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EVS PROJECT : WEATHER FORECASTING USING ML

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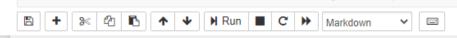
Weather forecasting is the application of science and technology to predict the conditions of the atmosphere for a given location and time. People have attempted to predict the weather informally for millennia and formally since the 19th century. Weather forecasts are made by collecting quantitative data about the current state of the atmosphere at a given place and using meteorology to project how the atmosphere will change.

Once calculated by hand based mainly upon changes in barometric pressure, current weather conditions, and sky condition or cloud cover, weather forecasting now relies on computer-based models that take many atmospheric factors into account. Human input is still required to pick the best possible forecast model to base the forecast upon, which involves pattern recognition skills, teleconnections, knowledge of model performance, and knowledge of model biases. The inaccuracy of forecasting is due to the chaotic nature of the atmosphere, the massive computational power required to solve the equations that describe the atmosphere, the error involved in measuring the initial conditions, and an incomplete understanding of atmospheric processes. Hence, forecasts become less accurate as the difference between current time and the time for which the forecast is being made (the range of the forecast) increases. The use of ensembles and model consensus help narrow the error and pick the most likely outcome.

There is a vast variety of end uses to weather forecasts. Weather warnings are important forecasts because they are used to protect life and property. Forecasts based on temperature and precipitation are important to agriculture, and therefore to traders within commodity markets. Temperature forecasts are used by utility companies to estimate demand over coming days. On an everyday basis, many use weather forecasts to determine what to wear on a given day. Since outdoor activities are severely curtailed by heavy rain, snow and wind chill, forecasts can be used to plan activities around these events, and to plan ahead and survive them. In 2009, the US spent approximately \$5.1 billion on weather forecasting.

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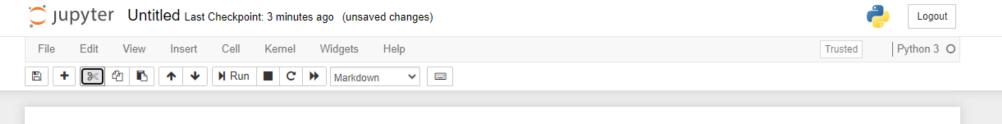
Technological advancements in the 21st century have brought many improvements to weather forecasting. The growth of smartphones has brought on-the-go weather forecasting to billions of people around the world, while the location data of the devices improves the accuracy of forecasting. Another recent development, the Al revolution, has not spared weather prediction either. Developments in machine learning mean that Al can be incorporated into existing weather models to produce even more accurate forecasts. Machine learning models for weather forecasting quickly process large amounts of weather data, and they can compare data from weather stations and satellites with traditional forecasts to make highly accurate predictions.

Machine learning for more accurate forecasting

One of the main benefits of introducing machine learning to weather forecasting is more accurate predictions. Machine learning can be used to process immediate comparisons between historical weather forecasts and observations. With the use of machine learning, weather models can better account for prediction inaccuracies, such as overestimated rainfall, and produce more accurate predictions.

Expanding nowcasting with deep learning

Aside from more accurate forecasts, machine learning can also be used to improve nowcasting, which is immediate weather prediction, typically within two hours, that provides minute-by-minute precipitation forecasts. While nowcasting is technically possible through traditional forecasting using radar data, weather models based on machine learning can also take into account data from weather satellites. Integrating machine learning into weather models enables them to quickly process satellite images for nowcasting. Adding weather satellites to the tech behind nowcasting greatly expands its reach. With machine learning, potentially anyone in range of a weather satellite can use nowcasting, rather than just those living near a radar station.



SMARTPHONES

Aside from the introduction of AI, weather forecasting has changed with another recent technological innovation; the smartphone. People with smartphones can access detailed weather reports wherever they are, and these forecasts are more accurate thanks to their devices. Weather predictions can now take into account the specific location data from smartphones to provide users with hyperlocal forecasting. Since a city's particular weather can vary dramatically from one block to the next, the use of location data from smartphones has significantly advanced forecasting for each user and exact locations.

The future of weather forecasting

The last few decades have been transformative for the advancement of weather forecasting. Looking ahead, weather modelling stands to grow even more accurate for a greater number of people around the world.

As machine learning advances and more weather models start integrating it, weather forecasting will become increasingly accurate. There is also excellent potential for a global expansion of nowcasting, a relatively recent addition to consumer weather forecasting. Only a select few weather services include nowcasting in their forecasts, and, in the past, the tech was limited to people in areas with reliable radar coverage.

