PREDICTING COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF CONCRETE USING IBM WATSON MACHINELEARNING

1.INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Considering that compressive strength (CS) is an important mechanical property parameter in many design codes, in order to ensure structural safety, concrete CS needs to be tested before application. However, conducting CS tests with multiple influencing variables is costly and time consuming. To address this issue, a machine learning-based modelling framework is put forward in this work to evaluate the concrete CS under complex conditions. The influential factors of this process are systematically categorized into five aspects: man, machine, material, method and environment.

The CS of concrete is obtained by testing specifically prepared and cured cubic or cylindrical specimens using a compression test instrument, which is cumbersome, time-consuming and costly in the entire experimental process. To improve this situation, empirical regression methods and numerical simulation have been developed to predict concrete CS based on the design recipe. The concrete production process is affected by several factors, which have strong nonlinear relationships with the product CS and are strongly interrelated. With the rapid development of machine learning, there is a trend to employ data-driven techniques for concrete CS prediction. Compared with the conventional regression methods, machine learning-based approaches adopt suitable algorithms to automatically "learn" from the process data, "distinguish" important influential factors from the interfering factors, approximate the intricate process mechanism with deterministic mathematical forms, and perform prediction with high accuracy over a specified confidence interval. To date, various machine learning algorithms have been applied to studying the correlations between the concrete recipe and the product CS.

Researchers have also proved that besides the type and basic properties of raw materials, environmental factors, such as temperature, and relative humidity, also significantly determine the concrete CS. To exclude the influence from these environmental factors. Additionally, the recipe and environmental variables may not be sufficient in covering all the possible factors influencing concrete CS. It has been proved in many areas that to comprehensively evaluate the quality of an engineering product, the influences from man, material, machine, method and environment (shortened to 4M1E), should be considered. Each of these factors further represents the aggregation of various detailed influential factors.

1.2 Purpose

The combined effect of the above factors (4MIE) poses new challenges for the accurate prediction of concrete CS. Since the influence from the "material" as pect is already inherently complicated, when the joint influences from the other four aspects are included, the problem dimension becomes high, and it will be more difficult to manually identify the most relevant factors from the interfering ones.

Construction of both traditional regression models and machine learning models to predict the 28-day CS of no-slump concrete, based on the concrete ingredients.

Computer-aided feature selection techniques provide an alternative solution to this situation. Common feature selection algorithms can be categorized into two classes based on the search strategies—the filter methods and the wrapper methods. Applied principal component analysis (PCA) to reduce the noise in the input space and consequently improve the model predictive performance.

Principal component analysis is a typical filter method that performs feature selection based on the statistical performance of the original dataset and is independent of the subsequent learning algorithm. Different from the filter methods, the wrapper methods tightly couple the subsequent prediction algorithm with the feature selection process. In other words, the feature selection process is optimized based on the feedback from the subsequent algorithm performance. Commonly used wrapper methods include genetic algorithms (GAs) and particle swarm optimization (PSO).

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing Problem

In the present study, a regression model was investigated as a performance prediction model for predicting the concrete compressive strength. Moreover, the effects of the changes of the coefficients of regression model of the performance curve were also examined. For this purpose, multiple regression analysis was carried out for predicting the compressive strength of concrete using four variables, namely, water-cementations ratio, fine aggregate cementitious ratio, coarse aggregate-cementitious ratio and cementitious content. Regression models were developed for concrete with medium and high workability at different curing ages (28, 56 and 91days). For models developed for compressive strength prediction at 56 days and 91 days, the compressive strengths at lower ages were also considered as a parameter.

For the experimental data obtained, the data sets on the dependent variable were normally distributed for each of the possible combinations of the level of the X variables, it was deemed suitable to use regression models for prediction of concrete strengths. Bayrak and Akgül predicted the lifetime performance and remaining service

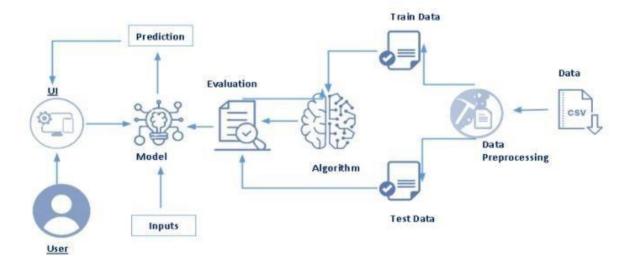
life of a bridge system using regression models, so that the best maintenance and repair strategies which kept the system safe can be obtained. Many attempts had earlier been made to obtain a suitable mathematical model that was capable of predicting the strength of concrete at various ages with good accuracy.

