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Using machine-learning models for sales forecasting and forecasting analytics, we study the usage of machine-learning models in this research. One of the key aims of this research is to investigate a range of methods for using machine learning for sales forecasting, including case studies, as part of its overall goal. The fact that machine learning is becoming increasingly widely used has been taken into account in this study. It is possible to use this effect to produce sales forecasts when there is a limited amount of previous data for a certain sales time series. For example, when a new product or shop is established. It has been examined if a stacking method may be used to build regression models for single models in order to develop regression models for single models. The findings suggest that by using stacking methods, we may be able to improve the performance of predictive models for time series forecasting in the sales domain. In this day of the internet, there is an enormous quantity of data being produced, and man is unable to analyse it all on his or her own. This has led to the development of a variety of machine learning methods that have been used to achieve this goal. This project aims to predict the sales of a retail to store using a range of machine learning algorithms with the goal of determining which way will perform the best for our unique issue statement. Our technique included the use of both classic regression methods and boosting approaches, and we observed that boosting algorithms outperformed traditional regression procedures. In this present numerotrend, all businesses, including non-profit organisations and concerns, flourish in creating future sales targets and implementing strategies and approaches to achieve them, and this is especially true for non-profit organisations and worries.

1. Introduction:

Sales forecasting is a strategy for anticipating future sales based on data from previous years' transactions (also known as historical sales forecasting). It is vital for firms who are expanding into new areas, providing new services or products, or experiencing rapid development to be able to properly predict their future sales volumes. For organisations, forecasting is primarily used to connect marketing and sales efforts with supply-chain capacity planning in order to maximise profitability. "Are we applying the proper mix of price, promotion, and marketing?" asks the manager in order to generate demand. "Do we have enough salesmen to accomplish the orders that we have in mind?" says the manager. "Do we have the demand-side resources that we require?" we must question ourselves. As a consequence, many firms have committed significant financial and human resources to this important endeavour, which requires

a significant investment of both time and resources. In order to minimise losses caused by the model's bad or erroneous estimates, manufacturers and commercial organisations need an accurate and trustworthy prediction of sales data from which to draw confidence. Businesses often use sales forecasting to find out two things: how much money they will make and how long they will last. The first step is to identify the current level of interest in the service or product in issue. Second, demand forecasts for the foreseeable future are made in the third step.

when it comes to the products or services provided by a corporation. By using forecasting methodologies, it is feasible to predict sales income at the product level, inside a single company, or across an entire organisation. For this project, we concentrated our efforts on estimating revenues at the product level. The use of a future sales plan may aid in the utilisation of facilities, the scheduling of deliveries, and the management of inventories, all of which are advantageous. Increased consumer satisfaction results as a result of this process, while manufacturing costs are lowered. An increasing number of enquiries about sales forecasting strategies have come in during the last few years. Sales forecasts have a direct influence on a company's marketing strategy, which is why they are so important in business. The marketing department of a corporation is in charge of assessing how customers and consumers perceive the firm's services and commodities, comparing them to competitors, and employing sales people to represent the company.

Sales and channel demand should be estimated in order to establish if marketing expenditure will be beneficial to the company. To offer accurate and trustworthy forecasting results, it is vital to create efficient sales forecasting models from the outset. Prior to developing appropriate strategies in today's business and economic environment, it is critical to accurately predict various economic variables such as past economic performance, current global conditions, current industry conditions, the rate at which inflation will occur, internal organisational changes (such as marketing efforts), seasonal demand, and other factors. Among the negative consequences of poor forecasting are inventory shortages, unmet customer requests, and product backlogs, to name a few examples. After accounting for all of these factors, the construction of effective



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models is a major priority for delivering results that are trustworthy and accurate in their predictions. As a means of achieving the highest degree of precision possible, we will investigate a variety of forecasting methodologies, such as Multiple Regression, Polynomial regression (including Ridge Regression), Lasso Regression (including Lasso Regression), and other similar techniques, as well as various boosting algorithms, such as AdaBoost and Gradient Tree Boosting, in order to achieve the maximum degree of precision possible. Using multiple regression to predict the outcome of a dependent variable in a particular context is a statistical technique.

