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ABSTRACT

Extracting electricity from renewable resources has been widely investigated in the past decades to decrease the worldwide crisis in the electrical energy and environmental pollution. For a wind farm which converts the wind power to electrical energy, a big challenge is to accurately predict the wind power in spite of the fluctuations. The energy output of a wind farm is highly dependent on the weather conditions present at its site. For the wind-farm operator, this poses difficult in the system scheduling and energy dispatching, as the schedule of the wind-power availability is not known in advance. A precise forecast needs to overcome problems of variable energy production caused by fluctuating weather conditions. If the output can be predicted more accurately, energy suppliers can coordinate the collaborative production of different energy sources more efficiently to avoid costly overproduction. The objective of our project to develop an end-to-end web application to predict & forecast the energy output of the wind turbine based on weather conditions. In this project, a prediction system is developed using a special kind of RNN (Recurrent Neural Network), Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory (Bi-LSTM) deep learning model which has a prominent performance in capturing the long-term dependencies along the time steps, and thus very applicable for wind power prediction.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION EXPANSION

ANN Artificial Neural Network

Bi-LSTM Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory

CNN Convolution-al Neural Network

DBN Deep Belief Network

GA-LSTM Genetic Algorithm-Optimized Long Short-Term

Memory

GRU Gated Recurrent Units

LSTM Long Short Term Memory

NARX Nonlinear Auto regressive Exogenous Model

NWP Numerical Weather Prediction

RBM Restricted Boltzmann Machine

RNN Recurrent Neural Network

SWM Support Vector Machine

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

a. Overview

In today's power grid, the penetration of **wind energy** has been booming. The growing integration of wind turbines into the power grid can only be balanced with **precise forecasts of upcoming energy productions.** Knowing the wind power beforehand helps us in many ways by minimizing the losses. The technique incorporated in our project is deep learning. Bi-LSTM (Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory), a special kind of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) is a deep learning model which makes use of multiple hidden layers to train the model and provide accurate results. The trained models are rendered and deployed in a web server with a simple user interface.

b. **Deep Learning:**

In recent years, many deep learning methods, such as the CNN (Convolution-al Neural Network), and the RNN (Recurrent Neural Network), are more and more extensively used in wind power prediction. In weather conditions based forecasting features like pressure, temperature, humidity, precipitation are used and they are not constant all the time and hence they form a time series. Time series problems are mostly solved using RNN. Fig.1.1 represents the structure of RNN. These models have memory, i.e., they can remember the information throughout the time.

Figure 1.1: Recurrent Neural Network

Thus, they are mostly used in sequence prediction problems. RNN with the help of internal memory and what it has learnt from the previous inputs, tries to predict the next output. A simple RNN model will not be able to store the long-term dependencies. Due to gradient disappearance and gradient explosion its long-term information gets lost and also it will affect the prediction performance. Bidirectional Long short-term memory (Bi-LSTM) was proposed in order to overcome the gradient disappearance and the gradient explosion. Another shortcoming of conventional RNNs is that they are only able to make use of previous context. Bidirectional RNNs (BRNNs) do this by processing the data in both directions with two separate hidden layers, which are then fed forwards to the same output layer.

Combining BRNNs with LSTM gives Bidirectional LSTM, which can access longrange context in both input directions. So, our prediction system is developed using BiLSTM deep learning model. In Bidirectional LSTM the output layer gets feedback from past (forward) as well as future (backward) states simultaneously, thus output is more accurate and precise.

c. **Bi-LSTM**:

The idea of Bidirectional LSTMs (Bi-LSTM) is to aggregate input information in the past and future of a specific time step in LSTM models. In Bi-LSTM, at any point in time, you are able to preserve information from both past and future.

