Black Friday Sales Prediction Using Machine Learning

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Abstract:

The Friday after the Thanksgiving break seems to be the popular shopping weekend of the season in the United States. The largest shopping periods of the season officially begins with that too. From something like a computing scientific viewpoint, amongst the most intriguing using machine learning within business market seems to be the ability to precisely anticipate the amount a consumer would probably have spent at such a business using previous purchase trends. Manufacturers may execute but also devise more efficient business plan targeting important customer segments if companies thoroughly recognize their clients in relation to other people, actions, and motives during the past purchasing periods. This have evolved from such one-day celebration itself into peak time lasting with more than a season over past fifty years. This work suggests a practical way to apply the extreme gradient boosted trees algorithm to a compelling problem inside the business market. This has evolved out of a one-day celebration together into sales season leading up with more than a month above the past fifty years. As international business owners wishing to connect with prospective clients inside a growing product, the US shopping season seems to be the ideal time to accomplish this. Companies could utilize Black Friday deals are tools for increasing visibility but also promotions. This nationwide Xmas carnival gets underway on Black Friday. Large online such as Amazon, Flipkart, and others entice shoppers through offering giving specials or even reductions across many market segments. These categories of products include clothes, cookware, electronics, and home decor. Several academics have conducted studies that forecast consumption. Offers have been made on just a variety of merchandise stuff based mostly on examination of such an information. They possess three strategies that are utilized to analyze but also forecast future purchases. Black Friday Sales Database, a Kaggle-hosted spreadsheet, is being analyzed but also predicted using.

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Introduction:

Because of the Internet explosion, every retail industry is heavily changed. Almost majority of people regard online purchasing better as being a more basic way for purchasing. Accessibility, lower costs, greater choice, ease in

GITHUB Link: https://github.com/Msrujanareddy/MLPROJ.git

pricing, lack in audiences, etc. are perhaps main benefits of mobile commerce. This epidemic had increased internet sales. And although annual expansion of online purchases continues, 2021 overall revenue were anticipated to be worse greater. Mostly on fourth Thursday of November every so often, such event usually held. Companies genuinely anticipate a strong buying vacation due to such eagerness of shoppers will invest far more dollars throughout that time. Stores generally increase staffing levels, restock existing inventory, create fresh discounts, even spruce up shop designs with anticipation of being there.

Merchants depend upon creating marketing initiatives that reach people who visit one ‘s physical locations and/or online establishments. Marketers passionately comprehend what customers purchase, purchasing selections which might help those that earn so many earnings throughout this Christmas sales to enhance business initiatives but also earnings. Businesses might execute but also formulate more efficient promotional campaigns targeting key customer groups by having a thorough understanding of both the traits, actions, driving motives for its consumers over prior buying periods. On regards of commerce, this morning is noted rather than being the greatest. Such promotion will be held to entice shoppers to purchase additional items online, which will help this same internet commerce industry. The Black Friday competition is very much an intriguing chance to examine overall effectiveness of various machine learning algorithms. We choose to investigate the efficacy of boosting-based algorithms by applying them to that same issue. Its purpose is to determine individual customer's willingness to spend money on a item considering a variety of qualitative and quantitative parameters. Below you'll find the remainder of such a essay. Before anything else, we quickly go through a traditional structured which includes ensemble techniques, bagging, and boosting plus outlines important research that seems to be crucial to problem-solving. Towards the database from this research, we assess but also implement this method. These same writers go over a few key points of both the suggested strategy. summarizes different methodologies, draws conclusions, but instead suggests additional research.

Because in purchasing is discontinued because of safety concerns because during current epidemic, it must have been predicted potential revenues may suffer. For their astonishment, those final revenue numbers are almost a defeat at all. Ecommerce made it feasible to achieve all of this. Customers may enjoy the excitement of Black Friday purchasing from convenience of their own homes while having the deliveries right to your doors. Finding together all information from such a transaction provides us just a greater chance to create a literature review but also investigate them. This allows us both to comprehend not only the viewpoints of either the consumer as well as the store, as well as to recognize the purchase behavior and

interests of different ages. This aids with classifying between the demographic groups who've been buying quickly moving goods and goods themselves. Of the most recent techniques for data science is examining then forecasting overall pattern of such a consumer's purchase but instead generating detailed for certain consumers depending upon that projection. When handing out special discounts, ethnicity would be a key factor.

