

# **“Covid-19 Outbreak Prediction Using Machine Learning”**

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## Source Code

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import warnings

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

import pandas as pd

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import seaborn as sns


import plotly.express as px

import plotly.graph_objects as go

from plotly.subplots import make_subplots

import numpy as np

import datetime as dt

from datetime import timedelta

from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score,silhouette_samples

from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression,Ridge,Lasso

from sklearn.svm import SVR

from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error,r2_score

import statsmodels.api as sm

from statsmodels.tsa.api import Holt,SimpleExpSmoothing,ExponentialSmoothing

from sklearn.preprocessing import PolynomialFeatures

from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import adfuller

from pmdarima import auto_arima

std=StandardScaler()
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covid=pd.read_csv(r"C:\Users\Ritika\Desktop\covid_19_data.csv")

covid.head()

print("Shape of the dataset: ",covid.shape)

print("Checking for null values:\n",covid.isnull().sum())

print("Checking Data-type of each column:\n",covid.dtypes)

#Dropping column as SNo is of no use, and "Province/State" contains too many missing
values

covid.drop(["SNo"],1,inplace=True)

#Converting "Observation Date" into Datetime format

covid["ObservationDate"]=pd.to_datetime(covid["ObservationDate"])

grouped_country=covid.groupby(["Country/Region","ObservationDate"]).agg({"Confirmed":'sum',"Recovered":'sum',"Deaths":'sum'})

grouped_country["Active Cases"]=grouped_country["Confirmed"]-
grouped_country["Recovered"]-grouped_country["Deaths"]

grouped_country["log_confirmed"]=np.log(grouped_country["Confirmed"])

grouped_country["log_active"]=np.log(grouped_country["Active Cases"])

#Grouping different types of cases as per the date

datewise=covid.groupby(["ObservationDate"]).agg({"Confirmed":'sum',"Recovered":'sum',"Deaths":'sum'})

datewise["Days Since"]=datewise.index-datewise.index.min()

print("Basic Information")

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print("Total number of countries with Disease Spread:
",len(covid["Country/Region"].unique()))

print("Total number of Confirmed Cases around the World: ",datewise["Confirmed"].iloc[-1])

print("Total number of Recovered Cases around the World: ",datewise["Recovered"].iloc[-1])

print("Total number of Deaths Cases around the World: ",datewise["Deaths"].iloc[-1])

print("Total number of Active Cases around the World: ",(datewise["Confirmed"].iloc[-1]-
datewise["Recovered"].iloc[-1]-datewise["Deaths"].iloc[-1]))

print("Total number of Closed Cases around the World: ",datewise["Recovered"].iloc[-1]+
datewise["Deaths"].iloc[-1])

print("Number of Confirmed Cases in last 24 hours: ",datewise["Confirmed"].iloc[-1]-
datewise["Confirmed"].iloc[-2])

print("Number of Recovered Cases in last 24 hours: ",datewise["Recovered"].iloc[-1]-
datewise["Recovered"].iloc[-2])

print("Number of Death Cases in last 24 hours: ",datewise["Deaths"].iloc[-1]-
datewise["Deaths"].iloc[-2])

fig=px.bar(x=datewise.index,y=datewise["Confirmed"]-datewise["Recovered"]-
datewise["Deaths"])

fig.update_layout(title="Distribution of Number of Active Cases",
                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Number of Cases",)

fig.show()

india_data=covid[covid["Country/Region"]=="India"]

datewise_india=india_data.groupby(["ObservationDate"]).agg({"Confirmed":'sum',"Recovered":'sum',"Deaths":'sum'})

print(datewise_india.iloc[-1])

print("Total Active Cases: ",datewise_india["Confirmed"].iloc[-1]-
datewise_india["Recovered"].iloc[-1]-datewise_india["Deaths"].iloc[-1])

