



AI For Obsolescence Management

L'IA pour la Gestion d'Obsolescence

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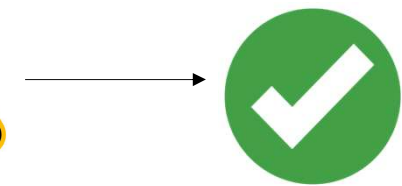
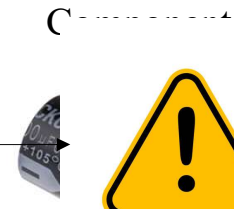
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System



30-50 years old

1.5 years lifespan

- Shortage
1. technological innovation,
 2. supply chain disruptions,
 3. natural disaster,
- etc

Resolution

1. stock,
 2. last time buy order,
 3. redesign,
- etc

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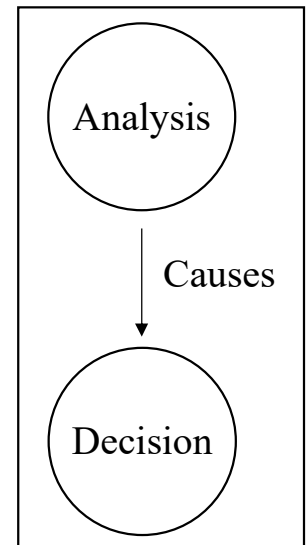
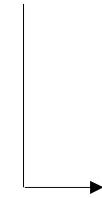
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3 to 12+ months

Observations

1. Expert workflow is detached and unique to each person.
2. Obsolescence management process is dogmatic and changes per expert.

Objectives

1. Develop a model that unifies the obsolescence management decision making process.
2. Utilize SNCF RESEAU's obsolescence management processes as a framework.

1. **Obsolescence**

Obsolescence, pertains to the process of becoming **non-available, non-adequate, and/or non-suitable** [Zolghadri et al., 2021].

2. **Obsolescence Management**

It is the discipline that addresses obsolescence and Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) as the service life of a product extends beyond the technology life cycle incorporated in the design [SD-22, 2021].

3. **Artificial Intelligence**

“It is the science and engineering of making **intelligent machines**, especially intelligent computer programs. It is related to the similar task of **using computers to understand human intelligence**, but AI does not have to confine itself to methods that are biologically observable.” [McCarthy et al., 2004]

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Challenges

1. Create a **dataset** for obsolescence management resolution.
2. Understand the **impact** of difference dogmatic **features** as well as relating them to the different resolution methods.
3. Propose a **model** that unifies and best represents **expert decision making** while finding the **most optimal solution** for a given obsolescence case.

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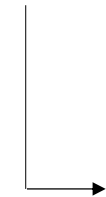
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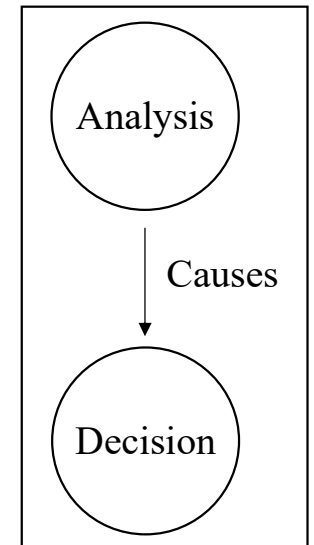
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1. What are the features that play a role in the resolution?
2. How can we determine the features that play a role in the resolution?
3. How can we verify the integrity of the determination method?



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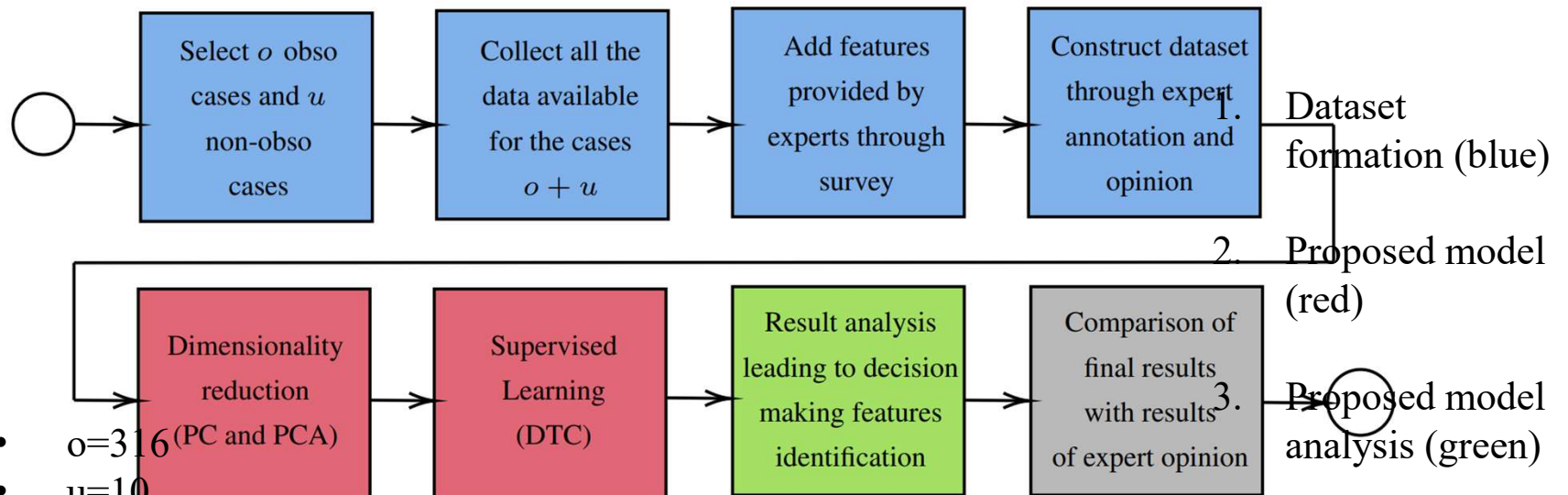
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- $o=316$ (PC and PCA)
- $u=10$
- 5 classes
- 7 stock, 30 LBO, 28 minor redesign, 124 major redesign, and 126 substitution

