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Sberbank Russian Housing Market Competition

https://www.kaggle.com/c/sberbank-russian-housing-market

Introduction - The competition

Predict prices of realty in Moscow area

Data set consists of:

- train.csv, 30473 entries with information about houses/apartments
- macro.csv, data on Russia's macroeconomy and financial sector

Data is from 2011 to 2015, while the test set is from 2015 to 2016

Introduction - Data exploration



Approach - Pre-processing

• Transform the data using one-hot encoding for categories, but preserving numerical data

• [missing data?]

Approach - Testing different methods

Split the training data between entries before 2015 and in 2015, for internal validation

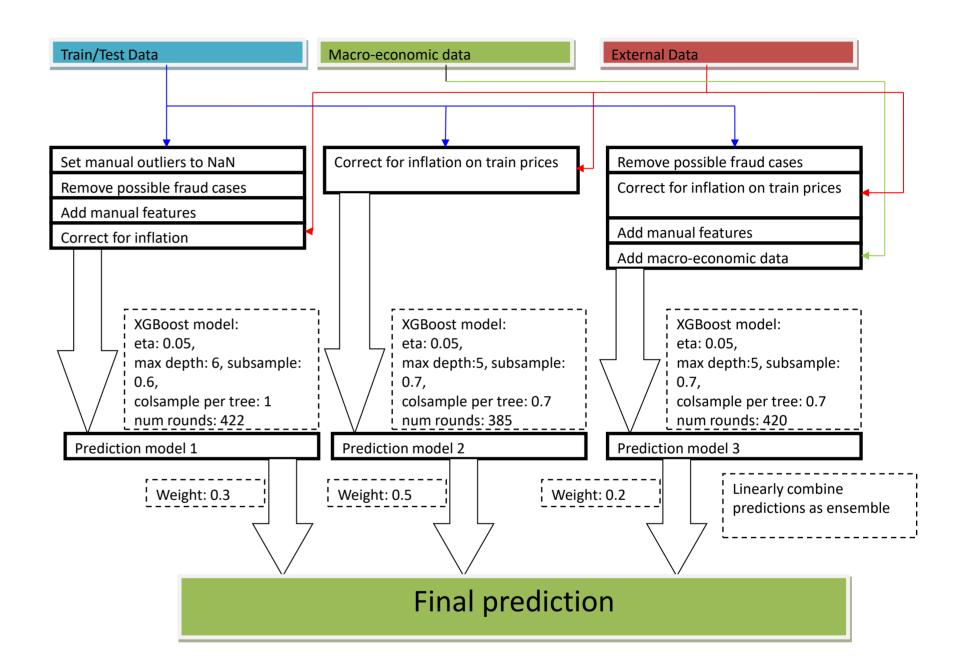
Tested several methods:

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- XGBoost

XGBoost outperformed all other methods, which later became even more notable...

Approach – XGBoost ensemble

Kernel published by Andy Harless
Widely used in the competition
Improved and outperformed the original



Results

Something something XGBoost

Model name	Method	RMSLE ¹	Kaggle Rank (3077)
Benchmark Submission	Naïve XGBoost	0.67333	3034
XGBoost	Single	0.32575	1856
XGBoost	Ensemble with 3 models	0.31062	266
XGBoost	Ensemble with 3 models	0.31051	168
	Readjustment of submission		
Deep Learning	Dense and Dropout	0.46745	2870
Random Forest	Naïve	6.12138	3072
SGD Regressor	Naïve	0.59560	3021
Linear Regression	Complete dataset	0.49689	2897
	Only 2015		
KNNeighbors	Amount of neighbors (6)	0.93122	3050
	Removing outliers		
	Only 2015		
Decision Tree	Complete dataset	0.58460	3020
	Only 2015		
Random Forest	Removing outliers	0.75239	3040
	Only 2015		
Gradient boosting Regressor	Complete dataset	0.41384	2767
	Only 2015		
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Table 1: Some models that were submitted to Kaggle and their corresponding rank and error scores.

(discuss other things worth mentioning here)

Further work



Conclusion



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Maybe a short

Summary of stuff

Discussed

Thank you for your attention! Any questions?

