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FORECASTING OF SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION USING MACHINE LEARNING FROM WEATHER CONDITIONS

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Abstract: The mix of photovoltaic (PV) frameworks into the worldwide energy scene has been helped lately, determined by ecological worries and investigation into sustainable power sources. The precise expectation of temperature and sun-oriented irradiance is fundamental for upgrading the presentation and matrix coordination of PV frameworks. AI (ML) has turned into a powerful instrument for working on the exactness of these expectations. This extensive audit investigates the trailblazer procedures and philosophies utilized in the field of ML-based estimating of temperature and sun-oriented irradiance for PV frameworks. This article presents a relative report between different calculations and procedures ordinarily utilized for temperature and sun-based radiation estimating. These incorporate relapse models, for example, choice trees, arbitrary woods, XGBoost, and support vector machines (SVM). The start of this article features the significance of precise weather conditions estimates for the activity of PV frameworks and the difficulties related with customary meteorological models. Then, principal ideas of AI are investigated, featuring the advantages of further developed precision in assessing the PV power age for network mix.
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INTRODUCTION

The multiplication of photovoltaic (PV) has achieved tremendous changes in the worldwide energy scene. With the sun as a bountiful and environmentally friendly power asset, PV establishments have turned into an imperative part of endeavors to lessen ozone harming substance discharges and change towards a greener future. Notwithstanding, the capability and working of PV frameworks are intrinsically connected to the accessibility of daylight, which is dependent upon dynamic changes driven by meteorological factors like temperature and sun-oriented irradiance. Sun based energy is created utilizing PV cells, which change daylight to deliver power. The viability and organizing of sun-oriented power frameworks are unequivocally impacted by sun-based irradiance, which is how much daylight got on a predetermined surface during a particular period. Because of the developing utilization of power from sun-based energy from one viewpoint and the development of this energy joining into the power matrix then again [1,2], it is turning out to be progressively vital to foresee how much this sustainable power source. This prediction should vitally include the determining of meteorological information like light and temperature. In this specific circumstance, as referenced by Yagli et al. [3], an improvement in the exactness of photovoltaic energy creation guaging by 25% could lessen 1.56% (USD 46.5 million) in net creation costs. Subsequently, climate and photovoltaic power anticipating is fundamental to evaluate sun-oriented potential.

Various photovoltaic power-guaging approaches have been examined. As per Mellit et al. [4] and considering the skyline [5], these methodologies can be grouped into four classes: (1) exceptionally momentary estimating (VSTF), (2) transient determining (STF), (3) medium-term (MTF), and (4) long haul anticipating (LTM). As indicated by similar creators [4], every classification has its exact application; for instance, extremely transient front projecting is utilized in the administration of microgrids. Exact expectation of temperature and sun-based irradiance is fundamental for the improvement of a framework associated PV framework activity. Various works have been finished to suggest an exact sunlight-based energy forecast. The creators in [6,7] talked about two primary methodologies: customary (regular) approaches and computer-based intelligence (man-made consciousness) approaches. Conventional methodologies contain actual strategies, measurable techniques, and relapse strategies utilized for energy expectation [8]. These techniques filled in as a foundation for weather conditions determining. They can convey great precision, however they generally rely upon the soundness of weather patterns. In any case, the execution of ordinary models is similarly troublesome and requires various boundaries and costly gear.

Then again, over the course of the last many years, artificial intelligence strategies have become exceptionally well known in various designing fields [6]. Among simulated intelligence calculations, AI (ML) has turned into an incredible asset, offering the possibility to propel the exactness and unwavering quality of figures. The determining skyline, spatial goal, and the openness of verifiable information are only a portion of the factors that influence the precision of temperature and sun-oriented irradiance figures [4]. More modest spatial regions and more limited figure lead times frequently bring about additional precise gauges. At the point when you have an abundance of solid verifiable information, estimates are likewise more precise. The standard of ML depends on models gained from huge informational indexes and uses these models to conjecture obscure information by gaining from slip-ups and contrasting blunders [9]. AI habitually manages order and relapse issues utilizing various calculations and strategies, for example, irregular backwoods, XGBoost, support vector machine, and the choice tree.

