

# **Traffic Flow Prediction Using Recurrent Neural Network**

1<sup>st</sup>. Abhishek Kumar Student, BE-CSE

Computer Science Engineering

Chandigarh University, Mohali, India

20BCS9492@cuchd.in

2<sup>nd</sup>. Bhavya Thathera Student, BE-CSE Computer Science Engineering Chandigarh University, Mohali, India 20BCS9528@cuchd.in

Er. Sandeep Kaur Assistant Professor, BE-CSE Computer Science Engineering Chandigarh University, Mohali, India

Sandeep.e3095@cumail.in

Abstract -- Predicting traffic flow is a complex and crucial task in the realm of transportation modelling and management. The test lies in managing different questionable, non-straight, and stochastic elements that fundamentally influence expectation exactness. Late progressions in profound learning have prodded the reception of profound brain organizations to resolve this issue, yielding promising results. Nevertheless, existing research in this area has left some critical issues unattended. For instance, many current models only provide forecasts for the immediate future, overlooking the need for travellers to have a series of predictions for making well-informed, long-term decisions. Moreover, these expectations frequently deficiently think about transient elements, like the day of the week or public occasions.

This paper introduces an innovative approach to overcome these limitations: a consideration-based intermittent brain network engineering adjusted for multi-step traffic stream expectation. Exploratory outcomes show that this strategy beats existing models, offering unrivalled prescient execution. Furthermore, we illustrate the practical utility of this approach in the growth of an effective traffic anomaly detection system.

Keywords – Traffic flow prediction, Transportation, Modelling, Management, Uncertainty, Non-linearity, Stochastic factors, Deep learning, Deep neural networks, Forecasting, Long-term decisions.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Sumit Sharma

Student, BE-CSE

**Computer Science Engineering** 

Chandigarh University, Mohali,

India

20BCS9486@cuchd.in

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things (IoT) has led to the integration of various embedded devices such as sensors, mobile phones, and RFID in urban environments, forming interconnected networks. These gadgets produce a lot of information, which can be handled, coordinated, and made open through open administrations. AI procedures, like characterization, relapse, and grouping, have been utilized to process and dissect IoT information, removing important experiences. As a result, real-world applications have emerged, helping residents by improving comprehension they might interpret their environmental factors and assisting city specialists with conveying more productive public administrations. These administrations incorporate wise transportation, medical services, ecological checking, and public security.

Admittance to traffic stream data is pivotal for people, organizations, and government offices. It assists them with settling on informed travel choices, lessening gridlock, and further developing by and large traffic activity productivity. The broad utilization of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSs) has greatly increased the focus on traffic flow prediction. Traffic sensors and various data sources such as circle sensors, GPS, cameras, and web-based entertainment



provide an abundance of traffic data for analysis. Advanced networking technologies facilitate the efficient and secure collection, processing, caching, sharing, and delivery of large traffic datasets.

Deep learning has become a popular topic in both academic and industrial fields, especially in the realm of intelligent transportation. It is a relatively new machine learning approach that started from Counterfeit Brain Organizations. Profound learning considers models with numerous handling layers to learn information portrayals with differing levels of reflection. This strategy can recognize complex examples in crude information without requiring complicated highlight designing and tuning. Contrasted with customary AI techniques, profound learning is equipped for demonstrating exceptionally complex capabilities through various layers of non-straight changes, which are teachable from beginning to end. Profound learning-based strategies have essentially progressed to the cutting edge in different spaces, for example, regular language handling, PC vision, and discourse acknowledgement.

Profound learning-based methods have been utilized in rush hour gridlock forecasts to catch traffic examples and make expectations without past skill in transportation. While these methodologies have shown guarantee, there are still a few neglected issues. For example, the vast majority of these strategies centre around anticipating traffic stream just for the following time step (e.g., 15 minutes ahead). Nonetheless, explorers frequently need a succession of traffic stream expectations (e.g., for the following a few hours) to settle on better long haul travel choices. Additionally, transient data like the hour of day, day of the week, and public occasions is commonly disregarded, with non-weekend days, ends of the week, and occasions being dealt with in basically the same manner.

We propose a Consideration Based Repetitive Brain Organization engineering with a Worldly Part (ABRNN\_TC) for traffic stream expectation, which tends to these impediments. Relative examination with other pattern techniques has exhibited its predominant execution. To additionally delineate the down to earth utility of this methodology, we present a constant traffic occasion discovery contextual investigation.

