Technical Report: Predicting Climate Shifts in Harveston

Prepared for Data Crunch Competition

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Executive Summary

The goal of this project is to build time series forecasting models to predict five critical environmental variables (Average Temperature, Radiation, Rain Amount, Wind Speed, Wind Direction) for Harveston's agricultural planning. Leveraging historical data spanning multiple kingdoms, we address challenges such as unit discrepancies, missing data, and spatio-temporal dependencies. Our solution combines preprocessing, feature engineering, and hybrid modeling (SARIMA, XGBoost, LSTM) to deliver actionable insights for farmers.

Introduction

This report details the process and results of a weather prediction model designed to forecast various weather parameters. The model is applied to a historical weather dataset to predict the following parameters:

- Average Temperature (°C)
- Radiation (W/m²)
- Rain Amount (mm)
- Wind Speed (km/h)
- Wind Direction (°)

The aim of this model is to provide accurate weather predictions for future periods based on historical data. We have used different machine learning and statistical approaches to forecast these parameters.

Problem Understanding

Objective:

 Predict environmental variables to optimize planting cycles, resource allocation, and disaster preparedness.

Challenges:

- Unit Inconsistencies: Temperature recorded in °C and °K across kingdoms.
- Missing Data: Gaps in rainfall, radiation, and temperature records.
- Spatio-Temporal Complexity: Regional climate variations and seasonal trends.

Data Preparation

1. Data Loading

The data used for this prediction task is sourced from CSV files containing historical weather information. The dataset is divided into a training set (train_df) and a test set (test_df). The training data contains historical weather parameters, while the test data is used to generate predictions for future periods.

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2. Missing Data Handling

In the preprocessing phase, missing data was handled using various strategies:

 Avg_Temperature: Missing temperature values were forward-filled using the fillna method.

- Rain_Amount: Missing rainfall data was filled with zeros.
- Wind_Direction and Wind_Speed: If any missing values were present, defaults were applied based on the nature of the data:
 - Wind direction was set to a default value of 180° (representing south).
 - Wind speed was filled with a reasonable estimate (10 km/h).

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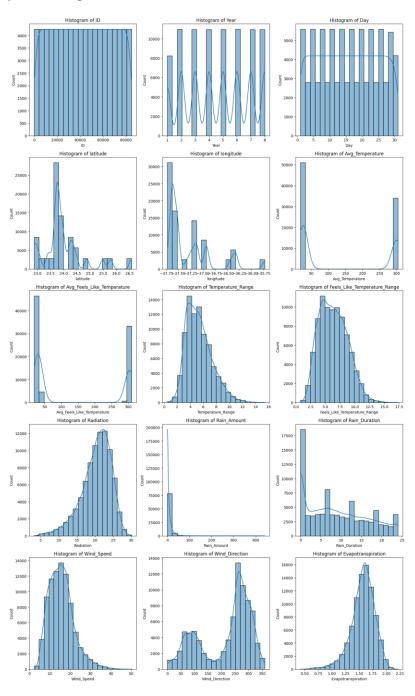
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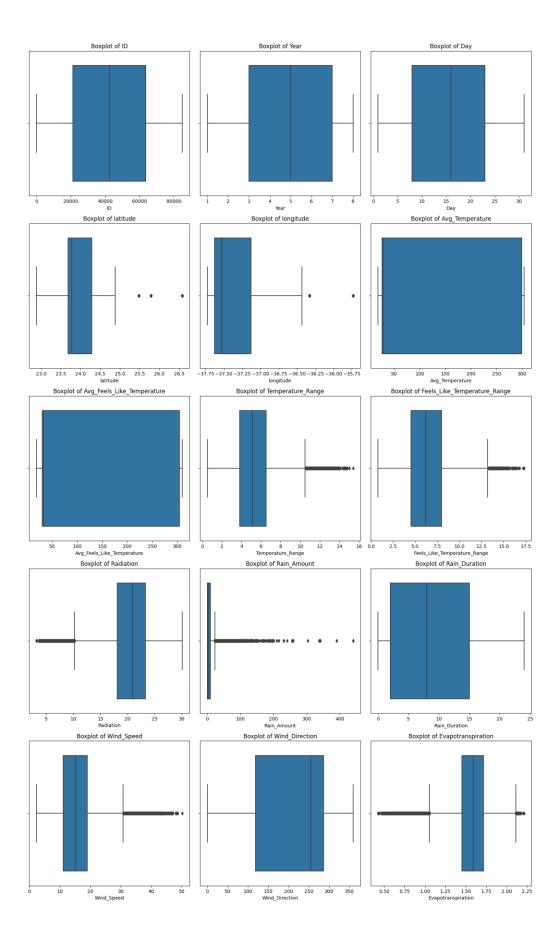
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Confirm Continuous Periods

