# Flight Delay Prediction For Aviation Industry Using Machine Learning

#### 1 .INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Overview

As people increasingly choose to travel by air, the amount of flights that fail to take off on time also increases. This growth exacerbates the crowded situation at airports and causes financial difficulties within the airline industry. Air transportation delay indicates the lack of efficiency of the aviation system.

It is a high cost to both airline companies and their passengers. According to the estimation by the Total Delay Impact Study, the total cost of air transportation delay to air travelers and the airline industry in 2007 was \$32.9 billion in the US, resulting in a \$4 billion reduction in GDP [1]. Therefore, predicting flight delays can improve airline operations and passenger satisfaction, which will result in a positive impact on the economy.

In this study, the main goal is to compare the performance of machine learning classification algorithms when predicting flight delays. The airport used in the study is John F. Kennedy International Airport that located in New York City. The information of flights leaving JFK airport between one-year periods was being analyzed. The study made use of several algorithms, and their predictions were evaluated using a number of measures.

The theoretical aspects of selected machine learning models and performance evaluation methods are explained in Section 3. In Section 2, related works by past researchers are discussed. The empirical processes and results of different models are presented and compared in Section 4. The conclusion of the comparative analysis and directions for future research are presented in Section 5.

#### 1.2 Purpose

Therefore, predicting flight delays can improve airline operations and passenger satisfaction, which will result in a positive impact on the economy. In this study, the main goal is to compare the performance of machine learning classification algorithms when predicting flight delays.

#### 2. Problem Definition & Design Thinking

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

#### 2.1 Empathy Map

#### 2.2 Ideation & Brainstroming Map

#### 3. RESULT:

The model is designed using Python in Tensor flow and is installed on a system of 40 core CPU at a frequency of 2.6 hz, 80 G RAM and 250 G Hard. The flight info data is an open dataset collected by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics of United State Department of Transportation [163] where, the reason for delay is due to canceled or flight delay, and time duration of each flight. Model testing and training employs these data that include 18 million records. Model, uses 80% of data for training and the remaining 20% for testing [164]. Finally, the model evaluation considers two analysis which are studied in the following section.

#### First analysis

In order to evaluate the model, the number of denoising autoencodersand neurons must be determined based on the values for precision, accuracy and time consuming. In order to do this, at first, the model is trained using one stack and 64 neurons, and the precision and accuracy values are calculated. By adding another denoising autoencoder, the values for precision and accuracy are increased; therefore, another stack was added to the model's structure. On the other hand, by adding each stack denoising autoencoder to the structure, the processing time is also risen. Therefore, denoising autoencoder increment process should consider excellence between processing time and number of denoising autoencoder. As a result, adding denoising autoencoder addition is continued until differences of precision and accuracy for previous and newer structure exceed the threshold limit. Figure 6 shows the amount of accuracy based on number of denoising autoencoders and computation time.

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## **5. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES Advantages:**

• predicting flight delays can improve airline operations and passenger satisfaction, which will result in a positive impact on the economy.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Flight delays not only irritate air passengers and disrupt their schedules but also cause a decrease in efficiency, an increase in capital costs, reallocation of flight crews and aircraft, and additional crew expenses.
- Inclement weather such as thunderstorms, strong winds, and snow can lead to flight delays or cancellations. Airlines must prioritize the safety of passengers and crew. So if the weather is too severe, they may have to delay or cancel flight

#### 6. APPLICATIONS

Machine learning can be applied to predict flight delays and improve passanger retention in various ways. Here are some areas where machine learning can beapplied to enhance prediction of flight delays.

- Open anaconda prompt from the start menu
- Navigate to the folder where your python script is.
- Now type "python app.py" command
- Navigate to the localhost where you can view your web page.
- Click on the predict button from the top left corner, enter the inputs, click on the submit button, and see the result/prediction on the web.

