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# AI Driven Prediction of Student Success in Engineering Mathematics: Integrating Course Performance, Academic Progression, and Mathematical Misconceptions



# Presentation Overview

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# Why Mathematics Matters

## Key Points

Foundation of engineering education

Supports analytical thinking

Supports problem solving

Influences progression and retention



Students enter with different preparation levels

Mathematical misconceptions

Learning difficulties

Late identification of at-risk students

# Challenges



Previous studies examined these factors separately. Our study integrates them into a single predictive framework

### Research Area

Mathematics Achievement

Learning Analytics

Educational Data Mining

Misconceptions

### Findings

Predicts engineering success

Supports intervention

Predicts student performance

Reduce achievement

# Research Gap

## **Existing Studies**

- ✓ Course performance
- ✓ Learning analytics
- ✓ Educational data mining

## **Missing**

- ✗ Combined framework
- ✗ Misconception analysis
- ✗ Progression patterns
- ✗ AI prediction together

# Research Objectives

Study mathematics progression  
Analyze misconceptions  
Examine course relationships  
Build AI prediction models  
Identify at-risk students early

# Data Sources

Student records (2019–2022)

Mathematics grades

Progression history

Misconception assessments

## Features

Multiple mathematics levels

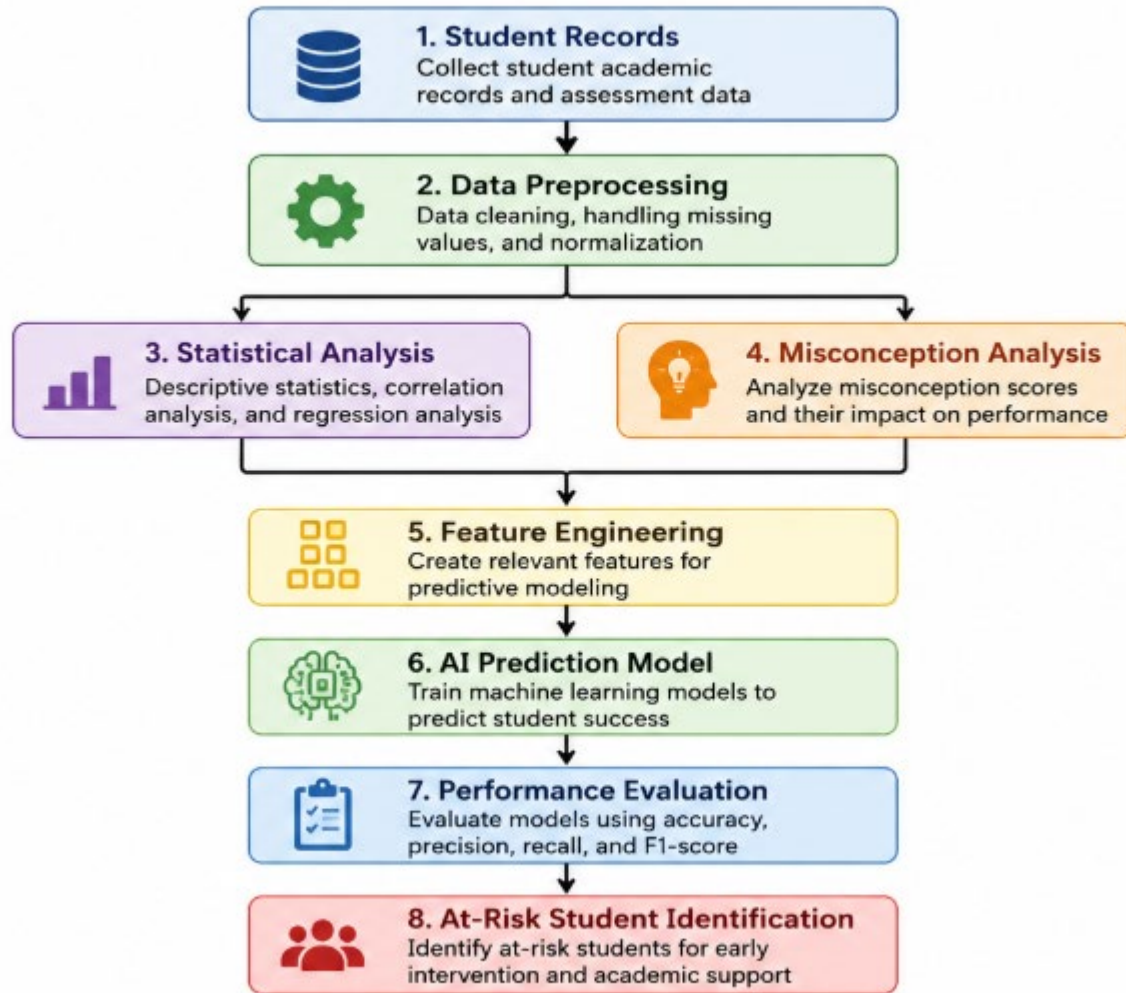
Male and female students

Historical academic performance



# RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

AI-driven framework for predicting student success in engineering mathematics



**Figure 1.** AI-driven framework for predicting student success in engineering mathematics using student records, statistical analysis, misconception analysis, feature engineering, machine learning, and risk prediction.



# Statistical Analysis

## Techniques Used

- Descriptive Statistics
- Correlation Analysis
- Regression Analysis
- Progression Tracking

## Purpose

- Identify relationships among mathematics courses
- Examine progression patterns
- Investigate impact of misconceptions

# **AI Prediction Models**

## **Machine Learning Models Evaluated**

Random Forest

Gradient Boosting

XGBoost

Artificial Neural Networks

## **Input Features**

Previous Mathematics Achievement

Progression History

Misconception Scores

Mathematics Level

Semester Indicator

# Results: Academic Progression

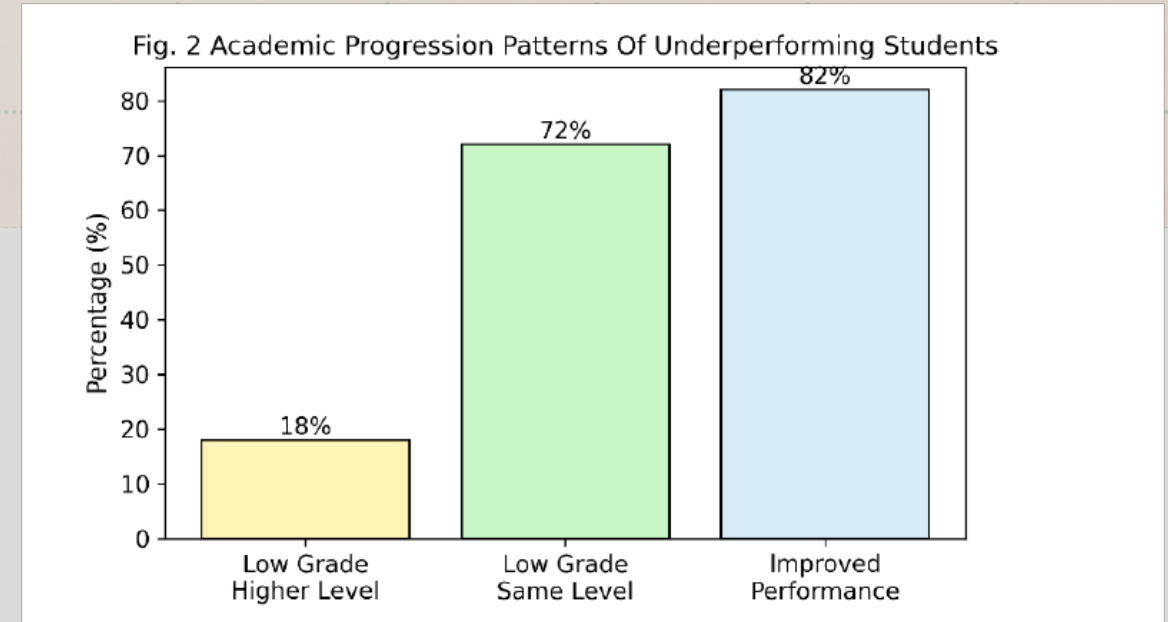
## Key Findings

- Only 18% remained weak
- More than 80% improved later
- Early struggles do not guarantee future failure

