



# Traffic flow Prediction with Big Data Using SAE'S Algorithm

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*Abstract— Intelligent transportation system is accurate and time based traffic flow information to do best performance . Last few years, traffic data have been huge, existing system used weak traffic prediction models which is unsatisfied. The proposed system is using novel deep learning based traffic flow prediction method, which involves the spatial and temporal correlations inherently. A stack autoencoder model is used to learn generic traffic flow features and it is trained in a greedy layerwise pattern. This is the first time that a deep architecture model is proposed using autoencoders to represent traffic flow features for prediction.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The traffic flow information is [1] the potential to help road users, which make better travel decisions in traffic congestion and reduce carbon emissions. This will improve traffic operation efficiently. Now days transportation management system and control becomes more complicated data driven. The most of the Traffic flow prediction system method is used shallow traffic model which are unsatisfied. Deep learning , which is a type of machine learning method, has a lot of interest academic and industrial level.

Deep learning algorithms use multiple-layer architectures to extract inherent features in data from the lowest to the highest level using deep learning algorithm. Without prior knowledge, we can represent the traffic feature which has good performance in traffic flow prediction.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A Traffic flow prediction is a key functional component in ITSs. A countable traffic flow prediction models have been developed to assist in traffic management .These models will control and improving transportation efficiency ranging from route guidance and vehicle routing . The traffic flow can be considered a temporal and spatial process. The traffic flow prediction problem can be stated as follows. Let  $X_t i$  denote the observed traffic flow quantity during the  $t$ th time interval at the  $i$ th observation location in a transportation network. Given a sequence  $\{X_t i\}$  of observed traffic flow data,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m, t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , the problem is to predict the traffic flow at time interval  $(t+\Delta)$  for some prediction horizon  $\Delta$ . As early as 1970s, the autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) model was used to predict short-term freeway traffic flow [3]. The variety of models for traffic flow prediction have been proposed by researchers from different areas, such as transportation

engineering, statistics, machine learning, control engineering, and economics. Previous prediction approaches can be grouped into three categories, i.e., parametric techniques, nonparametric methods, and simulations. Parametric models include time-series models, Kalman filtering models, etc. Nonparametric models include  $k$ -nearest neighbor ( $k$ -NN) methods, artificial neural networks (ANNs), etc. Simulation approaches use traffic simulation tools to predict traffic flow.

A widely used technique to the problem of traffic flow prediction is based on time-series methods, a local linear regression model for short-term traffic forecasting[22]. A Bayesian network approach was proposed for traffic flow forecasting in [23]. An online learning weighted support vector regression (SVR) was presented in [24] for short-term traffic flow predictions. Various ANN models were developed for predicting traffic flow. It is difficult to say that one method is clearly superior over other methods in any situation. One reason for this is that the proposed models are developed with a small amount of separate specific traffic data, and the accuracy of traffic flow prediction methods is dependent on the traffic flow features embedded in the collected spatiotemporal traffic data. Moreover, in general, literature shows promising results when using NNs, which have good prediction power and robustness. Although the deep architecture of NNs can learn more powerful models than shallow networks, existing NN-based methods for traffic flow prediction usually only have one hidden layer. It is hard to train a deep-layered hierarchical NN with a gradient-based training algorithm. Recent advances in deep learning have made training the deep architecture feasible since the breakthrough of Hinton , and these show that deep learning models have superior or comparable performance with state-of-the-art methods in some areas. In this paper, we explore a deep learning approach with SAEs for traffic flow prediction.

### III.METHODOLOGY

In proposed system SAE's model is introduced SAE is Stacked Autoencoder. The SAE is an Neural network that attempt to reduce its input. Fig.1 gives the details of auto encoder, which has one input layer, one hidden layer and one output layer. A set of training samples

$\{x(1), x(2), x(3), \dots\}$ , where  $x(i) \in Rd$ , an autoencoder first encodes an input  $x(i)$  to a hidden representation  $y(x(i))$  based on (1), and then it decodes representation  $y(x(i))$  back into a reconstruction  $z(x(i))$  computed as (2).

$$y(x) = f(W1x + b) \quad (1)$$

$$z(x) = g(W2y(x) + c) \quad (2)$$

where

- $W1$  is a weight matrix,
- $b$  is an encoding bias vector,
- $W2$  is a decoding matrix, and
- $c$  is a decoding bias vector.

