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INTRODUCTION

One of the major problems of the 21st century is undoubtedly **Climate Change** and with the sudden advent and breakout of disastrous climate hazards in India and many such countries, it has become a growing public concern and a societal affair posing serious threat. Hence we take steps in understanding climate change and make certain vital predictions which are both effective and efficient. We understand and explore the performance of climate through the dataset of quite a sizeable quantity to make predictions using a neural network via a top down approach model and big data of global mean monthly temperature and rainfall. We generate graphical images of the monthly temperature and rainfall for over 30 years. The neural network model successfully works to predict the rise and fall of temperature for the upcoming 10 years, and also estimates the amount of rainfall for the next 5 years. In addition to this the prediction accuracy differs among climatic zones and temporal ranges. Thus we introduce a forecasting method that works along with conventional physics and mathematical models to construct a highly precise model for making predictions.

1.1 & 1.2 MOTIVATION & OBJECTIVE

The recent reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change throw light on the issue of extreme weather events which includes several hazards that contribute to environmental and societal risks. Some of them include severe heat waves, droughts, flooding caused due to heavy rainfall followed by storm surge, compound fire conditions i.e. a combination of hot, dry and windy conditions in varying locations causing immense amounts of distress leading to uncanny and helpless situations. Thus to produce a better understanding of the current climatic scenario and also being well ahead of the future situations we decided to work on a climate change predictor that not just understands, visualizes and analyzes the current situation but also lets us look forward to predict the upcoming years and how variations in climate will indeed affect temperature and precipitation. This will be assisting in setting up precautionary measures for the future.

LITERATURE REVIEW

We have previously observed concerns regarding climate change and also the need for predictions in climate change for over more than two decades. With the advent of artificial intelligence and it being the path to all kinds of solutions these days there have been a number of prediction systems for climate change over the due course of time. Hence we could see how well these predictions are currently being used up by meteorological departments but all models are subject to improvements. Some of the models on these systems which we referred upon to build our enhanced version of the same are discussed below.

Peter Turner [1] has discussed how time is useful in comparing things and how it is the basic building block in prediction of certain outcomes. Another major concept that is discussed is that of the time series which is a set of repeated measurements of the same phenomenon taken sequentially over a specific period of time. Four main components of time series namely 'Trend', 'Seasonality', 'Cyclicity', 'Irregularity'. Climate change refers to the long term shifts in temperature and weather patterns. In this article the climate change has been predicted using time series.

Two datasets, one from NASA giving an estimate of global surface temperature change ,the other from the World Bank giving an estimate of CO2 emissions in metric tons per capita. The temperature data represents temperature anomalies per month and season and the CO2 data gives the average emission per person. Firstly the data of temperature is wrangled. Data wrangling is the process of transforming and mapping data from the raw dataset and pushing it into another data frame. In doing so we get all the intricacy of the details for our data for making the necessary setups for the model. With this he could also determine the missing data and worked on getting the suited technique to manipulate the data and fill in the missing values. Then he worked on resampling the data to a different frequency to check the best possible variation for making the predictions. He also worked on CO2 emission calculations to get the predictions to a higher accuracy. He carried forward with slicing the data and keeping it ready for plotting and visualization of all sorts to obtain some visible outputs of the same. Finally using Granger Causality he performed the time series correlation to develop the trend and create the prediction system delivering accurate results. The functional ARIMA model creates a completely clear picture of the current scenario of the climate and also can allow the meteorological departments to take up necessary measures for the same. We too could get some critical insights about SARIMA from his functioning model.

Next up, in Trend analysis of climate time series [2], a review of the methods research paper, we observed that the authors have discussed how statistics has developed methods to quantify the warming trend and detect change points. Statistics serve to place error bars and other measures of uncertainty to the estimated trend parameters.

The application of the state-of-the-art statistical methods to the GISTEMP time series of global surface temperature reveals an accelerated warming since the year 1974. It shows that a relative peak in warming for the years around World War II may not be a real feature but a product of inferior data quality for that time interval.

The recommendation therefore is that interval selection should be objective and oriented on general principles. The application of statistical methods to data has also a moral aspect.

The concept of linear regression tends to guide the flow of paper. The linear regression describes $X_{trend}(i)$ by means of two parameters, namely the intercept, β_0 , and the slope, β_1 . The model is “on the process level”.

