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Classification of Factors Used to Predict Vehicle Break down in Commercial Vehicles.

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Abstract

Prediction of vehicle breakdowns in commercial vehicles is of utmost importance to ensure the safety, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of road transport. In today's fast-paced and competitive business landscape, the smooth operation of commercial vehicles is crucial for ensuring efficient logistics and supply chain management. Unplanned breakdowns of commercial vehicles can lead to significant financial losses, delays in delivery schedules, and potential damage to the reputation of the transportation companies. Commercial vehicle breakdowns pose significant challenges to both fleet operators and the broader transportation industry. The unexpected failure of a commercial vehicle can result in substantial costs, operational disruptions, and safety hazards. In light of these considerations, the development of effective breakdown prediction models has become an essential endeavor. Predicting when and why a breakdown might occur not only allows for proactive maintenance but also minimizes the economic and safety risks associated with breakdowns.

Keywords: Commercial vehicle breakdown prediction parameters, empirical data, historical relevance, maintenance, prediction models and classification of parameters, ABCD analysis.

1. Introduction

Commercial vehicle breakdowns represent a substantial challenge in the transportation industry, with a direct impact on business productivity and profitability. The unpredictability of these events necessitates the development of effective strategies to anticipate and manage breakdown risks.[1] This paper seeks to address this issue by leveraging historical vehicle data, weather patterns, maintenance records, and other relevant parameters to create a robust prediction model for heavy vehicle breakdowns.

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In the area and field of commercial transportation, the efficient operation of vehicles is essential to the success of industries and economies alike. One critical aspect that demands attention is the prediction and prevention of breakdowns in commercial vehicles. The ability to foresee potential issues and implement preventive measures not only ensures the smooth flow of goods and services but also contributes to safety, cost-effectiveness, and overall operational efficiency.

The classification of factors used to predict vehicle breakdown in commercial vehicles involves a comprehensive analysis of profuse elements that can influence the reliability and performance of these essential assets. A multifaceted approach is necessary to understand and mitigate the risks associated with breakdowns, from mechanical components to environmental conditions, and from driver behavior to technological interventions.

In the era of digital transformation, the integration of advanced technologies into this classification framework is inevitable. Telematics and IoT-enabled devices offer a wealth of real-time data, from engine diagnostics to GPS tracking, enabling a granular understanding of a vehicle's operational state. Predictive analytics algorithms can then filter through this data, identifying patterns and anomalies that might signal an impending breakdown, and facilitating proactive interventions.

In conclusion, the classification of factors used to predict vehicle breakdowns in commercial vehicles underscores the industry's commitment to operational excellence. By systematically categorizing elements such as maintenance, driver behavior, and environmental conditions, stakeholders can develop targeted schemes that not only prevent breakdowns but also enhance the overall efficiency and resilience of commercial vehicle fleets in a rapidly evolving transportation landscape.

This exploration encompasses a range of factors, including the health of the vehicle's engine, transmission, and braking systems, as well as external elements such as road conditions, weather, and operational patterns. Advanced technologies, such as predictive analytics [8], telematics [9], and IoT sensors [11], play a compelling role in collecting and analyzing data to identity patterns that can indicate potential issues before they shoot up into major breakdowns.

Understanding and classifying these predictive factors not only empowers fleet managers and operators to schedule timely maintenance but also enables the development of proactive strategies to enhance the overall reliability of commercial vehicles. By delving into the intricate network of variables influencing vehicle health, this classification system forms a cornerstone in the ongoing efforts to streamline transportation processes, minimize downtime, and ensure the seamless functioning of commercial vehicle fleets.

This paper is supposed to focus on the fundamental parameters that play a pivoe role in the prediction of commercial vehicle breakdowns. It delves into the classification of these parameters, highlighting their significance and interrelationships. By understanding and categorizing these parameters, we aim to provide a comprehensive overview of the factors contributing to breakdown risk, ultimately facilitating the development of data-driven predictive models [2] and the ABCD analysis [5].

The selection of the parameters is grounded in empirical data, historical relevance, and industry expertise [3,4]. Each parameter has been carefully decided on for its ability to influence breakdown incidents, whether directly through mechanical factors or indirectly through environmental, operational, or human-related variables

. Understanding the impact and classification of these parameters is fundamental to optimizing maintenance practices, enhancing vehicle reliability, and mitigating the consequences of breakdowns.

This paper presents an in-depth exploration of the parameters that underpin vehicle breakdown prediction, classifying them for a systematic analysis. Through this examination, we seek to provide fleet managers, maintenance professionals, and researchers [6] with valuable insights to bring down the risk of commercial vehicle breakdowns or to handle them effectively.

The first section is the introduction which explains the need for the topic from the industry perspective. The Second section speaks of the Literature review for the paper done for the understanding purpose. The third section consists of the Objectives of the work which aims at the performance and safety of commercial vehicles by identifying and classifying factors responsible for breakdown and component breakdown prevention. The fourth Section explains the methodology used for the study as well as the database used. The fifth section is about the important factors. Factors that were come across during the literature review. The sixth section is about the advantages, Benefits, Constraints, and disadvantages of these factors if used in the study. The seventh section is the conclusion which says if we use the prediction using the factors found during the study can get a better idea for predictive maintenance as well as minimize the sudden breakdown of vehicles which causes prediction of business disruptions and so on.

