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# STUDENT PERFORMANCE PREDICTION IN ONLINE COURSES USING MACHINE LEARNING

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## ABSTRACT

The expansion of MOOCs, or massive open online courses, has been facilitated by developments in ICT and is particularly noticeable in online learning settings. Learners may be motivated to gain new cognitive abilities via the use of interactive information, which includes graphics, figures, and videos. Various methods have been employed to offer this content. Using massive open online courses (MOOCs) as a dashboard platform, top institutions have made it easy for students all over the globe to enroll. Using predetermined, computer-marked tests, teachers may gauge their pupils' development as learners. The computer provides instantaneous feedback to the learner once they finish the online tests. According to the study's authors, students'

involvement and performance from the prior session may predict how well they do in an online course. Literature reviews have not adequately considered the possibility that students' involvement and performance on earlier tests may influence their results on subsequent exams. Two prediction models, one for students' assessment scores and one for their ultimate performance, are developed in this article. Students' success in massive open online courses (MOOCs) may be better understood with the help of these models. The outcome demonstrates that both models provide realistic and precise outcomes. With an average RSME gain of 0.086, GBM produced the most accurate results for students' final performance, while RF had the lowest RSME gain of 8.131 for their assessment grades mode

## 1.INTRODUCTION

Among the many kinds of online education, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have become quite popular. Massive open online courses use a variety of digital resources, including audio, video, graphics, and plain text, to provide the course content. Instead of reading lengthy text papers, most students find video lectures to be a more effective way to comprehend course material. Massive open online courses (MOOCs) include interactive videos that may help students relax, learn more efficiently, and alleviate stress [1] [2].

Two basic kinds of massive open online courses (MOOCs) exist: cMOOCs, which are connectivist, and xMOOCs, which are extended. The xMOOCs are a new way of teaching and learning that draws on cognitivist and behaviorist ideas [4]. The courses are structured similarly to conventional classroom instruction, with a final exam, multiple-choice quizzes, and video lectures making up the course outline. Once a week, students may see video lectures in which the course teacher goes over what was covered in the last online session. All participants are free to go

through the movie at their own speed. In addition, students have the opportunity to engage in social interactions with both their fellow participants and the teacher via the use of discussion boards. Consequently, the discussion boards are crucial in elevating the course quality and making online sessions collaborative and engaging [3] since instructors often use them to submit questions, provide assignment solutions, and respond to student concerns. [5].

Connectivist learning theory is the foundation of the new cMOOC form of education [3][4]. Under a connectivist model, students acquire the course outline via active participation in class discussion and question-and-answer sessions rather than from the teacher. Citations [3][4][5] The learning method of collaborative massive open online courses (cMOOCs) is centered on students working together to complete assignments and share what they've learned.

In xMOOCs, university professors may evaluate their students' knowledge using computer-marked evaluation feedback, whereas in cMOOCs, experts cannot be involved in this process. Specifically, once the student finishes the online test, the

computer immediately provides feedback. Upon finishing the course, the student will get a certificate in xMOOCs. There is no official evaluation in the cMOOCs. Therefore, colleges and universities are not recognized as offering cMOOCs. I have read [5][6].

In recent years, thanks to technological breakthroughs, AI has emerged as a reliable method for assessing how well students do in online classes. There has been a dearth of work examining the trajectory performance, in contrast to the abundance of studies using machine learning to predict student achievement in [7]. Consequently, teachers were unable to track their pupils' progress in real time. This study presents the results of two independent experimental sets. To estimate students' test results, the first series of experiments uses regression analysis. Predicting student outcomes makes use of both the student's past and present actions, as well as their performance in the past. The second series of trials included making predictions about students' long-term performance using supervised machine learning. There are three categories of potential predictors: behavioral, chronological, and demographic. The suggested models let teachers monitor

students' progress in real time and provide fresh perspectives on how to prioritize learning activities. We are unaware of any other way that students' progress in an online class has been assessed beyond the binary "success" or "fail" options. There are three possible outcomes that our model may foretell: "success," "fail," and "withdrew."

