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Air Quality Index Prediction in Punjab using Genetic Algorithm and Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract

Stubble burning is today's big problem in Punjab and its surrounding areas. This happens due to the huge quantity of stubble generated after harvesting crops. The requirement of the next crop sowing within a period creates the stubble burning problem that harms our ecosystem and ecology. Stubble burning increases the PM (Particulate Matter) which disturbs our AQI (Air Quality Index) in the environment. To control this, we can make some predictions using AI (Artificial Intelligence) techniques like ML (Machine Learning), DL (Deep Learning) etc. Many conventional

algorithms were used for the prediction of AQI like SVM (Support Vector Machine), RF (Random Forest), ANN (Artificial Neural Network), and regression/classification. A hybrid approach of GA (Genetic Algorithm) with RF (Random Forest) as the proposed technique gave better prediction than traditional techniques. In the past five years, air pollution data analyzed from different cities in Punjab has helped estimate and forecast PM levels by using our proposed hybrid RG technique and a comparison with other conventional techniques.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Air Quality Index, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, Support Vector Machine, Artificial Neural Network, Random Forests Correlation and Regression Analysis

1. Introduction

Stubble burning is the agricultural field residue burning after harvesting rice or wheat crops^[1]. Due to short time in harvesting and sowing of rice/wheat crops in their sessions, stubble burning is done by farmers^[2]. This burning reduces nutrients in soil and disturbs our ecosystem. Burning smoke emitted with ammonia, nitrogen oxide and methane gases pollute the environment. These gases affect our lungs that exacerbate asthma which further make a risk in chronic bronchitis^[3]. Burning of crop residue also create a pollution in Ozone layer. Modernization, vehicle emissions, population growth, deforestation and industrialization also are the pollution cause by releasing hazardous gases like sulphur dioxide (SO₂), lead (Pb), ozone (O₃), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and carbon monoxide (CO) that increases particulate matter PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ having some airborne particles in solid and liquid compositions^[4]. These compositions have some organic particles, SO₄ and NO₃ molecules^[5]. The particulate matter (PM) less than 2.5m dimension values is PM_{2.5} which is most harmful for our environment^[6]. PM_{2.5} is hazardous for humanity that irritates lungs by damaging lungs^[7]. PM_{2.5} also develops skin cancer and lung cancer^[8]. Tiny particles in lungs halts our respiratory system which further develops COVID-19 coronavirus infection^[9]. An analysis and by doing research on particulate materials, it was found that it create a bad effect on human health^[10]. In North region of India (Punjab, Haryana and Delhi) this stubble burning create a worst situation. During this period air pollution in Punjab increases to 39%, in Haryana it is 43% and in Delhi and its related NCR area it reaches to 48% according to government meteorologists which increases AQI in environment^[11].

Governments in states have taken strict decisions and actions in past years to stop or reduce stubble burning. In 1981, IPC (Indian Penal Code) having Section 188 implemented for controlling stubble burning with unadorned punishment. Production of paddy straw in Punjab increases to 180 lakh tones every year^[12]. Many industries started utilizing raw material of stubble for paper mills manufacturing, biogas plants utilization, power plants implementation, worm farms creation, packing the materials for different purposes, biomass power production, fuel boilers management etc. Punjab Pollution Control Board issued burnt data (in hectares) from 2019 to December 2023 in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Burning Report by PPCB

Years wise	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Stubble burn (in lakh hectares)	19.12	8.13	16.01	17.98	15.99

Table 2 is about the fire farm cases year wise in Punjab that was increasing year by year and making the situation worst.

Table 2: Stubble burning cases in Punjab (By PPCB)

Years wise	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Stubble Burning cases in Punjab	52,991	36,117	21,998	17,999	17,234

Sangrur district has highest 5,565 stubble burn cases. Ferozepur has 3,322, Moga has 2,596, Bathinda has 2,900 and at end Barnala has 2,266. PAU (Punjab Agricultural

University, Ludhiana) shown 12,124 stubble burn cases till 30th November 2023. Punjab’s Faridkot district has predicted highest worst air pollution. These cases effect the AQI level. Different district in Punjab showing AQI level in Table 3 (A day in November 2023).