as a result of a huge number of unconnected forecasts or causes It takes into consideration a lot of various criteria in order to judge how effective it is. and how much of an impact they have on a certain result It is a kind of linear regression that is more difficult than regular linear regression since it involves polynomial functions. When the model suggests that the independent variable x and the dependent variable y have a nonlinear relationship, According to this example, the variable y is often fitted as the n th degree of the variables x and y . Ridge The regression method is used to develop a model when the predictor variable is multi-collinear. A regression methodology known as the Lasso regression technique, which is a kind of regression method, includes both regularisation and variable selection. with the purpose of increasing the accuracy of predictions The employment of performance-enhancing strategies, such as the AdaBoost methodology, is commonplace when trying to increase the performance of model simulations. It is possible to get the end result after taking into account the output of all of the weak learners and combining the outcomes of those algorithms into a weighted total. When applied on manual data or actual data, AdaBoost has the ability to greatly improve learning accuracy. The use of the elastic net technique is able to overcome the constraints of the Lasso. There is one more boosting strategy to examine, which is called gradient tree boosting. It is used to construct a model from a group of weak predictors. In this article, different forecasting methodologies are presented since the combination of multiple forecasts may improve forecast accuracy.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Fantazzini, Z. Toktamysova, Forecasting German car sales using Google data and multivariate models, Int. J. Production Economics 170 (2015) 97-135

A long-term forecasting strategy is essential in the automobile industry because the research and manufacturing processes are so time consuming. Accordingly, the authors present novel multivariate models that forecast monthly automobile sales data using economic variables and data from Google online search queries as predictors. An out-of-sample forecasting comparison was carried out using monthly sales data from ten automotive manufacturers in Germany from 2001M1 to 2014M6, with prediction horizons ranging from one year to two years in the future. In terms of the vast majority of car manufacturers and forecasting periods, Google search data-based models outperformed their competitors' forecasts statistically. These conclusions hold up after a series of robustness checks that take into account nonlinear models, multiple out-of-sample forecasts, directional accuracy, Google data volatility, and the introduction of new automobile manufacturers.

IEEE Transactions on Semiconductor Manufacturing, volume 12, number 2, pages 229–237 (May 1999). (IEEE Trans. on Semiconductor Manufacturing). "Multiple Linear Regression Analysis of the Overlay Accuracy Model Zone," published in IEEE Transactions on Semiconductor Manufacturing, vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 229–237 in May 1999, was the subject of this paper. "Multiple Linear Regression Analysis of the Overlay Accuracy Model Zone," published in IEEE Transactions on Semiconductor Manufacturing, vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 229–237 in May 1999, was the subject of this paper. The names Zone-Ching Lin and Wen-Jang Wu were used in this project. "Multiple Linear Regression Analysis of the Overlay Accuracy Model Zone," published in IEEE Transactions on Semiconductor Manufacturing, vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 229–237 in May 1999, was the subject of this paper.

When it comes to industries such as stocks, deals, and weather, the ability to accurately predict information is critical and vital. It can also be applied in the marketing industry. A few characterization calculations were carried out using transaction



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data from a variety of Walmart retail divisions, which included week-by-week information on retail specials and promotions. We presented our findings and used the data to run a few simulations, which you can see below. It was decided to use KNN (k-closest neighbour), Random Forest, Extra Trees Regressor, and SVM (support vector machine) as forecasting models (Support Vector Machine). It is necessary to conduct a thorough examination of these calculations in order to explain the optimal computation and how to use these Algorithms in order to obtain the best results possible.

Published in the International Journal of Mathematical Theory and Modeling, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 14–23 (2012 edition). "A Polynomial Regression Model for Making Cost Predictions in Mixed Cost Analysis" is a paper published in the journal Mixed Cost Analysis. A Polynomial Regression Model for Making Cost Predictions in Mixed Cost Analysis is shown here. The article "Polynomial Regression Model of Making Cost Prediction In Mixed Cost Analysis," written by Ajao Isaac, A. Abdullahi Adedeji, and I. Raji Ismail, appeared in the International Journal of Mathematical Theory and Modeling, volume 2, number 2, in 2002. It was published in the International Journal of Mathematical Theory and Modeling.

