

# **Flight Price Prediction**



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Working on this project has an incredible experience that will have an impact on my career.

It is pleasant gratification to present Flight Price Prediction.

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## INTRODUCTION

The tourism industry is changing fast and this is attracting a lot more travellers each year. The airline industry is considered as one of the most sophisticated industry in using complex pricing strategies. Now-a-days flight prices are quite unpredictable. The ticket prices change frequently. Customers are seeking to get the lowest price for their ticket, while airline companies are trying to keep their overall revenue as high as possible. Using technology it is actually possible to reduce the uncertainty of flight prices. So here we will be predicting the flight prices using efficient machine learning techniques.

Flight\_name: Name of flight

Depart: The source from which the service begins.

Departure Time: The time when the journey starts from the source.

Arrival\_Time: Time of arrival at the destination.

**Duration : Total duration of the flight.** 

Destination: The destination where the service ends.

Total\_stops : Total stops between the source and destination.

Price: The price of the ticket.

# **Importing Libraries**

I am importing all the library which I required for EDA, visualization, prediction and finding all matrices. The reason of doing this is that it become easier to use all the import statement at one go and we do not require to import the statement again at each point.

```
1 import numpy as np
 2 import pandas as pd
 3 import seaborn as sns
 4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
 5 from scipy.stats import zscore
 7 # preprocession, normalizing
 8 from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
9 from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
10
11 # for multicollinearity
12 from statsmodels.stats.outliers influence import variance inflation factor
13
14 #n for models
15 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, RandomizedSearchCV
16 from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
17 from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
18 from sklearn.linear model import Lasso, LassoCV
19 from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
20 from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
21
22 import warnings
23 warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
24 % matplotlib inlinea
```

## Data Sources and their formats

Now I am going to upload or read the files/data-sets using pandas. For this I used read csy method.

```
1 df = pd.read_excel('flight.xlsx')
2 df.head()
```

	Flight_name	Depart	Departure_Time	Destination	Arrival_Time	Duration	Total_stops	Price
0	Air Asia	New Delhi	04:25:00	Mumbai	06:35:00	2h 10m	Non Stop	2456
1	Go First	New Delhi	07:00:00	Mumbai	09:10:00	2h 10m	Non Stop	2456
2	IndiGo	New Delhi	07:15:00	Mumbai	09:25:00	2h 10m	Non Stop	2456
3	Go First	New Delhi	08:00:00	Mumbai	10:10:00	2h 10m	Non Stop	2456
4	IndiGo	New Delhi	08:10:00	Mumbai	10:20:00	2h 10m	Non Stop	2456

```
1 df.shape
(1470, 8)
```

There are 1470 rows and 8 columns in the dataset.

```
1 pd.set_option('display.max_rows',None)
 2 df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1470 entries, 0 to 1469
Data columns (total 8 columns):
# Column
              Non-Null Count Dtype
                  -----
    -----
0 Flight_name 1470 non-null object
1 Depart 1470 non-null object
 2 Departure_Time 1470 non-null object
3 Destination
                  1470 non-null object
4 Arrival_Time 1470 non-null
                                 object
                1469 non-null
5
   Duration
                                 object
    Total_stops 1470 non-null object
6
7
    Price
                   1470 non-null int64
dtypes: int64(1), object(7)
memory usage: 92.0+ KB
```

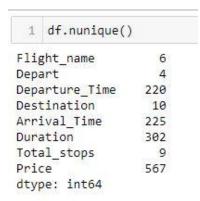
It is a mixed dataset as 6 columns are object type and 1 columns are integers type.

```
1 df.drop_duplicates(inplace = True)
2 df.shape

(1291, 8)
```

There are few duplicates value in the dataset.

Now there are 1291 rows and 8 columns in the dataset.



There are few columns which are categorical in nature and few columns are continuous in nature.

