

# **Machine Learning Algorithm Analysis in Spark**

City of Toronto – COVID19 cases

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### INTRODUCTION

(World Health Organization, 2022) Coronavirus disease, or COVID-19, is an infectious disease that occurs when a person infects another with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Most people who contract the virus will suffer mild to moderate respiratory symptoms and recover without treatment. COVID-19 is capable of causing severe illness to anyone, even young children. Persons with underlying medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer are more prone to severe illness. Anyone can get sick and die from COVID-19. Stay home and isolate yourself until you feel better if you feel unwell.

(Toronto Public Health, 2022) The COVID19 pandemic has been devastating for hospitals as limited resources can be stretched. Toronto Public Health responds to an ongoing COVID-19 outbreak during a global pandemic. Since the first case was reported in January 2020, this data collection provides demographic, geographic, and severity information for all confirmed and probable cases reported to and managed by Toronto Public Health. Sporadic cases (occurring in the community), as well as outbreak-related, are included. The information is taken from the provincial Case and Contact Management System (CCM). As public health investigations into reported instances and continuous quality improvement measures continue, and as new cases are reported, the information in this analysis is subject to change. The data was extracted on April 14, 2022, for Spark's machine learning algorithm analysis.

The report will cover the machine learning algorithm in Spark that predicts fatalities with its accuracy percentage. It will also cover the cleaning/ balancing of the dataset as 97% of cases have been resolved, as shown in the donut chart.

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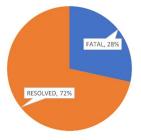
### **DATA CLEANING**

(Toronto Public Health, 2022) The data has been extracted from the provincial Case & Contact Management System by Toronto Public Health. The dataset has 309,355 records, with 18 columns containing various details, out of which only six columns are used for the Machine Learning Algorithm. The selected columns provide the maximum accuracy in various situations: Outbreak Associated, Age Group, Source of Infection, Classification, Client Gender, and Outcome.

The dataset was checked for any null values, and empty records were removed. Since the analysis is regarding the prediction of Outcome as Fatal, all the Active cases were removed. Finally, machine learning only accepts numerical values, which leads to the conversion of the nominal values in the selected columns. The Machine Learning algorithm used in the analysis is Random Forest to overcome the problem of overfitting. A random forest is an ensemble learning algorithm of a decision tree. The report will use this algorithm to build a classification model with Apache Spark using the Google Cloud Platform (GCP).

For the machine-learning algorithm, the dataset was balanced for better results by using the subset of

Outcome as Resolved with the subset of Outcome as Fatal as shown in Pie Chart, and then the data was split into 70:30 as training: test. Using the training split data, the prediction was calculated, which was tested against test data for the accuracy of the test. Later, the same predicted training data was tested against an unbalanced dataset to predict the actual accuracy of the Outcome as fatal.



The random forest machine learning code is available in the report's Appendix with the proper steps for cleaning the dataset, balancing, and predicting accuracy.

### **ANALYSIS**

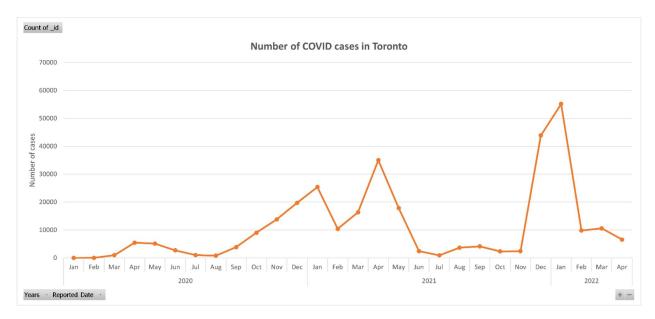


Figure 1: Number of COVID cases in Toronto

The COVID cases in Toronto started in Jan 2020, as shown in figure 1, with a minimal number of cases till March 2020. In April 2020, when the COVID cases started to rise, the provincial government had to lock down to stop the spread throughout the province, which led to a decrease in cases. However, after September 2020, the cases started to rise drastically to 25,000 in January 2021, which dropped in February but again rose in April 2021 to 35,000 cases. During this time, the vaccine started to roll out throughout the world, which led to a decrease in cases. The cases are doing up and down to date, which has yet to end.

