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A CLOUD-BASED AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR ANALYZING REAL-TIME AIRLINE PRICE TRENDS USING AI-POWERED PREDICTIVE MODELS

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ABSTRACT

The aviation industry has been struggling to have flight fares forecasted fast and precisely as the industry evolves dynamically. Factors such as the changes in demand, fuel costs and route specifications influence prices. The new approach presented in this research involves an attempt to resolve this issue with the help of generative artificial intelligence (GAI) to predict airfares on the fly. It provides a different model incorporating generative models, deep learning, and historical prices so that future fare predictions become more accurate. The study applies a GAI within the context of a modern web engineering system. The aim of its primary objective is to derive knowledge based on the intricate imagery and connections of the history of airline data. Using this approach, the model will be able to identify the complex relationships and be flexible to dynamism in the market. It is based on deep neural networks to deal with a wide range of circumstances and extract valuable information to get a better understanding of the numerous variables that influence the cost of flights. The strategy is aimed at predicting future events with accuracy in real time and allowing prompt reaction to the market volatility and delivering value.

KEYWORDS----airline fare forecasting, flight price analytics, intelligent prediction models, neural network-based time series modelling, LSTM networks, generative artificial intelligence, real-time data integration, ensemble classification techniques, web-enabled forecasting framework, API-driven prediction system. that conditional generative models are more accurate when working with structured data.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The airline sector evolves rapidly and is difficult to foresee. The number of people interested in flying, the fuel expense, and issues concerning the routes will always influence the cost of the ticket. Information regarding the amount of the flight will so significantly impact airlines, travel agents, and travelers in that they can make better decisions, utilize resources, and plan the trips in a better way. Past methods of price forecasting are not always effective since they fail to capture the rapid shifts in prices and dynamics present in the air travel industry. We would like to correct this issue with the help of a new guessting method of prices of the tickets. Our application of artificial intelligence generation is to create a website where the flight prices are predicted already. Decent and fast predictions are significant since a greater number of people desire to fly. The old models of prediction cannot keep pace with the nature of changes in the industry and hence present an unfair outcome as they fail to seize opportunities that benefit the entire party. GAI is capable of identifying patterns in big data, hence it can assist in resolving such

issues. We aim to test the GAI model which is based on deep learning to predict prices. We also desire to feed the model with previous price information to learn the numerous factors that cause change in prices. The only difference with our method is that it provides instant predictions. That enables quick response to changes in the market. We shall detail the manner in which we combine GAI and\ deep learning to predict prices in real time. The way we do it gets around the issues of the older approaches and assists airlines, agents and travelers with plans that are more successful. We will demonstrate in the following sections how we constructed the model, ran tests on it and how it compares with other methods. This will demonstrate how the model will benefit all people and foretell the fluctuations in prices in the fast-moving air travel market. The paper is organized in a sequential manner hence easy to read. This is because we detail the process of developing the model in the methods section. It takes a closer look at the role of GAI and deep learning to make instant predictions. Next, we established experiments to work with the system and calculate its performance against typical prediction techniques. Results part provides the accuracy of the model, the manner in which it deals with market swings and the implications to the airlines, agents and travelers.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The ability to make predictions concerning the price of flights is a large problem due to the rapid changes in prices. They rely on the size of the number of people who wish to fly, the fuel prices and the reason behind the complexity of the route. The conventional approaches are not good at capturing the rapid changes. New AI, more so generative AI and deep learning, promise hope. Previous literature applied the normal machine learning to forecast fares. Indicatively, Alapati al. (2022) experimented on basic algorithms that were difficult to run on complicated data. Gupta et al. (2022) examined dynamic pricing and claimed that we require the models that can

adjust swiftly. The new method of working with complicated data is called generative adversarial networks (GANs). GANs have the ability to be trained to learn a pattern through pitting two models against one another. They have been utilized to produce realistic price trends (Wang et al., 2023). Deep learning and especially recurrent neural networks (RNNs) and the LSTM are useful in detecting time patterns in the data. LSTM solves problems such as disappearing gradients and, therefore, it can recall data that happened a long time ago. The attention allows the model to pay attention to significant aspects such as route information and seasonality. Due to our requirement to have forecasts that are updated immediately, we created web

platforms that receive live data. They maintain state of the art models through RESTful Apis. Online learning and sliding windows allow models to evolve with the arrival of new information, providing users with accurate information.