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print("Total Closed Cases: ",datewise_india["Recovered"].iloc[-
1]+datewise_india["Deaths"].iloc[-1])

fig=go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise_india.index, y=datewise_india["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',
                        name='Confirmed Cases'))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise_india.index, y=datewise_india["Recovered"],
                        mode='lines+markers',
                        name='Recovered Cases'))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise_india.index, y=datewise_india["Deaths"],
                        mode='lines+markers',
                        name='Death Cases'))

fig.update_layout(title="Growth of different types of cases in India",
                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Number of
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()

datewise["Days Since"]=datewise.index-datewise.index[0]

datewise["Days Since"]=datewise["Days Since"].dt.days

train_ml=datewise.iloc[:int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95)]
valid_ml=datewise.iloc[int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95):]
model_scores=[]

lin_reg=LinearRegression(normalize=True)

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lin_reg.fit(np.array(train_ml["Days Since"]).reshape(-
1,1),np.array(train_ml["Confirmed"]).reshape(-1,1))

prediction_valid_linreg=lin_reg.predict(np.array(valid_ml["Days Since"]).reshape(-1,1))

model_scores.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid_ml["Confirmed"],prediction_valid
_linreg)))

print("Root Mean Square Error for Linear Regression:
",np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid_ml["Confirmed"],prediction_valid_linreg)))

plt.figure(figsize=(11,6))

prediction_linreg=lin_reg.predict(np.array(datewise["Days Since"]).reshape(-1,1))

linreg_output=[]

for i in range(prediction_linreg.shape[0]):

    linreg_output.append(prediction_linreg[i][0])

fig=go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise.index, y=datewise["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise.index, y=linreg_output,
                        mode='lines',name="Linear Regression Best Fit Line",
                        line=dict(color='black', dash='dot'))))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases Linear Regression Prediction",
                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()

train_ml=datewise.iloc[:int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95)]

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valid_ml=datewise.iloc[int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95):]

poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree = 8)

train_poly=poly.fit_transform(np.array(train_ml["Days Since"]).reshape(-1,1))
valid_poly=poly.fit_transform(np.array(valid_ml["Days Since"]).reshape(-1,1))
y=train_ml["Confirmed"]

linreg=LinearRegression(normalize=True)
linreg.fit(train_poly,y)

prediction_poly=linreg.predict(valid_poly)
rmse_poly=np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid_ml["Confirmed"],prediction_poly))
model_scores.append(rmse_poly)
print("Root Mean Squared Error for Polynomial Regression: ",rmse_poly)


comp_data=poly.fit_transform(np.array(datewise["Days Since"]).reshape(-1,1))
plt.figure(figsize=(11,6))
predictions_poly=linreg.predict(comp_data)

fig=go.Figure()
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise.index, y=datewise["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise.index, y=predictions_poly,
                        mode='lines',name="Polynomial Regression Best Fit",

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        line=dict(color='black', dash='dot'))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases Polynomial Regression Prediction",

                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed Cases",

                  legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()


new_prediction_poly=[]

for i in range(1,18):

    new_date_poly=poly.fit_transform(np.array(datewise["Days Since"].max()+i).reshape(-
1,1))

    new_prediction_poly.append(linreg.predict(new_date_poly)[0])


train_ml=datewise.iloc[:int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95)]

valid_ml=datewise.iloc[int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95):]


#Intializing SVR Model

svm=SVR(C=1,degree=6,kernel='poly',epsilon=0.01)


#Fitting model on the training data

svm.fit(np.array(train_ml["Days Since"]).reshape(-
1,1),np.array(train_ml["Confirmed"]).reshape(-1,1))


prediction_valid_svm=svm.predict(np.array(valid_ml["Days Since"]).reshape(-1,1))


model_scores.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid_ml["Confirmed"],prediction_valid
_svm)))


print("Root Mean Square Error for Support Vectore Machine:
",np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid_ml["Confirmed"],prediction_valid_svm)))