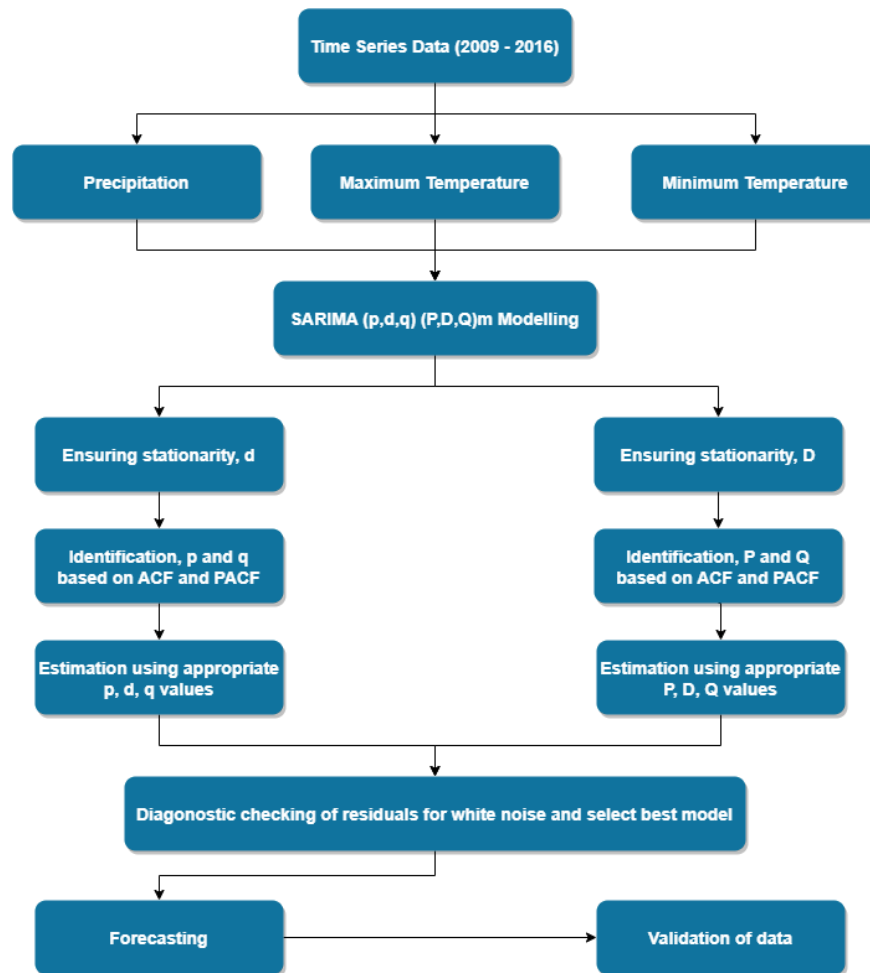
The ordinary least-squares (OLS) estimation minimizes the sum of squares of differences between data and the linear fit.

But in this paper, the linear model is not well suited to describe the trend for the Surface temperature analysis (GISTEMP) time series. The intercept and slope estimates should therefore be interpreted with caution.

Hence although the paper addresses regression to the core level and covers statistical concepts to draw conclusions for the predictions, it lacks a constructive model for making accurate predictions as we know that linear regression is graph dependent and to get accurate level results the plotting of the graph needs to be super accurate which theoretically might sound feasible but in the practical grounds does show some faults. On the contrary non linear regression includes too many calculations and the system needs to undergo heavy mathematical load to produce results. Thus predictions take immense amounts of time and after a certain point in time the system is unable to make those calculations and therefore inaccurate results is what we obtain.

WORKING

3.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



3.2 WORKING PRINCIPLE

The precipitation and temperatures (maximum and minimum) data are considered for the study and prepared for the analysis as monthly means. Once the data files are prepared, the ARIMA model needs to be identified. In this study, we have tried to fit separate SARIMA models to precipitation and temperature time series. So, we have one SARIMA model that fits the precipitation time series and one that fits the temperature time series.

Seasonal Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average, SARIMA or Seasonal ARIMA, is an extension of ARIMA that explicitly supports univariate time series data with a seasonal component. It adds three new hyperparameters to specify the autoregression (AR), differencing (I) and moving average (MA) for the seasonal component of the series, as well as an additional parameter for the period of the seasonality. The difference between ARIMA and SARIMA is about the seasonality of the dataset. If the data used is seasonal, like it happens after a certain

period of time, then we will use SARIMA. Just as we know the weather datasets are seasonal in nature.

