

Modeling of visco elastic deformable objects for virtual environments

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Introduction

1. In this project, we propose a new data-driven approach for haptic modeling of normal interactions on homogeneous viscoelastic deformable objects.
2. The approach is based on some well-known machine learning techniques: Support Vector Regressor and Deep Learning.
3. In this project we are basically focusing in reducing the root mean squared error between actual signal and predicted signal. We have considered high and low amplitude points for training and middle amplitude points for testing the performance of our model.

Motivation

- The existing methods of Modeling visco elastic deformable objects is very time consuming and less accurate.
- The existing method uses Random Forest with 100 decision trees to estimate the Force variation.
- Hence we thought to come up with two techniques which takes less training time and predicts more accurate results.

Objectives and targeted deliverables

- Our objective was to come up with a technique or model which can learn the input output relationship of Visco Elastic Deformable objects and give a comparable performance as Random Forest.
- We tried different models with different hyperparameter tuning techniques and analyzed their behaviour under different input conditions.

Data Description

1. The outlined automatic data acquisition is performed for all combinations of trajectory parameters, i.e., 3 deformation amplitudes $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3\}$, 3 angular frequencies $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$, and 13 phase shifts $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{13}$, per contact location pair (i.e., one per opposite surface). Thus, there are $3 \times 3 \times 13 \times 2 = 117 \times 2$ discrete-time force curves, obtained from the two force sensors, per contact pair.
2. In addition to the force measurements, matching discrete-time displacements is also stored in vectors $d1k$, $d2k$, again separately per contact surface. Displacement readings are provided by the device encoders.
3. In total our 9 datasets consist of $174,672 \times 72 \times 9$ interaction data points and force values.

Implementation Step

1. Firstly, we have separate out desired data that is going to be used in developing an algorithm using Matlab.
2. Then, we have selected a python language for implementation. Python is used in this project for developing as it has Scikit-Learn Library which has many tools that can be used for data training.
3. Then, we have selected an optimal algorithm that is deep learning for training and testing the data.
4. After that we have pre-processed the data.
5. Then, we have done data training with Random Forest, Deep learning and support vector machine using the various input vector and output data.
 1. Taking positions (X_1 , X_2) points as input data and output vector as $\text{force}(F_1)$.
 2. Taking also various stages of past input into consideration and the same output vector as $\text{force}(F_1)$.
 3. Taking fractional derivatives of input vector and output vector as $\text{force}(F_1)$.
6. We have also done tuning of parameters for better result.

Implementation

1. We have built a Deep Learning Model which can give comparable performance as Random Forest model.
2. We have also tested the performance of Support Vector Machines and found it to perform significantly well on the given data.
3. We have also noticed the training time of each model and ensured that our models take lower time than pre-existing algorithms to get trained.
4. We have considered several input parameters including present as well as various stages of past inputs and an analytical comparison of models is performed in each case.
5. The codes and report files are added and updated in the following github repository.

