



Regression Analysis and Correlation analysis for Prediction of Environmental Quality

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Abstract:

Air is necessary for every living thing to breathe, be it plant, animal and human. Smoking, embers, coal ash, chemicals powder, gases, and aromas are all of wastes released into the air, either individually or in combination. Also Pollution caused by anthropogenic activities in the surface water leads to high demand for water. Machine Learning takes the lead in forecasting the quality of the air and water in environmental monitoring. For environmental protection, it is more crucial to predict gaseous pollutants in the air and Physio-chemical contaminants in the water. In this article, the environmental assessment forecasting is made using the Ordinary Least Squares model. Also Pearson Correlation Coefficient (PCC) technique is employed to find correlations between quality indicators from both datasets of air molecules and water molecules. Based on the prediction level and error rate, the results of this work portray that the Least Squares method provides good results.

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Introduction

Air pollution and water pollution are two issues that are intertwined with globalization. These two issues highlighted in the research arena of environmental engineering [1-2] [20]. The World Bank's Environment Performance Index-2022 ranks India last. This means that India is among the countries with the worst environmental health. India ranks fifth out of 180 countries, with a score of 18.9. Statistics show that 63 percent of India's population is severely affected by air pollution. However, a recent study has found that women are more affected by air pollution than men. This study presented at the European Respiratory Society International Congress in Barcelona, Spain, found that breathing diesel fumes from vehicles caused changes in women's blood cells. 5 middle-aged men and women participated in this study. In examining them, it was found that both men and women were likely to suffer from diseases such as

inflammatory diseases and heart diseases due to air smoke [23-25]. But apart from these, scientists have been shocked to see that many more diseases occur in women.

Environmentalists are developing their new methods by utilizing emerging methodologies to focus and predict their effects. Pollution from industrial and residential sources is a concern in the environment. Water-related pathogens and airborne diseases are caused because of the reason of pollution. An industrial waste contributes more to pollution than domestic wastewater, and the mineral industries generate a large portion of these industrial effluents [3-8].

Regression and statistical approaches are omnipresent in the real-time applications. People from various professions are attempting to use statistics to focus on making their jobs easier. Machine learning algorithms are the driving force



behind such widespread use of statistics and regression analysis [17]. Regression is a technique for simulating a line of best fit using prognostic value [5] [7]. Linear Regression is a rudimental algorithm with which every Machine Learning aficionado begins.

This article will concentrate on the challenges produced by water and air defilement. The rest of this article is broken down into subsequent portions.

1. Data source: All details regarding the dataset used in this study can be found here. Molecules in the input dataset, records and its description with criteria are also given in this portion.

2. Bivariate analysis: Analysing the association betwixt the parameters in the dataset by using PCC explored.

3. Methodology: Mathematical expressions (Ordinary Least Squares Method, which was derived using Hebb's Rule) presents in this portion. Also It contains fundamental theory of regression analysis (LR Method).

4. Results and Discussion: Prediction performance and error rate provide in this portion. Finally, the conclusion portion describes LR's performance for prediction and future direction.

Applied Methodology

A. Pearson Correlation Matrix

We analysed the PCC method to assess the air and water quality variables in this part. This allowed us to demonstrate the correctness of the Machine Learning technique, which is focused on selecting features and providing justifications for selecting appropriate parameters for forecasting fresh data [22]. The correlation matrix [5] was calculated once the data sampling was estimated by utilizing the below formula.

$$r = \frac{n(\sum xy) - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{[n\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2][n\sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2]}} \quad (1)$$

B. Preliminaries

Hebb's rule has been used to explain it. W , which is referred to as the weight matrix, can be obtained to reduce the error.

$$E_1 = \sum_{v=1}^n ||d_v - o_v||^2 \quad (2)$$

where

$$d_v = \begin{pmatrix} d_{v1} \\ d_{v2} \\ \vdots \\ d_{vm} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

is the output for craved vector;

$$o_v = \begin{pmatrix} o_{v1} \\ o_{v2} \\ \vdots \\ o_{vm} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

is the pattern's output vector, and n is the number of patterns. To reduce the error rate of this work, the Least Squares method (Widro – Hoff law) may be used to obtain the weight matrix w .

