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ENHANCING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SYSTEMS IN NAGPUR, INDIA USING MACHINE LEARNING

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ABSTRACT

Public transportation network systems (PTNS) are vital for urban mobility, reducing traffic congestion, pollution, and commuting times. With the rise of big data and machine learning (ML), there is a transformative potential to enhance these systems' efficiency, reliability, and user satisfaction. This paper explores the application of machine learning software in optimizing PTNS, reviewing current methodologies, discussing ML integration, and proposing a comprehensive framework for future research and implementation. This study explores the application of machine learning (ML) to enhance the public transportation network system in Nagpur, India. The research aims to identify and address key inefficiencies within the existing system, proposing data-driven solutions to improve operational efficiency, passenger satisfaction, and overall service reliability. By utilizing various ML techniques, including predictive analytics, clustering, and optimization algorithms, this case study demonstrates how advanced computational methods can be leveraged to transform urban transportation networks.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Background

Urbanization and population growth have intensified the demand for efficient public transportation. Traditional PTNS management methods often fail to address dynamic challenges like fluctuating passenger demand, route optimization, and real-time incident management. Machine learning offers robust solutions by leveraging large datasets to predict trends, optimize routes, and enhance user experiences.

Nagpur, a burgeoning city in central India, faces significant challenges in managing its public transportation network due to rapid urbanization and increasing population density. The existing transportation infrastructure struggles with issues such as congestion, inconsistent service schedules, and inadequate route planning. To address these challenges, this study investigates the potential of machine learning to enhance the efficiency and reliability of Nagpur's public transportation system.

Objectives

1. To analyze current inefficiencies in Nagpur's public transportation network.

2. To develop ML-based models for improving route optimization.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Historical Context

Historically, PTNS management relied on heuristic approaches and static schedules. These methods, although foundational, showed limitations with increasing urban complexity. Early computational methods involved simple statistical models, which, while beneficial, lacked the predictive power and adaptability of modern ML techniques.

2.2 Modern Applications of Machine Learning in PTNS

Modern ML applications in PTNS are categorized into the following areas:

- Demand Prediction: Algorithms such as time series analysis, neural networks, and regression models predict passenger demand.

- Route Optimization: Reinforcement learning and genetic algorithms determine optimal routes and schedules.

- Incident Management: Supervised and unsupervised learning techniques facilitate real-time anomaly detection and response.

- Passenger Experience: Personalized recommendations and dynamic pricing models enhance user satisfaction.

2.3 Public Transportation Challenges in Urban India

Studies have highlighted the common issues faced by urban transportation networks in India, including overcrowding, delays, and inadequate coverage . Previous research emphasizes the need for intelligent systems to manage and optimize public transportation resources effectively .

2.4 Machine Learning in Transportation

Machine learning has been increasingly applied to transportation systems worldwide, offering solutions such as predictive maintenance, demand forecasting, and dynamic route optimization . Techniques such as neural networks, support vector machines, and genetic algorithms have shown promise in addressing complex transportation problems .

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Data Collection

Data was collected from various sources, including GPS tracking of buses, passenger count sensors, and historical traffic data. Surveys and feedback from passengers and transportation officials provided additional qualitative insights.

3.2 Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing involved cleaning and normalizing the dataset, handling missing values, and ensuring consistency across different data sources. Feature selection was performed to identify relevant variables for the ML models.

3.3 Machine Learning Algorithms

Various ML algorithms applicable to different aspects of PTNS include:

- **Demand Prediction:** Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Long Short-Term Memory networks (LSTMs), and ARIMA models are utilized to predict passenger demand accurately. These models capture temporal dependencies and seasonal variations in the data.

- **Route Optimization:** Q-Learning, Deep Q-Networks (DQNs), and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) are used to find the most efficient routes. These algorithms adapt to real-time traffic conditions and passenger load, optimizing for time and resource utilization.

- **Incident Management:** Support Vector Machines (SVMs), k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN), and Isolation Forests help detect anomalies such as delays, breakdowns, and other disruptions in the system.

- **Passenger Experience:** Collaborative Filtering, Matrix Factorization, and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) provide personalized travel recommendations and dynamic pricing, enhancing user satisfaction and engagement.

3.4 Machine Learning Models

Predictive Analytics

Regression models and time series analysis were used to predict bus arrival times and passenger demand. Techniques such as ARIMA, LSTM, and random forests were evaluated for their predictive accuracy.