This article presents a top to bottom examination of existing AI models utilized in temperature and sunlight-based irradiance forecast. The current work shows how ML models can be prepared on authentic information to gain proficiency with the connections between temperature, irradiance, and other applicable elements, like month, season, and weather patterns. When prepared, these models can be utilized to anticipate future temperature and irradiance esteems precisely. This study assesses the adequacy and precision of introduced ML models for weather conditions estimating. In addition, given the self-versatile nature of ML models, this review and the utilization of these models to weather conditions gauges for PV frameworks stay feasible since they depend on models that are equipped for advancement [10].

The remainder of this paper is coordinated as follows: Area 2 presents the inspiration of the current review; related works are introduced in Segment 3; Area 4 unites the ML calculations utilized to anticipate sun oriented irradiance and temperature proposed and concentrated on in this work. In Segment 5, the outcomes found are talked about. Segment 6 presents a few ends.

Related Work

With regards to photovoltaic frameworks, there is a reestablished interest and imagination in research on temperature and sun-oriented illumination forecast in light of AI.

Table 1 delineates some examination works connected with the current review, and Table 2 features the benefits/impediments of the ML techniques utilized.

Table 1. Bibliographic summary of the main methods and applications.

Ref.	Description	Forecasting Target	Year
[17]	Utilization of a" Partial Functional Linear Regression Model" (PFLRM) for forecasting the daily power generation in photovoltaic (PV) systems power output.	PV power	2022
[18]	A comprehensive examination of various resources and techniques employed in predicting solar irradiance across different timeframes	Solar irradiance	2020
[20]	Determination of a range for ambient temperature and the sun radiant, utilizing MAE as a metric for irradiance, the proportion of variation in these factors.	Temperature and solar	2021
[21]	Various forecasting challenges, comprising eight papers that delve into methods for maximizing the output power of PV systems, the sun radiant, and power generation forecasting.	Solar irradiance, temp., thermal energy production	2022
[22]	Overview of recent studies emphasizing solar irradiance forecasting using ensemble methods categorized into two main forecasting ensembles: competitive and cooperative.	PV power	2023
[23]	A critical and systematic review of current machine learning forecasters for wind and solar power, specifically focusing on (ANNs), (RNNs), (SVMs), and (ELMs).	PV power	2021
[24]	Emerging utilization of alternative methods, including regression trees, random forests, gradient boosting,	Solar irradiance	2017

	and various others, in the context of solar irradiation prediction.		
[25]	Ability to pinpoint seven crucial perspectives and trends for prospective investigations in solar forecasting. These findings are designed to help readers better utilize these approaches for more profound future research.	Solar irradiance, PV power	2023
[26]	Examining the current state of the art and assessing different methodologies, not solely based on their performance and generalization of this. Evaluation of these approaches to perform not only on the designated dataset but also on alternative datasets or varied case studies.	PV power	2018

While looking at determining models in light of measures, for example, productivity, intricacy, reaction time, information size, adaptability, assessment techniques, trouble of execution, and the general expense of execution, different contemplations become possibly the most important factor. Measurable strategies, known for their straightforwardness, exhibit their proficiency as far as computational assets and reaction time, making them reasonable for more modest datasets. Nonetheless, they might experience issues managing complex examples. AI techniques, while possibly offering high exactness, frequently require huge processing assets and have more slow reaction times. Actual techniques, consolidating major standards, offer moderate productivity and adaptability however may experience difficulties in di-refrain datasets. Mathematical climate expectation (NWP) models, intended for environmental guaging, exhibit high exactness however accompany high execution costs and computational necessities. Cross breed models intend to work out some kind of harmony among precision and proficiency by consolidating AI and actual parts. Gathering strategies, zeroing in on variety for precision, have moderate versatility however may require extra computational assets. Execution costs fluctuate, with factual models being savvy, AI and actual models having moderate to significant expenses, and cross breed and outfit models giving a harmony among precision and execution cost. The decision of model relies upon the particular assignment prerequisites, accessible assets, and satisfactory tradeoffs between precision, productivity, and cost.