# **Data Visualizations**

# **Flight Name**

```
1 df['Flight_name'].value_counts()

IndiGo 341

Vistara 321

Air India 308

Go First 147

Air Asia 93

SpiceJet 81

Name: Flight_name, dtype: int64
```



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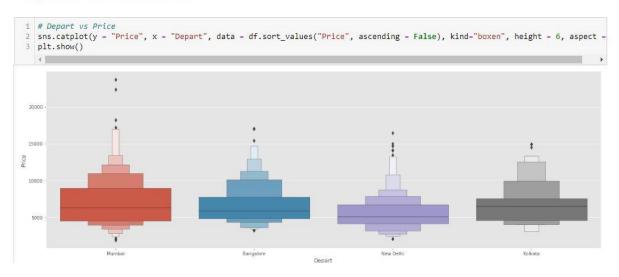
Indigo flight price is high as compared to other flight service.

## **Departure**

```
1 df["Depart"].value_counts()
              429
New Delhi
Bangalore
              406
Mumbai
              309
Kolkata
             147
Name: Depart, dtype: int64
 1 # pie plot of Depart
    labels = ['New Delhi', 'Bangalore', 'Mumbai', 'Kolkata']
 4 value = [429, 406, 309, 147]
5 colors = ['blue', 'lightskyblue', 'orange', 'green']
 6 explode = [0.3,0,0,0]#
 8 plt.style.use('ggplot')
 9 plt.title('Depart')
10 plt.pie(x=value, labels=labels, colors=colors, explode=explode, autopct='%1.1f%',
startangle=90,shadow=True)
plt.axis('equal') # Equal aspect ratio ensures that pie is drawn as a circle.
13 plt.figure(figsize=(15,10))
14 plt.show()
```



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Flight price from Mumbai is high as compared to other state.

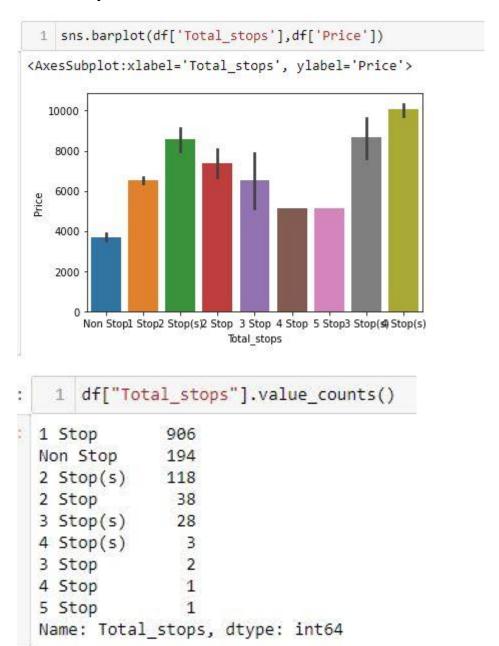
#### **Destination**



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From the above plots and charts I can see Goa destination flight prices are more higher rather than others in this dataset.

# **Total Stops**



The flight that have no stop is cheapest among others.

#### **Label Encoder**

```
le = LabelEncoder()
df.Flight_name = le.fit_transform(df.Flight_name)
df.Depart = le.fit_transform(df.Depart)
df.Departure_Time = le.fit_transform(df.Departure_Time)
df.Destination = le.fit_transform(df.Destination)
df.Arrival_Time = le.fit_transform(df.Arrival_Time)
df.Duration = le.fit_transform(df.Duration)
df.Total_stops = le.fit_transform(df.Total_stops)
```

I have used label encoder to convert the strings values into integers.

It will help me in model building.

	Flight_name	Depart	Departure_Time	Destination	Arrival_Time	Duration	Total_stops	Price
count	1291.000000	1291.000000	1291.000000	1291.000000	1291.000000	1291.000000	1291.000000	1291.000000
mean	2,752905	1.589466	106.068164	4.387297	122.204493	174.089853	1.529047	6364.553834
std	1.647685	1.239660	60.610665	2.950017	59.480586	96.571753	2.860539	2772,914216
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1890.000000
25%	1.000000	0.000000	50.000000	1.000000	79.500000	82.500000	0.000000	4384.500000
50%	3.000000	2.000000	96.000000	4.000000	121.000000	205.000000	0.000000	5702.000000
75%	4.000000	3.000000	160.500000	7.000000	173.000000	281.000000	2.000000	7508.000000
max	5.000000	3.000000	219.000000	9.000000	224.000000	302.000000	8.000000	23672.000000

Total number of counts in each columns is matching as there is no missing values.

