

FLIGHT PRICE PREDICTION



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INTRODUCTION

1. Business Problem Framing

We have to work on a project where we have to collect data of flight fares with other features and work to make a model to predict fares of flights. The cheapest available ticket on a given flight gets more and less expensive over time.

- . This project contains three phases:
 - a. Data Collection Phase
 - b. Data Analysis
 - c. Model Building Phase

2. Conceptual Background of the Domain Problem

Anyone who has booked a flight ticket knows how unexpectedly the prices vary. The cheapest available ticket on a given flight gets more and less expensive over time.

This usually happens as an attempt to maximize revenue based on –

- i. Time of purchase patterns (making sure last-minute purchases are expensive)
- ii. Keeping the flight as full as they want it (raising prices on a flight which is filling up in order to reduce sales and hold back inventory for those expensive last-minute expensive purchases).

3. Review of Literature

We have to made flight price prediction model. This project contains three phases:

a. **Data Collection Phase**: Scrapped 1614 rows of data from website: Yatra.com and Makemytrip.com. We have fetched data for different Airlines. The number of columns is 9 and are: Airline_Name, Date_of_Journey, Source, Destination, Departure_Time, Arrival_Time, Duration, Total_Stops and Price.

- b. **Data Analysis:** After cleaning the data, we have to do some analysis on the data.
 - i. Do airfares change frequently?
 - ii. Do they move in small increments or in large jumps?
 - iii. Do they tend to go up or down over time?
 - iv. What is the best time to buy so that the consumer can save the most by taking the least risk?
 - v. Does price increase as we get near to departure date?
 - vi. Is Indigo cheaper than Jet Airways?
 - vii. Are morning flights expensive?
- c. **Model Building Phase**: After collecting the data, built a machine learning model. Before model building have done all data preprocessing steps. Tried different models with different hyper parameters and selected the best model. Followed the complete life cycle of data science. Include all the steps like.
 - 1. Data Cleaning
 - 2. Exploratory Data Analysis
 - 3. Data Pre-processing
 - 4. Model Building
 - 5. Model Evaluation
 - 6. Selecting the best model

4. Motivation for the Problem Undertaken

An attempt to maximize revenue based on –

- i. Time of purchase patterns (making sure last-minute purchases are expensive)
- ii. Keeping the flight as full as they want it (raising prices on a flight which is filling up in order to reduce sales and hold back inventory for those expensive last-minute expensive purchases).

Analytical Problem Framing

1. Mathematical/ Analytical Modelling of the Problem

- 1) Scrapped Data from websites: Yatra.com and Makemytrip.com
- 2) Used Panda's Library to save data into csv file
- 3) Cleaned Data by removing and replacing irrelevant features
- 4) Extracted hidden features
- 5) Descriptive Statistics
- 6) Analysed correlation
- 7) Detected Outliers and removed
- 8) Detected Skewness and removed
- 9) Scaled data using Standard Scaler
- 10) Removed Multicollinearity

2. Data Sources and their formats

Scraped Data from websites: Yatra.com & Makemytrip.com and used Panda's Library to save data into csv file: **flight price prediction**. Target and Features variables of this dataset are:

Target:

• Price: Fare of the Flight

Features:

- Airline_Name: Names of Airlines
- Date_of_Journey: Journey Date
- Source: From where the Flight starts
- Destination: To where the Flight stops
- Departure_Time: Departure time is when a plane leaves the gate
- Arrival_Time: Arrival time is when the plane pulls up to the gate
- Duration: Total time taken from source to reach at destination
- Total_Stops: Total Number of destinations

3. Data Pre-processing:

a) Checked Total Numbers of Rows and Column

```
flight.shape
(1614, 11)
```

b) Checked All Column Name

c) Checked Data Type of All Data

```
flight.dtypes

Unnamed: 0 int64
Unnamed: 0.1 float64
Airline_Name object
Date_of Journey object
Source object
Destination object
Arrival_Time object
Arrival_Time object
Total_Stops object
Price object
```

d) Checked for Null Values

```
flight.isnull().sum()
Unnamed: 0
Unnamed: 0.1
                 211
                  0
Airline_Name
Date_of Journey
                   0
Source
Destination
Departure_Time
Arrival_Time
Duration
Total_Stops
                   0
Price
dtype: int64
```

There is null value in the dataset.

e) Checking if "-" values present in dataset or not

```
(flight=='-').sum()

Unnamed: 0 0

Unnamed: 0.1 0

Airline_Name 0

Date_of Journey 4

Source 0

Destination 0

Departure_Time 0

Arrival_Time 0

Duration 0

Total_Stops 0

Price 0

dtype: int64
```

f) Checked total number of unique values

```
flight.nunique()
Unnamed: 0 1614
Unnamed: 0.1
               1403
Airline_Name
                20
Date_of Journey
                 37
Source
                 8
Destination
                 24
Departure_Time
Arrival_Time
Duration
                278
Total_Stops
                 29
Price
                 298
dtype: int64
```

g) Information about Data

```
flight.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1614 entries, 0 to 1613
Data columns (total 11 columns):
            Non-Null Count Dtype
# Column
0 Unnamed: 0 1614 non-null int64
1 Unnamed: 0.1 1403 non-null float64
2 Airline_Name 1614 non-null object
3 Date_of Journey 1614 non-null object
4 Source 1614 non-null object
5 Destination 1614 non-null object
6 Departure_Time 1614 non-null object
    Arrival_Time 1614 non-null object
7
   Duration
                   1614 non-null object
8
    Total_Stops 1614 non-null object
9
10 Price
                    1614 non-null object
dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(9)
memory usage: 138.8+ KB
```

h) Data cleaning

 Column "Unnamed: 0.1" contains missing value (211) but this column contains serial no. So, dropped this column. And also dropped column 'Unnamed: 0' as this column also contains serial no.

```
#dropping columns
flight.drop(columns=['Unnamed: 0', 'Unnamed: 0.1'],inplace=True)
```

Handling values "-" in column 'Date_of_Journey'

```
#checking all values of column 'Date_of_Journey'
flight['Date_of_Journey'].value_counts()
  Wed, Sep 28
                  184
  Thu, Nov 3
  Tue, Oct 18
  Thu, Sep 29
                 116
  Mon, Sep 26
Fri, Oct 7
                  80
  Sat, Nov 5
                  70
  Mon, Oct 3
                   70
  Sun, Nov 6
  Tue, Dec 13
  Fri, Nov 25
                  40
  Sun, Oct 30
                   40
  Tue, Oct 4
                  40
  Wed, Oct 5
                  40
  Sat, Oct 29
                  40
  Wed, Nov 16
                  40
  Mon, Oct 17
  Sat, Oct 1
Sat, Nov 19
                   40
                   30
  Fri, Sep 30
                   21
  Fri, Oct 28
Thu, Oct 13
Thu, Sep 22
                   20
  Sat, Dec 17
  Wed, Oct 12
                   20
  Tue, Oct 11
  Wed, Nov 9
  Sun, Nov 27
                  20
  Tue, Nov 15
Fri, Dec 2
                   18
  Thu, Dec 15
  Tue, Sep 27
                  10
  Sun, Sep 25
                   10
  Sat, Oct 15
                   10
  Mon, Oct 24
                   10
  Thu, Nov 17
                   1
  Name: Date_of_Journey, dtype: int64
```

```
#droping rows containing values "-"
flight.drop(flight.loc[flight['Date_of_Journey'] == "-"].index, inplace=True)
```

Extracting "Day", "Date" and "Month" from Column
 'Date_of_Journey'

```
#converting into list for extraction
Journey_Date= flight['Date_of_Journey'].tolist()

#creating empty list
Day= []
date = []
Month = []
Date = []

#fetching data from 'Journey_Date'
for i in Journey_Date:
    Day.append(i.split(",")[0])
    date.append(i.split(",")[1])

#fetching data from 'date'
for i in date:
    Date.append(i.split(" ")[2])
    Month.append(i.split(" ")[1])
```

Creating new columns for extracted data and adding values

```
flight['Day']= Day

flight['Date']= Date

flight['Month']=Month

#checking dataset again
flight.head()
```

	Airline_Name	Date_of_Journey	Source	Destination	Departure_Time	Arrival_Time	Duration	Total_Stops	Price	Day	Date	Month
0	SpiceJet	Tue, Dec 13	New Delhi	Mumbai	18:55	21:05	2h 10m	Non Stop	5,951	Tue	13	Dec
1	SpiceJet	Tue, Dec 13	New Delhi	Mumbai	19:45	22:05	2h 20m	Non Stop	5,951	Tue	13	Dec
2	Go First	Tue, Dec 13	New Delhi	Mumbai	07:00	09:10	2h 10m	Non Stop	5,953	Tue	13	Dec
3	Go First	Tue, Dec 13	New Delhi	Mumbai	08:00	10:10	2h 10m	Non Stop	5,953	Tue	13	Dec
4	Go First	Tue, Dec 13	New Delhi	Mumbai	15:00	17:15	2h 15m	Non Stop	5,953	Tue	13	Dec

