

LightGBM - Model performance summary

Before any tuning, using some baseline model parameters, the performance is shown below:
Baseline Performance with n_estimators=100:

Train RMSLE: 0.6513

Valid RMSLE: 0.6738

After Hyperparameter Tuning (with optimal parameters), best Train RMSLE was 0.3040, which was achieved with num_leaves=150. And the best Validation RMSLE achieved was 0.4622 for min_child_samples=5. The individual tuning of parameters are shown in the appendix.

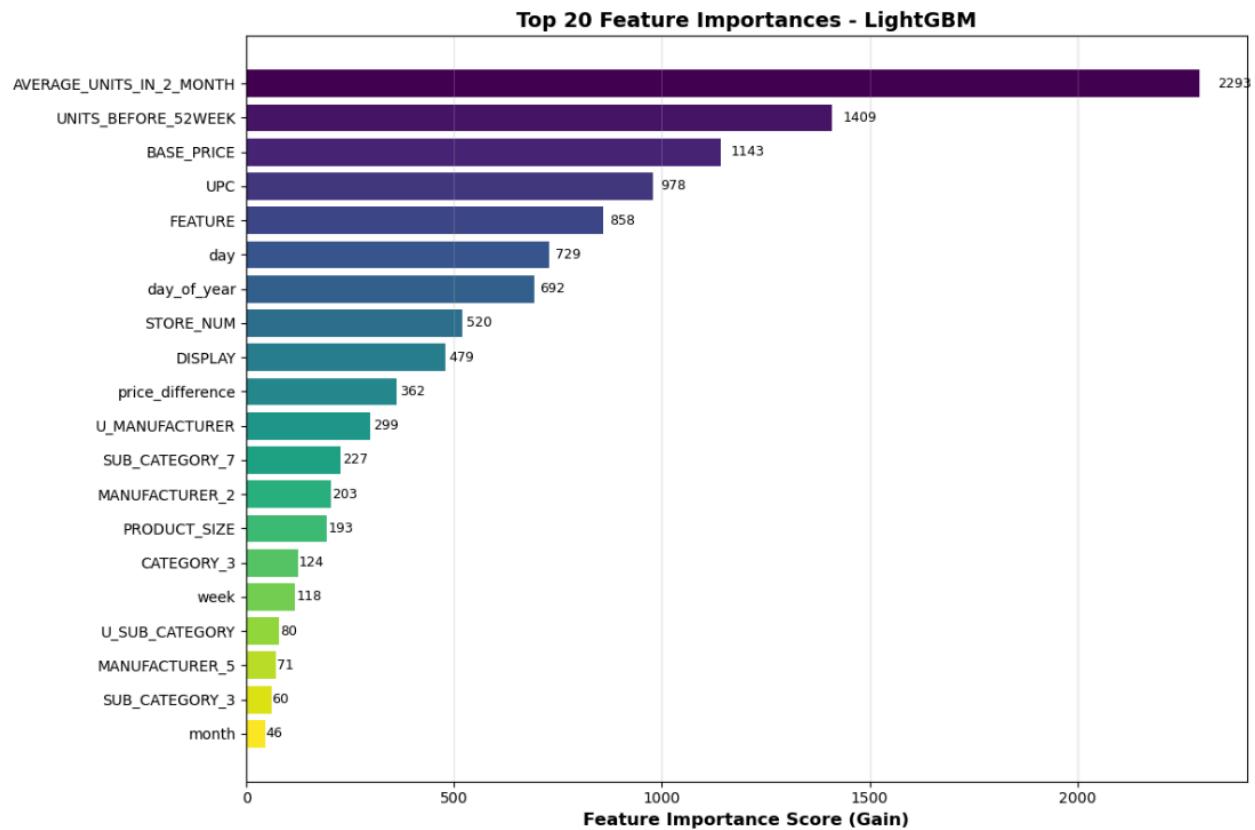
Parameter	Optimal value	Validation RMSLE
n_estimators:	800	0.4633
num_leaves	80	0.4629
min_child_samples	5	0.4622
max_depth	4	0.4641
min_split_gain	0	0.4634

The average performance on the train and the test sets are shown as below:

Average Train RMSLE	0.3946
Average Train RMSLE	0.4636
Performance Gap	0.069

Although the performance gap is slightly on the higher side, it wouldn't suggest extreme overfitting. Some regularization could have helped further.

