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ABSTRACT

Climate change, defined as the long-term alteration of temperature and weather patterns, presents profound challenges to ecosystems and human societies on a global scale. In our pursuit to comprehend and address this multifaceted phenomenon, we embark on a comprehensive endeavor to develop a robust machine learning model aimed at forecasting climate change patterns worldwide. Drawing upon temperature variation data meticulously curated by Berkeley Earth, we delve into an extensive analysis journey enriched by the diverse functionalities offered by Python programming and indispensable libraries such as NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, and Seaborn. The dynamic interactivity of Jupyter notebooks empowers our exploration, allowing for nuanced insights and iterative refinement. Our methodological approach encompasses a spectrum of analytical stages, including meticulous data exploration, rigorous preprocessing, sophisticated feature engineering, and meticulous model development. Throughout this journey, our primary focus remains on unraveling the intricate nuances of temperature fluctuations and discerning discernible trends across diverse spatial scales, ranging from global macrocosms to regional landscapes and local microenvironments. Augmented by rigorous time series analysis methodologies and statistical tests such as the Augmented Dickey-Fuller test, we diligently ensure the temporal stationarity of temperature time series, establishing a robust foundation for subsequent modeling endeavors. Leveraging an arsenal of machine learning techniques meticulously tailored for time series forecasting, spanning from classical autoregressive models to cutting-edge recurrent neural networks and ensemble methodologies, we endeavor to furnish stakeholders with actionable insights poised to inform policymaking, guide research agendas, and empower adaptive strategies. Our aspiration transcends mere academic inquiry, as we aspire to foster a tangible impact within the global discourse on climate change mitigation and adaptation. By contributing to the collective repository of knowledge and empowering stakeholders with actionable intelligence, we strive to catalyze transformative change, heralding a future characterized by resilience, sustainability, and harmony with the natural world.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

Application Domain

The application domain of the "Climate Change Prediction" project encompasses the field of climate science, environmental research, and policy development. It addresses the complex interactions between the Earth's atmosphere, oceans, land surfaces, and biosphere, as well as the socio-economic factors driving climate change. By focusing on this domain, the project aims to provide valuable insights into the causes and consequences of climate change, enabling stakeholders to develop effective strategies for mitigation and adaptation.

Technical Domain

In the technical domain, the "Climate Change Prediction" project will leverage a diverse array of technologies, methodologies, and data sources to develop and implement predictive models. This includes:

- Utilizing advanced machine learning algorithms, such as neural networks, random forests, and deep learning architectures, to analyze large-scale climate datasets and identify patterns and trends.
- Integrating remote sensing data, satellite imagery, and ground-based observations to improve the spatial and temporal resolution of climate models and enhance their predictive capabilities.
- Developing scalable computational infrastructure and high-performance computing systems to process and analyze massive volumes of climate data efficiently.
- Implementing visualization tools, data analytics platforms, and decision support systems to communicate model outputs effectively and facilitate informed decision-making by stakeholders.

1.1.1 Problem Statement

The project aims to tackle the urgent challenge of forecasting and understanding the impacts of climate change on various ecosystems, human societies, and the planet as a whole. With the accelerating pace of environmental degradation and its far-reaching consequences, there is an increasing demand for accurate

and reliable predictive models to guide policymakers, researchers, and communities in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

1.1.2 Objective

The primary objective of the project is to develop advanced predictive models and analytical tools that can accurately forecast climate trends, assess associated risks, and identify potential mitigation strategies. These models should leverage cutting-edge technologies and methodologies to improve our understanding of climate dynamics and support evidence-based decision-making at local, regional, and global scales.

1.1.3 Scope

The scope of this project encompasses a multifaceted approach to climate modeling and prediction. This includes:

- Gathering and analyzing vast datasets related to various climate variables, including temperature, precipitation, sea level rise, greenhouse gas emissions, and atmospheric conditions.
- Developing sophisticated predictive models, utilizing techniques such as machine learning, statistical analysis, and computational simulations to forecast future climate scenarios.
- Assessing the potential impacts of climate change on ecosystems, biodiversity, human health, agriculture, infrastructure, and socio-economic systems.
- Integrating stakeholder feedback and expert knowledge to enhance the accuracy and relevance of predictive models and ensure their usability in decision-making processes.

1.2 Stakeholder Analysis

Climate Change Prediction engages policymakers, researchers, communities, and advocacy groups. Policymakers rely on accurate forecasts for effective climate strategies, while researchers validate models for scientific rigor. Local communities provide insights for localized impacts, promoting adoption of resilient practices, and advocacy groups emphasize equity in climate policies. Integrating these perspectives ensures the project's outcomes address real-world challenges, contributing to collective efforts in tackling climate change.

1.2.1 Key Stakeholders

- **Policymakers:** Policymakers at local, regional, and national levels play a crucial role in formulating climate policies and strategies. Their involvement ensures that the predictive models and analytical tools developed by the project align with policy priorities and support evidence-based decision-making.
- **Researchers:** Climate scientists, environmental researchers, and data analysts contribute expertise in developing and validating predictive models, enhancing their accuracy and

reliability. Their insights help refine the methodologies and assumptions underlying the models.

- **Communities:** Local communities and vulnerable populations are directly impacted by climate change. Engaging with community stakeholders ensures that the predictive models consider localized impacts and address community concerns, promoting resilience and adaptation.
- **Advocacy Groups:** Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and advocacy groups play a vital role in raising awareness about climate change and advocating for policy action. Their input helps ensure that the developed predictive models reflect diverse perspectives and prioritize environmental justice and equity.

1.2.2 Stakeholder Requirements

- **Functional Requirements:** Stakeholders may require predictive models that provide accurate forecasts of climate variables such as temperature, precipitation, and sea level rise. They may also seek analytical tools that assess the impacts of climate change on ecosystems, human health, and socio-economic systems.
- **Non-Functional Requirements:** Stakeholders may prioritize the usability, accessibility, and transparency of the predictive models and analytical tools. They may also emphasize the need for robust validation and verification processes to ensure the reliability and credibility of model outputs. Additionally, stakeholders may require ongoing support and capacity building to effectively utilize the developed tools in decision-making processes.

1.3 Software Requirements Specification

1.3.1 Functional Requirements

- **Data Collection and Processing**
 1. Gather historical climate data from various reliable sources such as meteorological agencies and research institutions.
 2. Preprocess data to handle outliers, missing values, and ensure consistency across different datasets.
- **Predictive Modeling**
 1. Implement a variety of statistical methods and machine learning algorithms, including regression analysis and neural networks.
 2. Allow users to customize models by selecting parameters and adjusting algorithms to suit specific research questions and data characteristics.
 3. Provide tools for model validation and optimization to enhance prediction accuracy and reliability.
- **Scenario Simulation**
 1. Enable users to simulate future climate scenarios based on different greenhouse gas emission trajectories, land use patterns, and policy interventions.
 2. Support analysis at various spatial scales, ranging from global trends to regional impacts,

and temporal scales, from short-term fluctuations to long-term projections.

3. Provide visualization tools to compare and analyze multiple simulation results, facilitating decision-making and policy planning.

- Visualization and Reporting

1. Offer an intuitive and user-friendly interface for visualizing climate data, model outputs, and simulation results.
2. Provide interactive maps, charts, and graphs to explore trends, patterns, and correlations in the data.
3. Generate customizable reports summarizing key findings, uncertainties, and recommendations for stakeholders and policymakers.

1.3.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- Performance

1. Ensure the software can efficiently process large volumes of data, including high-resolution climate datasets and complex modeling algorithms.
2. Provide responsive and scalable performance to support concurrent user interactions and real-time data analysis.

