



# Drought Predictions




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# Data Set

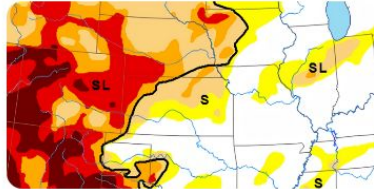
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New Notebook

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## Predict Droughts using Weather & Soil Data

Predicting continental US drought levels using meteorological & soil data.

Data Card

Code (7)

Discussion (5)

### About Dataset

**Update (14/12/21):** Kaggle Tasks are being deprecated, so I moved the current results on this dataset here:

User	Model/Notebook	Macro F1 Mean	MAE Mean
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**Expected update frequency**

# Two Data Sets

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Soil Data.csv

Shape: 3,109 rows, 32 columns

Description of the measurement sites

Time Series Data.csv

Shape: Over 23 million rows, 21 columns

Pre-Split between Training, Validation, and Test

Data on the weather conditions at each site over 20 years, and a drought score

# Soil\_data.csv

(Used FIPS, latitude and longitude in map visualization)

- Fips: US county FIPS code. (Geocode for County)
- Lat
- Lon
- Elevation: median elevation (meters)
- Slope1:  $0\% \leq \text{slope} \leq 0.5\%$
- Slope2:  $0.5\% \leq \text{slope} \leq 2\%$
- Slope3:  $2\% \leq \text{slope} \leq 5\%$
- Slope4:  $5\% \leq \text{slope} \leq 10\%$
- Slope5:  $10\% \leq \text{slope} \leq 15\%$
- Slope6:  $15\% \leq \text{slope} \leq 30\%$
- Slope7:  $30\% \leq \text{slope} \leq 45\%$
- aspectN: North:  $0^\circ < \text{aspect} \leq 45^\circ$  or  $315^\circ < \text{aspect} \leq 360^\circ$
- aspectE: East:  $45^\circ < \text{aspect} \leq 135^\circ$
- aspectS: South:  $135^\circ < \text{aspect} \leq 225^\circ$
- aspectW: West:  $225^\circ < \text{aspect} \leq 315^\circ$
- aspectUnknown: Undefined: Slope aspect undefined; this value is used for grids where slope gradient is undefined or slope gradient is less than 2%.
- WAT\_LAND: mapped water bodies
- NVG\_LAND: barren/very sparsely vegetated land
- URB\_LAND: built-up land (residential and infrastructure)
- GRS\_LAND: grass/scrub/woodland
- FOR\_LAND: forrest land, calibrated to FRA2000 land statistics
- CULTRF\_LAND
- CULTIR\_LAND: irrigated cultivated land, according to GMIA 4.0
- CULT\_LAND: total cultivated land
- SQ1: Nutrient availability
- SQ2: Nutrient retention capacity
- SQ3: Rooting conditions
- SQ4: Oxygen availability to roots
- SQ5: excess salts
- SQ6: toxicity
- SQ7: Workability

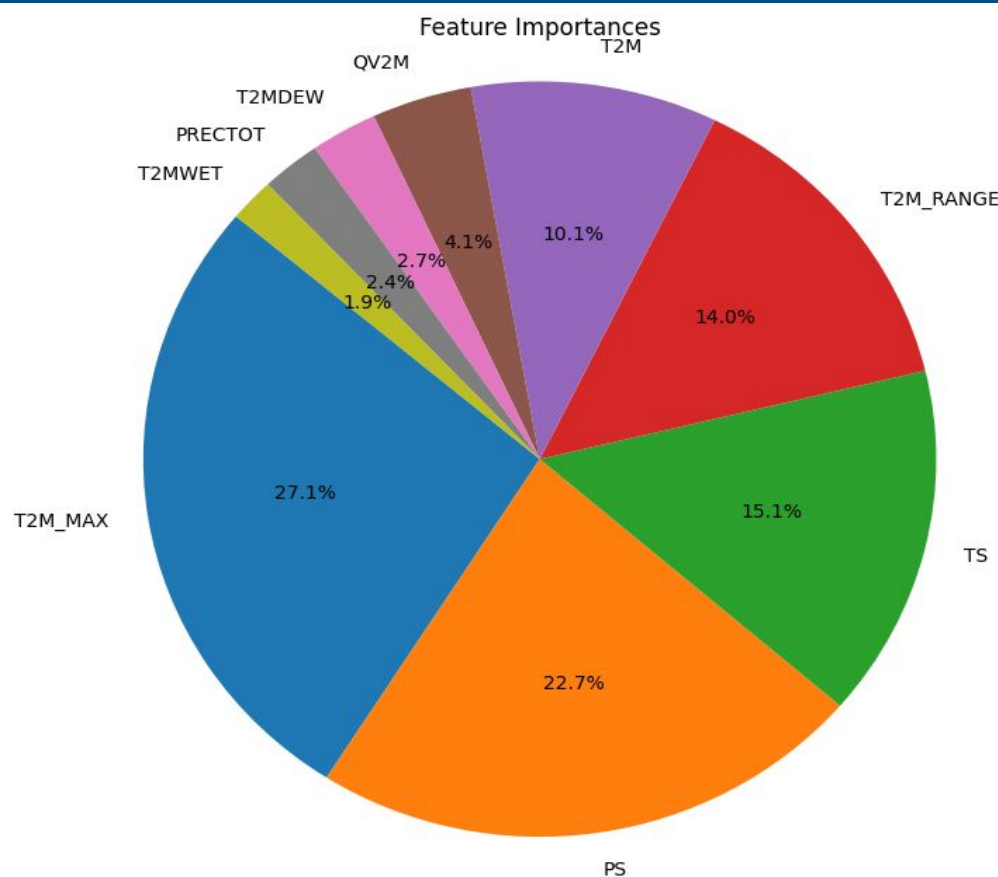
# Time Series Data

(Used in Machine Learning Model)

