

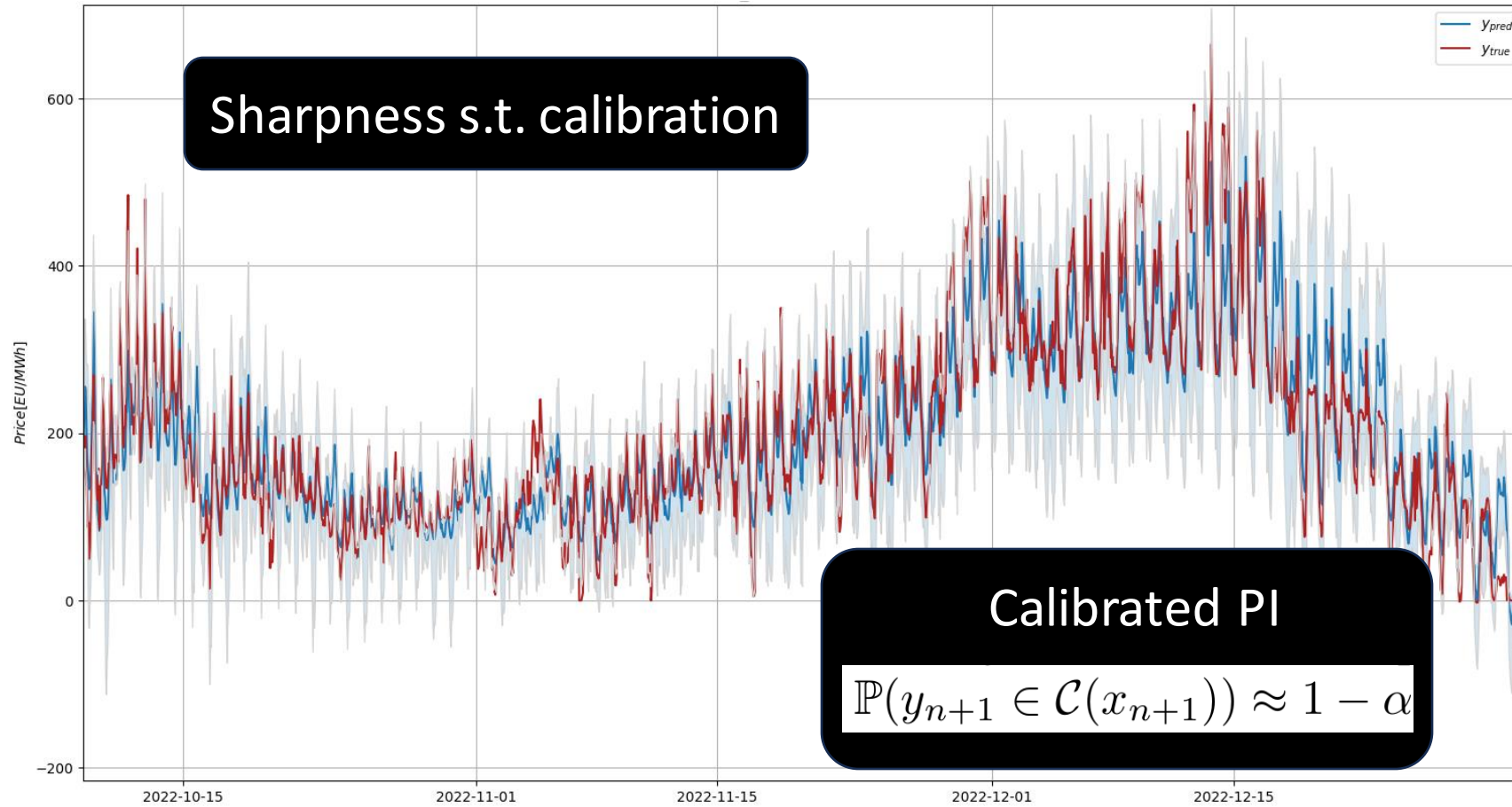
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Lab: Electricity Price and Load Forecasting - L3

Goal L3:

- Recap lesson 2
- Intro to probabilistic forecasting
- Intro to quantile regression NNs
- Intro to distributional NNs
- Implementation in Tensorflow probability

Goal of Probabilistic Forecasting (PF)

