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ABSTRACT

Our world is being threatened by climate change, which is far-reaching effects and necessitates quick response. I describe in this thesis the creation and application of a revolutionary decision tree algorithm for thorough risk assessment related to climate change.

Utilizing cutting-edge machine learning methods, the suggested program examines a wide range of environmental, socioeconomic, and geopolitical data. It makes it possible to accurately estimate the effects of climate change on a variety of sectors, from infrastructure and agriculture to public health and national security, by spotting complex patterns and interdependencies.

This work's principal innovations are as follows:

1. ***A strong pipeline for preprocessing and data aggregation that unifies various data sources to produce an extensive knowledge base***
2. ***A hierarchical decision tree model with adaptive learning capabilities to understand the intricate connections between the many sources of climate change and their various effects.***
3. ***Tools for comprehensive risk quantification and visualization that give decision-makers practical advice on risk reduction and adaptation***

Through case studies in multiple susceptible places, the efficacy of the algorithm is illustrated, demonstrating that it outperforms current risk assessment approaches in terms of accuracy, adaptability and scalability.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

EMA	**Environmental Management Agency**
AI	**Artificial Intelligence**
CDO	**Community Development Officer**
CHBC	**Community Home Based Care**
DT	**Decision Tree**
FDG	**Focus Group Discussions**
GOZ	**Government of Zimbabwe**
IFRC	**International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**
IHV	**Human Immune Deficiency Virus**
IPCC	**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.**
ISAL	**Internal Money Saving and Lending**
ML	**Machine Learning**
MWAGCD	**Ministry of Women Affairs Gender and Community Development**
NGO	**Non-Governmental Organisation**
SADC	**Southern African Development Community**
SDGs	**Sustainable Development Goals**
UN	**United Nations**
UNDP	**United Nations Development Program**
WDC	**Ward Development Coordinator**
ZAPSO	**Zimbabwe AIDS Prevention and Support Organization**

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CHAPTER 1

1.0 Introduction

Climate change risk assessment plays a crucial role in comprehending and mitigating the potential effects of climate change. It involves evaluating the likelihood and impacts of climate-related hazards by examining the intricate linkages between environmental variables, socioeconomic systems, and climate factors. Decision trees and other machine learning algorithms have emerged as valuable tools for forecasting and analyzing climate threats, aiding in the evaluation process (Denton et al., 2014; Fleurbaey et al., 2014). In order to evaluate the possibility and effects of climate-related hazards, it entails examining the intricate linkages that exist between environmental variables, socioeconomic systems, and climate variables. Decision trees and other machine learning algorithms have been used to forecast and analyze climate threats in order to aid in this evaluation process.

Decision trees are Strong algorithms capable of modeling and analyzing intricate decision-making processes. Their foundation is a hierarchical structure of nodes and branches, where a node denotes a feature or decision and a branch denotes a consequence or a series of decisions. Decision trees can be used to generate predictive models that can be utilized to make predictions or well-informed decisions by recursively splitting the data according to various criteria.

Decision trees can be used in climate risk assessment to evaluate and forecast risks connected to climate change by analyzing environmental parameters, socio-economic variables, and historical climate data. Extreme weather, agricultural effects, disease outbreaks, wildfires, and infrastructural vulnerabilities are a few examples of these dangers. The system can forecast future climate risks under various scenarios by identifying patterns and linkages through the training of decision trees on pertinent datasets.

There are various benefits of using decision trees in climate risk assessment. Because decision trees can be interpreted, they offer clear decision-making processes and aid in comprehending the fundamental causes of climate risk. They are appropriate for a variety of climate-related variables since they can handle both numerical and categorical data. Furthermore, decision trees are resilient to outliers and can handle missing data, thus they can produce accurate predictions even with defective or incomplete datasets.

Decision-makers, legislators, and researchers can all benefit from using decision tree algorithms to better understand climate risks and make well-informed decisions about how best to spend resources, create adaptation plans, and lessen the possible effects of climate change. Decision trees are a useful tool in the assessment and prediction of climate risk due to their adaptability and versatility.

1.1 Background

A major global concern, climate change is altering ecosystems, weather patterns, and the climate system as a whole. Numerous scientific studies by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have demonstrated the effects of climate change and the pressing need for mitigation and adaptation strategies (IPCC 2018).

An essential component of comprehending and controlling the possible hazards linked to climate change is climate risk assessment. In order to assess the probability and effects of climate-related hazards, it entails examining the intricate relationships that exist between environmental variables, socioeconomic systems, and climate variables. Researchers, policymakers, and decision-makers can create effective plans to reduce vulnerabilities and increase resilience by evaluating the hazards associated with climate change.

The complexity and non-linear structure of climate systems may be difficult to fully capture by statistical models or expert knowledge, which are frequently used in traditional approaches of assessing climate risk. In order to increase the precision and predictive power of climate risk assessments, this has led to the investigation and application of cutting-edge machine learning approaches, such as decision trees.

Decision trees are robust algorithms that are appropriate for analyzing a variety of climate-related factors since they can handle both numerical and categorical data. They utilize a hierarchical structure of nodes and branches to find patterns and relationships in the data and to describe decision-making processes. Decision trees offer a means of transparency and interpretability that facilitates the understanding of climate risks by stakeholders, as well as the decision routes that lead to particular outcomes.

Researchers can use environmental characteristics, socioeconomic variables, and historical climate data to anticipate and assess climate-related risks by utilizing decision tree algorithms in climate risk assessment. Predicting extreme weather events, analyzing the effects on agriculture, spotting disease outbreaks, calculating the risk of wildfires, and analyzing infrastructure vulnerabilities are all included in this.

Decision trees provide many benefits when it comes to climate risk assessment, such as robustness, flexibility, and interpretability. Nevertheless, there are still difficulties in managing sizable and varied datasets, adding uncertainties and future estimates, and guaranteeing stakeholder comprehension and participation.

By tackling these issues and creating efficient decision tree-based methods for assessing climate risk, we may greatly improve our comprehension and handling of concerns associated with climate change. We can improve forecast accuracy, guide decision-making, and create preemptive plans to minimize and adapt to the effects of climate change by applying cutting-edge machine learning techniques.

1.2 Problem statement

The environment, human health, infrastructure, and the economy are just a few of the areas of our society that are seriously threatened by climate change. It is crucial to evaluate and anticipate climate-related dangers and their possible effects in order to address these risks in an efficient manner. However, the capacity of conventional approaches to estimate climate riskto manage intricate and dynamic relationships between climate variables and socioeconomic systems may be constrained.

The challenge at hand is creating an efficient method for predicting and assessing climate risk that takes into consideration the intricacies and uncertainties related to climate change. In order to assess historical climatic data, environmental elements, and socioeconomic variables, this strategy should make use of sophisticated machine learning algorithms, such as decision trees. Through this approach, the goal is to furnish precise forecasts and assessments of climate hazards, so empowering policymakers, researchers, and decision-makers to make knowledgeable choices and devise suitable measures for adaptation and mitigation.

Developing and putting into practice a decision tree-based framework for climate risk assessment that can manage sizable and varied datasets, integrate many variables and their interplay, and take into consideration future forecasts and uncertainties related to climate change presents a challenge. In order to guarantee that stakeholders can comprehend and participate in the decision-making process, the framework should also promote transparency and interpretability.

We can increase the resilience of our systems, better our understanding of climate-related hazards, and take proactive steps to lessen the effects of climate change by addressing these issues and creating a successful decision tree-based approach for climate risk assessment and prediction.

1.3 Research aim

The objective of this study is to create a sophisticated decision tree-based framework for predicting and assessing climate risk. By utilizing decision trees and machine learning approaches, the project seeks to improve the accuracy, robustness, and interpretability of climate risk assessments, thereby mitigating the shortcomings of conventional methodologies.

1.4 Research Objectives

1. **Collect historic climate data to create an extensive dataset for training a model**
2. **Design and develop a model to train and predict using Decision tree algorithm toevaluate climate risk assessment**
3. **Evaluate the efficiency of the Decision Tree machine learning algorithm**

1.5 Research Questions

1. **How the author is going to collect historic climate data to create an extensive dataset for training a model?**
2. **How the researcher is going to design and develop a model to train and predict using Decision tree algorithm to evaluate climate risk assessment**
3. **How are you going to evaluate the efficiency of the Decision Tree machine learningalgorithm?**

1.6 Research Justification

Understanding how the author plans to collect historic climate data is crucial for assessing the reliability and accuracy of the dataset used to train the model. The methodology employed for data collection can greatly influence the quality of the dataset and the subsequent performance of the model. By asking this question, one gains insights into the author's data acquisition strategy, including the sources of data, data preprocessing techniques, data quality control measures, and any potential biases or limitations associated with the dataset. This information helps evaluate the robustness and generalizability of the model's training data.

Understanding the researcher's approach to designing and developing a model using the Decision tree algorithm is important to assess the suitability of this algorithm for climate risk assessment. By asking this question, one can gain insights into how the researcher plans to preprocess the data, select relevant features, tune hyperparameters, handle missing values, and assess the model's performance. Additionally, understanding the researcher's rationale for choosing the Decision tree algorithm over other alternatives provides valuable context for evaluating the model's potential strengths and limitations in the context of climate risk assessment.

Evaluating the efficiency of the Decision Tree machine learning algorithm is crucial for determining its suitability and performance in the context of climate risk assessment. By asking this question, one can gain insights into the evaluation metrics and methodologies that will be used to assess the algorithm's predictive accuracy, robustness, and generalization capabilities. The answer may include details on how the dataset will be split into training and testing sets, the specific evaluation metrics (e.g., accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score) that will be used, and any cross-validation or ensemble techniques applied. Understanding the evaluation process helps to ascertain the algorithm's effectiveness and reliability in making climate risk assessments.

