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# **Taxi Order Forecasting**

The company Taxi collected historical data on taxi orders at airports. To attract more drivers during peak hours, it is necessary to forecast the number of taxi orders for the next hour. A model was built for this prediction. The RMSE metric on the test dataset must not exceed 48.

## **Preparation**

In this section, the following steps will be carried out:

- Load all required modules and libraries
- Load the data and convert temporal data to the correct type
- Check the dataset for missing values
- Check the dataset for duplicates

# LOADING MODULES AND LIBRARIES

• Convert the zero column into an index

```
In [1]:
```

# import pandas as pd import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = (5,5) import seaborn as sns

```
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.dummy import DummyRegressor
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```
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
         # Loading required models
         from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
         from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
         # Model for trend and seasonality
         from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal import seasonal decompose
         from sklearn.model selection import RandomizedSearchCV, TimeSeriesSplit
In [2]:
         # Metrics
         from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
         rmse=lambda y actual, y predicted: mean squared error(y actual, y predicted, squared=False)
In [3]:
         # LOADING DATA
         df=pd.read csv(r"", parse dates=[0])#сразу изменен тип данных
In [4]:
         # MISSING VALUES AND DUPLICATES IN DATA
         df.info()
         display(df.head(5))
         print('Количество дубликатов в датафрейме равно', df.duplicated().sum())
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        RangeIndex: 26496 entries, 0 to 26495
        Data columns (total 2 columns):
         # Column Non-Null Count Dtype
         0 datetime 26496 non-null datetime64[ns]
         1 num orders 26496 non-null int64
        dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), int64(1)
        memory usage: 414.1 KB
                   datetime num orders
        0 2018-03-01 00:00:00
                                    9
        1 2018-03-01 00:10:00
                                   14
        2 2018-03-01 00:20:00
                                   28
```

# 3 2018-03-01 00:30:00 20 4 2018-03-01 00:40:00 32 Количество дубликатов в датафрейме равно 0 In [5]: # CHANGING THE INDEX df=df.set\_index('datetime') df.sort\_index(inplace=True) df.head()

Out[5]: num\_orders

datetime	
2018-03-01 00:00:00	9
2018-03-01 00:10:00	14
2018-03-01 00:20:00	28
2018-03-01 00:30:00	20
2018-03-01 00:40:00	32

#### Results:

- Data loaded, temporal fields converted to the correct type
- The dataset represents a time series (historical data on taxi orders at airports)
- No missing values or duplicates found
- The datetime column was set as the index

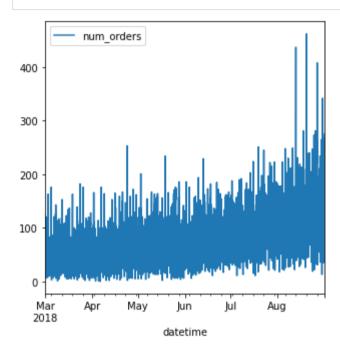
datetime num orders

# **Analysis**

In this section, the following steps will be carried out:

- Resampling by one hour
- Adding and analyzing features (rolling window method, trend and seasonality, stationarity)

```
# RESAMPLING BY 1 HOUR
df = df.resample('1H').sum()# Total orders per hour
df.plot();
```



```
# TREND ANALYSIS USING MOVING WINDOW
df['rolling_mean'] = df.rolling(10).mean()# value 10 selected experimentally
df.plot();
```

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num_orders
rolling_mean

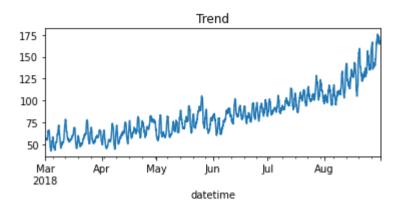
200

Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug
2018

datetime
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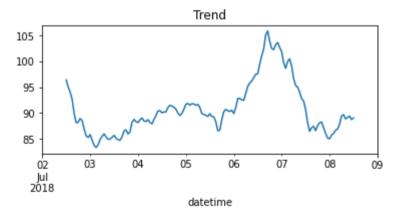
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In [10]:
# YEARLY TREND
# Trend - by summer the number of orders increases.
decomposed = seasonal_decompose(df['num_orders'])# The original time series is passed to the function
# Trend visualization
plt.subplot(311)
decomposed.trend.plot(ax=plt.gca())
plt.title('Trend')
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Out[10]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Trend')



