

IDEATION PHASE

BRAINSTORM & IDEA PRIORITIZATION TEMPLATE


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Team ID:	
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Maximum Marks:	4 Marks

Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template:

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount of creative solutions.

Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement

Rainfall Prediction



Brainstorm & idea prioritization

🕒 2 hours to collaborate
👥 4 People

TEAM MEMBERS:
Keshav Goyal
Ananya Jalonha
Anushka Sachin
Soumyajyoti Debanand

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Before Collaboration

TEAM ID:

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Team gathering

We initiated the brainstorming session by defining the participants who should be involved in this collaborative effort. An invitation was sent to the team members i.e Ananya Jalonha, Anushka Sachin and Soumyajyoti Deband and Keshav Goyal We referenced with any necessary pre-work materials.

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Set the goal

The focus of our brainstorming session was to address the critical problem statement related to rainfall prediction using a machine learning approach. Given the changing weather conditions and the potential consequences of inaccurate rainfall predictions, it was crucial to find a solution.

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Facilitation

We started by using our personal notes and then organised them according to the other notes. We started by taking on similar ideas. We took short breaks gave individual presentation on their take.

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Problem Statement

Our central problem statement, framed as a "How Might We" question, was: **"How might we enhance rainfall prediction using a machine learning approach?"** This question served as the focal point for our brainstorming efforts.

Rainfall has been a major concern these days. Weather conditions have been changing for time being. Rainfall forecasting is important otherwise, it may lead to many disasters. Irregular heavy rainfall may lead to the destruction of crops, heavy floods that can cause harm to human life. It is important to exactly determine the rainfall for effective use of water resources, crop productivity, and pre-planning of water structures. This comparative study is conducted concentrating on the following aspects: modeling inputs, Visualizing the data, modeling methods, and pre-processing techniques. The results provide a comparison of various evaluation metrics of these machine learning techniques and their reliability to predict rainfall by analyzing the weather data.

PROBLEM

How might we enhance rainfall prediction using a machine learning approach using Linear Regression



Key rules of brainstorming

To run an smooth and productive session

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Stay in topic.

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Encourage wild ideas.

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Defer judgment.

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Listen to others.

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Go for volume.

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If possible, be visual.

Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping

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Brainstorm

In this phase, we allocated 10 minutes for participants to jot down any ideas that came to mind regarding the problem statement. We encouraged each other to think creatively and express their thoughts freely. Participants included Keshav Goyal, Ananya Jalonha, Anushka Sachin and Soumyajyoti deb

Keshav Goyal

- Implement transfer learning by adapting machine learning models trained on similar weather patterns from different regions to improve local rainfall prediction accuracy.
- 2. Utilize a neural network-based model that can factor in topographical data to predict rainfall in mountainous regions.
- we try to predict the average rainfall by separating data into training and testing. We apply various statistical and machine learning approaches(SVM etc) in prediction and make analysis over various approaches.

Ananya Jalonha

- Long term predictions: Predict rainfall over few weeks/months in advance.
- Short term predictions: Predict rainfall a few days in advance in specific locations.
- 2. Develop a Linear Regression based rainfall prediction system that incorporates uncertainty estimates for more reliable and risk-aware forecasts.
- Due to dynamic nature of atmosphere, statistical techniques fail to provide good accuracy for rainfall forecasting. Nonlinearity of rainfall data might make a better technique.

Anushka Sachin

- 1. Utilize generative adversarial networks (GANs) to create synthetic rainfall data for model training, enhancing data diversity.
- 2. Develop a rainfall prediction model specifically tailored to urban areas, accounting for localized factors such as buildings and infrastructure.
- Explore the integration of atmospheric pressure data from weather stations into machine learning models to enhance rainfall forecasting.

Soumyajyoti deb

- Implement a time-series analysis approach that not only predicts rainfall but also estimates prediction confidence intervals, allowing users to assess the reliability of the forecasts and make informed decisions.
- Create an ensemble prediction system that combines the outputs of multiple machine learning models, including linear regression, decision trees, and neural networks, to provide more robust and accurate rainfall forecasts with uncertainty quantification.



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Group ideas

Following the brainstorming session, we transitioned to idea grouping. Each participant took turns sharing their ideas, and we began to cluster similar or related notes as we went. We aimed to organize ideas efficiently. Any cluster containing more than six sticky notes was considered for further subdivision.

Analysis and Comparison:

Conduct a comparative analysis of various statistical and machine learning approaches (e.g., SVM) for rainfall prediction, recognizing that statistical techniques may have limitations due to the dynamic and non-linear nature of atmospheric data.

Data Enhancement and Diversity:

Utilize generative adversarial networks (GANs) to create synthetic rainfall data for model training, enhancing data diversity.

Short-term Predictions (Predicting rainfall a few days in advance in specific locations):

Utilize a neural network-based model that can factor in topographical data to predict rainfall in mountainous regions.

1. Develop a rainfall prediction model specifically tailored to urban areas, accounting for localized factors such as buildings and infrastructure.

Long-term Predictions (Predicting rainfall over few weeks/months in advance):

1. Develop a Linear Regression-based system with uncertainty estimates for reliable forecasts.
2. Implement time-series analysis for predicting rainfall and estimating confidence intervals



Other Features

Creating visualizations to enhance rainfall predictions through machine learning.

Understanding Data for Rainfall Prediction:

In our effort to improve rainfall prediction using machine learning, we focus on getting to know the data. We dive into datasets, look for patterns, and use regression analysis. By understanding the data deeply, we learn about rainfall patterns and use this knowledge to make our predictions more accurate.

Data Analysis for Rainfall Prediction:

For our project, we examine the data thoroughly, using techniques like regression. This helps us find the strengths and weaknesses in our data, see how we can make it better, and understand any external factors that might affect our model. Data analysis guides our strategy, model development, and risk management.

Visualizing the Rainfall Prediction Process:

The Rainfall Prediction Process Visualization is like a clear picture of how we work with data, from collecting it to making forecasts. It shows important data points, patterns, and any challenges we might encounter in the data. This visual tool helps us make decisions based on data and improve our rainfall prediction project at every step.



Step-3: Idea Prioritization

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Prioritize

To ensure alignment within the team, we used a grid to determine which ideas were both important and feasible. This prioritization step lasted 20 minutes. Participants used their cursors to indicate their preferences and reach a consensus. By the end of our brainstorming session, we had collectively identified potential solutions and priorities for enhancing rainfall prediction using a machine learning approach.



In this analysis or prediction, we will be evaluating statistical and machine learning approaches for rainfall prediction, recognizing the dynamic and non-linear nature of atmospheric data. We will be enhancing data diversity through data synthesis and implementing specialized models for short-term and long-term predictions, employing techniques like regression and time-series analysis.

Predicting rainfall amounts is a regression task because it involves estimating a continuous numerical value (e.g., the amount of rainfall in millimeters). In contrast, classification tasks involve assigning data points to discrete categories or classes (e.g., predicting whether it will rain or not, which is a binary classification task).

We are considering using Linear Regression K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) Regression or Support Vector Machine (SVM) Regression, These models are more suitable for predicting continuous numerical values like rainfall amounts.