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Abstraction

The **Flight Fare Prediction** project aims to predict the price of airline tickets based on various factors such as flight routes, timings, weather conditions, and demand. Using historical flight data, the project employs machine learning algorithms like **Linear Regression**, **Random Forest**, and **XGBoost** to predict fare prices accurately. Key features in the dataset include the **airline**, **source and destination airports**, **flight duration**, **time of journey**, **number of stops**, and **class of service**. These factors influence ticket pricing, and by analyzing them, the model can predict the fare for a given flight.

The goal of this project is to help airlines optimize their pricing strategies and improve revenue management by providing a more accurate and dynamic way of forecasting flight fares. For consumers, it can provide insights into the best times to book tickets, offering potential savings. By leveraging machine learning techniques, this project aims to enhance decision-making for both travelers and airlines, ensuring competitive pricing and efficient resource allocation.

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INTRODUCTION

The **Flight Fare Prediction** project aims to forecast airline ticket prices based on various factors such as flight routes, airline, travel dates, and booking conditions. By analyzing historical data, this project leverages machine learning algorithms like **Linear Regression**, **Random Forest**, and **XGBoost** to predict ticket prices with high accuracy. Key features in the dataset include **departure and arrival airports**, **flight duration**, **class of service**, **time to departure**, and **seasonality**, which all significantly influence ticket fares.

The main objective of this project is to provide a more accurate and dynamic approach to flight pricing, benefiting both airlines and passengers. Airlines can optimize their pricing strategies, while travelers can gain insights into the best times to book tickets at competitive prices. By using machine learning techniques, this project seeks to improve decision-making and maximize profitability within the airline industry.

DESCRIPTION.

The **Flight Fare Prediction** dataset contains various features that influence the price of airline tickets, such as **airline**, **departure and arrival airports**, **flight duration**, **number of stops**, **class of service**, and **time of booking**. The target variable is the **fare**, representing the cost of the ticket. These features help understand the complex factors driving ticket prices and provide a foundation for predictive modeling. The dataset is used to train machine learning models to predict flight fares based on the relationship between these features.

Machine learning algorithms like **Linear Regression**, **Random Forest**, and **XGBoost** are applied to predict the fare based on historical data. The project aims to build accurate predictive models that can assist airlines in optimizing pricing strategies and help travelers make informed decisions on when to book their tickets. By analyzing various factors that affect prices, this dataset serves as a tool for improving revenue management and offering competitive pricing in the airline industry.

METHODOLOGY

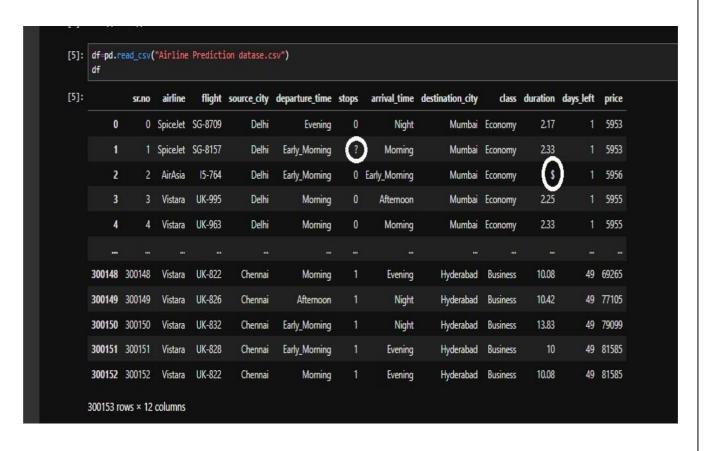
The methodology for **Flight Fare Prediction** involves several key steps, starting with data collection and preprocessing. The dataset, which includes features like **airline**, **departure and destination airports**, **flight duration**, **number of stops**, and **days before departure**, is cleaned to handle missing values, outliers, and categorical variables. Feature engineering techniques are applied to derive meaningful features from raw data, such as extracting time-related attributes from date fields. Data is then split into training and testing sets for model development.