1.7 Research Limitation

The application of decision trees for climate risk assessment is a valuable approach; however, it does have certain limitations. Here are some research limitations of using decision trees for climate risk assessment:

1. **Overfitting: Decision trees have a tendency to overfit the training data, especially when theyare deep and complex. This means that the model may perform well on the training data but struggle to generalize to new, unseen data.**

2. **Limited capturing of complex relationships: They are known for their ability to handle non-linear relationships, but they may struggle to capture highly complex interactions and dependencies present in climate data.**

3. **Sensitivity to input data: Decision trees are sensitive to the specific input data used for training. Small changes in the training data can result in different tree structures and, consequently, different predictions.**

4. **Lack of interpretability in complex trees: Decision trees can become complex and difficult to interpret, particularly when dealing with large and diverse climate datasets. As decision treesgrow in size, it becomes challenging to understand the underlying rules and decision-making process. Interpreting complex decision trees can hinder the ability to gain insights and communicate the results effectively.**

5. **Limited handling of missing data: Climate datasets often contain missing or incomplete datadue to various reasons, such as sensor failures or data gaps. Decision trees may struggle to handle missing data effectively, potentially leading to biased or inaccurate risk assessments.**

1.8 Scope of Research

In the context of the application of decision trees for climate risk assessment, the scope of research can vary depending on the specific goals and objectives of the study. Here are some aspects that can be considered within the scope:

1. **Climate risk assessment: The research can focus on the use of decision trees to assess various types of climate-related risks, such as extreme weather events, sea-level rise, droughts, or changes in temperature patterns. The scope can include the identification, quantification, and prediction of these risks using decision tree models.**

2. **Data sources: The research can specify the sources of climate data used for risk assessment,such as historical climate records, satellite imagery, climate models, or other relevant datasets.The scope can define the specific variables and parameters considered in the decision tree model, such as temperature, precipitation, atmospheric conditions, or geographical factors.**

3. **Decision tree algorithms and techniques: The scope can encompass the different decision tree algorithms and techniques employed for climate risk assessment, such as ID3, C4.5, CART, or random forests. It can also include any modifications or enhancements made to decision tree algorithms to address specific challenges in climate risk assessment.**

4. **Evaluation metrics: The research can define the evaluation metrics used to assess the performance of decision tree models in climate risk assessment. These metrics can include accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, or other relevant measures. The scope can also consider comparative analysis with other machine learning approaches or traditional methods used for risk assessment.**

5. **Case studies or geographical focus: The scope of research can be narrowed down to specificcase studies or geographical regions for climate risk assessment. This can include focusing ona particular country, region, or ecosystem, allowing for a more detailed analysis of local climaterisks and their assessment using decision trees.**

6. **Limitations and challenges: It is important to acknowledge the limitations and challenges associated with using decision trees for climate risk assessment. The scope can**

address specific limitations discussed earlier, such as overfitting, data sensitivity, interpretability, handling missing data, temporal dynamics, and uncertainty considerations.

It is crucial to clearly define the scope of research to ensure that the study remains focused, achievable, and relevant to the objectives of the research. This helps researchers maintain clarity and rigor in their investigations and effectively contribute to the body of knowledge in the field of climate risk assessment using decision trees.

1.9 Methodology

In the context of the application of decision trees for climate risk assessment, here is a general outline of a possible methodology:

1. **Research Design:**
   - **Determine the research objectives and research questions that will guide the study.**
   - **Define the scope of the research, including the specific climate risks and variablesto be considered.**
   - **Identify the target population or geographical area for the study.**

2. **Data Collection:**
   - **Identify and gather relevant climate data sources, such as historical climate records,satellite imagery, climate models, or other datasets.**
   - **Preprocess the data to handle missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies.**
   - **Select the specific variables and parameters to be used in the decision tree model.**

3. **Decision Tree Model Development:**
   - **Choose the appropriate decision tree algorithm(s) based on the research objectives anddata characteristics (e.g., ID3, C4.5, CART, random forests).**
   - **Split the dataset into training and testing sets.**
   - **Train the decision tree model using the training data, considering appropriatehyperparameter tuning and feature selection techniques.**

- **Validate the model's performance using the testing data and make necessaryadjustments.**

4. **Evaluation of the Decision Tree Model:**

- **Assess the performance of the decision tree model using suitable evaluation metrics,such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, or other relevant measures.**
- **Compare the results with other machine learning approaches or traditional methodsused for climate risk assessment.**
- **Conduct sensitivity analysis to explore the robustness of the model to changes in parameters or data.**

5. **Interpretation and Analysis:**

- **Interpret the decision tree model to understand the underlying rules and decision-making process.**
- **Analyze the results to identify significant variables and their impact on climate riskassessment.**
- **Discuss the implications and limitations of the decision tree model in the context ofclimate risk assessment.**

6. **Validation and Verification:**

- **Validate the decision tree model's performance and findings through cross-validationor by comparing with independent datasets or expert opinions.**
- **Seek peer review or collaborate with other researchers to validate the methodology andresults.**

7. **Documentation and Reporting:**

- **Document the research methodology, including data sources, preprocessing steps,model development, and evaluation procedures.**

- **Prepare a comprehensive report or research paper that includes the researchobjectives, methodology, results, analysis, and conclusions.**

1.10 Research Hypothesis

The application of decision tree algorithms in climate risk assessment will result in more accurate predictions of climate-related events, improved identification of influential climate variables, and enhanced interpretability compared to traditional risk assessment methodologies.

1.11 Definition of terms

1. **Decision Trees: Decision trees are a type of machine learning algorithm that uses a tree-likemodel of decisions and their possible consequences. They are used for classification and regression tasks and are particularly useful for handling non-linear relationships and interactions between variables.**

2. **Climate Risk Assessment: Climate risk assessment involves the evaluation and quantification of potential risks associated with climate change and variability.**

3. **Algorithm: An algorithm is a step-by-step procedure or set of rules used to solve a problemor perform a specific task. In the context of decision trees, the algorithm refers to the specific mathematical and computational methods used to construct the tree structure, make decisions,and predict outcomes based on input data.**

4. **Preprocessing: Preprocessing refers to the data preparation and transformation steps performed before applying a machine learning algorithm. In the context of decision trees for climate risk assessment, preprocessing may involve tasks such as data cleaning, handling missing values, scaling or normalizing variables, and feature selection to ensure the data is suitable for training and evaluation.**

5. **Evaluation Metrics: Evaluation metrics are quantitative measures used to assess the performance and effectiveness of a machine learning model. In the case of decision trees for climate risk assessment, evaluation metrics can include accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, or other relevant measures that indicate the model's ability to predict climate risks accurately.**

6. **Hyperparameters: Hyperparameters are configuration settings or variables that are set before the model training process. In the context of decision trees, hyperparameters control the behavior and complexity of the tree, such as the maximum depth, minimum number of samples required to split a node, or the splitting criterion. Tuning hyperparameters can impact the performance and generalization ability of the model.**

7. **Feature Selection: Feature selection refers to the process of selecting a subset of relevant features (variables) from the available data. In the context of decision trees for climate risk assessment, feature selection aims to identify the most informative and influential variables that contribute to accurate risk predictions. It helps to reduce dimensionality, improve model efficiency, and mitigate the risk of overfitting.**

1.12 Conclusion

In conclusion, Chapter 1 has set the stage for an in-depth exploration into the application of decision tree algorithms for climate risk assessment. The introduction underscored the urgent need for advanced methodologies to address the complexities of climate change impacts, emphasizing the limitations of existing risk assessment approaches. The identified problem statement highlighted the gap in leveraging decision tree algorithms in the context of climate-related risks, creating a compelling rationale for this research endeavor.

CHAPTER 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 INTRODUCTION

In this section, the researcher concentrates on elucidating the research questions and aims to uncover existing studies conducted by other scholars that align with the current research project. This exploration serves as a valuable resource for the author, offering guidance in identifying solutions, methodologies, and techniques employed by previous researchers to address similar research challenges. It functions as a tool that provides insights to the researcher, assessing the feasibility of the current research project in relation to the work of previous scholars in the specific field.

2.2 MACHINE LEARNING IN CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT

Machine learning is integral to advancing climate risk assessment, leveraging computational techniques to analyze extensive datasets and model intricate relationships within the climate system. This interdisciplinary approach significantly contributes to our understanding of climate-related risks and enhances the development of more effective risk management strategies. One key application is in predicting extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, floods, or heatwaves, by utilizing historical climate data. Additionally, machine learning aids in simulating and predicting the impacts of climate change on diverse sectors like agriculture, infrastructure, and ecosystems, facilitating the formulation of adaptive strategies.

Its proficiency in pattern recognition allows for the identification of long-term climate trends, anomalies, and changes, thereby improving the accuracy of risk assessments. Furthermore, machine learning contributes to data fusion by integrating various sources like satellite imagery, weather station data, and remote sensing information, enhancing the comprehensiveness of climate risk evaluations. These technologies also play a crucial role in quantifying uncertainties associated with climate models, developing early warning systems, and supporting adaptive planning strategies. By continuously learning from new data, machine learning assists in updating risk assessments and addressing the evolving nature of climate risks. Additionally, it proves valuable in assessing carbon footprints related to human activities, industrial processes, and land use changes, informing policies to reduce emissions and mitigate climate change.

2.3 TYPES OF CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENTS

Climate risk assessments encompass various types, each tailored to address specific aspects of the complex interactions between climate dynamics and human systems. Here are several types of climate risk assessments.

2.3.1 Physical Climate Risk Assessment

Focuses on evaluating the potential physical impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events, sea-level rise, temperature changes, and shifts in precipitation patterns. This assessment helps identify vulnerabilities in infrastructure, ecosystems, and communities.

2.3.2 Sectoral Climate Risk Assessment

Examines the specific risks posed by climate change to various sectors, such as agriculture, water resources, energy, health, and transportation. Sectoral assessments provide insights into how climate variability and change may affect key industries and services.

2.3.3 Economic Climate Risk Assessment

Analyzes the economic implications of climate change, including the impact on industries, markets, and financial systems. This type of assessment helps businesses and policymakers understand potential economic risks and opportunities associated with climate-related changes.

2.3.4 Social Climate Risk Assessment

Evaluates the social vulnerabilities and impacts of climate change on communities, considering factors such as demographics, health, and social infrastructure. This assessment helps in designing strategies to enhance community resilience.

2.3.5 Adaptation Climate Risk Assessment

Focuses on identifying and evaluating potential adaptation strategies to reduce vulnerabilities and enhance resilience to climate-related risks. This type of assessment is forward-looking and aims to inform the development of adaptive measures.

2.3.6 Mitigation Climate Risk Assessment

Assesses the risks and benefits associated with efforts to mitigate climate change, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions or transitioning to renewable energy sources. It considers the potential impacts on ecosystems, economies, and societies.

2.3.7 Integrated Climate Risk Assessment

Takes a holistic approach by combining multiple aspects of climate risk, considering both physical and socio-economic factors. Integrated assessments aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the interconnected nature of climate risks.

2.3.8 Scenario-Based Climate Risk Assessment

Utilizes different climate change scenarios to explore a range of possible futures. This approach helps decision-makers consider a spectrum of potential risks and plan accordingly, considering uncertainties in future climate conditions.

2.3.9 Cascading Climate Risk Assessment

Examines the interconnectedness of risks across different systems and sectors, recognizing that climate impacts in one area may trigger cascading effects in others. This type of assessment is essential for understanding the systemic nature of climate risks.

2.3.10 Global Climate Risk Assessment

Explores the broader, international implications of climate change, considering global trends, geopolitical dynamics, and cross-border impacts. Global assessments inform international cooperation and policy frameworks to address shared climate challenges.

2.4 PREVIOUS STUDIES ON CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT

Climate risk assessment needs urgent improvement (et al Nick Wood 2022), Existing constraints in current climate risk assessments make them inappropriate to effectively assess the true exposure of society and businesses to climate-related risk. Using the key constraints to guide a conceptual framework, we identify four cross-cutting and inter-related critical paths for improvement.