In the accompanying segments, we will give an itemized outline of our paper. In the first place, in Area 2, we will audit the current examinations on traffic stream forecast. Then, in Segment 3, we will make sense of our proposed consideration based on repetitive brain network engineering for traffic stream expectation. In Area 4, we will feature the trial results and assessments. At last, Segment 5 will give the end and blueprint for future work.

#### 2. DEVELOPMENT

In many years, a few traffic stream expectation models have been created, including famous methodologies like ARIMA, k-NN, SVR, and ANN. The Autoregressive Coordinated Moving Normal model basically centres around distinguishing designs in the worldly varieties of the traffic stream, making it ideal for momentary expectations. In any case, because of the stochastic and nonlinear nature of the traffic stream, analysts are progressively directing their concentration toward nonparametric strategies like k-NN, SVR, and ANN.

I need to impart to you another model that can anticipate traffic volume with high exactness. It is known as a dynamic multi-stretch traffic volume expectation model and depends on k-NN nonparametric relapse. This model proposes an internet learning approach with weighted help vector relapse (SVR) to make momentary forecasts.

While traditional methods such as ARIMA are widely used, they have some limitations. For example, they tend to use linear architectures, which can be a disadvantage in predicting traffic flow since it doesn't account for the interconnected nature of transportation systems. They also require complex hand-engineered features, which can be time-consuming and require prior knowledge of the transportation domain. Lastly, most ANN-based methods use shallow architectures, which can lead to poor performance.

The dynamic multi-interval traffic volume prediction model we propose overcomes these limitations and provides accurate predictions. In essence, a neural network becomes "deep" when it contains more than one hidden layer. A significant development in neural network training occurred with the introduction of the backpropagation (BP) gradient descent algorithm in the 1980s, which played a pivotal role in training neural networks. Nonetheless, one of the essential reasons profound brain networks with various completely associated layers didn't get some momentum in true applications for a long time was their computational intricacy. In 2006, pivotal exploration exhibited the adequacy of preparing profound brain networks through solo pre-preparing, trailed by managed tweaking. This approach led to impressive performance improvements. In 2012, Hinton's research group achieved a milestone by significantly reducing the classification error rate in the ImageNet competition using convolutional neural networks. Subsequently, deep learning made remarkable strides across various domains, including transportation research.

Traffic stream expectation has seen the use of profound learning strategies, for example, Profound Conviction Organizations, Stacked Auto-Encoders, and Repetitive Brain



Organization. In the main review, it was utilized to remove significant elements in a solo way, trailed by a perform multiple tasks relapse layer for managed expectation. This brought about a roughly 5% improvement over the current cutting-edge strategies. Another review incorporated traffic and climate information into a DBN-based profound learning model for additional exact expectations. Likewise, it was utilized for traffic stream expectation in two examinations. One review utilized an inadequate Auto-Encoder for improved include extraction while the other involved the Levenberg-Marquardt calculation for more steady union during preparation. As can't show transient conditions in information, RNN was presented for traffic stream and speed expectation. The two investigations utilized Long Momentary memory-based RNNs for transient traffic stream and speed expectations, with better execution analysed than other profound learning models.

### 3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) have become a global phenomenon, with traffic congestion forecasting being a crucial component of ITS. Accurate traffic information saves time for travellers and helps transportation management organizations effectively manage road networks. However, current studies, particularly those using Neural Networks (NNs), face challenges in predicting traffic congestion with precision. Moreover, the shortfall of a thorough assessment measure for blockage expectation compounds the issue.

To tackle this problem, researchers have proposed a novel approach for predicting traffic congestion by mining freestream speeds and free stream. They have fostered a street network gathering technique in view of affiliation subgraphs to pre-train Profound Learning (DL) models, which works with information trade among street fragments while thinking about their affiliation properties inside the transportation framework. The proposed gridlock expectation model, SG-CNN, consolidates elements of traffic conditions with a Convolutional Brain Organization (CNN) model. The preparation cycle is enhanced by utilizing the street network gathering strategy, which prompts better exactness analysis than different techniques.



Figure 1: Intelligent Transportation system

Gridlock is a significant issue in urban communities that are creating at a fast speed. To handle this issue, a model has been recommended that proposes utilizing the Irregular Timberland calculation to foresee gridlock. The model proposes the DBSCAN calculation to decide the level of gridlock, following which the RF calculation is utilized to prepare and anticipate the drawn-out typical speed and traffic stream of metropolitan streets. This consolidated model has accomplished a surprising accuracy pace of 94.36% in the testing stage. The traffic information utilized in the trial and error is from fast streets in the PEMs dataset.