When a specific pattern is observed

$$x_v = [x_{v1}, x_{v2}, \dots, x_{vm}] \quad (5)$$

When a new node is added to the network, the result $y_v = Wx_v$ should be as close to the desired vector d_v as possible, where $v = 1, 2, \dots, n$. To reduce the MSE, the W weight should be chosen (Mean Squared Error).

From the equation (1)

$$E_1 = \sum_{v=1}^n ||d_v - o_v||^2 = \sum_{v=1}^n \{ [d_{v1} - \sum_i w_{i1} x_{vi}]^2 + \dots + [d_{vm} - \sum_i w_{im} x_{vi}]^2 \}$$

$$y_{v1} = w_{11}x_{v1} + w_{12}x_{v2} + \dots + w_{1m}x_{vm} \quad (6)$$

$$y_{vm} = w_{m1}x_{v1} + w_{m2}x_{v2} + \dots + w_{mm}x_{vm} \quad (7)$$

The w that reduce E_1 are obtained by differentiating E_1 with respect to w_{il} for all l and i values and equating

$$\frac{\partial E_1}{\partial w_{il}} = -2 \sum_{v=1}^n (d_{vi} - \sum_{q=1}^m w_{iq} x_{vq}) x_{vi} = 0 \quad (8)$$

which we obtain

$$\sum_{v=1}^n d_{vi} x_{vi} = \sum_{v=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^m w_{iq} x_{vq} x_{vi} \quad (9)$$

$v = \{1, \dots, n\}$; $q = \{1, \dots, m\}$; $i = \{1, \dots, m\}$; and $l = \{1, \dots, m\}$;

The equation is as follows:

$$\sum_{v=1}^n d_{vi}x_{vl} = \sum_{q=1}^m w_{iq} \left(\sum_{v=1}^n x_{vq}x_{vl} \right) \quad (10)$$

This derivation can be combined to form a mono matrix

$$\sum_{v=1}^n d_v x_v^T = w \sum_{v=1}^n x_v x_v^T \quad (11)$$

If $\sum_{v=1}^n x_v x_v^T$ is invertible, the w that minimizes the error is bestowed

$$w = \left(\sum_{v=1}^n d_v x_v^T \right) \left(\sum_{v=1}^n x_v x_v^T \right)^{-1} \quad (12)$$

The equation can be explained using the Hebbian rule weight matrix $\sum_{v=1}^n d_v x_v^T$ and the inverse of $\sum_{v=1}^n x_v x_v^T$.

Let X be the matrix whose columns are the input patterns, and D be the matrix whose columns are the input that agrees with the desired output vectors. Finally, we had the equation written down as

$$w = DX^T(XX^T)^{-1} \quad (13)$$

This Mathematical formulation derived from the usage of Data Mining concepts and techniques includes in Ref [21].

C. Linear Regression

In Machine Learning, linear regression is probably the most well-known and well-understood technique. It's a linear model. The specified input (X) and the single output (Y) are assumed to communicate linearly in this paradigm (Y). Specifically, Y is derived from the input's linear connection (X). For example, in the case of a simple regression problem (a single X and a single Y), the model formation is represented as follows:

$$Y = a + bX \quad (14)$$

Where X is the regression coefficient and Y is the dependent variable. The slope of the line is b , and the intercept is a (the value of y when $x = 0$). A useful numerical measure of association between two variables is the correlation coefficient, which is a value between -1 and 1 indicating the linear association of the actual observations for the two factors. The linear regression model's formula

involves assigning one factor value to each column, which is a coefficient. In addition, a coefficient is added, providing the line that moves above and below on a plot that is represented in a two-dimension. It is commonly referred to as the intercept in OLS.

D. Ordinary Least Squares Method

There are a variety of regression models available, the most popular of which is Ordinary Least Squares (OLS). Only the numeric values are acceptable for working with this technique and the outcome of this work is also numeric. When there are multiple inputs, we can use Ordinary Least Squares to estimate the coefficient values. The Ordinary Least Squares method attempts to minimize the mean squared residuals. This means that, given a regression line thru the data, we determine the distance between each data point and the regression coefficient, measure it, and add all the squares of the errors. Ordinary least squares tend to reduce this quantity.