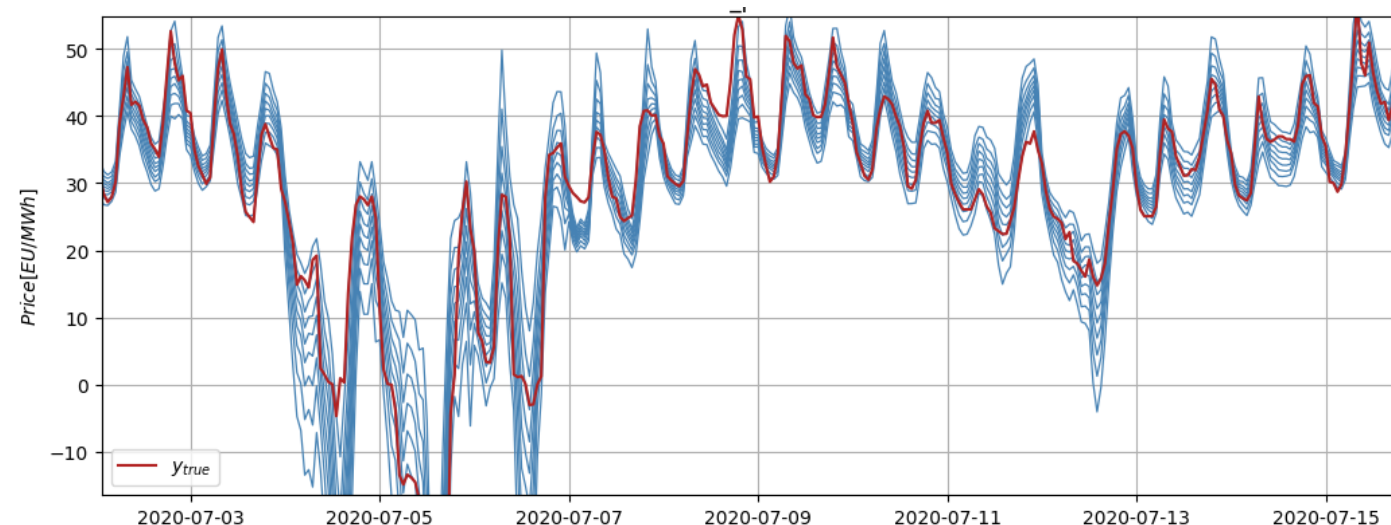
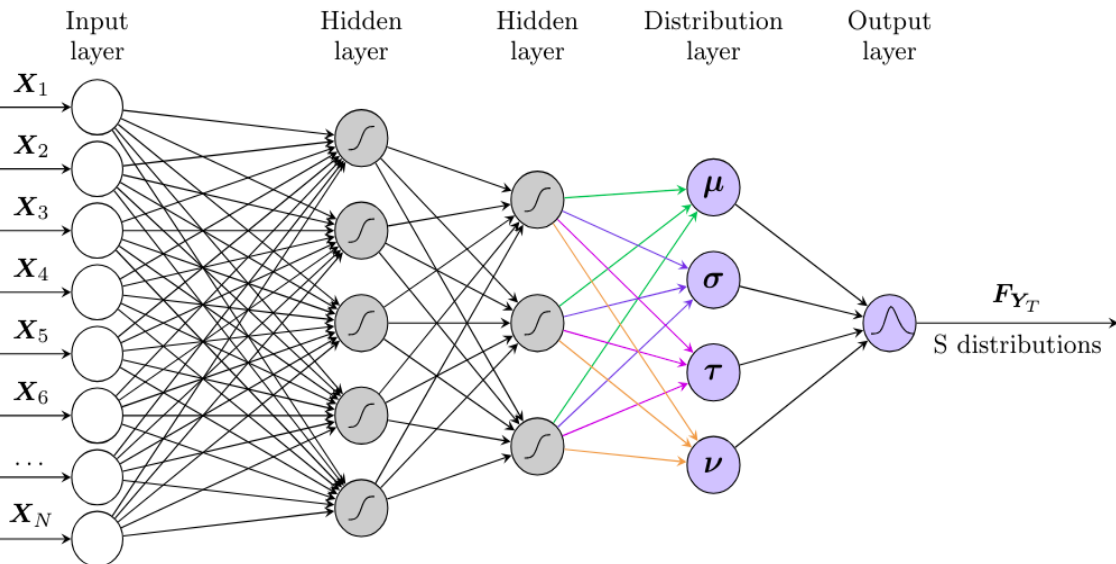


Broad set of approaches:

- Marcjasz, G., Narajewski, M., Weron, R., and Ziel, F., 2023. Distributional neural networks for electricity price forecasting, Energy Economics, 125, 106843.
- Nowotarski, J. and Weron, R., 2018. Recent advances in electricity price forecasting: A review of probabilistic forecasting, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 81, 1548–1568.

