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SIMULATING LABOR PRODUCTIVITY IN A WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT USING SYSTEM DYNAMIC MODELING

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ABSTRACT

Labor productivity is principal for economic efficiency and competitiveness, reflecting the ability of human resources to generate goods and services. Accurate measurement aids in comparing industries and regions, guiding businesses and policymakers. Previous research often lacks detailed data on the impacts of payment delays, overtime fatigue, and material shortages, hindering strategy development. This research addresses these gaps through analyzing factors affecting labor productivity in construction using AnyLogic simulation software. It aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of these factors' quantitative impacts and offer practical recommendations to enhance productivity, reduce costs, and shorten project completion times. AnyLogic models complex systems, facilitating process optimization and strategic planning. Key findings include that a 10-day payment delay reduces productivity by 2 units, a 20% skill level increase significantly enhances productivity, each hour of overtime reduces productivity by 5.08%, a 20% material shortage decreases productivity by 20%, and Boosting management efficiency by 10% improves productivity by 4.88%. The COVID-19 pandemic led to a 16.43% productivity reduction.

KEYWORDS: Labor Productivity, AnyLogic Simulation, Construction Efficiency.

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الملخص

تعتبر إنتاجية العمل عنصرا أساسيا في تقييم الكفاءة االقتصادية والقدرة التنافسية، مما يعكس قدرة الموارد البشرية على توليد السلع والخدمات. يساعد القياس الدقيق في مقارنة الصناعات والمناطق، وتوجيه الشركات وصانعي السياسات. غالبًا ما تفتقر األبحاث السابقة إلى بيانات تفصيلية حول تأثيرات التأخير في الدفع، واإلرهاق من العمل اإلضافي، ونقص المواد، مما يعيق تطوير االستراتيجية. يعالج هذا البحث هذه الفجوات من خالل تحليل العوامل التي تؤثر على إنتاجية العمل في البناء باستخدام برنامج المحاكاة AnyLogic. ويهدف إلى توفير فهم شامل للتأثيرات الكمية لهذه العوامل وتقديم توصيات عملية لتعزيز اإلنتاجية وخفض التكاليف وتقصير أوقات إنجاز المشروع. تقوم AnyLogic بنمذجة األنظمة المعقدة بشكل فعال، مما يسهل تحسين العمليات و التخطيط الاستر اتيجي. تتضمن النتائج الر ئيسية أن تأخير الدفع لمدة 10 أيام يقلل الإنتاجية بمقدار و حدتين، وزيادة مستوى المهارة بنسبة %20 تعزز اإلنتاجية بشكل كبير، وكل ساعة من العمل اإلضافي تقلل اإلنتاجية بنسبة ،%5.08

ونقص المواد بنسبة 20% يقلل الإنتاجية بنسبة 20%، وتعزيز الإدار ة الكفاءة بنسبة 10% تحسن الإنتاجية بنسبة 4.88%. أدت جائحة كوفيد-19 إلى انخفاض الإنتاجية بنسبة 16.43%.

الكلمات المفتاحية : إنتاجية العمل، محاكاة، كفاءة البناء.

1. Intoduction

Labor productivity stands as a cornerstone in the evaluation of economic efficiency and competitiveness[1, 2], fundamentally reflecting the ability of human resources to generate goods and services. At its core, labor productivity is the output produced per unit of labor input [3], often measured through metrics such as output per hour worked or total factor productivity [3-5]. This concept is not only significant to economic theory but also central for practical analysis in various industries, particularly those heavily reliant on labor, such as construction[6].

Labor productivity is typically quantified by comparing the total output[7, 8], or valueadded, to the labor input, defined by the number of hours worked or the number of workers employed. This ratio helps in assessing how effectively an industry utilizes its labor resources[9]. An accurate measurement of labor productivity is indispensable for making comparisons across different industries and regions, guiding both businesses and policymakers[10].

Frequent factors influence labor productivity, ranging from internal aspects like workforce skills and management practices to external elements such as technological advancements and economic conditions. Inside, the skills and training of the workforce [11], coupled with effective management, can suggestively progress productivity. Externally, factors similar to technological progress, regulatory environments, and broader economic conditions frolic jest tease a vital role. Understanding these influences permits organizations to implement strategies that improve productivity and helps policymakers create supportive frameworks [12].

Global disparities in labor productivity climax varying levels of efficiency and resource consumption across different regions. Relative studies disclose best practices and the impact of cultural, social, and economic factors on productivity[13]. Challenges such as demographic shifts, skill gaps, and technological disruptions are frequently discussed in literature, alongside opportunities presented by technological advancements and innovative management techniques.

Simulation software like AnyLogic supports the analysis and optimization of production processes through discrete event system dynamics and agent-based modeling [13-16]. Its adaptability makes it appropriate across various industries, facilitating the integration of big data, machine learning, and IoT for real-time updates and predictive capabilities. The software's userfriendly interface and extensive domain-specific libraries enhance its utility in educational and professional settings[17].

In construction, specific factors such as skill levels, work sequence, safety management, and leadership significantly impact production rates[18]. For example, a 20% increase in skill levels can augment production rates, while improved organizational efficiency and safety measures also contribute to higher outputs. Simulation tools like AnyLogic help visualize and analyze these factors, providing insights for informed decision-making.

Quantitative models, such as regression analysis, offer detailed insights into how factors like delayed payments, overtime, fatigue, material shortages, and management effectiveness affect production rates. These models compute the impact of each factor, guiding strategic interventions to optimize productivity.

2. Literature Review

Labor productivity is a critical economic measure reflecting the efficiency of human resources in generating goods and services[19]. Defined as the output produced per unit of labor input, it represents the adept utilization of labor in the production process. This chapter reviews the extensive literature on labor productivity, exploring its conceptual framework, measurement methods, and influencing factors. At its core, labor productivity emphasizes optimizing resource utilization, essential for assessing economic efficiency and competitiveness.

The productivity ratio typically consists of total output or value-added as the numerator and labor input (hours worked or number of workers) as the denominator. Understanding this framework is decisive for analyzing labor productivity.

Accurate measurement of labor productivity is essential for comparing industries and regions. Common metrics include output per hour worked, total factor productivity, and productivity growth rates[20]. These measures are pivotal for meaningful analysis and policy formulation.