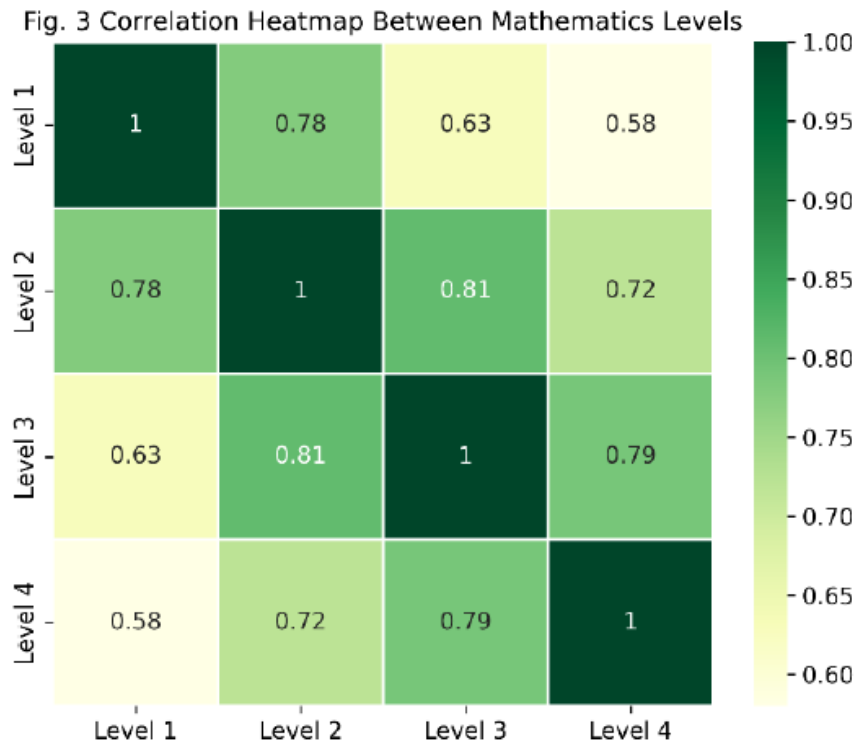
## Interpretation

Intervention works.

Students can recover and succeed.



**Fig. 3. Correlation Heatmap Between Mathematics Levels**



Strong mathematical foundation contribute significantly to future success.

