Flight Delays Prediction Using Machine Learning

1 Introduction

a. Overview

Over the last twenty years, air travel has been increasingly preferred among travelers mainly because of its speed and in some cases comfort. This has led to phenomenal growth in air traffic and on the ground. An increase in air traffic growth has also resulted in massive levels of aircraft delays on the ground and the air. These delays are responsible for large economic and environmental losses The main objective of the model is to predict flight delays accurately to optimize flight operations and minimize delays.

b. Purpose The use of this project.

Using a machine learning model, we can predict flight arrival delays. The input to our algorithm is rows of feature vectors like departure date, departure delay, the distance between the two airports, scheduled arrival time, etc. We then use a decision tree classifier to predict if the flight arrival will be delayed or not. A flight is considered to be delayed when the difference between scheduled and actual arrival times is greater than 15 minutes. Furthermore, we compare the decision tree classifier with logistic regression and a simple neural network for various figures of merit.

2 LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing problem

- You'll be able to understand the problem to classify if it is a regression or a classification kind of problem.
- You will be able to know how to pre-process/clean the data using different data pre-processing techniques.
- You will be able to analyze or get insights into data through visualization.
- Applying different algorithms according to the dataset and based on visualization.

 You will be able to know how to build a web application using the Flask framework.

2.2 Proposed solution

- Data Collection.
 - Collect the dataset
- Data Pre-processing.
 - Import the Libraries.
 - Importing the dataset.
 - Checking for Null Values.
 - Data Visualization.
 - o Taking care of Missing Data.
 - o Label encoding.
 - One Hot Encoding.
 - o Feature Scaling.
 - o Splitting Data into Train and Test.

Model Building

- o Training and testing the model
- o Evaluation of Model (Decision Tree Classification)

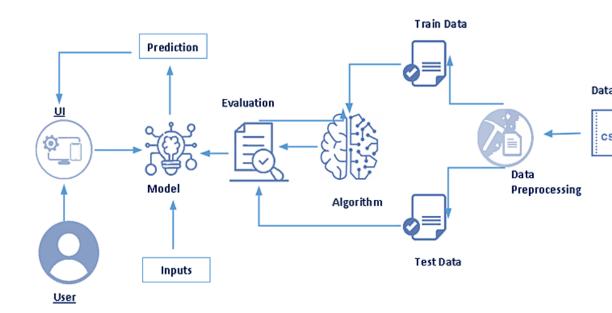
• Application Building

Create an HTML file

o Build a Python Code

3 THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

3.1 Block diagram Diagrammatic overview of the project



3.2 Software designing

we will be using

Jupyter notebook Spyder

because it is a free and open-source distribution of the Python for data science and machine learning related applications

• Flask (Web applications)

Hardware:

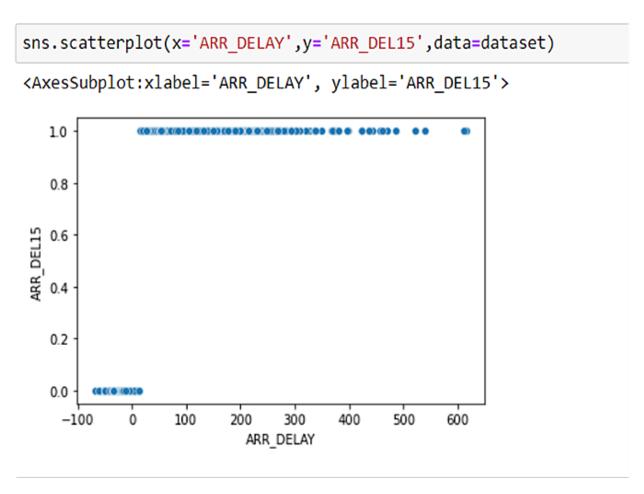
- 1. **Processor:** Processor Intel CORE i5 and above Internet.
- 2. **System architecture :** Windows- 64-bit x86, 32-bit x86; MacOS- 64-bit x86; Linux- 64-bit x86, 64-bit aarch64 (AWS Graviton2 / arm64), 64-bit Power8/Power9, s390x (Linux on IBM Z & Linux ONE).