Assessing Current Climate Risks (et al Stephen Magezi and Linda Mearns 2021) This paper asserts that understanding current climate risks is a more appropriate basis for developing adaptation strategies to manage future climate risks than simply collecting baseline climate data and perturbing that data using scenarios of climate change. The relationships between current climate risks, vulnerability to those risks and the adaptations developed to manage thoserisks are often neglected in assessment methodologies – but not always in assessmentsthemselves. Adaptation will be more successful if it accounts for both current and future climate risks. Even if future adaptation strategies are very different from those currently in use, today's adaptation will inform those strategies.

CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT (et al A PILOT STUDY IN KULLU, HIMACHAL PRADESH 2019) The Hindu Kush Himalayan region is one of the most hazard prone regions, of the world. Its fragility stems from its susceptibility to multiple hazards of geological as well as hydro meteorological origin such as earthquakes, landslides, floods, flash floods, droughts, wildfires, cloudbursts, etc. The physical and socio-economic characteristics of the Himalayan region combined with the changing risk factors such as environmental and climate change, population growth, and economic globalization have rendered the region highly vulnerable.

Climate Risk Assessment Review(et al Syed Jahangir H. Masum 2019) Although national level risk assessment provides basic inputs for helping decision-makers to make better and informed decisions, it may not necessarily provide answers to questions concerning the level of risks, trade-offs in risk control, costs and benefits at local level. On the contrary, local risk assessments provide specific information which is often not up-scalable or reproducible in national context. Protecting vulnerable communities is the key to climate justice. All people have a right not to suffer from climate impacts that undermine their basic needs. By fully engaging multiple stakeholders in dialogue and building networks for sharing knowledge and innovations, risks can be managed more appropriately. More efforts need to be dedicated to bottom-up risk assessment rather than conventional top-down meteorological approaches. The IPCC framework that suggests, climate risk (CR) = hazard (H) x exposure (E) x vulnerability (V), should be used as the foundational risk equation for climate risk assessment.

Assessing climate risk using ensembles: A novel framework for applying and extending open-source climate risk assessment platforms (et al Laura C Dawkins 2018) Climate change adaptation decisions often require the consideration of risk rather than the environmental hazard alone. One approach for quantifying risk is to use a risk assessment framework which combines information about hazard, exposure and vulnerability to estimate risk in a spatially consistent way. In recent years, publicly available, open-source risk assessment frameworks have been made available, including the CLIMADA platform. Such tools are increasingly being used in combination with ensembles of climate model projections to quantify risk on climate time-scales, presenting the ensemble spread as a measure of climate model uncertainty.As climate models are computationally expensive to run, this quantification of uncertainty derived from the ensemble of projections is often limited by the number of members available.

We present a novel framework involving the application and extension of the CLIMADA open-source climate risk assessment platform, demonstrating an approach for overcoming this limitation. We first show how the CLIMADA platform can be applied to an ensemble of UKCP18 regional climate projections to assess climate risk coherently across space in an idealized example for the UK. We then show how a Generalized Additive Model, involving an 'ensemble member' random effect term, can be used to statistically represent the climate model ensemble summary of risk and be used to simulate many more realizations of risk, representative of a larger collection of plausible ensemble members. Specifically, we apply the framework to an idealized example related to heat-stress and the associated risk of reduced outdoor physical working capacity in the UK, based on three global warming levels (recent past, 2 °C and 4 °C warmer than pre-industrial). We show how, in this idealized example, in a 2 °C warmer world (relative to pre-industrial), the UK could lose on average 15 million (or 2.5% of) days of outdoor physical work in a working year (225 days) as a result of heat-stress, which could equate to more than £1.5 billion of economic loss (roughly 0.07% of UK annual GDP). The uncertainty quantification provided by the framework allows for an upper range estimate which better quantifies climate model uncertainty. In a 4 °C warmer world this indicates the plausibility of38 million (or 6.2% of) working days lost in a year, possibly equating to more than £3.8 billion of economic loss (roughly 0.17% of UK annual GDP). Finally, we discuss limitations of the approach and recommend a number of extensions and areas of future work.

A systematic review of the literature on the contribution of past climate information services pilot projects in climate risk management (et al Mary Mwangi November 2021) Many pilot-based initiatives have been developed to promote awareness and use of climate information services among vulnerable smallholder farmers in Africa through million-dollar investments. However, despite their experimental nature, these pilot projects have been successful in raising participating farmers' awareness and use of climate information services and they can inform transferrable good practices. Through a systematic literature review approach, this review sought to understand ways in which these past pilot projects have contributed to climate risk management in the context of smallholder farming and the factors that led to their success. Results showed that climate information services' main contribution to climate risk management has been through facilitating farm level decision making. Factors that led to success of the pilots include: use of downscaled information; building institutional partnerships to add value to climate information; involving farmers through the co-designing and codeveloping process; face-to-face communication; embedding pre-seasonal workshops in the activities of local institutions for sustainability; and using diversity of communication channels to enhance reach among others. These factors can be borrowed as good practices to inform future efforts focused on increasing adoption of climate information services among a wider population, beyond the reach of specific pilot projects.

Advances in risk assessment for climate change adaptation policy (et al Iain Brown and Swenja Surminski 2018) Climate change risk assessment involves formal analysis of the consequences, likelihoods and responses to the impacts of climate change and the options for addressing these under societal constraints. Conventional approaches to risk assessment are challenged by the significant temporal and spatial dynamics of climate change; by the amplification of risks through societal preferences and values; and through the interaction of multiple risk factors. This paper introduces the theme issue by reviewing the current practice and frontiers of climate change risk assessment, with specific emphasis on the development of adaptation policy that aims to manage those risks. These frontiers include integrated assessments, dealing with climate risks across borders and scales, addressing systemic risks, and innovative co-production methods to prioritize solutions to climate challenges with decision-makers. By reviewing recent developments in the use of large-scale risk assessment for adaptation policy-making, we suggest a forward-looking research agenda to meet ongoing strategic policy requirements in local, national and international contexts.

Recent advances in climate change vulnerability/risk assessments in the fisheries and aquaculture sector (et al Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations 2017) Vulnerability and risk assessment is an important tool that has been used in the fisheries and aquaculture sector to assess the current and potential consequences of climate change in a variety of geographical, environmental and socio-economic contexts and scales. The resulting information on risks and vulnerabilities can then feed decision-making on adaptation, including allocation of resources and prioritization of areas for action. However, there is no harmonized approach nor methodology to conduct vulnerability and risk assessments. This publication seeks to analyze the different existing methodologies in order to contribute to laying the basis of a consistent approach to design future climate vulnerability and risk assessments in the fisheries and aquaculture sector. The publication builds on the findings outlined in the FAO Technical Papers No. 597 “Assessing climate change vulnerability in fisheries and aquaculture - Available methodologies and their relevance for the sector” and No. 627 “Impacts of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture - Synthesis of current knowledge, adaptation and mitigation options" and explores the recent advances in approaches of vulnerability and risk assessments, and the methodological developments to conduct such assessments.

2.5 MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

There some variations of how to define the types of Machine Learning Algorithms but commonly they can be divided into categories according to their purpose and the main categories are the following:

1. **Supervised learning**
2. **Unsupervised Learning**
3. **Semi-supervised Learning**
4. **Reinforcement Learning**

Supervised Learning

Supervised learning is the concept of function approximation, where basically we train an algorithm and in the end of the process, we pick the function that best describes the input data, the one that for a given X makes the best estimation of y (X -> y). Most of the time we are not able to figure out the true function that always make the correct predictions and other reason is that the algorithm relies upon an assumption made by humans about how the computershould learn and these assumptions introduce a bias, Bias is topic I'll explain in another post. Here the human experts act as the teacher where we feed the computer with training data containing the input/predictors and we show it the correct answers (output) and from the data the computer should be able to learn the patterns. Supervised learning algorithmstry to model relationships and dependencies between the target prediction output and the inputfeatures such that we can predict the output values for new data based on those relationships which it learned from the previous data sets.

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- Predictive Model
- we have labeled data

- The main types of supervised learning problems include regression and classification problems

List of Common Algorithms

- Nearest Neighbor
- Naive Bayes
- Decision Trees
- Linear Regression
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- Neural Networks

Unsupervised Learning

The computer is trained with unlabeled data. Here there’s no teacher at all, actually the computer might be able to teach you new things after it learns patterns in data, these algorithms a particularly useful in cases where the human expert doesn’t know what to look for in the data. Are the family of machine learning algorithms which are mainly used in pattern detection and descriptive modeling. However, there are no output categories or labels here based on which the algorithm can try to model relationships. These algorithms try to use techniques on the input data to mine for rules, detect patterns, and summarize and group the data points which help in deriving meaningful insights and describe the data better to the users.

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Descriptive Model

The main types of unsupervised learning algorithms include Clustering algorithms and Association rule learning algorithms.

List of Common Algorithms

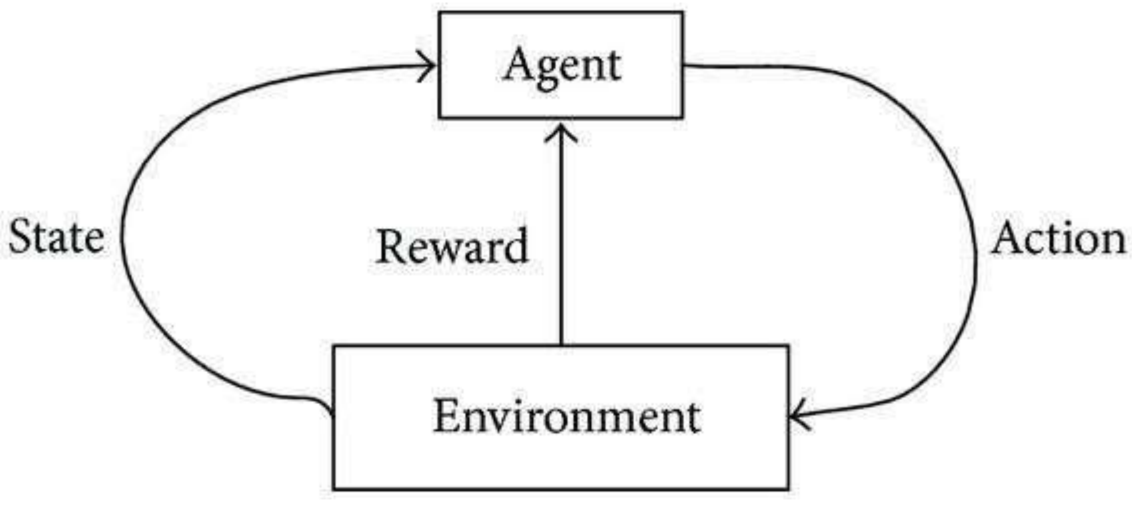
k-means clustering, Association Rules

Semi-supervised Learning

In the previous two types, either there are no labels for all the observation in the dataset or labels are present for all the observations. Semi-supervised learning falls in between these two. In many practical situations, the cost to label is quite high, since it requires skilled human experts to do that. So, in the absence of labels in the majority of the observations but present in few, semi-supervised algorithms are the best candidates for the model building. These methods exploit the idea that even though the group memberships of the unlabeled data are unknown, this data carries important information about the group parameters.