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- Fips (County Number)
- Date
- PRECTOT: Precipitation (mm day-1)
- PS: Surface Pressure (kPa)
- QV2M: Specific Humidity at 2 Meters (g/kg)
- T2M: Temperature at 2 Meters °C
- T2MDEW: Dew/Frost Point at 2 Meters °C
- T2MWET: Wet Bulb Temperature at 2 Meters
- T2M\_MAX: Maximum Temperature at 2 Meters
- T2M\_MIN: Minimum Temperature at 2 Meters
- T2M\_RANGE: Temperature Range at 2 Meters
- TS: Earth Skin Temperature °C
- WS10M: Wind Speed at 10 Meters (m/s)
- WS10M\_MAX: Maximum Wind Speed at 10 Meters (m/s)
- WS10M\_MIN: Minimum Wind Speed at 10 Meters (m/s)
- WS10M\_RANGE: Wind Speed Range at 10 Meters (m/s)
- WS50M: Wind Speed at 50 Meters (m/s)
- WS50M\_MAX: Maximum Wind Speed at 50 Meters (m/s)
- WS50M\_MIN: Minimum Wind Speed at 50 Meters (m/s)
- WS50M\_RANGE: Wind Speed Range at 50 Meters (m/s)
- Score: Measure of drought ranging from 0 (no drought) to 5 (D4, see description).

# Important Features



- T2M\_MAX: Maximum Temperature at 2 Meters
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# Target: Drought Score

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Image source:  
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

Category	Description	Possible Impacts
D0	Abnormally Dry	<p>Going into drought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ short-term dryness slowing planting, growth of crops or pastures</li></ul> <p>Coming out of drought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ some lingering water deficits</li><li>■ pastures or crops not fully recovered</li></ul>
D1	Moderate Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Some damage to crops, pastures</li><li>■ Streams, reservoirs, or wells low, some water shortages developing or imminent</li><li>■ Voluntary water-use restrictions requested</li></ul>
D2	Severe Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Crop or pasture losses likely</li><li>■ Water shortages common</li><li>■ Water restrictions imposed</li></ul>
D3	Extreme Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Major crop/pasture losses</li><li>■ Widespread water shortages or restrictions</li></ul>
D4	Exceptional Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Exceptional and widespread crop/pasture losses</li><li>■ Shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells creating water emergencies</li></ul>

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# Tools Used

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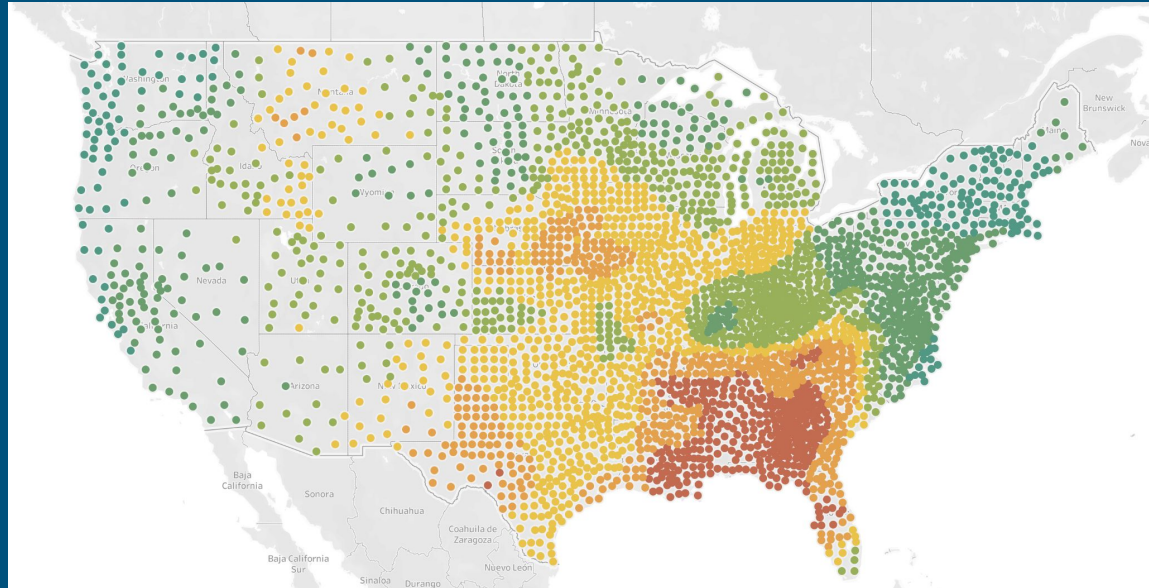
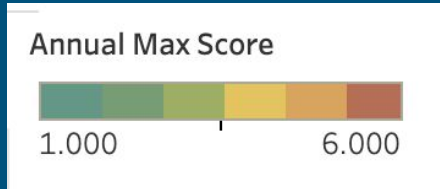
- Colab Notebook, PySpark - Because of the large dataset
- PySpark.ML
- PySpark.SQL
- Tableau - Used to create interactive map
- Google Drive - To host data
- Pandas
- Matplotlib.pyplot
- GeoPy



