DEVELOPING A FLIGHT DELAY PREDICTION MODEL USING MACHINE LEARNING

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Outline:

- Data Pre-processing
- EDA/Data Analysis
- Feature Engineering
- Model Building
- Saving Best Model

Required Libraries:

- Pandas - Data Pre-processing
- Numpy - Data Pre-processing, Analysis
- Matplotlib - Visualization
- Seaborn - Visualization
- Imblearn - Balancing Data
- Sklearn - Model Building
- Pickle - Model saving

Software/Tool:

- Anaconda- Jupyter Notebook
- Used Language Python

Data Pre-processing:

Data Collection:

Dataset is collected from the IBM career smartinternz portal in Guided Project.

Dataset description:

The dataset contains 31 variables with various data types such as string, object, time, integer, float.

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Data columns (total 31 columns):
 #   Column                 Non-Null Count  Dtype
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 0   YEAR                   11231 non-null  int64
 1   QUARTER                11231 non-null  int64
 2   MONTH                  11231 non-null  int64
 3   DAY_OF_MONTH           11231 non-null  int64
 4   DAY_OF_WEEK            11231 non-null  int64
 5   UNIQUE_CARRIER         11231 non-null  object
 6   TAIL_NUM               11231 non-null  object
 7   FL_NUM                 11231 non-null  int64
 8   ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID      11231 non-null  int64
 9   ORIGIN                 11231 non-null  object
 10  DEST_AIRPORT_ID        11231 non-null  int64
 11  DEST                   11231 non-null  object
 12  CRS_DEP_TIME           11231 non-null  object
 13  CRS_DEP_TIME.1         11231 non-null  int64
 14  DEP_TIME               11124 non-null  object
 15  DEP_TIME.1             11124 non-null  float64
 16  DEP_DELAY              11124 non-null  float64
 17  DEP_DEL15              11124 non-null  float64
 18  CRS_ARR_TIME           11231 non-null  object
 19  CRS_ARR_TIME.1         11231 non-null  int64
 20  ARR_TIME               11116 non-null  object
 21  ARR_TIME.1             11116 non-null  float64
 22  ARR_DELAY              11043 non-null  float64
 23  ARR_DEL15              11043 non-null  float64
 24  CANCELLED              11231 non-null  int64
 25  DIVERTED               11231 non-null  int64
 26  CRS_ELAPSED_TIME1      11231 non-null  object
 27  ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME1   11231 non-null  object
 28  CRS_ELAPSED_TIME       11231 non-null  int64
 29  ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME    11043 non-null  float64
 30  DISTANCE               11231 non-null  int64
dtypes: float64(7), int64(14), object(
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Columns Description:

Dest means Destination Airport.

Crs_dep_time and crs_arr_time is planned departure and arrival time.

Crs_elapsed _time is estimated travel time as per plan.

Arr_time and dep_time are actual arrival and departure time.

Actual_elapsed_time is actual travelled time

To pre-process our dataset, we need to import above mentioned required libraries, then import data using pandas.

This data does not contain any duplicated values and null values except in arrival , departure time columns, because these left empty when flights are cancelled.

Descriptive Analytics:

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In [19]: data1.describe()
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Out[19]:

	QUARTER	MONTH	DAY_OF_MONTH	DAY_OF_WEEK	FL_NUM	CRS_DEP_TIME.1	DEP_DELAY	DEP_DEL15	CRS_ARR_TIME.1	ARR_DEL
count	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11124.000000	11124.000000	11231.000000	11043.000(
mean	2.544475	6.628973	15.790758	3.960199	1334.325617	1320.798326	8.460266	0.142844	1537.312795	-2.573
std	1.090701	3.354678	8.782056	1.995257	811.875227	490.737845	36.762969	0.349930	502.512494	39.232
min	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	7.000000	10.000000	-16.000000	0.000000	2.000000	-67.000(
25%	2.000000	4.000000	8.000000	2.000000	624.000000	905.000000	-3.000000	0.000000	1130.000000	-19.000(
50%	3.000000	7.000000	16.000000	4.000000	1267.000000	1320.000000	-1.000000	0.000000	1559.000000	-10.000(
75%	3.000000	9.000000	23.000000	6.000000	2032.000000	1735.000000	4.000000	0.000000	1952.000000	1.000(
max	4.000000	12.000000	31.000000	7.000000	2853.000000	2359.000000	645.000000	1.000000	2359.000000	615.000(