Reinforcement Learning

This method aims at using observations gathered from the interaction with the environment to take actions that would maximize the reward or minimize the risk. Reinforcement learning algorithm (called the agent) continuously learns from the environment in an iterative fashion. In the process, the agent learns from its experiences of the environment until it explores the full range of possible states. Reinforcement Learning is a type of Machine Learning, and thereby also a branch of Artificial Intelligence. It allows machines and software agents to automatically determine the ideal behavior within a specific context, in order to maximize its performance. Simple reward feedback is required for the agent to learn its behavior; this is known as the reinforcement signal.



There are many different algorithms that tackle this issue. As a matter of fact, Reinforcement Learning is defined by a specific type of problem, and all its solutions are classed as Reinforcement Learning algorithms. In the problem, an agent is supposed decide the best action to select based on his current state. When this step is repeated, the problem is known as a Markov Decision Process. In order to produce intelligent programs (also called agents), reinforcement learning goes through the following steps: Input state is observed by the agent. Decision making function is used to make the agent perform an action. After the action is performed, the agent receives reward or reinforcement from the environment. The state-action pair information about the reward is stored.

List of Common Algorithms

- **Q-Learning**
- **Temporal Difference (TD)**
- **Deep Adversarial Networks**

Use cases:

Some applications of the reinforcement learning algorithms are computer played board games (Chess, Go), robotic hands, and self-driving cars.

2.6 BENEFITS OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

The application will be a great use for the human beings and countries at large. This will help in forecast weather and predicts if the air pollution index is high or low.

2.7 THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

The system proposed used supervised machine learning technology. It is required to:

- **Understand a certain climate pattern**
- **The application will use the climate pattern knowledge it has been trained with todetermine if there is risk or not**

2.8 CONCLUSION

This chapter serves to outline the previous researches that have been done by various authors. The author serves to explain the much-needed information to prove the feasibility of the system with respect to other researches that has paved a way. Henceforth in addition the author explains in detail how the author is going to tackle the problem at hand with technological practical solutions. This helps the researcher in the deep research.

Chapter 3 Methodology

3.0 Introduction

The objective of this chapter is to delineate the strategies and tools employed to fulfill the envisioned goals of both the research and the system. Drawing on the insights gleaned from the preceding chapter, the author will devise the requisite methods for constructing a solution and navigate through alternative strategies to attain the anticipated research outcomes.

3.1 Research Design

Research design should be a reflexive process operation through every stage of a project. The design stage involves coming up with the different modules of the system and their intended functionality. The core objective of this stage is to ensure that an operative, proficient, sustainable and reliable model of the system is designed. The research design in this study involves the utilization of machine learning, specifically implementing the decision tree algorithm. Additionally, the author employs the Python programming language and leverages the Streamlit framework for the deployment of the developed model. This comprehensive approach integrates machine learning techniques, a specific algorithm, and a combination of programming tools to design, train, and deploy the predictive model. The decision tree algorithm, Python, and Streamlit collectively contribute to the research's methodology, enabling the creation and deployment of an effective machine learning model. The author decides to use the experimental research design as it allows him to observe changes and response of systems and objects as he changes or adjust factors.

3.1.1 Requirements Analysis

At this juncture, it is crucial to document both the functional and non-functional specifications of the necessary system. It is recommended to organize all incoming data, assess it thoroughly, take into consideration any limitations that may arise from the customer's perspective, and formulate a well-defined specification that is easy to follow and aligns with the customer's requirements. The research also considered various limitations, including time and budget constraints, which could potentially hinder the design process.

3.1.1.1 Functional Requirements

- **The system ought to be able to predict the climate risk assessment.**

- **The user should enter the required data for prediction.**

3.1.1.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- **The system ought to be able to predict in a short period of time.**
- **The system is supposed to be easy to install**
- **The system should be available all the time and should be able to predict easily.**
- **The system should have a relatively small response and decision time**

3.1.1.3 Hardware Requirements

- **Laptop core i3 and above**

3.1.1.4 Software Requirements

- **Windows 10 Operating system**
- **Jupyter Notebook**
- **Visual Studio Code**
- **Python 3.9**
- **Streamlit framework**

3.2 System Development

This system describes the overview of the system and how it was developed so as to produce the results. It specifies all the software tools and models used in the development of the system.

3.2.1 System Development tools

In the realm of software engineering, a methodology for software production or system design serves as a framework for organizing, planning, and overseeing the methods involved in creating an information system. Numerous frameworks have been identified by researchers for various projects, each with its own set of strengths and weaknesses based on its application. Examples of these frameworks encompass the waterfall model, the spiral model, and the progressive (prototyping) model. The author has opted for the Agile Software model, given its simplicity, as the project at hand is relatively small and constrained by a strict time frame. Since all project requirements have been identified, and the necessary tools are in place, the waterfall model emerges as the most suitable choice for this particular project.

3.2.2 Agile Software Model

The Agile Software Model is a dynamic and iterative approach to software development, emphasizing flexibility, collaboration, and customer feedback throughout the entire development process. It stands in contrast to traditional linear models like the waterfall model, placing a high value on adaptability to evolving requirements and the continuous delivery of functional software increments.

One of the central features of the Agile Software Model is its iterative development approach. The development process is broken down into small, manageable iterations or sprints, typically lasting 2-4 weeks, with each iteration resulting in a potentially shippable product increment. Another key aspect is the model's flexibility and adaptability. It accommodates changes in requirements, allowing for adjustments even late in the development process, and prioritizes requirements based on evolving project needs.

A collaborative approach is fundamental to Agile, fostering continuous interaction between cross-functional teams, which include developers, testers, and business stakeholders. Regular communication and feedback sessions ensure ongoing alignment with customer expectations. Customer involvement is a cornerstone of the Agile Software Model. Customers and end-users actively participate throughout the development process, with regular reviews and demonstrations enabling adjustments based on direct customer feedback.

The model also places a strong emphasis on individuals and interactions over rigid processes and tools, promoting open communication and teamwork. Frequent deliveries of incremental software releases provide tangible value to the customer at regular intervals, enabling early and continuous delivery of valuable features. Continuous improvement is a core principle, with retrospectives at the end of each iteration promoting learning and refinement of processes. Teams reflect on successes, areas for improvement, and adjust their approaches accordingly.

Cross-functional teams, where multidisciplinary teams collaboratively work together, breaking down silos between development, testing, and other functions, enhance efficiency and communication within the team.

Figure 1 Agile Model

Apart from the methodology the system was also developed using the following tools:

Python

Python is a high-level, general-purpose programming language. Its design philosophy emphasizes code readability with the use of significant indentation. Python is dynamically typed and garbage-collected. It supports multiple programming paradigms, including structured, object-oriented and functional programming

Streamlit

Streamlit is a free and open-source framework to rapidly build and share beautiful machine learning and data science web apps. It is a Python-based library specifically designed for machine learning engineers

Dataset

A dataset is a collection of data. In the case of tabular data, a dataset corresponds to one or more database tables, where every column of a table represents a particular variable, and each row corresponds to a given record of the dataset in question.

3.3 Summary of how the system works

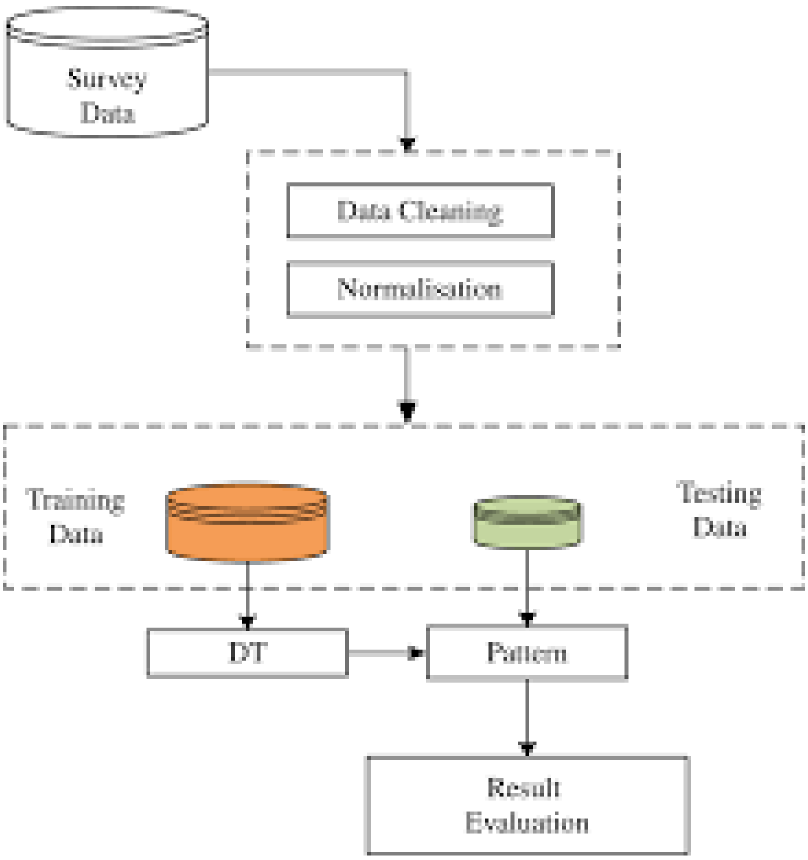
A climate risk assessment system utilizing a decision tree algorithm operates by leveraging historical climate data to predict the likelihood of specific climate risks. Initially, relevant features such as temperature, precipitation, and geographical factors are identified. The dataset is then split into training and testing sets. The decision tree algorithm, employing measures like entropy or Gini index, recursively splits the training data based on these features, creating a tree structure. This process continues until a stopping criterion is met. The resulting decision tree visually represents decision nodes based on features and leaf nodes with predicted outcomes. Once trained, the decision tree is applied to new data for predicting climate risks. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy and precision assess the model's performance, and fine-tuning may be done if needed. Ultimately, the deployed model offers a valuable tool for real-time climate risk assessments, aiding in proactive decision-making and mitigation strategies.

3.4 System Design

The requirements specification document is analyzed and this stage defines how the system components and data for the system satisfy specified requirements.