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plt.figure(figsize=(11,6))

prediction_svm=svm.predict(np.array(datewise["Days Since"]).reshape(-1,1))

fig=go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise.index, y=datewise["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=datewise.index, y=prediction_svm,
                        mode='lines',name="Support Vector Machine Best fit Kernel",
                        line=dict(color='black', dash='dot'))))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases Support Vectore Machine Regressor Prediction",
                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()


new_date=[]

new_prediction_lr=[]

new_prediction_svm=[]

for i in range(1,18):

    new_date.append(datewise.index[-1]+timedelta(days=i))

    new_prediction_lr.append(lin_reg.predict(np.array(datewise["Days
Since"].max()+i).reshape(-1,1))[0][0])

    new_prediction_svm.append(svm.predict(np.array(datewise["Days
Since"].max()+i).reshape(-1,1))[0])


pd.set_option('display.float_format', lambda x: '%.6f' % x)

model_predictions=pd.DataFrame(zip(new_date,new_prediction_lr,new_prediction_poly,new_prediction_svm),

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        columns=["Dates","Linear Regression Prediction","Polynomial
Regression Prediction","SVM Prediction"])

model_predictions.head()


model_train=datewise.iloc[:int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95)]

valid=datewise.iloc[int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95):]

y_pred=valid.copy()


holt=Holt(np.asarray(model_train["Confirmed"])).fit(smoothing_level=0.4,
smoothing_slope=0.4,optimized=False)


y_pred["Holt"]=holt.forecast(len(valid))

model_scores.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_pred["Confirmed"],y_pred["Holt"])))

print("Root Mean Square Error Holt's Linear Model:
",np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_pred["Confirmed"],y_pred["Holt"])))


fig=go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=model_train.index, y=model_train["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=valid["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Validation Data for Confirmed Cases",))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=y_pred["Holt"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Prediction of Confirmed Cases",))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases Holt's Linear Model Prediction",
                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()

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holt_new_date=[]
holt_new_prediction=[]
for i in range(1,18):
    holt_new_date.append(datewise.index[-1]+timedelta(days=i))
    holt_new_prediction.append(holt.forecast((len(valid)+i))[-1])

model_predictions["Holt's Linear Model Prediction"]=holt_new_prediction
model_predictions.head()

model_train=datewise.iloc[:int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95)]
valid=datewise.iloc[int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95):]
y_pred=valid.copy()

es=ExponentialSmoothing(np.asarray(model_train['Confirmed']),seasonal_periods=14,trend
='add', seasonal='mul').fit()

y_pred["Holt's Winter Model"]=es.forecast(len(valid))

model_scores.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_pred["Confirmed"],y_pred["Holt's
Winter Model"])))

print("Root Mean Square Error for Holt's Winter Model:
",np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_pred["Confirmed"],y_pred["Holt's Winter Model"])))

fig=go.Figure()
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=model_train.index, y=model_train["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=valid["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Validation Data for Confirmed Cases",))

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fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=y_pred["Holt's Winter Model"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Prediction of Confirmed Cases",))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases Holt's Winter Model Prediction",
                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()


holt_winter_new_prediction=[]

for i in range(1,18):

    holt_winter_new_prediction.append(es.forecast((len(valid)+i))[-1])

model_predictions["Holt's Winter Model Prediction"]=holt_winter_new_prediction

model_predictions.head()


model_train=datewise.iloc[:int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95)]

valid=datewise.iloc[int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95):]

y_pred=valid.copy()


model_ar= auto_arima(model_train["Confirmed"],trace=True, error_action='ignore',
start_p=0,start_q=0,max_p=4,max_q=0,

                    suppress_warnings=True,stepwise=False,seasonal=False)

model_ar.fit(model_train["Confirmed"])


prediction_ar=model_ar.predict(len(valid))

y_pred["AR Model Prediction"]=prediction_ar


model_scores.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_pred["Confirmed"],y_pred["AR
Model Prediction"])))

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print("Root Mean Square Error for AR Model:
",np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_pred["Confirmed"],y_pred["AR Model Prediction"])))

fig=go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=model_train.index, y=model_train["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=valid["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Validation Data for Confirmed Cases",))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=y_pred["AR Model Prediction"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Prediction of Confirmed Cases",))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases AR Model Prediction",
                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()

AR_model_new_prediction=[]

for i in range(1,18):