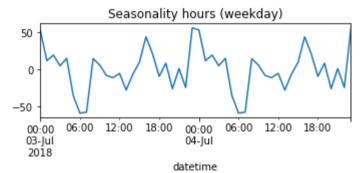
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In [11]: # WEEKLY TREND
# Trend - on weekends the number of orders increases. People take taxis for leisure trips.
decomposed = seasonal_decompose(df['2018-07-02 00:00': '2018-07-09 00:00']['num_orders'])
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 8))
# Trend Visualization
plt.subplot(311)
decomposed.trend.plot(ax=plt.gca())
plt.title('Trend')
```

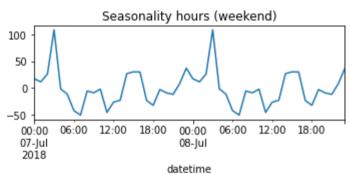
#### Out[11]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Trend')



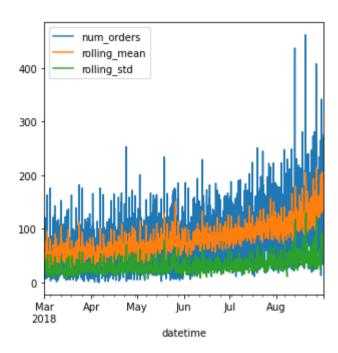
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# DAILY SEASONALITY
# Although seasonality differs slightly depending on the type of day (weekends or weekdays), the minima and maxima generally coinc
# People tend to order taxis more often in the morning, at lunchtime, and in the evening.
decomposed_weekday = seasonal_decompose(df['2018-07-03 00:00:00': '2018-07-04 23:59:59']['num_orders'])
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```
decomposed_weekend = seasonal_decompose(df['2018-07-07 00:00:00': '2018-07-08 23:59:59']['num_orders'])
plt.subplot(211)
decomposed_weekday.seasonal.plot()
plt.title('Seasonality hours (weekday)')
# Visualization of weekend seasonality by hours
plt.subplot(212)
decomposed_weekend.seasonal.plot()
plt.title('Seasonality hours (weekend)')
plt.tight_layout()
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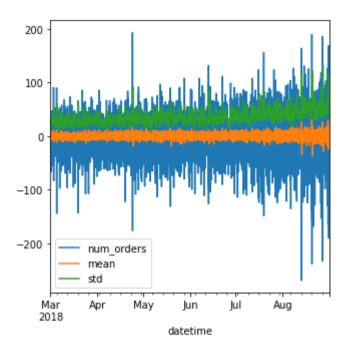


```
In [13]:
# CHECK FOR STATIONARITY
# The mean and standard deviation change (increase in summer), the series is non-stationary
df['rolling_std'] = df['num_orders'].rolling(10).std()
df.plot();
```



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In [14]:
# Transforming the series to make it more stationary.
# However, since the trend is already linear, this step is not mandatory.
df2=(df['num_orders']-df['num_orders'].shift()).fillna(0).to_frame()# Difference
df2['mean'] = df2.num_orders.rolling(10).mean()
df2['std'] = df2.num_orders.rolling(10).std()
display(df2.head(5))
df2.plot();
```

	num_orders	mean	std
datetime			
2018-03-01 00:00:00	0.0	NaN	NaN
2018-03-01 01:00:00	-39.0	NaN	NaN
2018-03-01 02:00:00	-14.0	NaN	NaN
2018-03-01 03:00:00	-5.0	NaN	NaN
2018-03-01 04:00:00	-23.0	NaN	NaN



#### **RESULTS:**

- The time series was resampled by hour.
- Then, the main trend was analyzed using a moving window of size 50. The average number of taxi orders per hour was calculated. It is noticeable that in summer the number of orders increases, apparently because people tend to travel more during the warm season.
- The data covers only one year, so seasonality is not observed, only the trend. However, to avoid relying solely on visual inspection, the trend, seasonality, and noise were visualized. This analysis confirms the absence of seasonality.
- Since the mean and the standard deviation change over time, the time series is not stationary. However, as the trend is already linear, applying differencing to the time series does not provide much benefit. This can also be seen in the differenced series plots: although the new series became more stationary, the trend itself did not change.

### **Training**

In this chapter, we will:

- Create additional features using a function and assemble the final dataset
- Split the data into training and test sets (the test set will be 10% of the data)

- First, forecast the time series without training (using two approaches: 1) all values are predicted by the median, 2) the next value is predicted by the previous value of the series)
- Then, train different models: linear regression and decision tree with various hyperparameters.

```
In [15]:
          # DATASET FOR MODELING
          df final=df.drop(columns=['rolling std'])
          df final.head()
Out[15]:
                            num_orders rolling_mean
                   datetime
          2018-03-01 00:00:00
                                   124
                                               NaN
          2018-03-01 01:00:00
                                    85
                                               NaN
          2018-03-01 02:00:00
                                    71
                                               NaN
          2018-03-01 03:00:00
                                    66
                                               NaN
          2018-03-01 04:00:00
                                    43
                                               NaN
In [17]:
          # CREATING ADDITIONAL FEATURES
          def make features(df final, max lag, rolling mean size):
               df final['dayofweek'] = df final.index.dayofweek
               df final['hour'] = df final.index.hour
               for lag in range(1, max lag + 1):
                   df final['lag {}'.format(lag)] = df final['num orders'].shift(lag)
               df final['rolling mean'] = df final['num orders'].shift().rolling(rolling mean size).mean()
          make features(df final, 1, 10)
          df final.head()
```

