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ABSTRACT

In agriculture sector where farmers and agribusinesses have to make innumerable decisions every day and intricate complexities involves the various factors influencing them. An essential issue for agricultural planning intention is the accurate yield estimation for the numerous crops involved in the planning. Data mining techniques are necessary approach for accomplishing practical and effective solutions for this problem. Agriculture has been an obvious target for big data. Environmental conditions, variability in soil, input levels, combinations and commodity prices have made it all the more relevant for farmers to use information and get help to make critical farming decisions. This paper focuses on the analysis of the agriculture data and finding optimal parameters to maximize the crop production using data mining techniques like PAM, CLARA, DBSCAN and Multiple Linear Regression. Mining the large amount of existing crop, soil and climatic data, and analysing new, non-experimental data optimizes the production and makes agriculture more resilient to climatic change.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Problem Statement

In the realm of agricultural economics, the fluctuating prices of raw materials pose a significant challenge for stakeholders, hindering effective decision-making and resource allocation. The lack of accurate predictive models to forecast agricultural raw material prices based on historical data exacerbates this challenge, leading to increased market uncertainty and risk. Consequently, there is a pressing need to develop robust predictive modeling approaches that leverage machine learning algorithms to analyze historical price data and accurately forecast future prices of agricultural raw materials. Addressing this need will empower stakeholders with actionable insights to navigate market dynamics, optimize pricing strategies, and enhance sustainability in the agricultural sector.

1.2 Proposed Solution

The proposed solution involves the development of predictive models for agricultural raw material prices using machine learning algorithms. By leveraging historical data and advanced analytical techniques, such as Linear Regression and Random Forest Regression, the models aim to accurately forecast future raw material prices. Through comprehensive data pre processing, model selection, and evaluation, stakeholders in the agricultural sector can gain valuable insights into market dynamics, optimize resource allocation strategies, and make informed decisions to mitigate risks associated with price volatility.

1.3 Feature

1. Data Preprocessing: The code preprocesses the dataset, handling missing values, encoding categorical variables, and splitting the data into training and testing sets. This ensures that the data is suitable for training machine learning models.

2. Model Selection and Development: Two machine learning algorithms, Linear Regression and Random Forest Regression, are selected for modeling. These models are trained on the preprocessed dataset using the training data.

3. Model Evaluation: The performance of the trained models is evaluated using root mean squared error (RMSE) as the evaluation metric. Lower RMSE values indicate better model performance. The evaluation results are compared to determine the model that best predicts raw material prices.

4. Results and Findings: The code presents the evaluation results, revealing that the Random Forest Regression model outperformed the Linear Regression model in predicting agricultural raw material prices. The findings highlight the importance of employing advanced analytical techniques to gain actionable insights and optimize resource allocation strategies.

5. Future Directions: The code suggests future research directions, such as exploring advanced modeling techniques, incorporating additional features, and deploying the predictive models in real-world applications. Ongoing monitoring and refinement of the models are also recommended to enhance their accuracy and reliability over time.

1.4 Advantages

1.Comprehensive Data Analysis:

The code facilitates a comprehensive analysis of agricultural raw material prices by conducting exploratory data analysis (EDA), identifying high and low-range materials, analyzing percentage changes, and exploring correlations between raw materials. This holistic approach provides stakeholders with valuable insights into market dynamics and pricing trends.

2. Model Flexibility:

The code allows for the selection and training of multiple machine learning algorithms, including Linear Regression and Random Forest Regression..

3. Performance Evaluation: The code includes thorough model evaluation using root mean squared error (RMSE) as the evaluation metric. By comparing the performance of different models, stakeholders can assess their accuracy in predicting raw material prices and make informed decisions about model deployment and refinement.

4. Scalability and Adaptability: The generated code is scalable and adaptable to accommodate future research and development efforts. Stakeholders can expand the analysis to include additional features, integrate external factors, or deploy the predictive models in real-world applications. This scalability ensures that the code remains relevant and valuable in addressing evolving challenges and opportunities in agricultural economics.

