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Abstract

Software Project Management (SPM) is majorly responsible in whether a software fails or succeeds. It is a key task to determine the time to be invested in the production of the software. Various algorithm can be used for this determination, but the accuracy and reliability of these algorithms play a major role. We are going to compare different machine learning techniques used to accurately predict the software production time. The datasets are made up of records of previously made software projects. Experimental result of this comparison will be presented.

For this experiment we are going to use a data set made up of 29 records. Out of the 29 records 20 will be used for training purpose while 9 will be used for the purpose of testing. After training and testing is done, we will compare all the machine learning algorithm under the same metrics. The metrics are namely:

- 1) Magnitude relative error
- 2) Mean magnitude relative error
- 3) Median of magnitude relative error

the machine learning algorithms that are under study are:

- 1) Artificial neural network
- 2) Linear regression
- 3) Multiple linear regression
- 4) Gaussian process

For each of the following algorithm a time prediction model was built which is mentioned in the report.

Finally, the result obtained and conclusion have been published in the report.

Keywords: machine learning techniques, software project management, software production duration

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1. Project Title

COMPARISON OF MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES FOR SOFTWARE
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2. Introduction

Software projects are much more difficult to visualize, control and monitor than the projects that create physical products like a bridge or laptop that can be seen by the eye. It is excessively difficult to meet deadlines with software projects or to deliver the project with all the expected features within a previously decided budget. Before a software project is started it is necessary that intensive planning is done. Without an effective plan the software development cannot be managed.

The data from previously managed software attempts can be used as datasets on which various machine learning techniques can be used to predict the duration of the project which makes it possible to come up with realistic deadlines and budget making software management a lot easier.

Accurate predictions for new projects can be achieved by methods like several methods using statistics such as correlation analysis and linear regression or techniques of machine learning like ANN (Artificial Neural Network).

Approaches like this require prediction function that according to the dataset available i.e. past record of earlier projects will be predicting the future effort and duration of software production. In this project we're going to compare various machine learning algorithm and present the result obtained during the process.

3. Literature review

In this section we're briefly going to talk about various machine learning techniques and approaches we will be comparing.

3.1 neural networks:

A neural network works pretty much like how signals are passed and processed by the neurons found in biological beings. [1]

A simple neural network

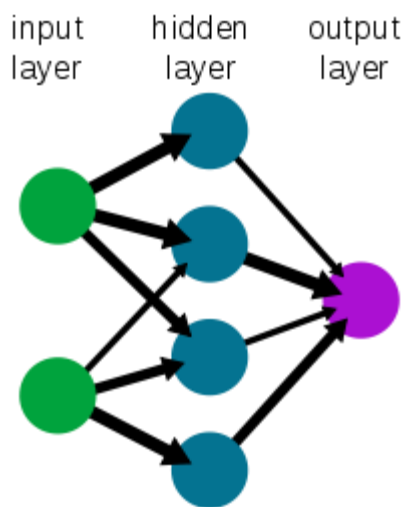


FIG 1) a simple ANN

The learning in the neural networks is done by adjusting parameters like bias and weight which is assigned to a neuron. It usually takes place during two periods which are named.

- 1) Training period
- 2) Application period

To train the neural network some learning algorithm is usually used. [2]

3.2 Linear Regression

Linear regression (LR) is used to find the linear relationship between two scalar variables. One is dependent variable y and one is independent variable x [3].

3.3 Multiple linear regression

Multiple Linear Regression is Simple Linear Regression, but with more Relationships.