2.2 Proposed Solution

A mathematical model for prediction of compressive strength of concrete will be performed using statistical analysis for the concrete data obtained from experimental work done in this study. The multilinear regression yielded excellent correlation coefficient for prediction of compressive strength at different ages (3, 7, 14, 28, 91 days). The coefficient of correlation was 99.99% for each strength (at each age). Also, the model gives high correlation for strength prediction of concrete with different types of curing. Given the characteristics of the concrete production process, multi linear regression is considered a very suitable modelling algorithm, due to its versatile merits, such as its good tolerance for outliers and noises, its ability to avoid overfitting, and its ability to deal with multicollinearity.

3. THEORITICAL ANALYSIS

3.1 Block Diagram



3.2Hardware/Software designing

Software Requirements:

- Anaconda Navigator Keras
- Flask

Hardware Requirements:

• Processor : Intel Core i3

• Hard Disk Space: Min 100 GB

• Ram :8 GB

• Display : 14.1 "Color Monitor(LCD, CRT or LED)

Clock Speed : 1.67 GHz

4.EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

DATA PREPROCESSING

Importing Libraries

In [1]: import pandas as pd import numpy as np from collections import Counter as c from collections import course as a import seaborn as sns import matplotlib.pyplot as plt from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split from sklearn.model_selection import course_score,mean_squared_error,mean_absolute_error from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

Loading Dataset

In [2]: data=pd.read_csv(r"F:\FLASK\concrete.csv")

In [3]: data.head()

Out[3]:

	Cement (component 1) (kg in a m^3 mixture)	Blast Furnace Slag (component 2)(kg in a m^3 mixture)	Fly Ash (component 3) (kg in a m^3 mixture)	Water (component 4) (kg in a m^3 mixture)	Superplasticizer (component 5)(kg in a m^3 mixture)	(component 6)(kg	Fine Aggregate (component 7)(kg in a m^3 mixture)	Age (day)	Concrete compressive strength(MPa, megapascals)
0	540.0	0.0	0.0	162.0	2.5	1040.0	676.0	28	79.99
1	540.0	0.0	0.0	162.0	2.5	1055.0	676.0	28	61.89
2	332.5	142.5	0.0	228.0	0.0	932.0	594.0	270	40.27
3	332.5	142.5	0.0	228.0	0.0	932.0	594.0	365	41.05
4	198.6	132.4	0.0	192.0	0.0	978.4	825.5	360	44.30

In [4]: data.tail()

Out[4]:

	(component 1) (kg in a m^3 mixture)	Blast Furnace Slag (component 2)(kg in a m^3 mixture)	Fly Ash (component 3) (kg in a m^3 mixture)	(component 4) (kg in a m^3 mixture)	Superplasticizer (component 5)(kg in a m^3 mixture)	Coarse Aggregate (component 6) (kg in a m^3 mixture)	Fine Aggregate (component 7) (kg in a m^3 mixture)	Age (day)	Concrete compressive strength(MPa, megapascals)
1025	276.4	116.0	90.3	179.6	8.9	870.1	768.3	28	44.28
1026	322.2	0.0	115.6	196.0	10.4	817.9	813.4	28	31.18
1027	148.5	139.4	108.6	192.7	6.1	892.4	780.0	28	23.70
1028	159.1	186.7	0.0	175.6	11.3	989.6	788.9	28	32.77
1029	260.9	100.5	78.3	200.6	8.6	864.5	761.5	28	32,40

Renaming columns

In [5]: data.columns = [col[:col.find("(")].strip() for col in data.columns]
 data.head(1)

Out[5]:

Cement Blast Furnace Slag Fly Ash Water Superplasticizer Coarse Aggregate Fine Aggregate Age Concrete compressive strength 0 540.0 0.0 0.0 162.0 2.5 1040.0 676.0 28