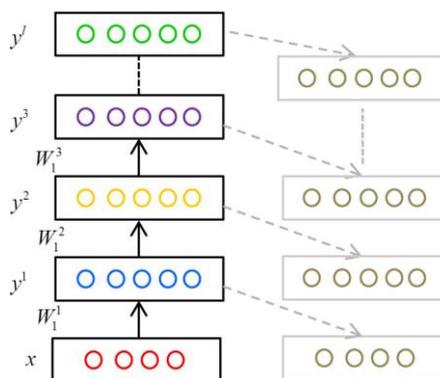


Fig.2. Layerwise training of SAEs.

When sparsity constraints are added to the objective function, an autoencoder becomes a sparse autoencoder. This encoder considers the sparse representation of the hidden layer. To obtain the sparse representation, we will reconstruct the error.

$$SAO = L(X, Z) + \gamma \sum_{j=1}^{H_D} \text{KL}(\rho \parallel \hat{\rho}_j)$$

$$\text{KL}(\rho \parallel \hat{\rho}_j) = \rho \log \frac{\rho}{\hat{\rho}_j} + (1 - \rho) \log \frac{1 - \rho}{1 - \hat{\rho}_j}.$$

Where

- $\gamma$  is the weight of the sparsity term,
- $\rho$  is a sparsity parameter
- $\rho_j$  = average activation of hidden unit
- $\text{KL}(\rho \parallel \hat{\rho}_j)$  - is the Kullback–Leibler (KL) divergence

**SAEs**

A SAE model is created by stacking autoencoders to form a deep network by taking the output of the autoencoder found on the layer below as the input of the current layer. The  $l$ - layers in SAE, the first layer is trained as an autoencoder, with the training set as inputs. After obtaining the first hidden layer, the output of the  $k$ th hidden layer is used as the input of the  $(k + 1)$ th hidden layer, multiple autoencoders can be stacked hierarchically. This is shown in Fig. 2. By using the SAE network for traffic flow prediction, we need to add a standard predictor on the top layer. In this paper, we put a logistic regression layer on top of the network for supervised traffic flow prediction. The SAEs plus the predictor comprise the whole deep architecture model for traffic flow prediction.

This is shown in Fig. 3.

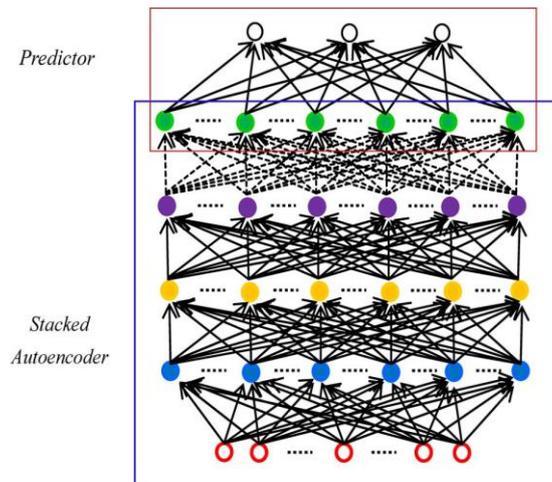


Fig. 3. Deep architecture model for traffic flow prediction. A SAE model is used to extract traffic flow features, and a logistic regression layer is applied for prediction.

**C. Training Algorithm**

By applying the BP method with the gradient-based optimization technique. it is also known as top-down way, that deep networks trained in this way not successful. In greedy layerwise unsupervised learning algorithm that can train deep networks successfully. The key point to using the greedy layerwise unsupervised learning algorithm is to pretrain the deep network layer by layer in a bottom-up way trained, fine-tuning using BP can be applied to tune the model's parameters in a top-down direction to obtain better output. at the same time. The training procedure is based on the works in [58] and [59], which can be stated as follows.

- 1) Train the first layer as an autoencoder by minimizing the objective function with the training sets as the input.
- 2) Train the second layer as an autoencoder taking the first layer's output as the input.
- 3) Iterate as in 2) for the desired number of layers.
- 4) Use the output of the last layer as the input for the prediction layer, and initialize its parameters randomly or by supervised training.
- 5) Fine-tune the parameters of all layers with the BP method in a supervised way.