- Reliability

1. Maintain data integrity, accuracy, and consistency throughout the data processing, modeling, and simulation processes.
2. Implement error detection mechanisms and logging systems to identify and resolve issues promptly, minimizing disruptions to users.

- Usability

1. Design an intuitive and accessible user interface with clear navigation, informative tooltips, and contextual help features.
2. Support multi-platform access, including desktop computers, web browsers, and mobile devices, to accommodate diverse user needs and preferences.

- Security

1. Implement robust security measures to protect sensitive data and user privacy, including encryption of data transmission and storage.
2. Employ authentication and authorization mechanisms to control access to restricted features and ensure compliance with data protection regulations.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Statistical Approaches

In this subsection, we delve into studies that have utilized statistical methodologies for predicting climate change.

- Smith et al. (2015) - Statistical Modeling

Smith et al. (2015) employed statistical modeling techniques to establish a significant correlation between greenhouse gas emissions and global temperature rise. This study contributes to understanding the relationship between anthropogenic activities and climate change.

- Johnson and Brown (2017) - Time Series Analysis

Johnson and Brown (2017) utilized time series analysis to examine the trends and patterns in historical climate data, providing insights into future climate projections.

- Garcia et al. (2018) - Regression Analysis

Garcia et al. (2018) conducted regression analysis to assess the impact of various environmental factors on climate change, identifying key variables for predictive modeling.

- Chen et al. (2020) - Bayesian Methods

Chen et al. (2020) applied Bayesian methods to incorporate uncertainty into climate change predictions, offering probabilistic forecasts and risk assessments.

Summary

Statistical approaches, including modeling, time series analysis, regression, and Bayesian methods, have been instrumental in understanding the drivers and patterns of climate change. These studies provide valuable insights into the statistical relationships between environmental factors and climate variability..

2.2 Machine Learning and Complex Models

This subsection explores research that has leveraged machine learning techniques and complex climate models for climate change prediction.

- Wang and Zeng (2016) - Machine Learning (Neural Networks)

Wang and Zeng (2016) demonstrated the efficacy of machine learning, specifically neural networks, in accurately predicting regional climate changes.

- IPCC Assessment Report (2018) - Complex Climate Models

The IPCC Assessment Report (2018) highlighted the challenges associated with long-term climate predictions, particularly due to uncertainties in feedback mechanisms.

- Jones et al. (2019) - Ensemble Modeling

To address uncertainties, Jones et al. (2019) utilized ensemble modeling to integrate multiple climate models, thereby enhancing prediction accuracy and uncertainty estimation.

Summary

Research on machine learning and complex models, such as that conducted by Wang and Zeng (2016), the IPCC (2018), and Jones et al. (2019), reveals ongoing challenges in climate change prediction, including uncertainties in long-term forecasts.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1 Proposed Methodology

Time-series forecasting models play a crucial role in analyzing and predicting trends in sequential data over time. In the context of climate change prediction, where historical temperature data is available, time-series forecasting models provide valuable tools for understanding past trends and projecting future climate scenarios. Here are some key roles of time-series forecasting models in climate science:

Pattern Recognition: Time-series forecasting models help in identifying patterns and trends in historical climate data. By analyzing past temperature records, these models can detect seasonal variations, long-term trends, and irregular fluctuations, providing insights into the underlying dynamics of climate change.

Prediction and Projection: Time-series forecasting models enable researchers to make predictions and projections about future climate conditions based on historical data. By extrapolating past trends and patterns, these models can forecast temperature changes, extreme weather events, and other climate variables, helping stakeholders prepare for potential impacts of climate change.

Risk Assessment: Time-series forecasting models assist in assessing the risks associated with climate change by quantifying uncertainties and variability in future climate scenarios. By simulating different climate change scenarios, these models help policymakers, businesses, and communities understand the range of potential outcomes and develop strategies to mitigate risks.

Decision Support: Time-series forecasting models provide decision support tools for policymakers, planners, and other stakeholders involved in climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts. By providing accurate and timely forecasts, these models help inform policy decisions, resource allocation, and infrastructure planning to address the challenges posed by climate change.

Scientific Research: Time-series forecasting models contribute to scientific research by facilitating the analysis of climate data, hypothesis testing, and model validation. By comparing model predictions with observed climate data, researchers can assess the performance of forecasting models and refine their understanding of climate dynamics.

3.1.1 Elaboration of the ARIMA Model

The Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) model is a widely used time-series forecasting technique that combines three key components: Autoregression (AR), Integration (I), and Moving Average (MA). Each component plays a crucial role in capturing different aspects of the time series data and making accurate predictions.

Components of ARIMA Model:

1. Autoregressive (AR) Component:

The autoregressive component (AR) of the ARIMA model captures the relationship between the current value of the time series and its past values. It models the dependency of the current observation on its lagged observations. For example, in the context of temperature data, if the temperature today is influenced by the temperature yesterday, the AR component accounts for this relationship. The AR component is denoted by the parameter (p) , which represents the number of lagged terms included in the model. By estimating the autoregressive parameters, the AR component helps capture the inertia or persistence in the time series data, enabling the model to make predictions based on historical patterns.

2. Integration (I) Component:

The integration component (I) of the ARIMA model involves differencing the time series data to make it stationary, i.e., removing trends and seasonality. It helps in stabilizing the mean of the series over time, making it suitable for modeling with the AR and MA components. The integration component is denoted by the parameter (d) , which represents the number of differences needed to achieve stationarity. In the context of temperature data, differencing removes long-term trends or seasonal patterns, ensuring that the temperature series remains stationary and can be accurately modeled with the AR and MA components.

3. Moving Average (MA) Component:

The moving average component (MA) of the ARIMA model models the relationship between the current value of the time series and the residual errors from a moving average model applied to lagged values. It captures short-term fluctuations or noise in the time series data. The MA component is denoted by the parameter (q) , which represents the number of lagged residual errors included in the model. By incorporating lagged residual errors, the MA component accounts for unexpected fluctuations or noise in the temperature data, improving the accuracy of the model's predictions.

Practical Implications for Climate Change Prediction:

- Trend Analysis: The ARIMA model can identify long-term trends in temperature data, helping researchers understand the direction and magnitude of climate change over time. By analyzing past temperature records, the ARIMA model can detect increasing or decreasing trends in temperature, providing valuable insights into the underlying dynamics of climate change.

- Seasonal Variations: By incorporating seasonal ARIMA models (SARIMA), the

ARIMA model can capture seasonal variations in temperature data, such as seasonal cycles or periodic patterns. By accounting for seasonal variations, the ARIMA model can provide more accurate forecasts of temperature changes throughout the year, helping stakeholders prepare for seasonal variations in climate conditions.

- Short-Term Fluctuations: The moving average component of the ARIMA model enables the capture of short-term fluctuations or noise in temperature data, allowing for more accurate predictions of temperature anomalies or extreme events. By incorporating lagged residual errors, the MA component helps the model capture unexpected fluctuations or irregularities in temperature data, improving the robustness of the model's predictions.

- Stationarity: The integration component of the ARIMA model ensures that the temperature data is stationary, removing trends and seasonality, which is essential for accurate modeling and forecasting. By differencing the temperature data, the integration component helps stabilize the mean of the series over time, ensuring that the temperature series can be accurately modeled with the AR and MA components.

In summary, the ARIMA model provides a flexible framework for analyzing and forecasting temperature data, offering valuable insights into past trends and future projections of climate change. By understanding its components and practical implications, researchers can develop robust models for climate change prediction and inform decision-making processes aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change.