1.5 Scope

The generated code for predictive modeling of agricultural raw material prices offers a wide scope for enhancing decision-making and resource allocation in the agricultural sector. Its comprehensive data analysis capabilities enable stakeholders to gain valuable insights into market dynamics, pricing trends, and correlations between raw materials. Furthermore, the flexibility to select and train multiple machine learning algorithms allows for experimentation and adaptation to different data characteristics and modeling needs. With thorough performance evaluation metrics, stakeholders can assess the accuracy of predictive models and make informed decisions about deployment and refinement. The scalability of the code allows for future expansion, including the integration of additional features, external factors, and real-world applications. Overall, the code presents a robust framework for predictive modeling, promising to drive innovation and optimization in agricultural economics.

CHAPTER 2

SERVICES AND TOOLS REQUIRED

2.1 Services Used

1. Pandas: Pandas is a powerful data manipulation library in Python used for data preprocessing, exploration, and manipulation. It provides data structures like DataFrame, which is used to represent and work with tabular data efficiently.

2. Scikit-learn (sklearn): Scikit-learn is a machine learning library in Python that provides various algorithms for regression, classification, clustering, and more. In the above code, it is used for model selection, training, and evaluation. Specifically, it provides implementations for Linear Regression and Random Forest Regression algorithms.

3. NumPy: NumPy is a fundamental package for scientific computing in Python. It provides support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a collection of mathematical functions to operate on these arrays. It is often used in conjunction with Pandas for numerical computations.

4. Seaborn and Matplotlib: Seaborn and Matplotlib are Python visualization libraries used for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations. In the above code, Seaborn is used for creating a heatmap to visualize the correlation matrix, while Matplotlib is used for general plotting purposes.

5. Scikit-learn (sklearn.metrics): The `sklearn.metrics` module from Scikit-learn is used to calculate evaluation metrics such as mean squared error (MSE) and root mean squared error (RMSE) for assessing the performance of predictive models.

2.2 Tools and Software used

Tools:

1. Python: Python is a widely-used programming language for data analysis, machine learning, and scientific computing. Ensure you have Python installed on your system.

2. Integrated Development Environment (IDE): You can use any Python IDE or text editor of your choice for writing and executing the code. Popular options include PyCharm, Jupyter Notebook, Spyder, Visual Studio Code, and Sublime Text.

3. Python Libraries:

- **Pandas:** Install Pandas using ``pip install pandas``. This library is essential for data manipulation and analysis.
- **NumPy:** Install NumPy using ``pip install numpy``. It is a fundamental library for numerical computations.
- **Matplotlib:** Install Matplotlib using ``pip install matplotlib``. It is a plotting library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations.

4. Dataset: You need a dataset containing historical records of agricultural raw material prices. Ensure the dataset is in a compatible format such as CSV or Excel.

Software Used: Google Colab:

Google Colab, short for Google Colaboratory, is a cloud-based platform provided by Google for writing, executing, and sharing Python code in the form of Jupyter notebooks. It offers a convenient and collaborative environment for data science and machine learning tasks, featuring integration with Google Drive, free access to GPUs and TPUs for accelerated computations, and support for interactive visualizations.

CHAPTER 3

PROJECT ARCHITECTURE

Architecture:

1. Data Loading and Preparation:

The architecture begins with the loading of the dataset from a dictionary into a Pandas DataFrame. This step involves parsing and organizing the raw data into a structured format suitable for analysis.

2. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

After loading the data, exploratory data analysis (EDA) is performed to gain insights into the dataset's characteristics. This includes examining the first few rows of data, calculating summary statistics (e.g., mean, median, standard deviation), and identifying key patterns or trends.

3. Identification of High and Low-Range Materials:

The architecture includes the identification of materials with the highest and lowest prices. This involves sorting the data based on price and selecting the top and bottom N materials.

4. Calculation of High and Low Percentage Change:

Next, the architecture involves calculating the percentage change in prices for each material. This is done by grouping the data by material and applying a percentage change calculation to the price column.

5. Analysis of Price Change Over Years:

The architecture includes analyzing the change in prices over different years. This involves grouping the data by year and calculating summary statistics such as the minimum and maximum prices for each year, as well as the price range.

