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# Data Overview

#### The Features

## **Numerical**

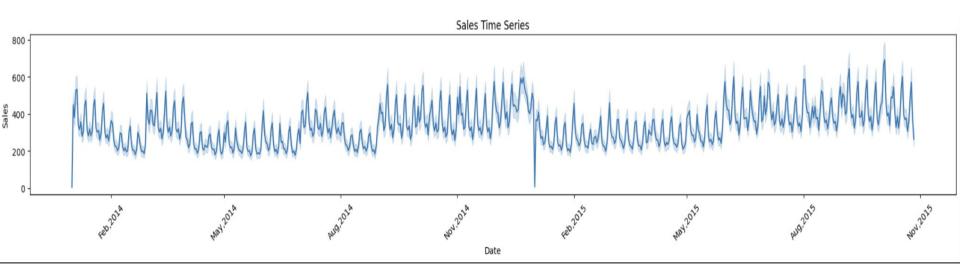
- On\_promotion
- Oil price

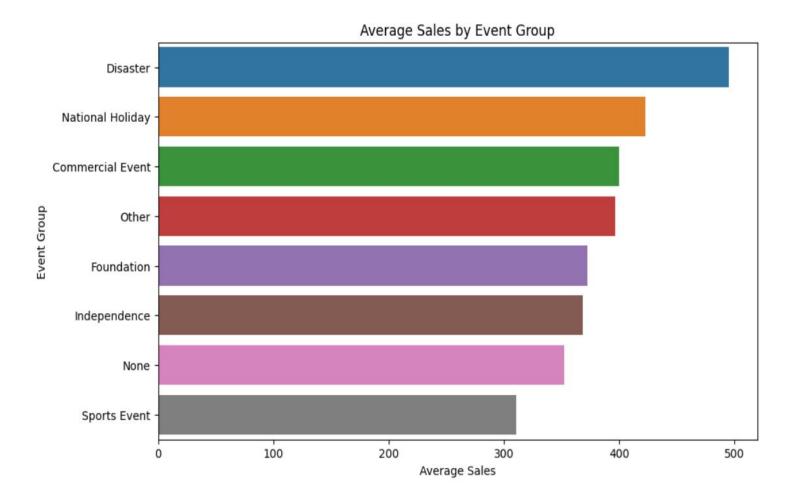
## Categorical

- Store\_nbr
- Family
- Store type
- Earthquake
- Holidays
- ☐ City

## **Target Feature**

□ Sales





#### Problem

 Predict sales for each store and product category in the retail industry.

 Accurate sales forecasting allows for optimization of inventory management and promotional strategies.

# Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering

# Improvements in Our Approach

Reduced the number of features

Created new, effective features

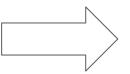
#### What we used to use:

- Store\_nbr
- Family
- Day\_of\_week
- Year
- Onpromotion
- Lags
- Dcoilwtico
- Store
- Event
- City
- Day
- Quarter
- Day\_of\_year





- Family
- Day\_of\_week
- Year
- Onpromotion
- Lags



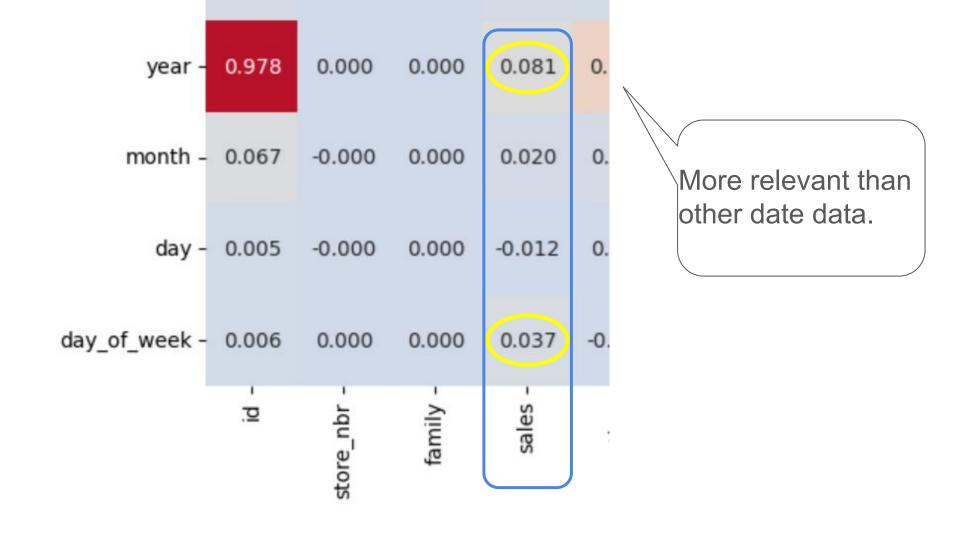
## Specific Improvements

- Removed unnecessary categorical columns
- Used LightGBM for efficient handling of categorical data



