Notebook_3_Electricity Price Prediction - Window Size 15

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2 Preparations

Firstly, we downloaded the data, imported necessary packages and loaded the data into DataFrames. We have also created a dataframe for summarizing the models' performance.

```
[1]: pip install tensorflow-addons

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/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (0.14.0)

Requirement already satisfied: typeguard>=2.7 in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from tensorflow-addons) (2.7.1)

```
[2]: from google.colab import drive drive.mount('/content/gdrive')
%cd /content/gdrive/MyDrive/Electricity_Data
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Drive already mounted at /content/gdrive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mount("/content/gdrive", force_remount=True). /content/gdrive/MyDrive/Electricity_Data

```
[3]: #Imports basic packages for our tasks
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import pickle

#Imports visualization packages
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

#Import ML packages
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.dummy import DummyRegressor
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
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from sklearn.svm import SVR
    from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
    from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
    from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor
    from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, r2_score, make_scorer,_
     →mean_squared_error
    from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler, PolynomialFeatures
    from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV, cross_val_score
    import lightgbm as lgb
     #Import DL packages
    import tensorflow as tf
    import tensorflow.keras as k
    from keras.models import *
    from keras.layers import merge
    from keras.layers.core import *
    from tensorflow.keras import Model, Sequential
    from tensorflow.keras import backend as be
    from tensorflow.keras.layers import *
    from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Dropout, Input, Conv1D, MaxPool1D,
      →Embedding, Attention
    from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint, LearningRateScheduler, u
     →EarlyStopping
    from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adadelta, Adam, RMSprop
    from tensorflow.keras.regularizers import *
    from tensorflow.math import exp
    import tensorflow_addons as tfa
    import warnings
    warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
    /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-
    packages/tensorflow_addons/utils/ensure_tf_install.py:67: UserWarning:
    Tensorflow Addons supports using Python ops for all Tensorflow versions above or
    equal to 2.4.0 and strictly below 2.7.0 (nightly versions are not supported).
     The versions of TensorFlow you are currently using is 2.7.0 and is not
    supported.
    Some things might work, some things might not.
    If you were to encounter a bug, do not file an issue.
    If you want to make sure you're using a tested and supported configuration,
    either change the TensorFlow version or the TensorFlow Addons's version.
    You can find the compatibility matrix in TensorFlow Addon's readme:
    https://github.com/tensorflow/addons
      UserWarning,
[4]: #Load the datasets with a sliding window size of 15
    X_train_window_size_15 = pd.read_csv('X_train_window_size_15.csv')
```

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X_valid_window_size_15 = pd.read_csv('X_valid_window_size_15.csv')
X_test_window_size_15 = pd.read_csv('X_test_window_size_15.csv')
X_train_window_size_15_tree = pd.read_csv('X_train_window_size_15_tree.csv')
X_valid_window_size_15_tree = pd.read_csv('X_valid_window_size_15_tree.csv')
X_test_window_size_15_tree = pd.read_csv('X_test_window_size_15_tree.csv')
y_train_window_size_15 = pd.read_csv('y_train_window_size_15.csv')
y_valid_window_size_15 = pd.read_csv('y_valid_window_size_15.csv')
y_test_window_size_15 = pd.read_csv('y_test_window_size_15.csv')
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[5]: y_train_window_size_15 = y_train_window_size_15['y']
y_valid_window_size_15 = y_valid_window_size_15['y']
y_test_window_size_15 = y_test_window_size_15['y']
```

```
[6]: # Prepare a dataframe to store the performance of all models

performance_df = pd.DataFrame(columns=['Model', 'MAE score (on test set)', 'MSE

⇒score (on test set)'])
```

3 Conventional ML models

In the second part, conventional ML models are used to make predictions, serving as a baseline to be compared with DL approaches.

3.0.1 Evaluation Functions: MAE

```
[7]: def evaluate_model(model, X_test, y_test_true):
    predictions = model.predict(X_test)
    mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test_true, predictions)
    mse = mean_squared_error(y_test_true, predictions)
    print("Mean absolut error on test:", mae)
    print("Mean squared error on test:", mse)
    return mae, mse
```

```
[8]: def evaluate_3Dmodel(model, X_test, y_test_true):
    predictions = model.predict(X_test)
    predictions = predictions[:, -1]
    mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test_true, predictions)
    mse = mean_squared_error(y_test_true, predictions)
    print("Mean absolut error on test:", mae)
    return mae, mse
```

3.1 Dummy regressor

Takeaways:

```
[9]: # Modeling
dummy_model = DummyRegressor()
dummy_model.fit(X_train_window_size_15, y_train_window_size_15)
```

Mean absolut error on test: 3.01123314148565 Mean squared error on test: 41.92988765321217

3.2 Linear Regression

As expected, the linear models performed poorly for our data, as indicated by the R2 scores for both degree 1 and degree 2 models. The near 0 R2 scores for both validation and testing suggest that dependent variable cannot be explained by our data. Even though in the plots, the predicted y basically covered the actual y, the non-linear nature of our data cannot be captured by linear models. Due to the computational limitation, we only include the degree 2 polynomial regression, which has already served our purpose.

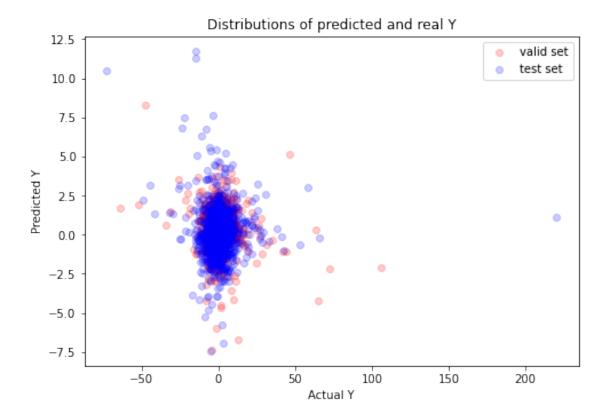
3.2.1 Helper functions

