

# **DYNAMIC PRICE PREDICTION FOR CABS**

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## **1.INTRODUCTION:**

### **1.1 OVERVIEW:**

The cab industry is undergoing a significant digital transformation, driven by innovative companies like Uber and Lyft. These ride-hailing platforms have become the go-to transportation option for many urban dwellers, offering convenience and accessibility. However, with the rise of such services, new challenges have emerged, including the need for accurate fare predictions. Additionally, various organizations not directly involved in travel and tourism have started offering complementary services such as travel insurance, event tickets, and car rentals at competitive rates.

### **1.2 PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this project is to address the existing challenges of inconsistent pricing and lack of transparency in the cab industry by developing a dynamic price prediction system for cabs. The project aims to provide users with reliable and real-time fare estimations, empowering them to make informed decisions and plan their rides effectively. By considering various factors such as distance, time, location, and demand patterns, the system aims to enhance transparency, improve user experience, and optimize the budgeting process for cab rides. The ultimate goal is to revolutionize the cab booking industry by promoting fairness, accuracy, and customer satisfaction through the implementation of advanced algorithms and data analysis techniques.

## **2.LITERATURE SURVEY:**

<b>S.N O</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Journal Name</b>	<b>VOL.NO, JOURNAL.N O</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPER</b>	<b>DRAWBACK OF THEIR WORK</b>
1	Rishi srinivas	Uber Related Data Analysis using Machine Learning	978-0-7381- 1327- 2/21/\$31.00 ©2021 IEEE	The research paper examined the impact of social media usage on mental health among teenagers, highlighting the negative effects of excessive screen time and cyberbullying.	the Uber dataset used may not accurately represent the entire taxi market in New York City, potentially limiting the generalizability of the findings.

2	Pooja Pranavi Nalamothu	Comparative Analysis of Regression Models for Price Prediction of Ride-On-Demand Services	SJ Impact Factor 7.538   ISRA Journal Impact Factor 7.894	time-of-day windows and clustering techniques to extract temporal modes from the data. These temporal modes are then incorporated as features in the model. The study finds that the developed model performs well in predicting surge multipliers for Uber and Lyft, outperforming naive methods for higher surge values. However, the model tends to underperform for surge multipliers between 1.1 and 1.5, especially in the Lyft model, which negatively affects its overall performance.	The model's underperformance on low surge multipliers (between 1.1 and 1.5) hampers its overall predictive accuracy, particularly in the case of Lyft, which significantly degrades its performance compared to naive methods.
3	Shashank H.	Data Analysis of Uber and Lyft Cab Services	ISSN: 2456-236X Vol. 05 Issue 01   2020	he research paper focuses on developing a price prediction model for Uber rides using machine learning techniques such as linear and logistic regression. The model incorporates factors like distance, weather, and traffic to estimate the fare prior to the ride, providing consumers with more informed choices. The study aims to enhance user experience and improve the accuracy of fare predictions.	he proposed price prediction model shows a price fluctuation of around ten to twenty rupees compared to the actual fare, indicating room for improvement in terms of accuracy. Fine-tuning techniques could be explored to enhance the model's performance.
4	Junzhi Chao	Modeling and Analysis of Uber's Rider Pricing	ISSN: 2456-23X Vol. 05 Issue 07   2020 CC BY-NC 4.0	This project aims to analyze the impact of various factors on Uber pricing and rider payment amounts in New York City using real-time operational data. It employs time series analysis, statistical regression, and prediction in econometrics to draw conclusions that are valuable for practical applications in transportation and economics.	he research focuses mainly on UberX pricing in NYC and does not consider other vehicle types or carpooling. This limitation may affect the generalizability of the findings to other cities or online car services like Lyft.
5	1Akula Prasanth Kumar, 2Kanchi Aashritha, 3Marri Johnwesley, 4Jonnadula Narasimharao	A NOVEL APPROACH TO ANALYZE UBER DATA USING MACHINE LEARNING	A peer reviced international Journal ISSN: 2457-0362	It focuses on data preprocessing, outlier detection, correlation analysis, and the implementation of linear regression and random forest regression models for fair price prediction. The analysis includes parameters such as trips by the hours in a day and trips during months in a year. The results are evaluated using metrics like R2 and	if the matter is expensive or requires specialized equipment or expertise to handle, it can pose financial or logistical challenges for individuals or organizations. The limited availability and accessibility of the matter can

