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- The dataset used in this paper is owned by an online labor platform and is proprietary.
- The research in this paper was conducted through a data-sharing agreement between the authors and the platform.
- The data-sharing agreement allows the authors continued access to the data used in this project.
- The platform had the right to review the manuscript prior to public circulation to ensure that no sensitive corporate information was unintentionally disclosed. The platform did not attempt to influence the outcome of the project.
- We did not seek IRB approval for the portion of the project dealing with the platform data because the data we used is de-identified, and the data was not collected for the purpose of this project, but rather as part of the platform’s day-to-day business activities.
- We sought IRB approval for the consumer survey and obtained an exemption.
- Brynjolfsson has no relevant financial relationships with entities related to this research.