The multiple linear regression will explain the relationship that is present between one continuous variable that is dependent (y) and more than one independent variables like ($x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \dots$ etc.). [4]

3.4 Gaussian Process

Gaussian process work on the theory of probability, it is made up of arbitrary values related to every point during a period or range time. The random or the arbitrary variable has its distribution

propagated normally. And it is updated whenever new data appears. It is called a non-parametric approach. Basically, it is preferred when we want a curved line in place of a straight or linear line. It is called non parametric because infinite numbers of parameters are possible and can be used. But using all the functions is not possible as a prior so we need to put some constraints on it. We aim for a function that gives us a smooth graph. To achieve smoothness, we use covariance matrix which allows us to use values which are placed closely together in an input space. [5]

various python libraries and tools used:

- 1) **Numpy:** python programming language uses this library to add support for 2D and 3D arrays as well as complex and useful mathematical functions.
- 2) **Pandas:** it is an open source library used for the manipulation and analysis of data. It is also known as the python data analysis library. We are going to use it to automate our productive model building.
- 3) **Matplotlib:** as the name suggests this library is used to plot varioug graphs in python programming language.
- 4) **Sklearn:** scikit learn is the full form of sklearn. Machine learning library for python programming language. Provides various tools for the purpose of data mining and analyzing data. It is built on NumPy, SciPy and matplotlib. Can be used for various processes like classification, regression, clustering, dimension reduction, model selection and reprocessing etc.

4 Problem statement

Software project management is critical for the success of a software. For this accurate prediction of a feasible deadline is required. It's not easy to predict the software development period for a software. For this existing record of previous software management lifecycles can be used as datasets for machine learning techniques to predict this software development duration.

There are plenty of machine learning techniques out there for prediction of the software development duration, so it is critical to use a technique which will provide the most accurate result. Thus, we are going to compare several machine learning techniques on the following data set.

5 Objectives

The primary objective is to come up with a conclusion about which prediction-based machine learning algorithm is most suitable for software development duration prediction during Software Project Management.

Techniques like ANN, Linear Regression, Least Median Square and Gaussian Process will be ran on a data set of previous Software Project Management records. Some data set will be used for teaching the algorithm, others will be used for testing the algorithm thus, a comparative study will be created.

6 System Requirements

Hardware:

- 1) 64-bit processor architecture that can support Microsoft windows or Linux
- 2) Suggested RAM specification capacity is 2GB.
- 3) Required input and output devices like keyboard and monitor

Software:

- 1) Windows 7,8, 10 or any flavor of Linux
- 2) Python
- 3) Anaconda IDE
- 4) SPYDER EDITOR
- 5) Sublime text editor

7 Methodology

The primary agenda or objective of this project is to compare how effective various vivid machine learning algorithms are to predict the software development time of a project.

We are going to use number of workers in person, time duration in months, effort in person month and lines of code in KLOC to predict the time for development of project in months.

The same data which was randomly selected was used for all the machine learning algorithms to be used in the comparative study.

Some refinement of data took place and finally these variables and records were used.

Total number of projects used	Man power	Time taken by the projects in months	Effort calculated in person month	Line of code calculated in KLOC
29	7-29	3-29	5-210	3-310

TABLE 1) INFORMATION ABOUT THE DATASET

Steps taken for the refinement of dataset:

Step 1: descriptive analysis: in this we try to find out any missing values or important features, just identify the columns with missing values.

Step 2: treatment of the data: in this the values that were missing are treated i.e. They are replaced by dummy values. The method we used was median.

Step 3: modeling the data: we used GBM (gradient boosting algorithm) for this.

This was done in the way of bagging. In this we took random data build learning algorithms for it and relied on simple mean for the bagging probabilities.

Step 4: performance was estimated: in this step validation for the performance model has to be obtained. Works on train and test model.

Implementation steps:

Step 1 : import the required libraries. Read the training and testing datasets

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"""

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
import random
from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingClassifier
train=pd.read_csv('C:/Users/apaar/Desktop/challenge/Train.csv')
test=pd.read_csv('C:/Users/apaar/Desktop/challenge/Test.csv')
train['Type']='Train' #Create a flag for Train and Test Data set
test['Type']='Test'
fullData = pd.concat([train,test],axis=0) #Combined both Train and Test Data set
```

Fig 2

Step 2: view the column names

```
fullData.columns # This will show all the column names
fullData.head(10) # Show first 10 records of dataframe
fullData.describe() #You can look at summary of numerical fields by using describe() function
```

Fig 3

Step 3: identify the variables with missing values and create tags for it.