```
[10]: # Modify the helper functions specifically for the linear models
      # Function to perform Cross Validation on Linear Models
      def get_cv_scores(model, X_train, y_train):
          scores = cross_val_score(model, X_train, y_train, cv=5, scoring='r2')
          print('CV Mean of R2: ', np.mean(scores))
          print('CV STD of R2: ', np.std(scores))
      # Function to evaluate Linear Models with plots
      def evaluate_valid(model, X_valid, y_valid, X_test, y_test):
          predictions_valid = model.predict(X_valid)
          mae_valid = mean_absolute_error(y_valid, predictions_valid)
          r2_valid = r2_score(y_valid, predictions_valid)
          print("Validation MAE:", mae_valid)
          print("Validation R2:", r2_valid)
          predictions_test = model.predict(X_test)
          mae_test = mean_absolute_error(y_test, predictions_test)
          mse_test = mean_squared_error(y_test, predictions_test)
          r2_test = r2_score(y_test, predictions_test)
          print("Test MAE:", mae_test)
          print("Test R2:", r2_test)
          fig=plt.figure()
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ax=fig.add_axes([0,0,1,1])
ax.scatter(y_valid, predictions_valid, color='r', label='valid set', alpha=0.
→2)
ax.scatter(y_test, predictions_test, color='b', label='test set', alpha=0.2)
ax.set_title('Distributions of predicted and real Y')
ax.set_xlabel('Actual Y')
ax.set_ylabel('Predicted Y')
ax.legend()
return mae_test, mse_test
```


CV Mean of R2: -0.04501339090207068 CV STD of R2: 0.028563834037815462 Validation MAE: 3.557461004974547 Validation R2: -0.050174386490726475

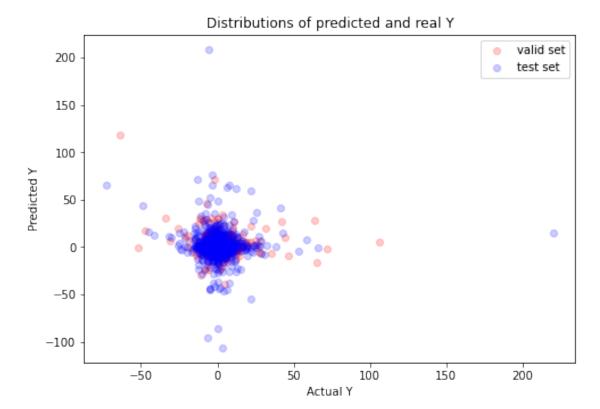
Test MAE: 3.1070344651482813 Test R2: -0.038126406257168455



```
[12]: # Polynomial Regression (Degree=2)
      # Transformation of X_train/valid/test datasets
      polynomial_features= PolynomialFeatures(degree=2)
      X_train_15_poly = polynomial_features.fit_transform(X_train_window_size_15)
      X_valid_15_poly = polynomial_features.fit_transform(X_valid_window_size_15)
      X_test_15_poly = polynomial_features.fit_transform(X_test_window_size_15)
      # Modeling
      model_lr = LinearRegression(normalize=True, copy_X=True, n_jobs=100)
      model_lr.fit(X_train_15_poly, y_train_window_size_15)
      get_cv_scores(model_lr, X_train_15_poly, y_train_window_size_15)
      # Evaluate model performance and store it
      mae, mse = evaluate_valid(model_lr, X_valid_15_poly, y_valid_window_size_15,_
       →X_test_15_poly, y_test_window_size_15)
      performance_df = performance_df.append({'Model': 'Linear Regression (poly_
       ⇔transformed)',
                                               'MAE score (on test set)': round(mae, 4),
                                               'MSE score (on test set)': round(mse, __
       \rightarrow 4)
                                              ignore_index=True)
```

CV Mean of R2: -35.95228562453596 CV STD of R2: 64.49163346021064 Validation MAE: 5.220299393340016 Validation R2: -1.1002928290761949

Test MAE: 4.919223066456531 Test R2: -1.6395526636945683



3.3 Random Forrest

• Intro:

The Random Forest method fits on the training data using an ensemble of decision trees. An important feature of the model is that it helps avoid overfitting by building each of the tree with a sample of data points as well as a sample of the features of the original training dataset.

• Input data:

Training dataset: X_train_window_size_15_tree and y_train_window_size_15 Validation dataset: X_valid_window_size_15_tree and y_valid_window_size_15 Testing dataset: X_test_window_size_15_tree and y_test_window_size_15

Apart from normalization, the datasets used for Random Forest modelling have also been transformed in terms of their datetime columns, such as for the variable lasttrade_weekday.

These columns originally consisted of two sets of variables to express a certain datetime point, which has been preprocessed and converted back to their original value.

• Architecture:

After comparing the models' performance on the validation dataset using GridSearchCV, the best combination of parameters for the Random Forest Regressor is: | Parameter name | Value | | ——— | —— | | n_estimators | 300 | | max_features | 'sqrt' | | min_samples_split | 10 | | max_depth | 8 |

It is worth noting that our group has also tried dropping features that are deemed the least important by the Random Forest model after performing the Grid Search, and there seemed to be little improvement in the model's performance, which is why this part has been excluded here.

```
[13]: # Modeling
      rfmodel = RandomForestRegressor(random_state=3315,
                                       max_depth=8,
                                       n_estimators=300,
                                       max_features='sqrt',
                                       min_samples_split=10,
                                       criterion='mse', n_jobs=-1)
      rfmodel.fit(X_train_window_size_15_tree, y_train_window_size_15)
      # Evaluate model performance and store it
      mae, mse = evaluate_model(rfmodel, X_test_window_size_15_tree,_
       →y_test_window_size_15)
      performance_df = performance_df.append({'Model': 'Random Forest',
                                                'MAE score (on test set)': round(mae, 4),
                                                'MSE score (on test set)': round(mse, __
       \rightarrow 4)
                                               ignore_index=True)
```

Mean absolut error on test: 3.038908218088867 Mean squared error on test: 43.36783762861576

• Brief summary:

As shown in the cell below, the Random Forest model's performance on the test dataset is 3.0389 in terms of MAE.

Limitations:

While Random Forest takes advantage of the power of ensemble, which helps avoid over-fitting, it simply aggregates all the individual decision trees by training them in parallel. In other words, the trees within the Random Forest model are independent from each other and thus can't learn from each other. To address this disadvantage, we have also tried ensemble of boosted trees as shown in the following section.

3.4 Gradient Boosting

Takeaways:

LightGBM is a gradient boosting framework using tree based approaches. Gradient boosting comes from the idea whether a weak learner can modified to become even better. Additionally, we can state that a Gradient Boosting algorithm consists of 3 elements: 1. a loss function, which needs to be optimized. 2. A weak learner to make predictions of the input data and 3. An additive model which adds weak learners to minimize the loss function. Basically, this means each new added weak learner is trained one minimizing the errors of the previous models.

In the beginning we stated the LightGBM is using tree based approaches. This also means for us that we have to conserve the sin/cos features of the time series into real integers because a tree will split its decision after one feature even though the sin/cos of the columns is one feature. In the previous preprocessing notebook we encoded these time series sin/cos features to use LightGBM properly. Gradient Boosting algorithms are aggressive learners which means they overfit fast. That's why we first have to drop all features with a high correlation.

The architecture is really simple since we only need to define the right parameters. Since our group decided to optimize the model for the mean absolute error. The objective was set to regression_l1 and the metric is ,mae' (mean absolute error). The parameters num_leaves and num_round are the most important parameters to tune because these regulate the over-/underfitting of our model. After several trials we identified a small number of leaves with 38 and 17 num of rounds.

Performance:

The LightGBM model is our best model and was able to achieve a slightly better mean absolute error than the DummyRegressor which was predicting the mean. By having a small number of leaves we regulated the overfitting of the model so it was able to capture more information of the training set to make better predictions on the test set. However, gradient boosting lacks the ability to capture time series information because it is a tree approach. In our opinion we were able to minimize the main disadvantage of overfitting but we think other models can be even better by also using the time series information correctly.

3.4.1 LightGBM Model

