



A Cost-Effective IoT-Based Weather Monitoring and Forecasting using Arima Algorithm

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Abstract: Recently weather changes result from natural variability and human activities like greenhouse gas emissions, leading to global warming and increased extreme events. IoT facilitates data sharing without human involvement, aiding sectors like healthcare and agriculture. Our cost-effective IoT-based weather monitoring system utilizes the ARIMA algorithm for forecasting. It comprises sensors collecting weather data, an IoT gateway for data transmission, and cloud storage. We address humidity concerns for housewives using sensors like DHT22 and LDR, triggering alarms for high humidity levels. Deployable in remote locations, it aids domestic planning based on weather conditions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Weather monitoring and forecasting systems have evolved significantly over the years, thanks to advancements in technology, particularly in the fields of meteorology, remote sensing, and data analytics. Today, the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, artificial intelligence, and machine learning algorithms has led to more accurate and timely weather predictions. Weather monitoring and forecasting play critical roles in various sectors, including agriculture, transportation, energy management, and disaster preparedness. Weather monitoring involves the collection of data on atmospheric conditions such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, precipitation, and atmospheric pressure. This data is collected through a network of weather stations, satellites, radar systems, and other sensors. The system aims to gather data from various sensors, process it, and offer precise weather predictions. Core objectives include designing a monitoring system to collect real-time weather data from diverse sensors, developing an algorithm for accurate forecasting, and crafting a user-friendly interface for data presentation [1,3]. The system integrates temperature, humidity, wind, and rain sensors placed across different locations to capture comprehensive weather data [2,9]. This information is then sent to a central server for analysis using machine learning techniques [5,6]. The resulting forecasts are showcased through an interactive web-based interface, enabling users to input their location and receive tailored forecasts. Through the design thinking process, effective solutions to weather challenges are swiftly identified and implemented. The system's ability to deliver accurate forecasts empowers users to plan activities effectively and mitigate risks associated with adverse weather conditions [7, 8].

II. RELATED WORK

Related work in the field of weather monitoring and forecasting encompasses a wide range of research efforts aimed at improving the accuracy, efficiency, and applicability of weather prediction systems. Researchers and practitioners have explored various approaches, methodologies, and technologies to enhance our understanding of atmospheric phenomena and provide more reliable forecasts. Numerous studies have explored the potential of IoT devices in weather monitoring applications. These devices, equipped with sensors capable of measuring atmospheric parameters such as temperature, humidity, and pressure, provide real-time data collection capabilities. For example, research by Li et al. [7] demonstrated the deployment of IoT-based weather stations for collecting high-resolution weather data in remote areas, thereby filling gaps in existing observation networks.

Sivakumar, B et.al [1] introduced the system to monitor various weather and climate parameters like heat level, moisture content, wind velocity, dampness, luminance, ultraviolet light, and carbon oxide. levels using multiple sensors in 2021. Data is sent to a web page where it's displayed graphically for easy access worldwide. Mohapatra, D and Subudhi, B [2] suggest the Cost-Effective IoT-Based Weather Monitoring System in 2022.



Data from IoT devices is sent to a remote Virtual Private Server (VPS) via the Internet. A server app logs this data into a database. Setup includes VPS configuration, security, and installation of the IoT server app using the MQTT protocol. Real-time testing utilizes Node MCU ESP 8266 and Raspberry Pi Zero W with sensors.

Raval M.P et.al [3] gave the Machine Learning based meteorological forecasting for regional weather stations Using IoT in 2020. This IoT-based smart system monitors local weather, facilitating microclimate development. Predicting future weather based on monitored data offers more accurate and relevant results for specific zones, unlike generalized weather websites. Portable and adaptable, it suits various applications like corporate offices, hospitals, and schools. Using ARIMA time series analysis, the system predicts future weather parameters from data stored in the cloud, enhancing precision.

