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1 Introduction

The aim of this project is to analyse historical Covid-19 data and create predictive models to see how different countries strategies of dealing with Covid would work if these strategies were in place in Ireland. Three predictive models were created in Phyton, linear regression, decision trees and random forest. An UI element was also created using flask in python, code snippets will be used in the following sections to show what was done.

2 System Requirements

2.1 2.1 Personal computer

Processor: AMD Ryzen 5 1600 Six-Core Processor, 3200 Mhz, 6 Core(s), 12 Logical Processor(s)

Installed Physical Memory (RAM) 8.00 GB

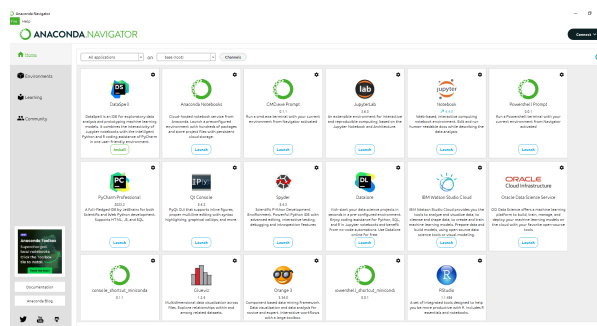
Minimum storage space 10gb

OS: OS Name Microsoft Windows 10 Pro

GPU: NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1060 3GB

2.2 Software Configuration

Anaconda installation <https://docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/install/windows/>



Jupyter Notebook

Launch Jupyter Notebook create a folder for your new project and create a new Python 3 project.



UI Flask Environment

1. Setting Up Python Environment Install Python and Pip
2. Creating a virtual environment: with the command “python -m venv venv”
3. Activate the virtual environment: `venv\Scripts\activate`
4. Installing libraries: The commands “pip install flask pandas numpy scikit-learn matplotlib statsmodels”
5. Create a directory `mkdir covid-project`
6. Create 2 separate folders for the html and js script the `mkdir html script`

3 Packages

The following libraries are installed and imported.

Pandas
Numpy
CV2
Matplotlib
scikit-learn
flask
RandomForestRegressor
DecisionTreeRegressor

4 Implementation

4.1 Data Collection

The dataset was downloaded from the ourworldindata.org website particularly from the link <https://covid.ourworldindata.org/data/owid-covid-data.csv> where all the data was put into one csv.

4.2 Data Preprocessing

New cases were only calculated at the end of every week so the data was cleaned to remove any rows that had no new covid cases. Then this cleaned version was saved

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.read_csv('owid-covid-data.csv')

df_cleaned = df[df['new_cases'] != 0]

df_cleaned.to_csv('covid_data_cleaned.csv', index=False)

print("Cleaned data has been saved to 'covid_data_cleaned.csv'")

df = pd.read_csv('covid_data_cleaned.csv')
```

Next any irrelevant columns were removed like tests_units as this was not numeric data.

```
columns_to_remove = input("\nEnter column names to remove, separated by commas: ").split(',')

columns_to_remove = [col.strip() for col in columns_to_remove]

df_cleaned = df.drop(columns=columns_to_remove)

df_cleaned.to_csv('covid_data_cleaned.csv', index=False)
```

Next a csv file of the country of choice was created from the covid data to only include that countries covid data. This was done for Ireland, Australia, Israel and Sweden.

```
import pandas as pd

def fetch_covid_data():
    base_url = "covid_data_cleaned.csv"
    try:
        data = pd.read_csv(base_url)
        return data
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"An error occurred while fetching data: {e}")
        return None

covid_data = fetch_covid_data()

if covid_data is not None:
    ireland_data = covid_data[covid_data['location'] == 'Ireland']

    if not ireland_data.empty:
        ireland_data.to_csv('Ireland_covid_data_cleaned.csv', index=False)
        print("Ireland data saved to Ireland_covid_data.csv")
    else:
        print("No data available for Ireland.")
else:
    print("Failed to fetch data.")
```

4.3 Data Transformation

Any predictors we wanted to use from the other countries were renamed and merged into the Irelands data set.

Random forest

```
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rf_cases = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
rf_deaths = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
rf_cases.fit(X, y_cases)
rf_deaths.fit(X, y_deaths)
predicted_cases_rf = np.maximum(rf_cases.predict(X), 0)
predicted_deaths_rf = np.maximum(rf_deaths.predict(X), 0)

