**Pollution Trend Prediction with MLflow**

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**Overview**

The **Pollution Trend Prediction with MLflow** project focuses on developing machine learning models to predict pollution trends and alert high-risk days. By leveraging time-series models and integrating MLflow for experiment tracking, this project ensures robust model development, evaluation, and deployment processes.

**Features**

* **Data Preprocessing**: Cleans and prepares environmental data for modeling.
* **Time-Series Modeling**: Utilizes LSTM networks for accurate pollution trend predictions.
* **MLflow Integration**: Tracks experiments, logs metrics, and manages model versions.
* **Hyperparameter Tuning**: Optimizes model performance using grid search techniques.
* **Model Deployment**: Deploys the best-performing model as an API for real-time predictions.
* **Visualization**: Generates correlation heatmaps and prediction vs. actual plots.

**Technologies Used**

* **Python 3.8+**
* **Pandas & NumPy**: Data manipulation and numerical operations.
* **Scikit-learn**: Data preprocessing and evaluation metrics.
* **TensorFlow & Keras**: Building and training LSTM models.
* **MLflow**: Experiment tracking and model management.
* **Flask**: Deploying the prediction API.
* **Matplotlib & Seaborn**: Data visualization.

**Getting Started**

**Prerequisites**

* **Python 3.8+**: Ensure Python is installed on your system.
* **Git**: Version control system.
* **Virtual Environment**: Recommended for dependency management.
* **MLflow Server**: For tracking experiments and managing models.
* **API Keys**:
  + [OpenWeatherMap API Key](https://openweathermap.org/api/air-pollution)
  + [Visual Crossing Weather API Key](https://www.visualcrossing.com/resources/documentation/weather-api/timeline-weather-api/)

**Configuration**

**Environment Variables**

Create a .env file in the root directory and add the following:

env

OPENWEATHER\_API\_KEY=your\_openweather\_api\_key

VISUAL\_CROSSING\_API\_KEY=your\_visualcrossing\_api\_key

LATITUDE=your\_latitude

LONGITUDE=your\_longitude

Replace your\_openweather\_api\_key, your\_visualcrossing\_api\_key, your\_latitude, and your\_longitude with your actual API keys and geographical coordinates.

**MLflow Setup**

Ensure MLflow is installed and accessible. Start an MLflow server:

mlflow ui

Access the MLflow UI at <http://localhost:5000>.

**Data Preparation**

Data preparation is crucial for building effective machine learning models. The following steps outline how environmental data is loaded, merged, and preprocessed for model training.

**Loading and Merging Data**

* **Air Quality Data**: Loaded from historical JSON files.
* **Weather Data**: Loaded from historical JSON files.
* **Merging**: DataFrames are merged on the datetime column to combine air quality and weather metrics.

**Cleaning and Feature Engineering**

* **Missing Values**: Checked and handled to ensure data integrity.
* **Outlier Removal**: Removed using Z-score thresholding to eliminate anomalous data points.
* **Feature Scaling**: Applied StandardScaler to normalize features and targets.

**Creating Sequences for LSTM**

* **Sequence Length**: 24 hours (past 24 data points) used to predict current pollution levels.
* **Input Features**: Selected weather-related metrics.
* **Target Variables**: Pollutant concentrations (SO₂, NO₂, PM₁₀, PM₂₎₅, O₃, CO).

**Model Development**

Leveraging time-series models, particularly LSTM networks, to predict pollution trends.

**Model Architecture**

* **Input Layer**: Accepts sequences of past 24 hours of weather data.
* **LSTM Layers**: Three stacked LSTM layers with dropout for regularization.
* **Dense Layer**: Outputs predictions for each pollutant.
* **Activation**: tanh for LSTM layers and linear for the output layer.

**Compilation**

* **Optimizer**: Adam with varying learning rates.
* **Loss Function**: Mean Squared Error (MSE).
* **Metrics**: Mean Absolute Error (MAE).

**MLflow Integration**

MLflow is integrated to track experiments, log metrics, and manage model versions.

**Experiment Tracking**

* **Experiment Name**: Pollution\_Trend\_Prediction\_LSTM
* **Parameters Logged**: Hyperparameters such as units, dropout rates, learning rates, batch sizes, epochs, etc.
* **Metrics Logged**: MSE and MAE for each pollutant and average metrics.

**Hyperparameter Tuning**

Utilized grid search to explore combinations of hyperparameters:

* **Units**: [128]
* **Dropout**: [0.2, 0.3]
* **Learning Rate**: [0.001, 0.0001]
* **Batch Size**: [16, 32]
* **Epochs**: [50]

**Model Evaluation**

* **Metrics**: Calculated MSE, MAE, and R² scores for each pollutant.
* **Visualization**: Plotted actual vs. predicted pollutant concentrations.
* **Best Model Selection**: Based on lowest average MSE and MAE.

**Deployment**

The best-performing model is deployed as an API using Flask, enabling real-time pollution trend predictions.

**API Features**

* **Endpoint**: /predict
* **Input**: JSON payload with current weather metrics.
* **Output**: Predicted pollutant concentrations.

**Deployment Steps**

1. **Load Trained Model**: Retrieved from MLflow's Model Registry.
2. **Set Up Flask Server**: Created endpoints to handle prediction requests.
3. **Model Inference**: Processes input data, applies scaling, and generates predictions.
4. **Response**: Returns predictions in JSON format.

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