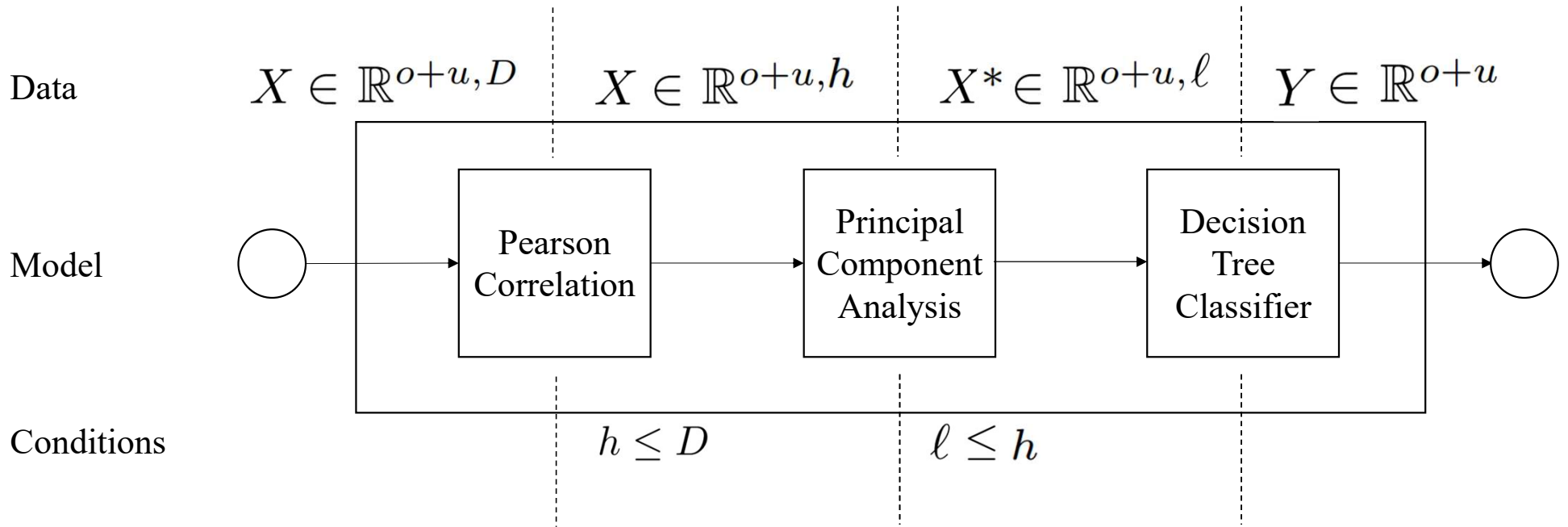
$$X = \begin{pmatrix} O \\ U \end{pmatrix} = F \begin{pmatrix} O \\ U \end{pmatrix}$$

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} & \dots \\ x_{2,1} & x_{2,2} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ x_{o-1,1} & x_{o-1,2} & \dots \\ x_{o,1} & x_{o,2} & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} x_{o+1,1} & x_{o+1,2} & \dots & x_{o+1,D} \\ x_{o+2,1} & x_{o+2,2} & \dots & x_{o+2,D} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{o+u,1} & x_{o+u,2} & \dots & x_{o+u,D} \end{pmatrix}$$

