Store Sales Prediction

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Abstract

Nowadays, shopping malls and Big Marts keep track of individual item sales data in order to forecast future client demand and adjust inventory management. In a data warehouse, these data stores hold a significant amount of consumer information and particular item details. By mining the data store from the data warehouse, more anomalies and common patterns can be discovered.

1 Introduction

1.1 Why this Architecture

The purpose of this Architecture is to add the necessary detail to the current project description to represent a suitable model for coding. This document is also intended to help detect contradictions prior to coding, and can be used as a reference manual for how the modules interact at a high level.

The Architecture will:

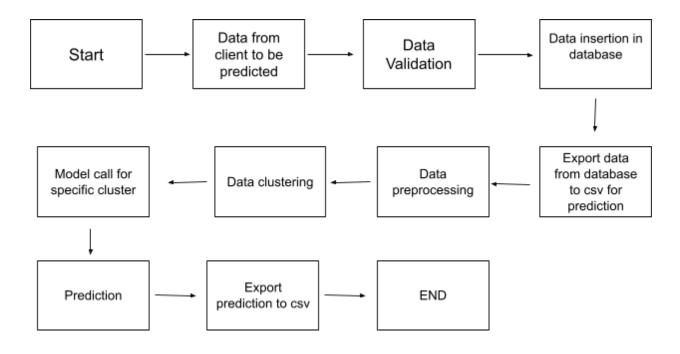
- Present all of the design aspects and define them in a detail
- Describe the user interface being implemented
- Includes design features and architecture of the project
- List and describe the non functional attribute like:
 - Reliability
 - Maintainability
 - Portability
 - Reusability
 - Application compatibility
 - Serviceability

1.2 Scope

The documentation presents the structure of the system, such as the database architecture, application architecture(layers), application flow(navigation), and technology architecture.

1.3 Constraints

The System must be user-friendly, as automated as possible, and the user should not be required to know any other work.



2.1 Prediction Data Validation

In this step, we perform different sets of validation on the given set of prediction files.

- 1. Name Validation- We validate the name of the files based onthe given name in the schema file. We have created a regex pattern as per the name given in the schema file to use for validation. After validating the pattern in the name, we check for the length of date in the file name as well as the length of time in the file name. If all the values are as per requirement, we move such files to "Good_Raw" else we move such files to "Bad Raw."
- 2. Number of Columns We validate the number of columns present in the files, and if it doesn't match with the value given in the schema file, then the file is moved to "Bad_Raw."

- 3. Name of Columns The name of the columns is validated and should be the same as given in the schema file. If not, then the file is moved to "Bad_Raw".
- 4. The datatype of columns The datatype of columns is given in the schema file. This is validated when we insert the files into Database. If the datatype is wrong, then the file is moved to "Bad_Raw".
- 5. Null values in columns If any of the columns in a file have all the values as NULL or missing, we discard such a file and move it to "Bad_Raw".

2.2 Prediction Data Insertion in Database

- 1) Database Creation and connection Create database with the given name passed. If the database is already created, open the connection to the database.
- 2) Collection creation in the database Collection with name "Good_Raw_Data", is created in the database for inserting the files in the "Good_Raw" on the basis of given column names and datatype in the schema file. If collection is already present then the collection is deleted and new table is created.
- 3) Insertion of files in the collection All the files in the "Good_Raw" are inserted in the above-created table. If any file has invalid data type in any of the columns, the file is not loaded in the table and is moved to "Bad_Raw".

2.3 Prediction

- 1) Data Export from Db The data in the stored database is exported as a CSV file to be used for prediction.
- 2) Data Preprocessing

- a) Drop columns not useful for training the model. Such columns were selected while doing the EDA.
 - b) Encode the categorical values
- c) Check for null values in the columns. If present, impute the null values using the KNN imputer.
- 3) Clustering KMeans model created during training is loaded, and clusters for the preprocessed prediction data is predicted.
- 4) Prediction Based on the cluster number, the respective model is loaded and is used to predict the data for that cluster.
- 5) Once the prediction is made for all the clusters, a zip file containing prediction(csv file) and bad files are sent to client.