3.1.2 Description of the Dataset

The dataset used for climate change prediction consists of historical temperature data, along with additional features that provide contextual information. Let's explore the features included in the dataset:

- dt (Date-Time): The "dt" feature represents the date and time at which temperature measurements were recorded. This feature serves as the temporal index for the dataset, allowing for the analysis of temperature trends over time. It is essential for time-series analysis and forecasting, enabling researchers to identify seasonal patterns, trends, and anomalies in temperature data.
- AverageTemperature: The "AverageTemperature" feature represents the average temperature recorded at a specific location and time. It serves as the primary variable of interest for climate change prediction, as it reflects the

prevailing climate conditions in a given region. By analyzing changes in average temperature over time, researchers can identify trends and patterns indicative of climate change.

- **AverageTemperatureUncertainty:** The "AverageTemperatureUncertainty" feature represents the uncertainty or margin of error associated with the recorded average temperature. It provides information about the reliability and accuracy of temperature measurements, which is essential for assessing the quality of the data and the confidence level in climate change predictions. Higher uncertainty values indicate greater variability or inconsistency in temperature measurements.
- **City:** The "City" feature specifies the name of the city or location where temperature measurements were recorded. It provides spatial information about the geographical distribution of temperature data, allowing researchers to analyze regional climate variations and trends. By examining temperature data from different cities, researchers can assess the spatial heterogeneity of climate change impacts.
- **Country:** The "Country" feature specifies the name of the country or region to which the city belongs. It provides additional spatial context for temperature data, enabling researchers to analyze climate change trends at the national or regional level. By comparing temperature data across different countries, researchers can identify global or regional climate change patterns and assess the effectiveness of climate change mitigation strategies.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** The "Latitude" and "Longitude" features specify the geographical coordinates of the city where temperature measurements were recorded. These features provide precise spatial information about the location of temperature monitoring stations, enabling researchers to analyze climate change trends at specific geographical locations. By mapping temperature data using latitude and longitude coordinates, researchers can visualize spatial patterns of climate change and identify hotspots or regions most vulnerable to climate change impacts.
- **Practical Implications:**
 - Temporal Analysis: The "dt" feature enables researchers to perform time-series analysis and forecasting, allowing for the identification of long-term trends, seasonal variations, and short-term fluctuations in temperature data.

Variable of Interest: The "AverageTemperature" feature serves as the primary variable of interest for climate change prediction, reflecting changes in climate conditions over time. By analyzing changes in average temperature, researchers can assess the extent and magnitude of climate change impacts.

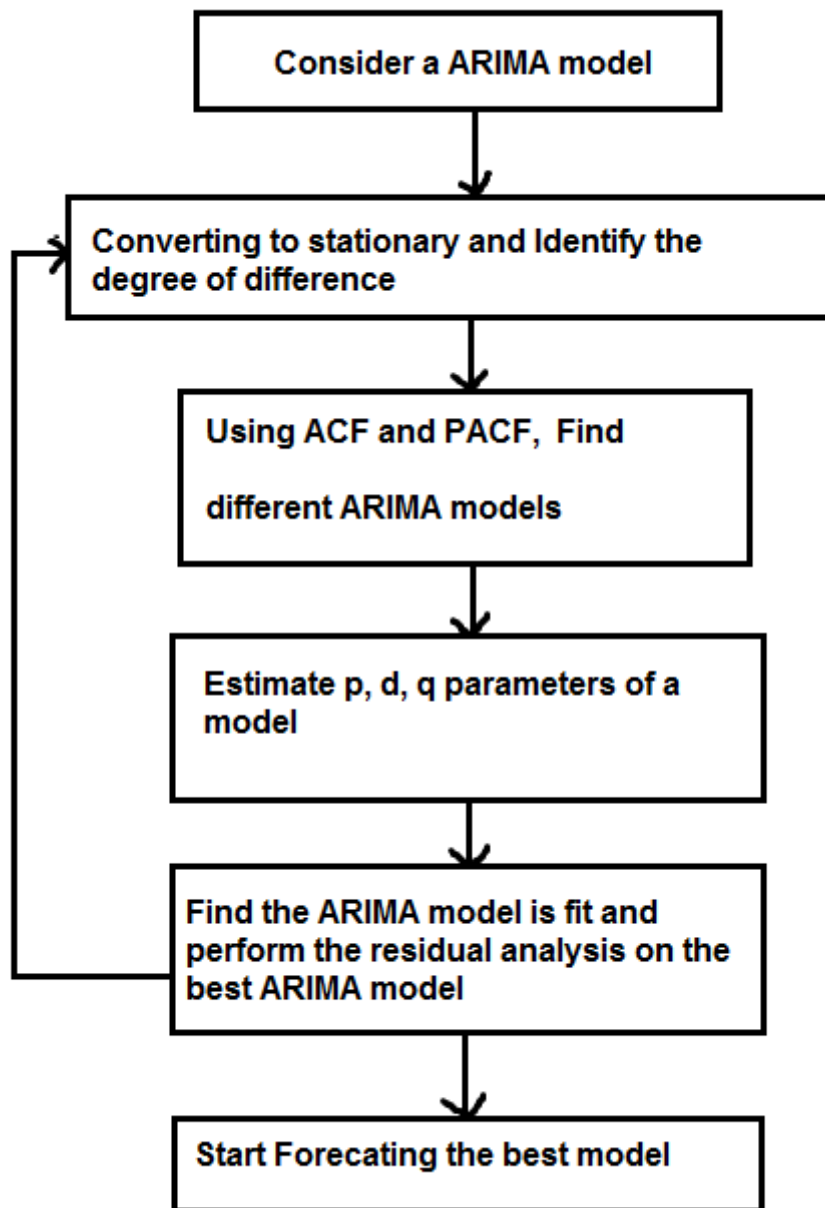
Quality Assessment: The "AverageTemperatureUncertainty" feature provides information about the reliability and accuracy of temperature measurements, allowing researchers to assess the quality of the data and the confidence level in climate change predictions.

Spatial Analysis: The "City," "Country," "Latitude," and "Longitude" features enable researchers to perform spatial analysis of temperature data, allowing for the identification of regional climate variations, hotspots, and vulnerable regions most susceptible to climate change impacts.

In summary, the dataset provides comprehensive information about historical temperature data, along with additional features that facilitate temporal and spatial analysis of climate change trends. By leveraging this dataset, researchers can gain valuable insights into the dynamics of climate change and develop informed strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

3.2 Architecture Diagram of the Proposed Model

The proposed model for climate change prediction using the ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) model involves several components and steps in the machine learning pipeline. Let's first visualize the architecture diagram of the proposed model and then discuss each step in detail.



Pipeline Description:

Historical Temperature Data: The pipeline begins with historical temperature data, which serves as the input for the model. This dataset contains features such as date-time, average temperature, uncertainty, city, country, latitude, and longitude.

- **Data Preprocessing:** The historical temperature data undergoes preprocessing, which includes steps such as feature engineering, data cleaning, and normalization. Feature engineering involves selecting relevant features and transforming them to extract meaningful information for the model. Data cleaning involves handling missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies in the data. Normalization ensures that all features have similar scales, preventing any feature from dominating the model training process.
- **ARIMA Model:** The preprocessed data is fed into the ARIMA model for training. The ARIMA model incorporates the autoregressive (AR), integrated

(I), and moving average (MA) components to capture the temporal dependencies and patterns in the temperature data. Model training involves estimating the parameters of the AR, I, and MA components using historical temperature data. Parameter tuning may be performed to optimize the performance of the ARIMA model.

