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Abstract

The Ease of Doing Business Index (EODB) developed by the World Bank Group is not just a statistic, but a basic measure of how business-friendly a nation is. Our study begins to address this index as a global phenomenon and in India, with unique challenges being addressed through smart techniques. On the global front, we see nations collecting data; analyse them and use them to identify areas where they can improve their commercial environment. We are talking about major policy changes based on the findings of the EODB index. However, when it comes to India, we have other issues to address first – limited data availability. The good news is that we have found some answers using tools like Ridge Regression and Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) Regression Modelling to give us a clear picture of India's state business. However, we did not stop there beyond this point. In any case! In addition, a new feature was introduced - enhanced linear regression. However, this approach is not common - it's a game changer that combines reinforcement learning with classical linear regression for more flexible and intelligent models than ever before!

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Introduction to Ease of Doing Business Index

1.1 Introduction

"Ease of doing business" refers to the level of simplicity and efficiency with which businesses can operate within a particular country or region. It encompasses various factors such as regulatory environment, access to resources, infrastructure, legal framework, administrative processes, and overall business climate. Countries with high ease of doing business rankings typically offer streamlined procedures for starting and running a business, minimal bureaucratic hurdles, transparent regulations, strong legal protections for investors, and efficient infrastructure.

Improving the ease of doing business is often a priority for governments seeking to attract investment, stimulate economic growth, and create jobs. Countries that prioritize reforms aimed at enhancing the business environment can experience increased competitiveness on the global stage and greater economic prosperity domestically. Policymakers may implement measures such as simplifying business registration processes, reducing red tape, enhancing access to credit, improving infrastructure, and strengthening the rule of law to enhance the ease of doing business. By fostering a more conducive environment for entrepreneurship and investment, nations can unlock their economic potential and drive sustainable development.

1.2 EODB implementation in India and the World

The Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Index is a metric designed to assess the regulatory environment and business-friendliness of a particular region or country. Originally developed by the World Bank Group, the EODB Index evaluates various factors such as starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, and resolving insolvency.

1.2.1 World Bank

The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans and grants to the governments of low and middle-income countries for the purpose of pursuing development projects. Established in 1944, the World Bank's primary goal is to reduce poverty by promoting sustainable development and investing in projects that improve infrastructure, healthcare, education, and other essential services. It consists of two main institutions: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA), each serving different segments of member countries based on their income levels.

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) primarily provides loans to middle-income and creditworthy low-income countries for development projects aimed at reducing poverty and fostering economic growth. These loans are typically offered at market-based interest rates and are repaid over a set period, with proceeds from repayments reinvested into new development projects. The IBRD also offers financial and technical assistance to help countries implement policy reforms and strengthen their institutional capacity for sustainable development.

The International Development Association (IDA), on the other hand, provides concessional loans and grants to the world's poorest countries, where the ability to repay loans at market-based interest rates may be limited. IDA financing is offered on highly concessional terms, with low or zero-interest rates and extended repayment periods, to support projects that address critical development challenges, such as improving access to clean water, healthcare, education, and infrastructure in underserved communities. Additionally, IDA resources are often directed towards building resilience to climate change, promoting gender equality, and addressing fragility and conflict in countries affected by humanitarian crises.

In addition to providing financial assistance, the World Bank plays a vital role in conducting research, generating knowledge, and providing policy advice to governments and development practitioners worldwide. Through its research and analytical reports, the World Bank offers insights into key development issues, trends, and best practices, helping policymakers make informed decisions and implement effective strategies for poverty reduction and sustainable development. Furthermore, the World Bank collaborates with various stakeholders, including governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector, to mobilize resources, foster partnerships, and promote global cooperation towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and building a more prosperous and equitable world.

1.2.2 Implementation in the world

The implementation of the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Index in countries involves a systematic assessment of various factors affecting the business environment. Here's a breakdown of how it's typically carried out:

1) Data Collection: The process begins with collecting data on key indicators relevant to the business environment. These indicators cover a wide range of areas such as starting a business, obtaining construction permits, accessing electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, and resolving insolvency.

2) Methodology: The World Bank Group, which originally developed the EODB Index, establishes a methodology for assessing each indicator. This methodology is designed to be transparent, consistent, and applicable across different countries and regions. It typically involves gathering information through surveys, interviews, and analysis of relevant laws and regulations.

Scoring System: Each indicator is assigned a numerical score based on specific criteria and benchmarks. For example, the indicator for "Starting a Business" might consider the number of procedures required, the time taken, and the cost involved. Similarly, the indicator for "Enforcing Contracts" might assess the efficiency of judicial processes and the time taken to resolve commercial disputes.

3) Weighting: The indicators are often weighted to reflect their relative importance in the overall business environment. For instance, indicators related to the ease of starting a business or obtaining construction permits might carry more weight than those related to resolving insolvency, depending on the context and priorities of the country.

4) Data Analysis: Once the data is collected and scored, it is analyzed to generate an overall EODB Index score for each country. This score is usually presented on a scale from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating a more favorable business environment.

5) Ranking: Countries are then ranked based on their EODB Index scores, allowing for comparisons across different countries and regions. This ranking serves as a valuable tool for policymakers, businesses, and investors to identify areas of strength and areas requiring improvement in the business environment.

6) Policy Recommendations: In addition to ranking countries, the EODB Index often provides policy recommendations and best practices based on the experiences of top-performing countries. These recommendations can help inform policy reforms and initiatives aimed at improving the business climate and attracting investment.

Overall, the implementation of the EODB Index in countries involves a rigorous process of data collection, analysis, and benchmarking to assess the business environment and promote economic growth and development. While the index has faced criticism for its methodology and scope, it remains a widely used tool for policymakers and stakeholders seeking to foster a more conducive environment for business and investment.

1.2.3 Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)

India's Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) is a comprehensive initiative aimed at improving the ease of doing business across Indian states and union territories. Launched by the Government of India in 2015, BRAP seeks to create a conducive business environment by streamlining regulations, reducing bureaucratic hurdles, and enhancing transparency and efficiency in administrative processes. The initiative is part of India's broader strategy to attract domestic and foreign investment, stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and foster entrepreneurship at the state level.

BRAP is structured around a set of reform parameters that cover various aspects of the business regulatory environment, including starting a business, obtaining construction permits, getting electricity connections, registering property, paying taxes, and enforcing contracts, among others. Participating states and union territories are assessed based on their performance in implementing these reforms, with rankings published annually to benchmark progress and encourage healthy competition among states to improve their business climates. The BRAP rankings serve as a tool for policymakers to identify areas for reform and prioritize interventions that can have a meaningful impact on facilitating business activities and driving economic development.

To facilitate the implementation of reforms under BRAP, the Government of India works closely with state governments, providing guidance, technical assistance, and financial incentives to support their reform efforts. States are encouraged to undertake targeted reforms and leverage technology and innovation to simplify procedures, reduce processing times, and enhance the overall ease of doing business. Additionally, BRAP promotes stakeholder engagement and collaboration between government agencies, industry associations, and civil society organizations to ensure that reforms are aligned with the needs and aspirations of businesses and investors.

The BRAP initiative has yielded tangible results since its inception, with many Indian states making significant strides in improving their business regulatory environments and climbing up the rankings. By fostering a more conducive business climate, BRAP contributes to unlocking India's economic potential, promoting inclusive growth, and building a more competitive and resilient economy. However, sustained efforts and continued collaboration between the central and state governments are essential to address remaining challenges and further enhance the ease of doing business across the country.

1.2.4 Implementation in India

In the context of India, the EODB Index has gained significant attention in recent years as the government has been actively working to improve the business climate and attract investment. Each state in India has its own set of regulations and administrative processes, which can significantly impact the ease with which businesses can operate.

1) Starting a Business: This criterion evaluates the procedures, time, and cost involved in starting a new business, including obtaining necessary licenses and permits, registering the company, and complying with regulatory requirements.

2) Dealing with Construction Permits: This factor assesses the efficiency and transparency of procedures for obtaining construction permits, including the time and cost involved in obtaining necessary approvals, permits, and inspections for construction projects.

3) Getting Electricity: This criterion measures the reliability, transparency, and efficiency of the process for obtaining a new electricity connection, including the time, cost, and procedures involved.

4) Registering Property: This component evaluates the efficiency and transparency of property registration procedures, including the time, cost, and administrative requirements for transferring property ownership.

5) Getting Credit: This factor assesses the ease of accessing credit for businesses, including the legal rights of borrowers and lenders, the effectiveness of credit information systems, and the depth and breadth of credit markets.

6) Protecting Minority Investors: This criterion evaluates the strength of minority investor protections, including transparency of ownership structures, disclosure requirements, and mechanisms for resolving shareholder disputes.

7) Paying Taxes: This component assesses the efficiency, transparency, and administrative burden of the tax system, including the number of tax payments, time required for tax compliance, and the overall tax rate.

8) Trading Across Borders: This factor measures the efficiency and transparency of customs procedures and border compliance, including the time, cost, and documentary requirements for importing and exporting goods.

9) Enforcing Contracts: This criterion evaluates the efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of contract enforcement mechanisms, including the time, cost, and procedural complexity of resolving commercial disputes through the legal system.

10) Resolving Insolvency: This component assesses the efficiency and effectiveness of insolvency procedures, including the time, cost, and recovery rates for resolving insolvency and restructuring proceedings.

Once data on these parameters are collected, they are aggregated and analyzed to generate an overall EODB Index score for each state. States are then ranked based on their performance relative to one another, providing insights into areas of strength and areas requiring improvement in the business environment. This ranking serves as a valuable tool for policymakers, businesses, and investors to identify opportunities for reform and investment.