Regression analysis is used in a variety of business fields, including finance and accounting, to perform tasks as diverse as systematic risk prediction, production and operations management, and statistical inference. This research discovered that cubic polynomial least square regression is a viable alternative to linear regression in the context of cost prediction in the business environment. This method is superior because it has a high coefficient of determination in addition to a high coefficient of determination in polynomial regression, according to the study.

3. SYSTEM ANALYSIS

3.1:Existing System

Predicting sales, as A. S. Weigend has pointed out, is a difficult

issue that is influenced by both external and internal factors at the same time. One of the most significant disadvantages of the statistical approach is that it has two major limitations. The first of them is that it is ineffective. With the use of a hybrid seasonal quantile regression technique and the (ARIMA) Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average approach, N. S. Arunraj was able to predict daily food sales and discovered that the individual model performed much worse than the hybrid model in this study. A novel multivariate model for predicting automobile sales in Germany was constructed by D. Fantazzini using Google data, and he shared his findings with the rest of the group. He stated in his essay that the automotive industry reaps the most advantages from long-term forecasting due to the length of time it takes to design and manufacture automobiles and trucks. According to his study, E. Hadavandi projected printed circuit board sales using a combination of Genetic Fuzzy Systems (GFS) and data clustering. Their research made use of K-means clustering to create K clusters from all of the data entries in their study, which they then utilised to further analyse. They were then fed into a number of Genetic Fuzzy Systems (GFS), which allowed for database alteration as well as rule-based extraction to be carried out as a result. The work of P.A. Castillo has been recognised in relation to the subject of sales forecasting, among other things. The authors employed computational approaches to anticipate sales of freshly published books before the books were even released, which was useful in the context of editorial business management. ANN stands for artificial neural network. It is a kind of machine learning technique that is often employed in the field of sales forecasting. It is widely believed that the Radial Basis Function Neural Network (RBFN) has a great lot of potential for application in the prediction of sales. Fuzzy Neural Networks (FNNs) were developed with the purpose of enhancing the ability to predict future events in complex situations. According to the published research on the subject, it seems that nothing has been done to effectively train prediction models that make use of swarm intelligence to be effective. When it comes to ANN model training, the Genetic Algorithm (GA) is a method that should be taken into consideration. An increasing number of studies are being carried out in this field, which are assisting businesses in projecting future earnings by investing in the suitable place and



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at the appropriate time. By enhancing the corpus of information on the subject, this research contributes to the body of knowledge on the subject.

Use of this method has a number of disadvantages.

- There are no conclusive findings available.
- You will be unable to access the database anymore.

3.2:Proposed System

Based on sales data from a retail business, the proposed research proposes the following unique approaches for estimating the sales of various categories. These methodologies are described in further detail below. The design of the suggested algorithm is shown in the figure to the right. The next section goes through each of the technique's steps in further depth.

Conceptualizing and developing hypotheses (A).

This is the most critical part of the data analysis process when it comes to interpreting the results. In this step, you'll go through the problem description and come up with a number of hypotheses to test against them.

B. Exploration and Analysis of Information

As part of our endeavour to improve accuracy when analysing a business problem, we update and include different modelling methods into our analysis. In the beginning of the data exploration process, a basic assessment of the dataset is performed in order to ascertain what information is accessible and what information is speculative. The variables included in the dataset under investigation are provided in the following table:

c. Data preparation and pre-processing

In the vast majority of cases, this phase is in charge of imputed missing values as well as the management of any dataset outliers that may occur. In the dataset, neither the Item Weight nor the Outlet Size columns provide any information on the item. Item weight is determined by the numerical variable, but outlet size is determined by the category variable, which is determined by the numerical variable.

D. The Feature's Evolution and Development

During the data research stage, it was revealed that there were certain anomalies in the data that needed to be explored. This stage deals with issues of complexity as well as the generation of new variables from existing variables, which allows us to conduct a more effective analysis of our information.

3.2.1Advantages

- The capacity to save time is a valuable asset.