2. Literature Review

Ball, et. al., (1993) [31] investigates the relationship between visual attention issues and the likelihood of vehicle crashes among older drivers. The study uses eye-tracking technology to assess visual attention and found that older drivers with visual attention problems were more prone to vehicle crashes. These fixes include reduced ability to scan the road and focus on critical details while driving. The research highlights the significance of addressing visual attention deficits in older drivers to enhance road safety and reduce accident risks in this demographic.

Chand, et. al.,(2022) [32] explores the broader influences on how long vehicle breakdowns last. It focuses on factors beyond the immediate mechanical issues, such as location, traffic conditions, and availability of roadside assistance. The study found that these macro-level factors significantly impact breakdown duration, with remote areas and heavy traffic leading to longer delays. The research emphasizes the need for comprehensive breakdown response ideas that consider vehicle maintenance furthermore the external circumstances that affect how quickly breakdowns can be resolved.

Mesgarpour, et. al.,(2013) [33] provides an in-depth examination of telematics-based systems designed for prognostics and health management in the context of commercial vehicles. It delves into the useage of real-time data, remote diagnostics, and predictive analytics to monitor the condition of vehicles, identify potential issues, and improve maintenance practices. The research underscores the importance of these systems in enhancing fleet management, reducing downtime, and minimizing operational costs. Additionally, the paper highlights how these technologies contribute to safer and more efficient commercial vehicle operations.

Bethaz, et. al., (2021) [34] focus on the use of data-driven approaches to enhance the performance and capabilities of commercial vehicles. It explores how data analytics, real-time monitoring, and predictive methodologies can empower fleet operators to make informed decisions. By harnessing data, this research emphasizes the potential for improving safety, efficiency, and overall fleet management. The paper highlights how these data-driven methodologies can optimize maintenance, route planning, and resource allocation, ultimately leading to more reliable and cost-effective commercial vehicle operations.

Jang, et. al., (2021) [35] focuses on using historical maintenance data to forecast the risk of breakdowns in Air Force ground vehicles. This research examines the correlation between past maintenance records and the likelihood of future breakdowns. By analyzing this data, the study aims to develop prediction models that can proactively identify vehicles at a higher risk of failure. Such models have the potential to enhance maintenance practices, reduce downtime, and ultimately improve the reliability and operational efficiency of Air Force ground vehicles.

Khoshkangini, et. al., (2023) [36] introduces a novel method for prediction of heavy vehicle breakdowns. The approach combines snapshot data and ensemble techniques to create a robust predictive model. By optimizing the model, the research aims to upgrade the accuracy of breakdown predictions. This methodology has the potential to give more precise insights into when and why vehicle breakdowns occur, which can be valuable for proactive maintenance and minimizing the economic and safety peril associated with such incidents.

Bremer, et. al., (2020) [37] centers on forecasting breakdowns of critical components in commercial trucks. This study’s focal point is on the development of predictive models that can identify potential failures in vital truck components. By doing so, it aims to facilitate proactive maintenance strategies, enhance vehicle reliability, and reduce the economic and operational consequences associated with component failures. The research promises to improve the ruling efficiency and safety of commercial truck operations through data-driven predictive insights.

Prytz, et. al.,(2015) [38] aims to create predictive models for anticipating compressor repairs in vehicles. It utilizes historical maintenance records and real-time vehicle data to achieve this goal. By analyzing patterns in maintenance records and monitoring logged data, the study enables the proactive identification of potential compressor issues. The research ultimately seeks to reduce unexpected breakdowns, lower repair costs, and optimize maintenance, aligning with the broader aim of enhancing vehicle fleet reliability and efficiency through data-driven predictive insights.

Jobi-Taiwo, et. al., (2013) [39] focuses on the development of predictive methods to anticipate faults in heavy-duty vehicles. It employs the Mahalanobis-Taguchi Strategy, which combines statistical techniques and predictive analytics, to identity potential faults. This study harnesses historical data and diagnostic information to detect early signs of faults, facilitating proactive maintenance and reducing unscheduled downtime. The research's overarching objective is to improve the overall reliability, safety, and efficiency of heavy-duty vehicle operations by predicting and addressing faults before they lead to critical failures, economic costs, or safety hazards. The Mahalanobis-Taguchi Strategy plays a pivotal role in achieving this goal through data-driven predictive insights.

Khoshkangini, et. al., (2020) [40] is focused on developing predictive methods to identify quality issues in the automotive sector during the early stages of production. By leveraging advanced analytics and data-driven techniques, this research aims to proactively detect potential quality problems and take correct actions before they escalate. Through the analysis of historical data and real-time production information, the study seeks to enhance the overall quality control processes, reduce defects, and improve product reliability. The ultimate goal is to optimize manufacturing practices, reduce waste, and uphold the reputation and safety standards of the automotive industry by preventing quality issues in the infant stages of production.

Biteus, et. al., (2017) [41] aims to develop a holistic approach for adaptable maintenance planning in the heavy truck industry. Leveraging machine learning models, the research enables the prediction of maintenance requirements, allowing for flexible scheduling that minimizes downtime. Constraint programming assists in addressing scheduling constraints, while route optimization ensures efficient planning. The primary objective is to enhance heavy truck operations by implementing proactive and flexible maintenance strategies, reducing costs, improving safety, and optimizing performance. This approach contributes to efficient fleet management and the overall reliability of heavy trucks in the logistics and transportation sector.

