A Technique to Predict Indian Premier League Winner using Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract—Many researches has been made to predict the first innings run in an ODI cricket match as prediction is an influential think for the team management and their economic outcome. However, in premier leagues like IPL, PSL, BIG BASH this little calculation is tremendously useful in helping the franchise and their owners in terms of their business. In this paper, we have predict the winner team of every match in Indian Premier League(IPL) based on the previous performance of players, toss winner, match venue and the city of the venue. We used decision tree model to predict the winner using the available dataset of previous eight seasons of IPL. The used dataset covers all the match by match and ball by ball details starting from 2008 to 2017. The prediction accuracy of this model was 89.844% where using other algorithms, we achieved poor accuracy rate. We came up with the conclusion that significant facts to decide the winner prediction of an IPL match are 'team1', 'team2', 'city', 'toss_winner', 'venue', 'toss_decision', 'result', 'dl_applied', 'win_by_runs', 'win_by_wickets', 'id'. Based on these analyses, our proposed model will determine the winner of every single match.

Keywords—IPL; winner prediction; performance analysis; the venue, classifier analysis.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cricket is one of the most played and popular game today in the world. The game has billion of supporters and number of people has been involved with it [5]. Indian subcontinent including India, Pakistan, Srilanka, Bangladesh, Australian arena, and Africa has a tremendous craze for the game. This outdoor game has been played in open field where ball and bat is involved. The game has formats like ODI (One Day International), Test, T20, 6 a side. Apart from Test matches, in all other format, each team gets to bat once and so does ball. However, in test matches, per team get to bat and ball twice.

The game of Cricket is a play of 11 players' team where bat and ball is involved in 22 yard pitch. Batsman tries to hit the ball and score as much as possible where the bowler tries not to give away marks and turning the batsman out following the rules. Each batsman gets to play balls unless gets out. Therefore, if all of them are not out, the team gets to play the full overs which is varies from match format.

T20 is the youngest and most interesting format of cricket. Per team gets to play bat 20 overs where every six legal deliveries count as an over. This format of cricket is less time consuming comparing to ODIs and Test matches. Normally this game ends within 6 hours where each inning takes around 3 hours to finish. Being a shorter duration game, people of diverse sectors can enjoy this game. This version of cricket has a tremendous impact on some countries economy today. India, Australia, Pakistan and many more countries organize their premier league T20s and add a huge amount to their government revenue.

Premier leagues like IPL, Big Bash, PSL and CPL impose a serious impact on the spectators of cricket as well as contribute a healthy amount of revenue in the government fund of the organizing countries. On that note, Indian Premier League (IPL) is the most-attended cricket leagues in the world. The brand value of IPL in 2017 was US\$5.3 billion where according to BCCI, the contribution to the GDP of Indian economy in 2015 was US\$182 million by the season of 2015[8]. The prize money of IPL is UB\$2.3 million where half of the winning prize money is distributed among the payer by rules and rest of the amount goes to the owner of the team. Therefore, winning a season in IPL matter a lot for the players and the franchisees.

In this paper, a method has been demonstrated to predict the winner of a match right after the toss has taken place [1]. We have used a rich dataset containing ball by ball data and match by match data to predict the winner [2]. Before every match we just need to know the humidity, city the match taking place, which team won the toss, decision they have taken after winning the toss. Hence, having the information we analyze our dataset with the proposed method and the method will let me show the predicting winner of the match. In the dataset, we have got all the details of the ten previous seasons starting from 2008 to 2017.

In this paper, we have followed the following format: In the immediate section after this, we have briefly discussed on the previous researches in the very field to predict the winner. Where in section III, we focused on the proposed model and used algorithms with complete workflow. Hence, under IV which is Training and Testing the model has been talked about where section V is to focus on the comparison and analysis of our proposed model with existing researches. Following that, the conclusion section is been shown in IV no section and the paper concludes with the references we have used in the paper and research work.

II. RELATED WORKS

Only a very few researches has been made predicting the winner of a match in cricket. However, some of the works are well known to predict the total score of an innings. One of them is "Winning And Score Predicting (WASP)", which is a PhD research project by Scott Brooker and Seamus Hogan at University of Canterbury[6]. The work evaluates about how well the normal batting team will do against the normal bowling alley group under given conditions and the present condition of the amusement. In the 1st innings it gauges the extra runs that can be scored with the given number of balls and wickets remaining. In the second innings it predicts the triumphant likelihood with the given number of balls and wickets remaining, runs scored at the given circumstance. The assessments have been produced using a dynamic programming another work from Thapar University, India by Tejinder Singh, Vishal Singla and Parteek Bhatia to predict the winner and the score using data mining entitled "Score and Winning Prediction in Cricket through Data Mining" is a mentionable research in the very field. In that paper they proposed a has two methods, where first predicts the score of first innings not only on the basis of current run rate but also considers number of wickets fallen, venue of the match and batting team [7]. Whereas, second method predicts the outcome of the match in the second innings considering the same attributes as of the former method along with the target given to the batting team. These two methods have been implemented using Linear Regression Classifier and Naïve Bayes Classifier for first innings and second innings respectively.