```
'MSE score (on test set)': round(mse, __
 →4)},
                                         ignore_index=True)
[1]
        valid_0's 11: 3.47078
[2]
        valid_0's l1: 3.47027
[3]
        valid_0's 11: 3.46946
[4]
        valid_0's 11: 3.46942
[5]
        valid_0's 11: 3.46718
[6]
        valid_0's 11: 3.46787
[7]
        valid_0's 11: 3.46696
[8]
        valid_0's 11: 3.46824
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        valid_0's 11: 3.46864
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        valid_0's 11: 3.47049
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        valid_0's 11: 3.46982
Γ12]
       valid_0's 11: 3.46922
Г137
       valid_0's 11: 3.47059
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[17] valid_0's 11: 3.47219

Mean absolut error on test: 3.0055239022394464

Mean squared error on test: 41.92262567122521

valid_0's 11: 3.46897

valid_0's 11: 3.46924

valid_0's 11: 3.47006

3.5 upport Vector Regression

• Intro:

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The Support Vector Regression model utilizes the kernel trick to project the original dataset to a higher dimension in an efficient way. A main advantage of the model is its ability to tolerate errors within a certain range, which allows the model to become robust.

• Input data:

The input data of the model has been normalized.

```
Training dataset: X_train_window_size_15 and y_train_window_size_15 Validation dataset: X_valid_window_size_15 and y_valid_window_size_15 Testing dataset: X_test_window_size_15 and y_test_window_size_15
```

• Architecture:

After comparing the models' performance on the validation dataset using GridSearchCV, the best combination of parameters for the Support Vector Regression model is: | Parameter name | Value | | | | | | | | kernel | 'poly' | | C | 25' |

```
[15]: # Modeling
svrmodel = SVR(kernel='poly', C=25)
svrmodel.fit(X_train_window_size_15, y_train_window_size_15)
# Evaluate model performance and store it
```

Mean absolut error on test: 3.0078296460070626 Mean squared error on test: 41.93315890048373

• Brief summary:

As shown in the cell above, the Support Vector Regression model's performance on the test dataset is 3.008 in terms of MAE.

Limitations:

While Support Vector Regressor manages to introduce non-linearity by projecting the original dataset to a higher dimension space and does it in an effective way, it is relatively time consuming and requires much more resources compared to other models, especially when training on large datasets.

3.6 KNN

The optimal k was found doing a grid search for range (3, 25).

For this 'classic' approach, the train and valid set will be put together to make use of cross-validation.

```
[16]: X_train_window_size_15_classic = X_train_window_size_15.copy().
       →append(X_valid_window_size_15)
      y_train_window_size_15_classic = y_train_window_size_15.copy().
       →append(y_valid_window_size_15)
      minmax_transformer_classic = Pipeline(steps=[('minmax', MinMaxScaler())])
      preprocessor_window_size_15_classic = ColumnTransformer(
              remainder='passthrough', #passthough features not listed
              transformers=[
                  ('mm', minmax_transformer_classic , [X_train_window_size_15_classic.
       →columns[1], *[*X_train_window_size_15_classic.columns[17:]]])
              1)
      preprocessor_window_size_15_classic.fit(X_train_window_size_15,_
       →y_train_window_size_15)
      X_train_window_size_15_classic_norm = preprocessor_window_size_15_classic.
       →transform(X_train_window_size_15_classic)
      X_test_window_size_15_classic_norm = preprocessor_window_size_15_classic.
       →transform(X_test_window_size_15)
```

```
[17]: class Knn:
          def __init__(self,
                       X_train: pd.DataFrame,
                       X_test: pd.DataFrame,
                       y_train: pd.DataFrame,
                       y_test: pd.DataFrame,
                       k: int):
              self.X_train = X_train
              self.X_test = X_test
              self.y_train = y_train
              self.y_test = y_test
              self.k = k
              self.model = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=self.k, n_jobs=-1)
              self.mae_scorer = make_scorer(mean_absolute_error)
          def get_cv_scores(self):
              return cross_val_score(self.model, self.X_train, self.y_train, cv=5,_
       →scoring=self.mae_scorer)
          def fit(self):
              self.model.fit(self.X_train, self.y_train)
          def predict(self):
              predictions = self.model.predict(self.X_test)
              return predictions
          def go(self):
              cv_scores = self.get_cv_scores()
              self.fit()
              predictions = self.predict()
              return cv_scores, predictions, self.model
[18]: knn_15 = Knn(
          X_train_window_size_15_classic_norm,
          X_test_window_size_15_classic_norm,
          y_train_window_size_15_classic,
          y_test_window_size_15,
          k=5
      # Fit model and get cross validation scores
      knn_cv_scores_15, knn_predictions_15, knn_model_15 = knn_15.go()
     CV Scores for KNN
```

```
[19]: knn_cv_scores_15
```

Mean absolut error on test: 3.276977688787185 Mean squared error on test: 44.11274918421052

4 Creating DL models

In this part, we employed multiple DL methods.

4.1 Multi-Layer Perceptron

For the MLP, the architecture seemed to be rather irrelevant. Generally speaking, simpler architectures with less neurons seemed to work as well as more complex architectures with several hidden layers and/or a large number of neurons. In total, a few hundred neurons overall were enough. Dropout, LR Scheduling and Adam optimizer created the best results.

We also found that higher batch sizes decreased the MAE.