#droping column 'Date_of_Journey' as it is not required now. We have extracted data from it flight.drop(columns=['Date_of_Journey'], inplace= True)

Handling Column 'Departure_Time'

Extracting 'Departure_Hour' and 'Departure_Minute' from Column 'Departure_Time'

```
# Extracting Hours
flight["Departure_Hour"] = pd.to_datetime(flight["Departure_Time"]).dt.hour

# Extracting Minutes
flight["Departure_Minute"] = pd.to_datetime(flight["Departure_Time"]).dt.minute
```

Droping column 'Departure_Time' after extraction

```
#droping column 'Departure_Time' as it is not required now. We have extracted data from it flight.drop(["Departure_Time"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

Column 'Arrival_Time'

Droping Arrival Time after extraction

```
flight.drop(["Arrival_Time"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

• Handling Column Duration:

Converting and Extracting Duration column into list

```
# Time taken by plane to reach destination is called Duration (Duration= Departure Time - Arrival time).
duration = list(flight["Duration"])
for i in range(len(duration)):
    # Checking if duration contains only hour or minutes
    if len(duration[i].split()) != 2:
    if "h" in duration[i]:
            # Adding 0 Minutes
            duration[i] = duration[i].strip() + " 0m"
        else:
            # Adding 0 Hours
            duration[i] = "0h " + duration[i]
Duration_Hours = []
for i in range(len(duration)):
    # Extracting hours from duration
    Duration_Hours.append(int(duration[i].split(sep = "h")[0]))
Duration_Minutes = []
for i in range(len(duration)):
    # Extracting minutes from duration
    \label{eq:continuous_point} Duration\_Minutes.append(int(duration[i].split(sep = "m")[0].split()[-1]))
# Adding Duration_Hours and Duration_Minutes list to flight_train Dataset
flight["Duration_Hours"] = Duration_Hours
flight["Duration_Minutes"] = Duration_Minutes
```

Droping Duration column after extraction

```
flight.drop(["Duration"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

• Handling Column 'Price'

Handling Column 'Total_Stops'

 Converting datatypes from object to integer of column's containing continuous data.

- i) Data Visualization
 - i. Univariate Analysis
 - Used Countplot and Histplot
 - ii. Bivariate Analysis

(For comparison between each feature with target)

- > Used Barplot
- iii. Multivariate Analysis

(For comparison between all feature with target)

Used Pairplot

4. Data Inputs-Logic-Output Relationships

I. <u>Descriptive Statistics</u>

Description of flight Dataset : works only on continuous column flight.describe()

	Total_Stops	Price	Date	Departure_Hour	Departure_Minute	Arrival_Hour	Arrival_Minute	Duration_Hours	Duration_Minutes
count	1610.000000	1610.000000	1610.000000	1610.000000	1610.000000	1610.000000	1610.000000	1610.000000	1610.000000
mean	0.340994	8804.907453	16.324845	12.830435	26.888199	7.444099	30.568323	4.698137	26.388199
std	0.495972	14342.189168	10.213236	6.213455	18.214417	7.094649	18.778003	5.699176	17.488741
min	0.000000	957.000000	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.000000	5114.000000	5.000000	7.000000	10.000000	2.000000	20.000000	2.000000	10.000000
50%	0.000000	5955.000000	17.000000	13.000000	30.000000	6.000000	35.000000	2.000000	25.000000
75%	1.000000	7560.000000	28.000000	18.000000	45.000000	9.000000	50.000000	6.000000	40.000000
max	2.000000	133695.000000	30.000000	23.000000	55.000000	23.000000	55.000000	32.000000	55.000000

We can see that 9 column are containing continuous data and 5 column contains categorical data

Checking Description through heatmap

```
plt.figure(figsize=(20,5))
sns.heatmap(round(flight.describe()[1:].transpose(),2),linewidth=2,annot=True,fmt='.2f')
plt.xticks(fontsize=18)
plt.xticks(fontsize=12)
plt.title('variables')
plt.show()
```

				variables				
Total_Stops -	0.34	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	2.00	- 120000
Price -	8804.91	14342.19	957.00	5114.00	5955.00	7560.00	133695.00	125000
Date -	16.32	10.21	1.00	5.00	17.00	28.00	30.00	- 100000
Departure_Hour -	12.83	6.21	0.00	7.00	13.00	18.00	23.00	- 80000
Departure_Minute -	26.89	18.21	0.00	10.00	30.00	45.00	55.00	- 60000
Arrival_Hour -	7.44	7.09	0.00	2.00	6.00	9.00	23.00	00000
Arrival_Minute -	30.57	18.78	0.00	20.00	35.00	50.00	55.00	- 40000
Duration_Hours -	4.70	5.70	0.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	32.00	- 20000
Duration_Minutes -	26.39	17.49	0.00	10.00	25.00	40.00	55.00	
	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max	- -0

Observation of Describe of Datasets:

- The summary of this dataset shows that there are no negative value present.
- . We can see the counts of all continuous columns are 1610.000000 which means no null values are present.
- Total No of Rows: 1610 and Total No. of Columns: 14
- Only 9 column contains Continuous Data, they are: Total_Stops, Price, Date, Departure_Hour, Departure_Minute, Arrival_Hour, Arrival_Minute, Duration_Hours, Duration_Minutes
- . We are determining Mean, Standard Deviation, Minimum and Maximum Values of each column.
- · We can see in 'Total_Stops' columns 'standard deviation' is more than it's 'mean' which means there are outliers and skewness present in column.
- We can also see that there are huge differences between 25%, 50% and 75% deviation which shows skewness.

II. Encoding

Ordinal Encoding

```
OE = pd.get_dummies(flight[['Airline_Name','Month']],drop_first = False)
OE
```

	Airline_Name_Air Asia	Airline_Name_Air India	India, Singapore Airlines	Airline_Name_AirAsia	Airline_Name_Alliance Air	Airline_Name_Emirates	Airline_Name_Etihad Airways	Airline_Name_FlyBi		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

1609	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
1610	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
1611	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
1612	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
1613	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
1610 r	1610 rows × 24 columns									

```
flight=flight.join(OE)

#Dropping the columns
flight.drop(columns = ['Airline_Name','Month'],inplace=True)
flight
```

III. Label Encoding

```
enc = LabelEncoder()
for i in flight.columns:
    if flight[i].dtypes=="object":
        flight[i]=enc.fit_transform(flight[i].values.reshape(-1,1))
```

