

# RAINFALL PREDICTION USING MACHINE LEARNING

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**Abstract**— The title is "Rainfall Prediction Using Machine Learning". The initiative's dataset is written in Python and stored in Microsoft Excel. A wide range of machine learning algorithms are used to discover which strategy generates the best accurate predictions. In many sections of the country, rainfall forecasting is critical for avoiding major natural disasters. This forecast was created using a variety of machine learning approaches, including catboost, xgboost, decision tree, random forest, logistic regression, neural network, and light gbm. It incorporates several components. The Weather Dataset was utilized. The primary goal of the research is to evaluate a variety of algorithms and determine which one performs best. Farmers may greatly profit from growing the appropriate crops based on the amount of water they require.

**Keywords**— Machine learning algorithms include the catboost, xgboost, decision tree, random forest, logistic regression, neural network, and light gbm.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Predicting rainfall efficiency is critical in reducing the negative effects of atypical weather patterns on agriculture, property, and livelihood. Traditional systems that rely heavily on meteorological parameters like temperature, humidity, and pressure may fail to provide reliable forecasts. Machine learning techniques provide a possible approach by examining previous rainfall data to predict future patterns. Tailored models can be constructed using methodologies such as classification and regression to produce more accurate predictions, allowing farmers to receive early warnings and make better use of water supplies. Selecting the best algorithms to meet specific needs is critical for improving forecast accuracy and reducing errors between actual observations and projections, Moulana Mohammed [2].

This paper examines the technique used in the research, including data retrieval, pre-processing, and the use of various machine learning algorithms. It highlights the

importance of data analysis. It forecasts rainfall using machine learning techniques such as random forest, decision tree, logistic regression, and neural networks. It underlines the need of precisely projecting rainfall patterns in the face of shifting weather trends [1].

It describes the dataset utilized in the project, which was saved in Microsoft Excel format. The dataset comprises a variety of properties, with the key prediction attribute being RAIN TOMORROW, which indicates whether or not it will rain tomorrow.[3] It explains the project's approach, with an emphasis on the several machine learning algorithms used to predict rainfall: Random Forest Classifier, Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, and Catboost. Each algorithm is briefly explained, emphasizing its importance in the prediction process,[3].

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Akash [1] focuses on applying machine learning algorithms to forecast rainfall, stressing its significance in agriculture and emergency management. It studies numerous strategies for accurately forecasting rainfall, including random forest, logistic regression, decision tree, and neural networks. The study also underlines the importance of accurate rainfall forecasting in dealing with macro-level issues like floods and agricultural challenges, as well as micro-level concerns like public health. The analysis primarily underlines the need of technological advancements in improving rainfall prediction systems, with the ultimate goal of producing more precise and accessible forecasting approaches.

Moulana [2] looks into many methods and techniques for predicting rainfall, including linear regression, decision trees, artificial neural networks, support vector regression, and fuzzy logic. Researchers used these algorithms on datasets from multiple geographies and historical periods to improve rainfall forecasting accuracy. The efficacy of these solutions was evaluated using metrics like mean absolute error and R2 scores. Overall, the study underlines the need of accurate

rainfall forecasting in avoiding natural disasters and boosting agricultural practices.

Shah [3] examines numerous machine learning and forecasting approaches used to predict rainfall, highlighting the significance of accurate forecasting in India's agricultural and economic sectors. ARIMA, SVM, decision trees, and neural networks have all been used to predict meteorological variables such as precipitation. Temperature, humidity, and wind speed have all been demonstrated in studies to have an important role in rainfall prediction, with machine learning methods such as random forest exhibiting promising classification accuracy.

Le, Vuong Minh, et al. [4] created a Nonlinear Autoregressive Neural Model to predict daily rainfall, gathered required data for eight years. Networks with external variables (NARX). Metrics used for evaluation include correlation coefficient, MAE, RSME, error mean, median, and standard deviation. Deepak Kumar [5] predicted rainfall using a hybrid approach that included machine learning techniques. The F-score, precision, accuracy, and recall criteria were used to assess performance on North Carolina rainfall data between 2007 and 2017. After analyzing eight hybrid models, Gradient boosting-Ada boost was found to be the most effective and produced positive outcomes.

### III. METHODOLOGY

#### A. Data set

The Fig.2 dataset contains 23 attributes in total, and our main goal is to forecast whether or not it will rain tomorrow. The major attribute used for this prediction is RAIN TOMORROW. Our dataset has no null values in any attribute. We will use data cleaning approach for preparing data. During the data preprocessing phase, categorical variables are encoded using label encoding to turn them into numerical representation, making them easier to use in machine learning models. Missing data is handled by multiple imputation by chained equations, a technique that iteratively predicts missing values based on observable data, increasing the dataset's completeness. Outliers are also found and deleted using the Interquartile Range (IQR), a statistical tool that detects data points that are considerably different from the central trend, ensuring the dataset's resilience and dependability for subsequent analysis and modeling.

	Date	Location	MinTemp	MaxTemp	Rainfall	Evaporation	Sunshine	WindGustDir	WindGustSpeed	WindDir9am	...	Humidity9am	Humidity3pm
0	2008-12-01	Albury	13.4	22.9	0.6	NaN	NaN	W	44.0	W	...	71.0	22.0
1	2008-12-02	Albury	7.4	25.1	0.0	NaN	NaN	WNW	44.0	NNW	...	44.0	25.0
2	2008-12-03	Albury	12.9	25.7	0.0	NaN	NaN	WSW	45.0	W	...	38.0	30.0
3	2008-12-04	Albury	9.2	28.0	0.0	NaN	NaN	NE	24.0	SE	...	45.0	16.0
4	2008-12-05	Albury	17.5	32.3	1.0	NaN	NaN	W	41.0	ENE	...	82.0	33.0