Table 3: Different Districts of AQI levels

City	Sangrur	Bathinda	Moga	Ferozepur	Barnala
AQI	391	224	208	187	181

Burning crops residue made it of low fertile and also increase the AQI level [13]. A complete chart having various AQI levels with its AQI range and effects on health as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Impact on health with various AQI levels

AQI Value	AQI Health effects	Meaning
0-50	Good	Little Risk
51-100	Moderate	It create impact on those persons who have effect of poor air quality
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive persons	It create impact on sensitive children, unhealthy persons and old age person
151-200	Unhealthy for all	Everyone feel impact
201-300	Very Dangerous	Lungs and Heart problems occurs for all persons who passes through this level

We looked for AQI-specific factors in the PPCB dataset in order to forecast air quality. The National Ambient Board developed six levels for AQI classification: First, acceptable (0 to 50), second, bearable (51 to 100), third, moderate (101 to 150), fourth, poor (151 to 200) and fifth, severe (201 to 300). Further, we can say that AI (Artificial Intelligence) forecasted AQI in better way. Certain prediction parameters used in auto learning methods work similarly to those used in pure statistics. Some of AI techniques as ANN (Artificial Neural Networks) gave AQI prediction in better form [14]. A hybrid approach by combining AI with GA offers a policy for deep and precise prediction. In order to obtain some

correct initial values with some threshold values that apply to expedite training, the forecasting output from GA has been further optimized. The purpose of this work proposal is to forecast the concentration of air pollutants in Punjab so that hybrid approach-based preventive actions can be implemented to save human lives. (See Fig 1) Displays the entire AQI view, which is provided by website: <https://www.iqair.com/in-en/india/punjab>.

2. Literature Review

A complete study of related work is described in below table 5 (literature survey):

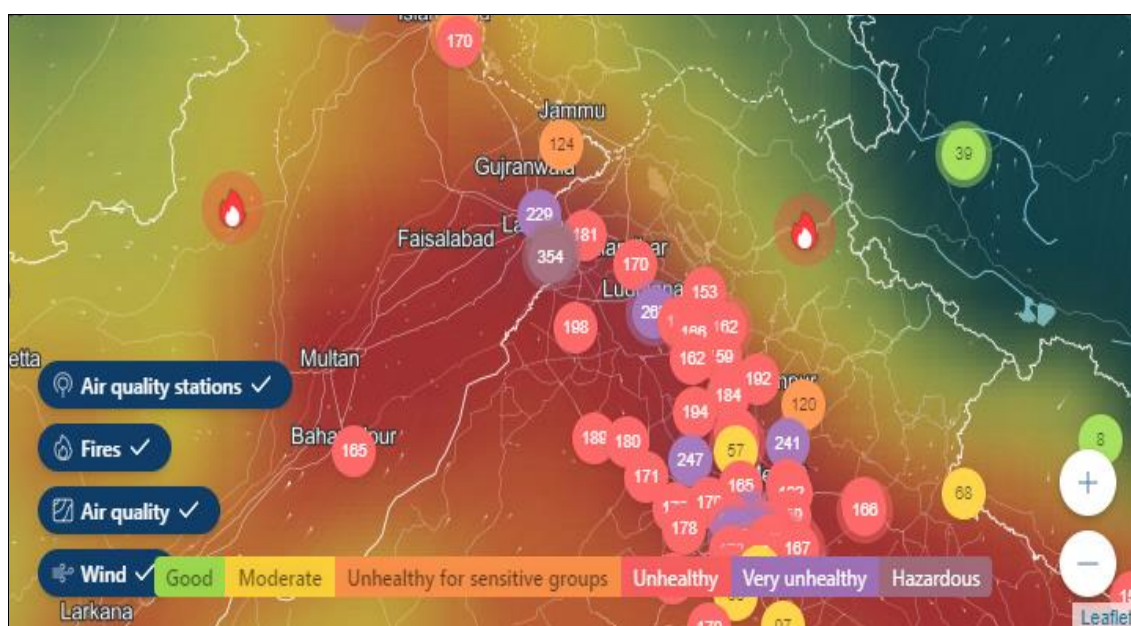


Fig 1: A full AQI view (From website iqair.com)