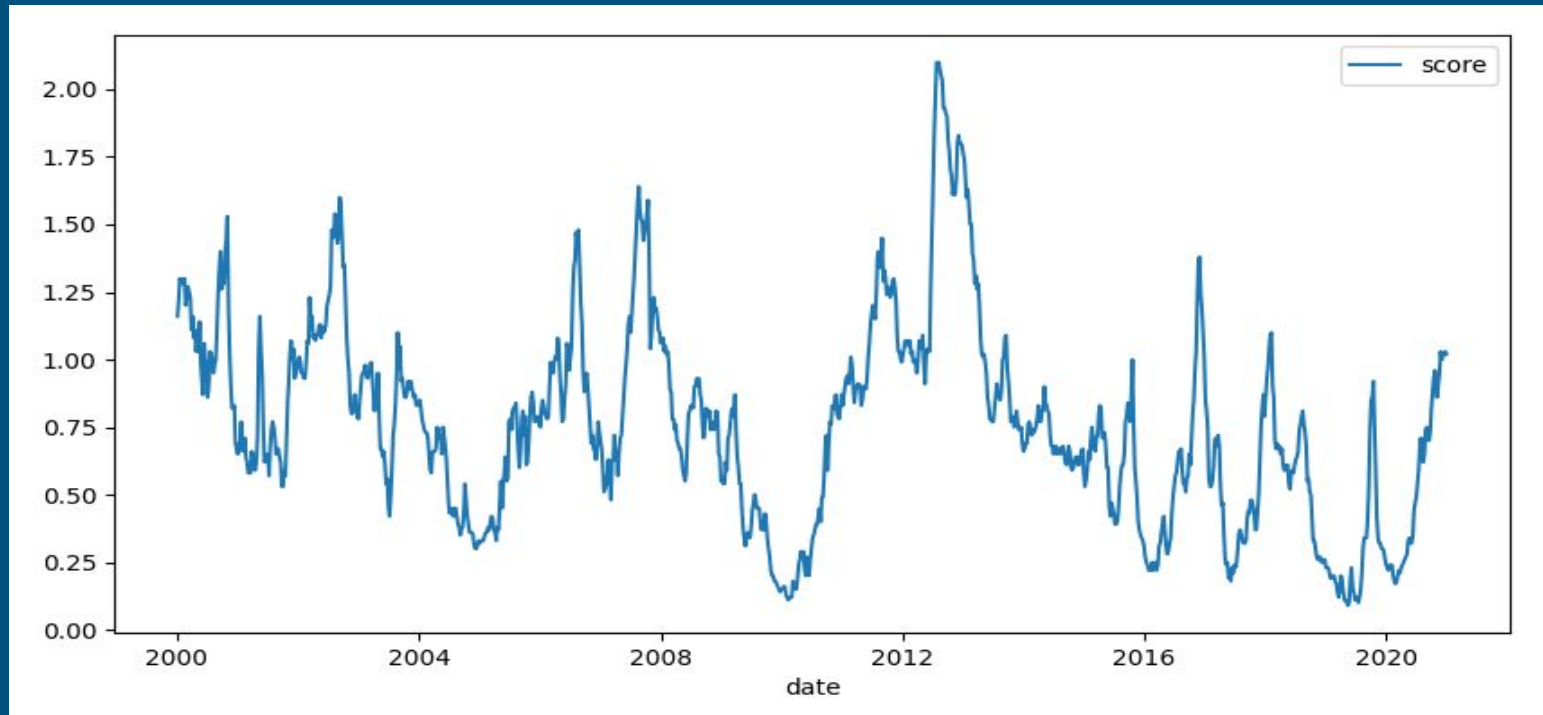
# Interactive Map of Drought Scores

Visualization of the drought scores measured at each location over the 2 decades of samples

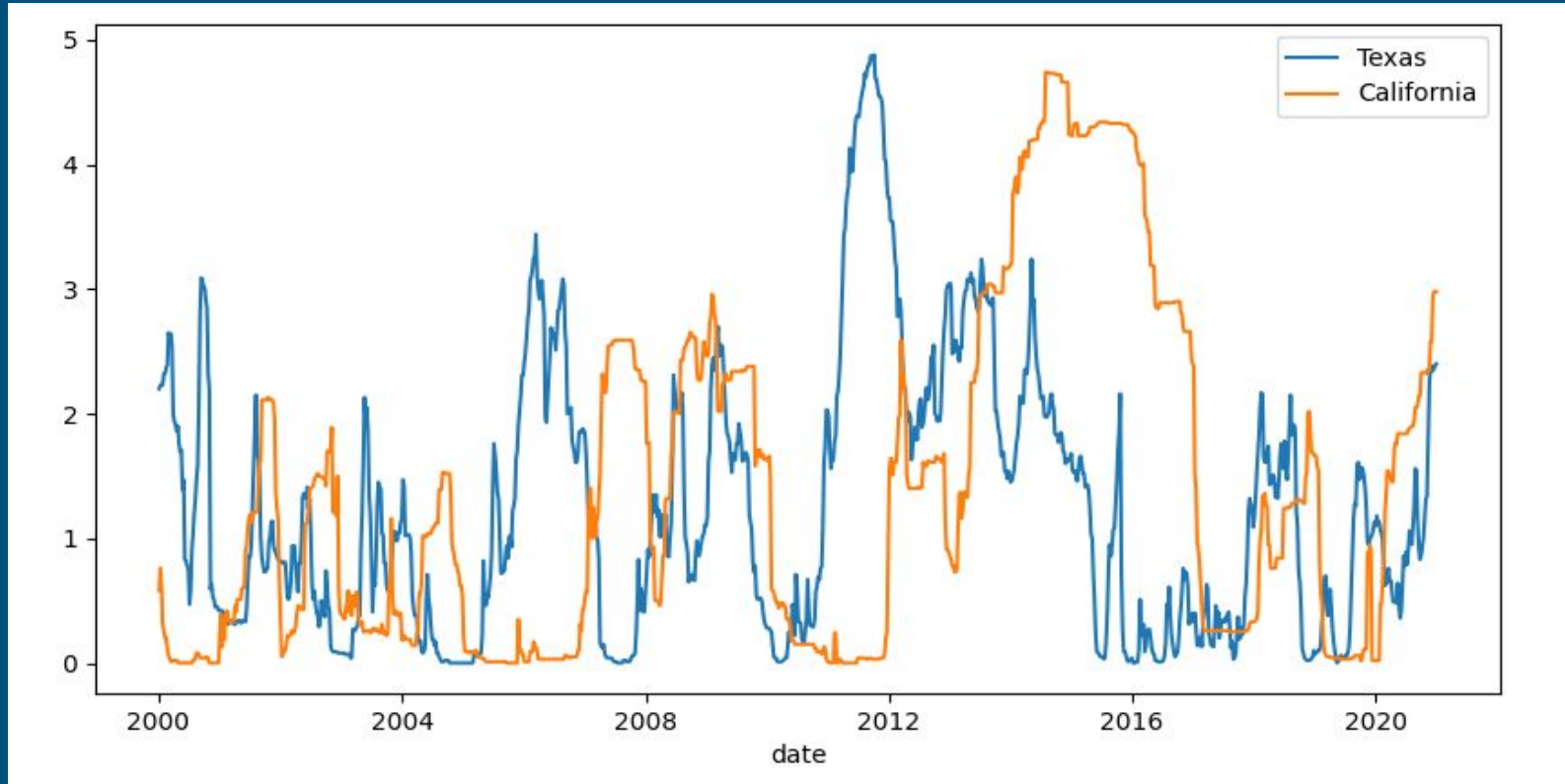
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# Time Series of Droughts



