Assignment 6

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Statement

In this assignment, we aim to:

- a) Apply **Linear Regression** to predict **month-wise temperatures** in India using historical data
- b) Evaluate the regression model's performance using:
 - Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
 - Mean Squared Error (MSE)
 - R-Squared (R2) Score
 - c) Visualize the regression model using appropriate plots.

Objective

- 1. Understand regression techniques in machine learning.
- 2. Implement **Linear Regression** for predictive analysis.
- 3. Evaluate model performance using key regression metrics.
- 4. Visualize results for better interpretability.

Resources Used

• Software: VS Code

• Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn

Introduction to Regression Analysis

Regression analysis is a fundamental machine learning technique used to predict a **continuous variable** based on one or more input features. In this assignment, we applied **Linear Regression** to forecast **monthly temperatures** in India based on historical data.

Key Libraries Used:

- 1. Pandas & NumPy: Data loading and manipulation.
- 2. **Matplotlib:** Visualization of trends in temperature.
- 3. **Scikit-learn:** Model training, prediction, and evaluation.

Methodology

1. Data Collection and Preprocessing

- **Dataset Used:** Historical temperature data of India
- Data Source: Kaggle dataset (India temperature records)
- Initial Steps:
 - Loaded the dataset using Pandas.
 - o Examined the first few rows to understand the structure.
 - Removed unnecessary columns (YEAR, ANNUAL) to focus on monthly temperature trends.

2. Splitting Data for Training and Testing

- Defined Features (X) and Target Variable (y):
 - o **Features (X):** Monthly temperature columns (Jan–Dec).
 - o **Target Variable (y):** Annual temperature (to observe trends).
- Split Data:
 - o **80% Training Set, 20% Testing Set** using train test split().

3. Model Selection and Training

- Algorithm Used: Linear Regression
 - o Chosen for its simplicity and effectiveness in identifying temperature trends.
 - o Trained the model using the **fit()** method.

4. Model Evaluation

- Calculated the following regression performance metrics:
 - Mean Absolute Error (MAE): Measures the average absolute difference between actual and predicted values.

- Mean Squared Error (MSE): Measures the average squared difference, penalizing larger errors.
- o R² Score: Determines how well the independent variables explain the variance in the dependent variable.

5. Visualization of Regression Model

- Plotted actual vs. predicted values to assess model accuracy.
- Used **scatter plots** to visualize trends and residuals.

Advantages of Regression Analysis

- 1. Helps in identifying relationships between variables.
- 2. Useful for forecasting continuous values like temperature trends.
- 3. Provides interpretable coefficients for understanding feature importance.

Disadvantages

- 1. Assumes a **linear relationship**, which may not always be true.
- 2. Sensitive to **outliers**, which can distort predictions.

Conclusion

This assignment focused on implementing **Linear Regression** to predict **monthly temperatures** in India. The model was trained and evaluated using **MSE**, **MAE**, and **R**² **Score** to assess accuracy. By visualizing the regression line and predictions, we gained insights into temperature variations and model performance. These regression techniques are widely used in **climate studies**, **sales forecasting**, and **financial analysis**.