Table 5: Survey of Literature

Authors	Methodology used with results
Kaur <i>et al.</i> ^[15]	Stubble as a Renewable Source of Energy, A complete study of Stubble Burning and Crisis of Environmental Degradation in Punjab, India that shows the results having 80% accuracy than previous methods.
Kumar <i>et al.</i> ^[16]	Assistance of PEDDA (Punjab Energy Development Agency), produce electricity from agricultural waste of paddy straw as biomass fuel that decreased global warming and the greenhouse effect and gave 80% accuracy than previous.
Bellinger <i>et al.</i> ^[17]	By employing data mining and machine learning approaches, the air pollution databases for China, the USA, and Europe and gave 83.2% accuracy than previous.
Rybarczyk and Zalakeviciute ^[18]	In order to achieve the highest level of accuracy in pollution control, a hybrid model with traffic density correlation using an air pollution database that gave 85.9% accuracy than previous.
Sharma <i>et al.</i> ^[19]	Data on Delhi City's air quality to track different levels of pollution that show better output as compared to previous databases.
Sweileh <i>et al.</i> ^[20]	Air pollution and health literature by looking through a number of Scopus articles from 1990 to 2017 that gave more accurate data.
Dua <i>et al.</i> ^[21]	Delhi region's air pollution data for forecasting analyzed and provided an online air pollution prediction system in real time.
Kumar and B. P. Pande ^[22]	Machine learning method to identify highly polluted Indian cities and predicts the pollution levels of SO ₂ in the environment of Maharashtra state that gave more accuracy as compared to traditional techniques.
Mahalingam <i>et al.</i> ^[23]	A support vector machine model of several Indian cities was used to predict the AQI with a high degree of accuracy.
Singh <i>et al.</i> ^[24]	By gathering data from the ITO station in Delhi, RPART and C5.0 supervised machine learning algorithms were used to classify and predict the model for atmospheric pollution.
Castelli <i>et al.</i> ^[25]	Created a machine learning-based predicted model to determine the air quality in California by taking into account various contaminants and particulate levels. Regression using Support Vectors.
Bamrah <i>et al.</i> ^[26]	Calculated the AQI with 81% accuracy by taking into account different levels of pollution concentration and utilizing a variety of regression techniques and machine learning.
Kumar <i>et al.</i> ^[27]	Predicted levels of PM _{2.5} concentration in the Delhi regions using regression and time series analysis, varying the parameters to determine the effectiveness of the suggested strategy.
Harishkumar <i>et al.</i> ^[28]	Using Taiwan's air pollution information, machine learning prediction methods were examined with respect to expected and actual values.
Liang <i>et al.</i> ^[29]	Evaluated Taiwan's AQI data for forecasting using a variety of machine learning classifiers.
Madan <i>et al.</i> ^[30]	Analyzed data on the amount of pollutants using machine learning, taking into account many parameters and the accuracy of the anticipated air pollution
Madhuri <i>et al.</i> ^[31]	Determined the concentrations of air contaminants using an RF machine learning technique.
Monisri <i>et al.</i> ^[32]	Created an air quality forecast model by combining data on air pollution from many sources.
Patil <i>et al.</i> ^[33]	Obtained machine learning AQI data for use in artificial neural networks, logistic regression, and forecasting.
Chhapariya <i>et al.</i> ^[34]	Found Punjabi locations for stubble burning databases using machine learning and fuzzy approaches to identify and determine the optimal classifier strategy.
Sanjeev ^[35]	Analyzed datasets of contaminants and used the Random Forest classifier to estimate the quality of the air.
Arif <i>et al.</i> ^[36]	Compiled the history of forest fires and used machine learning techniques to forecast their detection in burned areas.
Barthwal <i>et al.</i> ^[37]	Developed a model to predict PM concentrations at NCR locations, and assessed the VIR (variable importance ranking) to determine the mean, absolute, and root mean square errors.
Kaur <i>et al.</i> ^[38]	AQI was forecasted utilizing data visualizations, correlation, and statistical outliers with a machine learning approach, based on perceived air quality data of Indian cities.
Pardasani and Raghav ^[39]	Examined using multiple regression analysis the effects of stubble burning in Punjab on the NCR area.
Keil <i>et al.</i> ^[40]	Analyzed different burn data approaches and recommended that farmers use no-burn methods such as "Happy Seeder." Moreover, Happy Seeder was used to analyze cost management and identification of all contributing aspects.
Sangwan and Deswal ^[41]	Compared artificial intelligence techniques such as Support Vector Machine, Random Forest, and Artificial Neural Network on a range of pollution characteristics, taking into account the Rohtak area during stubble burning, in order to study PM _{2.5} modeling.
Pant <i>et al.</i> ^[42]	Concentrated on AQI prediction using supervised machine learning approaches in Dehradun, where pollutants included SO ₂ , PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , PM _{2.5} , and so on. The prediction accuracy was determined to be 98.63%.
Aruna <i>et al.</i> ^[43]	Streamlined the tasks of collecting and disposing of stubble.