https://github.com/gautamHCSCV/Modelling_Viscoelastic_Objects

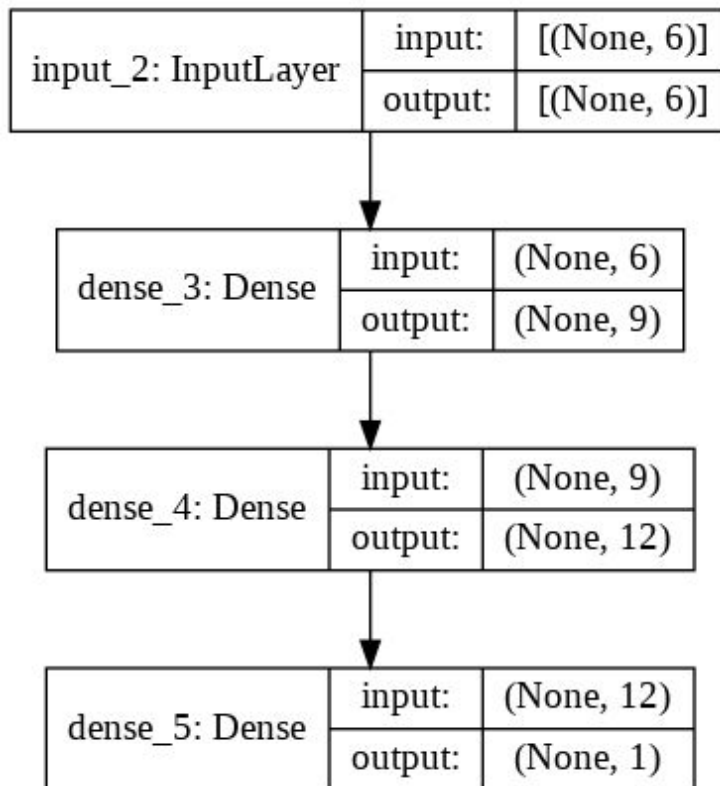
Data Analysis

- Number of train data points = 120435
- Number of Test data points = 54235 (predicting middle amplitude points)

PAST 20 INPUTS COMPARISON:

- $x1(n)$, $x1(n-\tau)$, $x1(n-2*\tau)$... $x1(n-m*\tau)$ and
 $x2(n)$, $x2(n-\tau)$, $x2(n-2*\tau)$... $x2(n-m*\tau)$
- For $\tau = 4$ and $m = 5$
- For $\tau = 5$ and $m = 4$

DEEP LEARNING MODEL STRUCTURE

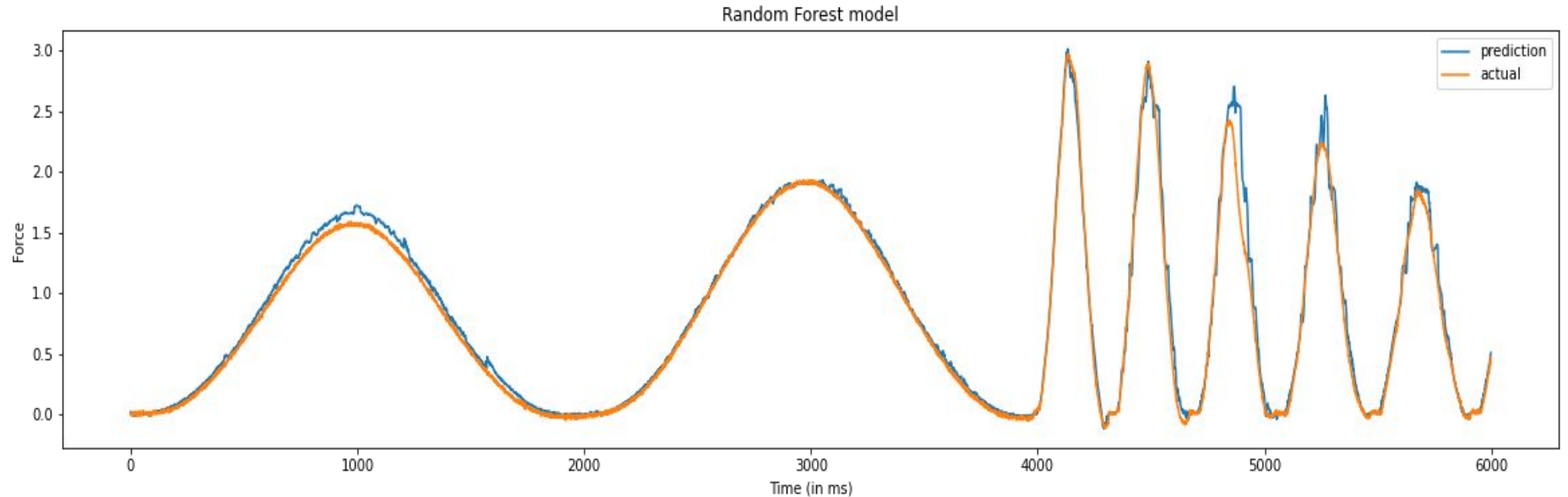


Input feature vs output feature	$\tau = 4$ and $m = 5$			$\tau = 5$ and $m = 4$		
	f1			f1		
Model	DL model	SVR	RF	DL model	SVR	RF
Max error	0.8490	0.690	0.8900	0.8183	0.6861	0.9079
Min error	1.251 * 10 ⁻⁶	3.915 * 10 ⁻⁷	1.387 * 10 ⁻¹⁷	4.479 * 10 ⁻⁷	8.253 * 10 ⁻⁸	9.999 * 10 ⁻⁷
Median error	0.0215	0.0306	0.0188	0.0319	0.0311	0.01901
RMSE	0.0506	0.0509	0.060	0.061	0.0511	0.0598