5 rows × 23 columns

Fig. 1. describing the "weatherAUS" dataset

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Date	145460 non-null	object
1	Location	145460 non-null	object
2	MinTemp	143975 non-null	float64
3	MaxTemp	144199 non-null	float64
4	Rainfall	142199 non-null	float64
5	Evaporation	82670 non-null	float64
6	Sunshine	75625 non-null	float64
7	WindGustDir	135134 non-null	object
8	WindGustSpeed	135197 non-null	float64
9	WindDir9am	134894 non-null	object
10	WindDir3pm	141232 non-null	object
11	WindSpeed9am	143693 non-null	float64
12	WindSpeed3pm	142398 non-null	float64
13	Humidity9am	142806 non-null	float64
14	Humidity3pm	140953 non-null	float64
15	Pressure9am	130395 non-null	float64
16	Pressure3pm	130432 non-null	float64
17	Cloud9am	89572 non-null	float64
18	Cloud3pm	86102 non-null	float64
19	Temp9am	143693 non-null	float64
20	Temp3pm	141851 non-null	float64
21	RainToday	142199 non-null	object
22	RainTomorrow	142193 non-null	object

dtypes: float64(16), object(7)  
memory usage: 25.5+ MB

Fig. 2. Dataset attributes and data types

#### B. Data Preprocessing

Data preparation is the process of transforming raw data into a tidy dataset. For example, raw data is just a set of null values. The machine learning system is unable to understand null values; our goal is to eliminate them. To remove null values, we shall apply the data cleaning aspect of the pretreatment procedures. The dataset can be prepared before being used in our technique. Similarly, the Random Forest Algorithm cannot do analysis if the dataset contains null values. Data preparation can also be used to structure our dataset in a specific way. The data preparation procedure consists of some steps. After completing these seven processes, we refer to the dataset as clean. This dataset can now be utilized in our required machine learning methods.

##### 1) Missing Data Imputation

Missing values in continuous features are handled with Multiple Imputation by Chained Equations (MICE). MICE iteratively imputes missing data, modeling each feature based on the others to improve accuracy. It uses mode imputation to fill missing values with the most frequent value while maintaining data integrity. It generates multiple possible values for each missing entry, allowing for ambiguity and producing more robust results.

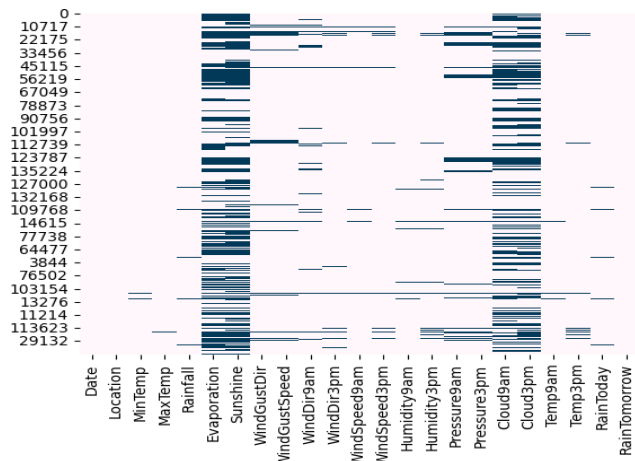


Fig. 3. Missing Data indicates that dark blue cells represent existing data and light blue cells represent missing data.

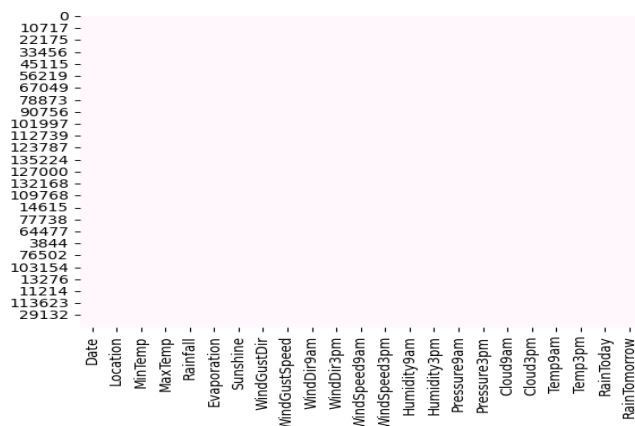


Fig. 4. Indicates non-missing values  
2) *Handling Imbalanced data*

To remedy the dataset's class imbalance, the minority class is oversampled using scikit-learn's resample function. It shows the disproportionate distribution of incidences predicting rain (Yes) vs those that do not (No). Fig. 5. depicts how the data is divided into two groups depending on rain prediction (yes or no). The group containing Yes Rain occurrences (which is likely smaller) is replicated to match the size of the No Rain group.

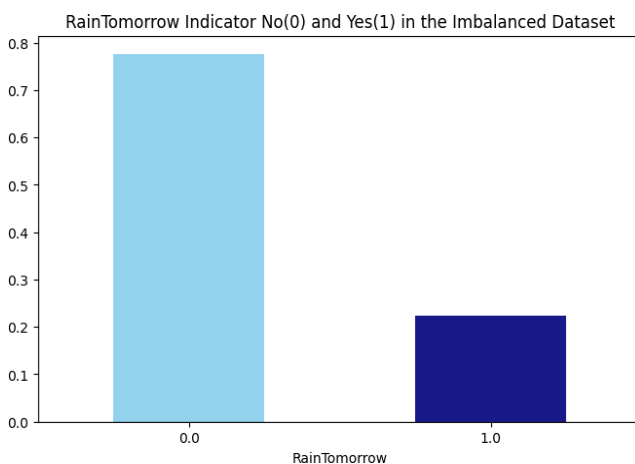


Fig. 4. Imbalanced Data using bar chart

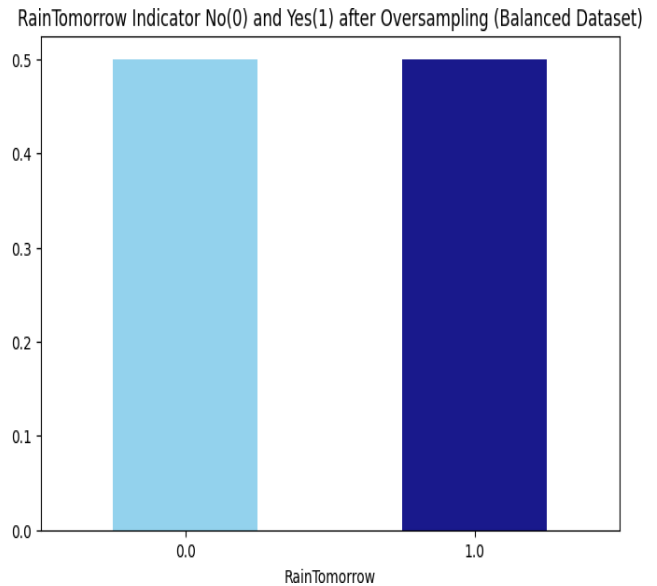


Fig. 5. Class Balancing using bar chart

### 3) *Outlier Detection and Removal*

The IQR (Interquartile Range) approach detects outliers in a dataset after missing values have been imputed. The IQR is calculated by subtracting Q1 from Q3, which represents the central half of the data distribution. Outliers are then identified using these quartiles. Any data value that falls below Q1 minus 1.5 times the IQR or exceeds Q3 plus 1.5 times the IQR is considered an outlier. Data rows that have outlier values in any of their columns are subsequently removed from the dataset entirely. This technique ensures the study's integrity by eliminating outliers that could skew the results. In Fig. 6 and 7, we employ boxplots to find and remove outliers within the interquartile range.

