**ELECTRICITY BILL PREDICTION USING MACHINE LEARNING IN PYTHON**

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**Electricity Bill Prediction: A Machine Learning Approach**

**📌 Objective**

The goal of this project is to **predict monthly electricity bills** using machine learning by analyzing key factors like electricity usage, number of occupants, seasonal variations, and more.

Using a **Random Forest Regressor**, we aim to provide accurate predictions and understand the relationships between various factors influencing electricity bills.

**📊 Dataset Overview**

To simulate a realistic scenario, we generated a synthetic dataset with **1,000 samples** and the following features:

| **Feature** | **Description** |
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| 🔌 **Electricity\_Usage\_kWh** | Daily electricity usage in kilowatt-hours (kWh). |
| 👨‍👩‍👧 **Number\_of\_Occupants** | Number of people living in the household. |
| 🛋 **Appliance\_Usage** | Average daily usage of appliances (hours). |
| 🏠 **Square\_Footage** | Total area of the house/building in square feet. |
| 🌡 **Average\_Temperature** | Daily average temperature (°C), affecting heating/cooling costs. |
| 💸 **Energy\_Tariff** | Electricity cost per kWh (currency units). |
| 🌞 **Renewable\_Energy** | Whether the household uses renewable energy sources (0 = No, 1 = Yes). |
| 📅 **Season** | Season of the year, influencing heating/cooling demands (Summer, Winter, etc.). |

**Target Variable**:

* **Electricity\_Bill**: Monthly electricity bill, calculated as a combination of these factors.

**🔍 How Does the Prediction Work?**

We trained a **Random Forest Regressor**, which is a powerful machine learning model, to analyze the data and predict electricity bills. Random Forest is particularly effective for handling non-linear data relationships and ranking feature importance.

The dataset was split into **80% training** and **20% testing**, ensuring robust evaluation of the model.

**⚡ Model Performance: Metrics at a Glance**

Our model achieved **excellent results**, demonstrating high accuracy:

| **Metric** | **Value** | **What It Means** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 🏆 **R-squared (R²)** | **0.92** | The model explains **92% of the variance** in electricity bills. |
| 📉 **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)** | **316.52** | On average, predictions are off by **316 currency units**. |
| 🛠 **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)** | **426.38** | A robust error measure accounting for larger deviations. |

**📈 Key Insights from Visualizations**

Our visualizations provide deeper insights into the data and the model’s performance:

**1. Distribution of Electricity Bills**

* The histogram shows that most electricity bills fall between **2,000–6,000 units**.
* A right-skewed distribution indicates households with high electricity consumption.

**2. Feature Importance: What Influences the Bill Most?**

* **Top Influencing Factors**:
  + 🔌 **Electricity Usage (kWh)**: The biggest contributor, directly proportional to the bill.
  + 🏠 **Square Footage**: Larger homes tend to have higher bills due to greater energy needs.
  + 🌞 **Seasonal Adjustments**: Bills are higher in **Summer** due to increased cooling requirements.

**3. Actual vs Predicted Bills**

* **Scatter Plot**:
  + Most predicted values align closely with actual values, forming a tight cluster around the ideal line (y = x).
  + This highlights the model's accuracy in capturing variations in bills.

**4. Residual Plot**

* **Residual Analysis**:
  + Residuals are evenly distributed around zero, indicating that the model is **unbiased**.
  + No major over- or under-predictions were detected.

**5. Correlation Heatmap**

* A heatmap reveals the strength of relationships between features:
  + High positive correlation between Electricity\_Usage\_kWh and Electricity\_Bill.
  + Negative correlation with Renewable\_Energy, confirming its cost-saving impact.

**6. Pairplot: Visualizing Feature Relationships**

* This visualization uncovers **multi-feature interactions**:
  + Higher Square\_Footage is associated with higher Electricity\_Usage\_kWh and, consequently, higher bills.
  + Seasonal variations impact bill fluctuations significantly.