Arora S.M. and Gautam M [4] proposed an innovative approach to improve meteorological forecasts by combining ground-level sensor data with satellite observations. They employed Raspberry Pi to manage a range of sensors including light intensity, anemometry, temperature, and air quality. Real-time data from these sensors is transmitted to the cloud and displayed on-site through an LCD screen. Analog sensor readings are converted into digital format for analysis using an ADC IC MCP3208.

The Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) algorithm is widely applied in time-series analysis and weather forecasting. It effectively captures historical weather data trends and temporal dependencies, facilitating the prediction of future weather conditions. Shah et.al[5] underscored the critical importance of continuous air quality monitoring and preservation for human, plant, and wildlife health. They advocate for the adoption of smart devices and advanced technologies like machine learning, big data, and IoT to replace traditional monitoring approaches. Recent research in this field focuses on data sourcing, monitoring techniques, and forecasting models to enhance air pollution management.

Fahim, M et. al [6] introduced an affordable IoT-based weather monitoring station and air quality assessment system. This system utilizes a fuzzy inference model and MQTT protocol for efficient data transmission. The primary objective is to provide accurate real-time climate data, benefiting farmers, tourists, urban planners, and other stakeholders in decision-making processes.

III. METHODOLOGY

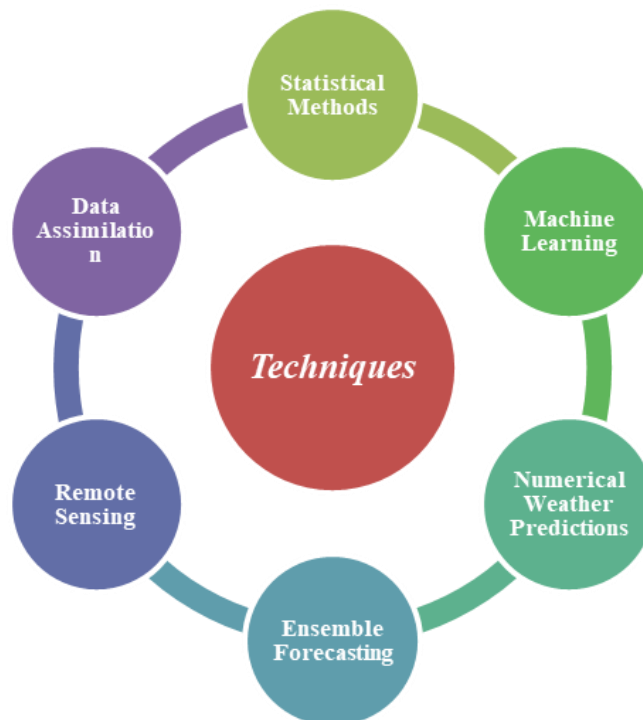


Fig1: flow chart of techniques



Weather monitoring and forecasting employ a range of techniques for precise predictions:

1. **Statistical Methods:** These techniques analyze historical weather data to detect patterns and trends, utilizing tools like linear regression, time series analysis, and correlation analysis.
2. **Machine Learning:** Algorithms are crafted to learn from past weather data, facilitating predictions. Examples include artificial neural networks, decision trees, and random forests.
3. **Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP):** NWP relies on computer models grounded in physics and fluid dynamics to simulate weather patterns, forecasting how air and water movements impact weather conditions.
4. **Ensemble Forecasting:** Multiple weather models run simultaneously, merging their outputs to improve forecast accuracy and address inherent uncertainties.
5. **Remote Sensing:** Sensors on satellites and other platforms collect data on weather parameters such as temperature and precipitation, enhancing forecasting and early warning systems.
6. **Data Assimilation:** This process integrates weather data from various sources (e.g., weather stations, and satellites) to create a comprehensive understanding of current conditions, refining the accuracy of forecasting models.

Weather monitoring and forecasting methods evolve continuously, driven by technological advancements and research endeavors aimed at enhancing forecast reliability and precision.