Figure 2 depicts the count of cases originating via different types of sources. The community remains the number one source of infection due to the nature of the COVID virus, which spreads massively due to high-touch areas such as Grocery stores, public transport, etc. Then the 2<sup>nd</sup> place comes as household contact because some people have to go to jobs daily even though it's a pandemic, such as First responders, designated members of the family for groceries, etc., for household activities. Surprisingly, travel-related

sources of infection are way less than community transfer. It can be concluded that the virus spreads very quickly through the infected person.

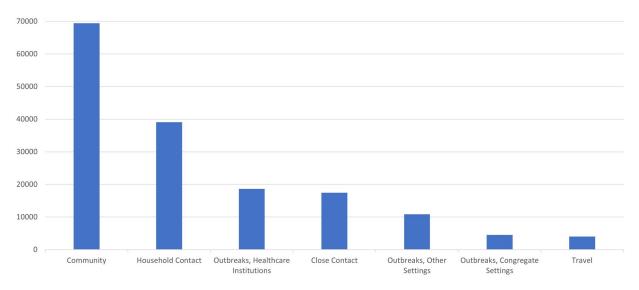


Figure 2: Sources of Infection

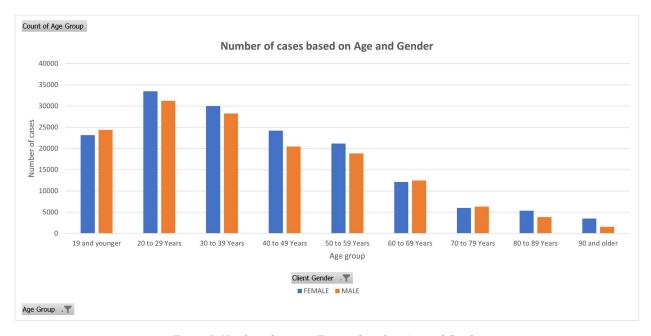


Figure 3: Number of cases in Toronto based on Age and Gender

Figure 3 represents the number of cases in Toronto based on age and gender. The COVID cases cover almost all the age groups starting from 19 years and up. It doesn't matter which gender you belong to; it

can affect anyone. A thorough analysis concludes that most of the cases belong to females instead of males throughout the significantly younger age groups.

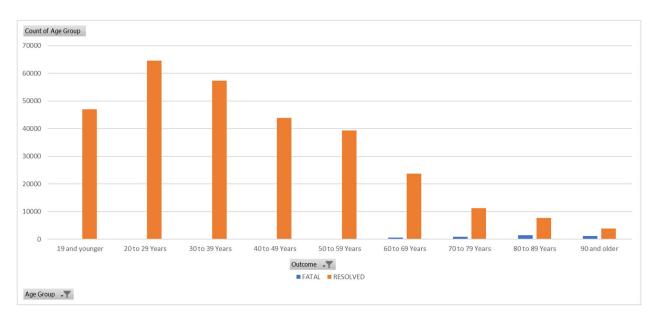


Figure 4: Impact of COVID cases outcome based on Age group

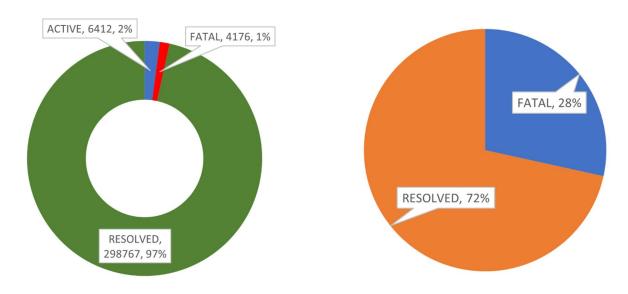


Figure 5: Outcome of the COVID cases: Unbalanced (Left) & Balanced (Right) for ML

Figure 5 depicts the outcome of COVID infection in people. If you catch the COVID virus, it doesn't mean the end of the world, as the data suggests 97% of outcomes resulted as Resolved after two weeks of the

period, and only 1% led to fatal. It does not necessarily mean that you should not consider this a pandemic and ignore all the public health safety guidelines. As per figure 4, it can be noticed that most of the Fatal incidence resulted in an older population, of which COVID can be blamed 100% but can be a leading cause due to underlying conditions.