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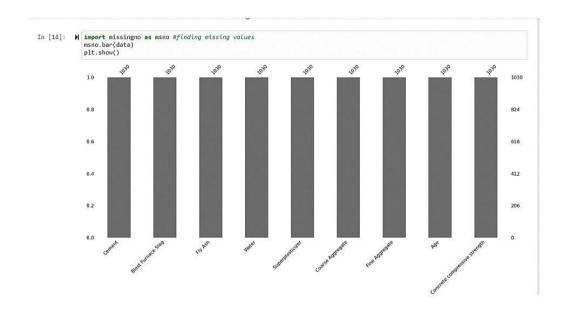
In [7]: data.describe()

Out[7]:

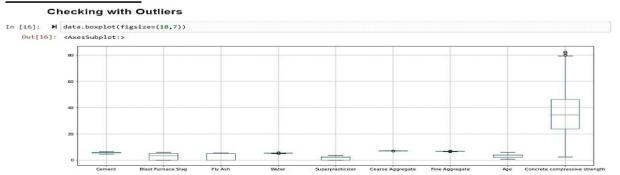
	Cement	Blast Furnace	Fly Ash	Water	Superplasticizer	Coarse	Fine Aggregate	Age	Concrete compressive
count	1030.000000	1030.000000	1030.000000	1030.000000	1030.000000	1030.000000	1030.000000	1030.000000	1030.000000
mean	281.167864	73.895825	54.188350	181.567282	6.204660	972.918932	773.580485	45.662136	35,817961
std	104.506364	86.279342	63.997004	21.364219	5.973841	77.763954	80.175980	63,169912	16.706742
min	102.000000	0.000000	0.000000	121.800000	0.000000	801.000000	594.000000	1.000000	2.330000
25%	192.375000	0.000000	0.000000	164.900000	0.000000	932.000000	730.950000	7.000000	23.710000
50%	272.900000	22 000000	0.000000	185.000000	6.400000	968.000000	779.500000	28.000000	34.445000
75%	350.000000	142.950000	118.300000	192.000000	10.200000	1029.400000	824.000000	56.000000	46.135000
max	540.000000	359.400000	200.100000	247.000000	32.200000	1145.000000	992.600000	365.000000	82.600000

Null Values

Out[16]:	Cement	False
	Blast Furnace Slag	False
	Fly Ash	False
	Water	False
	Superplasticizer	False
	Coarse Aggregate	False
	Fine Aggregate	False
	Age	False
	Concrete compressive strength dtype: bool	False
[17]: H	data.isnull().sum() #used for f	inding the null values
Out[17]:	Cement	0
	Blast Furnace Slag	0
	Fly Ash	0
	Water	0
	Superplasticizer	0
	Coarse Aggregate	0
	Fine Aggregate	0
	Age	0
	Concrete compressive strength	9