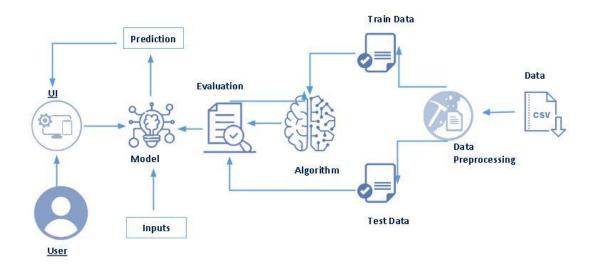
#### 7. CONCLUSION

The paper performed a prediction of the occurrence of flight delays by adapting it into a machine learning problem. A supervised machine learning approach in the form of binary classification was used for the prediction. Seven algorithms were used for delay prediction, and four measures were used for algorithms performance evaluation. Due to the imbalanced nature of the data set, evaluation measures were weighted to eliminate the dominant effect of nondelayed flights over delayed flights. After applying classifiers to the delay prediction, the values of their four measures were compared to evaluate the performance of each model. The result shows that the highest values of accuracy, precision, recall, and f1- score are generated by the Decision Tree model (accuracy: 0.9778; precision: 0.9777; recall: 0.9778; f1-score: 0.9778). Such high values indicate that the Decision Tree performs well when predicting flight delays in the data set. Other tree-based ensemble classifiers also show good performance. Random Forest and Gradient Boosted Tree have an accuracy of 0.9240 and 0.9334, significantly higher than the rest of the models. The other four base classifiers Logistic Regression, KNN, Gaussian Naïve Bayes, and SVM, are not tree-based and did not show good performance. The KNN model is the worst performed since its precision and f1-score are the lowest among the seven models. The data set selected for this paper is imbalanced distributed, which may cause significant variation in the performance of each algorithm. In this paper, this problem was solved by the use of weighted evaluation measures. For future studies, using techniques such as SMOTE can better resolve this imbalance and improve the prediction. The result of algorithm comparison shows that treebased ensemble algorithms tend to better predict flight delays of this data set. It will be valuable to repeat similar experimental processes using more tree-based ensemble algorithms to discover their significance in flight delay prediction.

#### 8. FUTURE SCOPE

predicting flight delays can improve airline operations and passenger satisfaction, which will result in a positive impact on the economy. In this study, the main goal is to compare the performance of machine learning classification algorithms when predicting flight delays. The results show that adverse weatherconditions, low ceilings, and low visibility conditions strongly influence flight delays. Similarly, Asfe et al. [2] investigated the major causal factors of flight delays by ranking different factors using the analytical hierarchical process.

#### Technical Architecture:

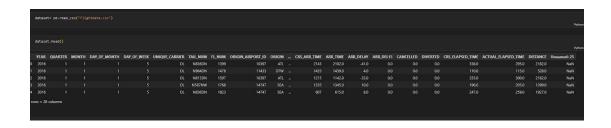


## **Importing The Libraries:**

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import pickle
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