This procedure is summarized in Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1. Training SAEs Given training samples  $X$  and the desired number of hidden layers  $l$ ,

Step 1) Pretrain the SAE

- Set the weight of sparsity  $\gamma$ , sparsity parameter  $\rho$ , initialize weight matrices and bias vectors randomly.
- Greedy layerwise training hidden layers.

— Use the output of the  $k$ th hidden layer as the input of the  $(k + 1)$ th hidden layer. For the first hidden layer, the input is the training set.

— Find encoding parameters  $\{W_1^{k+1}, b_1^{k+1}\}_{k=0}^{l-1}$  for the  $(k + 1)$ th hidden layer by minimizing the objective function.

Step 2) Fine-tuning the whole network

- Initialize randomly or by supervised training like ,  $\{W_1^{l+1}, b_1^{l+1}\}$
- Use the BP method with the gradient-based optimization technique to change the whole network's parameters in a top-down fashion.

### Data Description

The proposed deep architecture model was applied to the data collected from the Caltrans Performance Measurement System (PeMS) database as a numerical example. The traffic data are collected every 30 s from over 15000 individual detectors, which are deployed statewide in freeway systems . The collected data are aggregated 5-min interval each for each detector station. In this paper, the traffic flow data collected in the weekdays of the first three months of the year 2013 were used for the experiments. The data of the first two months were selected as the training set, and the remaining one month's data were selected as the testing set.

For freeways with multiple detectors, the traffic data collected by different detectors are aggregated to get the average traffic flow of this freeway. Note that we separately treat two directions of the same freeway among all the freeways, in which three are one-way. Fig. 4 is a plot of a typical freeway's traffic flow over time for weekdays of some week.

### Experiments :

we use three performance indexes, which are the mean absolute error (MAE), the mean relative error (MRE), and the RMS error (RMSE).

### RESULT

#### We compared the Index of Performance

To evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed model, we use three performance indexes, which are the mean absolute error (MAE), the mean relative error (MRE), and the RMS error (RMSE) they are define as

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |f_i - \hat{f}_i|$$

$$MRE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|f_i - \hat{f}_i|}{f_i}$$

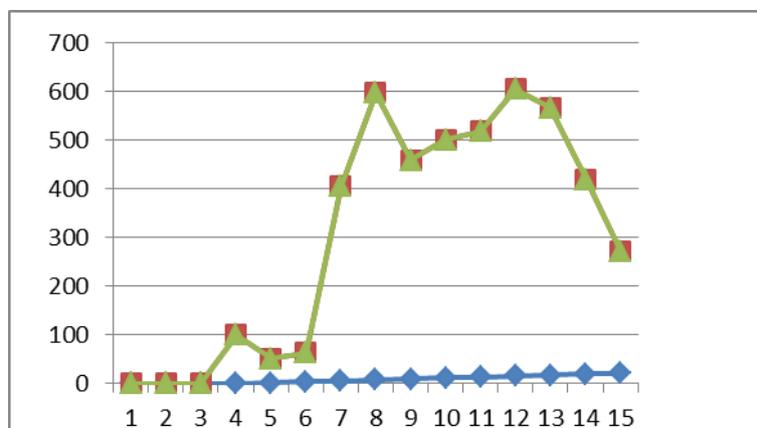
$$RMSE = \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (|f_i - \hat{f}_i|)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $f_i$  is the observed traffic flow, and  $\hat{f}_i$  is the predicted traffic flow.