```
fullData.isnull().any()#Will return the feature with True or False,True means have missing value else False
#Create a new variable for each variable having missing value with VariableName_NA
# and flag missing value with 1 and other with 0

for var in num_cat_cols:
    if fullData[var].isnull().any()==True:
        fullData[var+'_NA']=fullData[var].isnull()*1
```

Fig 4

Step 4: put in the missing values.

```
#Impute numerical missing values with mean
fullData[num_cols] = fullData[num_cols].fillna(fullData[num_cols].mean(),inplace=True)
```

Fig 5

Step 5: split the data set into train and validate then again we will split the dataset used for train to train and validate.

```
train=fullData[fullData['Type']=='Train']
test=fullData[fullData['Type']=='Test']

train['is_train'] = np.random.uniform(0, 1, len(train)) <= .75
Train, Validate = train[train['is_train']==True], train[train['is_train']==False]
```

Fig 6

Step 6: pass the dummy values for missing values. And check performance

```
1 x_train = Train[list(features)].values
2 y_train = Train["person"].values
3 x_validate = Validate[list(features)].values
4 y_validate = Validate["loc"].values
5 x_test=test[list(features)].values
6 random.seed(100)
7 rf.fit(x_train, y_train)
8 status = rf.predict_proba(x_validate)
9 fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_validate, status[:,1])
10 roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
11 print roc_auc
```

Fig 7

The work flow is as follows:

Step 1: collect data set consisting of previous records available for software development.

Step 2: the found dataset is made up by selecting 29 records.

Step 3: use 20 records to train the machine learning technique

Step 4: use the remaining 9 records to test the results.

Step 5: time prediction model for each algorithm is built.

Step 6: compare the result of all algorithm

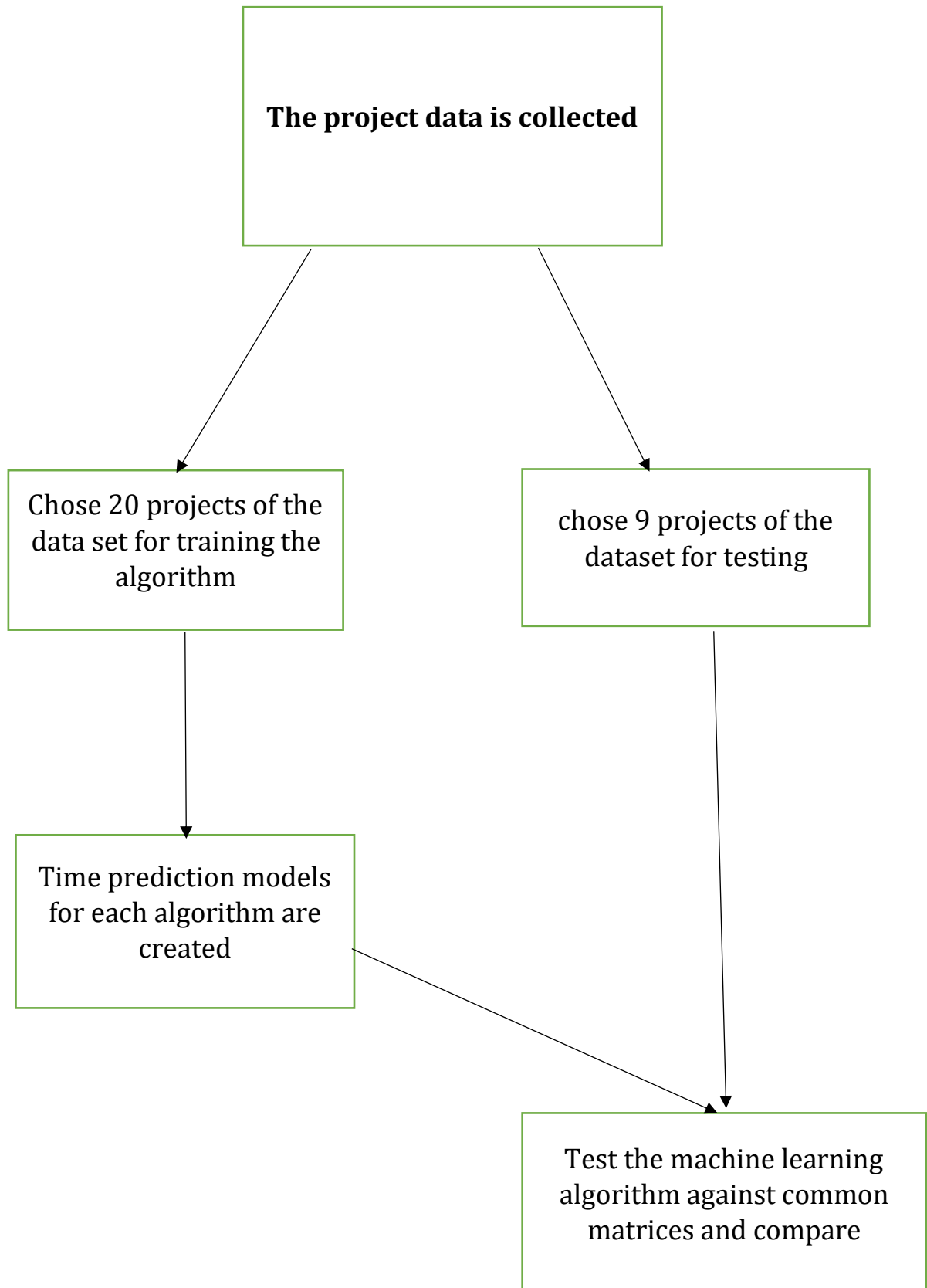


Fig 8: flow chart of building model

Test and comparison

In order to find out how accurately the models perform we use common evaluation criteria or matrices namely magnitude relative error (MRE), mean magnitude relative error (MMRE) and median of MRE.