In addition to the working SARIMA model we have added an enhanced library named JAX in place of NumPy. This is the one which improves and better any Machine Learning model. Its improved features help carry out the same actions at a relatively very high speed. Thus the model which was initially being trained for over 30 minutes now got working in less than 3 minutes.

3.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The following results show a detailed output of the trained data.

```
#Training
inputs = keras.layers.Input(shape=(inputs.shape[1], inputs.shape[2]))
lstm_out = keras.layers.LSTM(32)(inputs)
outputs = keras.layers.Dense(1)(lstm_out)

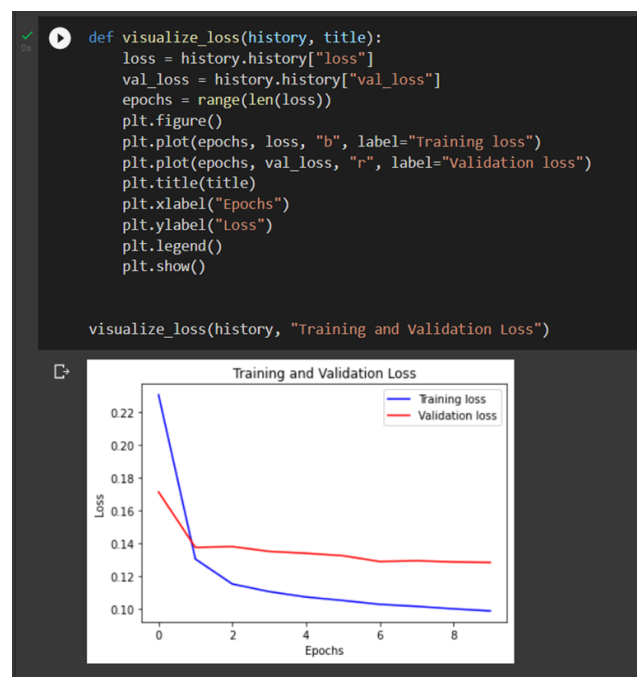
model = keras.Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=outputs)
model.compile(optimizer=keras.optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=learning_rate), loss="mse")
model.summary()
```

Model: "model"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 120, 7)]	0
lstm (LSTM)	(None, 32)	5120
dense (Dense)	(None, 1)	33

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Total params: 5,153
Trainable params: 5,153
Non-trainable params: 0

We visualized the loss with the function below. After one point, the loss stops decreasing and the graph become flat