# State Comparison of Droughts



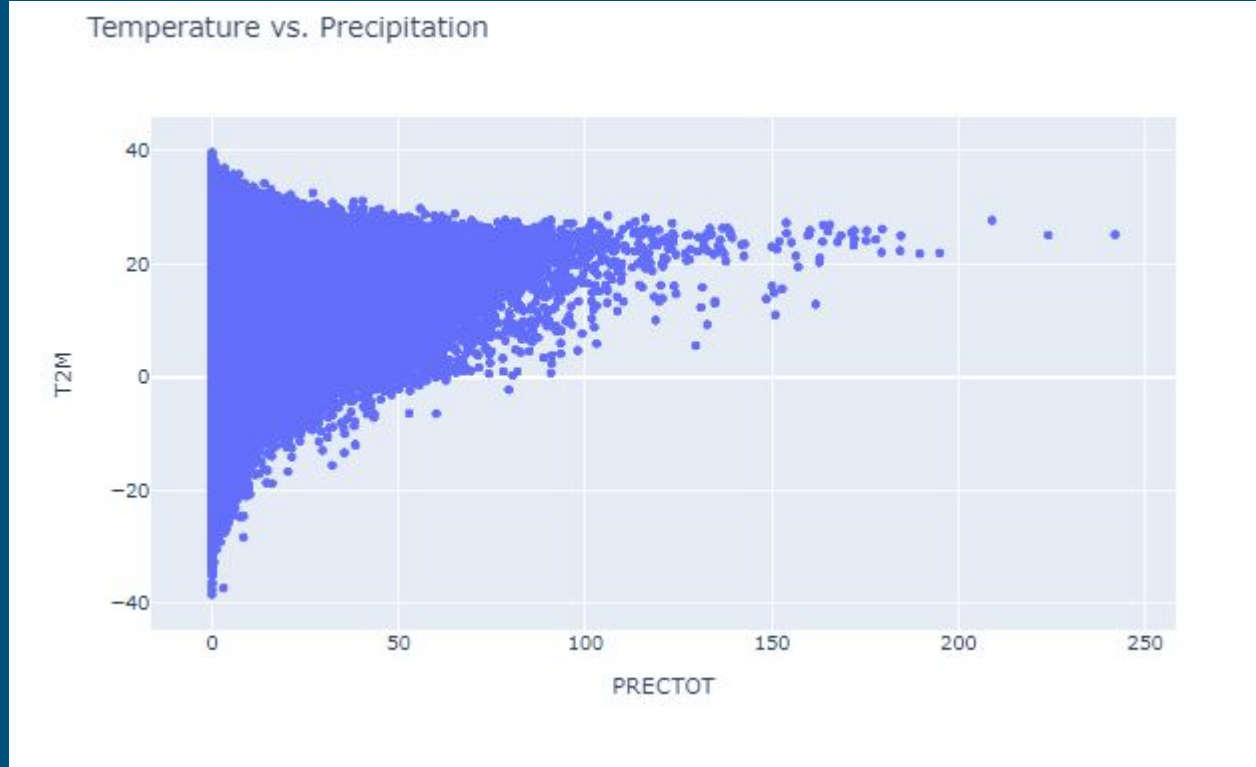
# Correlation Within the Data



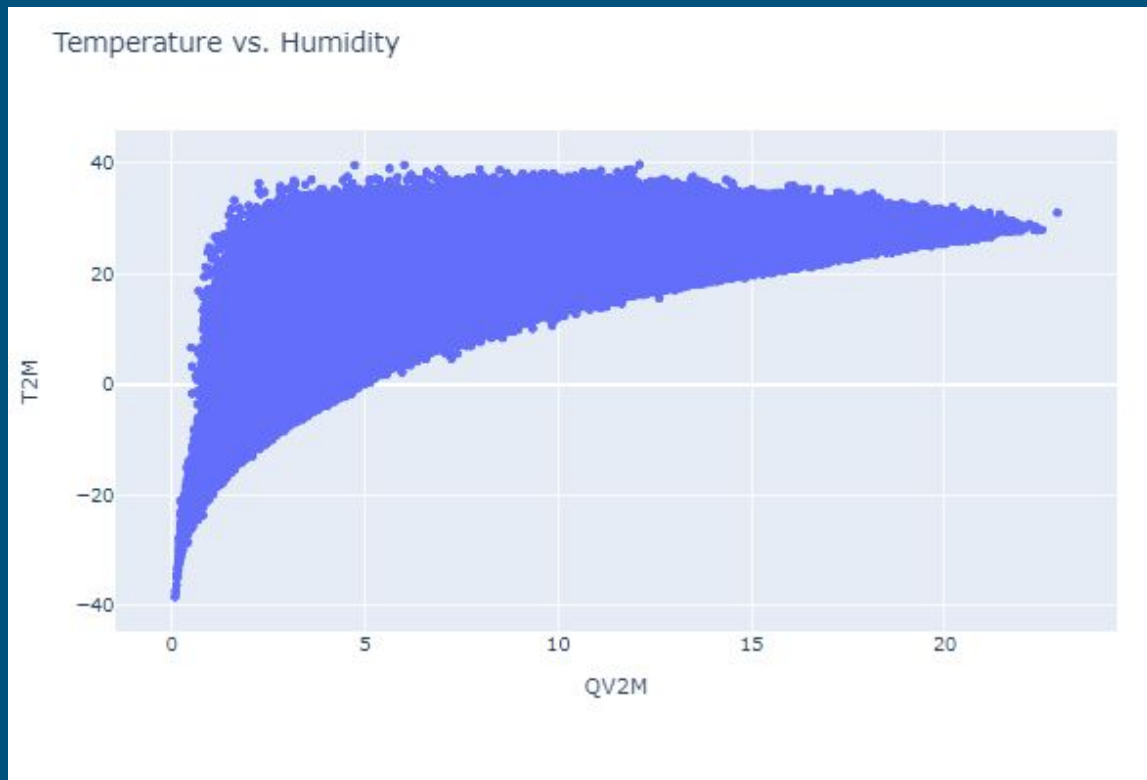
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	fips	PRECTOT	PS	QV2M	T2M	T2MDEW	T2MWET	T2M_MAX	T2M_MIN	T2M_RANGE	TS	WS10M	WS10M_MAX	WS10M_MIN	WS10M_RANGE	WS50M	WS50M_MAX	WS50M_MIN	WS50M_RANGE	score
fips	1.000000	-0.017850	-0.036142	-0.056147	-0.049778	-0.051682	-0.051917	-0.051610	-0.047799	-0.022288	-0.045461	0.046921	0.041874	0.035454	0.031910	0.051558	0.053576	0.037171	0.034296	-0.027649
PRECTOT	-0.017850	1.000000	0.069296	0.246240	0.100873	0.232173	0.232087	0.036727	0.150230	-0.292497	0.097215	0.061849	0.072254	0.032902	0.074648	0.077991	0.087799	0.062441	0.054711	-0.057248
PS	-0.036142	0.069296	1.000000	0.279132	0.163906	0.339142	0.339296	0.112127	0.207447	-0.226464	0.163713	-0.076733	-0.131601	0.026697	-0.195957	-0.039712	-0.087153	0.039040	-0.152824	-0.193770
QV2M	-0.056147	0.246240	0.279132	1.000000	0.874161	0.959216	0.960844	0.809535	0.908280	-0.071035	0.866537	-0.224791	-0.252893	-0.116956	-0.280021	-0.208001	-0.247849	-0.091739	-0.236876	-0.059532
T2M	-0.049778	0.100873	0.163906	0.874161	1.000000	0.915951	0.916536	0.983373	0.981873	0.235956	0.997493	-0.210898	-0.219989	-0.136063	-0.202416	-0.198685	-0.207992	-0.123925	-0.153011	0.077679
T2MDEW	-0.051682	0.232173	0.339142	0.959216	0.915951	1.000000	0.999783	0.858401	0.940536	-0.015436	0.907692	-0.237314	-0.264393	-0.123948	-0.270686	-0.205759	-0.242316	-0.092143	-0.229197	-0.066244
T2MWET	-0.051917	0.232087	0.339296	0.960844	0.916536	0.999783	1.000000	0.858840	0.941400	-0.016458	0.908295	-0.237426	-0.264564	-0.124051	-0.270846	-0.206246	-0.242842	-0.092488	-0.229562	-0.064836
T2M_MAX	-0.051610	0.036727	0.112127	0.809535	0.983373	0.858401	0.858840	1.000000	0.938408	0.399326	0.980104	-0.219668	-0.221403	-0.152359	-0.193035	-0.200980	-0.197687	-0.144130	-0.119738	0.116188