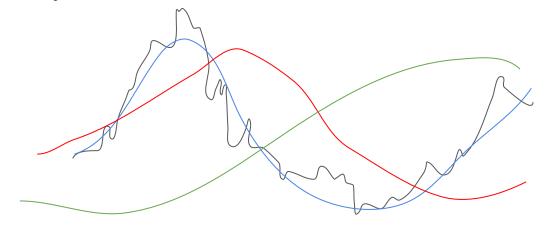
# Simplified Date Features

- Focused on two features: day\_of\_week and year
- Sufficient for effective model learning



# Enhanced Lag Features

- Used multiple lags: 1 day, 7 days, 30 days
- Applied Exponentially Weighted Moving Average (EWMA)
- Captured sales trends more accurately



# Data Combination and Cleaning

- Combined training and test data for consistent feature engineering
- Cleaned data to remove noise

## Conclusion

- Reduced features to simplify the model
- Prevented overfitting

# The Models

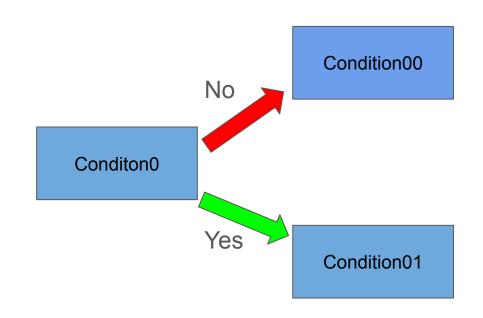
# Things to keep in mind

- Handling discrete variables
- The target variable is continuous
- The data is a time series

#### The Basic: Decision Tree

#### Core characteristic:

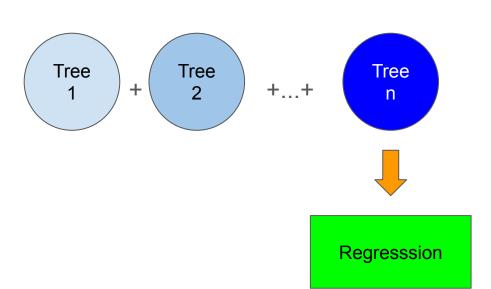
- Good at learning discrete data
- Extremely prior to noises in the data
- Not robust against a big amount of data
- Is not a time series model



## Our Model: Light Gradient Boosting Machine Regressor

#### Core characteristic:

- Good at learning discrete
  data
- Prior to noises in the data
- Is not a time series model
- Need hyperparameter tuning

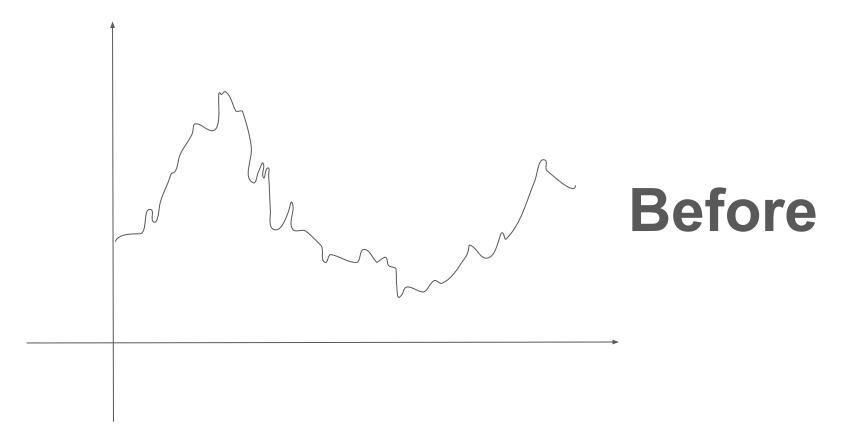


### LGBM vs GBM

**LGBM GBM** 

Sales:	Sales-1:	Sales-2:	Sales-n:
1	Nan	Nan	Nan
2	2	Nan	Nan
3	3	1	 Nan
4	4	2	Nan
5	5	3	
6	6	4	1