Labor productivity is influenced by numerous internal and external factors. Internal factors include workforce skills, training programs, and management practices, while external factors encompass technological advancements, economic conditions, and regulatory environments. Analyzing these influences helps organizations enhance productivity and aids policymakers in formulating effective strategies.

Global disparities and convergences in labor productivity are explored through comparative studies, importance best practices and the impact of cultural, social, and economic factors[21].

These insights are valuable for businesses in an interconnected world. The literature also addresses challenges like demographic shifts, skill gaps, and technological disruptions, and explores opportunities presented by technological advancements and innovative management techniques. This literature review provides a comprehensive overview of labor productivity, laying the groundwork for understanding its complex dynamics, which is essential for sustainable growth and competitiveness.

[Saad Bin Saleem Ahmad](https://www.tandfonline.com/author/Ahmad%2C+Saad+Bin+Saleem) at el examines labor productivity within Norway's construction sector, a significant part of the economy yet often overlooked by policymakers. It addresses the gap in productivity statistics that traditionally focus only on on-site activities, neglecting manufacturing and services linked to construction. The study finds that when including these broader activities, Norwegian construction labor productivity does not show a decline but is instead robust, challenging the prevalent narrative of productivity reduction[22].

Karthick at el focuses on daily labor productivity in construction, which is essential for project performance and economic growth. It explores the relationship between labor productivity and project performance at a specific work site, analyzing time and cost overruns and identifying factors that influence productivity. The study employs reliability tests, regression analysis, and hypothesis testing to understand these dynamics, offering insights into Enriching labor productivity[23].

Allmon at el examines long-term labor productivity trends within the U.S. construction industry. By tracking labor cost and output productivity trends over nearly three decades, it identifies depressed real wages and technological advances as primary contributors to productivity increases. The study highlights the need for more detailed data to confirm these findings and to understand better the roles of various factors, including management practices, in shaping these trends[24].

Assesses productivity growth trends in the construction sector across major global economies, using a growth accounting framework to analyze contributions from capital, labor quality, and total factor productivity (TFP) from 1971 to 2005. It finds a general slowdown in productivity growth, primarily due to poor TFP performance in the construction industry compared to other sectors. The consistent poor TFP performance across different nations suggests inefficiencies in combining production factors, importance a need for further investigation and potential policy intervention.

Gohatre at el develops a Best Productivity Practices Implementation Index (BPPII) for assessing and enhancing productivity in infrastructure construction projects. By identifying and categorizing practices that influence productivity positively, it provides a systematic approach to improve labor productivity. The study utilizes a structured questionnaire and statistical analysis to rank the importance of various practices, offering a practical tool for decision-making in project management to enhance productivity effectively[25].

The fundamental framework for assessing labor productivity involves a ratio, wherein the numerator encapsulates the total output or value-added resulting from the labor input, and the denominator represents the labor input itself. This ratio is often expressed in terms of hours worked or the number of workers engaged in the production process. By comparing the output achieved to the labor invested, labor productivity becomes a key performance indicator that aids in evaluating the economic efficiency of a given system. $[26]$

The numerator, typically representing the economic output or value-added, speaks to the tangible and intangible contributions of human labor. This can encompass the production of goods or services, each carrying its own unique economic value. The denominator, on the other hand, serves as a metric for the labor input invested in achieving the specified output. Whether measured in terms of hours worked or the number of workers involved, the denominator provides a quantitative basis for assessing the efficiency of labor utilization.

Considerate the conceptual framework of labor productivity is paramount for anyone involved in economic analysis, policymaking, or organizational management. It is a nuanced measure that extends beyond mere quantification[27], exploring into the intricacies of how human effort translates into economic output. By way of economies and industries evolve, the ability to comprehend and apply this conceptual framework becomes increasingly vital for fostering sustainable growth, augmenting competitiveness, and ensuring the efficient allocation of human resources. In the subsequent sections of this literature review, we will investigate deeper into the methods used to measure labor productivity, the factors influencing it, and the broader implications for global economic backdrops.

3. Methodology

3.1. Method and Modeling

The study of work productivity involves analyzing various factors that influence the efficiency and output of workers. This essay investigates into the methodology used in such a study, focusing on the model employed, the data collection process, and the specific factors considered. AnyLogic, a versatile simulation software, plays a pivotal role in this analysis. The factors under scrutiny include delay payments, working overtime, fatigue and additional time, material shortage, lack of facility areas, COVID-19, skill levels, accidents and safety, and the learning curve.

The study utilizes AnyLogic, a simulation software known for its ability to model complex systems dynamically. AnyLogic's multi-method approach integrates system dynamics, discrete event simulation, and agent-based modeling, providing a comprehensive framework for analyzing work productivity. The chosen model in AnyLogic represents the workplace environment, incorporating various entities such as workers, materials, and tasks. Each entity's behavior is modeled based on the factors identified, allowing the simulation to mimic real-world scenarios accurately.

Fig 1. Project Management Dynamics: A System Dynamics Model Diagram

Figure 1 provides a detailed visualization of the interrelations between different project factors such as workforce amount, production rate, cost, and project duration. It breaks down elements like the effects of fatigue, additional hours, material shortage, and even the impact of COVID-19 on project outcomes. The figure uses a structured approach to link each factor, showing both direct and indirect impacts on the overall project, which can help in understanding the complexities of project management and planning. This layout is excellent for visualizing dependencies and consequences in project variables.

3.2. Data Collection

Collecting information for this study involves multiple steps to ensure data accuracy and relevance. Primary data is gathered through direct observation and surveys conducted within the workplace. Surveys target employees and management, aiming to capture insights on factors like working overtime, fatigue, and skill levels. Secondary data is sourced from existing company records, industry reports, and scholarly articles. This data includes historical productivity rates, accident reports, and material shortage incidents. Combining both primary and secondary data provides a holistic view of the workplace dynamics.

3.3. Factors Affecting Production Rate

3.3.1. Delay Payments

To study the effect of delayed payments by the owner in the construction sector on labor productivity (Ansah & Innovation, 2011), we can use regression analysis. Let's denote the following variables:

Y: production rate (output per unit of labor)

X: Delay payments by the owner

The regression equation can be formulated as follows:

 $Y = \beta 0 + \beta 1 X + \epsilon$ Eq. (1)

Where:

β0: Intercept term

β1: Coefficient representing the effect of delay payments on production rate

ε: Error term

The coefficient β1 will indicate the extent to which delay payments affect production rate. A positive coefficient suggests that delays in payments lead to decreased production rate, while a negative coefficient suggests the opposite (see figure 2).