1.3 Criticism of current EOBD Methods

Some states in India have made notable strides in improving their business environment, leveraging the EODB Index as a benchmark for reform. For instance, states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh have consistently ranked among the top performers, implementing policy reforms and streamlining procedures to facilitate business growth.

Key initiatives undertaken by states to enhance their EODB ranking include simplifying regulatory processes, digitizing administrative procedures, reducing bureaucratic hurdles, and enhancing transparency and accountability in governance. Additionally, several states have established dedicated agencies or task forces to oversee EODB reforms and monitor progress effectively.

However, challenges remain in ensuring uniform progress across all states in India. Disparities in infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, and administrative capacity persist, influencing the ease of doing business in different regions. Additionally, regulatory reforms often require sustained political will and coordination among various stakeholders, which can pose implementation challenges.

Despite these challenges, the EODB Index serves as a valuable tool for policymakers, businesses, and investors alike, guiding efforts to enhance the business climate and promote economic growth across Indian states. Continued focus on EODB reforms is essential to foster entrepreneurship, attract investment, and unleash the full potential of India's diverse economy.

1.4 Need for transparent EOBD Index

The emphasis on transparent and objective Ease of Doing Business (EODB) methods is paramount for fostering trust, promoting fairness, and facilitating sustainable economic growth. Transparent methodologies ensure that the criteria for evaluating the business environment are clear, well-defined, and publicly accessible, thereby reducing ambiguity and potential for manipulation. Objective EODB methods rely on empirical data, standardized indicators, and rigorous evaluation frameworks to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of regulatory processes, administrative procedures, and institutional practices.

Transparent EODB methods help build confidence among investors, businesses, and other stakeholders by providing visibility into the factors that influence the business climate. By openly communicating the criteria and methodologies used to assess EODB rankings, governments can demonstrate their commitment to accountability, good governance, and evidence-based policymaking. Transparency also fosters competition among jurisdictions to improve their business environments, as stakeholders can benchmark performance, identify best practices, and advocate for reforms based on credible data and analysis.

Objective EODB methods are essential for ensuring fairness, credibility, and impartiality in assessing the business environment. By relying on quantifiable indicators and standardized measurement frameworks, objective methodologies minimize subjectivity and bias in evaluating the ease of doing business. This approach promotes equal treatment for all businesses, regardless of size, sector, or location, and reduces the risk of favoritism or discrimination in regulatory processes. Moreover, objective EODB methods enable governments to track progress over time, identify areas for improvement, and measure the impact of reforms accurately, leading to more effective policy interventions and better outcomes for businesses and the economy.

In summary, transparent and objective EODB methods are essential for promoting trust, accountability, and competitiveness in the global economy. By providing clear criteria and relying on empirical data, governments can enhance the credibility of EODB rankings, attract investment, spur innovation, and create opportunities for sustainable development. Moving forward, continued efforts to enhance transparency and objectivity in EODB assessments will be critical for building resilient and inclusive business environments that support long-term economic growth and prosperity.

CHAPTER 2
Technologies Used

2.1 Programming Language

2.1.1 Python

Python offers a robust set of tools and libraries for regression analysis, making it well-suited for predicting EOBD scores based on relevant variables and factors. Regression analysis in Python typically involves using libraries such as scikit-learn or StatsModels to build regression models that can predict a dependent variable (in this case, EOBD scores) based on independent variables (such as vehicle characteristics, emissions data, and regulatory factors). Python's ease of use and extensive documentation make it accessible for both beginners and experienced data scientists to implement regression models efficiently.

To predict EOBD scores using regression analysis in Python, one would first need to gather relevant data, including historical EOBD scores and associated variables such as vehicle make and model, emissions data, geographical location, and regulatory compliance measures. With the data prepared, Python libraries like pandas can be used to clean, preprocess, and explore the dataset, ensuring that it is suitable for regression analysis. Then, using scikit-learn or StatsModels, one can select an appropriate regression algorithm (such as linear regression, polynomial regression, or ridge regression) and train the model using the prepared data.

Once the regression model is trained, it can be used to predict EOBD scores for new data points or future time periods. Python's visualization libraries, such as Matplotlib or Seaborn, can aid in interpreting the results of the regression analysis by creating informative plots and visualizations. Additionally, techniques such as cross-validation and model evaluation metrics (such as R-squared and mean squared error) can be used to assess the performance of the regression model and fine-tune its parameters if necessary. Overall, Python's versatility and extensive ecosystem of libraries make it a powerful tool for regression analysis, enabling the prediction of EOBD scores and providing valuable insights for vehicle emissions monitoring and regulatory compliance efforts.

2.2 Library Framework

2.2.1 Numpy

NumPy, short for Numerical Python, is a fundamental package for scientific computing in Python. It provides support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a collection of mathematical functions to operate on these arrays efficiently. NumPy serves as the foundation for many other Python libraries used in data science, machine learning, and scientific computing due to its speed, flexibility, and ease of use. With NumPy, users can perform a wide range of mathematical operations, including basic arithmetic, linear algebra, Fourier transforms, and statistical computations, making it an essential tool for researchers, engineers, and data analysts alike.

At the core of NumPy is the ndarray (n-dimensional array) data structure, which enables efficient storage and manipulation of large datasets. NumPy arrays are homogeneous, meaning that all elements in an array must be of the same data type, which allows for efficient memory allocation and optimized mathematical operations. Additionally, NumPy provides a wide range of functions for array manipulation, indexing, slicing, and broadcasting, allowing users to perform complex operations on arrays with concise and expressive syntax. Overall, NumPy's powerful array processing capabilities, combined with its seamless integration with other Python libraries, make it indispensable for scientific computing and data analysis tasks.

2.2.2 Pandas

Pandas is a powerful and popular open-source Python library that is widely used for data manipulation and analysis. Built on top of NumPy, Pandas provides easy-to-use data structures and functions that simplify the process of working with structured data. At the core of Pandas are two primary data structures: Series and DataFrame. A Series is a one-dimensional array-like object that can hold various data types, while a DataFrame is a two-dimensional tabular data structure with labeled axes (rows and columns). These data structures enable users to efficiently perform data wrangling tasks such as indexing, slicing, filtering, and reshaping data.

One of the key features of Pandas is its ability to handle missing data effectively, allowing users to easily detect, remove, or impute missing values within datasets. Additionally, Pandas provides powerful tools for data manipulation, including group-by operations, merging and joining datasets, and time series analysis. Its intuitive syntax and extensive functionality make it a go-to choice for data scientists, analysts, and researchers working with structured data in Python. Whether it's cleaning messy datasets, performing complex aggregations, or preparing data for machine learning models, Pandas simplifies the process and accelerates the workflow, making it an indispensable tool in the data science toolkit.

2.2.3 Matplotlib

Matplotlib is a powerful and widely-used Python library for creating static, interactive, and publication-quality visualizations. Developed by John D. Hunter in 2003, Matplotlib provides a flexible and intuitive interface for generating a wide range of plots and charts, including line plots, scatter plots, bar charts, histograms, and more. Its versatility makes it a go-to choice for data visualization tasks across various domains, from scientific research and data analysis to business intelligence and academic presentations.

At its core, Matplotlib is built on an object-oriented architecture, allowing users to create and customize plots with fine-grained control over every aspect of their appearance. Users can easily adjust plot elements such as colors, line styles, markers, labels, and axes properties to tailor the visualization to their specific needs. Matplotlib also integrates seamlessly with other Python libraries, such as NumPy and pandas, enabling users to visualize data directly from these data structures. Additionally, Matplotlib supports a variety of output formats, including PNG, PDF, SVG, and more, making it suitable for generating publication-quality figures for both digital and print media. With its extensive documentation, rich feature set, and active community support, Matplotlib remains a cornerstone of the Python data visualization ecosystem.

2.2.4 Sklearn

Scikit-learn, often abbreviated as sklearn, is a powerful and user-friendly machine learning library for Python. Developed as an open-source project, scikit-learn provides a comprehensive suite of tools for various machine learning tasks, including classification, regression, clustering, dimensionality reduction, and model selection. Its well-designed and consistent API makes it easy for users to implement machine learning algorithms and workflows, regardless of their level of expertise. Additionally, scikit-learn is built on top of other popular Python libraries such as NumPy, SciPy, and matplotlib, leveraging their capabilities to offer efficient computation and visualization functionalities.

One of the key strengths of scikit-learn is its extensive collection of machine learning algorithms and techniques, ranging from traditional methods like linear regression and support vector machines to more advanced approaches such as random forests, gradient boosting, and neural networks. These algorithms are implemented in a modular and flexible manner, allowing users to experiment with different models and techniques easily. Furthermore, scikit-learn provides tools for data preprocessing, feature engineering, and model evaluation, enabling users to build end-to-end machine learning pipelines seamlessly. Its emphasis on simplicity, efficiency, and performance has made scikit-learn a go-to choice for both academia and industry, empowering users to tackle a wide range of machine learning tasks with confidence and ease.

2.3 Tools

2.3.1 Google Colab

Google Colab, short for Google Colaboratory, is a free cloud-based platform provided by Google that enables users to write, run, and share Python code collaboratively. It offers a convenient environment for data scientists, researchers, and developers to work on machine learning projects, data analysis tasks, and more, without the need for expensive hardware or software installations. Google Colab runs on Google's powerful infrastructure, providing access to high-performance computing resources, including GPUs and TPUs, which can significantly accelerate computations for tasks such as training deep learning models.

One of the key advantages of Google Colab is its seamless integration with Google Drive, allowing users to store their notebooks and datasets directly in their Google Drive accounts. This integration simplifies the process of accessing and managing files, enabling users to work on their projects from anywhere with an internet connection. Additionally, Google Colab provides pre-installed libraries and dependencies commonly used in data science and machine learning, such as TensorFlow, PyTorch, pandas, and scikit-learn, eliminating the need for users to install and configure these libraries manually.