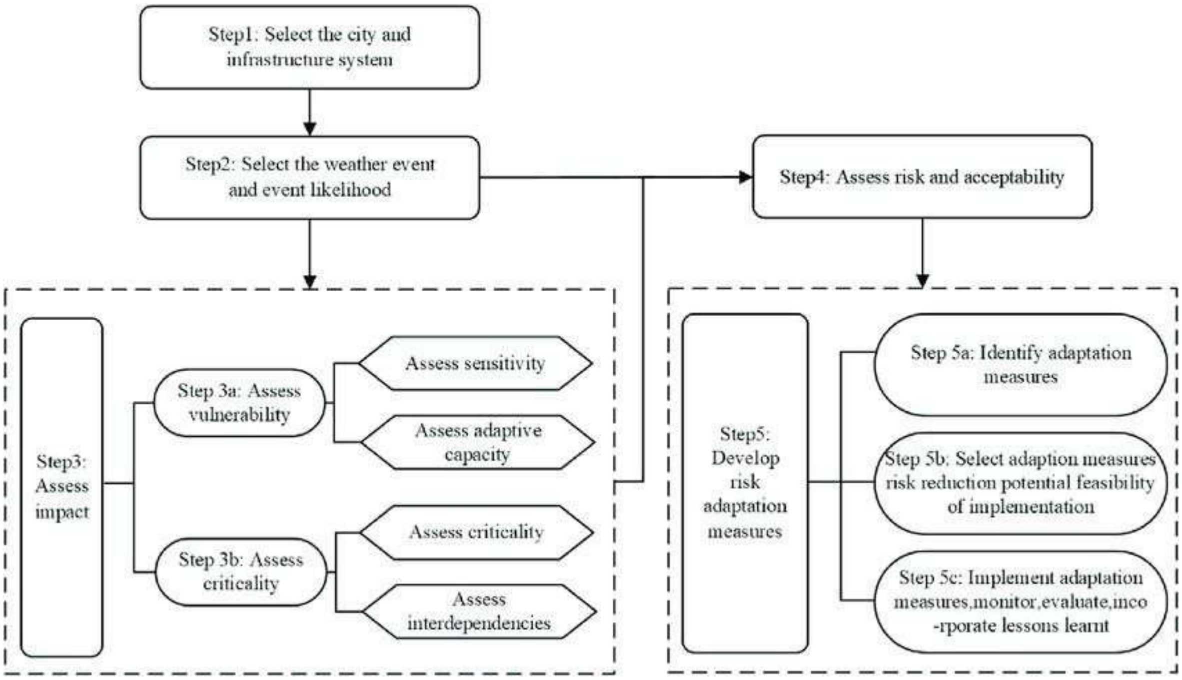
3.4.1 Dataflow Diagrams

Data flow diagrams (DFDs) expose relationships among and between various components of the system. A dataflow diagram is an important visual method for modeling a system's high-level detail by describing how input data is converted to output results through a continuance of functional transformations. The flow of data in a DFD is named to indicate the nature of data used. DFDs are a type of information development, and as such provides an important insight into how information is transformed as it passes through a system and how the output is displayed.

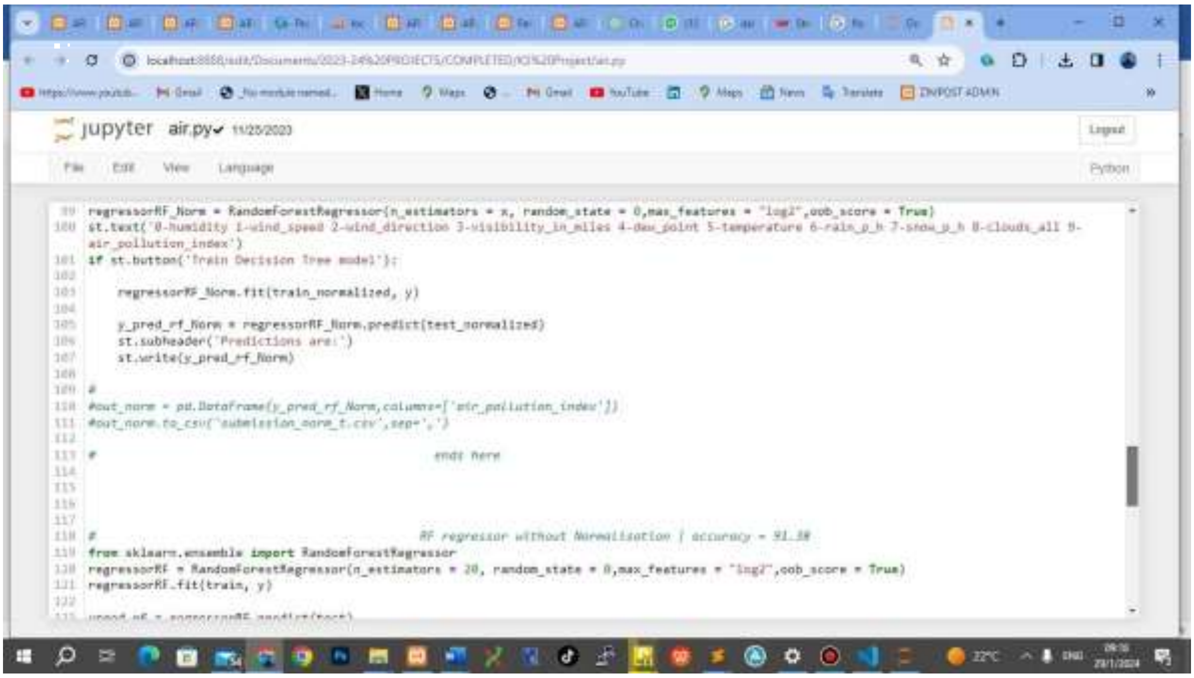


3.4.2 Proposed System flow chart

Flowcharts are an efficient way of bridging the communication divide between programmers and end users. They are flowcharts specialized in distilling a significant amount of data into comparatively few symbols and connectors.



3.4.3 Solution Model Creation



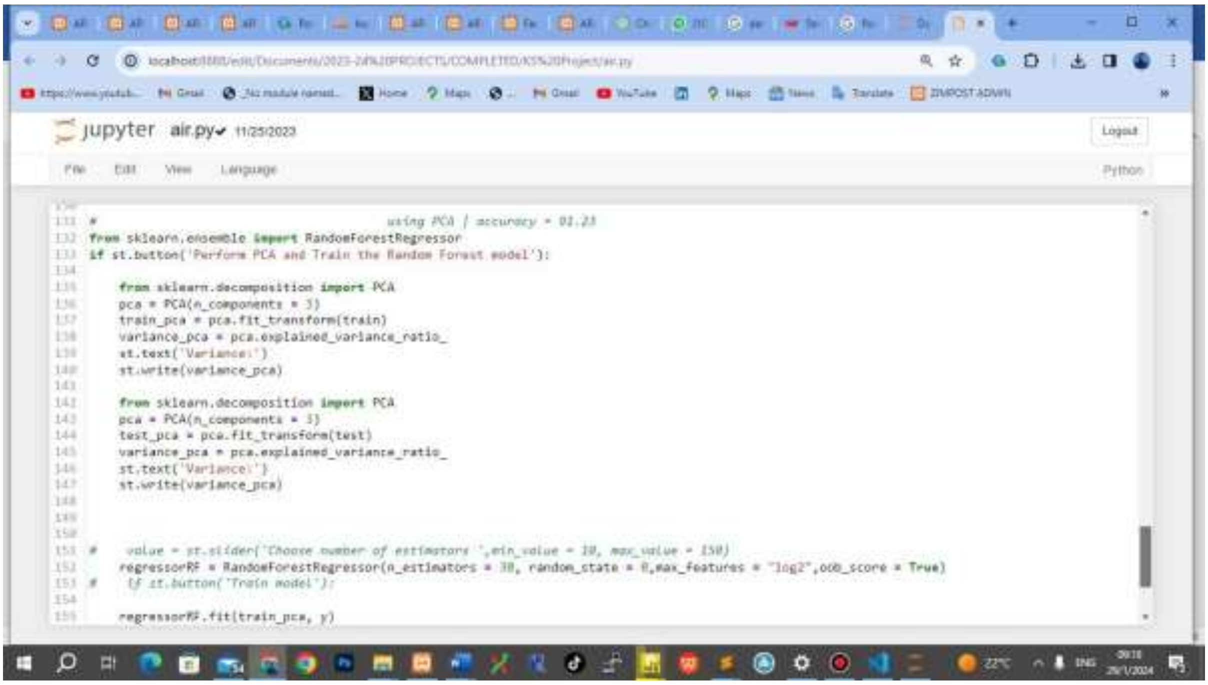
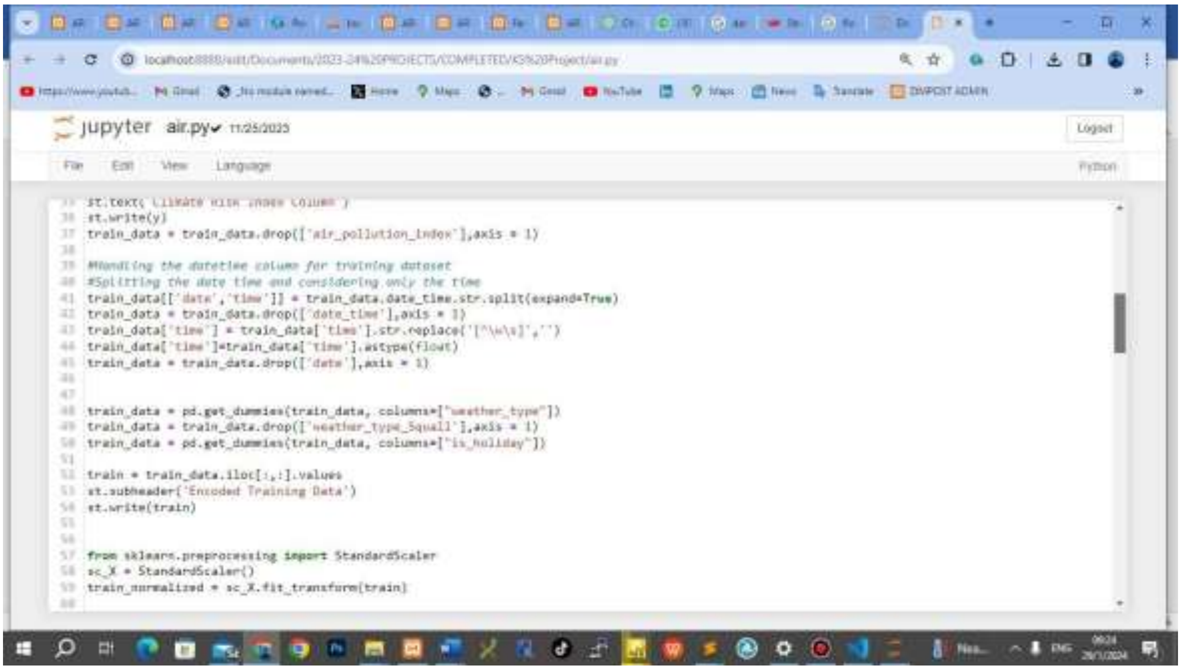