One interesting finding is that the performance on the validation set would not change after 2-3 epochs. Additionally, the performance on the test set was always better than the performance on the validation set.

```
):
    self.X_train = X_train
    self.X_valid = X_valid
    self.X_test = X_test
    self.y_train = y_train
    self.y_valid = y_valid
    self.y_test = y_test
    self.params = params
    self.layers = layers
    self.dropout = dropout
    self.schedulerthresh = schedulerthresh
    self.optimizer = optimizer
    self.earlystopping = earlystopping
    self.model = Sequential()
def compile_model(self):
   be.clear_session()
    self.model.add(Input(shape=(self.X_train.shape[1])))
    for i in range(len(self.layers)):
        self.model.add(Dense(self.layers[i], activation="relu"))
        if self.dropout:
            self.model.add(Dropout(rate=self.dropout))
    self.model.add(Dense(1, activation="linear"))
    optimizer = self.optimizer
    self.model.compile(loss='mean_absolute_error', optimizer=optimizer)
    return self.model
def fit_model(self):
    callbacks = []
    if self.scheduler:
        callbacks.append(LearningRateScheduler(self.scheduler))
    if self.earlystopping:
        callbacks.append(EarlyStopping(monitor='loss',
                                       patience=self.earlystopping))
    history = self.model.fit(x=self.X_train,
                             y=self.y_train,
                             batch_size=self.params["BATCH_SIZE"],
                             validation_data=(self.X_valid,self.y_valid),
                             epochs=self.params["EPOCHS"],
                             callbacks=callbacks,
                             verbose=1,
                             shuffle=False)
    return history, self.model
def evaluate_model(self):
    eval_score = self.model.evaluate(self.X_test, self.y_test.to_numpy())
    return eval_score, self.model
```

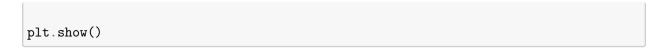
```
def predict(self):
    return self.model.predict(self.X_test)
def go(self):
    self.compile_model()
    history, _ = self.fit_model()
    eval_score, _ = self.evaluate_model()
    predictions = self.predict()
    return history, eval_score, predictions, self.model
def scheduler(self, epoch, lr):
    if self.schedulerthresh:
        thresh = self.schedulerthresh
    else:
        thresh = 5
    if epoch < thresh:</pre>
        return lr
    else:
        return lr*exp(-0.1)
```

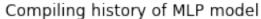
4.1.1 Creating best model for MLP

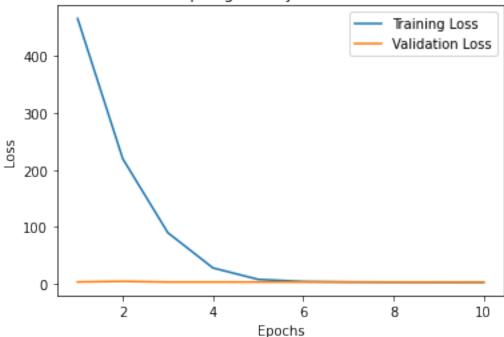
```
[23]: params = {
          "BATCH_SIZE": 2048,
          "EPOCHS": 10,
          "LEARNING_RATE": 0.0005}
      layers = [300, 100]
      dropout = 0.25
      scheduler = 5
      optimizer = Adam(learning_rate=0.0005)
      earlystopping = 3
      mlp_15 = Mlp(
          X_train_window_size_15,
          X_valid_window_size_15,
          X_test_window_size_15,
          y_train_window_size_15,
          y_valid_window_size_15,
          y_test_window_size_15,
          params,
          layers,
          dropout,
          scheduler,
          optimizer,
          earlystopping
```

```
mlp_history_15, mlp_eval_score_15, mlp_predictions_15, mlp_model_15 = mlp_15.go()
  Epoch 1/10
  val_loss: 3.6979 - lr: 5.0000e-04
  Epoch 2/10
  val_loss: 4.7449 - lr: 5.0000e-04
  Epoch 3/10
  3.4775 - lr: 5.0000e-04
  Epoch 4/10
  3.4715 - lr: 5.0000e-04
  Epoch 5/10
  3.4726 - lr: 5.0000e-04
  Epoch 6/10
  3.4729 - lr: 4.5242e-04
  Epoch 7/10
  3.4724 - lr: 4.0937e-04
  Epoch 8/10
  3.4724 - lr: 3.7041e-04
  Epoch 9/10
  3.4719 - lr: 3.3516e-04
  Epoch 10/10
  3.4716 - lr: 3.0327e-04
  [24]: loss_values = mlp_history_15.history['loss']
  val_loss_values = mlp_history_15.history['val_loss']
  epochs = range(1, len(loss_values)+1)
  plt.plot(epochs, loss_values, label='Training Loss')
  plt.plot(epochs, val_loss_values, label='Validation Loss')
  plt.title("Compiling history of MLP model")
  plt.xlabel('Epochs')
  plt.ylabel('Loss')
  plt.legend()
```

Fit the model







Evaluation Score of MLP

Mean absolut error on test: 3.007194995880127

4.2 Load 3D data for Recurrent Neural Networks

```
[26]: #Write code to load the pickles
pkl_file = open("X_train_unflatten_all_15", 'rb')
X_train_unflatten_all_15 = pickle.load(pkl_file)

pkl_file = open("X_valid_unflatten_all_15", 'rb')
X_valid_unflatten_all_15 = pickle.load(pkl_file)

pkl_file = open("X_test_unflatten_all_15", 'rb')
X_test_unflatten_all_15 = pickle.load(pkl_file)
```

4.3 Convolutional Neural Network

• Intro:

A Convolutional Neural Network model involves multiple filters that can be used to capture complex patterns in the datasets. One of its distinct features is its parameter sharing, which can greatly increase its efficiency.