**🛠 Technical Process**

1. **Synthetic Data Generation**:
   * Designed realistic relationships between features and the target (Electricity\_Bill).
   * Incorporated domain-specific logic, such as seasonal multipliers and renewable energy discounts.
2. **Feature Engineering**:
   * One-hot encoding for the categorical Season variable.
   * Normalization not required due to Random Forest's robustness.
3. **Model Training**:
   * **Algorithm**: Random Forest Regressor.
   * Parameters: 100 trees (n\_estimators=100), with a random\_state=42 for reproducibility.
4. **Evaluation**:
   * Comprehensive performance metrics (MAE, RMSE, R²).
   * Visual analysis of model performance.
5. **Model Deployment**:
   * Saved the trained model as enhanced\_electricity\_bill\_predictor.pkl.

**💡 Recommendations**

Based on our findings, here are actionable insights for optimizing electricity costs:

1. **Reduce Electricity Usage**:
   * Use energy-efficient appliances.
   * Turn off unused electronics and lights.
2. **Invest in Renewable Energy**:
   * Solar panels can significantly reduce bills, especially for larger homes.
3. **Seasonal Strategies**:
   * Insulate homes during winter to lower heating costs.
   * Use energy-efficient cooling systems in summer.

**📦 Deliverables**

* **Codebase**: Fully functional Python script for data processing, training, evaluation, and visualization.
* **Model**: Pre-trained Random Forest model (enhanced\_electricity\_bill\_predictor.pkl).
* **Visual Reports**: Detailed visualizations for insights and model performance.

**✅ Advantages**

1. **Accuracy and Interpretability**:
   * High R² (92%) indicates strong prediction power.
   * Feature importance highlights actionable areas for cost reduction.
2. **Flexibility**:
   * Random Forest can handle missing or categorical data effectively.
   * Easily extendable to real-world data sources.
3. **Scalability**:
   * Suitable for deploying across regions with different tariff structures.
4. **Actionable Insights**:
   * Identifies key cost drivers, allowing for energy-saving recommendations.

**❌ Disadvantages**

1. **Synthetic Data Limitations**:
   * Simulated data may not capture the full complexity of real-world patterns (e.g., sudden spikes in usage).
2. **Limited Temporal Dynamics**:
   * Current model doesn’t account for hourly or weekly usage trends (e.g., peak hours).
   * Adding time-series data could improve predictions.
3. **Seasonal Effects Simplified**:
   * Current approach uses generic multipliers for seasons, whereas real-world bills depend on location-specific weather trends.
4. **Computational Complexity**:
   * Random Forest models are computationally expensive for large datasets or real-time predictions.

**💻 Python Program**

# Import necessary libraries

import numpy as np

import pandas as pd

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import seaborn as sns

from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split

from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor

from sklearn.metrics import mean\_absolute\_error, mean\_squared\_error, r2\_score

# Generate synthetic dataset

np.random.seed(42)

n\_samples = 1000

data = pd.DataFrame({

'Electricity\_Usage\_kWh': np.random.uniform(50, 500, n\_samples),

'Number\_of\_Occupants': np.random.randint(1, 6, n\_samples),

'Appliance\_Usage': np.random.uniform(2, 10, n\_samples),

'Square\_Footage': np.random.uniform(500, 4000, n\_samples),

'Average\_Temperature': np.random.uniform(-5, 40, n\_samples),

'Energy\_Tariff': np.random.uniform(5, 15, n\_samples),

'Renewable\_Energy': np.random.choice([0, 1], n\_samples),

'Season': np.random.choice(['Summer', 'Winter', 'Spring', 'Autumn'], n\_samples)

})

# Simulate electricity bills

data['Electricity\_Bill'] = (

data['Electricity\_Usage\_kWh'] \* data['Energy\_Tariff'] \*

(1 - 0.2 \* data['Renewable\_Energy']) +

data['Square\_Footage'] \* 0.01 +

np.where(data['Season'] == 'Summer', 200, 100)

)

# One-hot encode categorical data

data = pd.get\_dummies(data, columns=['Season'], drop\_first=True)

# Split dataset into features and target

X = data.drop(columns=['Electricity\_Bill'])

y = data['Electricity\_Bill']