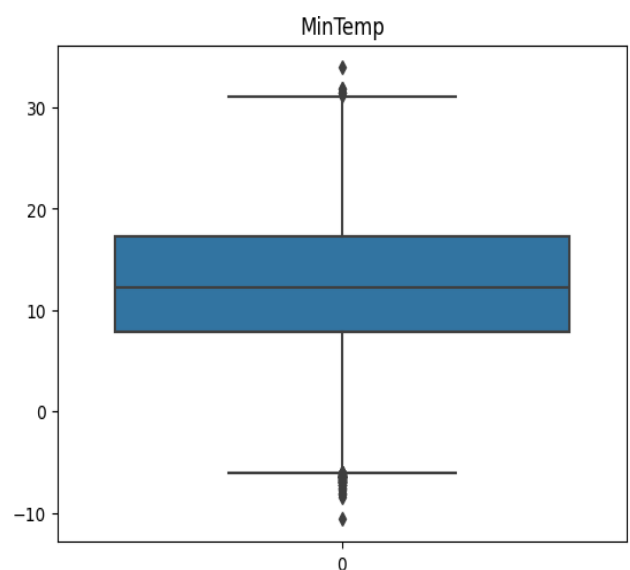


Fig. 6. Detecting outliers using boxplot

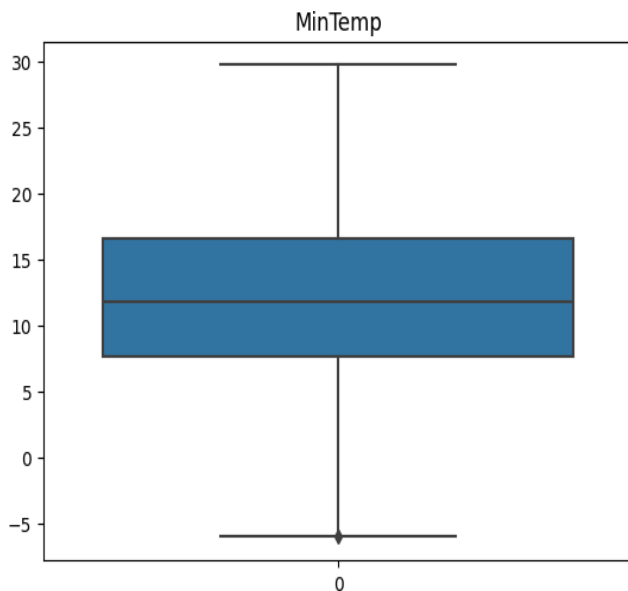


Fig. 7. Removing outliers using boxplot

#### 4) Encoding Categorical Features

Scikit-learn LabelEncoder() is used to convert categorical features to continuous ones. This method simplifies the conversion of non-numerical data into numerical format that machine learning algorithms can understand. When we iterate through the dataset's category columns, we construct a separate LabelEncoder object for each feature to guarantee that categorical values are properly encoded. Categorical variables are transformed into numerical equivalents by fitting and converting each column using the appropriate LabelEncoder. This transformation allows the model to better read and assess categorical data, resulting in higher accuracy and performance for machine learning models trained on the dataset.

```
Date: ['2008-12-01' '2008-12-02' '2008-12-03' ...
'2007-12-15' '2008-01-30' '2007-12-27']
Location: ['Albury' 'BadgerysCreek' 'Cobar' 'CoffsHarbour'
'Moree' 'Newcastle' 'NorahHead' 'NorfolkIsland' 'Penrith'
'Richmond' 'Sydney' 'SydneyAirport' 'WaggaWagga'
'Williamtown' 'Wollongong' 'Canberra' 'Tuggeranong'
'MountGinini' 'Ballarat' 'Bendigo' 'Sale' 'MelbourneAirport'
'Melbourne' 'Mildura' 'Nhil' 'Portland' 'Watsonia' 'Dartmoor'
'Brisbane' 'Cairns' 'GoldCoast' 'Townsville' 'Adelaide'
'MountGambier' 'Nuriootpa' 'Woomera' 'Albany' 'Witchcliffe'
'PearceRAAF' 'PerthAirport' 'Perth' 'SalmonGums'
'Walpole' 'Hobart' 'Launceston' 'AliceSprings' 'Darwin'
'Katherine' 'Uluru']
WindGustDir: ['W' 'WNW' 'WSW' 'NE' 'SW' 'SSE' 'S' 'N'
'NNW' 'NW' 'SE' 'NNE' 'ESE' 'E' 'SSW' 'ENE']
WindDir9am: ['W' 'NNW' 'SE' 'ENE' 'SW' 'SSE' 'S' 'N'
'WSW' 'NE' 'ESE' 'E' 'WNW' 'NNE' 'NW' 'SSW']
WindDir3pm: ['WNW' 'WSW' 'E' 'NW' 'W' 'SSE' 'SSW'
'SW' 'NNW' 'SE' 'N' 'S' 'NNE' 'ESE' 'ENE' 'NE']
```

