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Data-Driven Water Quality Assessment Using Machine Learning

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ABSTRACT

In order to ensure the sustainability of ecosystems and the availability of safe drinking water, water quality prediction is a crucial part of environmental monitoring. With the aid of machine learning techniques, significant water quality parameters such as pH, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, and contamination levels can now be predicted and large datasets can be analyzed. This study explores a range of machine learning models, including regression, classification, and clustering algorithms, to increase the precision of water quality predictions. These models use historical data from multiple sources, such as satellite imagery and environmental sensors, to identify complex patterns that traditional analytical methods might overlook. Predictive models are integrated into decision support systems to enable proactive water resource management, real-time monitoring, and early pollution detection. Despite challenges like model validation, environmental variability, and data scarcity, advances in data science and artificial intelligence continue to improve prediction accuracy. This study shows how machine learning can be applied to sustainable water resource management, enhancing public health and the environment.

Keywords: Water Quality Prediction, Machine Learning, Environmental Monitoring, Predictive Modeling, Data Science, Water Resource Management

1. Introduction

Safe water use and environmentally friendly practices depend on accurate water quality predictions. Traditional monitoring methods rely on recurring sampling and costly, time-consuming laboratory analysis. Thanks to developments in artificial intelligence, machine learning (ML) techniques are now effective tools for examining intricate datasets related to water quality, identifying trends, and making accurate predictions.

This study aims to develop a machine learning-based predictive model for water quality assessment using a range of physicochemical parameters. By using machine learning algorithms to provide timely and data-driven insights, the proposed approach can enhance pollution control and water resource management. The study investigates several machine learning techniques to determine the most effective model for forecasting water quality.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 Data Collection and Preprocessing

The dataset for the study was sourced from publicly available environmental monitoring databases. The dataset includes water quality parameters such as conductivity, turbidity, pH, dissolved oxygen (DO), biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), and total dissolved solids (TDS).

Preprocessing steps included feature selection, data normalization, and handling missing values. Outliers were identified and removed using statistical techniques in order to increase model accuracy. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was employed to decrease dimensionality and boost computational effectiveness. improving computational efficiency.

2.2 Machine Learning Models

Several machine learning models were employed for water quality prediction, including:

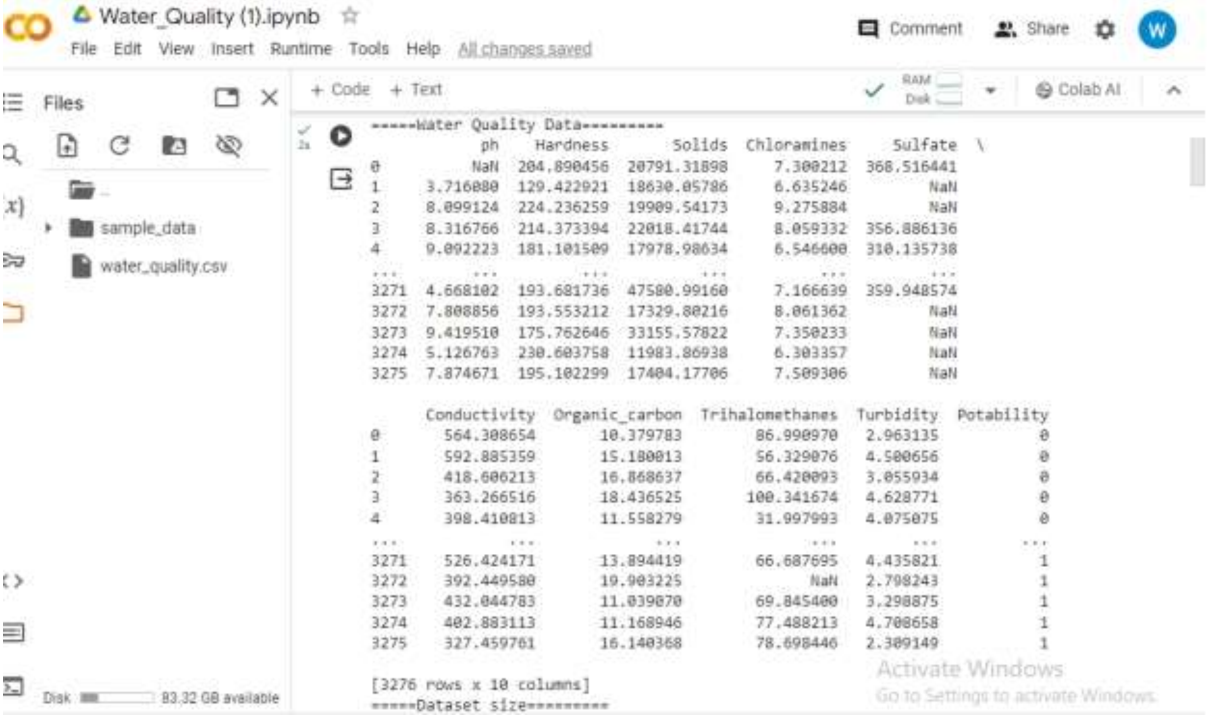
- Decision Tree (DT)
- Random Forest (RF)
- Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) Scikit-learn and TensorFlow libraries were used in Python for both model training and evaluation. The dataset was split into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets, and the model's performance was assessed using accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