T2M_MIN	-0.047799	0.150230	0.207447	0.908280	0.981873	0.940536	0.941400	0.938408	1.000000	0.057946	0.979428	-0.209927	-0.226195	-0.123666	-0.219371	-0.203867	-0.227677	-0.108317	-0.194149	0.046264
T2M_RANGE	-0.022288	-0.292497	-0.226464	-0.071035	0.235956	-0.015436	-0.016458	0.399326	0.057946	1.000000	0.233000	-0.077668	-0.039515	-0.112074	0.024341	-0.039753	0.032938	-0.128024	0.169191	0.212859
TS	-0.045461	0.097215	0.163713	0.866537	0.997493	0.907692	0.908295	0.980104	0.979428	0.233000	1.000000	-0.193360	-0.202963	-0.121362	-0.189638	-0.188798	-0.195444	-0.114239	-0.145933	0.084699
WS10M	0.046921	0.061849	-0.076733	-0.224791	-0.210898	-0.237314	-0.237426	-0.219668	-0.209927	-0.077668	-0.193360	1.000000	0.952973	0.836162	0.705937	0.966765	0.911773	0.799846	0.420517	0.023874
WS10M_MAX	0.041874	0.072254	-0.131601	-0.252893	-0.219989	-0.264393	-0.264564	-0.221403	-0.226195	-0.039515	-0.202963	0.952973	1.000000	0.894954	0.887155	0.911357	0.947880	0.666507	0.596089	0.044131
WS10M_MIN	0.035454	0.032902	0.026697	-0.116956	-0.136063	-0.123948	-0.124051	-0.152359	-0.123666	-0.112074	-0.121362	0.836162	0.894954	1.000000	0.244522	0.841849	0.674361	0.944219	-0.032867	-0.012678
WS10M_RANGE	0.031910	0.074648	-0.195957	-0.260021	-0.202416	-0.270686	-0.270846	-0.193035	-0.219371	0.024341	-0.189638	0.705937	0.887155	0.244522	1.000000	0.645878	0.811137	0.244792	0.829289	0.087901
WS50M	0.051558	0.077991	-0.039712	-0.208001	-0.198685	-0.205759	-0.206246	-0.200980	-0.203867	-0.039753	-0.186798	0.966765	0.911357	0.841849	0.645878	1.000000	0.920380	0.851838	0.381149	0.001611
WS50M_MAX	0.053576	0.087799	-0.087153	-0.247849	-0.207992	-0.242316	-0.242842	-0.197687	-0.227677	0.032938	-0.195444	0.911773	0.947880	0.674361	0.811137	0.920380	1.000000	0.656003	0.676956	0.022690
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score	-0.027649	-0.057248	-0.193770	-0.059532	0.077679	-0.066244	-0.064836	0.116188	0.046264	0.212859	0.084699	0.023874	0.044131	-0.012678	0.087901	0.001611	0.022690	-0.028690	0.057221	1.000000