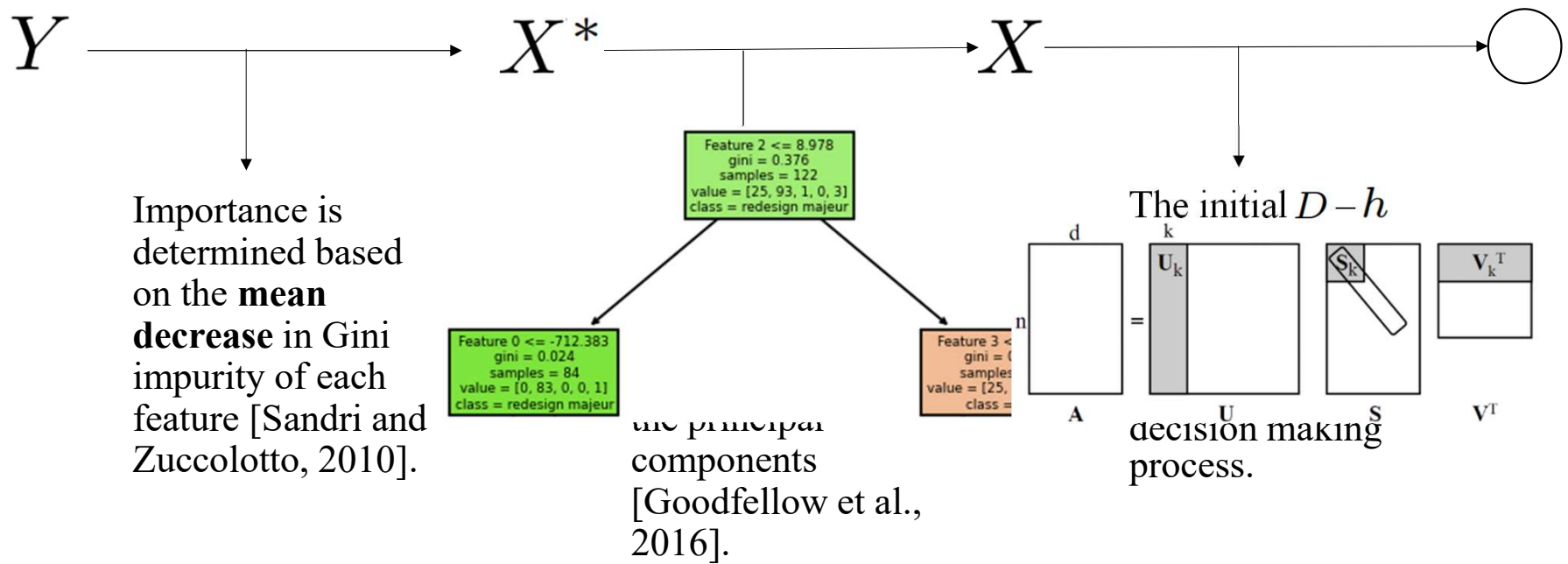
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$$Y \equiv [1, \dots, N]: \{(x_i, y_i) \in X \times Y\}_{i=1}^{o+u}$$