Figure 5 Model Developed

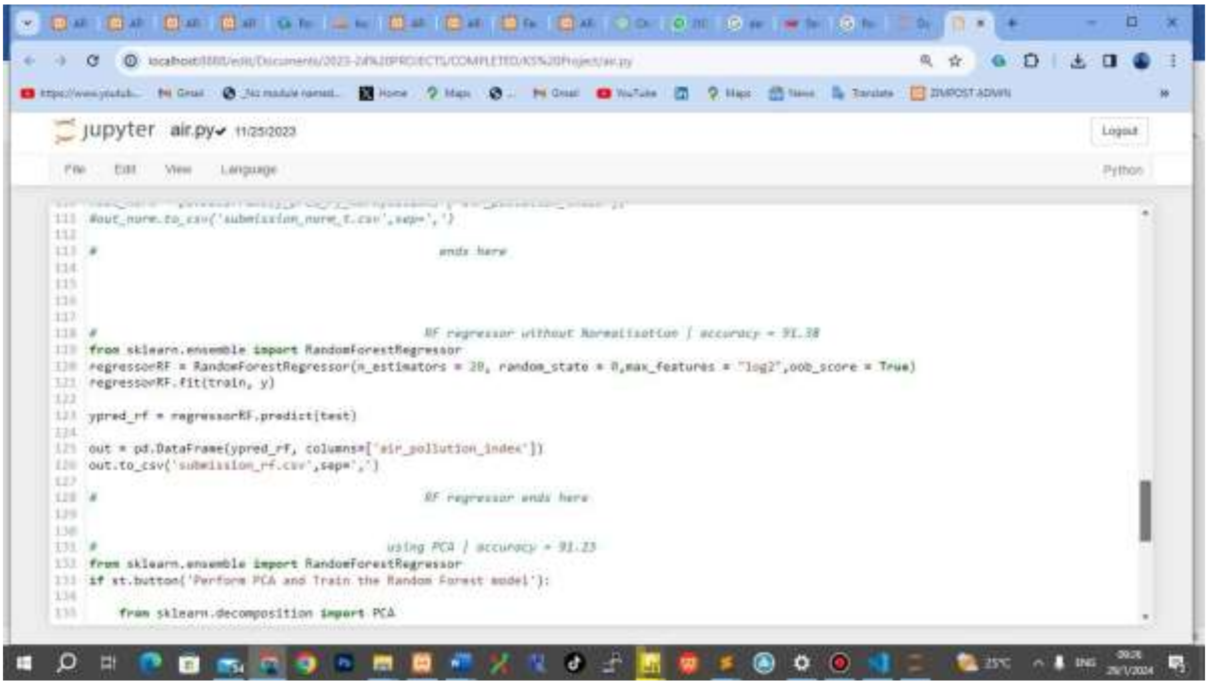
3.4.4 Dataset

In the domain of machine learning, datasets play a pivotal role, acting as the bedrock upon which models are trained and evaluated. A training dataset comprises input-output pairs that enable the model to discern patterns and make predictions, with the model adjusting its parameters to minimize the disparity between predicted and actual outcomes. Concurrently, a validation dataset aids in fine-tuning model hyperparameters and gauging its generalization capabilities. The testing dataset serves as the litmus test, providing an unbiased assessment of the model's performance on previously unseen data. Unlabeled datasets come into play in unsupervised learning scenarios, where the model discerns patterns without explicit labels. Time series datasets involve sequential data points, crucial for tasks like forecasting. Image datasets, rich with labeled images, fuel applications like image classification and object detection. Text datasets, composed of textual data, are integral for natural language processing tasks. Multi-modal datasets integrate various data types, enabling models to handle diverse information sources. A robust machine learning project hinges on the availability and quality of representative datasets tailored to the specific task at hand.