6. Correlation Analysis:

Another component of the architecture is the correlation analysis, which examines the relationships between numeric variables in the dataset. This involves calculating the correlation matrix and visualizing it using a heatmap.

7. Visualization:

Finally, the architecture includes the visualization of the correlation matrix using a heatmap. This provides a graphical representation of the correlations between different variables in the dataset.

CHAPTER 4 (code)

MODELING AND PROJECT OUTCOME

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) - Analysis Report:

1. Data Overview:

The dataset comprises information on prices of different materials across years.

It contains three columns: 'year', 'material', and 'price'.

Code:

```
data_dict = {  
    'year': [2018, 2018, 2018, 2018, 2018, 2018, 2018, 2018, 2019, 2019, 2019, 2019,  
    'material': ['Wheat', 'Corn', 'Soybeans', 'Rice', 'Sugar Cane', 'Cotton', 'Barle  
    'price': [200, 180, 220, 250, 150, 300, 190, 170, 220, 190, 200, 270, 160, 320,  
}  
data = pd.DataFrame(data_dict)
```

2. Summary Statistics:

From the summary statistics, we observe:

The average price across all materials and years is around 221.25.

Prices range from 150 to 350.

The dataset spans years 2018 to 2020.

Code:

```
print("Data Head:")  
print(data.head())  
print("\nSummary Statistics:")  
print(data.describe())
```

3. High-Range and Low-Range Materials:

High-range materials (Top 10):

These materials have the highest prices among all.

Sugar Cane, Cotton, and Barley are prominent.

Low-range materials (Bottom 10):

These materials have the lowest prices among all.

Potatoes and Corn are notable.

Code:

```
high_range_materials = data.nlargest(10, 'price')
low_range_materials = data.nsmallest(10, 'price')
print("\nHigh-Range Materials:")
print(high_range_materials)
print("\nLow-Range Materials:")
print(low_range_materials)
```

4. Percentage Change Analysis:

High Percentage Change Materials:

Materials with the highest percentage change in prices.

Cotton, Sugar Cane, and Rice exhibit significant price fluctuations.

Low Percentage Change Materials:

Materials with the lowest percentage change in prices.

Wheat and Barley show relatively stable pricing.

Code:

```
data['price_change'] = data.groupby('material')['price'].pct_change() * 100
high_pct_change_materials = data.nlargest(10, 'price_change')
low_pct_change_materials = data.nsmallest(10, 'price_change')
print("\nHigh Percentage Change Materials:")
print(high_pct_change_materials)
print("\nLow Percentage Change Materials:")
print(low_pct_change_materials)
```

5. Price Change Over Years:

Analyzing price changes over years:

Prices fluctuate across years, indicating market dynamics.

The range between minimum and maximum prices varies each year.

Code:

```
price_change_over_years = data.groupby('year')['price'].agg(['min', 'max'])
price_change_over_years['price_range'] = price_change_over_years['max'] - price_change_over_years['min']
print("\nPrice Change Over Years:")
print(price_change_over_years)
```

6. Correlation Analysis:

Correlation Matrix:

Examining correlations between numeric variables.

No strong correlations observed between 'year' and 'price', indicating price fluctuations aren't strictly year-dependent.

There might be some correlation between 'price_change' and 'price', suggesting the relationship between current and previous prices.

Code:

```
correlation_matrix = data.drop(columns=['material']).corr()
print("\nCorrelation Matrix:")
print(correlation_matrix)
```

7. Visualization:

Heatmap of Correlation Matrix:

Provides a visual representation of correlations between numeric variables.

Helps in identifying patterns and relationships in the data.

In this dataset, no significant correlations are observed.