Often these digital marketers optimize their algorithms on even a frequent basis to develop the customer experience. This same merchandise purchaser legacy acts as a data source that's still analyzed but rather forecasted for, increasing the likelihood that customers will pay for the goods by offering special discounts. This boosts revenue but also preserves this same connection seen between company and the client. Additionally, this could assist that retailing with predicting deals, understanding which items were most popular throughout selling, including ensuring that current inventories are prepared to serve clients effectively. We may examine but also figure out the variables affecting this retailing by formulating buying and selling trends There's almost abundant proof whether the e-commerce sector had benefited consumers but been successful entirely on its own. made it simple for such a customer to purchase real goods at quite a real price. Alongside e-commerce businesses, this had boosted overall revenues for suppliers. However, the application of data science for such a business is currently necessary for maintaining reputation but also to reduce the losses. Data science had demonstrated their efficacy inside several areas, including the identification of deceptive businesses and buyers, enhanced customer categorization, cost prediction accuracy, etc. Contemporary data science methods therefore are constantly required again for company's effective growth but also to maintain its position amongst physical sellers plus rivals in a similar sector.

Year round, several deals were held that recognize their client enthusiasm for purchasing. Black Friday others are just a few of the significant discounts amongst these. Black Friday, commonly referred to as Thanksgiving Day, began with in United States. this very day was always considered as just the biggest of the season. With exception of 2008, Black Friday having consistently demonstrated their appeal. contrasted with the preceding year though pattern, each day anyway revenues but also reputation generally rise by 12%. Every Monday following Thanksgiving is known as "Cyber Monday" (Black Friday). Such festival, where gadgets were typically covered at reduced prices, were designed specifically for boost mobile commerce. These testing findings allow these same researchers to conclude this use of bagging and boosting approaches could obtain excellence or just be significantly enhanced by only a mixture of feature extraction with hyperparameter adjustment of algorithms. regression, Random Forest Regressor, as well as Decision Tree Regressor. Mean Squared Error

(MSE) is a metric included to examine. Including the lowest MSE value, the Random Forest Regressor appears to be better than any of those methods.

Motivation:

In every field, customers or consumers are crucial. To understand the behavior of the consumer and change according to the needs of the consumer a company achieves profits along with development in the consumer experience. A persons purchase history plays a crucial role in the evaluation of the persons purchase history. The purchase habits based must be evaluated based on the age, gender, occupation, and city categories. If we consider the people who are under adult, they spend much on the shopping when the old. Next coming to the occupation, the one with occupation who has high income can spend much on shopping rather than the one with less income. Last and final city categories because income spent on purchasing mainly depends on the locality they live on. The one who lives in the city spends much extra on shopping rather than the one lives in the rural area. By using the above segmented group based on the models we have modelled helps to find out the amount spent by each customer. To do this, first we must understand the data in detail and figuring out the features required. Through utilizing such forecasting analytics, individuals should be capable of anticipating where customer evaluates the firm's development and aids with our comprehension of both the purchasing habits of such customers' businesses that offer improved transportation reliability assists in boosting revenue. This helps the customers in choosing the sustainable products based. The technical motivation is using the machine learning algorithms which helps in higher accuracy rate.

Main contribution and Objectives:

- Assisting the retail shops to fix a price for the products so that they can earn profits.
- Revealing and recognizing the crucial points from the dataset along with age, gender.
- Establishing a quantitative effect of elements that are selected.
- how they influence a customer's buying decision by getting to know them personally.
- The Retailers can stock up the inventory of the particular product category by the sales prediction done by the algorithm so there wouldn’t be any downtime in the business.