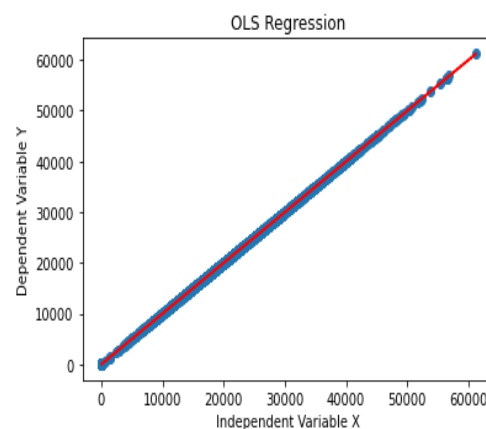
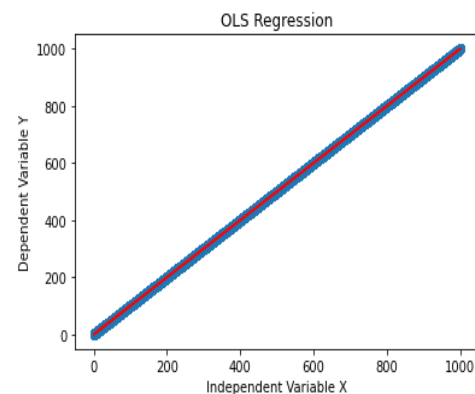


Figure 1: Best fit for Water Potability



Figure 2: Best fit for Air Quality

This system describes the data as a matrix and employs basic mathematical operations to evaluate the optimal coefficient values. It implies that almost all the data should be readily accessible, as well as sufficient memory to match the data by performing mathematical calculations. This method is extremely fast to compute. The OLS approach is used to predict water quality parameters for time series analysis in this article.

Materials

E. Data Sourcing

The Air Quality dataset gathered contains 13 attributes, including PM2.5 and PM10 (fine particulate matter), Nitrogen Monoxide or Nitric Oxide, Nitrogen dioxide, Nitrogen Oxides, Gaseous ammonia, Carbon Monoxide, Sulphur dioxide, Ground-level ozone (O₃), Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, and Air Quality Index. The Water Potability dataset includes 10 parameters: pH, Hardness, Solids, Chloramines, Sulphate, Conductivity, Organic Carbon, Trihalomethanes, Turbidity, and Potability



Table 1: Air Quality Data Description

StationId	Date	PM2.5	PM10	NO	NO2	NOx	NH3	CO	SO2	O3	Benzene	Toluene	Xylene	AQI	AQI_Bucket
AP001	01/01/2020	59.64	88.85	1.67	12.12	7.81	14.99	0.77	17.53	57.26	0.89	3.38	0.12	96	Satisfactory
AP001	04/01/2020	22.79	38.35	2.27	18.79	11.83	14.34	0.64	19.87	23.59	0.6	5.88	0.24	47	Good
AP001	07/01/2020	69.49	97.7	1.95	12.04	8	20.46	0.68	17.89	59.37	0.71	1.24	0.1	109	Moderate
AP005	03/01/2019	148.04	285.83	25.44	103.9	75.95	16.96	1.38	29.16	93.29	5.72	9.61	4.75	319	Very Poor
AP001	22/01/2019	100.34	165.55	20.01	60.14	48.26	20.43	0.85	13.57	24.82	0.06	0.08	0.1	230	Poor

Table 2: Water Potability Data Description

ph	Hardness	Solids	Chloramines	Sulfate	Conductivity	Organic_carbon	Trihalomethanes	Turbidity	Potability
8.316766	214.3734	22018.42	8.059332	356.8861	363.2665	18.43652	100.3417	4.628771	0
9.44513	145.8054	13168.53	9.444471	310.5834	592.659	8.606397	77.57746	3.875165	1

0 is denoted as potable and 1 is denoted as not potable in the potability column identified from Table