Machine learning can't be directly used on unbalanced cases, as shown in figure 5 (left side). Therefore, the subset of the data is considered, as shown in figure 5 (right side), which is more like a balanced case. The algorithm is available in the Appendix for further details.

## **CONCLUSION**

The coronavirus disease continues to spread across the world, following a trajectory that is difficult to predict. But now, the vaccines are readily available to minimize the impact, and it seems that it can lead to a halt of more spread. Countries' health, humanitarian and socio-economic policies will determine the speed and strength of the recovery/ economy from this pandemic.

The probable causes that would impact the recovery trajectory will be a new & stronger variant and the sense of freedom in people, slowing shifting them towards the side of carelessness and less seriousness about the virus. The government alone cannot bring 100% results, and it is the combined efforts of the government and the people that will result in 100% efforts and results.

Finally, the developed machine learning algorithm can predict any new fatalities based on certain conditions with an accuracy of 91.23%.

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World Health Organization. (2022, April 14). Retrieved from https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab\_1

### **APPENDIX**

/Loading the Dataset into GCP/

wget https://www.dropbox.com/s/ey2ekrkqe1u1624/COVID19 cases.csv

/Create HDFS directory (if not already done) /

hadoop fs -mkdir /BigData

/ Load dataset into HDFS /

hadoop fs -copyFromLocal COVID19 cases.csv /BigData/.

/ Start Spark using the following commands

spark-shell --master yarn

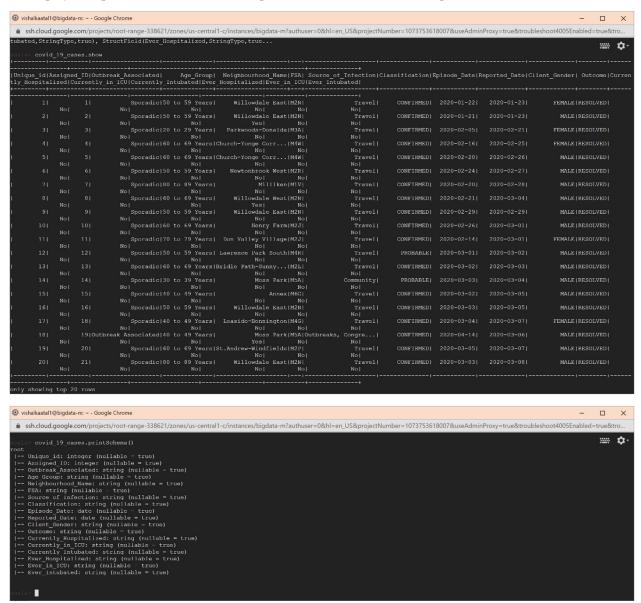
/Loading the import functions for Scala Spark that are required for Machine Leanning Algorithm & SQL /

/\*Creation of a COVID19\_cases dataset schema and Load the dataset into Spark from HDFS \*/

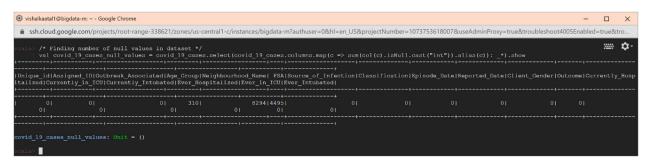
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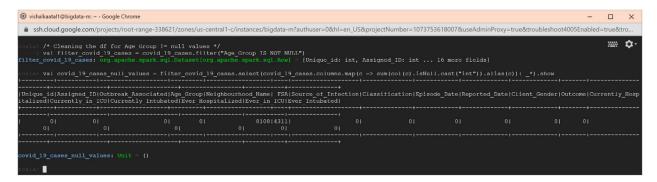
/\* Display of top 20 rows in the dataset as per the schema created in the spark \*/



#### /\*Checking for null values in the dataset \*/



As it can be noticed from the above picture that Age\_Group, Neighbourhood\_Name and FSA have some null values. In this report, the machine learning algorithm will consider only the Age\_Group column; therefore, only the null values from this particular column will be removed.