Fig. 8. Categorical features before label encoding

```
Unique values of Date after label encoding:
['2007-11-01' '2007-11-02' '2007-11-03' ... '2017-06-23' '2017-06-24'
'2017-06-25']
Unique values of Location after label encoding:
['Adelaide' 'Albany' 'Albury' 'AliceSprings' 'BadgerysCreek' 'Ballarat'
'Bendigo' 'Brisbane' 'Cairns' 'Canberra' 'Cobar' 'CoffsHarbour'
'Dartmoor' 'Darwin' 'GoldCoast' 'Hobart' 'Katherine' 'Launceston'
'Melbourne' 'MelbourneAirport' 'Mildura' 'Moree' 'MountGambier'
'MountGinini' 'Newcastle' 'Nhil' 'NorahHead' 'NorfolkIsland' 'Nuriootpa'
'PearceRAAF' 'Penrith' 'Perth' 'PerthAirport' 'Portland' 'Richmond'
'Sale' 'SalmonGums' 'Sydney' 'SydneyAirport' 'Townsville' 'Tuggeranong'
'Uluru' 'WaggaWagga' 'Walpole' 'Watsonia' 'Williamtown' 'Witchcliffe'
'Wollongong' 'Woomera']
Unique values of WindGustDir after label encoding:
['E' 'ENE' 'ESE' 'N' 'NE' 'NNE' 'NNW' 'NW' 'S' 'SE' 'SSE' 'SSW' 'SW' 'W'
'WNW' 'WSW']
Unique values of WindDir9am after label encoding:
['E' 'ENE' 'ESE' 'N' 'NE' 'NNE' 'NNW' 'NW' 'S' 'SE' 'SSE' 'SSW' 'SW' 'W'
'WNW' 'WSW']
Unique values of WindDir3pm after label encoding:
['E' 'ENE' 'ESE' 'N' 'NE' 'NNE' 'NNW' 'NW' 'S' 'SE' 'SSE' 'SSW' 'SW' 'W'
'WNW' 'WSW']
```

Fig. 9. Label Encoding transforms categorical features into continuous features.

#### 5) Standardization

The data included in the MiceImputed DataFrame is normalized using the Scikit-Learn module's MinMaxScaler. This preprocessing phase guarantees that all features are translated to a common scale, commonly 0 to 1, making them comparable and boosting the performance of machine learning algorithms. The revised data is subsequently placed in a new DataFrame named modified\_data, which retains the original index and column names. This standardized data is now ready for further analysis and modeling, which will yield more accurate predictions or classifications in machine learning tasks.

#### 6) Feature Selection

Scikit-learn offers two different ways for feature selection. First, Select KBest is used with the chi-squared statistical test to identify the top k attributes most related to the target variable, RainTomorrow. This filtering algorithm selects the top ten features based on statistical significance. SelectFromModel then assigns importance scores to each feature using a RandomForestClassifier, allowing important features to be selected based on their relevance. Fitting the RandomForestClassifier and extracting support for each feature yields a list of selected features. These techniques help to uncover and maintain the most useful features, hence improving the prediction ability of machine learning models trained on the dataset.

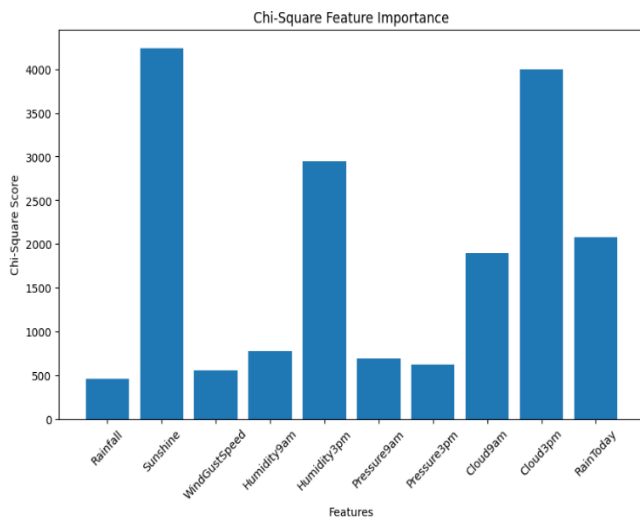


Fig. 10. Uses filter methods for feature selection. The most relevant attributes are identified using the chi-squared test.

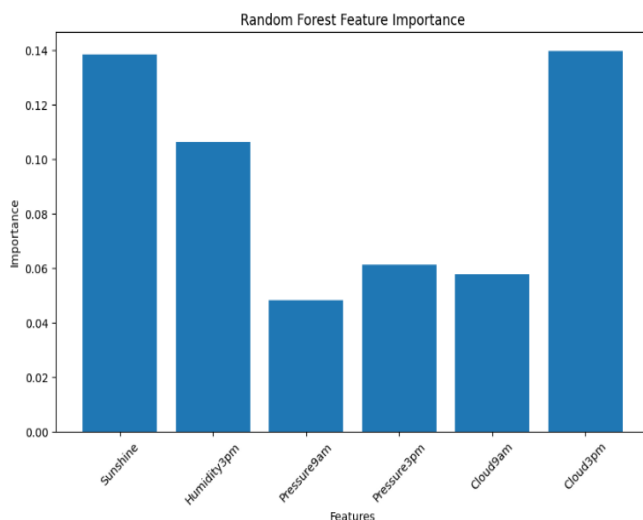


Fig. 11. Use random forest feature importance, shows importance of different features according to chi square scores

## 7) Feature Scaling

The data standardization approach uses scikit-learn's `MinMaxScaler()` function to scale the features from 0 to 1. Fitting the `MinMaxScaler` to the `MiceImputed` dataset identifies each feature's range, and the data is translated accordingly. The resulting `modified_data` dataframe contains the standardized features, which ensures scale consistency across all variables. This scaling method is particularly helpful for increasing the interpretability and performance of machine learning.

## 8) Model evaluation

The effectiveness of multiple categorization models is assessed using performance indicators such as accuracy, ROC-AUC, and Cohen's Kappa. ROC curves reflect the trade-off between sensitivity and specificity, as well as information on the model's discrimination capacity.

Confusion matrices provide a detailed study of the model's classification performance across multiple classes. Comparing these metrics across different models, such as Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Neural Network, Random Forest, LightGBM, XGBoost, and CatBoost, provides a comprehensive understanding of their relative strengths and weaknesses, allowing for more informed model selection for the classification task.

### a) Logistic Regression

A linear regression model developed for binary classification applications. It computes the likelihood that a given input belongs to a specified class by applying a logistic function to the observed data.