A. MACHINE LEARNING APPROACHES FOR AIRFARE PREDICTION

The prices of air tickets keep fluctuating considerably because of the constant changes in the demand for air travel, fuel prices, and the pricing strategies of the airlines. The earlier research work has been based on the historical data of air flights and feature vectors like routes, flight schedules, duration of booking, airline type, and seasonality. The earlier research work has been based on traditional machine learning models that are trained offline, which makes it difficult for the models to cope with the changing market conditions.

Recent developments have revealed that ensemble learning methods are more efficient in learning airfare dynamics than traditional single predictive models. Methods such as Random Forest and Gradient Boosting have been proven to be more accurate in learning the non-linear relationships between various factors that influence flight prices, resulting in

better predictive accuracy [6]. The application of big data processing and cloud computing platforms has also improved the efficiency of handling large amounts of historical data for predictive purposes [1].

However, despite these enhancements, most of the current ensemble models are based on batch-trained data from history and do not have the ability to update in real time. As a result, their ability to react to sudden changes due to demand spikes, fuel price variability, or route disruptions is still limited [8]. This is an indication that there is a need for real-time airfare prediction models that can learn the changing patterns of prices.

B. HYBRID LEARNING TO ENHANCE FORECASTING

Although ensemble learning models have demonstrated greater accuracy in predictions, they tend to have difficulty adapting to the dynamic conditions of the airline market [6]. This is because most ensemble learning models are based on batch-trained historical data, which does not have the ability to adapt to sudden changes in airline demand, fuel prices, and route disruptions [8]. To address these issues, hybrid learning models that combine traditional machine learning models with deep learning models have been suggested [6], [8]. These models combine regression models with deep learning models and temporal data models to better adapt to the nonlinear relationships that exist in airfare pricing [3]. Additionally, the use of sequential learning models such as Long Short-Term Memory networks allows for the effective adaptation of long-term temporal relationships and price trends [3]. The use of generative learning models improves adaptability by learning the underlying price distributions and hidden market patterns, making it more robust in non-stationary environments [9]. Therefore, these hybrid models have been shown to have better accuracy, scalability, and adaptability compared to traditional ensemble learning models and deep learning models [6], [8].

C. RELATED APPROACH

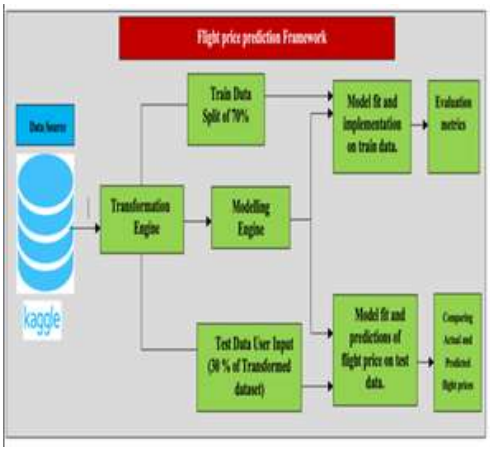
The models used for predicting the price of air tickets have developed considerably to handle the high volatility and uncertainty associated with the airline pricing system. The earlier models used for prediction were based mainly on the study of past pricing patterns and fixed feature sets, which made them less capable of handling sudden market changes and rapid fluctuations in air ticket prices. The traditional models are less effective in handling dynamic features like sudden demand spikes, fuel price variability, competitive pricing, and route-level irregularities, which can lead to a decrease in the accuracy of prediction. To handle these difficulties, recent research works have increasingly focused on the application of deep learning and generative modeling models for airfare prediction. The Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) model has been found to possess a high capability for handling complex and varied pricing distributions, which can be more effective in modeling the varied airfare trends. However, the high computational cost and instability associated with the training of GAN models can be a limitation for handling large-scale and real-time airfare prediction tasks. On the other hand, sequential models like Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are more effective in handling temporal dependencies and long-term price movements in time-series airfare data. However, these models are prone to overfitting when trained on small and noisy data samples. To further improve the accuracy of predictions, more sophisticated approaches like attention mechanisms, sliding window techniques, and adaptive learning architectures have also been adopted in airfare prediction models. These approaches help to improve the relevance, temporal aspects, and efficiency of learning, thus leading to more accurate and dynamic predictions. However, issues regarding scalability, stability, and real-time adaptability are still pending. Consequently, recent studies have focused on hybrid intelligent systems running on web-based and cloud platforms that combine various learning paradigms to