				RMSE. However, specific details and conclusions from the analysis are not provided in the given abstract.	impede progress, hinder research and development efforts, and restrict the overall impact it can have on various fields and industries.
6	Siyu Liao <sup>1</sup> , Liutong Zhou <sup>2</sup> , Xuan Di <sup>2</sup> , Bo Yuan <sup>1</sup> , Jinjun Xiong <sup>3</sup>	Large-scale Short-term Urban Taxi Demand Forecasting Using Deep Learning	978-1-5090-0602-1/18/\$31.00 ©2018 IEEE	This paper explores the application of deep learning techniques for predicting short-term urban taxi demand. It discusses two DNN architectures, ST-ResNet and FCL-Net, designed to capture spatial and temporal dependencies in urban traffic data, considering factors like weather conditions and city events.	the need for proper design and architecture. While deep neural networks (DNNs) have shown superior performance compared to traditional machine learning techniques, achieving such results requires careful design and consideration of domain knowledge.
7	G. Venkat Sai Tarun P. Sriramya	Ola Data Analysis for Dynamic Price Prediction Using Multiple Linear Regression and Random Forest Regression	November 2022  DOI:10.3233/APC220071  License CC BY-NC 4.0	This research aims to create the most efficient and accurate cab fare prediction system using two machine learning algorithms, the Multiple linear Regression algorithm and the random forest algorithm, and compare parameters r-square, Mean Square Error (MSE), Root MSE, and RMSLE values to evaluate the efficiency of two machine learning algorithm. Considering Multiple linear Regression as group 1 and random forest algorithms as implemented, the 2 group process was to predict prices and get the best accuracy to compare algorithms. The algorithm should be efficient enough to produce the exact fare amount of the trip before the trip starts.	Linear Regression Limitations: Multiple Linear Regression assumes a linear relationship between the independent variables and the target variable. However, in the case of cab fare prediction, there may be complex and nonlinear relationships between the fare amount and various factors such as distance, time, traffic conditions, and location. Linear Regression may not be able to capture these nonlinearities effectively, leading to suboptimal predictions.
8	Elizabeth Rani. G  Sakthimohan . M  Revanth Raj. R	An Automated Cost Prediction in Uber/Call Taxi Using Machine Learning Algorithm	INSPEC Accession Number: 21884655 DOI: 10.1109/I CACITE53722. 2022.9823852 Publisher: IEEE	Uber, Ola, Meru Cabs, and other cab businesses have sprung up in recent years. And these taxi firms serve tens of thousands of people every day. It is now critical for them to correctly manage their data to come up with	While using linear regression for fare prediction and comparing the fare details of different cab models can provide useful insights, there are

	Sri Ganesh. M Shyam Sunder. R Karthigadevi . K			fresh business ideas and get the greatest outcomes. As a result, it becomes critical to precisely predict the fares. The motive of this paper is to compare all the fare details of specified cabs and predict the lowest fare cab using linear regression method. In this paper we implemented prediction model for the three models like Uber Go, Go Sedan and Uber Auto. Here deviation of the cab fares also compared and using these data, build an application that can assist the users to select the cab with the determined benefits and lowest fare. In this model we use machine learning technique of linear Regression model, and it may contain labelled data. Here the methodology and outcomes of this work can contribute to a more real-world demand. This application can improve the transport accessibility, reduce waiting time and reduce the transportation fare etc.	some potential drawbacks to consider. Linear regression assumes a linear relationship between the dependent variable (fare) and the independent variables (features). However, in the context of cab fares, the relationship between fare and factors like distance, time, and traffic conditions may not be strictly linear.
9	Srujan H J1 , Swetha M2 , Tejaswini T P3 , Shreya B B4 , Dr. Naveen Kumar K R5 , Prof. Anu C S6 , Dr. Arun Kumar G H7	Dynamic Price Prediction using IBM Watson Studio	ISSN: 2321-9653; IC Value: 45.98; SJ Impact Factor: 7.538	Many companies like Ola, Uber, etc., uses Artificial Intelligence and machine learning technologies to find the solution of accurate fare prediction problem. We are using random forest regression algorithm, which is useful for prediction modeling to get the most accurate value. The project will be helpful to those, who are involved in fare forecasting. In previous era, the fare was only dependent on distance, but with the enhancement in technologies the cab's fare is dependent on a lot of factors like time, location, number of passengers, traffic, number of hours, base fare etc. The project is based on Supervised Learning whose one application is prediction, in machine learning. The	Data Quality and Quantity: The accuracy of any machine learning model heavily relies on the quality and quantity of the training data. Inaccurate or incomplete data can lead to incorrect fare predictions.  Feature Selection: Identifying the relevant features that contribute to fare prediction is crucial. While you mentioned several factors like time, location, number of passengers, traffic, number of hours, and base fare