New illumination and temperature forecast techniques measure the effect of proposed enhancements for the general productivity, supportability, and benefit of photovoltaic sys-tems utilizing more complicated models and more exact information. They incorporate environment inconstancy, site-explicit qualities, and sunlight powered charger execution to give more solid gauges. Contrasted with conventional estimating techniques, which frequently depend on worked on models and verifiable information, new strategies give a superior comprehension of future weather patterns, empowering more exact preparation and upgraded utilization of photovoltaic frameworks.

Table 3. Comparison between ML methods and different "traditional" forecasting methods.

Methods	**Accuracy**	**Complexity Level**	**Response**	**Data Size**	**Scalability**	**Evaluation**	**Difficulty of Implementation**	**Cost**
Machine Learning Methods [23,24]	High	high	Slow	Large	Scalable	Statistical metrics (MAE, MSE) and specialized metrics (accuracy, F1-score)	May range from easy to hard	May vary from moderate to high
Statistical Methods [17,19,20]	Good	Simple	Fast	Small	Generally scalable	Statistical metrics (MAE, MSE, RMSE)	Generally easy	Generally low
Physical Methods [9,11]	Good	Varied	Varied	Varied	Moderate	Utilizing physical principles	Can be challenging	Can vary from moderate to high
Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) Models [12,13]	Good	Varied	slow	Large	Typically scalable	Brier score, continuous ranked probability score	Can be challenging	Generally high

Hybrid Models [25,27]	High	high	Varied	Varied	Moderate	Combine metrics from both statistical and machine learning evaluation	May range from easy to hard	Can vary from moderate to high
Ensemble Forecasting [22]	High	Moderate to high	Varied	Varied	Scalable	Combine metrics from both statistical and machine learning evaluation	May range from easy to hard	Can vary from moderate to high

Methods

The subfield of AI in software engineering is named a man-made brainpower strategy. It enjoys the benefit of permitting models to tackle issues that express techniques can't, and it very well may be utilized in various spaces [24]. Dissecting information utilizing AI (ML) permits PC frameworks to acquire experiences from information after some time. Dissimilar to measurable models, ML approaches can by and large catch non-linearity and adjust information flimsiness, creating more precise indicators. Therefore, ML calculations have been utilized lately to gauge different issues, including anticipating sustainable power sources [23].

Decision Tree

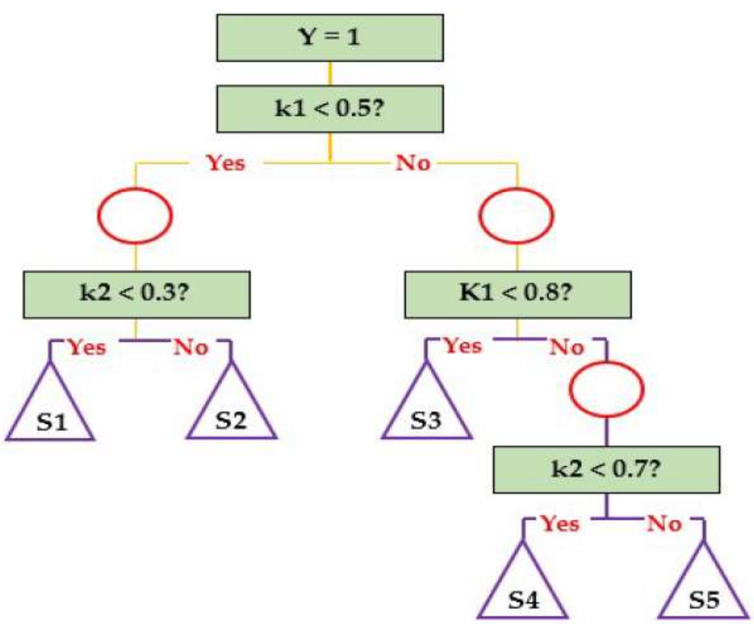
A choice tree (DT) capabilities as a characterization model, showing a recursive division of case space. The construction contains hubs, shaping an established tree where the "root" hub needs friendly edges, and ensuing hubs have precisely one approaching edge. Interior or test hubs, with outside edges, segment the occasion space in light of discrete elements of information property estimations. Each inward hub makes at least two subspaces, where, in the most straightforward situation, each test evaluates a solitary characteristic, separating the example space in view of property estimations. Numeric qualities are parted in light of reach conditions.