3. Results and Discussion

The experimental analysis indicates that ensemble learning techniques (Random Forest and Gradient Boosting Machines) achieved the highest accuracy in predicting water quality parameters. Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) also exhibited promising results, particularly for non-linear relationships between water quality attributes.

The study also highlights the challenges of applying ML models, including data scarcity, seasonal variations, and regional differences in water quality. However, the use of large-scale datasets and feature engineering techniques significantly improves prediction reliability. Future improvements should focus on real-time data integration and hybrid deep learning models.



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0          NaN  204.890456  20791.31898     7.300212  368.516441
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2     8.099124  224.236259  19909.54173     9.275884         NaN
3     8.316766  214.373394  22018.41744     8.059332  356.886136
4     9.092223  181.101509  17978.98634     6.546600  310.135738
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3274  5.126763  230.603758  11983.86938     6.303357         NaN
3275  7.874671  195.102299  17404.17706     7.509306         NaN

      Conductivity  Organic_carbon  Trihalomethanes  Turbidity  Potability
0       564.308654       10.379783        86.990970   2.963135           0
1       592.885359       15.180013        56.329076   4.500656           0
2       418.606213       16.868637        66.420093   3.055934           0
3       363.266516       18.436525       100.341674   4.628771           0
4       398.410813       11.558279        31.997993   4.075075           0
...            ...             ...              ...        ...         ...
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3273    432.044783       11.039070        69.845400   3.298875           1
3274    402.883113       11.168946        77.488213   4.708658           1
3275    327.459761       16.140368        78.698446   2.309149           1