Figure 1.2: Architecture of Bi-LSTM

Fig.1.2 explains the architecture of Bi-LSTM. It involves duplicating the first recurrent layer in the network so that there are now **two layers side-by-side**, then providing the input sequence as input to the first layer and providing a reversed copy of the input sequence to the second. A common LSTM unit is composed of a cell, an input gate, an output gate and a forget gate. The cell is responsible for remembering values over arbitrary time intervals; each of the three gates can be thought of as regulators of the flow of values that goes through the connections of the LSTM. There are connections between these gates and the cell. The expression long short-term refers to the fact that BiLSTM is a model for the short-term memory which can last for a long period of time. An BiLSTM is well suited to classify, process and predict time series given time lags of unknown size and duration between important events.

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LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Related Works

With rapid rise in technology, the demand of wind energy is humongous and is increasing tremendously. Wind energy has great potential for electric power conversion and will be able to ensure sizable contribution to the electrical energy demand of the world. Power generation from wind is highly susceptible to climatic variables viz. geographical allocation, wind speed, pressure, temperature, wind direction etc. The pattern of wind power is highly erratic in nature. Thus direct statistical models cannot give accurate predictions. Most of the works in the literature employ hybrid models which combine physical and statistical models.

Yubotao et al [1]., built a model using deep belief networks DBN is used to extract the hidden rules of wind power based on the historical data from wind farm has higher accuracy. The multi-layer BP network is used with DBN as the primary hidden layer with node number as 100. The other hidden layers are selected as same as that of DBN with node number as 200. This method is effective in improving the prediction accuracy of wind power, which prediction error (MSE AND MAE) with prediction of the size and the growth rate of the step is far less than the other methods.

Justin Philip Heinerman [2], proposed ensemble models to predict the wind power to reduce the prediction error. Ensemble models combines the prediction numerous

and preferably diverse models to predict the wind power. SVR ensembles and RF offer a good prediction for a data driven prediction of the power output to except. The use of appropriate features helps to improve the prediction. According to the author, this method offers efficient and comfortable balancing of a preferably low prediction error.

Tayeb Brahimi [3], proposed Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) as a powerful to predict the wind speed. Based on the tests, ANN proved itself to be a flexible method in terms of accuracy and computer time usage. Correlation between actual and predicted data was low in the case of random tree, where the RMS was relatively high. ANN prediction could be improved by conducting additional tests on hidden layers and ANN parameters producing the best RMS and correlation.

Qu Xiaoyun et al. [4], proposed a deep learning model for short-term wind power prediction based on LSTM. In this proposed method, in order to reduce the dimension of the input variables and to reduce the complexity of the network, suitable input samples are selected using principal component analysis. Simulation results show that, compared with BP neural network and SVM, the LSTM prediction model has higher prediction accuracy and greater potential for the field of wind power prediction.

Sowmya SevoorVaitheeswaran et al. [5], proposed LSTM model to predict and validate wind power using time series measurements based on the online wind power measurements. For wind power prediction short term pattern prediction and mid- term are studied. A RMSE of 0.0957993 and 0.0929905 is obtained for the

short and medium term time horizon models respectively. The GA model improves the reliability by finding the appropriate number of time lags in the model.

Yiwei Fu et al. [6], proposed a prediction model based on RNN with LSTM or GRU to improve the accuracy. Firstly an overall forecasting framework for wind power with diverse forms of optional hybrid models is proposed. With the help of wind speed correction process an innovative LSTM/GRU based forecasting model is developed using NWP data. Based on the results it is seen that LSTM and GRU based models provides better forecasting results when compared with ARIMA and SVM models.

Zinchao Shi et al. [7], proposed a new idea of Prediction Intervals (PIs) is employed to capture the uncertainty of wind power generation in power systems. To construct PIs with lower upper bound estimation (LUBE) a RNN model is proposed. To tune the parameters of RNN, the dragonfly algorithm (DA) with a linearly random weight update method is used as optimization tool. The results with wind power dataset shoe that the RNN model has higher prediction accuracy when compared to other benchmark forecasting models.