```
flight.dtypes
                                                     int32
Source
Destination
                                                     int32
Total_Stops
                                                     int64
Price
                                                     int64
Day
                                                     int32
Date
                                                     int64
Departure_Hour
                                                     int64
Departure_Minute
                                                     int64
Arrival_Hour
Arrival_Minute
                                                     int64
Duration_Hours
Duration_Minutes
                                                     int64
                                                     int64
Airline_Name_Air Asia
Airline_Name_Air India
                                                     uint8
                                                     uint8
Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines
                                                     uint8
Airline_Name_AirAsia
                                                     uint8
```

IV. Checking Correlation

light.corr()										
	Source	Destination	Total_Stops	Price	Day	Date	Departure_Hour	Departure_Minute	Arrival_Hour	Arrival_Minut
Source	1.000000	0.084120	-0.089643	0.164518	0.099632	0.081623	0.013083	0.012806	-0.045605	0.03159
Destination	0.084120	1.000000	-0.025564	0.092159	-0.055859	-0.108111	-0.026185	-0.010595	-0.098944	0.0012
Total_Stops	-0.089643	-0.025564	1.000000	0.330153	0.073926	0.217250	-0.067341	0.005736	-0.162463	-0.0378
Price	0.164518	0.092159	0.330153	1.000000	0.223708	0.212486	-0.028422	-0.056402	-0.043355	-0.0439
Day	0.099632	-0.055859	0.073926	0.223708	1.000000	0.120043	-0.036520	-0.004689	0.008702	0.0072
Date	0.081623	-0.108111	0.217250	0.212486	0.120043	1.000000	-0.038767	0.029191	0.018876	-0.0382
Departure_Hour	0.013083	-0.026185	-0.067341	-0.028422	-0.036520	-0.038767	1.000000	0.013759	0.302351	-0.0018
Departure_Minute	0.012806	-0.010595	0.005736	-0.056402	-0.004689	0.029191	0.013759	1.000000	-0.070892	-0.0538
Arrival_Hour	-0.045605	-0.098944	-0.162463	-0.043355	0.008702	0.018876	0.302351	-0.070892	1.000000	-0.0546
Arrival_Minute	0.031594	0.001210	-0.037838	-0.043998	0.007215	-0.038214	-0.001810	-0.053882	-0.054635	1.0000
Duration_Hours	0.054831	0.015359	0.769500	0.498370	0.135329	0.240765	0.010278	0.044410	-0.124692	-0.0373
Duration_Minutes	0.016063	-0.145909	0.097295	0.055390	0.084621	0.064420	0.058790	-0.059205	-0.021877	0.0765
Airline_Name_Air Asia	-0.163169	-0.025481	-0.025453	-0.074426	-0.084462	-0.024600	0.070969	0.043159	-0.047203	0.0089
Airline_Name_Air India	0.032387	-0.047983	-0.031580	-0.038258	-0.031493	0.078051	-0.012716	-0.043936	0.039953	0.0202
Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines	0.029139	0.018273	0.046875	0.278845	0.046086	0.040328	0.057740	-0.023025	0.017682	-0.0057

This gives the correlation between the dependent and independent variables.

flight.corr()["Price"].sort_values()	
Month_Oct	-0.153507
Airline_Name_IndiGo	-0.151263
Month_Nov	-0.121569
Airline_Name_Air Asia	-0.074426
Airline_Name_Go First	-0.070806
Departure_Minute	-0.056402
Arrival_Minute	-0.043998
Arrival_Hour	-0.043355
Airline_Name_Vistara	-0.041816
Airline_Name_Alliance Air	-0.039511
Airline_Name_SpiceJet	-0.038524
Airline_Name_Air India	-0.038258
Departure_Hour	-0.028422
Month_Dec	-0.027118
Airline_Name_FlyBig	-0.012333
Airline_Name_AirAsia	-0.006732
Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines	0.002178
Airline_Name_flydubai	0.026393
Duration_Minutes	0.055390
Airline_Name_Gulf Air	0.059990
Destination	0.092159
Source	0.164518
Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines	0.189611
Airline_Name_Swiss	0.197362
Airline_Name_Turkish Airlines	0.211219
Date	0.212486
Day	0.223708
Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates	0.261559
Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines	0.278845
Month_Sep	0.301359
Total_Stops	0.330153
Airline_Name_Etihad Airways	0.370244
Airline_Name_Emirates	0.411113
Duration_Hours	0.498370
Airline_Name_Qatar Airways	0.527573
Price	1.000000
Name: Price, dtype: float64	

We can observe:

- All columns are sorted in ascending order showing least to strong correlation with target column.
- 16 columns are negatively correlated and 19 columns are positively correlated with target column.
- Column 'Airline_Name_Qatar Airways' is highly positively correlated with Target column and Column 'Airline_Name_AirAsia' is highly negatively correlated with Target column

Checking correlation with heatmap

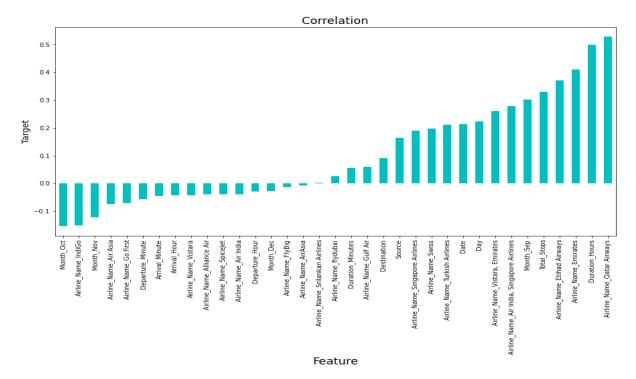


Outcome of Correlation

- . Source has 5 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and positively correlated.
- Destination has 3 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and positively correlated.
- . Total_Stops has 10 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and positively correlated.
- . Day has 9 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and positively correlated.
- Date has 7 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and positively correlated.
- Month has 8 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as weak correlation and positively correlated.
- . Departure_Hour has -0 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and negatively correlated.
- Departure_Minute has 3 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and positively correlated.
- · Arrival_Hour has -3 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and negatively correlated.
- · Arrival_Minute has -5 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and negatively correlated.
- Duration_Hours has 18 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as strong correlation and positively correlated.
- . Duration_Minutes has -1 percent correlation with the target column which can be considered as good correlation and negatively correlated.
- Max correlation is with Airline_Name_Qatar Airways
- Min correlation is with Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines

Checking correlation with barplot

```
plt.figure(figsize=(15,7))
flight.corr()['Price'].sort_values(ascending=True).drop(['Price']).plot(kind='bar',color='c')
plt.xlabel('Feature',fontsize=18)
plt.ylabel('Target',fontsize=14)
plt.title('Correlation',fontsize=18)
plt.show()
```

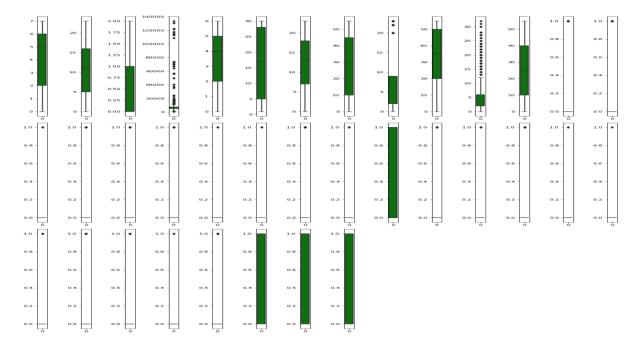


Observation:

- · Target column (Price) has Highest Positively Correlation with column 'Airline_Name_Qatar Airways'.
- Target column (Price) has least correlation with column 'Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines'.
- Target column (Price) has Highly Negatively Correlated with column 'Airline_Name_AirAsia'.

V. Checking Outliers

```
collist= flight.columns.values
ncol=14
nrows=7
plt.figure(figsize=(ncol,3*ncol))
for i in range(0,len(collist)):
    plt.subplot(nrows,ncol,i+1)
    sns.boxplot(data=flight[collist[i]],color='green',orient='v')
    plt.tight_layout()
```



Observation:

- Outliers present in columns: 'Price', 'Arrival_Hour', 'Duration_Hours', 'Airline_Name_Air Asia', 'Airline_Name_Air India', 'Airline_Name_Air India', 'Airline_Name_Air India', 'Airline_Name_Air India, 'India, ' 'Airline_Name_AirAsia', 'Airline_Name_Alliance Air', 'Airline_Name_Emirates', 'Airline_Name_Etihad Airways', 'Airline_Name_FlyBig', 'Airline_Name_Go First', 'Airline_Name_IndiGo', 'Airline_Name_Qatar Airways', 'Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines', 'Airline_Name_SpiceJet', 'Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines', 'Airline_Name_Swiss', 'Airline_Name_Turkish Airlines', 'Airline_Name_Vistara', 'Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates', 'Airline_Name_flydubai', 'Day_Fri', 'Day_Mon', 'Day_Sat', 'Day_Sun', 'Day_Thu', 'Day Tue', 'Day Wed' and 'Month Dec'.
- But we will not remove Outliers from "Price" column as it is our Target column and also from categorical columns. So, we will only remove outliers from "Arrival_Hour" and "Duration_Hours".
- Outliers not present in columns: 'Source', 'Destination', 'Total_Stops', 'Date', 'Departure_Hour', 'Departure_Minute', 'Arrival_Minute', 'Duration_Minutes', 'Airline_Name_Gulf Air', 'Month_Nov', 'Month_Oct' and 'Month_Sep'.

Removing Outliers

1.1 Zscore method using Scipy

```
variable = flight[['Arrival_Hour', 'Duration_Hours']]
z=np.abs(zscore(variable))
# Creating new dataframe
flight_price = flight[(z<3).all(axis=1)]
z.head()
```

Arrival_Hour Duration_Hours 0 0.767591 0.473573 2.052311 0.473573 2 0.219374 0.473573 3 1.049582 0.473573 0.473573 0.062616

```
print("Old DataFrame data in Rows and Column:",flight.shape)
print("New DataFrame data in Rows and Column:",flight_price.shape)
print("Total Dropped rows:",flight.shape[0]-flight_price.shape[0])
Old DataFrame data in Rows and Column: (1610, 36)
```

New DataFrame data in Rows and Column: (1559, 36)

Total Dropped rows: 51

1.2 Percentage Data Loss using Zscore

```
loss_percent=(1610-1559)/1610*100
print("loss_percent= ",loss_percent,"%")
loss_percent= 3.1677018633540373 %
```

2. IQR (Inter Quantile Range) method

```
#1st quantile
Q1=variable.quantile(0.25)

# 3rd quantile
Q3=variable.quantile(0.75)

#IQR
IQR=Q3 - Q1
flight_price_pred=flight[~((flight < (Q1 - 1.5 * IQR)) | (flight > (Q3 + 1.5 * IQR))).any(axis=1)]

print("Old DataFrame data in Rows and Column:",flight_shape)
print("\nNew DataFrame data in Rows and Column:",flight_price_pred.shape)
print("\nTotal Dropped rows:",flight.shape[0]-flight_price_pred.shape[0])

Old DataFrame data in Rows and Column: (1610, 36)

New DataFrame data in Rows and Column: (1197, 36)

