## Data Science Assignment

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### Context

### > Data Insight

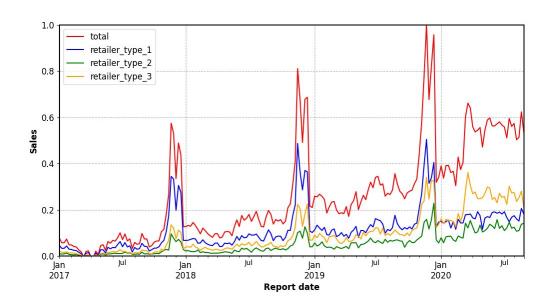
Characteristics of the data

#### > Forecast

Upcoming 12 weeks (not included in the dataset) for all 4 levels.

### > Learning from Machines

Extra knowledge said by the machine learning forecast model



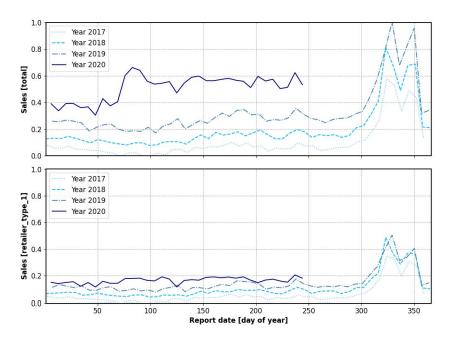
- > The dataset contains weekly data from January 2017 to August 2020
- > The dataset contains 4 levels, total and three `retailer type` levels
- > The `retailer\_type` levels as subsets of the total sales

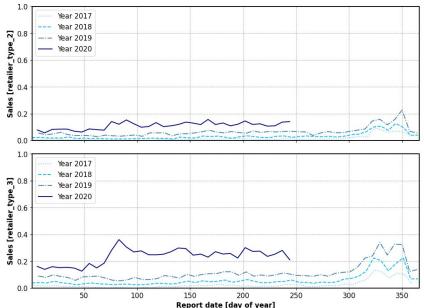
# Sales Data

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inter-annual variation

- > Increasing year by year
- > Peak seasons during November to December
- > Pattern changed in Year 2020

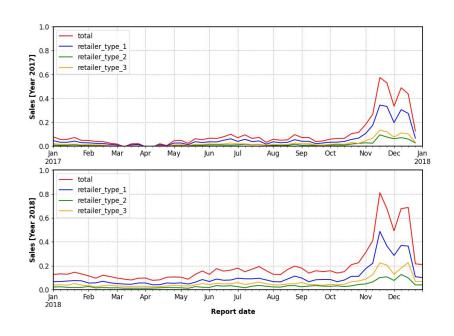


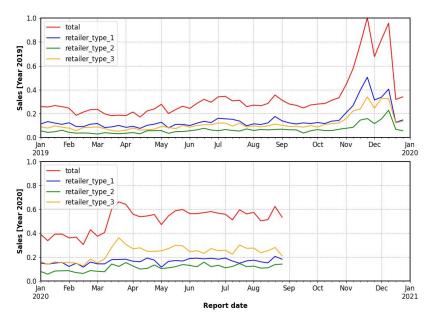


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#### intra-annual variation

- > Retailer Type 1 dominated sales prior to 2020
- > Retailer Type 3 experienced a surge in sales during 2020
- > Retailer Type 2 exhibits a consistent and stable sales pattern



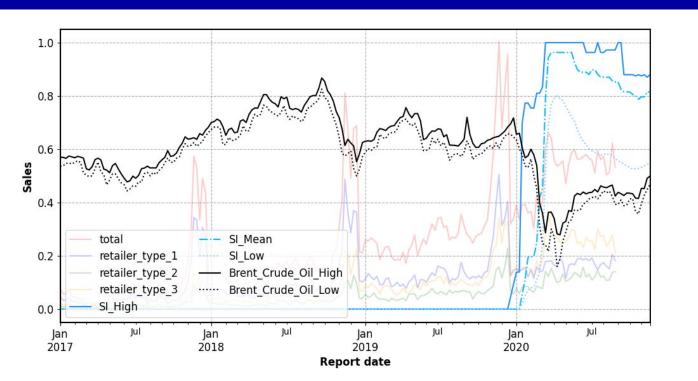


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external dataset

- > Dataset 1: Brent Crude Oil Futures Contract Price
- > Dataset 2: COVID-19 Stringency Index

The stringency index is a composite measure based on nine response indicators including school closures, workplace closures, and travel bans, rescaled to a value from 0 to 1 (1 = strictest).