    AR_model_new_prediction.append(model_ar.predict(len(valid)+i)[-1])

model_predictions["AR Model Prediction"]=AR_model_new_prediction

model_predictions.head()

model_train=datewise.iloc[:int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95)]

valid=datewise.iloc[int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95):]

y_pred=valid.copy()

model_sarima= auto_arima(model_train["Confirmed"],trace=True, error_action='ignore',
                        start_p=0,start_q=0,max_p=2,max_q=2,m=7,

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        suppress_warnings=True,stepwise=True,seasonal=True)

model_sarima.fit(model_train["Confirmed"])

model_ma= auto_arima(model_train["Confirmed"],trace=True, error_action='ignore',
start_p=0,start_q=0,max_p=0,max_q=2,

suppress_warnings=True,stepwise=False,seasonal=False)

model_ma.fit(model_train["Confirmed"])

prediction_ma=model_ma.predict(len(valid))

y_pred["MA Model Prediction"]=prediction_ma

model_scores.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid["Confirmed"],prediction_ma)))

print("Root Mean Square Error for MA Model:
",np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid["Confirmed"],prediction_ma)))

fig=go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=model_train.index, y=model_train["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=valid["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Validation Data for Confirmed Cases",))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=y_pred["MA Model Prediction"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Prediction for Confirmed Cases",))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases MA Model Prediction",
                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()

MA_model_new_prediction=[]

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for i in range(1,18):

    MA_model_new_prediction.append(model_ma.predict(len(valid)+i)[-1])

model_predictions["MA Model Prediction"]=MA_model_new_prediction

model_predictions.head()


model_train=datewise.iloc[:int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95)]

valid=datewise.iloc[int(datewise.shape[0]*0.95):]

y_pred=valid.copy()


model_arima= auto_arima(model_train["Confirmed"],trace=True, error_action='ignore',
start_p=1,start_q=1,max_p=3,max_q=3,

                        suppress_warnings=True,stepwise=False,seasonal=False)

model_arima.fit(model_train["Confirmed"])


prediction_arima=model_arima.predict(len(valid))

y_pred["ARIMA Model Prediction"]=prediction_arima


model_scores.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid["Confirmed"],prediction_arima)))

print("Root Mean Square Error for ARIMA Model:
",np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(valid["Confirmed"],prediction_arima)))


fig=go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=model_train.index, y=model_train["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=valid["Confirmed"],
                        mode='lines+markers',name="Validation Data for Confirmed Cases",))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=y_pred["ARIMA Model Prediction"],

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        mode='lines+markers',name="Prediction for Confirmed Cases",))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases ARIMA Model Prediction",

                  xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()

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ARIMA_model_new_prediction=[]

for i in range(1,18):

    ARIMA_model_new_prediction.append(model_arima.predict(len(valid)+i)[-1])

model_predictions["ARIMA Model Prediction"]=ARIMA_model_new_prediction

model_predictions.head()

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prediction_sarima=model_sarima.predict(len(valid))

y_pred["SARIMA Model Prediction"]=prediction_sarima

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model_scores.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_pred["Confirmed"],y_pred["SARIMA
Model Prediction"])))

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print("Root Mean Square Error for SARIMA Model:
",np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_pred["Confirmed"],y_pred["SARIMA Model
Prediction"])))

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fig=go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=model_train.index, y=model_train["Confirmed"],

                        mode='lines+markers',name="Train Data for Confirmed Cases"))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=valid["Confirmed"],

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        mode='lines+markers',name="Validation Data for Confirmed Cases",))

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=valid.index, y=y_pred["SARIMA Model Prediction"],

        mode='lines+markers',name="Prediction for Confirmed Cases",))

fig.update_layout(title="Confirmed Cases SARIMA Model Prediction",

        xaxis_title="Date",yaxis_title="Confirmed
Cases",legend=dict(x=0,y=1,traceorder="normal"))

fig.show()

SARIMA_model_new_prediction=[]

for i in range(1,18):