We focus on two PF methods in this course

- Flexible distribution parameterization by a NN conditioning
- Quantile Regression NNs: approximate multiple quantiles
 - **Multi-step** and **multi-quantile** settings (unique backbone NN)



QR-DNN: extend the DNN output layer

DNN parameterization:

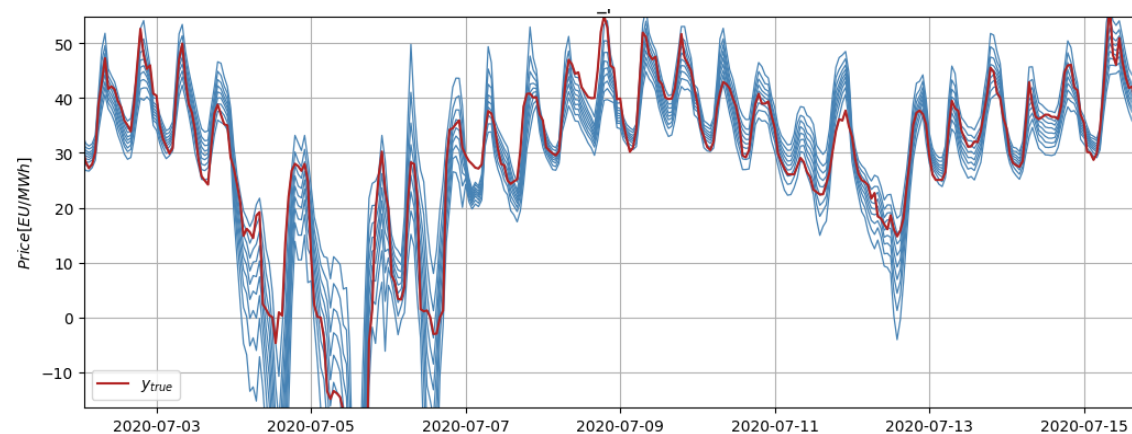
$$\ell_1 = g(x_i W_1 + b_1)$$

$$\ell_2 = g(\ell_1 W_2 + b_2) W_3 + b_3$$

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$$W_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{u2} \times H \cdot n_p}, n_{u1}, n_{u2} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

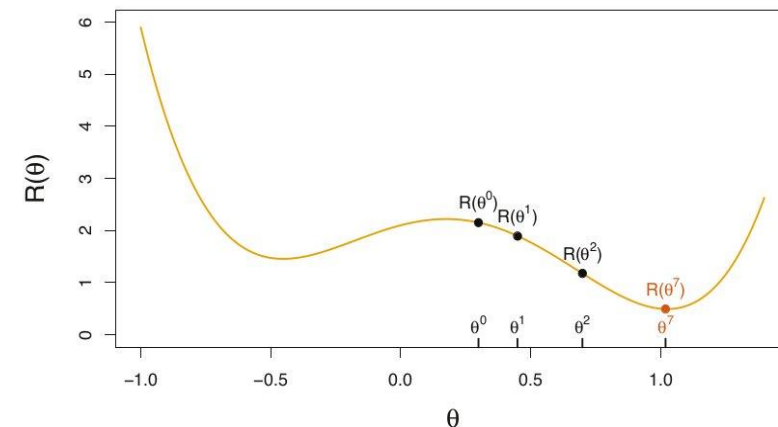
$$b_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{u1}}, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{u2}}, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{H \cdot n_p}$$



Average Pinball loss function:

$$n_p = \#\Gamma \text{ (e.g., } \#\Gamma = 10 \text{ for deciles approximation)}$$

$$\sum_i \sum_h \sum_\gamma (y_i^h - \hat{q}_\gamma^h(x_i)) \gamma 1\{y_i^h > \hat{q}_\gamma^h(x_i)\} + (\hat{q}_\gamma^h(x_i) - y_i^h) (1 - \gamma) 1\{y_i^h \leq \hat{q}_\gamma^h(x_i)\}$$



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Output distributional layer:

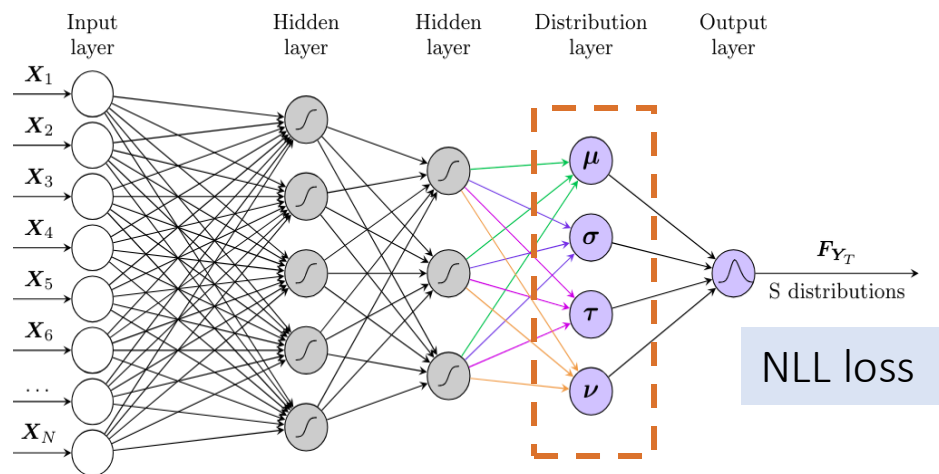
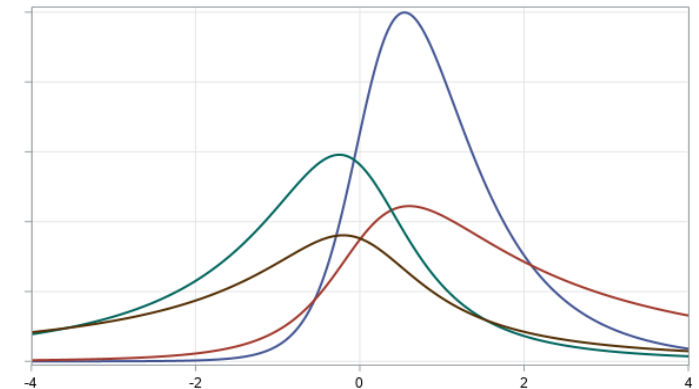
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$$\zeta_i^h = \ell_2^{[3 \cdot H + h]}$$

$$\text{Softplus}(x) = \log(1 + e^x)$$



Parameterized density (e.g., Johnson's SU):

$$f^h(\chi) = \frac{\tau_i^h}{\sigma_i^h \sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\chi - \lambda_i^h}{\sigma_i^h}\right)^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left[\zeta_i^h + \tau_i^h \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{\chi - \lambda_i^h}{\sigma_i^h} \right) \right]^2}$$

$\lambda_i^h, \sigma_i^h, \tau_i^h, \zeta_i^h$: conditional JSU loc, scale, tailweight and skewness

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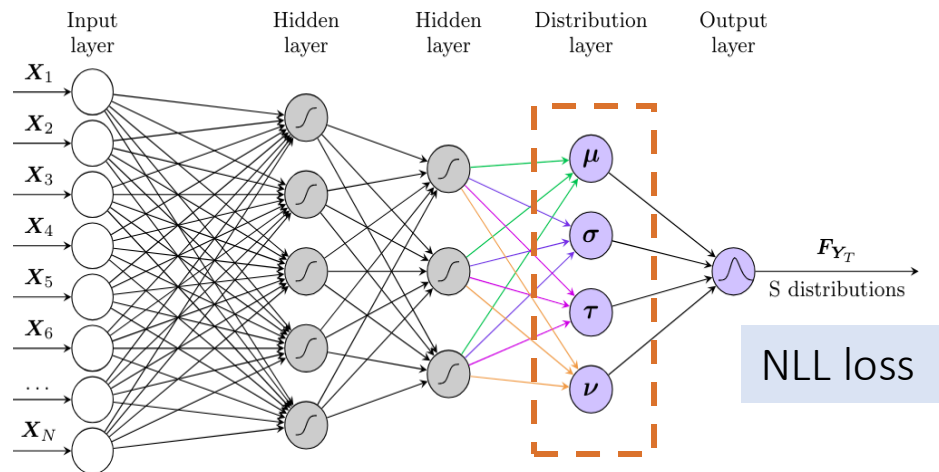
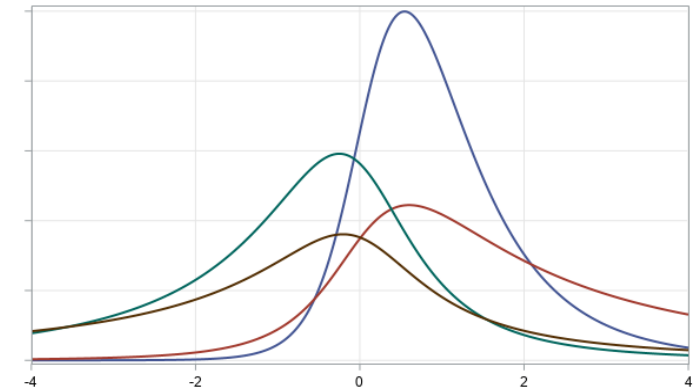
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Parameterized density (e.g., Johnson's SU):

```
tfd.JohnsonSU(skewness=[1, 4], tailweight=[2, 5],
               loc=[3, 6], scale=[11, 22.])
```