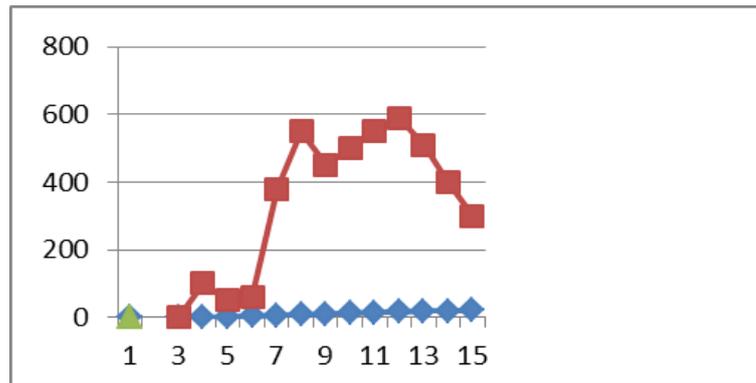
TRAFFIC FLOW ANALYSIS PATTERN FOR WEEKDAYS

HOURS(X)	NO.OF VEHICLES(Y) ON MONDAY	NO.OF VEHICLES(Y) ON TUESDAY	NO.OF VEHICLES(Y) ON WEDNESDAY	NO.OF VEHICLES(Y) ON THURSDAY	NO.OF VEHICLES(Y) ON FRIDAY
0	100	100	100	105	120
2	50	50	50	50	80
4	60	60	70	55	80
6	400	380	403	400	380
8	590	550	550	600	580
10	450	450	480	502	40
12	490	500	500	500	520
14	505	550	550	550	570
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18	550	510	550	570	530
20	400	400	475	500	450
22	250	300	280	350	350

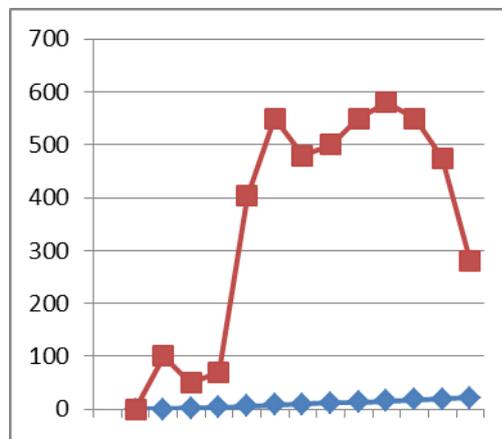
MONDAY TRAFFIC FLOW ANALYSIS



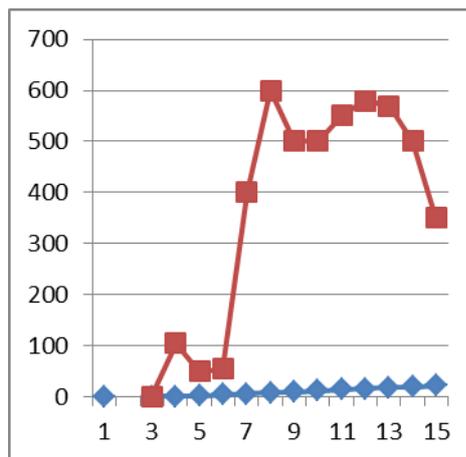
### TUESDAY TRAFFIC FLOW ANALYSIS



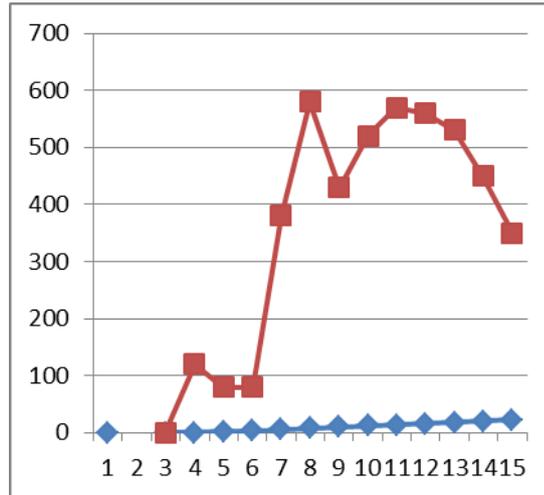
### WEDNESDAY TRAFFIC FLOW ANALYSIS



### THURSDAY TRAFFIC FLOW ANALYSIS



## FRIDAY TRAFFIC FLOW ANALYSIS



## IV. CONCLUSIONS

The Era of Big data is an urgent need for advanced data acquisition, management and analysis. In this paper we have presented the concept of big data and highlighted the big data value chain. The proposed method discovered the traffic flow feature representation as the nonlinear spatial and temporal correlations from the traffic data. We used the greedy layerwise unsupervised learning algorithm to pretrain the large network and improve the prediction performance. We assessed the performance of the proposed method and compared with BP NN, RBF NN, RW and SVM models and the result show that the proposed method is better than the other method. Future work, it would be interesting to find deep learning algorithm for traffic flow prediction.

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