

# Compitiendo en Kaggle: Predicción de ventas

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Forecast sales using store, promotion, and competitor data

**Datos**

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### Data Description

- **Store** - a unique Id for each store
- **Sales** - the turnover for any given day (this is what you are predicting)
- **Customers** - the number of customers on a given day
- **Open** - an indicator for whether the store was open: 0 = closed, 1 = open
- **StateHoliday** - indicates a state holiday. Normally all stores, with few exceptions, are closed on state holidays. Note that all schools are closed on public holidays and weekends. a = public holiday, b = Easter holiday, c = Christmas, 0 = None
- **SchoolHoliday** - indicates if the (Store, Date) was affected by the closure of public schools
- **StoreType** - differentiates between 4 different store models: a, b, c, d
- **Assortment** - describes an assortment level: a = basic, b = extra, c = extended
- **CompetitionDistance** - distance in meters to the nearest competitor store
- **CompetitionOpenSince[Month/Year]** - gives the approximate year and month of the time the nearest competitor was opened
- **Promo** - indicates whether a store is running a promo on that day
- **Promo2** - Promo2 is a continuing and consecutive promotion for some stores: 0 = store is not participating, 1 = store is participating
- **Promo2Since[Year/Week]** - describes the year and calendar week when the store started participating in Promo2
- **PromoInterval** - describes the consecutive intervals Promo2 is started, naming the months the promotion is started anew. E.g. "Feb,May,Aug,Nov" means each round starts in February, May, August, November of any given year for that store

Store	StoreType	Assortment	CompetitionDistance	CompetitionOpenSinceMonth	CompetitionOpenSinceYear	Promo2	Promo2SinceWeek	Promo2SinceYear	PromoInterval	DayOfWeek	Date	Sales	Open	Promo	StateHoliday	SchoolHoliday
1	c	a	1270	9	2008	0	NA	NA		2	01/01/2013	0	0	0	a	1
1	c	a	1270	9	2008	0	NA	NA		3	02/01/2013	5530	1	0	0	1
1	c	a	1270	9	2008	0	NA	NA		4	03/01/2013	4327	1	0	0	1
1	c	a	1270	9	2008	0	NA	NA		5	04/01/2013	4486	1	0	0	1
1	c	a	1270	9	2008	0	NA	NA		6	05/01/2013	4997	1	0	0	1
1115	d	c	5350	NA	NA	1	22	2012	Mar,Jun,Sept,Dec	7	13/09/2015	NA	0	0	0	0
1115	d	c	5350	NA	NA	1	22	2012	Mar,Jun,Sept,Dec	1	14/09/2015	NA	1	1	0	0
1115	d	c	5350	NA	NA	1	22	2012	Mar,Jun,Sept,Dec	2	15/09/2015	NA	1	1	0	0
1115	d	c	5350	NA	NA	1	22	2012	Mar,Jun,Sept,Dec	3	16/09/2015	NA	1	1	0	0
1115	d	c	5350	NA	NA	1	22	2012	Mar,Jun,Sept,Dec	4	17/09/2015	NA	1	1	0	0



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## Métrica de evaluación

Overview

Description

Evaluation

Prizes

Timeline

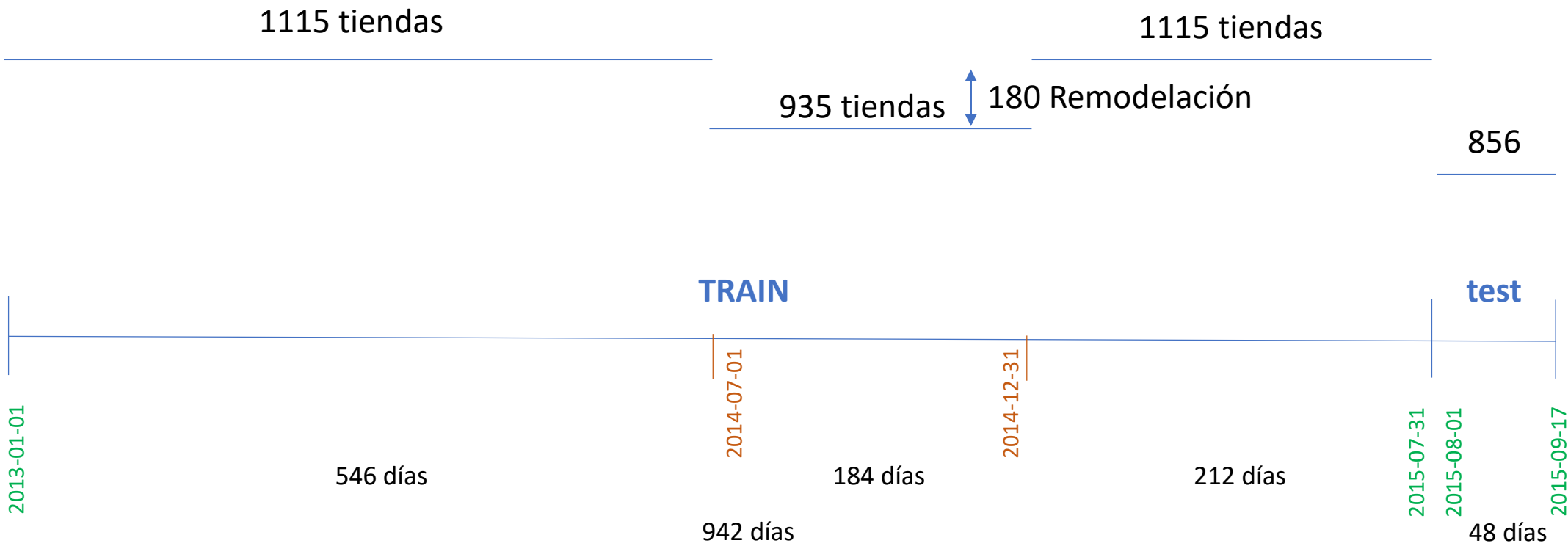
Submissions are evaluated on the Root Mean Square Percentage Error (RMSPE). The RMSPE is calculated as

$$\text{RMSPE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{y_i} \right)^2},$$

where  $y_i$  denotes the sales of a single store on a single day and  $\hat{y}_i$  denotes the corresponding prediction. Any day and store with 0 sales is ignored in scoring.