DATA VISUALISATION

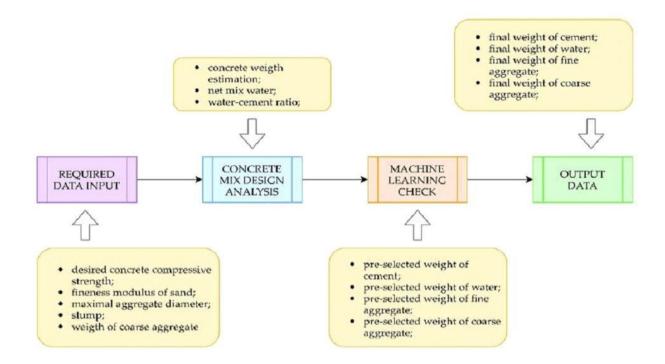


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In [17]: M def outliers():
                 for i in data.columns:
                     print("\033[1m" + i + "\033[0m")
                     Q1 = data[i].quantile(q=0.25) # 25% quartile value
                     Q3 = data[i].quantile(q=0.75) # 75% quartile value
                     print('1st Quartile (Q1) is: ', Q1)
                     print('3st Quartile (Q3) is: ', Q3)
                     IQR = Q3 - Q1 #finding Inter Quartile range
                     print(IQR)
                     UL = Q3 + (1.5 * IQR) #finding the upper level point
                     print("upper limit : ",UL)
                     LL = Q1 - (1.5 * IQR) #finding the lower level point
                     print("lower limit : ",LL)
                     print("Outlier present above UL",data[i][data[i]>UL].count())
                     print("Outlier present above LL",data[i][data[i]<LL].count())</pre>
                     print('---'*40)
             outliers() # calling the function
             Cement
             1st Quartile (Q1) is: 5.26462568244329
             3st Quartile (Q3) is: 5.860786223465865
             0.5961605410225754
             upper limit: 6.755027034999729
             lower limit: 4.370384870909427
             Outlier present above UL 0
             Outlier present above LL 0
             Blast Furnace Slag
             1st Quartile (Q1) is: 0.0
             3st Quartile (Q3) is: 4.969465836003737
             4.969465836003737
             upper limit: 12.423664590009341
             lower limit: -7.454198754005605
             Outlier present above UL 0
             Outlier present above LL 0
             Fly Ash
             1st Quartile (Q1) is: 0.0
             3st Quartile (Q3) is: 4.78164132910387
             4.78164132910387
             upper limit: 11.954103322759675
             lower limit: -7.172461993655805
             Outlier present above UL 0
             Outlier present above LL 0
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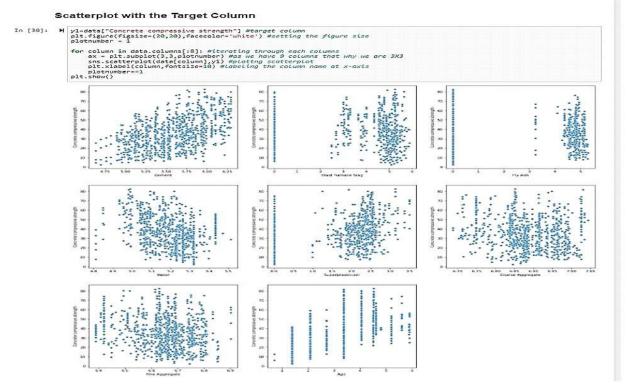
Water 1st Quartile (Q1) is: 5.111385197196399 3st Quartile (Q3) is: 5.262690188904886 0.15130499170848655 upper limit : 5.489647676467616 lower limit : 4.88442770963367 Outlier present above UL 2 Outlier present above LL 12 Superplasticizer 1st Quartile (Q1) is: 0.0 3st Quartile (Q3) is: 2.4159137783010487 2.4159137783010487 upper limit : 6.0397844457526215 lower limit : -3.6238706674515733 Outlier present above UL 0 Outlier present above LL 0 Coarse Aggregate 1st Quartile (Q1) is: 6.838405200847344 3st Quartile (Q3) is: 6.93770235535009 0.09929715450274568 upper limit : 7.086648087104209 lower limit : 6.689459469093226 Outlier present above UL 0 Outlier present above LL 6 Fine Aggregate
1st Quartile (Q1) is: 6.595711359522024
3st Quartile (Q3) is: 6.715383386334681
0.11967202681265654
upper limit: 6.894891426553666
lower limit: 6.416203319303039
Outlier present above UL 5
Outlier present above LL 35 Tst Quartile (Q1) is: 2.0794415416798357 3st Quartile (Q3) is: 4.04305126783455 1.9636097261547145 upper limit : 6.988465857066622 lower limit : -0.8659730475522358 Outlier present above UL 0 Outlier present above LL 0 Concrete compressive strength 1st Quartile (Q1) is: 23.70999999999997 ö 475 500 525 550 575 600 625 Cement 0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 Superplasticizer 4.8 4.9 5.0 5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.5 Water 6.70 6.75 6.80 6.85 6.90 6.95 7.00 7.05 Coarse Aggregate

> 20 40 60 Concrete compressive strength

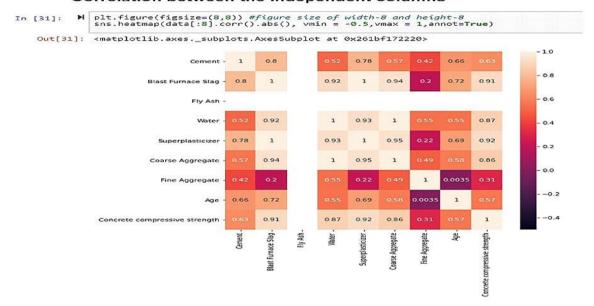
4.FLOWCHART



6.RESULT ANACONDA (JUPYTER)