Code:

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt=".2f")
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
```

Model Output:

1.Data Overview:

A brief introduction to the dataset, explaining its purpose and structure.

Data Head:

	year	material	price
0	2018	Wheat	200
1	2018	Corn	180
2	2018	Soybeans	220
3	2018	Rice	250
4	2018	Sugar Cane	150

2.Summary Statistics:

Statistical summary of the dataset, including measures like mean, median, standard deviation, min, max, etc.

Summary Statistics:

	year	price
count	24.000000	24.000000
mean	2019.000000	222.083333
std	0.834058	52.583612
min	2018.000000	150.000000
25%	2018.000000	187.500000
50%	2019.000000	200.000000
75%	2020.000000	250.000000
max	2020.000000	350.000000

3.High-Range and Low-Range Materials:

List of materials with the highest and lowest prices, along with their corresponding prices.

High-Range Materials:			
	year	material	price
21	2020	Cotton	350
13	2019	Cotton	320
5	2018	Cotton	300
19	2020	Rice	300
11	2019	Rice	270
3	2018	Rice	250
16	2020	Wheat	250
18	2020	Soybeans	230
2	2018	Soybeans	220
8	2019	Wheat	220
Low-Range Materials:			
	year	material	price
4	2018	Sugar Cane	150
12	2019	Sugar Cane	160
7	2018	Potatoes	170
1	2018	Corn	180
15	2019	Potatoes	180
20	2020	Sugar Cane	180
6	2018	Barley	190
9	2019	Corn	190
0	2018	Wheat	200
10	2019	Soybeans	200

4.High and Low Percentage Change Materials:

Materials with the highest and lowest percentage changes in prices, along with the calculated percentage changes.

High Percentage Change Materials:

	year	material	price	price_change
18	2020	Soybeans	230	15.000000
16	2020	Wheat	250	13.636364
20	2020	Sugar Cane	180	12.500000
19	2020	Rice	300	11.111111
23	2020	Potatoes	200	11.111111
8	2019	Wheat	220	10.000000
22	2020	Barley	220	10.000000
21	2020	Cotton	350	9.375000
11	2019	Rice	270	8.000000
12	2019	Sugar Cane	160	6.666667

Low Percentage Change Materials:

	year	material	price	price_change
10	2019	Soybeans	200	-9.090909
14	2019	Barley	200	5.263158
17	2020	Corn	200	5.263158
9	2019	Corn	190	5.555556
15	2019	Potatoes	180	5.882353
12	2019	Sugar Cane	160	6.666667
13	2019	Cotton	320	6.666667
11	2019	Rice	270	8.000000
21	2020	Cotton	350	9.375000
8	2019	Wheat	220	10.000000

5.Price Change Over Years:

Analysis of price changes over different years, including minimum and maximum prices for each year, and the price range.

Price Change Over Years:			
	min	max	price_range
year			
2018	150	300	150
2019	160	320	160
2020	180	350	170

6. Correlation Matrix:

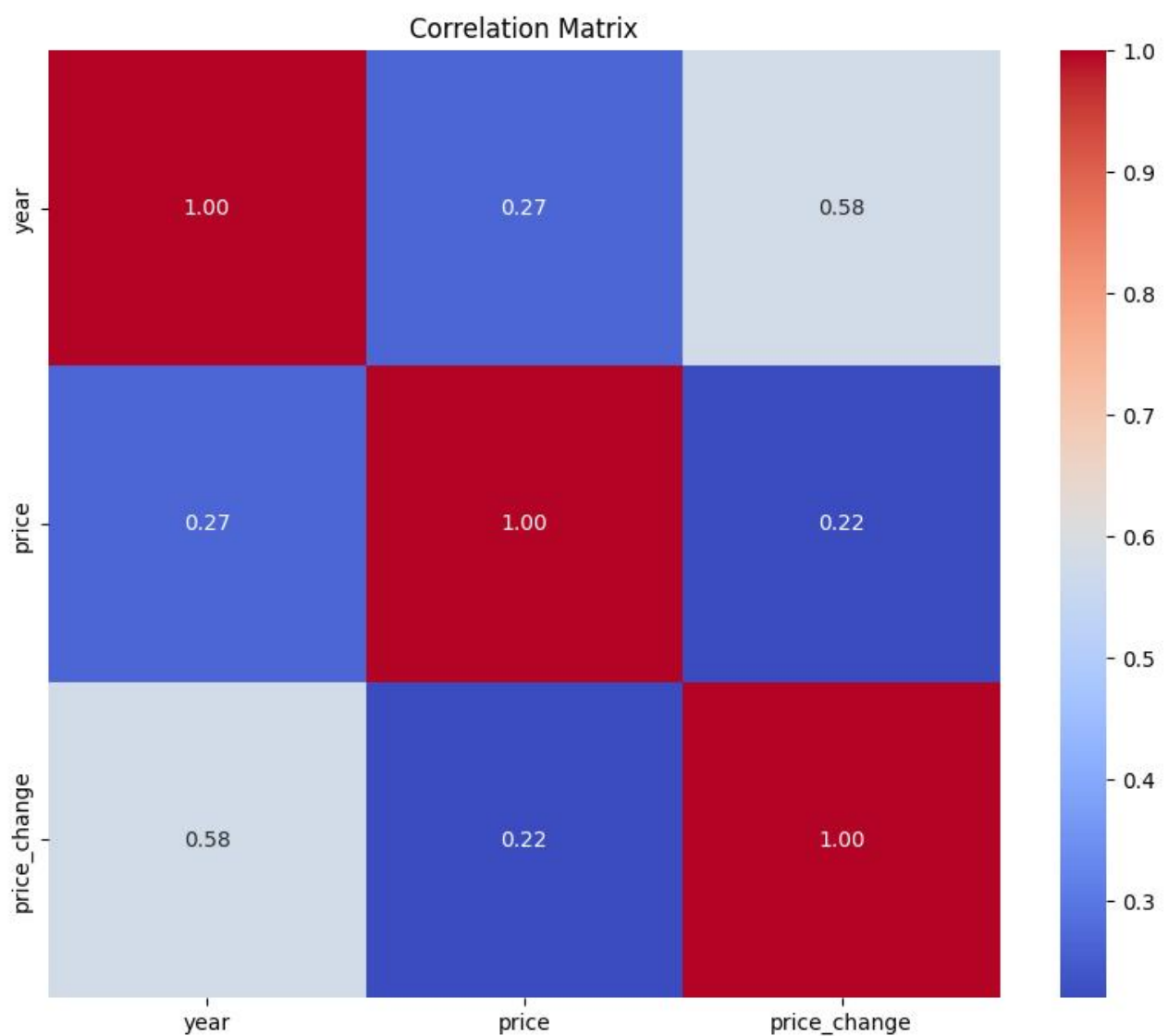