Various machine learning algorithms, including **Linear Regression**, **Random Forest**, and **XGBoost**, are trained on the dataset to predict flight fares. The models are evaluated using performance metrics such as **Mean Absolute Error** (**MAE**), **Root Mean Squared Error** (**RMSE**), and **R-squared** (**R**²). Hyperparameter tuning is performed to optimize model performance, and cross-validation ensures the models generalize well to unseen data. The best-performing model is then selected for deployment to predict flight fares in real-world scenarios, helping airlines optimize pricing strategies and provide insights to travelers.

CODE EXPLANATION

Step 1: Performing EDA on raw data.

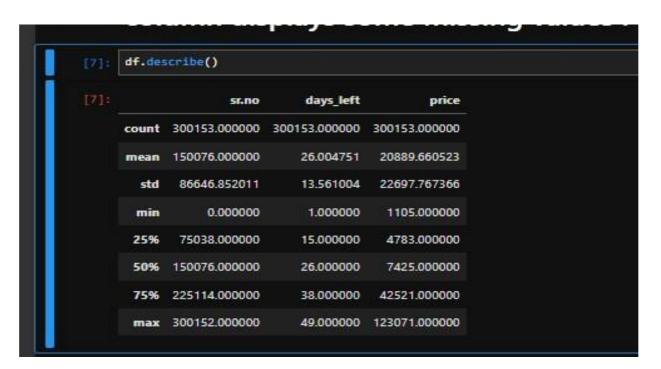
By EDA we can clean the data and handle the missing values from raw dataset.



Step 2: Importing Libraries and loading the dataset with EDA part. :- features and target separation

	eat	ures	and	targ	et sep	aration						
	eature: eature:		c[:,:-1]									
[6]:		sr.no	airline	flight	source_city	departure_time	stops	arrival_time	destination_city	class	duration	days_le
	0	0	SpiceJet	SG-8709	Delhi	Evening	0	Night	Mumbai	Economy	2.17	
	1		SpiceJet	SG-8157	Delhi	Early_Morning		Morning	Mumbai	Economy	2.33	
	2	2	AirAsia	15-764	Delhi	Early_Morning		Early_Morning	Mumbai	Economy	\$	
	3		Vistara	UK-995	Delhi	Morning	0	Afternoon	Mumbai	Economy	2.25	
	4	4	Vistara	UK-963	Delhi	Morning	0	Morning	Mumbai	Economy	2.33	
3	00148	300148	Vistara	UK-822	Chennai	Morning		Evening	Hyderabad	Business	10.08	4
3	00149	300149	Vistara	UK-826	Chennai	Afternoon		Night	Hyderabad	Business	10.42	4
3	00150	300150	Vistara	UK-832	Chennai	Early_Morning		Night	Hyderabad	Business	13.83	4
3	00151	300151	Vistara	UK-828	Chennai	Early_Morning		Evening	Hyderabad	Business	10	4
3	00152	300152	Vistara	UK-822	Chennai	Morning		Evening	Hyderabad	Business	10.08	4

Step 3: describe() is used to give Statistical Information of Dataset. The total count column displays some missing values .



Step 4: display the information about data

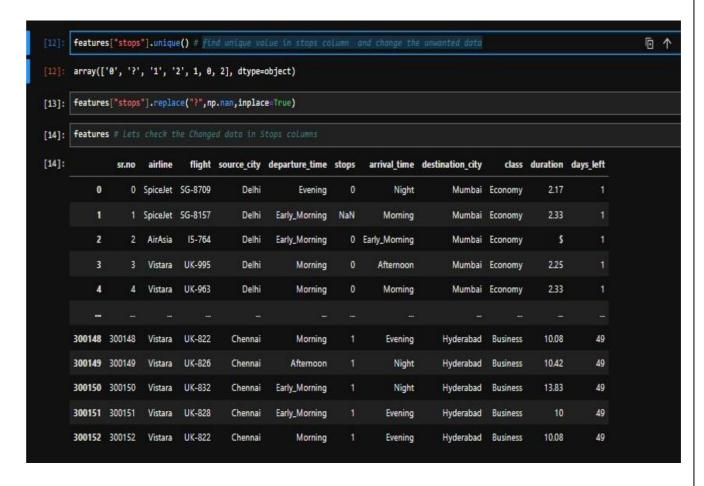
Step 5: separate the target column using iloc

```
target=df.iloc[:,-1]
[9]:
      target
[9]:
                 5953
      1
                 5953
      2
                 5956
      3
                 5955
                 5955
               69265
      300148
               77105
79099
      300149
      300150
      300151
                81585
      300152
                81585
     Name: price, Length: 300153, dtype: int64
```

Step 6: Handling missing values with SimpleImputer



Step 7:- find unique value in stops column and change the unwanted data And Replace with nan.