Jaseela V Rasheed [8], proposed a hybrid model to forecast wind power using LSTM. An ANN model is used to forecast the wind speed. A special type of RNN – LSTM is used for the model. The time series model used to predict the wind power which requires only small amount data. The errors in the model are quite less and this model can be used where there is difficulty in data acquisition. But the

prediction errors are enormous, especially in the turning points of the time series.

2.2 Comparative Study

Algorithm	Input parameters considered	Findings of the study
[1] Wind Power Prediction and		eep Learning Method.
Deep learning algorithm. 1. DBN 2. RBM training process 3. RBM hidden layer 4. Down to up approach	 Variation patterns of wind. 	This method is effective is improving the prediction accuracy of wind power and prediction error far less that other methods.
[2] Wind Power Prediction with	Machine Learning Ensemb	les
	Machine Learning Ensemb	les For short forecast horizon
Machine Learning Algorithms	1. Radiation	For short forecast horizon statistical learning yield
Machine Learning Algorithms 1. k-Nearest Neighbors	 Radiation Turbulence 	For short forecast horizon statistical learning yield
2. Decision Tree3. Wind Power	 Radiation Turbulence 	For short forecast horizon statistical learning yield superior results with preferably

[3] Using Artificial Intelligence to Predict Wind Speed for Energy Application in Saudi Arabia.

Machine Learning Algorithms	1. Air temperature	ANN predictions could be	
1. Random-forest	2. Wind direction	improved by conducting	
2. Random-tree	3. Speed	additional tests on hidden	
3. Reptree	4. Global-Horizontal Ir-	layers and ANN parameters	
4. ANN	radiance (GHI)	producing the best RMS and	
5. SVM	5. Humidity	correlation.	
	6. Pressure		
[4] Short-Term Prediction of Wind Power Based on Deep Long Short-Term Memory			
Deep Learning Algorithm.	1. Wind speed	The LSTM prediction model	
1. LSTM	2. Temperature	has higher prediction accuracy	
	3. Humidity	and greater potential compared	
	4. Pressure	with BP network and SVM.	

Algorithm	Input parameter considered	rs Findings of the study	
[5] Wind Power Pattern Prediction in time series measurement data for wind energy prediction modelling using LSTM-GA networks.			
Deep Learning Algorithm 1. GA-LSTM	1. Wind energy dat set.	The Genetic Algorithm model improves the reliability by finding the appropriate number of time lags in the model.	
[6] Multi-step Ahead Wind Power Forecasting Based on Recurrent Neural Networks			
Deep Learning Algorithm	1. Wind direction	This methods have significantly	
2. LSTM	2. Pitch angle	better forecasting performances	
3. GRU	3. Generating capa	city compared with the ARIMA and	
	Basic paramete wind turbines.	rs of SVM methods.	

[7] Direct Interval Forecast of Uncertain Wind Power Based on Recurrent Neural Networks				
Deep Learning Algorithm	1. Hourly wind power	The proposed RNN prediction		
(RNN)	data.	model can construct better		
4. Elman Network		Prediction compared with the		
5. NARX Network		benchmark models.		
6. Dragonfly Algorithm				
(for optimization).				
[8] "A Survey on Hybrid model to Forecast Wind Power using LSTM"				
Deep Learning Algorithm.	2. Wind speed.	There are less errors and the		
1. LSTM		model is suitable for situations		
		where data acquisition has		
		certain difficulty.		

SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

3.1 Software Requirements

Figure 3.1: Technology stack

The software used in our project are:

- 1. **Python 3.9**: Python is an interpreted, high level, general programming language. It provides a vast library for data mining and predictions.
- 2. **Spyder/Pycharm**: It is an <u>open source</u> cross-platform <u>integrated</u> <u>development environment</u> (IDE) for scientific programming in the <u>Python language</u>. Spyder integrates with a number of prominent packages as well as another open source software.
- 3. **Streamlit**: Streamlit is an open-source Python library that makes it easy to create and share beautiful, custom web apps for machine learning and data science.
- 4. **Base64**: To encode and decode a binary image (for background image).
- 5. **Tensorflow**: It is a foundation library that can be used to create Deep learning-models directly or by using wrapper libraries that simplify the process built on top of TensorFlow.
- 6. **Keras**: Keras is a powerful and easy-to-use free open source Python library

for developing and evaluating deep learning models.