The difference between the mean and 50% is not much.

There are outliers in the dataset which i will remove it soon.

## **Histogram Plot**

By making Histogram Plot I can see there are some skewness in this dataset. From plotting this histogram, I used the bin size as 30, we can take any bin size (suited as per as data).

## **Distribution Plot**



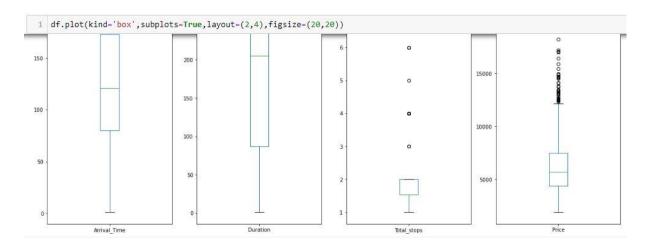
The dataset is normally distributed as there is no skewness in the dataset.

# Replacing zero values from different columns

```
# Replacing continous columns with mean
df['Departure_Time']=df['Departure_Time'].replace(0,df['Departure_Time'].mean())
df['Arrival_Time']=df['Arrival_Time'].replace(0,df['Arrival_Time'].mean())
df['Duration']=df['Duration'].replace(0,df['Duration'].mean())
```

There are few zero values that got replaced with the help of mean.

#### **Box Plot**



From above image I can clear see that there are few number of black dots in the column which are referring to the outliers, so it means most of the data are outside the distribution.

So now I detect the outliers now the second step is to remove the outliers, there are different way to remove the outliers that are zscore values.

There are outliers in Price which is continuous in nature.

#### **Z** score

```
1  z_score = zscore(df[['Price']])
2  abs_z_score = np.abs(z_score)
3
4  filtering_entry = (abs_z_score < 3).all(axis = 1)
5  df = df[filtering_entry]
6  df.describe()</pre>
```

	Flight_name	Depart	Departure_Time	Destination	Arrival_Time	Duration	Total_stops	Price
count	1270.000000	1270.000000	1270.000000	1270.000000	1270.000000	1270.000000	1270.000000	1270.000000
mean	2.941544	2.093392	105.992967	4.709463	122.469613	175.080952	2.616510	6198.135433
std	1.460042	0.702355	60.506680	2.682240	59.319798	95.348344	2.337480	2452.893487
min	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1890.000000
25%	2.000000	1.589466	50.000000	2.000000	80.000000	87.000000	1.529047	4373.000000
50%	3.000000	2.000000	96.000000	4.387297	122.000000	205.000000	1.529047	5681.500000
75%	4.000000	3.000000	160.750000	7.000000	173.000000	261.000000	2.000000	7457.000000
max	5.000000	3.000000	219.000000	9.000000	224.000000	302.000000	8.000000	14678.000000

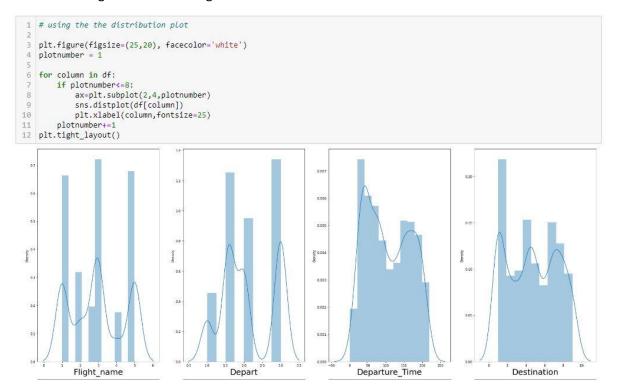
```
1 df.shape (1270, 8)
```

I am using zscore value then I again check if there are some of the outliers then I will remove it by replacing the outliers with the mean value of that column.

So, I first find the zscore value and then I decide to make one threshold value as 3 which is standard of industry recommend value and then I remove all the outliers which zscore value is greater than 3.