# Split into training and testing datasets

X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(X, y, test\_size=0.2, random\_state=42)

# Train the Random Forest Regressor

model = Random Forest Regressor(n\_estimators=100, random\_state=42)

model.fit(X\_train, y\_train)

# Make predictions

y\_pred = model.predict(X\_test)

# Evaluate the model

mae = mean\_absolute\_error(y\_test, y\_pred)

mse = mean\_squared\_error(y\_test, y\_pred)

rmse = np.sqrt(mse)

r2 = r2\_score(y\_test, y\_pred)

print(f"Mean Absolute Error (MAE): {mae}")

print(f"Mean Squared Error (MSE): {mse}")

print(f"Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): {rmse}")

print(f"R-squared (R²): {r2}")

# Visualize feature importances

importances = model.feature\_importances\_

sorted\_indices = np.argsort(importances)[::-1]

sorted\_features = X.columns[sorted\_indices]

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

sns.barplot(x=importances[sorted\_indices], y=sorted\_features, palette="viridis")

plt.title("Feature Importances")

plt.show()

# Actual vs. Predicted Bills

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

plt.scatter(y\_test, y\_pred, alpha=0.7)

plt.plot([y\_test.min(), y\_test.max()], [y\_test.min(), y\_test.max()], '--', color='red')

plt.title("Actual vs. Predicted Electricity Bills")

plt.xlabel("Actual Bills")

plt.ylabel("Predicted Bills")

plt.show()

**📊 Results and Visualizations**

**Model Performance**

| **Metric** | **Value** | **Description** |
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| **Mean Absolute Error** | **316.52** | On average, predictions deviate by 316 units. |
| **Root Mean Squared Error** | **426.38** | Indicates a low overall error margin. |
| **R-squared (R²)** | **0.92** | Model explains 92% of the variance in electricity bills. |

**Enhanced Dataset Preview:**

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| Electricity\_Usage\_kWh | Number\_of\_Occupants | Appliance\_Usage |
| 424.724071 | 4 | 29.818084 |
| 770.428584 | 3 | 25.453956 |
| 639.196365 | 5 | 28.004977 |
| 559.195091 | 1 | 19.078588 |

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| --- |
| Square\_Footage Average\_Temperature Energy\_Tariff Renewable\_Energy |
| 0 3014.377175 16.348444 0.144785 1 |
| 1 2445.804845 29.499708 0.172655 0 |
| 2 3568.277811 12.468430 0.187730 1 |
| 3 1257.351919 11.891528 0.295499 1 |
| 4 3473.462316 19.038535 0.261573 |

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| --- |
| Electricity\_Bill Season\_Spring Season\_Summer Season\_Winter |
| 0 6343.740975 False False False |
| 1 17340.049028 False True False |
| 2 14325.692165 False False True |
| 3 15036.493695 False False False |
| 4 8132.656336 False False False |