Proposed Model



Proposed Analysis Method



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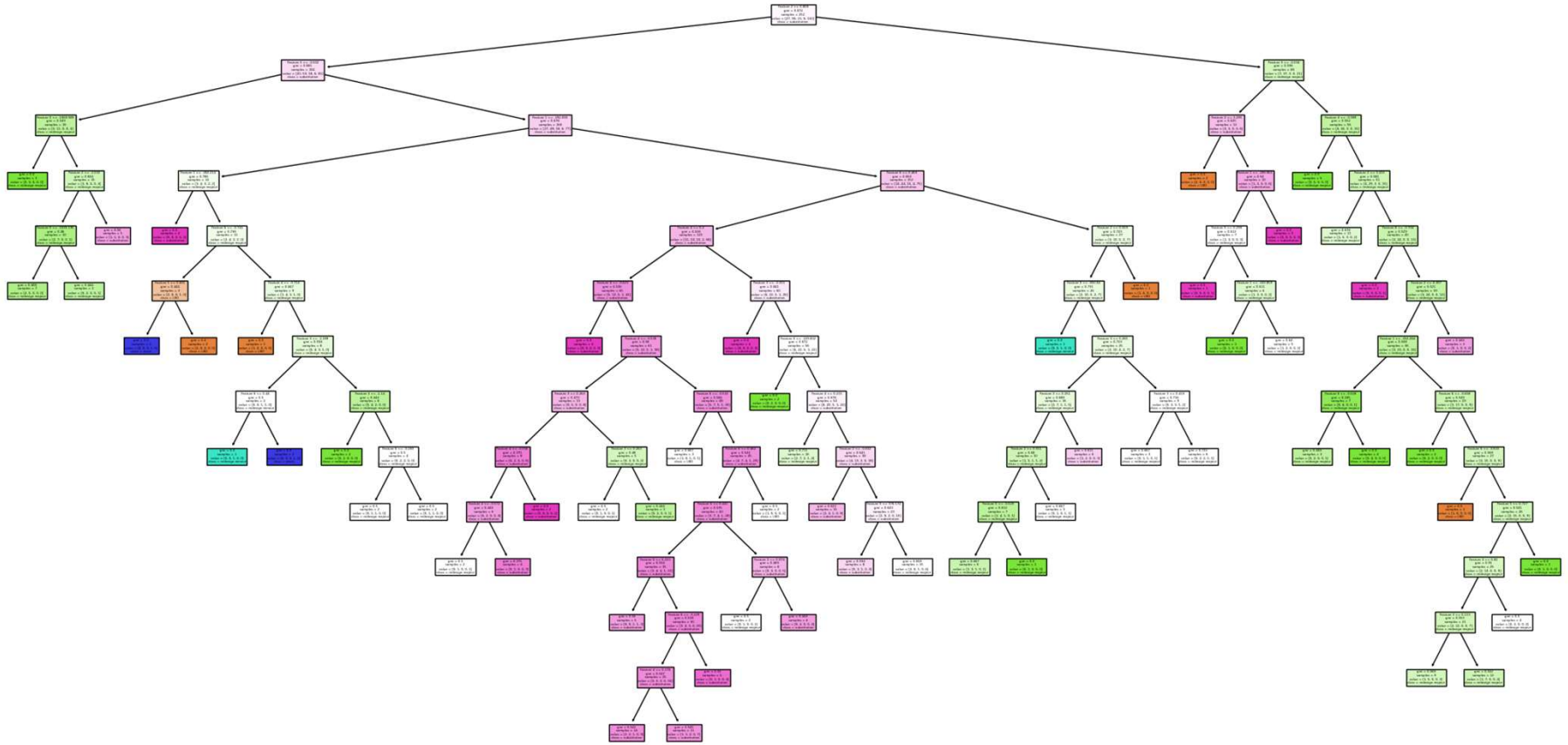
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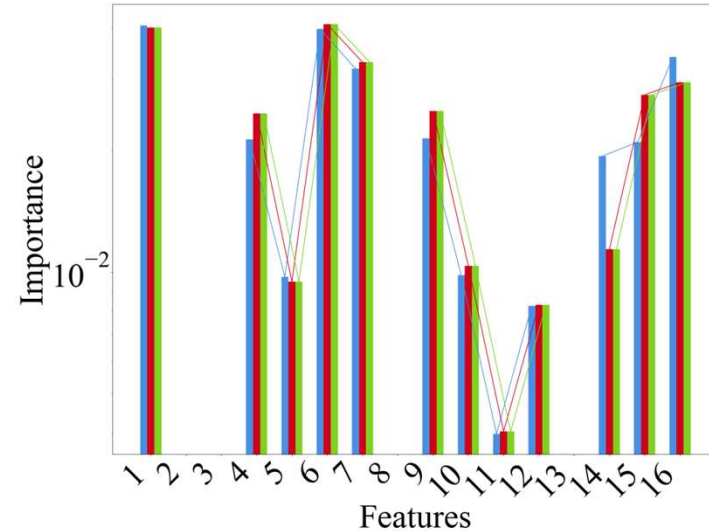
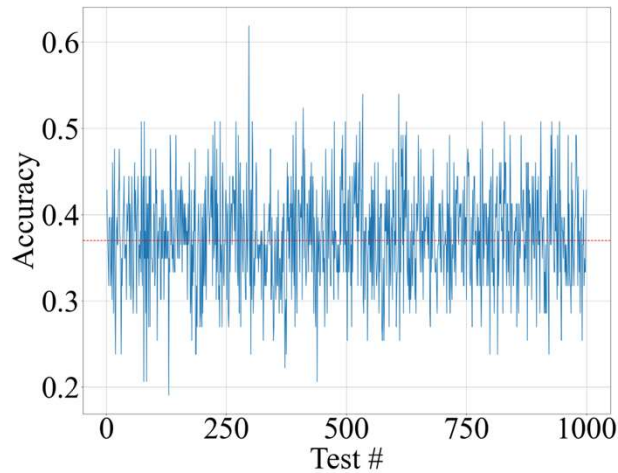
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- Arithmetic mean = 37.48% is similar to geometric mean = 37.00%, which implies accuracy measurements have a balanced spread, are not skewed, and are symmetric.
- Minimum accuracy = 19.05% whereas maximum accuracy = 61.90% | 40.00% on U .
- Standard deviation = 5.95% means the model is not consistent, but is not erratic.
- Similar: average feature contributions model with the highest accuracy, different: option of experts.

Achievements

- A model that derives features affecting obsolescence resolution.
- A method for analyzing the features affecting obsolescence resolution.

Problems

- Inconsistent model due to class imbalance.
- Simple feature values affecting model accuracy.

Future work

- Augment the dataset by using generative models to generate new data.
- Add more meaningful features that correspond to obsolescence resolution to enhance the dataset.

