Data Science Assignment

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Context

> Data Insight

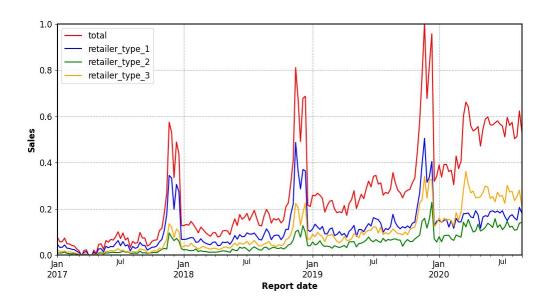
Characteristics of the data

> 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



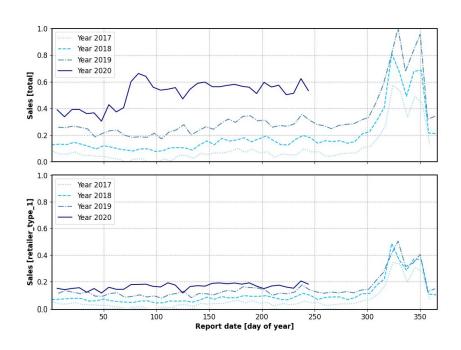
- > The dataset contains weekly data from January 2017 to August 2020
- > The dataset contains 4 levels, total and three `retailer type` levels
- > The `retailer_type` levels as subsets of the total sales

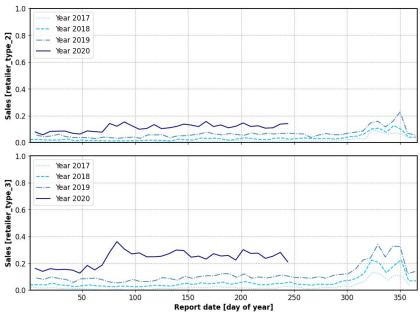
Sales Data

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inter-annual variation

- > Increasing year by year
- > peak seasons during November to December
- > pattern change in Year 2020

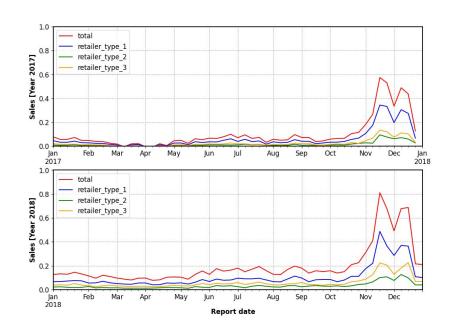


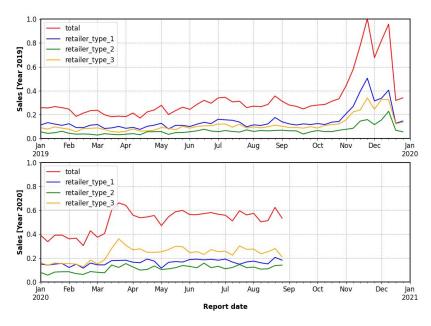


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intra-annual variation

- > 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



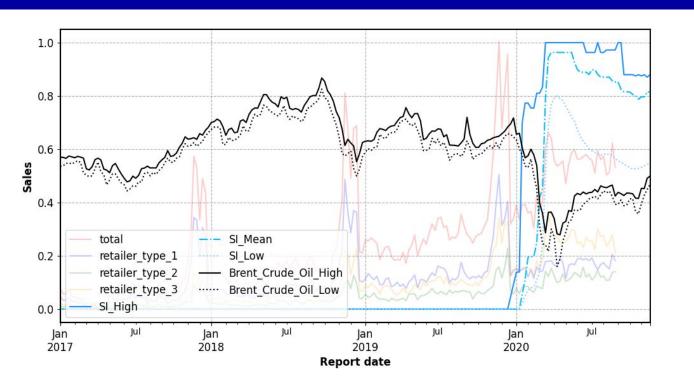


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external dataset

- > Dataset 1: Brent crude oil futures contracts
- > 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 100 (100 = strictest).





