Predictive Analysis of Severity of Accidents (SPD)

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Introduction

Motorization has enhanced the lives of many individuals and societies, but the benefits have come with a price. Road traffic accidents and injuries today have become an important public health issue. This doesn't concern the concerned government bodies but society at large. It is estimated to be the eighth leading cause of death across all age groups globally, and are predicted to become the seventh leading cause of death by 2030. The report also says that the approach to implementing the rules and regulations available to prevent road accidents is often ineffective and half-hearted. However, awareness creation, strict implementation of traffic rules, and scientific engineering measures are the need of the hour to prevent this public health catastrophe. The below study also highlights the immense impact of more concerning factors like weather conditions, special events, roadworks, traffic jams among others. The aim of the project is to find an accurate prediction of the severity of the accidents that can be formed.

Problem

The purpose of this project is to help SPD in finding and exploring ways to predict the severity facilitate the best models to avoid future car accidents. We could also

help with various relationships and within the given parameters and provide the best report.

Data acquisition and cleaning

The project aims to create an analysis of the collision dataset, measure the severity of these accidents within the dataset and related impacts. It aims to help the PD to make informed decisions in reducing the number of accidents. We will be working with a dataset of the accidents that occurred since 2004

The target audience of the project are departments of the government and the SPD. This project might to a certain extent help the insurance and transportation companies to some extent. It will help people to get awareness and real insights and possibly take action to reduce the number of accidents.

We will also be looking at attributes like weather, visibility, or road conditions that play a huge impact on accidents and how could local administration work ahead minimize the risks in the future.

Data Understanding:

Dataset contains several attributes such as:

1. SEVERITYCODE
2. X
3. Y
4. OBJECTID
5. INCKEY
6. COLDETKEY
7. REPORTNO
8. STATUS
9. ADDRTYPE
10. INTKEY

11. LOCATION
12. EXCEPTRSNCODE
13. EXCEPTRSNDESC
14. SEVERITYCODE.1
15. SEVERITYDESC
16. COLLISIONTYPE
17. PERSONCOUNT
18. PEDCOUNT
19. PEDCYLCOUNT
20. VEHCOUNT
21. INCDATE
22. INCDTTM
23. JUNCTIONTYPE
24. SDOT_COLCODE
25. SDOR_COLDESC
26. INATTENTIONIND
27. UNDERINFL
28. WEATHER
29. ROADCOND
30. LIGHTCOND
31. PEDROWNOTGRNT
32. SDOTCOLUMN
33. SPEEDING
34. ST_COLCODE
35. ST_COLDESC
36. SEGLANEKEY
37. CROSSWALKKEY
38. HITPARKEDCAR

Data Preparation:

The target variable we will be considering for the analysis will be - **'SEVERITYCODE'** as it used to depict the severity of the accident. The same is denoted as 0 or 1 within the dataset; where

- "0" denotes Property damage
- "1" denotes Severe Injury

Attributes

We analyzed that the attributes used to describe the severity of an accident are:

- **"WEATHER"**
- **"ROADCOND"**
- **"ADDRTYPE"**
- **"COLLISIONTYPE"**
- **"LIGHTCOND"**

Data Cleaning

The data needs to be cleanned as it is not fit for analysis. There are unncessary columns and also the datatypes needs changing.

Features Selected

Once the dataset was cleaned, the below features were fine tuned for the model building

- SEVERITYCODE
- WEATHER
- ADDRTYPE
- COLLISIONTYPE
- JUNCTIONTYPE
- ROADCOND
- LIGHTCOND

Meanwhile Dependent and Independent variables were also selected.

- SEVERITYCODE – Dependent Feature also known as predictor.
- Others would be our Independent features through which we will predict the Severity of the accident.