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**Estrategia de validación / crossvalidación**

Crossvalidación 5-Fold Random

	TRAIN					Test
Iteración 1	Train	Train	Train	Train	Val	Test
Iteración 2	Train	Train	Train	Val	Train	Test
Iteración 3	Train	Train	Val	Train	Train	Test
Iteración 4	Train	Val	Train	Train	Train	Test
Iteración 5	Val	Train	Train	Train	Train	Test



Validación temporal

Iteración 1	Train				Val	Test
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Crossvalidación 5-Fold temporal

Iteración 1	Train		Val			Test
Iteración 2	Train			Val		Test
Iteración 3	Train				Val	Test
Iteración 4	Train					Test
Iteración 5	Train					Test



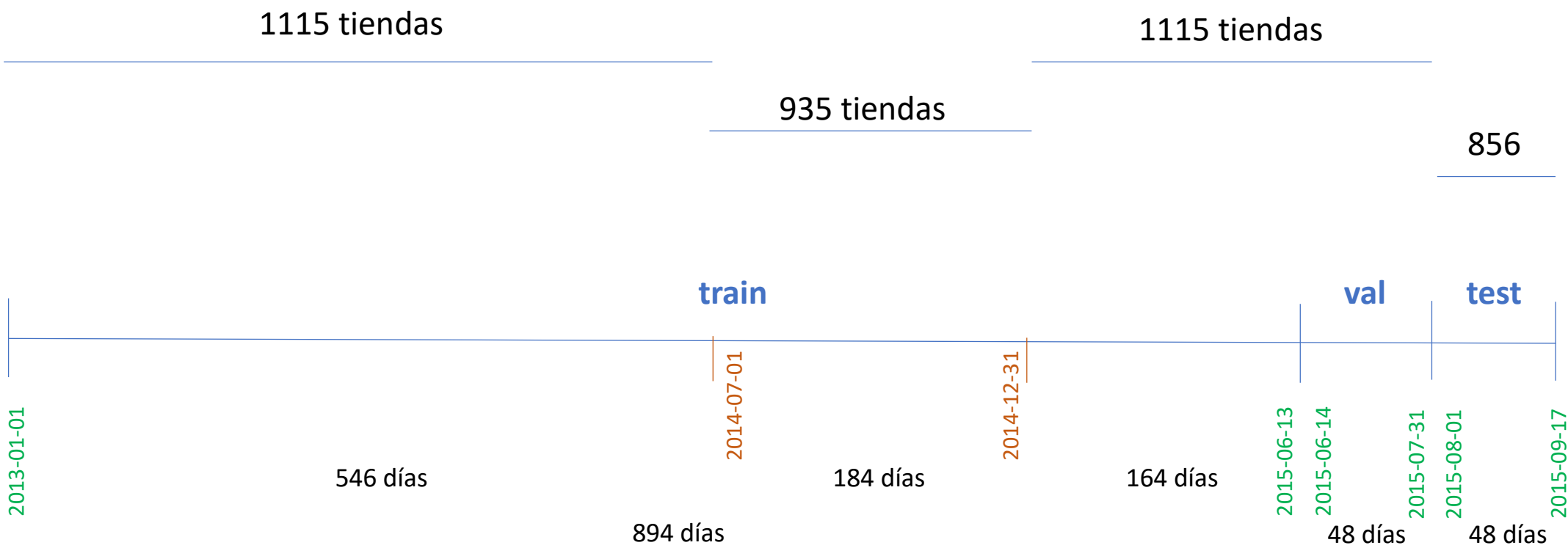
→ tiempo

El dataset de validación debe mimetizar el test



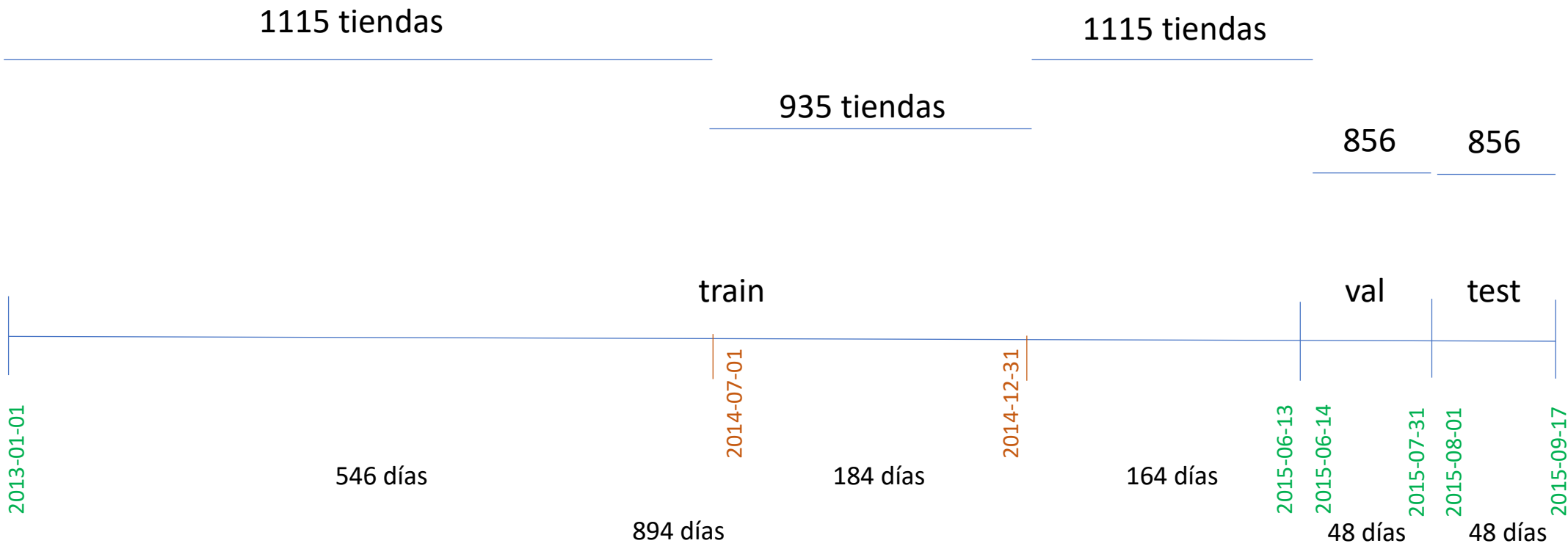
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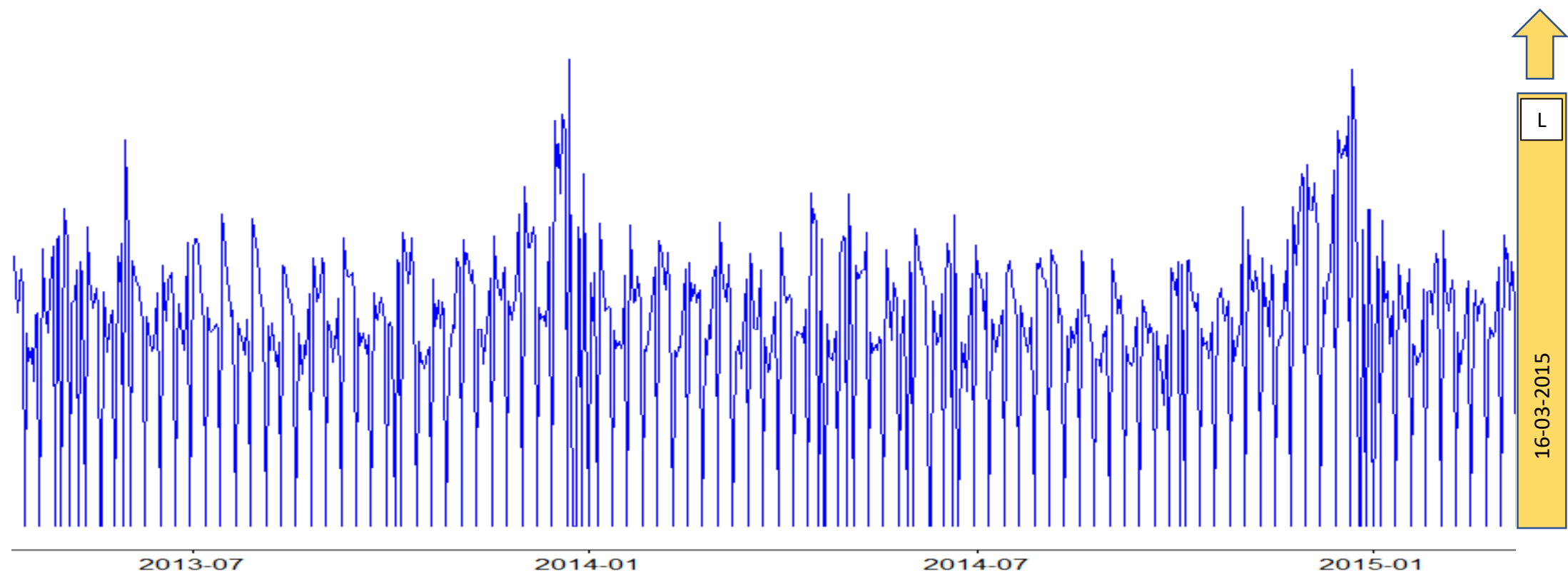
## Ingeniería de Variables (Modelo Gradient Boosting Decision Trees)

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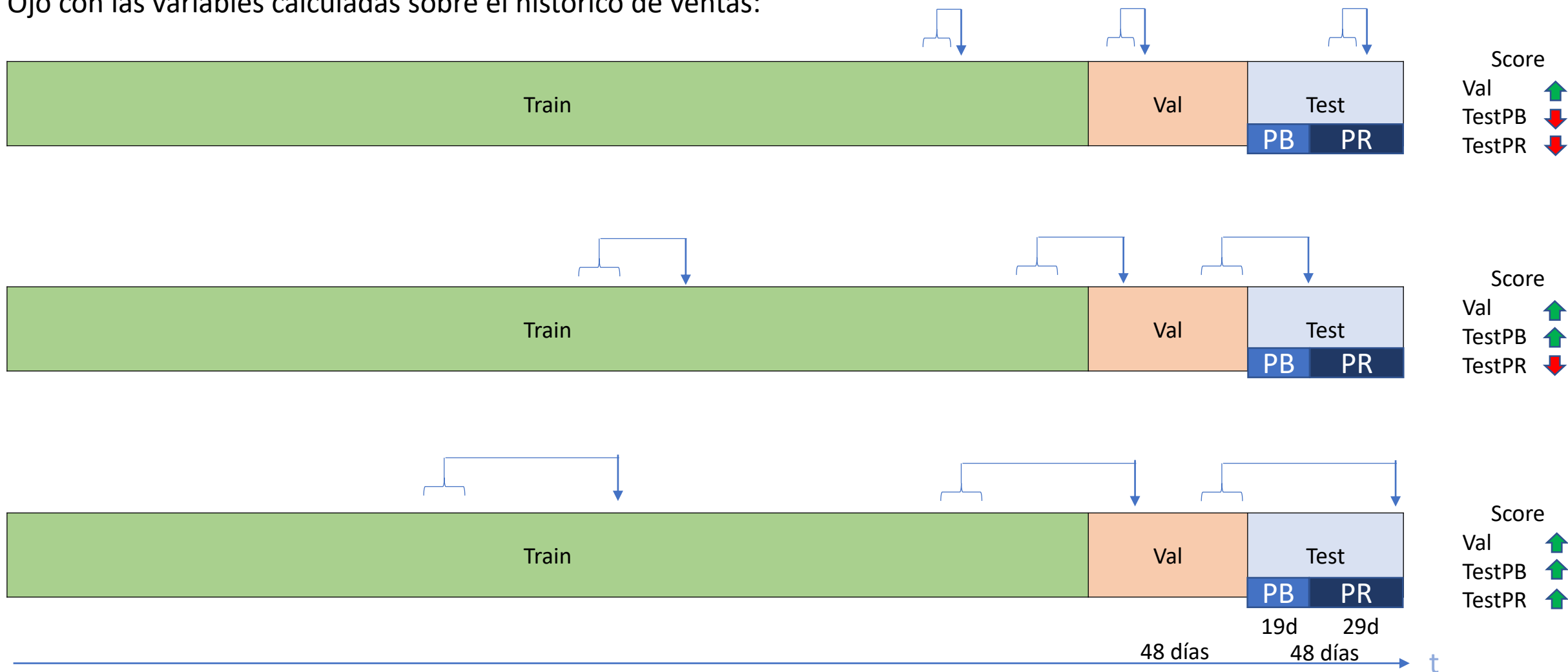
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Tienda: T  
Fecha: 16-03-2015  
Variables: dia, sem, mes, anio