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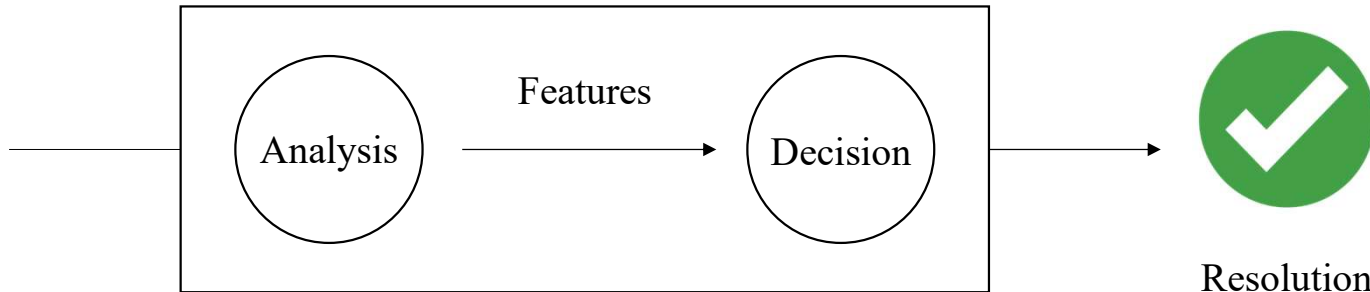
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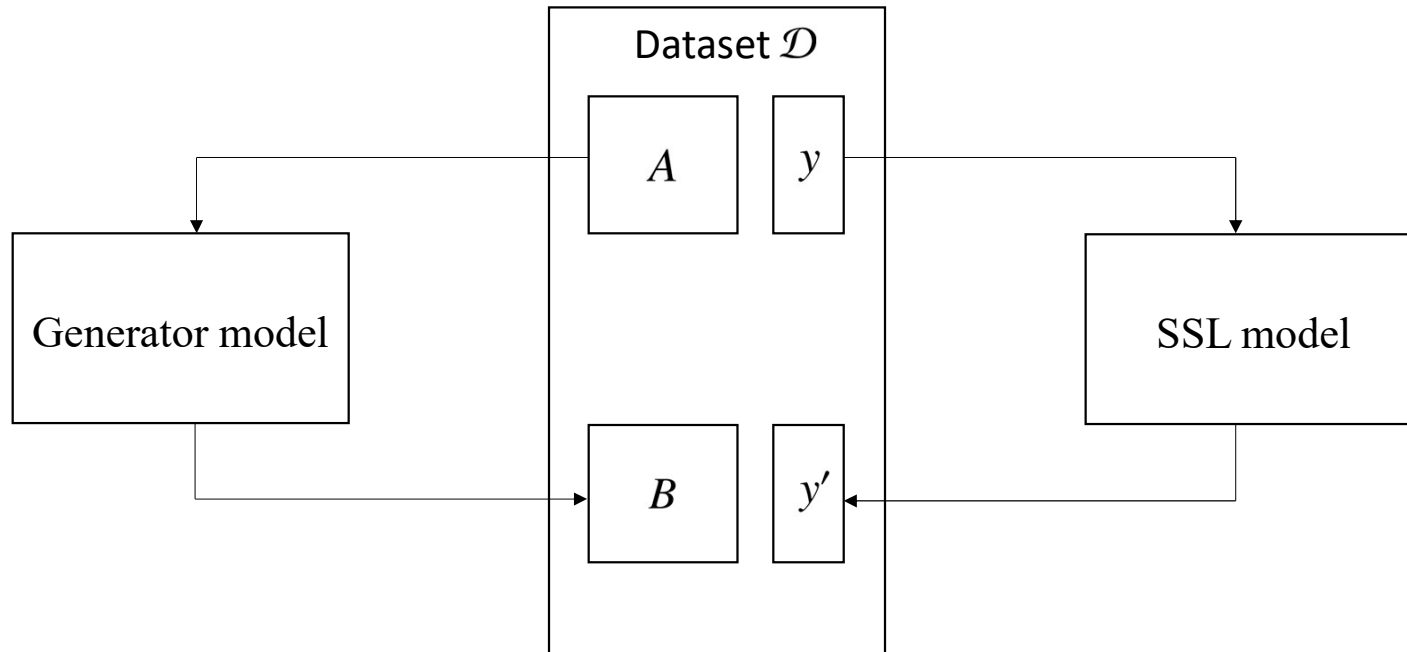