    SARIMA_model_new_prediction.append(model_sarima.predict(len(valid)+i)[-1])

model_predictions["SARIMA Model Prediction"]=SARIMA_model_new_prediction

model_predictions.head()

model_names=["Linear Regression","Polynomial Regression","Support Vector Machine
Regressor","Holt's Linear","Holt's Winter Model",

        "Auto Regressive Model (AR)","Moving Average Model (MA)","ARIMA
Model","SARIMA Model"]

model_summary=pd.DataFrame(zip(model_names,model_scores),columns=["Model
Name","Root Mean Squared Error"]).sort_values(["Root Mean Squared Error"])

model_summary

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## Chapter 6: Output Screens

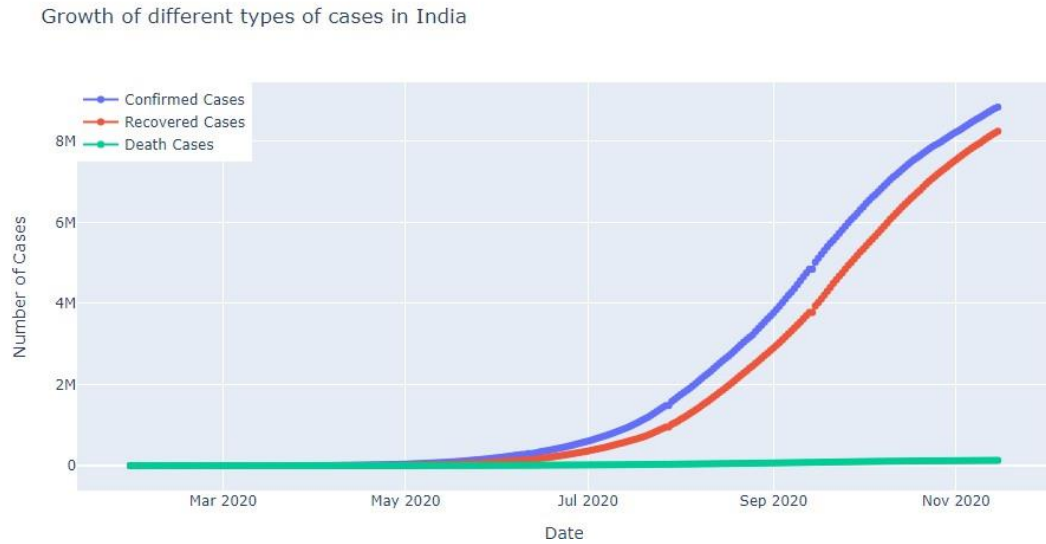


Fig 6.1.Growth of different types of cases in India

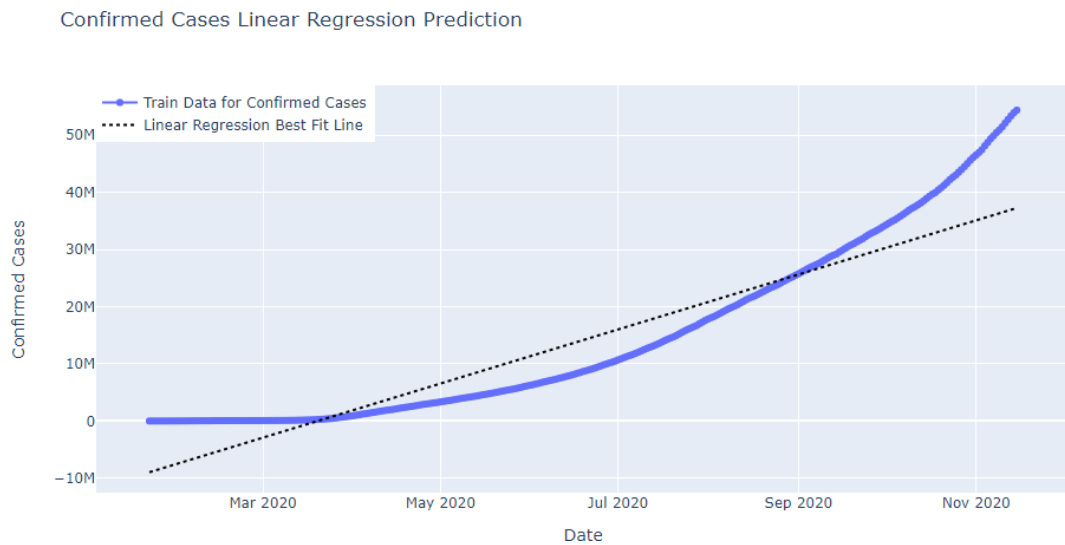


Fig 6.2 Confirmed cases Linear Regression Prediction

