LP1 Assignment DA R3

Bigmart Sales Analysis

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Title

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Problem Definition

For data consisting of transaction records of a sales store. The data has 8523 rows of 12 variables. Predict the sales of a store.

Learning Objectives

- Learn Regression algorithms
- Learn to summarize the properties in the training dataset.
- Learn to split the dataset into training and test datasets.
- Learn to develop a predictive regression model

Learning Outcomes

I will be able to develop a predictive model for sales of an item at BigMart.

Software Packages and Hardware Apparatus Used

- Operating System : 64-bit Ubuntu 18.04
- Programming Language: Python 3
- Jupyter Notebook Environment : Google Colaboratory
- Python Libraries: Kaggle, Kaggle CLI, Sklearn, Pandas, MatPlotLib, Graphviz, PyCaret

Programmer's Perspective

Let S be the system set:

S = {s; e;X; Y; Fme;DD;NDD; Fc; Sc} where Dataset is loaded into the dataframe

s=start state

e=end state

predicted sales

X=set of inputs

- $X = \{X1\}$
 - where X1 = BigMart Sales Dataset (8523 records, 12 columns)

Y=set of outputs

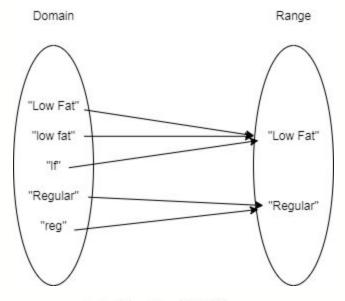
- $Y = \{Y1, Y2\}$
 - Y1 = Predicted Values
 - Y2 = Accuracy Score (Metric RMSE)

Fme is the set of main functions

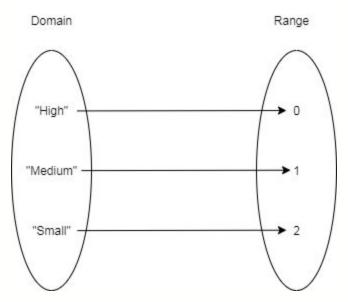
- Fe = $\{f0\}$
 - o f0 = Main Display Function

Ff is the set of friend functions

- $Ff = \{f1, f2, f3, f4, f5, f6\}$ where
 - o f1 = function to load dataset into dataframe
 - o f2 = function to handle null values
 - f3 = function to handle redundant values
 - f4 = function to generate label encoding of string values
 - o f5 = function to split dataset into test and train data
 - o f6 = function to train the model



Label Encoding: Outlet Size



DD = Deterministic Data

• BigMart Sales Dataset

NDD = Non-deterministic data (Eg - Null Values in Dataset)

- 1463 null values in the the feature Item_Weight
- 2410 null values in the the feature Outlet_Size

Fc = failure case

- High Value of RMSE
- Low Value of R2

Concepts related Theory

Linear Regression

In statistics, linear regression is a linear approach to modeling the relationship between a scalar response (or dependent variable) and one or more explanatory variables (or independent variables). The case of one explanatory variable is called simple linear regression. For more than one explanatory variable, the process is called multiple linear regression.

The relationships are modeled using linear predictor functions whose unknown model parameters are estimated from the data. Such models are called linear models.

If the goal is prediction, forecasting, or error reduction, linear regression can be used to fit a predictive model to an observed data set of values of the response and explanatory variables. After developing such a model, if additional values of the explanatory variables are collected without an accompanying response value, the fitted model can be used to make a prediction of the response.

Given a dataset of n statistical units, a linear regression model assumes that the relationship between the dependent variable y and the p-vector of regressors x is linear. This relationship is modeled through a disturbance term or error variable ε — an unobserved random variable that adds "noise" to the linear relationship between the dependent variable and regressors.