- 1) **magnitude relative error (MRE)**: it is used for the purpose of pinpoint calculation of the absolute percentage of error between the time we predicted using our algorithm to the actual value given in our data set

$$MRE = \frac{ACTUAL\ value - ESTIMATED\ value}{ACTUAL\ value}$$

- 2) **mean magnitude relative error (MMRE)**: calculates the average of MRE over the given projects (all which are 29 in our case).

$$MMRE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n MRE$$

- 3) **median of MRE (MdMRE)**: as the name suggests it is the median of MRE. It is used because for extreme values MMRE can be very sensitive

$$MdMRE = median(i)\{MRE(i)\}$$

8 Result

Here is a tabular result obtained between the following

- 1) ANN
- 2) Linear regression
- 3) Multiple regression
- 4) Gaussian process

On the matrices used:

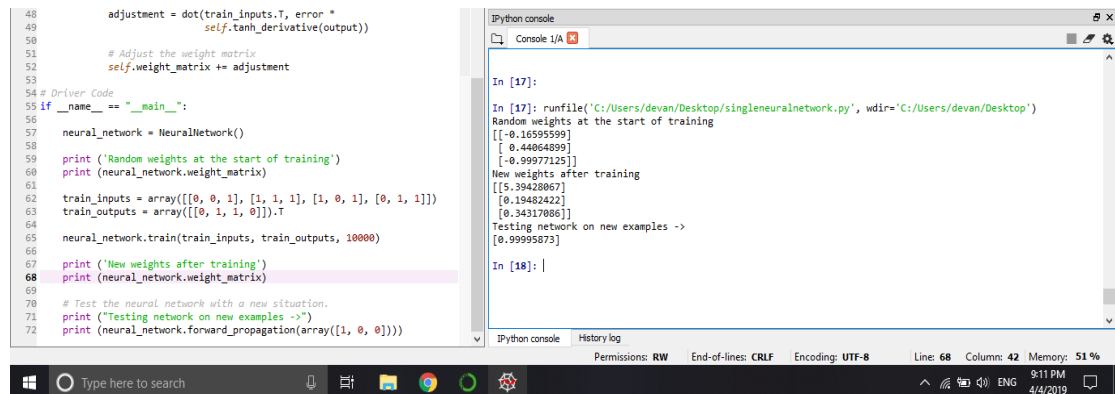
- 1) MRE
- 2) MMRE
- 3) MdMRE

	Linear R	Multiple R	ANN	Gaussian P
MRE	0.909	0.899	0.919	0.976
MMRE	0.874	0.922	0.936	0.951
MdMRE	0.914	0.933	0.900	0.960

TABLE 2 the evaluation

9 Output:

NEURAL NETWORK



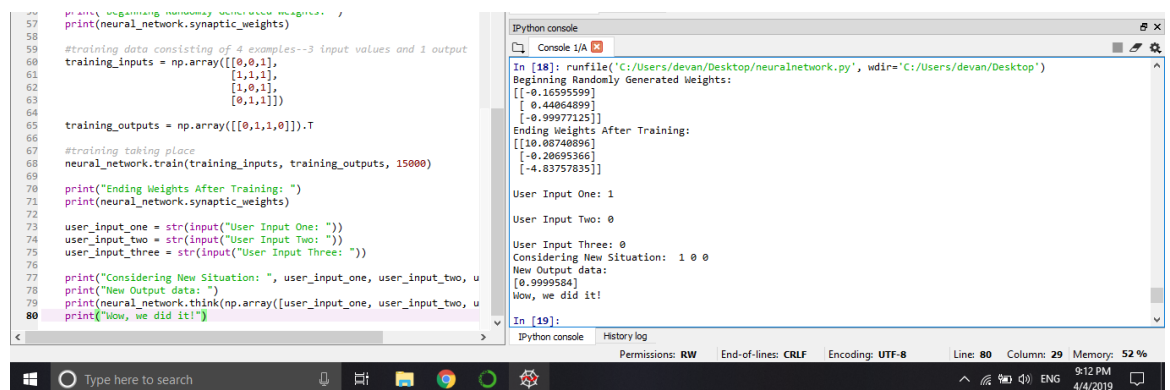
```
48         adjustment = dot(train_inputs.T, error *
49                             self.tanh_derivative(output))
50
51     # Adjust the weight matrix
52     self.weight_matrix += adjustment
53
54 # Driver Code
55 if __name__ == "__main__":
56     neural_network = NeuralNetwork()
57     print('Random weights at the start of training')
58     print(neural_network.weight_matrix)
59
60     train_inputs = array([[0, 0, 1], [1, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]])
61     train_outputs = array([[0, 1, 1, 0]]).T
62
63     neural_network.train(train_inputs, train_outputs, 10000)
64
65     print('New weights after training')
66     print(neural_network.weight_matrix)
67
68     # Test the neural network with a new situation.
69     print("Testing network on new examples ->")
70     print(neural_network.forward_propagation(array([1, 0, 0])))
```

Python console