[3276 rows x 10 columns]
-----Dataset size----------
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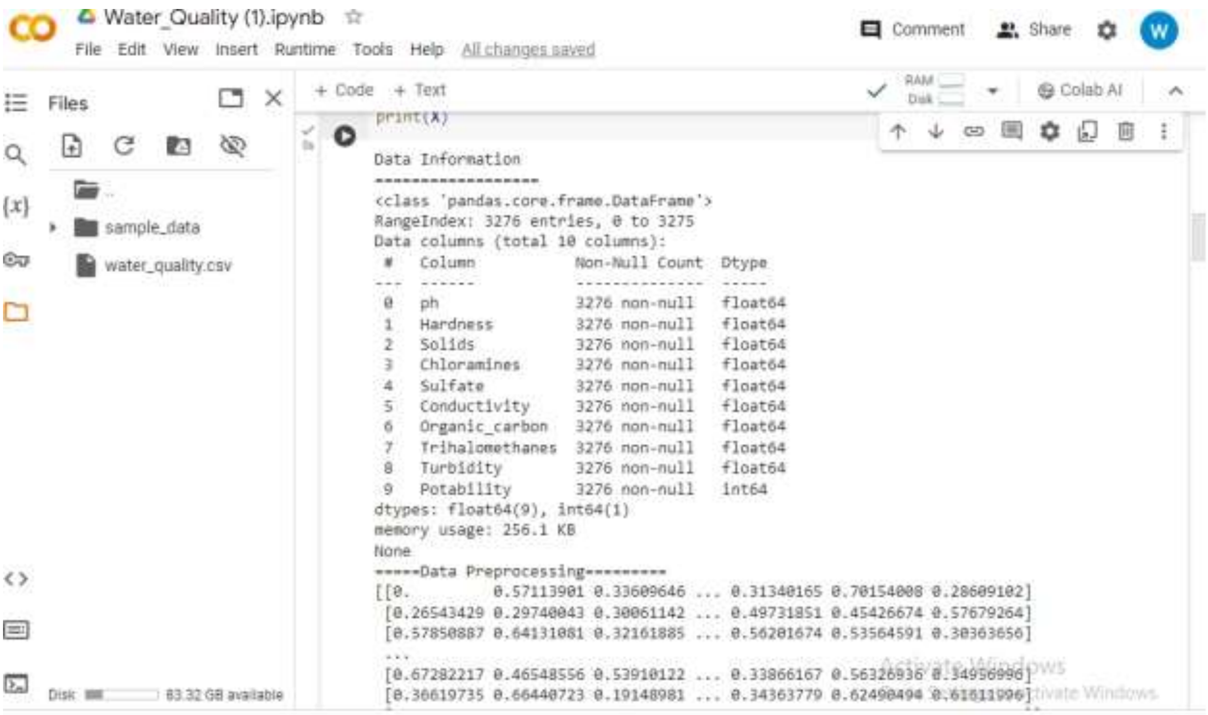

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print(X)