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Extend DNN output layer into PF form

```
class DNNRegressor:
    def __init__(self, settings, loss):
        self.settings = settings
        self.__build_model__(loss)

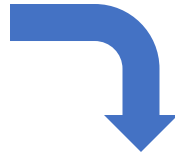
    def __build_model__(self, loss):
        x_in = tf.keras.layers.Input(shape=(self.settings['input_size'],))
        x_in = tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization()(x_in)
        x = (tf.keras.layers.Dense(self.settings['hidden_size'],
                                   activation=self.settings['activation'],
                                   )(x_in))

        for hl in range(self.settings['n_hidden_layers'] - 1):
            x = tf.keras.layers.Dense(self.settings['hidden_size'],
                                       activation=self.settings['activation'],
                                       )(x)

        if self.settings['PF_method'] == 'point':
            out_size = 1
            logit = tf.keras.layers.Dense(self.settings['pred_horiz'] * out_size,
                                           activation='linear',
                                           )(x)

            output = tf.keras.layers.Reshape((self.settings['pred_horiz'], 1))(logit)
```

Simply changing the output layer leads to a probabilistic forecaster from the point-DNN !!



QR-DNN

```
elif self.settings['PF_method'] == 'qr':
    out_size = len(self.settings['target_quantiles'])
    logit = tf.keras.layers.Dense(self.settings['pred_horiz'] * out_size,
                                   activation='linear',
                                   )(x)

    output = tf.keras.layers.Reshape((self.settings['pred_horiz'], out_size))(logit)
    # Fix quantile crossing by sorting
    output = tf.keras.layers.Lambda(lambda x: tf.sort(x, axis=-1))(output)
```

Normal Distribution DNN

```
elif self.settings['PF_method'] == 'Normal':
    out_size = 2
    logit = tf.keras.layers.Dense(self.settings['pred_horiz'] * out_size,
                                   activation='linear',
                                   )(x)

    output = tfp.layers.DistributionLambda(
        lambda t: tfd.Normal(
            loc=t[..., :self.settings['pred_horiz']],
            scale=1e-3 + 3 * tf.math.softplus(0.05 * t[..., self.settings['pred_horiz']:]))(logit)
```


Map the related PF loss functions

```
class PinballLoss(keras.losses.Loss):
    def __init__(self, quantiles: List, name="pinball_loss"):
        super().__init__(name=name)
        self.quantiles = quantiles

    def call(self, y_true, y_pred):
        loss = []
        for i, q in enumerate(self.quantiles):
            error = tf.subtract(y_true, y_pred[:, :, i])
            loss_q = tf.reduce_mean(tf.maximum(q * error, (q - 1) * error))
            loss.append(loss_q)
        L = tf.convert_to_tensor(loss)
        total_loss = tf.reduce_mean(L)
        return total_loss

    def get_config(self):
        return {
            "num_quantiles": self.quantiles,
            "name": self.name,
        }
```

