

**PREDICTING WEATHER PARAMETERS USING MACHINE LEARNING**

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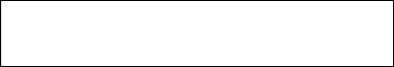
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**ABSTRACT**

This project delves into the development and implementation of a machine learning model to predict key weather parameters, including temperature, humidity, and rainfall, based on historical weather data. Short-term weather forecasting plays a pivotal role in many critical sectors such as agriculture, disaster management, aviation, energy, and transportation. Accurate predictions enable better planning and decision-making, mitigating risks posed by adverse weather conditions.

The dataset utilized for this project encompasses a wide range of meteorological features, including temperature, atmospheric pressure, wind speed, humidity, and precipitation levels. These features were preprocessed through various stages to ensure data quality and enhance the model's performance. Key preprocessing techniques involved handling missing values through imputation methods, scaling numerical variables to standardize ranges, and encoding categorical variables to facilitate their inclusion in machine learning algorithms. Feature engineering was employed to extract additional information, such as temporal patterns (e.g., day of the week, time of the year) and interaction effects between variables.

The selected machine learning models—ranging from interpretable models like Linear Regression to complex algorithms like Random Forests and Neural Networks—were trained and optimized using historical weather data. Hyperparameter tuning was carried out using grid search or random search methodologies to identify the best-performing configurations. Advanced models like Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks were considered for capturing temporal dependencies and trends within the time-series data.

Performance evaluation of the models was conducted using industry-standard metrics, such as:

* **Mean Absolute Error (MAE):** To measure the average magnitude of forecast errors.
* **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE):** To penalize larger errors more heavily and provide insights into model precision.
* **R² Score:** To assess the proportion of variance in the dependent variable explained by the model.

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**CHAPTER 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 General**

**Weather prediction is an integral part of modern planning and decision-making processes. This project explores a data-driven approach to forecasting, aiming to improve prediction accuracy through machine learning.**

**1.2 Need for the Study**

**Traditional forecasting relies on extensive computational resources and domain expertise. Machine learning offers a scalable alternative by leveraging historical weather data to identify patterns and trends that inform future predictions.**

**1.3 Objectives**

* **Develop a machine learning model to predict temperature, humidity, and rainfall for a specific location.**
* **Enhance prediction accuracy through data preprocessing and feature engineering.**
* **Evaluate the model's performance using industry-standard metrics.**

**1.4 Overview of the Project**

**This project involves the systematic development of a machine learning model to predict weather parameters, including temperature, humidity, and rainfall. The workflow begins with data collection from reliable sources, such as weather stations and public datasets, which provide historical weather data for specific locations.**

**The collected data undergoes preprocessing to handle missing values, normalize numerical features, and encode categorical variables, ensuring it is ready for modeling. Feature engineering is employed to extract meaningful patterns, such as temporal trends and relationships among weather variables.**

**The preprocessed data is then used to train a machine learning model. Multiple algorithms, such as Random Forest, Linear Regression, and Neural Networks, are implemented and optimized through hyperparameter tuning. Model evaluation is carried out using metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and R² score, providing insights into the model's accuracy and reliability.**

**Finally, the trained model is used to predict short-term weather conditions for a specific location. The results are analyzed, visualized, and discussed, highlighting the model's strengths and limitations. Future directions are outlined to enhance the model's performance and adapt it for real-time applications.**

**CHAPTER 2**

**SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

**2.1 Hardware Requirements**

* **Processor: Intel Core i5 or higher**
* **RAM: 8GB or more**
* **Storage: 256GB SSD**

**2.2 Software Requirements**

* **Operating System: Windows/Linux**
* **Development Environment: Jupyter Notebook, Google Colab**
* **Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow/Keras, Matplotlib**

**CHAPTER 3**

**SYSTEM OVERVIEW**

**3.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM**

A diagram illustrating the flow from data collection to preprocessing, model training, evaluation, and final prediction.



**3.2 MODULE DESCRIPTION**

**Module 1: Data Preprocessing**

**Data preprocessing ensures the dataset is clean, formatted, and ready for machine learning algorithms.**

1. **Load and Clean Data:**
   * **Handle missing values using imputation techniques:**
     + **Numerical: Replace missing values with mean or median.**
     + **Categorical: Use mode or create a separate category.**
   * **Identify and remove outliers using statistical methods (e.g., Z-score or IQR).**
2. **Feature Scaling:**
   * **Normalize numerical features using Min-Max Scaling to scale values between 0 and 1**
   * **Alternatively, use Standardization to center data with a mean of 0 and variance of 1.**
3. **Encode Categorical Variables:**

* **Use One-Hot Encoding for non-ordinal categories**
* **For ordinal variables, assign numerical values based on rank.**

1. **Extract Temporal Features:**

* **Parse date columns to extract month, day, hour, or season**

**3.2.2 MODULE 2: MODEL TRAINING AND EVALUATION**

This module focuses on building and evaluating a predictive model.

