

Crime Analysis in Austin, Tx

A wide-angle photograph of a lush green park in the foreground, with a dense line of trees in the middle ground, and the Austin skyline visible in the background under a clear blue sky. A large, leafy tree is on the right side of the frame. In the distance, a group of people is gathered on the grass near a yellow goalpost.

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Objective

- Observe the crime trend in downtown area of Austin, Tx
- Forecast the crimes for the next 14 days and help APD sectors



Data Science Pipeline

- Data acquisition
- Data wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis(EDA)
- Baseline Modeling(Preprocessing and Training)
- Modeling (Prophet and Auto Arima(pmdarima))

Data Source

● <https://data.austintexas.gov/Public-Safety/Crime-Reports/fdj4-gpfu>

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the official City of Austin open data portal

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This dataset contains a record of incidents that the Austin Police Department responded to and
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April 10, 2023

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About this Dataset

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Publishing Information

Update Frequency

Weekly

Glimpse of the Dataset - crime_report

	incident_report_number	crime_type	ucr_code	family_violence	occ_date_time	occ_date	occ_time	rep_date_time	rep_date	rep_time
0	20121171927	RECKLESS DAMAGE	1401	N	2012-04- 26T22:34:00.000	2012-04- 26T00:00:00.000	2234	2012-04- 26T23:04:00.000	2012-04- 26T00:00:00.000	2304
1	20072871892	FAMILY DISTURBANCE	3400	N	2007-10- 14T20:01:00.000	2007-10- 14T00:00:00.000	2001	2007-10- 14T20:01:00.000	2007-10- 14T00:00:00.000	2001
2	2006471156	FAMILY DISTURBANCE	3400	N	2006-02- 16T14:25:00.000	2006-02- 16T00:00:00.000	1425	2006-02- 16T14:25:00.000	2006-02- 16T00:00:00.000	1425
3	20045017276	IDENTITY THEFT	4022	N	2003-07- 31T12:00:00.000	2003-07- 31T00:00:00.000	1200	2004-04- 14T09:45:00.000	2004-04- 14T00:00:00.000	945
4	20173300229	FAMILY DISTURBANCE	3400	N	2017-11- 26T07:43:00.000	2017-11- 26T00:00:00.000	743	2017-11- 26T07:43:00.000	2017-11- 26T00:00:00.000	743