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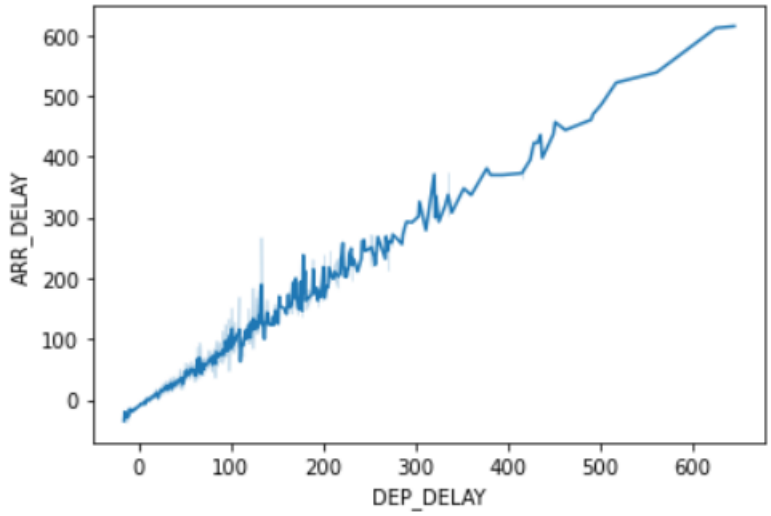
Out[19]:

M	CRS_DEP_TIME.1	DEP_DELAY	DEP_DEL15	CRS_ARR_TIME.1	ARR_DELAY	ARR_DEL15	CANCELLED	DIVERTED	CRS_ELAPSED_TIME	DISTANCE
)0	11231.000000	11124.000000	11124.000000	11231.000000	11043.000000	11043.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000
17	1320.798326	8.460266	0.142844	1537.312795	-2.573123	0.124513	0.010150	0.006589	190.652124	1161.031965
27	490.737845	36.762969	0.349930	502.512494	39.232521	0.330181	0.100241	0.080908	78.386317	643.683379
)0	10.000000	-16.000000	0.000000	2.000000	-67.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	93.000000	509.000000
)0	905.000000	-3.000000	0.000000	1130.000000	-19.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	127.000000	594.000000
)0	1320.000000	-1.000000	0.000000	1559.000000	-10.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	159.000000	907.000000
)0	1735.000000	4.000000	0.000000	1952.000000	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	255.000000	1927.000000
)0	2359.000000	645.000000	1.000000	2359.000000	615.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	397.000000	2422.000000

Data Analysis And Visualization:

This graph shows the positive trend and strong binding between arrival and departure delay.