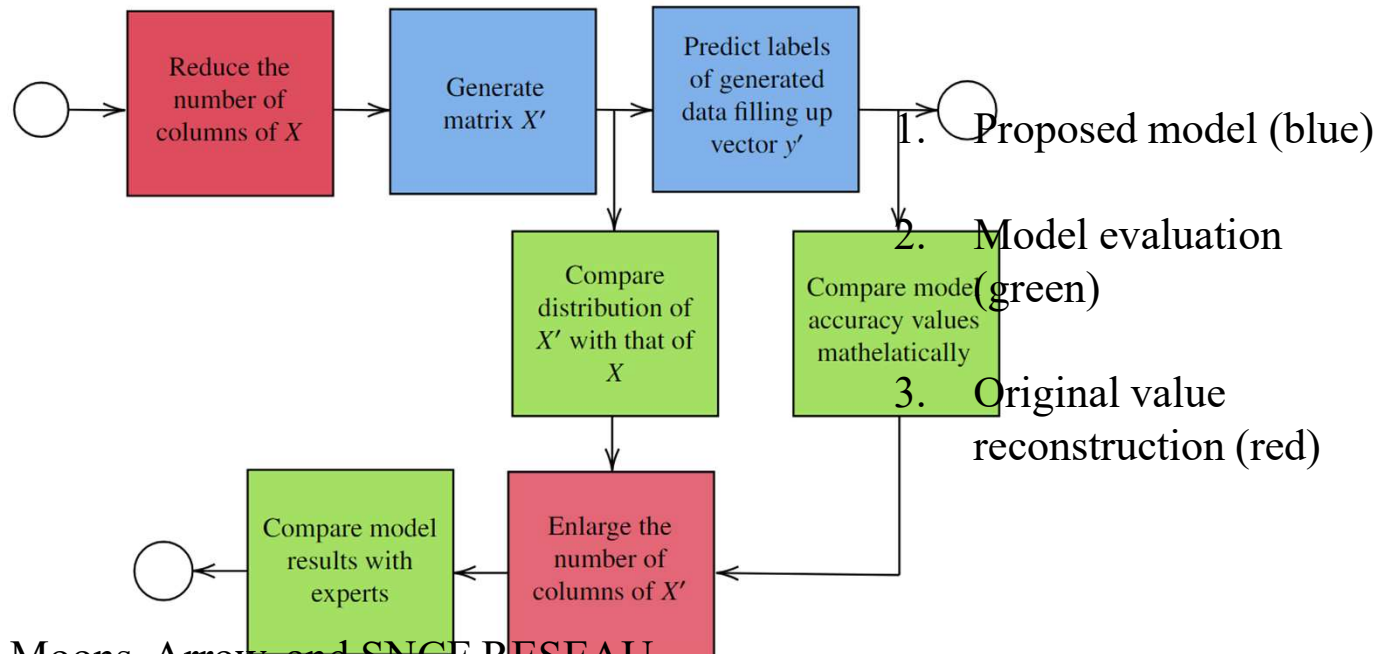
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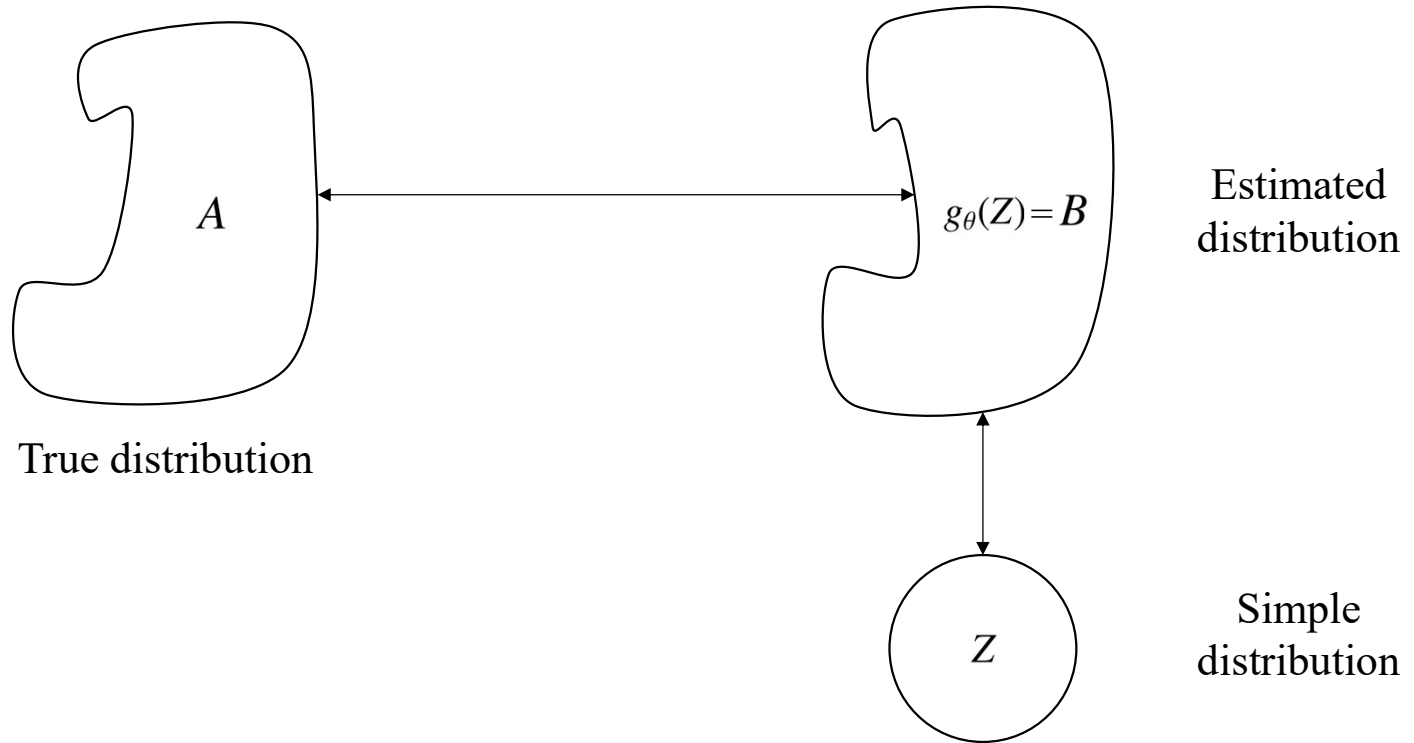
Challenges

1. How can we augment the dataset?
 2. How can we solve class imbalance?
 3. How can we make an optimal decision?
1. Create a model that generates new datapoints reflecting reality.
 2. Create a model that makes an optimal decision.