• Input data:

The input data of the model has been normalized and rolled into a form of 3D data.

```
Training dataset: X_train_unflatten_all_15 and y_train_window_size_15 Validation dataset: X_valid_unflatten_all_15 and y_valid_window_size_15 Testing dataset: X_test_unflatten_all_15 and y_test_window_size_15
```

• Architecture:

When increasing the complexity of the model (whether by increasing the number of hidden layers or the number of hidden cells), its performance doesn't seem to change. With various experiments, we have arrived at a relatively simple structure that yields similar results to its more complicated alternatives: 2 pairs of Convolutional layers and Max Pooling layers, followed by 2 pairs of fully connected layers and dropout layers.

```
[27]: n_hidden_layers = 2
hidden_layer_size = 80
dropout_rate = 0.2

BATCH_SIZE = 100
EPOCHS = 20
```

```
[28]: tf.compat.v1.reset_default_graph()
      be.clear_session()
      # Define regularizer and initializer
      regularizer = tf.keras.regularizers.L2(2.)
      initializer = tf.keras.initializers.RandomUniform()
      input_shape = np.shape(X_train_unflatten_all_15)
      column_count = input_shape[2]
      input_layer=Input(shape=(input_shape[1], column_count))
      cur_last_layer = input_layer
      for 1 in range(n_hidden_layers):
          cnn_layer=Conv1D(filters=5, kernel_size=4,
                           input_shape=input_shape[1:],
                           padding='same',
                           kernel_initializer=initializer,
                           kernel_regularizer=regularizer)(cur_last_layer)
          pool = MaxPool1D(pool_size=2, strides=1)(cnn_layer)
```

```
cur_last_layer=pool
for l in range(n_hidden_layers):
    dense = Dense(100, activation='tanh')(cur_last_layer)
    dropout_layer = Dropout(dropout_rate)(dense)
    cur_last_layer=dropout_layer
predictions=Dense(1)(cur_last_layer)
cnn_model=Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=predictions)
cnn_model.summary()
```

Model: "model"

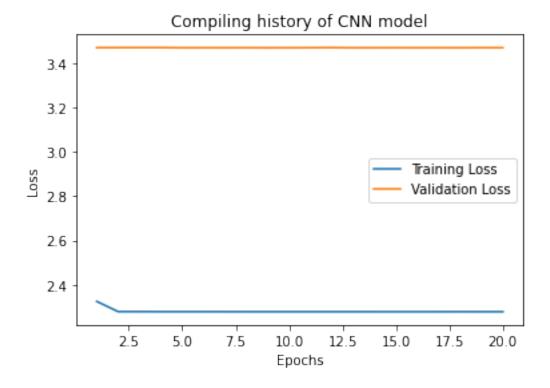
Layer (type)	• •	Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)		0
conv1d (Conv1D)	(None, 14, 5)	445
<pre>max_pooling1d (MaxPooling1D)</pre>	(None, 13, 5)	0
conv1d_1 (Conv1D)	(None, 13, 5)	105
<pre>max_pooling1d_1 (MaxPooling 1D)</pre>	(None, 12, 5)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 12, 100)	600
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 12, 100)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 12, 100)	10100
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 12, 100)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 12, 1)	101

Total params: 11,351 Trainable params: 11,351 Non-trainable params: 0

```
[29]: optimizer = Adam(learning_rate=0.001)
      cnn_model.compile(loss='mean_absolute_error', optimizer=optimizer)
```

```
Epoch 1/20
val_loss: 3.4708
Epoch 2/20
val_loss: 3.4711
Epoch 3/20
val_loss: 3.4712
Epoch 4/20
val_loss: 3.4712
Epoch 5/20
val_loss: 3.4704
Epoch 6/20
val_loss: 3.4705
Epoch 7/20
val_loss: 3.4704
Epoch 8/20
val_loss: 3.4706
Epoch 9/20
val_loss: 3.4702
Epoch 10/20
val_loss: 3.4704
Epoch 11/20
val_loss: 3.4707
Epoch 12/20
299/299 [===========] - 3s 9ms/step - loss: 2.2781 -
val_loss: 3.4711
Epoch 13/20
val_loss: 3.4704
Epoch 14/20
```

```
val_loss: 3.4705
   Epoch 15/20
   val_loss: 3.4706
   Epoch 16/20
   val_loss: 3.4704
   Epoch 17/20
   val_loss: 3.4705
   Epoch 18/20
   val_loss: 3.4704
   Epoch 19/20
   val_loss: 3.4707
   Epoch 20/20
   val_loss: 3.4705
[30]: loss_values = cnn_history.history['loss']
   val_loss_values = cnn_history.history['val_loss']
   epochs = range(1, len(loss_values)+1)
   plt.plot(epochs, loss_values, label='Training Loss')
   plt.plot(epochs, val_loss_values, label='Validation Loss')
   plt.title("Compiling history of CNN model")
   plt.xlabel('Epochs')
   plt.ylabel('Loss')
   plt.legend()
   plt.show()
```



Mean absolut error on test: 3.0077111388078475

• Brief summary:

As shown in the cell above, the performance of the CNN on the test dataset is 3.008 in terms of MAE.

Limitations:

Generally, it is more common to use CNN in image related problems, therefore, it's not surprising that the model cannot achieve high performance here. Moreover, considering the dimensionality of the data fed into the neural network (with a window size of 15 and therefore 14 "time steps"), the size of kernel that can be used is rather limited.

4.4 Recurrent Neural Network

4.4.1 LSTM: Long- Short-Term Memory

• Intro:

A Long-Short-Term Memory model is a type of Recurrent Neural Network that is often used for sequence data such as in time-series and NLP problems. By introducing an additional vector, i.e., the cell state, the model is able to store important information of the past that is helpful for the prediction of the current state (or forget useless information when needed). Since the task we have involve time series data, LSTM seems to be a natural candidate for achieving high performance.

• Input data:

The input data of the model has been normalized and rolled into a form of 3D data.

```
Training dataset: X_train_unflatten_all_15 and y_train_window_size_15 Validation dataset: X_valid_unflatten_all_15 and y_valid_window_size_15 Testing dataset: X_test_unflatten_all_15 and y_test_window_size_15
```

• Architecture:

When increasing the complexity of the model (whether by increasing the number of hidden layers or the number of hidden cells), its performance doesn't seem to change. Below is one of the structures that yields similar results to its alternatives, with 3 pairs of LSTM layers and dropout layers followed by 3 pairs of fully connected layers and dropout layers.

```
[32]: n_hidden_layers = 3
hidden_layer_size = 400
dropout_rate = 0.3

BATCH_SIZE = 500
EPOCHS = 25
```

```
[33]: tf.compat.v1.reset_default_graph()
be.clear_session()

input_shape[2]
column_count = np.shape(X_train_unflatten_all_15)[2]

input_layer=Input(shape=(np.shape(X_train_unflatten_all_15)[1], column_count))
cur_last_layer=input_layer

for 1 in range(n_hidden_layers):
    hidden_layer=LSTM(hidden_layer_size, return_sequences=True)(cur_last_layer)
    dropout_layer = Dropout(0.5)(hidden_layer)
    cur_last_layer=dropout_layer

for 1 in range(n_hidden_layers):
    dense = Dense(120, activation='tanh')(cur_last_layer)
```

```
dropout_layer = Dropout(dropout_rate)(dense)
    cur_last_layer=dropout_layer

predictions=Dense(1)(cur_last_layer)

lstm_model=Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=predictions)
lstm_model.summary()
```