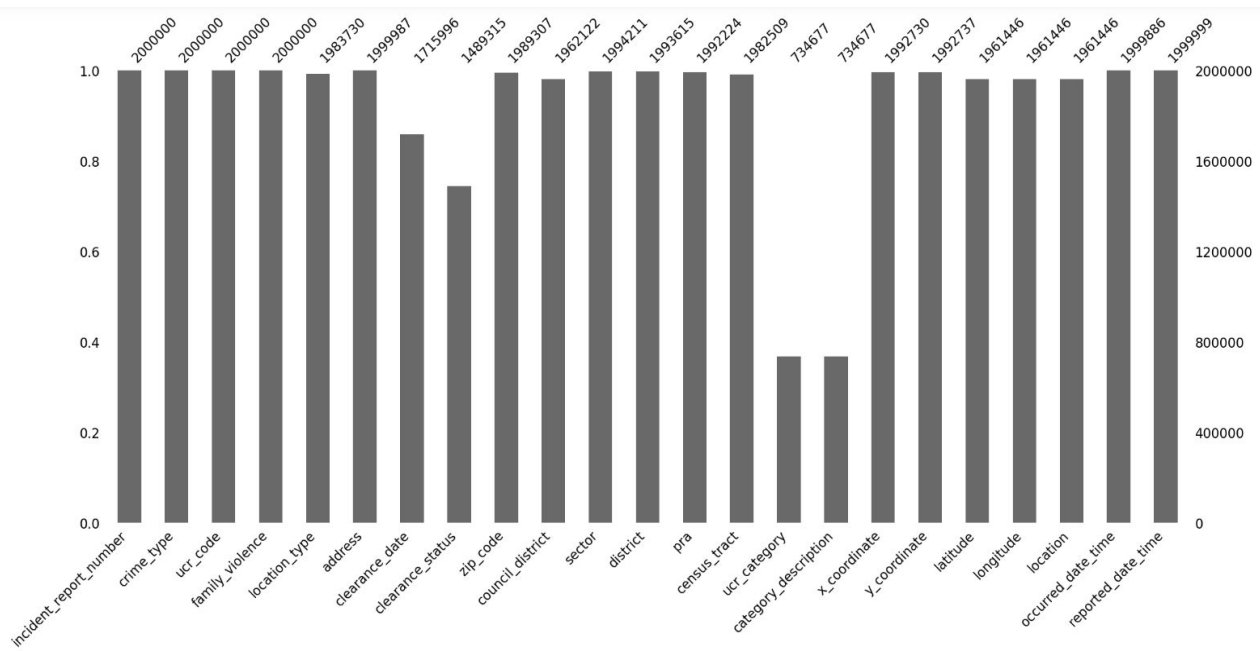
5 rows × 33 columns



Dataset Information

- Using API request, downloaded 2 million records.
- # of rows = 2000000
- # columns = 33
- ['incident_report_number', 'crime_type', 'ucr_code', 'family_violence',
- 'location_type', 'address', 'clearance_date', 'clearance_status',
- 'zip_code', 'council_district', 'sector', 'district', 'pra',
- 'census_tract', 'ucr_category', 'category_description', 'x_coordinate',
- 'y_coordinate', 'latitude', 'longitude', 'location',
- 'occurred_date_time', 'reported_date_time'],

Missing Columns and Clean up Data





Dimensions associated

Determined the dimensions associated with this project:

- Council District
- Sectors(Austin Police Department) sectors
- Zip Codes
- Crime Types

Identify the target and its type (categorical/non-categorical)

- Ucr_code
- Crime_type
- Family_violance



Identify the resolution of Time Series

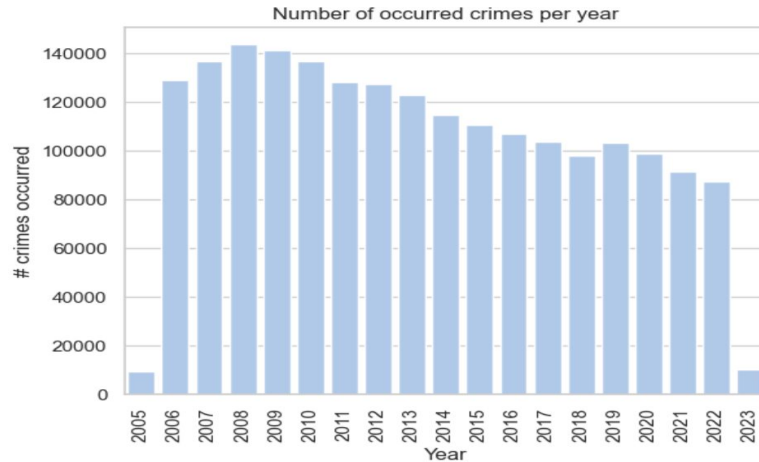
- What should be the resolution of the Times series?
- What is the forecast horizon?
- Any Exogenous Variables noticed?



EDA Process

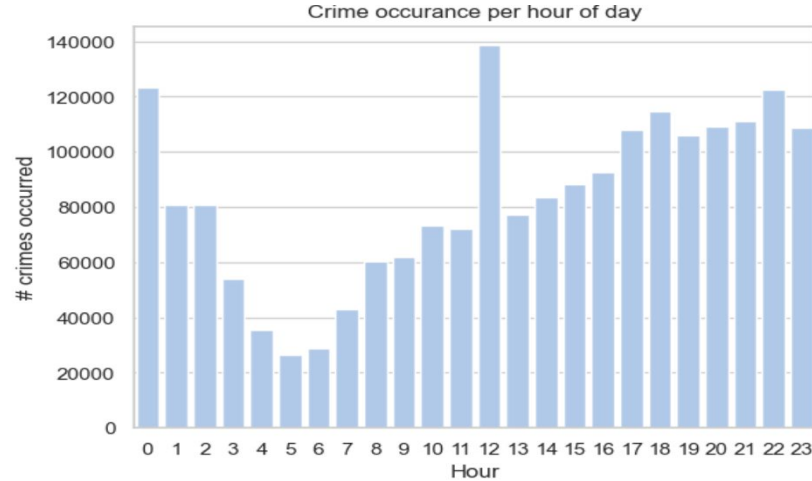
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Crimes Trend over the years (2006-2022)



A decrease in the number of crimes.