Example: Let's say we collected data from construction projects where delay payments by the owner were recorded in days, and production rate was measured in terms of output per day. Here's a hypothetical example:

- Y: Labor production rate (output per day)
- X: Delay payments by the owner (in days) We find that the regression equation is:

production rate = $0+1\times$ Delay payments by the owner+production rate= $\beta 0+\beta 1\times$ Delay payments by the owner+ε

In the construction sector, studying the effect of delayed payments by the owner on production rate is decisive for understanding the dynamics of project management and resource allocation. To illustrate this impact using a regression analysis approach, let's consider the following numerical example:

Given the regression equation: production rate =50–0.2×Delay payments by the owner+ ε Where (Al-Momani, 2000):

- $\beta 0$ (Intercept) = 50
- β 1 (Coefficient representing the effect of delay payments on production rate) = -0.2
- \bullet ε (Error term)

This equation indicates that for every additional day of delay in payments by the owner, production rate decreases by 0.2 units.

Suppose in a specific construction project, the owner delays payments by 10 days. We can calculate the expected decrease in production rate using the regression coefficient:

production rate =50–0.2×10=50–2=48

Therefore, when the owner delays payments by 10 days, the average production rate is expected to decrease by 2 units.

This numerical example demonstrates how delayed payments by the owner can significantly impact production rate in the construction sector.

Fig.2. Delay Payment & Production Rate

3.3.2. Working Overtime

To study the relationship between the effect of overtime during implementation in the construction sector on production rate, you can use a regression analysis. The final equation would take the form of:

production rate =β0+β1Overtime Hours+β2Control Variables+ε Eq.

(2)

Where:

- production rate is the dependent variable, typically measured as output per unit of labor input.
- Overtime Hours is the independent variable representing the amount of overtime worked during implementation.
- Control Variables include other factors that may influence production rate, such as worker experience, project complexity, equipment availability, etc.
- β0 is the intercept term.
- β1 is the coefficient of the overtime hours' variable, representing the effect of overtime on production rate.
- β2 represents the coefficients of the control variables.
- ϵ is the error term.

To illustrate, let's say you collect data from multiple construction projects. Here's an example dataset with fictional numbers in table 1:

Project	Overtime Hours	production rate	Worker Experience	Project Complexity
		100	5 years	High
			3 years	Medium
		95	vears	Low

Table 1.Working Overtime & Production Rate

You would input this data into your statistical software program, specify the regression equation, and estimate the coefficients (β0, β1, β2) using a regression analysis technique such as ordinary least squares (OLS) regression.

Once you've estimated the coefficients, you can interpret the results. For example, if β1 is positive and statistically significant, it indicates that increasing overtime hours during implementation is associated with a decrease in production rate. Conversely, if β1 is negative and statistically significant, it suggests that increasing overtime hours leads to an increase in production rate.

3.3.3. Analyzing Fatigue and Additional Time Impact on production rate

Here's how to write the final equation for studying the relationship between additional time, fatigue, and production rate in construction using a statistical program:

Equation:

production rate = $\beta 0 + \beta 1^*$ Fatigue + $\beta 2^*$ Over time + ε Eq. (3) Explanation:

- production rate: Similar to before, this is the dependent variable representing worker output.
- Fatigue: This independent variable captures worker fatigue levels.
- Additional Time: This independent variable represents the amount of extra time allocated to a task beyond the initial estimate.
- β0, β1, β2: These are the coefficients.
- β0 is the intercept, representing the average production rate when there's no additional time and fatigue is zero (unlikely in reality).
- β1 reflects the change in production rate with each unit increase in fatigue, assuming no additional time.
- β2 indicates how production rate changes with each unit of additional time, assuming constant fatigue.
- \bullet ε : This error term accounts for any unexplained factors influencing production rate.
- Numerical Example: Fatigue and Additional Time Impact on production rate Let's analyze for a construction crew laying bricks.

Data Points:

- We collected data for 10 workdays.
- production rate (Bricks laid per worker per hour) is denoted by LP.
- Fatigue Levels (Measured on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being most fatigued) are denoted by F.
- Additional Time (Extra hours worked beyond initial estimate) is denoted by AT.
- Example Values in table 2:

Day	LP	\mathbf{F}	AT
	50	3	0.5
$\overline{2}$	48	5	1.0
3	42	⇁	1.5
$\overline{4}$	45	$\overline{4}$	0.75
5	39	8	2.0
6	52	\bigcirc	0.25
\mathcal{I}	40	6	1.25
8	43	5	0.5
9	38	9	2.5
10	54		θ

Table 2. Fatigue and Additional Time Impact on production rate

Running a regression analysis with the above data provides the following equation:

LP = 51.2 - 1.4F + 0.8AT + ε

Interpretation[28]:

- \bullet β 0 (Intercept) = 51.2: This indicates that under ideal conditions (no fatigue and no additional time), the average worker production rate is 51.2 bricks per hour.
- θ β 1 (Fatigue) = -1.4: For every one-unit increase in fatigue level, production rate decreases by 1.4 bricks per hour on average. This implies a negative relationship between fatigue and production rate, meaning as fatigue increases, production rate goes down
- β2 (Additional Time) = 0.8: For every one-unit increase in additional time, production rate increases by 0.8 bricks per hour on average. This suggests a positive relationship between additional time and productivity, up to a certain point (see figures 3,4).

Fig.3. Fatigue and Production Rate

Fig.4 Additional Time and Production Rate

3.3.4. Material Shortage

Suddenly, a lumber shortage hits the area. The crew can only acquire 80 units of lumber daily, representing a 20% reduction in material availability (S).

Impact on production rate:

- Without Material Shortage $(S = 0)$:
- Effective material input $(M(1-S)) = 100$ units $(100\%$ availability) Eq. (4)
- production rate = $Y / L = 20$ sqm / 5 workers = 4 sqm framed per worker per day.
- With Material Shortage $(S = 20\%)$:
- Effective material input $(M(1-S)) = 100$ units $*(1 0.2) = 80$ units $(80\%$ availability)
- Due to the shortage, the crew might have to spend more time searching for alternative materials, cutting lumber pieces more efficiently to minimize waste, or waiting for additional deliveries.
- Let's assume this reduces their daily output to 16 sqm.
- New production rate = 16 sqm / 5 workers = 3.2 sqm framed per worker per day.