Predictions

Random Forest

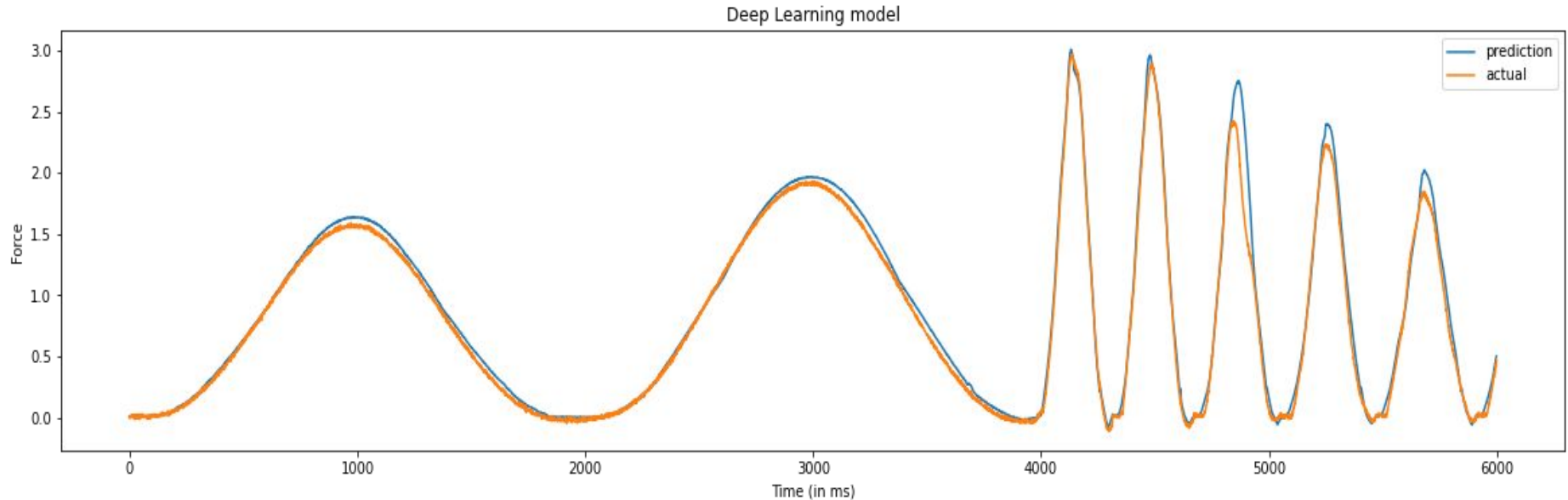
Root Mean squared error = 0.060872



Predictions

Deep Learning Model

Root Mean squared error = 0.047670



Random Forest Vs Deep Learning

Models' performances on Middle amplitude points

Input feature vs output feature	p1,p2 f1		p1[i+1] - p1[i], p2[i+1] - p2[i] f1		p1[i],p1[i- τ],p1[i-2* τ] p2[i],p2[i- τ],p2[i-2* τ] f1	
Model	DL model	RF	DL model	RF	DL model	RF
Time taken by the model(in sec)	0:00:27.6	0:01:22.6	0:01:15.9	0:01:12.7	0:01:15.0	0:01:22.3