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plt.scatter(data1["DAY_OF_MONTH"],data1["DEP_DELAY"],color="red")
plt.subplot(2,1,2)
plt.scatter(data1["DAY_OF_MONTH"],data1["ARR_DELAY"],color="yellow")
plt.show()
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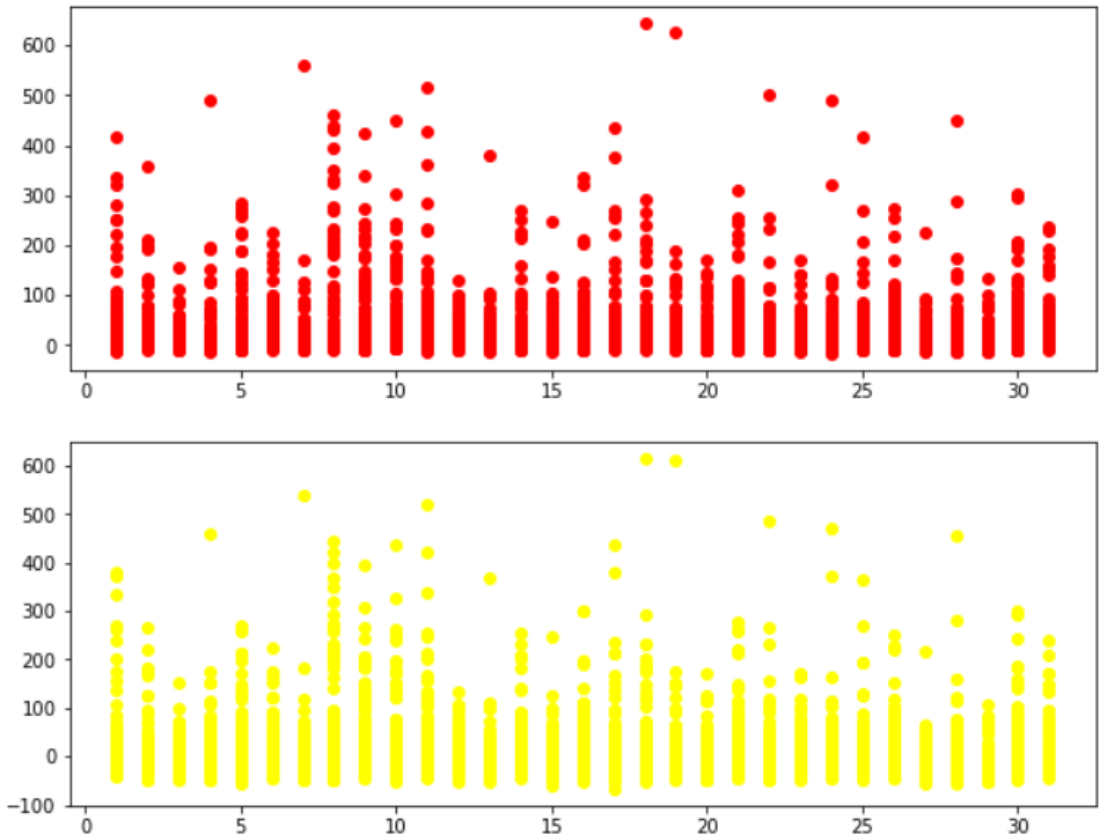
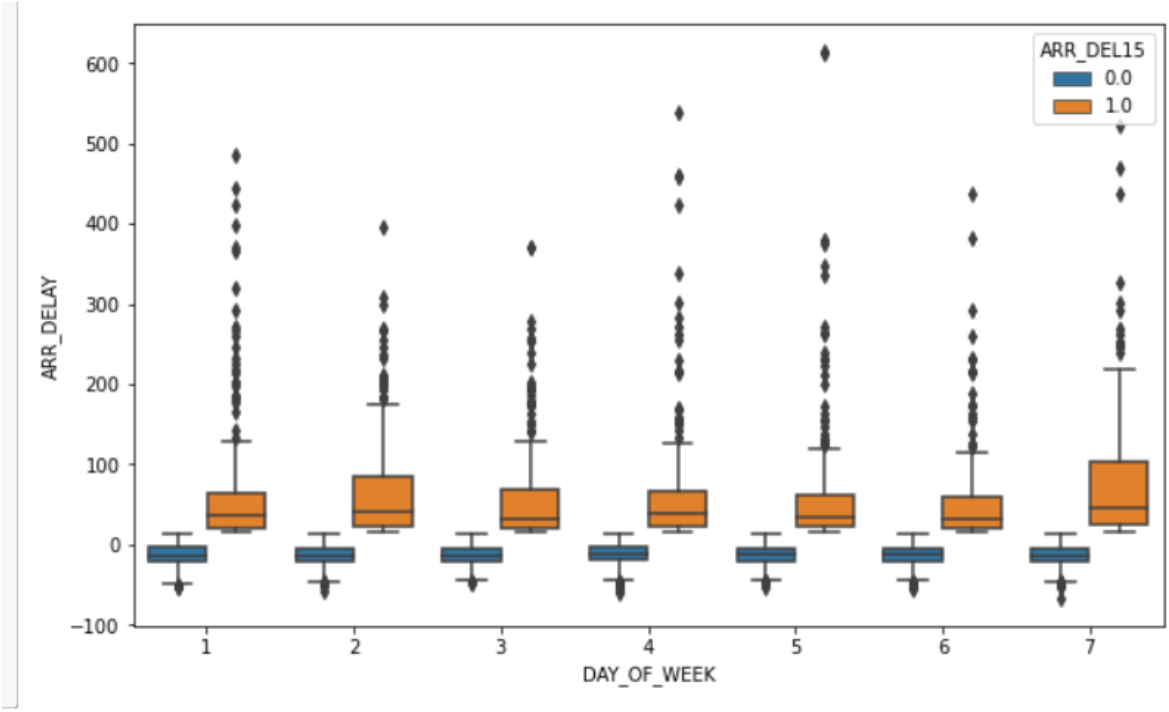
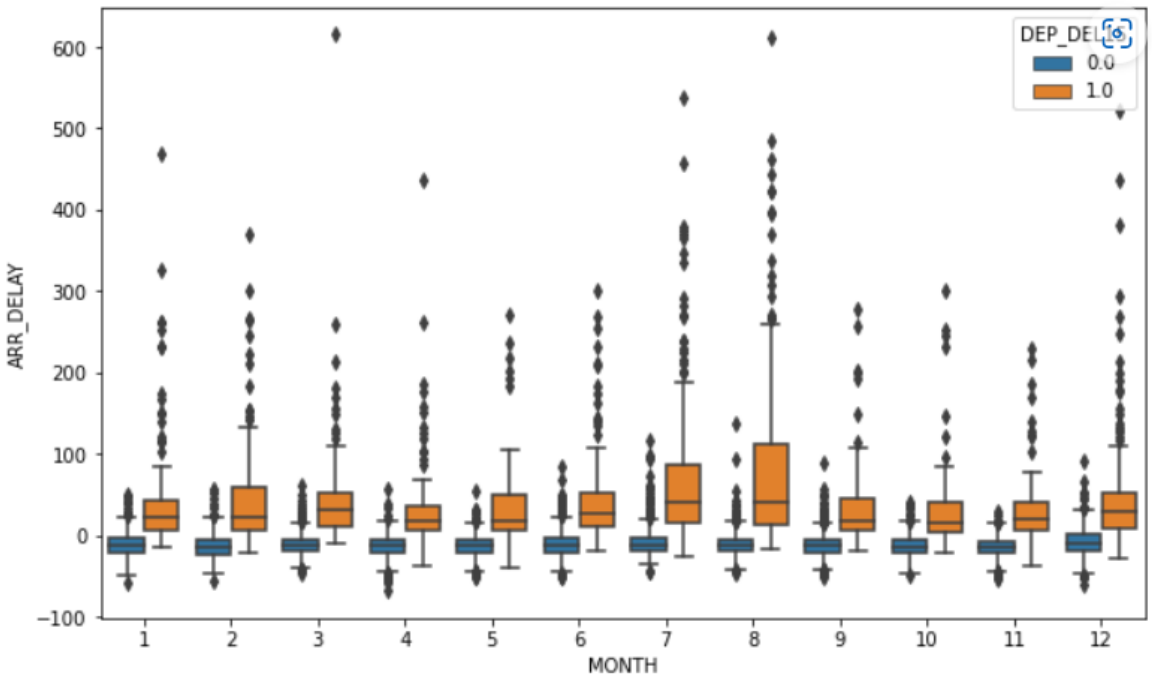