After, removing the outlier's final there are 1270 and 8 column presents in the data set.

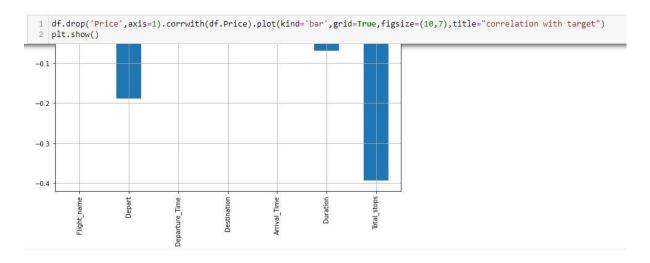
#### After Removing Skewness making Distribution Plot



Hence After Removing Outliers I make distribution plot which shows few outliers are removed.

# Finding correlation of features vs target using corrwith Visualize the correlation

1 df.drop('Pr	ice',axis=1).corrwith(df.Price)
Flight_name	0.144687
Depart	-0.188614
Departure_Time	-0.018130
Destination	-0.044378
Arrival_Time	0.100747
Duration	-0.068562
Total stops	-0.392638
dtype: float64	



I have checked the relationship between label and different features.

Most of the features are in minus value only 2 columns are positively related to target value.

# **Correlation**

1 df.corr()

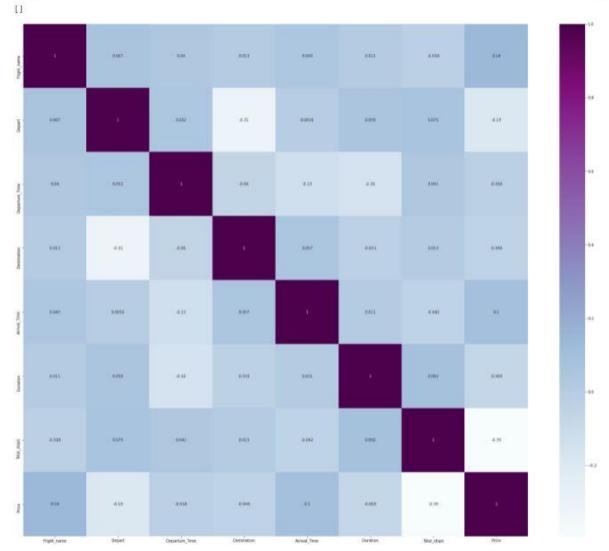
	Flight_name	Depart	Departure_Time	Destination	Arrival_Time	Duration	Total_stops	Price
Flight_name	1.000000	0.067232	0.040470	0.012505	0.043391	0.011309	-0.017594	0.144687
Depart	0.067232	1.000000	0.052485	-0.307681	0.001646	0.059399	0.074671	-0.188614
Departure_Time	0.040470	0.052485	1.000000	-0.060227	-0.126224	-0.157605	0.041290	-0.018130
Destination	0.012505	-0.307681	-0.060227	1.000000	0.056837	-0.030699	0.013371	-0.044378
Arrival_Time	0.043391	0.001646	-0.126224	0.056837	1.000000	0.010506	-0.041737	0.100747
Duration	0.011309	0.059399	-0.157605	-0.030699	0.010506	1.000000	0.092292	-0.068562
Total_stops	-0.017594	0.074671	0.041290	0.013371	-0.041737	0.092292	1.000000	-0.392638
Price	0.144687	-0.188614	-0.018130	-0.044378	0.100747	-0.068562	-0.392638	1.000000

Now I am finding the correlation value of each column, this value is categorized into mainly 2 parts that are:

Positive correlated value

Negative correlated value The most the value is positive means that column is much co related and vice versa.

# **Heat map**



I am using sea born heatmap to plot the correlated matrix and plot the corr value in the heatmap graph.

# **Machine Learning**

```
1 x = df.drop('Price',axis=1)
2 y = df.Price
```

I have divided dataset into feature and label.

#### **Standard Scaler**

Standard scaler is basically scaling the date in one range so that it will be easy for Model building.

