AI and Machine Learning in Action Using SAS® Viya®: A Detailed Use Case

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Use case description and analytic lifecycle overview.

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Detail strategies for data preparation, exploration and feature engineering.

Machine Learning
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Customer Information Table

- The data contains information of the CDA Company customers including:
  - customer demographics,
  - churn status,
  - product spending,
  - ads exposure,
  - returns, and
  - other interactions with the company.

- Target is Binary outcome representing customer churn.
Use Case: Data Description

Operations Information Tables

• The data contains information of the CDA Company operations including:
  – Time-stamped data that tracks revenue,
  – cost,
  – profit,
  – returns,
  – churn, across CDA company manufacturing facilities, and
  – overall quality score across CDA company hubs
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Product Quality Imagery

• The data contains images of products coming off the manufacturing line and includes images of defective and non-defective products.
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Data Exploration and Visualization

- Explore and visualize data to discover relationships.
- Modify data and create new features for future analyses.
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- Apply methods of supervised and unsupervised machine learning to build predictive models.
- Build forecast models and optimize decisions for better outcomes.
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- Detail “human-in-the-loop” neural architecture search to develop better model outcomes.
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Network Sciences and Model Deployment

- Examine data using network analyses.
- Deploy and manage models in production.
Thank you!