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Our approach combines traditional machine learning models with advanced neural networks, offering a multifaceted view of the factors influencing Olympic performance. We'll explore how economic indicators, population metrics, and sports infrastructure contribute to a nation's medal count.





Introduction

Project Objective

Predict total Olympic medals per country using ML and DL techniques

Methodology

Utilize both traditional ML models and advanced neural networks

Key Features

Incorporate GDP, population, and sports infrastructure data

Goal

Uncover insights into factors influencing Olympic success

Dataset Overview

Economic Indicators

GDP serves as a crucial economic metric, potentially reflecting a country's ability to invest in sports programs and facilities.

Demographic Data

Population size may indicate the potential talent pool available for Olympic sports.

Sports Metrics

Sports Index and Olympics Index provide insights into a country's focus on athletics and previous Olympic performances.



Machine Learning Models

1

Linear Regression

Serves as our baseline model, providing a straightforward interpretation of feature relationships. It assumes linear correlations between predictors and medal counts.

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Decision Tree

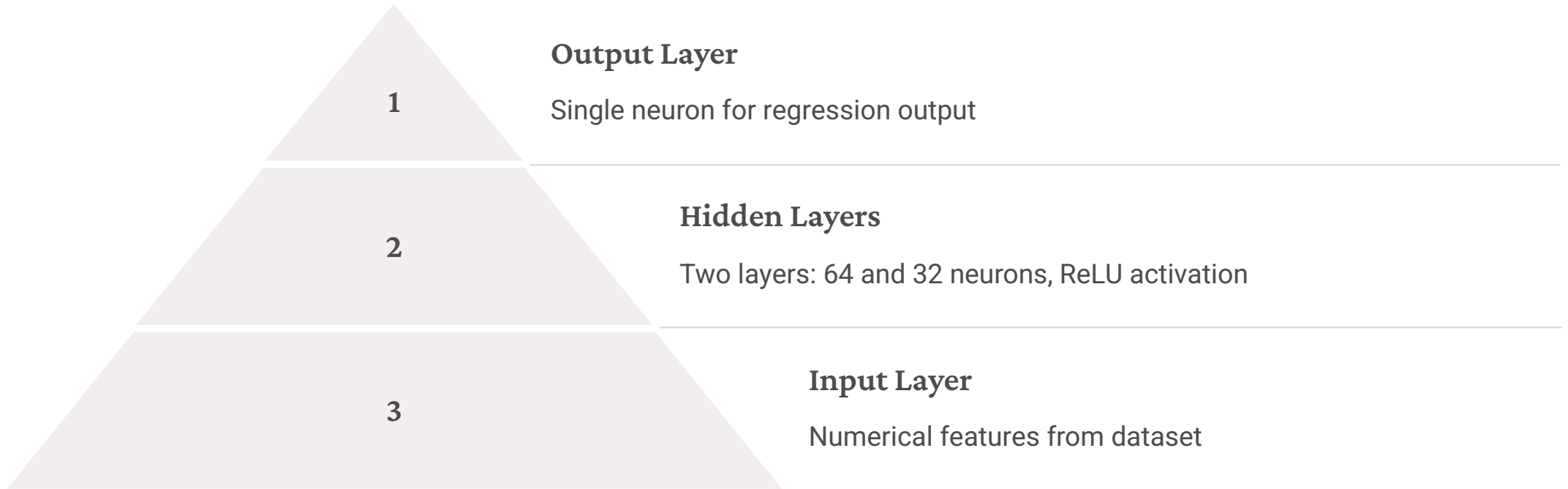
Captures non-linear relationships and interactions between features. It offers insights into the hierarchical importance of different factors in medal prediction.

3

Random Forest

An ensemble method that combines multiple decision trees to improve prediction accuracy and reduce overfitting. It provides robust performance across various data distributions.

Deep Learning Model



Our neural network is trained using the Adam optimizer and Mean Squared Error (MSE) as the loss function. We run 50 epochs with a batch size of 32 to ensure optimal learning without overfitting.



Model Performance

Model	MAE	MSE	R²
Linear Regression	8.98	104.58	-2.08
Decision Tree	8.21	127.89	-2.76
Random Forest	8.06	106.15	-2.12
Neural Network	5.62	57.17	-0.68

The neural network demonstrates superior performance with the lowest Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Mean Squared Error (MSE). This suggests its ability to capture complex, non-linear relationships in the Olympic medal prediction task.

Findings and Insights

1

Model Superiority

Neural Network outperformed traditional ML models, showcasing its ability to capture intricate patterns in Olympic data.

2

Key Predictors

Sports-related features (Sports Index, Olympics Index) emerged as crucial predictors, highlighting the importance of athletic infrastructure and historical performance.