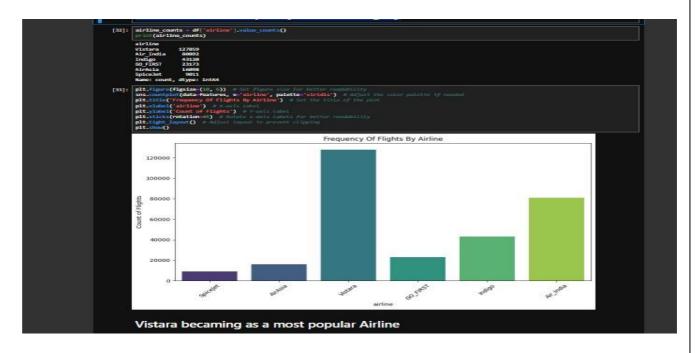
Step 8: Let us fill in the missing values for numerical terms using mode operation.

featur	es["clas	s"].fillr	a(feature	es["class"].	<pre>mode()[0],inpla mode()[0],inpla ion"].mode()[0]</pre>	ce=Tru	e)				
featur	es # Let										
	sr.no	airline	flight	source_city	departure_time	stops	arrival_time	destination_city	class	duration	days_lef
0	0	SpiceJet	SG-8709	Delhi	Evening	0	Night	Mumbai	Economy	2.17	1
- 1	1	SpiceJet	SG-8157	Delhi	Early_Morning	1	Morning	Mumbai	Economy	2.33	31
2	2	AirAsia	15-764	Delhi	Early_Morning	0	Early_Moming	Mumbai	Economy	2.17	
3	3	Vistara	UK-995	Delhi	Morning	0	Afternoon	Mumbai	Economy	2.25	
4	4	Vistara	UK-963	Delhi	Morning	0	Morning	Mumbai	Economy	2.33	1
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300148	300148	Vistara	UK-822	Chennai	Morning	1	Evening	Hyderabad	Business	10.08	49
300149	300149	Vistara	UK-826	Chennai	Afternoon	1	Night	Hyderabad	Business	10.42	49
300150	300150	Vistara	UK-832	Chennai	Early_Morning	1	Night	Hyderabad	Business	13.83	49
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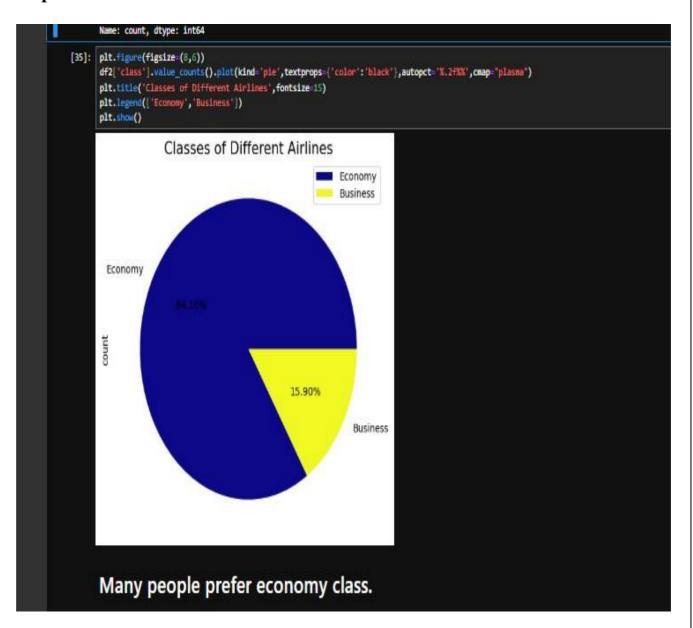
Step 9:- Change datatype using astype function

```
features["stops"]=features["stops"].astype(int)
       features["stops"]
[30]: 0
                 0
                 0
      300149
      300150
       300151
      300152
      Name: stops, Length: 300153, dtype: int64
[31]: features["duration"]=features["duration"].astype(float)
       features["duration"]
[31]: 0
                  2.17
                  2.33
                  2.17
                  2.25
                  2.33
                 10.08
      300148
      300149
                 10.42
      300150
                 13.83
       300151
                 10.00
      300152
                 10.08
      Name: duration, Length: 300153, dtype: float64
```

Step 10: understand the frequency of each category



Step 11:- Which Class is Prefer?