Relationship

Correlation

Level 2 – Level 3

0.81

Level 3 – Level 4

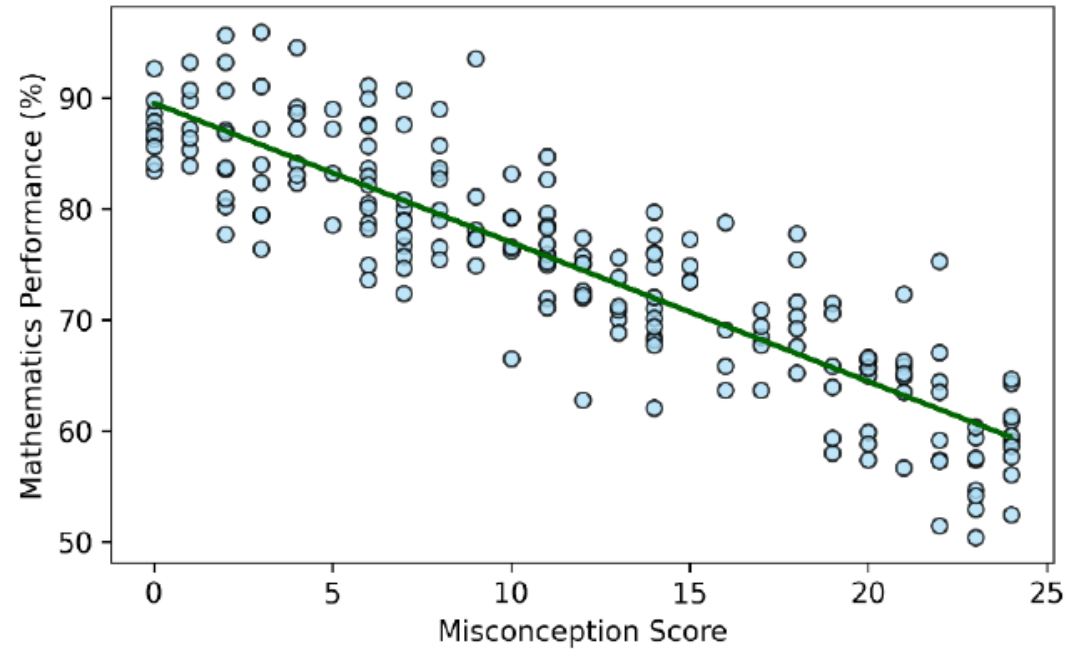
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Level 1 – Level 2

0.78

## Results: Misconception Analysis

Fig. 4 Relationship Between Misconception Scores And Performance



### Observation

Higher Misconceptions



Lower Mathematics Performance

### Educational Meaning

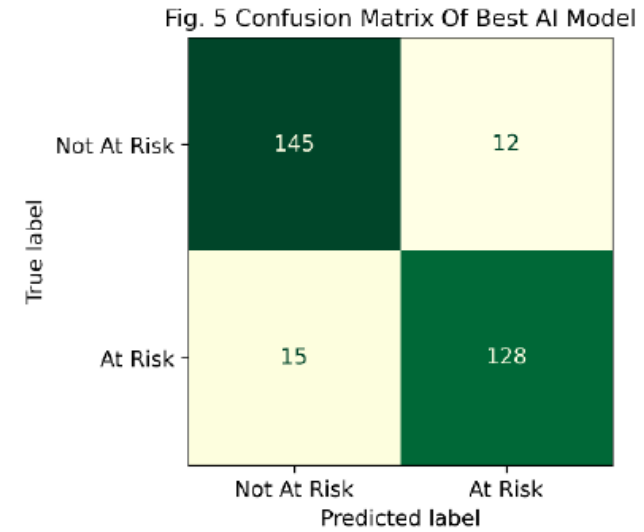
- Misconceptions affect achievement
- Early diagnosis is important
- Remedial teaching can improve outcomes

## Results: AI Model Performance

### Best Performing Model Random Forest Performance

- Correctly classified most students
- Strong identification of at-risk learners
- Suitable for early warning systems

**Fig. 5. Confusion Matrix of The Best AI Model**



## Feature Importance

Predictor	Importance
Previous Mathematics Achievement	42%
Academic Progression History	25%
Misconception Score	18%
Semester Indicator	9%
Mathematics Level	6%

Previous achievement remains the strongest predictor of future success.

# Limitations

Single institution study

Limited number of academic years

Synthetic dataset used for AI model development

Limited demographic variables

Focused only on engineering mathematics

# Future Directions

- Multi-institutional datasets
- Real-time learning analytics dashboards
- Integration with LMS systems
- Deep learning approaches
- Personalized intervention recommendations
- Explainable AI for educators

# Conclusions

- ✓ Combined progression, misconceptions, and AI
- ✓ Strong relationship between mathematics levels
- ✓ Misconceptions significantly affect achievement
- ✓ Random Forest identified at-risk students effectively
- ✓ Practical framework for early intervention