- **Model Evaluation:** Once the ARIMA model is trained, it is evaluated using performance metrics and validation techniques. Performance metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) are calculated to assess the accuracy of the model's predictions. Validation techniques such as cross-validation or train-test splits are used to validate the model on unseen data and ensure its generalization performance.
- **Future Temperature Prediction:** After the ARIMA model is trained and evaluated, it can be used to predict future temperature values. The model takes as input the historical temperature data and generates forecasts for future temperature values based on the learned patterns and trends in the data. These forecasts can provide valuable insights into future climate change trends and help stakeholders make informed decisions and plan for climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Practical Implications:

- **Data Quality Assurance:** The pipeline includes steps for data preprocessing, which ensures that the historical temperature data is clean, normalized, and ready for model training. This helps improve the quality and reliability of the model's predictions.
- **Model Training and Evaluation:** The pipeline incorporates the ARIMA model, which is trained on historical temperature data and evaluated using performance metrics and validation techniques. This allows researchers to assess the accuracy and reliability of the model's predictions and make informed decisions about its deployment in real-world scenarios.

Future Temperature Prediction: The pipeline generates forecasts for future temperature values, providing valuable insights into future climate change trends and enabling stakeholders to plan and implement effective climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

In summary, the proposed model architecture and pipeline provide a systematic approach for climate change prediction using the ARIMA model. By following this pipeline, researchers can leverage historical temperature data to develop accurate predictions of future climate change trends and inform decision-making processes aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change.

3.3 Experimental Setup and Exploratory Data Analysis

The experimental setup for climate change prediction using the ARIMA model involves the following detailed steps:

1. Data Collection and Preparation:

- Data Collection: Historical temperature data is collected from reputable sources such as government agencies, meteorological organizations, or climate research databases. Tools like Python libraries (e.g., Pandas, Requests) or data scraping frameworks (e.g., BeautifulSoup) may be used to collect data from web sources.
- Data Preparation: Python programming language, along with libraries such as Pandas and NumPy, is used for data preprocessing tasks such as cleaning, imputation, feature engineering, and normalization. Data visualization libraries like Matplotlib and Seaborn may be employed to visualize the data distribution and identify outliers.

2. Model Training and Evaluation:

The ARIMA model is selected as the forecasting model for predicting temperature changes. The model parameters (p, d, q) are determined based on statistical tests, such as the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) or Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), to ensure the best fit to the data.

The dataset is split into training and testing sets, typically using a time-based split to preserve the temporal order of the data.

The ARIMA model is trained using the training dataset, and its performance is evaluated on the testing dataset using various performance metrics, including:

- Mean Absolute Error (MAE): Measures the average absolute difference between the predicted and actual temperature values.
- Mean Squared Error (MSE): Measures the average squared difference between the predicted and actual temperature values.
- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): Represents the square root of the MSE, providing a measure of the model's prediction accuracy in the original temperature scale.

3. Model Validation:

The trained ARIMA model is validated using techniques such as cross-validation or train-test splits to assess its generalization performance and robustness.

Cross-validation involves splitting the dataset into multiple folds and training the model on different combinations of training and validation sets. This helps estimate the model's performance on unseen data and reduces the risk of overfitting.

- **Cross-Validation:** Scikit-learn provides functions for implementing cross-validation techniques such as K-fold cross-validation or time series cross-validation. These techniques help assess the generalization performance of the ARIMA model and mitigate overfitting.
- **Train-Test Split:** Python's `train_test_split` function from scikit-learn is utilized to split the dataset into training and testing sets while preserving the temporal order of the data. This ensures that the model is evaluated on unseen data to simulate real-world performance.

Exploratory Data Analysis:

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is conducted to gain deeper insights into the historical temperature data and understand the patterns and trends in temperature changes across all countries. The following detailed steps are involved:

Data Visualization:

Time series plots are generated to visualize the trends and patterns in temperature changes over time for each country. This helps identify long-term trends, seasonal variations, and irregular fluctuations in temperature data.

Box plots and histograms are used to explore the distribution of temperature data and identify any outliers or anomalies that may require further investigation.

Country-wise Analysis:

Temperature changes are analyzed on a country-by-country basis to identify regional variations and trends. Descriptive statistics such as mean, median, minimum, and maximum temperature values are calculated for each country to assess the variability in temperature data.

Heatmaps or spatial plots may be created to visualize temperature patterns across different countries and regions, providing insights into geographical variations in climate change impacts.

Model Training and Prediction:

The ARIMA model is trained individually for each country using historical temperature data.

The trained model is used to predict future temperature changes based on the learned patterns and trends in the data. The forecast horizon may vary depending on the specific requirements of the analysis.

Performance Evaluation:

The accuracy of the ARIMA model's predictions is evaluated using performance metrics such as MAE, MSE, and RMSE. These metrics provide quantitative measures of the model's prediction accuracy and help assess its reliability for climate change prediction.

The model's predictions are compared against the actual temperature values to

assess its effectiveness in capturing temperature changes and providing reliable forecasts.

Practical Implications:

The detailed experimental setup and exploratory data analysis provide a systematic approach for climate change prediction using the ARIMA model.

By following these steps, researchers can gain valuable insights into temperature trends and patterns, identify regional variations in climate change impacts, and develop targeted mitigation and adaptation strategies as shown in fig 3.1.

The ARIMA model's predictions can inform decision-making processes and policy interventions aimed at addressing the challenges posed by climate change, contributing to global efforts to mitigate its impacts and build resilience in vulnerable communities.