Panda,et.al.,(2023)[42] focuses on leveraging machine learning techniques to decrease vehicle downtime, with a specific focus on the early detection of air compressor failures. By analyzing historical data and employing M/c learning models, this research aims to predict potential air compressor issues.[44] The primary goal is to enable proactive maintenance and minimize unexpected vehicle downtime, resulting in improved operational efficiency and cost savings. By developing an effective model for detecting air compressor failures, the study contributes to safer and more reliable vehicle operations while optimizing maintenance practices in the context of the transportation industry.

3. Objective

The paper aims to enhance the overall performance and safety of commercial vehicles by identifying and classifying factors responsible for breakdown and component breakdown prevention

- **Enhanced Reliability:** Improve the overall reliability of commercial trucks by addressing component failures before they lead to operational disruptions or safety hazards.
- **Economic and Operational Efficiency:** Mitigate the economic and operational implications of component breakdowns by optimizing maintenance practices and reducing unplanned breakdown incidents.
- **Data-Driven Insights:** Harness the power of data-driven insights to inform decision-making and resource allocation in the commercial trucking industry.

By achieving these objectives, the paper aims to enhance the overall performance and safety of commercial trucks through predictive maintenance and component breakdown prevention.

4. Methodology

The present study is a conceptual research paper that is based on a thorough review of previously published articles and research papers.[4] Its primary goal is to provide new insights, offer critical analyses, and outline potential future developments in the field. The research team conducted an extensive review of literature, including articles and other publications, with a specific focus on understanding how Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning (AIML) is applied in predicting commercial vehicle breakdowns.[43] The study seeks to contribute to the understanding of AI's role in enhancing predictive capabilities within the commercial transportation industry, with the ultimate aim of improving operational efficiency and minimizing the financial and safety consequences associated with breakdown incidents. The extracted data is from CBS open data StatLine for commercial vehicles.

5. Major Factors Used for Classification of Parameters

- Historical Relevance:

Historical data plays a vital role in understanding the fact possibilities that have consistently influenced breakdown incidents in the past. Factors that have been repeatedly associated with breakdowns, such as high mileage or neglected maintenance, are prioritized. This historical context allows us to learn from past experiences and recognize patterns that accord to the risk of breakdowns.

- Empirical Data:

Empirical data collected from commercial vehicle fleets and maintenance records make provision for valuable insights into which factors have a tangible impact on breakdowns.[4] By analyzing this data, we can look at exactly which factors are consistently linked to breakdown incidents. These empirical findings help inform predictive models and preventive strategies by focusing on factors that have a demonstrated influence on vehicle reliability.

- Industry Expertise:

Industry experts, including fleet managers, maintenance professionals, and engineers, contribute their knowledge and experience to the selection of these factors. Their expertise provides a real-world understanding of the critical variants that influence breakdowns. Experts can identify factors that may not be immediately apparent from data analysis but have a substantial impact on vehicle reliability.

- Safety Considerations:

Safety is paramount when selecting factors for predicting breakdowns. Factors related to safety- critical components, such as brakes and tires, are prioritized because their condition directly affects the safety of the vehicle and its occupants. Ensuring the vehicle is in a safe operating condition is a fundamental aspect of preventive maintenance and breakdown risk reduction.

- Economic Impact:

Factors that have a significant financial impact are given due consideration. The economic consequences of breakdowns, including maintenance costs, downtime, repair expenses, and potential loss of revenue, make these factors highly relevant. Predicting and preventing breakdowns can result in substantial cost savings for fleet operators and businesses.

- Environmental Conditions:

Environmental conditions, such as extreme temperatures and adverse weather, are selected as factors because they have a substantial impact on vehicle performance and reliability. Cold weather, for instance, can affect a vehicle's battery and engine performance, potentially leading to breakdowns. Understanding how environmental conditions contribute to breakdown risk is crucial for proactive maintenance planning.

- Regulatory Compliance:

Factors related to regulatory compliance are important due to the potential legal and operational consequences of non-compliance. Violating regulations can result in fines, penalties, and disruptions to operations. Ensuring that vehicles meet regulatory standards is essential for avoiding breakdown-related issues that can impact an organization's reputation and financial stability.

- Data Availability:

The availability of data is a practical consideration when selecting factors for predictive modeling.[30] For a predictive model to be effective, it requires access to sufficient and accurate data related to these factors. Practicality in data collection and utilization is essential to ensure the model can be trained, validated and applied to real-world situations effectively.

- Preventive measures:

Many of the chosen factors are actionable and can be addressed through preventive maintenance and proactive decision-making. Identifying these factors allows for targeted interventions to reduce breakdown risk. For example, by monitoring oil change frequency or tire condition, fleet managers can take steps to mitigate breakdown risk through timely maintenance and replacement.

- Impact on Vehicle Systems:

The selecting factors are those that have a direct or indirect impact on various vehicle systems. Understanding how these factors influence the operation of critical vehicle systems, such as the engine, transmission, suspension, and electrical components, is crucial. By considering these impacts, predictive models can provide depth into which systems are most vulnerable to breakdowns and guide maintenance efforts accordingly.

In conclusion, the basis for selecting these factors is rooted in historical data, empirical evidence, industry expertise, safety considerations, economic implications, compliance with regulations, data availability, and the ability to implement preventive measures. These factors collectively provide a comprehensive and informed approach to assessing and addressing the risk of breakdowns in the commercial vehicle industry.