A. Sensors

- LDR
- RAIN SENSOR
- BMP180



Fig 2: Light Dependent Resistor



Fig 3: Rain Sensor



Fig 4: BMP180

LDR

The Light Dependent Resistor (LDR) operates on the principle of photoconductivity, meaning its resistance changes according to light intensity. As light increases, the LDR's resistance decreases. It is widely used as a light sensor in applications such as automatic street lights, the LDR is crucial for areas requiring sensitivity to light in Figure 2. It is also known as a Light Sensor and is available in various dimensions, including 5mm, 8mm, 12mm, and 25mm.

Rain Sensor

A rain sensor identifies rainfall by detecting alterations in electrical conductivity upon contact with raindrops. It's essential for conserving water in irrigation systems and activating automatic windshield wipers in vehicles in Figure 3. Upon rainfall detection, the sensor transmits signals to a microcontroller, which assesses the duration and strength of the precipitation. This data is vital for weather monitoring, forecasting, and pre-emptive flood planning. Rain sensors are offered in both wired and wireless variations, with advanced models equipped to measure supplementary factors like temperature and humidity.



BMP180

The BMP180 is engineered to precisely gauge atmospheric pressure, which fluctuates with weather and altitude. This sensor is integral in weather monitoring and forecasting systems, where it accurately measures atmospheric pressure to anticipate weather patterns and shifts shown in Figure 4. Often, it collaborates with other sensors, like those measuring temperature and humidity, to offer a comprehensive understanding of weather conditions.

B. Cloud Database

A cloud database is a database hosted on a cloud computing platform, enabling remote access and data management. It eliminates the need for physical hardware maintenance and offers scalability and flexibility in storing and retrieving data. Stored in the cloud, data in such databases can be accessed from anywhere with an internet connection.

Typically managed by third-party providers, they ensure security and availability. Cloud databases serve various purposes such as data storage, analysis, and application development, making them ideal for organizations handling large datasets without infrastructure management hassles. Common types include relational, NoSQL, and object-oriented databases, each with distinct advantages and limitations, catering to specific organizational needs. In summary, cloud databases provide scalable, flexible solutions for data storage and access, meeting the diverse needs of industries and applications.

C. Machine Learning Model

Machine learning, a subset of artificial intelligence, revolves around training computer algorithms to discern patterns and extrapolate predictions from data without explicit programming [8]. Essentially, these algorithms employ statistical models to detect patterns within data, subsequently leveraging these insights to make informed predictions or decisions. This technology finds application across diverse fields such as image and speech recognition, natural language processing, fraud detection, recommendation systems, and predictive modeling.

Its significance lies in its ability to sift through vast and intricate datasets, facilitating analysis and decision-making beyond human capacity. The domain continues to evolve, with potential for further advancement, particularly in enhancing forecasting precision through the integration of machine learning techniques [9]. By enabling the identification of intricate patterns and correlations within weather data, machine learning holds promise for refining forecast accuracy.

D. Result & Discussion

A cost-effective IoT-based weather monitoring system integrating the ARIMA algorithm is crucial for comprehending the intricacies of recent weather changes attributed to both natural variations and human activities like greenhouse gas emissions. IoT technology, enabling automated data exchange among devices, holds significant promise across diverse sectors and serves as the foundation for this proposed system. Central to the system's architecture are its sensors, IoT gateway, and cloud storage infrastructure. Leveraging inexpensive sensors like the DHT22 and LDR, the system collects real-time weather data critical for monitoring atmospheric conditions.

This data is then transmitted to the cloud through the IoT gateway, where it undergoes storage and analysis. The incorporation of the ARIMA algorithm enhances the system's forecasting capabilities, enabling predictions of future weather trends. This functionality is particularly pertinent in scenarios such as alerting housewives to increasing humidity levels. By employing these low-cost sensors and automated alerts. Crucially, the system emphasizes cost-effectiveness throughout its design and implementation. Utilizing affordable sensor options and cloud-based infrastructure not only makes the system economically viable but also ensures scalability and accessibility, key considerations in deploying such solutions widely.