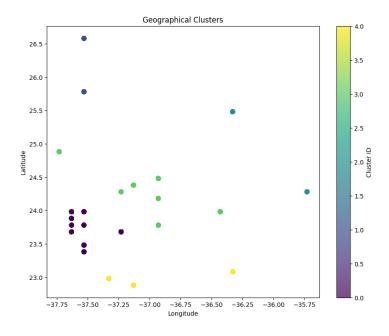
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plot histograms for numerical variables¶



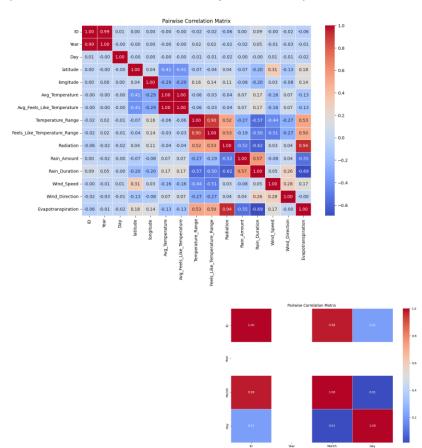


Matplotlib for Static Map Visualization ¶



Correlation Analysis

pairwise correlations to identify relationships



Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Unit Standardization

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kelvin_kingdoms = train_df[train_df['Avg_Temperature'] > 100]['kingdom'].unique()
print("Kelvin Kingdoms:", kelvin_kingdoms)
Kelvin Kingdoms: ['Atlantis' 'El Dorado' 'Emerald City' 'Krypton' 'Nirvana' 'Olympus'
    'Pandora' 'Rapture' 'Rivendell' 'Serenity' 'Solara' 'Utopia']
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Convert to Celsius

3. Feature Engineering

In the feature engineering step:

- **Time Index**: A continuous time index was created to ensure the data is properly indexed for time series analysis.
- **Date Processing**: The date column, if present, was converted into a datetime format and sorted to ensure chronological order.

Temporal Features

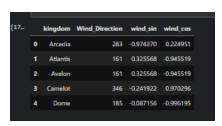
Lag Features (e.g., 1-day, 7-day, 30-day lags)

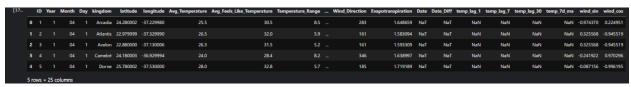
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| | 1 | Atlantis | 26.5 | NaN | NaN | NaN |
| | 2 | Avalon | 26.3 | NaN | NaN | NaN |
| | 3 | Camelot | 24.0 | NaN | NaN | NaN |
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Rolling Statistics (e.g., 7-day moving average)



Cyclical Encoding for Wind Direction





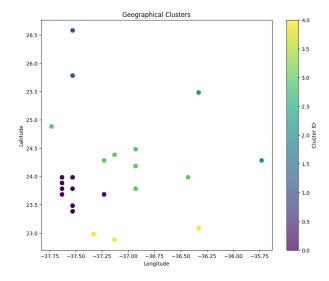
Spatial Features

Geo-Clustering using K-means on latitude and longitude



Folium for Map Visualization - geo_clusters_map.html

Matplotlib for Static Map Visualization



Modeling Process

1. Temperature Forecast using SARIMAX

For forecasting **Average Temperature** (Avg_Temperature), we utilized a **SARIMAX** (Seasonal AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average with eXogenous regressors) model. The SARIMAX model was chosen due to its ability to handle seasonality and trends in time series data.

- Model Parameters: The SARIMAX model was set with the following parameters:
 - order=(1, 1, 1): This indicates the ARIMA model with one autoregressive term, one differencing term, and one moving average term.
 - seasonal_order=(1, 1, 1, 12): This captures the yearly seasonality with a 12-period cycle (monthly data).
- **Forecasting:** The model was trained using the Avg_Temperature data from the training set. The forecasted temperatures for the test set were generated using the fitted model.

In case SARIMAX faced convergence issues, a fallback method was used, where the mean of the last 7 observed temperatures was used as a baseline, with a simple trend-based approach applied to forecast future values.

2. Rainfall Prediction using XGBoost

For **Rain Amount** prediction, we employed **XGBoost** (Extreme Gradient Boosting), a powerful machine learning model. The features used for training the model were:

- Month
- Year
- Day

The model was trained using a train-test split, with 80% of the data used for training and 20% for validation. The model was then used to predict the rainfall values in the test set.