dia	16
DayOfWeek	L
sem	12
mes	3
anio	2015



Ojo con las variables calculadas sobre el histórico de ventas:

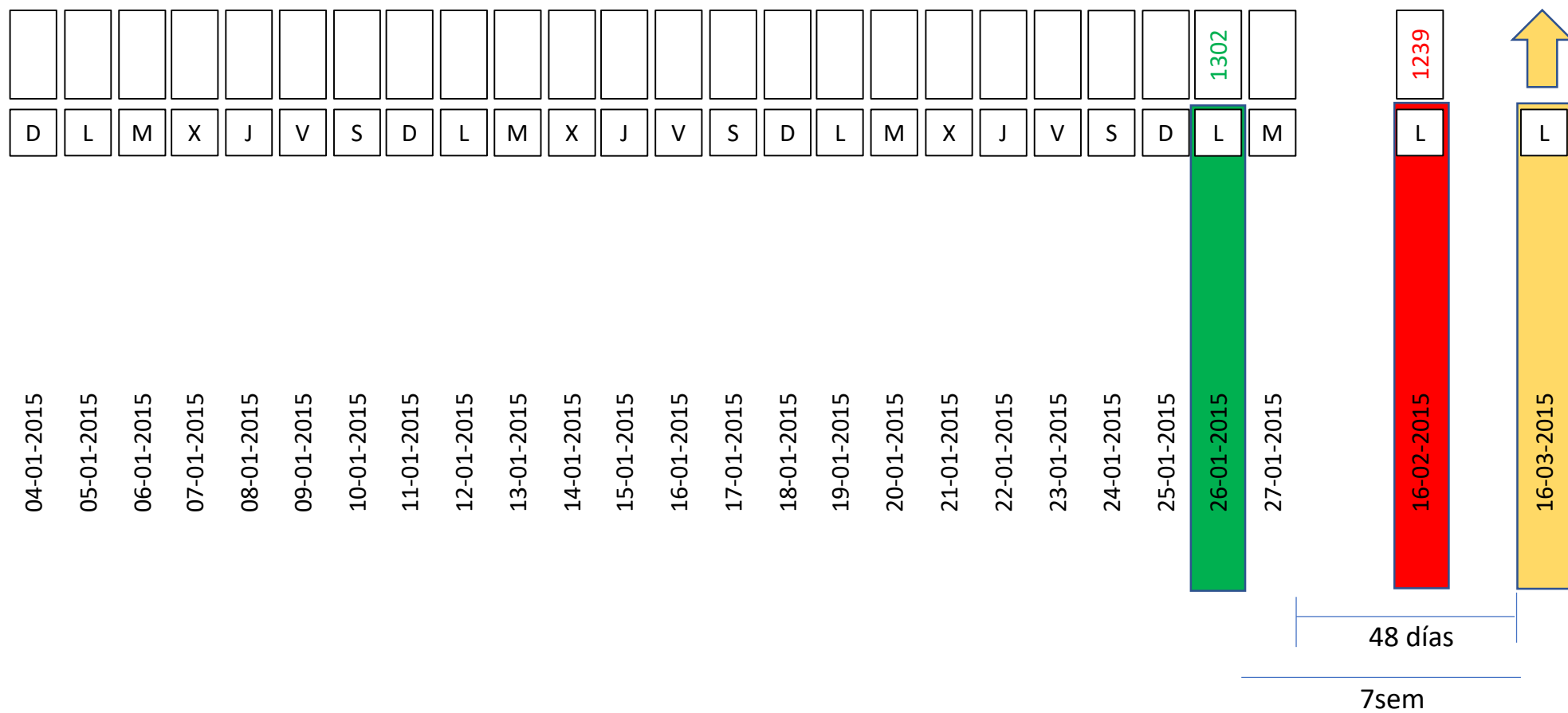


Variables: Sales\_DOW\_lag\_7w

Sales\_DOW\_lag\_7w

1032

DayOfWeek

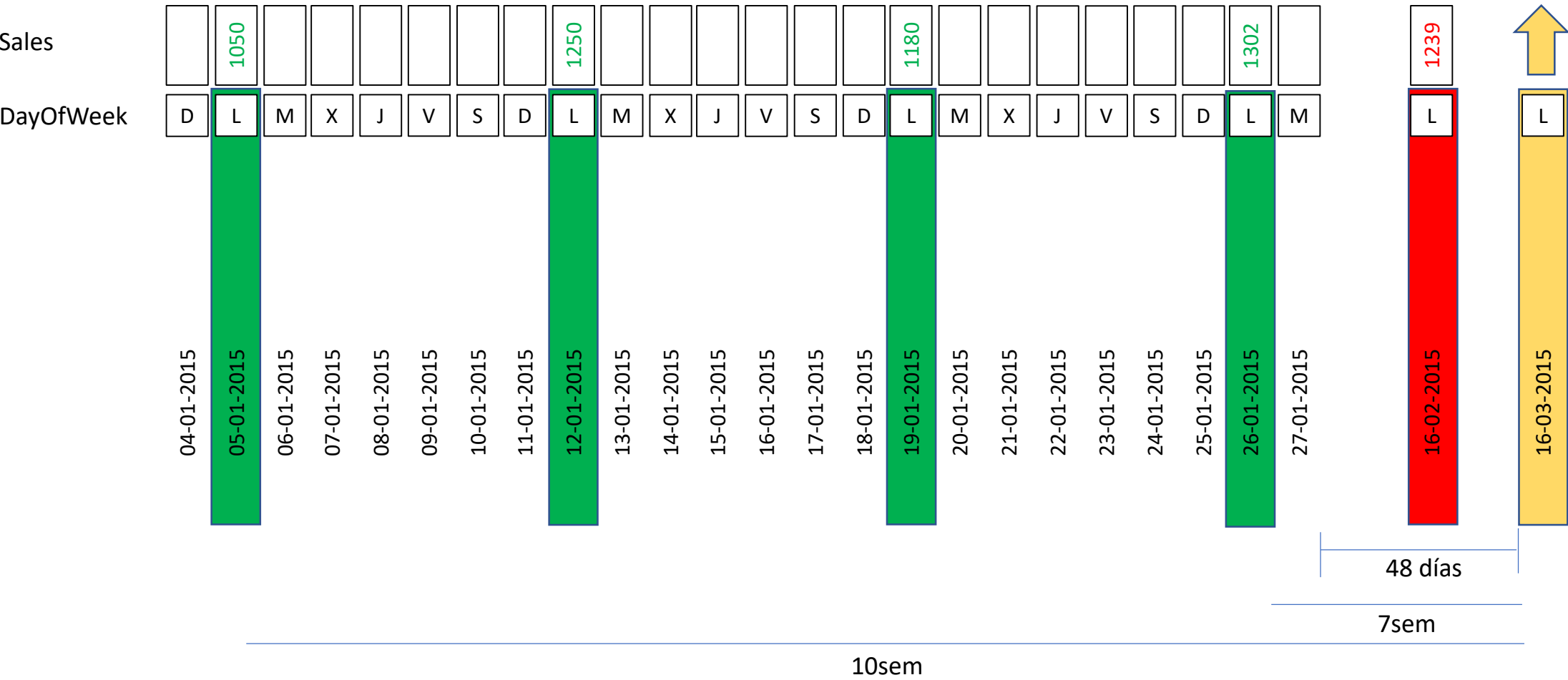


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Fecha: 16-03-2015  
