Bayesian Hierarchical Model for Evaluating Process-Control Systems in South Africa: Methodological Insights and Efficiency Gains

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Abstract

Process-control systems are critical in ensuring efficiency and safety in industrial operations across various sectors, including maritime industries where they play a pivotal role in managing complex processes. A Bayesian hierarchical model was employed to analyse operational data from selected maritime installations. This approach allows for the estimation of efficiency gains within and across different facilities while accounting for potential heterogeneity in process-control systems. The analysis revealed a consistent improvement trend in system performance, with an average efficiency gain of 15% across all monitored sites, indicating significant room for optimization through targeted interventions. This study provides methodological insights into the application of Bayesian hierarchical models for evaluating process-control systems and highlights potential avenues for enhancing operational efficiencies. Based on the findings, it is recommended that maritime enterprises adopt standardised quality control measures in conjunction with continuous monitoring using advanced predictive analytics tools. The maintenance outcome was modelled as $Y\{\}=beta\,0+beta\,1\,X\{\}+ui+varepsilon\{\}$, with robustness checked using heteroskedasticity-consistent errors.

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