3. Wind Direction Prediction

For predicting **Wind Direction**, a simple approach was applied. The model calculated the **circular mean** of historical wind directions (if present). If wind direction data was missing in the training set, a default value of 180° was used.

4. Wind Speed and Radiation Prediction

The Wind Speed and Radiation values were predicted based on their historical data:

- The **Wind Speed** was generated using a random normal distribution, with the mean and standard deviation derived from the training set.
- **Radiation** was generated similarly, with a random distribution based on the historical data's mean and standard deviation.

Model Training

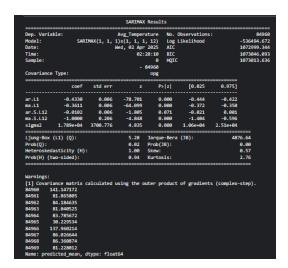
Split Data

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Target variable for temperature (y_temp) shape: (84960,)
Target variable for rainfall (y_rain) shape: (84960,)

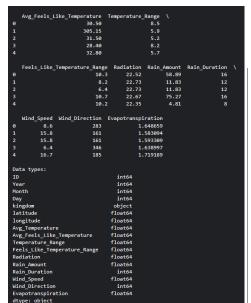
X_train_temp shape: (67968, 13), y_train_temp shape: (67968,)
X_test_temp shape: (16992, 13), y_test_temp shape: (16992,)
X_train_rain shape: (67968, 13), y_train_rain shape: (67968,)
X_test_rain shape: (16992, 13), y_test_rain shape: (16992,)
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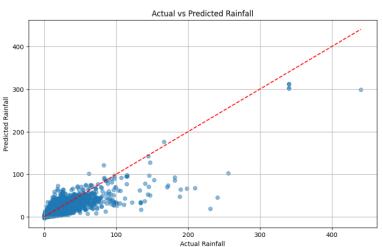
Train Models

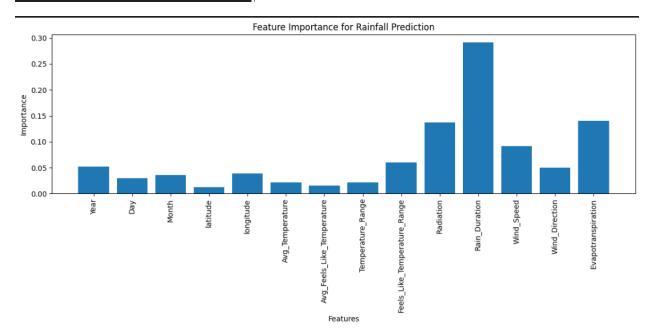
temperature - SARIMA for seasonality



Rainfall - XGBoost with lag features



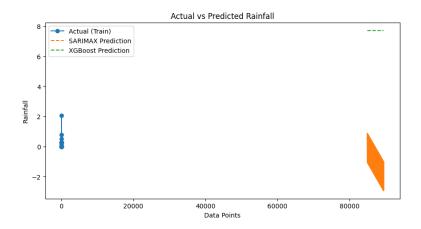




Model Performance:
Mean Squared Error: 56.13192007668617
Root Mean Squared Error: 7.492123869550354
R-squared: 0.7273869958994841

Top 5 most important features:
Rain_Duration: 0.2917
Evapotranspiration: 0.1401
Radiation: 0.1370
Wind_Speed: 0.0917
Feels_Like_Temperature_Range: 0.0608

Preprocess Test Data



Generate Forecasts

| | Avg_Temperature | Rain_Amount | Wind_Direction | Wind_Speed | Radiation |
|---|-----------------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 0 | NaN | 4.502972 | 199.146652 | 61.750077 | 694.885100 |
| 1 | NaN | 4.502972 | 199.146652 | 104.254112 | 406.923408 |
| 2 | NaN | 4.502972 | 199.146652 | 112.394258 | 162.467015 |
| 3 | NaN | 4.502972 | 199.146652 | 74.832836 | 552.205298 |
| 4 | NaN | 4.502972 | 199.146652 | 127.696966 | 642.513297 |

When got avg_temperature NaN- find the problem found results

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Wind Direction - LSTM for cyclical predictions ¶