Related work:

An important major factor to think about while analyzing your Black Friday sales is advertising. This popularity of Black Friday sales within the United States may largely be attributed to such promotions. Appealing marketing that reaches customers during Black Friday sales cause people to be persuaded to purchase the items despite if they have no real necessity them, including such TV improvements

with mobile phone updates**.** Mostly on study but also forecasting of revenue, extensive studies are conducted utilizing any variety of methodologies. Several approaches have been put forward as investigators to accomplish this. We shall list several different machine learning methods in just this part.

C. M. Wu et al. [1] has suggested a forecasting framework to investigate consumer's buying history but also forecast consumer spending mostly in upcoming. Black Friday Sales Dataset from analytics Vidhya is indeed the information that was mentioned. They include machine learning models like Linear Regression, MLK classifier, Decision Tree, Decision Tree with bagging, and Deep Learning method utilizing Keras. These algorithms were assessed using the measuring performance metric Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). Rather than employing complicated neural network models, simple models like linear regression may be employed to address simple problems such regression.

Odegua, rising [2] have suggested a model for predicting purchases. This system employs K-Nearest Neighbor, Random Forest, and Gradient Boosting as the machine learning techniques. Data Science Nigeria, as component of deep learning contests, donated the information utilized again for research. Mean Absolute Error is utilized as a quality evaluation criterion (MAE). Including an MAE ratio around 0.409178, Random Forest performed better than most of the other methods.

Purvika Bajaj et al. [3] utilizing information gathered out of a supermarket, did sales figures. Linear Regression, K-Nearest Neighbors, and Random Forest are the algorithms employed in experiments. Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), Variance Score, Training, and Testing Accuracy are employed to determine how precise these results were. Including a precision of 93.53%, the Random Forest algorithm trumps another different method.

Ramasubbareddy S. et al. [4] often use artificial intelligence to forecast purchases. The Black Friday Sales Dataset is indeed the information used for research that was obtained through Kaggle. This system is implemented by using following methodologies: Rule-Based Decision Tree, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Ridge Regression, and Linear Regression. The quality assessment metric was Root Mean Squared Error. According to RMSE, this forecast is higher so when RMSE is smaller. As more of a consequence, with just an RMSE ratio of 2291, Rule-Based DT beats alternative approaches to machine learning.

Aaditi Narkhede et al. [7], these results of variations here constitute an efficient method for information filtering with decision-making. has been using machine learning algorithm in forecasting sales in locations such building structural Big Mart can forecast consumer expectations but also oversee its administration for inventories appropriately. innovative technologies to determine customer expectations

more accurately as well as create more effective strategies to boost revenue.

M.Sahaya Vennila et al. [8] has digested, implemented, & evaluated machine learning methods that forecast revenue. This Black Friday Sales Dataset from Kaggle is indeed the information being used testing and evaluation. Initial preprocessing of the information. This information is trained and tested datasets using the K-Fold algorithm. Linear Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, plus Gradient Boost are all used to create the forecasting models. The reliability measurement methods employed include Mean Absolute Error (MAE) but also Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). The Random Forest considerably outperformed other models in the trial, achieving an efficiency of 77%, an RMSE score of 2730, and an MAE value of 2349.

S. Yadav et al [4] has examined & contrasted overall effectiveness of both the hold-out validation as well as K-Fold cross-validation. this same outcome from experiments showing that k-fold cross-validation produces better high accuracy. For a certain collection of methods, K-fold cross-validation produced accuracies that ranged from 0.1–3% higher effective than hold-out validation.

Consumer Expectations:

Since most customers wait all year for such discounts, needs of customers regarding Black Friday have increased. The stores' inventory is where the primary issue arises. Because of the large number of purchases made during such deals, items frequently sell in a short period of time, leaving customers disappointed but also ruining your entire workday. At this point many customers' aspirations were salvaged either by innovative internet shopping.

Customers don't need to stand in massive queues ahead of establishments or endure the arduous task from in purchasing on Black Friday because customers can purchase the exact goods for the exact huge discount online. This latest epidemic didn't adequately derail customers' needs because merchants have e - retailing websites that allowed individuals buy products but have them transported while still locations remained shut.