Correlation between the independent columns



Creating the Independent and Dependent Columns In [21]: | x=pd.DataFrame(data,columns=data.columns[:8]) windependet columns | y=pd.DataFrame(data,columns=data.columns[s:]) mdependent column | Splitting the data into train and split In [22]: | x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(x,y,test_size=0.2,random_state=1) | print(x_train.shape) | (824, 83) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) | (824, 13) |

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Traing and testing the model

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In [23]: y_pred=mr.predict(x_test) print('prediction made by Gradient Boosting model: ",y_pred)

print('prediction made by Gradient Boosting model: [21.95234148 13.08162009 24.70391082 11.32025646 33.85349972 64.77465613 18.45647002 48.7326132 46.42716467 30.1346315 28.64180627 14.73181082 31.32025646 33.85349972 64.77465613 18.45647002 48.7326132 46.42716467 30.1346315 28.64180627 14.73181082 31.73181082 36.17514766 22.09653922 50.34586419 17.54218061 59.22520866 59.24520861 59.24520866 59.24520861 59.24520866 59.24520861 59.24520866 59.24520861 59.24520866 59.24520861 59.24520866 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520866 59.24520861 59.24520866 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520866 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24520861 59.24
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Model Evaluation

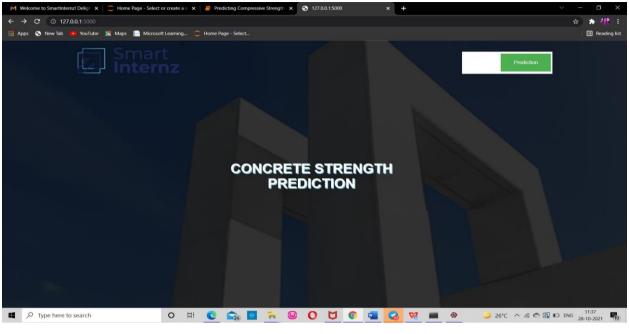
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In [24]: score=mr.score(x_test,y_test)
    print("score of Gradient Boosting model:",score)
    score of Gradient Boosting model: 0.8856333219046403

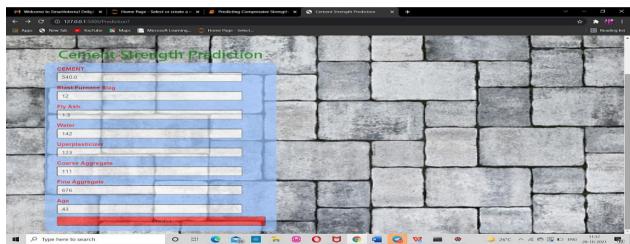
In [25]: from sklearn import metrics
    print("MAE:",metrics.mean_absolute_error(y_test,y_pred))
    print("MSE:",metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test,y_pred))
    print("RMSE:",np.sqrt(metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test,y_pred)))

MAE: 3.8428863761561494
    MSE: 29.814773086246525
    RMSE: 5.460290567931942
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Dumping our model in pickle format

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In [26]: pickle.dump(mr, open('cement.pkl','wb'))
In []:
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7.ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages:

Over the past five years, the implementations of the non-tuned machine learning model have shown a noticeable progress in multidisciplinary of science and engineering fields. This is due to its advantages (particularly over conventional artificial neural network algorithms) such as the randomly initiated hidden neurons without the need for iterative tuning process for free parameters or connections between hidden and output layer.

It is remarkably efficient to reach a global optimum, following universal approximation capability of single layer feed-forward network. Also, this model is featured by the efficiency and generalization performance over traditional learning algorithms (e.g., SVMs or ANNs) as revealed in the estimation problems in many different fields.

With the development of artificial intelligence, it is easier to forecast concrete compressive strength. When compared with other traditional regression methods, machine learning adopts specific algorithms that can learn from the input data and gives highly accurate results.