## 2.LITERATURE SURVEY

### User trustworthiness in online

#### social networks:

A comprehensive analysis The overlay panel opens when clicking the author's links. There is a risk that anonymous individuals may be able to do harmful things on social media due to the platforms' increasing popularity and their willingness to accommodate new members. These systems have a lot of motivation to stop this from happening, but they can't handle the amount of data that needs processing. Another difficulty is that attackers often alter their tactics quickly in reaction to defensive measures. As a result, there have been a lot of fascinating studies done in recent years concerning user trustworthiness on social networks. The

purpose of this study is to summarize the current situation of research in this area and to evaluate the studies that have attempted to solve this issue using different approaches and published between 2012 and 2020. There are a variety of proposed remedies in the literature; some concentrate on anti-spam measures, others on bot identification methods, and still others on identifying false news or grading the veracity of user-generated information. While several of these solutions do a good job in certain areas, none of them can guarantee complete safety from every conceivable kind of assault. Keeping an eye on this area of research is crucial, and by showcasing new studies that address the topic of online user trustworthiness, this review aims to help shed light on the notion.

Acquiring Knowledge about Social Internet of Things Trustworthiness Management: In an effort to create a social network of linked items, the next iteration of the Internet of Things (IoT) makes it easier to incorporate the idea of social networking into things, or smart objects. As a result of these developments, a new paradigm known as the Social Internet of Things (SIoT) has emerged, which has great promise. In this model, smart items serve as social objects

and mimic human social behavior with intelligence. In order to find new services, these social objects may form connections with other nodes in the network and leverage those interactions. To establish the credibility and dependability of systems and to accomplish the shared objective of trustworthy cooperation and collaboration among objects, trust is crucial. In the context of the SIoT, an unreliable object has the potential to compromise the service's quality and dependability while also interfering with its core operation via the delivery of harmful messages. We provide a comprehensive analysis of SIoT trustworthiness management in this survey. Prior to delving into a comprehensive analysis of the trust management components in SIoT, we covered the fundamentals of trust across several fields. Moreover, we compare and analyze the trust management schemes by mainly classifying them into four groups according to their strengths, weaknesses, the trust management components used by each scheme, and the performance of these studies on various trust evaluation dimensions. We wrap off by talking about where the new paradigm of SIoT is taking research, specifically in the area of SIoT trustworthiness management.

### 3. EXISTING SYSTEM

Dorina et al. [1] proposed a predictive model for student's performance by classifying students into binary class (successful / unsuccessful). The proposed model was constructed under the CRISP-DM (Cross Industry Standard Process for Data Mining) research approach. The classification algorithms (OneR, J48, MLP and IBK) were applied on the given dataset. The results show that the highest accuracy was achieved by the MPL model (73.59%) for identification of successful while other three models perform better for the identification of unsuccessful students. The model was unable to work out for data high dimensionality and class balancing problems. Edin Osmanbegovic et al. [2] builds a model to predict student academic success in a course by reducing data dimensionality problem. Various machine learning classifiers such as NB, MLP and j48 were evaluated in this study. The result shows that the Naïve Bayes gained the highest accuracy 76.65%. The proposed model not handles the class imbalance problem. Carlos et al. [3] addressed a student failure prediction model based on machine learning techniques to resolve the class imbalance and data dimensionality

problems. Ten classifiers were applied on dataset. The ICRM classifier achieved the highest accuracy 92.7% among others. Due to varying student's characteristics at each educational level, the performance of proposed model was not tested for other levels of education. Another EDM Challenge is to predict the drop-outs of the students from their courses [4]. Four data mining methods with six combinations of attributes were participated in this study. The result shows that the support vector machine model with the combination of the predictor variables was more accurate while classifying the data. The inclusion of an attribute, earned grades of prerequisite courses in the data set was the limitation of this study because it might be possible that during study of any course the student might have improved his knowledge of prerequisite of this course. Ajay et al. [5] conducted study on the prediction of student performance. The main contribution of the study was to introduce a new social factor called "CAT" which describes that in early times Indians were divided into four types of groups on the basis of their social status etc, which have a direct effect on the student education. Four classifiers oneR, MLP, J48, and IB1 were applied on the data set. The