- 7. **Numpy**: Numpy supports large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a large collection of high-level mathematical functions to operate on these arrays.
- 8. **Pandas**: Pandas was used for the data pre-processing and statistical analysis of data.
- 9. **Matplotlib, Plotly**: Matplotlib & Plotly was used for the graphical representation of our forecasting.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4.1 System Architecture

The models operating on the production server would work with the real-life data and provide predictions to the users. The below mentioned framework represents the most basic way data scientists handle deep learning. Fig.4.1 represents our System Architecture.

Figure 4.1: System Architecture

4.1.1. Data Collection:

Collecting the required data is the beginning of the whole process. Data repository has the repository of all the data related to weather conditions and power generated. The data which is used to train the model is obtained from National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to do this analysis. The dataset contains the details about timestamp, air temperature (°C), pressure (atm), wind direction (deg), wind speed (m/s) and Power generated by the system (kW). We have hourly data for about 6 years (i.e) almost 52000 entries.

Input Parameters:

• Wind Speed (m/s):

Higher wind speeds generate more power because stronger winds allow the blades

to rotate faster. Faster rotation translates to more mechanical power and more electrical power from the generator. Fig. 4.2 shows the variation of power output with respect to wind speed.

Figure 4.2: Graph of Power versus Wind Speed

• Air Temperature (°C):

Wind speeds increase with a greater temperature difference. If the temperature is too high, the air density will be low, which will lessen the energy output. If the temperature is too low, the blades and other parts might be frozen, and the wind turbine will stop working. Fig.4.3 shows the variation of power output with respect to air temperature.

Figure 4.3: Graph of Power versus Air Temperature

• Air Pressure (atm):

When air slows down, its pressure increases. This means that higher wind speeds will show lower air pressure readings. Fig.4.4 shows the variation of power output with respect to air pressure. We can conclude that wind power increases with decrease in air pressure.

Figure 4.4: Graph of Power versus Air Pressure

• Wind Direction (deg):

Wind flow direction affects the turbines, reducing the wind speed and increasing

turbulence for the wind turbines. A weather vane is a instrument which shows the direction the wind is blowing. Getting more nearer to 360° (north), wind speed increases, so severe winds blow from north generating more power. Fig.4.5 shows the variation of power output with respect to wind direction.

Figure 4.5: Graph of Power versus Wind Direction

From all the above graphs we can able to learn the pattern in the data very well. Wind speed available at the wind farm is a crucial parameter. Other parameters that influence the energy output are for example temperature, pressure, wind direction. Our goal is to make use of the correlation of these parameters with respect to the energy output.

4.1.2. Data Pre-processing:

The model is completely dependent on the data, so it needs to be consistent and precise. Any missing value is handled, redundant values and columns are dropped out in this step. EDA (Exploratory Data Analysis) helps in visualizing the data. This process helps to decide which attributes are relevant for the model. With the help of pre-processing we get the data that is suitable to train the data.

4.1.3. Training with Deep Learning Models:

Train the deep learning model with different sets of processed data. Finally select the model that gives the maximum accuracy of all. Fig.4.6 represents the accuracy observed with different models.

Figure 4.6: Accuracy observed with different models

4.1.4. Graphical User Interface (GUI):

A simple, easy and understandable user interface is designed so that any layman can use it to know the future wind power status. For Predicting the power output for user defined values, user just needs to input the weather parameters for which the power is to be predicted. For Forecasting the power output of wind turbine from several hours up to 24 hours ahead, user can upload their own real time dataset (csv or xlsx format) for forecasting. A simple visualization tool is also presented in our user interface, where the data can be visualized using the graphs.