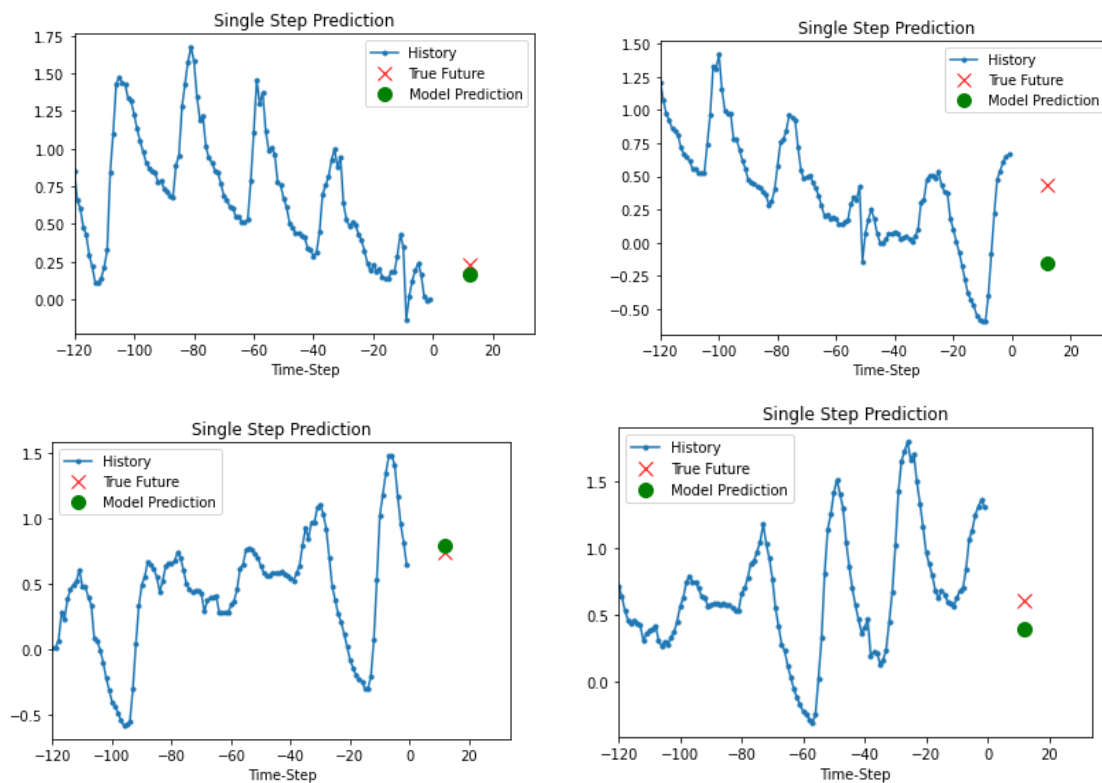


Figure: Prediction using First model

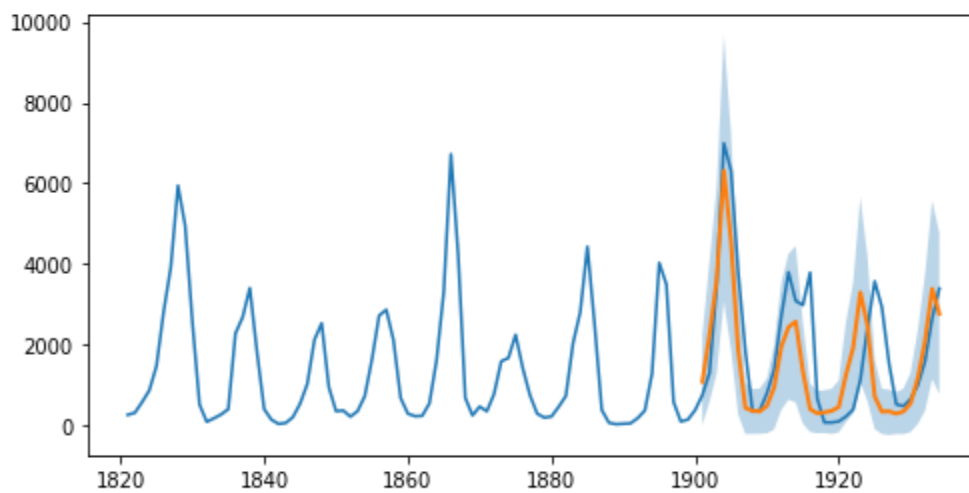


Figure: Prediction using Enhanced model

3.4 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

AABIR DATTA [19BCE10062]

- I have worked on the development of an executable solution to the problem that we are addressing in EPICS.
- I covered every single bit of research to construct our work to be not just having the best features but also being the enhanced version amongst other prediction models based on Time Series Forecasting.
- My primary forte of work included the deployment and development of the working model right from cleaning and extracting the dataset to applying the Machine Learning Algorithms and finally to getting the results both visually and mathematically for the prediction system.
- Our project is based on the SARIMA model and I worked on it from scratch to get accurate as well as precise results.
- In addition to getting the desired results, I have also introduced a better and more enhanced feature by adding JAX technology to our working model.

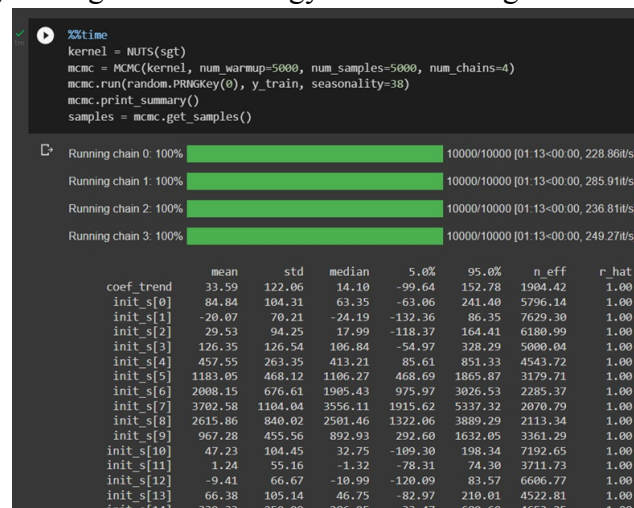


Figure: Depicting the running enhanced model

- By the help of this library, we could introduce more enhancements and improvements. The model which initially got trained in more than 30 minutes, can now be trained in less than 3 minutes. Right from reading the data to giving the prediction results everything was covered much faster as compared to our previous model.