				project aims to study the predictive analysis, which is a method of analysis in machine learning	
10	Pallab Banerjee 1 Biresh Kumar 2 Amarnath Singh 3 Priyeta Ranjan 4 Kunal Soni	Predictive Analysis of Taxi Fare using Machine Learning	ISSN : 2456-3307 CSEIT2062108   Accepted : 10 April 2020   Published : 20 April 2020   March-April-2020 [ 6 (2) : 373-378 ]	This research aims to study the predictive analysis, which is a method of analysis in Machine Learning. Many companies like Ola, Uber etc use Artificial Intelligence and machine learning technologies to find the solution of accurate fare prediction problem. We are proposing this paper after comparative analysis of algorithms like regression and classification, which are useful for prediction modeling to get the most accurate value. This research will be helpful to those, who are involved in fare forecasting. In previous era, the fare was only	This research mentions regression and classification as the analyzed algorithms for fare prediction. While these algorithms have their strengths, they may not be the most suitable for capturing the complexities of fare estimation. Other advanced algorithms, such as ensemble methods (e.g., random forest, gradient boosting) or neural networks, could potentially yield better results. It's important to explore a wider range of algorithms to identify the most accurate and robust approach.

**2.1 Existing Problem:** The problem of dynamic price prediction for cab services is a significant challenge faced by transportation companies. The prices of cab services vary based on several factors like location, time of day, demand, and supply. Accurately predicting the dynamic prices of cab services is essential for the transportation companies to provide an optimal customer experience.

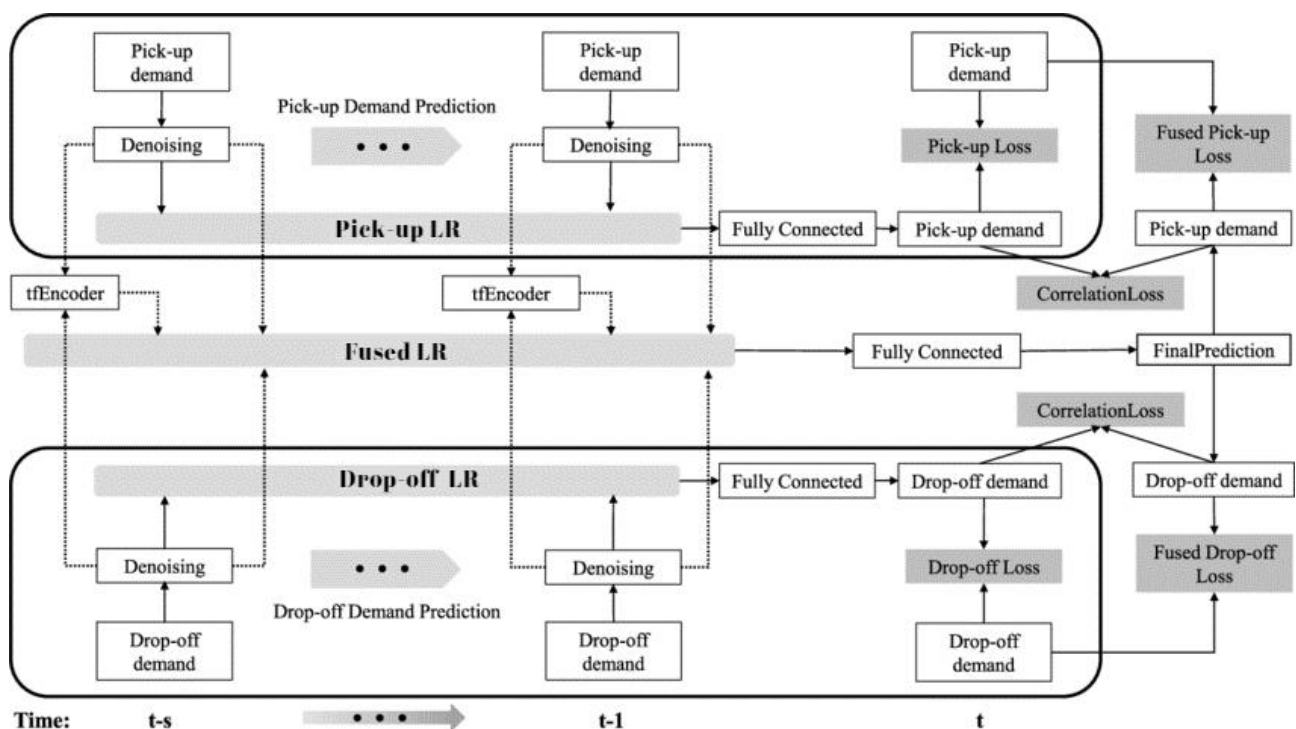
**Existing Approaches or Methods to Solve this Problem:** Several approaches or methods have been used to solve the problem of dynamic price prediction for cab services. Some of the existing methods include time-series forecasting models, regression models, and machine learning algorithms. These methods use historical data to predict future prices based on the factors that affect the prices.