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```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

params_lr = {'penalty': 'l1', 'solver': 'liblinear'}

model_lr = LogisticRegression(**params_lr)
model_lr, accuracy_lr, roc_auc_lr, coh_kap_lr,
|tt_lr = run_model(model_lr, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)
```

Accuracy = 0.7952798350051561

ROC Area under Curve = 0.7895421146723749

Cohen's Kappa = 0.5823246558119864

Time taken = 3.410825252532959

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.80459	0.83764	0.82078	23879
1.0	0.78229	0.74144	0.76132	18789
accuracy			0.79528	42668
macro avg	0.79344	0.78954	0.79105	42668
weighted avg	0.79477	0.79528	0.79460	42668

Fig. 12. Logistic Regression Accuracy

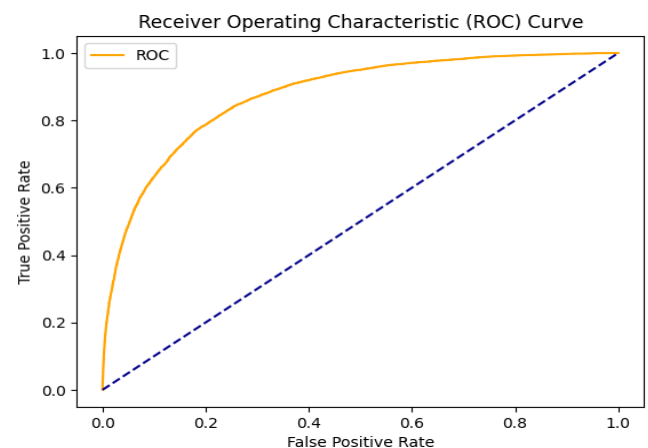


Fig. 13. Logistic regression ROC curve



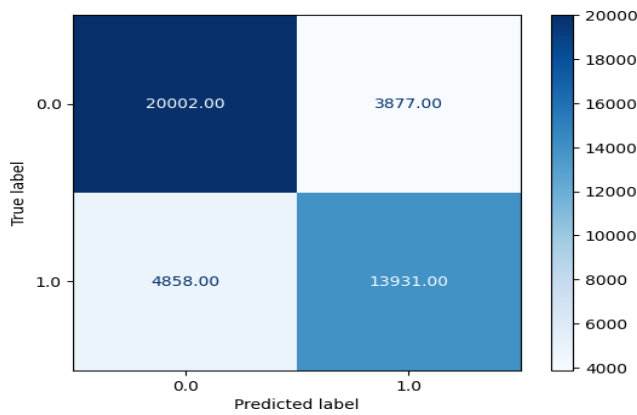


Fig. 14. Logistic Regression Confusion matrix

### b) Decision Tree

The decision tree divides the feature space into regions, each representing a separate decision. It is a non-parametric, supervised learning technique for classification and regression applications.

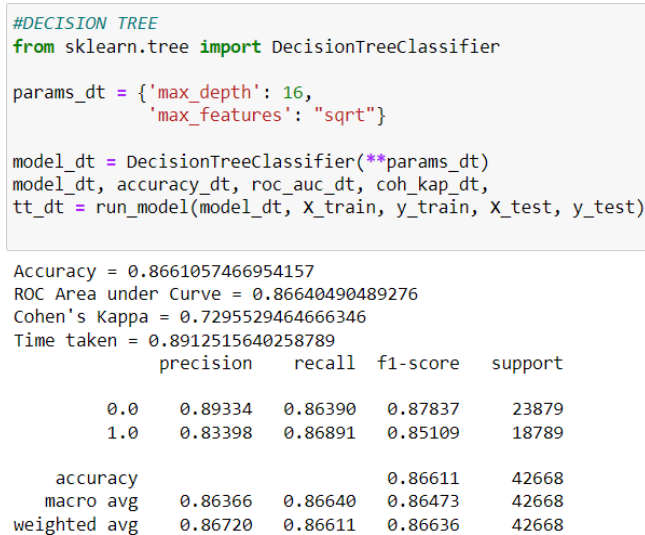


Fig. 15. Decision Tree Accuracy

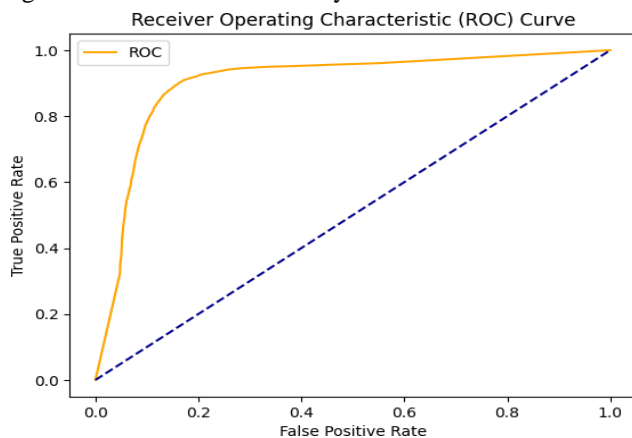


Fig. 16. Decision Tree ROC curve

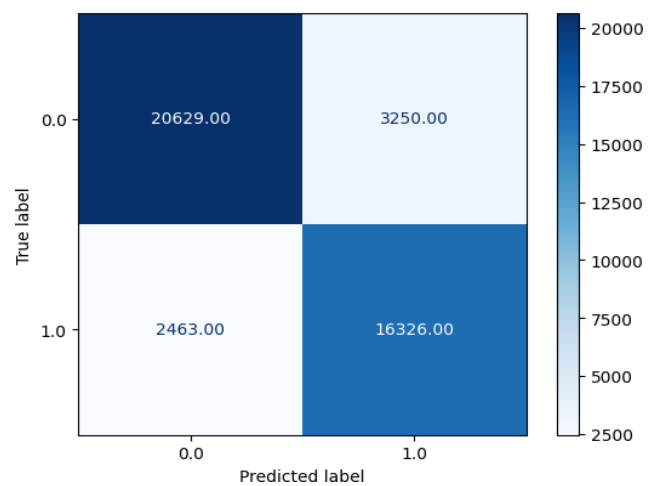


Fig. 17. Decision Tree Confusion matrix

### c) Neural Network

The neural network was based on the structure of the human brain. It is made up of interconnected nodes organized into layers, with each performing a simple computation. Neural networks are extremely adaptable and capable of understanding complicated patterns in data, making them ideal for a variety of tasks, including categorization.

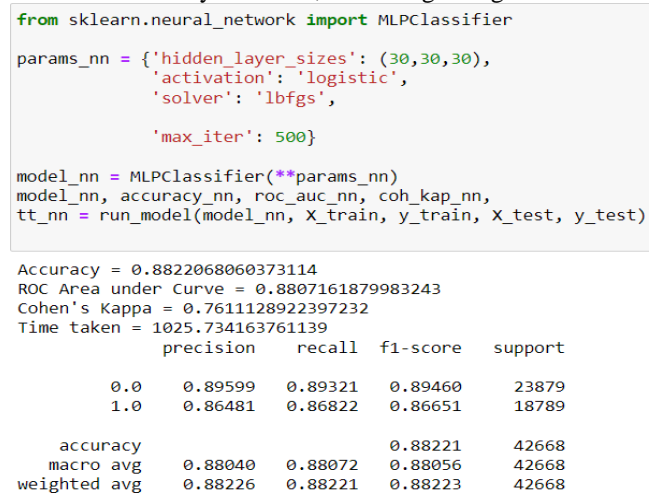


Fig. 18. Neural network Accuracy

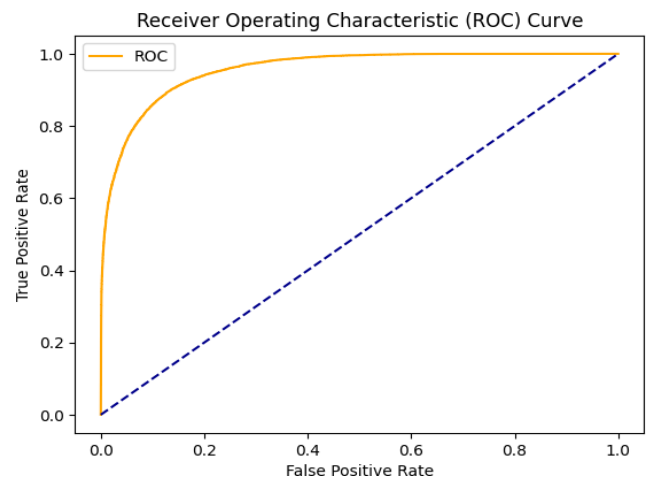


Fig. 19. Neural Network ROC curve

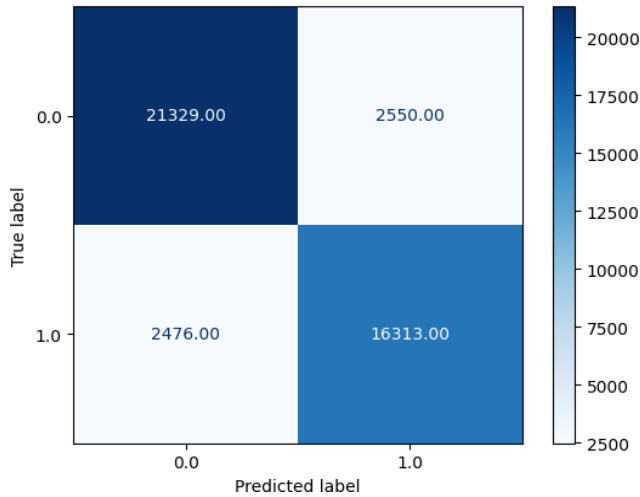


Fig. 20. Neural network confusion matrix

#### d) Random Forest

Random Forest, which generates a huge number of decision trees during training and returns the mode of classification or regression. Random forests beat single decision trees for prediction accuracy and overfitting.

#### e) LightGBM

LightGBM is a gradient boosting framework . It can process vast volumes of data quickly because to a new technique known as gradient-based one-side sampling. It outperforms previous gradient-boosting implementations in terms of efficiency, memory use, and training time.