Hourly Crime pattern



We observe that crimes seem to occur more in the afternoon and midnight

Analysis for Vehicle Burglary Crime by Year

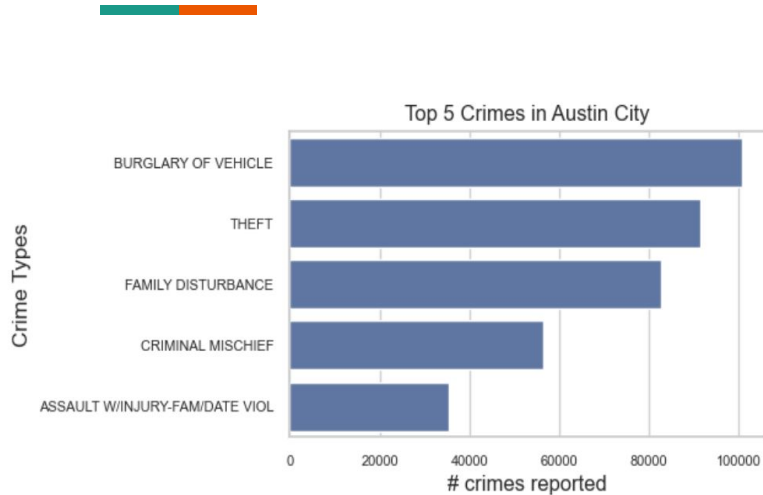


Fig 1

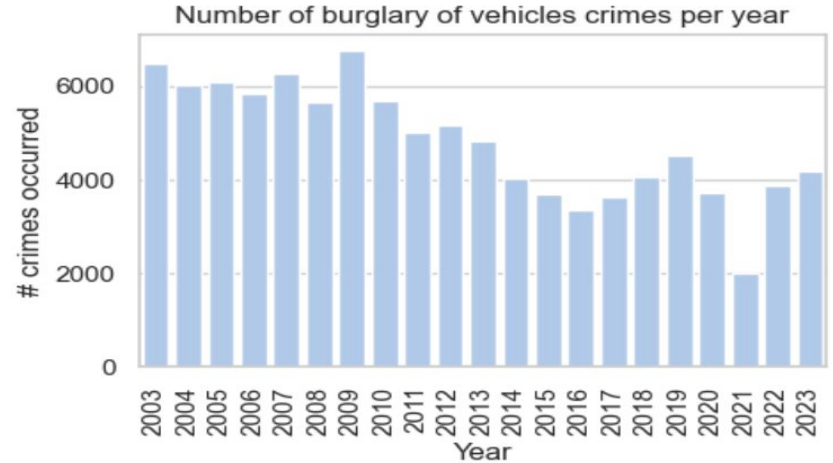
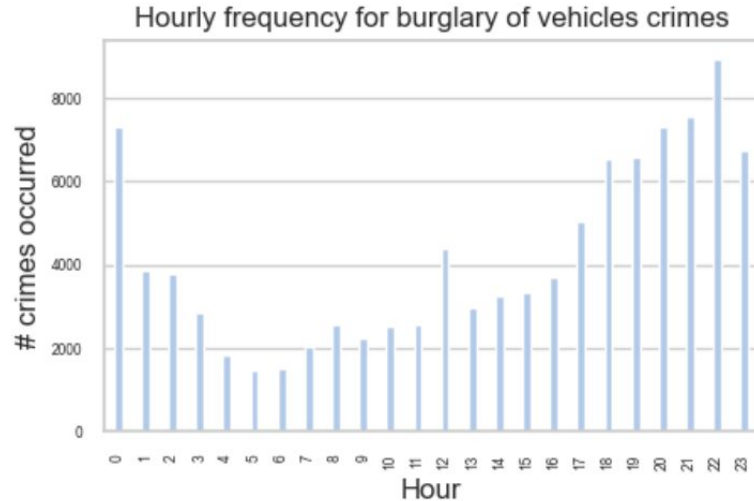


