

UNTER NY TAXI TRIP PREDICTION

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```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score

In [2]: train_df = pd.read_csv("data/train.csv")
```

1 Data exploration and preprocessnig

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In [3]: train_df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1458644 entries, 0 to 1458643
Data columns (total 11 columns):
id                1458644 non-null object
vendor_id         1458644 non-null int64
pickup_datetime   1458644 non-null object
dropoff_datetime  1458644 non-null object
passenger_count   1458644 non-null int64
pickup_longitude  1458644 non-null float64
pickup_latitude   1458644 non-null float64
dropoff_longitude 1458644 non-null float64
dropoff_latitude  1458644 non-null float64
store_and_fwd_flag 1458644 non-null object
trip_duration     1458644 non-null int64
dtypes: float64(4), int64(3), object(4)
memory usage: 122.4+ MB
```

Define two functions for later use.

```
In [4]: def euklidian_dist(a_x,a_y,b_x,b_y):
return np.sqrt((a_x - b_x)**2 + (a_y - b_y)**2)

def manhattan_dist(a_x,a_y,b_x,b_y):
return np.absolute(a_x - b_x) + np.absolute(a_y - b_y)
```

Here we define our custom fields: 1. Transform field pickup_datetime to extract information about: month, day of the month, day of the week and hour.

2. Euklidian distance between pickup place and dropoff place.
3. Mahattan distance between pickup place and dropoff place, because we operate in NYC.
4. We also transform trip_duration field with log function.

```
In [5]: train_df['datetime'] = pd.to_datetime(train_df.pickup_datetime)
        train_df['day_of_week'] = train_df.datetime.dt.dayofweek
        train_df['hour'] = train_df.datetime.dt.hour
        train_df['day_of_month'] = train_df.datetime.dt.day
        train_df['month'] = train_df.datetime.dt.month
        train_df['euklidian_distance'] = euklidian_dist(train_df.dropoff_latitude, train_df.dropoff_longitude, train_df.pickup_latitude, train_df.pickup_longitude)
        train_df['manhattan_distance'] = manhattan_dist(train_df.dropoff_latitude, train_df.dropoff_longitude, train_df.pickup_latitude, train_df.pickup_longitude)
        train_df['log_trip_duration'] = np.log(train_df.trip_duration)
```

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In [6]: #actual data frame
        train_df[:11]
```

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Out[6]:
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	id	vendor_id	pickup_datetime	dropoff_datetime	\
0	id2875421	2	2016-03-14 17:24:55	2016-03-14 17:32:30	
1	id2377394	1	2016-06-12 00:43:35	2016-06-12 00:54:38	
2	id3858529	2	2016-01-19 11:35:24	2016-01-19 12:10:48	
3	id3504673	2	2016-04-06 19:32:31	2016-04-06 19:39:40	
4	id2181028	2	2016-03-26 13:30:55	2016-03-26 13:38:10	
5	id0801584	2	2016-01-30 22:01:40	2016-01-30 22:09:03	
6	id1813257	1	2016-06-17 22:34:59	2016-06-17 22:40:40	
7	id1324603	2	2016-05-21 07:54:58	2016-05-21 08:20:49	
8	id1301050	1	2016-05-27 23:12:23	2016-05-27 23:16:38	
9	id0012891	2	2016-03-10 21:45:01	2016-03-10 22:05:26	
10	id1436371	2	2016-05-10 22:08:41	2016-05-10 22:29:55	

	passenger_count	pickup_longitude	pickup_latitude	dropoff_longitude	\
0	1	-73.982155	40.767937	-73.964630	
1	1	-73.980415	40.738564	-73.999481	
2	1	-73.979027	40.763939	-74.005333	
3	1	-74.010040	40.719971	-74.012268	
4	1	-73.973053	40.793209	-73.972923	
5	6	-73.982857	40.742195	-73.992081	
6	4	-73.969017	40.757839	-73.957405	
7	1	-73.969276	40.797779	-73.922470	
8	1	-73.999481	40.738400	-73.985786	
9	1	-73.981049	40.744339	-73.973000	
10	1	-73.982651	40.763840	-74.002228	

	dropoff_latitude	store_and_fwd_flag	trip_duration	datetime	\
0	40.765602	N	455	2016-03-14 17:24:55	
1	40.731152	N	663	2016-06-12 00:43:35	
2	40.710087	N	2124	2016-01-19 11:35:24	

3	40.706718	N	429	2016-04-06	19:32:31
4	40.782520	N	435	2016-03-26	13:30:55
5	40.749184	N	443	2016-01-30	22:01:40
6	40.765896	N	341	2016-06-17	22:34:59
7	40.760559	N	1551	2016-05-21	07:54:58
8	40.732815	N	255	2016-05-27	23:12:23
9	40.789989	N	1225	2016-03-10	21:45:01
10	40.732990	N	1274	2016-05-10	22:08:41

	day_of_week	hour	day_of_month	month	euklidian_distance \
0	0	17	14	3	0.017680
1	6	0	12	6	0.020456
2	1	11	19	1	0.059934
3	2	19	6	4	0.013438
4	5	13	26	3	0.010690
5	5	22	30	1	0.011572
6	4	22	17	6	0.014133
7	5	7	21	5	0.059801
8	4	23	27	5	0.014790
9	3	21	10	3	0.046355
10	1	22	10	5	0.036537

	manhattan_distance	log_trip_duration
0	0.019859	6.120297
1	0.026478	6.496775
2	0.080158	7.661056
3	0.015480	6.061457
4	0.010818	6.075346
5	0.016212	6.093570
6	0.019669	5.831882
7	0.084026	7.346655
8	0.019279	5.541264
9	0.053699	7.110696
10	0.050426	7.149917

We tranform use log function on trip_duration, because it is supposed reduce skeewnes.

More on that here <https://becominghuman.ai/how-to-deal-with-skewed-dataset-in-machine-learning-afd2928011cc>

All I know is that can help with regression in some cases, and it was true in ours.

Here is what is correlation between given fields and a trip_duration, it gives us information how each field influences the output:

```
In [7]: corr = train_df.corr()
        print(corr["trip_duration"].sort_values(ascending = False))
```

trip_duration	1.000000
log_trip_duration	0.252624
euklidian_distance	0.095368

```

manhattan_distance    0.094738
pickup_longitude      0.026542
vendor_id             0.020304
dropoff_longitude     0.014678
passenger_count       0.008471
month                 0.006607
hour                  0.003690
day_of_month          0.000566
day_of_week           -0.000708
dropoff_latitude      -0.020677
pickup_latitude       -0.029204
Name: trip_duration, dtype: float64

```

And here is correlation between given fields and log_trip_duration:

```
In [8]: print(corr["log_trip_duration"].sort_values(ascending = False))
```

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log_trip_duration    1.000000
euklidian_distance   0.567401
manhattan_distance   0.561209
trip_duration        0.252624
pickup_longitude     0.110344
dropoff_longitude    0.071411
month                0.046488
hour                 0.039107
passenger_count      0.021124
vendor_id            0.019833
day_of_month         0.010385
day_of_week          -0.027817
dropoff_latitude     -0.123265
pickup_latitude      -0.144149
Name: log_trip_duration, dtype: float64

```

```
In [9]: #column names
        train_df.columns
```

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Out[9]: Index(['id', 'vendor_id', 'pickup_datetime', 'dropoff_datetime',
               'passenger_count', 'pickup_longitude', 'pickup_latitude',
               'dropoff_longitude', 'dropoff_latitude', 'store_and_fwd_flag',
               'trip_duration', 'datetime', 'day_of_week', 'hour', 'day_of_month',
               'month', 'euklidian_distance', 'manhattan_distance',
               'log_trip_duration'],
              dtype='object')

```

```
In [10]: train_X = train_df[[
            'pickup_longitude', 'pickup_latitude',
            'dropoff_longitude', 'dropoff_latitude',

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        'hour', 'month',
        'euklidian_distance', 'manhattan_distance',
    ]].values

```

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train_y = train_df['log_trip_duration'].values

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In [11]:

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Out[11]: array([ -7.39804153e+01,  4.07385635e+01, -7.39994812e+01,
                  4.07311516e+01,  0.00000000e+00,  6.00000000e+00,
                  2.04559039e-02,  2.64778137e-02])

```

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In [11]: train_X

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Out[11]: array([[ -7.39821548e+01,  4.07679367e+01, -7.39646301e+01, ...,
                  3.00000000e+00,  1.76795395e-02,  1.98593140e-02],
                [ -7.39804153e+01,  4.07385635e+01, -7.39994812e+01, ...,
                  6.00000000e+00,  2.04559039e-02,  2.64778137e-02],
                [ -7.39790268e+01,  4.07639389e+01, -7.40053329e+01, ...,
                  1.00000000e+00,  5.99337994e-02,  8.01582336e-02],
                ...,
                [ -7.39591293e+01,  4.07687988e+01, -7.40044327e+01, ...,
                  4.00000000e+00,  7.63269339e-02,  1.06731415e-01],
                [ -7.39820786e+01,  4.07490616e+01, -7.39746323e+01, ...,
                  1.00000000e+00,  1.09623176e-02,  1.54914856e-02],
                [ -7.39795380e+01,  4.07817497e+01, -7.39728088e+01, ...,
                  4.00000000e+00,  1.11056524e-02,  1.55639648e-02]])

```

We scale our input. By calculating mean of each column, and then dividing each element by mean of column it is in. After that operation all input fields should be moreover the same.