3. Methodology

Air pollution is currently posing a serious threat to agricultural areas and negatively affecting several Indian towns, especially those in the Punjab region. Elevated AQI is detrimental to health and impedes India's economic development. Major sources of pollution include increased industrial energy production, traffic on roads, power plants, open burning of waste, waste incineration, and so forth. The Punjab Pollution Control Board ^[44] provided the data needed

for the research study, which covered the years 2018–2023. The current analysis is based on air pollution data ^[45] from the Punjab Pollution Control Board. This dataset has observations from January 2018–November 2023 and 10 attributes with 29,112 samples from five different cities in Punjab. Table 6 below provides a brief description of the pollutants/particles exhibiting AQI from the available dataset.

Table 6: Statistical data showing various AQI values compared with Pollutants

Statistic Values Pollutant Values	Count	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
PM _{2.5}	23,888	66,889	62991	0.041	9988
PM ₁₀	18,112	19,119	89999	0.011	1012
NO	24,891	17,399	23100	0.021	422
NO ₂	24,211	27,999	24111	0.011	488
NH ₃	18,898	21,998	25222	0.011	34989
CO	26,999	2190	6999	0.223	18799
SO ₂	27,001	15200	19200	0.012	19111
O ₃	25,102	34,299	23111	0.013	25100
Toluene	22,123	82145	19898	0.600	451.0
Benzene	23,200	3332	15112	0.122	423.00

Table 7 below illustrates an exact connection of AQI with each value from the provided dataset:

Table 7: Correlation or association between pollutants and AQI

Pollutants	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	CO	NO ₂	SO ₂	NH ₃	O ₃	Xylene	Benzene	Toulene
Correlation	0.8103	0.6523	0.6811	0.53111	0.52000	0.25121	0.20298	0.16698	0.04111	0.27999

It should be mentioned that skewed distribution is aided by a normal distribution of the data, which makes AI algorithms work better. Therefore, it is essential for identifying Skewness from current features that are derived from data sets. These were mapped, and vital changes were made based on this Skewness to turn the skewed distribution into a normal one [46]. (See Fig 2) Illustrates the highly skewed values of the properties of CO, Benzene, Xylene, and Toluene etc.

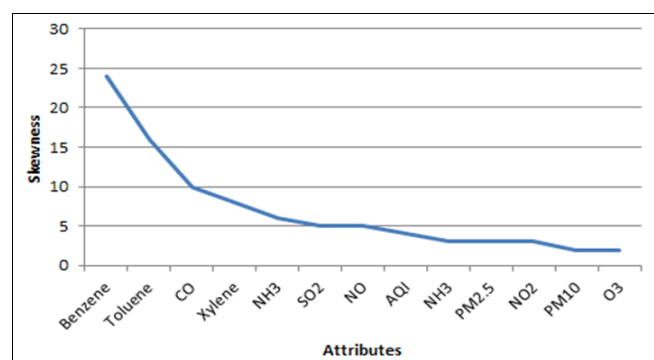


Fig 2: Various dataset attributes showing Skewness

A) Problem Definition:

The amount of fine particles in the air is an important component after precise measurement. Other factors that impact its level are wind direction, wind speed, and solar illumination, among others. The PM_{2.5} particle type is significant for predicting pollution levels. PM_{2.5} concentration levels were determined using a variety of methods, but it is a very challenging task to determine such levels precisely because of their variable dependence and time-dependent behavior on a number of additional factors in Punjab and its surrounding areas, such as vehicle’s CO₂ emissions and burning of stubble. As a result, time-based regression was evaluated as the main task at a higher level, and it becomes useful for measuring continuous PM_{2.5} prediction. It depends on historical datasets or PM_{2.5} readings in addition to a variety of meteorological factors with time-series format records. The issue of accurate PM_{2.5} measurements in Punjab and the surrounding areas is especially addressed by the proposed plan. AI systems are trained on historical data and run through GA to generate

future predictions. Following the initial phase of data collection, pre-processing was carried out, followed by an application of the analysis process and a discussion of GA and AI (Feature selection –RF algorithm). It is shown in (See Fig 3).