Another notable feature of Google Colab is its support for Jupyter notebooks, which are interactive documents that combine code, text, and visualizations. Users can create, edit, and execute Jupyter notebooks directly within the Colab environment, making it easy to document and share their work with colleagues or collaborators. Furthermore, Google Colab allows users to run code in a Python 3 runtime environment, providing access to standard Python features and syntax while also supporting Markdown for text formatting and LaTeX for mathematical expressions.

Google Colab offers collaborative features that enable multiple users to work on the same notebook simultaneously. Users can share their notebooks with others by generating a shareable link, granting collaborators permission to view or edit the notebook in real-time. This collaborative functionality fosters teamwork and knowledge sharing, making Google Colab a valuable tool for collaborative research projects, educational initiatives, and industry collaborations. Overall, Google Colab provides a convenient and powerful platform for Python programming, data analysis, and machine learning, empowering users to leverage Google's infrastructure and collaborate on projects with ease.

CHAPTER 3

Working of the Predictor

3.1 States EOBD Predictor Working

For State EOBD there are not many data points as data is not available for various years consistently. The we had was of 2022 that had dimensions 23x30 so we have to use some complex models. The problem with complex models is that they have a problem of overfitting. To minimize it we have to use models that take steps to prevent overfitting.
We have tried many such models and as of now two of them are giving permissible results their discussion is as follows:

3.1.1 Ridge Regression:

Ridge regression is a statistical technique used in regression analysis, particularly when dealing with multicollinearity (correlation between predictor variables) or when there are more predictors than observations. It's a regularization method that adds a penalty term to the ordinary least squares (OLS) objective function, which helps to mitigate overfitting and stabilize the regression estimates.
In ridge regression, the penalty term is the sum of the squared coefficients multiplied by a tuning parameter, usually denoted as lambda (λ). This penalty shrinks the coefficients towards zero, but unlike other regularization techniques like Lasso regression, it doesn't force coefficients to become exactly zero unless λ is very large. This property makes ridge regression particularly useful for situations where multicollinearity is present, as it tends to shrink the coefficients of correlated predictors towards each other.
The objective function of ridge regression can be represented as:

$$\text{minimize}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_{ij} x_{ij}\right)^2 + \lambda\sum_{j=1}^{p}\beta_j^2\right\} \quad (1)$$

Where:
- y_i is the observed value for the ith observation.
- x_ij is the value of the jth predictor for the ith observation.
- n is the number of observations.
- p is the number of predictors.
- β are the coefficients to be estimated.
- λ is the tuning parameter that controls the strength of the penalty term.

By tuning the parameter λ, one can control the trade-off between fitting the data well and keeping the coefficients small. Ridge regression is particularly valuable when dealing with highly correlated predictors, where traditional OLS methods may produce unstable and unreliable estimates.

The test score we got by Ridge Regression is 0.8233541589432383.

3.1.2 Stochastic Gradient Descent Regression:

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) regression is a variant of linear regression that uses stochastic gradient descent optimization to find the coefficients that minimize the residual sum of squares between the observed and predicted values. It's particularly useful when dealing with

large datasets or when computational efficiency is a concern.
Here's how SGD regression works:

Initialization: Start with initial estimates for the coefficients (can be random or set to zero).

Iteration: For each observation in the dataset (or a randomly selected subset called a mini-batch), compute the gradient of the loss function with respect to the coefficients.

Update Coefficients: Adjust the coefficients in the direction of the negative gradient to minimize the loss function. The update rule typically involves subtracting a fraction of the gradient from the current coefficient values, scaled by a parameter called the learning rate.

Convergence: Repeat steps 2 and 3 until a stopping criterion is met, such as a maximum number of iterations or when the change in the coefficients falls below a certain threshold.

The key difference between SGD regression and traditional gradient descent is that SGD updates the coefficients after computing the gradient for each individual observation (or mini-batch), rather than computing the gradient for the entire dataset. This makes SGD well-suited for large datasets because it can update the coefficients more frequently and converge faster.

By using SGD Regression, we got a test score of 0.7719135617959992.

3.2 Code for States EOBD Predictor:

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

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import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from scipy import stats
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA # dimensionality reduction
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.cluster import AgglomerativeClustering
import scipy.cluster.hierarchy as sch
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge
from sklearn.linear_model import SGDRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
from sklearn.metrics import median_absolute_error
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
%matplotlib inline
```

```
# Load the dataset
data = pd.read_csv("/content/drive/MyDrive/AWS_MOOC/Leads Report 2021
Numeric Data.csv")
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print(data.shape)
print(data.head())
print(data.dtypes)
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Gujarat	3.85	3.62	3.79	3.5	3.6	3.71	3.64	2.36	2.35	3.55	3.68	3.53	3.61	3.72	3.41	3.46	3.37	2	1	5	3.11	3.66
Haryana	3.68	3.67	3.78	3.45	3.74	3.69	3.8	2.65	2.61	3.7	3.71	3.59	3.62	3.74	3.32	3.19	3.38	3	1	1	3.44	3.52
Punjab	3.88	3.91	3.98	3.63	3.72	3.89	3.87	2.74	2.75	3.56	3.8	3.89	3.86	3.88	3.31	3.28	3.22	3	1	3	3.78	3.51
TamilNadu	3.68	3.3	3.49	3.18	3.52	3.67	3.72	2.54	2.62	3.57	3.5	3.69	3.75	3.74	3.13	3.19	3.19	2	5	2	3.44	3.36
Maharasht	3.4	3.45	3.5	3.31	3.51	3.68	3.66	2.23	2.22	3.53	3.51	3.5	3.54	3.62	3.18	3.22	3.19	2	2	4	3.22	3.32
UttarPrade	3.47	3.5	3.45	3.32	3.23	3.45	3.47	2.53	2.53	3.46	3.39	3.53	3.26	3.57	3.22	2.95	3.29	5	1	5	3.89	3.25
Odisha	3.28	2.97	3.28	2.91	2.81	3.52	3.49	2.07	2.35	3.18	3.67	3.62	3.04	3.51	3.17	3.03	2.95	1	1	2	3.67	3.2
Karnataka	3.51	3.33	3.41	3.14	3.5	3.52	3.52	2.42	2.49	3.56	3.49	3.42	3.7	3.74	3.07	3.07	3.07	3	2	5	3.33	3.18
AndhraPra	3.59	3.26	3.38	2.92	3.27	3.55	3.5	2.35	2.47	3.48	3.53	3.6	3.61	3.78	2.95	2.94	2.9	5	5	3	3.22	3.17
Telangana	3.48	3.14	3.47	2.94	3.21	3.52	3.56	2.31	2.41	3.67	3.66	3.72	3.82	3.92	2.94	2.95	2.95	5	1	5	3	3.14
Chhattisga	3.31	3.31	3.19	3.19	3.3	3.33	3.38	2.49	2.44	3.33	3.22	3.13	3.18	3.38	3.27	3.26	3.18	5	1	5	3	3.09
Jharkhand	2.88	3.13	2.88	2.95	3.05	3.22	3.34	2.58	2.59	3.01	3.05	2.82	2.66	2.93	3.15	3.15	3.17	5	3	2	3.11	3.09
Uttarakha	3.03	2.96	3.13	3.07	3.15	3.29	3.24	2.22	2.61	3.12	3.06	3.27	3.52	3.64	2.76	3.03	2.98	2	1	5	2.33	3.06
Kerala	3	2.87	3.41	2.86	2.9	3.54	3.51	2.25	2.16	3.44	3.7	3.74	3.88	3.88	2.98	2.93	2.97	1	4	4	3.67	3.06
WestBeng	3.04	3.38	3.32	2.92	3.03	3.23	3.49	2.38	2.6	3.21	3.19	3.3	3.05	3.32	2.64	2.62	2.86	2	2	4	3.33	3.04
Rajasthan	3.19	3.02	2.87	2.66	2.9	3.19	3.44	2.7	2.57	3.24	3.15	3.49	3.21	3.51	2.2	2.48	2.75	2	1	3	3.44	2.96
MadhyaPr	3.07	3.13	2.8	2.6	2.71	3.01	2.92	2.23	2.35	2.87	3.07	3.25	2.79	3.41	2.61	2.57	2.83	5	4	4	3.67	2.9
Goa	3.07	2.98	2.97	2.78	2.85	3	3.06	2.5	2.71	3.09	3.15	2.95	3.25	3.15	3.12	3.26	3.06	2	1	3	2.33	2.84
Bihar	2.77	2.91	2.54	2.57	2.46	2.63	2.77	2.23	2.26	2.75	2.81	2.97	2.55	2.86	2.39	2.38	2.46	2	1	3	3.22	2.77
HimachalP	3.45	2.34	2.79	2.92	2.89	2.93	3	1.83	1.98	3.01	2.9	3.32	3.33	3.38	2.68	2.56	2.62	5	3	3	2.78	2.75
Assam	2.64	2.69	2.46	2.44	2.45	2.65	2.85	1.97	2.15	2.48	2.69	2.66	2.74	2.86	2.37	2.26	2.35	3	3	4	3.67	2.63
Jammu Ka	2.46	2.23	2.38	2.56	2.5	2.72	2.64	1.68	1.56	2.8	2.88	2.67	3.08	3.04	2.58	2.58	2.75	3	1	4	3.56	2.64
Sikkim	2.3	1.82	2.12	2.33	2.3	2.18	2.33	1.58	1.88	2.55	2.21	2.36	2.52	2.76	2.24	2.21	2.45	1	3	1	2.33	2.63
Meghalaya	2.06	1.89	1.76	1.94	2.29	2.19	2.34	1.6	1.71	2.07	2.13	2.11	2.43	2.71	1.84	1.84	2.04	1	1	2	2.67	2.51
Tripura	2.37	1.98	1.8	2.2	2.24	2.08	2.26	1.44	1.72	2.15	2.13	2.51	2.56	2.9	1.92	2.03	2.32	1	3	3	3.33	2.5