Clustering

K-means and hierarchical clustering were applied to identify patterns in passenger flow and optimize bus stop placements. This helped in understanding peak usage times and high-demand routes.

Optimization Algorithms

Genetic algorithms and mixed-integer linear programming (MILP) were employed to optimize bus routes and schedules, aiming to minimize travel time and maximize coverage.

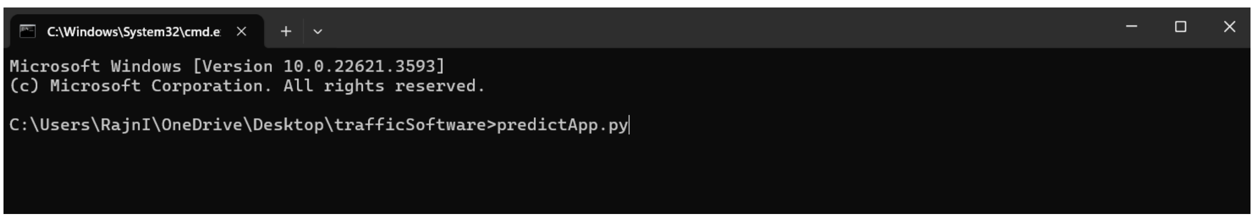
Model Evaluation

Models were evaluated using metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for predictive accuracy, silhouette score for clustering quality, and overall system efficiency improvements measured through simulation.

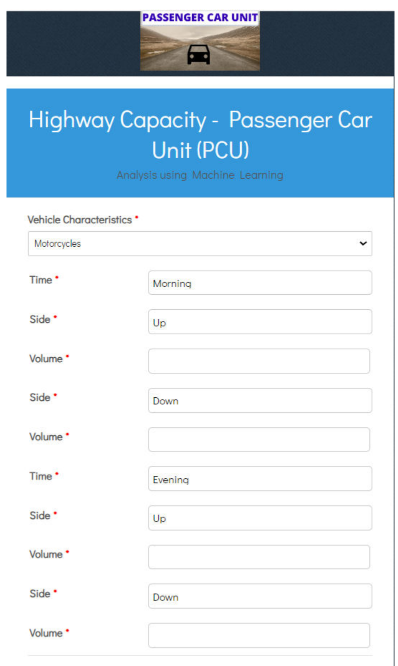
4. Design Software using ML

Workflow:

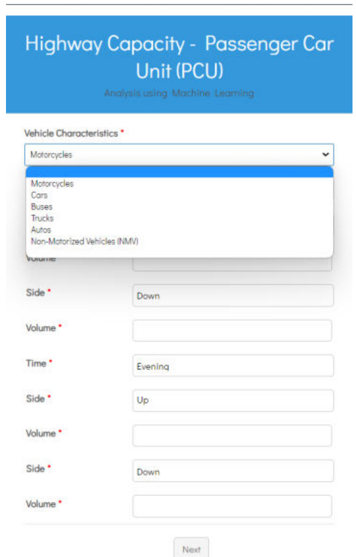
1. **Writing Code:** Users Python to draft code, for starting applications.



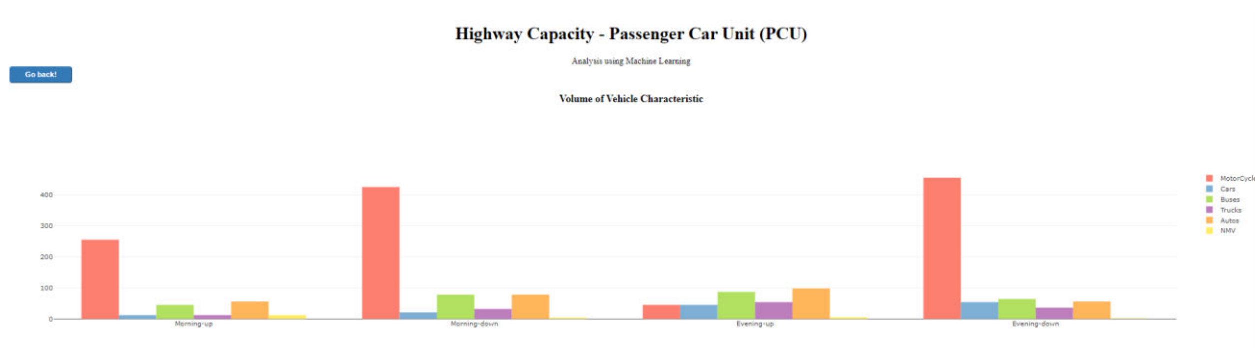
2. **Compiling:** The cmd prompt window will open and type the following command in that python "predictApp.py" ,you will see some IP address on the cmd window. Enter that IP address in the chrome, you can use the software.