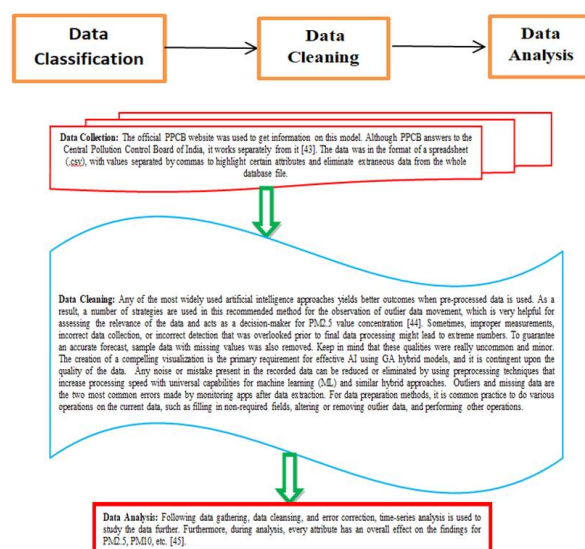


Fig 3: Data Processing

B) Data Analysis:

Using the provided data, the following analysis of varying PM concentrations in different seasons is discussed as follow:

a) Evaluation of Sessional PM concentrations:

Seasonal patterns influence PM levels in the Punjab region because of geographic and climatic factors. Three seasons were used to examine full-year pollutant concentrations in accordance with different risk ratings. 16th October to 31st January (winter), 01st February to 30th June (spring and summer) and 01st July 15 October (monsoons) are three sessions in Punjab climate. The daily average PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ concentrations from PAU and PPCB for the months of December 2022 to December 2023 are used to generate the forecast models. The PM time-series with the highest, lowest, mean, median, mode, standard deviation (SD), and range values are shown in Table 8.

Table 8: Statistics of PM concentration of winter session

PMs → Factors ↓	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀
Highest	732.12	989.99
Lowest	5.1	13.11
Mean	121.99	245.12
Median	91.98	212.11
Mode	51.11	110.98
SD	101.99	150.01
Range	711.21	924.02

On May 15, 2023, the maximum daily average PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ value for the spring and summer seasons are recorded. The PM time-series with the highest, lowest, mean, median, mode, standard deviation (SD), and range values are shown in Table 9.

Table 9: Statistics of PM concentration of spring and summer session

PMs → Factors ↓	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀
Highest	311.98	892.01
Lowest	15.01	89.11
Mean	98.02	277.00
Median	90.12	249.11
Mode	40.99	99.00
SD	48.00	120.11
Range	235.11	899.00

Table 11: Statistics of predicted factors (From 01st January 2023 - 15th December 2023)

Environmental Factors	RF	RH	TEMP	WS	SR	WD	CO	AP	O ₃	SO ₂	NO ₂
Max	949	97.99	43.00	9.2	312.1	277.1	7.1	750.00	451	121.00	122.0
Min	01	21.98	13.00	0.2	9.8	67.1	0.31	723.00	1.2	7.1	12.01
Mean	66.01	63.01	26.91	2.1	89	169	1.99	712.01	57	34.00	56.11
SD	156.02	14.99	7.01	0.91	45	45.01	0.71	6.99	69	13.00	23.01

Air pollutants such as PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, CO, NO₂, O₃, SO₂, etc. were analyzed using a hybrid technique of AI and GA for improving AQI prediction. The entire methodological procedure combining AI and GA is depicted in (See Fig 4).