Fig.1. Dataset for States EOBD

```
! pip install pandas-profiling
```

```
! pip install https://github.com/pandas-profiling/pandas-
profiling/archive/master.zip
```

```
import pandas as pd
import pandas_profiling
from pandas_profiling import ProfileReport
```

```
from pandas_profiling import ProfileReport
ProfileReport= ProfileReport(data , title ='pandas profiling report')
ProfileReport
```

State wise scores of individual parameters

Text

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Distinct	31
Distinct (%)	100.0%
Missing	0
Missing (%)	0.0%
Memory size	376.0 B

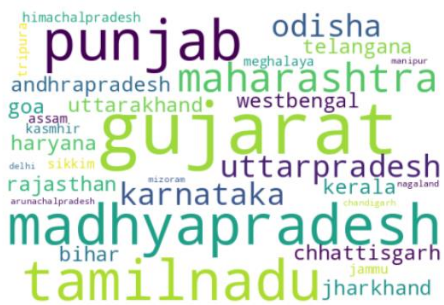

Fig.2. States EOBD dataset metadata

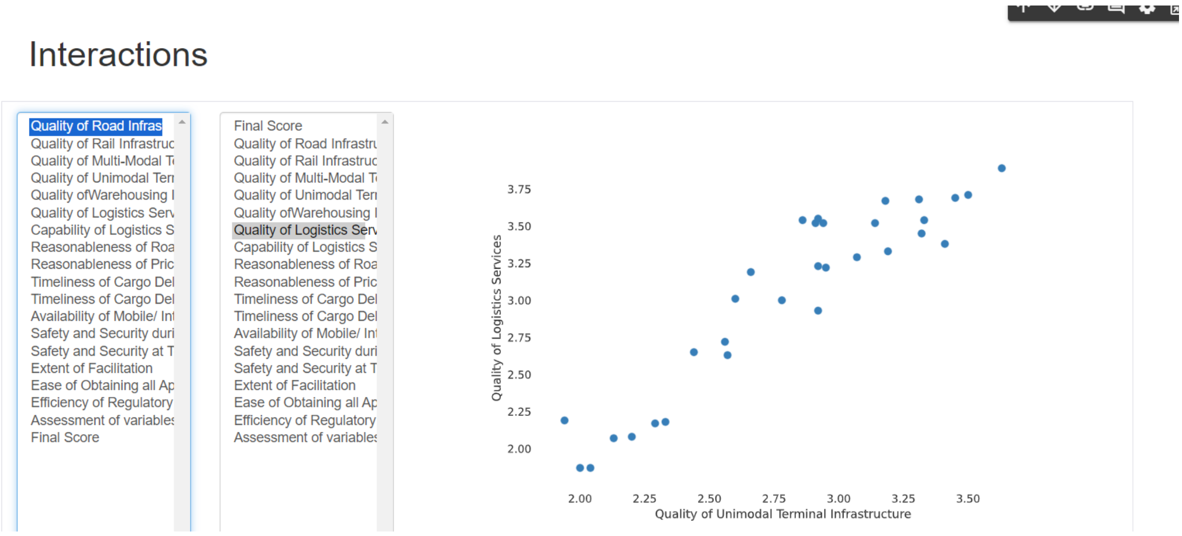

Fig.3. Interactive Graph of States EOBD dataset

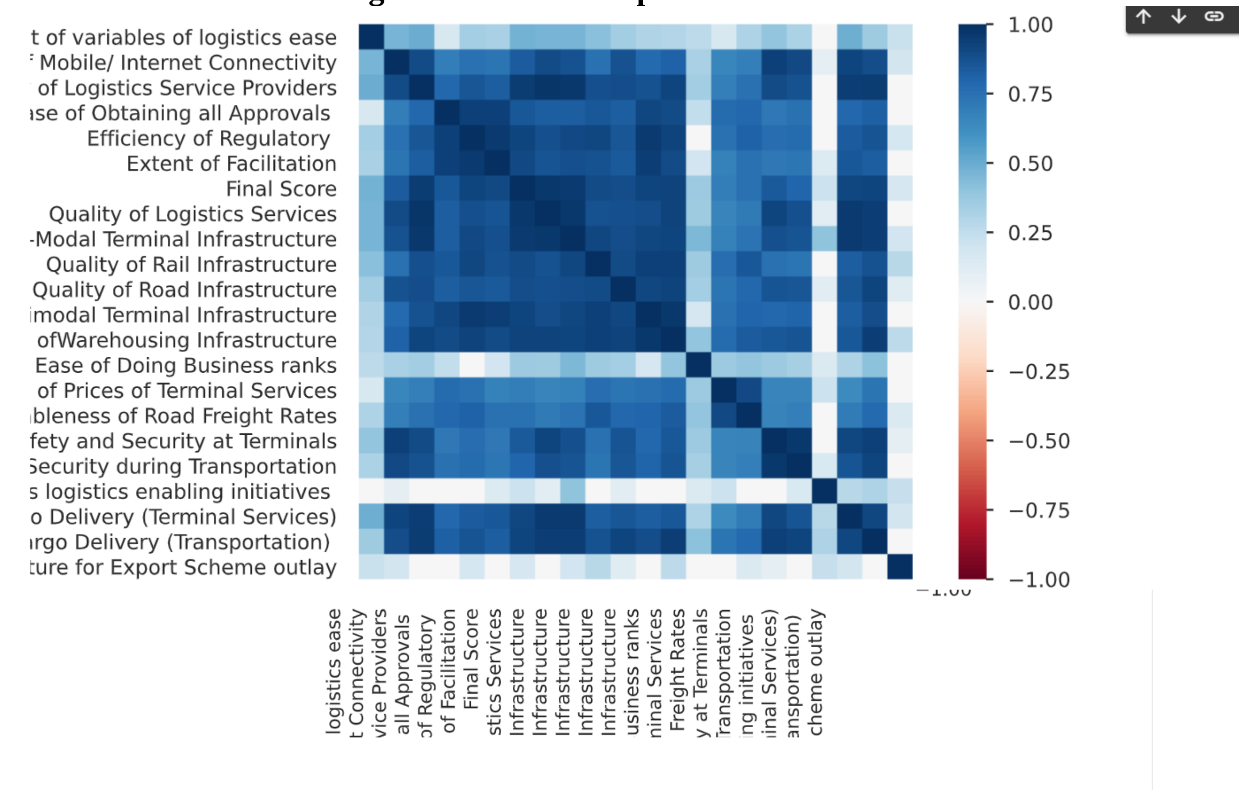

Fig.4. Heatmap of States EOBD dataset

```
#Checking null values
data.isna().sum().plot(kind='bar')
```

```
data.describe().T
```

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

# Creating a instance of label Encoder.
le = LabelEncoder()
```

```
# Using .fit_transform function to fit label
# encoder and return encoded label
label = le.fit_transform(data['State wise scores of individual
parameters'])

# printing label
print(label)
data.drop("State wise scores of individual parameters", axis=1,
inplace=True)

# Appending the array to our dataFrame
# with column name 'Purchased'
data["State wise scores of individual parameters"] = label

# printing Dataframe
print(data)
plt.figure(figsize=(20,20))
sns.heatmap(data.corr('pearson'),vmin=-
1,vmax=1,cmap='coolwarm',square=True,annot=True)
```

```
#ppling PCA
pca = PCA(n_components=10)
principalComponents = pca.fit_transform(data)
principalDf = pd.DataFrame(data = principalComponents , columns
= ['PCA1',
'PCA2','PCA3','PCA4','PCA5','PCA6','PCA7','PCA78','PCA9','PCA10'
],index=data.index)
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=4)
kmeans.fit(principalDf)
principalDf['PCA_SCORE'] = kmeans.predict(principalDf)
principalDf.head()
y_score=principalDf['PCA_SCORE']

#Splitting data

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(data,
data_score, test_size=0.4, random_state=44, shuffle =True)

#Splitted Data
```

```
print('X_train shape is ' , X_train.shape)
print('X_test shape is ' , X_test.shape)
print('y_train shape is ' , y_train.shape)
print('y_test shape is ' , y_test.shape)