Model: "model"

Layer (type)	- · · I · · · · · I ·	 Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)		0
lstm (LSTM)	(None, 14, 400)	676800
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 14, 400)	0
lstm_1 (LSTM)	(None, 14, 400)	1281600
<pre>dropout_1 (Dropout)</pre>	(None, 14, 400)	0
lstm_2 (LSTM)	(None, 14, 400)	1281600
<pre>dropout_2 (Dropout)</pre>	(None, 14, 400)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 14, 120)	48120
<pre>dropout_3 (Dropout)</pre>	(None, 14, 120)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 14, 120)	14520
<pre>dropout_4 (Dropout)</pre>	(None, 14, 120)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 14, 120)	14520
dropout_5 (Dropout)	(None, 14, 120)	0
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 14, 1)	121

Total params: 3,317,281 Trainable params: 3,317,281 Non-trainable params: 0

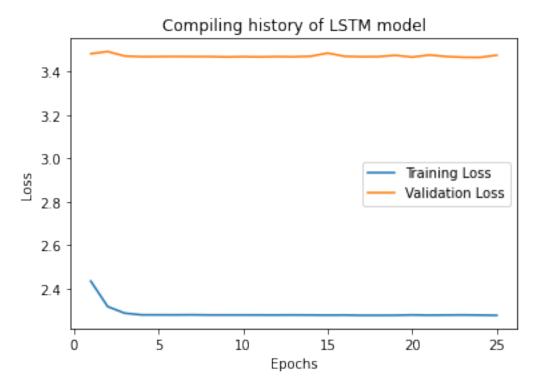
```
[34]: optimizer = RMSprop(learning_rate=0.0025)
   lstm_model.compile(loss='mean_absolute_error', optimizer=optimizer)
   lstm_history = lstm_model.fit(X_train_unflatten_all_15, y_train_window_size_15,
                    validation_data=(X_valid_unflatten_all_15,__
    →y_valid_window_size_15),
                    epochs=EPOCHS,
                    batch_size=BATCH_SIZE)
   Epoch 1/25
   60/60 [============ ] - 17s 155ms/step - loss: 2.4346 -
   val_loss: 3.4837
   Epoch 2/25
   val_loss: 3.4939
   Epoch 3/25
   val_loss: 3.4730
   Epoch 4/25
   60/60 [============ ] - 8s 128ms/step - loss: 2.2788 -
   val_loss: 3.4701
   Epoch 5/25
   val_loss: 3.4704
   Epoch 6/25
   val_loss: 3.4710
   Epoch 7/25
   val_loss: 3.4704
   Epoch 8/25
   val_loss: 3.4705
   Epoch 9/25
   60/60 [============ ] - 8s 127ms/step - loss: 2.2782 -
   val_loss: 3.4690
   Epoch 10/25
   60/60 [============ ] - 8s 127ms/step - loss: 2.2782 -
   val_loss: 3.4702
   Epoch 11/25
   val_loss: 3.4692
   Epoch 12/25
   val_loss: 3.4704
   Epoch 13/25
```

val_loss: 3.4697

```
val_loss: 3.4721
  Epoch 15/25
  val_loss: 3.4867
  Epoch 16/25
  val_loss: 3.4719
  Epoch 17/25
  60/60 [============ ] - 8s 127ms/step - loss: 2.2767 -
  val_loss: 3.4699
  Epoch 18/25
  val_loss: 3.4704
  Epoch 19/25
  val_loss: 3.4766
  Epoch 20/25
  val_loss: 3.4683
  Epoch 21/25
  val_loss: 3.4779
  Epoch 22/25
  60/60 [============ ] - 8s 127ms/step - loss: 2.2779 -
  val_loss: 3.4710
  Epoch 23/25
  val_loss: 3.4675
  Epoch 24/25
  val_loss: 3.4669
  Epoch 25/25
  val_loss: 3.4770
[35]: loss_values = lstm_history.history['loss']
   val_loss_values = lstm_history.history['val_loss']
   epochs = range(1, len(loss_values)+1)
   plt.plot(epochs, loss_values, label='Training Loss')
   plt.plot(epochs, val_loss_values, label='Validation Loss')
   plt.title("Compiling history of LSTM model")
   plt.xlabel('Epochs')
   plt.ylabel('Loss')
```

Epoch 14/25

```
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



Mean absolut error on test: 3.013370053904862

• Brief summary:

As shown in the cell above, the LSTM model's performance on the test dataset is 3.012 in terms of MAE.

Limitations:

While the structure of LSTM, especially the introduction of the cell state, allows it to process sequence data better, again, as mentioned above, due to the limitation caused by dimensionality of the input data (with a window size of 15 and therefore 14 "time steps"), the maximum context information that the neural network can store in the cell state is restricted, which is

possibly the reason why the network fails to learn much additional information and predict better compared to other models shown above.

4.4.2 Gated Recurrent Unit

• Intro:

A Gated Recurrent Unit model is another type of Recurrent Neural Network. Compared to LSTM, a GRU neural network has fewer gates and parameters and therefore is more efficient to train.

• Input data:

The input data of the model has been normalized and rolled into a form of 3D data.

```
Training dataset: X_train_unflatten_all_15 and y_train_window_size_15 Validation dataset: X_valid_unflatten_all_15 and y_valid_window_size_15 Testing dataset: X_test_unflatten_all_15 and y_test_window_size_15
```

• Architecture:

When increasing the complexity of the model (either by increasing the number of hidden layers or the number of hidden cells), its performance doesn't seem to change. Below is one of the structures that yields similar results to its alternatives, with 2 GRU layers followed by 2 pairs of fully connected layers and dropout layers.