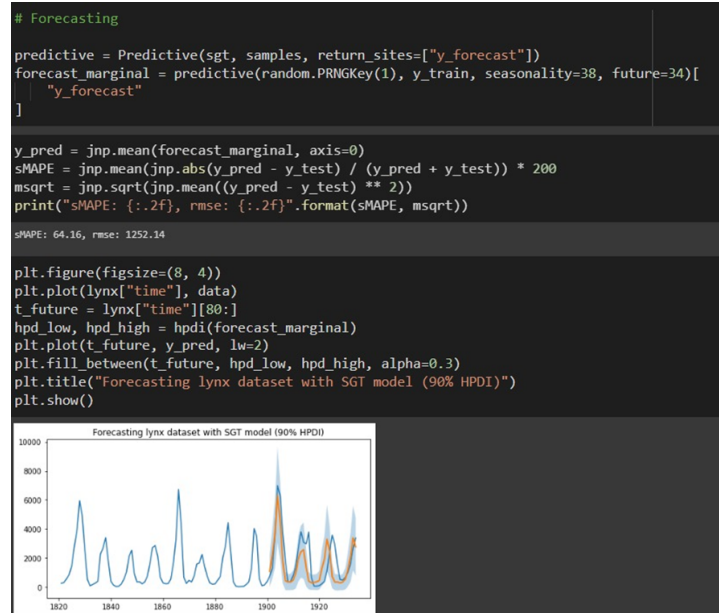
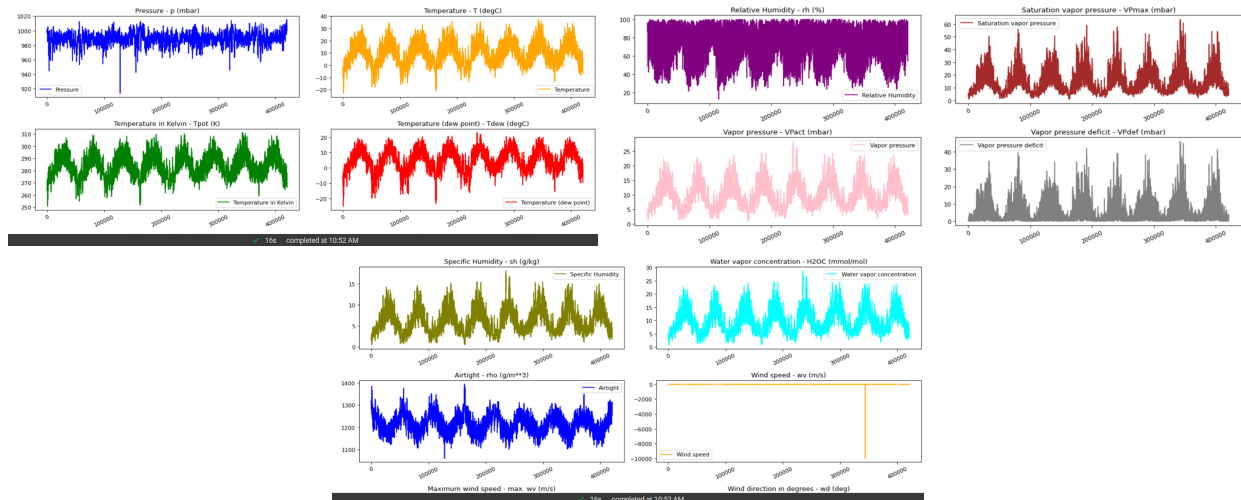


Figure: Depicting the graphical representation of our enhanced predicted forecasts

- This way I worked on creating and developing the solution via code from scratch.
- The link to our proposed solution with the working model as well as the enhanced one is <https://github.com/aabir13/Time-Series-Forecasting-Model-Climate-Change-Prediction>.
- In addition to this I have worked in setting the content for our presentation in all our reviews.
- I have also constructed, structured and covered every segment of the report for giving every single insight and detail of our project.

UDAY AGARWAL [19BAI10147]

- I have worked on creating and deploying the model's dataset.
- Right from cleaning the data to applying mathematical techniques in order to obtain the concrete results visually.
- Data visualization is the practice of translating information into a visual context, such as a map or graph, to make data easier for the human brain to understand and pull insights from. The main goal of data visualization is to make it easier to identify patterns, trends and outliers in large data sets.
- In our project data visualization holds a strong and concrete part right from understanding the data, working on appropriate solutions for the data and above understanding the trend of our dataset which hold strongly important for us to apply Time Series Forecasting using SARIMA model.
- These issues were addressed by me from the scratch. Few of the graphs which assisted us to deploy the model with utmost precision and accuracy.