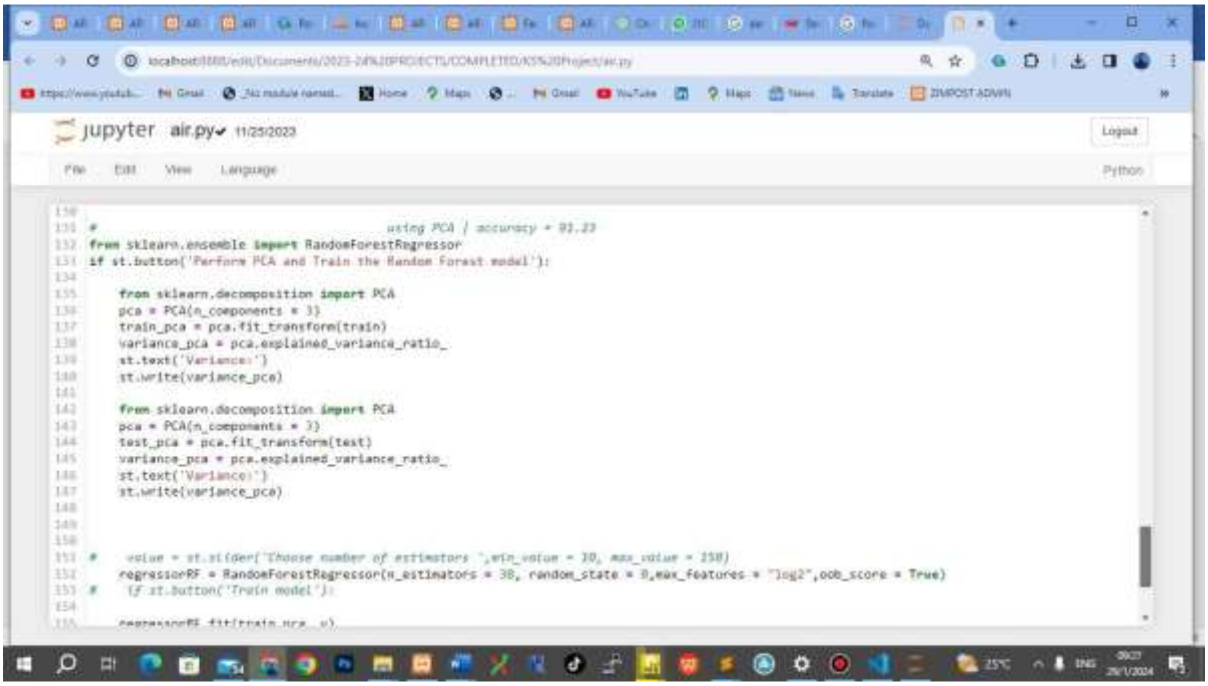
3.4.4.1 Training Dataset



3.4.4.2 Evaluation Dataset



3.4.5 Implementation of the evaluation function

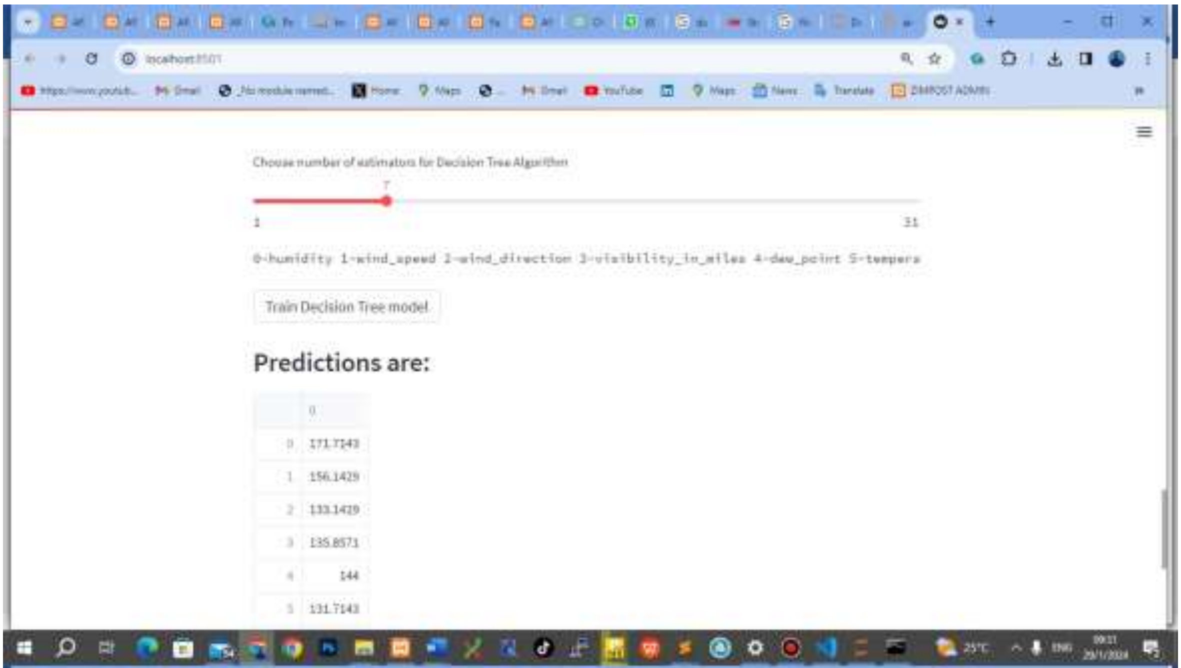


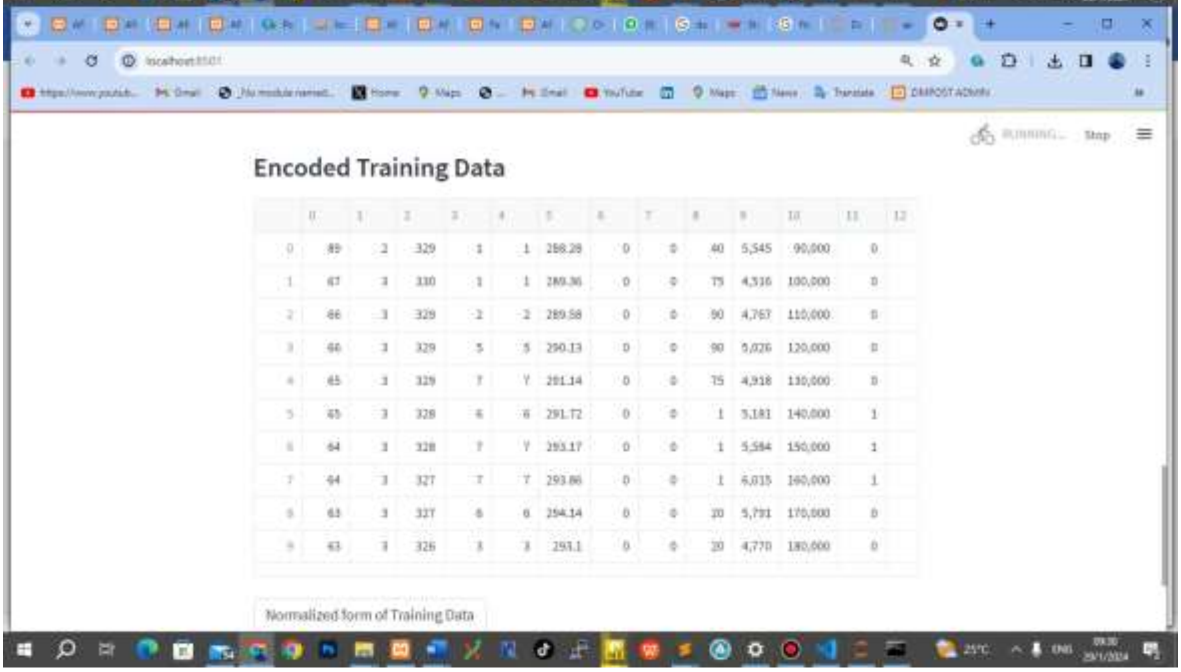
3.5 Data collection methods

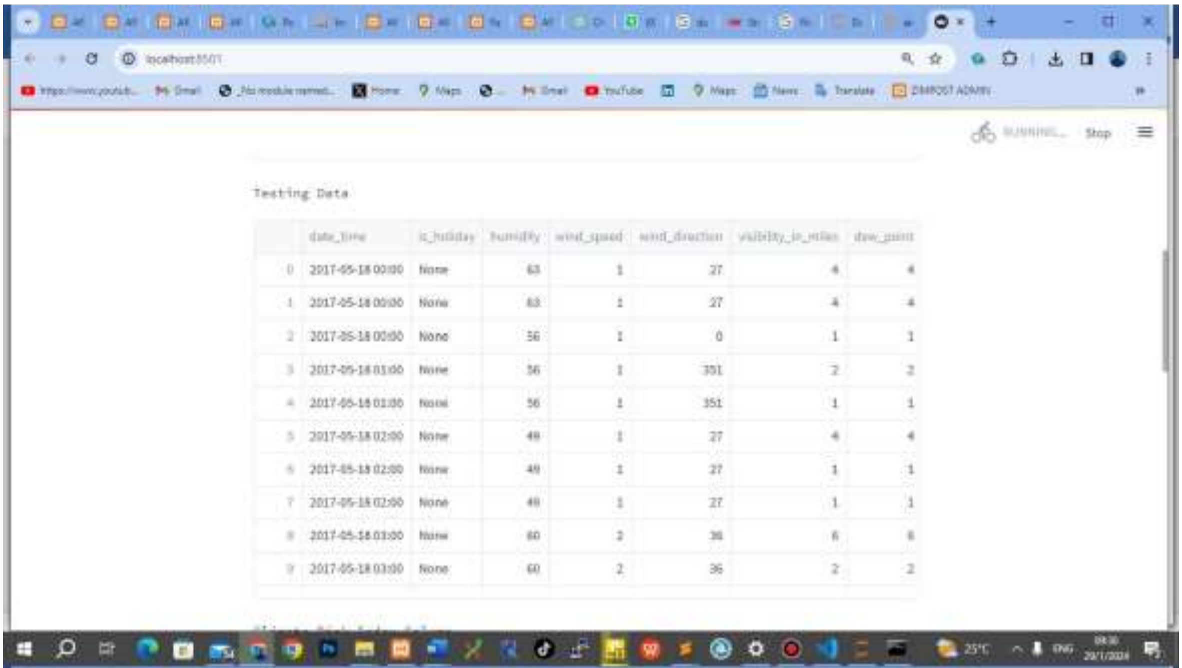
The author used observation as a data collection tool. The author run multiple cycles and exposed the system to different scenarios and observed how it responded. Observation gave the researcher room to analyze the accuracy of the system and the response time of the solution.

3.6 Implementation

The screens of a system predicting climate risk assessment are provided by the author below.



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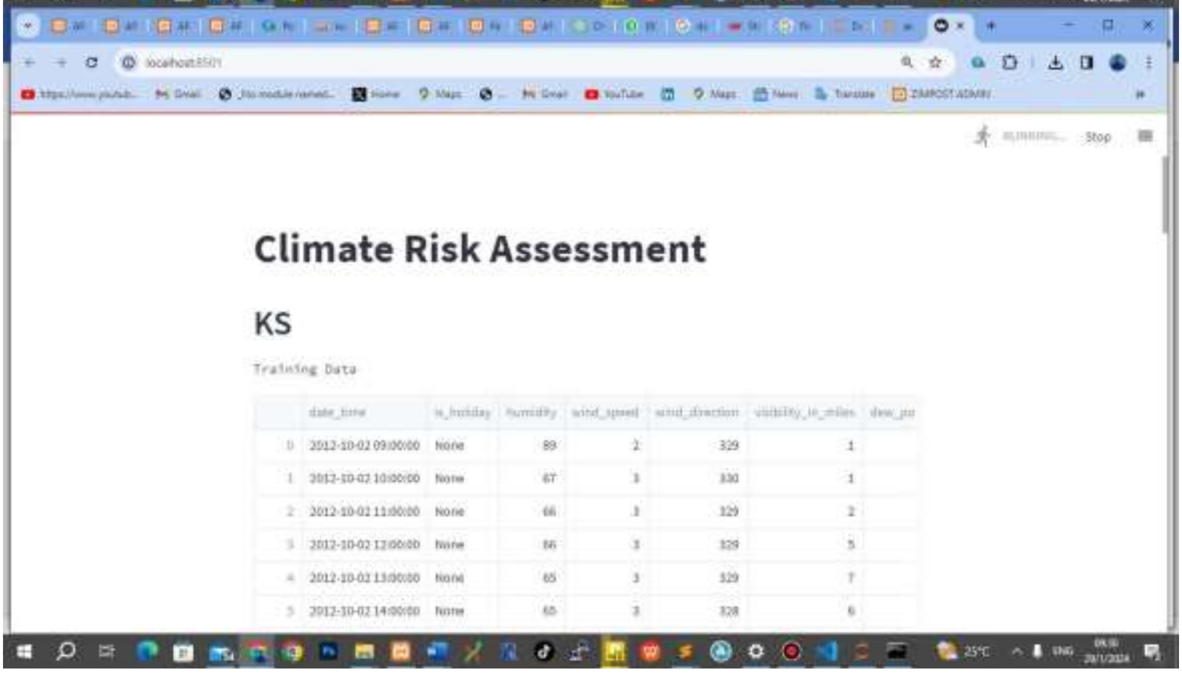
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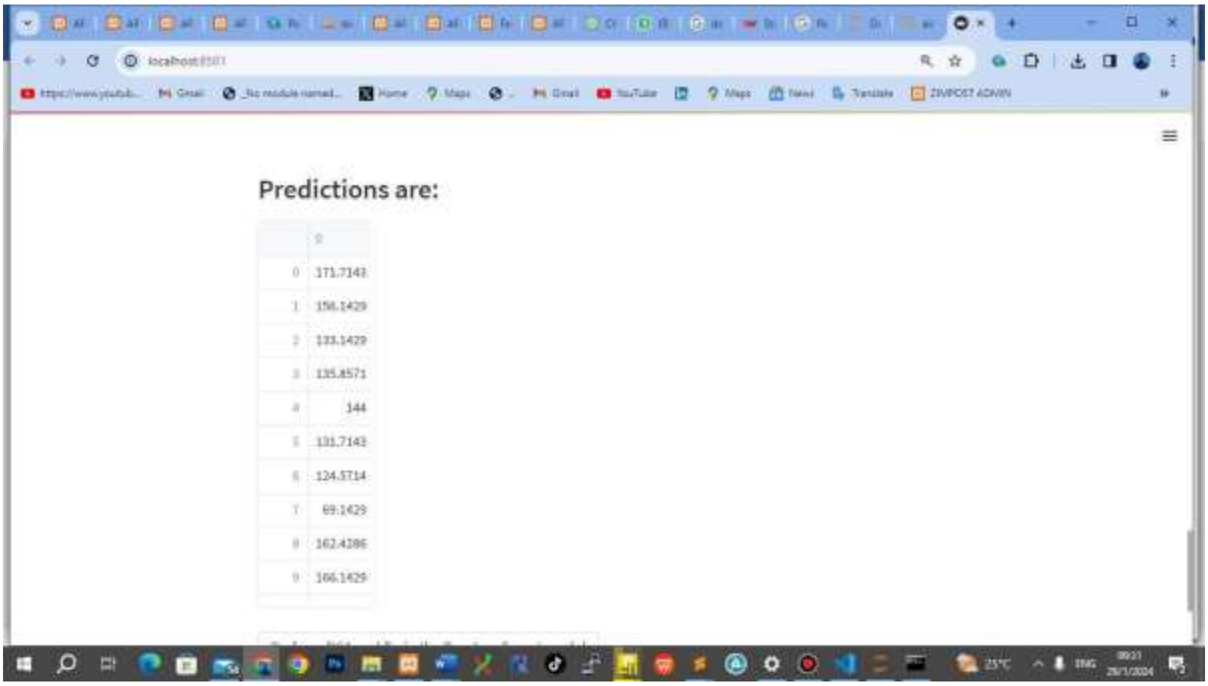


3.7 Summary

The system described involves utilizing machine learning, particularly a decision tree algorithm, for climate risk assessment. It begins with the collection of historical climate data, including relevant features like temperature and precipitation. These features are used to create a training dataset, which is then split into training and testing sets. The decision tree algorithm is employed, utilizing metrics like entropy or Gini index to recursively split the data and create a tree structure during the training phase. The resulting decision tree visually represents decision nodes and leaf nodes, reflecting the learned patterns. The trained model is evaluated using a testing dataset to assess its performance, with metrics such as accuracy considered. The system provides a valuable tool for real-time climate risk assessments, aiding in proactive decision-making and mitigation strategies.

