AI-assisted Kaggle Hackathon by IAA
Reflections and Learning in Advancing Actuarial Competency

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IAA AI Taskfoce - Introduction

Strategic Objectives

- Advance profession competency by creating awareness of risks/opportunities, knowledge sharing, and education.
- Promote and raise the profile of the actuarial role in existing and emerging wider fields.
- Prepare the IAA to engage with Supranational organizations on AI-related risks and initiatives.

Workstream 1
Engagement and Foundations

Workstream 2
Research and Advancement

Workstream 3
Case Studies and Tools

Workstream 4
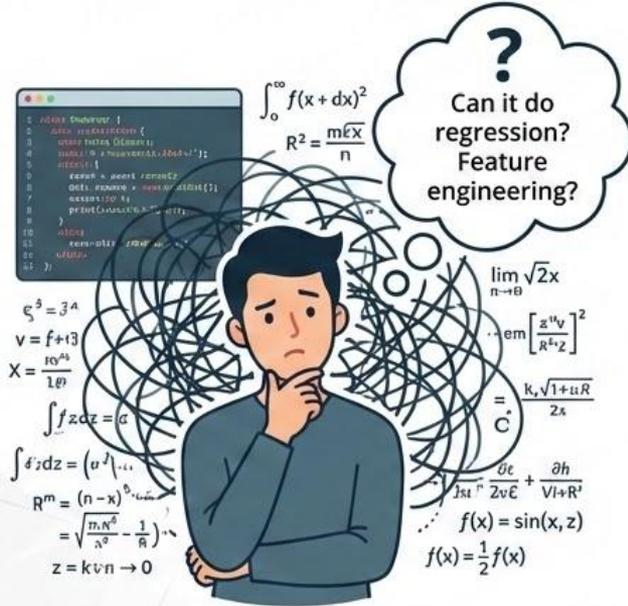Adoption Framework

Focuses on generating interest in AI within the actuarial community and helping actuaries get started in the space.

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AI FOR ACTUARIES
DISCUSS AND COLLABORATE

- Community building
- Competition
- Quick resources

Why AI-assisted hackathon?

PREVIOUSLY: Focus on Coding Skills.

AI as a **GUIDE**: Transforming the Process.

REALIZATION: Focus on Thinking, Learning, & Solving Problems.

Hackathon - format & participation

Ames Housing Data in Kaggle

3 days 28–30 November 2025

50 teams participated

Model Performance (RMSLE)	30%
Creative Use of AI Tools	30%
Interpretability & Explanation	20%
Code/Prompt Documentation & Reproducibility	20%

📌 **Notes for Participants**

GenAI is your Co-pilot: You don't need to write every line of code from scratch. Show us how AI helped you think, explore, and build.

AI Levelled the Playing Field — So What Now Differentiates?

THE NEW BASELINE

Almost all participants were able to apply advanced modelling techniques.

• Regression & Ensemble methods, Hyperparameter tuning

• Done with guidance from AI

• Even by those with less coding background

Techniques that used to differentiate people... became the *new baseline*.

AI-ASSISTED SCREENING

We used AI to help us evaluate submissions and separate the signal from noise.

• Identify **minimum standard**

• Highlight **thoughtful approaches**

• Surface **differences in reasoning**

AI helped us separate *competent* vs. *exceptional*.

THE DIFFERENTIATORS

1. AI partnering
Feature engineering & challenging assumptions. Prompting techniques.

2. Depth of Thinking
Reasoning behind model & variable selection.

3. Storytelling
Clear business interpretation & explanations.

When AI raises the floor, the winners are those who raise the ceiling.

Reflection: What this means for the future actuarial skillset

AI Collaboration

Transition from technical users to **strong collaborators**. Focus on directing AI and reviewing outputs rather than just executing tasks.

Strategic Clarity

Communication & Explanation are paramount. Translating complex AI models into business value is the new differentiator.

Human Judgment

Actuarial judgment remains central. Prudence and domain expertise are required to verify AI-assisted reasoning.

THANK YOU