LITERATURE SURVEY

Several studies and related works have been done previously to predict used car prices around the world using different methodologies and approaches, with varying results of accuracy from 50% to 90%. In (Pudaruth, 2014) the researcher proposed to predict used car prices in Mauritius, where he applied different machine learning techniques to achieve his results like decision tree, K-nearest neighbours, Multiple Regression and Naïve Bayes algorithms to predict the used cars prices, based on historical data gathered from the newspaper.

Achieved results ranged from accuracy of 60-70 percent, the author suggested using more sophisticated models and algorithms to make the evaluation, with the main weakness off the decision tree and naïve Bayes that it is required to discretize the price and classify it which accrue to more inaccuracies. Moreover, he suggested a larger set of data of data to train the models hence the data gathered was not sufficient.

Gathered data from a German e-commerce site that totalled to 304,133 rows and 11 attributes to predict the prices of used car using different techniques and measured their results using Mean Absolute Error (MEA) to compare their results. Same training dataset and testing dataset was given to each model. Highest results achieved was by using gradient boosted regression tree with a MAE of 0.28, and MEA of 0.35 and 0.55 for mean absolute error and multiple linear regression respectively. Authors suggested adjusting the parameters in future works to yield better results, as well as using one hot encoding instead of label encoding for more realistic data interpretations on categorical data.

(Gegic, Isakovic, Keco, Masetic, & Kevric, 2019) from the International Burch University in Sarajevo, used three different machine learning techniques to predict used car prices. Using data scrapped from a local Bosnian website for used cars totalled at 797 car samples after pre-processing, and proposed using these methods: Support Vector Machine, Random Forest and Artificial Neural network. Results have shown using only one machine learning algorithm achieved results less than 50%, whereas after combing the algorithms with pre calcification of prices using Random Forest, results with accuracies up to 87.38% was recorded.

(Noor & Jan, 2017) were able to achieve high level of accuracy using Multiple linear regression models to predict the price of cars collected from used cars website in Pakistan called Pak Wheels that totalled to 1699 records after pre-processing, and where able to achieve accuracy of 98%, this was done after reducing the total amount of attributes using variable selection technique to include significant attributes only and to reduce the complexity of the model.

(K.Samruddhi & Kumar, 2020) Proposed using Supervised machine leaning model using K-Nearest Neighbour to predict used car prices from a data set obtained from Kaggle containing 14 different attributes, using this method accuracy reached up to 85% after different values of K as well as Changing the percent of training data to testing data, expectedly when increasing the percent of data that is tested better accuracy results are achieved. The model was also cross validated with 5 and 10 folds by using K fold method.

(Gongqi, Yansong, & Qiang, 2011) proposed using Artificial Neural Network (ANN) through a combined method of BP neural network and nonlinear curve fit and have achieved accurate value prediction with a feasible model.

(Listiani, 2009) used Support Vector Machines to evaluate leased cars prices, results have shown that SVM is far more accurate in large dataset with high dimensional data than Multiple linear regression. Whereas the computation Multiple linear regression can take several minutes and the SVM would take up to a day to compute the results. Multiple linear regression may be simple, but SVM is far more accurate. Moreover, the study includes Samples with up to 178 attributes which is far more than the proposed variable in our study, hence the use of multiple linear regression may be more suitable in our case.

(Kuiper, 2008) Collected data from General Motor of cars that are produced in 2005, where he as well used variable selection technique to include the most relevant attributes in his model to reduce the complexity of the data. He proposed used Multivariate regression model that would be more suitable for values with numeric format.

In order to predict the price of used cars, researchers (Nabarun Pal, 2018) used a supervised learning method known as Random Forest. Kaggle's dataset was used as a basis for predicting used car prices. In order to determine the price impact of each feature, careful exploratory data analysis was performed. 500 Decision Trees were trained with Random Forests. It is most commonly used for classification, but they turned it into a regression model by transforming the problem into an equivalent regression problem. Using experimental results, it was found that training accuracy was 95.82%, and testing accuracy was 83.63%. By selecting the most correlated features, the model can accurately predict the car price.

Hence, from all literature review it is concluded that used cars price prediction is an important topic which is the area of many researchers nowadays. So far, the best achieved accuracy is 83.63% on kaggle’s dataset using random forest technique. The researchers have tested multiple regressors and final model is regression model using linear regression.