merged_data['predicted_new_cases_rf'] = predicted_cases_rf
merged_data['predicted_new_deaths_rf'] = predicted_deaths_rf
```

4.4.1 Plotting results

Next two graphs were plotted one for the new cases and one for the new deaths. There will be four lines on the graph, one for the actual data, one for the linear regression prediction, one for the decision tree prediction and one for the random forest prediction.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(18, 12))

plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
plt.plot(merged_data['date'], merged_data['new_cases'], label='Actual New Cases', color='blue', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(merged_data['date'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases'], label='Predicted New Cases (Linear Regression)',
        color='red', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(merged_data['date'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases_rf'], label='Predicted New Cases (Random Forest)',
        color='green', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(merged_data['date'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases_dt'], label='Predicted New Cases (Decision Tree)',
        color='purple', linewidth=2)
plt.xlabel('Year', fontsize=16)
plt.ylabel('New Cases', fontsize=16)
plt.legend(fontsize=14)
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted New Cases (All Models)', fontsize=18)

plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_locator(mdates.YearLocator())
plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_formatter(mdates.DateFormatter('%Y'))

plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
plt.plot(merged_data['date'], merged_data['new_deaths'], label='Actual New Deaths', color='blue', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(merged_data['date'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths'], label='Predicted New Deaths (Linear Regression)',
        color='red', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(merged_data['date'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths_rf'], label='Predicted New Deaths (Random Forest)',
        color='green', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(merged_data['date'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths_dt'], label='Predicted New Deaths (Decision Tree)',
        color='purple', linewidth=2)
plt.xlabel('Year', fontsize=16)
plt.ylabel('New Deaths', fontsize=16)
plt.legend(fontsize=14)
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted New Deaths (All Models)', fontsize=18)

plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_locator(mdates.YearLocator())
plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_formatter(mdates.DateFormatter('%Y'))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

5 Evaluation

These models were evaluated using R^2 and Mean Squared Error.

```
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score, mean_squared_error

r2_cases_lr = r2_score(merged_data['new_cases'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases'])
mse_cases_lr = mean_squared_error(merged_data['new_cases'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases'])

r2_deaths_lr = r2_score(merged_data['new_deaths'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths'])
mse_deaths_lr = mean_squared_error(merged_data['new_deaths'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths'])

r2_cases_rf = r2_score(merged_data['new_cases'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases_rf'])
mse_cases_rf = mean_squared_error(merged_data['new_cases'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases_rf'])

r2_deaths_rf = r2_score(merged_data['new_deaths'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths_rf'])
mse_deaths_rf = mean_squared_error(merged_data['new_deaths'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths_rf'])

r2_cases_dt = r2_score(merged_data['new_cases'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases_dt'])
mse_cases_dt = mean_squared_error(merged_data['new_cases'], merged_data['predicted_new_cases_dt'])

r2_deaths_dt = r2_score(merged_data['new_deaths'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths_dt'])
mse_deaths_dt = mean_squared_error(merged_data['new_deaths'], merged_data['predicted_new_deaths_dt'])

print(f"Linear Regression Model - R2 (Cases): {r2_cases_lr:.2f}, MSE (Cases): {mse_cases_lr:.2f}")
print(f"Linear Regression Model - R2 (Deaths): {r2_deaths_lr:.2f}, MSE (Deaths): {mse_deaths_lr:.2f}")

print(f"Random Forest Model - R2 (Cases): {r2_cases_rf:.2f}, MSE (Cases): {mse_cases_rf:.2f}")
print(f"Random Forest Model - R2 (Deaths): {r2_deaths_rf:.2f}, MSE (Deaths): {mse_deaths_rf:.2f}")

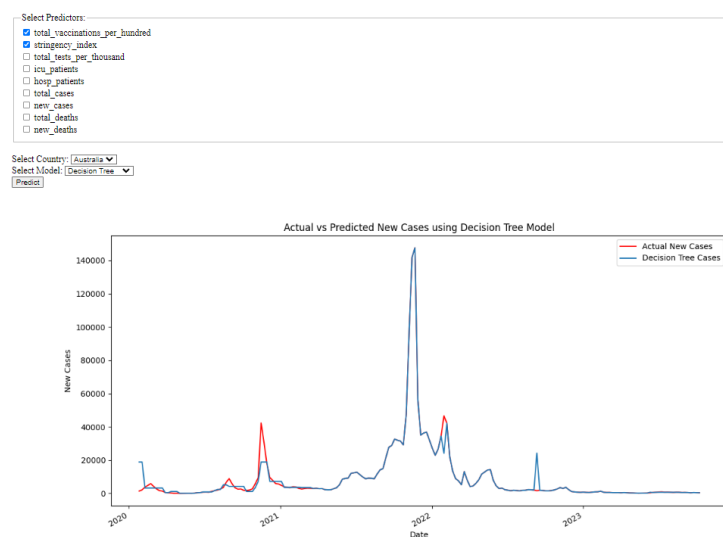
print(f"Decision Tree Model - R2 (Cases): {r2_cases_dt:.2f}, MSE (Cases): {mse_cases_dt:.2f}")
print(f"Decision Tree Model - R2 (Deaths): {r2_deaths_dt:.2f}, MSE (Deaths): {mse_deaths_dt:.2f}")
```

6 UI Creation

After the UI Flask Environment was set up 3 files were created, a python file located in UI\covid-project, a JavaScript file located in UI\covid-project\script and HTML file located in UI\covid-project\HTML

The Python file has the regression models and data gathering as shown before. The HTML has code to be able to choose a country and its predictors to compare with Ireland and choose which model to plot. Then the script file relays which country you choose in the UI back to the python code.

COVID Predictor



7 All Graphs