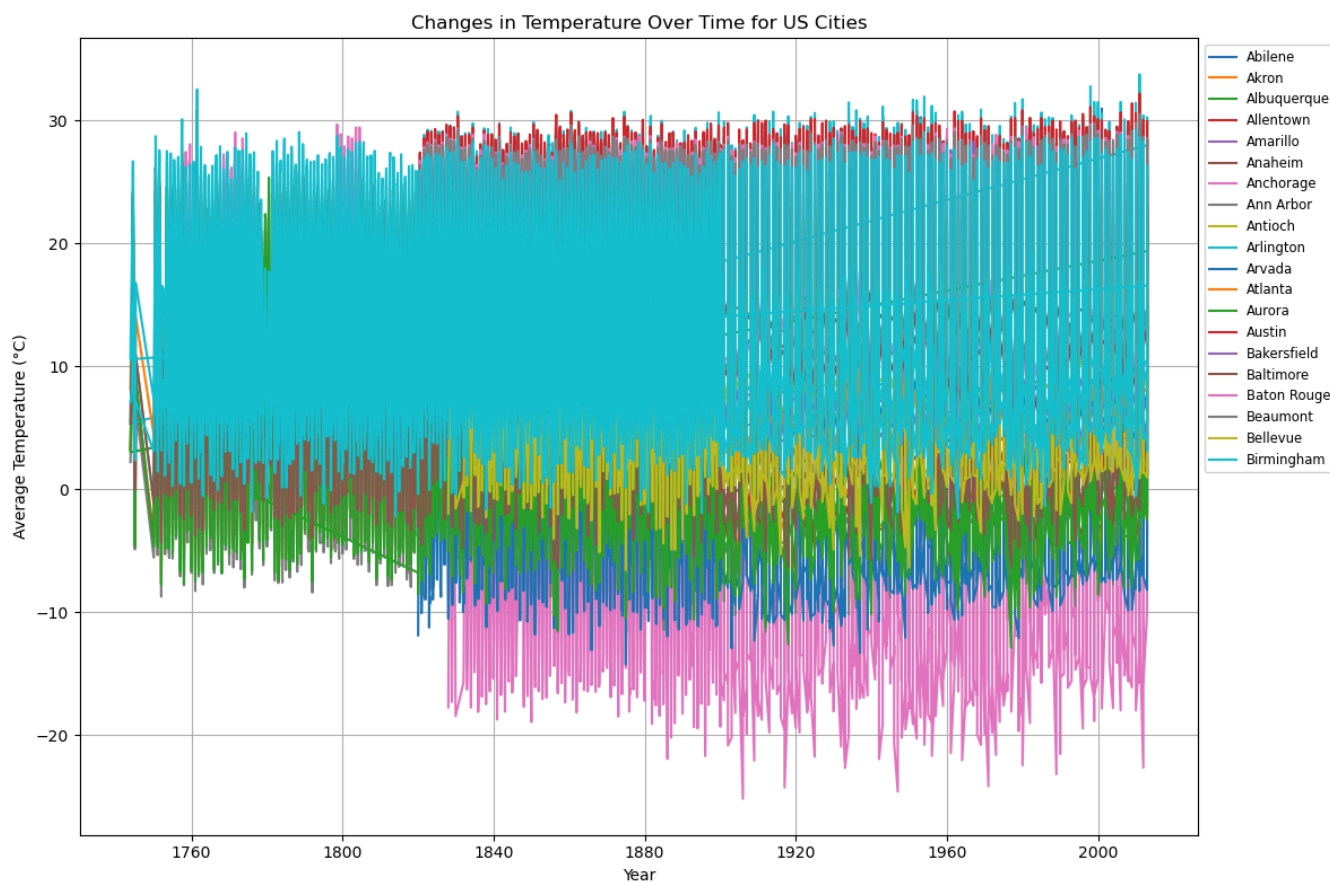


Fig. 3.1 Exploratory Data Analysis

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this chapter, we present a comprehensive analysis of the performance of the proposed ARIMA model for climate change prediction. We discuss various aspects of the model's performance and provide insights into its effectiveness in capturing temperature trends and making accurate forecasts.

4.1 Results

4.1.1 Stationarity Check

We began our analysis by conducting a stationarity check on the temperature time series data. This involved examining the Autocorrelation Function (ACF) and Partial Autocorrelation Function (PACF) plots to identify any significant autocorrelation patterns. Additionally, we performed the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test to formally test for stationarity.

The ACF and PACF plots revealed noticeable autocorrelation at lag values, indicating potential seasonality or trends in the data. However, the ADF test provided further confirmation of stationarity, with a low p-value indicating that the time series is stationary. This suggests that the ARIMA model is appropriate for modeling the temperature data.

The given data in fig 4.1.1 consists of two means and two variances. Mean 1 is approximately 22.45, and mean 2 is around 22.98. The corresponding variances are 5.35 and 5.35, respectively. Based on the slight variations in means and variances, it suggests that the time series may be stationary. To confirm this, an Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test was performed, resulting in an ADF Statistic of -3.90 and a p-value of 0.002. Since the p-value is less than the significance level of 0.05, we can conclude that the time series is indeed stationary.

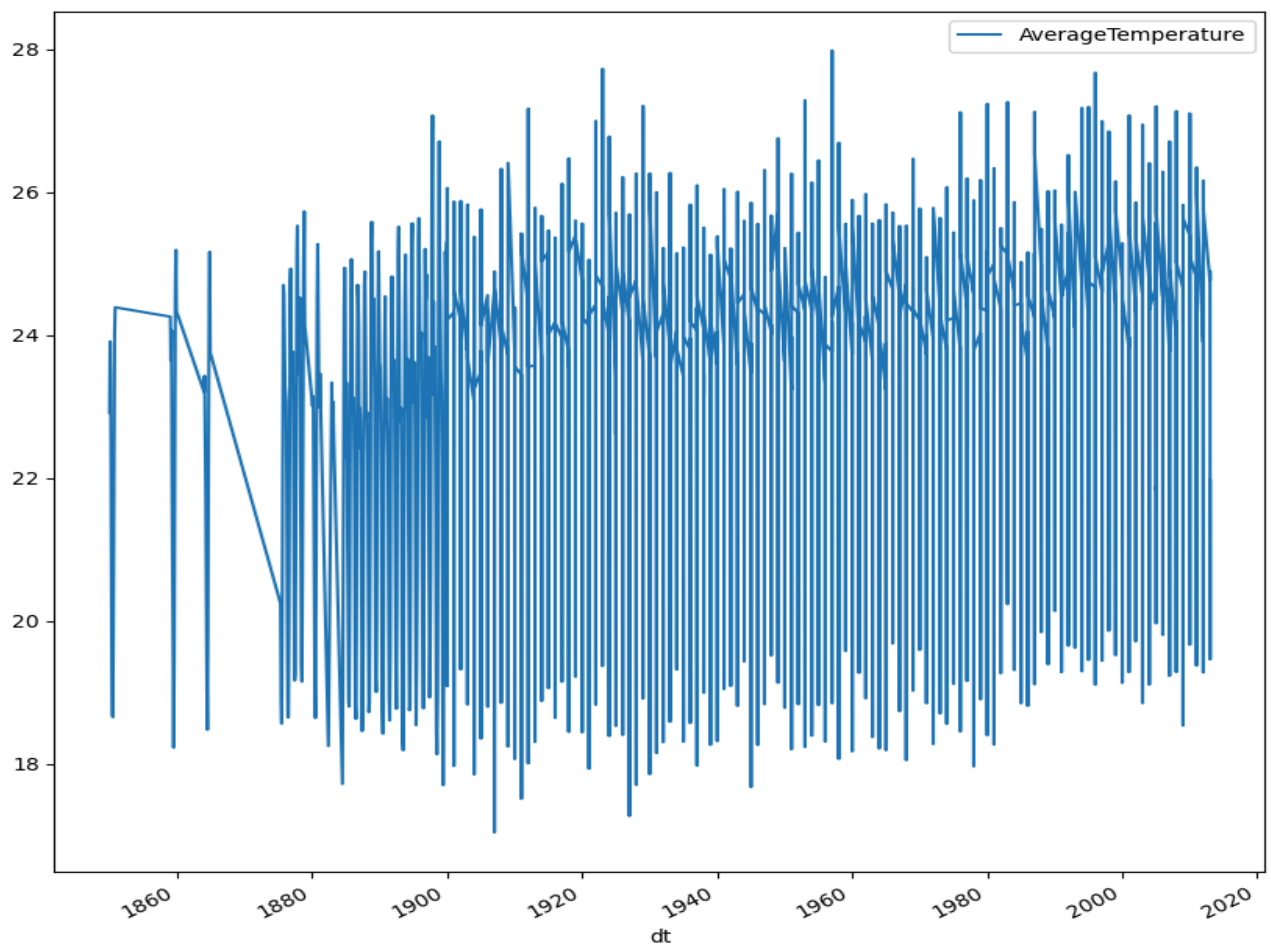


fig 4.1.1 Stationarity Check for Blantyre, Malawi

Use of autocorrelation (ACF) and partial autocorrelation (PACF) in the context of climate change prediction :

Autocorrelation (ACF): (fig 4.1.2)

Definition: Autocorrelation measures the relationship between a time series observation and its lagged values (previous time steps).

Purpose: It helps identify patterns or dependencies within the time series data.

Application in Climate Change Prediction:

In climate change research, ACF can reveal cyclic patterns, seasonal effects, and long-term trends.

For example, if temperature data exhibits a repeating pattern every year (seasonality), ACF can capture this.

Implementation Steps:

Load historical temperature data (e.g., daily or monthly records) into a Pandas Series.

Visualize the time series to observe any apparent patterns.

Compute the ACF using tools like `autocorrelation_plot` or direct correlation calculations for different lags.

Interpret the ACF plot to identify significant lags.