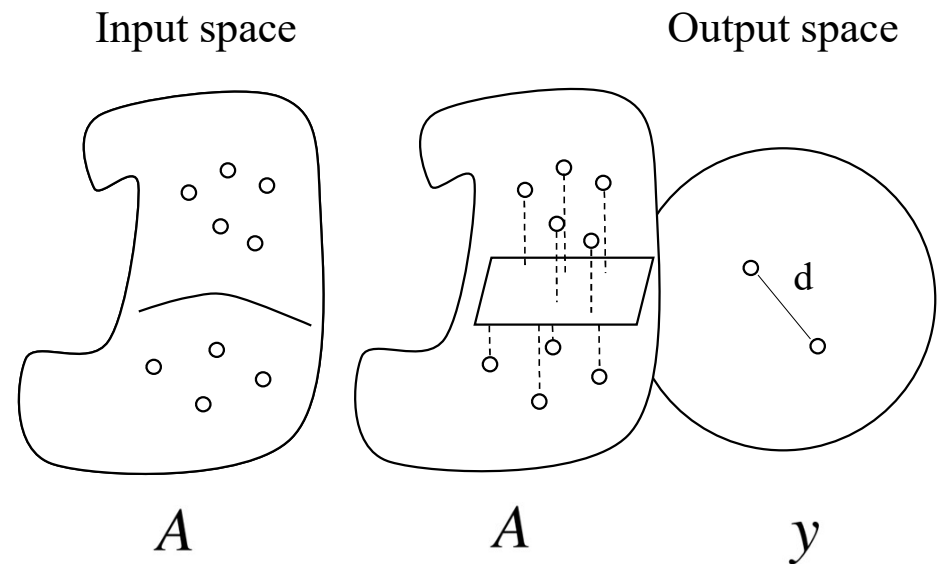
- Datasets: Moons, Arrow, and SNCF RESEAU.
- Generative models: Real-valued non-volume preserving (RealNVP), Generative adversarial network (GAN), Variational autoencoder (VAE).
- Semi-supervised Random Forests.



