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A Review on Online Prognostic of Key Vehicle Component

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ABSTRACT: Effective application of predictive maintenance in the motor vehicle sector is significantly transforming the automotive industry through timely detection and correction of the causes of engine problems toward better performance, reliability, and durability. This survey focuses on the utilisation of Machine learning and statistics in dealing with engine health data includes rpm, temperature pressure and metadata information including the make, model, year, and the mileage of the car. Using enhanced Machine Learning techniques such as XGBoost, Random Forest, Extra Trees Classifiers and Deep ML models like Multi Layer Perceptron and LSTMs, we explore the best predictive algorithms for classification of the engine status and predicting maintenance needs. Such key techniques are data preprocessing technique like z-score for detecting outliers and a feature reduction technique like backward elimination. Another focus of the study is the utilization of ensemble techniques as well as the utilization of explainable AI that enhances model interpretability and decision making. In addition to predictive maintenance, the results generalize to the comparison of engine performance across manufacturers and the assessment of maintenance plans, providing a solid foundation for embedding machine learning based systems to create value, improve productivity, and optimize costs in the automotive industry.

KEYWORDS: Predictive Maintenance, Automotive Industry, Machine Learning, Deep Learning,

I. INTRODUCTION

Modern automotive industry has evolved continuously over the past few years due to the integration of data analytics and machine learning. Of these advancements, one has attracted a lot of attention and hold the promise of revolutionizing the traditional maintenance approach – predictive maintenance. By analyzing data and implementing machine learning over the engine the predictive maintenance enables to predict failure or need for maintenance in advance. This is a preventive measure that assist to enhance vehicle performances, increase long life on engines, and minimize visits to the garage not planned.

Raw data that include engine health parameters such as RPM, temperature, pressure and engine details of the car like make, model, year and mileage is valuable for creating predictive maintenance systems. Due to these features, big data analysis allows machine learning algorithms to detect features consistent with possible engine failures. Amid such measures as ensemble learning, deep learning, and feature selection remain the key to develop reliable machine learning models capable of accommodate complicated data nature with high dimensionality.

This paper reviews the techniques of machine learning and statistics for PM of automotive engines. Feature importances of extreme gradient boosting, random forests, extra trees classifiers and neural network such as LSTMs and multi-layer perceptron are investigated for their performance in predicting the state of the engines and future requirements for maintenance. In addition, the usage of preprocessing methods including outlier identification, as well as backward assessment of features, is discussed as vital to achieving high model performance.

The study also gives insight into how XAI techniques can be used to increase the interpretability of the predictive models, which is a critical factor in decision making. In addition to the prediction of maintenance requirement, this survey examines the comparison of engine performance among different manufacturers and assesses maintenance methods to define exemplary approaches.

By integrating machine learning-driven maintenance systems, the automotive industry stands to benefit from improved efficiency, cost savings, and reduced environmental impact. This paper aims to provide a comprehensive foundation for leveraging predictive maintenance technologies to drive innovation and improve vehicle reliability.



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II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Predictive maintenance has emerged as a crucial research area in the automotive industry, leveraging data-driven methods to preemptively address engine health issues. Various studies have focused on harnessing machine learning and statistical techniques to analyze engine health data, which typically includes parameters like RPM, temperature, pressure, and vehicle metadata. This section reviews key contributions in this domain, highlighting methodologies and findings.

III. MACHINE LEARNING MODELS FOR PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE

Ensemble learning models such as Random Forests and Extra Trees Classifiers have been widely used for their robust predictive capabilities in engine condition monitoring. These models excel in handling high-dimensional data and offer significant insights through feature importance analysis. For instance, Breiman (2001) demonstrated the efficacy of Random Forests in reducing overfitting while maintaining high prediction accuracy, making it suitable for predictive maintenance applications[1].

XGBoost, a gradient-boosting framework, has also gained popularity due to its efficiency and scalability. Studies like Chen and Guestrin (2016) have shown its superiority in handling structured datasets with missing values and its ability to deliver competitive performance in classification tasks[2].

3.1 Deep Learning for Predictive Maintenance

Deep learning techniques, particularly neural networks and LSTM architectures, have shown promise in capturing temporal dependencies in sensor data. For example, Malhotra et al. (2016) proposed LSTM-based approaches for sequence modeling in time-series data, demonstrating their effectiveness in predicting machinery failures[3]. The use of multi-layer perceptrons (MLPs) for feature extraction and anomaly detection in predictive maintenance tasks has also been explored, as detailed by Zhang et al. (2019)[4].

3.2 Data Preprocessing and Feature Selection

Effective data preprocessing is crucial for enhancing the performance of predictive models. Techniques such as z-score normalization and backward elimination are commonly used to detect outliers and refine input variables. These methods align with findings from studies like Chandola et al. (2009), which emphasized the importance of outlier detection for improving data quality in anomaly detection tasks[5].