Dataset =
$$\{y_i, x_{i1}, ..., x_{ip}\}_{i=1}^n$$

Model Equation:

$$y_i = eta_0 + eta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + eta_p x_{ip} + arepsilon_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\mathsf{T} oldsymbol{eta} + arepsilon_i, \qquad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

Matrix Notation : $\mathbf{y} = X\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon},$

$$\mathbf{y} = egin{pmatrix} y_1 \ y_2 \ dots \ y_n \end{pmatrix},$$

$$X = egin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^\mathsf{T} \ \mathbf{x}_2^\mathsf{T} \ dots \ \mathbf{x}_n^\mathsf{T} \end{pmatrix} = egin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1p} \ 1 & x_{21} & \cdots & x_{2p} \ dots & dots & \ddots & dots \ 1 & x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{pmatrix},$$

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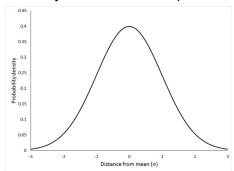
Dataset Description

The data scientists at BigMart have collected 2013 sales data for 1559 products across 10 stores in different cities. Also, certain attributes of each product and store have been defined. The aim is to build a predictive model and find out the sales of each product at a particular store.

- Item Identifier: Unique product ID
- Item_Weight: Weight of product
- Item_Fat_Content: Whether the product is low fat or not
- **Item_Visibility**: The % of total display area of all products in a store allocated to the particular product
- **Item_Type**: The category to which the product belongs
- Item_MRP: Maximum Retail Price (list price) of the product
- Outlet Identifier: Unique store ID
- Outlet_Establishment_Year: The year in which store was established
- Outlet_Size: The size of the store in terms of ground area covered
- Outlet_Location_Type: The type of city in which the store is located
- Outlet Type: Whether the outlet is just a grocery store or some sort of supermarket
- **Item_Outlet_Sales**: Sales of the product in the particular store. This is the outcome variable to be predicted.

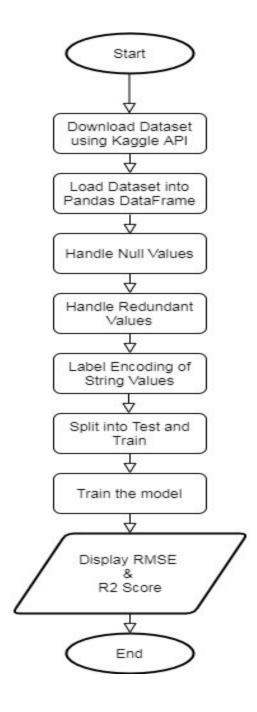
Gaussian Distribution

It is a symmetric distribution where most of the observations cluster around the central peak and the probabilities for values further away from the mean taper off equally in both directions.



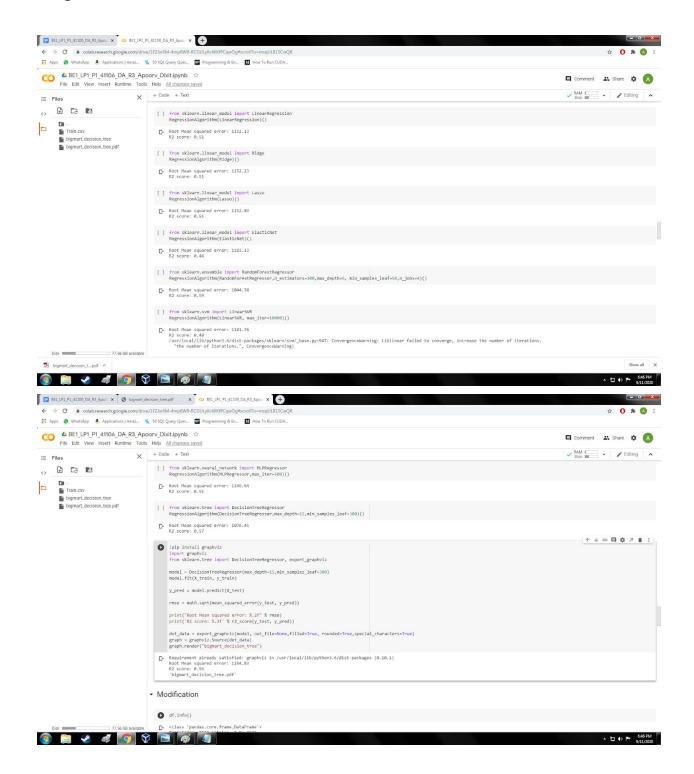
To deal with missing values in a numerical feature with gaussian distribution, we can calculate the mean of the feature and replace it with the missing values. This is an approximation which can add variance to the data set. But the loss of the data can be negated by this method which yields better results compared to removal of rows and columns. Replacing with mean, median or mode is a statistical approach of handling the missing values. This method is also called leaking the data while training.