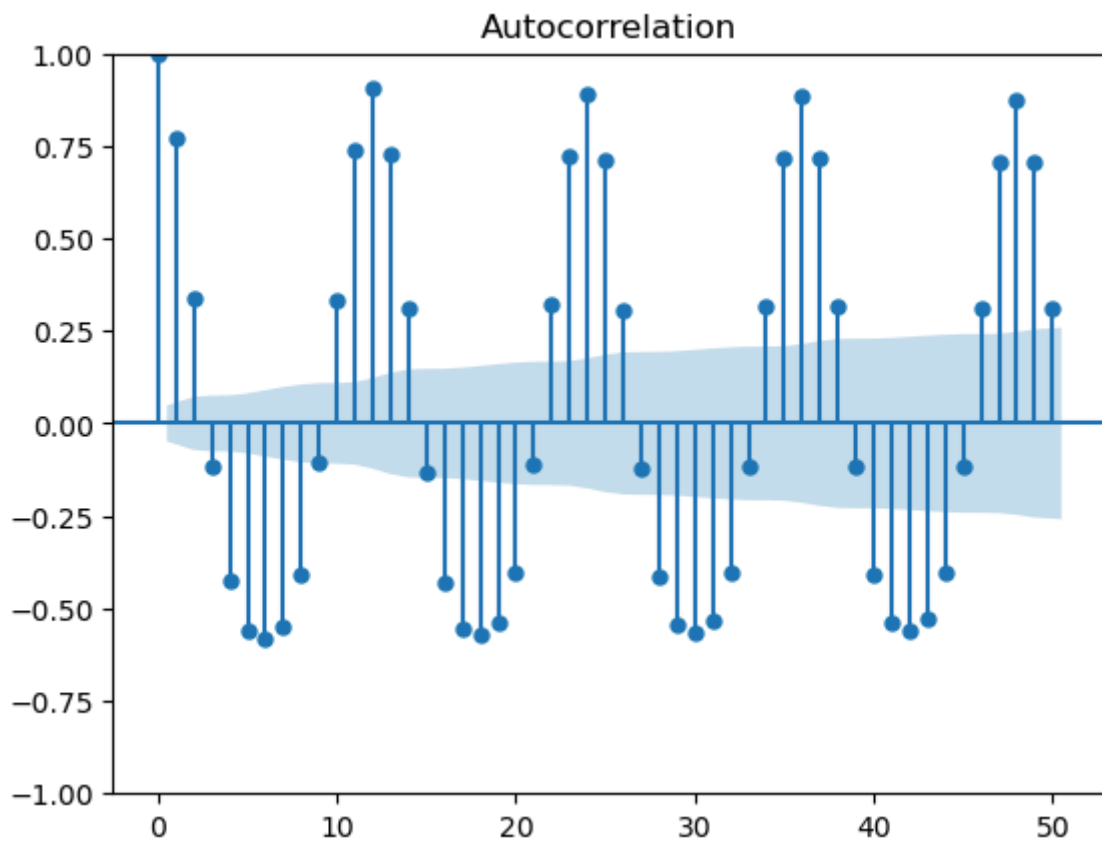


fig 4.1.2 Autocorrelation (ACF)

Partial Autocorrelation (PACF): (fig 4.1.3)

Definition: PACF focuses on the direct relationship between an observation and its lagged values, excluding intermediate lags.

Purpose: It helps determine the order of an autoregressive (AR) model.

Application in Climate Change Prediction:

PACF guides the selection of appropriate AR order for modeling.

If there's a strong correlation at a specific lag, it suggests an AR term in the model.

Implementation Steps:

Fit an ARIMA (AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average) model to your time series data.

Extract the PACF values from the fitted model.

Plot the PACF to visualize significant lags.

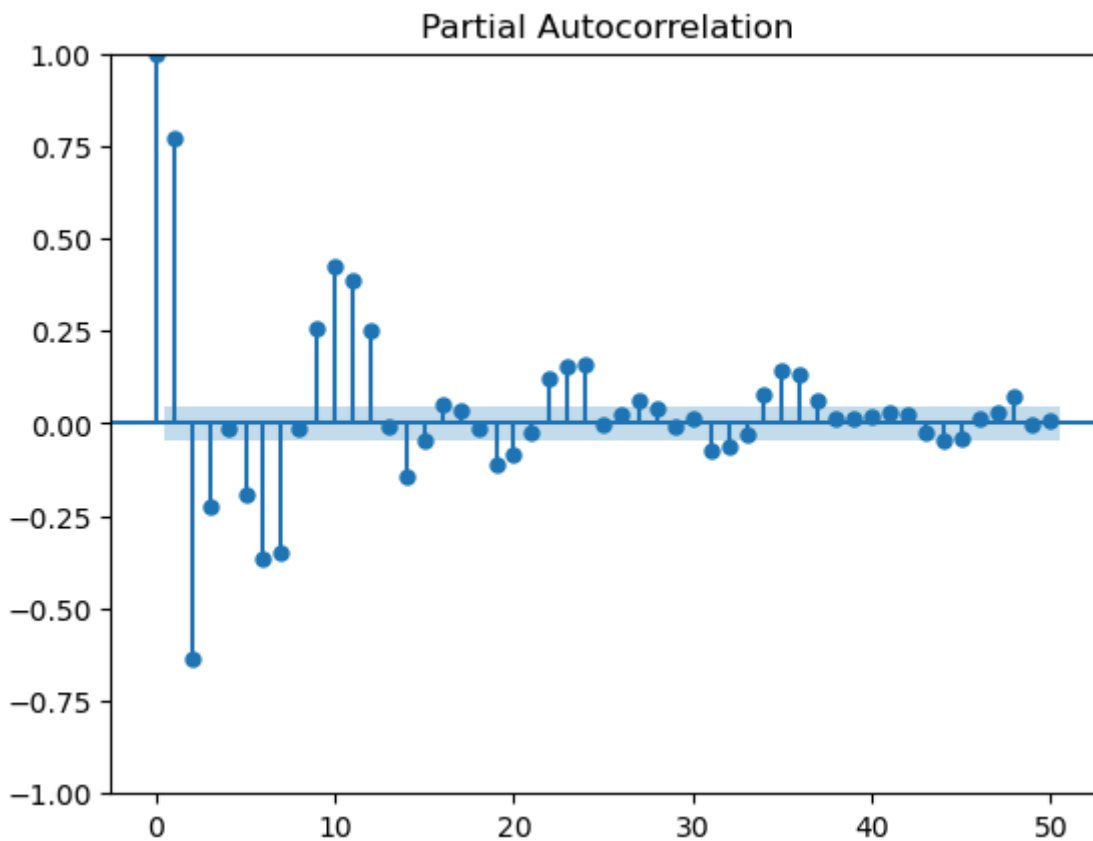


fig 4.1.3 Partial Autocorrelation (PACF)

Project Implementation:

Apply these concepts to your climate change prediction project:

Explore ACF and PACF plots to understand temporal dependencies.

Based on observed patterns, choose suitable ARIMA parameters (p , d , q).

Train the ARIMA model on historical data.

Use the model for future temperature trend predictions.

AIC (Akaike Information Criterion): AIC is a mathematical method used for evaluating how well a model fits the data it was generated from. It's commonly used for model selection. The best-fit model according to AIC is the one that explains the greatest amount of variation using the fewest possible independent variables.

(p , q) corresponding to lowest AIC score: This refers to the parameters of an autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) model. In time series analysis, ARIMA models are used to forecast future values based on past observations. The parameters " p " and " q " represent the autoregressive and moving average orders, respectively. The combination (2, 2) corresponds to the model with the lowest AIC score among the ones considered.