Average Pinball loss implementation in Tensorflow

$$\sum_i \sum_h \sum_{\gamma} (y_i^h - \hat{q}_{\gamma}^h(x_i)) \gamma 1\{y_i^h > \hat{q}_{\gamma}^h(x_i)\} + (\hat{q}_{\gamma}^h(x_i) - y_i^h) (1 - \gamma) 1\{y_i^h \leq \hat{q}_{\gamma}^h(x_i)\}$$

```
class TensorflowRegressor():
    """
    Implementation of the Tensorflow regressor
    """
    def __init__(self, settings, sample_x):
        self.settings = settings
        self.x_columns_names = settings['x_columns_names']
        self.pred_horiz = settings['pred_horiz']

        tf.keras.backend.clear_session()
        # Map the loss to be used
        if settings['PF_method'] == 'qr':
            loss = qt.PinballLoss(quantiles=settings['target_quantiles'])
        elif settings['PF_method'] == 'point':
            loss = 'mae'
        elif (settings['PF_method'] == 'Normal'
              or settings['PF_method'] == 'JSU'):
            loss = lambda y, rv_y: -rv_y.log_prob(y)
        else:
            sys.exit('ERROR: unknown PF_method config!')
```

- MAE for point
- NLL for distributional
- Pinball for QR

Define the output handler to store predictions

```
class TensorflowRegressor():  
    """  
    Implementation of the Tenforflow regressor  
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    def __init__(self, settings, sample_x):  
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        ):  
            loss = lambda y, rv_y: -rv_y.log_prob(y)  
        else:  
            sys.exit('ERROR: unknown PF_method config!')  
  
        # Instantiate the model  
        if settings['model_class'] == 'DNN':  
            # get input size for the chosen model architecture  
            settings['input_size'] = DNNRegressor.build_model_input_from_series(x=sample_x,  
                                                                              col_names=self.x_columns_names,  
                                                                              pred_horiz=self.pred_horiz).shape[2]  
  
            # Build the model architecture  
            self.regressor = DNNRegressor(settings, loss)  
  
        elif settings['model_class'] == 'ARX':  
            # get input size for the chosen model architecture  
            settings['input_size'] = ARXRegressor.build_model_input_from_series(x=sample_x,  
                                                                              col_names=self.x_columns_names,  
                                                                              pred_horiz=self.pred_horiz).shape[1]  
  
            # Build the model architecture  
            self.regressor = ARXRegressor(settings, loss)  
        else:  
            sys.exit('ERROR: unknown model_class')  
  
        # Map handler to convert distributional output to quantiles or distribution parameters  
        if (settings['PF_method'] == 'Normal'):  
            self.output_handler = self.__pred_Normal_params__  
        elif settings['PF_method'] == 'JSU':  
            self.output_handler = self.__pred_JSU_params__  
        else:  
            self.output_handler = self.__quantiles_out__  
  
    @usage(1 dynamic)  
    def predict(self, x):  
        return self.output_handler(self.regressor.predict(x))
```

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if (settings['PF_method'] == 'Normal'):  
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else:  
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```

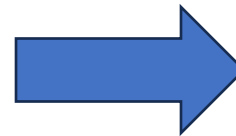
```
def __quantiles_out__(self, preds):  
    # Expand dimension to enable concat in ensemble  
    return tf.expand_dims(preds, axis=2)  
  
def __pred_Normal_params__(self, pred_dists: tfp.distributions):  
    loc = tf.expand_dims(pred_dists.loc, axis=-1)  
    scale = tf.expand_dims(pred_dists.scale, axis=-1)  
    # Expand dimension to enable concat in ensemble  
    return tf.expand_dims(tf.concat([loc, scale], axis=-1), axis=2)
```

Store step-wise (e.g., day-ahead hour) predictions as:

- Predicted distribution parameters for Distributional NNs
- Predicted quantiles for the QR setup