3

Economic Factors

GDP and Population influence medal counts indirectly through complex interactions, rather than direct linear relationships.

Factors influencing Olympic Medals



Feature Importance



Sports Index

Exhibits strong correlation with total medals, indicating the significance of a country's overall sports development.



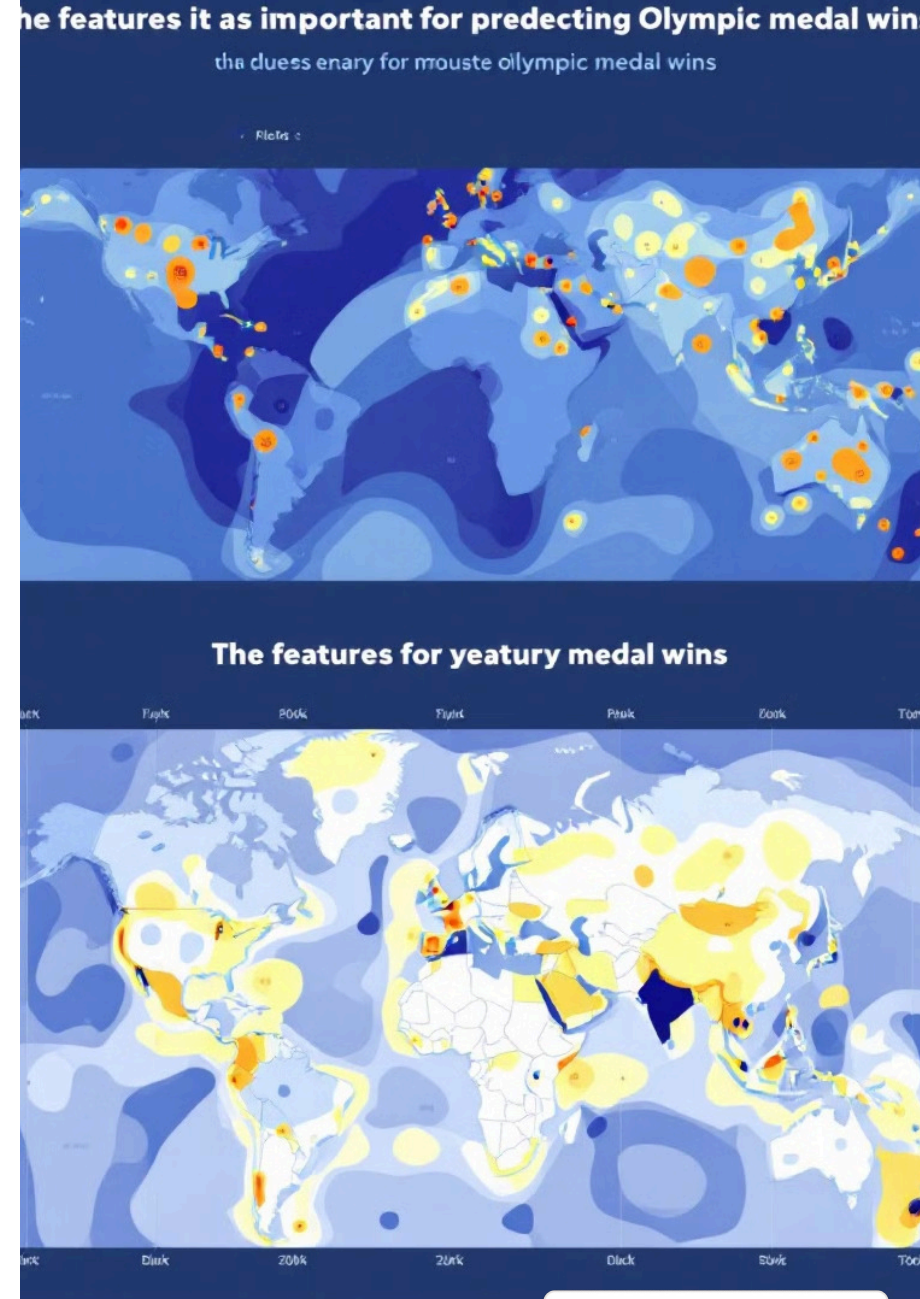
GDP and Population

Contribute through interaction terms, highlighting the complex relationship between economic factors and Olympic performance.



Olympics Index

Demonstrates significant influence on medal counts, suggesting that past Olympic performance is a strong predictor of future success.



Conclusion and Future Work

Key Takeaways

- Neural Networks effectively capture non-linear relationships in Olympic data
- Sports-related features are the most significant predictors of medal counts
- Economic factors play a complex, indirect role in Olympic success

Future Directions

- Explore additional features like historical performance and cultural factors
- Optimize deep learning architectures for improved prediction accuracy
- Test advanced models such as XGBoost and LSTM networks for time-series analysis