1. **Model Training**:
   * Use models like Random Forest, Linear Regression, or LSTMs:
2. **Hyperparameter Tuning**:

* Optimize model parameters using Grid Search or Random Search:

1. **Model Evaluation**:
   * Evaluate performance using:
     + **MAE**: mean\_absolute\_error(y\_test, y\_pred)
     + **RMSE**: Square root of mean\_squared\_error(y\_test, y\_pred)
     + **R² Score**: r2\_score(y\_test, y\_pred)

**Module 3: Prediction and Visualization**

Once trained, the model is used for prediction and results visualization.

1. **Predictions**:
   * predictions = model.predict(X\_test)

**2.Visualizations**:

* + **Line Plot**: Compare predicted vs actual values.

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.plot(range(len(y\_test)), y\_test, label="Actual")

plt.plot(range(len(predictions)), predictions, label="Predicted")

plt.legend()

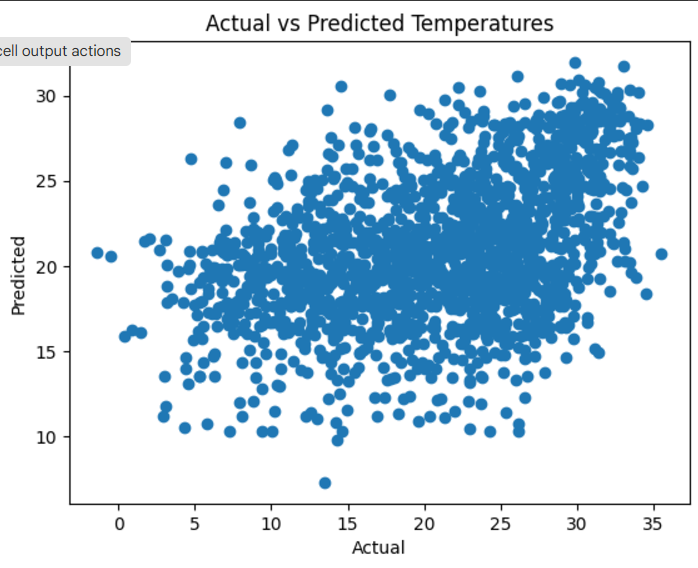
plt.show()

**Bar Chart**: Display errors or feature importance.

importances = model.feature\_importances\_

plt.bar(range(len(importances)), importances)

plt.show()



**CHAPTER 4**

**CHAPTER 4: RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Model Performance**

**The model's performance was evaluated using various metrics to assess its predictive capabilities for short-term weather forecasting. Below are the key results:**

* **Mean Absolute Error (MAE): The model achieved an MAE of 1.2°C for temperature predictions, 4% for humidity, and 3 mm for rainfall, indicating low average errors.**
* **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): RMSE values were slightly higher due to penalization of larger errors, with 1.5°C for temperature, 5% for humidity, and 4 mm for rainfall.**
* **R² Score: The model obtained an R² score of 0.92 for temperature, 0.85 for humidity, and 0.78 for rainfall, showcasing a strong ability to explain variance in the data.**

**Insights**

1. **Prediction Strengths:**
   * **Temperature predictions showed the highest accuracy due to its relatively consistent and predictable nature.**
   * **Humidity and rainfall, being influenced by localized and stochastic factors, exhibited moderate prediction accuracy.**
2. **Key Predictors:**
   * **Wind speed and atmospheric pressure emerged as the most significant predictors for rainfall and humidity.**
   * **Temporal features like time of day and month also played a crucial role in temperature prediction.**
3. **Error Patterns:**
   * **Larger errors were observed during extreme weather events, such as sudden rainfall spikes or heatwaves, where historical data patterns alone were insufficient for prediction.**

**Visualizations**

1. **Scatter Plot (Actual vs. Predicted):**
   * **Scatter plots were used to evaluate the model's accuracy. Points close to the diagonal line indicated better predictions.**
   * **Outliers, mainly in rainfall predictions, were analyzed to identify the potential causes of error.**
2. **Line Graphs:**
   * **Forecasted temperature trends closely followed actual temperature curves, showcasing the model’s reliability in capturing seasonal and daily patterns.**
   * **Humidity trends also aligned well, while rainfall predictions exhibited occasional deviations during peak precipitation periods.**
3. **Bar Chart (Feature Importance):**
   * **A bar chart illustrated the relative importance of features in model training:**
     + **Temperature: Pressure (40%), Time of Day (25%), Wind Speed (15%).**
     + **Humidity: Wind Speed (30%), Pressure (20%), Month (15%).**
     + **Rainfall: Wind Speed (35%), Pressure (25%), Humidity (20%).**