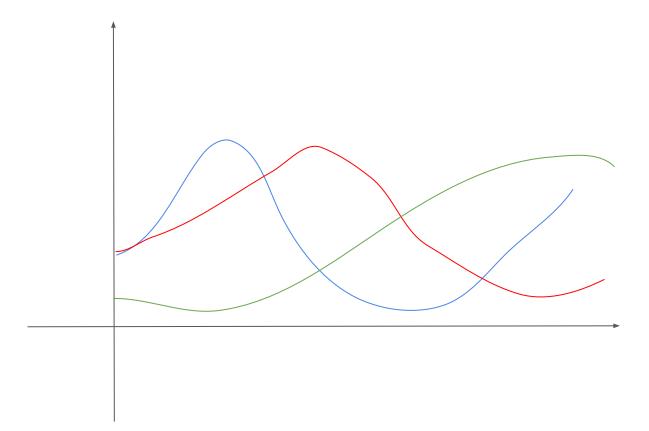
# **Before**



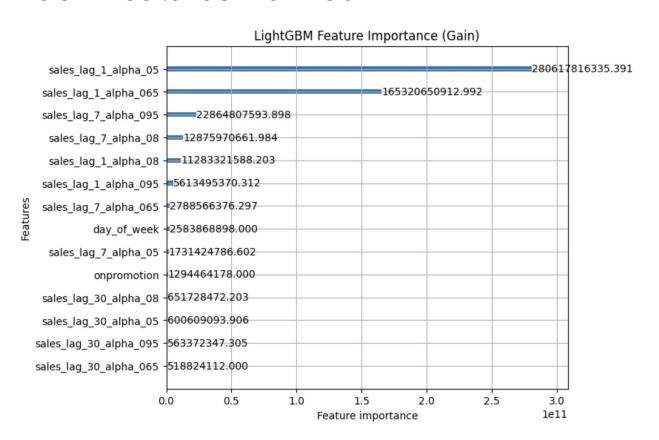
# **After**

Sales:	Sales-1:	Sales-2:	Sales-n:
1	Nan	Nan	Nan
2	EMA(2)	Nan	Nan
3	EMA(3)	EMA(1)	 Nan
4	EMA(4)	EMA(2)	Nan
5	EMA(5)	EMA(3)	
6	EMA(6)	EMA(4)	EMA(1)





#### Gain of Each Features Ranked



# Hyperparameter Tuning

**Learning rate** : 0.1

Feature fracition : 0.800087645

**Bagging fraction**: 0.851134158

**Bagging frequency**: 5

Verbose : 0

Max depth : 50

Num leaf : 128

**Max bin** : 512

## What did we improve from before, and why?

- We changed our model from the regular GBM into LGBM.
- We improve our sliding window, which now gives better result
- We did hyperparameter tuning, the most important thing to do to get better result at GBM models.
- We optimized the timeframe used for training

# Results

#### Our best result:

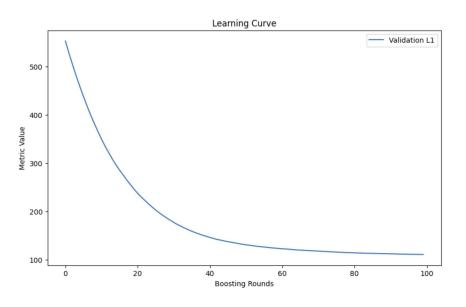


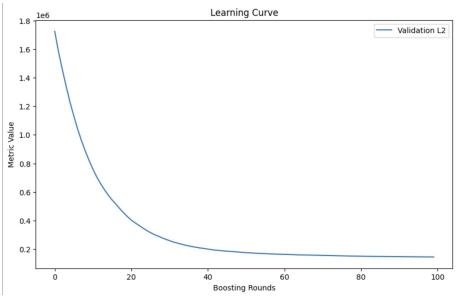
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## Model Evaluation: Learning Curve





# What did we learn?

## Things We Notice....

 Preprocessing the data and exploratory data analysis are the most important thing to do before building a model

 Sliding windows can't just be added, but also needs to be optimized to give best prediction for time series data

 Hyperparameter needs to be fine tuned to give the best result

# Thank You

Any Question?