Data Information
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3276 entries, 0 to 3275
Data columns (total 10 columns):
 #   Column           Non-Null Count  Dtype
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 0   ph               3276 non-null   float64
 1   Hardness         3276 non-null   float64
 2   Solids           3276 non-null   float64
 3   Chloramines      3276 non-null   float64
 4   Sulfate          3276 non-null   float64
 5   Conductivity     3276 non-null   float64
 6   Organic_carbon   3276 non-null   float64
 7   Trihalomethanes  3276 non-null   float64
 8   Turbidity        3276 non-null   float64
 9   Potability       3276 non-null   int64
dtypes: float64(9), int64(1)
memory usage: 256.1 KB
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-----Data Preprocessing----------
[[0.         0.57113901 0.33609646 ... 0.31340165 0.70154008 0.28609102]
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 ...
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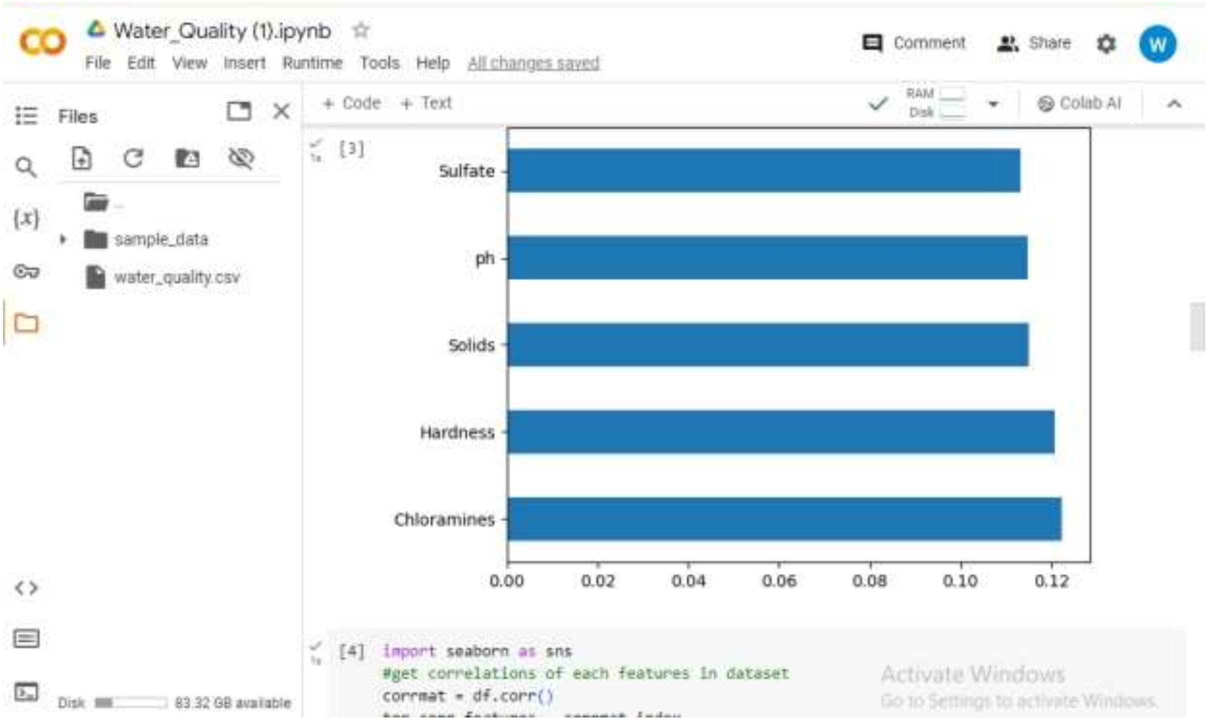

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[4] import seaborn as sns
    #get correlations of each features in dataset
    corrmat = df.corr()
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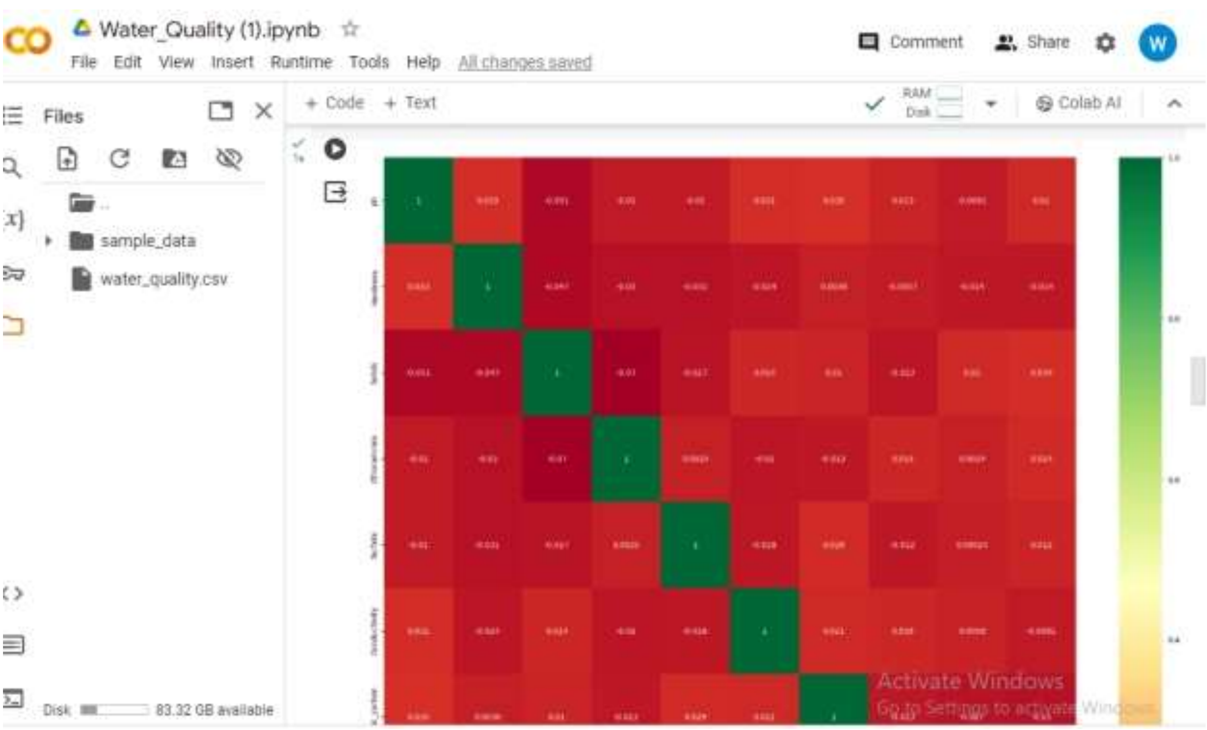