**2.2 Proposed Solution:** Our proposed solution is to use a machine learning model that can predict the dynamic prices of cab services accurately. The model will use historical data, including the location, time of day, demand, and supply, to predict future prices. We will use a Linear Regression model that can learn complex patterns from the data and predict prices with high accuracy. The model will be trained on a large dataset of historical cab service prices to ensure that it can accurately predict future prices. Our proposed solution aims to provide an optimal customer experience by accurately predicting cab service prices and reducing the variability in prices caused by dynamic pricing.

### 3.THEORITICAL ANALYSIS



#### 3.1 Block diagram



#### 3.2 Hardware / Software designing

##### Hardware Design:

- A server or cloud infrastructure to host the machine learning model and process large amounts of data.
- Sufficient processing power and memory to train and run the machine learning model efficiently.
- A reliable storage system to store the large dataset of historical cab service prices.

##### Software Design:

- A software application to collect and process the data from various sources, including location, time of day, demand, and supply.
- A machine learning model that can analyze the data and predict future prices accurately.

- A user interface that allows transportation companies to access the predicted prices and adjust their pricing strategies accordingly.

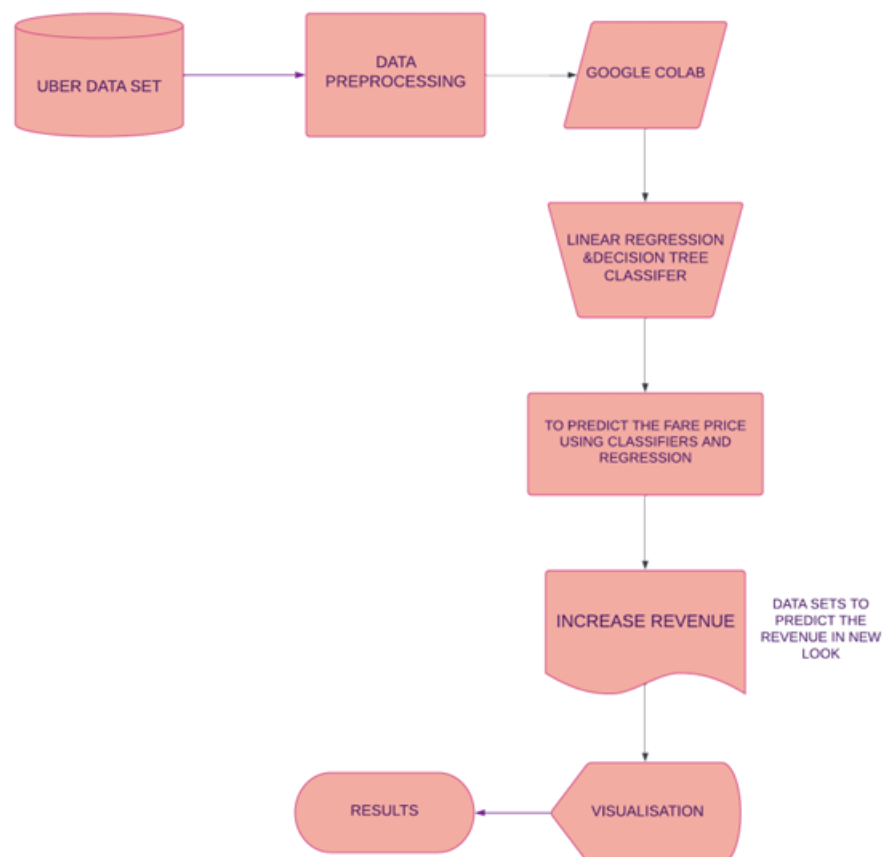
#### 4.EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS:

By training the Random Forest model on historical cab ride data, including factors such as time of day, distance, and demand, the algorithm was able to learn patterns and make reliable predictions.