This above picture shows the relationship between day of month and delays.

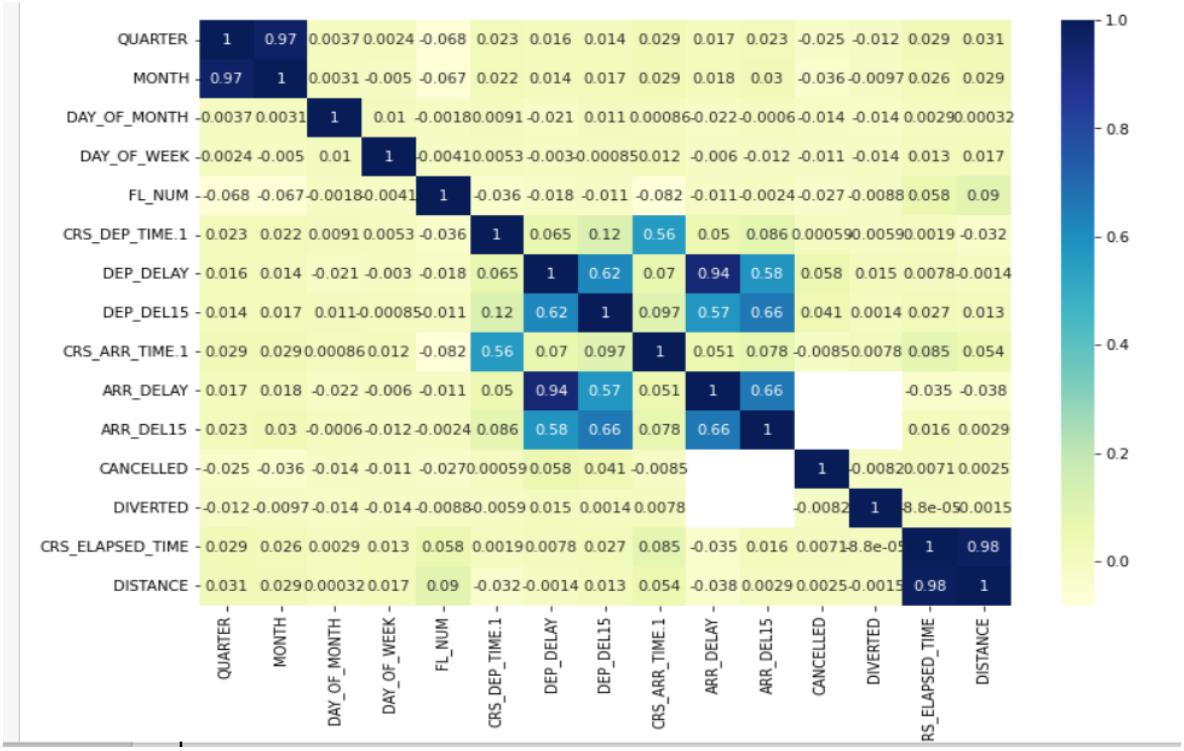


This above boxplot shows the trends of days of the week and delay, Monday and Saturday had high delays.



This above boxplot shows the seasonal relationship between months and delays. August had highest no of delays.

Correlation between columns:



Feature Engineering:

We engineered Season from the month according to the analysis

```
In [25]: data1.groupby(by="DAY_OF_WEEK")["DEP_DEL15"].sum()
Out[25]: DAY_OF_WEEK
         1    253.0
         2    213.0
         3    204.0
         4    245.0
         5    250.0
         6    198.0
         7    226.0
         Name: DEP_DEL15, dtype: float64
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In [26]: data1.groupby(by="MONTH")["DEP_DEL15"].sum()
Out[26]: MONTH
         1     113.0
         2     115.0
         3     104.0
         4      96.0
         5      86.0
         6     168.0
         7     219.0
         8     246.0
         9      88.0
         10     86.0
         11     66.0
         12    202.0
         Name: DEP_DEL15, dtype: float64
```

Then Engineered NDELAY column from the summary of ARR_DEL15, DEP_DEL15, CANCELLED, DIVERTED columns.

Splitted NDELAY as dependenr column and others independent columns after removing unnecessary columns.

Data Balancing:

We balanced our using SMOTE technique which works based on KNN principle.

Balancing Dataset Using SMOTE Technique

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In [48]: from imblearn.combine import SMOTETomek
         smote=SMOTETomek(sampling_strategy={1:2000,2:2000,3:400,4:700},random_state=42)
         x1,y2=smote.fit_resample(x,y)
         y2.value_counts()
Out[48]: 0.0    8316
         1.0    1537
         2.0    1493
         4.0     634
         3.0     340
         Name: NDELAY, dtype: int64
```

Encoding Categorical columns into numerical columns:

We encoded ORGIN ,DEST into numerical columns.

Model Buliding:

We builded

```
Decision Tree with 0.7536525974025974
Random Forest with 0.8368506493506493
SVM with 0.6128246753246753
KNN with 0.7280844155844156
Logistic Regession with 0.6830357142857143
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We will explore only Random Forest and Decision Tree which have high accuracy