It is normal practice to relegate a class comparing to the ideal objective worth to each leaf. On the other hand, a leaf might store a likelihood vector demonstrating the probability of the objective trademark having a particular worth. Occasions are sorted by navigating the tree from the root to a leaf in light of experimental outcomes. The portrayal utilizes circles for inside hubs and triangles for leaves [28].

Figure 1 delineates a direct choice tree model with two factors, k1 and k2 (going from 0 to 1) and a paired objective variable, Y (0 or 1). A choice tree model has key parts, including hubs, branches, and fundamental demonstrating tasks like halting, parting, and pruning.

- Nodes: Three hub types exist. (a) A root hub, or choice hub, partitions records into totally unrelated sets. (b) Internal hubs, or chance hubs, explain choices at a specific situation in the tree structure, interfacing with parent hubs above and kid or leaf hubs underneath. (c) Leaf hubs, or last hubs, mean the consequence of a grouping of decisions or occasions.
- Branches: Supplanting irregular occasions from interior and root hubs, branches structure an order, characterizing choice ways. Each course (from the root hub through inward hubs to a leaf hub) portrays a standard of grouping choice, expressible as though 'then, at that point' rules. For example, "If condition 1 and condition 2 and. . . condition I happen, then result j happens".
- Parting: Parent hubs are separated into cleaner kid hubs connected with the objective variable, utilizing input factors related with the objective. Ceaseless and discrete info factors, classified into at least two receptacles, are utilized. Rules like entropy, Gini file, grouping blunder, data gain, gain proportion, and towing measures decide the most pivotal info factors, guaranteeing the immaculateness of coming about kid hubs (i.e., the extent with the objective condition) [29].

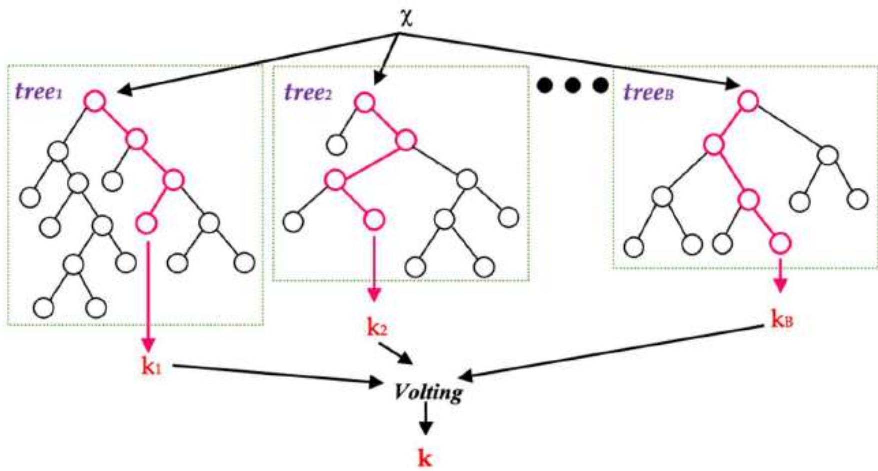
Figure 1. An example of the decision tree model's algorithm.