Promotions:

Another of the important factors to consider while analyzing your Black Friday deals is advertising. Its popularity of Black Friday sales in the USA is primarily due to such deals. Customers are targeted with appealing advertising during Black Friday sales; as just a result, they risk ending up acquiring the items when there's no real a need them, such as in case of TV as well as mobile phone updates. Regarding the client, expectations, and the importance in advertising on Black Friday, you may anticipate that now most customers anticipate purchasing specified items or, but at

very least, will searching after items marketed during an alluring discount due to BF's concept.

Proposed Framework:

This database we are dealing with employed quantitative information for data exploration.

Data exploration employs a graphic approach to evaluate large datasets and emphasize certain key features. Data analysis, including the iris database and scoreboard info, are involved in empirical information. Python, pandas, matplotlib, numpy array, and seaborn seem to be the applications was using to possible methods.

Given the extensive range of modules it contains and the simplicity with which optimization techniques may be implemented, Python is a widely utilized language inside the data science industry. Becoming an interpreter, it really has gained notoriety when processing big files. Python excels at data munging. Pandas is indeed an incorporated indexed, quick but also efficient Data Frame object enabling data manipulation. This supports text and CSV files.

1. Ensemble Learning:

With reality, it's not wise to solely depend here on output with one machine learning algorithm. By developing a weighted combination of basic models of such shape, ensemble learning provides a methodical method for combining overall prediction potential of several experts.

An individual firm that provides the unique blend of various brands is indeed the outcome. A common machine learning technique as well as separate learning methods could be employed to create the aggregate structures. Ensemble learners which are frequently employed include bagging and boosting. Although such methodologies may be applied to an assortment of statistical systems, decision trees have historically emerged as the most common application. Among the apparent reasons is which we can easily compute however many trees must be planted as required.

Fig 1

2. Bagging and Boosting:

Although they were some of the concepts that really are easiest to understand, decision trees have extremely unpredictable behaviors. Consider looking around one training

sample which was arbitrarily split in two. Let us just training a decision tree with every component separately to create two versions simultaneously. Such two concepts will provide various outcomes whenever we suit them simultaneously. This is the reason characteristic that decision trees have been shown to be significant variability. Overall variance in just about any learning can be decreased by bagging or boosting aggregate. These fundamental learning of the bagging approach are indeed several parallel-generated decision trees. Those classifiers are trained using information that has been selected using replacements. This sum among all learning outputs, or even the ultimate forecast, gets calculated.

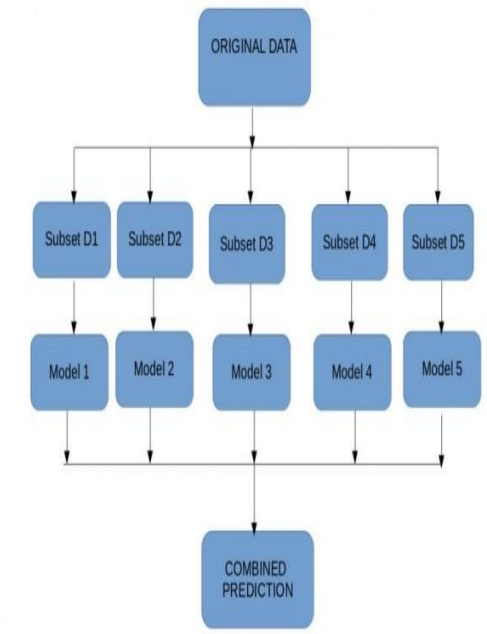

Fig 2

In boosting, these trees are assembled inside a specific order with every tree aiming to minimize overall faults of the one before it. Every tree modifies any residual mistakes because of learning out of its ancestors. Each tree which develops following the succession therefore will get knowledge from such an improved set of error terms. The started preparing in enhancing were weak learning with heavy bias but marginally greater prediction accuracy that chance.