3. **RAM**:4 GB or above.

4. Analysis or the investigation made while working on the solution.

Scatterplot

A scatter plot (also called a scatterplot, scatter graph, scatter chart, scattergram, or scatter diagram) is a type of plot or mathematical diagram using Cartesian coordinates to display values for typically two variables for a set of data.

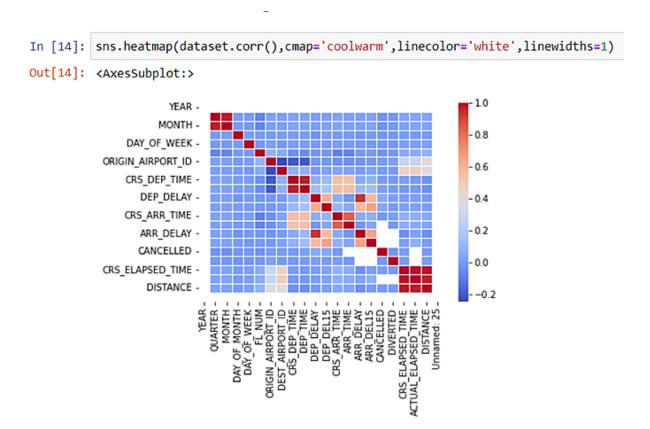


From this scatterplot, comparing the two columns we can see many flights were delayed from their arrival time.

Heatmap

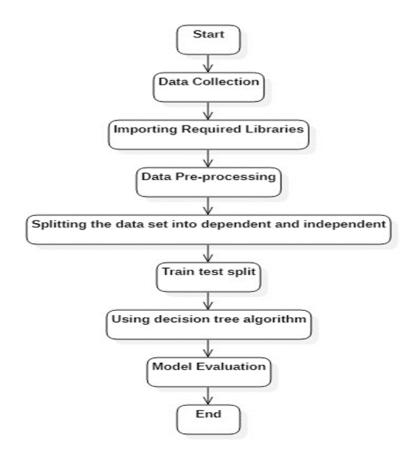
Heatmap is defined as a graphical representation of data using colors to visualize the

value of the matrix. In this, to represent more common values or higher activities brighter colors and reddish colors are used, and to represent less common or activity values, darker colors are preferred.



If you observe the heatmap, the lighter the color the correlation between the two variables will be high. And correlation plays a very important role in extracting the correct features for building our model.

5 Flow Chart



6. Result

Result final findings (output) of the project along with screenshots.

```
y_pred = classifier.predict(x_test)

y_pred
array([1., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 1.])
```

Decision Tree Model Accuracy

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
desacc = accuracy_score(y_test,decisiontree)

desacc

0.8682688028482421

Confusion Matrix

7 Application

Flight delay is inevitable and it plays an important role in both profits and loss of the airlines. An accurate estimation of flight delay is critical for airlines because the results can be applied to increase customer satisfaction and the incomes of airline agencies.

8 CONCLUSION

- 1. By measuring the performance of the models using real data, we have seen interesting results on the predictability of the delays.
- 2. This is the main page of Prediction of Flight Delay .where you may know about the inputs.
- 3. The prediction page user gives the input for predicting the output where they can give input as Flight Number, Month, Day of Month, Week, Origin, Destination, Schedule Departure Time, Schedule Arrival Time, Actual Departure Time then click to submit the output.
- 4. On the prediction page, the user will get the output based on the inputs they were given on the prediction page.

9 Future Scope

There have been many kinds of research on modeling and predicting flight delays, where most of them have been trying to predict the delay through extracting important characteristics and most related features. However, most of the proposed methods are not accurate enough because of the massive volume of data, dependencies, and an extreme number of parameters. This paper proposes a model for predicting flight delays based on Deep Learning (DL).DL is one of the newest methods employed in solving problems with a high level of complexity and a massive amount of data. Moreover, DL is capable of automatically extracting the important features from data. Furthermore,