ANALYSIS OF DATA AND ENVIRONMENT

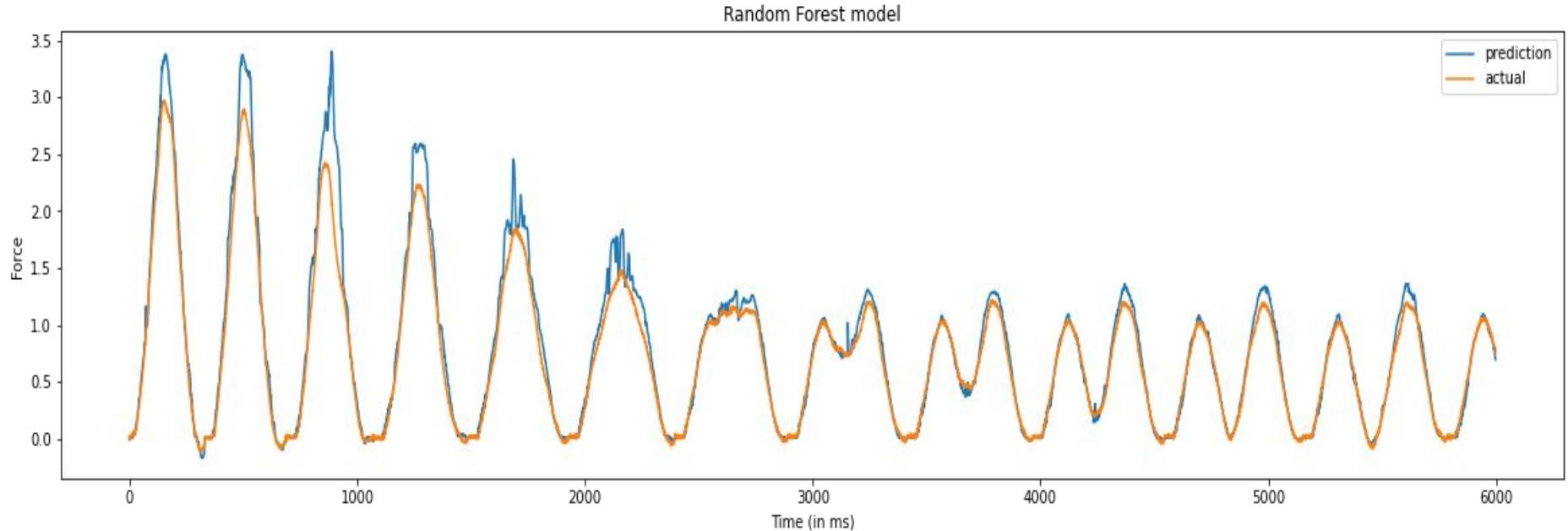
- Number of train data points = 116447
- Number of Test data points = 58223 (predicting High data points and low data points)
- input features: **fractional derivative of input data points X1 and X2 at order = 0.1 to 1**
- Output feature = **Force (F1)**
- Optimizer = Adam
- Loss function = Root Mean Squared Error
- Version of TensorFlow used = 2.6.0

Predicting Middle Amplitude points(39-78 Interaction points) for a lower time period using fractional derivative

Random Forest

(CLOSER VIEW OF INITIAL POINTS)