- I have also worked in constructing and writing down the literature review for the report.

ABDUL RAZIQ KHAN [19BCE10135]

- I have worked on setting up the environment and deciding the necessary technologies that we are functioning on for the model in our Time series forecast for Climate Prediction System.

The libraries / technologies we used includes:

- Pandas: Pandas is a Python library . It has functions for analyzing, cleaning, exploring, and manipulating data.
- Matplotlib: Matplotlib is a comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python.
- Tensorflow: TensorFlow is a Python library for fast numerical computing created and released by Google. It is a foundation library that can be used to create Deep Learning models
- Keras: Keras is a deep learning API written in Python, running on top of the machine learning platform TensorFlow. It was developed with a focus on enabling fast experimentation.
- I have also worked on deciding the appropriate dataset for both training and testing the model to get the most accurate and precise results of our prediction system.

The data used to train the model is the Jena Climate dataset recorded by the Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry. The dataset consists of 14 features such as temperature, pressure, humidity etc, recorded once per 10 minutes. The time frame considered for the dataset is from January 10, 2009 to December 31, 2016.

PARV BHARGAVA [19BAI10116]

- I have worked on Validation of the Forecasts and got to the following observation
We could check if a better representation of our true predictive power can be obtained using dynamic forecasts. In this case, we only use information from the time series up to a certain point, and after that, forecasts are generated using values from previous forecasted time points.

In the code chunk below, we specify to start computing the dynamic forecasts and confidence intervals from May 2017 onwards.

```
In [25]: pred_dynamic = results.get_prediction(start=pd.to_datetime('2017-05-19'), dynamic=True, full_results=True)
pred_dynamic_ci = pred_dynamic.conf_int()
```

Figure: Make the Forecasts

Once again, we plot the real and forecasted values of the average daily temperature to assess how well we did:

```
In [26]: ax = one_step_df.T_mu_actual['2015:'].plot(label='observed', figsize=(20, 15))
pred_dynamic.predicted_mean.plot(label='Dynamic Forecast', ax=ax)

ax.fill_between(pred_dynamic_ci.index,
               pred_dynamic_ci.iloc[:, 0],
               pred_dynamic_ci.iloc[:, 1], color='k', alpha=.25)

ax.set_xlabel('Date')
ax.set_ylabel('Temperature (in Celsius)')
plt.ylim([-20, 30])
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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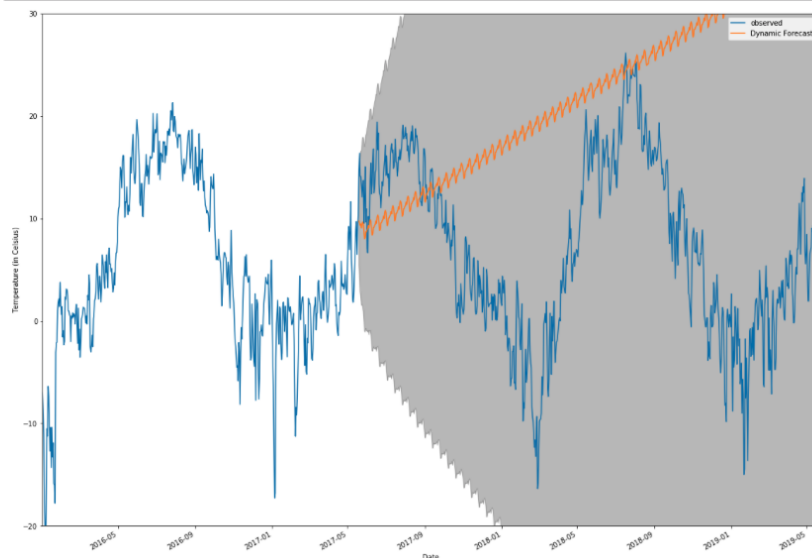


Figure: Observed vs. Forecast

Once again, we quantify the predictive performance of our forecasts by computing the RMSE:

```
In [21]: # Extract the predicted and true values of our time series
y_forecasted = pred_dynamic.predicted_mean
y_truth = one_step_df.T_mu_actual['2017-05-19:']

# Compute the mean square error
mse = sqrt(MSE(y_truth, y_forecasted).mean())
print('The Root Mean Squared Error of our forecasts is {}'.format(round(mse, 2)))