/\* Checking the distribution of the Outcome column in the dataset, which will be our Target variable \*/

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Here, it can be noticed that the Outcome consists of ACTIVE cases, RESOLVED cases and FATAL cases. The report is focused on the accurate prediction of Outcomes as FATAL cases; therefore, all the ACTIVE cases will be removed from the dataset.



/\* Now, the selected columns for Machine Learning Algorithm are converted into Numerical \*/
The ML algorithm, such as Random Forest, can only take numerical values. Therefore, the nominal column values were converted as per the following picture. It is the transformation of columns.

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/\* New Dataframe with the unbalanced dataset is created for running the ML algorithm with numerical values \*/

/\* To run the Machine Learning Algorithm, there are specific parameters that need to be considered as Assembler \*/

An array will divide the dataset into training and testing data based on a 70:30 ratio. Training data will be used in the ML process, whereas the testing data will be used to predict the model's accuracy.

```
val Array(trainingData, testData) =
features_covid19_cases.randomSplit(Array(0.7, 0.3), 1515)
```

Assembler is used to select the specific columns needed for the ML analysis.

/\* Random Forest Machine Learning Algorithm \*/

It will consist of a random forest classifier, pipeline, evaluator, paraGrid, and cross-validator.

/\* Training and testing of the model using training data \*/

/\* Predicting the accuracy of the model using an Unbalanced dataset \*/

Accuracy of the test data = 0.9864553853608043 or 98.65%

#### /\* Moving on to Balancing for Dataset \*/

```
val sample_dataset1 =
features_covid19_cases.sample(0.025,1515).where(col("Outcome_#")>0)
val sample_dataset2 =
features_covid19_cases.sample(0.7,1515).where(col("Outcome_#")<1)
val features_covid19_balanced = sample_dataset1.union(sample_dataset2)
features_covid19_balanced.show</pre>
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Sample dataset1 consists of Outcome as Resolved, with the maximum number of records. Therefore, the sample1 is taken with 0.025% of 298482 records. However, the sample dataset2 consists of Outcome as Fatal, the target variable. Only 0.7% of 4176 records were considered for sample2. Finally, combining these two will result in a balanced dataset with 7411 records as Resolved (71.55%) and 2947 records as Fatal (28.45%).

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/\* Now, again, the ML algorithm is applied by dividing the dataset \*/

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val rf balanced = new RandomForestClassifier()
.setFeaturesCol("assembled features balanced")
.setLabelCol("Outcome_Indexed_balanced")
.setSeed(1515)
val pipeline_balanced = new Pipeline()
   .setStages(Array(indexer balanced, assembler balanced, rf balanced))
 val evaluator balanced = new MulticlassClassificationEvaluator()
   .setLabelCol("Outcome Indexed balanced")
.setPredictionCol("prediction")
.setMetricName("accuracy")
 val paramGrid_balanced = new ParamGridBuilder()
   .addGrid(rf_balanced.maxDepth, Array(3, 20))
   .addGrid(rf_balanced.impurity, Array("entropy","gini")).build()
 val cross validator balanced = new CrossValidator()
   .setEstimator(pipeline_balanced)
.setEvaluator(evaluator_balanced)
   .setEstimatorParamMaps(paramGrid_balanced)
.setNumFolds(3)
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val cvModel_balanced = cross_validator_balanced.fit(trainingData_balanced)
/* Predict with test data */
val predictions_balanced = cvModel_balanced.transform(testData_balanced)
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/\* Finally, the accuracy of the **Balanced dataset** is calculated\*/

Accuracy on test (balanced) data = **0.8845193508114857** or **88.45%** 

/\* Now run the test data of the Unbalanced data frame using the balanced training data frame to predict the outcome as Fatal \*/

### Accuracy on the unbalanced dataset using balanced training = 0.912345420708945 or 91.23%

It proves that the selected columns are the best fit in the developed random forest machine-learning algorithm to predict the outcome as fatal with approximately 91.23%.