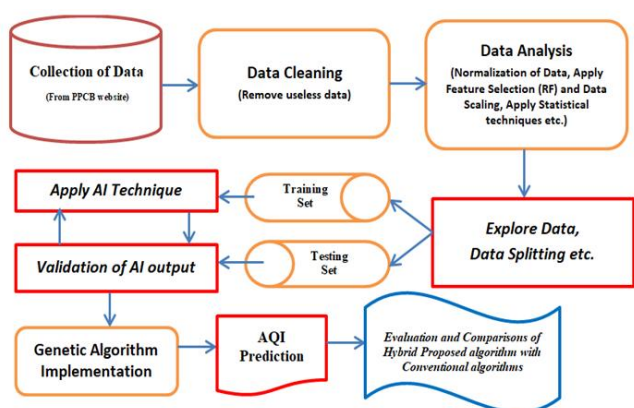


Fig 4: Proposed methodology

c) Apply RF Algorithm (Feature selection):

Research in this area showed that predictions can be made more accurate by removing some input variables and using less computer power. The best values for pollutants as input variables were found in the current study by comparing each

Table 10 presents the basic statistics on PM variations during the monsoon season.

Table 10: Statistics of PM concentration of monsoon session

PMs → Factors ↓	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀
Highest	191.11	472.01
Lowest	5.1	16.00
Mean	50.01	147.11
Median	40.02	113.00
Mode	41.00	96.99
SD	38.00	99.00
Range	185.11	450.01

b) PM values Vs Environmental Factors:

Meteorological variables such as Relative Humidity (RH), Rainfall (RF), Temperature (TEMP), Solar Radiation (SR), Wind Direction (WD), Wind Speed (WS), Atmospheric Pollutants, and Atmospheric Pressure (AP) such as Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Carbon Monoxide (CO), and Ozone (O₃) are known to have an impact on a region's PM levels.

In order to more precisely estimate future PM concentrations, the prediction models in this work incorporate pollutant inputs in addition to meteorological data as predictor variables. The basic statistics of the 11 parameters that were inputted into the forecast model for this study are listed in Table 11.

pair of initial and final variables using a feature selection method that uses correlation. Be advised that lot of AI techniques are very susceptible to these anomalies. To choose the most important features, a correlation analysis was done between the value sets of the AQI features and those of other pollutants.

Random Forests (RFs) are found to be more suitable for prediction than ANN and SVM since they are fully non-parametric and do not require knowledge of the distribution of different input parameters. Furthermore, only Random Forests can accept both category and numerical inputs in order to reflect non-linear relationships between accessible classes and features that take missing data into account. Additionally, RFs are preferred because of their clear values and basic comprehensible regression structure. Using training data, a collaborative regression tree is created using the Random Forest technique and values are then selected for predicting. Every tree in the ensemble grows according to random vectors. Decision trees with regression and classification are used to handle continuous data values. Keep in mind that every decision tree seems to be a tree structure with an attribute test running on each node. Each branch transmits the test result and each terminal node contains a feature label. All initial input data is contained in the root node. Next, a variety of splitting factors are used to divide the data set into child nodes. The decision tree

approach calculates entropy, predicted entropy and information gain in order to evaluate the splitter based on input variable values and to determine whether to split the inputted nodes further. The Random Forest algorithm is elaborated in (See Fig 5) below:

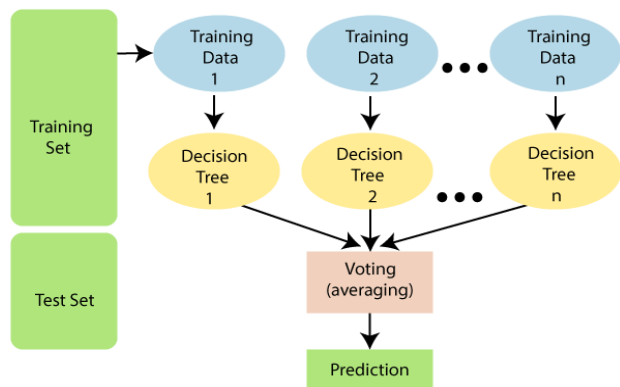


Fig 5: RF elaboration

The two stages of Random Forest's operation are the creation of the random forest from the combination of N decision trees and the prediction of each tree generated in the first phase. The stages below can be used to demonstrate the working process:

- Step1:** Choose K data points at random from the training set.
- Step2:** Construct the decision trees linked to the chosen data points (subsets).
- Step3:** When building decision trees, select the number N.
- Step4:** Repeat Step1 and Step2.
- Step5:** Locate each decision tree's predictions for the new data points and then allocate them to the category with the majority of votes.

d) Applying GA:

GA [47] is an enhanced technique that uses a mechanism based on population inheritance and natural selection to simulate hybridization, reproduction, and mutation. Inheritance and natural selection processes provide the basis for the application of bio-inspired operators for effective solutions to search and optimization problems. People with GA may benefit from a treatment that was "chromosome" encoded. Every possible person is a member of the population in the further solution domain. From this population, a fitness function with a feasible solution is calculated. Once each individual's fitness value has been assessed using the predetermined fitness function, individual selection is generated in the subsequent generation using the designated fitness function. The goal of selection is to preserve the strong and destroy the weak. The values of these selected individuals were subsequently developed into a new generation set of values by applying two additional processes, crossover and mutation. People from the younger generation succeed more than those from the older generation, who were gradually moving towards the greatest possible result. The younger generation inherits the good value sets from the older generation.

4. Experimental Findings and Talk

This paper discusses an experimental setup and empirical analysis for AQI value predicting based on airborne pollutants. The dataset including air pollution data is divided

into two subsets before being evaluated using GA: A training subset with a weight of 75% and a testing subset with a weight of 25%. Python programs run on the Google Pro-cloud environment, which features a Tesla P50 processor with an Intel core clocked at 2.2GHz, 32GB RAM and 512GB SSD external memory. For data processing, some Python libraries are taken into consideration, such as Seaborn, NumPy, Scikit-learn and Pandas etc. Next, an analysis of the dataset is conducted to ascertain the overall AQI values with respect to those pollutants that have a substantial effect on raising the AQI value.

The methodology used to determine the accuracy and efficiency of AQI forecasting that explains how AI-based methodology is useful for evaluating AQI. AI frequently overlooks the problem of imbalanced datasets which could lead to poor classification and prediction performances. The classes are split unevenly because of some missing values in the target attribute and AQI Bucket. AQI level may be predicted using four well-known AI models—SVM, RF, ANN and proposed hybrid RG model. Tables 12 and table 13 depict the performance of used AI models in terms of recall, F1-score, accuracy and precision throughout the training phase and the testing phase. Precision is the percentage of relevant instances that are present in the retrieved instances, whereas recall is the percentage of relevant examples that have been recovered. Accuracy is defined as the ratio of correctly detected attributes to the whole set of variables. The F1-score is a weighted average of recall and precision. Note that the RG had the best accuracy and the SVM model had the lowest in training phase.

Table 12: Comparison of model results in the training set

Algorithms	Accuracy	Training time	Recall	F1 score	Precision
ANN	88	0.111	88	91	93
SVM	81	0.261	93	88	89
RF	93	0.532	95	91	97
RG	95	0.112	89	98	99

Recall indicates the percentage of pertinent examples that have been retrieved, whereas precision indicates the percentage of appropriate instances that are available in recovered instances. The ratio of accurately identified attributes to all other variables is known as accuracy. The precision and recall numbers are weighted averaged to determine the F1-score. Remember that the SVM model had the lowest accuracy throughout the testing phase, even though the RG model had the highest accuracy.

Table 13: Comparison of various methods outputs in testing set

Algorithms	Accuracy	Prediction time	Recall	F1 score	Precision
ANN	86	0.021	91	92	92
SVM	78	0.031	91	83	90
RF	91	0.040	97	94	98
RG	93	0.019	99	96	89

Eleven inputs (RF, RH, TEMP, SR, WS, WD, AP, CO, O₃, SO₂, and NO₂) are used as explanatory variables in the construction of the forecast models. The forecast models are used to produce short-term (7-day) forecasts. Using seasonal concentrations, the PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ levels are forecasted for seven days during the same season. (See Fig 6, See Fig 7 and See Fig 8) Display the PM levels that are expected and actual for each season.

