simple logistic regression with a not bad answer surprisingly , and as refer to my previous experience the more complicated neural network architecture doesn't yield better result , with 2 or 3 levels is good enough. And I think the most valuable part of this project is that I figure out some reasonable feature engineering that actually help my score , and also my patient about spending such a long time on adjusting the hyperparameter. After finishing this project , I feel a great sense of accomplishment because this is the first Kaggle project I do it from scratch with a complete data preprocessing , feature engineering , model selection and fine tuning stages. This experience significantly enhace my enthusiasm to doing ML-related job.