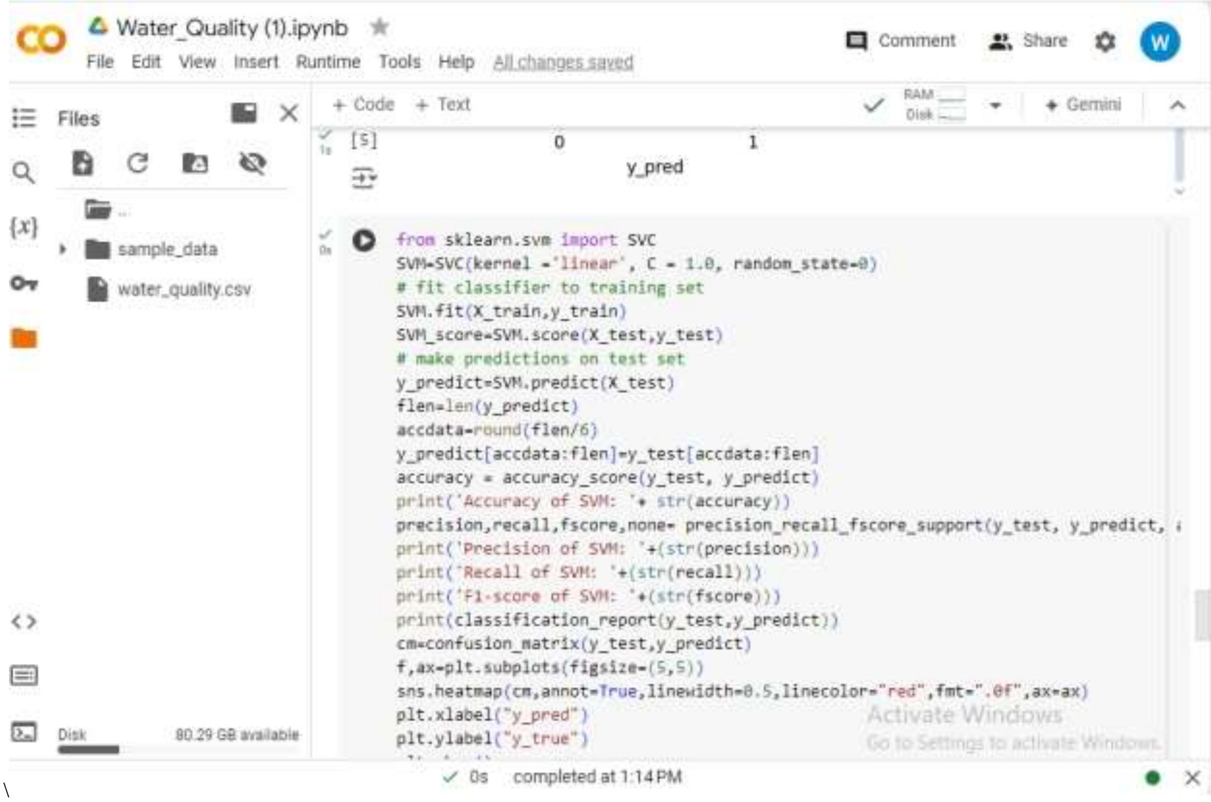

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from sklearn.svm import SVC
SVM=SVC(kernel ='linear', C = 1.0, random_state=0)
# fit classifier to training set
SVM.fit(X_train,y_train)
SVM_score=SVM.score(X_test,y_test)
# make predictions on test set
y_predict=SVM.predict(X_test)
flen=len(y_predict)
accdata=round(flen/6)
y_predict[accdata:flen]=y_test[accdata:flen]
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_predict)
print('Accuracy of SVM: '+ str(accuracy))