Out[17]: num\_orders rolling\_mean dayofweek hour lag\_1 datetime

**2018-03-01 00:00:00** 124 NaN 3 0 NaN

#### num orders rolling mean dayofweek hour lag 1

#### datetime

2018-03-01 01:00:00	85	NaN	3	1	124.0
2018-03-01 02:00:00	71	NaN	3	2	85.0
2018-03-01 03:00:00	66	NaN	3	3	71.0
2018-03-01 04:00:00	43	NaN	3	4	66.0

```
# TRAIN-TEST SPLIT
train, test = train_test_split(df_final, shuffle=False, test_size=0.1)
# Displaying values to verify the correctness of the split. The train set should precede the test set.
print('train_min', train.index.min(), 'train_max', train.index.max())
print('test_min', test.index.min(), 'test_max', test.index.max())
```

train\_min 2018-03-01 00:00:00 train\_max 2018-08-13 13:00:00 test min 2018-08-13 14:00:00 test max 2018-08-31 23:00:00

```
In [20]: # FORECAST WITHOUT TRAINING
    print("Среднее количество вызовов таки в час:", y_test.mean())

pred_median = np.ones(y_test.shape) * y_train.median()
    print("RMSE:", rmse(pred_median, y_test))

pred_previous = y_test.shift()
    pred_previous.iloc[0] = y_train.iloc[-1] # for filling the first value
    print("RMSE:", mean_squared_error(pred_previous, y_test, squared=False))
```

Среднее количество вызовов таки в час: 139.36199095022624

RMSE: 86.95832985529172 RMSE: 58.864269828508355

```
In [23]:
          # PIPELINE
          pipe final = Pipeline(
                  ("models", DummyRegressor(strategy='mean')),
In [24]:
          # DICTIONARY OF MODELS WITH HYPERPARAMETERS
          param grid = [
                  "models": [DecisionTreeRegressor(random state=42)],
                  "models max depth": range(2, 15),
                  'models_min_samples_split': range(2, 8),
                  'models min samples leaf': range(1,6),
                  'models max features': range(1, 5),
              },
                  "models": [LinearRegression()],
In [26]:
          tscv = TimeSeriesSplit(n splits=5)
          randomized search = RandomizedSearchCV(
              pipe final,
              param grid,
              scoring="neg_root_mean_squared_error",
              error score='raise',
              random state=42,
              cv=tscv,
In [27]:
          randomized_search.fit(X_train, y_train) # TRAINING
          print('Лучшая модель и её параметры:\n\n', randomized search.best estimator)
          print('Лучшее значение метрики:\n\n', abs(randomized search.best score ))
```

- It is possible that when forecasting time series, the correct creation of additional features plays a greater role, as well as the proper choice of lag or moving window. The larger the window, the better the training results will be. If these manipulations do not distort the data, then it may be more worthwhile to focus on tuning the parameters of the make\_features function rather than on hyperparameter tuning across different models.
- According to the results, the best model is the decision tree with hyperparameters: max\_depth=10, max\_features=3, min\_samples\_leaf=5. The cross-validation metric is RMSE=24.8

#### **Test**

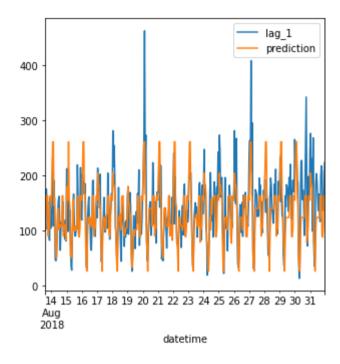
In this chapter:

• The data will be evaluated on the test set. The RMSE metric on the test set should not exceed 48. Conclusions will be drawn.

```
In [30]: # FORECAST OF THE BEST MODEL ON THE TEST SET
    y_pred = randomized_search.predict(X_test)
    print(f'Metpuka RMSE на тестовой выборке: {rmse(y_test, y_pred)}')

    Metpuka RMSE на тестовой выборке: 43.13539661510642

In [31]: analysis=y_test.to_frame()
    analysis['prediction']=y_pred
    analysis.plot();
```



#### **CONCLUSIONS OF THE ANALYSIS:**

• According to the results, the best model on the test set showed an error of RMSE=43.13. This satisfies the condition RMSE < 48. The plot shows that the prediction represents a more stationary series than the test data. This means that the prediction captures only the obvious trends and may miss some details. However, there are also fewer spikes in the prediction.

#### PROJECT CONCLUSIONS:

- In the preparation chapter, the data was loaded and checked for missing values, duplicates, and correct data types.
- In the analysis chapter, the time series was analyzed using a moving window method, the trend and seasonality were examined, and the series was tested for stationarity.
- In the training chapter, additional features were created using a function and the final dataset was assembled. This step had a significant impact on the final result. The data was split into training and test sets in a 4-to-1 ratio. Time series were first forecast without training; however, the error was too high (RMSE=256). Then, linear regression and decision tree models with various hyperparameters were trained. The linear regression model was chosen as the final one. RMSE on the test set was 7.25, which meets the condition. The prediction plots show a continuing upward trend in taxi orders. From this, it can be concluded that the number of cars can be increased and the fare prices raised in the near future.