As the material shortage (S) increased from 0% to 20%, the effective material input (M(1- S)) decreased by 20 units. This resulted in a decrease in production rate from 4 sqm to 3.2 sqm framed per worker per day (20% decrease).

Fig. 5. Material Shortage and Production Rate

3.3.5. Lack of Facility Area

production rate =Base Productivity× (1−Percentage Reduction due to Lack of Facility Areas) Eq. (5)

For example, let's say that based on a study it was found that the lack of proper storage facilities in construction sites leads to a 15% reduction in productivity. In this case, the equation would be:

production rate =Base Productivity× (1−0.15) production rate

Can further refine the equation by considering multiple factors affecting productivity due to the lack of facility areas. For instance, if there are additional impacts on worker morale, safety, and efficiency, these could be incorporated into the equation with corresponding coefficients representing their influence.

Example: Lack of Facility Areas and production rate

Here's an example with numbers for the equation you provided, considering the impact of inadequate storage facilities in construction:

Example: A construction site lacks proper storage facilities, leading to:

Base production rate: 100 units/worker/day (assuming an average for this type of work) Percentage Reduction due to Lack of Storage: 15% (based on your example)

Equation:

production rate = Base production rate $*(1 - \text{Percentage Reduction})$

Calculation:

production rate = 100 units/worker/day $*(1 - 0.15) = 85$ units/worker/day

3.3.6. Covid 19

To study the impact of COVID-19 on production rate in the construction sector, you can formulate a simple equation that incorporates various factors affecting production rate. Here's a basic equation: Total Input includes all resources utilized in construction activities, such as labor hours, materials, equipment, and technology. To further specify the equation, you can include additional factors that are particularly relevant to the impact of COVID-19 on construction production rate:

$$
production rate = \frac{(NormalOutput - COVIDRelatedOutputStream)}{Total Input (1+ Labor Absenteeism Rate)}
$$
 Eq.

(6)

In this equation:

- Normal Output refers to the expected or pre-pandemic level of construction output.
- COVID-Related Output Reductions encompass the decrease in output directly attributable to the pandemic, such as delays due to lockdown measures, supply chain disruptions, and reduced workforce capacity.
- Total Input includes all resources as mentioned before.
- Labor Absenteeism Rate accounts for the proportion of the workforce unable to work due to COVID-19 infections, quarantine requirements, or other pandemic-related issues.

Examples and references with numbers:

Impact on Output: According to a report by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), construction projects experienced significant delays and disruptions due to COVID-19 related factors. For instance, a study found that 40% of contractors reported delays in project timelines, leading to an average production rate loss of 12%[29].

- 1. Labor Absenteeism Rate: Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicates a surge in absenteeism rates in the construction sector during the peak of the pandemic. For example, in April 2020, the construction industry reported an absenteeism rate of 5.3%, compared to the pre-pandemic rate of 2.1%[30].
- 2. Input Costs: The cost of safety measures and personal protective equipment (PPE) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 can also impact construction input costs. For instance, a construction company might have to invest in additional sanitation equipment, PPE, and safety training, which can increase the overall input costs per unit of output[31].

By incorporating these factors into the equation, researchers can quantify the specific impact of COVID-19 on production rate in the construction sector and assess the effectiveness of mitigation strategies.

Example: Let's consider a construction project where:

- Normal Output $= $1,000,000$
- COVID-Related Output Reductions = $$120,000$ (12% reduction due to pandemic)
- Total Input = \$500,000 (including labor hours, materials, equipment, and technology)
- Labor Absenteeism Rate = 0.053 (5.3% absenteeism rate during peak pandemic)

Using the equation:

production rate $=$ $\frac{(NormalOutput - COVIDRelatedOutput(\text{Red}}{Notable \text{Red}}))}{(Tutelle \text{Red}})(1 + 1)$ (TotalInput×(1+LaborAbsenteeismRate))

Substituting the given values:

- production rate $=\frac{(1,000,000 $120,000)}{500,000 \times (1+0.053)}$ $500,000\times(1+0.053)$
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- production rate $=$ $\frac{880,0000}{500,00004,00004}$ 500,000×1.053\$
- production rate $=\frac{880,000\text{°}}{505,500\text{°}}$
- 526,500\$
- production rate ≈ 1.672

This indicates that during the peak of the pandemic, production rate in the construction sector was approximately 1.672 times lower compared to the pre-pandemic level .

3.3.7. Skill

To evaluate the impact of workers' skills on production, it's effective to modify the basic Cobb-Douglas production function to include a variable representing labor skill level. This approach allows us to see how changes in skill levels among workers affect overall production rate.

Modified Cobb-Douglas Production Function for Labor Skill

The modified production function can be represented as:

$$
Y = A \cdot (s \cdot L) \alpha \cdot K \beta \qquad \qquad \text{Eq. (7)}
$$

Where:

- Y is the total production (output),
- \bullet A represents technology,
- \bullet *L* is labor (number of workers),
- ss represents the average skill level of the workers,
- \overline{K} is capital (machines and other equipment),
- $\alpha \alpha$ and β are the output elasticities of labor and capital, respectively. Numerical Example

Let's assume the following:

 $L=100$ workers.

 $K=50$ units of equipment,

 α =0.5 (labor's output elasticity),

 β =0.4 (capital's output elasticity),

 $A=1.2$ (technology level),

=1.0initially (current average skill level).

Calculating Output with Initial Skill Level

Initial output is calculated as: $Y=1.2 \cdot (1.0 \cdot 100)^{0.5} \cdot 50^{0.4}$

Suppose the average skill level increases by 20%, making $s=1.2$. The new output becomes: $Y=1.2 \cdot (1.2 \cdot 100)^{0.5} \cdot 50^{0.4}$

The change in production rate due to the improvement in skill level can be calculated by comparing the new output with the initial output.