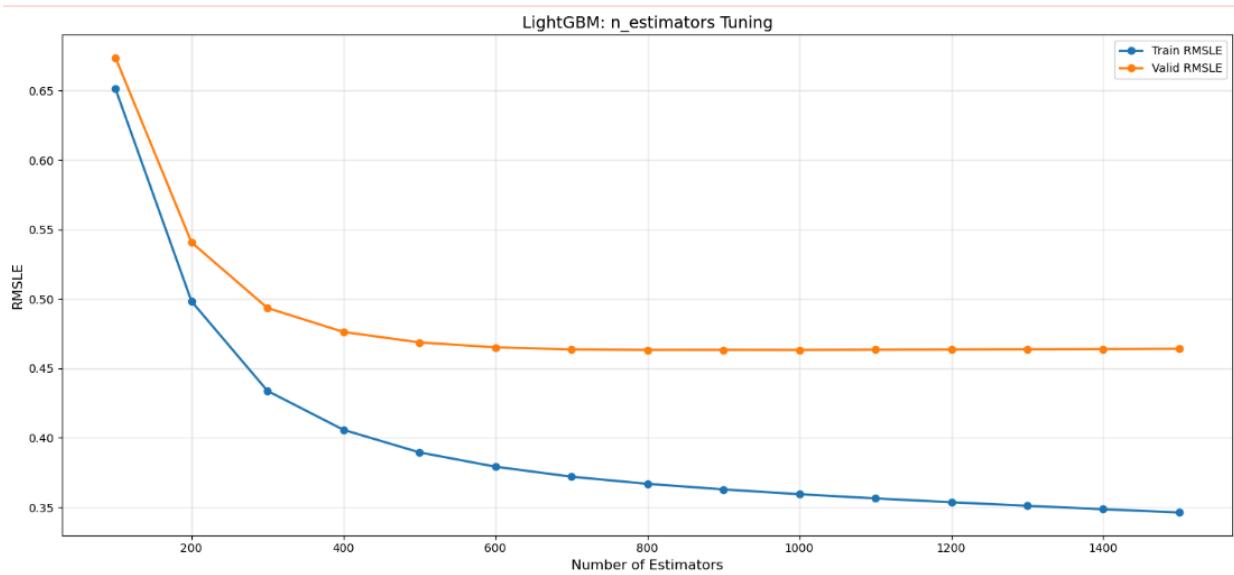
Feature Importance



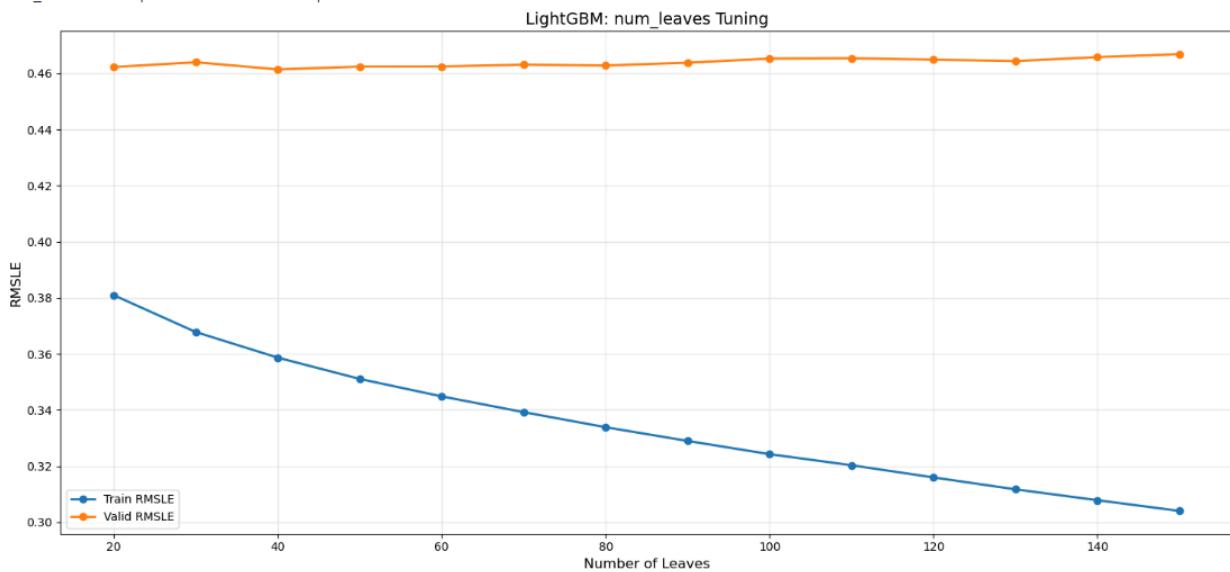
While considering the top 20 features by importance, it was seen that the top 5 features accounted for 61.4% of the total importance while the top 10 features accounted for ~87% of the total importance.