# create dendrogram
figure,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(15,9))
dendrogram = sch.dendrogram(sch.linkage(data,
method='complete'),labels=data.index,ax=ax)
# create clusters
hc = AgglomerativeClustering(n_clusters=4, affinity =
'euclidean', linkage = 'ward')
# save clusters for chart
y_hc = hc.fit_predict(data)
```

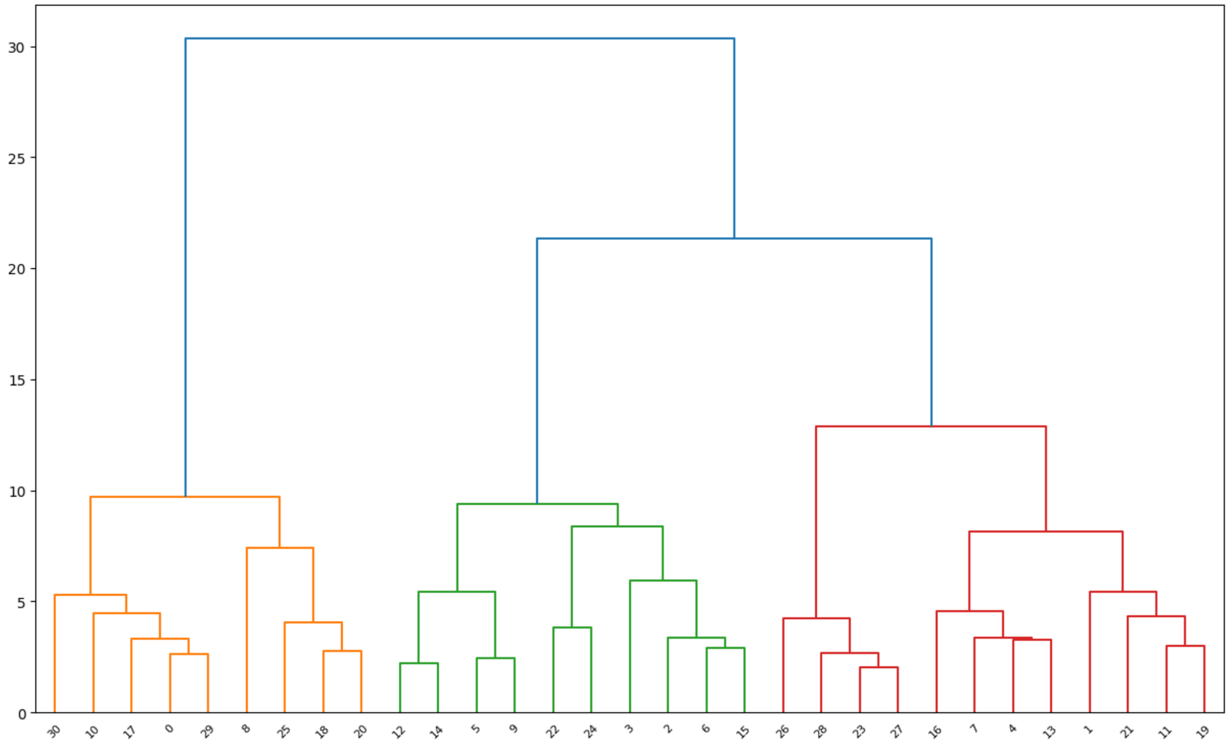

Fig.5. Dendrogram on clustered States EOBD dataset

```
#Applying Ridge Regression Model

'''
sklearn.linear_model.Ridge(alpha=1.0, fit_intercept=True,
normalize=False,
```

```
                           copy_X=True, max_iter=None,
tol=0.001, solver='auto',
                           random_state=None)
'''
RidgeRegressionModel = Ridge(alpha=.2,random_state=33)
RidgeRegressionModel.fit(X_train, y_train)

#Calculating Details
print('Ridge Regression Train Score is : ' ,
RidgeRegressionModel.score(X_train, y_train))
print("################################################################
#")

print('Ridge Regression Test Score is : ' ,
RidgeRegressionModel.score(X_test, y_test))
print("################################################################
#")

print('Ridge Regression Coef is : ' ,
RidgeRegressionModel.coef_)
print("################################################################
#")

print('Ridge Regression intercept is : ' ,
RidgeRegressionModel.intercept_)
print("################################################################
#")

#print('----------------------------------------------------')

#Calculating Prediction
y_pred = RidgeRegressionModel.predict(X_test)
print("################################################################
#")
print('Predicted Value for Ridge Regression is : ' ,
y_pred[:10])
```

```
'''
sklearn.linear_model.SGDRegressor(loss='squared_loss',
```

```
penalty='l2', alpha=0.0001,
                                  l1_ratio=0.15,
fit_intercept=True, max_iter=None,
                                  tol=None, shuffle=True,
verbose=0, epsilon=0.1,
                                  random_state=None,
learning_rate='invscaling',
                                  eta0=0.01, power_t=0.25,
early_stopping=False,
                                  validation_fraction=0.1,
n_iter_no_change=5,
                                  warm_start=False,
average=False, n_iter=None)
'''

SGDRegressionModel =
SGDRegressor(alpha=.004,random_state=33,penalty='l2',loss =
'huber')
SGDRegressionModel.fit(X_train, y_train)

#Calculating Details
print('SGD Regression Train Score is : ' ,
SGDRegressionModel.score(X_train, y_train))
print("#########################################################
#")

print('SGD Regression Test Score is : ' ,
SGDRegressionModel.score(X_test, y_test))
print("#########################################################
#")

print('SGD Regression Coef is : ' , SGDRegressionModel.coef_)
print("#########################################################
#")

print('SGD Regression intercept is : ' ,
SGDRegressionModel.intercept_)
print("#########################################################
```

```
#")

#print('-----------------------------------------------------')

#Calculating Prediction
y_pred = SGDRegressionModel.predict(X_test)
print("##########################################################
#")

print('Predicted Value for SGD Regression is : ' , y_pred[:10])
```

3.3 World EOBD Predictor Working

For Countries EOBD on the contrary to states we had a large dataset so we did not need to have highly complex models, even simple models were giving excellent results. Out of all models we tried reinforced linear regression gave best results.

Reinforced linear regression is a concept that combines elements of reinforcement learning with linear regression techniques. In traditional linear regression, the goal is to minimize the difference between observed and predicted values using methods like ordinary least squares. Reinforcement learning, on the other hand, involves learning how to make decisions in a dynamic environment to maximize a cumulative reward.
In reinforced linear regression, the linear regression model is augmented with a reinforcement learning framework to incorporate feedback or rewards related to the model's predictions. Here's how it might work:

1.Initial Training: The linear regression model is trained using traditional methods like ordinary least squares on historical data.
2.Action Selection: Once the initial model is trained, it's used to make predictions on new data or in a real-world environment. These predictions can be considered as actions taken by the model.
3.Feedback and Reward: The model receives feedback or rewards based on the quality of its predictions. This feedback could be in the form of a loss function, accuracy measure, or any other metric relevant to the specific problem.
4.Reinforcement Learning: The model updates its parameters based on this feedback using reinforcement learning techniques. This could involve adjusting the coefficients of the linear regression model in a way that improves its predictions and hence its rewards.
5.Iterative Improvement: The process is repeated iteratively, with the model making predictions, receiving feedback, and updating its parameters to maximize its cumulative reward over time.
3.3 World EOBD Predictor Code

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

```
filepath =
"/content/drive/MyDrive/AWS_MOOC/world_bank_development_indicators.csv"
```

```
import numpy as np # linear algebra
import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g.
pd.read_csv)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

import os
```

```
data = pd.read_csv(filepath)
```

```
data.head()
```

```
eob = pd.read_csv(filepath, index_col=["country", "date"],
usecols=["country", "date","EOB"], parse_dates=True)
eob.head()
```

country	date	agricultura	forest_lan	land_area	avg_precip	trade_in_s	control_of	control_of	access_to_	renewvabl	electric_p	CO2_emisi	other_gree	populatior	inflation_a	real_intere	risk_premi	research_a	central_go	tax_revenu	expense%	goverment	go
Afghanista	########																						
Afghanista	########	57.8017		652230	327									13.47706									
Afghanista	########	57.89369		652230	327									13.75136									
Afghanista	########	57.97035		652230	327									14.04024									
Afghanista	########	58.06694		652230	327									14.34389									
Afghanista	########	58.07001		652230	327									14.6653									
Afghanista	########	58.12827		652230	327									14.99954									
Afghanista	########	58.22946		652230	327									15.34739									
Afghanista	########	58.23099		652230	327									15.71191									
Afghanista	########	58.25552		652230	327									16.09017									
Afghanista	########	58.27086		652230	327									16.48647									
Afghanista	########	58.31685		652230	327									16.88953									
Afghanista	########	58.33218		652230	327									17.30487									
Afghanista	########	58.33525		652230	327									17.74727									
Afghanista	########	58.33525		652230	327									18.19892									
Afghanista	########	58.33525		652230	327									18.63972									
Afghanista	########	58.33525		652230	327									19.05044									
Afghanista	########	58.33832		652230	327									19.45219									
Afghanista	########	58.33832		652230	327									19.83788									
Afghanista	########	58.33678		652230	327	5.941145								19.91072									
Afghanista	########	58.33678		652230	327	4.926239								19.14452									
Afghanista	########	58.34292		652230	327	5.605401								17.10316									
Afghanista	########	58.34445		652230	327									15.46738									
Afghanista	########	58.34445		652230	327									15.25758									

Fig.6. World EOBD Dataset

```
afg_eob = eob.loc["Afghanistan"]
afg_eob.head()
```

```
print("Missing values for Afghanistan:", afg_eob.isna().sum())
```

```
afg_eob = afg_eob.ffill()
print("Missing values for Afghanistan:", afg_eob.isna().sum())
```