Gridlock is a significant issue that outcomes in various fatalities, and high contamination levels, and impedes monetary development. It obstructs the versatility of individuals and merchandise, prompting expanded loss of working hours and fuel utilization. Different examination attempts have zeroed in on anticipating gridlock and its examples, however, existing arrangements depend fundamentally on verifiable information, which makes it trying to designate traffic signal assets effectively founded on their forecasts.

To resolve these issues, a two-stage traffic asset dispatching approach has been presented that lays out a self-sorting traffic light framework empowered by the Web of Things. In the main stage, a Markov Irregular Field is utilized to demonstrate and estimate the dissemination of gridlocks all through a street organization. In the subsequent stage, the technique utilizes the Markov Choice Cycle to independently assign assets for street traffic to the board in view of the expectations from the primary stage.

This creative methodology expects to improve the proficiency of traffic executives, diminish clog-related issues, and advance the successful usage of accessible assets in tending to traffic difficulties.

International Journal of Scientific Research in Engineering and Management (IJSREM)

Volume: 07 Issue: 11 | November - 2023

SJIF Rating: 8.176

ISSN: 2582-3930

## 4. METHODOLOGY

The carrying out of the Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) approach for traffic stream expectation, in view of the information provided in the previous paragraphs:

Methodology for Traffic Flow Prediction using RNN:

4.1. Introduction to RNN Approach:

• Begin by introducing the RNN approach as a powerful tool for addressing traffic flow prediction challenges. Highlight the capability of RNNs to capture temporal dependencies in traffic data.

4.2. Data Collection and Preprocessing:

- Collect Traffic Data: Gather relevant traffic data, including historical traffic flow, weather conditions, and any other contextual information.
- Data Cleaning and Formatting Clean and preprocess data by removing noise, outliers, and missing values. Normalize or standardize data for consistent input to the model.
- 4.3. Architectural Design of LSTM–Based RNN:
  - Characterize the LSTM Design: Indicate the design of the Long Momentary Memory (LSTM) - based RNN, including the quantity of layers, units, and enactment capabilities utilized.
  - Data Sequencing: Organize the data into sequences, where each sequence represents a temporal sequence of traffic flow data. This step is essential for capturing temporal patterns.





- 4.4. Data Splitting:
  - Train-Approval Test Split: Part the dataset into preparing, approval, and test subsets.
- 4.5. Model Training:
  - Initialize the Model: Initialize the LSTM-based RNN model with appropriate hyperparameters.
  - Training Procedure: Train the model on the training dataset using backpropagation through time (BPTT) or similar gradient-based optimization methods.
  - Hyperparameter Tuning: Fine-tune hyperparameters, such as learning rate and batch size, using the validation dataset to optimize model performance.

4.6. Performance Metrics:

• Characterize Assessment Measurements: Determine execution measurements, including Mean Outright Blunder, Mean Squared Mistake, Root Mean Squared Mistake and potentially others pertinent to traffic stream forecast.

4.7. Comparison with Other Models:

• Benchmarking: Think about the exhibition of the LSTM-based RNN with other traffic stream expectation models referenced in the writing, like ARIMA, k-NN, and SVR.

4.8. Temporal Information Integration:

• Incorporate Temporal Factors: It is important to incorporate temporal information, like time of day, day of the week, and events, into the RNN model to work on its precision in foreseeing results.

4.9. Results Analysis and Reporting:

- Analyse Results: Evaluate the RNN model's performance using the test dataset and interpret the results in terms of prediction accuracy and robustness.
- Discuss Findings: Discuss how the LSTM-based RNN approach compares to other models and the implications of incorporating temporal factors.

4.10. Real-Time Traffic Event Detection Case Study:

• Present Case Study: Provide a detailed case study illustrating the real-time application of the LSTM-based RNN approach for traffic event detection.



• Use-case scenarios: Explain how the model's predictions can be utilized in real-world scenarios to improve traffic management and decision-making.

By following this methodology, researchers can systematically implement the LSTM-based RNN approach for traffic flow prediction while ensuring a structured and comprehensive analysis of the results.

Figure 3: Findings on Traffic Prediction:



Figure 3.1: Spatial dependence changes dynamically over time



Figure 3.2: Hidden spatial dependencies

## 5. CHALLENGES

Challenges in the RNN-Based Traffic Flow Prediction Model Approach:

5.1. Data Quality and Preprocessing:

Ensuring the quality of traffic data is crucial. Noise, missing values, and outliers in the data can negatively impact the performance of RNN models. Preprocessing techniques, such as data cleaning and normalization, must be employed to handle these issues effectively.

5.2. Temporal Dependencies:

Capturing complex temporal dependencies in traffic data is challenging. RNNs are designed to handle sequential data, but modelling long-term dependencies can be difficult. The choice of the RNN architecture and the length of input sequences need careful consideration.