1. The smoothness assumption

2. The cluster assumption

3. The manifold assumption



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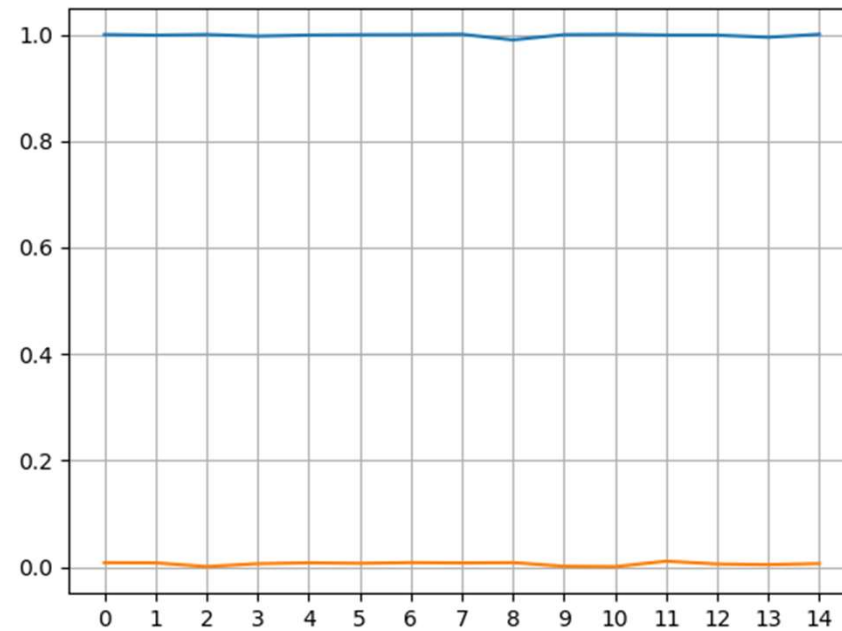
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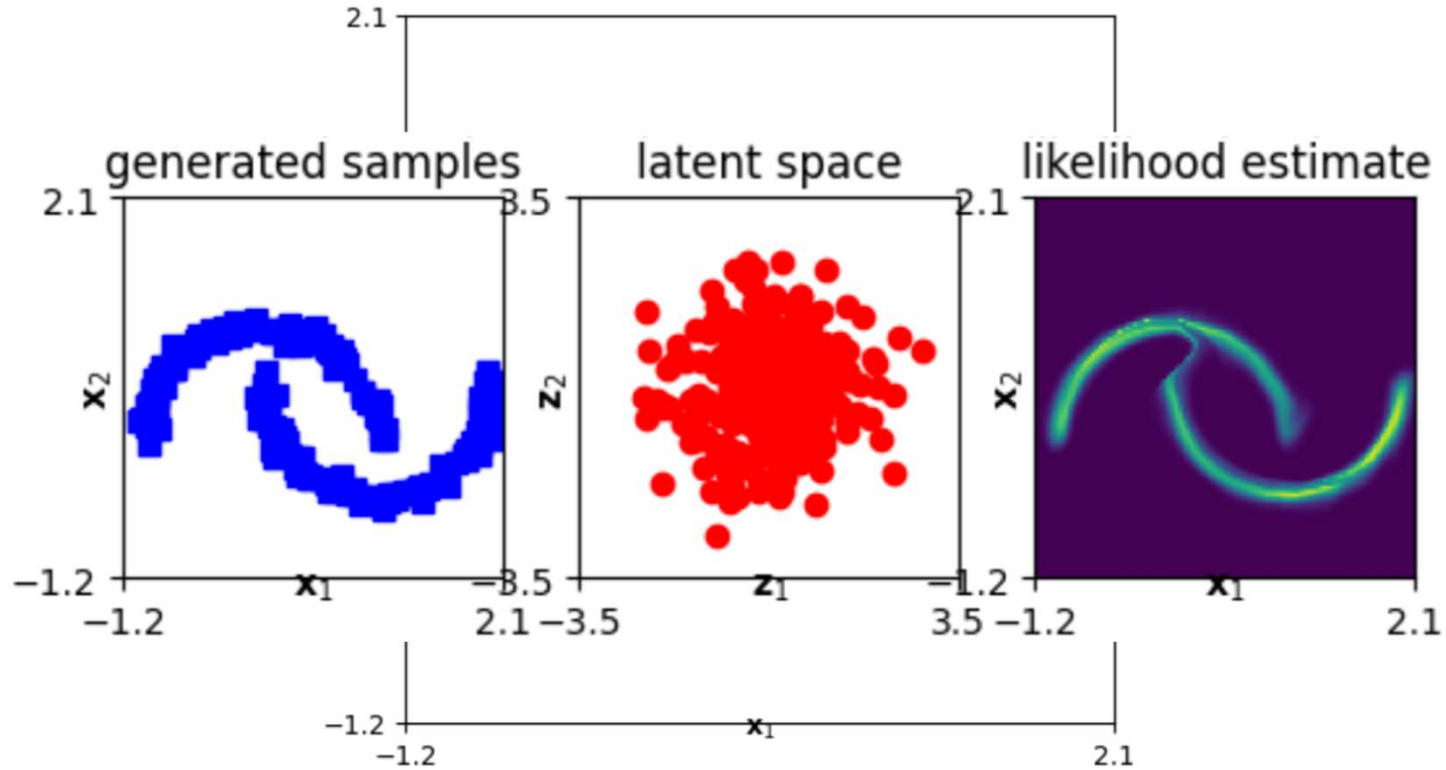
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Reconstruction deltas of the encoder-decoder



Dataset: Arrow



Dataset: moons

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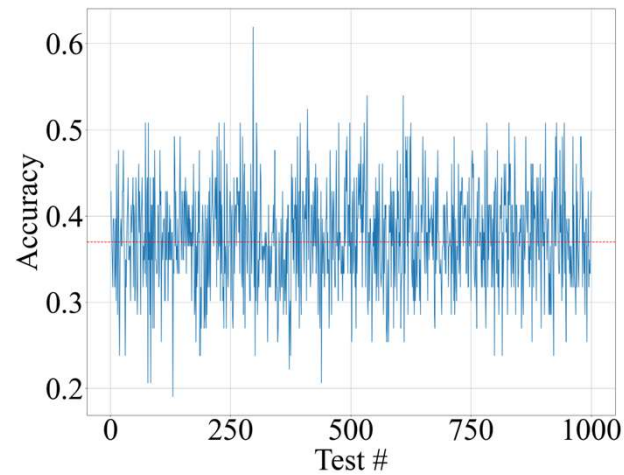
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- Earlier model versions achieved a mean accuracy of 37% and best accuracy of 61.90%
- Initial results of current model tensting achieved a constant accuracy of **96.10%**

Achievements

- A model that generates and another that learns class distribution through SSL.
- A methodology that unifies and optimizes the decision making process.

Future work

- Test more SSL methods
- Make both the generative and SSL models work in tandem.
- Introduce a model that estimates obsolescence occurrence by introducing the concept of time.
- Introduce unseen classes to generalize the usage of the methodology by using k-shot learning.



Thank you.

Merci.