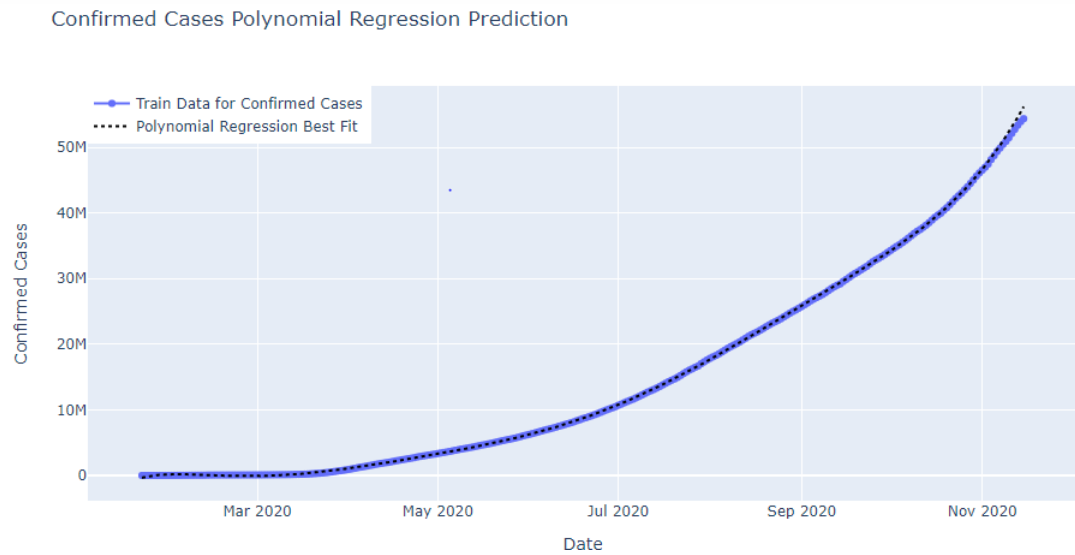


Fig 6.3. Polynomial Regression Prediction for confirmed cases

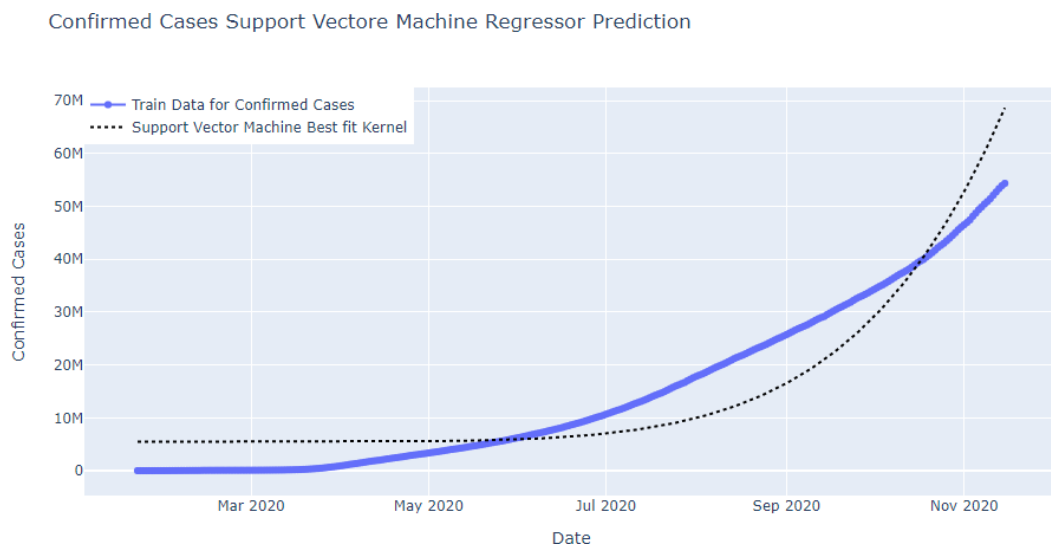


Fig 6.4. SVM regressor Prediction for confirmed cases

Confirmed Cases Holt's Linear Model Prediction

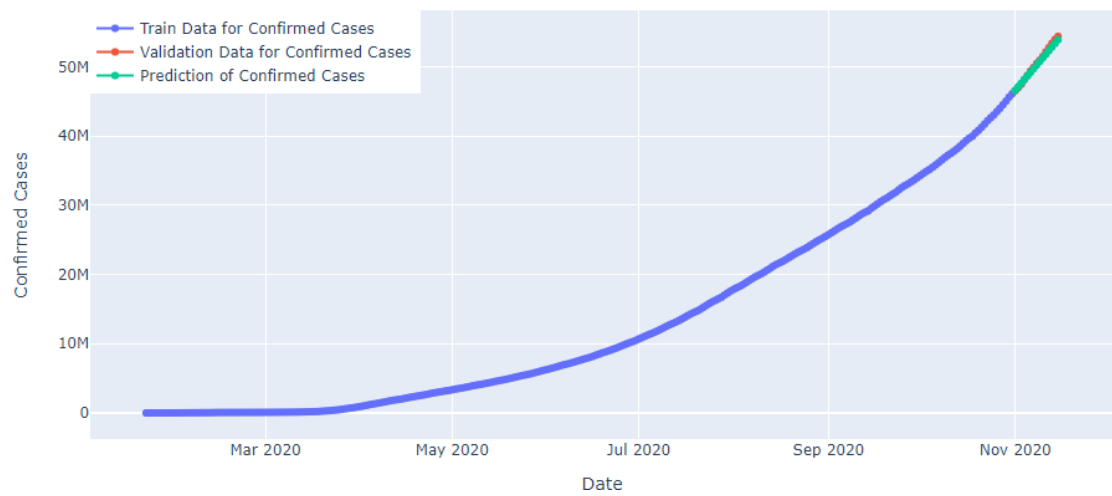


Fig 6.5 Holts Linear Model Prediction for confirmed cases

Confirmed Cases Holt's Winter Model Prediction