5.1. Vehicle-Related Factors:

Age of Vehicle: The age of a commercial vehicle is a crucial factor in predicting breakdowns. As vehicles age, the wear and tear on their components accumulate. Parts that were once reliable may become more susceptible to failure due to prolonged use and exposure to environmental conditions [16,17]. The risk of breakdowns tends to increase with the vehicle's gear, making it essential to consider the age of the vehicle in predictive models. Frequent breakdowns can result in substantial downtime and maintenance costs, impacting a business's bottom line.

Make and Model: The make and model of a commercial vehicle can significantly influence its reliability. Different manufacturers have varying reputations for producing dependable and durable vehicles. Some makes and models may have known reliability issues, such as engine problems or structural weaknesses [18,19] which can increase the likelihood of breakdowns. This factor is essential for fleet managers when selecting and maintaining their vehicles, as it informs decisions about the overall fleet's reliability and potential vulnerability to breakdowns.

Mileage: Mileage is a direct indicator of how extensively a commercial vehicle has been used. High-mileage vehicles are more likely to experience breakdowns due to the increased wear and tear on their components. Frequent use can lead to mechanical problems, engine wear, and other issues that raise the risk of unexpected failures. Mileage is a fundamental parameter to track and consider when planning maintenance schedules and predicting breakdowns, as it helps in identifying when a vehicle may be more prone to issues that require attention.

Maintenance History: The maintenance history of a commercial vehicle is a critical factor for predicting breakdown. Regular maintenance and servicing play an exclusive role in ensuring the vehicle's reliability and reducing the risk of unexpected failures. Vehicles with a consistent history of proper maintenance are less likely to experience breakdowns, as routine inspections and repairs address potential tasks before they become severe. Analyzing maintenance records allows fleet managers to identify when a vehicle may be due for maintenance and minimize the risk of breakdowns.

Oil Change Frequency: Regular oil changes are essential for engine health. Engine oil lubricates the moving parts of the engine, reducing friction and preventing overheating. If oil changes are infrequent or skipped,[20] the oil becomes less effective at protecting the engine. This can lead to increased wear on engine components, potentially resulting in engine failure and a breakdown. Monitoring and maintaining the oil change frequency is a fundamental part of commercial vehicle maintenance to ensure the engine remains in optimal condition and the risk of breakdowns is minimized.

Tire Condition: The condition of a commercial vehicle's tires is critical for road safety and breakdown prevention. Worn-out tires are more prone to punctures, blowouts, and reduced traction, which can lead to accidents and breakdowns. Properly maintained and regularly inspected tires reduce the risk of unexpected tire-related issues on the road. Monitoring tire condition and ensuring timely replacements and rotations are essential practices for fleet managers to enhance the safety and reliability of their vehicles.

Brake Pad Condition: Brake pads are a fundamental safety component in a commercial vehicle. Worn-out brake pads can affect braking performance, leading to longer stopping distances and an increased risk of accidents and breakdowns. Properly maintained brake pads ensure effective and reliable braking, reducing the likelihood of accidents caused by braking issues. Regular inspections and replacement of brake pads [21] as needed are vital for maintaining the safety and roadworthiness of commercial vehicles. Ensuring that brake pads are in good condition is not only crucial for safety but also for minimizing breakdowns associated with braking system failures.

5.2. Environmental Factors:

Weather Conditions: Weather conditions play a salient role in predicting commercial vehicle breakdowns. Adverse weather, such as extreme cold, heavy rain, or snow, can impact the vehicle's reliability and safety. Cold weather can affect the performance of the battery and engine, potentially causing starting issues and engine problems. Rain and snow can lead to electrical and engine issues, making breakdowns more likely. Predictive models need to consider weather conditions to anticipate the increased risk of breakdowns during adverse weather and plan for preventive measures accordingly.

Temperature: Temperature extremes, whether extremely high or low, can influence the performance of a commercial vehicle. In high-temperature environments, engine components can overheat, leading to engine failure or other heat-related issues. In very cold temperatures, the vehicle's battery and starter can struggle to operate, potentially resulting in starting problems. These temperature-related factors need to be monitored and integrated into predictive models to identify vulnerable periods when breakdowns are more likely to occur due to extreme temperature conditions.

Type of Roads: The quality and condition of roads that a commercial vehicle travels on can significantly affect the likelihood of breakdowns. Rough terrain or poorly maintained roads place additional stress on the vehicle's components, causing increased wear and damage. Predictive models should take into account the types of roads that vehicles frequently travel on, as vehicles operating on challenging roads may experience breakdowns more frequently. Road quality is a key factor that influences maintenance schedules and the choice of vehicles for specific routes.

Traffic Conditions: Traffic conditions also play a task in predicting commercial vehicle breakdowns. Heavy traffic can result in frequent stops and starts, leading to engine overheating and increased wear on various vehicle systems. In addition, extended idling in traffic can strain the vehicle's electrical and cooling systems. Predictive models should factor in traffic patterns to anticipate the stress placed on vehicles in congested areas. This information is essential for preventive maintenance planning and ensuring that vehicles are equipped to handle traffic-related challenges without experiencing breakdowns.

