

Towards impressive titles

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Abstract

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The chapter starts with a background describing why road condition monitoring is important and who Trafikverket are, how road condition data is collected today and why the technology behind it needs improvement. An objective for the project is defined followed by its delimitations. Lastly, a thesis structure is presented to simplify navigation through different parts of the project.

1.1 Background

Living in cold areas of the world usually means work for individual people, municipalities and companies in trying to maintain a non-winter-like infrastructure. This of course, also involves winter road maintenance. Salting and plowing roads is an investment in not only saving lives, but also in lowering socio-economic costs: In two scenarios on a road with 2 cm snow and a daily traffic flow of 2000 vehicles, one with a salted and ploughed road taking four hours to drive, and another scenario on the same road without winter maintenance taking five hours to drive. The total socio-economic costs are 3.5% higher in the non-maintained road, mainly due to increased travel time and thus higher accident costs [1].

Despite the socio-economic savings in performing winter road maintenance, it still represents a notable economic cost. Trafikverket, the agency in charge of road state road maintenance in Sweden, reported that winter road maintenance were roughly 18% of the total road maintenance costs in 2013 [2]. Local contractors are hired to carry out the plowing and salting of state roads, with requirements on both ends regarding when to plow, which roads to prioritize etc. Trafikverket has over 800 Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS) distributed across state roads in Sweden that are meant to help the contractors carry out winter road maintenance work (Fig. 1.1).

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Figure 1.1: RWIS Station at sensor site Myggsjön [3].

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1.2 Objective

The objective is to determine if a road surface temperature sensor can be simulated with prediction models based on historic data from road weather information systems.

1.3 Delimitations

1.4 Thesis structure

Chapter 2

Literature Review

The chapter gives both general and specific information on theory used for this project. Mathematical statistics, regression and machine learning are covered in the first three sections, providing a general understanding of the field of study. Specific machine learning models are explained in the final three sections of the chapter.

2.1 Regression modeling

2.2 Machine learning

Two of the most common machine learning tasks:

- Classification: The computer is asked to specify which category a certain input belongs to. An example of a classification task is
- Regression: asdfsdf

[4] Something that [5]

2.2.1 Neural networks

Chapter 3

Method

The chapter covers strategies and methods used to achieve the objective of the project. Reasons for each choice of method or strategy are motivated and described in the sections, which are ordered chronologically.

3.1 Research purpose

3.2 Research approach

3.3 Research strategy

3.4 Tools

Chapter 4

Implementation and results

Describe the process of collecting data, training and implementing machine learning algorithms with different methods.

4.1 Data collection

4.2 Neural network

4.2.1 First iteration

4.2.2 Second iteration

Chapter 5

Analysis

Analyze data from the implementation with respect to the objective of the study.

5.1 Neural network

Chapter 6

Conclusions and recommendations

6.1 Conclusions

6.2 Recommendations

Chapter 7

Discussion

7.1 Thesis process

7.2 Validity and reliability

Validity and reliability of the conclusions. Needed?

7.3 Future work

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