```
[37]: n_hidden_layers = 2
hidden_layer_size = 300
dropout_rate = 0.5

BATCH_SIZE = 300
EPOCHS = 20
```

```
[38]: tf.compat.v1.reset_default_graph()
be.clear_session()

column_count = np.shape(X_train_unflatten_all_15)[2]

input_layer=Input(shape=(np.shape(X_train_unflatten_all_15)[1], column_count))
cur_last_layer=input_layer

for 1 in range(n_hidden_layers):
    hidden_layer=GRU(hidden_layer_size, return_sequences=True)(cur_last_layer)
    cur_last_layer=hidden_layer

for 1 in range(n_hidden_layers):
    dense = Dense(120, activation='sigmoid')(cur_last_layer)
    dropout_layer = Dropout(dropout_rate)(dense)
    cur_last_layer=dropout_layer
predictions=Dense(1)(cur_last_layer)
```

```
gru_model=Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=predictions)
gru_model.summary()
```

Model: "model"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 14, 22)]	0
gru (GRU)	(None, 14, 300)	291600
gru_1 (GRU)	(None, 14, 300)	541800
dense (Dense)	(None, 14, 120)	36120
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 14, 120)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 14, 120)	14520
<pre>dropout_1 (Dropout)</pre>	(None, 14, 120)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 14, 1)	121

Total params: 884,161 Trainable params: 884,161 Non-trainable params: 0

```
[39]: #For shape remeber, we have a variable defining the "window" and the features in___

the window...

optimizer = RMSprop(learning_rate=0.0015)

gru_model.compile(loss='mean_absolute_error', optimizer=optimizer)

gru_history = gru_model.fit(X_train_unflatten_all_15, y_train_window_size_15,

validation_data=(X_valid_unflatten_all_15,___

y_valid_window_size_15),

epochs=EPOCHS,

batch_size=BATCH_SIZE)
```

```
val_loss: 3.4721
Epoch 4/20
val_loss: 3.4700
Epoch 5/20
val_loss: 3.4711
Epoch 6/20
val_loss: 3.4706
Epoch 7/20
val_loss: 3.4703
Epoch 8/20
val_loss: 3.4703
Epoch 9/20
val_loss: 3.4702
Epoch 10/20
val_loss: 3.4695
Epoch 11/20
val_loss: 3.4690
Epoch 12/20
val_loss: 3.4708
Epoch 13/20
val_loss: 3.4691
Epoch 14/20
val_loss: 3.4682
Epoch 15/20
val_loss: 3.4718
Epoch 16/20
val_loss: 3.4729
Epoch 17/20
val_loss: 3.4792
Epoch 18/20
val_loss: 3.4750
Epoch 19/20
```

```
val_loss: 3.4808
Epoch 20/20
100/100 [=============] - 4s 36ms/step - loss: 2.2653 -
val_loss: 3.4759

[40]: loss_values = gru_history.history['loss']
val_loss_values = gru_history.history['val_loss']
epochs = range(1, len(loss_values)+1)

plt.plot(epochs, loss_values, label='Training Loss')
plt.plot(epochs, val_loss_values, label='Validation Loss')

plt.title('Compiling history of GRU model')
plt.xlabel('Epochs')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.legend()

plt.show()
```

Compiling history of GRU model 3.4 3.2 3.0 Training Loss .055 Validation Loss 2.8 2.6 2.4 2.5 5.0 7.5 10.0 15.0 12.5 17.5 20.0

Epochs

```
'MAE score (on test set)': round(mae, 4),

'MSE score (on test set)': round(mse, □

→4)},

ignore_index=True)
```

Mean absolut error on test: 3.004458470752285

• Brief summary:

As shown in the cell above, the GRU model's performance on the test dataset is 3.018 in terms of MAE.

Compared to LSTM, GRU yields a slightly worse performance on the test set. Moreover, the graphs of the compile histories of both models seem very similar–both show that there is little learning after the first 2 or 3 epochs.

Limitations:

With fewer parameters and gates in the neural network, while the speed of training has been increased, the complexity that can be captured by GRU is also reduced, which could be the reason for its lower performance results.

4.5 Transformers: Attention is all you need!

4.5.1 Self-Attention

• Intro:

The Attention mechanism is one of the state of the art architecture. To gain some experience with it our group decided to try the attention architecture on the our electricity data. However, our prediction problem is not a sequence thats why we have to apply the self-attention mechanism. In the self-attention mechanism both the source of the queries and the target of the attention are input embeddings and are learned projections.

During training we identified that high drop_out rate of 0.5 helps a lot to have a good convergence. Additionally, a batch size of 64 and and a dense layer size of 256 which enables the model to learn well.

Unluckily, the model was also not able to beat the Dummy Regressor but for our group we learned very well how to apply self attention to predict.

• Input data:

The input data of the model has been normalized and rolled into a form of 3D data.

```
Training dataset: X_train_window_size_15 and y_train_window_size_15 Validation dataset: X_valid_window_size_15 and y_valid_window_size_15 Testing dataset: X_test_window_size_15 and y_test_window_size_15
```

• Architecture:

- 1. Input Layer
- 2. Embedding Layer for the query
- 3. Self-Attention layer with the inputs and embedding layer
- 4. Concatenating the input and attention layer

- 5. 2x Dense Layers followed by a Dropout Layer
- 6. Output Layer with a linear activation function