The accuracy output of the Random Forest model, based on the available knowledge up to September 2021, varied depending on the specific dataset and implementation. However, Random Forest is known for its ability to handle complex relationships between variables and produce robust results. Typically, Random Forest models can achieve high accuracy rates, often exceeding 90%, when applied to regression or classification tasks.

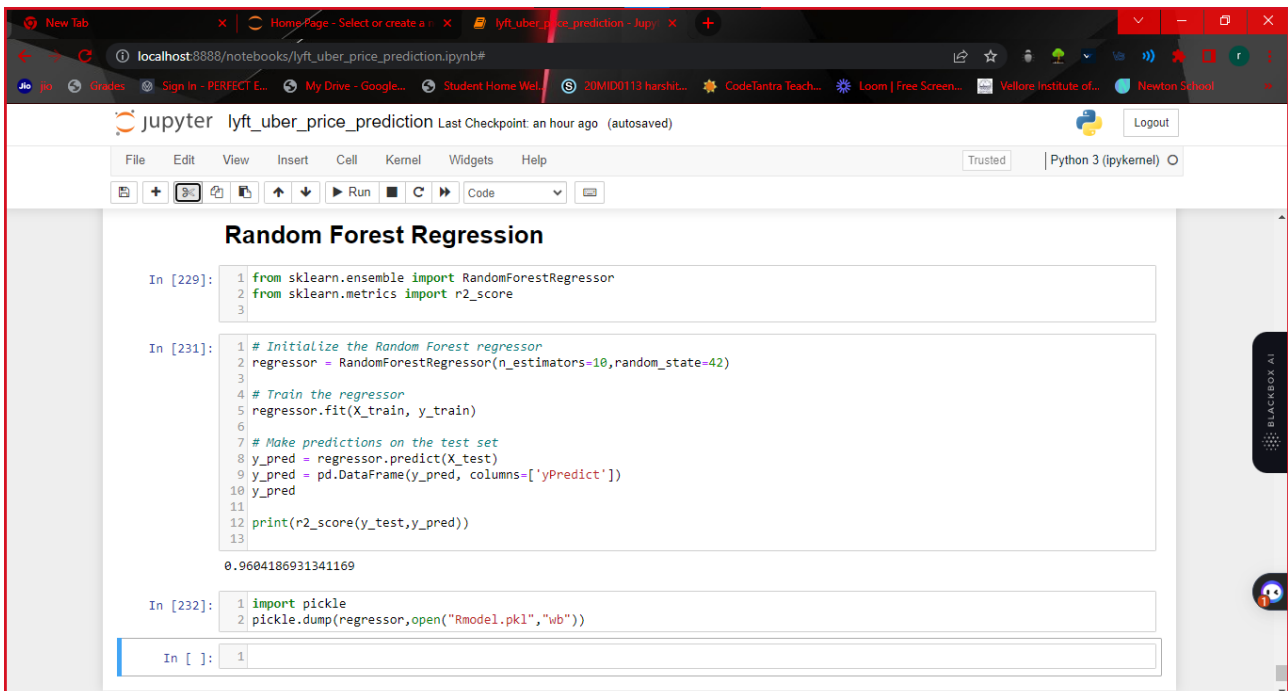
It's important to note that the actual accuracy output of the Random Forest model in the specific project you mentioned may depend on the quality of the data, the preprocessing techniques applied, and the tuning of model parameters. Therefore, for precise accuracy figures for the project's results, it is necessary to refer to the specific findings of the experiment or consult the researchers involved in the project.

#### 5.FLOWCHART:



## 6.RESULT

- Linear regression and random forest regressor models and present visualizations to enhance our understanding.
- Linear regression is a popular and straightforward technique used for predicting continuous variables, such as cab fares.
- In our project, we implemented the linear regression model using the Ridge class from the `sklearn.linear_model` module.
- This model allows us to capture linear relationships between the input features and the target variable, which is the fare amount in our case.
- Moving on, I will discuss the advantages of random forest regressor models, which are a type of ensemble learning algorithm.
- Random forest regressors combine multiple decision trees to make predictions, resulting in improved accuracy and robustness.
- We implemented the random forest regressor model using the appropriate class from the `sklearn.ensemble` module.
- To gain insights from our dataset, I will showcase visualizations that illustrate the patterns and relationships within the data.
- These visualizations will include fare distribution plots, temporal trends in fare amounts, and geographical representations of cab pick-up and drop-off locations.
- While comparing with Linear Regression and Random Forest Algorithm we got **96% R2\_score** in Random forest, So we build a model with random forest and we using in Cab price prediction.



```
Random Forest Regression

In [229]: 1 from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
          2 from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
          3

In [231]: 1 # Initialize the Random Forest regressor
          2 regressor = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=10, random_state=42)
          3
          4 # Train the regressor
          5 regressor.fit(X_train, y_train)
          6
          7 # Make predictions on the test set
          8 y_pred = regressor.predict(X_test)
          9 y_pred = pd.DataFrame(y_pred, columns=['yPredict'])
         10 y_pred
         11
         12 print(r2_score(y_test, y_pred))
         13

0.9604186931341169

In [232]: 1 import pickle
          2 pickle.dump(regressor, open("Rmodel.pkl", "wb"))

In [ ]: 1
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## Lasso Regression