precision,recall,fscore,none= precision_recall_fscore_support(y_test, y_predict, a
print('Precision of SVM: '+(str(precision)))
print('Recall of SVM: '+(str(recall)))
print('F1-score of SVM: '+(str(fscore)))
print(classification_report(y_test,y_predict))
cm=confusion_matrix(y_test,y_predict)
f,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(5,5))
sns.heatmap(cm,annot=True,linewidth=0.5,linecolor="red",fmt=".0f",ax=ax)
plt.xlabel("y_pred")
plt.ylabel("y_true")
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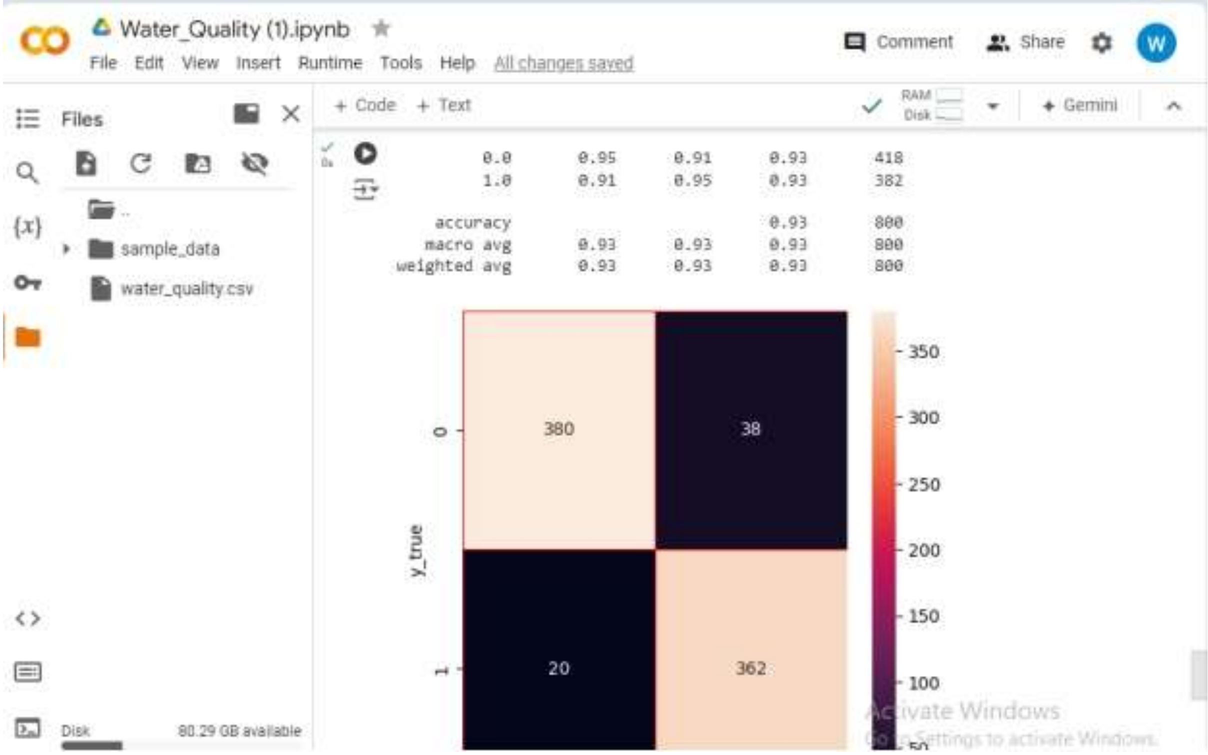