```
[42]: EPOCHS = 50
      BATCH_SIZE = 64
      DENSE_LAYER_SIZE = 256
      DROP\_OUT = 0.0
[47]: tf.compat.v1.reset_default_graph()
      be.clear session()
      def create_self_attention():
          inputs_q = Input(shape=(X_train_window_size_15.shape[1],))
          dense_embedding_layer_q = Dense(X_train_window_size_15.shape[1],__
       →activation='softmax')(inputs_q)
          self_attention = tf.keras.layers.Attention()([inputs_q,__
       →dense_embedding_layer_q])
          attention_inputs = merge.Concatenate()([inputs_q, self_attention])
          Dense1 = Dense(DENSE_LAYER_SIZE, name='Dense1',__
       →activation='relu')(attention_inputs)
          Dropout1 = Dropout(DROP_OUT)(Dense1)
          Dense2 = Dense(DENSE_LAYER_SIZE, name='Dense2', activation='relu')(Dropout1)
          Dropout2 = Dropout(DROP_OUT)(Dense2)
          output = Dense(1, name='output', activation='linear')(Dropout2)
          model = Model(inputs=[inputs_q], outputs=output)
          print("Architecture of model:\n")
          model.summary()
          \#Since we are using a 'state of the art'-model we also tried the 'state of
       → the art'-optimizer "ranger"
          radam = tfa.optimizers.RectifiedAdam()
          ranger = tfa.optimizers.Lookahead(radam, sync_period=6, slow_step_size=0.5)
         model.compile(optimizer=ranger, loss='mae')
          model_history = model.fit(X_train_window_size_15, y_train_window_size_15,
```

validation_data=(X_valid_window_size_15,_

→y_valid_window_size_15),

epochs=EPOCHS,
batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
shuffle=False)

return model, model_history

[48]: model, model_history = create_self_attention()

Architecture of model:

Model: "model"

Layer (type)	Output Shape		
	=======================================	=======	=============
<pre>input_1 (InputLayer)</pre>	[(None, 102)]	0	
<pre>dense (Dense) ['input_1[0][0]']</pre>	(None, 102)	10506	
<pre>attention (Attention) ['input_1[0][0]',</pre>	(None, 102)	0	
			'dense[0][0]']
<pre>concatenate (Concatenate) ['input_1[0][0]', 'attention[0][0]']</pre>	(None, 204)	0	
Dense1 (Dense) ['concatenate[0][0]']	(None, 256)	52480	
<pre>dropout (Dropout) ['Dense1[0][0]']</pre>	(None, 256)	0	
Dense2 (Dense) ['dropout[0][0]']	(None, 256)	65792	
<pre>dropout_1 (Dropout) ['Dense2[0][0]']</pre>	(None, 256)	0	
<pre>output (Dense) ['dropout_1[0][0]']</pre>	(None, 1)	257	

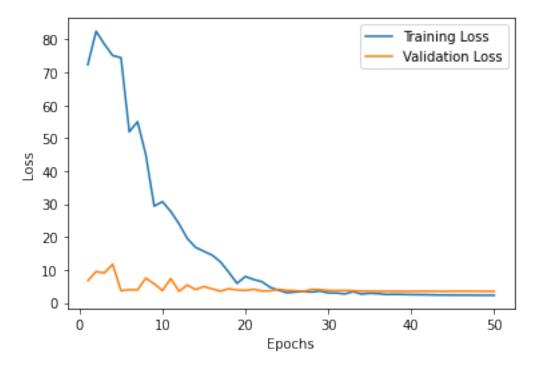
Total params: 129,035 Trainable params: 129,035 Non-trainable params: 0

______ Epoch 1/50 val_loss: 6.7065 Epoch 2/50 val_loss: 9.4811 Epoch 3/50 val_loss: 9.0703 Epoch 4/50 val_loss: 11.7078 Epoch 5/50 467/467 [=============] - 5s 10ms/step - loss: 74.4795 val_loss: 3.6436 Epoch 6/50 val_loss: 3.9775 Epoch 7/50 467/467 [============] - 5s 10ms/step - loss: 55.0199 val_loss: 3.9168 Epoch 8/50 467/467 [============] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 44.8925 val_loss: 7.5118 Epoch 9/50 467/467 [=============] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 29.3851 val_loss: 5.7560 Epoch 10/50 467/467 [=============] - 5s 10ms/step - loss: 30.7157 val_loss: 3.7128 Epoch 11/50 val_loss: 7.3581 Epoch 12/50 467/467 [============] - 5s 10ms/step - loss: 23.9918 val_loss: 3.5068 Epoch 13/50 val_loss: 5.3769 Epoch 14/50 val_loss: 4.0110 Epoch 15/50

```
val_loss: 4.9371
Epoch 16/50
467/467 [============] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 14.4647 -
val_loss: 4.2105
Epoch 17/50
val_loss: 3.5511
Epoch 18/50
val_loss: 4.2722
Epoch 19/50
val_loss: 3.8818
Epoch 20/50
val_loss: 3.7612
Epoch 21/50
val_loss: 4.1130
Epoch 22/50
val_loss: 3.5783
Epoch 23/50
val_loss: 3.6057
Epoch 24/50
val_loss: 4.0961
Epoch 25/50
val_loss: 3.7568
Epoch 26/50
val_loss: 3.6788
Epoch 27/50
val_loss: 3.4695
Epoch 28/50
val_loss: 4.0863
Epoch 29/50
val_loss: 3.9799
Epoch 30/50
val_loss: 3.7417
Epoch 31/50
```

```
val_loss: 3.6854
Epoch 32/50
val_loss: 3.7452
Epoch 33/50
val_loss: 3.6487
Epoch 34/50
val_loss: 3.5563
Epoch 35/50
val_loss: 3.5370
Epoch 36/50
val_loss: 3.4853
Epoch 37/50
val_loss: 3.5143
Epoch 38/50
val_loss: 3.5053
Epoch 39/50
val_loss: 3.4910
Epoch 40/50
val_loss: 3.4743
Epoch 41/50
val_loss: 3.5028
Epoch 42/50
val_loss: 3.5126
Epoch 43/50
val_loss: 3.4795
Epoch 44/50
val_loss: 3.4747
Epoch 45/50
val_loss: 3.4818
Epoch 46/50
val_loss: 3.4967
Epoch 47/50
```

```
val_loss: 3.4950
    Epoch 48/50
    467/467 [======
                                 ======] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 2.2920 -
    val_loss: 3.4999
    Epoch 49/50
                                     ===] - 5s 10ms/step - loss: 2.2859 -
    467/467 [=====
    val_loss: 3.4776
    Epoch 50/50
    467/467 [====
                                      ==] - 5s 10ms/step - loss: 2.2839 -
    val_loss: 3.4762
[49]: loss_values = model_history.history['loss']
     val_loss_values = model_history.history['val_loss']
     epochs = range(1, len(loss_values)+1)
     plt.plot(epochs, loss_values, label='Training Loss')
     plt.plot(epochs, val_loss_values, label='Validation Loss')
     plt.xlabel('Epochs')
     plt.ylabel('Loss')
     plt.legend()
     plt.show()
```



Mean absolut error on test: 3.008265976374479 Mean squared error on test: 41.88905556137337

5 Summary

In this part, we summairzed the results of all the models above.

```
[52]: performance_df.sort_values('MAE score (on test set)')
[52]:
                                           Model
                                                        MSE score (on test set)
      10
                                             GRU
                                                                         41.9208
      4
                                        LightGBM
                                                                         41.9226
      7
                         Mulit-Layer Perceptron
                                                                             NaN
      8
                                                                         41.9333
      5
                       Support Vector Regressor
                                                                         41.9332
      11
                                             GRU
                                                                         41.8891
      0
                                Dummy Regressor
                                                                         41.9299
      9
                                            LSTM
                                                                         42.0221
      3
                                   Random Forest
                                                                         43.3678
      1
                              Linear Regression
                                                                         43.5284
      6
                             K-Nearest Neighbor
                                                                         44.1127
      2
          Linear Regression (poly transformed)
                                                                        110.6759
```

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Observations: Since the results for data with a window size of 15 are similar to that with a window size of 5, to avoid repetition, please refer to the jupyter notebook/presentation slides for our analysis.