Appendix

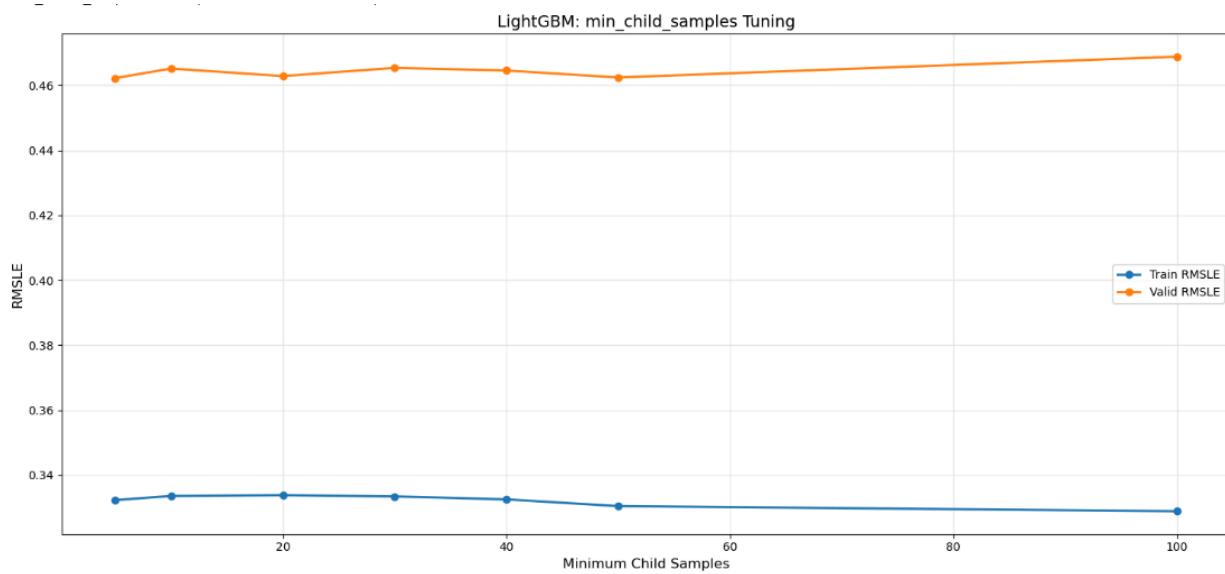
Tuning n_estimators: 7%	1/15 [00:03<00:53, 3.81s/it]
n_estimators: 100 Train RMSLE: 0.6513 Valid RMSLE: 0.6738	
Tuning n_estimators: 13%	2/15 [00:13<01:37, 7.47s/it]
n_estimators: 200 Train RMSLE: 0.4983 Valid RMSLE: 0.5407	
Tuning n_estimators: 20%	3/15 [00:27<02:05, 10.46s/it]
n_estimators: 300 Train RMSLE: 0.4338 Valid RMSLE: 0.4935	
Tuning n_estimators: 27%	4/15 [00:42<02:14, 12.23s/it]
n_estimators: 400 Train RMSLE: 0.4058 Valid RMSLE: 0.4763	
Tuning n_estimators: 33%	5/15 [00:54<02:00, 12.07s/it]
n_estimators: 500 Train RMSLE: 0.3895 Valid RMSLE: 0.4687	
Tuning n_estimators: 40%	6/15 [01:08<01:53, 12.61s/it]
n_estimators: 600 Train RMSLE: 0.3792 Valid RMSLE: 0.4652	
Tuning n_estimators: 47%	7/15 [01:25<01:53, 14.23s/it]
n_estimators: 700 Train RMSLE: 0.3720 Valid RMSLE: 0.4637	
Tuning n_estimators: 53%	8/15 [01:43<01:47, 15.42s/it]
n_estimators: 800 Train RMSLE: 0.3669 Valid RMSLE: 0.4633	
Tuning n_estimators: 60%	9/15 [02:03<01:41, 16.90s/it]
n_estimators: 900 Train RMSLE: 0.3629 Valid RMSLE: 0.4634	
Tuning n_estimators: 67%	10/15 [02:28<01:36, 19.26s/it]
n_estimators: 1000 Train RMSLE: 0.3594 Valid RMSLE: 0.4633	
Tuning n_estimators: 73%	11/15 [02:53<01:23, 20.98s/it]
n_estimators: 1100 Train RMSLE: 0.3564 Valid RMSLE: 0.4635	
Tuning n_estimators: 80%	12/15 [03:22<01:10, 23.34s/it]
n_estimators: 1200 Train RMSLE: 0.3536 Valid RMSLE: 0.4636	
Tuning n_estimators: 87%	13/15 [04:03<00:57, 28.96s/it]
n_estimators: 1300 Train RMSLE: 0.3510 Valid RMSLE: 0.4638	
Tuning n_estimators: 93%	14/15 [04:47<00:33, 33.21s/it]
n_estimators: 1400 Train RMSLE: 0.3486 Valid RMSLE: 0.4640	
Tuning n_estimators: 100%	15/15 [05:20<00:00, 21.34s/it]
n_estimators: 1500 Train RMSLE: 0.3463 Valid RMSLE: 0.4642	