Total Dropped rows: 413
```

2.2 Percentage Data Loss using IQR

```
loss_perc = (1610-1197)/1610*100
print("loss_percent= ",loss_perc,"%")
loss_percent= 25.65217391304348 %
```

We can observe that by using IQR method there is large data loss in comparision to Zscore method. So, we will consider Zscore method.

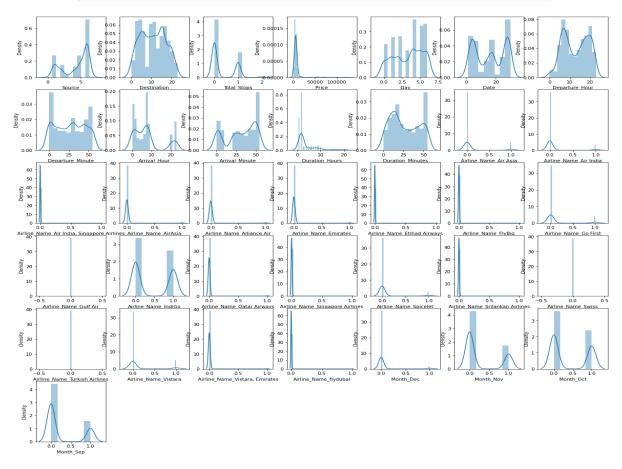
VI. Checking Skewness

```
flight.skew()
                                                                                                       -0.787126
Destination
                                                                                                          0.015304
 Total_Stops
                                                                                                         0.929689
Price
Day
                                                                                                         6.322378
0.255838
Date
                                                                                                       -0.060242
 Departure_Hour
Departure Minute
                                                                                                       -0.012425
Arrival_Hour
Arrival_Minute
                                                                                                         1.096090
Duration_Hours
                                                                                                         2.175547
Duration_Hours
Duration_Minutes
Airline_Name_Air Asia
Airline_Name_Air India
Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines
Airline_Name_Airladia, Singapore Airlines
Airline_Name_Airladiance Air
Airline_Name_Emirates
Airline_Name_Etihad Airways
                                                                                                         0.210981
2.496231
                                                                                                          2.962561
                                                                                                      28.346043
9.049937
                                                                                                        8.591705
8.812335
                                                                                                       23.122815
Airline_Name_EtlyBig
Airline_Name_FlyBig
Airline_Name_Go First
Airline_Name_Gulf Air
Airline_Name_IndiGo
Airline_Name_Qatar Airways
                                                                                                      28.346043
2.558561
                                                                                                      23.122815
                                                                                                      0.283817
11.463813
Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines
Airline_Name_SpiceJet
Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines
                                                                                                      20.006203
                                                                                                         3.368146
                                                                                                      28.346043
Airline_Name_Swiss
Airline_Name_Swiss
Airline_Name_Turkish Airlines
Airline_Name_Vistara
Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates
Airline_Name_flydubai
                                                                                                      40.124805
28.346043
                                                                                                         2.133168
                                                                                                       14.093439
28.346043
Month_Dec
Month_Nov
                                                                                                        4.148415
0.987065
Month_Oct
                                                                                                         0.445851
Month_Sep
dtype: float64
                                                                                                         0.980185
```

Checking skweness through Data Visualization

```
plt.figure(figsize=(20,20), facecolor='white')
plotnumber = 1

for column in flight_price:
    if plotnumber<=42:
        ax = plt.subplot(6,7,plotnumber)
        sns.distplot(flight_price[column])
        plt.xlabel(column,fontsize=10)
    plotnumber+=1
plt.show()</pre>
```



Observation:

- Skewness threshold taken is +/-0.25
- All the columns are not normallly distributed, they are skewed.
- Columns which are having skewness: Source, Total_Stops, Price, Arrival_Minute, Duration_Hours, Duration_Minutes, Airline_Name_Air Asia, Airline_Name_Air India,
 Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines, Airline_Name_AirAsia, Airline_Name_Alliance Air, Airline_Name_Emirates, Airline_Name_Etihad Airways, Airline_Name_FlyBig,
 Airline_Name_Go First, Airline_Name_Gulf Air, Airline_Name_IndiGo, Airline_Name_Qatar Airways, Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines, Airline_Name_SpiceJet,
 Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines, Airline_Name_Swiss, Airline_Name_Turkish Airlines, Airline_Name_Vistara, Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates, Airline_Name_flydubai,
 Day_Fri, Day_Mon, Day_Sat, Day_Sun, Day_Thu, Day_Tue, Day_Wed, Month_Dec, Month_Nov, Month_Oct, Month_Sep
- The 'Source' column data is negatively highly skewed and 'Airline_Name_Swiss' is positively highly skewed
- We will not remove skewness from categorical columns and also from Target Column 'Price'.
- So we will remove skewness from 'Total_Stops', 'Arrival_Hour', 'Arrival_Minute' and 'Duration_Hours' as these column contain continuous data.

Removing skewness using yeo-johnson method

```
collist=['Total_Stops', 'Arrival_Hour', 'Arrival_Minute', 'Duration_Hours']
flight_price[collist]=power_transform(flight_price[collist],method='yeo-johnson')
flight_price[collist]
```

	Total_Stops	Arrival_Hour	Arrival_Minute	Duration_Hours
0	-0.667918	-0.712257	-1.366713	-0.212742
1	-0.667918	1.593577	-1.366713	-0.212742
2	-0.667918	0.519214	-1.753315	-0.212742
3	-0.667918	-1.574682	-1.753315	-0.212742
4	-0.667918	0.264579	0.982897	-0.212742
1609	1.492846	-0.448153	0.754184	1.083569
1610	1.643379	-0.448153	0.754184	1.710477
1611	1.643379	-0.448153	0.754184	1.741565
1612	1.643379	-0.448153	0.754184	1.769465
1613	1.643379	-0.448153	0.754184	1.794655

1559 rows × 4 columns

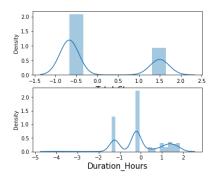
checking skewness after removal

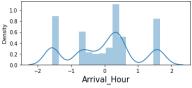
flight_price.skew()	
Source	-0.755216
Destination	0.038254
Total_Stops	0.830495
Price	7.946097
Day	-0.228907
Date	-0.013773
Departure_Hour	-0.041652
Departure_Minute	-0.007290
Arrival_Hour	-0.065429
Arrival_Minute	-0.606840
Duration_Hours	0.181033
Duration_Minutes	0.232383
Airline_Name_Air Asia	2.438735
Airline_Name_Air India	3.047458
Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines	39.484174
Airline_Name_AirAsia	8.900414
Airline_Name_Alliance Air	8.449207
Airline_Name_Emirates	10.056720
Airline_Name_Etihad Airways	39.484174
Airline_Name_FlyBig	27.892617
Airline_Name_Go First	2.500437
Airline_Name_Gulf Air	0.000000
Airline_Name_IndiGo	0.239251
Airline_Name_Qatar Airways	14.837194
Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines	27.892617
Airline_Name_SpiceJet	3.300844
Airline Name Srilankan Airlines	27.892617
Airline_Name_Swiss	0.000000
Airline_Name_Turkish Airlines	0.000000
Airline_Name_Vistara	2.191335
Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates	13.865426
Airline_Name_flydubai	39.484174
Month Dec	4.071053
Month Nov	0.951090
Month_Oct	0.407550
Month Sep	1.077732
dtype: float64	

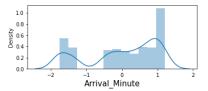
checking skewness after removal through data visualization using distplot

```
collist=['Total_Stops', 'Arrival_Hour', 'Arrival_Minute', 'Duration_Hours']
plt.figure(figsize=(20,5), facecolor='white')
plotnumber = 1

for column in flight_price[collist]:
    if plotnumber<=4:
        ax = plt.subplot(2,3,plotnumber)
        sns.distplot(flight_price[column])
        plt.xlabel(column,fontsize=15)
    plotnumber+=1
plt.show()</pre>
```







VII. Splitting Data into Target and Features

```
y.head()

0 5951
1 5951
2 5953
3 5953
4 5953
Name: Price, dtype: int64

x.shape, y.shape

((1559, 35), (1559,))
```

VIII. Scaling data using Standard Scaler

```
scaler = StandardScaler()
x = pd.DataFrame(scaler.fit_transform(x), columns = x.columns)
```

х	.head()									
	Source	Destination	Total_Stops	Day	Date	Departure_Hour	Departure_Minute	Arrival_Hour	Arrival_Minute	Duration_Hours
0	0.839012	0.68877	-0.667918	0.836952	-0.298544	0.826459	1.546726	-0.712257	-1.366713	-0.212742
1	0.839012	0.68877	-0.667918	0.836952	-0.298544	0.987535	0.998817	1.593577	-1.366713	-0.212742
2	0.839012	0.68877	-0.667918	0.836952	-0.298544	-0.945381	-1.466771	0.519214	-1.753315	-0.212742
3	0.839012	0.68877	-0.667918	0.836952	-0.298544	-0.784304	-1.466771	-1.574682	-1.753315	-0.212742
4	0.839012	0.68877	-0.667918	0.836952	-0.298544	0.343230	-1.466771	0.264579	0.982897	-0.212742

IX. Checking for Multicollinearity

5 rows × 35 columns

