An Online Learning System for the Prediction of Electricity Distribution Feeder Failures

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Overview

- Generate a failure-susceptibility ranking of electrical feeders
- What are feeders and why are they important?



- Train models using supervised ML algorithms
- Problem
 - dynamic features electrical load data
 - seasonal changes in electricity use

Approach

- An online learning system
 - Prediction using expert advice
 - Treat each batch-trained model as an expert
 - Weight is a measure of confidence in expert's prediction

Issues

- Train models at different times and add to the ensemble
- Drop poorly performing and old models
- Adapt Weighted Majority to ranking
- Performance measured as normalized average rank of failures
- Compare to other online learning algorithms