3. XGBoost Learning Model:

Several of the strongest together some effective ways to apply its Gradient Boosted Trees algorithm to everyone supervised learning problems called XGBoost. The ML technique XGBoost is also quite successful, resulting in it being frequently utilized during contests & contests. In comparison to certain other gradient boosting approaches, XGBoost is nearly ten times quicker and offers strong predictive ability. Additionally, this contains a range of regularizations that lessen fitting problem & enhance efficiency. It really is focused on function optimization by utilizing suitable regularization techniques and improving algorithms. Let's specify certain footnotes as well as parameters prior to analyzing algorithms as well as normalization procedures.

4. Random Forest algorithm:

Given various samples, it constructs decision trees but also uses its mean both classification but also overwhelming opinion during prediction. The Random Forest Algorithm's ability to deal with large datasets

with both dependent variables, just like in regression, plus predictor variable, as seen in classifications, is among its most crucial qualities. In terms of categorization issues, this delivers superior outcomes. As just an approximate solution, Random Forest was possible to perform between the classification and regression problems. The Random Forest was built just on philosophy that integrating numerous DTs even though opposed to relying solely across one DT.

Figure lists some characteristics which have an impact here on Random Forest Regressor.

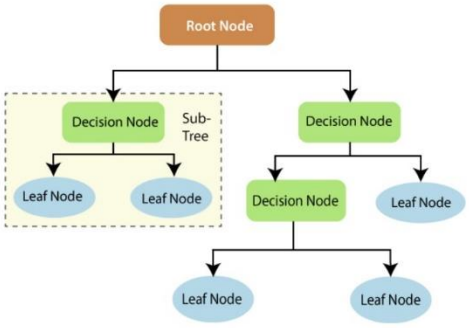

Fig 3

Another fundamental distinction seen between random forest method and the decision tree algorithm is that neither arbitrarily selects its root nodes then groups those nodes. For produce the necessary forecast, the random forest uses the bagging approach.

Data Description:

Delivering specific estimates about occurrences outside of those included in the training set seems to be the core aim of machine learning models. We can split a piece of something like the information over that we currently have the solution as just a stand-in again for unknown information to measure the accuracy of algorithms' forecasts having respect to that information.

SR NO	VARIABLE	DEFINITION	MASKED
1	USER_ID	UNIQUE ID OF CUSTOMER	FALSE
2	PRODUCT_ID	UNIQUE PRODUCT ID	FALSE
3	GENDER	SEX OF CUSTOMER	FALSE
4	AGE	CUSTOMER AGE	FALSE
5	OCCUPATION	OCCUPATION OF CUSTOMER	TRUE
6	CITY_CATEGORY	CITY CATEGORY OF CUSTOMER	TRUE
7	STAY_IN_CURRENT_CITY	NUMBER OF YEARS CUSTOMER STAYS IN CITY	FALSE
8	MARITIAL_STATUS	CUSTOMER MARITAL STATUS	FALSE
9	PRODUCT_CATEGORY_1	PRODUCT CATEGORY	TRUE
10	PRODUCT_CATEGORY_2	PRODUCT CATEGORY	TRUE
11	PRODUCT_CATEGORY_3	PRODUCT CATEGORY	TRUE
12	PURCHASE	AMOUNT OF CUSTOMER PURCHASE	FALSE

Table 1

Next, we assess how accurately the analysis shows actual information. Observational are

usually included in trained data to customize teaching methods but instead adjust hyperparameters. Selections of information from the testing dataset are utilized to objectively assess how well the learning approach performed just on training as well as to forecast how much each client will spend during the Black Friday sales. Companies will be able to study and tailor offerings for even examples. Variables in the database include user id, product id, marital status, city category, occupation, etc. Table 1 includes information about the database construction. The Black Friday Sales dataset is often used to training a variety of machine learning techniques more consumers' favorite items using the purchasing forecast provided. This predictor variable is going to become the purchasing indicator. The Purchasing Indicator would forecast how much a consumer would spend during in the Black Friday discounts. With order to develop machine learning algorithms like Random Tree Regressor, and XGBoost and earlier indicated, the suggested strategy aims use these techniques.