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import seaborn as sns
import sklearn
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingClassifier, RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
import imblearn
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix, f1_score
```

#### Read the Dataset:



## **Handling Missing Values:**

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dataset = dataset.drop('Unnamed: 25', axis=1)
       dataset.isnull().sum()
[18]
    YEAR
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    QUARTER
    MONTH
    DAY_OF_MONTH
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    DAY_OF_WEEK
    UNIQUE_CARRIER
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    TAIL_NUM
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    ORIGIN
    DEST_AIRPORT_ID
    DEST
    CRS_DEP_TIME
    DEP_TIME
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    DEP_DELAY
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    DEP_DEL15
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    CRS_ARR_TIME
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    ARR_TIME
    ARR_DELAY
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    ARR_DEL15
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    ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME
                         188
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Efilter the dataset to eliminate columns that aren't relevant to a predictive model.

dataset = dataset[["FL_NUM", "MONTH", "DAY_OF_MONTH", "DAY_OF_MEEK", "ORIGIN", "DEST", "CRS_ARR_TIME", "DEP_DELIS", "ARR_DELIS"]]

dataset.isnull().sum()
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DEST
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dataset - dataset.fillna({'DEP_DELI5': 8})

dataset.iloc[177:185]
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7 JFK ATL
7 JFK SEA
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## **Handling Categorical Values:**

<pre>import math  for index, row in dataset.iterrows():     dataset.loc[index, 'CRS_ARR_TIME'] = math.floor(row['CRS_ARR_TIME'] / 100)  dataset.head()</pre>											
FL_NUM	MONTH	DAY_OF_MONTH	DAY_OF_WEEK	ORIGIN	DEST	CRS_ARR_TIME	DEP_DEL15	ARR_DEL15			
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1476	1	1	5	DTW	MSP	14	0.0	0.0			
1597	1	1	5	ATL	SEA	12	0.0	0.0			
1768	1	1	5	SEA	MSP	13	0.0	0.0			
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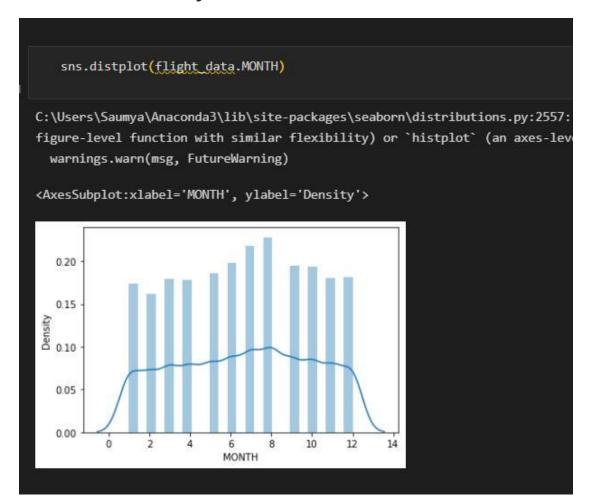
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dataset['ORIGIN'].unique()
array([0, 1, 4, 3, 2])
   dataset = pd.get_dummies(dataset, columns=['ORIGIN', 'DEST'])
   dataset.head()
   x = dataset.iloc[:, 0:8].values
y = dataset.iloc[:, 8:9].values
array([[1.399e+03, 1.000e+00, 1.000e+00, ..., 4.000e+00, 2.100e+01,
        0.000e+00],