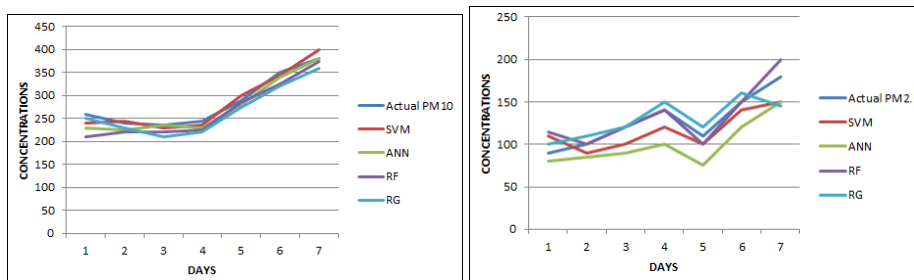


Fig 6: Forecast of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Level (7 days Monsoon Data)

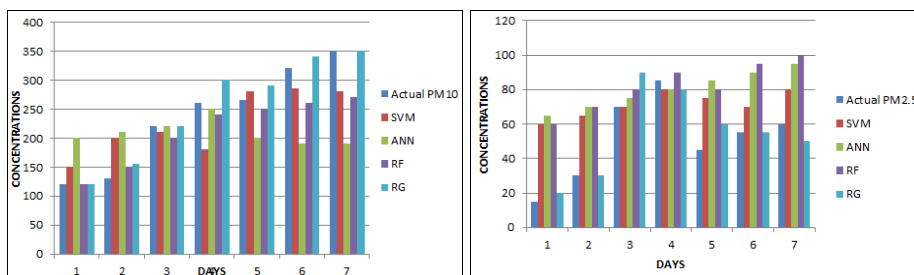


Fig 7: Forecast of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Level (7 days Spring-Summer Data)

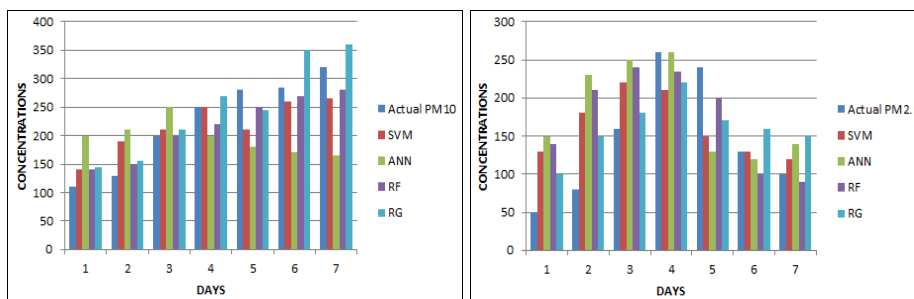


Fig 8: Forecast of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Level (7 days Winter Data)

(See Fig 6) Displays the seven-day predictions by suggested method for PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ concentrations using the Monsoon data-set as input. It has been noted that when it comes to predicting PM levels during the monsoon, RG outperforms other models. (See Fig 7) Illustrates the forecasting of PM levels for the summer-spring session. During the spring and summer sessions, RG and RF outperform other models in terms of PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ levels. The seven-day forecast for PM levels during the winter sessions is displayed in (See Fig 8). Keep in mind that ANN is at its lowest level while RG and RF show the best results for all seasonal outcomes.

5. Conclusion

It is particularly difficult to anticipate air quality because of the unpredictable nature of contaminants, dynamic environment and changes in time and place. Because of the detrimental consequences that air pollution has on humans, animals, plants, climate, environment and historical sites, developing countries constantly monitor and analyzed the quality of the air. Researchers' attention has been largely focused on the Indian AQI forecast. Here, five years' worth of air pollution statistics for a few Punjabi cities was examined. Following the filling of all NAN dataset values, outliers are resolved and data values are normalized through first cleaning and then preprocessing. Using a correlation methodology combined with a feature selection method, pollutants that affect the AQI are filtered for additional study and skewed features are transformed. Results of AI

techniques for train-test data subsets are examined together with metrics such as recall, accuracy, precision and F1-score. Using train-test sets, the proposed hybrid RG achieved the highest accuracy while SVM had the lowest accuracy. Additional work on forecasting PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations using RG, SVM, ANN, and RF approaches was conducted. In future, further research can be done with deep learning with meta-heuristic techniques.

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