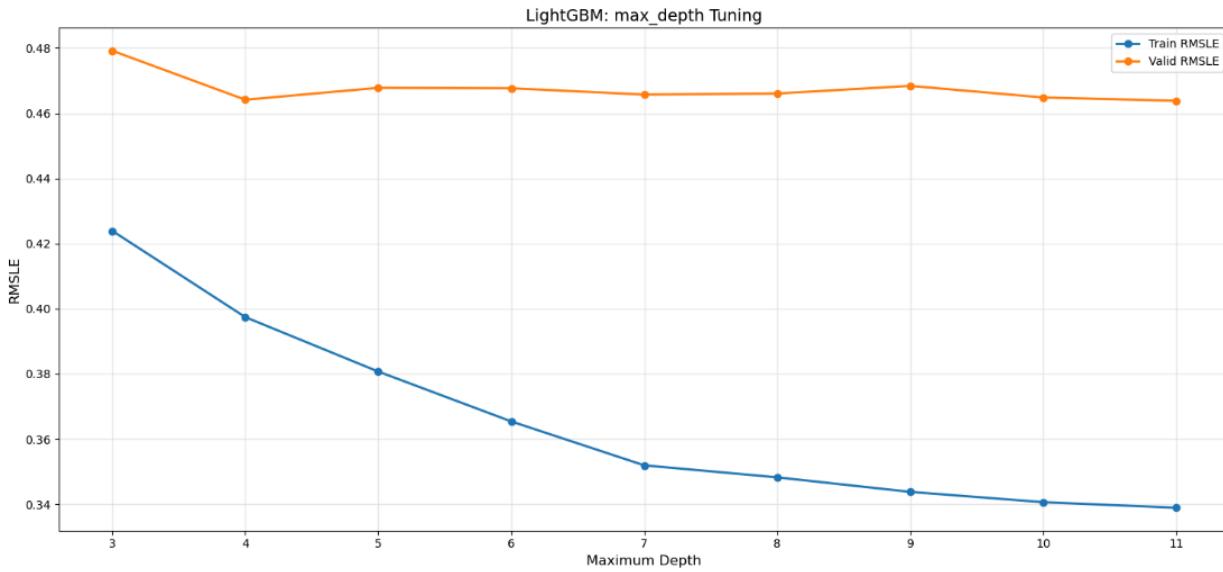


Best validation RMSLE is at n_estimators = 800 train RMSLE also continues to plateau at same level

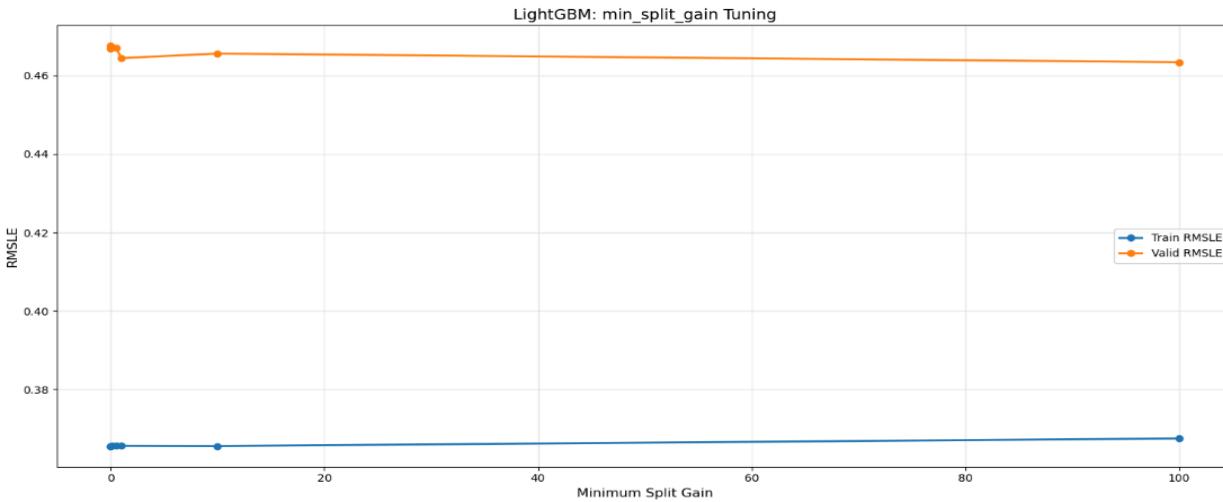


Validation RMSLE seems to be optimal at num_leaves = 80, where train RMSLE is also relatively lower





Best validation RMSLE is seen at max_depth = 4 although train RMSLE continues to drop substantially until max_depth = 7



There is hardly any gain and hence one can be more conservative and take min_split_gain at even 0 or 1 instead of 100