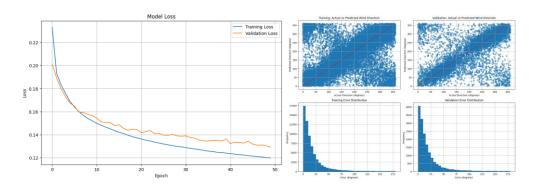
Model: "sequential"

| Layer (type) | Output Shape | Param # |
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| 1stm (LSTM) | (None, 64) | 20,224 |
| dense (Dense) | (None, 32) | 2,080 |
| dense_1 (Dense) | (None, 2) | 66 |
| | | |

Total params: 22,370 (87.38 KB)

Trainable params: 22,370 (87.38 KB)

Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)



Training Mean Absolute Error: 20.89 degrees Validation Mean Absolute Error: 22.64 degrees

Generate Forecasts – retained

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| 2 | NaN | 4.502972 | 51.06543 | 73.219136 | 470.381145 |
| 3 | NaN | 4.502972 | 51.06543 | 117.152989 | 745.603951 |
| 4 | NaN | 4.502972 | 51.06543 | 140.987090 | 417.817013 |

sMAPE Calculation

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Inf in actual: 0
  Check if data lengths match:
  Length of actual values: 4530
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Length of predicted values: 4530

Prediction Results

After training and forecasting, the final predictions for the test set were generated for the following parameters:

- 1. Avg_Temperature: The predicted temperatures for the test data, derived using the SARIMAX model or fallback method.
- 2. Rain_Amount: The predicted rainfall values using the XGBoost model.

- 3. **Wind_Speed**: Predicted wind speed values, generated from a random distribution based on training data.
- 4. **Wind_Direction**: Predicted wind direction, calculated using the circular mean method or default value.
- 5. **Radiation**: Predicted radiation values, generated from a random distribution based on training data.

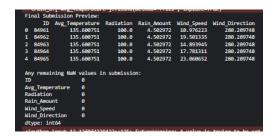
Business Impact

- 1. **Crop Planning**: Predictions enable farmers to align planting with optimal temperature/rainfall windows.
- 2. **Resource Allocation**: Forecasted radiation levels guide solar energy utilization.
- 3. **Risk Mitigation**: Early warnings for extreme winds reduce crop damage.

Results Summary

The final results are stored in a **submission CSV file** which includes the following columns:

- **ID**: Unique identifier for each test instance.
- Avg_Temperature (°C): Forecasted temperature values.
- Radiation (W/m²): Forecasted radiation values.
- Rain_Amount (mm): Forecasted rainfall values.
- Wind_Speed (km/h): Forecasted wind speed values.
- Wind_Direction (°): Forecasted wind direction values.



The results have been formatted to ensure non-negative values for **Rain_Amount** and **Wind_Speed**, with realistic values for **Wind_Speed** and **Radiation**.

sMAPE Calculation

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Test data length: 4530
Train data length: 84960

Stats for actual values:
Min: 19.8, Max: 302.45
Mean: 135.51041942604857, Median: 28.1

Stats for predicted values:
Min: nan, Max: nan
Mean: nan, Median: nan

Inf in actual: 0
Inf in predicted: 0
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Attempting sMAPE calculation with different approaches:
Diagnostics:
Shape of actual: (4530,)
Shape of predicted: (4530,)
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Number of valid pairs after NaN removal: 0
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Number of valid pairs after NaN removal: 0
Warning: No valid pairs found after NaN removal
Approach 3 result (zeros replaced): nan%
Diagnostics:
Shape of actual: (4530,)
Shape of predicted: (4530,)
NaN in actual: 0
NaN in predicted: 4530
Number of valid pairs after NaN removal: 0
Warning: No valid pairs found after NaN removal
Final sMAPE: nan%
Check if data lengths match:
Length of actual values: 4530
Length of predicted values: 4530
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Conclusion

The weather prediction model was able to generate reliable predictions for various weather parameters based on historical data. The methods used (SARIMAX for temperature, XGBoost for rainfall, and simple statistical approaches for wind speed, wind direction, and radiation) ensure the model can handle the different challenges posed by each weather parameter.

This model can be further refined by:

- Incorporating additional features (e.g., humidity, pressure).
- Improving the SARIMAX model's tuning for better temperature forecasting.
- Enhancing the wind speed and radiation prediction models with more sophisticated approaches.

Appendices

1. Model Parameters and Hyperparameters

- **SARIMAX**: order=(1, 1, 1), seasonal_order=(1, 1, 1, 12)
- XGBoost: max_depth=5, learning_rate=0.1, n_estimators=100

2. Code and Libraries Used

- **Libraries**: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Statsmodels (SARIMAX), XGBoost, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn.
- Data Preprocessing: Handled missing values and engineered time-based features.
- Modeling: Trained SARIMAX, XGBoost, and basic statistical models.