Backward elimination, a statistical technique for feature selection, has been validated in various domains for its ability to iteratively remove less significant features. It complements machine learning algorithms by reducing dimensionality and improving interpretability, as highlighted by Guyon and Elisseeff (2003)[6].

3.3 Explainable AI in Predictive Maintenance

Explainable AI (XAI) has become a vital component of predictive maintenance systems, addressing the "black-box" nature of complex models. Tools like SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) and LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations) are increasingly used to provide transparency in model predictions. Studies like Ribeiro et al. (2016) have emphasized the importance of XAI in fostering trust and enabling domain experts to make informed decisions[7].

3.4 Applications in Automotive Maintenance

The application of these methodologies in the automotive industry has led to significant advancements in maintenance strategies. Researchers have used predictive maintenance models to compare the performance of engines across manufacturers and evaluate maintenance schedules. This has driven innovation in engine design and operational efficiency. For instance, Peng et al. (2019) used machine learning models to assess the wear and tear of automotive components, achieving significant cost reductions in maintenance[8].

IV. RESEARCH GAPS IDENTIFIED FROM LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Limited Use of Advanced Ensemble Models

Research often focuses on traditional models like Random Forest or Extra Trees, but advanced techniques such as XGBoost are underexplored for predictive maintenance in automotive applications. This limits the potential for improving accuracy and scalability in large datasets.

2. Inefficient Handling of Outliers

Many studies do not emphasize robust outlier detection and handling mechanisms, leading to model performance degradation due to the influence of extreme values.

3. Lack of Automated Feature Selection

The absence of systematic feature elimination techniques results in models that may include redundant or irrelevant features, leading to overfitting and reduced interpretability.

4. Limited Comparison of Models

Few studies employ a comprehensive comparison of machine learning models to identify the most effective approach for predictive maintenance tasks, particularly on the same dataset.

5. Minimal Integration of Neural Networks with Tabular Data

Deep learning models are rarely explored for predictive maintenance in structured tabular datasets, despite their potential to capture complex relationships.

6. Survey Methodology



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The methodology for this survey on predictive maintenance in automotive engines involved a systematic exploration of existing research and technologies, structured in the following phases:

7. Literature Review

The literature review therefore involved researching for journal articles, conference proceedings and industry publications. The focus of the search was narrowed to the use of machine learning, statistic tools and deep learning for predictive maintenance, using techniques used with engine health data. The following databases were accordingly incorporated as sources of material: IEEE Xplore, SpringerLink and Google Scholar.

8. Dataset Exploration

Both general databases and artificial engine health databases were analyzed to identify typical parameters including revs, temperature, pressure, as well as information about the vehicle. This made it possible for the survey to incorporate live and various data scenarios as used in predictive maintenance research.

9. Model Selection and Analysis

Algorithms that were used include: XGBoost, Random Forest, Extra Trees, multi-layer perceptrons, LSTM networks and the like. The performance of each model in engine condition classification and maintenance forecasting was evaluated along with the suitability, advantage, and disadvantage of each model. Methods for outlier detection and feature selection were also discussed and parts of the paper which used statistical techniques.

10. Techniques for Evaluation

The survey also focused the techniques to clear and facilitate the data that is used in the modelling process; for example the z-score for identifying outliers, the backward elimination method for feature selection and then used its techniques to evaluate the efficiency of the model such as accuracy, precision, recall and the confusion matrix.

11. Comparison and Synthesis

This report grouped the findings from the evaluated articles to develop a consensus of best practices, emerging strategies, and knowledge deficits. Subjective comparisons were made with other algorithms and tests of preprocessing to assess the efficiency of different algorithms in performing predictive maintenance.

V. CONCLUSION

Predictive maintenance is an essential area within the automotive industry, where progresses in both machine learning and statistical methods are particularly valuable. This survey has discussed a number of methodologies and models; XGBoost, Random Forest, Extra Trees and deep learning approaches, for instance multi-layer perceptron, LSTM etc, for solving issues associated with engine health prediction. Through the benchmarking of preprocessors and feature selection methods, augmentation techniques, model evaluation strategies, and novel optimization approaches, we postulated measures to maximize prediction performance, model understanding, and computational tractability.

The result of the survey outlined here supports the ability of explainable AI and ensemble methodologies in the planning of proactive maintenance systems, minimizing vehicle downtime, and enhancing operational safe. Additionally, the survey gives an overview of the existing research challenges, including the lack of domain-specific feature engineering, the absence of real-time adaptability, and more, at the same time, illustrating how new approaches can solve these problems. This research provides a platform for subsequent studies to build upon and increase integration of advanced predictive methodologies and improve maintenance approaches for automotive reliability and performance.

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