facilitate continuous learning, scalable computation, and improved robustness for practical airline ticket price prediction tasks.

III. SYSTEM DESIGN

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE ---

Below diagram depicts the whole system architecture.



The Fig 1 represents a comprehensive airfare price prediction system that starts with a data pipeline and concludes with performance analysis. To begin with, the data related to flights is extracted from a data source (public dataset) and fed into the transformation engine, where data preprocessing tasks such as cleaning, normalization, and feature transformation take place. The preprocessed data is then split into two sets: 70% for training and 30% for testing. The training data is then fed into the modeling engine, where the identified prediction models are trained and developed to predict prices. After training the model, its performance is evaluated using relevant metrics on the training data. At the same time, the trained model is employed to predict the prices for the test data (or user input) to derive the predicted airfares. Finally, the predicted airfares are verified to ensure accuracy and reliability by comparing them with the actual airfares, thus concluding the comprehensive airfare prediction system.

IV. SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 MODULES

Data Preprocessing: Cleaning of data is done to ensure that it is accurate and helpful. we do the mending of missing values, dispurders, and of errors. Some of the techniques we apply include the use of the Z-scores and feature engineering to identify patterns over time, seasonality, and the market trends. This gets the data more favorable to the model. Machine **Learning Model Training:** The model is trained to learn complex patterns of previous information using GANs. It also applies RNNs that have LSTM cells to learn time varying data variations. The attention mechanisms enable the model to concentrate on relevant features to improve its description of its predictions to different extents and make it more precise.

Dynamic Retraining Mechanism: We maintain centeredness of the model by new training data that we introduce continuously with the help of sliding windows. Online learning also allows the model to learn new information as it comes. This makes the model fast in responding to changing market trends and remains correct.

Anomaly Detection: Data We detect anomalies with Z-scores and other outlier detections. We then compare those peculiar positions with external information like economic indicators. This ensures that the data remains in its pristine state and also it makes the model more trustworthy. User Interface and **Reporting:** It is straightforward and has live updates on price trends and prediction accuracy and past data. The user has the ability to customize scenarios analysis and reports to provide clear cut but actionable information that assists in making strategic decisions.

LIMITATIONS –

Lack of the Capacity to Capture Complex **Patterns:** Although traditional models have problems with seeing and using detailed relationships in data moving at high speeds such as airfare trends. Unavailability of Real **Time Forecasting:** The models being used look at the past information and they do not adjust to rapid changes in the markets hence giving forecasts that are not very recent.

Poor Scalability: Traditional systems are not easily scalable to live data feeds, required to make real-time predictions of flights.

Poor Optimality in Processing Temporal **Dependencies:** Not all popular models are better at capturing trends of history over long periods and therefore, predictions can be erroneous or incomplete.

Lack of Flexibility to Market Changes: The existing strategies fail to respond to a sharp change in fuel prices, demand or route patterns.

Data Quality Issues: Most models have ineffective data cleaning and thus outliers, missing entries and poor feature engineering undermine the overall predictive reliability Most of the traditional models used in airfare forecasting are based on simplified assumptions about data behaviour, which makes them inadequate for learning complex, nonlinear relationships among key factors that influence airfares.