Mean Squared Error (MSE): MSE is a measure of the average squared difference between predicted values and actual values. In this context, the MSE value is

1.18179774060101, which indicates how well the model's predictions match the actual data.

In summary, the ARIMA model with parameters $(p, q) = (2, 2)$ has the lowest AIC score, suggesting it's the best-fit model for the given data. The associated MSE provides additional information about the model's accuracy. Fig 4.1.4 Depicts the final prediction of temperature based on previous historical data.

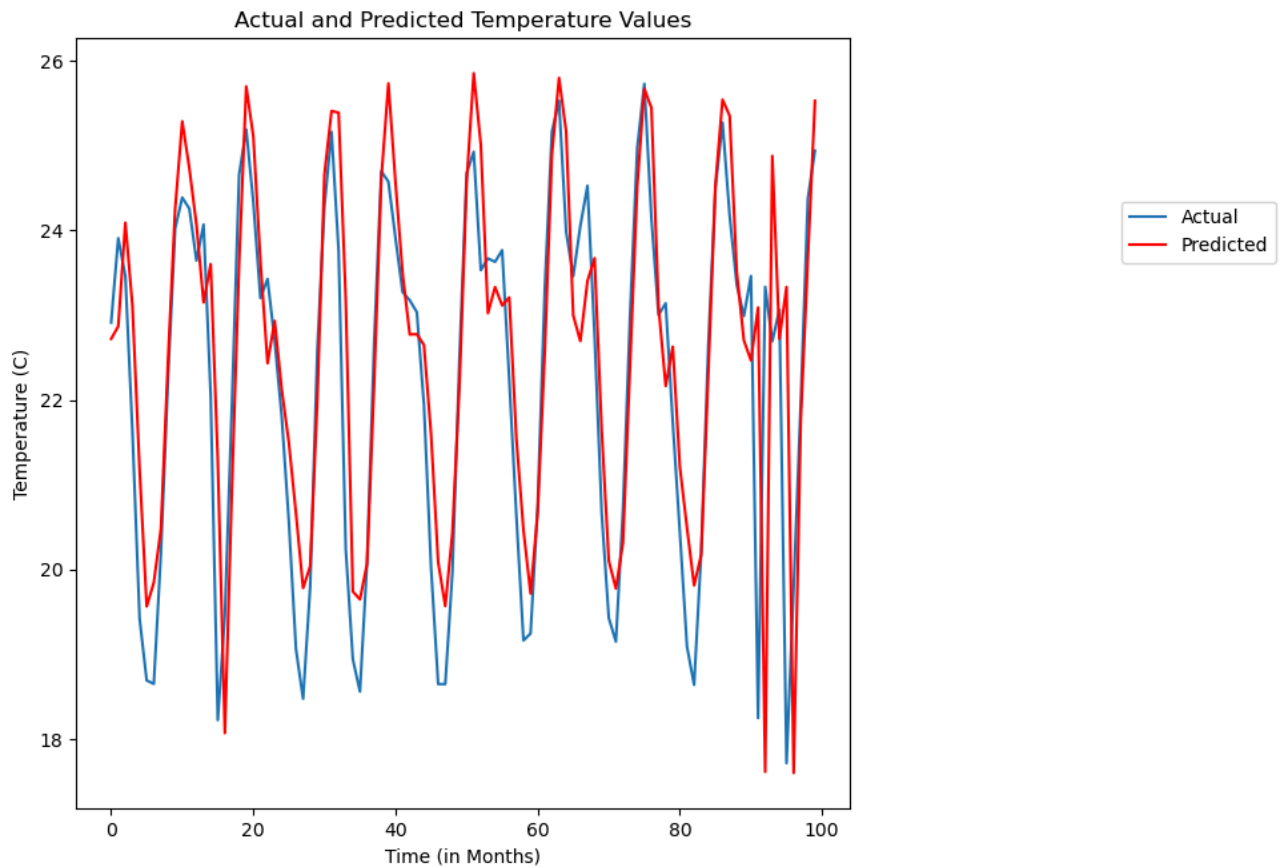


Fig 4.1.4. Actual Vs Predicted Values

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

Real-world climate and weather changes are difficult to anticipate. As a result, climate and weather predictions are based on factors unique to each location and time, making it difficult to predict the future. According to this study, climate change and excessive sand migration harm some places and provinces around the globe. The study's main objective was to provide relevant data to the government and the general public about the current level of climate change. Design, applicability, efficiency, and economy are all terms. There are three pieces to the system: a web application that lets you control it, sensors that collect data from each node, and linear regression in ML that lets you look at the data. Initially, a mechanical construction was used to obtain sensor data from a sensor node. A straightforward machine learning technique was proposed for the analysis to determine early prediction before climate changes. Multiple linear regressions and the ARIMA Model are used to examine various factors to improve and develop the system. Efficient governments and farmers can both benefit from the research's outcomes. Proper estimates of climate changes save costs and increase output in agriculture in the future. These digital technology applications can predict how the climate will change. The project's success in the pilot stage allows more people to take advantage of its benefits. Using SARIMA Model and ML technology, this study could monitor and predict weather conditions. Reviewing current conditions and forecasting future climate change were two aspects of research. Extreme weather and climate change are linked using the scientific method. This paper presents artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) to improve crop yields, human well-being, and economics. In addition to helping the government, this research could also benefit the public by giving them the right idea about their investment costs. Problems are overcome through collaborative efforts between the government and the general public.

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APPENDIX

CODE

```
# import packages
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import adfuller
from statsmodels.graphics.tsaplots import plot_acf, plot_pacf
from statsmodels.tsa.arima_model import ARIMA, ARMAResults
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
import ipywidgets as widgets

# hide warnings
import warnings
warnings.simplefilter("ignore")

# checking if plotly is installed; install otherwise
try:
    import plotly.plotly as py
except:
    ! pip install --user plotly
    import plotly.plotly as py

from plotly.offline import download_plotlyjs, init_notebook_mode, plot, iplot
import plotly.graph_objs as go
init_notebook_mode(connected=True)

# checking if seaborn is installed; install otherwise
try:
    import seaborn as sns
except:
    ! pip install --user seaborn
    import seaborn as sns
# read the csv file into a DataFrame
df = pd.read_csv("Data/GlobalLandTemperaturesByCity.csv")
```

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# convert first column to DateTime format
df['dt'] = pd.to_datetime(df['dt'])

# set first column (dt) as the index column
df.index = df['dt']
del df['dt']

# dropping AverageTemperatureUncertainty, Latitude and Longitude and
combining City and Country into City
df = df.drop({"AverageTemperatureUncertainty", "Latitude", "Longitude"}, 1)
df["City"] = df["City"] + ", " + df["Country"]
df = df.drop("Country", 1)

# removing all rows with NaN values
df = df.dropna()

# get list of all cities in dataset
cities = set(df.City)

# check stationarity in time series data of a given city

def check_stationarity(city_df):
    # method1: plot the time series to check for trend and seasonality
    city_df.plot(figsize=(10, 10))

    # method 2: check if histogram fits a Gaussian Curve, then split data into two
parts, calculate means and variances and see if they vary
    city_df.hist(figsize=(10, 10))
    plt.show()

    X = city_df["AverageTemperature"].values
    split = int(len(X) / 2)
    X1, X2 = X[0:split], X[split:]
    mean1, mean2 = X1.mean(), X2.mean()
    var1, var2 = X1.var(), X2.var()
    print('mean1=%f, mean2=%f % (mean1, mean2))
    print('variance1=%f, variance2=%f % (var1, var2))

    # if corresponding means and variances differ slightly (by less than 10), we

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consider that the time series might be stationary