```
In [17]:
In [17]: runfile('C:/Users/devan/Desktop/singleneuralnetwork.py', wdir='C:/Users/devan/Desktop')
Random weights at the start of training
[[-0.16595599]
 [ 0.44064899]
 [-0.99977125]]
New weights after training
[[5.39428067]
 [0.19482422]
 [0.34317086]]
Testing network on new examples ->
[0.99995873]

In [18]:
```

Fig 9 neural network code output in previous run



```
57 print('Beginning neural network weights matrix: ')
58 print(neural_network.synaptic_weights)
59
60 #training data consisting of 4 examples--3 input values and 1 output
61 training_inputs = np.array([[0,0,1],
62                             [1,1,1],
63                             [1,0,1],
64                             [0,1,1]])
65
66 training_outputs = np.array([[0,1,1,0]]).T
67
68 #training taking place
69 neural_network.train(training_inputs, training_outputs, 15000)
70
71 print("Ending Weights After Training: ")
72 print(neural_network.synaptic_weights)
73
74 user_input_one = str(input("User Input One: "))
75 user_input_two = str(input("User Input Two: "))
76 user_input_three = str(input("User Input Three: "))
77
78 print("Considering New Situation: ", user_input_one, user_input_two, user_input_three)
79 print("New Output data: ")
80 print(neural_network.think(np.array([user_input_one, user_input_two, user_input_three])))
81 print("Wow, we did it!")
```

Python console