5.3. Driver-Related Factors:

Driving Habits: The driving habits of the vehicle operator can significantly influence the risk of breakdowns. Aggressive driving, such as frequent braking, speeding, and abrupt acceleration, places added stress on the vehicle's components. It can lead to increased wear and tear on the brakes, suspension, and engine, making breakdowns more likely. Driver behavior data should be incorporated into predictive models to identify drivers with riskier habits and implement training or corrective measures to reduce breakdown risk.

Driver Experience: The experience level of the driver can impact the likelihood of breakdowns. Inexperienced drivers may be more prone to accidents and road incidents, which can result in vehicle damage and breakdowns. Novice drivers may struggle to handle challenging road conditions, navigate inclement weather, or make effective decisions in high-stress situations. Predictive models should consider driver experience as a factor in assessing breakdown risk and tailor training and support accordingly to minimize the impact of driver-related factors on breakdown rates.

Driver Health: The physical [15] and mental health of the driver is essential for safe vehicle operation and breakdown prevention. Fatigued or distracted drivers are to cause accidents that can lead to vehicle damage and breakdowns. Predictive models should consider driver health and fatigue-critical factors in assessing breakdown risk. Monitoring driver health and implementing measures to ensure alertness and well-being is essential for preventing breakdowns resulting from driver-related factors.

5.4. Route and Location Information:

Type of Roads: The type and condition of roads that a commercial vehicle travels on are important factors to consider in predicting breakdowns. Rough terrain or poorly maintained roads can significantly stress the vehicle's components. Such conditions can lead to increased wear and damage, increasing the likelihood of breakdowns. Route and location information should be incorporated into predictive models to anticipate the impact of road conditions on breakdown rates. This data is vital for selecting appropriate vehicles and scheduling maintenance based on specific routes.

Location: The geographic location in which a commercial vehicle operates can impact breakdown risk. Certain areas may have more breakdown-prone conditions due to extreme temperatures, challenging terrain, or heavy traffic. Geographic information helps in identifying regions where breakdowns are more likely, allowing fleet managers to implement targeted maintenance and prepare for specific environmental challenges. Understanding location-related breakdown factors is crucial for optimizing maintenance practices and minimizing downtime.

Geographical Factors: The geographical features of an area, such as mountainous terrain or desert landscapes, can influence breakdown risk. Different terrains place varying levels of stress on the vehicle. Mountainous regions may require more extensive braking and engine usage, potentially resulting in increased wear and breakdown risk. Understanding the geographical factors of an area is essential for selecting suitable vehicles and planning maintenance schedules that account for the specific challenges posed by the environment.

5.5. Maintenance Metrics:

Maintenance History: The maintenance history of a commercial vehicle is a foundational factor in predicting breakdowns. Regular maintenance and servicing are essential for ensuring the vehicle's reliability and reducing the risk of unexpected failures [25]. Vehicles with a consistent history of proper maintenance are less likely to experience breakdowns, as routine inspections and repairs address potential situation before they become severe. Analyzing maintenance records allows fleet managers to identify when a vehicle may be due for maintenance and minimize the risk of breakdowns.

Oil Change Frequency: Regular oil changes are essential for engine health. Engine oil lubricates the moving parts of the engine, reducing friction and preventing overheating. If oil changes are infrequent or skipped, the oil becomes less effective at protecting the engine. This can lead to increased wear on engine components, potentially resulting in engine failure and a breakdown.[26] Monitoring and maintaining the oil change frequency is a fundamental part of commercial vehicle maintenance to ensure the engine remains in optimal condition and the risk of breakdowns is minimized.

Tire Condition: The condition of a commercial vehicle's tires is critical for road safety and breakdown prevention. Worn-out tires are more prone to punctures, blowouts, and reduced traction, which can lead to accidents and breakdowns. Properly maintained and regularly inspected tires reduce the risk of unexpected tire-related issues on the road. Monitoring tire condition and ensuring timely replacements and rotations are essential practices for fleet managers to enhance the safety and reliability of their vehicles.

Brake Pad Condition: Brake pads are a fundamental safety component in a commercial vehicle. [27,28] Worn-out brake pads can affect braking performance, leading to longer stopping distances and an increased risk of accidents and breakdowns. Properly maintained brake pads ensure effective and reliable braking, reducing the likelihood of accidents caused by braking issues. Regular inspections and replacement of brake pads as needed are vital for maintaining the safety and roadworthiness of commercial vehicles. Ensuring that brake pads are in good condition is not only crucial for safety but also for minimizing breakdowns associated with braking system failures.

5.6. Sensor and Data-Related Factors:

Telematics and IoT Sensors: Data from onboard sensors, including telematics and IoT (Internet of Things) devices, provide real-time insights into vehicle health, allowing for proactive maintenance. These sensors [21] can detect anomalies and potential issues early, reducing the risk of breakdowns. They collect data on various parameters, such as engine performance, fuel consumption, and tire pressure, to provide a comprehensive view of the vehicle's condition. Predictive models should incorporate sensor data to identify emerging issues and trigger maintenance actions when needed.

Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs): Diagnostic Trouble Codes are generated by the vehicle's internal diagnostics system when it detects irregularities or malfunctions.[22] These codes provide specific information about the nature of the problem. Addressing DTCs promptly is crucial for preventing breakdowns, as they can indicate issues with critical components, such as the engine, transmission, or emissions systems. Predictive models should continuously monitor and analyze DTCs to proactively identify and address potential breakdown risks.