```
vif = pd.DataFrame()
vif['VIF values']= [variance_inflation_factor(x.values,i) for i in range(len(x.columns))]
vif['Features'] = x.columns
vif
```

	VIF values	Features			
0	1.246093	Source	17	inf	Airline_Name_Etihad Airways
1	1.190305	Destination	18	inf	Airline_Name_FlyBig
2	5.005202	Total_Stops	19	inf	Airline_Name_Go First
3	1.119536	Day	20	NaN	Airline_Name_Gulf Air
4	2.001797	Date	21	inf	Airline_Name_IndiGo
5	1.093143	Departure_Hour	22	inf	Airline_Name_Qatar Airways
6	1.048559	Departure_Minute	23	inf	Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines
7	1.095693	Arrival_Hour	24	inf	Airline_Name_SpiceJet
8	1.049719	Arrival_Minute	25	inf	Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines
9	4.949811	Duration Hours	26	NaN	Airline_Name_Swiss
10	1,147644	Duration Minutes	27	NaN	Airline_Name_Turkish Airlines
11	inf	Airline_Name_Air Asia	28	inf	Airline_Name_Vistara
			29	inf	Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates
12	inf	Airline_Name_Air India	30	inf	Airline_Name_flydubai
13	inf	Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines	31	inf	Month_Dec
14	inf	Airline_Name_AirAsia	32	inf	Month_Nov
15	inf	Airline_Name_Alliance Air	33	inf	Month_Oct
16	inf	Airline_Name_Emirates	34	inf	Month_Sep

```
#dropping columns having no relation with Target Feature
x.drop(columns=['Airline_Name_Gulf Air', 'Airline_Name_Swiss', 'Airline_Name_Turkish Airlines'],inplace=True)
```

```
#checking again multicollinearity
vif = pd.DataFrame()
vif['VIF values']= [variance_inflation_factor(x.values,i) for i in range(len(x.columns))]
vif['Features'] = x.columns
vif
```

	VIF values	Features	16	inf	Airline_Name_Emirates
0	1.246093	Source	17	inf	Airline_Name_Etihad Airways
1	1.190305	Destination	18	inf	Airline_Name_FlyBig
2	5.005202	Total_Stops	19	inf	Airline_Name_Go First
3	1.119536	Day	20	inf	Airline_Name_IndiGo
4	2.001797	Date	21	inf	Airline_Name_Qatar Airways
5	1.093143	Departure_Hour	22	inf	Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines
6	1.048559	Departure_Minute	23	inf	Airline_Name_SpiceJet
7	1.095693	Arrival_Hour	24	inf	Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines
8	1.049719	Arrival_Minute	25	inf	Airline_Name_Vistara
9	4.949811	Duration_Hours	26	inf	Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates
10	1.147644	Duration_Minutes	27	inf	Airline_Name_flydubai
11	inf	Airline_Name_Air Asia	28	inf	Month Dec
12	inf	Airline_Name_Air India	29	inf	Month Nov
13	inf	Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines	30	inf	-
14	inf	Airline_Name_AirAsia			Month_Oct
15	inf	Airline_Name_Alliance Air	31	inf	Month_Sep

Now, we can check Multicollinearity is not present as all columns VIF Values are less than 10.

X. Variance Threshold Method

It removes all features which variance doesn't meet some threshold. By default, it removes all zero-variance features.

```
var threshold = VarianceThreshold(threshold=0)
   var_threshold.fit(x)
VarianceThreshold(threshold=0)
   var_threshold.get_support()
array([ True, True
   x.columns[var_threshold.get_support()]
'Airline_Name_Alliance Air', 'Airline_Name_Emirates',
                        'Airline_Name_Etihad Airways', 'Airline_Name_FlyBig',
                       'Airline_Name_Go First', 'Airline_Name_IndiGo',
                        'Airline_Name_Qatar Airways', 'Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines',
                       'Airline_Name_SpiceJet', 'Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines', 'Airline_Name_Vistara', 'Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates',
                        'Airline_Name_flydubai', 'Month_Dec', 'Month_Nov', 'Month_Oct',
                        'Month_Sep'],
                    dtype='object')
   # taking out all the constant columns
   cons_columns = [column for column in x.columns
                                                   if column not in x.columns[var_threshold.get_support()]]
   print(len(cons_columns))
```

So, with the help of variance threshold method, we got to know all the features here are important. So, we will check select kbest features.

XI. Selecting Kbest Features

```
bestfeat = SelectKBest(score_func = f_classif, k = 'all')
fit = bestfeat.fit(x,y)
dfscores = pd.DataFrame(fit.scores_)
dfcolumns = pd.DataFrame(x.columns)
fit = bestfeat.fit(x,y)
dfscores = pd.DataFrame(fit.scores_)
dfcolumns = pd.DataFrame(x.columns)
dfcolumns.head()
featureScores = pd.concat([dfcolumns,dfscores],axis = 1)
featureScores.columns = ['Feature', 'Score']
print(featureScores.nlargest(40, 'Score'))
                                       Feature
                                                     Score
                           Airline_Name_FlyBig
18
                                                       inf
17
                   Airline_Name_Etihad Airways
                                                       inf
                                        Source 176.019858
0
21
                    Airline_Name_Qatar Airways 42.222750
                           Airline_Name_IndiGo 40.903461
20
2
                                   Total_Stops 31.738927
9
                                Duration_Hours
                                                 28.725946
                         Airline_Name_Air Asia 28.232583
11
1
                                  Destination 27.959133
                         Airline_Name_Go First 19.059339
Airline_Name_SpiceJet 18.072790
19
23
25
                          Airline_Name_Vistara 17.852996
16
                         Airline_Name_Emirates 16.487656
14
                          Airline_Name_AirAsia
                                                 14.041779
                     Airline_Name_Alliance Air 12.197478
15
31
                                     Month_Sep 10.648970
                Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates
                                                  9.520206
12
                        Airline_Name_Air India
                                                 8.871209
4
                                          Date
                                                 6.132348
10
                              Duration_Minutes
                                                  5.670929
3
                                          Day
                                                  5.528667
30
                                     Month_Oct
                                                  5.461257
                                     Month_Nov
29
                                                  5.253965
28
                                     Month_Dec
                                                  4.754321
   Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines
                                                  4.460936
13
24
               Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines
                                                  3.180653
6
                              Departure_Minute
                                                  2.867389
5
                                Departure_Hour
                                                  2,775334
8
                                Arrival_Minute
                                                  2.603049
                                  Arrival_Hour
```

Airline_Name_flydubai

Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines

27

2.574848

2.229036

1.320494

#dropping columns x.drop(columns=['Airline_Name_Etihad Airways', 'Airline_Name_FlyBig'],inplace=True) #checking again

```
#checking again
bestfeat = SelectKBest(score_func = f_classif, k = 'all')
fit = bestfeat.fit(x,y)
dfscores = pd.DataFrame(fit.scores_)
dfcolumns = pd.DataFrame(x.columns)
```

```
fit = bestfeat.fit(x,y)
dfscores = pd.DataFrame(fit.scores_)
dfcolumns = pd.DataFrame(x.columns)
dfcolumns.head()
featureScores = pd.concat([dfcolumns,dfscores],axis = 1)
featureScores.columns = ['Feature', 'Score']
print(featureScores.nlargest(40,'Score'))
```

	Feature	Score
0	Source	176.019858
19	Airline_Name_Qatar Airways	42.222750
18	Airline_Name_IndiGo	40.903461
2	Total_Stops	31.738927
9	Duration_Hours	28.725946
11	Airline_Name_Air Asia	28.232583
1	Destination	27.959133
17	Airline_Name_Go First	19.059339
21	Airline_Name_SpiceJet	18.072790
23	Airline_Name_Vistara	17.852996
16	Airline_Name_Emirates	16.487656
14	Airline_Name_AirAsia	14.041779
15	Airline_Name_Alliance Air	12.197478
29	Month_Sep	10.648970
24	Airline_Name_Vistara, Emirates	9.520206
12	Airline_Name_Air India	8.871209
4	Date	6.132348
10	Duration_Minutes	5.670929
3	Day	5.528667
28	Month_Oct	5.461257
27	Month_Nov	5.253965
26	Month_Dec	4.754321
13	Airline_Name_Air India, Singapore Airlines	4.460936
22	Airline_Name_Srilankan Airlines	3.180653
6	Departure_Minute	2.867389
5	Departure_Hour	2.775334
8	Arrival_Minute	2.603049
7	Arrival_Hour	2.574848
25	Airline_Name_flydubai	2.229036
20	Airline_Name_Singapore Airlines	1.320494

Now, we will create model.

5. State the set of assumptions (if any) related to the problem under consideration

- By observing Target Variable "Price" it is already assumed that it is a Regression Problem and to understand it have to use Regression model.
- Also, it was observed that there is one column "Unnamed 0" and "Unnamed 0.1" which is irrelevant column as it contains serial no so have to drop this column.
- It was observed that in columns there are irrelevant values present. So, we need to drop replace and remove those values.
- Also have to convert datatype of those columns which are containing continuous values like Target column.
- It was observed that there are hidden features present in columns: Date_of_Journey, Departure_Time, Arrival_Time, Duration and Total_Stops. So, it should be extracted.

6. Hardware and Software Requirements and Tools Used

Hardware used:

Processor: 11th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-1125G4 @2.00GHz 2.00 GHz

System Type: 64-bit OS

Software used:

- Anaconda for 64-bit OS
- Jupyter notebook

Tools, Libraries and Packages used:

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import seaborn as sns
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

from scipy.stats import zscore
from sklearn.preprocessing import power_transform, StandardScaler, LabelEncoder
from sklearn.feature_selection import VarianceThreshold, SelectKBest, f_classif
from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV,cross_val_score
from sklearn.linear_model import train_test_split, GridSearchCV,cross_val_score
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc, roc_auc_score, plot_roc_curve, r2_score, classification_report, mean_absolute_error, from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc, roc_auc_score, plot_roc_curve, r2_score, classification_report, mean_absolute_error, from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error
from sklearn.neiphors import KkleighborsRegressor
from sklearn.neiphors import KkleighborsRegressor
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.svm import SVR
import pickle
```