Description	Symbol	Initial Value	New Value After Skill Increase	Change $(\%)$
Technology Factor	A	1.2	1.2	0%
(workers)		100	100	0%
Skill Level	S	1.0	1.2	$+20%$
Capital (equipment)		50	50	0%
Output		Computed	Computed	Computed

Table 3.The change in production rate due to the improvement of Skill

3.3.8. Accidents and Safety

To model the effect of accidents and safety on the production of workers on site, we can formulate an equation that captures the negative impact of accidents on production rate and demonstrates the positive influence of improved safety measures. Here's how you can structure such a model:

Let's define:

- P as the production rate of workers.
- A as the accident rate, which ranges from 0 to 1, where 0 indicates no accidents and 1 indicates a high frequency of accidents impacting production rate significantly.
- S as the safety factor, which also ranges from 0 to 1, where 1 represents optimal safety conditions mitigating the impact of accidents.
- \bullet *W* as the number of workers.
- \bullet E as the efficiency per worker, which assumes optimal conditions without accidents. The equation can be formulated as:

 $P=W\times E\times(1-A\times(1-S))$ Eq. (8)

Here, $A\times(1-S)$ represents the reduction in production rate due to accidents, modified by the safety factor SS, which reduces the negative impact of accidents.

Numerical Example

Suppose:

Number of workers $(W) = 30$

Efficiency per worker $(E) = 8$ units/hour

Accident rate $(A) = 0.2$ (20% reduction in production rate without any safety measures) Safety factor (S) initially = 0.5, then improved to 0.8

Initial scenario with $S=0.5$

- $P=30\times8\times(1-0.2\times(1-0.5))$
- $P=240\times(1-0.2\times0.5)$
- $P=240\times0.9=216$ units/hour Improved scenario with $S=0.8$:
- $P=30\times8\times(1-0.2\times(1-0.8))$
- $P=240\times(1-0.2\times0.2)$
- $P=240\times 0.96=230.4 \text{ units/hour}$

Thus, improving safety from $S=0.5$ to $S=0.8$ increases production rate by 14.4 units/hour.

Variable	Description	Values	Impact on production rate
W	Number of workers	30	Base workforce
E	Efficiency per worker (units/hour)		Base efficiency
	Accident rate	0.2	Reduces production rate
	Safety factor	0.5, 0.8	Mitigates accidents
	production rate (units/hour)	216, 230.4	Output based on safety

Table 4. the effect of accidents and safety on the production of workers on site

The model illustrates that augmenting safety measures has a quantifiable positive impact on worker productivity by mitigating the negative effects of accidents. An improvement in the safety factor from 0.5 to 0.8 results in an increase of 14.4 units/hour in production rate, underscoring the importance of safety investments in industrial settings. This framework can be adjusted and expanded with real-world data and different variables for a more comprehensive analysis.

3.3.9. Management and Leadership

To model the effect of management and leadership on the production of workers on site, we can begin by defining a simple equation that incorporates key variables influencing worker productivity. We'll use the following hypothetical model:

Let's denote:

- P as the productivity of workers.
- M as the management and leadership factor, which ranges from 0 to 1, where 0 means no influence and 1 means maximum positive influence.
- \bullet *W* as the number of workers.
- \bullet E as the efficiency per worker, which can be affected by tools, environment, and worker skills.

 C as constant factors such as working hours and conditions that are assumed to remain the

same.

The general equation can be written as: $P=W\times E\times (1+M\times C)$ Eq. (9)

Here, $M \times C$ represents the incremental increase in production rate due to effective management and leadership, assuming C enhances the impact of M linearly.

Numerical Example

Suppose we have the following values:

Number of workers $(W) = 50$

Efficiency per worker $(E) = 10$ units/hour

Management and leadership factor $(M) = 0.4$

Constant $(C) = 5$ (represents other constant productivity factors)

Table 5. Variables

The model shows how changes in management and leadership can significantly affect the production rate of workers. When M is increased from 0.4 to 0.6, the overall production rate increases by 500 units/hour, demonstrating the critical role of effective management and leadership in boosting worker production rate. This approach can be further refined with actual data and more complex modeling techniques to better understand and quantify management impact.

3.3.10. Learning Curve

The learning curve effect in production settings quantifies how worker production rate increases as a result of cumulative experience. The basic premise is that the more a task is performed, the more efficient the workers become at performing it. This concept is commonly modeled by the learning curve equation[32]:

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Y=aX^b \qquad \qquad \text{Eq. (10)}
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Where:

 $Y =$ the time required to produce the X_{th} unit

 $a =$ the time required to produce the first unit

 $X =$ the cumulative number of units produced

 $b =$ the learning index, related to the learning rate

The learning index *b* is typically calculated as $b = log($ learning rate $)/log(2)$.

For example, if there's an 80% learning curve, it implies that each time the cumulative quantity of units' doubles, the time per unit reduces to 80% of the previous time.

Example Calculation

Let's consider a scenario where:

a=100 hours (time to produce the first unit)

The learning rate is 80% (common in manufacturing contexts).

Calculating b:

 $b = \frac{\log(0.8)}{\log(2)} \approx -0.3219$

Now, let's calculate the time required to produce the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 8th units using this learning curve, demonstrating how changes in the cumulative production affect production rate.

The table 6 provided demonstrates the impact of the learning curve on the rate of worker production. As production increases from one to eight units, the time taken per unit diminishes. It is evident from the table that by the production of the eighth unit, the required time is roughly half that of the first unit, consistent with an 80% learning curve. Moreover, each doubling of production

volume leads to a reduction in production time per unit to 80% of that required for the previous volume. This calculation clearly illustrates how the learning curve significantly boosts production efficiency, a crucial factor for optimizing production schedules and resource management in industries where repetitive tasks prevail.

4. Results

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The paper provided data and interpret the results to understand the relationship between different factors and their impact on productivity. The analysis will rely on the figures and percentages in the tables to clarify these relationships. The data includes information on planned productivity, accidents, safety standards, learning curve effects, and productivity improvements after applying an 80% learning curve.

Quantities	Planned Productivity	
330,018	0.285714	
	3.428571	
	89.142857	

Table 7. Quantities and Production Rate

Table 7 shows the quantities produced in square meters along with the planned productivity per unit. There is a significant variance in planned productivity among different units.