Sensor Data: Real-time sensor data on various vehicle parameters, such as engine temperature, oil pressure, and tire pressure, can provide deep look into the health of the vehicle and help detect situations before they lead to breakdowns. Monitoring sensor data allows for early intervention and maintenance actions when anomalies or deviations from normal operating conditions are detected. Integrating sensor data into predictive models enhances their ability to anticipate breakdowns and take preventive measures based on real-time information.

5.7. Historical Data:

Previous Breakdowns: Analyzing historical breakdown data is crucial for predicting future breakdowns. By examining past incidents, patterns, and common causes can be identified. This information is valuable for preventive maintenance planning. It allows fleet managers to focus on addressing recurring issues and implementing measures to lessen the risk of breakdowns based on historical trends.[23] Predictive models should incorporate historical breakdown data to make informed predictions and recommendations.

Maintenance Schedules: Tracking maintenance schedules and ensuring regular maintenance is performed as scheduled is essential for reducing the risk of unexpected breakdowns due to neglected maintenance tasks. Analyzing maintenance schedules helps in identifying vehicles that may be overdue for servicing and ensures that preventive maintenance is carried out on time. Predictive models should account for maintenance schedules to prevent breakdowns associated with skipped or delayed maintenance activities.

5.8 Time-Related Factors:

Time of Day: The time of day is a relevant factor in predicting breakdowns. Breakdowns may be more likely during certain hours, such as rush hour, due to higher traffic and the associated stress on the vehicle. Vehicles operating during peak traffic hours may experience more frequent stop-and-go driving, leading to engine overheating and increased wear on various systems. Predictive models should consider the time of day when assessing breakdown risk to anticipate the additional stress placed on vehicles during specific periods.

Economic Conditions: Economic conditions can impact maintenance budgets and influence decisions related to vehicle repairs and servicing.[21] During economic downturns, organizations may cut costs and delay maintenance activities. These decisions can increase the risk of breakdowns due to neglected repairs and servicing. Predictive models should take into account the economic conditions in which commercial vehicles operate to anticipate potential budget constraints and their impact on breakdown risk.

Industry Trends: The commercial vehicle industry is subject to evolving trends, such as the adoption of new regulations, technologies, and maintenance practices. Changes in industry trends can influence breakdown rates and maintenance needs. Staying updated on industry trends is essential for proactive maintenance planning and adapting to new developments that may affect breakdown risk. Predictive models should incorporate industry trend data to account for emerging factors that can impact breakdown predictions.

5.9 Load and Cargo Information:

Load and Cargo Weight: The weight of the load and cargo being transported by a commercial vehicle is a critical factor in breakdown risk assessment. Overloading a vehicle or improperly distributing cargo can components, including the suspension, brakes, and engine. An overloaded vehicle is more susceptible to breakdowns, as it experiences increased wear and damage due to the excess weight. Monitoring load and cargo weight and ensuring compliance with weight limits are essential for preventing breakdowns associated with overloading.

Cargo Securing: The secure fastening and securing of cargo is essential for breakdown prevention. Cargo that is not properly secured can shift during transport, potentially damaging the vehicle or causing an imbalance that can lead to breakdowns. Adequate cargo securing practices minimize the risk of unexpected incidents on the road and the resulting breakdowns. Predictive models should consider cargo-securing practices and compliance to enhance the safety and reliability of commercial vehicles.

5.10 External Factors:

Economic Conditions: Economic conditions, such as economic downturns or fluctuations, can impact the maintenance budgets of organizations operating commercial vehicles. In times of economic hardship,[29] businesses may reduce their maintenance spending, leading to postponed or reduced servicing. This decision can increase the risk of breakdowns due to neglected repairs and maintenance. Predictive models should account for the economic conditions in which vehicles operate and anticipate their potential impact on breakdown risk and maintenance practices.

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5.11 Data Management and Machine Learning Factors:

Data Aggregation and Cleaning: Data quality is fundamental for accurate predictions. Ensuring that data is clean, well-structured, and free of errors is essential. Reliable data serves as the foundation for effective machine-learning models. Data aggregation and cleaning involve the collection, organization, and validation of data from vast sources. High-quality data ensures that machine learning models can provide accurate and actionable insights for predicting breakdowns.

Feature Engineering: Feature engineering is the process of creating relevant features from data. It enhances the predictive capabilities of machine learning models. Feature engineering involves selecting or generating data attributes that are most informative for predicting breakdowns. Effective feature engineering transforms raw data into valuable inputs for predictive models, improving their accuracy and reliability.

Machine Learning Algorithms: The choice of machine learning algorithms is crucial. Different algorithms are suitable for different types of data and problems. Selecting the right algorithm is essential for accurate predictions. Machine learning algorithms process data to make predictions or classifications. The choice of the appropriate algorithm depends on the nature of the data and the complexity of the prediction task. A well-chosen algorithm can significantly enhance the accuracy and performance of predictive models.

Model Evaluation Metrics: Model evaluation metrics are used to assess the performance of machine learning models. They provide quantitative measures of how well a model is performing. Using relevant evaluation metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, or AUC-ROC (Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve), helps ensure that the model is effective in predicting breakdowns. Model evaluation metrics allow model developers to quantify the model's performance and make adjustments as needed to improve accuracy.