The Root Mean Squared Error of our forecasts is 20.04
```

Figure: The RMSE value

The predicted values obtained from the dynamic forecasts yield an RMSE of 20.04. This is significantly higher than the one-step ahead, which is to be expected given that we are relying on less historical data from the time series.

- I also have contributed to core code for JAX implantation of new models. JAX is an automatic differentiation (AD) toolbox developed by a group of people at Google Brain and the open source community. It aims to bring differentiable programming in NumPy-style onto TPUs. On the highest level JAX combines the previous projects XLA & Autograd to accelerate linear algebra-based projects.
- In our Model we decreased the training time from 30 mins to 3 mins. That's a great improvement in training the model.
- The implementation of our Time Series and related materials can be found here at my [GitHub Repository](#)
- I have previously worked with JAX which you can find [here](#), and I found it to be the future of machine learning as an API over Numpy as JAX provide DeviceArrays which are immutable over the traditional NDArrays provided by Numpy which make the calculation here much faster as compared to Numpy and hence can be used to accelerate our model performance significantly as our project here require continuous crunching of numbers for the results.
- I have also worked hard on preparing the overall presentation for our project and on the collection of content and write ups for the presentation
- I have also helped on creating this report and worked on content and structuring of this report.
- Overall it was a group effort and I am happy that each and every one of us contributed to the project as a team.

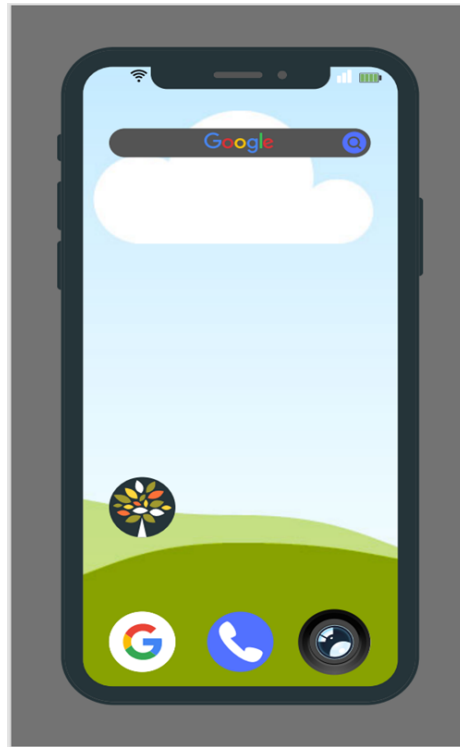
ARYAN TANDON [19BAI10148]

- Our group has used the model by Khoa Lai [3] as our baseline for this project. I researched about other technologies and libraries that could have been integrated into the existing model.
- In the existing model, the precipitation and temperatures (maximum and minimum) data were considered for the study and prepared for the analysis as monthly means. Once the data files were prepared, the ARIMA model need to be identified. We tried to fit separate SARIMA models to precipitation and temperature (minimum and maximum) time series. So, we had one SARIMA model that fit the precipitation time series and one that fit the temperature time series (minimum and maximum).
- I was responsible for studying and researching about the model and the technologies present in the existing model, and how it could be made more efficient. I suggested the implementation of JAX library to my teammates, which has been implemented in our enhanced model.
- JAX, in simple terms, is a library that helps us to accelerate all the processes present in our code. After its implementation, our training time, which was earlier 27 minutes, reduced to 3 minutes. Thus, it makes our model much more efficient.
- I explained the concept of JAX to my teammates and together we worked on the code to implement this library in the existing model.
- I was also responsible for the structuring of our presentation. I assigned my fellow teammates the subtopics pertaining to the fields in which they have contributed, and coordinated with them about their role, resulting in a presentation with every contribution in accordance with the team member's desire without sacrificing the structure and the smoothness of the flow of the said presentation.
- Moreover, I was also responsible for the documentation of the project paper. I compiled the individual reports from each team member and compiled it into this paper.

VIMAL TIWARI [19BCG10054]

- Graphic representation of our model on an application basis and graphics to be used in ppt.
- Visual representation of information is an important part of understanding and identifying patterns and trends in the ever-increasing flow of data. Image representation allows for faster analysis of large amounts of data at one time and can help to make informed predictions and decisions. we have used several graphics like graphs and pictorial presentations of our work in our presentation to make things easier to understand and to show our outputs in different forms rather than just numeric figures which shows the variety of outputs in different forms also we made a preview version of our application based on our model so that we have the least idea how it will look on an android basis in future covering different fields like temperature humidity population impacts and many more fields effects on climate.