```
sns.lineplot(x=afg_eob.index, y=afg_eob.EOB)
```

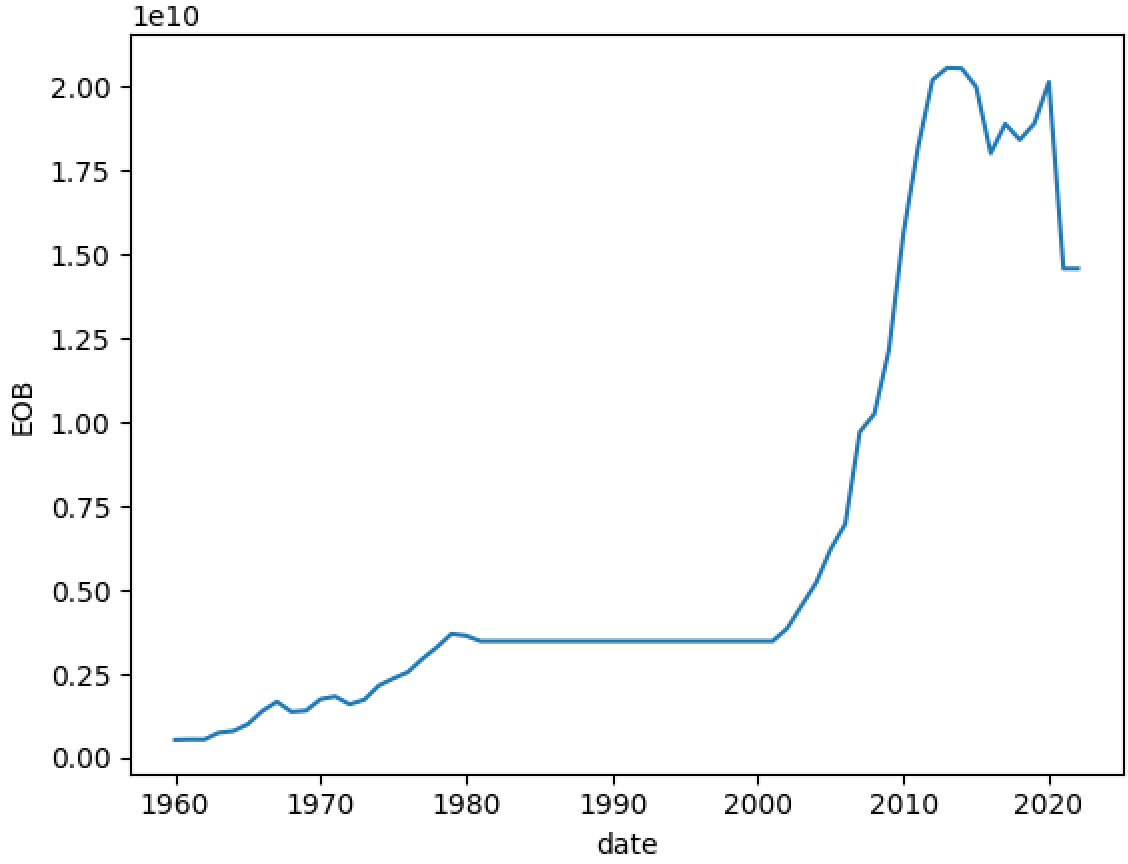

Fig.7. Line Graph of Afghanistan EOBD

```
afg_eob = np.log(afg_eob)
afg_eob = afg_eob.rename(columns={"EOB": "log(EOB)"})
```

```
sns.lineplot(x=afg_eob.index, y=afg_eob.loc[:, "log(EOB)"])
```

```
afg_eob["prev_log(EOB)"] = afg_eob.shift()
afg_eob = afg_eob.dropna()
afg_eob.head()
```

```
train_eob = afg_eob.iloc[:-20, :]
test_eob = afg_eob.iloc[-20:, :]
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(train_eob["prev_log(EOB)"].values.reshape(-1, 1),
train_eob["log(EOB)"])
predictions =
model.predict(afg_eob["prev_log(EOB)"].values.reshape(-1, 1))
```