Fig 2

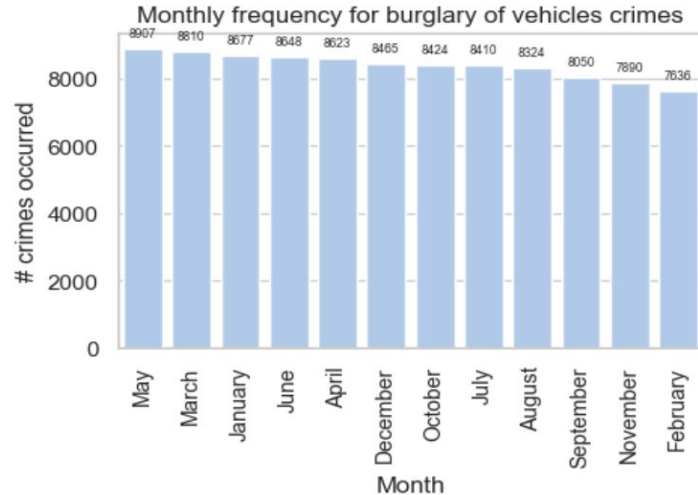
Burglary of vehicles is the top most crime in Austin. Fig 2. Shows the Year 2009 reported the most burglary of vehicles crime. 2021 was the lowest. Could it be due to Covid? From 2021 to 2022, we see a big jump for that crime.

Hour-wise Crime Counts

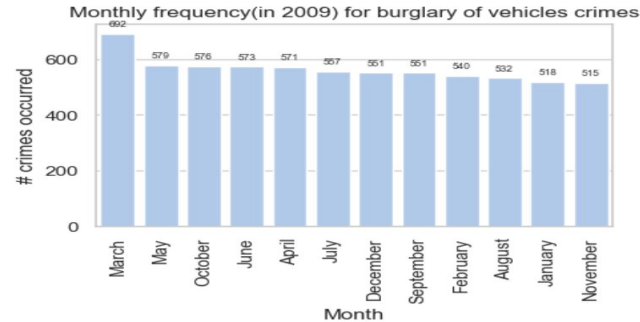


Highest crime occurs 10 pm. Noon (12 pm) the crime counts are significantly high. Most of the crimes happens after 5pm till midnight.
Lowest number of crime reported is at 5am

Analysis for Vehicle Burglary Crime by Month



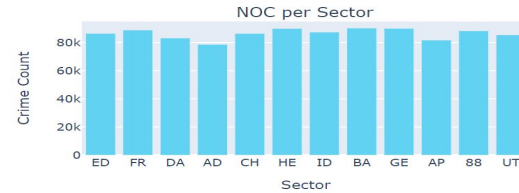
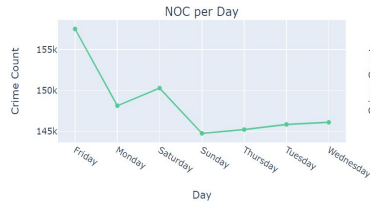
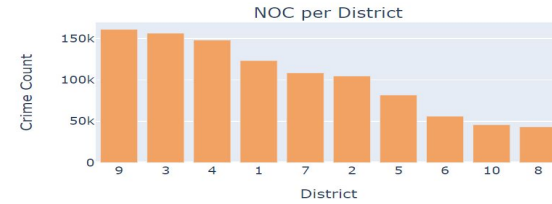
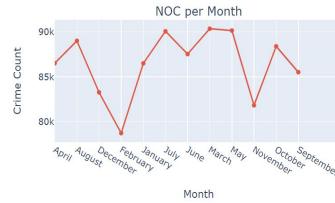
In 2009, since vehicle burglary crime rate is so high, wonder which month produced high vehicle burglary? Let us find out



May month seems to be very active for crimes
February is low.