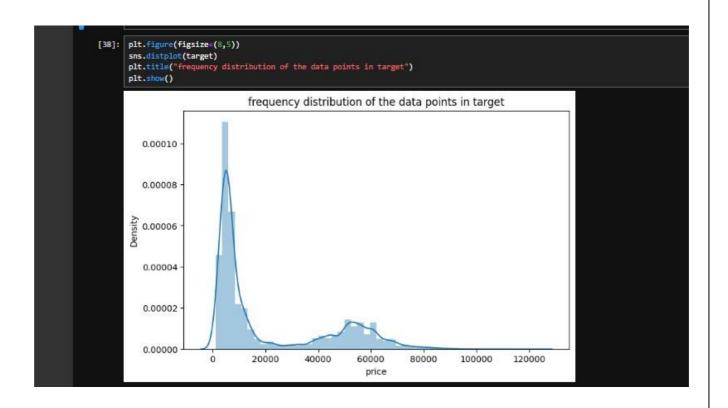
Step 12: Price varies by airline.



Step 13: How Does the Ticket Price vary between Economy and Business Class?



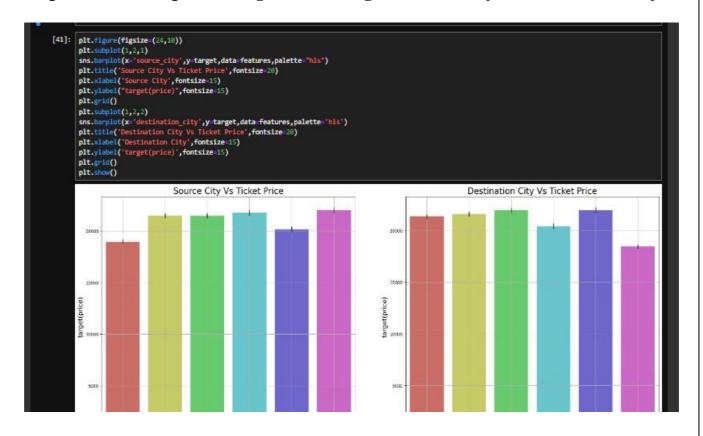
Step 14:- exploring the distribution of the target variable.



Step 14:- To get correlation for this columns ["stops","duration","days_left"]



Step 15:- How the price changes with change in Source city and Destination city?



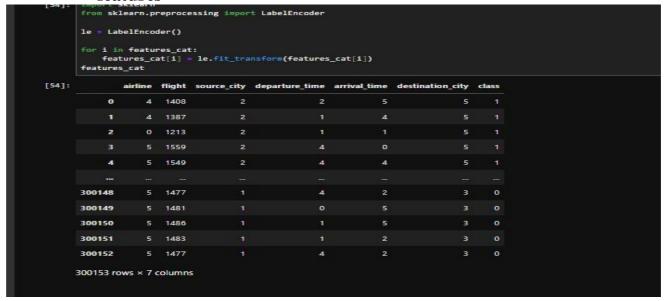
Step 16:- Let's separate categorical column.

[43]:	cat_dat	a_cols=[1					
	if	features cat_data s_cat=fea	a_cols.ap	"object":				
[43]:		airline	flight	source_city	departure_time	arrival_time	destination_city	class
	0	SpiceJet	SG-8709	Delhi	Evening	Night	Mumbai	Economy
	1	SpiceJet	SG-8157	Delhi	Early_Morning	Morning	Mumbai	Economy
	2	AirAsia	15-764	Delhi	Early_Morning	Early_Morning	Mumbai	Economy
	3	Vistara	UK-995	Delhi	Morning	Afternoon	Mumbai	Economy
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	300149	Vistara	UK-826	Chennai	Afternoon	Night	Hyderabad	Business
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	300151	Vistara	UK-828	Chennai	Early_Morning	Evening	Hyderabad	Business
	300152	Vistara	UK-822	Chennai	Morning	Evening	Hyderabad	Business