Variables: Sales\_mean\_4\_DOW, Sales\_min\_4\_DOW, Sales\_max\_4\_DOW, Sales\_sd\_4\_DOW

Media(1050,1250,1180,1302)	1195.5
Mediana(1050,1250,1180,1302)	1215
Min(1050,1250,1180,1302)	1050
Max(1050,1250,1180,1302)	1302
Sd(1050,1250,1180,1302)	109.12



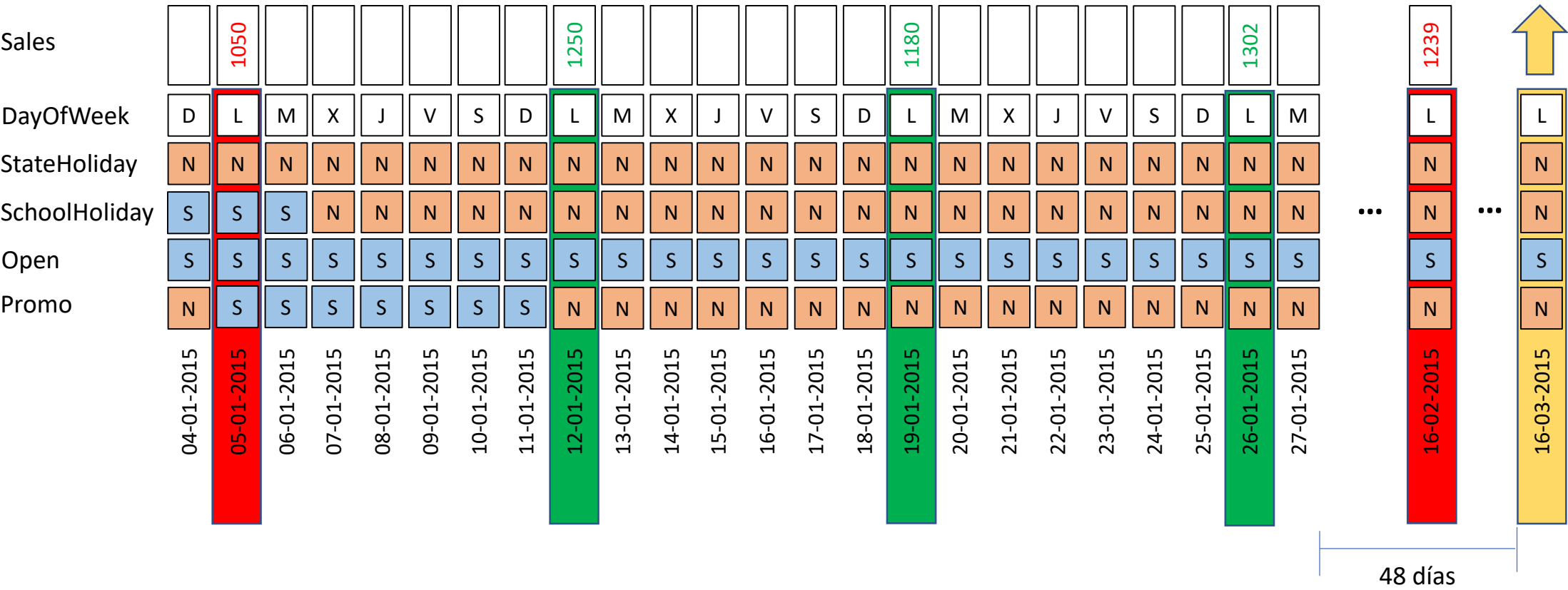


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Tienda: T  
Fecha: 16-03-2015  
Variables: Mean\_Sales\_Grupo\_lag,