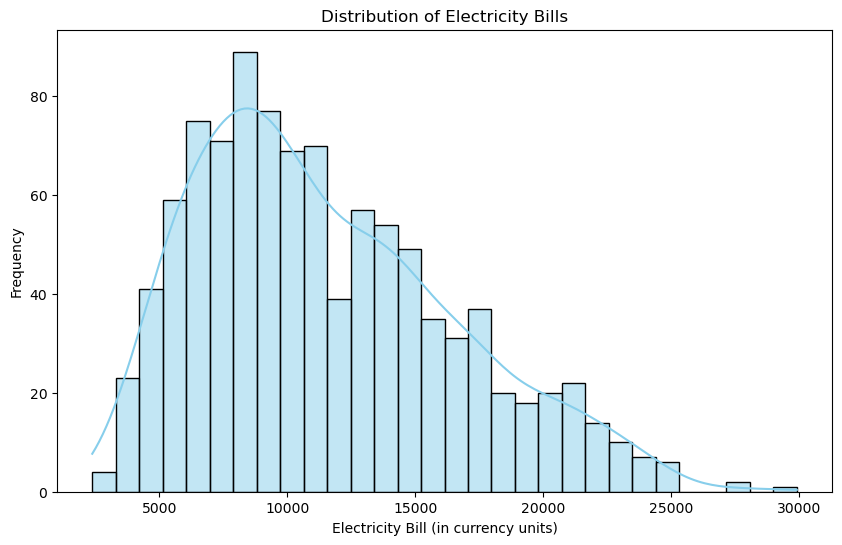
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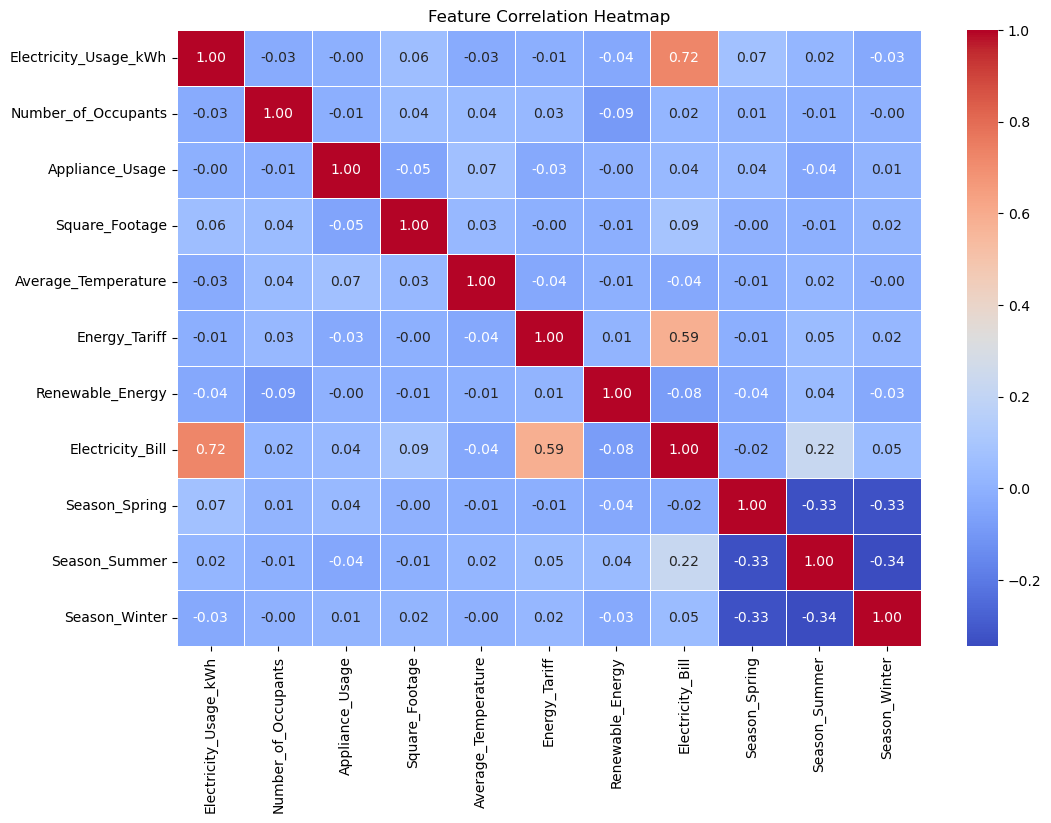
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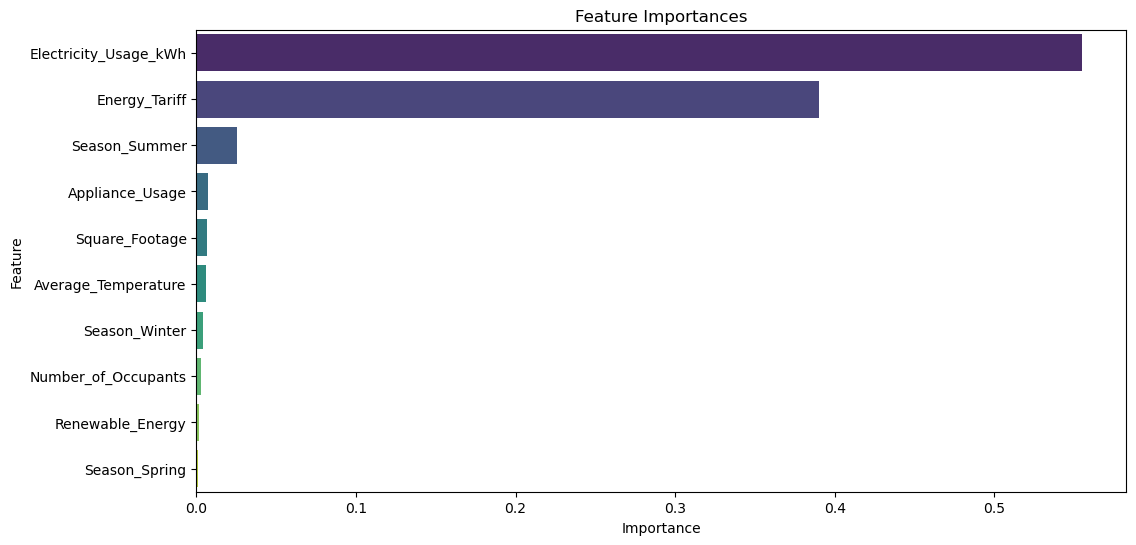