```
sns.lineplot(x=afg_eob.index, y=afg_eob["log(EOB)"],
label='Ground-True')
sns.lineplot(x=afg_eob.index, y=predictions,
label='Predictions')
```

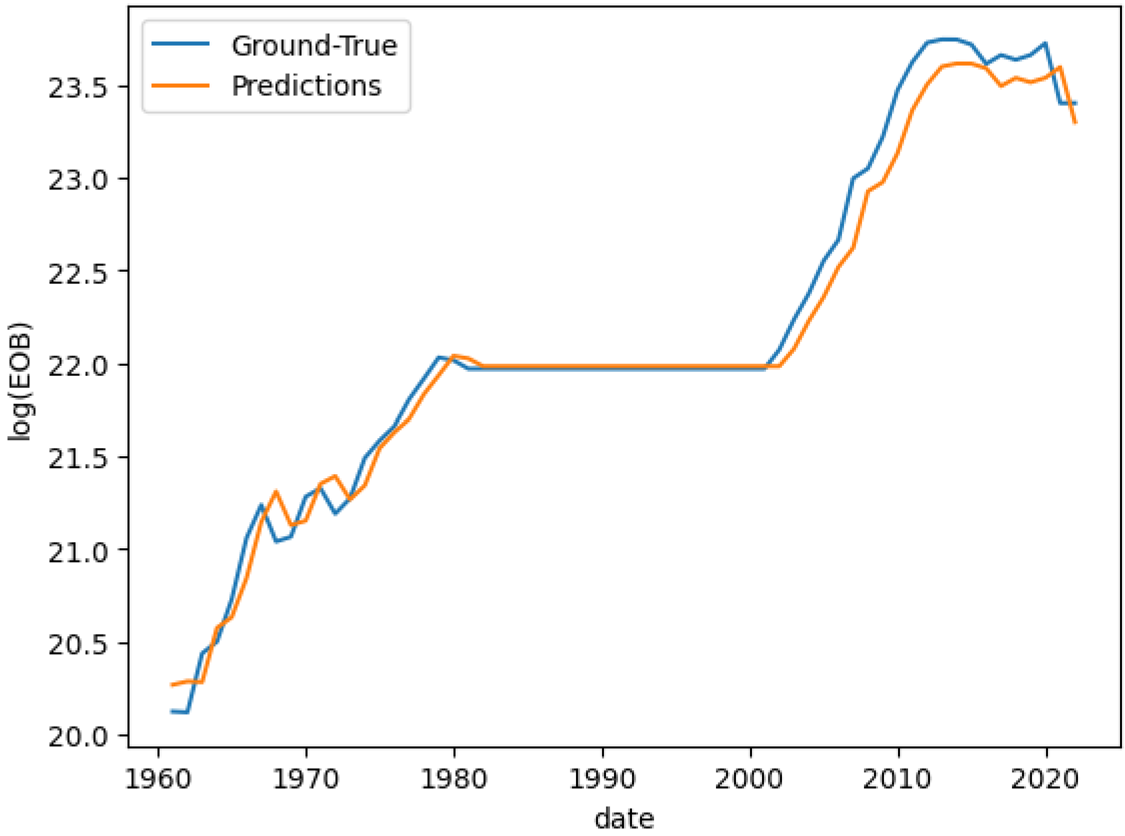

Fig.8. Graph of Predicted vs Real EOBD for Afghanistan

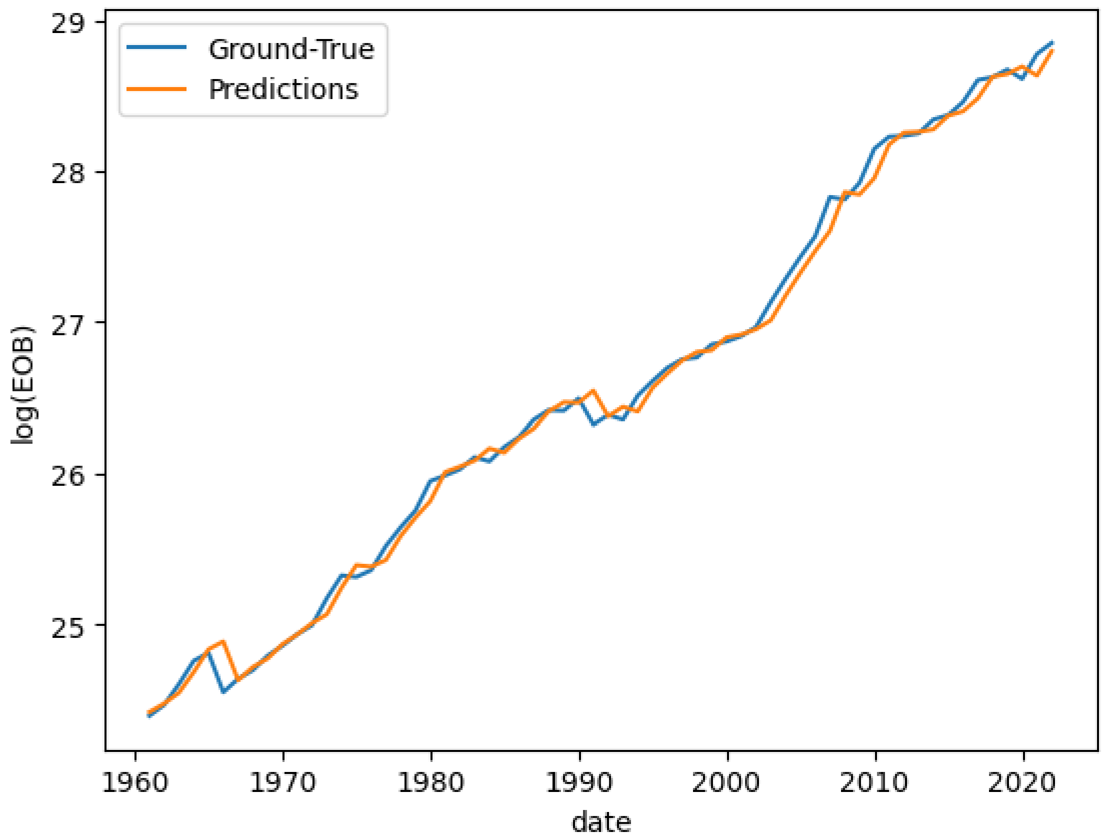

Fig.9. Graph of Predicted vs Real EOBD for India

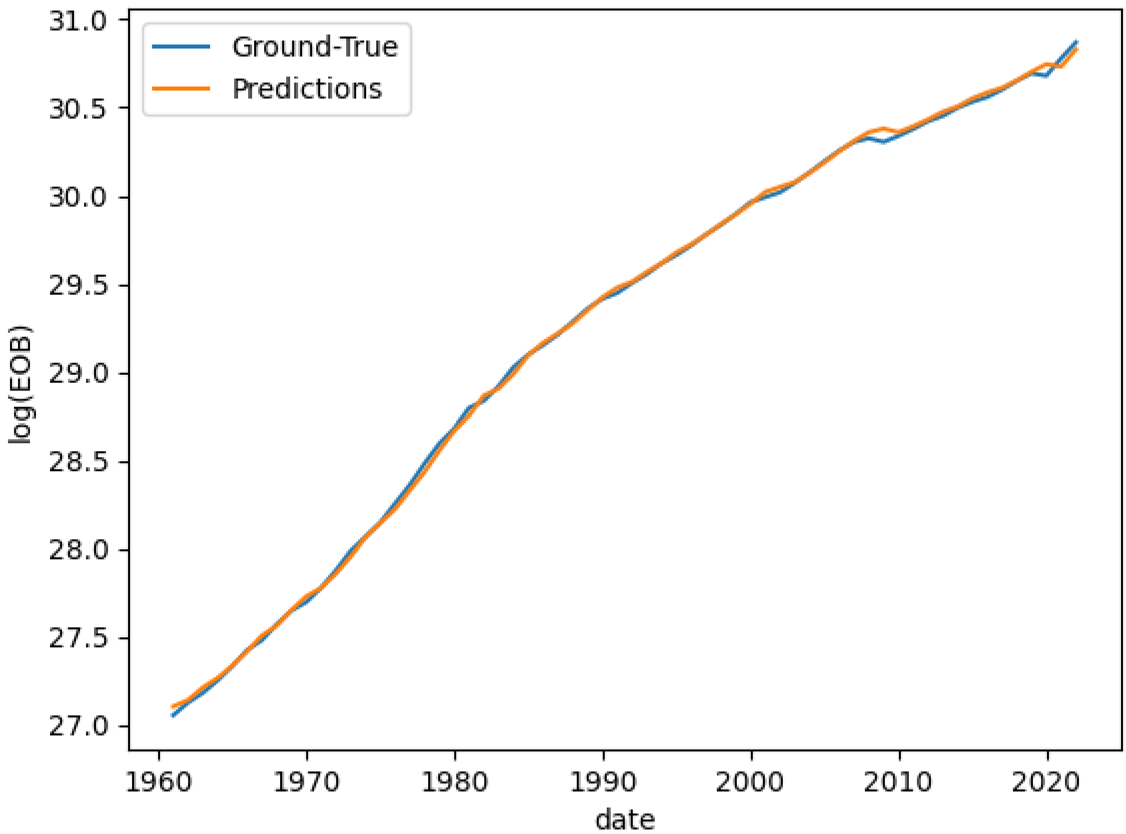

Fig.10. Graph of Predicted vs Real EOBD for United States

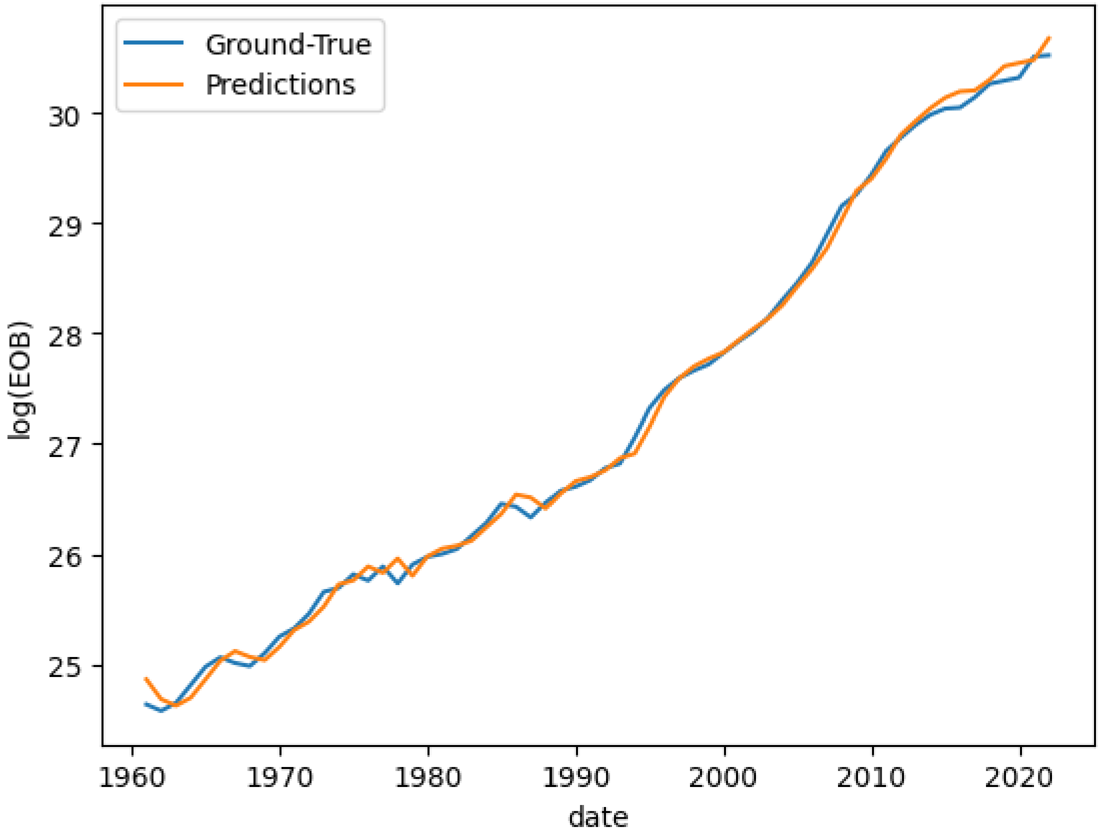

Fig.11. Graph of Predicted vs Real EOBD for China

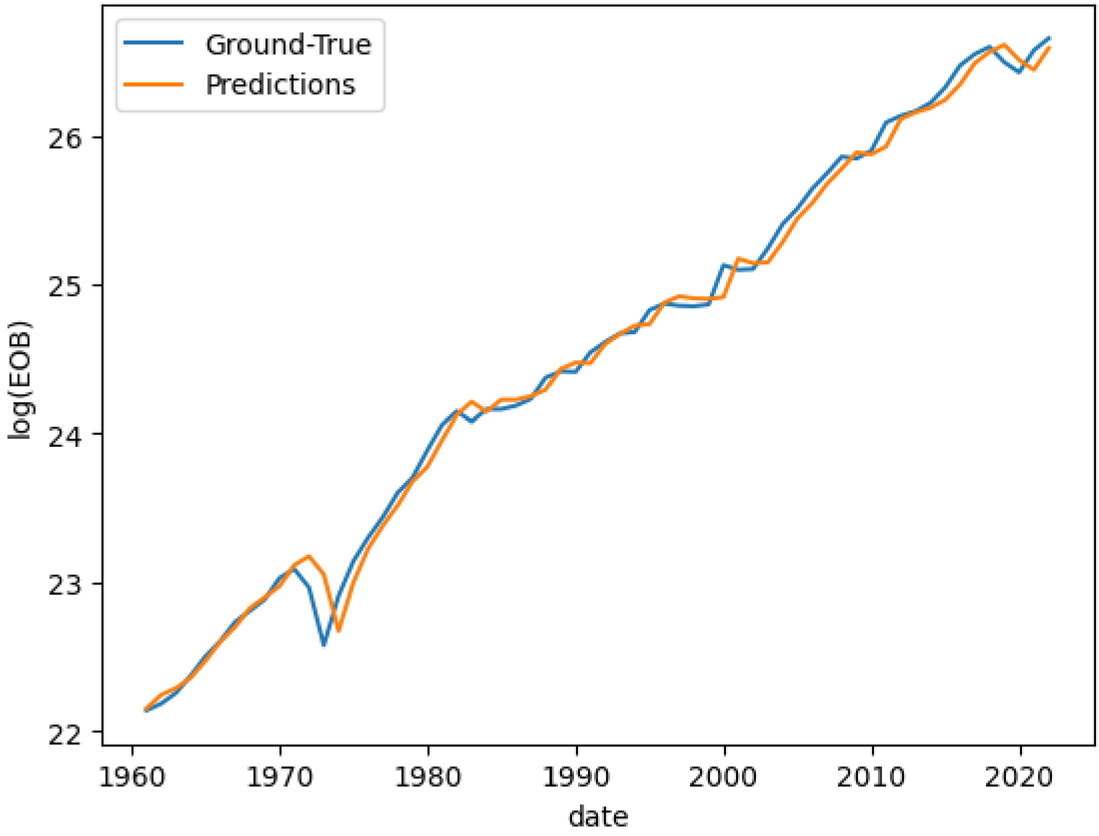

Fig.12. Graph of Predicted vs Real EOBD for Pakistan

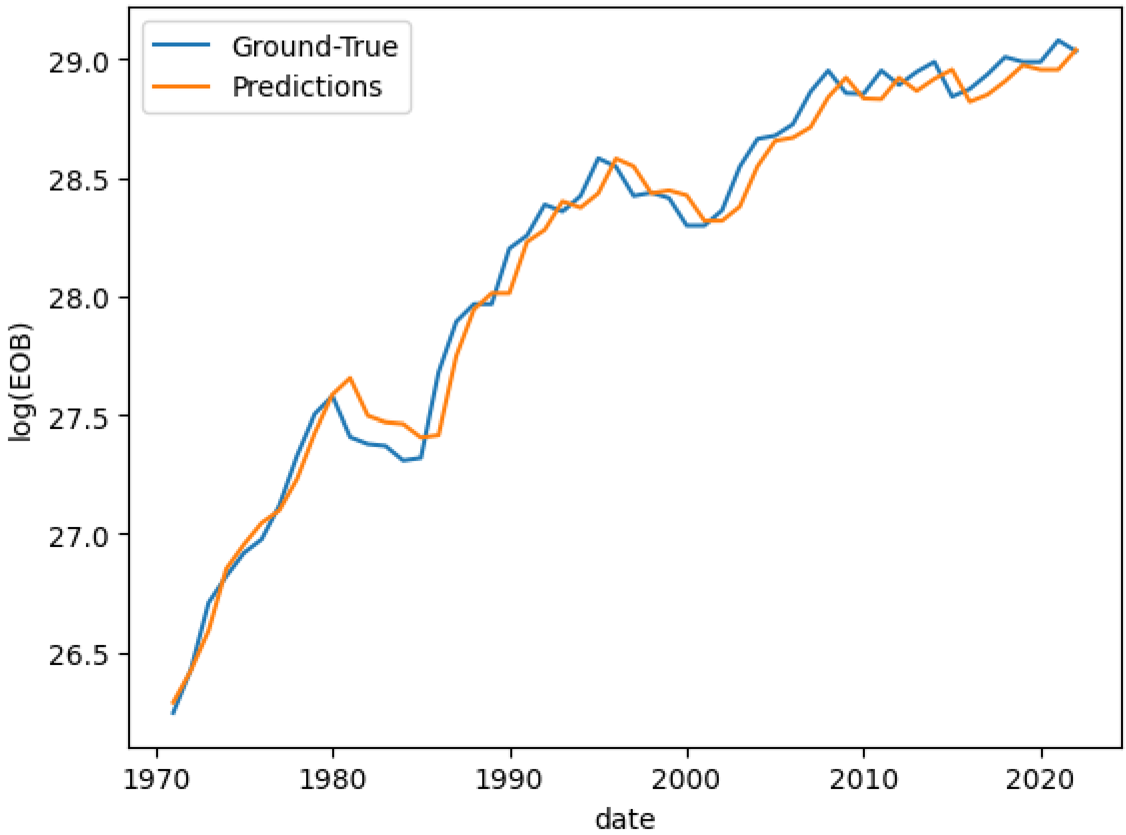

Fig.13. Graph of Predicted vs Real EOBD for Germany

CHAPTER 4

Future Work

4.1 Real-Time Data Integration

Real-time data integration involves the seamless collection, processing, and analysis of data as it is generated, providing businesses and policymakers with up-to-date insights for decision-making. In the context of enhancing the ease of doing business, real-time data integration can revolutionize regulatory processes and monitoring mechanisms.

4.1.1 Implementation Details

Data Sources: Integrate data from various sources, including government databases, regulatory bodies, industry associations, and third-party platforms, to create a comprehensive dataset.

Technological Infrastructure: Deploy advanced data integration platforms and APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) to ensure smooth data flow and interoperability between disparate systems.

Data Processing: Utilize big data analytics, machine learning algorithms, and artificial intelligence (AI) to process and analyze real-time data streams, identifying trends, anomalies, and actionable insights.

Visualization Tools: Develop interactive dashboards and visualization tools to present real-time data in a user-friendly format, enabling stakeholders to monitor key metrics and performance indicators effectively.

4.1.2 Benefits

Timely Decision-Making: Real-time data integration enables policymakers to respond promptly to emerging challenges, regulatory bottlenecks, and market trends, facilitating agile policy formulation and implementation.

Enhanced Transparency: By providing stakeholders with access to real-time data on regulatory processes, compliance requirements, and business performance, real-time data integration fosters transparency and accountability.

Improved Efficiency: Automation of data collection, validation, and analysis processes reduces manual effort, minimizes errors, and enhances the efficiency of regulatory enforcement and compliance monitoring.

Innovation Opportunities: Real-time data integration creates opportunities for innovation in areas such as predictive analytics, risk management, and regulatory compliance, driving continuous improvement in the ease of doing business.

4.2. Generative AI for Natural Language Contents

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) refers to AI systems capable of generating human-like text, images, and other content autonomously. Leveraging generative AI for natural language content creation can revolutionize the way regulatory information, guidance documents, and educational materials are produced and disseminated.

4.2.1 Implementation Details

Natural Language Processing (NLP): Deploy advanced NLP models, such as OpenAI's GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) series, to generate high-quality, contextually relevant content based on user input and predefined templates.

Content Customization: Tailor generated content to specific audiences, regulatory contexts, and language preferences, ensuring clarity, accuracy, and relevance.

Quality Assurance: Implement mechanisms for content review, validation, and quality assurance to maintain accuracy, consistency, and compliance with regulatory standards.

Multimodal Content Generation: Explore the integration of generative AI with other modalities, such as images, videos, and interactive simulations, to create engaging and informative regulatory materials.

4.2.2 Benefits

Scalability: Generative AI enables the automated creation of large volumes of regulatory content, reducing the time and resources required for manual content generation and updates.

Consistency: By adhering to predefined templates, style guides, and regulatory guidelines, generative AI ensures consistency in the tone, terminology, and formatting of regulatory materials.

Accessibility: Generated content can be tailored to different literacy levels, language preferences, and learning styles, improving accessibility and comprehension for diverse audiences.

Adaptability: Generative AI algorithms can adapt to evolving regulatory requirements, market dynamics, and user feedback, facilitating agile content updates and enhancements.

4.3 Collaboration with Government Organizations

Collaboration with government organizations is essential for driving systemic reforms, policy coordination, and stakeholder engagement in enhancing the ease of doing business. Establishing effective partnerships between public agencies, regulatory bodies, industry associations, and civil society can accelerate the pace of regulatory reform and implementation.

4.3.1 Implementation Details

Multi-stakeholder Forums: Convene multi-stakeholder forums, task forces, and working groups to facilitate dialogue, knowledge sharing, and consensus-building on regulatory reform priorities and implementation strategies.

Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs): Foster collaboration between government agencies and private sector entities to co-design, pilot, and implement innovative solutions for streamlining regulatory processes, reducing compliance costs, and enhancing business competitiveness.