Media(1250,1180,1302)	1244
Mediana(1250,1180,1302)	1250
Min(1250,1180,1302)	1180
Max(1250,1180,1302)	1302
Sd(1250,1180,1302)	61,22





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Fecha: 16-03-2015

Variables: Sales\_mean\_1m, Sales\_mean\_2m, ratio\_mean\_1m\_2m

Sales\_mean\_1m

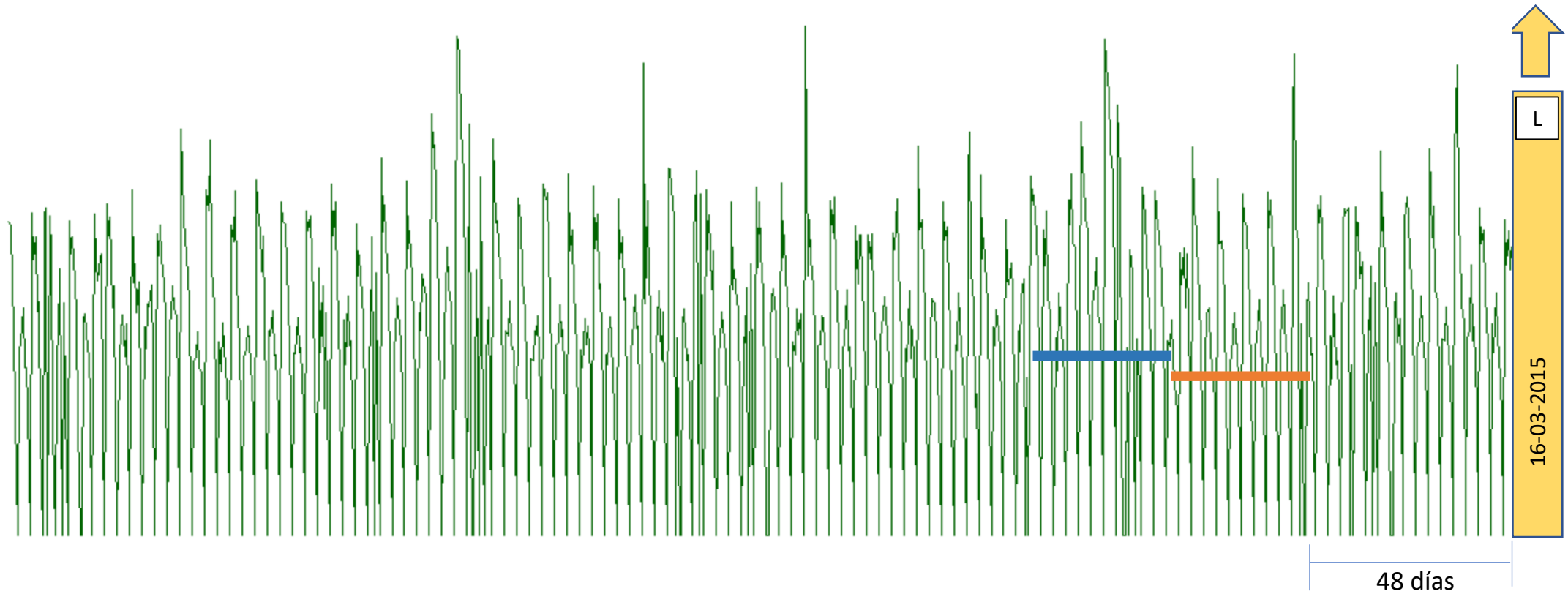
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Sales\_mean\_2m

520

ratio\_mean\_1m\_2m

0,98

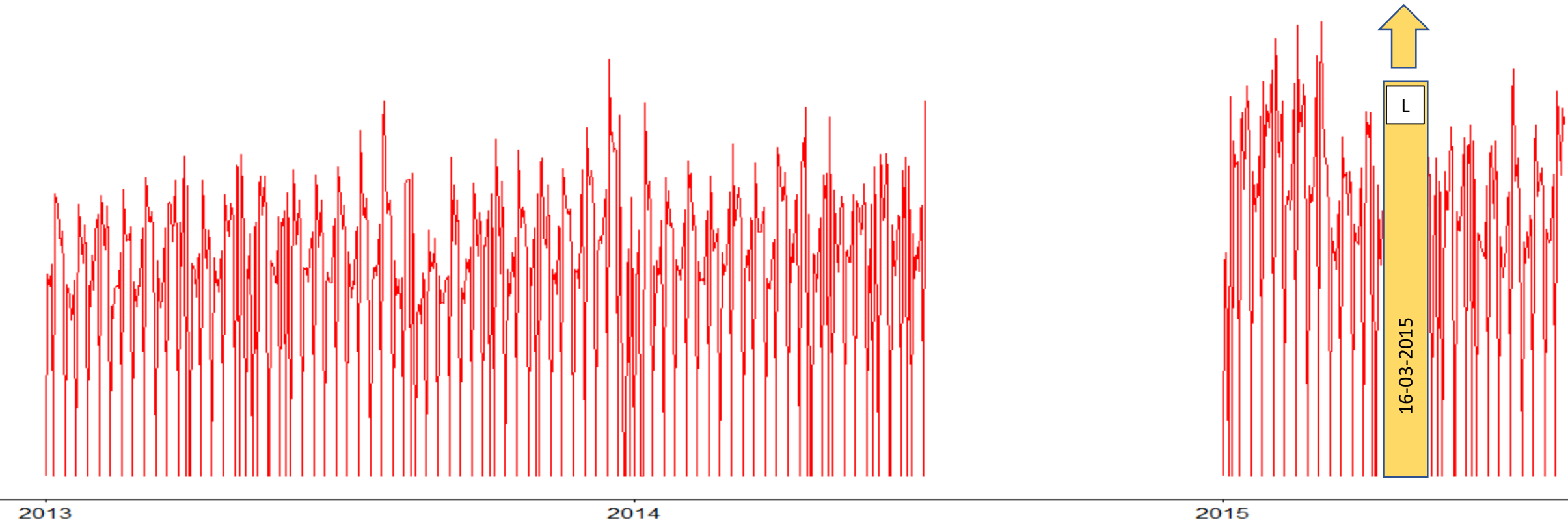


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Tienda: T  
Fecha: 16-03-2015  
Variables: tienda\_con\_remodelación, DiasDesdeRemodelacion, DiasParaRemodelacion