Exploratory Analysis of the dataset:

This was conducted to encode all the features in the required data frame We conducted 2 encoding steps

- Frequency Count Encoding – On the below attributes
    - WEATHER
    - COLLISIONTYPE
    - JUNCTIONTYPE
    - ROADCOND
    - LIGHTCOND.
- One Hot Encoding –
    - ADDRTYPE

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```
df_cust[df_cust.SEVERITYCODE==1].WEATHER.value_counts().plot(kind=
plt.title('Severe Accident based on Weather')
plt.ylabel('Number of Accidents')
plt.xlabel('Weather type')
plt.show()
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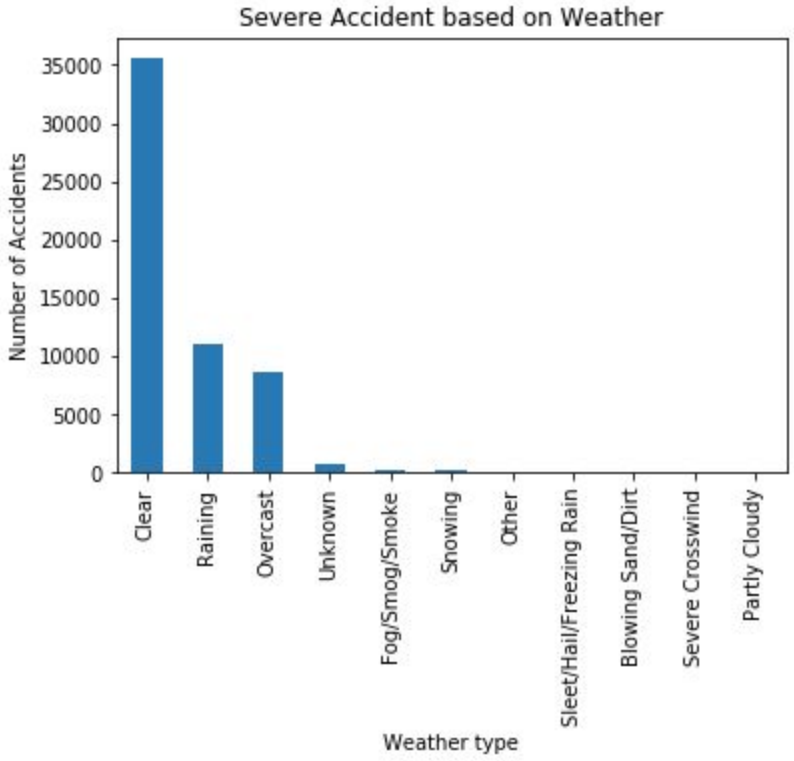

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df_cust[df_cust.SEVERITYCODE==1].COLLISIONTYPE.value_counts().pl
plt.title('Severe Accidents based on Collision Type')
plt.ylabel('Number of Accidents')
plt.xlabel('Collision type')
plt.show()
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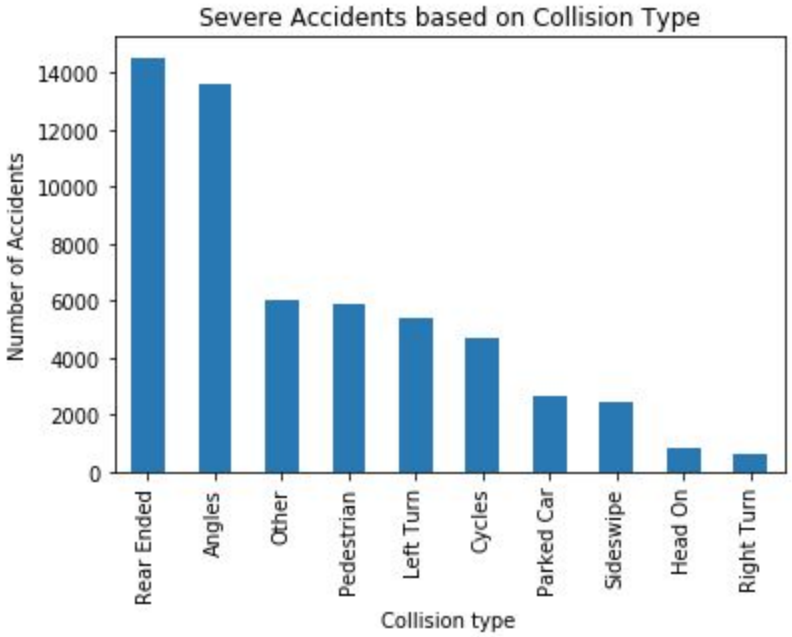