In summary, the proposed IoT-based weather monitoring system with the ARIMA algorithm offers a compelling solution for understanding and managing climate change impacts. By harnessing IoT technology and advanced forecasting techniques, the system stands to benefit various sectors, including household management, by providing timely and actionable weather-related insights. Its affordability and practicality make it a promising tool in the collective effort to address the challenges posed by evolving weather patterns and climate variability.

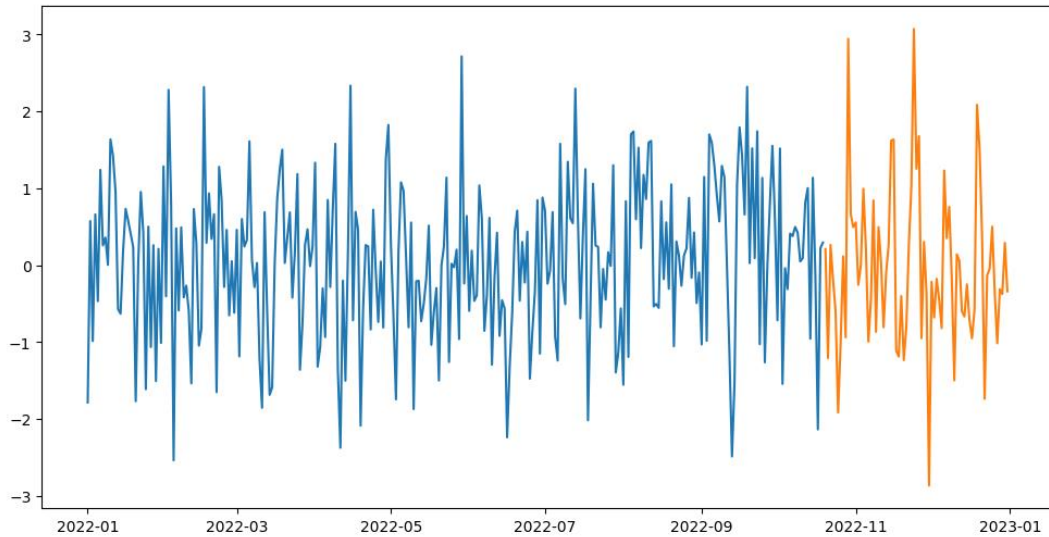


Fig-5: Function of Weather Monitoring and Forecasting in ARIMA Algorithm

The graph shown in Figure 5 represents a time series analysis covering January 2022 to January 2023, showing fluctuations in a metric with values ranging from -3 to 3. A color transition from blue to orange around November 2022 suggests a possible change within the dataset. However, without detailed context or axis labels, the data's precise interpretation remains uncertain.