Random Forest

In the domain of AI, the irregular timberland (RF) stands apart as a broadly em-supported gathering learning strategy, habitually utilized for errands connected with characterization and relapse (Figure 2). The substance of outfit gaining lies in consolidating expectations from various AI models to improve figure precision and dependability.

Figure 2. An example of the random forest model's algorithm



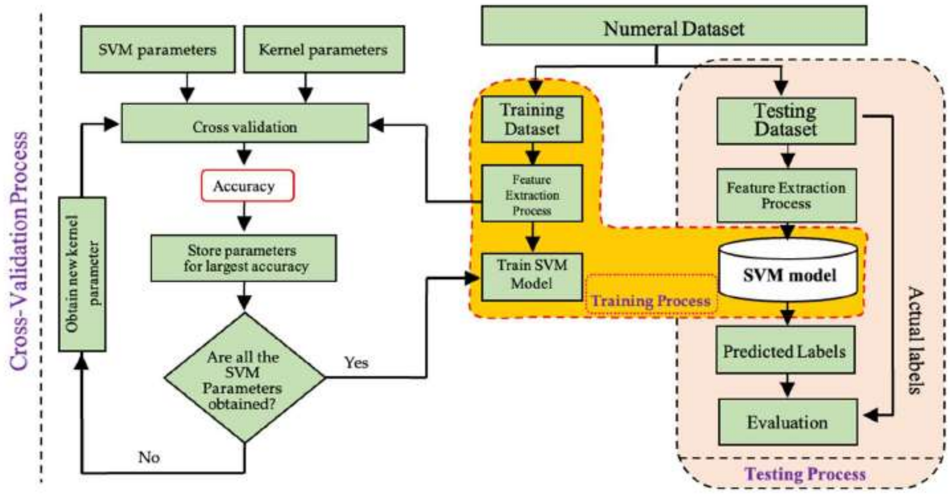
In opposition to direct relapse, which expects information linearity, arbitrary choice trees inside the RF structure show better prescient abilities by quickly adjusting than non-linearities inborn in the information. While the straightforwardness of direct relapse supports model perception, it frequently misses the mark in prescient execution because of its dependence on the linearity supposition. Irregular timberlands show improved expectation exactness, especially on medium to enormous datasets, as they really explore and catch non-straight examples. In circumstances where the quantity of free factors outperforms the quantity of perceptions, strategic relapse and direct relapse calculations experience restrictions since there are a larger number of boundaries to gauge than accessible data of interest. The irregular timberland evades this limitation by specifically using indicator factors, guaranteeing successful model execution [30].

The prescient course of the irregular backwoods model includes figuring a gauge through the averaging of projections got from individual choice trees. This aggregation mitigates model difference and adds to a general improvement in prescient precision [31].

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Another bit based AI approach utilized for characterization assignments and relapse difficulties is the help vector machine (SVM), spearheaded by Vapnik in 1986 (Figure 3). This technique is especially used in help vector relapse (SVR) to address relapse issues. Effective uses of help vector machines in time series determining have been recorded [24].

Figure 3. Schematic description of the SVM model algorithm.