III. PROPOSED MODEL

This section presents the detail descriptions of proposed model which contains several phases. Fig. 1 represents the whole working procedure of our proposed model.

In the proposed technique we have divided the whole system in two separate part called train and test where the first one to train the code and the second one to check the accuracy of the designed model. Firstly, we had to choose the suitable algorithm for our technique and we choose decision tree method, is one of the most successful techniques for

supervised classification learning. A decision tree or a classification tree is a tree in which each internal (non-leaf) node is labeled with an input feature. The arcs coming from a node labeled with a feature are labeled with each of the possible values of the feature. Each leaf of the tree is labeled with a class or a probability distribution over the classes.

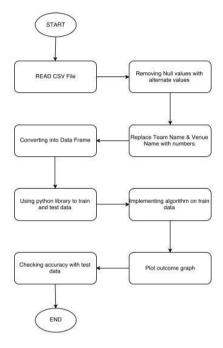


Fig. 1. System workflow

We have taken our dataset shown in Fig. 2 from kaggle.com, a well-known online resource for dataset. Our experimental dataset consists of two files. One file have the ball by ball details of previous 10 seasons IPL matches. Where the second one consists of the detail data of match by match information.

To train our system, we have written dataset readable python code. Before using the dataset, the null values has checked and replaced by identical numerical numbers. Otherwise, it would decrease the accuracy rate of the prediction when testing. After removing the null values, the data has modified and the team names were also replaced by few more identical numbers as followings: 'Mumbai Indians': 1 ,'Kolkata Knight Riders': 2 ,'Royal Challengers Bangalore': 3, 'Deccan Chargers': 4, 'Chennai Super Kings': 5, 'Rajasthan Royals': 6, 'Delhi Daredevils': 7, 'Gujarat Lions': 8, 'Kings XI Punjab': 9, 'Sunrises Hyderabad': 10, 'Rising Pune Supergiant': 11, 'Kochi Tuskers Kerala': 12, 'Pune Warriors': 13. Whereas the venue names are also replaced in the following identical numerical numbers to simplify the process: 'Barabati Stadium': 1. 'Brabourne Stadium': 2. 'De Beers Diamond Oval': 3. 'Buffalo Park':4, 'Dr DY Patil Sports Academy':5, 'Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium':6, 'Dubai International Cricket Stadium':7, 'Eden Gardens':8, 'Feroz Shah Kotla':9, 'Green Park':10, 'Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium':11, 'Holkar Cricket Stadium':12, 'JSCA International Stadium Complex':13, 'Kingsmead':14, 'M Chinnaswamy Stadium':15, 'MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chepauk':16, 'Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium':17, Stadium':18, 'New Wanderers Stadium':19, 'Nehru 'OUTsurance Oval':21, 'Punjab 'Newlands':20, Cricket Association IS Bindra Stadium, Mohali':22, 'Punjab Cricket Association Stadium, Mohali':23, 'Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Uppal':24, 'Sardar Patel Stadium, Motera':25, 'Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium': 26, 'Sawai Mansingh Stadium':27, 'Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium':28, 'Sharjah Cricket Stadium':29, 'Sheikh Zayed Stadium':30, "St George's Park": 31, 'Subrata Roy Sahara 'Vidarbha 'SuperSport Park':33, Stadium': 32, Association Stadium, Jamtha':34, 'Wankhede Stadium':35. City names has also replaced with numbers: 'Abu Dhabi':1, 'Bangalore':3, 'Ahmedabad':2, 'Bloemfontein':4, Town':5. 'Centurion':6, 'Chandigarh':7, 'Chennai':8, 'Cuttack':9, 'Delhi':10, 'Dharamsala':11, 'Dubai':0, 'Durban':12, 'East London':13, 'Hyderabad':14, 'Indore':15, 'Jaipur':16, 'Johannesburg':17, 'Kanpur':18, 'Kimberley':19, 'Kochi':20, 'Kolkata':21, 'Mumbai':22, 'Nagpur':23, 'Port Elizabeth':24, 'Pune':25, 'Raipur':26, 'Rajkot':27, 'Ranchi':28, 'Sharjah':29, as well as 'Visakhapatnam':30. We also have replaced 'toss decision' column's value: 'bat':1, 'field':2. The values of 'result is also replaced with numbers: 'no result':1, 'normal':2 'tie':3.