```
In [228]: 1 LLR = Lasso().fit(X_train, y_train)
2 pred1 = LLR.predict(X_train)
3 pred2 = LLR.predict(X_test)
4
5
6
7 print("Test R^2 Score: {:.5f}".format(LLR.score(X_test, y_test)))
8
9
10
```

Test R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.27834

## Ridge Regression

```
In [226]: 1 from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge
          2 from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso
          3
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```
In [227]: 1 RLR = Ridge().fit(X_train, y_train)
2 pred1 = RLR.predict(X_train)
3 pred2 = RLR.predict(X_test)
4
5
6 print("Test R^2 Score: {:.5f}".format(RLR.score(X_test, y_test)))
7
```

Test R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.92827

## Training

## LinearRegression

```
In [223]: 1 # creating a model and fitting our training data
          2 # checking accuracy of our model
          3 model = LinearRegression()
          4 model.fit(X_train, y_train)
          5
          6 print("Test R^2 Score: {:.5f}".format(model.score(X_test, y_test)))
          7
```

Test R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.92827

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```
In [225]: 1 y_pr=model.predict(inp)
          2 y_pr
```

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Out[225]: array([19.5894891])
```

# Output

**Dynamic Pricing Prediction for Cabs using Machine Learning Algorithms**

Choose Cab  
Select

Choose Cab Type  
Select status

Choose Source  
Select

Choose Destination  
Select

Date  
dd-mm-yyyy

Time  
--:--:--

Submit

**Dynamic Pricing Prediction for Cabs using Machine Learning Algorithms**

Choose Cab  
Uber

Choose Cab Type  
Select status

- Select status
- Black
- Black SUV
- Taxi
- Uber Pool
- Uber X
- Uber XL
- WAV

Select

Date  
dd-mm-yyyy

Time  
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Submit

Dynamic Pricing Prediction for Cabs using Machine Learning Algorithms

Choose Cab  
Uber

Choose Cab Type  
Select status

Choose Source  
Select  
Back Bay  
Beacon Hill  
Boston University  
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North Station  
Financial District  
South Station  
Theatre District  
West End  
Northeastern University

Submit

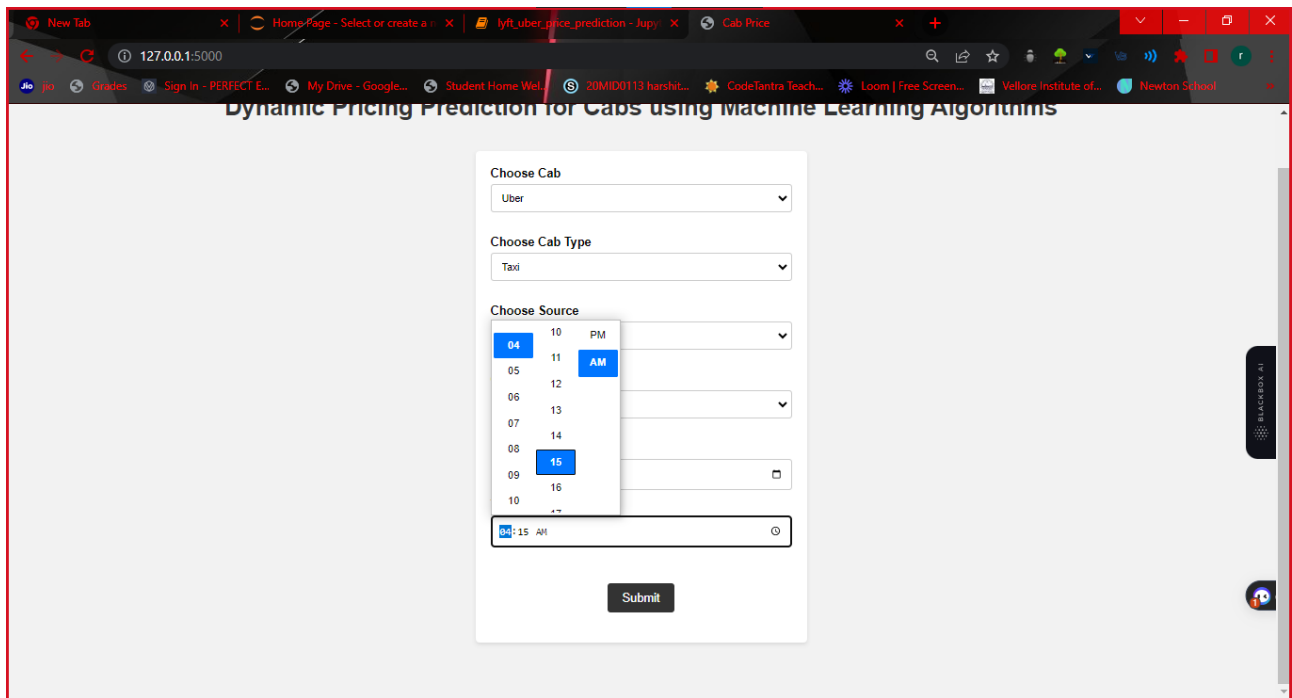
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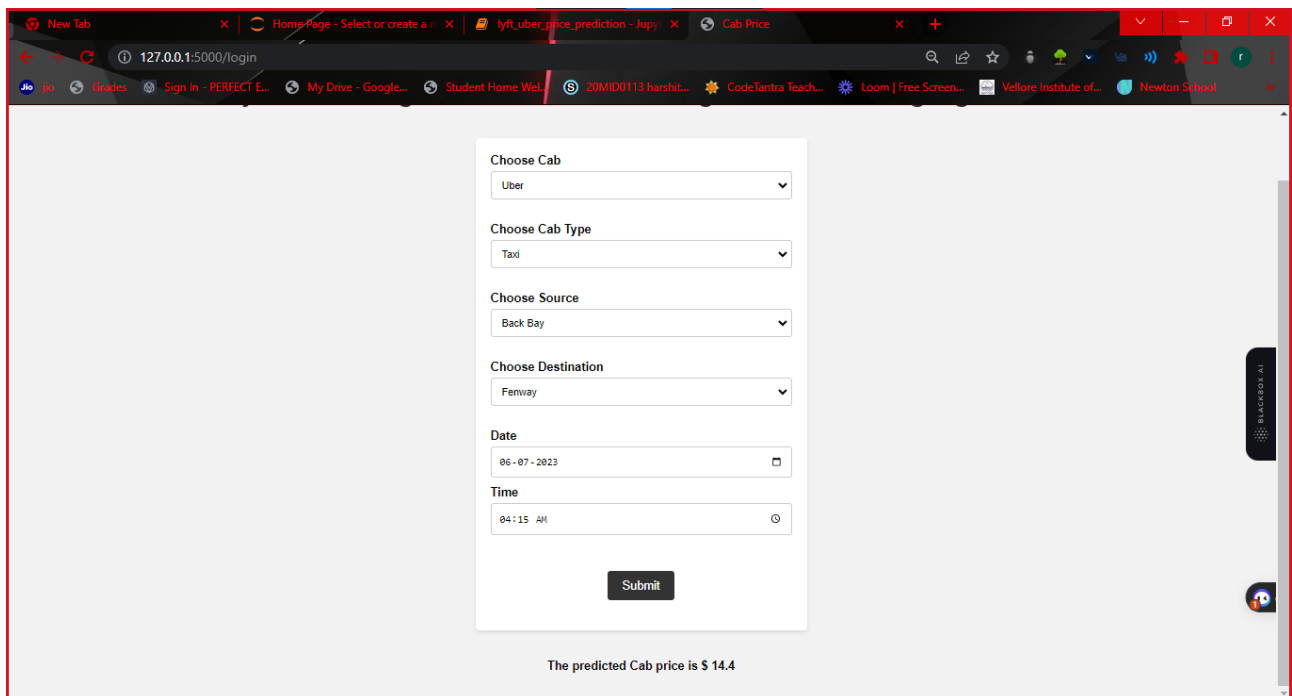
Choose Cab Type  
June, 2023  
Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su  
29 30 31 1 2 3 4  
5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
12 13 14 15 16 17 18  
19 20 21 22 23 24 25  
26 27 28 29 30 1 2  
