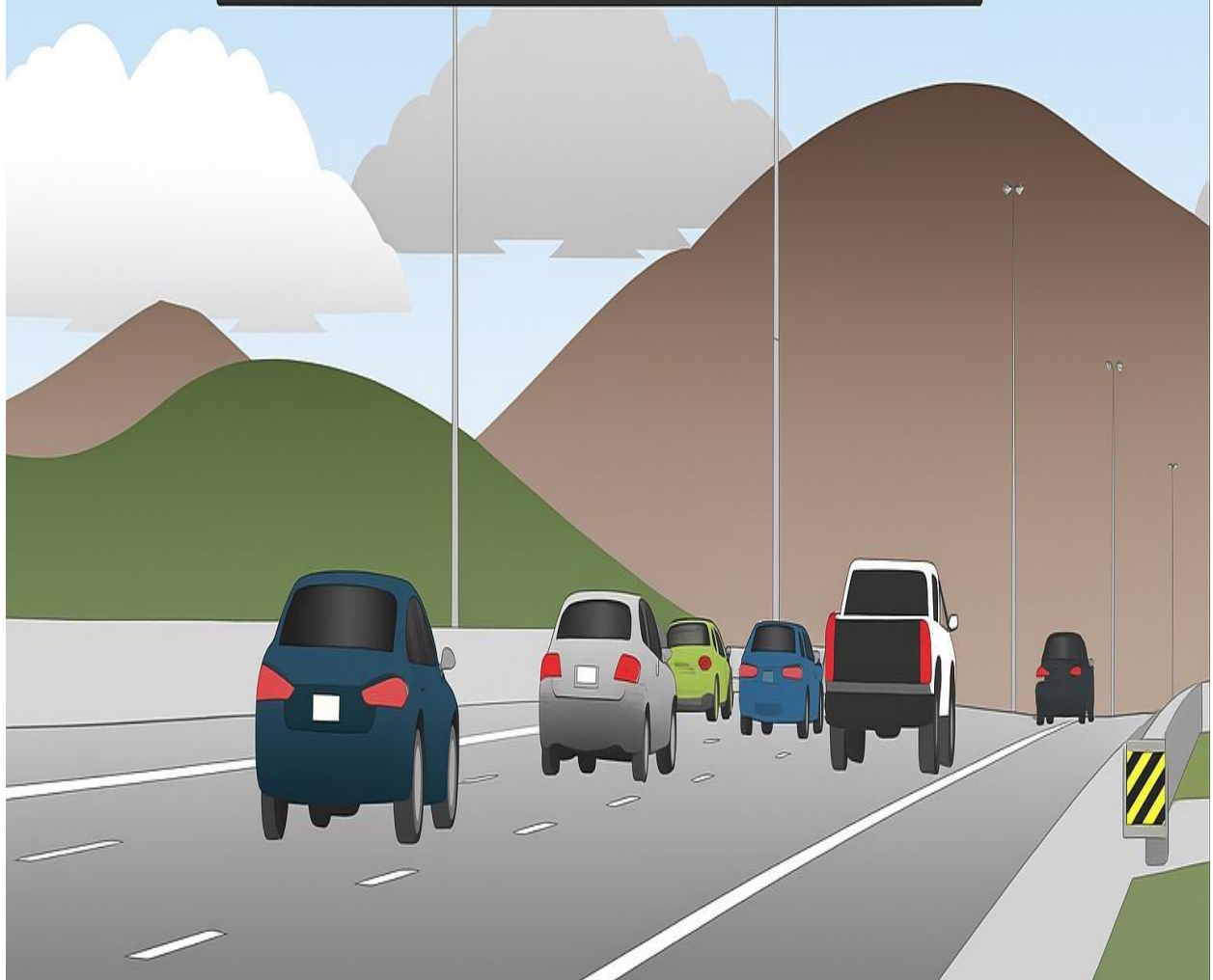


TRAFFICTELLIGENCE: ADVANCED TRAFFIC VOLUME ESTIMATION WITH MACHINE LEARNING



Traffictelligence : Advanced Traffic Volume Estimation with Machine Learning

1. Introduction

Urban traffic congestion is a growing concern in modern cities. Traditional systems rely heavily on static sensors, manual counting, or expensive surveillance systems. **Traffictelligence** aims to provide a low-cost, scalable, and intelligent alternative by using **machine learning** to **predict traffic volume** based on historical and contextual data such as weather, holidays, and time-based features.

2. Project Overview

Traffictelligence is a machine learning-based application designed to estimate traffic volume on roads. This system predicts how many vehicles are likely to pass through a road segment at a given time, using various environmental and temporal features.

Objectives:

- Estimate traffic volume with high accuracy.
- Enable real-time and historical traffic predictions.
- Create an intuitive interface for end users.

3. Dataset

Dataset Used : [UCI Machine Learning Repository / MTC traffic data / METR-LA / Kaggle](#)

Total Records: 48,000 rows

Duration: Covers 1 year of traffic data

Dataset Structure

DateTime	Temperature	Weather	Holiday	Hour	Day_of_Week	Volume
2017-07-01 00:00:00	23.4°C	Clear	No	0	Saturday	554

4. Data Challenges & Solutions

Challenge

Solution

Missing values in weather/temp Imputed with mode/mean

Categorical data (weather, day) Used Label Encoding / One-Hot Encoding

Imbalanced holidays Treated as binary variable

Feature scaling StandardScaler used for continuous features

Time-based correlation Created custom features: hour, day of week

5. Environment Setup

Tools Used:

- **Python 3.10+**
- **Libraries:**
 - pandas, numpy, scikit-learn
 - matplotlib, seaborn, xgboost
 - flask (for deployment)

Installation (CLI):

```
pip install pandas numpy scikit-learn matplotlib seaborn xgboost flask
```

6. Data Preprocessing

Data Pre-processing includes the following main tasks

- Import the Libraries.
- Importing the dataset.

- Checking for Null Values.
- Data Visualization.

7. Model Architecture and Training

Models Used:

- Random Forest Regressor
- XGBoost Regressor
- Gradient Boosting
- Linear Regression (*baseline*)

Training and testing the model :

Source Code:

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor from
sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_scaled, y, test_size=0.2)
model = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

8. Results and Evaluation

Metrics Used:

- R^2 Score
- Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

Model	R ² Score	MAE	RMSE	Accuracy
Random Forest	0.87	112	186	87%
XGBoost	0.89	105	172	89%
Linear Regression	0.61	180	260	61%

9. Conclusion

Traffictelligence provides an efficient and scalable solution to estimate traffic volume based on contextual and environmental factors. The model achieves a high level of accuracy and can significantly help in traffic flow optimization and planning

10. Future Enhancements

- Live Weather Data Integration
- Public Holiday & Event API Integration
- Location-Based Inputs via GPS / Map APIs
- Live Traffic Feed via Cameras (CV Integration)
- Traffic API Integration for Congestion & Speed

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