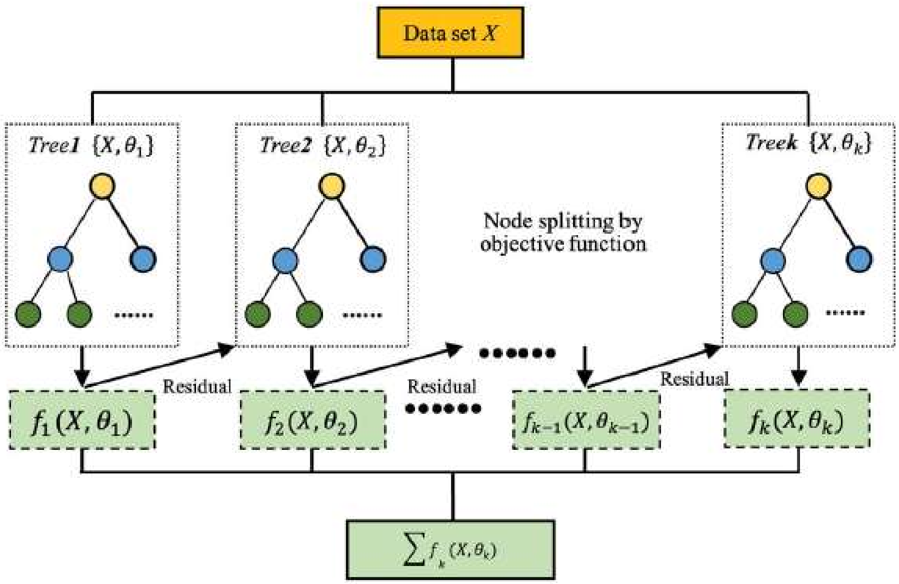
The SVM strategy parts data of interest into two classes with the broadest edge by recognizing a hyperplane inside the information space. The edge addresses the partition between the closest pieces of information for each class and the hyperplane. The not entirely settled through the goal of a quadratic programming issue. A bunch of help vector information focuses nearest to the hyperplane gives the answer for this issue. When the help vectors are recognized, new information focuses can be ordered utilizing SVM by extending them onto the hyperplane. In the event that information focuses lie on one side of the hyperplane, they are ordered into a particular class; in any case, they are gathered into the restricting class. SVMs are a powerful AI procedure pertinent to relapse and characterization undertakings, especially viable with high-layered information and information displaying non-straight connections [32,33].

The essential target of model grouping is to develop a model that performs ideally founded on the preparation dataset. Traditional preparation strategies frequently bring about models that precisely remember each information yield mix, prompting a diminished capacity to sum up in the event that the model is excessively custom-made to the preparation information. On the other hand, SVM plans to order classes inside the preparation set into whatever number particular gatherings as could reasonably be expected utilizing a surface that boosts the partition between them. Fundamentally, SVM works with the boost of a model's speculation potential [34].

XGBoost (XGB)

XGBoost (XGB) is an assortment of choice trees in view of slope helping, known for its high versatility (Figure 4). It accomplishes gradual development of the goal capability by limiting a misfortune credited to inclination rising. XGBoost uses a particular misfortune capability planned explicitly for choice trees, the sole base classifiers utilized in XGBoost. To speed up the preparation of choice trees without compromising gathering precision, XGBoost executes different procedures. XGBoost tends to the computational intricacy of choice tree development, especially the tedious step of deciding ideal dissemination. It focuses on this by streamlining the split inquiry process. While customary split search calculations investigate all potential up-and-comer parts and pick the one with the most elevated gain, XGBoost smoothes out this cycle by pre-arranging and putting away information in a packed segment design. This decreases the requirement for continued arranging at every hub, guaranteeing each element is arranged just a single time. Also, XGBoost integrates randomization systems to further develop preparing effectiveness and forestall overfitting. Arbitrary subsamples are utilized during the preparation of individual trees, and section subsampling is applied at both the endlessly tree hub levels as a component of XGBoost's randomization approaches [35].

Figure 4. Example of XGBoost model's algorithm



Every choice tree has figured out how to foresee the leftover blunder of the past tree. The uniqueness between the genuine objective worth and the anticipated worth of the past tree is called remaining blunder. The XGBoost calculation utilizes a technique known as slope helping to prepare choice trees. One extra choice tree is added to the set at a time using the iterative slope helping approach. Each new choice tree goes through preparing to lessen the remaining blunder of the past trees. Different techniques, like regularization and early halting, are additionally utilized by the XGBoost calculation to further develop model execution [36-38].