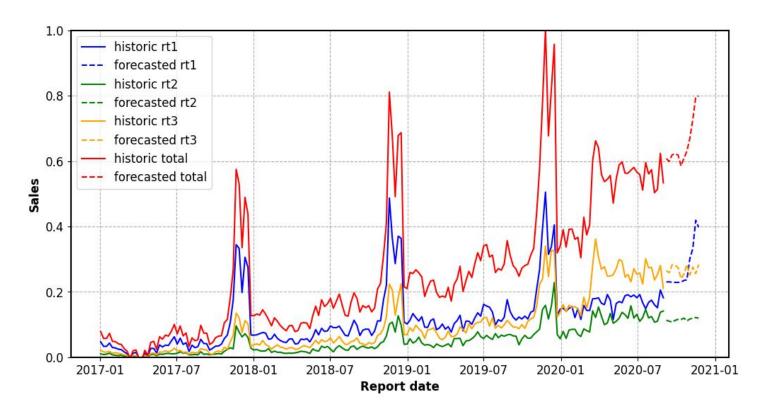




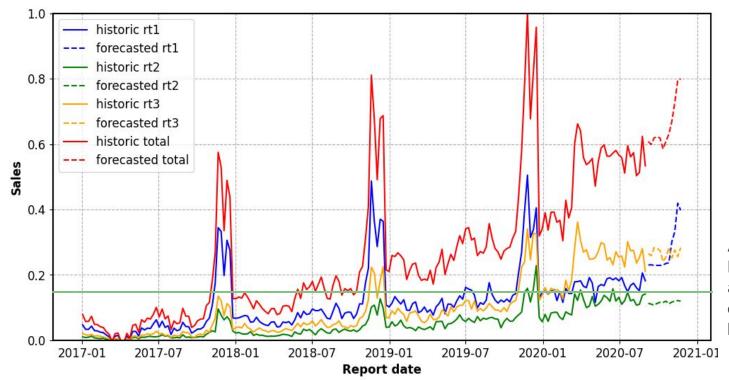






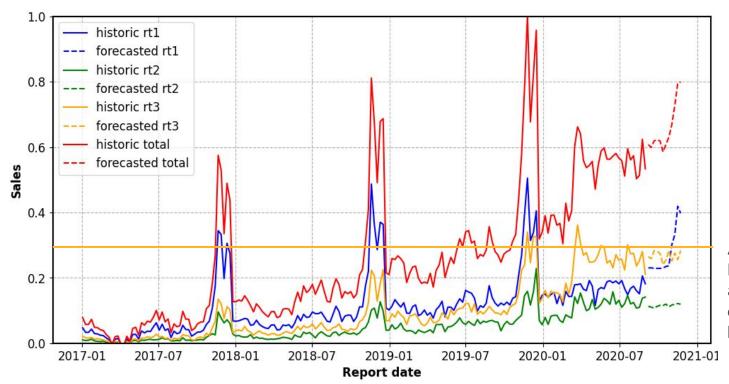


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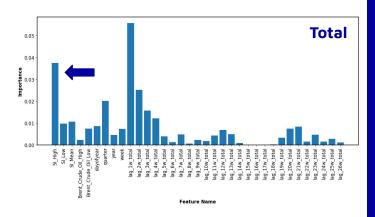
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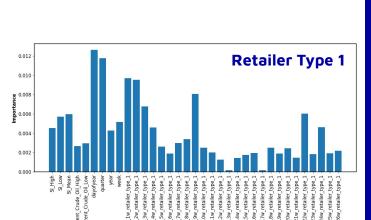
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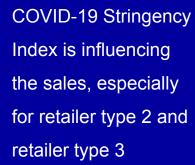
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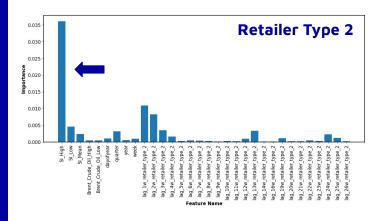
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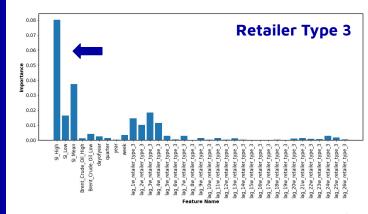




# Learning from Machines







### **Questions?**

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