Result and Discussion

A. Correlation between the Air Quality Parameters

PM_{2.5} portrayed the positive relationship with PM₁₀ 0.83, NO 0.38, NO₂ 0.36, NO_x 0.37, NH₃ 0.42, CO 0.33, SO₂ 0.19, O₃ 0.08, Benzene 0.33, Toluene 0.29, and Xylene 0.08. PM₁₀ portrayed the positive connection with NO 0.41, NO₂ 0.41, NO_x 0.41, NH₃ 0.37, CO 0.41, SO₂ 0.25, Benzene 0.32, Toluene 0.31, and Xylene 0.04. NO portrayed the positive association with NO₂ 0.49, NO_x 0.88, NH₃ 0.29, CO 0.33, SO₂ 0.13, Benzene 0.31, Toluene 0.31, and Xylene 0.04. NO₂ portrayed the positive link with NO_x 0.62, NH₃ 0.35, CO 0.24, SO₂ 0.23, O₃ 0.12, Benzene 0.31, Toluene 0.31, and Xylene 0.04. NO_x portrayed the positive correlation with NH₃ 0.31, CO 0.30, SO₂ 0.16, O₃ 0.01, Benzene 0.29, Toluene 0.26, and Xylene 0.03.

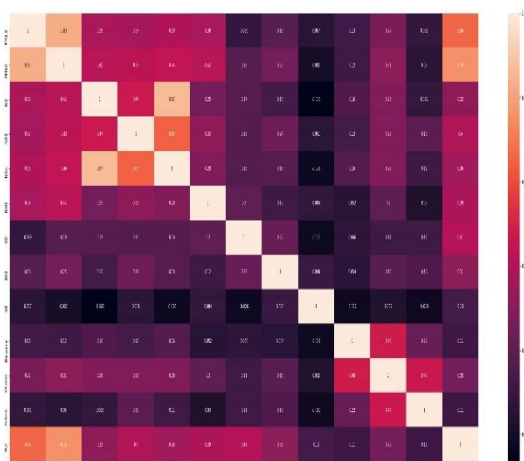


Figure 3: Correlation Map of Air Quality

NH₃ portrayed the positive association with NH₃ 0.31, CO 0.22, SO₂ 0.09, O₃ 0.09, Benzene 0.18, Toluene 0.23, and Xylene 0.03. CO portrayed the positive connection with SO₂ 0.08, Benzene 0.21, Toluene 0.21, and Xylene 0.09. SO₂ portrayed the positive relationship with O₃ 0.14, Benzene 0.16, Toluene 0.13, and Xylene 0.29. O₃ portrayed the invertible correlation with PM₁₀ -0.04, NO -0.04, CO -0.02, Benzene -0.01 and positive relationship

with Toluene 0.05, and Xylene 0.05. Benzene portrayed the positive association with Toluene 0.45, Xylene 0.39 and Toluene portrayed the positive connection with Xylene 0.44.

B. Correlation between the Air Quality Parameters

PH portrayed the positive correlation with Trihalomethanes 0.03, Organic_Corban 0.04, Conductivity 0.02, Sulphate 0.02, Hardness 0.082 and invertible relationship with Solids -0.089, Sulphate -0.09, Chloramines -0.013. Positive association invented between Hardness and Organic_Corban is 0.0036 and negative association with Solids -0.047, Chloramines -0.03, Conductivity -0.024, Trihalomethanes -0.006. Solids portrayed the negative association with Chloramines -0.07, Trihalomethanes -0.023.

Sulphate portrayed the invertible relationship with Hardness -0.03, Solids -0.027, Conductivity -0.018 and Trihalomethanes -0.012 Solids portrayed the positive relationship with Conductivity 0.014, Organic_Corban 0.01, Turbidity 0.02. Chloramines portrayed the negative connection with Conductivity -0.02, Organic_Carbon -0.013 and positive correlation with Sulphate 0.027, Trihalomethanes 0.017, Turbidity 0.024.

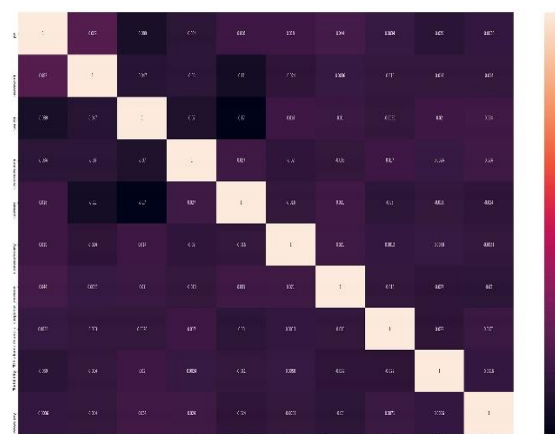


Figure 4: Correlation map of Water Potability

Conductivity portrayed the positive relationship with Organic_Corban 0.021,

Trihalomethanes 0.0013, Turbidity 0.0058. Negative correlation identified between the Organic_Carbon and Trihalomethanes is -0.013, with Turbidity -0.027. Also another invertible association found betwixt the Trihalomethanes and Turbidity is -0.019.