#### VIF - variance inflation factor

```
vif = pd.DataFrame()
vif["vif"] = [variance_inflation_factor(x_scaled,i) for i in range (x_scaled.shape[1])]
vif["Features"] = x.columns
vif
```

	vif	Features
0	1.010344	Flight_name
1	1.123170	Depart
2	1.053028	Departure_Time
3	1.114361	Destination
4	1.023120	Arrival_Time
5	1.040807	Duration
6	1.020364	Total_stops

VIF is used to detect the severity of multicollinearity in the ordinary least square (OLS) regression analysis.

Multicollinearity is a phenomenon when two or more independent variables are highly intercorrelated.

From the above stats i can say that none of the features are highly intercorrelated it means Multicollinearity doesn't exist.

## **Model Building**

A machine learning model is built by learning and generalizing from training data, then applying that acquired knowledge to new data it has never seen before to make predictions and full fill its purpose. Lack of data will prevent you from building the model, and access to data isn't enough.

So in this dataset while predicting Price label first, I have used these Algorithms for Model Building:

a)Random Forest Regressor Model

b)Decision Tree Regressor Model

# Train Test Split

x\_train,x\_test,y\_train,y\_test = train\_test\_split(x\_scaled,y,test\_size=0.25,random\_state = 370)

For model prediction i am dividing the dataset into 2 parts.

One part is used for training purpose i.e 75% dataset.

other part is used for testing purpose i.e 25% dataset.

# **Decision Tree Regressor**

```
1 dt = DecisionTreeRegressor()
2 dt.fit(x_train,y_train)
```

### DecisionTreeRegressor()

```
1 # adjusted r2 score
2 dt.score(x_train,y_train)
```

#### 0.995124743789823

```
1 dt.score(x_test,y_test)
```

#### 0.07607341885337271

```
1 y_pred = dt.predict(x_test)
 2 y_pred
array([ 4326. , 3631. , 3211. , 10002. , 4056. , 4888. ,
                                                                    4564.,
                  5026., 6718., 11109., 5535., 6117.,
        4294.,
       12149.,
                                                          6988.,
                  4500., 3211., 5690., 4326.,
        3988.,
                  7142., 3597., 7142., 8848.,
                  5474., 5609., 3994., 7314.,
2720., 11572., 9191., 7013.,
9970., 4200., 5168., 4238.,
6448., 5583., 6173.5, 4194.,
        5838.,
        4836.,
        8265., 4945., 6464., 4723., 11066., 4238.,
        6718.,
                  5807. , 7315. , 4412. , 6258. , 6068. ,
                                                                    8358.,
                                                                    7845.,
        2456. , 7142. , 5574. , 13766. , 4002. , 5007. ,
        7877. , 4448. , 5806. , 2476. , 9576. , 5807. , 5702. , 5740. , 5583. , 4746. , 3999. , 2456. , 8165. , 5168. ,
```

```
plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred, alpha = 0.5)
plt.xlabel("y_test")
plt.ylabel("y_pred")
4 plt.show()
  14000
  12000
  10000
   8000
   6000
   4000
   2000
                                              10000
          2000
                   4000
                            6000
                                      8000
                                                       12000
                                                                 14000
                                       y_test
```

#### MSE

```
1 mean_squared_error(y_test,y_pred)
```

6662980.154874214

#### RMSE

```
1 np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test,y_pred))
```

2581.2749088142887

#### r2 Score

```
1 r2_score(y_test,y_pred)
0.07607341885337271
```

Decision Tree Regression accuracy score 76.07%

## **Random Forest Regressor**

```
1 rf = RandomForestRegressor()
2 rf.fit(x_train,y_train)
```

RandomForestRegressor()

#### First I have to fit the Training data of RandomForestRegressor.

```
# adjusted r2 score
rf.score(x_train,y_train)
```