4.2Module Description

4.2.1. Prediction Module

- 1. Predicting the power output for user defined values.
- 2. User just needs to input the weather parameters for which the power is to be predicted. Hence, the GUI is user friendly, easy, simple in nature.
- 3. Fig.4.7 represents the architecture of prediction module. First, we train our

model with the historic data. Later, we can feed a new weather data to the model and predict the power output.

Figure 4.7: Prediction Module Architecture

4.2.2. Forecasting Module

- 1. Forecasting the power output of wind turbine from several hours up to 24 hours ahead.
- 2. Our Deep Wind is individually different from other wind power forecasting websites where the user can upload their own real time dataset (csv or xlsx format) for forecasting.
- 3. Fig.4.8 represents the architecture of forecasting module. The dataset uploaded by the user is divided into train and test sets and given to our model for forecasting the power output.
- 4. Accurate Results with minimum load time.

Figure 4.8: Forecasting Module Architecture

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

Our project is deep learning based. This is implemented by making use of python language. The models are developed using many libraries available in python language. The deep learning based model is implemented with the help of numpy, pandas, tensorflow and keras libraries. The trained models are deployed on a web server which is implemented using streamlit library.

Fig.5.1 represents the block diagram. The flow of the application is as follows:

- 1. The starting part of the application is the User Interface(UI). As the web application is visited by the user, a simple get request is sent from the streamlit frontend to the backend. This request, signals the backend server to run the model file.
- 2. Our Bi-LSTM requires some input dataset for the model to predict the future values. This data is then converted into the required format and sent as the input for the model to get the required predictions for 24 hours ahead.
- 3. Once this data is provided to the model it starts the calculation and provides the necessary output.
- 4. When the models provide the output, the server sends these outputs as the response to the request and these values are displayed in the User Interface.

Figure 5.1: Block Diagram (flow of the application)

ADVANTAGES OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

- 1. The RNN can process any amount of data which is very useful in power forecasting because it is based on previous data.
- 2. The neural network models presumes inputs as independent of each other and for every input the neural network layers and the output are also calculated independently, but in case of RNN as we use Bi-LSTM (Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory) the computed output of the previous layer becomes the input of the next layer thereby forming a sequence of tasks which is useful in prediction and forecasting.
- 3. The other main advantage of RNN is the model size does not depend on size of input.
- 4. User can also set their preferable cut in (minimum) and cut out(maximum)

values for windspeed and temperature with the help of preferences tab.

Figure 6.1: Preferences Tab

- 5. Our Deep Wind is individually different from other wind power forecasting websites where the user can upload their own real time dataset (csv or xlsx format with a minimum of 30 entries) for forecasting.
- 6. Accurate Results with minimum load time.

CHAPTER 7

RESULTS

The goal of an effective user interface is to make the experience of a user straightforward and interactive, requiring minimal effort from the user to achieve the maximum desired results. Fig.7.1 represents our user interface consisting of three tabs home page, user defined prediction and forecasting tab.

Figure 7.1: User Interface

Our Deep wind provides an interactive interface with a simple visualization tool which brings the accurate results with minimal load time. Fig.7.2 shows the result obtained from the forecasting.

Figure 7.2: Forecasting Results

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

Thus accurate wind power forecasting plays a key role in dealing with the challenges of power system operation under uncertainties in an economical and technical way. This unique approach would surely open up new avenues and make wind farm data more reliable and precise. In our application only weather parameters are considered. Other features can also be added by training the model and integrating it with the current application. Making our website to send alerting message if the forecasted power drops to minimum value. Hopefully, the power of Deep Learning would boost the mass adoption of wind power and turn it into a popular alternative to traditional sources of electricity over the years.

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