From DNNs to predicted quantiles aggregation

```
class Ensemble():
    """
    Tensorflow ensemble wrapper
    """
    def __init__(self, settings):
        # store configs for internal use
        self.settings = settings
        # map the methods to use for aggregation and quantile building depending on the configs
        if (self.settings['PF_method'] == 'point'):
            self.ensemble_aggregator = self.__aggregate_de_quantiles__
            self._build_test_PIs = self.__get_qr_PIs__
        elif (self.settings['PF_method'] == 'qr'):
            self.ensemble_aggregator = self.__aggregate_de_quantiles__
            self._build_test_PIs = self.__get_qr_PIs__
        elif (self.settings['PF_method'] == 'Normal'):
            self.ensemble_aggregator = self.__aggregate_de__
            self._build_test_PIs = self.__build_Normal_PIs__
        elif (self.settings['PF_method'] == 'JSU'):
            self.ensemble_aggregator = self.__aggregate_de__
            self._build_test_PIs = self.__build_JSU_PIs__
        else:
            sys.exit('ERROR: Ensemble config not supported!')
```



```
@staticmethod
def __get_qr_PIs__(preds_test, settings):
    # simply flatten in temporal dimension
    return preds_test.reshape(-1, preds_test.shape[-1])

@staticmethod
def __build_Normal_PIs__(preds_test, settings):
    # for each de component, sample, aggregate samples and compute quantiles
    pred_samples = []
    for k in range(preds_test.shape[2]):
        pred_samples.append(tfd.Normal(
            loc=preds_test[:, :, k, 0],
            scale=preds_test[:, :, k, 1]).sample(10000).numpy())
    return np.transpose(np.quantile(np.concatenate(pred_samples, axis=0),
                                           q=settings['target_quantiles'], axis=0),
                        axes=(1, 2, 0)).reshape(-1, len(settings['target_quantiles'])))

@staticmethod
def __aggregate_de__(ens_comp_preds):
    # aggregate by concatenation, for point a distributional settings
    return np.concatenate(ens_comp_preds, axis=2)

@staticmethod
def __aggregate_de_quantiles__(ens_comp_preds):
    # aggregate by a uniform vincentization
    return np.mean(np.concatenate(ens_comp_preds, axis=2), axis=2)
```

- From point EPF model ensemble to PEPF ensemble (e.g., in case of multiple DNNs, num_ense > 1)
- Simple aggregation by equally weighted (i.e., uniform) quantile averaging
- From distributional NNs samples to prediction quantiles

Add PF method folder, set json and target alpha

The screenshot shows the PyCharm IDE interface with the project 'PEPF_lab_v2' open. The left sidebar displays the project structure, with the 'tasks' folder expanded to show 'EM_price' and 'N-DNN'. The 'N-DNN' folder is highlighted, and the 'recalib_opt_grid_1_1' folder is selected. The 'exper_configs.json' file is open in the editor. The JSON content is as follows:

```
{  "data_config": {    "keep_past_train_samples": false,    "steps_lag_win": 7,    "pred_horiz": 24,    "preprocess": "StandardScaler",    "shuffle_mode": "none",    "num_vali_samples": 100  },  "model_config": {    "PF_method": "qr",    "model_class": "DNN",    "optuna_m": "grid_search",    "target_alpha": [      0.01,      0.02,      0.03,      0.04,      0.05,      0.06,      0.07,      0.08,      0.09,      0.10    ]  },  "max_epochs": 800,  "batch_size": 64,  "patience": 20}
```

The 'PF_method' is set to 'qr' and the 'target_alpha' list contains values from 0.01 to 0.10. A red dashed box highlights the 'model_config' section. A red box at the bottom of the image contains the mathematical expression:

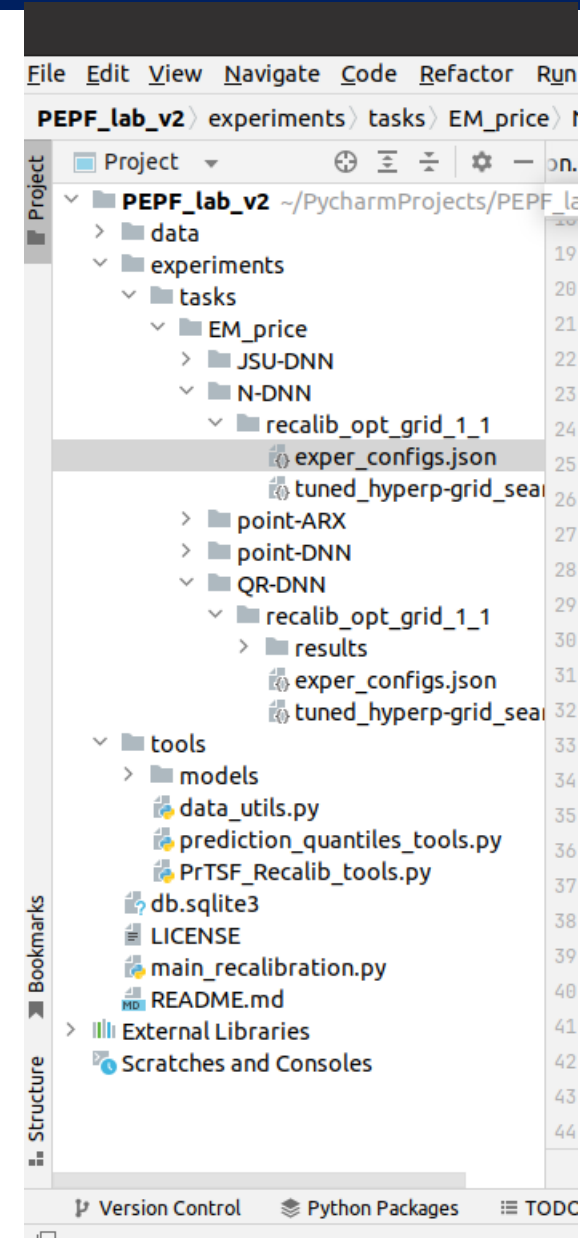
$$\mathbb{P}(y_{n+1} \in \mathcal{C}(x_{n+1})) \approx 1 - \alpha$$