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if (abs(mean1-mean2) <= 10 and abs(var1-var2) <= 10):  
    print("Time Series may be Stationary, since means and variances vary only  
slightly.\n")  
else:  
    print("Time Series may NOT be Stationary, since means and variances vary  
significantly.\n")
```

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# method3: statistical test (Augmented Dickey-Fuller statistic)  
print("Performing Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test to confirm stationarity...")  
  
result = adfuller(X)  
print('ADF Statistic: %f % result[0])  
print('p-value: %f % result[1])  
  
p = result[1]  
if (p > 0.05):  
    print("Time Series is NOT Stationary, since p-value > 0.05")  
    city_df = city_df.diff() # differencing to make data stationary  
    return False  
else:  
    print("Time Series is Stationary, since p-value <= 0.05")  
    return True  
# check stationarity for data of a specific city entered by the user
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city_drop_down_menu = widgets.Dropdown(  
    options=sorted(list(cities)),  
    value='New York, United States',  
    description='City:',  
    disabled=False,  
)
```

```
city_drop_down_menu  
chosen_city = city_drop_down_menu.value  
city_df = df[df.City == chosen_city].drop("City", 1)  
print ("Stationarity Check for %s" % chosen_city)  
is_stationary = check_stationarity(city_df)
```

```
# ACF and PACF plots
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plot_acf(city_df,lags = 50)
plot_pacf(city_df,lags = 50)
plt.show()

# setting d value for ARIMA model
if (is_stationary==True):
    d = 0
else:
    d = 1

# Although we can determine p, q values manually by looking at the ACF and
PACF plots for a given city, we must automate the process

# To automate the process, we must perform a grid search over different values of
p and q and choose the ARIMA model for which the AIC and BIC values are
minimum

p_range = q_range = list(range(0,3)) # taking values from 0 to 2

aic_values = []
bic_values = []
pq_values = []

for p in p_range:
    for q in q_range:
        try:
            model = ARIMA(city_df, order=(p, d, q))
            results = model.fit(dis=-1)
            aic_values.append(ARMAResults.aic(results))
            bic_values.append(ARMAResults.bic(results))
            pq_values.append((p, q))
        except:
            pass

best_pq = pq_values[aic_values.index(min(aic_values))] # (p,q) corresponding to
lowest AIC score

print("(p,q) corresponding to lowest AIC score: ", best_pq)
(p,q) corresponding to lowest AIC score: (2, 2)

# fitting an ARIMA model with chosen p, d, q values and calculating the mean
squared error

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from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
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arima_model = ARIMA(city_df, order=(best_pq[0], 0, best_pq[1])).fit()
```

```
predictions = arima_model.predict(start=0, end=len(city_df)-1)
```

```
mse = mean_squared_error(list(city_df.AverageTemperature), list(predictions))
```

```
print("Mean Squared Error:", mse)
```

```
mae = mean_absolute_error(list(city_df.AverageTemperature), list(predictions))
```

```
print("Mean Absolute Error:", mae)
```

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Mean Squared Error: 4.67802989468
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Mean Absolute Error: 1.57799576152
```

```
# comparing first 100 predictions with actual values
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```
plt.figure(figsize=(7.5,7.5))
```

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plt.plot(list(city_df.AverageTemperature)[:100], label="Actual")
```

```
plt.plot(list(predictions)[:100], 'r', label="Predicted")
```

```
plt.xlabel("Time (in Months)")
```

```
plt.ylabel("Temperature (C)")
```

```
plt.title("Actual and Predicted Temperature Values")
```

```
plt.legend(loc='upper center', bbox_to_anchor=(1.45, 0.8))
```

```
plt.show()
```

```
p_range = q_range = list(range(0,3)) # taking values from 0 to 2
```

```
aic_values = []
```

```
bic_values = []
```

```
pq_values = []
```

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for p in p_range:
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    for q in q_range:
```

```
        try:
```

```
            model = ARIMA(city_df, order=(p, d, q))
```

```
            results = model.fit(dispatch=-1)
```

```
            aic_values.append(ARMAResults.aic(results))
```

```
            bic_values.append(ARMAResults.bic(results))
```

```
            pq_values.append((p, q))
```



```

except:
    pass

best_pq=(2,2)
print("(p,q) corresponding to lowest AIC score: ", best_pq)

from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

arima_model = ARIMA(city_df['AverageTemperature'], order=(best_pq[0], 0,
best_pq[1])).fit()
predictions = arima_model.predict(start=0, end=len(city_df)-1)

mse = mean_squared_error(city_df['AverageTemperature'], predictions)
print("Mean Squared Error:", mse)

plt.figure(figsize=(7.5,7.5))
plt.plot(list(city_df.AverageTemperature)[:100], label="Actual")
plt.plot(list(predictions)[:100], 'r', label="Predicted")

plt.xlabel("Time (in Months)")
plt.ylabel("Temperature (C)")
plt.title("Actual and Predicted Temperature Values")

plt.legend(loc='upper center', bbox_to_anchor=(1.45, 0.8))
plt.show()

df = pd.read_csv("GlobalLandTemperaturesByCity.csv")

df['dt'] = pd.to_datetime(df['dt'])

df.index = df['dt']
del df['dt']
df = df.drop({"AverageTemperatureUncertainty"}, 1)
df = df.dropna()

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new_us_cities_df = df[df.Country=='United States'].drop('Country', 1)
new_us_cities_df['latlon'] = new_us_cities_df['Latitude'] + ', ' +
new_us_cities_df['Longitude']
new_us_cities_df = new_us_cities_df.sort_values('latlon')
unique_latlon_values = set(list(new_us_cities_df.latlon))

cities = list(new_us_cities_df.City)

unique_latlon_first_cities = []

for x in unique_latlon_values:
    i = list(new_us_cities_df.latlon).index(x)
    unique_latlon_first_cities.append(cities[i])

part_2_df = df[df['City'].isin(unique_latlon_first_cities)].drop(['Country',
'Latitude', 'Longitude'], 1)
part_2_df.head()

import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

df = pd.read_csv("GlobalLandTemperaturesByCity.csv")

df['dt'] = pd.to_datetime(df['dt'])

df.index = df['dt']
del df['dt']
df = df.drop({"AverageTemperatureUncertainty"}, 1)
df = df.dropna()

new_us_cities_df = df[df.Country=='United States'].drop('Country', 1)
new_us_cities_df['latlon'] = new_us_cities_df['Latitude'].astype(str) + ', ' +
new_us_cities_df['Longitude'].astype(str)

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new_us_cities_df = new_us_cities_df.sort_values('latlon')
unique_latlon_values = set(list(new_us_cities_df.latlon))

cities = list(new_us_cities_df.City)

unique_latlon_first_cities = []

for x in unique_latlon_values:
    i = list(new_us_cities_df.latlon).index(x)
    unique_latlon_first_cities.append(cities[i])

part_2_df = df[df['City'].isin(unique_latlon_first_cities)].drop(['Country',
'Latitude', 'Longitude'], 1)

grouped = part_2_df.groupby('City')

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
for city, data in grouped:
    plt.plot(data.index, data['AverageTemperature'], label=city)

plt.title('Changes in Temperature Over Time for US Cities')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Average Temperature (°C)')
plt.legend(loc='upper left', fontsize='small', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 1))
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(list(city_df.AverageTemperature)[:100], label="Actual", marker='o')
plt.plot(list(predictions)[:100], 'r', label="Predicted", marker='x')

```

```
plt.xlabel("Time (in Months)")
plt.ylabel("Temperature (C)")
plt.title("Actual and Predicted Temperature Values")

plt.legend(loc='upper left')
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```