

Predicting Traffic Delays Using U.S. Congestion and Weather Data

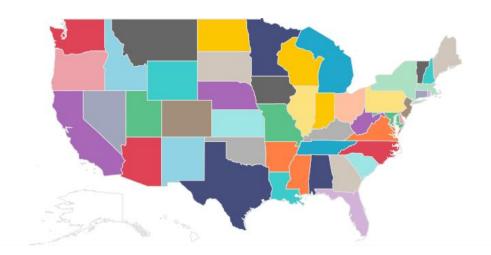
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Introduction

- Analyze traffic congestion on US roads
- Identify key factors influencing traffic delays (weather, time, location).
- Predict traffic jam duration with reasonable accuracy.
- Develop a big data pipeline from raw CSVs to analytical dashboard.
- Provide decision support for urban planners and transportation authorities.



Data Description

US Traffic Congestions (2016-2022)

Comprehensive Dataset of 33 Million U.S. Traffic Congestion Events



Kaggle

Total rows

Rows used for training

1.96M

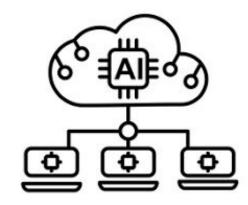
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Architecture of data pipeline

| Stage | Input | Processing | Output |
|-----------|---|--|--|
| Stage I | Kaggle ZIP archive (CSV, ~12.8 GB) | - Load and clean data - Import to PostgreSQL - Export to HDFS using Sqoop → convert to Parquet (Snappy-compressed) | Raw lake: /project/warehouse/traffic (Parquet) |
| Stage II | Parquet files from Stage I | - Create external Hive table traffic - Create optimized partitioned & bucketed table traffic_partitioned - Auto-ingest per-state - Generate 14 EDA views (CSV + Hive) | Hive warehouse + /output/dashboard/qX.csv |
| Stage III | 50k-row-per-state sample from traffic_partitioned Hive table. ~2mil rows in total | - Spark MLlib pipeline with custom transformers: - Cyclical time encoder - GeoToECEF spatial transformer - Word2Vec embedding - OneHotEncoding for low cardinality categorical features - Feature hashing for high cardinality features - Grid search for LR and RF models | Trained models + evaluation metrics (RMSE, R², MAE) |
| Stage IV | Analytical results + model outputs | - Load into Apache Superset - Configure dashboards, filters, drilldowns | Interactive BI dashboard |



GitHub



Development Automation



To streamline development and ensure continuous throughout the project integration lifecycle, we implemented a custom CI script tailored for the cluster environment.

- Fetches and resets to the latest commit:
- Executes the main pipeline script (main.sh);
- Sends logs and outputs to a Telegram chat for real-time team visibility.





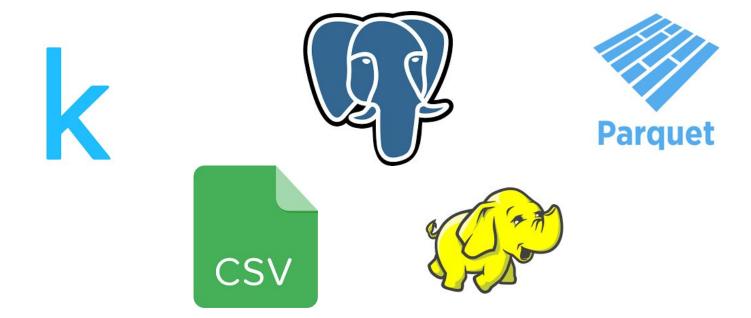
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Data preparation



Data analysis

Initially formulated **14**hypotheses about factors
that might influence traffic
delays.

7 were tested and validated through visual analysis using charts and dashboards.

ML Modeling

→ Random Forest Regressor:

- maxDepth 10;
- numTrees 50.

| Model | RMSE | R ² | MAE |
|-------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Random Forest | 2.9146 | 0.5787 | 1.5438 |
| Linear Regression | 3.3102 | 0.4566 | 1.8117 |

→ Linear Regression:

- regParam 0.01;
- elasticNetParam 0.0 (pure L2 regularization)

Data presentation



Superset Dashboard



Conclusion

Our contributions include:

- → End-to-end automation for data ingestion, partitioning, and transformation;
- → Targeted HQL queries for exploratory data analysis (EDA);
- A trained machine learning model predicting traffic delays using geographic, temporal, and weather-related features;
- An interactive Superset dashboard for intuitive data visualization and decision support.

Reflections on own work

A solid and awesome team!