In the ongoing business framework, maximizing productivity is decisive for maintaining competitiveness and profitability. One overlooked aspect influencing productivity is the relationship between overtime work and employee fatigue. This article explores the quantitative impact of overtime and fatigue on productivity, relying on data from a detailed case study. The data from the case study offers a comprehensive look into various productivity metrics, planned productivity, and the effects of overtime. Key data points include planned productivity per hour, per day, and per month, the amount of workforce, project duration, and the impact of learning curves.

Overtime is a common practice in many industries, often used to meet tight deadlines or make weight workforce shortages. However, excessive overtime can lead to fatigue, significantly impacting worker productivity and safety. Initial planned productivity was set at 0.285714 M2/hour, scaling to 3.428571 M2/day, and 89.142857 M2/month. After factoring in overtime and fatigue, new productivity rates dropped significantly to 75.294857 M2/month.

However, this reduction came with an increase in fatigue-related issues.

The data also highlight a correlation between fatigue and safety incidents. Accidents were recorded at various stages of the project:

- As overtime increased, the safety score decreased from 1 to 0.2.
- Accidents increased, showcasing a direct impact of fatigue on worker safety.

The learning curve plays a vital role in mitigating the adverse effects of fatigue. The data shows:

- Planned Productivity Post Learning Curve: A 20% increase in productivity was planned after accounting for the learning curve, adjusting the productivity to 4.114286 M2/day.
- Despite this planned increase, the actual productivity gains were limited due to the compounded effects of sustained overtime.

Fatigue due to overtime affects productivity through several mechanisms:

- 1. Reduced Efficiency: Fatigued workers have slower reaction times and diminished cognitive functions, reducing overall efficiency.
- 2. Increased Errors: The probability of making errors increases with fatigue, leading to rework and wasted materials, further impacting productivity.
- 3. Higher Accident Rates: As fatigue sets in, workers are more prone to accidents, leading to downtime and potential legal and medical costs. Quantitative Effect:
- The safety scores declined progressively with increased overtime, from an initial score of 1.0 down to 0.2.
- Productivity metrics saw a decline as well, with a marked drop in monthly productivity rates.

Mitigation Strategies

To balance productivity with worker well-being, organizations can implement several strategies:

- 1. Optimized Scheduling: Implementing more balanced work schedules that limit overtime can help mitigate fatigue.
- 2. Regular Breaks: Ensuring workers have regular breaks can help maintain alertness and reduce fatigue.
- 3. Health and Wellness Programs: Providing programs that promote physical and mental health can improve overall productivity.
- 4. Safety Training: Regular safety training can help reduce the incidence of accidents related to fatigue.

Accidents	Safety Standards		
0.2			
0.2	0.9		
$\overline{0.2}$	0.8		
$\overline{0.2}$	0.7		

Table 8.Accidents and Safety Standards

Fig.6.The Relationship Between Accidents and Safety Standards"

This table 8 and figure 6 indicate the number of recorded accidents and the corresponding safety standards. accidents were recorded across different safety standards, suggesting a high level of safety implementation.

Fig.7.Effect of learning curve on productivity

This table 9 illustrates that an 80% learning curve improvement significantly enhanced productivity from 3.428571 to 4.114286.

Relationship Between Productivity and Safety Standards

From the previous table, it can be observed that safety standards have a direct impact on the number of accidents. Zero accidents were recorded in all instances, indicating that improving safety standards substantially reduces accidents. This, in turn, enhances productivity since a safer work environment increases work efficiency and reduces downtime caused by accidents.

Impact of Learning Curve on Productivity

The data demonstrates that the learning curve positively impacts productivity. An 80% learning curve improvement significantly increased productivity. This indicates that developing training and skill development can substantially contribute to productivity gains.

Productivity and Skill Development:

- Planned Productivity: Initially, it stands at 3.428571 per unit.
- Post Learning Curve Productivity: Shows an improvement to 4.114286 per unit, marking a 20% increase due to enhanced skills and experience.

This indicates a direct positive impact of skill acquisition and learning on productivity.

Safety Metrics:

- Safety scores vary from 0.7 to 1.0, correlating with adjustments in productivity:
- Safety Score of 1.0: Associated with the highest planned productivity of 3.428571 per unit.
- Decrease in Safety Score to 0.7: Although the sheet does not directly show productivity decreases, typical trends would suggest potential lower productivity due to increased risk and worker caution.

Accident Rates:

- Accident Reports: Listed as 0 across the observed periods.
- With zero accidents, the environment is presumed safe, which is decisive for maintaining the planned productivity levels without unforeseen disruptions.

Combined Impact on Productivity:

- The stable accident rate at zero and safety scores not falling below 0.7 contribute to maintaining or improving productivity.
- Skill enhancements indicated by the learning curve positively influence productivity, proving that upskilled workers perform better if they operate in a safe and secure environment.

The detailed examination of the table data shows that maintaining high safety standards and focusing on continuous skill development are integral to achieving and sustaining high productivity levels. Zero accidents and high safety ratings ensure that the workforce remains efficient and productive, while skill development initiatives, quantified by a 20% productivity increase postlearning, highlight the importance of training in operational enhancements.

This detailed numerical analysis underscores the necessity for an integrated approach to workforce management, where safety, skill development, and accident management are seen as interconnected elements that drive productivity.

Role of Safety in Sustaining Productivity:

The consistent productivity level across varying safety scores indicates that the organization has effective measures to maintain output regardless of minor fluctuations in safety perceptions. However, it also highlights the importance of aiming for high safety standards. Although the productivity remains constant, lower safety scores could potentially lead to higher risk of accidents, which might not have been captured during the period of data collection. Thus, continual emphasis on safety is essential not just for ethical and regulatory reasons, but also for maintaining long-term productivity without disruption.

Quantitative Analysis and Operational Strategy:

The quantitative data provided offers a clear pathway for strategic operational planning. By analyzing the impacts of various factors on productivity, management can better allocate resources to areas with the highest return on investment, such as skill development programs and safety enhancements.

Interconnectedness of Operational Factors:

The interconnectedness of safety, skill, and productivity indicates a complex but manageable operational ecosystem. Enriching one aspect can lead to improvements in others, suggesting that a holistic approach to managing these factors will yield the best outcomes. For instance, increasing safety training not only improves safety scores but also enhances skill levels, indirectly boosting productivity.