because most flight delay data are noisy, a technique based on stack denoising autoencoder is designed and added to the proposed model. Also, the Levenberg-Marquart algorithm is applied to find weight and bias proper values, and finally, the output has been optimized to produce highly accurate results. To study the effect of stack denoising autoencoder and LM algorithm on the model structure, two other structures are also designed. The first structure is based on autoencoder and LM algorithm (SAE-LM), and the second structure is based on denoising autoencoder only (SDA). To investigate the three models, we apply the proposed model to the U.S flight dataset which is the imbalanced dataset. To create a balanced dataset, the undersampling method is used. We measured the precision, accuracy, sensitivity, recall, and F-measure of the three models in two cases. The accuracy of the proposed prediction model was analyzed and compared to the previous prediction method. results of three models on both imbalanced and balanced datasets show that precision, accuracy, sensitivity, recall, and F-measure of the SDA-LM model with the imbalanced and balanced dataset is an improvement in SAE-LM and SDA models. The results also show that the accuracy of the proposed model in forecasting flight delay on imbalanced and balanced datasets respectively has greater than the previous model called RNN.

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Appendix

IMPORTING LIBRARIES

import numpy
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

IMPORTING THE DATASET

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1	2016	1	1	1	5	DL	N964DN	1476	11433	DTW		1435
2	2016	1	1	1	5	DL	N813DN	1597	10397	ATL		121
3	2016	1	1	1	5	DL	N587NW	1768	14747	SEA		133
	2016	1	1	1	5	DL	N836DN	1823	14747	SEA		60
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ANALYSE THE DATA

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dataset.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 11231 entries, 0 to 11230
Data columns (total 26 columns):
                      Non-Null Count Dtype
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0 YEAR
                        11231 non-null int64
1
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    DAY_OF_WEEK
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12 CRS_DEP_TIME
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15 DEP_DEL15
                        11124 non-null float64
16 CRS_ARR_TIME
                        11231 non-null int64
17 ARR_TIME
                        11116 non-null float64
18 ARR_DELAY
                        11043 non-null float64
19 ARR DEL15
                        11043 non-null float64
20 CANCELLED
                        11231 non-null float64
                        11231 non-null float64
21 DIVERTED
22 CRS_ELAPSED_TIME
                        11231 non-null float64
23 ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME 11043 non-null float64
24 DISTANCE
                        11231 non-null float64
25 Unnamed: 25
                        0 non-null
                                       float64
dtypes: float64(12), int64(10), object(4)
memory usage: 2.2+ MB
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dataset.describe	()

	YEAR	QUARTER	MONTH	DAY_OF_MONTH	DAY_OF_WEEK	FL_NUM	ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID	DEST_AIRPORT_ID	CRS_DEP_TIME	DEP_
count	11231.0	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11231.000000	11124.00
mean	2016.0	2.544475	6.628973	15.790758	3.960199	1334.325617	12334.516695	12302.274508	1320.798326	1327.18
std	0.0	1.090701	3.354678	8.782056	1.995257	811.875227	1595.026510	1601.988550	490.737845	500.30
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25%	2016.0	2.000000	4.000000	8.000000	2.000000	624.000000	10397.000000	10397.000000	905.000000	905.00
50%	2016.0	3.000000	7.000000	16.000000	4.000000	1267.000000	12478.000000	12478.000000	1320.000000	1324.00
75%	2016.0	3.000000	9.000000	23.000000	6.000000	2032.000000	13487.000000	13487.000000	1735.000000	1739.00
max	2016.0	4.000000	12.000000	31.000000	7.000000	2853.000000	14747.000000	14747.000000	2359.000000	2400.00
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	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
YEAR	11231.0	2016.000000	0.000000	2016.0	2016.0	2016.0	2016.0	2016.0
QUARTER	11231.0	2.544475	1.090701	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0
MONTH	11231.0	6.628973	3.354678	1.0	4.0	7.0	9.0	12.0
DAY_OF_MONTH	11231.0	15.790758	8.782056	1.0	8.0	16.0	23.0	31.0
DAY_OF_WEEK	11231.0	3.960199	1.995257	1.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	7.0
FL_NUM	11231.0	1334.325617	811.875227	7.0	624.0	1267.0	2032.0	2853.0
ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID	11231.0	12334.516695	1595.026510	10397.0	10397.0	12478.0	13487.0	14747.0
DEST_AIRPORT_ID	11231.0	12302.274508	1601.988550	10397.0	10397.0	12478.0	13487.0	14747.0
CRS_DEP_TIME	11231.0	1320.798326	490.737845	10.0	905.0	1320.0	1735.0	2359.0
DEP_TIME	11124.0	1327.189410	500.306462	1.0	905.0	1324.0	1739.0	2400.0
DEP_DELAY	11124.0	8.460266	36.762969	-16.0	-3.0	-1.0	4.0	645.0
DEP_DEL15	11124.0	0.142844	0.349930	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
CRS_ARR_TIME	11231.0	1537.312795	502.512494	2.0	1130.0	1559.0	1952.0	2359.0
ARR_TIME	11116.0	1523.978499	512.536041	1.0	1135.0	1547.0	1945.0	2400.0
ARR_DELAY	11043.0	-2.573123	39.232521	-67.0	-19.0	-10.0	1.0	615.0
ARR_DEL15	11043.0	0.124513	0.330181	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
CANCELLED	11231.0	0.010150	0.100241	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
DIVERTED	11231.0	0.006589	0.080908	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
CRS_ELAPSED_TIME	11231.0	190.652124	78.386317	93.0	127.0	159.0	255.0	397.0
ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME	11043.0	179.661233	77.940399	75.0	117.0	149.0	236.0	428.0
DISTANCE	11231.0	1161.031965	643.683379	509.0	594.0	907.0	1927.0	2422.0