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plt.title('Severe accidents based on light-conditions')
plt.ylabel('Number of Accidents')
plt.xlabel('Lights Conditions')
plt.show()
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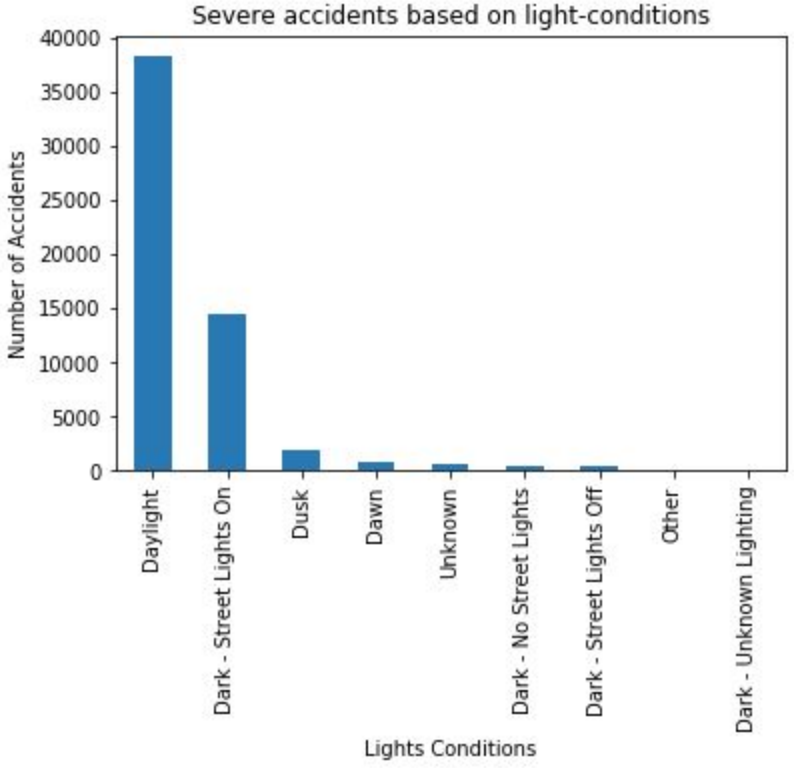

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plt.title('Severe accidents based on place')
plt.ylabel('Number of Accidents')
plt.xlabel('Address Type')
plt.show()
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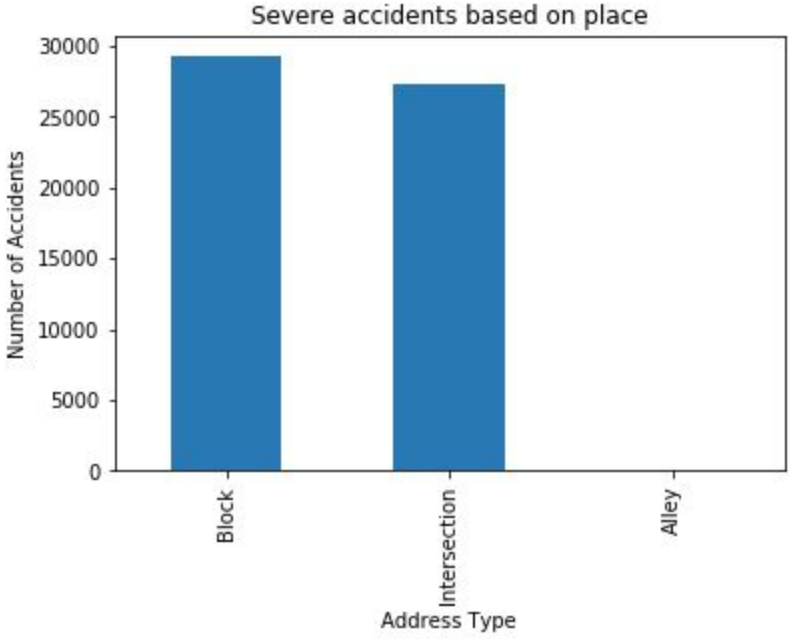