0.934370038952294

```
1 rf.score(x_test,y_test)
```

0.47759480124421283

```
1 y_pred = rf.predict(x_test)
2 y_pred
                                        , 7941.925
, 5047.21
, 6746.55
, 4994.89
, 7313.5
, 4521.36
, 8416.3
, 6874.
                                                                             , 2951.97
, 5437.36
, 9136.38
array([ 6278.59
                                                                                                                      7390.19
6280.85
                 6102.08
                                                                             , 9136.38
, 11512.18
, 5947.54
, 6968.88
, 6632.32
, 5992.98
, 2762.47
, 6342.13
                6099.56
6088.49
                                                                                                                      4170.66
4578.13
                2941.93
5905.45
                                                                                                                      5943.63
3621.28
                 7027.45
5878.41
                                                                                                                      6935.82
4143.21
                                          , 5877.58
, 10402.38
                 6243.83
3071.47
                                                                                                                      7333.88
6638.96
               , 6129.85
, 5203.62
, 6799.56
, 6157.23
                                                                                                              , 8876.24 ,
, 5798.51 ,
, 6958.24 ,
, 7861.88766667,
```

```
plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred, alpha = 0.5)
 plt.xlabel("y_test")
plt.ylabel("y_pred")
 4 plt.show()
  12000
  10000
   8000
y_pred
   6000
    4000
                 4000
                          6000
                                  8000
                                          10000
                                                  12000
                                                          14000
         2000
                                   y_test
```

#### MSE

```
1 mean_squared_error(y_test,y_pred)
```

3767372.3682602113

#### RMSE

```
np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test,y_pred))
```

1940.9720163516556

#### r2 Score

```
1 r2_score(y_test,y_pred)
```

0.47759480124421283

Random Forest Regression accuracy score 47.77%

# **Lasso Regularization**

```
# lasso regularization
2
3 lasscv = LassoCV(alphas = None,cv=10,max_iter=5000,normalize=True)

1 lasscv.fit(x_train,y_train)

LassoCV(cv=10, max_iter=5000, normalize=True)

1 # best alphas parameters
2 alpha = lasscv.alpha_4 alpha

0.6599563838883463

1 # now we have best parameter lets use the lasso regularization
2 lasso_reg = Lasso(alpha) 4 lasso_reg.fit(x_train,y_train)

Lasso(alpha=0.6599563838883463)

1 lasso_reg.score(x_test,y_test)
0.19299328769726765
```

I have used lasso for increasing accuracy score for linear regression but it is neither improving nor reducing the score.

# **Saving the Best Model**

The best model is Random Forest classifier whose accuracy score is 76.07%.

# **Interpretation of the Results**

- I have used visualization tool such as cat Plot and Bar Plot to understand the data in a better way.
- I used describe method for five-point summary analysis and also found the number of rows and columns in dataset.
- I have done the model building with 4 algorithms and the best model is Random Forest Regressor with an accuracy score of 55%

## **CONCLUSION**

The overall survey for the dynamic price changes in the flight tickets is presented. This gives the information about the highs and lows in the airfares according to the days, weekend and time of the day that is morning, evening and night. Also the machine learning models in the computational intelligence field that are evaluated before on different datasets are studied. Their accuracy and performances are evaluated and compared in order to get better result. For the prediction of the ticket prices perfectly different prediction models are tested for the better prediction accuracy. As the pricing models of the company are developed in order to maximize the revenue management. So to get result with maximum accuracy regression analysis is used. From the studies, the feature that influences the prices of the ticket are to be considered. In future the details about number of available seats can improve the performance of the model.

I'll briefly discuss how I approached this problem of predicting flight price prediction.

- a) I have flight price prediction dataset from which I had to extract information.
- b) I have done 1 label as the dataset speaks:

Price

- c) I had used pandas library to read the Dataset which provide me to explore & visualize the Data properly based on Rows & Columns.
- d) After from all datasets, I pre-processed the data using replacing all zeros and filling all missing values.
- e) I did exploratory data analysis on main data frame and tried to see all visualizations.
- f) Based on visualization knowledge, I use various EDA TECHNIQUES to plot the graphs and Box Plot.
- g) I use VIF and Standard Scalar to scaled the data and by VIF I make a relationship between Features & Features.
- h) After from all these i split the Features & Labels into 2 parts.
- i) On this data, I have applied our machine learning models such as Random Forest Repressor and Decision Tree Regressor According to the above 4 model prediction the best model is Decision Tree Regressor - 76.07%.