Model/s Development and Evaluation

1. <u>Identification of possible problem-solving approaches</u> (methods)

In this project, we want to predict the Flight price prediction and for this we have used these approaches:

- Checked Total Numbers of Rows and Column
- Checked All Column Name
- Checked Data Type of All Data
- Checked for Null Values
- Checked for special character present in dataset or not
- Checked total number of unique values
- Information about Data
- Checked Description of Data and Dataset
- Dropped irrelevant Columns
- Replaced special characters and irrelevant data
- Extracted hidden features
- Checked all features through visualization.
- Checked correlation of features with target
- Detected Outliers and removed
- Checked skewness and removed
- Scaled data using Standard Scaler
- Checked Multicollinearity
- Used Feature Selection Method: Variance threshold method and Select kbest Features.

Testing of Identified Approaches (Algorithms)

- 1. Linear Regression
- 2. Random Forest Regressor
- 3. KNN Regressor
- 4. Gradient Boosting Regressor
- 5. Decision Tree Regressor

2. Run and evaluate selected models

Creating Model

Finding the best random state among all the models

On the basis of target column, we will understand this by Regression Problem

```
maxAcc = 0
maxRS=0
for i in range(1,100):
    x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(x,y,test_size = .25, random_state = i)
    modDTR = DecisionTreeRegressor()
    modDTR.fit(x_train,y_train)
    pred = modDTR.predict(x_test)
    acc = r2_score(y_test,pred)
    if acc>maxAcc:
        maxAcc:
        maxAcc=acc
        maxRS=i
print(f"Best Accuracy is: {maxAcc} on random_state: {maxRS}")
```

Best Accuracy is: 0.9834311445811676 on random_state: 96

Creating train-test-split

```
# creating new train test split using the random state.
x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(x,y,test_size = .20, random_state = maxRS)
```

Regression Algorithms

1. Linear Regression

```
# Checking r2score for Linear Regression
LR = LinearRegression()
LR.fit(x_train,y_train)

# prediction
predLR=LR.predict(x_test)
print('R2_score:',r2_score(y_test,predLR))
print('Mean abs error:',mean_absolute_error(y_test, predLR))
print('Mean squared error:',mean_squared_error(y_test, predLR))

R2_score: 0.7195839708123732
Mean abs error: 2173.2375624945653
Mean squared error: 50559350.336292826
```

2. Random Forest Regression Model

```
# Checking R2 score for Random Forest Regressor
RFR=RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=600, random_state=maxRS)
RFR.fit(x_train,y_train)
# prediction
predRFR=RFR.predict(x_test)
print('R2_Score:',r2_score(y_test,predRFR))
print('Mean abs error:',mean_absolute_error(y_test, predRFR))
print('Mean squared error:',mean_squared_error(y_test, predRFR))
R2 Score: 0.9318103918030993
```

Mean abs error: 785.5047061965812 Mean squared error: 12294669.10329451

3. KNN Regressor

```
: # Checking R2 score for KNN regressor
  knn=KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=9 )
  knn.fit(x_train,y_train)
  #prediction
  predknn=knn.predict(x_test)
  print('R2_Score:',r2_score(y_test,predknn))
  print('Mean abs error:',mean_absolute_error(y_test, predknn))
  print('Mean squared error:', mean squared error(y test, predknn))
  print("Root Mean Squared Error: ", np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test,predknn)))
  R2_Score: 0.7098807663881705
  Mean abs error: 1917.93198005698
  Mean squared error: 52308849.86843147
  Root Mean Squared Error: 7232.485732335147
```

4. Gradient boosting Regressor

```
# Checking R2 score for GBR
Gb= GradientBoostingRegressor(n_estimators=400, random state=maxRS, learning rate=0.1, max depth=3)
Gb.fit(x_train,y_train)
#prediction
predGb=Gb.predict(x_test)
print('R2_Score:',r2_score(y_test,predGb))
print('Mean abs error:',mean_absolute_error(y_test, predGb))
print('Mean squared error:',mean_squared_error(y_test, predGb))
print("Root Mean Squared Error: ", np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test,predGb)))
```

R2_Score: 0.9394371563064738 Mean abs error: 1142.2811299364803 Mean squared error: 10919554.20855893 Root Mean Squared Error: 3304.4748763697585

5. Decision Tree Regressor

```
# Checking R2 score for GBR

DTR= DecisionTreeRegressor()

DTR.fit(x_train,y_train)

#prediction

predDTR=DTR.predict(x_test)

print('R2_Score:',r2_score(y_test,predDTR))

print('Mean abs error:',mean_absolute_error(y_test, predDTR))

print('Mean squared error:',mean_squared_error(y_test, predDTR))

print('Root Mean Squared Error: ", np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test,predDTR)))

R2_Score: 0.8895875641934212

Mean abs error: 737.2980769230769

Mean squared error: 19907496.157051284

Root Mean Squared Error: 4461.781724496536
```

Cross Validation Score for all the model

```
#CV Score for Linear Regression
print('CV score for Linear Regression: ',cross_val_score(LR,x,y,cv=5).mean())

#CV Score for Random Forest Regression
print('CV score for Random forest Regression: ',cross_val_score(RFR,x,y,cv=5).mean())

#CV Score for KNN Regression
print('CV score for KNN Regression: ',cross_val_score(knn,x,y,cv=5).mean())

#CV Score for Gradient Boosting Regression
print('CV score for Gradient Boosting Regression: ',cross_val_score(Gb,x,y,cv=5).mean())

#CV Score for Decision Tree Regression
print('CV score for Decision Tree Regression: ',cross_val_score(DTR,x,y,cv=5).mean())

CV score for Linear Regression: -4.484765538827662

CV score for Random forest Regression: 0.512448472901896

CV score for Gradient Boosting Regression: 0.65861027412094597

CV score for Decision Tree Regression: 0.65376863299353738
```

So, according to the R2 score and Cross validation score of all the model we can see that the best model is gradient boosting regressor and random forest regressor. Now, we will check which one is best after hyper tuning.

Hyper Parameter Tuning

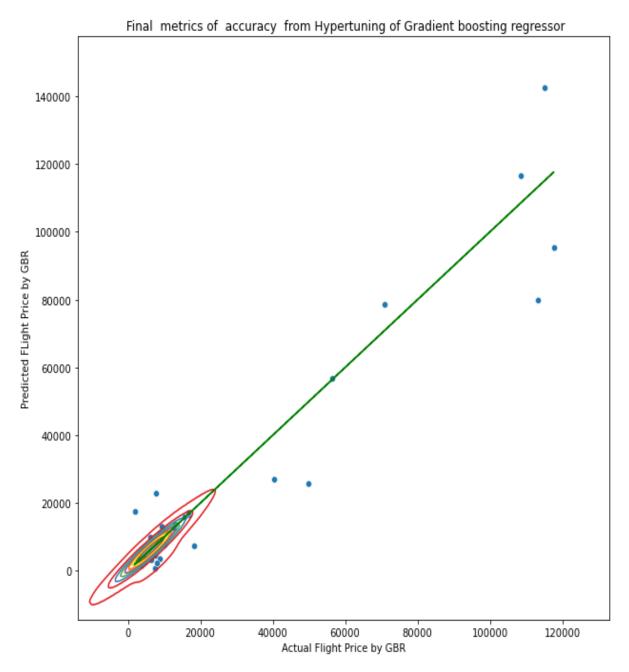
The Gradient boosting regressor with GridsearchCV

```
parameter = {'n_estimators':[100,200,300,400],
              'learning_rate':[0.1,0.01,0.001,1],
              'subsample': [0.1,0.2,0.3,0.5,1],
              'max_depth':[1,2,3,4],
             'alpha':[0.1,0.01,0.001,1]}
CV_GBR = GridSearchCV(GradientBoostingRegressor(),parameter,cv=6,n_jobs = 3,verbose = 2)
CV_GBR.fit(x_train,y_train)
Fitting 6 folds for each of 1280 candidates, totalling 7680 fits
GridSearchCV(cv=6, estimator=GradientBoostingRegressor(), n jobs=3,
             param_grid={'alpha': [0.1, 0.01, 0.001, 1],
                          'learning_rate': [0.1, 0.01, 0.001, 1],
                          'max_depth': [1, 2, 3, 4],
                          'n_estimators': [100, 200, 300, 400],
                          'subsample': [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 1]},
             verbose=2)
CV_GBR.best_params_
{'alpha': 0.001,
 'learning_rate': 1,
'max_depth': 1,
'n_estimators': 300,
'subsample': 0.5}
```