```
import lightgbm as lgb
params_lgb = {'colsample_bytree': 0.95,
              'max_depth': 16,
              'min_split_gain': 0.1,
              'n_estimators': 200,
              'num_leaves': 50,
              'reg_alpha': 1.2,
              'reg_lambda': 1.2,
              'subsample': 0.95,
              'subsample_freq': 20}

model_lgb = lgb.LGBMClassifier(**params_lgb)
roc_auc_lgb, coh_kap_lgb,
tt_lgb = run_model(model_lgb, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)
```

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of positive: 56230, number of negative: 71771  
[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.004145 sec  
You can set "force\_row\_wise=true" to remove the overhead.  
And if memory is not enough, you can set "force\_col\_wise=true".  
[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 4324  
[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 128001, number of used features: 21  
[LightGBM] [Info] [binary:BoostFromScore]: pavg=0.439293 -> initscore=-0.244030  
[LightGBM] [Info] Start training from score -0.244030  
Accuracy = 0.8662698040686229  
ROC Area under Curve = 0.8634883731799748  
Cohen's Kappa = 0.7282159692817018  
Time taken = 2.9818294048309326

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.87580	0.88680	0.88127	23879
1.0	0.85380	0.84017	0.84693	18789
accuracy			0.86627	42668
macro avg	0.86480	0.86349	0.86410	42668
weighted avg	0.86612	0.86627	0.86615	42668

Fig. 21. LightGBM Accuracy

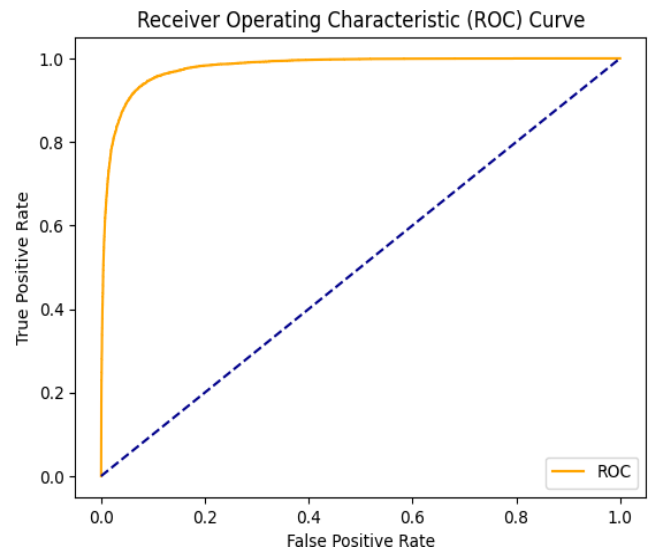


Fig. 22. LightGBM ROC curve

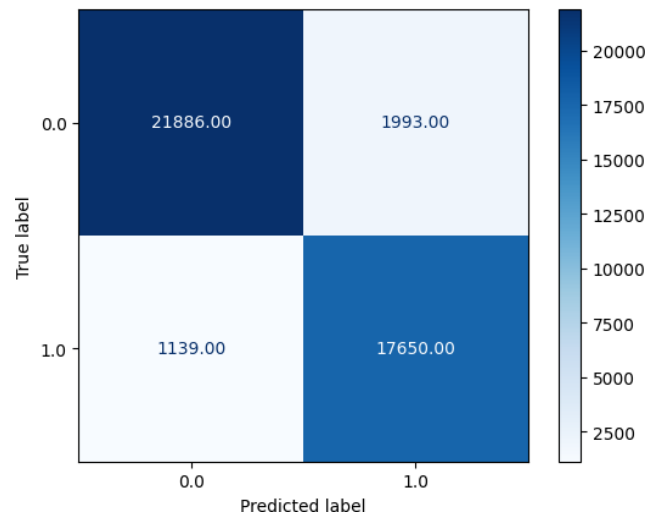


Fig. 23. LightGBM confusion matrix

#### f) XG Boost

XGBoost is another gradient-boosting technology known for its speed and performance. It enhances the model's performance by employing boosting, which sequentially adds models to an ensemble, with each model fixing errors made by its predecessors.

#### g) Cat Boost

CatBoost is a program for gradient boosting. It is specifically built to handle category attributes in an efficient and automated manner, with no need for pre-processing. CatBoost offers a number of ways for reducing overfitting and enhancing model generalization.