Step 17:- Let's separate the numerical column

[44]:		al_data	_col=[]		
	for 1 i				
		n feati	res.colu	ins:	
	if				or features[i].dtype=="float64":
		numer	ical_data	_col.appen	(i)
	feature	s numer	rical feat	ures nume	ical_data_col]
		-			
				res_numer	cal.iloc[:,1:]
	feature	s_num_o	cols		
[44]:		stops	duration	days_left	
	32				
	0	0	2.17	1	
	1	1	2.33	1	
	2	0	2.17	1	
	3	0	2.25	1	
	4	0	2.33	1	
	300148	10	10.08	49	
	300149	1	10.42	49	
	300150	-1	13.83	49	
	300151	1	10.00	49	
	300152	18	10.08	49	

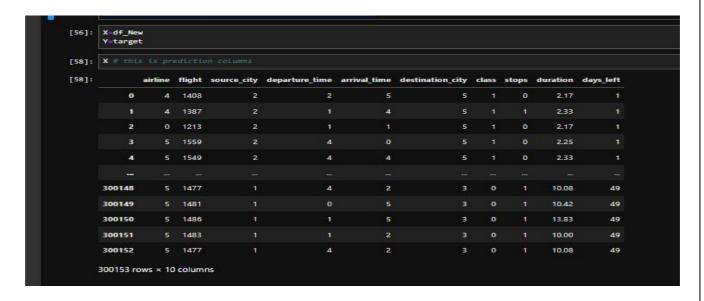
Step 18:- Using Label Encoder for converting categorical features into numerical features



Step 18:-Concatenate the Numerical and Categorical Data

df_New=pd.concat((features_cat,features_num_cols),axis=1) df_New												
or_new	airline	flight	source_city	departure_time	arrival_time	destination_city	class	stops	duration	days_left		
0	4	1408	2	2	5	5		0	2.17			
1	4	1387	2		4	5			2.33			
2	0	1213	2			5		0	2.17			
3)	5	1559	2	4	0	5		0	2.25			
4	5	1549	2	4	4	5		0	2.33			
-												
300148	5	1477		4	2	3	0	1	10.08	49		
300149	5	1481		0	5	3	0		10.42	49		
300150	5	1486			5	3	0		13.83	49		
300151	5	1483			2	3	0		10.00	49		
300152	5	1477		4	2	3	0		10.08	49		

Step 19:- Splitting the data into x and y



Step 20:- Splitting the data into Train-Test set

```
[61]:
       from sklearn.model selection import train test split
       \textbf{X\_train}, \textbf{X\_test}, \textbf{Y\_train}, \textbf{Y\_test\_train\_test\_split}(\textbf{X}, \textbf{Y}, \textbf{test\_size=0.30}, \textbf{random\_state=42})
[62]: X_train.shape,X_test.shape,Y_train.shape,Y_test.shape
[62]: ((210107, 10), (90046, 10), (210107,), (90046,))
       from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
       mmscaler = MinMaxScaler(feature_range=(0, 1)) # MinMaxScaler to scale features to a range of [0, 1]
[63]:
       → MinMaxScaler 0 0
       MinMaxScaler()
[64]: X_train = mmscaler.fit_transform(X_train)
       X_train
[64]: array([[1.
                           , 0.97179487, 0.4
                                                     , ..., 0.5
                                                                       , 0.25693878,
                0.27083333],
               [1. , 0.97307692, 0.6
                                                     , ..., 0.5
                                                                       , 0.17857143,
               [1.

0.45833333],

[1. , 0.9525641 , 0.2
                                                                       , 0.21102041,
                                                     , ..., 0.5
                0.58333333],
                           , 0.54230769, 0.8
               [0.2
                                                     , ..., 0.5
                                                                       , 0.26204082,
               0.58333333],
               [0.4 , 0.59230769, 0.8
                                                                       , 0.15306122,
                                                     , ..., 0.5
               0.79166667],
               [0.2
                         , 0.53397436, 0.8
                                                     , ..., 0.5
                                                                       , 0.39469388,
                0.33333333]])
```

Model Building.