Lack of Continuous Learning and Real-Time Updates Once the model is deployed, it does not update itself with the newly produced data and continues to perform in the same manner, thus leading to a degradation of its predictive accuracy over time as the market dynamics change. The lack of continuous learning capabilities prevents the system from being able to learn and adapt to dynamic market changes, such as unexpected discounts on fares, peak travel seasons, or event-driven demand changes.

Limited Scalability Issues in Real-Time Data Environments:

Traditional airfare prediction models are not designed to process large data sets or update at high frequencies. Their design does not incorporate processing of cloud-based or streaming data platforms. This makes it difficult to process real-time airline data. The scalability problem makes it difficult to use the model in real-life applications where fast data ingestion, processing, and prediction are required for decision-making.

Weak Temporal Dependency Representation:

There are some existing methods that have shown a weak ability to model long-term temporal patterns and dependencies in airfare time-series data. These methods tend to focus on short-term patterns while disregarding the overall historical context that affects pricing behaviour over a long term. The lack of strong temporal when pricing behaviour is based on cumulative trends rather than individual observations.

Limitations in Data Quality and Feature Engineering

The performance of airfare prediction models is significantly affected by the quality of the input data and the quality of feature engineering tasks. In many traditional models, the problem of missing values, noisy data, outliers, and biased data is not handled properly. Moreover, poor feature engineering methods are not able to extract important pricing information from the data, resulting in a decrease in the efficiency of the learning process and the accuracy of the predictions.

ADVANTAGES--

Enhanced Accuracy Level:

The combination of Generative Artificial Intelligence with deep learning-based neural network models makes it possible for the system to learn complex relationships that exist in the airline pricing data. The generative models assist in the discovery of the underlying price distributions, while the deep neural networks are able to learn the complex interactions of the features in the large datasets. The learning approach enhances the system's capability to predict airfares with high accuracy, which are influenced by demand elasticity and competition. Timely Update in Forecasts.

Timely Update in Forecasts:

The proposed framework is capable of updating its prediction results by consuming live data streams, which are indicative of the continuous market activity. Data like the latest booking patterns, route-wise changes in demand, and dynamic changes in fares is processed instantly, enabling the framework to react quickly to the latest trends.

Dynamic Learning Capability:

The use of sliding window techniques and online learning methods enables the model to

learn dynamically from the changing patterns of prices. Rather than focusing on past trends, the system gives priority to recent data while forgetting outdated information. This dynamic learning capability helps the model adapt quickly to both short-term and long-term changes in airfare markets.

Scalable Web-Based Architecture

The application has been developed with a cloud-friendly web architecture that enables seamless integration using standardized APIs. This ensures that the system is able to accommodate data from different external sources and analysis modules without compromising the stability of the system. The architecture is capable of handling large volumes of data and is scalable, which is a great benefit in the aviation sector where data is constantly growing and information exchange is a basic requirement.

Context-Rich Feature Modelling:

The inclusion of context features like seasonal trends, time-related variations, and market-related indicators can greatly improve the prediction accuracy. By adding more features that are time-related and behaviour-driven, the model can better understand the market forces that impact the airfare behaviour. This context-related model ensures that the predictions made are not only time-related but also take into account the seasonal variations.

VI . Results And Discussion

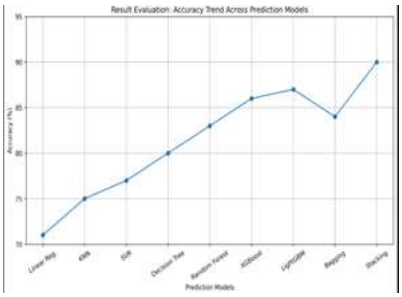


Figure 1. Prediction accuracy comparison of various machine learning algorithms for airfare forecasting