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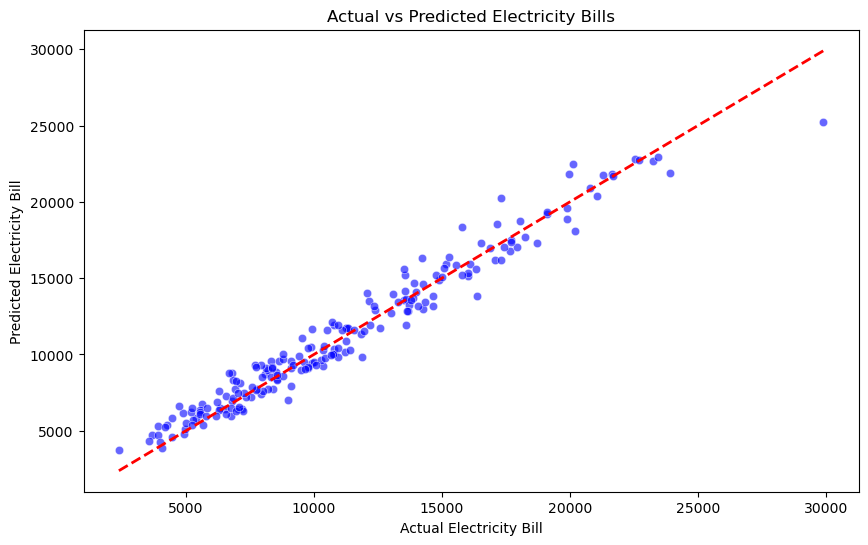
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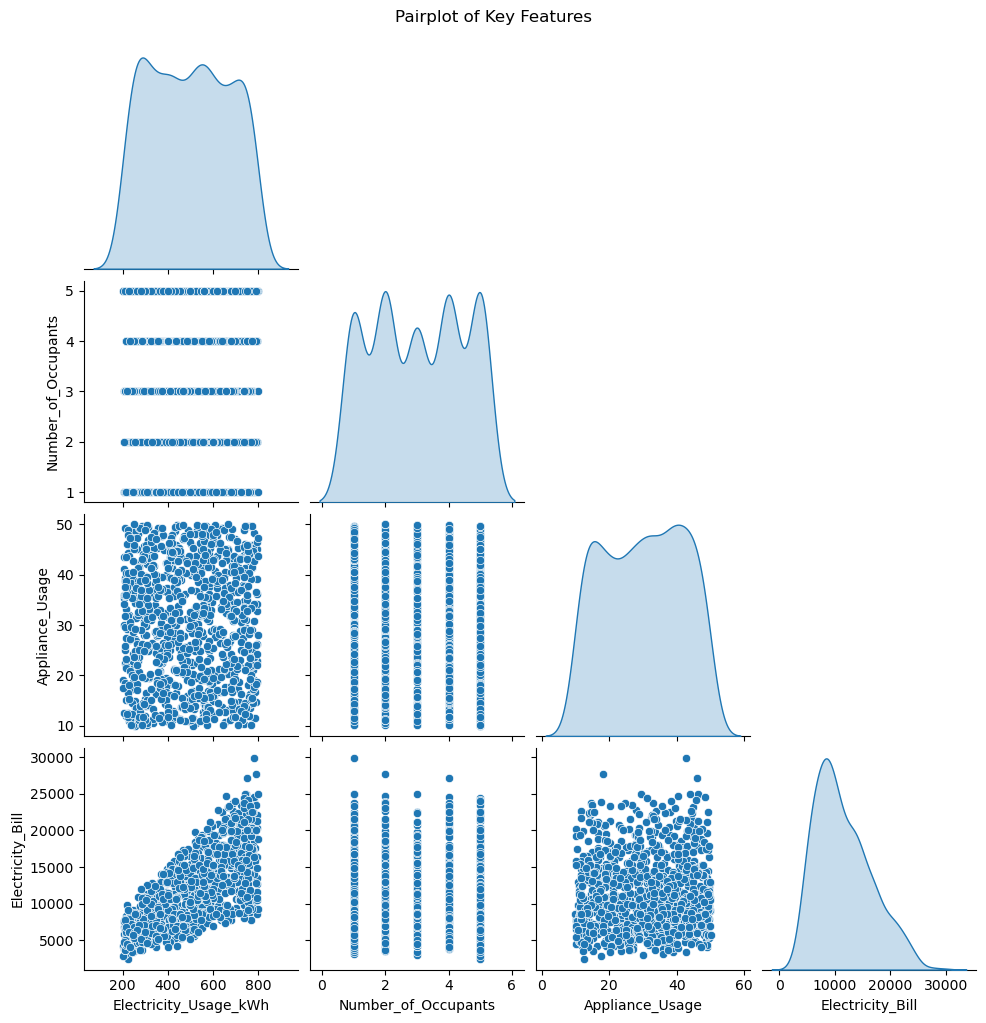
R-squared (R2): 0.96