# Temperature vs Precipitation

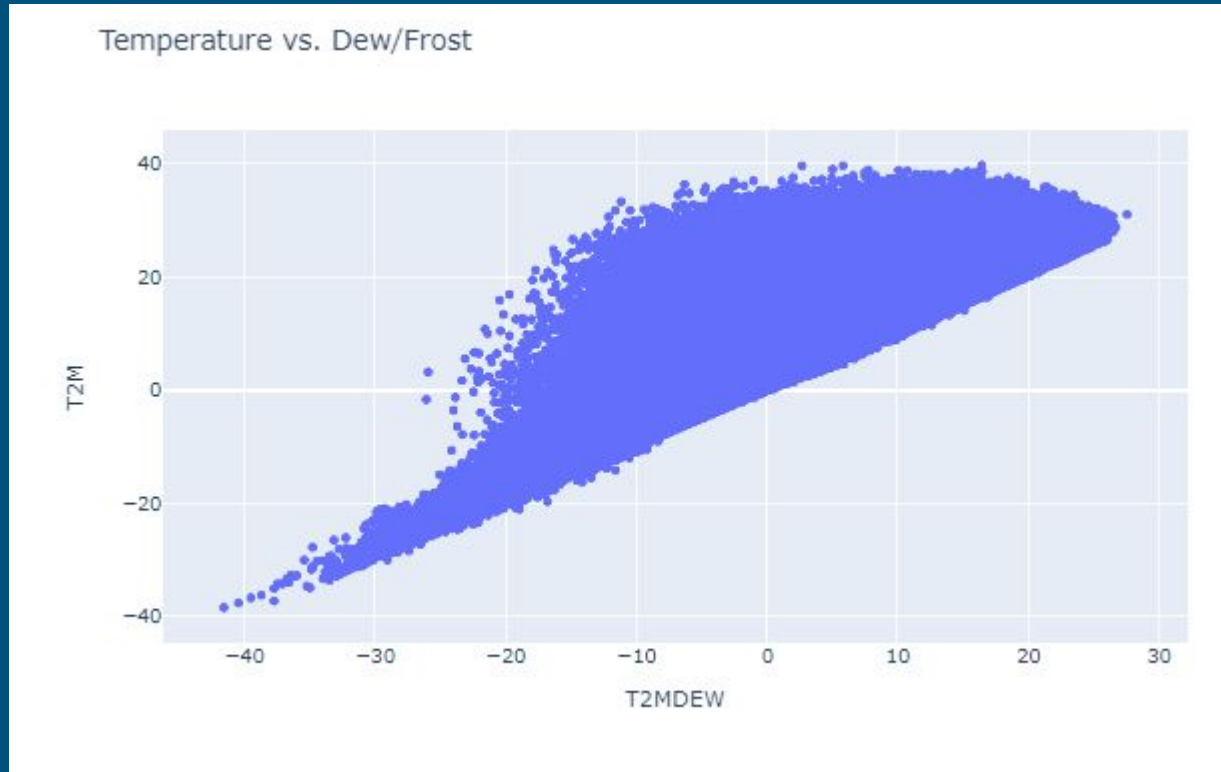


# Temperature vs Humidity



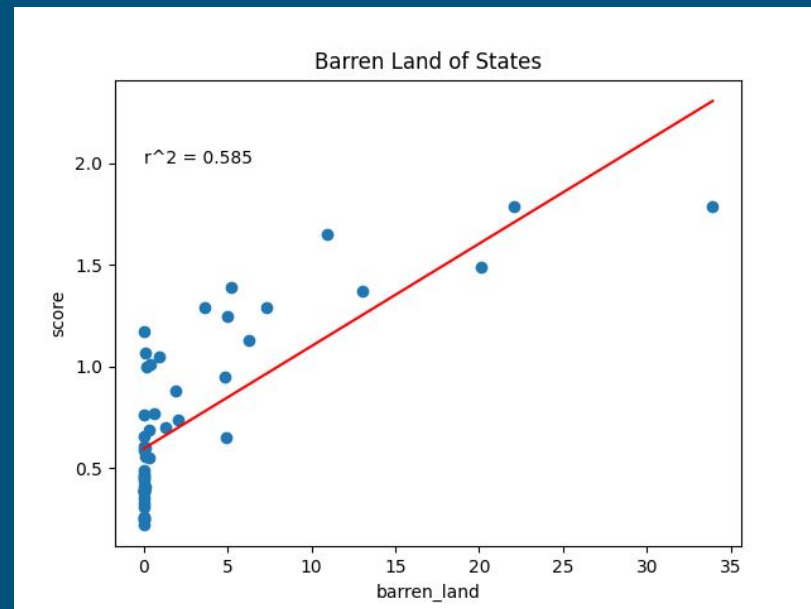
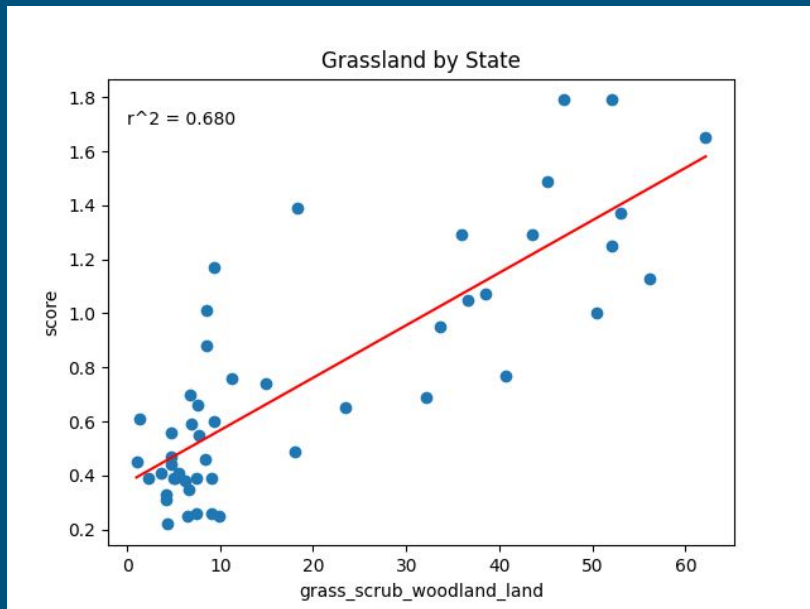