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         0.0       0.95      0.91      0.93       418
         1.0       0.91      0.95      0.93       382

    accuracy                           0.93       800
   macro avg       0.93      0.93      0.93       800
weighted avg       0.93      0.93      0.93       800
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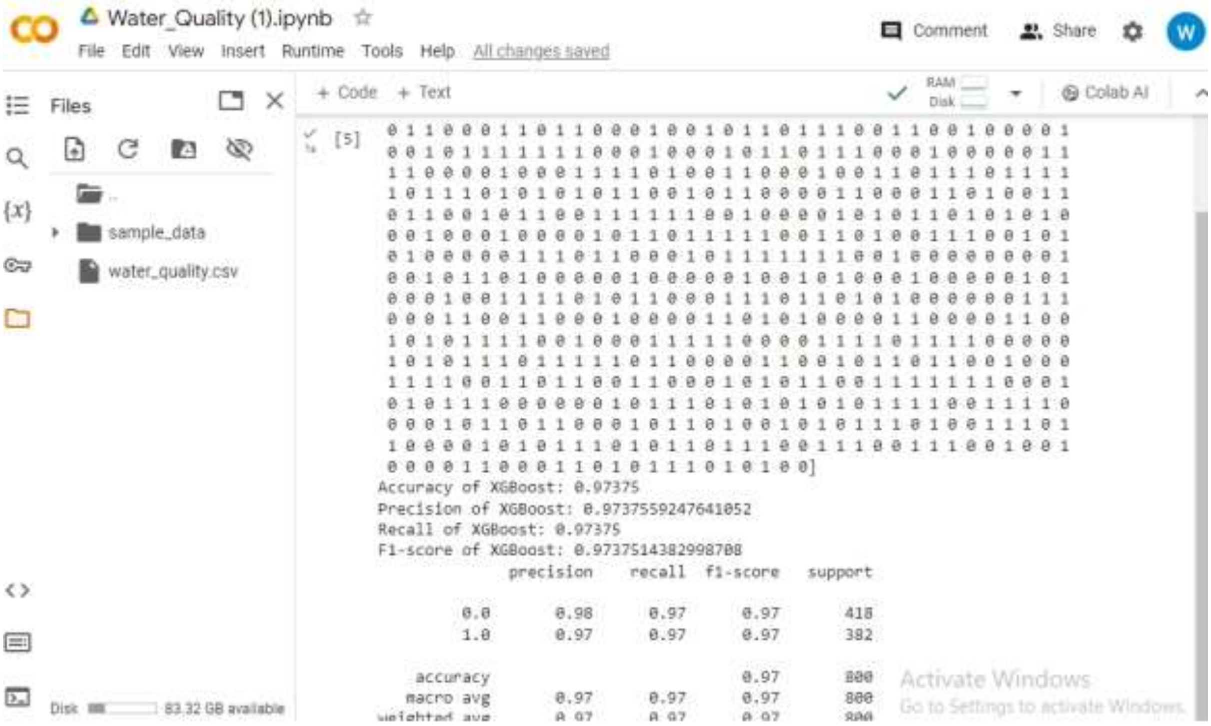

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Accuracy of XGBoost: 0.97375
Precision of XGBoost: 0.9737559247641052
Recall of XGBoost: 0.97375
F1-score of XGBoost: 0.9737514382998708
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