tienda_con_remodelación	1
DiasDesdeRemodelación	75
DiasParaRemodelación	3395

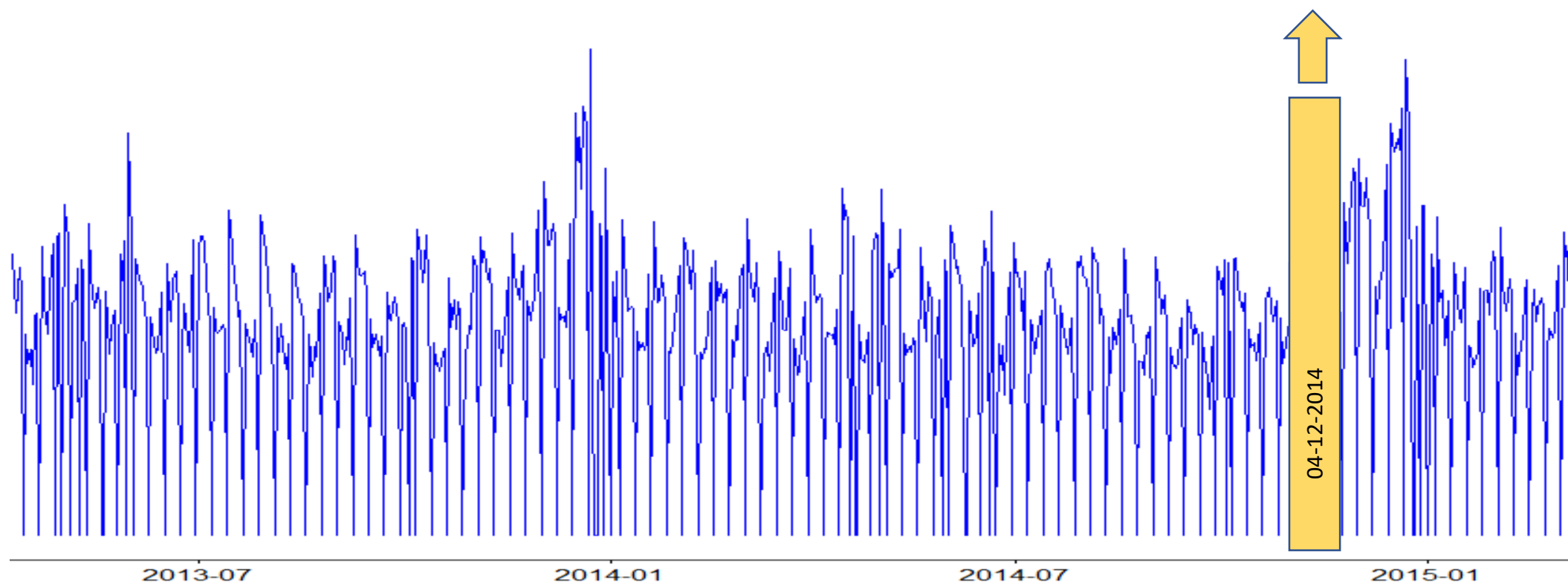


Tienda: T

Fecha: 04-12-2014

Variables: DiasParaNavidad

DiasParaNavidad 21

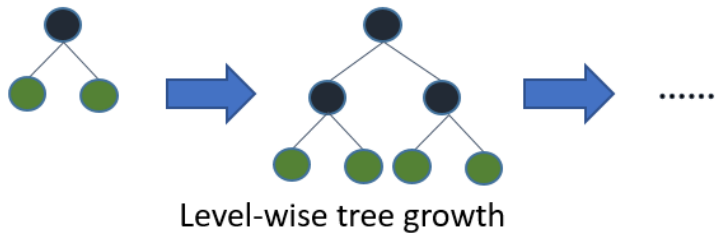


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Modelo

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**XGBoost**



GBDT Hyper Parameter Tuning

Hyper Parameter	Tuning Approach	Range	Note
# of Trees	Fixed value	100-1000	Depending on datasize
Learning Rate	Fixed => Fine Tune	[2 - 10] / # of Trees	Depending on # trees
Row Sampling	Grid Search	[.5, .75, 1.0]	
Column Sampling	Grid Search	[.4, .6, .8, 1.0]	
Min Leaf Weight	Fixed => Fine Tune	3/(% of rare events)	Rule of thumb
Max Tree Depth	Grid Search	[4, 6, 8, 10]	
Min Split Gain	Fixed	0	Keep it 0

Best GBDT implementation today: <https://github.com/tqchen/xgboost>  
by **Tianqi Chen** (U of Washington)



Xgboost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eta</li><li>• Gamma</li><li>• Max_depth</li><li>• Min_child_weight</li><li>• Subsample</li><li>• Colsample_bytree</li><li>• Lambda</li><li>• alpha</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0.01,0.015, 0.025, 0.05, 0.1</li><li>• 0.05-0.1,0.3,0.5,0.7,0.9,1.0</li><li>• 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 15, 17, 25</li><li>• 1, 3, 5, 7</li><li>• 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0</li><li>• 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0</li><li>• 0.01-0.1, 1.0 , RS*</li><li>• 0, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0 RS*</li></ul>
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**Ideas de mejora**

## 1. Generar N modelos, uno por día a predecir

Idea propuesta por [Danijel Kivaranovic](#) (Kaggle Grandmaster) en la competición Recruit Restaurant Visitor Forecasting de Kaggle y que expuso en Kaggle Days Varsovia.

Recruit Restaurant Visitor Forecasting

Predecir los visitantes en 314 restaurantes en los próximas 39 días

## Modelo 1

Data that can be used is blue. Data that must be ignored is gray. Data that is not available is black.