5.3. Overfitting:

RNN models are prone to overfitting, especially when dealing with limited datasets. Employing techniques like dropout and early stopping is necessary to prevent overfitting and improve generalization.

5.4. Hyperparameter Tuning:

Proper tuning of hyperparameters, such as learning rates and batch sizes, is critical for the optimal performance of RNN models. Finding the right set of hyperparameters can be time-consuming.

5.5. Data Sequencing:

Determining the appropriate sequence length for input data can be challenging. If sequences are too short, the model may not capture long-term patterns, while very long sequences can lead to vanishing gradients and slower training.

5.6. Computation Complexity:

Training deep RNN architectures with multiple layers can be computationally intensive. Efficient hardware or distributed computing resources may be required to handle large-scale traffic datasets effectively.



## 5.7. Interpretability:

RNNs are frequently viewed as "black box" models, which makes it difficult to interpret their predictions. Exploring approaches to clarify model decisions is an ongoing challenge in the field of deep learning.

5.8. Incorporating External Factors:

Integrating external factors like weather conditions, accidents, or road closures into the RNN model can be complex. These factors significantly influence traffic flow but introduce additional challenges in data fusion.

5.9. Real-Time Processing:

Implementing RNN-based traffic flow prediction in real-time systems requires low-latency processing, which can be challenging to achieve, especially for deep architectures.

5.10. Model Robustness:

> Ensuring that the RNN-based model performs well under varying conditions, including different traffic patterns and seasons, is essential for its practical utility.

5.11. Scalability:

> Adapting RNN-based models to different urban environments and scaling them to accommodate varying levels of data granularity can pose scalability challenges.

In addressing these challenges, research can advance the effectiveness and applicability of RNN-based traffic flow prediction models while contributing to the broader field of intelligent transportation systems.



**Figure 4: Traffic Congestion Prediction** 

#### 6. CONCLUSION

We stand out Repetitive Neuron Organization with a Transient Part to foresee traffic stream. Our model proposes a consideration system and a transient part to precisely catch traffic designs and give preferred expectation results over other fundamental strategies. Moreover, we have involved the model for traffic abnormality identification with data from online entertainment sites.

To work on the precision of our model, we intend to consolidate more factors pertinent to dealing with stream future work. We likewise expect to plan another profound learning model that can all the while interacting with sensor information and virtual entertainment information for traffic stream expectation and peculiarity discovery.

#### 7. REFERENCES

- Chen, Q., Wang, W., Huang, X., Liang, H.N. (2020). Attention-based recurrent neural networks for traffic prediction. Journal of Internet Technologies, 21(3), 831-839.
- Asha, A., Arunachalam, R., Poonguzhali, I., Urooj, S. and Alelyani, S. (2023). Optimizing RNN-based performance prediction for IoT and WSN-oriented smart city applications using modified honey badger algorithm. Evaluation, 210, 112505.
- Zhou, M., Qu, X. and Li, X. (2017). A microscopic car model that relies on recurrent neural connections to predict car oscillations. Transportation Research Part C: Research Review, 84, 245-264.



- Khan, N.U., Shah, M.A., Maple, C., Ahmed, E. and Asghar, N. (2022). Traffic flow forecast: An intelligent solution that uses smart city weather data with baggage to predict traffic flow. Sustainability, 14(7), 4164.
- Fang, W., Chen, Y. and Xue, Q. (2021). Review of research on spatiotemporal sequence prediction algorithms based on RNN. Journal of Big Data, 3(3), 97.
- Awan, F.M., Minerva, R. and Crespi, N. (2020). Improving traffic forecasting using weather and climate data: An experiment based on LSTM recurrent neural networks. Sensors, 20(13), 3749.
- Ali, A., Zhu, Y. and Zakarya, M. (2021). An aggregated data-based method using dynamic spatiotemporal correlation to estimate citywide population density in cloud computing. Multimedia Tools and Applications, 1-33.
- Boukerche, A., Tao, Y. and Sun, P. (2020). Artificial intelligence-based traffic flow prediction supports smart transportation. Computer Networks, 182, 107484.
- Ye, J., Zhao, J., Ye, K., and Xu, C. (2020). How to design graph-based deep learning architectures in traffic: A survey. IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, 23(5), 3904-3924.
- Zhou, B., Liu, J., Cui, S., and Zhao, Y. (2022, October). Large-scale market forecast based on a combination of diverse and graphical representations. 2022 IEEE 9th International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA) (pp. 1-9).

L