A PROJECT REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

YouTube advertisers pay content creators based on ad views and clicks for the goods and services being marketed. They want to estimate the ad view based on other metrics like comments, likes etc. The problem statement is therefore to train various regression models and choose the best one to predict the number of ad views. The data needs to be refined and cleaned before feeding in the algorithms for better results.

Objective

My main objective is to build a machine learning regression to predict YouTube ad view count based on other YouTube metrics.

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Technology and Concepts

Machine Learning

In classic terms, machine learning is a type of artificial intelligence that enables self-learning from data and then applies that learning without the need for human intervention. Machine learning is an application of artificial intelligence (AI) that provides systems the ability to automatically learn and improve from experience without being explicitly programmed. Machine learning focuses on the development of computer programs that can access data and use it learn for themselves.

Linear Regression

Linear Regression is a supervised machine learning algorithm where the predicted output is continuous and has a constant slope. It's used to predict values within a continuous range, (e.g. sales, price) rather than trying to classify them into categories (e.g. cat, dog).

There are two main types:

1. Simple regression: - Simple linear regression is a statistical method that allows us to summarize and study relationships between two continuous (quantitative) variables: One variable, denoted x, is regarded as the predictor, explanatory, or independent variable.

2. Multiple regression: -Multiple regression is an extension of simple linear regression. It is used when we want to predict the value of a variable based on the value of two or more other variables.

Support Vector Machine

"Support Vector Machine" (SVM) is a supervised machine learning algorithm which can be used for both classification or regression challenges. However, it is mostly used in classification problems. In the SVM algorithm, we plot each data item as a point in n-dimensional space (where n is number of features you have) with the value of each feature being the value of a particular coordinate

Decision Tree

Decision tree analysis involves making a tree-shaped diagram to chart out a course of action or a statistical probability analysis. It is used to break down complex problems or branches. Each branch of the decision tree could be a possible outcome.

Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

An artificial neural network (ANN) is the piece of a computing system designed to simulate the way the human brain analyses and processes information. It is the foundation of artificial intelligence (AI) and solves problems that would prove impossible or difficult by human or statistical standards. ANNs have self-learning capabilities that enable them to produce better results as more data becomes available.

Data Description

The file train.csv contains metrics and other details of about 15000 YouTube videos. The metrics include number of views, likes, dislikes, comments and apart from that published date, duration and category are also included. The train.csv file also contains the metric number of ad views which is our target variable for prediction.

Steps For ad view prediction

1. Import the datasets and libraries, check shape and datatype.

2. Visualise the dataset using plotting using heatmaps and plots. You can study data distributions for each attribute as well.

3. Clean the dataset by removing missing values and other things.

4. Transform attributes into numerical values and other necessary transformations

5. Normalise your data and split the data into training, validation and test set in the appropriate ratio.

6. Use linear regression, Support Vector Regressor for training and get errors.

7. Use Decision Tree Regressor and Random Forest Regressors.

8. Build an artificial neural network and train it with different layers and hyperparameters. Experiment a little. Use keras.