```

In [12]: means = np.array([np.mean(train_X[:,i]) for i in range(len(train_X[0]))])
        train_X = train_X / means

```

```

In [13]: train_X[1]

```

```

Out[13]: array([ 1.00009367,  0.99969676,  1.00035236,  0.99949332,  0.
                  1.70608788,  0.57650972,  0.57684401])

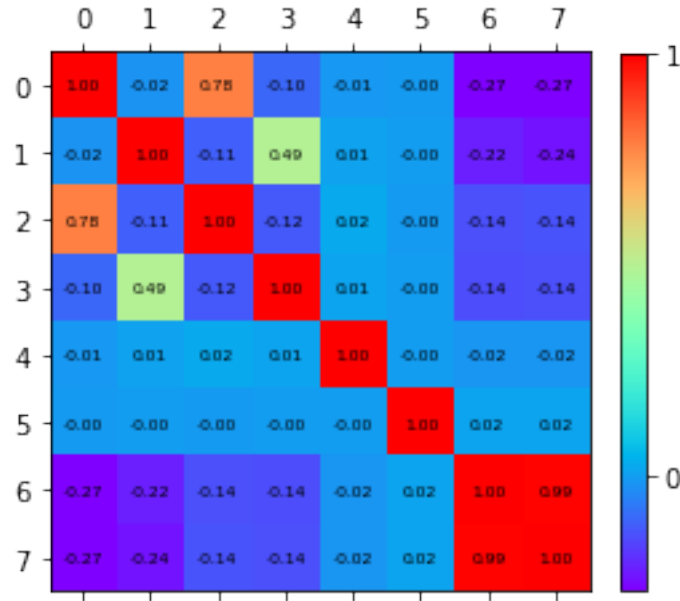
```

We now can check correlation between input fields. We visualize that with matrix.

```

In [13]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        cov_data = np.corrcoef(train_X.T)
        img = plt.matshow(cov_data, cmap=plt.cm.rainbow)
        plt.colorbar(img, ticks=[-1, 0, 1], fraction=0.045)
        for x in range(cov_data.shape[0]):
            for y in range(cov_data.shape[1]):
                plt.text(x,y, "%0.2f" % cov_data[x,y],
                        size=6, color='black', ha="center", va="center")
        plt.show()

```



We do not see very strong correlation between features apart from **euklidian_distance** and **manhattan_distance** which is not that big of surprise. However have decided to use both euklidian and manhattan distance, because this configuration gave us the best results

We select 8 features for model training:

1. euklidian_distance (calculated from coordinates)
2. manhattan_distance (calculated from coordinates)
3. pickup_latitude
4. pickup_longitude
5. dropoff_latitude
6. dropoff_longitude
7. month
8. hour

2 Model testing

To test performance of models we use cross validation. Given data is randomly splited, with first part of dataset model is trained, and other part is used for testing. This process is repeated two times.

We use **NEGATIVE MEAN SQUARED ERROR** as a scoring function.

After that we calculate mean and standard error of all tests.

1. Support vector machine with liear kernel

In [22]: `from sklearn.svm import SVR`

```
model = SVR(kernel='linear',C=1)
score = cross_val_score(model, train_X[:100000], train_y[:100000], scoring='neg_mean_sq
print("average: {} std: {}".format(score.mean(), score.std()*2))
```

average: -0.4029606009563827 std: 0.0035690115845566917

2. Svm with radian based function kernel

```
In [31]: from sklearn.svm import SVR
         model = SVR(kernel='rbf', C=1)
         score = cross_val_score(model, train_X[:100000], train_y[:100000], scoring='neg_mean_ab
         print("average: {} std: {}".format(score.mean(), score.std()*2))
```

average: -0.5718316168537649 std: 0.009856788742861333

3. Extra Trees regressor

```
In [51]: from sklearn.ensemble import ExtraTreesRegressor
         model = ExtraTreesRegressor(n_estimators=30, criterion='mse', n_jobs=-1)
         score = cross_val_score(model, train_X[:100000], train_y[:100000], scoring='neg_mean_sq
         print("average: {} std: {}".format(score.mean(), score.std()*2))
```

average: -0.2112642692752844 std: 0.001417616736263505

4. Gradient Boosted Trees