Case Study

For this situation study, a dataset containing verifiable data on the energy creation of a sunlight-based ranch situated in Hassi R'mel, Laghouat, is utilized, Algeria (Scope: 33◦7′29.728′′ N; Longitude: 3◦21′22.484′′ E). Figure 5 shows a satellite picture of the Hassi R'Mel power plant.

Figure 5. Hassi R'Mel power plant.

The Hassi R'Mel power establishment, bragging a limit 150 MW, remains as a spearheading office in the domain of thermo-sunlight based and joined cycle half breed power age. Situated inside the biggest petroleum gas field in Algeria, Hassi R'Mel, the establishment consolidates two (02) gas turbines (40 MW), two 75 MW ignition frameworks, a steam turbine with a limit of 80 MW, and two (02) illustrative sun oriented fields contributing 25 MW to the creation limit. The sun powered fields incorporate 224 illustrative gatherers coordinated into 56 circles across a far reaching area of 180,000 m2. Figure 6 gives a visual portrayal, displaying the power plant decorated with its unmistakable explanatory formed gatherers.

Figure 6. Parabolic Collector of the Power Plant.

Verifiable information for temperatures and sun powered irradiance were gathered everyday from sun oriented stations [39], covering a 7-month time span from January to July (involving 212 passages recorded from 0 to 211, each containing five sections: year, month, day, temperature, and irradiance).

The dataset is pre-handled by dealing with missing qualities and removing pertinent worldly highlights. The information utilized in this study is accessible at (Figure 7):

- NASA/POWER CERES/MERRA2 Local Goal Everyday Information
- Dates (month/day/year): 1 January 2023 through 31 April 2023
- Area: Longitude 3.356; Scope 33.125;

Figure 7. Description of data shown using Python

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Range Index: 212 entries, 0 to 211
Data columns (total 5 columns):
#   Column  Non-Null Count  Dtype
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0   YEAR    212 non-null    int64
1   MONTH   212 non-null    int64
2   DAY     212 non-null    int64
3   TEMP    212 non-null    float64
4   IRR     203 non-null    float64
    dtypes: float64(2), int64(3)
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Information might vanish because of document misfortune, gear breakdown, or different reasons. This can diminish the factual force of the investigation, making it doubtful that genuine impacts or connections will be distinguished on the grounds that missing information might be deliberately connected with the factors of revenue. As displayed in the table above, which was removed from the program through Python, no worth is lost because of handling the information utilized in this review (non-invalid). In this review, the four models are utilized for temperature and sun based irradiance estimating, with "YEAR", "MONTH", and "DAY" filling in as plan factors across all models. The choice tree model powerfully adjusts its design during preparing, using a choice tree regressor with default boundaries. The irregular woodland model, utilizing the arbitrary timberland regressor, decides its construction in view of the quantity of trees and their arrangements. The help vector machine (SVM) with a direct piece describes its design with the ideal hyperplane during preparing. Conversely, the XGBoost model uses the XGBoost Regressor with explicit hyperparameters, including n_estimators = 100, learning_rate = 0.1, and max_depth = 3. All models share transient elements as information measures, offering expectations for temperature and sun oriented irradiance.

Figure 8 represents the varieties in temperature and sun powered irradiance all through the period of January. The everyday qualities address the midpoints recorded each day, making sense of the temperature decrease of up to 2 ◦C during the main months, as seen in Figure 8.