Creating Regressor Model with Gradient Boosting Regressor

So after the Hypertuning now we have got a descent accuracy score of 92% on Gradient boosting

```
#Verifying the final performance of the model by graph
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
sns.scatterplot(x=y_test,y=GBRpred,palette='Set2')
sns.kdeplot(x=y_test,y=GBRpred, cmap='Set1')
plt.plot(y_test,y_test,color='g')
#Verifying the performance of the model by graph
plt.xlabel("Actual Flight Price by GBR")
plt.ylabel("Predicted FLight Price by GBR")
plt.title(" Final metrics of accuracy from Hypertuning of Gradient boosting regressor")
plt.show()
```



The Random Forest regressor with GridsearchCV

```
parameter = {'n_estimators':[30,60,80],'max_depth': [10,20,40],
              'min_samples_leaf':[5,10,20],'min_samples_split':[5,10],
              'criterion':['mse','mae'],'max_features':["auto","sqrt","log2"]}
GCV = GridSearchCV(RandomForestRegressor(),parameter,cv=5,n_jobs = -1,verbose = 1)
GCV.fit(x_train,y_train)
Fitting 5 folds for each of 324 candidates, totalling 1620 fits
GridSearchCV(cv=5, estimator=RandomForestRegressor(), n_jobs=-1,
             param_grid={'criterion': ['mse', 'mae'], 'max_depth': [10, 20, 40],
                          'max_features': ['auto', 'sqrt', 'log2'],
                         'min_samples_leaf': [5, 10, 20],
                         'min_samples_split': [5, 10],
                         'n_estimators': [30, 60, 80]},
             verbose=1)
GCV.best_params_
{'criterion': 'mse',
 'max_depth': 20,
 'max_features': 'sqrt',
 'min_samples_leaf': 5,
 'min_samples_split': 5,
 'n_estimators': 30}
```

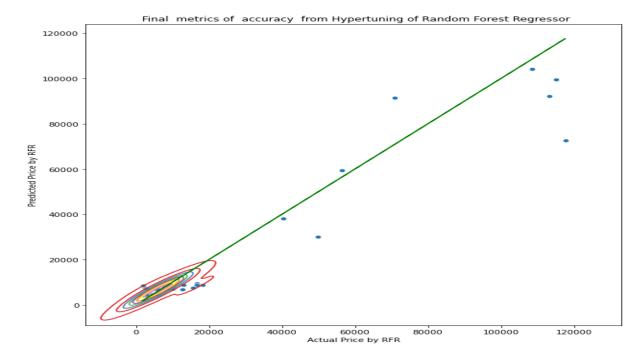
Creating Regressor Model with Random Forest Regressor

```
RFR = RandomForestRegressor(random_state=50, max_features='auto', n_estimators= 200, max_depth=6, criterion='mse')
RFR.fit(x_train, y_train)
RandomForestRegressor(max_depth=6, n_estimators=200, random_state=50)

#prediction
RFRpred = RFR.predict(x_test)
#R2 score
acc = r2_score(y_test,RFRpred)
print(acc*100)
91.8258941511163
```

So after the Hypertuning now we have got a descent accuracy score of 91% on Random Forest Regressor

```
#Verifying the final performance of the model by graph
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
sns.scatterplot(x=y_test,y=RFRpred,palette='Set2')
sns.kdeplot(x=y_test,y=RFRpred, cmap='Set1')
plt.plot(y_test,y_test,color='g')
#Verifying the performance of the model by graph
plt.xlabel("Actual Price by RFR")
plt.ylabel("Predicted Price by RFR")
plt.title(" Final metrics of accuracy from Hypertuning of Random Forest Regressor")
plt.show()
```



After checking both model it is concluded that Gradient Boosting Regressor is giving best R2 Score. So, we will save and predict on GBR.

• Saving The Predictive Model

```
#saving the model at local file system
filename='flight_price_prediction.pickle'
pickle.dump(CV_GBR,open(filename,'wb'))
#prediction using the saved model
loaded_model = pickle.load(open(filename, 'rb'))
loaded_model.predict(x_test)
```

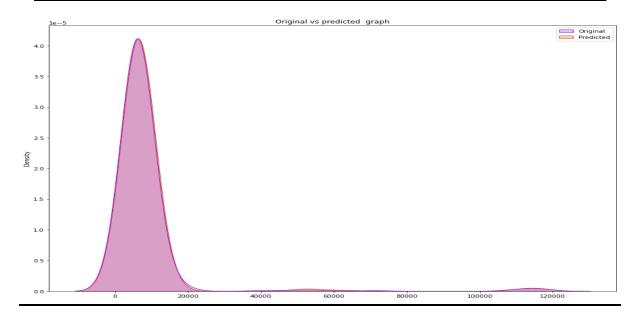
• Comparing Actual and Predicted

```
a = np.array(y_test)
predict = np.array(loaded_model.predict(x_test))
flight_price_prediction = pd.DataFrame({"Original":a,"Predicted":predict},index= range(len(a)))
flight_price_prediction
```

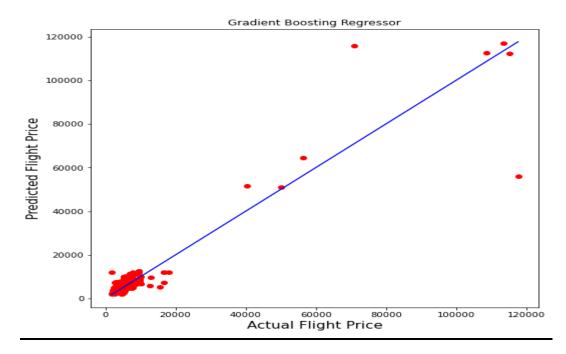
	Original	Predicted
0	1998	3033.318556
1	5954	5937.477751
2	7927	7127.178848
3	4687	3997.702933
4	6508	6576.550832

Let's plot and visualize

```
plt.figure(figsize=(15,12))
sns.kdeplot(data=flight_price_prediction, palette='gnuplot',gridsize=900, shade=True)
plt.title('Original vs predicted graph')
```



```
plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
plt.scatter(y_test,predict,c='r')
plt1 = max(max(predict),max(y_test))
plt2 = min(min(predict),min(y_test))
plt.plot([plt1,plt2],[plt1,plt2],'b-')
plt.xlabel('Actual Flight Price',fontsize=15)
plt.ylabel('Predicted Flight Price',fontsize=15)
plt.title("Gradient Boosting Regressor")
plt.show()
```



Saving the model in CSV format

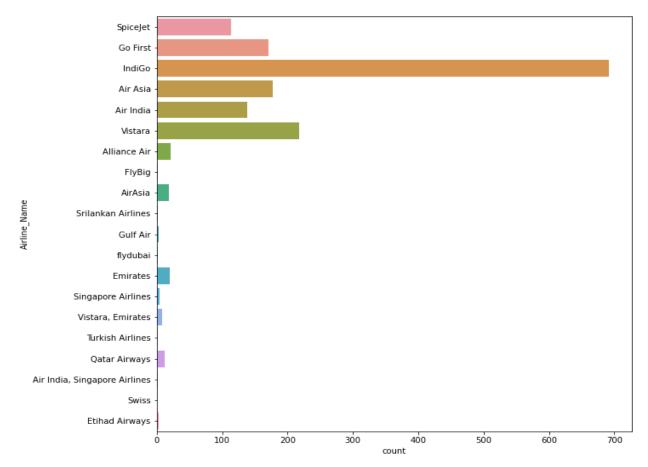
```
model =flight_price_prediction.to_csv('flight_price_prediction.csv')
model
```

- 3. Key Metrics for success in solving problem under consideration
 - R2 Score, mean abs error, mean squared error, Root Mean Squared Error and CV score are used for success.

