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IoT Linear Regression for Predicting Global Active Power

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1. Import Libraries and Load Data

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression, Ridge, Lasso
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import os
import zipfile
import urllib.request

# Set plotting style
sns.set(style="whitegrid")

# Load the dataset (reuse code from previous assignment)
file_name = 'household_power_consumption.txt'
zip_url = 'https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/00235/household_power_consumption.zip'
zip_name = 'household_power_consumption.zip'

if not os.path.exists(file_name):
    print(f"Downloading {file_name}...")
    urllib.request.urlretrieve(zip_url, zip_name)
    with zipfile.ZipFile(zip_name, 'r') as zip_ref:
        zip_ref.extractall('.')
    os.remove(zip_name)

df = pd.read_csv(file_name, sep=';', low_memory=False, na_values=['?'])
df['Datetime'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Date'] + ' ' + df['Time'], format='%d/%m/%Y %H:%M:%S', errors='coerce')
df.set_index('Datetime', inplace=True)
df.drop(['Date', 'Time'], axis=1, inplace=True)
df.fillna(method='ffill', inplace=True)

# Sample for efficiency (full dataset is large; use subset for streaming simulation)
df = df.sample(50000, random_state=42) # 50k rows for manageable processing

print("Dataset Shape:", df.shape)
print("Columns:", df.columns.tolist())
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Downloading household_power_consumption.txt...
Dataset Shape: (50000, 7)
Columns: ['Global_active_power', 'Global_reactive_power', 'Voltage', 'Global_intensity', 'Sub_metering_1', 'Sub_metering_2', 'Sub_metering_3']
/tmp/ipython-input-4007758722.py:32: FutureWarning: DataFrame.fillna with 'method' is deprecated and will raise in a future version. Use obj.ffill() or obj.bfill() instead.
df.fillna(method='ffill', inplace=True)

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2. Simulate Streaming Data and Prepare Features

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# Simulate streaming: Sort by time and use a sliding window for predictions
df = df.sort_index()
window_size = 100 # Predict based on last 100 observations

# Features: Use other power variables as predictors
features = ['Global_reactive_power', 'Voltage', 'Global_intensity', 'Sub_metering_1', 'Sub_metering_2', 'Sub_metering_3']
target = 'Global_active_power'

# Create lagged features for streaming simulation (e.g., previous values)
for lag in range(1, 6): # Lags of 1-5 minutes
    for col in features + [target]:
        df[f'{col}_lag_{lag}'] = df[col].shift(lag)

df.dropna(inplace=True) # Drop rows with NaN from lagging

# Split into train/test (simulate streaming: train on past, test on future)
train_size = int(0.8 * len(df))
train_df = df.iloc[:train_size]
test_df = df.iloc[train_size:]

X_train = train_df.drop(target, axis=1)
y_train = train_df[target]
X_test = test_df.drop(target, axis=1)
y_test = test_df[target]

# Scale features
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)

print("Training Shape:", X_train.shape, "Test Shape:", X_test.shape)
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Training Shape: (39996, 41) Test Shape: (9999, 41)

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3. Build and Evaluate Linear Regression Models

Model 1: Simple Linear Regression (Baseline)

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# Simple LR with all features
lr_model = LinearRegression()
lr_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
y_pred_lr = lr_model.predict(X_test_scaled)

mse_lr = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_lr)
r2_lr = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_lr)

print(f"Simple LR - MSE: {mse_lr:.4f}, R²: {r2_lr:.4f}")
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Simple LR - MSE: 0.0015, R²: 0.9981

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Model 2: Ridge Regression (with Regularization)

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# Ridge with alpha=0.1
ridge_model = Ridge(alpha=0.1)
ridge_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
y_pred_ridge = ridge_model.predict(X_test_scaled)

mse_ridge = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_ridge)
r2_ridge = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_ridge)

print(f"Ridge (alpha=0.1) - MSE: {mse_ridge:.4f}, R²: {r2_ridge:.4f}")
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Model 3: Lasso Regression (Feature Selection)

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# Lasso with alpha=0.01
lasso_model = Lasso(alpha=0.01)
lasso_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
y_pred_lasso = lasso_model.predict(X_test_scaled)