Data Splitting: Data splitting is the process of dividing the dataset into training, validation, and test sets. This is crucial for model development and evaluation. The training set is used to train the machine learning model, the validation set is used to fine-tune the model and adjust hyperparameters, and the test set is used to assess the model's performance on unseen data. Proper data splitting ensures that the model is evaluated on data it has not seen during training, providing a more accurate assessment of its predictive capabilities.

Hyperparameter Tuning: Hyperparameters are model settings that need to be optimized for the best performance. Hyperparameter tuning involves adjusting these settings to enhance predictive accuracy. Hyperparameters influence how a machine learning model learns from data and makes predictions. Tuning hyperparameters is essential for optimizing a model's performance and making it more effective in predicting breakdowns.

5.12 Monitoring and Maintenance:

Continuous Model Monitoring: Continuous model monitoring is the practice of regularly assessing a machine learning model's performance in real time. It ensures that the model remains accurate and effective as new data becomes available. Continuous monitoring allows for timely model adjustments and maintenance. It involves setting up alerting mechanisms to detect deviations from expected model performance and trigger corrective actions when needed.

Model Retraining: Machine learning models may require retraining to adapt to changing conditions and data patterns. Regular retraining is necessary to convtict that the model remains accurate and effective over time. As new data is collected and the environment evolves, the model needs to be updated to maintain its predictive capabilities. Retraining involves using new data to refresh the model's knowledge and improve its accuracy in predicting breakdowns.

5.13 Alerting System:

Alerting System: An alerting system is implemented to notify vehicle operators or maintenance teams when the machine learning model predicts a high risk of breakdown. This real-time alerting system is a pivot component of proactive maintenance. It ensures that immediate action can be taken to prevent breakdowns when the model identifies a situation that poses an increased risk. Alerts may be sent via various communication channels to quickly inform relevant personnel about the need for maintenance or other preventive actions.

These factors collectively contribute to the complex area of predicting commercial vehicle breakdowns. By considering and addressing each of these factors, fleet managers and organizations can minimize the risk of unexpected breakdowns, reduce maintenance costs, and enhance the safety of and reliability of their commercial vehicle operations.

Predictive models play a pivotal role in leveraging these factors to make data-driven decisions and implement preventive measures that ultimately result in more efficient and reliable commercial vehicle fleets.

6. Analysis of Factors Using ABCD Framework

6.1 Advantages

The advantages of using the factors in commercial vehicle breakdown prediction are numerous and encompass various aspects of fleet management, safety, and operational efficiency. Here are some key advantages:

By considering these factors, fleet managers can implement proactive maintenance schedules and strategies. This reduced breakdown incidents, as potential issues are identified and addressed before they escalate [13,14] into major problems. Preventive maintenance is often more cost-effective than reactive repairs.

Many of these facts are directly related to vehicle safety. Properly maintained brakes, tires, and other critical components reduce the risk of mishaps caused by mechanical failures. Enhanced safety not only protects the vehicle occupants but also other road users. Effective breakdown prediction leads to cost savings. It reduces emergency repairs, tow trucks, and vehicle downtime expenses. Timely maintenance and repairs are most of the time less expensive than handling major breakdowns. Minimizing breakdown incidents ensures that vehicles are operational when needed. This results in improved operational efficiency, as planned routes can be adhered to, and deliveries or services can be provided on schedule. This can lead to increased customer satisfaction and retention. Using these factors allows for data-driven decision-making. Predictive models can provide deep in and recommendations based on historical data and real-time information. This empowers fleet managers to make informed choices regarding maintenance, route planning, and resource allocation. Identifying and addressing breakdown risk factors can reduce the overall risk associated with commercial vehicle operations. This can have a positive impact on insurance premiums and insurability. Addressing factors related to regulatory compliance ensures that vehicles meet legal standards. This prevents disruptions due to non-compliance issues and the associated penalties. Factors related to vehicle maintenance and operation efficiency can reduce the consumption of fuel and emissions. This aligns with environmental sustainability goals and may result in favorable environmental compliance and reduced carbon footprint. Fewer breakdowns lead to improved customer satisfaction, as it reduces the likelihood of delivery delays or service interruptions. This can enhance the reputation of the business. Efficiently managing resources, including maintenance schedules, spare parts, and skilled personnel, is facilitated by using these factors. This can optimize resource allocation and reduce waste.

6.2 Benefits

By considering these factors, the safety of commercial vehicle operations is enhanced. Addressing vehicle maintenance and driver behavior issues can help prevent breakdowns that might lead to accidents, ensuring the well-being of drivers and other road users.

Predictive maintenance and breakdown prevention result in cost savings. Addressing potential issues before they escalate into major breakdowns is often more cost-effective than dealing with the aftermath of an unexpected failure. This can lead to reduced repair and operational expenses. Fewer breakdown incidents translate into improved operational efficiency. Vehicles are more likely to stay on schedule, leading to on-time deliveries and services. This, in turn, positively impacts customer satisfaction and business reputation. Using these factors enables data-driven decision-making in fleet management. Predictive models can provide depth based on historical data and real-time information, allowing for optimized maintenance schedules, route planning, and resource allocation. Identifying and addressing breakdown risk factors reduces overall risk in commercial vehicle operations. This can lead to lower insurance costs and a more favorable risk profile, ultimately reducing the financial impact of accidents or breakdowns. Factors related to regulatory compliance help ensure that vehicles meet legal standards.