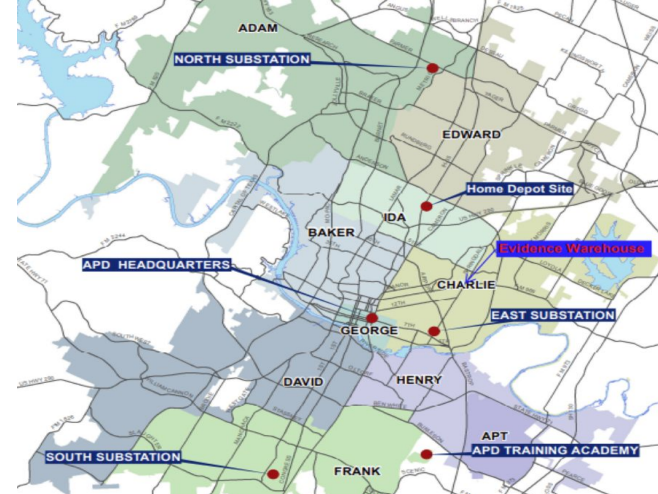
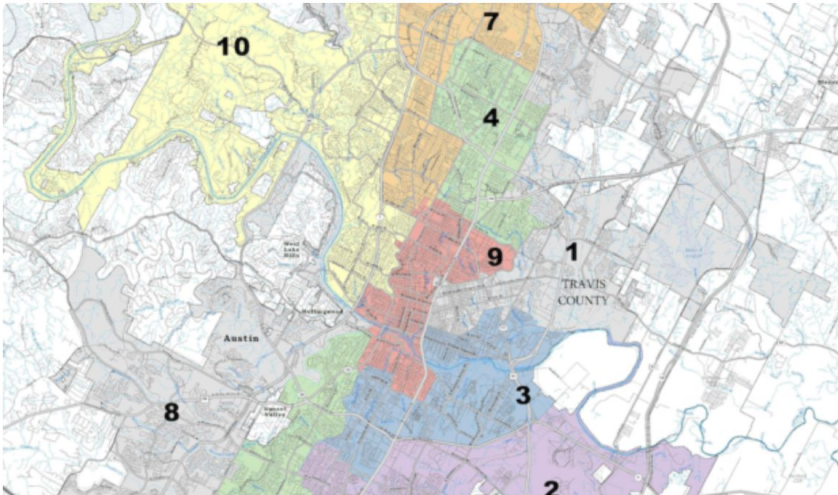
March 2009 had the highest Vehicle Burglaries

Visualization of Crime Count based on date features and per district and sector



Which Council district and sector have high crime rate?

<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=168703>





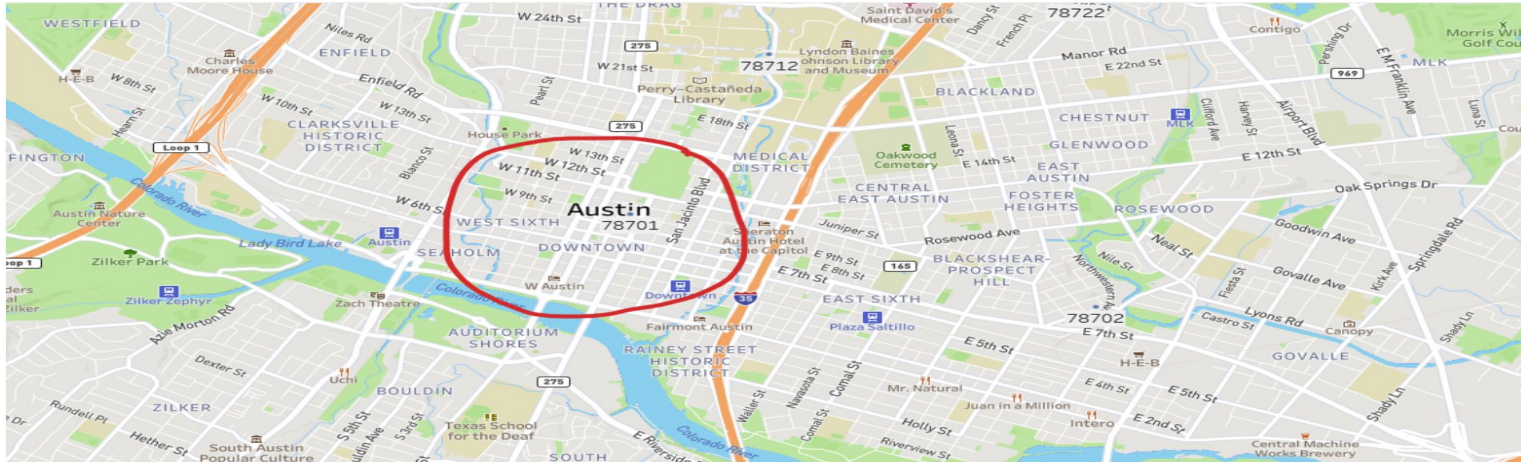
Top 10 Crime types and APD sectors

THEFT	16409
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	13109
ASSAULT BY CONTACT	9010
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	7685
DWI	7443
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	6965
THEFT OF BICYCLE	6048
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	5909
WARRANT ARREST NON TRAFFIC	5199
DISTURBANCE - OTHER	4332