```
In [18]: runfile('C:/Users/devan/Desktop/neuralnetwork.py', wdir='C:/Users/devan/Desktop')
Beginning Randomly Generated Weights:
[[-0.16595599]
 [ 0.44064899]
 [-0.99977125]]
Ending Weights After Training:
[[10.08740896]
 [-0.20695366]
 [-4.83757835]]

User Input One: 1
User Input Two: 0
User Input Three: 0
Considering New Situation: 1 0 0
New Output data:
[0.9999584]
Wow, we did it!

In [19]:
```

Fig 10 neural network code output after bias optimization

LINEAR REGRESSION

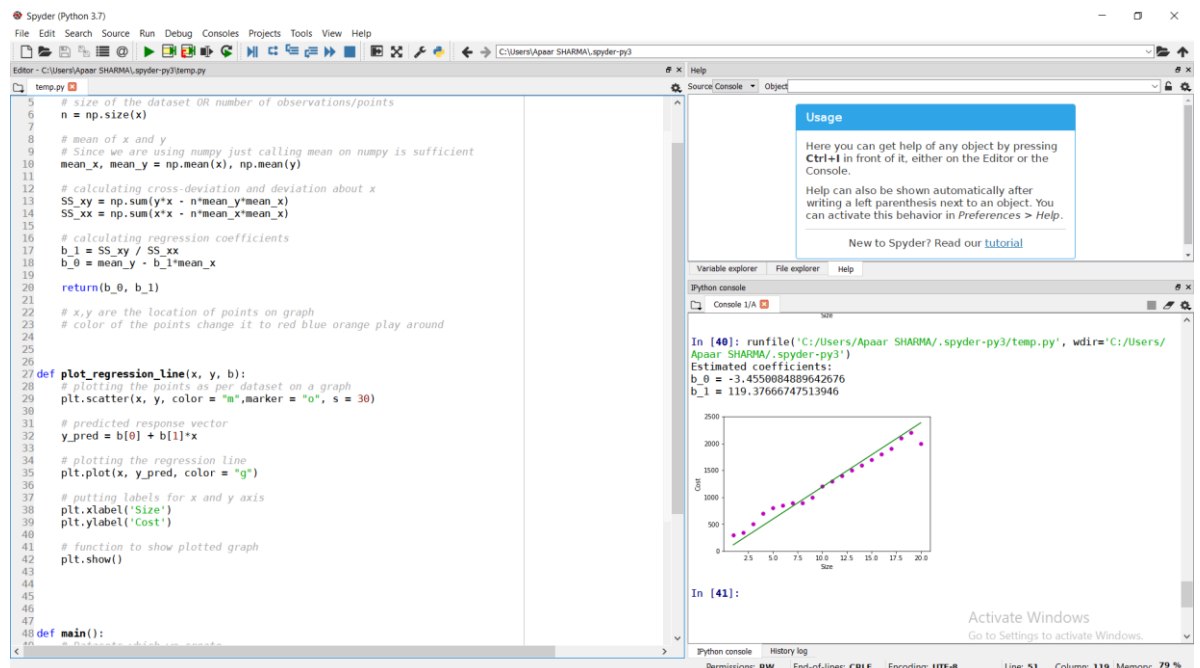


Fig 11 output for linear regression

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

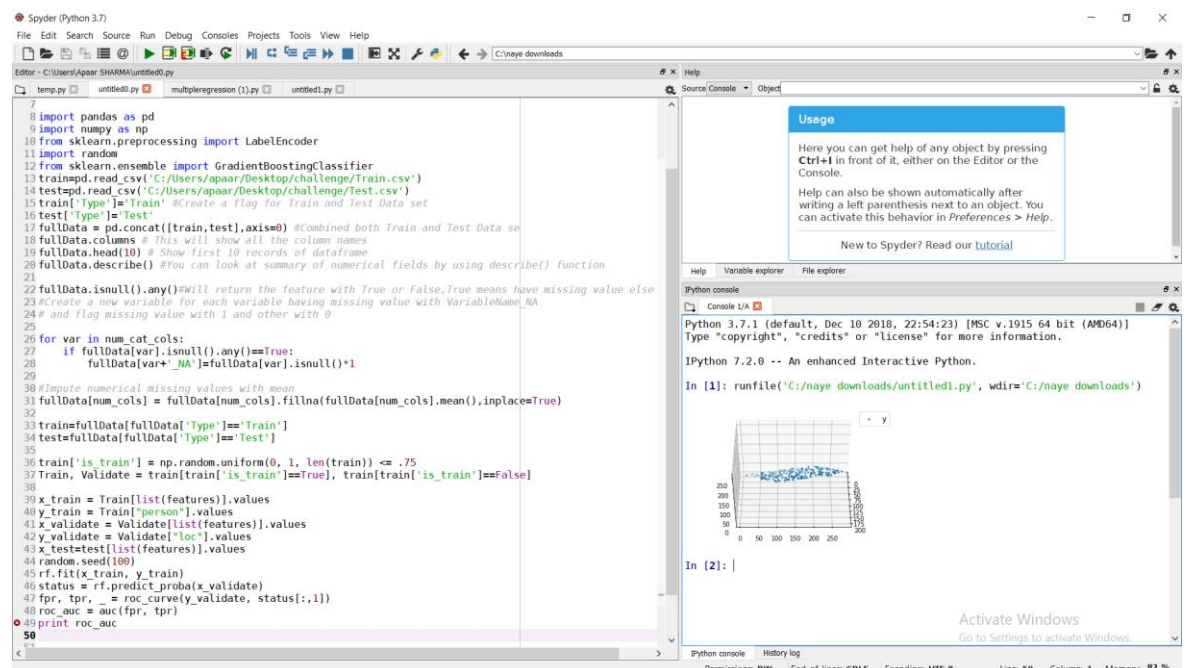


Fig 12 output for multiple regression

GAUSSIAN PROCESS

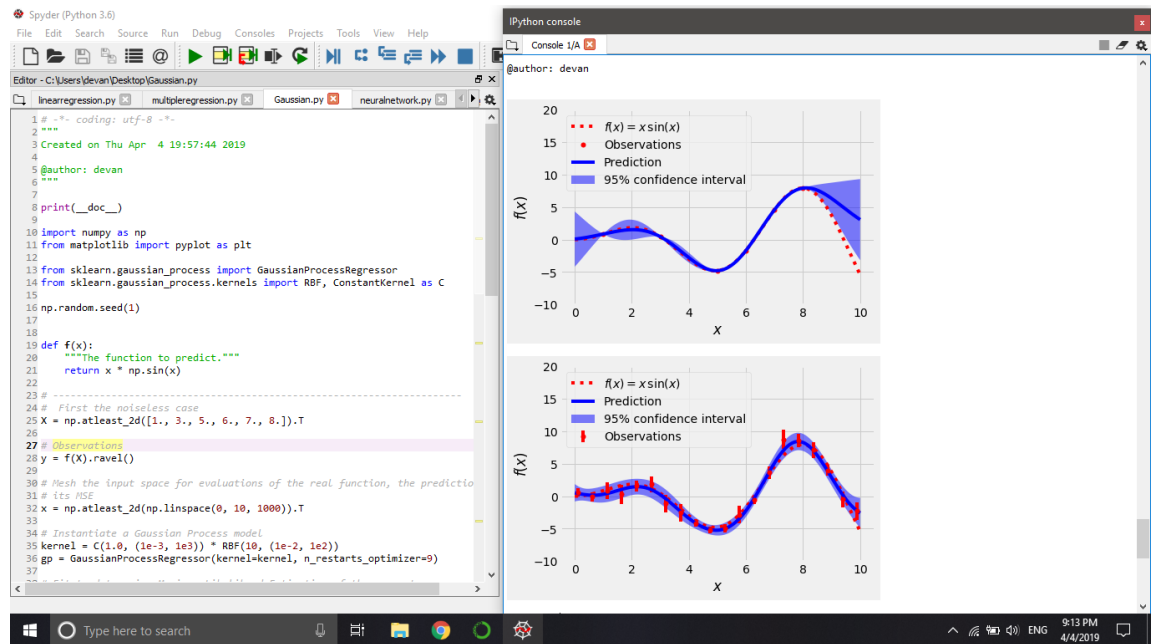