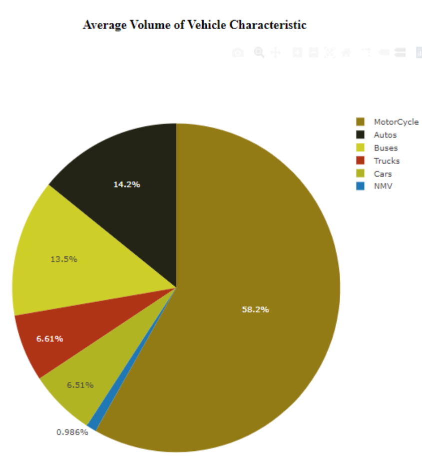


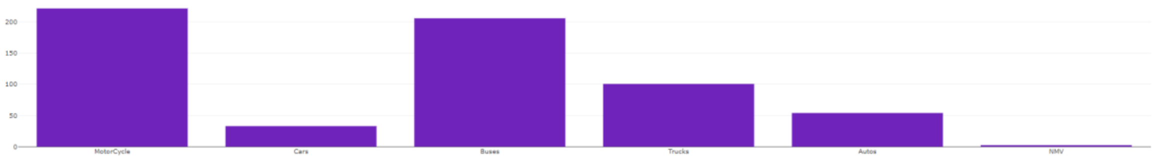
3. **Uploading:** Once compiled, the code is seamlessly uploaded to all the values of traffic volume by putting respectively.



4. **Execution**: With the uploaded values , the software will give final output for PCU value with several graphs shown in figure below.







MotorCycle	Cars	Buses	Trucks	Autos	NMV
221.25	33	205.5	100.5	54	2.5

Total Volume PCU : 616.75

5. Case Studies: Demand Prediction and Route Optimization in Nagpur

Nagpur, a rapidly growing city in central India, faces significant challenges in managing its public transportation network due to urban expansion and increasing population. This case study explores how machine learning techniques were employed to predict passenger demand and optimize bus routes in Nagpur.

BACKGROUND

Nagpur's public transportation system includes a network of buses managed by the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC). The city has experienced rapid urbanization, leading to increased traffic congestion and demand for efficient public transportation. Traditional methods for managing the bus network were inadequate in addressing these challenges, prompting the need for innovative solutions.

DATA COLLECTION

For effective ML model implementation, the following data was collected:

- Historical Ridership Data: Daily and monthly records of passenger counts from ticketing systems.
- Vehicle Location Data: GPS data from buses providing real-time location updates.
- Environmental Data: Weather conditions, major public events, and holidays.
- Traffic Data: Real-time traffic congestion levels from sensors and third-party sources.
- Passenger Feedback: Surveys and social media data reflecting passenger satisfaction and complaints.

6. CONCLUSION

This case study underscores the potential of machine learning to transform urban public transportation systems. By addressing inefficiencies in Nagpur's transportation network, ML-based interventions can lead to significant operational improvements and enhanced passenger experiences. Future efforts should continue to refine these models and explore their applicability in other urban contexts.

The case study of Nagpur demonstrates the significant impact of machine learning on public transportation network systems. By accurately predicting demand and optimizing routes, ML has improved the efficiency, reliability, and user satisfaction of Nagpur's PTNS. Continued innovation and collaboration are essential to further enhance these systems and address future urban mobility challenges.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

To build on the success in Nagpur, future research and implementation should focus on:

- **Scalability:** Extending the ML models to cover more routes and modes of transportation, including metro and e-rickshaws.
- **Real-Time Adaptation:** Enhancing models to adapt in real-time to unexpected changes like traffic accidents or sudden weather changes.
- **Ethical and Privacy Concerns:** Ensuring data privacy and addressing ethical concerns related to the use of passenger data.

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