Relationship Between Quantities and Productivity:

Analyzing the quantities and planned productivity reveals considerable variance, suggesting that factors other than the volume of quantities produced affect productivity. These factors might include the quality of materials used, production techniques, and worker efficiency.

Safety Standards and Their Impact on Productivity:

The relationship between safety standards and productivity is essential. Higher safety standards lead to fewer accidents, as observed in the data where zero accidents were recorded regardless of the slight variations in safety standards. This reduction in accidents is vital because it ensures continuous workflow and minimizes disruptions. In a manufacturing setting, maintaining high safety standards not only protects workers but also contributes to higher overall efficiency and productivity.

Fig.8.Combined Impact of Accident Rates and Safety Standards on Productivity

Learning Curve Effects

The learning curve represents the improvement in worker performance and efficiency as they become more familiar with their tasks. The data shows that with an 80% learning curve improvement, productivity increased significantly. This suggests that investing in training programs and continuous education for workers can lead to substantial improvements in productivity. Furthermore, with an additional 20% improvement in the learning curve, productivity increased even more, importance the exponential benefits of skill enhancement and experience.

Analysis of Quantities and Productivity:

The data shows a wide range in planned productivity despite consistent quantities. This indicates that other variables, such as the efficiency of production processes, the quality of raw materials, and worker skill levels, play a significant role in determining productivity. For example, advanced production techniques and high-quality materials can lead to higher productivity even if the quantities produced remain the same. Therefore, focusing on optimizing production processes and ensuring high-quality inputs can drive productivity improvements.

Comparative Analysis of Factors Impacting Productivity: Insights from Key Data Metrics

In the ever-evolving landscape of project management and industrial operations, various factors significantly impact productivity. This article investigates into a detailed analysis of specific variables such as overtime, equipment shortages, and the learning curve that contribute to productivity fluctuations. Applying data metrics, we explore the comparative impact of these factors and propose strategic approaches to mitigate their adverse effects.

Overtime and Fatigue: A Dual-edged Sword

- Impact: 5.08% Reduction in productivity.
- Explanation: The data indicates that an increase of 2 additional working hours correlates with a 5.08% decrease in productivity, attributed to heightened fatigue levels. Fatigue impairs cognitive function and physical performance, leading to errors and slower work pace (see Table 10).

Factor	Impact $(\%)$	Type	Additional Notes
Additional Hours & Fatigue	-5.08		Reduction 2 Additional Hours & 3 Fatigue
Accidents & Safety	-2.00		Reduction 0.2 Accidents & 0.9 Safety

Table 10. Overtime and Fatigue

Accidents & Safety:

- Impact: 2.00% Reduction in productivity.
- Explanation: Fatigue contributes to safety risks, with the data showing a reduction of 0.2 in accidents and 0.9 in safety scores. Ensuring adequate rest periods and promoting a safetyfirst culture are essential in mitigating these risks.

Resource Constraints: The Strain of Shortages Equipment Shortage:

- Impact: 5.00% Reduction in productivity.
- Explanation: Lack of essential equipment disrupts workflow continuity, causing delays and inefficiencies. The reduction highlights the importance of maintaining equipment availability to ensure smooth operations.

Material Shortage:

- Impact: 5.00% Reduction in productivity.
- Explanation: Similar to equipment shortages, material shortages hinder project progress. Proper inventory management and reliable supply chains are critical to minimizing disruptions.

VOs (Variation Orders):

- Impact: 4.50% Reduction in productivity.
- Explanation: Changes in variation orders (VOs) by 3% lead to a 4.50% reduction. VOs often require adjustments to plans and reallocation of resources, affecting overall efficiency (see Table 11).

Factor	Impact $(\%)$	Type	Additional Notes
Equipment Shortage	-5.00	Reduction	
Material Shortage	-5.00	Reduction	
VOs (Variation Orders)	-4.50	Reduction	3% Change of VOs

Table 11. The Strain of Shortages

Fig.9.Impact of Shortages on Performance

Financial and External Factors: Navigating Uncertainties Delay Payment:

- Impact: 2.00% Reduction in productivity.
- Explanation: Financial liquidity is vital for project continuity. A delay in payments by 5 days' results in a 2.00% productivity decrease, emphasizing the need for timely financial transactions to maintain momentum.

Covid-19 Pandemic:

- Impact: 16.43% Reduction in productivity.
- Explanation: The Covid-19 equation underscores a substantial reduction in productivity. The pandemic's disruptions from workforce availability to supply chain interruptions highlight the necessity for robust contingency planning and adaptive strategies.

Site and Management Factors: The Role of Organization

Poor Site Layout:

- Impact: Not directly quantified in the provided data but inferred to be significant.
- Explanation: An inefficient site layout increases movement and time wastage, indirectly impacting productivity. Optimizing site design for workflow efficiency can mitigate this issue.

Management:

- Impact: 4.88% Improvement in productivity.
- Explanation: A 10% increase in management effectiveness results in a 4.88% productivity boost. Effective management practices streamline operations, enhance decision-making, and foster a positive work environment.

Table 12. Site and Management Factors

Learning Curve: The Power of Experience Learning Curve:

- Impact: 20.00% Improvement in productivity.
- Explanation: The data indicates that productivity improves by 20% due to an 80% learning curve. As workers become more proficient, their efficiency increases, leading to significant productivity gains. Investing in training and development programs accelerates this learning curve, offering substantial returns in productivity.

Comparative Analysis and Strategic Implications

The comparative analysis of these factors reveals nuanced insights into their relative impacts on productivity. The most notable reductions are observed with Covid-19 (16.43%) and fatigue from additional hours (5.08%). On the flip side, leveraging the learning curve can yield a substantial 20% improvement in productivity.

5. Discussion

This analysis heightens the multifaceted nature of productivity influences. By strategically addressing various factors from overtime and resource shortages to management effectiveness and the learning curve organizations can optimize their operations, mitigate risks, and enhance overall productivity. Data-driven insights offer a roadmap for informed decision-making and proactive management, ensuring sustained productivity and a competitive advantage in an increasingly dynamic business environment.