Root Mean squared error = 0.070862

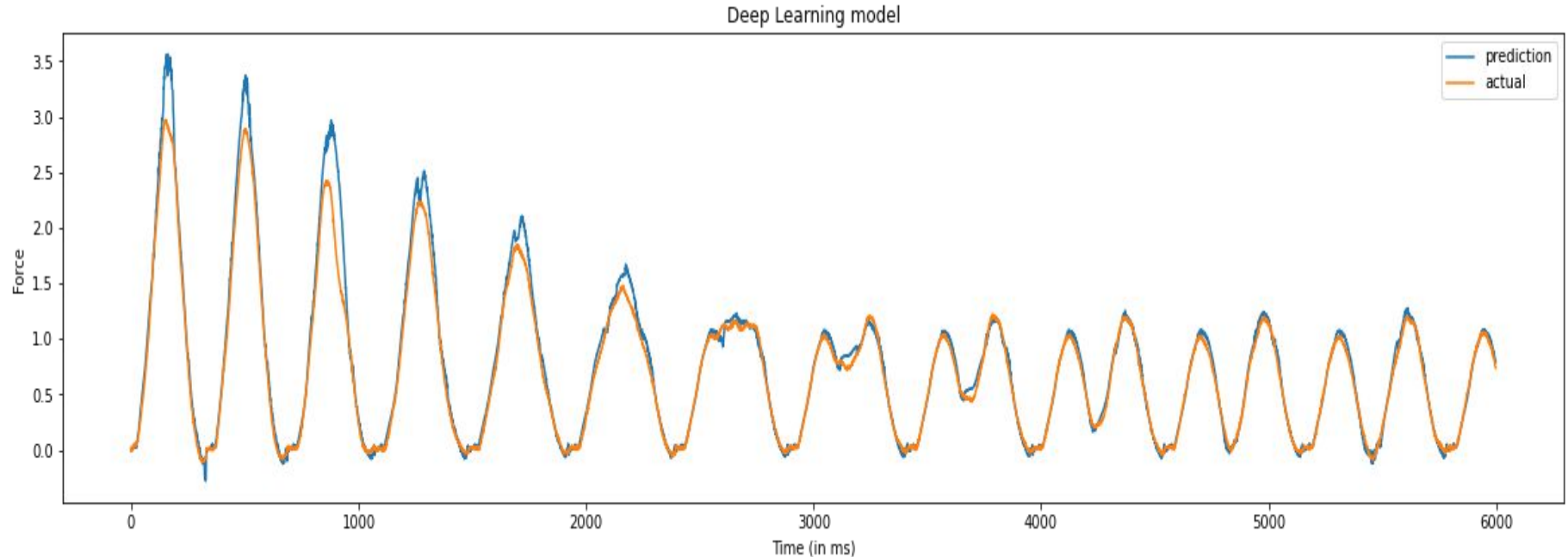


Predicting Middle Amplitude points(39-78 Interaction points) for a lower time period using fractional derivative

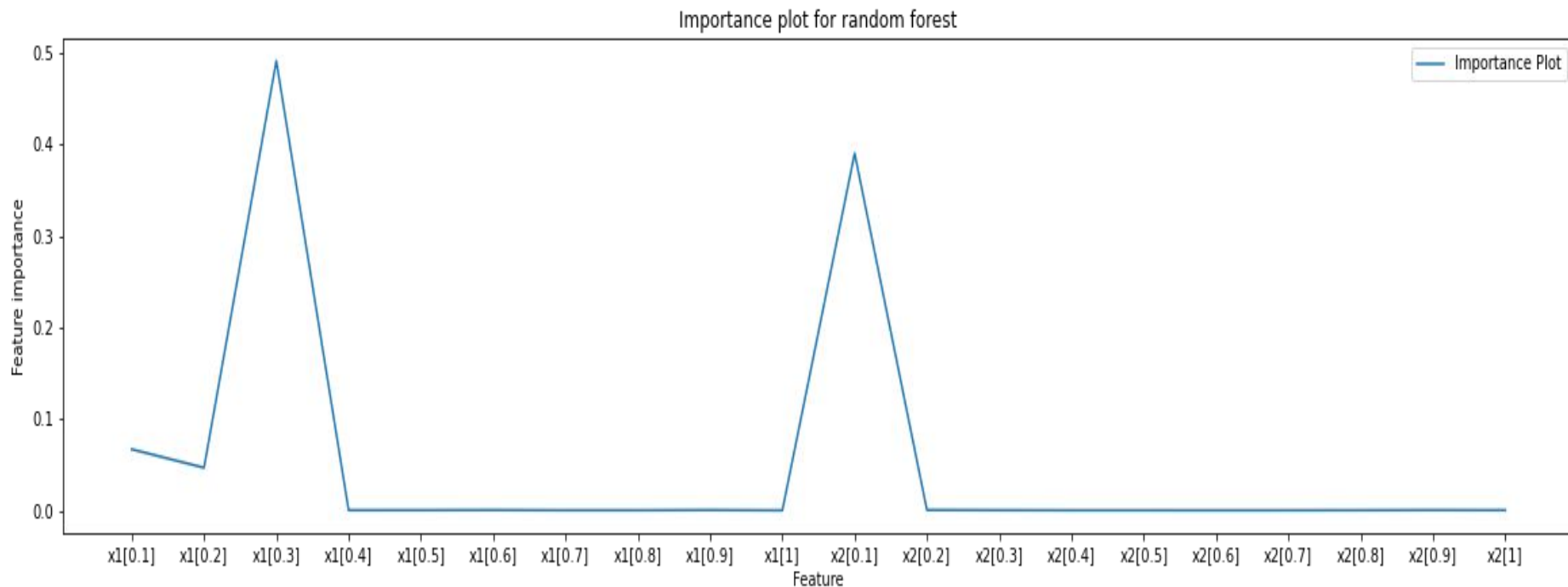
Deep Learning Model

(CLOSER VIEW OF INITIAL POINTS)

Root Mean squared error = 0.052984



Feature Importance plot for random forest using fractional derivative





Conclusion

1. We had got different results for models with different hyperparameter tuning techniques.
2. We got best results in the case of the deep learning model and support vector machine compared to the existing model Random Forest.
3. We had also got better results in the case of fractional derivatives.



Thank You