       [1.476e+03,\ 1.000e+00,\ 1.000e+00,\ \dots,\ 3.000e+00,\ 1.400e+01,
       0.000e+00],
       [1.597e+03, 1.000e+00, 1.000e+00, ..., 4.000e+00, 1.200e+01,
       0.000e+00],
       [1.823e+03, 1.200e+01, 3.000e+01, ..., 4.000e+00, 2.200e+01,
       0.000e+00],
       [1.901e+03, 1.200e+01, 3.000e+01, ..., 4.000e+00, 1.800e+01,
       0.000e+00],
       [2.005e+03, 1.200e+01, 3.000e+01, ..., 1.000e+00, 9.000e+00,
        0.000e+00]])
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```
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
   oh = OneHotEncoder()
   z=oh.fit_transform(x[:,4:5]).toarray()
   t=oh.fit_transform(x[:,5:6]).toarray()
array([[1., 0., 0., 0., 0.],
       [0., 1., 0., 0., 0.],
       [1., 0., 0., 0., 0.],
       [0., 1., 0., 0., 0.],
       [1., 0., 0., 0., 0.],
       [1., 0., 0., 0., 0.]])
array([[0., 0., 0., 0., 1.],
       [0., 0., 0., 1., 0.],
       [0., 0., 0., 0., 1.],
       [0., 0., 0., 0., 1.],
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       [0., 1., 0., 0., 0.]])
   x=np.delete(x,[4,5],axis=1)
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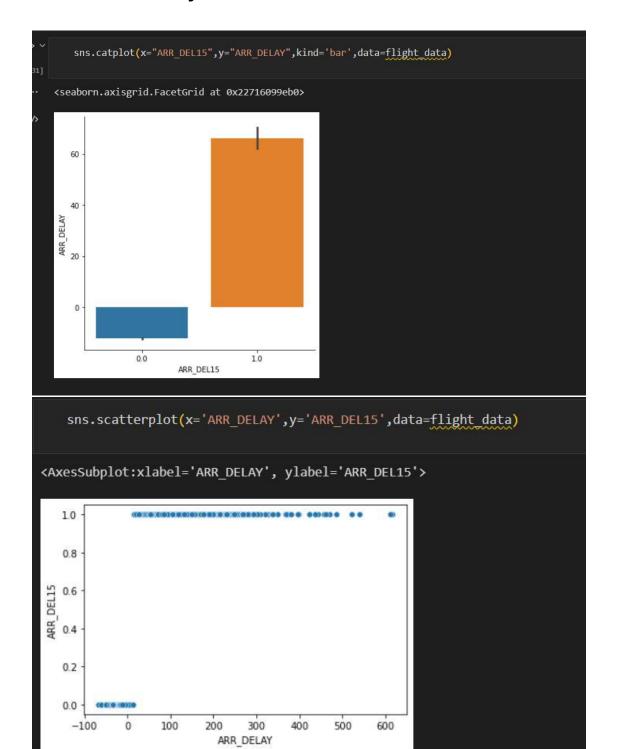
## **Descriptive Statistical:**

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		1.090701	3.354678	8.782056	1.995257		1595.026510	1601.903550		500.306462	502.512494	512.536041	39.232521		0.100241	0.000903	78.386317	77.940399	643.683379		
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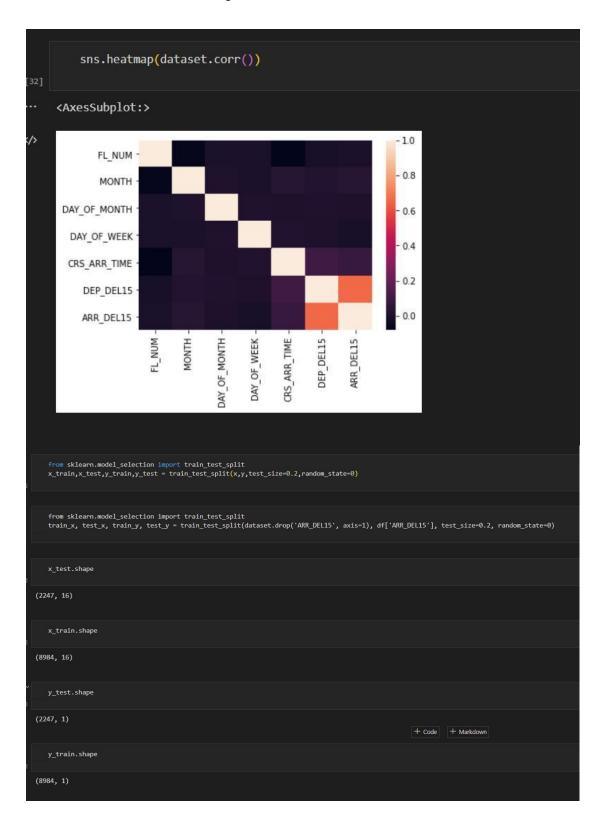
## **Univariate Analysis:**



## **BivariateAnalysis:**



## **Multiivariate Analysis:**



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

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```

### **Decision Tree Model:**

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
classifier = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state = 0)
classifier.fit(x_train,y_train)

DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=0)

decisiontree = classifier.predict(x_test)

decisiontree

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

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

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```

#### **Random Forest Model:**

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
    rfc = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=10,criterion='entropy')

rfc.fit(x_train,y_train)

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    rfc.fit(x_train,y_train)

RandomForestClassifier(criterion='entropy', n_estimators=10)

y_predict = rfc.predict(x_test)

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```

#### **ANN Model:**

## **Test The Model:**

## **Compare The Model:**

ANN					
	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
no delay	0.93	0.96	0.95	1936	
delay	0.70	0.58	0.63	311	
accuracy			0.91	2247	
macro avg	0.82	0.77	0.79	2247	
weighted avg	0.90	0.91	0.90	2247	