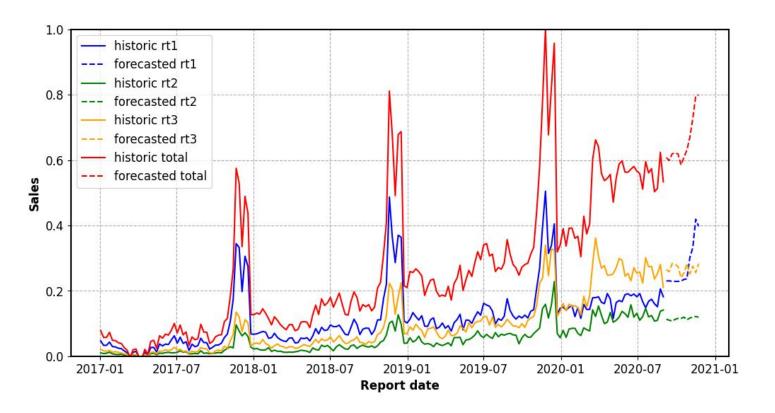




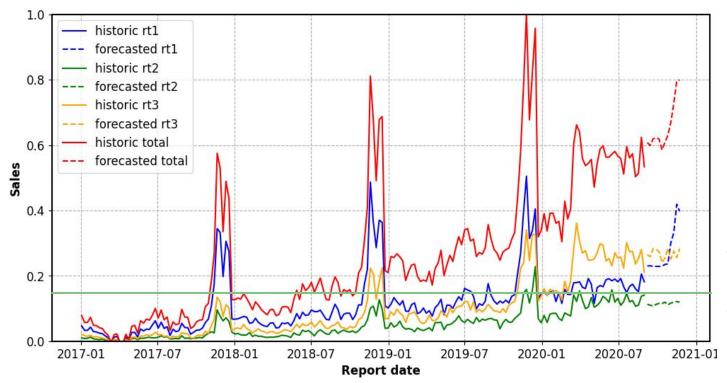






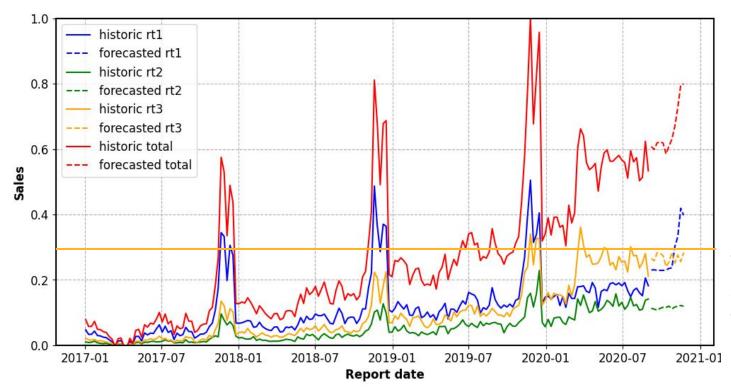


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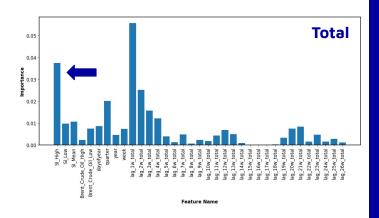
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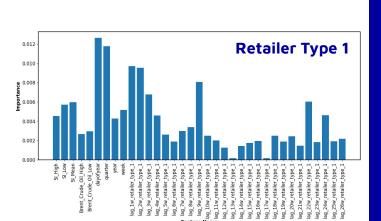
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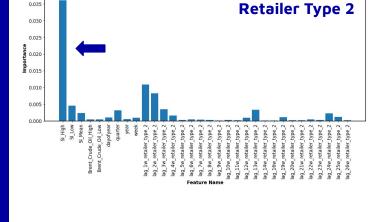
Attention: Sales of Retailer Type 3 are already quite high compared to its historical records.

Forecast

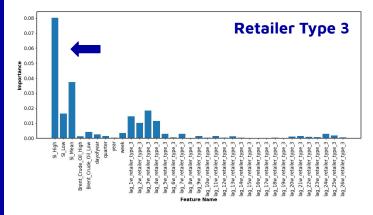




Learning from Machines



COVID-19 Stringency is influencing the sales, especially for retailer type 2 and retailer type 3



Questions?

Thanks for your attention.

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