4. Visualization

- Univariate Analysis
 - Using Countplot

```
#Count Plot for "Airline_Name" column
print(flight["Airline_Name"].value_counts())
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
sns.countplot(y= "Airline_Name",data=flight)
IndiGo
                                  692
Vistara
                                  218
Air Asia
                                  177
Go First
                                  171
Air India
                                  138
SpiceJet
                                  113
Alliance Air
                                   21
Emirates
                                   20
AirAsia
                                   19
Qatar Airways
                                   12
Vistara, Emirates
Singapore Airlines
Gulf Air
Etihad Airways
flydubai
                                   2
Srilankan Airlines
Turkish Airlines
FlyBig
Air India, Singapore Airlines
Name: Airline_Name, dtype: int64
```



We observe that 'IndiGo' Airlines flights are taken most (Total No= 692) and 'Swiss' Airlines is least (Total No= 1).

```
#Count Plot for "Source" column
print(flight["Source"].value_counts())
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
sns.countplot(y= "Source",data=flight)
New Delhi
                       736
Mumbai
                        276
Bangalore
                       270
Hyderabad
Kolkata
                       152
133
Jaipur
Pune
Agra
                          4
Name: Source, dtype: int64

<AxesSubplot:xlabel='count', ylabel='Source'>
     New Delhi
       Mumbai
     Bangalore
   Hyderabad
         Kolkata
            Pune
          Jaipur
```

Using Histplot

300

400

500

600

700

200

Agra

100

```
#HistPlot for "Price" column
print(flight["Price"].value_counts())
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
sns.histplot(x="Price",data=flight, bins=30)
5954
         128
4687
          49
5374
          46
7424
          41
          40
5891
7854
         1
11922
           1
11542
           1
5642
           1
13830
          1
Name: Price, Length: 294, dtype: int64
```

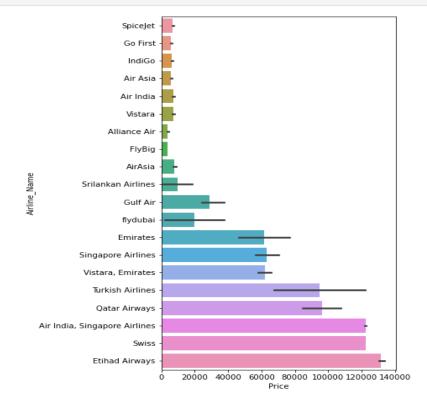
1000 - 800 - 600 - 600 - 600 - 6000 8000 10000 12000 14000

Bivariate Analysis

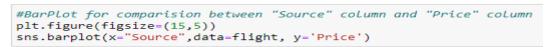
(For comparison between each feature with target)

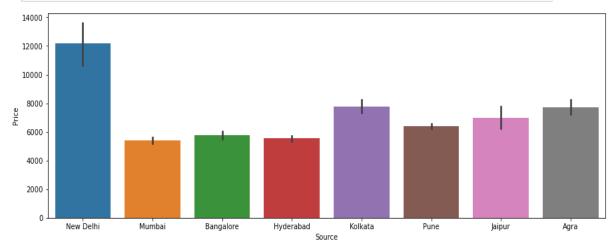
➤ Using Barplot

```
#BarPlot for comparision between "Airline" column and "Price" column
plt.figure(figsize=(5,10))
sns.barplot(y="Airline_Name",data=flight, x='Price')
```



We can observe Airline's 'Etihad Airways' is having highest flight fare.

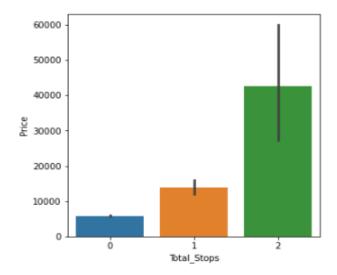




We can observe Source 'New Delhi' is having highest flight fare.

```
#BarPlot for comparision between "Total_Stops" column and "Price" column
plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
sns.barplot(x="Total_Stops",data=flight, y='Price')
```

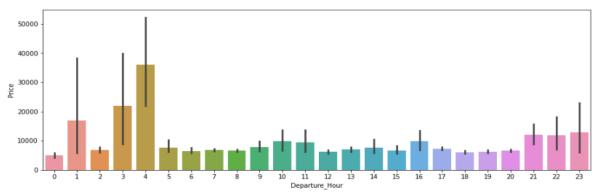
<AxesSubplot:xlabel='Total_Stops', ylabel='Price'>



Having Stops '2' is highest flight fare and '0' stops is having least fare.

```
#BarPLot for comparision between "Dep_Hour" column and "Price" column
plt.figure(figsize=(15,5))
sns.barplot(x="Departure_Hour",data=flight, y='Price')
```

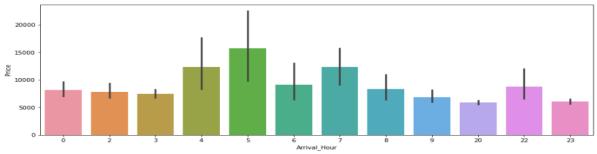
<AxesSubplot:xlabel='Departure_Hour', ylabel='Price'>



Departing Flight at '4 AM' is having high fare.

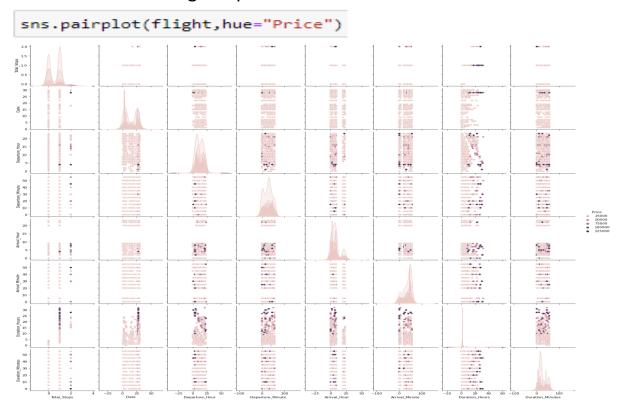
```
#BarPLot for comparision between "Arrival_Hour" column and "Price" column plt.figure(figsize=(15,5)) sns.barplot(x="Arrival_Hour",data=flight, y='Price')
```

<AxesSubplot:xlabel='Arrival_Hour', ylabel='Price'>



Arriving Flight at '5 AM' is having high fare.

Multivariate Analysis (For comparison between all feature with target) Using Pairplot



We can observe relationship between all the continuous column and the target column by this pairplot in pairs which are plotted on basis of target column.

5. Interpretation of the Results

- Through Visualization it is interpretated that Data is skewed due to presence of outliers in Dataset.
- Through Pre-processing it is interpretated that hidden features was inside features, irrelevant values were present, outliers & skewness was present in dataset, data was improper scaled, multicollinearity was present.
- By creating/building model we get best model: Gradient Boosting Regressor.



1. Key Findings and Conclusions of the Study

Here we have made a flight price prediction model. We have done EDA, cleaned data and Visualized Data. While cleaning the data it is analyzed that:

- ❖ Airfares change frequently, in a minute it gets changes.
- ❖ They move in small increments or in large jumps.
- Flight Price tend to go up or down over time.
- ❖ Buy afternoon flight ticket with having No stop and 1 month earlier if possible so that we can save the most by taking the least risk.
- Flight price increases as we get near to departure date
- ❖ Indigo is cheaper than Jet Airways. But there is a little difference in the fare of both flights. Sometimes Indigo is costly than Jet Airways.
- Morning flights are expensive compare to afternoon flights and evening flights.

We have done prediction on basis of Data using Data Pre-processing, Checked Correlation, removed irrelevant features, Removed Outliers, Removed Skewness and at last train our data by splitting our data through train-test split process.

Built our model using 5 models and finally selected best model which was giving best accuracy that is Gradient Boosting Regressor. Then tuned our model through Hyper Tunning using GridSearchCV. And at last compared our predicted and Actual Price of Flight. Thus, our project is completed.

2. Learning Outcomes of the Study in respect of Data Science

- This project has demonstrated the importance of scrapping data then converting that data of those data into csv and then using that csv file bult a model to predict on data.
- Through different powerful tools of visualization, we were able to analyse and interpret different hidden insights about the data.
- Through data cleaning we were able to remove unnecessary columns, values, special characters, outliers and skewness from our dataset due to which our model would have suffered from overfitting or underfitting.

The few challenges while working on this project were: -

- Improper scaling: scaled it to a single scale using Standard Scaler.
- Too many hidden features: extracting and then removing multicollinearity from them.
- Converted datatype of target column and other columns containing continuous data.
- Replaced and removed irrelevant values or data from features.
- Skewed data due to outliers: Removed using power transformer 'yeo-johnson' method and outliers was removed through zscore.

3. Limitations of this work and Scope for Future Work

Most airline companies also do no publicly make available their ticket pricing strategies, which makes gathering price and air fare related datasets using web scraping the only means to build a dataset for building predicting models.

Availability of more features and a larger dataset would help build better model.

This project allows multiple algorithms to be integrated together to combine modules and their results to increase the accuracy of the final result. This model can further be improved with the addition of more algorithms into it.