# Temperature vs Dew/Frost



# Linear Regressions with the Soil Data

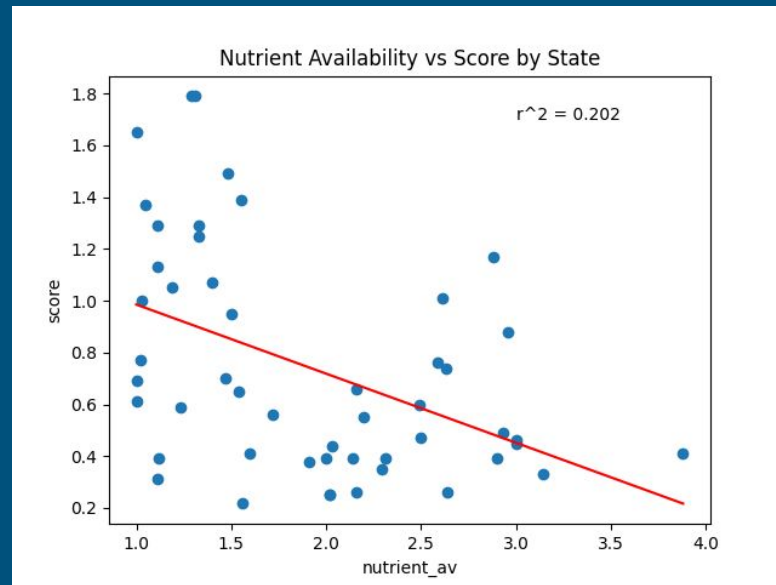
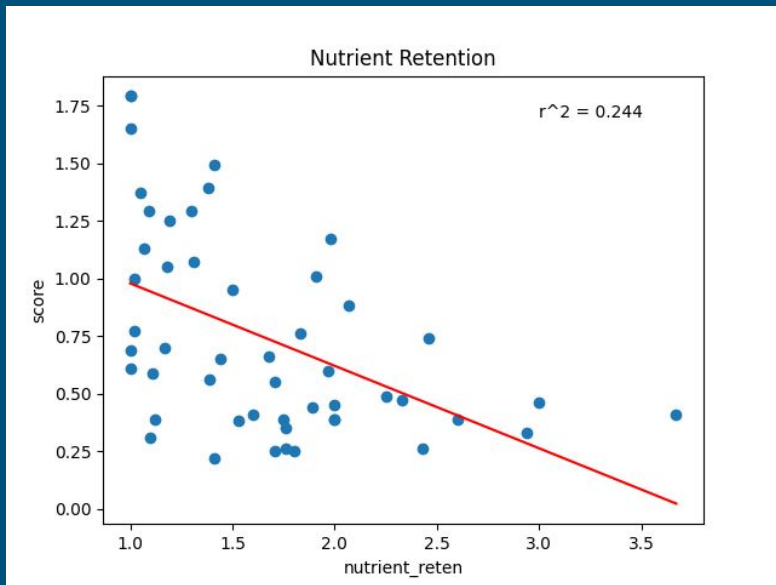
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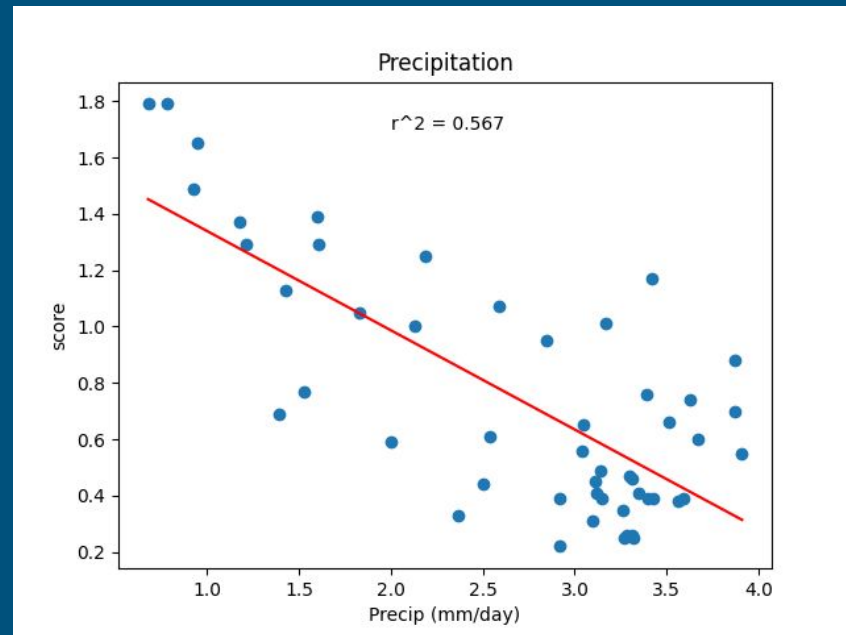
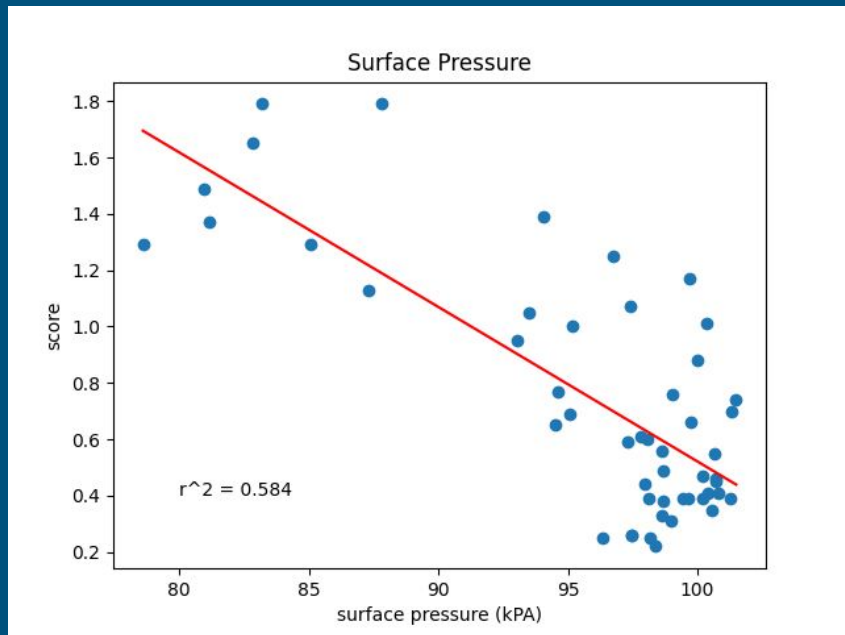