GE	63827
BA	62136
DA	13813
HE	12781
CH	5937
ID	2290
UT	219
HENRY	1

Name: sector, dtype: int64

EDA on Zip codes - Used Tableau





Pre-processing and Training

https://nbviewer.org/github/anidurg/Springboard_2022/blob/main/Capstone3/Notebook/CP3%20DailyTime%20Series%20Preprocessing%20and%20Baseline%20Modeling-Final.ipynb

- Goal is to build one Time Series Forecast Model
- Read the Forecasting Principles and Practice book by Hyndman-Athanasopoulos



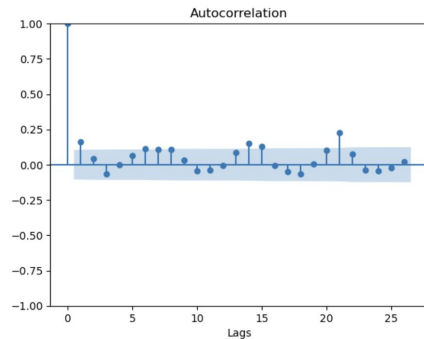
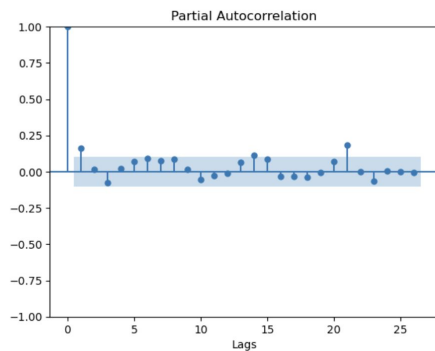
Analyze one Time Series

- Prepared the TS for top ten crimes for APD sectors GEORGE and BAKER
- I subset the data to keep only observations for the year to be greater than 2021

- | | crime_count |
|---------------|-------------|
| occurred_date | |
| 2022-03-11 | 13 |
| 2022-03-12 | 8 |
| 2022-03-13 | 23 |
| 2022-03-14 | 16 |
| 2022-03-15 | 16 |

Tested for stationarity using KPSS and ADF Test and made it stationary by differencing and log transformation. Did not observe any seasonality

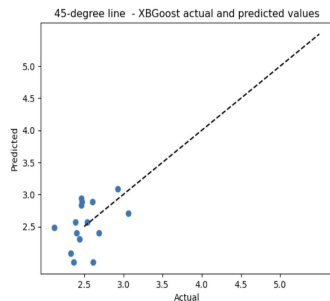
ACF and PACF Plots



Best model: `ARIMA(3,1,1)(0,0,0)[0]`
Total fit time: 4.145 seconds

Simple Forecast Methods

- **Naive Method** - considers what happened in the previous period and predicts the same thing will happen again.
- Simple Average
- Forecasting with Holt Winter's method
- Uni-step
- XGBoost



	var1(t-2)	var1(t-1)	var1(t)	var1(t+1)
occurred_date				
2022-03-13	2.564949	2.079442	3.135494	2.772589
2022-03-14	2.079442	3.135494	2.772589	2.772589
2022-03-15	3.135494	2.772589	2.772589	2.564949
2022-03-16	2.772589	2.772589	2.564949	2.564949
2022-03-17	2.772589	2.564949	2.564949	3.091042
...
2023-02-19	2.995732	3.218876	3.218876	3.258097
2023-02-20	3.218876	3.218876	3.258097	2.302585
2023-02-21	3.218876	3.258097	2.302585	2.772589
2023-02-22	3.258097	2.302585	2.772589	2.079442
2023-02-23	2.302585	2.772589	2.079442	2.995732