Fig 13 output for gaussian process

10 Pert Chart

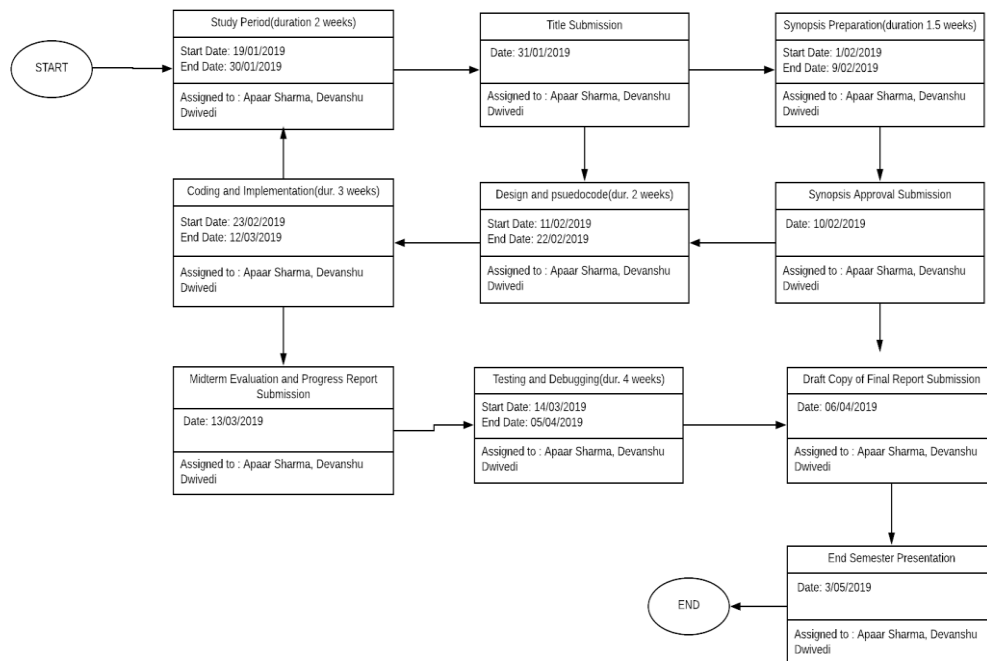


Fig 14 PERT CHART

11 Conclusion

In our project we used different predictive machine learning algorithms namely: ANN, Linear regression, multiple regression and gaussian process to build software time prediction models which was based on the project data available in our data set which was plenty.

After this we deeply compared variety of prediction-based machine learning algorithms. Our overall experimental result portrays that **GAUSSIAN PROCESS** managed to show the best performance and accuracy out of all the algorithms under study.

We believe that is was the case because Gaussian process is a non-parametric algorithm which means that we can give it infinite number of parameters if we want.

Not only that, Gaussian process helps achieve a best fit curve rather than a straight line like linear regression. The curve can be made very smooth with a covariance matrix so that the input domain has the values which are near closed together.

In this project we can also witness how building predictive models have become so easy with the python libraries like:

Numpy: which provides support for huge number of math functions

Pandas: for the purpose and manipulation and analysis of data

Matplotlib: plotting library of python

Sklearn: known as scikit-learn provides various machine learning features like clustering and regression.

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