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Fig. 2. Dataset contains match by match details

The data has been converted in data frame in this segment to access in details using our python programme. As already shown in Fig. 1, the dataset was divided into two portion called train and test, we did the separation after the data frame was prepared. From the dataset, data of first 9 seasons, means from 2008 to 2016, was used to train the system [12]. We implemented decision tree learning algorithm on the separated dataset.

Decision tree learning algorithm works through recursive partitioning of the training set in order to obtain subsets that are as pure as possible to a given target class [9]. Each node of the tree is associated to a particular set of records T that is splatted by a specific test on a feature.

A. Mathematical Formulation

Given training vectors $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$, i=1,..., 1 and a label vector y \in R^1, a decision tree recursively partitions the space such that the samples with the same labels are grouped together.

Let the data at node m be represented by Q. For each candidate split \theta = (j, t_m) consisting of a feature j and threshold t m, partition the data into

The impurity at m is computed using an impurity function H (), the choice of which depends on the task being solved (classification or regression).

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Select the parameters that minimises the impurity \theta^* \operatorname{argmin} \theta Q, \theta)

Recourse for subsets Q_{left} (\theta^*) and Q_{right} (\theta^*)

Until the maximum allowable depth is reached, $N m < \min \{samples\} \text{ or } N m = 1.$

B. Classification Criteria

If a target is a classification outcome taking on values 0, 1,..., K-1, for node m, representing a region R_m with N_m observations [9], let

$$p_{mk} = 1/N_m \sum_{x_i \in R_m} I(y_i = k) \tag{1}$$

Be the proportion of class k observations in node m

Common measures of impurity are Gini [10]
$$H(X_m) = \sum_{k} p_{mk} (1 - p_{mk})$$
(2)

Cross-Entropy [11]
$$H(X_m) = -\sum_{k} p_{mk} \log(p_{mk})$$
(3)

And Misclassification [11]

$$H(X_m) = 1 - \max(p_{mk}) \tag{4}$$

Where X_m is the training data in node m

This is how the decision tree learning algorithm mathematically performs in the library of Python Programming.

Support vector machine (SVM) supports both dense and sparse sample vectors as input. SVM is capable of perform multi classification on a dataset. Given training vectors $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$, i=1... n, in two classes, and a vector $y \in \{1,-1\}^n$, SVC solves the following primal problem [12]:

$$\min_{w,b,\zeta} \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_i$$
subject to $y_i(w^T \phi(x_i) + b) \ge 1 - \zeta_i$,
$$\zeta_i \ge 0, i = 1, ..., n \tag{5}$$

Its dual is [12]

$$\min_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T Q \alpha - e^T \alpha$$
subject to $y^T \alpha = 0$

$$0 \le \alpha_i \le C, i = 1, ..., n$$
(6)

where e is the vector of all ones, C > 0 is the upper bound, Q is an n by n positive semi definite matrix, $Q_{ij} \equiv y_i y_j K(x_i, x_j)$,

where $K(x_i, x_j) = \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x_j)$ is the kernel. Here training vectors are implicitly mapped into a higher (maybe infinite) dimensional space by the function ϕ [13].

The decision function is [13]:

$$\operatorname{sgn}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \alpha_i K(x_i, x) + \rho) \tag{7}$$

In random forests each tree in the ensemble is built from a sample drawn with replacement from the training set. In addition, when splitting a node during the construction of the tree, the split that is chosen is no longer the best split among all features [14]. Instead, the split that is picked is the best split among a random subset of the features. As a result of this randomness, the bias of the forest usually slightly increases but, due to averaging, its variance also decreases, usually more than compensating for the increase in bias, hence yielding an overall better model [14].

MLP Classifier trains iteratively since at each time step the partial derivatives of the loss function with respect to the model parameters are computed to update the parameters [15].

Given a set of training examples $(x_1,y_1),(x_2,y_2),\ldots,(x_n,y_n)$ where $x_i\in\mathbf{R}^n$ and $y_i\in\{0,1\}$, a one hidden layer one hidden neuron MLP learns the

function $f(x) = W_2 g(W_1^T x + b_1) + b_2$ where $W_1 \in \mathbf{R}^m$ and $W_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ are model parameters W_1 , W_2 represent the weights of the input layer and hidden layer, respectively; and b_1 , b_2 represent the bias added to the hidden layer and the output layer, respectively. $g(\cdot): R \to R$ is the activation function, set by default as the hyperbolic tan [16]. It is given as,

$$g(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} \tag{8}$$

For binary classification, f(x) passes through the logistic function $g(z) = 1/(1+e^{-z})$ to obtain output values between zero and one [16]. A threshold, set to 0.5, would assign samples of outputs larger or equal 0.5 to the positive class, and the rest to the negative class.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND RESULT ANALYSIS

After completing the preprocessing and the training part we did the experimental setup and result analysis. In this very part, we followed the following stages which are testing the system and following that, representing the result graphically and finally analyzing the achieved result:

A. Testing the system

We completed the testing segment of our model in this part. With the rest of the data of 2017 IPL matches, we ran our project and tested our proposed model. Based on the pre-set parameters, our proposed model took decision on the above mentioned algorithm and gave us the output of the winner of every single match. We have experimented taking two teams as opponents and provided by the information of the parameters, the system, have shown us the output in graphical representation format.