3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Clear Today

Time  
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Submit



## Uber



# Lyft

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs. The active tab is titled 'lyft\_uber\_price\_prediction - Jupyter'. The browser's address bar shows '127.0.0.1:5000/login'. The main content area displays a form for predicting cab prices. The form has the following fields:

- Choose Cab:** A dropdown menu with 'Lyft' selected.
- Choose Cab Type:** A dropdown menu with 'Lux Black XL' selected.
- Choose Source:** A dropdown menu with 'Beacon Hill' selected.
- Choose Destination:** A dropdown menu with 'Fenway' selected.
- Date:** A date input field showing '21-07-2023'.
- Time:** A time input field showing '10:17 AM'.

Below the form is a 'Submit' button. At the bottom of the page, a message states: 'The predicted Cab price is \$ 11.45'.

## 7.ADVANTAGES OF DYNAMIC PRICE PREDICTION FOR CABS:

- **Improved Cost Management:** Dynamic price prediction allows cab companies to optimize pricing based on real-time demand and supply conditions. This helps in maximizing revenue and reducing inefficiencies, leading to improved cost management.
- **Increased Customer Satisfaction:** With dynamic price prediction, customers have transparency about the fare before booking a cab. This reduces the chances of unexpected price surges and enhances customer satisfaction by providing fair and predictable pricing.
- **Efficient Resource Allocation:** By analyzing demand patterns and predicting price fluctuations, cab companies can efficiently allocate their resources, such as vehicles and drivers, to meet the changing demands of customers. This leads to improved operational efficiency.
- **Enhanced Driver Earnings:** Dynamic price prediction enables drivers to take advantage of peak demand periods by earning more during those times. This can incentivize drivers to work during high-demand periods, leading to a larger pool of available cabs for customers.

## DISADVANTAGES OF DYNAMIC PRICE PREDICTION FOR CABS:

- **Perception of Unfair Pricing:** Despite the transparency offered by dynamic price prediction, some customers may still perceive surge pricing as unfair or exploitative,

particularly during peak demand periods. This can lead to negative sentiment towards the cab company.

- **Technical Challenges:** Implementing dynamic price prediction systems requires robust data infrastructure, machine learning algorithms, and real-time data processing capabilities. Overcoming these technical challenges can be complex and time-consuming.