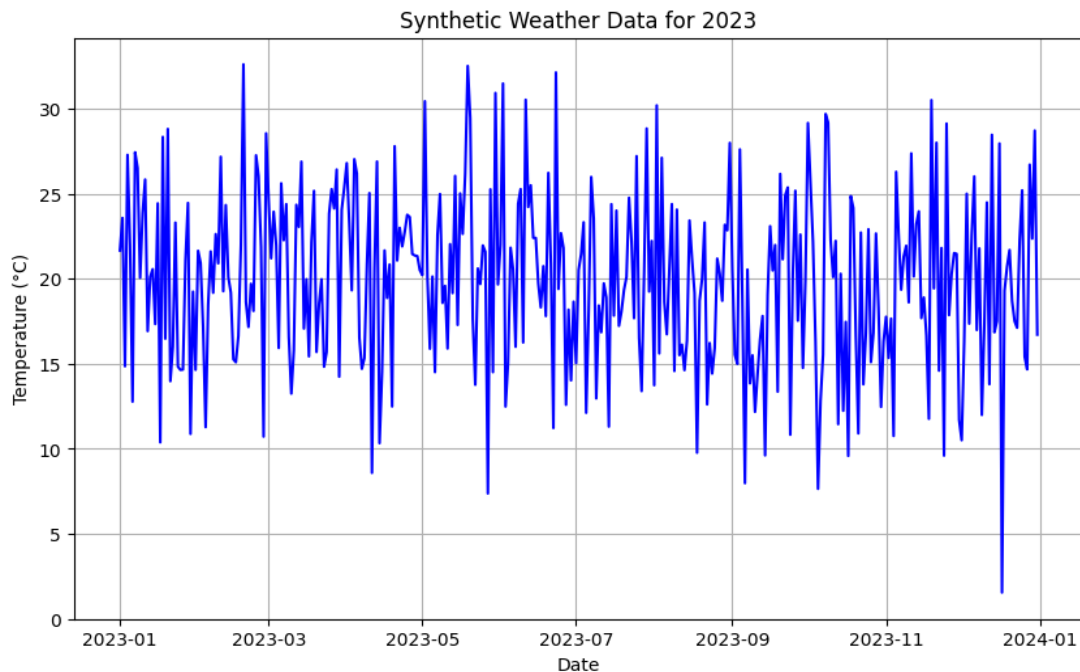


Fig 6: Synthetic Weather Data

The graph shown in figure 6 as a time series plot from January 2022 to January 2023, displaying erratic fluctuations in a variable ranging from approximately -3 to 3. A color change from blue to orange around November 2022 suggests a possible significant event or transition. However, without more context or labels, interpreting these fluctuations precisely is challenging.

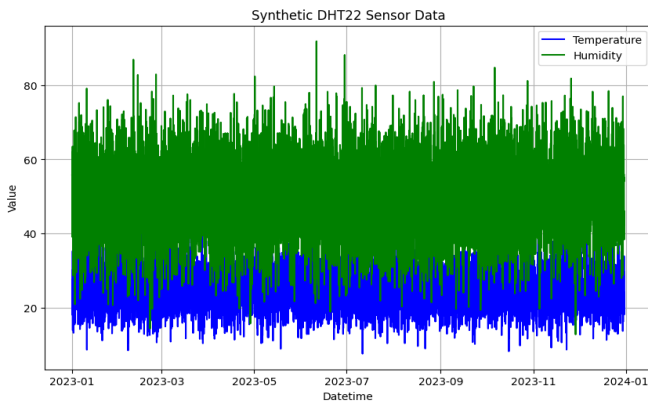


Fig 7: Synthetic DHT22 Sensor Data

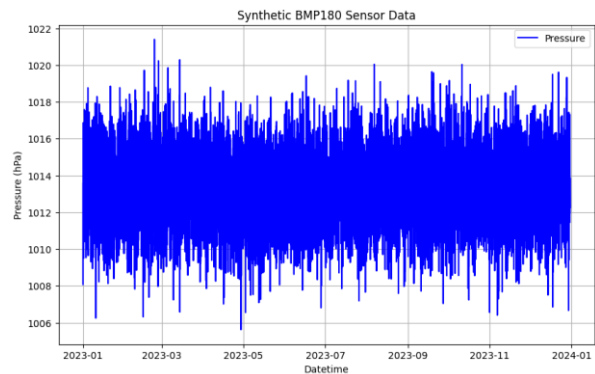


Fig 8: Synthetic BMP180 Sensor Data

The graph in Figure 7 shows synthetic data from a DHT22 sensor measuring temperature and humidity from January 2023 to April 2024. It's divided into blue for temperature and green for humidity. On the left side, values are unlabelled. Temperature values are lower while humidity values are higher. Both fluctuate over time, with humidity showing less variability. These graphs are useful for testing data analysis tools or simulating sensor behavior.