HANDLING MISSING VALUES

dataset.isnull().sum()

YEAR YEAR
QUARTER
MONTH
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DAY_OF_WEEK
UNIQUE_CARRIER
TAIL_NUM FL_NUM ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID ORIGIN DEST_AIRPORT_ID DEST_AIRPORT_ DEST CRS_DEP_TIME DEP_TIME DEP_DELAY 107 107 DEP_DEL15 CRS_ARR_TIME ARR_TIME 107 0 115 ARR_TIME
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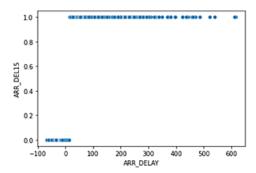
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dataset.isnull().any()
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  DEST_AIRPORT_ID
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  ARR_DEL15
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                           False
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  CRS_ELAPSED_TIME
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  ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME
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  DISTANCE
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  Unnamed: 25
                            True
  dtype: bool
dataset['DEST'].unique()
: array(['SEA', 'MSP', 'DTW', 'ATL', 'JFK'], dtype=object)
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dataset.drop('Unnamed: 25', axis=1)
dataset.isnull().sum()
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DATA VISUALIZATION

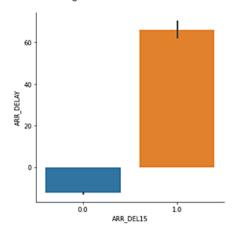
sns.scatterplot(x='ARR_DELAY',y='ARR_DEL15',data=dataset)

<AxesSubplot:xlabel='ARR_DELAY', ylabel='ARR_DEL15'>



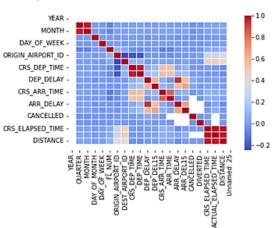
sns.catplot(x='ARR_DEL15',y='ARR_DELAY',kind='bar',data=dataset)

<seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x134fbae6f10>



sns.heatmap(dataset.corr(),cmap='coolwarm',linecolor='white',linewidths=1)

<AxesSubplot:>



FILTER THE DATASET

```
dataset=dataset[["FL_NUM", "MONTH", "DAY_OF_MONTH", "DAY_OF_WEEK", "ORIGIN", "DEST", "CRS_ARR_TIME", "DEP_DEL15", "ARR_DEL15"]]
```

dataset.isnull().sum()

FL_NUM 0
MONITH 0
DAY_OF_MONTH 0
DAY_OF_WEEK 0
ORIGIN 0
DEST 0
CRS_ARR_TIME 0
DEP_DEL15 107
ARR_DEL15 188
dtype: int64

dataset[dataset.isnull().any(axis=1)].head()