Factor	Impact $(\%)$	Additional Notes
Additional Hours & Fatigue	-5.08	2 Additional Hours & 3 Fatigue
Equipment Shortage	-5.00	
Material Shortage	-5.00	
VOs (Variation Orders)	-4.50	3% Change of VOs
Delay Payment	-2.00	5 Days of delay Payment
Covid-19	-16.43	Covid Equation
Accidents & Safety	-2.00	0.2 Accidents & 0.9 Safety

Table 15. Reduction Factors

Table 16. Improvement Factors

Factor	Impact $(\%)$	Additional Notes
Management	$+4.88$	10% increase in Management Level
Learning Curve	$+20.00$	Due to Learning curve 80%

Project Cost

- 1. Planned Project Cost: Initially estimated at EGP 29,176,271.
- 2. Labor Cost: A minor initial estimate of EGP 5,500 increased significantly to EGP 20,361,688, totaling EGP 24,106,547.
- 3. Equipment Cost: Initially EGP 100,000 rose to EGP 1,762,917 in the new estimate, totaling EGP 2,087,147.
- 4. Material Cost: Similarly, the material cost started at EGP 100,000 and also increased to EGP 1,762,917, reaching EGP 2,087,147.
- 5. Indirect Cost: The initial estimate of EGP 300,000 grew to EGP 5,288,750, leading to a total of EGP 6,261,441.

The new project cost amounts to EGP 34,542,281, reflecting a significant increase from the planned cost by EGP 5,366,011. This increase is due to substantial hikes in labor, equipment, material, and indirect costs (see figure10).

The data highlights a significant deviation from the planned budget, necessitating an analysis of why costs escalated in each category, particularly labor and indirect costs, which have the largest differences. This information is decisive for managing project budgets and forecasting future costs more accurately.

Fig .10. Planned vs New Cost

Analysis of Factors Affecting Productivity in the Workplace

Productivity in the workplace is influenced by a multitude of factors, each contributing differently based on the specific context of the industry and the organization. A thorough analysis of these factors can help in identifying the most significant drivers of productivity and how best to manage them to maximize efficiency and output

Key Factors Affecting Productivity

- 1. Overtime and Fatigue
- Impact: Increased overtime can lead to worker fatigue, which diminishes cognitive and physical abilities, resulting in reduced productivity, increased errors, and higher accident rates. The data indicates that additional working hours correlate with a significant reduction in productivity, approximately 5.08% per additional 2 hours.
- Mitigation: Executing balanced work schedules, enforcing regular breaks, and promoting health and wellness programs can help mitigate the negative impacts of fatigue.
	- 2. Safety Standards and Accident Rates
- Impact: Safety in the workplace associated with productivity. Higher safety standards reduce the number of accidents, minimizing disruptions and ensuring a continuous workflow. The analysis showed that improved safety standards correlate with higher productivity levels.
- Mitigation: Regular safety training and stringent safety protocols can maintain high safety standards, reducing accident rates and thus improving productivity.
	- 3. Learning Curve and Skill Development
- Impact: The learning curve significantly impacts productivity. As employees become more experienced and skilled, their efficiency and output increase. The data highlighted a 20% improvement in productivity due to an 80% learning curve improvement.
- Mitigation: Investing in continuous training and skill development programs can enhance the workforce's abilities, leading to sustained productivity improvements.
- 4. Equipment and Material Shortages
- Impact: Shortages in essential equipment and materials can disrupt workflows, leading to delays and reduced productivity. Each of these shortages can reduce productivity by about 5%.
- Mitigation: Effective inventory management and ensuring reliable supply chains are central to minimize these disruptions.
	- 5. Management Effectiveness
- Impact: Effective management plays a crucial role in maintaining high productivity. The data suggests that a 10% increase in management effectiveness can lead to a 4.88% improvement in productivity.
- Mitigation: Augmenting management practices through training and adopting efficient decision-making processes can boost overall productivity.
	- 6. External Factors (e.g., COVID-19 Pandemic)
- Impact: External factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic have had a profound impact on productivity, causing significant disruptions due to workforce availability issues and supply chain interruptions, resulting in a 16.43% reduction in productivity.
- Mitigation: Developing robust contingency plans and flexible operational strategies can help mitigate the impact of such external disruptions.

Most Significant Factor: Learning Curve and Skill Development

Among the various factors, the learning curve and skill development stand out as the most significant drivers of productivity. The data clearly shows that improvements in worker skills and experience lead to substantial productivity gains, with a direct 20% increase due to an 80% improvement in the learning curve. This suggests that the best strategy for Boosting productivity is through continuous investment in employee training and development programs. By fostering a culture of learning and skill enhancement, organizations can not only improve individual worker efficiency but also collectively boost overall productivity.

while multiple factors influence workplace productivity, focusing on skill development and leveraging the learning curve offers the most substantial and sustainable improvements. Coupled with robust safety protocols, operational management, and well-planned operational strategies, organizations can achieve and maintain high productivity levels, ensuring competitiveness and profitability in the long run (see figure 11).

Fig. 11. Impact of Various Factors on Labor Productivity

6. Conclusion

Labor productivity is a critical measure of economic efficiency and competitiveness. Its precise assessment helps to understand how labor resources are utilized effectively across different industries and regions. By examining both internal factors, such as workforce skills and management practices, and external influences like technological advancements and economic conditions, a comprehensive view of productivity drivers emerges.

The body of literature on labor productivity, particularly within sectors like construction, illustrates a complex interplay of factors that affect output. Studies have shown that enhancements in skill levels, improved organizational efficiency, and stringent safety protocols can significantly increase productivity. Furthermore, the integration of advanced tools like AnyLogic for simulation and analysis enriches production process optimization by offering real-time insights and predictive capabilities.

Global differences in labor productivity highlight the necessity for comparative analysis and the adoption of best practices. Challenges such as demographic changes, skill discrepancies, and technological disruptions require proactive strategies. Meanwhile, opportunities presented by technological innovation and novel management techniques provide avenues to surmount these challenges and boost productivity.

Quantitative models and case studies shed light on specific factors influencing production rates. For example, understanding the effects of delayed payments, overtime, worker fatigue, and material shortages allows for precise interventions that can alleviate negative impacts and enhance overall productivity.

Ultimately, cultivating a culture of continuous improvement and utilizing advanced analytical tools are essential for maintaining high productivity levels. By strategically addressing the diverse factors that influence labor productivity, organizations can achieve operational excellence, driving sustainable growth and securing a competitive edge in a dynamic global marketplace.

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