results indicated that the IBI model was the highest accuracy (82%) achieved. Build an improved version of the ID3 model, which predicts the student academic performance [6]. The weakness of the ID3 model was its intension to select those attributes as a node which had more values. In a result generated tree was not efficient. The proposed model overcomes such problem. Two output classes were produced by this model (Pass and Fail). The classifiers including J48, wID3 and Naïve Bayes were applied and results compared. The wID3 achieved high accuracy 93%. Alaa Khalaf et al. [7] proposed a model to predict student success performance in courses. Three Decision Tree classifiers such as (J48, Hoeding tree, Reptree) were employed by this study. The highest accuracy 91.47 % was achieved by Reptree. The model was unable to work out for data high dimensionality and class balancing problems. DechThammasiri et al. [8] proposed a model to provide early classification of poor academic performance of freshmen. Four classification methods with three balancing methods were applied to resolve class imbalance problem. In results the combination of support vector machine and SMOTE achieved the 90.24% highest overall accuracy. An early warning

system was proposed to predict the student learning performances during an online course based on their learning portfolios data [9]. The results showed the approaches accompanied by time dependent variables had high accuracy than other approaches which were not included it. The model was not tested on offline mode. The performance might be decreased in offline mode using time dependent attributes. Mostly previous studies were assumed that the data mining algorithms performed well with only large data sets but this study supported that the data mining is also suitable for small datasets as well [10]. This research proposed a student success prediction model

## 4. OUTPUT SCREENS

### Register



### User login:



**View Online Course Data Set Details:**

| Course ID | Course Name                   | Level        | Duration | Rating | Enrollment | Completion Rate | Dropout Rate |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1001      | Introduction to Python        | Beginner     | 4 Weeks  | 4.5    | 1200       | 85%             | 15%          |
| 1002      | Advanced Python               | Intermediate | 6 Weeks  | 4.2    | 800        | 78%             | 22%          |
| 1003      | Machine Learning Fundamentals | Beginner     | 8 Weeks  | 4.8    | 1500       | 90%             | 10%          |
| 1004      | Deep Learning                 | Advanced     | 10 Weeks | 4.6    | 600        | 82%             | 18%          |
| 1005      | Web Development               | Beginner     | 5 Weeks  | 4.3    | 900        | 80%             | 20%          |
| 1006      | Data Science                  | Intermediate | 7 Weeks  | 4.7    | 1100       | 88%             | 12%          |
| 1007      | Cloud Computing               | Beginner     | 6 Weeks  | 4.4    | 700        | 75%             | 25%          |
| 1008      | Artificial Intelligence       | Advanced     | 9 Weeks  | 4.9    | 1300       | 92%             | 8%           |
| 1009      | Blockchain                    | Beginner     | 4 Weeks  | 4.1    | 500        | 70%             | 30%          |
| 1010      | Cybersecurity                 | Intermediate | 6 Weeks  | 4.5    | 850        | 80%             | 20%          |

**Search and predict Student Performance in Percentage:**

**View All Student Performance Prediction:**



| Student ID | Course ID | Course Name                   | Level        | Duration | Rating | Enrollment | Completion Rate | Dropout Rate |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
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**User Profile:**

**View Student Performance By Pie Chart:**



**Admin Login:**



## 5. CONCLUSION

This research used regression and classification analysis to do two sets of experiments. The outcomes of the model for forecasting students' assessment marks reveal that, within a single course, students' performance in one assignment is dependent on their mark in the prior assignment. The study's authors draw the conclusion that, in a traditional classroom setting, students are more likely to drop out of subsequent classes if their prior grade point average (GPA) is low. This finding holds true in both traditional and online learning environments, according to the researchers.

Student involvement with digital content significantly affects their success throughout the whole course, according to the final student performance predicting model. Due to the omission of temporal characteristics in regression analysis, the results also show that the prediction model for students' grades is more accurate than their long-term performance. A useful predictor that is strongly associated with student performance is the date of student deregistration from the course. The data used for regression analysis does not reveal when students' last action was in relation to

the tests that were administered. It has been suggested that the results of the study should be used to account for the effects of time on the prediction of future test scores.

Exploring the use of temporal cues in predicting students' evaluation marks is an area that needs more investigation. More sophisticated machine learning techniques may be used in place of time series analysis when dealing with temporal features.

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