technique. Evaluation measures such as the Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and Mean Squared Error (MSE) are used to estimate the method's ability to produce predicted outcomes Shown in Table II. This technique was created using the open-source Anaconda Navigator (anaconda3), which is the most well-known and user-friendly environment for Python-based Machine Learning, Deep Learning, and Data Science applications [16]. The findings confirm the hypothesis that a regression technique, such as the Least Squares approach, can be used to more accurately predict environmental assessments, meaning better air and water management [9].

A. Predictive Performance of OLS

Cross-referencing the predictions of water quality parameters and air quality variables is done using the results of the regression

Table 3: Regression Results

DATA		MAE	MSE	RMSE
WATER	TEST	0.047	0.023	0.048
	TRAIN	0.029	0.027	0.049
AIR	TEST	0.068	0.087	0.091
	TRAIN	0.068	0.087	0.093

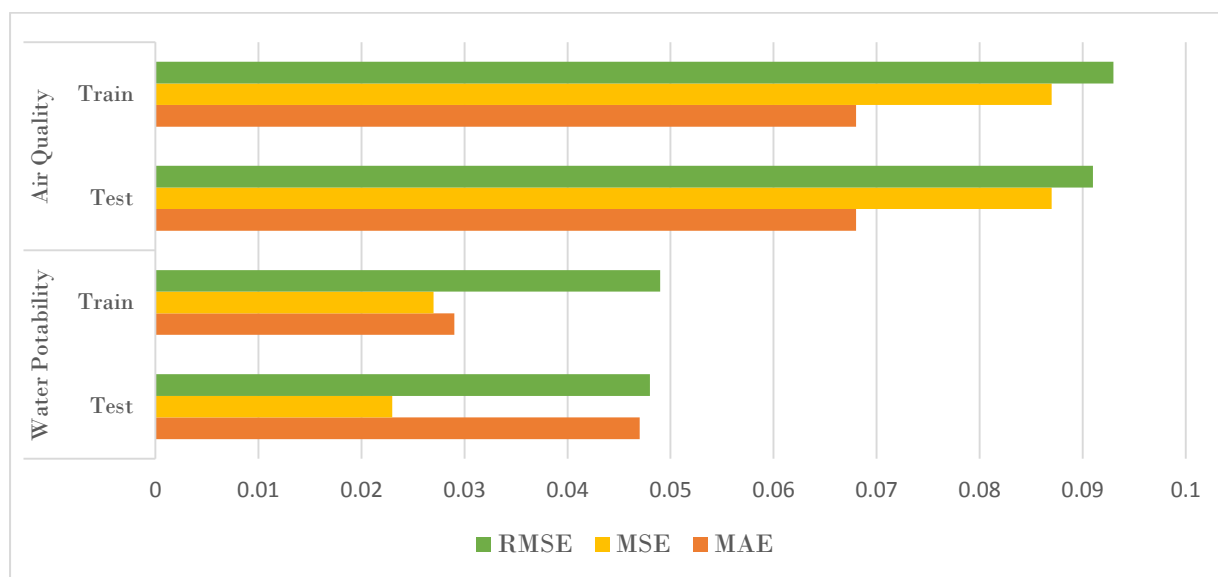


Figure 5: Performance analysis of OLS

Conclusion

Regression analysis and correlation analysis of environmental assessment were used in this paper to forecast the minimal number of parameters. Regression analysis is frequently proposed as a model; they still produce satisfying performance when integrated with computational intelligence [11]. For issues involving these processes, using the performance of linear regression may be reduced. It's a simple work and was utilized to obtain the best line. The model delivers moderate results in terms of error rate. For the reason of moderate results got from OLS method, we will try to implement by using AI (Artificial Intelligence) or Hybrid learning methods for higher prediction accuracy in the future. Another feature of that futuristic model is to examine the ability for increasing the number of prediction parameters.

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