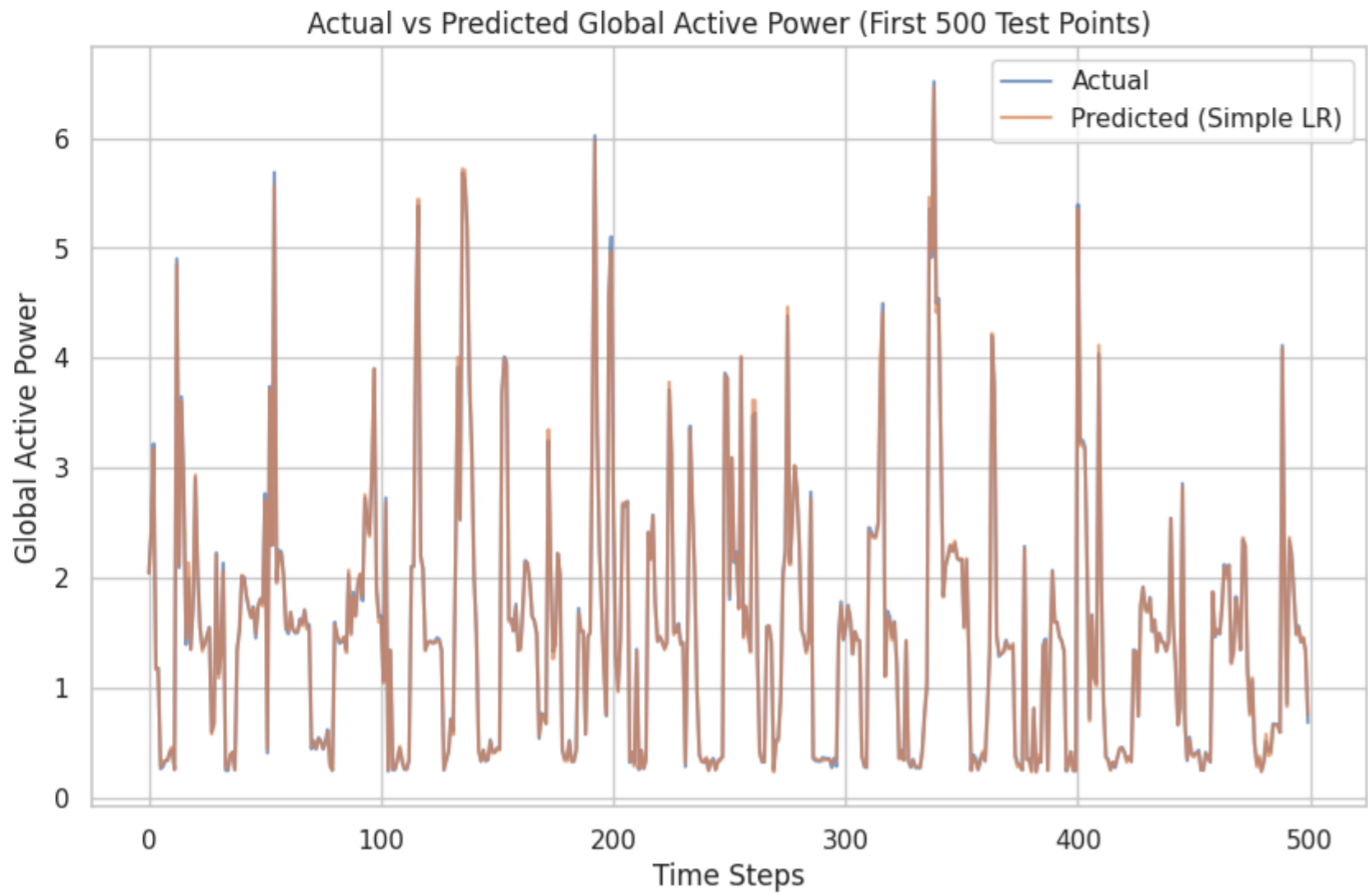
mse_lasso = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_lasso)
r2_lasso = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_lasso)

print(f"Lasso (alpha=0.01) - MSE: {mse_lasso:.4f}, R²: {r2_lasso:.4f}")
print("Non-zero coefficients:", np.sum(lasso_model.coef_ != 0))
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Lasso (alpha=0.01) - MSE: 0.0020, R²: 0.9974
Non-zero coefficients: 4

Performance Visualization

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# Plot predictions vs actual for one model
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(y_test.values[:500], label='Actual', alpha=0.7)
plt.plot(y_pred_lr[:500], label='Predicted (Simple LR)', alpha=0.7)
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Global Active Power (First 500 Test Points)')
plt.xlabel('Time Steps')
plt.ylabel('Global Active Power')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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It's lightweight (fast inference, low compute needs), enabling low-latency predictions on devices like Raspberry Pi, unlike complex ML models. For streaming data, it handles real-time updates well, as shown in our simulation.

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Assumes linearity; non-linear patterns (e.g., sudden spikes) may not be captured, leading to errors. Sensitive to outliers in streaming data; requires frequent retraining for drift.
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