9. Pick the best model based on error as well as generalisation.

10. Take the test dataset test.csv

11. Clean the test dataset by removing missing values

12. Remove unnecessary columns which has no impact to target variable

13. Transform the categorical attribute to numerical attribute.

14. Find prediction using the best algorithm

15. Save it into a new csv file by naming as Predictions_Submission.csv

Visualization

This is the histogram of "Category" column
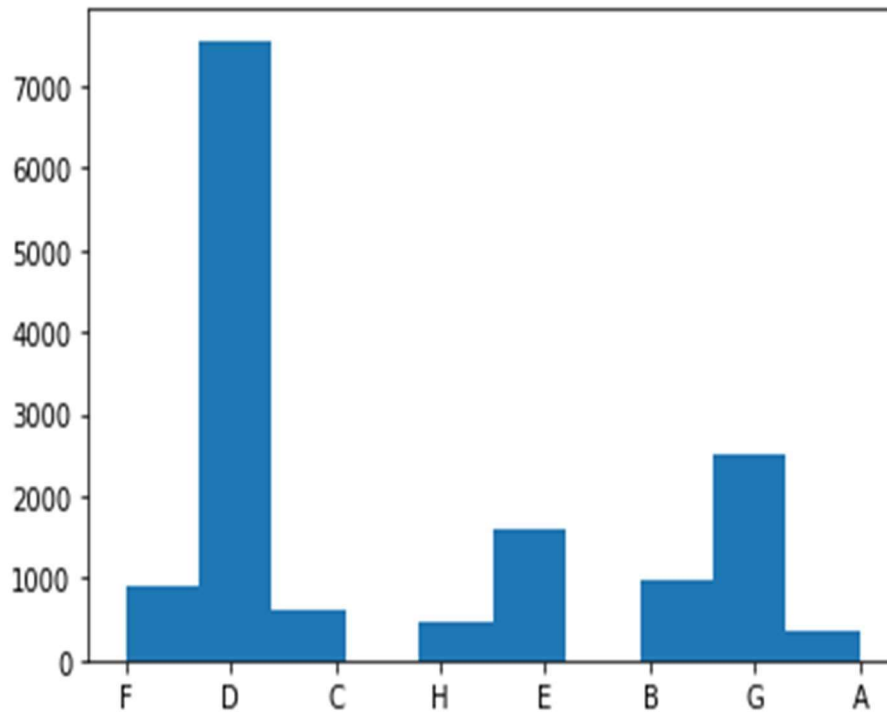
This is the histogram of "ad view" column
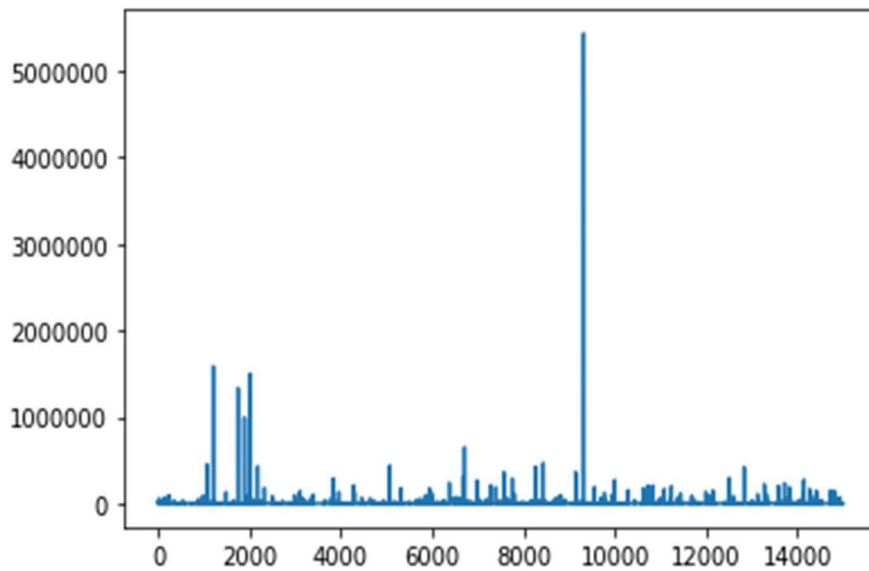
This is the heatmap which shows the co-relation of all columns with each other.

Table:

Algorithm	Linear Regression	Random forest	Decision tree	Support vector machine	ANN
Mean Absolute Error	3707.37800 5824529	3274.69029 66905504	3059.31079 2349727	3707.37800 5824529	3304.26489 4606637
Mean Squared Error	835663131. 1210335	644433788. 0361483	1226286165 .4118853	835663131. 1210335	829552666. 7955565
Root Mean Squared Error	28907.8385 7573986	25385.7004 6376795	35018.3689 713254	28907.8385 7573986	28801.9559 5433679

Best Model

From the training dataset by applying all algorithms for train the model, we found that "Random Forest Regressor" algorithm has less root mean squared error as compared to other algorithms. As we know model having less root mean squared error is more perfect. So here for prediction of test dataset we use "Random Forest" algorithm.

Conclusion

We had a lot of different ideas for the project, but were maybe originally too ambitious for our goals. We were originally trying to predict the view count of advertisement. In this way we can predict the ad view of an advertisement. We were hoping that. Some more things that we could have tried if we had more time would include.

In a nutshell the ad view prediction of you tube is completed.