Set experiment and run

```
#-----  
# Set PEPF task to execute  
PF_task_name = 'EM_price'  
# Set Model setup to execute  
exper_setup = 'QR-DNN'  
#-----  
# Select run  
run_id = 'recalib_opt_grid_1_1'  
# Load hyperparams from file (select: load_tuned or optuna_tuner)  
hyper_mode = 'optuna_tuner'  
# Plot train history flag
```



- Model form dedicated folder (QR-DNN, etc)
 - Run_id folder (different experiments)
 - json configs
 - recalib results folder



Raw dataframe (e.g., pre-processing, model chain, etc.)

main_recalibration.py × DNN.py × prediction_quantiles_tools.py × models_tools.py × PrTSF_Recalib_tools.py ×

```
7 import os
8 import pandas as pd
9
10 os.environ["TF_USE_LEGACY_KERAS"]="1"
11
12 from tools.PrTSF_Recalib_tools import PrTsfRecalibEngine, load_data_model_configs
13 from tools.prediction_quantiles_tools import plot_quantiles
14
15 #-----
16 # Set PEPF task to execute
17 PF_task_name = 'EM_price'
18 # Set Model setup to execute
19 exper_setup = 'QR-DNN'
20
21 #-----
22 # Select run
23 run_id = 'recalib_opt_grid_1_1'
24 # Load hyperparams from file (select: load_tuned or optuna_tuner)
25 hyper_mode = 'load_tuned'
26 # Plot train history flag
27 plot_train_history=False
28 plot_weights=False
29
30 #-----
31 # Load experiments configuration from json file
32 configs=load_data_model_configs(task_name=PF_task_name, exper_setup=exper_setup, run_id=run_id)
33
34 # Load dataset
35 dir_path = os.getcwd()
36 ds = pd.read_csv(os.path.join(dir_path, 'data', 'datasets', configs['data_config'].dataset_name))
37 ds.set_index(ds.columns[0], inplace=True)
38
39 # Instantiate recalibration engine
40 PrTSF_eng = PrTsfRecalibEngine(dataset=ds,
41                                data_configs=configs['data_config'],
42                                model_configs=configs['model_config'])
43
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1	1		47.84000	5406.00000
2	2		43.66000	4937.00000
3	3		43.66000	4592.00000
4	4		41.98000	4391.00000
5	5		43.93000	4282.00000
6	6		46.02000	4260.00000
7	7		50.92000	4326.00000
8	8		55.57000	4426.00000
9	9		58.10000	4602.00000
10	10		59.80000	5061.00000
11	11		59.51000	5550.00000
12	12		59.00000	5924.00000
13	13		58.13000	6091.00000
14	14		56.90000	5988.00000
15	15		52.69000	5878.00000
16	16		52.10000	5843.00000

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Close

- Implement Johnson's SU distributional DNN
- Compare QR-DNN, Normal-DNN, JSU-DNN (Pinball score)
 - Random hyperparameter search on 'hidden size' and 'learning rate'
 - Test recalibration (1 time) on May 2017

Facultative:

- Implement Winkler's score (see Readings prelab 4.2.1) and compute on results above
- Preprocess the data by the $\text{arcsinh}(\cdot)$ transformation (see Readings prelab 3 and references therein) and perform the QR-DNN experiments above on the transformed data (results on the inverse transformation)

Thanks

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