The acquisition of precise results

4. ALGORITHMS

Various methodologies for predicting the sales of various categories are provided by the suggested study, which is based on sales data from the retail firm under consideration. Figure 1 depicts the architectural design of the suggested technique, which is a simplified version of the whole design. The many steps of the method are detailed in detail in the following parts of this document.

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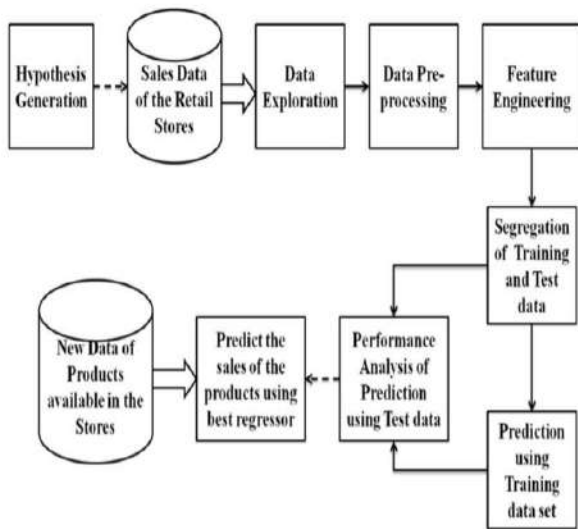


Fig 4.1: Architectural Diagram

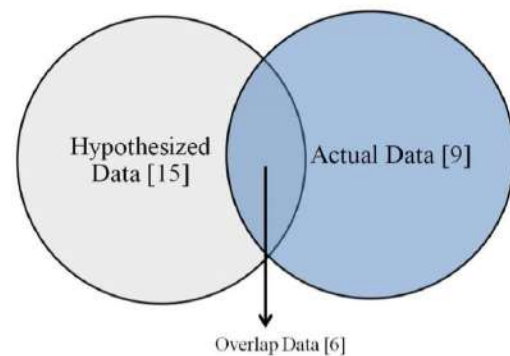


Fig 4.2 : Venn Diagram

Certain values are missing from the columns "Outlet Size" and "Item Weight" in the dataset under examination, among other things. During the data preparation step, missing data values will be substituted with fictitious ones. There are two types of variables in our dataset: category variables and numerical variables. Category variables are variables that are categorised by their kind.

When analysing a business challenge, our objective is to enhance accuracy by updating and applying a large number of models in a logical and methodical manner. It is important to note that we will have trouble enhancing the accuracy of the model beyond a certain point in the future. When confronted with a challenge of this kind, data exploration may be used to assist in its resolution. A data exploration method starts with a comprehensive review of the dataset to establish what information is accessible and what information is speculative. This is the first step in discovering what information is available. According to the characteristics listed in Table 1, the variables included in the dataset under review have the following characteristics. As stated in the table, there are six hypothesised characteristics in the dataset that are present, three hypothesised features in the dataset that are present but not hypothesised, and nine hypothesised characteristics in the dataset that are not discovered in the data. The illustration on the right is perhaps the most obvious illustration of this point.



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Variable	Description
Item_Identifier	Product ID
Item_Weight	Weight of Product
Item_Fat_Content	Fat content in Product
Item_Visibility	% of the display area occupied
Item_Type	Category of the product
Item_MRP	Cost of the product
Outlet_Identifier	Store ID
Outlet_Establishment_Year	Year of establishment
Outlet_Size	Ground area covered by the store
Outlet_Location_Type	Type of city store located
Outlet_Type	Type of the store
Item_Outlet_Sales	Sales of product in a particular store

Table 6.1 : Data Description

4.1 Multiple Regression :

By extending a basic linear regression model, we may develop a multiple regression model. The formula presented in this section may be used to predict the value of a dependent variable based on the values of two or more independent variables. Generalized

multiple linear regression approaches calculate the value of a variable by using the equation – , which is derived from the equation –

$$y = a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n$$

Here, a represents the coefficients.

4.2 Polynomial Regression :

Nth degree polynomial: In polynomial regression, every relationship between the independent and dependent variables is treated as if the relationship were an nth degree polynomial. It is necessary to apply non-linear regression in this case, because polynomial regression is a simple linear regression extension with an order of one, as seen in the graph below. In order to estimate the value of the variable under consideration, the following equation will be used in the polynomial regression processes.