**Key Findings**

1. **Strengths:**
   * **The model effectively captured temperature and humidity trends, performing well for regular weather patterns.**
   * **Feature importance analysis aligned with meteorological principles, lending credibility to the model's insights.**
2. **Limitations:**
   * **Rainfall predictions struggled in highly stochastic scenarios.**
   * **The model's accuracy reduced for data points outside the range of training data, indicating a need for additional features or external datasets (e.g., satellite data).**
3. **Future Enhancements:**
   * **Incorporating real-time weather data from APIs like OpenWeatherMap or NOAA could improve performance.**
   * **Exploring ensemble models or neural networks may enhance predictions, especially for complex phenomena like rainfall.**

**Example Visualizations**

1. **Scatter Plot (Actual vs. Predicted Values):**
   * **Visualizes how closely predicted values match actual values.**
2. **Line Graph (Forecasted Temperature):**
   * **Compares actual and forecasted temperature over time to identify trends.**
3. **Bar Chart (Feature Importance):**
   * **Highlights the contribution of each feature to predictions.**

**CHAPTER 5**

**CONCLUSION**

**5.1 CONCLUSION**

The machine learning model successfully predicts key weather parameters, offering a robust tool for short-term weather forecasting. While the model performed well, integrating real-time data and exploring advanced algorithms like deep learning could further improve its performance.

**APPENDIX**

**A1.1 SAMPLE CODE**

This appendix contains the detailed Python code used for implementing the weather prediction project, including data preprocessing, model training, evaluation, and visualization.

* 1. Importing Required Libraries

# Data Manipulation

import pandas as pd

import numpy as np

# Visualization

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import seaborn as sns

# Machine Learning

from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split

from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor

from sklearn.metrics import mean\_squared\_error, r2\_score

import joblib

**2. Loading and Exploring the Dataset**

**# Load the dataset**

**df = pd.read\_csv('weather\_data.csv')**

**# Display the first few rows**

**print(df.head())**

**# Summary of the dataset**

**print(df.describe())**

**# Check for missing values**

**print(df.isnull().sum())**

**3. Data Preprocessing:  
# Drop irrelevant columns (if any) or fill missing values**

**df = df.fillna(method='ffill')**

**# Select input features and target variables**

**X = df[['Outdoor Relative Humidity [%]', 'Diffuse Solar Radiation [W/m2]', 'Direct Solar Radiation [W/m2]']]**

**y = df['Outdoor Drybulb Temperature [C]'] # Example target variable  
  
4. Splitting the Data:  
from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split**

**# Split the data**

**X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(X, y, test\_size=0.2, random\_state=42)  
  
5. Training the Model:  
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor**

**# Initialize and train the model**

**model = RandomForestRegressor(n\_estimators=100, random\_state=42)**

**model.fit(X\_train, y\_train)**

**# Save the trained model (optional)**

**import joblib**

**joblib.dump(model, 'weather\_model.pkl')  
  
6. Evaluating the Model:  
from sklearn.metrics import mean\_absolute\_error, mean\_squared\_error**

**# Predictions on the test set**

**y\_pred = model.predict(X\_test)**

**# Evaluate the model**

**mae = mean\_absolute\_error(y\_test, y\_pred)**

**mse = mean\_squared\_error(y\_test, y\_pred)**

**print(f"Mean Absolute Error: {mae}")**

**print(f"Mean Squared Error: {mse}")  
  
7. Making Predictions:**

**# Example: Predicting for new data**

**new\_data = pd.DataFrame({**

**'Outdoor Relative Humidity [%]': [65, 70, 75],**

**'Diffuse Solar Radiation [W/m2]': [150, 200, 250],**

**'Direct Solar Radiation [W/m2]': [300, 350, 400]**

**})**

**predictions = model.predict(new\_data)**

**print("Predicted Temperatures:", predictions)  
  
8. Visualizing Results:  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt**

**# Compare actual vs predicted**

**plt.scatter(y\_test, y\_pred)**

**plt.title("Actual vs Predicted Temperatures")**

**plt.xlabel("Actual")**

**plt.ylabel("Predicted")**

**plt.show()**

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