B. Result in graphical Representation

The decision tree learning algorithm gives us the output in form of winner of a match in graphical representation as displayed in Fig. 3. In the shown figure, in y axis: teams name converted into numbers as mentioned earlier 'Mumbai Indians': 1 ,'Kolkata Knight Riders': 2 ,'Royal Challengers Bangalore': 3, 'Deccan Chargers': 4, 'Chennai Super Kings': 5, 'Rajasthan Royals': 6, 'Delhi Daredevils': 7, 'Gujarat Lions': 8, 'Kings XI Punjab': 9, 'Sunrises Hyderabad': 10, 'Rising Pune Supergiant': 11, 'Kochi Tuskers Kerala': 12, 'Pune Warriors': 13. This means Mumbai Indians is team no 1. Therefore, if prediction shows winner team 1 this means Mumbai Indians will win the match. However, in x axis: match number is given.

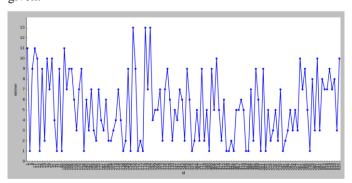
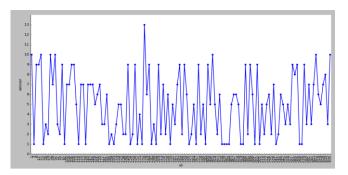


Fig. 3. Graphical representation of prediction using Decision Tree Classifier

In Fig. 3, id 3 means, match no 3. This is how our program gives the output of the predicted winner of every single IPL match.

Random forest classifier algorithm gives name of every match winner which is shown in Fig. 4.



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Fig. 4. & Graphical representation of prediction using Random Forest \\ Classifier \end{tabular}$

In this Fig. 4, in y axis, we have team names converted into number as previously discussed and in x axis, we have match id which indicated the match no.

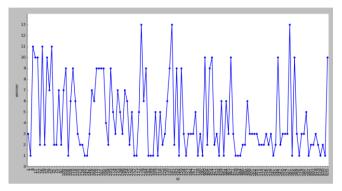


Fig. 5. Graphical representation of prediction using MLP Classifier

In Fig. 5, team names in form of numbers has shown in y axis and match no is shown in x axis. This figure tells that on that match which team is going to win.

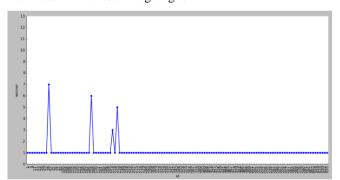


Fig. 6. Graphical representation of prediction using SVM Classifier

In Fig. 6, team names in form of numbers has shown in y axis and match no is shown in x axis. This figure tells that on that match which team is going to win.

C. Result Analysis

The proposed model gives us the accuracy of the match winner of 89.884% using decision tree learning algorithm. However, we also have run few more approach with different algorithms but didn't get an expected or better than this accuracy rate. The experimented algorithms are being noted below:

TABLE I. ALGORITHMS WITH ACCURACY

| Serial | Name of Algorithm | Accuracy |
|--------|--------------------------|----------|
| 01 | SVM classifier | 17.969% |
| 02 | Decision Tree Classifier | 89.844% |
| 03 | Random Forest Classifier | 65.625% |
| 04 | MLP Classifier | 20.312% |

With this experimental result we came to the conclusion that for our proposed model, decision tree approach is the most suitable and applicable method to be chooses.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The main purpose of this paper is to demonstrate our proposed model to predict the winner of an Indian Premier League match analyzing the previous ten season match dataset. In this model, decision tree classify method has been used to analysis the data and after the derivation, predict the winner of every single match. This model has some pre-set parameters to decision making criteria fulfilling. Not likely the existing models that can predict the scores of an innings or guess the result of an ODI match, out model can predict the winner of Indian Premier League T20 match winner with an accuracy of 89.844 percent. Since, with the available dataset of IPL; this analysis prediction was made, it's more likely to be possible to predict the winner of all format of games in any tournament on the condition of having a rich dataset [12]. Furthermore, there are other parameters like ranking of the players, performance of bowlers against left or right arm batsman, performance of batman against the off or leg break bowlers which is not available till today. With that dataset this prediction rate accuracy would be more prestige and trustworthy.

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