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$$

Here, a represents the coefficients.

4.3 LASSO Regression :

Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator (LASSO) is an acronym for Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator in machine learning. Variable selection and regularisation are used in order to improve the accuracy and interpretability of the predictions. When LASSO regression is used to solve an issue, the main goal is to find a solution to the problem.

$$\min_{\beta_0, \beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} (y - \beta_0 - x^T \beta)^2 \right\}$$



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Where β is subjected to the following constraint and t is the free parameter which determines the amount of regularization.

$$\sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \leq t$$

4.4 Ridge Regression:

Ridge regression begins with the normalisation of the variables (both dependent and independent) by dividing their standard deviations and subtracting the means of their respective variables. Due to the fact that we must indicate whether or not the variables in a formula are standardised, we have a nomenclature problem. The standardisation of ridge regression calculations is ensured by the use of just standardised variables in all of them. When the final regression coefficients are shown, they are rescaled to match the scale used in the first presentation. The ridge trace, on the other hand, is measured on a standardised scale.

$$Y = XB + e$$

In this equation, Y represents the dependent variable, X represents the independent variables, B represents the regression coefficients to be estimated, and e represents the errors and residuals from the regression.

4.5 AdaBoost :

Adaptive Boosting is shortened as AdaBoost in the scientific community. In this approach, the primary goal is to improve the overall performance of the model that has been developed. The ultimate outcome of this strategy is formed by combining the weighted total of the outputs from the weak learners together. In order to reward occurrences that were predicted inaccurately by the weak learners, the output of this algorithm is modified in such a manner that it rewards them. As a consequence, the algorithm may be modified as needed. The name "AdaBoost"

refers to a technique of training a boosted model that was developed by AdaBoost. Whatever shape or form the improved model takes –

$$F_T(x) = \sum_{t=1}^T f_t(x)$$

An item that acts as an input to the poor learner is represented by the symbol f_t in the following formula. This is the value predicted by the weak learner f_t for the item in question. The hypothesis generated by each weak learner for each data sample in the training set is denoted by the symbol $h(x_i)$. For each weak learner $h(x_i)$, a coefficient t is allocated, which is selected at iteration t in order to minimise the overall amount of training error E_t .

$$E_t = \sum_i E |F_{t-1}(x_i) + \alpha_t h(x_i)|$$

Results:

The screenshot shows a web application titled "Sales Prediction with machine learning". At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Sign Up, Seller, Buyer, and Contact us. The main content area displays a "Registration Form" with the following fields: Name (text input), Email (text input), Password (password input), Confirm Password (password input), Phone Number (text input), Date (date picker), Address (text input), and City (text input). A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form.

Fig:5.1 SIGN UP PAGE



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Registration Form

Name:

Email:

Password:

Confirm Password:

Phone Number:

Date: ☐

Address:

City:

Fig 5.2 REGISTRATION PAGE

Update Stock

Name of the Product:

Product Type:

Quantity to be added:

Price:

Discount:

Select:

Fig 5.3 UPDATE STOCK



Fig5.4 PREDICTION BARG



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6. Conclusion

Based on a dataset of retail sales, we evaluate the performance of a variety of algorithms and decide which technique works the most effectively. It is the purpose of this project to provide the findings of this inquiry. With a root mean square error (RMSE) of 1350.72, AdaBoost is the algorithm with the highest root mean square error (RMSE), while GradientBoost is the method with the lowest root mean square error (RMSE), with a root mean square error (RMSE) of 1088.64. GradientBoost has the greatest R2 value of 0.59, while AdaBoost has the lowest value of 0.40. GradientBoost is the most effective of the three boosts. As a result of the research findings, the GradientBoost approach is shown to be the best predictor for the analysed dataset, with the lowest root mean square error (RMSE) of 1088.64 and the highest R2 value of 0.59. The approach has the lowest root mean square error (RMSE) and the highest R2 value of 0.59. As a consequence, we may infer that if the hyper parameters are not correctly calibrated, the AdaBoost algorithm will not operate as intended, and performance will suffer as a result.

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