The graph shown in Figure 8 depicts synthetic BMP180 sensor data, showing pressure readings over time from January 2023 to January 2024. The x-axis displays dates and times, while the y-axis represents the pressure in millibars (hPa) ranging from approximately 1006 to 1022 hPa. A blue line illustrates the sensor-recorded pressure values, fluctuating over time. These variations could result from natural atmospheric changes or weather conditions. The term "synthetic" suggests that the data may be artificially generated, potentially for testing or simulation purposes, rather than originating from a physical sensor.

The "Synthetic LDR Sensor Data" graph displays light intensity readings over time from March 2023 to January 2024 in Figure 9. The x-axis marks dates and times, while the y-axis represents light intensity in arbitrary units ranging from about 100 to 900. An orange line tracks the recorded light intensity values, fluctuating over time. These fluctuations could indicate changes in lighting conditions, like day-night transitions or weather variations. The term "synthetic" suggests the data might be artificially generated for testing or simulation rather than from a physical light-dependent resistor (LDR) sensor.

The "Synthetic Rain Sensor Data" graph illustrates rainfall intensity over time from March 2023 to January 2024 in Figure 10. Dates are on the x-axis, and rainfall intensity (0 to 9 units) is on the y-axis. Blue vertical lines represent rainfall intensity on specific dates, with taller lines indicating higher intensity. The graph shows variability in rainfall intensity, with some days having no rainfall and others showing more intense rainfall. "Synthetic" suggests the data may be artificially generated for simulation or testing purposes rather than being actual rain measurements.

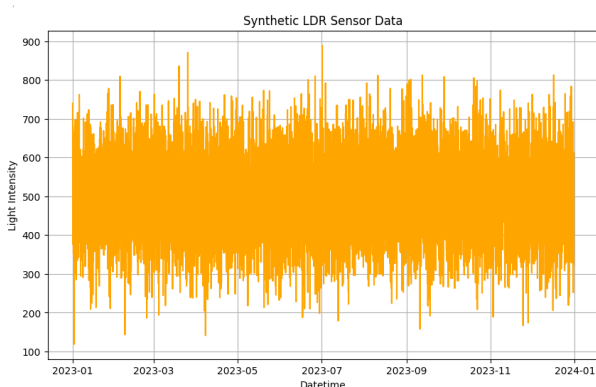


Fig 9: LDR Sensor Data

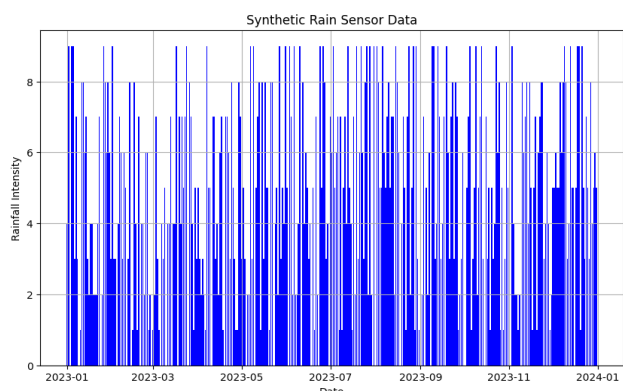


Fig 10: Rain Sensor Data



IV. CONCLUSION

In summary, the integration of IoT technology has brought about a paradigm shift in weather monitoring and forecasting, ushering in an era of real-time data acquisition, processing, and analysis. Our system utilizes a diverse array of sensors and employs machine-learning algorithms to provide accurate weather forecasts while ensuring accessibility through user-friendly interfaces. The implications of IoT in weather monitoring extend to critical sectors such as aviation, agriculture, and disaster management, promising enhanced efficiency and preparedness.

As IoT continues to evolve, we anticipate further advancements in weather forecasting systems, with improved accuracy and reliability being key expectations. The system we have developed serves as a testament to the potential of IoT in understanding weather patterns and mitigating associated risks. Moving forward, potential areas for improvement may include integrating additional sensor capabilities, optimizing real-time data updates, and seamless integration with complementary systems such as transportation and emergency response networks.

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