Step 21:- Random Forest Regressor

```
I.RandomForestRegressor

[67]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score #R-squared metric to evaluate model accuracy
rf = RandomForestRegressor()
rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = rf.predict(X_test)
r2_1 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
print("R-squared:", r2_1)

rounded_r2 = round(r2_1, 4)
print("R-squared (rounded):", rounded_r2*100)

R-squared: 0.9837911673190103
R-squared (rounded): 98.38
```

Step 22:- Ridge

```
2.Ridge

58]: # Linear regression model with L2 regularization (reduces from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge ridge = Ridge() ridge.fit(X_train, y_train) y_pred1 = ridge.predict(X_test) r2_2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred1) print("R-squared:", r2_2) rounded_r2 = round(r2_2, 4) print("R-squared (rounded):", rounded_r2*100)

R-squared: 0.9062365993716569 R-squared (rounded): 90.62
```

Step 23:- Decision Tree Regressor.

3.DecisionTreeRegressor [69]: from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor # for modeling nondt = DecisionTreeRegressor() dt.fit(X_train, y_train) y_pred2 = dt.predict(X_test) r2_3 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred2) print("R-squared:", r2_3) rounded_r2 = round(r2_3, 4) print("R-squared (rounded):", rounded_r2*100)| R-squared: 0.9724799484171539 R-squared (rounded): 97.25

Step 24:- LinearRegression

```
4.LinearRegression

I: from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression # # Simple Linear regression model

Ir = LinearRegression()

Ir.fit(X_train, y_train)

y_pred3 = Ir.predict(X_test)

r2_4 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred3)

print("R-squared:", r2_4)

rounded_r2 = round(r2_4, 4)

print("R-squared (rounded):", rounded_r2*100)

R-squared: 0.9062364788329591

R-squared (rounded): 90.62
```

Step 25:- XGBoost.

```
from xgboost import XGBRegressor # # XGBoost regressor, an efficient implementation of gradient boosting for regression
XG = XGBRegressor()
XG.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred5 = XG.predict(X_test)
r2_6 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred5)
print("R-squared:", r2_6)
rounded_r2 = round(r2_6, 4)
print("R-squared (rounded):", rounded_r2*100)

R-squared: 0.9771108031272888
R-squared (rounded): 97.71
```

Step 26:- KNeighbors Regressor.

```
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor
# K-Nearest Neighbors regression model (based on proximity of data)
knn = KNeighborsRegressor()
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred6 = knn.predict(X_test)
r2_7 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred6)
print("R-squared:", r2_7)
rounded_r2 = round(r2_7, 4)
print("R-squared (rounded):", rounded_r2*100)

R-squared: 0.9715231363029817
R-squared (rounded): 97.15
```

Step 27:-Accuracy

Step 28:- Which ml is best

1. The accuracy of a model depends on the specific requirements of your machine learning task, including your dataset, use case, and evaluation metrics. However, based on the scores you've shared (assuming they are *R*2 scores or another performance metric like accuracy):

2.Performance Analysis Best Performer:

3.RandomForestRegressor has the highest score of 0.983791, suggesting it is likely capturing the patterns in the data better than the others.

Other Strong Performers:

XGBRegressor: 0.977111

DecisionTreeRegressor: 0.972480 KNeighborsRegressor: 0.971523

These models are also performing well, with R2 values close to the Random Forest Regressor.

4.Lower Performers:

Ridge and LinearRegression both have scores around 0.9062, suggesting they may not capture complex relationships in the data as effectively as tree-based or ensemble models.

Middle Performer:

GradientBoostingRegressor has a respectable score of 0.957125, though it is not as high as RandomForest or XGB.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the **Flight Fare Prediction** project successfully demonstrates the potential of machine learning to forecast airline ticket prices based on various influential factors like flight routes, airline, booking time, and seasonal trends. By leveraging algorithms such as **Linear Regression**, **Random Forest**, and **XGBoost**, the project provides accurate predictions, offering valuable insights for both airlines and travelers. The ability to predict flight fares can help airlines optimize their pricing strategies, maximize revenue, and adjust to changing market conditions.

For travelers, this predictive model can assist in identifying the best times to book flights at competitive prices, ensuring more informed decisions and potential cost savings. Overall, this project highlights the importance of data-driven approaches in the airline industry, enabling more efficient fare management and enhancing customer experience. The success of this machine learning model paves the way for future applications in dynamic pricing and demand forecasting in the travel industry.

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