The Fig 1 shows the result evaluation of airfare price prediction models by demonstrating the accuracy level reached by various machine learning algorithms. The graph indicates an increasing trend in accuracy levels as the models evolve from conventional algorithms like Linear Regression, KNN, and SVR to more sophisticated tree-based and boosting algorithms. Decision Tree and Random Forest algorithms perform better by handling non-linear relationships between features, and boosting algorithms like XG Boost and Light GBM improve accuracy levels further by learning from the data. Although Bagging algorithms perform consistently, the Stacking model performs best, emphasizing the strength of the stacking approach. From the graph, it is evident that ensemble-based models perform better than individual models, making them more appropriate for accurate and trustworthy airfare prediction.

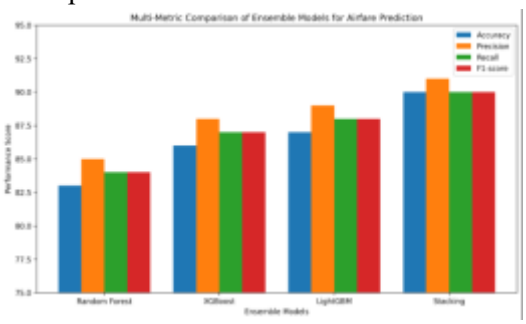


Figure 2. Comparison of performance of ensemble learning models in terms of Accuracy, Precision, Recall, & F1-score.

The figure above shows a comparison of the performance of ensemble learning methods used for predicting airfare prices based on various evaluation metrics. The performance of Random Forest, XG Boost, Light GBM, and Stacking models is compared based on Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score values, making it easier to compare their performance. The performance analysis shows a gradual improvement in the performance of the models as they move from Random Forest to boosting methods, with XG Boost and Light GBM models performing better in terms of higher values of most metrics. Among all the models used for comparison, the Stacking model performs best as it obtains higher values for all metrics.

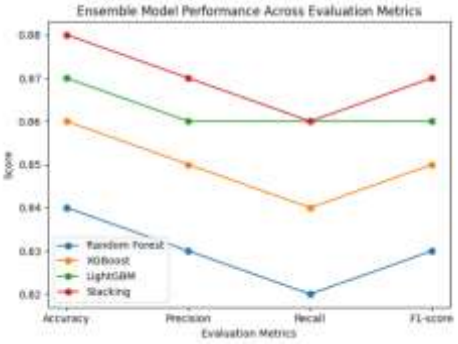


Figure 3

The graph highlights the comparison of the efficacy of Random Forest, XGBoost, LightGBM, and Stacking models based on various evaluation metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score. The graph provides a complete insight into the performance of each model in a predictive task. The analysis of the results reveals that boosting algorithms like XG Boost and Light GBM outperform Random Forest models in most evaluation metrics, as they possess better learning and generalization abilities. Among all the models tested, the Stacking model performs best as it records the highest score in all evaluation criteria, which emphasizes the benefits of combining multiple ensemble models to make more accurate predictions.

VI I. Conclusion And Future Work

In this research work, a real-time airline ticket price prediction framework is proposed by integrating generative artificial intelligence, deep learning techniques, and a scalable web-based environment. The system is designed to address the highly dynamic nature of airfare pricing by leveraging extensive historical flight price data along with continuously arriving real-time information. Historical airline ticket data are analysed to identify long-term trends, seasonal variations, and route-specific pricing behaviours, which are then learned using neural network–based models. In particular, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are employed to effectively capture temporal dependencies and sequential patterns present in airfare time-series data.

To improve malleability and resilience, generative models of AI are integrated to identify the underlying distributions of prices and nonlinear relationships that are difficult to model using traditional predictive tools. The trained models are then updated in real-time using actual inputs, which helps the system adapt dynamically to changes in market conditions such as demand, pricing, and operations. The predictive accuracy of the system is measured using error metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), which provide a quantitative measure of accuracy and reliability. The entire system is implemented in a web environment enabled with REST API, which facilitates easy integration and access to predictive capabilities.

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