Capacity Building: Provide training, technical assistance, and capacity-building programs for government officials, regulators, and policymakers to enhance their understanding of best practices in regulatory reform and international standards.

Information Sharing Platforms: Establish online platforms, portals, and knowledge repositories to disseminate regulatory information, updates, and guidance materials to businesses, investors, and other stakeholders.

4.3.2 Benefits

Shared Expertise: Collaboration with government organizations enables the pooling of expertise, resources, and best practices from diverse stakeholders, enriching the quality and effectiveness of regulatory reforms.

Stakeholder Engagement: Engaging stakeholders in the regulatory reform process fosters ownership, buy-in, and accountability, leading to more inclusive and sustainable outcomes.

Policy Alignment: Coordinated action among government agencies ensures alignment of regulatory policies, procedures, and enforcement mechanisms, reducing duplication, inconsistencies, and regulatory burdens.

Risk Mitigation: Collaborative approaches enable proactive risk identification, assessment, and mitigation strategies, enhancing regulatory compliance, investor confidence, and economic resilience.

4.4 Continuous Updates and Enhancements:

Continuous updates and enhancements are essential for maintaining the relevance, effectiveness, and responsiveness of regulatory frameworks in the face of evolving business dynamics, technological advancements, and global trends. Adopting a proactive approach to regulatory reform and performance monitoring enables governments to adapt swiftly to changing circumstances and stakeholder needs.

4.4.1 Implementation Details:

Regulatory Impact Assessments: Conduct regular assessments of the economic, social, and environmental impacts of regulatory reforms to identify unintended consequences, gaps, and opportunities for improvement.

Feedback Mechanisms: Establish feedback mechanisms, surveys, and consultation processes to solicit input from businesses, investors, and other stakeholders on the effectiveness and efficiency of regulatory frameworks.

Benchmarking and Peer Learning: Benchmark regulatory performance against international standards and peer countries, leveraging comparative analysis and peer learning opportunities to identify best practices and areas for improvement.

Agile Policy Experimentation: Pilot innovative regulatory approaches, regulatory sandboxes, and regulatory exemptions to test new ideas, technologies, and business models in a controlled environment before broader implementation.

4.4.2 Benefits

Adaptability: Continuous updates and enhancements enable regulatory frameworks to adapt to emerging risks, market opportunities, and technological disruptions, fostering a dynamic and resilient business environment.

Evidence-Based Decision-Making: Regular data collection, analysis, and performance monitoring facilitate evidence-based decision-making, enabling policymakers to prioritize reforms based on their potential impact and feasibility.

Regulatory Stability: Transparent and predictable regulatory processes, coupled with periodic updates and consultations, enhance regulatory stability and predictability, reducing uncertainty and compliance costs for businesses.

Innovation Enablement: Agile regulatory frameworks promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and experimentation by providing regulatory certainty, flexibility, and support for emerging industries and business models.

The future scope of enhancing the ease of doing business encompasses a range of innovative strategies and approaches, including real-time data integration, generative AI for natural language content, collaboration with government organizations, and continuous updates and enhancements. By leveraging these opportunities, governments can create a more conducive and competitive business environment, driving sustainable economic growth, job creation, and prosperity for all stakeholders.

CHAPTER 5: Conclusion

The Ease of Doing Business (EODB) index is a measure used to evaluate how business friendly countries, including India are, on a scale. Our research delves into both the scenario and the specific challenges faced by India offering insights into strategies that promote trade. Countries worldwide rely on data collection and analysis to pinpoint areas needing improvement in their business climates often resulting in policy shifts. India encounters an obstacle with data availability necessitating the application of advanced techniques like Ridge Regression and Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) to gain valuable insights into its business environment. Despite these obstacles our study introduces an approach. Enhanced Linear Regression. Which integrates reinforcement learning with linear regression to enable dynamic decision making and ongoing enhancement of EODB assessments. This groundbreaking method aims to redefine how we gauge business friendliness and foster sustainable economic growth globally. In the context each state presents its challenges and opportunities, for enhancing the business landscape.

Although certain countries have shown advancements inequalities still exist, emphasizing the importance of progress and lasting changes, throughout the nation. Efforts like streamlining processes, modernizing methods and enhancing transparency continue to be essential for enhancing the Ease of Doing Business. Despite obstacles and feedback the EODB Index remains a tool for steering policy improvements attracting investments and fostering endeavors.

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