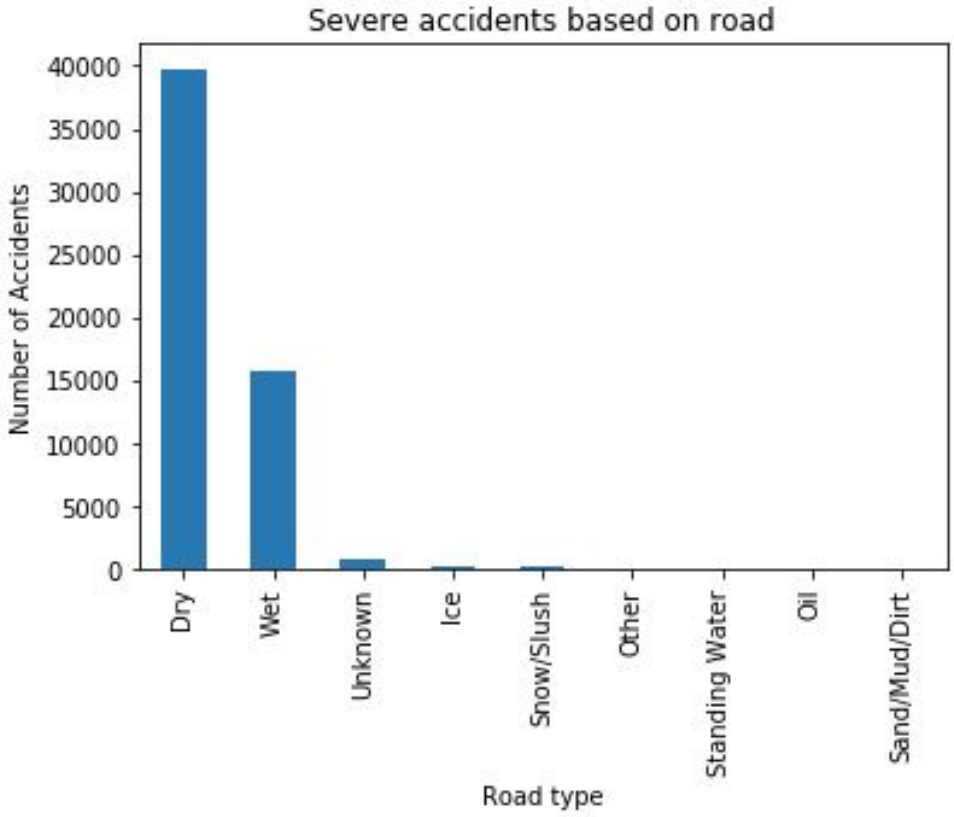

Model Development

- Once we selected our Dependent and Independent features, we split our data set for Training and Testing phase.
- 80% of the dataset was used for training the model, while the rest 20% would be used for model evaluation phase.
- As, classification problem, we developed 4 types of model to test the accuracy that which one gives the best output.
- Once training and testing data was complete, we normalized the training set using StandardScaler() function.

Results

Decision Tree – After fitting the decision tree classifier model with our training test, we predict the outcome and matched it with our test data set and got an accuracy of:

- F1 Score: 0.691
- Accuracy-Score: 0.692

K-Nearest Neighbors –

After fitting the K-Nearest Neighbor classifier model with our training test, we predict the outcome and matched it with our test data set and got an accuracy of:

- Accuracy-Score: 0.668

Logistic Regression

So after training the Logistic Regression Classifier model with our training dataset we predicted the outcome of severity with an overall accuracy of:

- f1 score: 0.576
- Accuracy score: 0.597

Support Vector Machine(SVM) –

So after training the SVM Classifier model with our training dataset we predicted the outcome of severity with an overall accuracy of:

- f1 score: 0.708
- Accuracy_score: 0.654

Classification Report

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from sklearn.metrics import classification_report,confusion_matrix
import itertools
cnf=confusion_matrix(ytest,yhat_svm)
np.set_printoptions(precision=2)
print('Classification Report:\n',classification_report(ytest,yhat_svm))
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Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.74      0.47      0.57     11243
           1       0.62      0.84      0.71     11414

   micro avg       0.65      0.65      0.65     22657
   macro avg       0.68      0.65      0.64     22657
weighted avg       0.68      0.65      0.64     22657
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Conclusion

We were able to conclude that the best classification model for the dataset is the Decision Tree Classifier model. Also, other observations:

- People might be careless while driving in the daytime than night
- Most of the severe accidents happen in clear weather.
- It is also noticed that most severe accidents happen on dry roads.
- Most of the severe accidents happen at the Intersection and Blocks