Fig1:1Major factors used for classification of Parameters

This prevents disruptions, penalties, and legal complications resulting from non-compliance, safeguarding an organization's reputation and finances. Some of these factors contribute to environmental benefits. Efficient maintenance and operational practices can lead to reduced fuel consumption and lower emissions, aligning with environmental sustainability goals and regulatory requirements. Fewer breakdowns and more reliable service delivery contribute to higher customer satisfaction. Satisfied clients are more likely to remain loyal and recommend the business, leading to enhanced brand reputation and growth opportunities. Efficiently managing resources, including maintenance schedules, spare parts, and skilled personnel, is facilitated by using these factors. This leads to resource optimization, reduced waste, and improved cost-efficiency. By addressing these factors, organizations promote the long-term health of their commercial vehicle fleet. Well-maintained vehicles have longer lifespans and lower total ownership costs, offering financial benefits over time.

6.3 Constraints

One of the primary constraints is the quality and availability of data. Accurate and comprehensive data is crucial for building effective predictive models. Anyways, not all organizations may have access to high-quality data, and data collection can be resource-intensive.

Data privacy regulations and concerns about sensitive information can limit the use of certain data sources. Protecting customer and driver data while using it for predictive modeling is a significant constraint that needs to be addressed. Building and maintaining predictive models can be resource-intensive. It requires expertise in data science, machine learning, and dedicated computing resources. Tiny firms with limited resources may face challenges in implementing predictive models effectively. Developing predictive models that incorporate all relevant factors can be complex. The more factors considered, the more intricate the model becomes, which can make it challenging to interpret and maintain. Striking a balance between model accuracy and complexity is a constraint. Integrating predictive models with existing fleet management and maintenance systems can be a constraint. Compatibility tasksand the need for software and hardware updates may arise during implementation. Implementing predictive models and data collection systems can require an initial investment in technology and staff training. This investment may not be feasible for all organizations, especially smaller ones. Developing and maintaining predictive models requires expertise in data science and machine learning. Organizations may need to invest in training or hiring skilled personnel to effectively use these factors. The accuracy of predictive models can vary depending on data quality and model complexity. Achieving consistently high accuracy in predicting breakdowns is a challenge, and there may be false positives or false negatives. Some factors, such as economic conditions or weather, are external and difficult to control. These factors can introduce no certainty into the prediction process and limit the effective of preventive measures. Understanding the implications of predictive model results and taking appropriate actions based on predictions can be a constraint.

6.4 Disadvantages

The accuracy of predictions heavily relies on the quality and reliability of the data used. Inaccurate or incomplete data can lead to flawed predictions, reducing the overall effectiveness of the system. Gathering and analyzing the required data may disputes over privacy concerns, especially when it involves collecting information about drivers or passengers. Ensuring compliance with data-safe regulations is essential but can be challenging. Setting up predictive models and data collection systems can require a substantial initial investment in technology, software, and personnel training. Smaller organizations may find these costs prohibitive. Developing and maintaining predictive models can be complex, especially when considering numerous influencing factors. Overly complex models may be challenging to interpret and may require ongoing adjustments. Implementing and managing predictive models requires skilled data scientists, M/c Learning experts, and significant computing resources. Smaller companies may struggle to allocate these resources effectively. The performance of predictive models can vary based on data quality and the dynamic nature of the factors involved. Achieving consistent accuracy can be challenging, and models may produce false alarms or fail to predict some breakdowns. Certain factors, such as sudden weather changes or unforeseen road conditions, are beyond the control of predictive models. These external factors can hinder the accuracy of predictions and lead to unexpected breakdowns. Understanding the results provided by predictive models and taking appropriate actions based on those results can be a challenge. Without proper expertise and effective action plans, the insights from the models may not be fully leveraged. Predictive models require ongoing monitoring and maintenance to remain effective. Regular updates with new data and adjustments to the model parameters are necessary, which can be resource-intensive. Predictive models may produce false positives (incorrectly predicting a breakdown) or false negatives (failing to predict an actual breakdown). Handling these errors can be a disadvantage as it can lead to unnecessary maintenance or missed opportunities for preventive action. Implementing predictive models may require organizational changes and a shift in maintenance practices. Resistance to change from within the organization can be a barrier to effective implementation Navigating the regulatory landscape related to data collection, privacy, and compliance with industry standards can be a challenge. Organizations must ensure that they adhere to all relevant regulations, which may require additional resources.

7. Conclusion

In conclusion, the application of predictive models using the identified factors for commercial vehicle breakdown prediction presents a promising approach to enhance safety, reduce costs, and improve operational efficiency. While the benefits of proactive maintenance and risk mitigation are substantial, organizations need to address the constraints and disadvantages associated with data quality, privacy concerns, resource requirements, and model complexity. Successful implementation of predictive models requires a strategic approach, including investments in data quality, expertise, and technology. Additionally, organizations should maintain a focus on data privacy and compliance with regulatory standards.

The continuous monitoring and maintenance of predictive models, along with effective interpretation and actionability of results, are key to realizing the full potential of these models in fleet management. While challenges exist, the advantages of using these factors far outweigh the drawbacks, offering a path toward safer, more reliable, and cost-effective commercial vehicle operations.

By balancing the advantages and addressing the constraints, organizations can extract the power of predictive models to make informed decisions, optimize maintenance practices, and ultimately reduce the occurrence and impact of breakdown incidents in the commercial vehicle industry.

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