FL_NUM MONTH DAY_OF_MONTH DAY_OF_WEEK ORIGIN DEST CRS_ARR_TIME DEP_DEL15 ARR_DEL15 177 9 6 MSP SEA 852 0.0 7 179 86 10 MSP DTW 1632 NaN NaN 184 557 10 MSP DTW 912 0.0 NaN 210 10 7 DTW MSP 1096 1303 NaN NaN 22 NaN 478 1542 SEA JFK 723 NaN

dataset['DEP_DEL15'].mode()

0 0.0 dtype: float64

```
dataset=dataset.fillna({'ARR_DEL15': 1})
dataset=dataset.fillna({'DEP_DEL15': 0})
dataset.iloc[177:185]
```

	FL_NUM	MONTH	DAY_OF_MONTH	DAY_OF_WEEK	ORIGIN	DEST	CRS_ARR_TIME	DEP_DEL15	ARR_DEL15
177	2834	1	9	6	MSP	SEA	852	0.0	1.0
178	2839	1	9	6	DTW	JFK	1724	0.0	0.0
179	86	1	10	7	MSP	DTW	1632	0.0	1.0
180	87	1	10	7	DTW	MSP	1649	1.0	0.0
181	423	1	10	7	JFK	ATL	1600	0.0	0.0
182	440	1	10	7	JFK	ATL	849	0.0	0.0
183	485	1	10	7	JFK	SEA	1945	1.0	0.0
184	557	1	10	7	MSP	DTW	912	0.0	1.0

```
import math
for index, row in dataset.iterrows():
    dataset.loc[index, 'CRS_ARR_TIME'] = math.floor(row['CRS_ARR_TIME'] / 100)
```

dataset.head()

	FL_NUM	MONTH	DAY_OF_MONTH	DAY_OF_WEEK	ORIGIN	DEST	CRS_ARR_TIME	DEP_DEL15	ARR_DEL15
0	1399	1	1	5	ATL	SEA	21	0.0	0.0
1	1476	1	1	5	DTW	MSP	14	0.0	0.0
2	1597	1	1	5	ATL	SEA	12	0.0	0.0
3	1768	1	1	5	SEA	MSP	13	0.0	0.0
4	1823	1	1	5	SEA	DTW	6	0.0	0.0

LABEL ENCODER

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
def = LabelEncoder()
dataset['DEST'] = le.fit_transform(dataset['DEST'])
dataset['ORIGIN'] = le.fit_transform(dataset['ORIGIN'])
dataset.head()
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       1823
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dataset['ORIGIN'].unique()
array([0, 1, 4, 3, 2])
x=dataset.iloc[:,0:8].values
y=dataset.iloc[:,8:9].values
x.shape
(11231, 8)
y.shape
(11231, 1)
ONE HOT ENCODER
```

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder

ohe = OneHotEncoder()
    a=ohe.fit_transform(x[:,4:5]).toarray()
    b=ohe.fit_transform(x[:,5:6]).toarray()

a

array([[1., 0., 0., 0., 0.],
    [0., 1., 0., 0., 0.],
    [1., 0., 0., 0.],
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    [1., 0., 0., 0.],
    [1., 0., 0., 0.],
    [1., 0., 0., 0.],
    [1., 0., 0., 0.],
    [1., 0., 0., 0.])

b

array([[0., 0., 0., 0.], 1.],
    [0., 0., 0.], 1.],
    [0., 0., 0.], 1.],
    [0., 0., 0.], 0.])

c

x=np.delete(x,[4,5],axis=1)

x.shape

(11231, 6)
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x=np.delete(x,[4,5],axis=1)

x.shape
(11231, 6)

x=np.concatenate((a,b,x),axis = 1)

x.shape
(11231, 16)
```

TRAIN TEST SPLIT

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(x,y,test_size=0.2,random_state=0)

x_test.shape
(2247, 16)

x_train.shape
(8984, 16)

y_test.shape
(2247, 1)

y_train.shape
(8984, 1)

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
sc = StandardScaler()
x_train = sc.fit_transform(x_train)
x_test = sc.transform(x_test)
```

ALGORITHM