Random Forest:

```
Testing Sensitivity for Random Forest 0.9360230547550432
Testing Specificity for Random Forest 0.8716577540106952
Testing Precision for Random Forest 0.9854368932038835
Testing accuracy for Random Forest 0.8368506493506493
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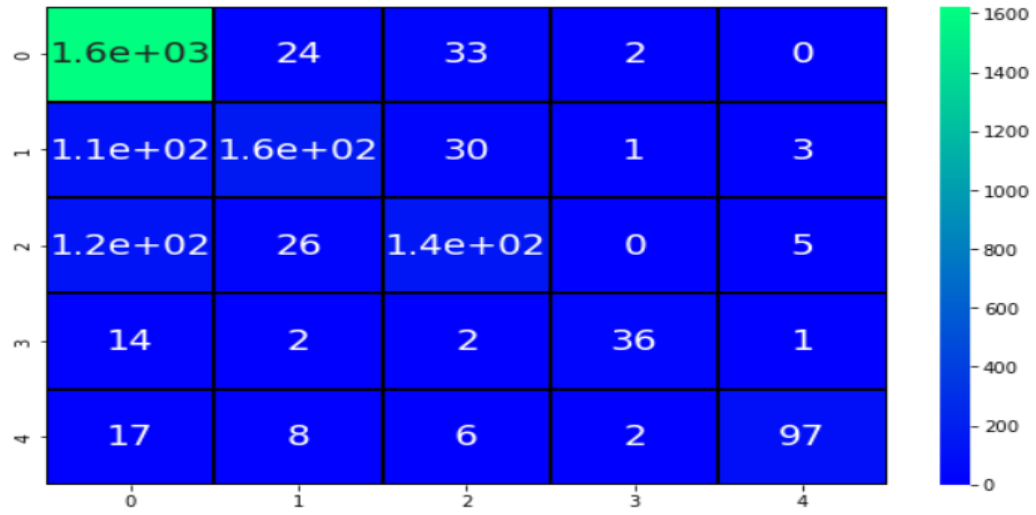

Decision Tree:

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Testing Accuracy for Decision Tree 0.8849804578447794
Testing Sensitivity for Decision Tree 0.9400131839156229
Testing Specificity for Decision Tree 0.5802919708029197
Testing Precision for Decision Tree 0.9253731343283582
Testing accuracy for Decision Tree 0.7516233766233766
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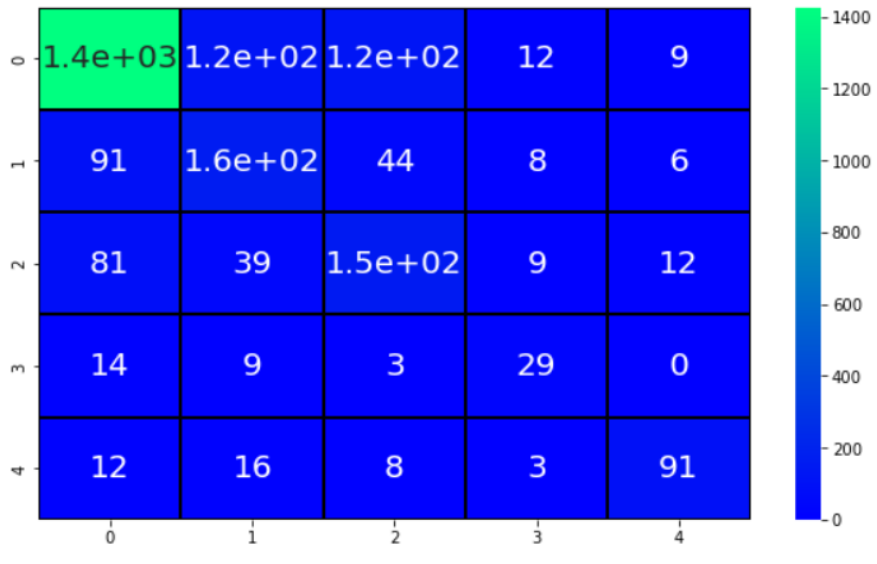

Model Saving:

Random Forest gives the best accuracy then others , so we save random forest model using pickle.

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In [71]: import pickle

In [72]: pickle.dump(rf,open("rfmodel.pkl",'wb'))
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Conclusion:

In this sprint , we builded our model , evaluated and saved. In next sprint, we deploy our model IBM cloud using IBM Watson and building Dashboard.