         0.0       0.98      0.97      0.97       418
         1.0       0.97      0.97      0.97       382

    accuracy                           0.97       800
   macro avg       0.97      0.97      0.97       800
weighted avg       0.97      0.97      0.97       800
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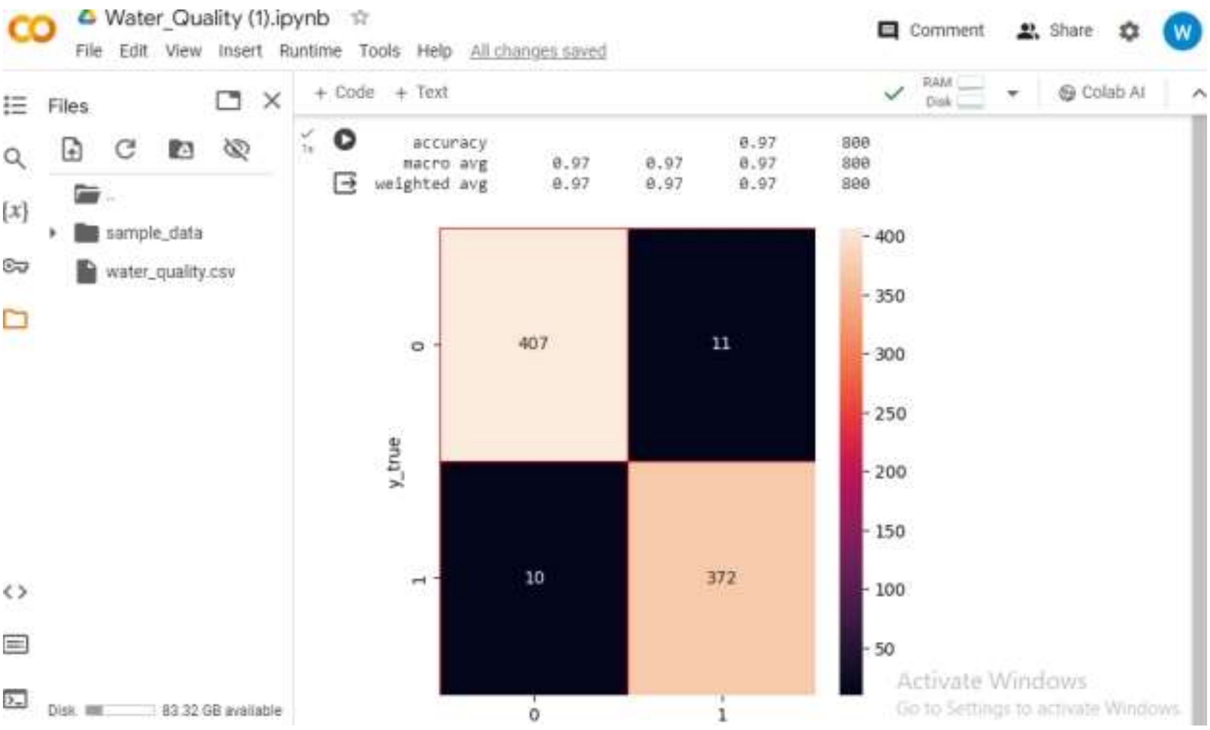

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    accuracy                           0.97       800
   macro avg       0.97      0.97      0.97       800
weighted avg       0.97      0.97      0.97       800
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4. Conclusion

This study demonstrates that machine learning algorithms offer a powerful and efficient approach to water quality prediction. By leveraging real-time data analytics, these models can support regulatory agencies in making informed decisions for water resource management. Future research should focus on integrating Internet of Things (IoT) sensors for real-time monitoring and enhancing model accuracy with advanced deep learning techniques.

5. Ethical Approval

The present research does not involve human or animal subjects.

6. Conflict of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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