Flowchart

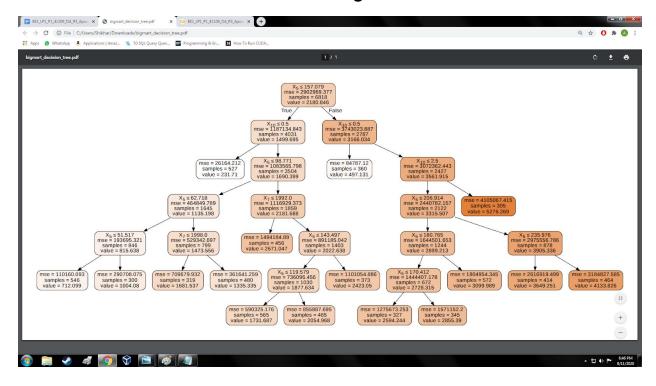


Output Screenshots

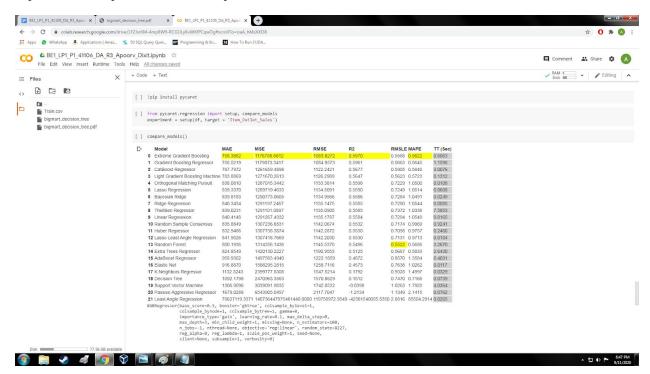
Regression Models - RMSE and R2 Score



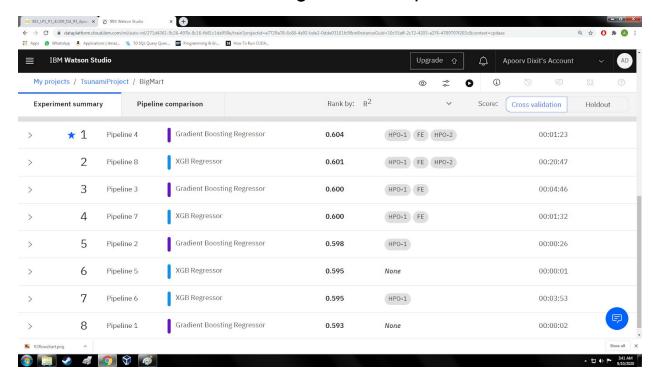
Decision Trees of Decision Tree Regressor



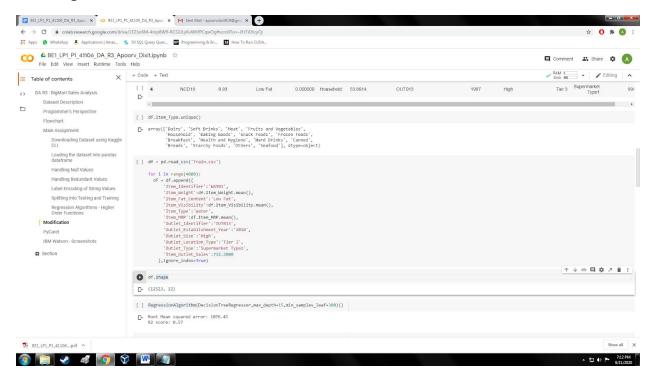
PyCaret Python Library



IBM Watson Machine Learning Auto AI Experiment



Adding Item "Water"



Conclusion

I have successfully developed a predictive model for sales of an item at BigMart.