```
models = [
          ('RF', RandomForestClassifier()),
          ('DecisionTree',DecisionTreeClassifier()),
          ('ANN',MLPClassifier())
____names = []
    scoring = ['accuracy', 'precision_weighted', 'recall_weighted', 'f1_weighted', 'roc_auc']
    target_names = ['no delay', 'delay']
for name, model in models:
       kfold = model_selection.KFold(n_splits=5, shuffle=True, random_state=90210)
        cv_results = model_selection.cross_validate(model, x_train, y_train, cv=kfold, scoring=scoring)
        clf = model.fit(x_train, y_train)
        y_pred = clf.predict(x_test)
        print(name)
        print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred, target_names=target_names))
        results.append(cv_results)
        names.append(name)
        this_df = pd.DataFrame(cv_results)
this_df['model'] = name
       dfs.append(this_df)
final = pd.concat(dfs, ignore_index=True)
return final
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	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
		2.05	0.05	4005	
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DecisionTree					
	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
no delay	0.93	0.93	0.93	1936	
delay	0.56	0.55	0.55	311	
accuracy			0.88	2247	
macro avg	0.74	0.74	0.74	2247	
weighted avg	0.88	0.88	0.88	2247	

### **Build Python Code:**

```
from flask import Flask, request, render template
 import numpy as np
 import pandas as pd
 import pickle
 import os
model = pickle.load(open('flight.pkl','rb'))
app = Flask( name ) # initializing the app
@app.route('/')
def home ():
         return render template ("index.html")
 @app.route('/prediction', methods =['POST'])
def predict():
      name = request.form['name']
      month = request.form['month']
      dayofmonth = request.form['dayofmonth']
      dayofweek = request.form['dayofweek']
      origin = request.form['origin']
      if(origin == "msp"):
            origin1, origin2, origin3, origin4, orgin5 = 0,0,0,0,1
      if(origin == "dtw"):
            origin1, origin2, origin3, origin4, orgin5 = 1,0,0,0,0
      if(origin == "jfk"):
              origin1, origin2, origin3, origin4, orgin5 = 0,0,1,0,0
      if(origin == "sea"):
              origin1, origin2, origin3, origin4, orgin5 = 0,1,0,0,0
      if(origin == "alt"):
              origin1, origin2, origin3, origin4, orgin5 = 0,0,0,1,0
destination = request.form['destination']
if(destination == "msp"):
if (destination == "msp"):
    destination1, destination2, destination3, destination4, destination5 = 0,0,0,0,1
if(destination == "dox"):
    destination1, destination2, destination3, destination4, destination5 = 1,0,0,0,0
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    destination1, destination2, destination3, destination4, destination5 = 0,0,1,0,0
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inition == "salt");
if(destination == "alt"):
    destination,destination2,destination3,destination4,destination5 = 0,0,0,1,0
    dept = request.form['dept']
    arrtime = request.form['arrtime']
    actidept = request.form['attidept']
    dept [size (dept)] is (resident)
 deptl5=int (dept)-int (actdept)
ortal = [[name,month,dayofmonth,dayofweek,origin1,origin2,origin3,origin4,orgin5,destination1,destination2,destination3,destination4,destination5
if(y_pred==[0.]):
    ans="The Flight will be on time"
else:
    ans="The Flight will be delayed"
return render_template("index.html",showcase = ans)
if name == ' main ':
       app.run(debug = True)
```

## **Run The Web Application:**