Disadvantages:

Concrete compressive strength requirements can vary from 2500 psi (17MPa) for residential concrete to 4000 psi (28 MPa) and higher in commercial structures. Higher strengths up to and exceeding 10000 psi (70 MPa) are specified for certain applications.

Machine Learning requires massive data sets to train on, and these should be inclusive/unbiased, and of good quality. There can also be times where they must wait for new data to be generated.

Any disadvantage of using a multiple regression model usually comes down to the data being used. Two examples of this are using incomplete data and falselyconcluding that a correlation is a causation.

8.APPLICATIONS

Concrete is considered by many to be a strong and durable material, and rightfully so. But there are different ways to assess concrete strength.

Water/cementitious ratio (w/cm)

This refers to the ratio of water to cement in the concrete mixture. A lower waterto-cement ratio makes for a stronger concrete, but it also makes the concrete more difficult to work with. The right balance must be struck to achieve the desired strength while maintaining workability.

Proportioning

Traditional concrete is made of water, cement, air, and an aggregate mixture of sand, gravel, and stone. The right proportion of these ingredients is key for achieving a higher concrete strength.

A concrete mixture with too much cement paste may be easy to pour—but it will crack easily and not withstand the test of time. Conversely, too little cement paste will yield a concrete that is rough and porous.

Mixing

Optimal mixing time is important for strength. While strength does tend to increase with mixing time to a certain point, mixing for too long can actually cause excess water evaporation and the formation of fine particles within the mix. This ends up making the concrete harder to work with and less strong.

There is no golden rule for optimal mixing time, as it depends on many factors, such as: the type of mixer being used, the speed of the mixer rotation, and the specific components and materials within a given batch of concrete.

Curing methods

The longer the concrete is kept moist, the stronger it will become. To protect the concrete, precautions must be taken when curing concrete in extremely cold or hot temperatures.

9.CONCLUSION

Earlier and accurate estimation of concrete strength are valuable to the construction industry. The presence of such model would possibly obtain the hard balance and equality between controlling the quality (quality control process) and economics (saving time and expense, i.e., this model could be used in construction to make the necessary adjustments on mix proportion used, to avoid situations where, concrete does not reach the required design strength or by avoiding concrete that is unnecessarily strong.

This methodology allows a fast and accurate prediction of values for compressive strength on site. Common methods for estimation of in place strength requires extensive use of curing of mortar cubes at constant temperatures or the use of databases containing a large number of compressive strength values made at many ages and cured at different temperatures. These databases have to be fed with a statistical relevant amount of data before a reliable estimation of the strength can be made. Furthermore, all of these methods requires many hours of lab and field time for testing, collecting and analysing data.

Furthermore, the existing variables in the model yielded good reasonable results. Also, it is not preferred to load the prediction model with large number of variables, because it is preferred to use a model with lesser number of variables with higher possible accuracy to assure the rapid and easy use of the model.

10.FUTURE SCOPE

Compressive strength is one of the most important properties of concrete and mortar. The strength of the binder (cement) therefore has a significant effect on the performance characteristics of the mixture and ensures the overall quality of the finished product. The test for compressive strength is generally carried out by crushing cubes of hardened cement-sand mortar in a compression machine.

For now, we have created the web application of the process, which can be further converted to an android app which will be more useful and convenient for the user to use and will help in saving time.

App development will help in creating the project process oriented.

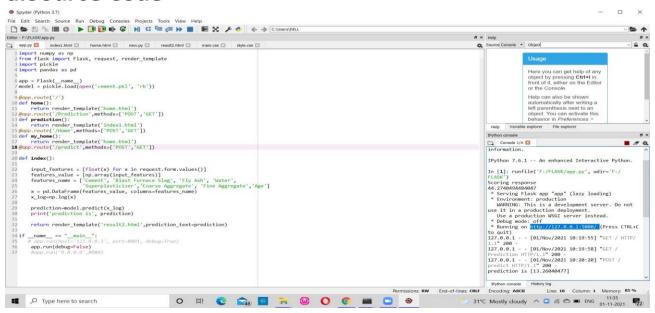
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APPENDIX

a.Source Code



b.UI output Screenshots