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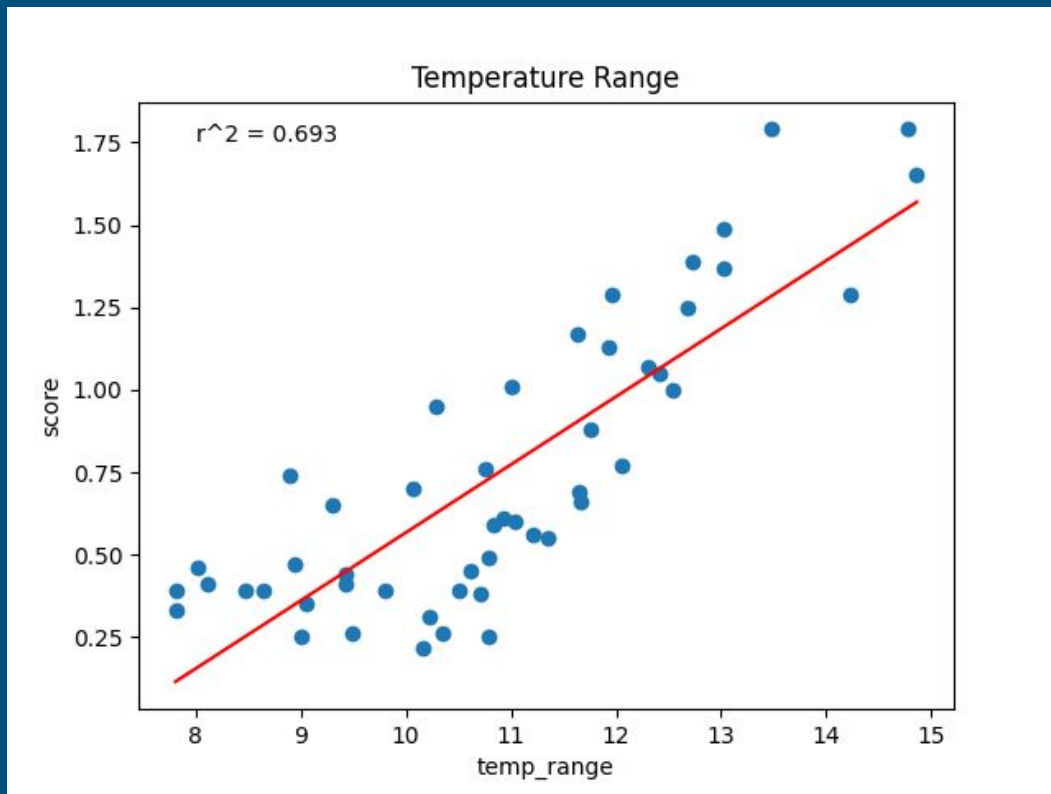
## Soil Features



# Linear Regressions with the Time Series Data



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# Machine Learning Model

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# PySpark - Vector Assembler to Create Dense Vector Column

PRECOTOT	PS	QV2M	T2M	T2MDEW	WS50M_MAX	WS50M_MIN	WS50M_RANGE	score	features	scaled_features
15.95	100.29	6.42	11.4	6.09	9.31	3.74	5.58	1	[15.95,100.29,6.4...	[2.11848627313622...
1.33	100.4	6.63	11.48	7.84	6.38	1.71	4.67	2	[1.33,100.4,6.63,...	[-0.2216160939850...
1.11	100.39	9.53	14.28	13.26	6.4	3.84	2.55	2	[1.11,100.39,9.53...	[-0.2568296726968...
0.0	100.11	2.05	-0.78	-7.93	8.03	3.96	4.07	2	[0.0,100.11,2.05,...	[-0.4344981834700...
0.0	101.0	3.36	2.06	-1.73	6.38	1.27	5.11	1	[0.0,101.0,3.36,2...	[-0.4344981834700...
0.0	101.04	5.01	8.88	3.9	5.33	0.69	4.63	1	[0.0,101.04,5.01,...	[-0.4344981834700...
0.0	100.68	5.84	10.94	5.84	7.63	2.57	5.07	1	[0.0,100.68,5.84,...	[-0.4344981834700...
0.36	101.34	5.03	10.02	3.99	7.13	2.67	4.46	1	[0.36,101.34,5.03...	[-0.3768759637598...
0.01	100.71	6.52	12.61	7.49	7.64	2.1	5.54	1	[0.01,100.71,6.52...	[-0.4328975662558...
0.0	100.79	7.48	16.81	9.47	6.92	1.84	5.07	1	[0.0,100.79,7.48,...	[-0.4344981834700...
0.02	100.8	5.34	11.24	4.62	7.29	1.99	5.3	1	[0.02,100.8,5.34,...	[-0.4312969490416...
0.17	100.66	6.89	12.81	8.32	5.55	1.55	4.0	2	[0.17,100.66,6.89...	[-0.4072876908290...
0.0	99.07	7.46	14.58	9.1	8.68	3.52	5.16	1	[0.0,99.07,7.46,1...	[-0.4344981834700...
1.26	100.32	5.52	10.67	4.67	9.16	3.79	5.37	1	[1.26,100.32,5.52...	[-0.2328204144842...
0.36	100.77	9.52	16.14	13.19	4.87	2.73	2.14	1	[0.36,100.77,9.52...	[-0.3768759637598...
0.0	100.1	7.93	14.82	10.43	6.13	3.87	2.26	1	[0.0,100.1,7.93,1...	[-0.4344981834700...
0.04	99.77	7.66	14.93	9.93	7.01	4.58	2.43	1	[0.04,99.77,7.66,...	[-0.4280957146133...

# PySpark Machine Learning Algorithms Attempted

## Multilayer Perceptron Classifier

- Rounded Scores to create five bins
- Kept giving errors during evaluation

## Linear Regression Model

- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 0.5846...
- Didn't produce feature importance

## Decision Tree Regressor

RMSE = 0.590201  
Mean Squared Error (MSE) = 0.348337  
Mean Absolute Error (MAE) = 0.38777  
R Squared (R2) = -0.00464572

## Random Forest Regressor

Similar results to Decision Tree Regressor

## Random Forest Classifier

- Rounded scores
- Produced Feature Importance
- Accuracy of 0.7591