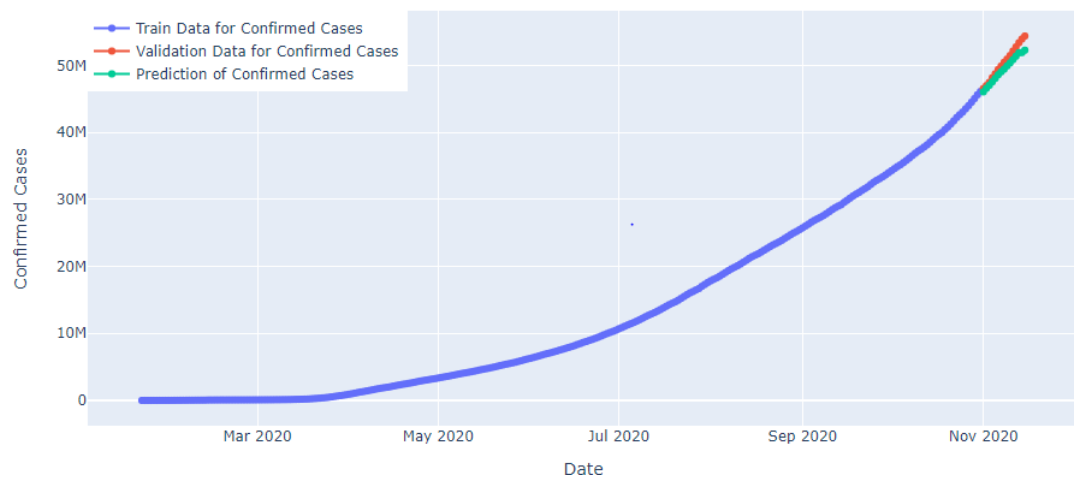


Fig 6.6. Holt's Winter model prediction for confirmed cases

Confirmed Cases AR Model Prediction

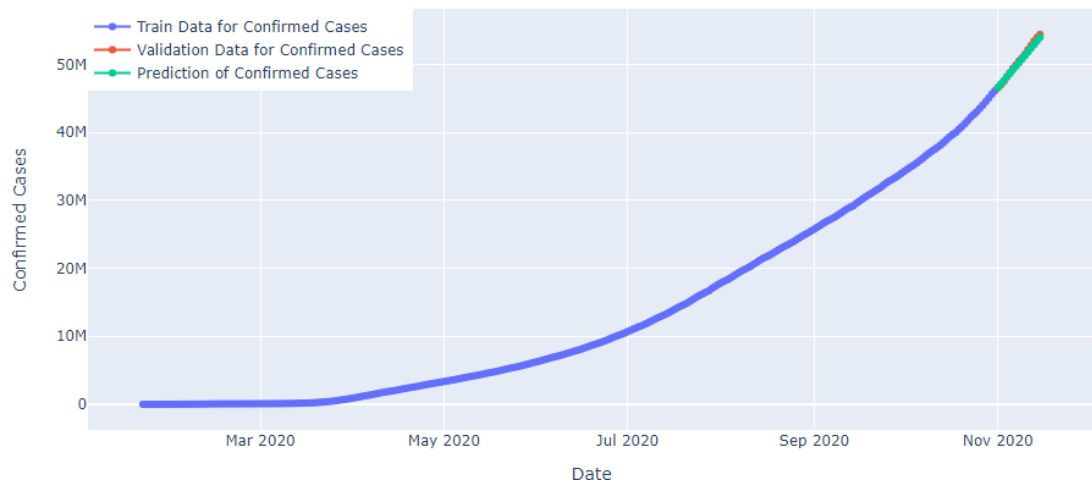


Fig 6.7. AR model prediction for confirmed cases

Confirmed Cases SARIMA Model Prediction

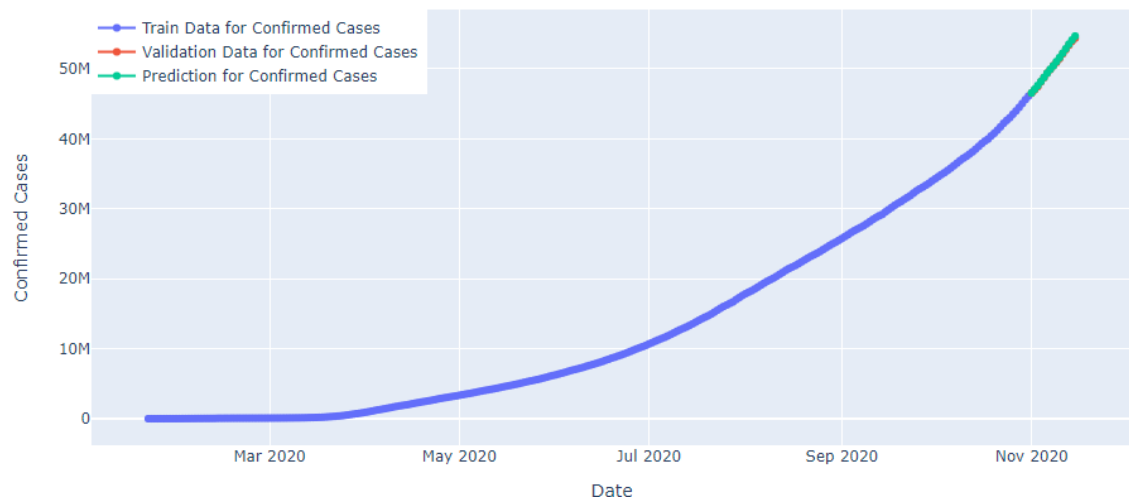


Fig 6.8. SARIMA model Prediction

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