```
import catboost as cb
params_cb = {'iterations': 50,
            'max_depth': 16}

model_cb = cb.CatBoostClassifier(**params_cb)
model_cb, accuracy_cb, roc_auc_cb, coh_kap_cb,
tt_cb = run_model(model_cb, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test, verbose=False)
```

Accuracy = 0.9392050248429736  
ROC Area under Curve = 0.9424115092864753  
Cohen's Kappa = 0.8776540964755455  
Time taken = 695.8269679546356

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.97429	0.91553	0.94400	23879
1.0	0.90029	0.96929	0.93352	18789
accuracy			0.93921	42668
macro avg	0.93729	0.94241	0.93876	42668
weighted avg	0.94170	0.93921	0.93938	42668

Fig. 24. CatBoost Accuracy

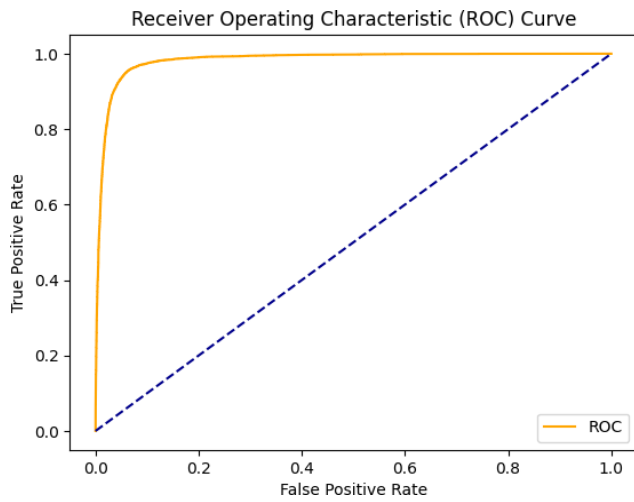


Fig. 25. CatBoost ROC curve

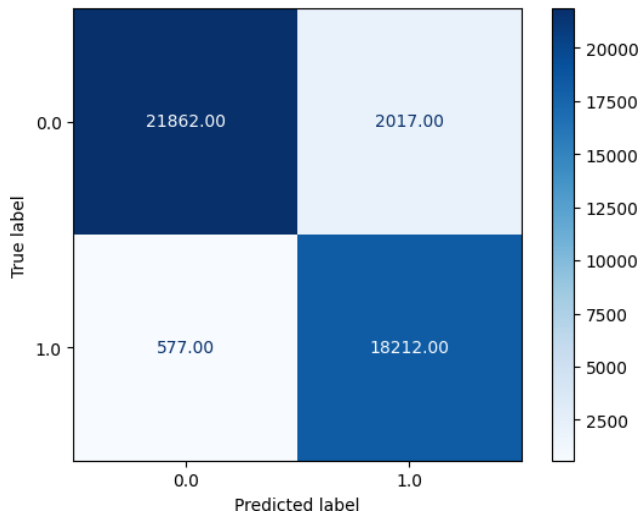


Fig. 26. CatBoost confusion matrix

### C. Result

The graphs in Fig. 12 and 15 demonstrate the models accuracy and these models are performed better compared to

remaining models. Using this models , we were able to forecast rainfall with reasonable accuracy.

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

params_rf = {'max_depth': 16,
            'min_samples_leaf': 1,
            'min_samples_split': 2,
            'n_estimators': 100,
            'random_state': 12345}

model_rf = RandomForestClassifier(**params_rf)
model_rf, accuracy_rf, roc_auc_rf, coh_kap_rf,
tt_rf = run_model(model_rf, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)
```

Accuracy = 0.9265960438736289  
ROC Area under Curve = 0.9279584837896794  
Cohen's Kappa = 0.8517906871231153  
Time taken = 96.86882638931274

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.95053	0.91654	0.93323	23879
1.0	0.89854	0.93938	0.91851	18789
accuracy			0.92660	42668
macro avg	0.92454	0.92796	0.92587	42668
weighted avg	0.92764	0.92660	0.92674	42668