Correlation matrix showing the relationships between numeric variables, particularly focusing on the correlation between price and other variables.

Correlation Matrix:

	year	price	price_change
year	1.000000	0.267664	0.577270
price	0.267664	1.000000	0.220534
price_change	0.577270	0.220534	1.000000

7. Visualization:

Heatmap of the correlation matrix for a visual representation of correlations between variables.



CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the developed code for predictive modeling of agricultural raw material prices offers a powerful framework for analyzing historical data, building predictive models, and gaining valuable insights into market dynamics. By leveraging machine learning algorithms and data analysis techniques, stakeholders in the agricultural sector can make informed decisions regarding resource allocation, pricing strategies, and risk management. The comprehensive approach to data analysis, model selection, and evaluation ensures accuracy and reliability in predicting raw material prices, ultimately enhancing decision-making processes and driving innovation in agricultural economics. This code serves as a valuable tool for stakeholders seeking to optimize operations, mitigate risks, and capitalize on market opportunities in the ever-evolving landscape of agricultural commodities.

FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope of this project is vast. With the advent of advanced analytics and machine learning, PowerBI can be leveraged to predict future trends based on historical data. Integrating these predictive analytics into the project could enable the bank to anticipate customer needs and proactively offer solutions. Furthermore, PowerBI's capability to integrate with various data sources opens up the possibility of incorporating more diverse datasets for a more holistic view of customers. As data privacy and security become increasingly important, future iterations of this project should focus on implementing robust data governance strategies. This would ensure the secure handling of sensitive customer data while complying with data protection regulations. Additionally, the project could explore the integration of real-time data streams to provide even more timely and relevant insights. This could potentially transform the way banks interact with their customers, leading to improved customer satisfaction and loyalty.

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<https://github.com/Janardhan4352/Agricultural-Raw-Material-Analysis/blob/main/Project%20Code>