This outcome is displayed with said amounts representing the root mean square error whenever analyzed quantitatively sampling database. This roots for mean squared error, which could be derived from sklearn.metrics, was employed to find RMSE (Root Mean Square Error). Sklearn metrics has already been deployed in Anaconda and therefore can be downloaded/installed throughout other environments via pip. In the initial three situations, existing Analytics Vidhya training dataset is utilized as its specimens collected, while fresh learning and testing databases then were produced based on the conditions. In such situations, the user id, product id, and buy elements are added to the test database, and even the purchasing feature being subsequently removed from the testing set.

Result/comparison analysis:

The following table provides a comparative of the MSE values including all methods. As shown by Table 2, it is obvious that using XGBoost performed best than that of the Random Forest and decision tree regressor machine learning algorithms. The Random Forest Regressor's MSE rate is 2879.5, making it so much more appropriate when it comes to the classification algorithm. However, algorithms that utilize ensemble learning work effectively with these data type. We can all concur with running algorithms upon smaller segments of both the information has produced good outcomes, using the effectiveness using random forest as just an instance, like the bagging-based strategy. Off an estimated RMSE of 4611 SVM to that of 2911 by XGBoost in the testing dataset, for example, the 70 | 30 division strategy, has shown a noticeable difference. All experimental findings result showed comparable benefits.

Nevertheless, if we aggregate several poor trainees in bagging, that simulation would have been poor. This is how the boosting concept enters the equation because every learner tries to lessen the mistakes of both the ones before them

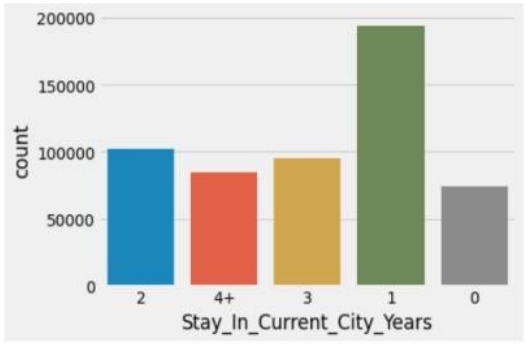

Fig 4

Above figure show the number of people lived for the respective year period in the city.

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In [98]:  mean_absolute_error(y_test, rf_y_pred)
Out[98]:  2222.049109204734

In [99]:  mean_squared_error(y_test, rf_y_pred)
Out[99]:  9310769.87311957

In [100]: r2_score(y_test, rf_y_pred)
Out[100]: 0.6309821516972987

In [115]: from math import sqrt
          print("RMSE of Random Forest Model is ",sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, rf_
          RMSE of Random Forest Model is  3051.35541573242
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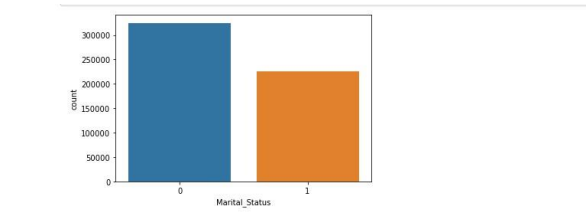
Fig 5

Above RMSE value for the Random Forest Model is 3051.35. In fig 6, that there are a greater number of unmarried people in the dataset who purchased more rather than married.



There are more unmarried people in the dataset who purchase more

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[45]: data.groupby("Marital_Status").mean()["Purchase"]

Out[45]: Marital_Status
         0    9265.907619
         1    9261.174574
         Name: Purchase, dtype: float64

[46]: data.groupby("Marital_Status").mean()["Purchase"].plot(kind='bar')
      plt.title("Marital_Status and Purchase Analysis")
      plt.show()
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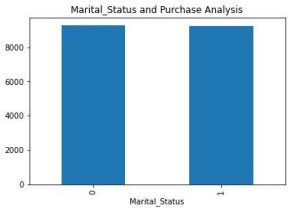

Fig 6

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