- Normal android view with our application as shown



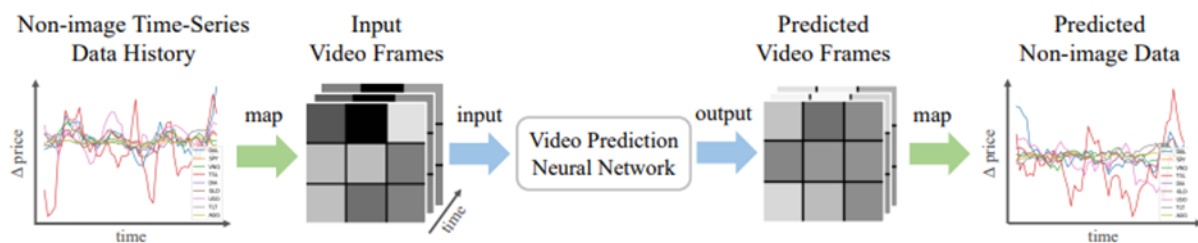
- Application based on our model showing various countries and other options a user wants to go through to check or predict the climate change and future with current data analysis



- To understand the output and final result every member have to understand the coding part have to understand the language r and what our final purpose of making this model to predict the climate affects with most efficient way that's why we have added jax also in it

GOVIT KHASARE [19MIM10094]

Time series forecasting is essential for decision making in many domains.



First, we turn non-image time-series data history into a video frame at each time stamp. Then, we use a video depiction neural network to predict future video frames. Finally, we map the predicted video frames back to the numerical data space.

We adapted a video depiction network SRVD (Stochastic Latent Residual Video Depiction) in computer vision for the Climate Change Prediction using Time Series forecasting task. Compared to most works in the literature which rely on image-autoregressive recurrent networks, SRVD decouples frame synthesis and video dynamics estimation. SRVD has shown to outperform prior state-of-the-art methods across a simulated dataset, and real-world datasets of human activities as well as robot actions. We adapted the video Depiction network from predicting frames in natural video to predicting frames in visualizations.

MRIGANKA SHEKHAR DAS [19BOE10053]

- While addressing the biggest problems of the 21st century, one of the things that always come first in mind is Climate Change. The disastrous nature of climate change in India and other countries is becoming a major issue day by day.
- Extreme and compound weather events have been a great focus on the latest Intergovernmental Panel of Climate change (IPCC) report which describes the multiple reasons and hazards that are the key to the societal and environmental risks.
- Some of the extreme weather conditions are simultaneous heatwaves and droughts, compound flooding and compound fire weather conditions.
- Hence comes the introduction of our model which will help in creating a better understanding of the current situation and also help to predict the near future with ample certainty. Which will lead to better precautionary measures to safeguard our environment.
- I contributed by finding out the real-life implementations of our project. The real-life application of our project is weather prediction, that is, it helps determine the future climate expectations. Analyzing monthly temperature data for the past 30 years, our model can accurately predict the fluctuations of temperature in the upcoming 10 years.
- It helps in determining what the future temperature will be, will the weather be humid or dry, if there is any chances of heavy rain, drought like natural calamities, so better precautionary measures can be taken.
- Farmers can be better prepared if they know beforehand what the weather of upcoming months are going to be like.
- Fishermen can be warned if there is a chance of a storm in the ocean. Lives can be saved.
- Ships can be alerted of bad weather and storms beforehand which will prevent shipwreck.
- Space organizations like ISRO will greatly benefit from this, as temperature, cloud coverage and the overall weather play a humongous role in the successful launch of a rocket or any spacecraft.
- In a nutshell, the possibilities are endless.

CONCLUSION

Thus, we could implement a seasonal SARIMA model in Python and worked on the enhancement of the code using JAX. We made extensive use of the pandas and statsmodels libraries and showed how to run model diagnostics, as well as how to produce forecasts of the temperature. We could also reduce the training time of the model to a great extent and worked on increasing the efficiency of the SARIMA model with highly accurate results.

Here are a few other things we can try additionally to our coded model:

- Change the start date of our dynamic forecasts to see how this affects the overall quality of your forecasts.
- Try more combinations of parameters to see if we can improve the goodness-of-fit of the model.
- Select a different metric to select the best model. For example, we used the AIC measure to find the best model, but we could seek to optimize the out-of-sample mean square error instead.

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