- **Customer Dissatisfaction during Peak Pricing:** Even with transparent pricing, customers may still feel dissatisfied during periods of high surge pricing. This can result in negative reviews, reduced customer loyalty, and a potential loss of business.
- **Complexity in Price Estimation:** Predicting dynamic prices accurately can be challenging due to various factors, such as traffic conditions, weather, and special events. Inaccurate price estimations may lead to customer dissatisfaction and disputes.

## **8. APPLICATIONS:**

- **Ride-Hailing Services:** Dynamic price prediction can be applied to popular ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft to optimize pricing and improve customer experience.
- **Taxi Services:** Traditional taxi services can leverage dynamic price prediction to compete with ride-hailing platforms and provide more efficient pricing models to customers.
- **Airport Transfers:** Dynamic price prediction can be utilized for airport transfers, allowing customers to have transparency in pricing and choose the most cost-effective option based on real-time demand.

## **9. CONCLUSION:**

Dynamic price prediction for cabs offers several advantages, including improved cost management, enhanced customer satisfaction, efficient resource allocation, and increased driver earnings. However, challenges such as perceived unfair pricing, technical complexities, and regulatory considerations need to be addressed. The solution finds applications in ride-hailing services, taxi services, airport transfers, car rentals, package delivery, shuttle services, public transportation, and corporate transportation. While dynamic price prediction can significantly benefit the industry, it requires careful implementation and customer-centric strategies to ensure a positive experience for both customers and drivers.

## **10.FUTURE SCOPE:**

- **Personalized Pricing:** Further advancements in dynamic price prediction can enable personalized pricing based on individual customer preferences, loyalty, and historical usage patterns.
- **Real-Time Demand Prediction:** Improving the accuracy and granularity of demand prediction models can help cab companies better respond to fluctuating demands and optimize pricing accordingly.

- Integration with Traffic Data: Integrating dynamic price prediction with real-time traffic data can allow for more accurate estimations, considering the impact of congestion and travel time on pricing.

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## **APPENDIX**

### **GitHub Link (Source Code):**

<https://github.com/NadavadhiHarshith01/APPLIED-DATA-SCIENCE---DYNAMIC-PRICE-PREDICTION-FOR-CABS.git>