Data used to compute the feature in green.

Day feature



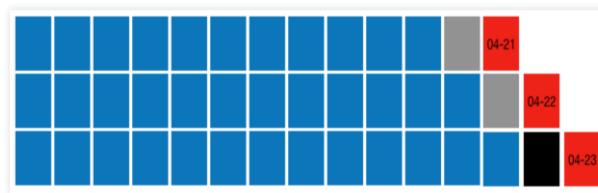
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Week feature



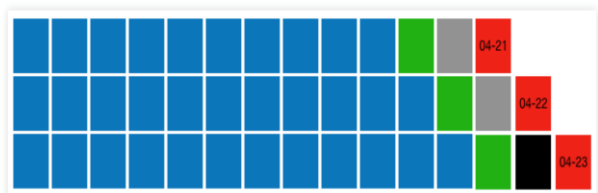
## Modelo 2

Data that can be used is blue. Data that must be ignored is gray. Data that is not available is black.



Data used to compute the feature in green.

Day feature



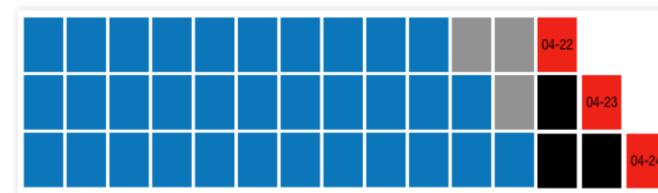
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Week feature



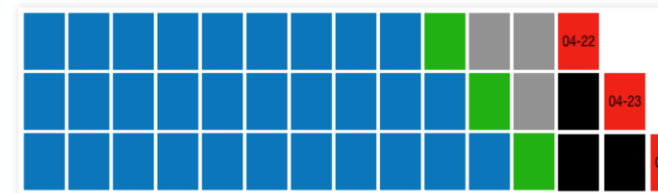
## Modelo 3

Data that can be used is blue. Data that must be ignored is gray. Data that is not available is black.



Data used to compute the feature in green.

Day feature

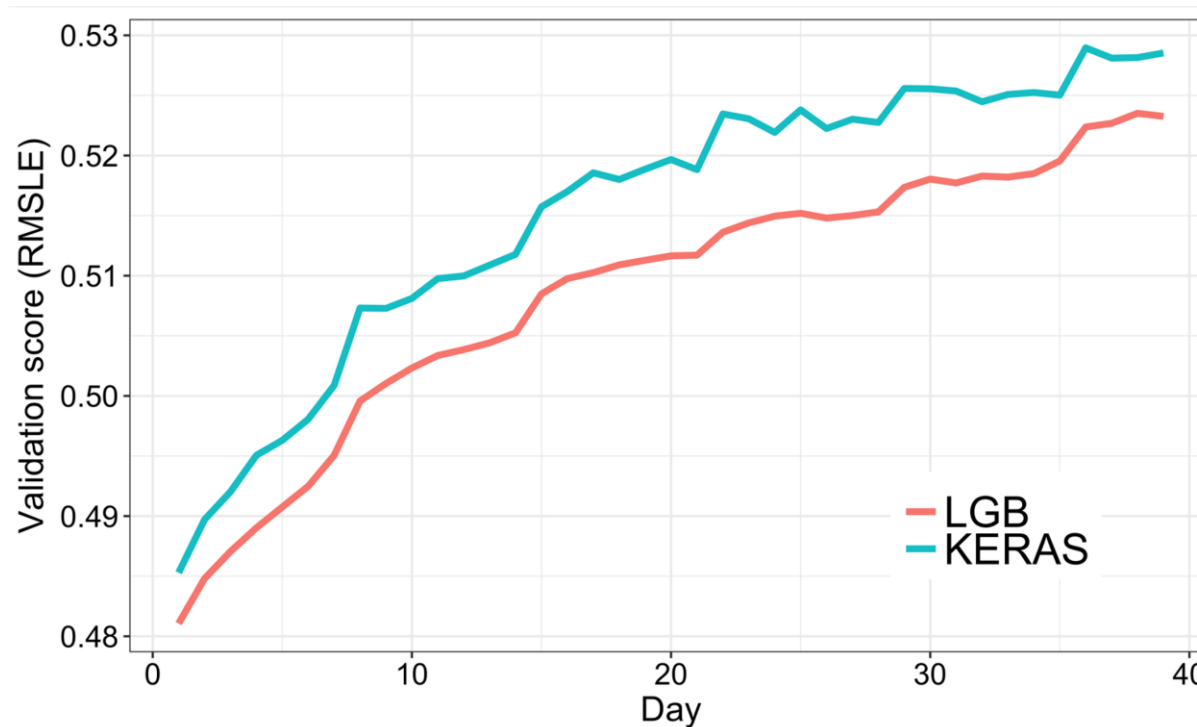


Data used to compute the feature in green.

Week feature



39 días -> 39 Modelos -> 39 datasets de validación -> 39 scores de validación



Nota: Imagen extraída de la presentación de **Danijel Kivaranovic** en Kaggle Days Warsaw

Como era de esperar, cuanto más lejana en el tiempo la predicción, mayor es el error.



## Más ideas de mejora

### 1. Mejorar ingeniería de variables

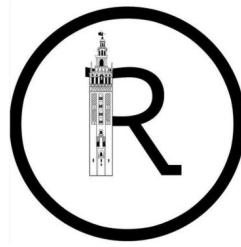
- Mejorar algunas de las variables calculadas
- Cambiar codificación de las categóricas: oneHotEncoding, LabelEncoding, Frecuencia, etc.
- Nuevas variables

### 2. Bagging

- Promediar modificando algunos hiperparámetros
- Promediar modificando la forma de cálculo de algunas variables (cambiando codificación categóricas, etc.)

### 3. Stacking

- Combinar las predicciones de varios modelos (RF, RNN, LR, ARIMA, ...) sacando lo mejor de cada uno. Cuanto mayor diversidad, mejor.



**Muchas gracias  
por vuestra atención!**