Fig. 27. Random Forest Accuracy

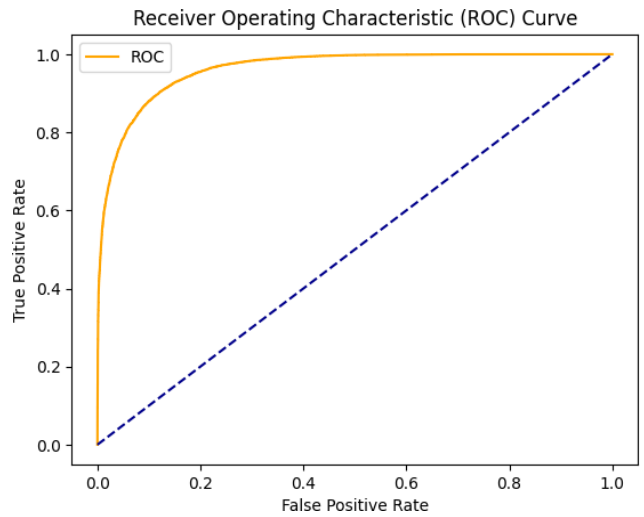


Fig. 28. Random Forest ROC curve

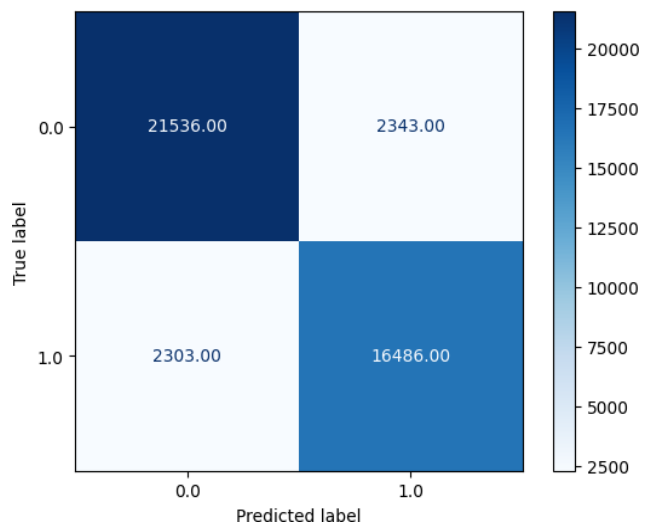


Fig. 29. Random Forest Confusion matrix



```
import xgboost as xgb
params_xgb = {'n_estimators': 500,
              'max_depth': 16}

model_xgb = xgb.XGBClassifier(**params_xgb)
model_xgb, accuracy_xgb,
roc_auc_xgb, coh_kap_xgb,
tt_xgb = run_model(model_xgb, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)
```

Accuracy = 0.9336973844567358  
 ROC Area under Curve = 0.938222609233219  
 Cohen's Kappa = 0.8669394202789557  
 Time taken = 29.161067008972168

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.97959	0.90029	0.93827	23879
1.0	0.88510	0.97616	0.92840	18789
accuracy			0.93370	42668
macro avg	0.93234	0.93822	0.93333	42668
weighted avg	0.93798	0.93370	0.93392	42668

Fig. 30. XGBoost accuracy

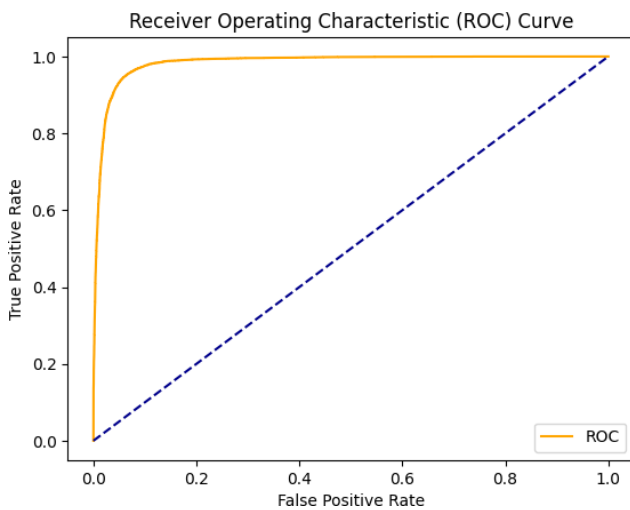


Fig. 31. XGBoost ROC curve

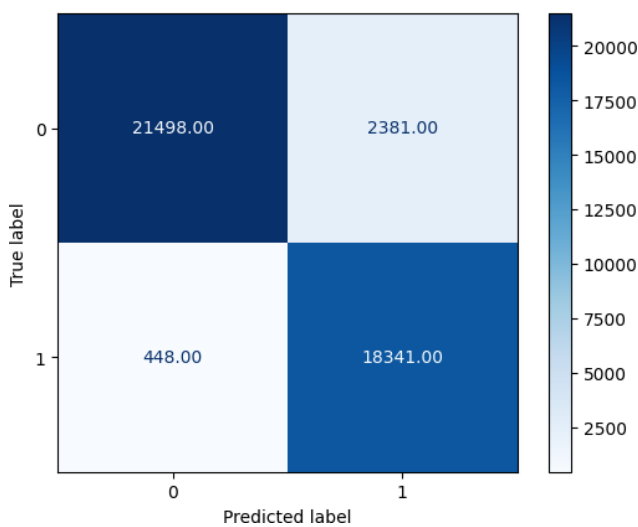


Fig. 32. XGBoost Confusion Matrix

## IV. RESULT OF ANALYSIS

In the final phase, we will use a variety of machine learning methods to assess the weather dataset's accuracy. Table.1 shows the accuracy of the reference base paper results obtained using four different algorithms.

S.No	Algorithm	Accuracy
1	Logistic Regression[1]	78%
2	Decision Tree[1]	83%
3	Neural Network[1]	88%
4	Random Forest[1]	93%
5	Logistic Regression	79%
6	Decision Tree	85%
7	Neural Network	89%
8	Random Forest	92%
9	LightGBM	86%
10	XG Boost	93%
11	Cat Boost	93%

Table. 1. Demonstrates the accuracy of algorithms used in existing and proposed work.

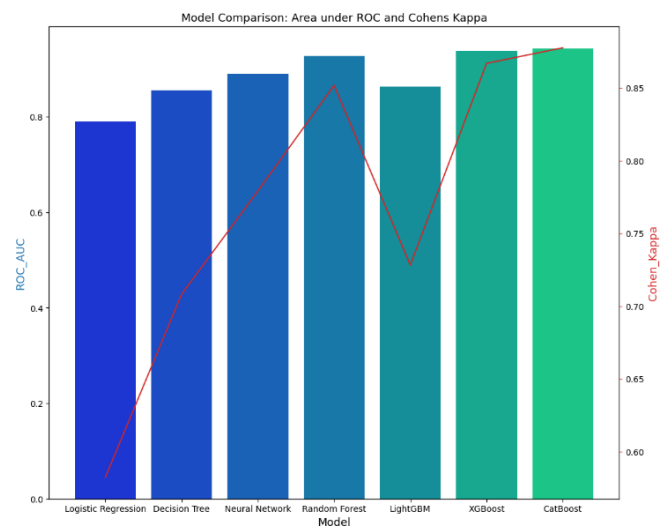


Fig. 33. the Random Forest model has the highest ROC\_AUC, indicating that it is the most effective at distinguishing between wet and non-rainy days. However, the LightGBM model has the highest Cohen's Kappa, indicating that it has the best agreement between anticipated and observed rainfall.

## V. CONCLUSION

The weatherAUS dataset was used in this work to investigate machine learning algorithms for rainfall prediction. Following data preprocessing, which included dealing with missing values, encoding categorical variables, and removing outliers, a variety of approaches were trained and tested. The results showed that XGBoost was the most accurate algorithm. However, data quality and processing capacity have a role in algorithm selection. Overall, our findings help meteorologists and other practitioners better understand machine learning methods for rainfall prediction, providing valuable insights.

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