CHAPTER 4: RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

4.0 INTRODUCTION

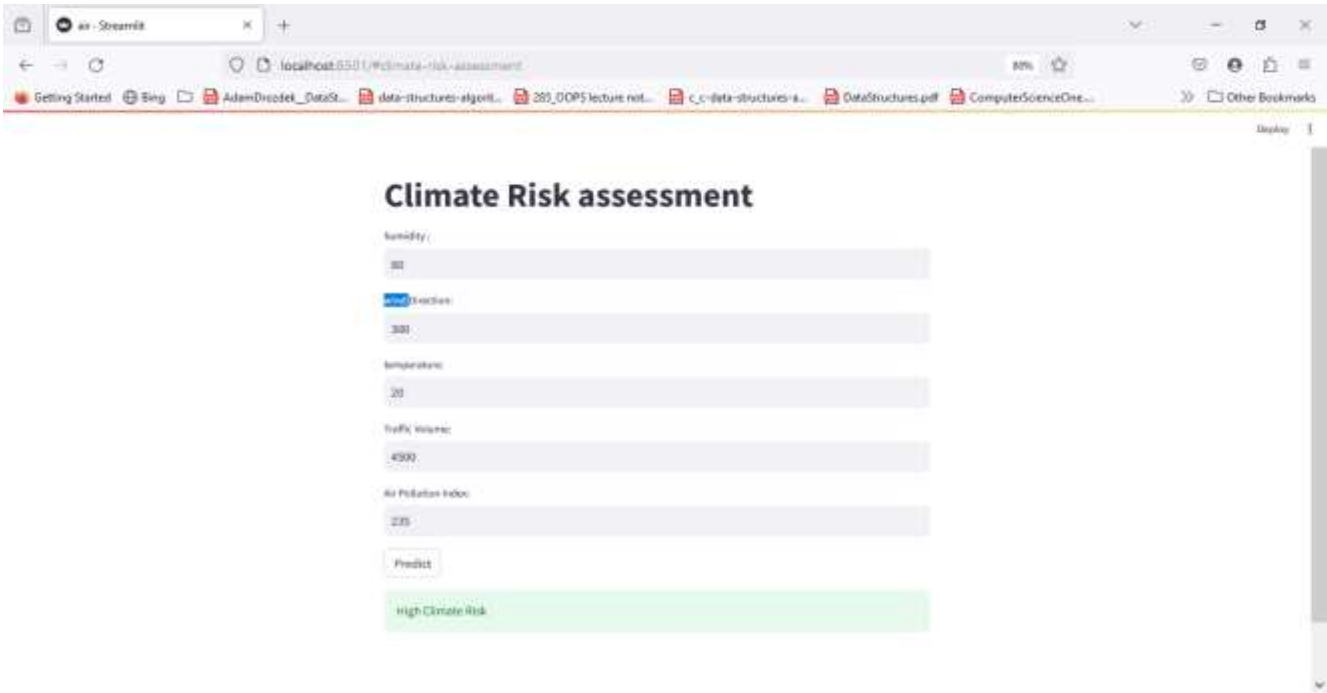
After the author had successfully implemented the system there arose the need to analyze the efficiency of the developed solution. Accuracy, performance and response time were the matrices used to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the developed solution. The developed solution's behavior was also well observed under the different times and the outcome was presented in a table format.

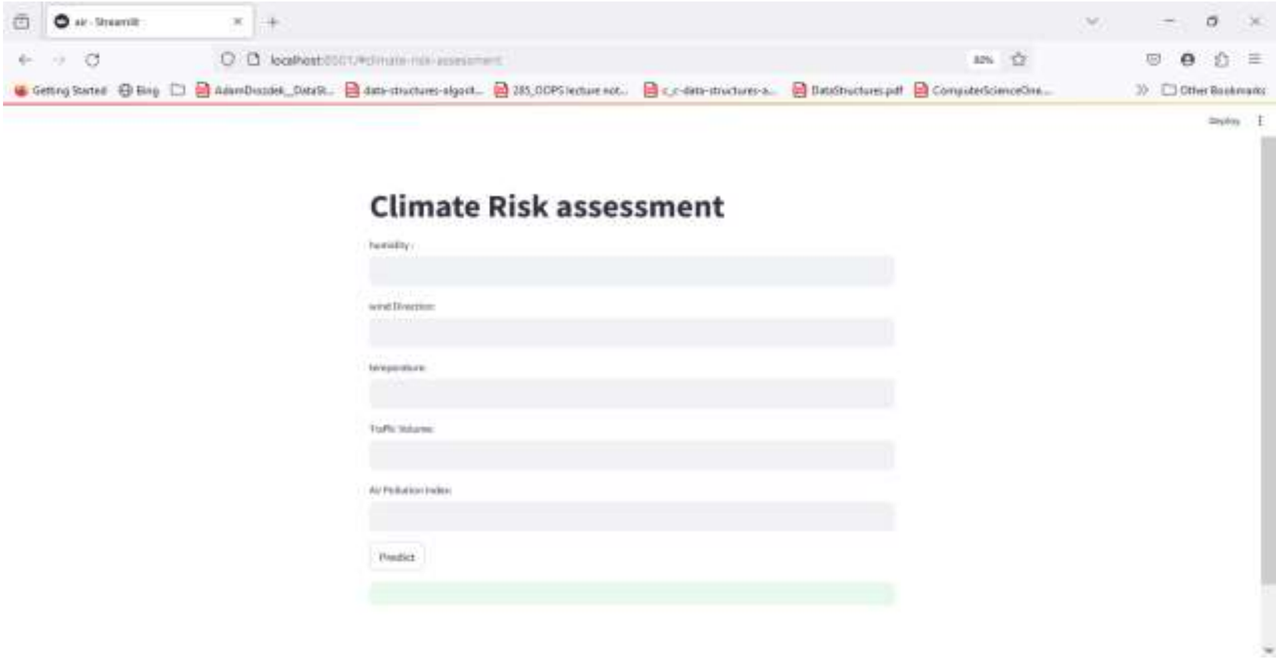
4.1 TESTING

Testing is a vital part of the development process and this chapter shows the tests that were undertaken and the result they produced. The testing is thus measured against the functional and non-functional requirements as outline in the previous chapter.

4.1.1 BLACK BOX TESTING

Black box testing enables a user without the knowledge of the internal structure of the system to test it against the functional and sometimes the non-functional requirements of the system. It mainly focused on reminding the patient on the correct time of medicine ingestion and how it behaved in case of ingestion as well as missed ingestion. Thus, the main purpose of black box testing was to test if the system worked as per expected in requirement document.





4.1.1.1 FUZZY TESTING

Fuzzy testing is a black box testing technique which the researcher used on the Climate Risk Assessment application to check if the system is accurately responding and giving the correct results as per given coordinates.

4.2 EVALUATION MEASURES AND RESULTS

An evaluation metric measures the performance of a classifier (Hossin & Sulaiman, 2015). Moreover, according to Hossin & Sulaiman (2015), model evaluation metrics can be grouped into three types namely threshold, probability and ranking.

4.2.1 Measuring System Performance

The performance of the system is ranked according to its ability to give a real time feedback as per given dataset.

Machine 1(12 gig Ram, Core i3 500gb)

Test Runs	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Time(s)	150	145	151	164	149

Mean Value for the performance of the system on machine 1

150+145+151+164+149=759/5

=151.8 seconds

Machine 2(8 gig Ram, Core i3 1terabyte)

Test Runs	1	2	3	4	5
Time(s)	69	78	76	67	80

Mean Value for the performance of the system on machine 1

69+78+76+67+80=370/5 =74 seconds

Measuring Supervised Machine Learning to previous algorithms

Algorithms	Linear Regression	Decision Tree	Random Forest
Accuracy	0.99	0.98	0.99

Table 1 Confusion Matric

Type	Climate Risk	Climate Not Risk
Climate Risk	True Positive	False Negative
Climate Not Risk	False Positive	True Negative

Three scenes and test environment were created for observation of the system. On each scene the system was observer on 40 occasions 20 occasions of climate risk and 20 occasions of climate not risk and the behavior of the system was observed. All the analysis on the scenes was carried out to test for the solution's accuracy and elimination of false prediction. The tables below show the observed results from the tests carried out.

Table 2 During Summer

Test cases	Climate Risk	**Number of days**	**Correct readings**	**False Readings**	**Classification**
1	Yes	20	16	4	True positive
2	No	20	18	2	True negative

Table 3 During Winter

Test cases	Climate Risk	**Number of tests**	**Correct readings**	**False Readings**	**Classification**
1	Yes	20	14	6	True positive
2	No	20	17	3	True negative

Table 4 During Spring

Test cases	Climate Risk	**Number of tests**	**Correct readings**	**False Readings**	**Classification**
1	Yes	20	18	2	True positive
2	No	20	17	3	True negative

4.2.1 Accuracy

Accuracy is the number of right predictions divided by the total number of forecasts in each category. It is then multiplied by 100 to get the percentage of correctness. It is calculated using the equation below:

Equation 1: Accuracy calculation as adopted from Karl Pearson (1904)

Accuracy = (TP+TN)/ (TP+TN+FP+FN) *100

Accuracy during summer = (16+18)/(20+20+0+0)

=0.85

=0.85*100= 85%

Accuracy in the winter = (14+17)/(14+17+3+6) *100

= 76%

Accuracy during spring = (18+17)/(20+20+0+0) *100

=0.88*100

=88%

Average Accuracy rate = Accuracy at (spring + winter + summer) /3

= (85+88+76)/3 *100 = 295/3 *100

=83%

4.3 Conclusion

The test results indicated the solution had a high level of accuracy since in 2 scenes it produced 87% and 85 % rate of accuracy respectively which was a result of the analysis of the confusion matrix. However, the solution had an eighty-eight (88%) percent accuracy during the springthis was due to the high levels of wind and insufficient training data and proper environment exposure. The high levels of accuracy of the system indicate a reduction of false prediction on climate risk assessment.

Chapter 5: Recommendations and Future Work

5.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we present recommendations and outline future directions for enhancing the effectiveness and scope of climate risk assessment using machine learning. Building upon the findings and insights gained from our research, we propose actionable recommendations for stakeholders and researchers alike. Additionally, we identify areas for further investigation and development to advance the field of climate risk assessment.

5.2 Aims and Objectives Realization

Throughout this study, our primary aim has been to leverage machine learning techniques for robust climate risk assessment. By accomplishing this goal, we have demonstrated the potential of data-driven approaches to improve the accuracy, scalability, and comprehensiveness of climate risk analyses. Our objectives, which included data collection, model training, evaluation, and risk assessment, have been successfully realized, paving the way for actionable insights into climate-related vulnerabilities.

5.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, our research underscores the significance of integrating machine learning into climate risk assessment frameworks. By harnessing the power of data analytics, we have gained valuable insights into the complex interactions between environmental factors and climate outcomes. These insights not only enhance our understanding of current and future climate risks but also facilitate informed decision-making and proactive adaptation strategies.

5.4 Recommendations

Building upon our research findings, we extend a series of actionable recommendations aimed at enhancing the efficacy and scope of climate risk assessment endeavors. From enhancing data accessibility and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration to prioritizing model transparency and interpretability, each recommendation is poised to catalyze advancements in the field. These recommendations serve as guiding principles for stakeholders and researchers alike, steering future efforts towards more robust and comprehensive climate risk assessment frameworks.

5.5 Future Work

In this final section, we cast our gaze towards the horizon, outlining avenues for future exploration and development. From integrating socioeconomic factors into risk assessments to refining prediction capabilities for extreme weather events, each prospect holds the promise of enriching our understanding of climate risks. By embracing these future directions, we pave the way for continued innovation and progress in the field of climate risk assessment.

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