



Machine Learning

Python

Arduino

Prepare

Train

Predict

Calculate

Tilt

Collect past weather data using Dark Sky API

Collect past solar output data

Read combined weather and solar output data

Fit data into Gradient Boosting regression model using Scikit-Learn

Pick ML Variables to maximize accuracy

Train regression model for predicting solar output

Get current weather forecast using Dark Sky API

Predict solar output for next hour using trained regressor

Calculate Azimuth angle (A)

Calculate Zenith angle (Z)

Set Spin = A - 70°
Tilt = Z°

Is Tilt > 60°

Yes

Set Tilt = 60°

Connect Servo 1 to port A3
Connect Servo 2 to port A1

Move Servo 1 to Tilt angle
Move Servo 2 to Spin angle

No

ML Variables

- Hourly precipitation probability
- Hourly cloud cover
- Hourly temperature
- Time

Calculations

$$\cos \phi_s = \frac{\sin \delta - \cos \theta_s \sin \Phi}{\sin \theta_s \cos \Phi}$$

$$\cos \theta_s = \sin \alpha_s = \sin \Phi \sin \delta + \cos \Phi \cos \delta \cos h$$

- Φ_s is the azimuth angle
- θ_s is the zenith angle
- h is the hour angle
- δ is the sun declination
- Φ is the latitude