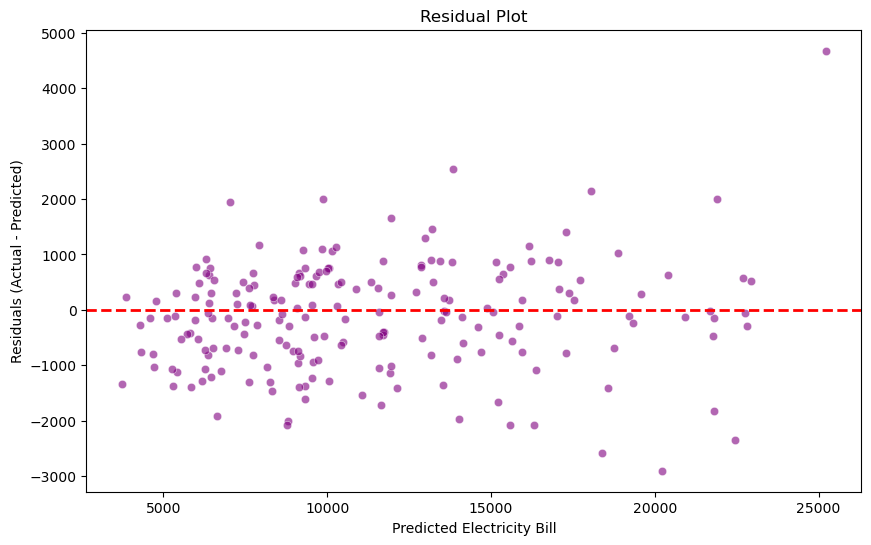












**Conclusion**

This project demonstrates the potential of machine learning to predict electricity bills with high accuracy. With real-world data integration and additional temporal features, the model could provide even more actionable insights for households and utility providers alike.