Model Evaluation

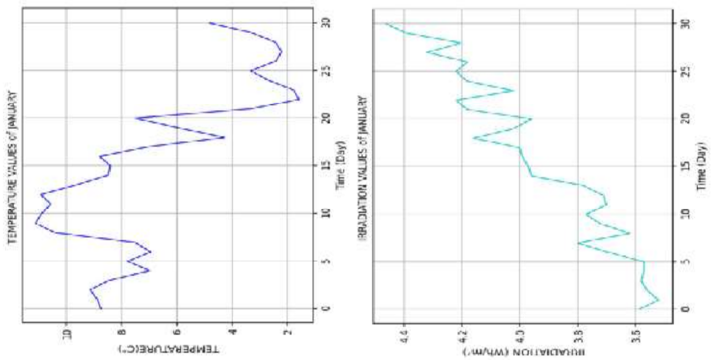
The presentation assessment of each model included the utilization of key measurements, including mean outright mistake (MAE), mean squared blunder (MSE), and root mean square mistake (RMSE). The meanings of these measurements are given utilizing Conditions (1)- (3), separately, as illustrated in the appropriate writing [26,27,39].

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}|\hat{x}_i - x_i| \quad (1)$$

$$MSE = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(\hat{x}_i - x_i)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(\hat{x}_i - x_i)^2} \quad (3)$$

Figure 8. The dataset from the month of January in Hassi R'Mel used in this study is presented as follows: (Top) the daily average temperature recorded per day, (Bottom) the daily solar irradiance data for the month of January.



Discussion of Results

The underlying part of the check results centers around visual correlation with assess the concordance among genuine and anticipated values inside the test information for irradiance and temperature expectations. In addition, quantitative assessment utilizes measurements like mean outright blunder (MAE), mean squared mistake (MSE), and root mean square mistake (RMSE). Moving to the following segment, the examination of models grows to envelop different measures, including intricacy level, solidness, reaction time, and execution intricacy. This multi-layered assessment expects to offer an exhaustive comprehension of the models' presentation past mathematical measurements alone.

Temperature Prediction

The precision of temperature figures is dependent upon a few elements, including the picked gauge strategy, the nature of info information, and the intricacy of winning weather patterns. AI calculations demonstrate viable by being prepared on broad datasets containing authentic temperature information, which might envelop data from outrageous climate occasions. This preparing empowers calculations to recognize examples and connection ships related with assorted climatic situations. When prepared, these calculations show the capacity to give more exact expectations about future temperatures, in any event, when confronted with conditions past the scope of verifiable information. In the particular case framed, the program use information traversing a while to improve its preparation, catching the subtleties of environment changes all through various seasons.

Table 4. The values of metrics for temperature forecasting.

Model	MAE	MSE	RMSE
DT	0.00000 *	0.00000 *	0.00000 *
RF	0.32031	0.15355	25.15817
SVM	1.18382	2.25412	24.38985
XGBoost	0.59879	0.58510	0.76492

* Raw result obtained from data treatment.

Furthermore, adjusting model hyperparameters is urgent for tracking down the right harmony among precision and proficiency. On another note, analysts underline progressed highlight designing to catch nuanced connections in meteorological information for better exactness, especially with regards to environmental change-prompted fluctuation. Coordinating environment mod-els into anticipating processes sees long haul environment patterns, and constant information osmosis strategies upgrade exactness in the midst of environment fluctuation by ceaselessly consolidating the most recent observational information. These procedures successfully oversee tradeoffs in determining precision, model intricacy, and computational effectiveness in photovoltaic energy creation.

By giving the apparatuses expected to proficient and supportable sun-based energy creation, AI models, especially choice trees, can possibly change the energy area. Moreover, given the self-versatile nature of ML models, this article can be utilized as a source of perspective in light of the fact that the outcomes referenced can be thought of as economical.

Concerning our future examination on estimating photovoltaic energy creation, this study will be grown hence by means of other AI models and, in particular, on the improvement of model designs, the quest for new methodologies, and the coordination of innovation procedures to work on figure exactness. The consequences of this study make ready for better utilization of sustainable power sources in regions wealthy in sunlight-based assets. The outcomes got in this article make an outstanding commitment to the field of photograph voltaic energy creation gauging by revealing insight into the decision of prescient models utilized in the improvement of sun-oriented energy frameworks to get figures. They are more exact and dependable for productive energy the board and anticipating energy and monetary benefits.

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