```
In [20]: from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
         model = GradientBoostingRegressor(criterion='mae')
         score = cross_val_score(model, train_X[:100000], train_y[:100000], scoring='neg_mean_sq
         print("average: {} std: {}".format(score.mean(), score.std()*2))
```

average: -0.20860082611219993 std: 0.005568361927162313

5. NN

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In [54]: #Input data dimention
         len(train_X[0])
```

Out[54]: 12

We created three diferent neural network models for testing.

```
In [0]: from keras.layers import Dense
         from keras.models import Sequential
         from keras.wrappers.scikit_learn import KerasRegressor
```

```
#One deep layer with twelve units
```

```
def baseline_model():
```

```

model = Sequential()
model.add(Dense(12, input_dim=12, kernel_initializer='normal', activation='relu'))
model.add(Dense(1, kernel_initializer='normal'))

model.compile(loss='mean_squared_error', optimizer='adam')
return model

def deep_model():
    model = Sequential()
    model.add(Dense(12, input_dim=12, kernel_initializer='normal', activation='relu'))
    model.add(Dense(6, kernel_initializer='normal', activation='relu'))
    model.add(Dense(1, kernel_initializer='normal'))

    model.compile(loss='mean_squared_error', optimizer='adam')
    return model

def wide_model():
    model = Sequential()
    model.add(Dense(20, input_dim=12, kernel_initializer='normal', activation='relu'))
    model.add(Dense(1, kernel_initializer='normal'))

    model.compile(loss='mean_squared_error', optimizer='adam')
    return model

def super_model():
    model = Sequential()
    model.add(Dense(20, input_dim=12, kernel_initializer='normal', activation='linear'))
    model.add(Dense(30, input_dim=12, kernel_initializer='normal', activation='linear'))
    model.add(Dense(20, input_dim=12, kernel_initializer='normal', activation='linear'))
    model.add(Dense(1, kernel_initializer='normal'))

    model.compile(loss='mean_squared_error', optimizer='adam')
    return model

```

baseline model is neural network with one deep layer containing 12 units.

```

In [49]: #baseline model
         model = KerasRegressor(build_fn=baseline_model, epochs=10, batch_size=5, verbose=0)

```



```

score = cross_val_score(model, train_X[:100000], train_y[:100000], scoring='neg_mean_sq
print("average: {} std: {}".format(score.mean(), score.std()*2))

```

average: -0.41262410003476846 std: 0.005083226723735235

deep model is neural network with two deep layers, first with twelve units and second with six

```

In [50]: #deep model
model = KerasRegressor(build_fn=deep_model, epochs=10, batch_size=5, verbose=0)

score = cross_val_score(model, train_X[:100000], train_y[:100000], scoring='neg_mean_sq
print("average: {} std: {}".format(score.mean(), score.std()*2))

```

average: -0.4086664039889718 std: 0.0022726769349029063

wide model is neural network with one deep layer containing 20 cells

```

In [52]: #wide model
model = KerasRegressor(build_fn=wide_model, epochs=10, batch_size=5, verbose=0)

score = cross_val_score(model, train_X[:100000], train_y[:100000], scoring='neg_mean_sq
print("average: {} std: {}".format(score.mean(), score.std()*2))

```

average: -0.4288367635620518 std: 0.008279389463369868

super model is putting the saying "The more the better" to test. It is neural network with three deep layers: * First with 20 units * Second with 30 units * Third with 20 units

```

In [72]: #super model
model = KerasRegressor(build_fn=super_model, epochs=5, batch_size=5, verbose=0)

score = cross_val_score(model, train_X[:100000], train_y[:100000], scoring='neg_mean_sq
print("average: {} std: {}".format(score.mean(), score.std()*2))

```

average: -0.43262690728540126 std: 0.024165916882937455

All networks has average mse around 0.4 which translates into 1.49 seconds of error.

3 Summary

After testing 8 different models we get following results.

Model ranked by performance in cross validation scored by mean mean squared error:

1 . Gradient Boosted Trees **0.208**

- 2 . Random Trees Regressor **0.211**
- 3 . Support Vector Machine with linear kernel **0.402**
- 4 . The "deep model" Neural Network **0.408**
- 5 . The "baseline model" Neural Network **0.412**
- 6 . The "wide model" Neural Network **0.428**
- 7 . The "super model" Neural Network **0.432**
- 8 . Support Vector Machine with rbf kernel **0.571**

For further development we choose **Gradient Boosted Trees** model, which scored the lowest error of all model. The Downside is relatively long time of training which can be a bit painfull with using the whole database containing over 1 milion records.

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