	RMSE	MAPE
Naive	0.58	20.97%
Simple Average	0.40	14.17%
Holt Winter's	0.43	15.46%
Arima	0.43	15.7%
uni-step	0.43	13.3%
XGBoost	0.33	12.0%



Modeling(All Time Series)

https://nbviewer.org/github/anidurg/Springboard_2022/blob/main/Capstone3/Notebook/CP3%20Modeling-Prophet%20and%20PMDARIMA_v_2.ipynb

- AUTO_ARIMA
- PROPHET

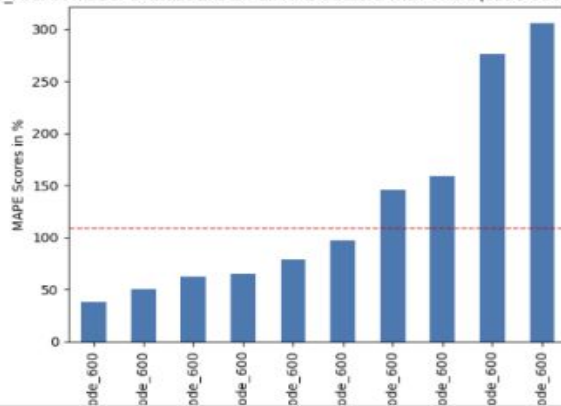
Twenty Time series -10 APD Sectors and 2 Most common Crimes

Ucr_codes for two most common crimes - 600 and 601

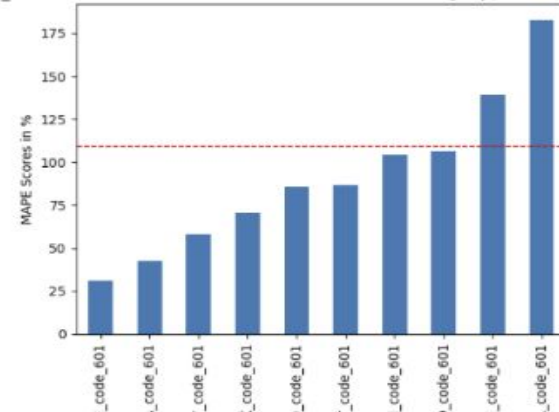
Auto_Arima

PMDARIMA MAPE evaluation for both the crime types (Theft and Burglary) :

Auto_ARIMA model evaluations on all APD sectors with Theft (code 600) Time series



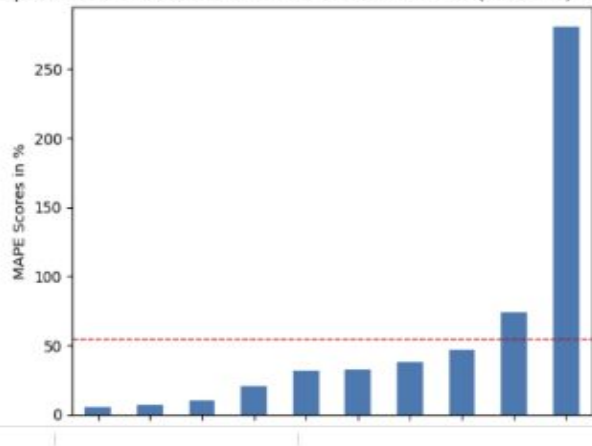
Auto_ARIMA model evaluations on all APD sectors with Burglary (code 601) Time series



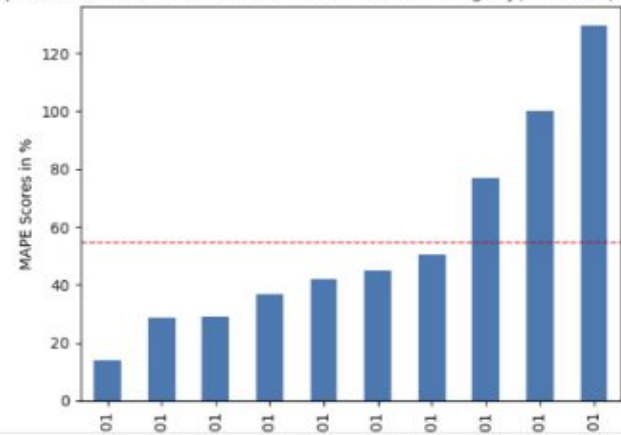
Prophet

PROPHET Evaluations:

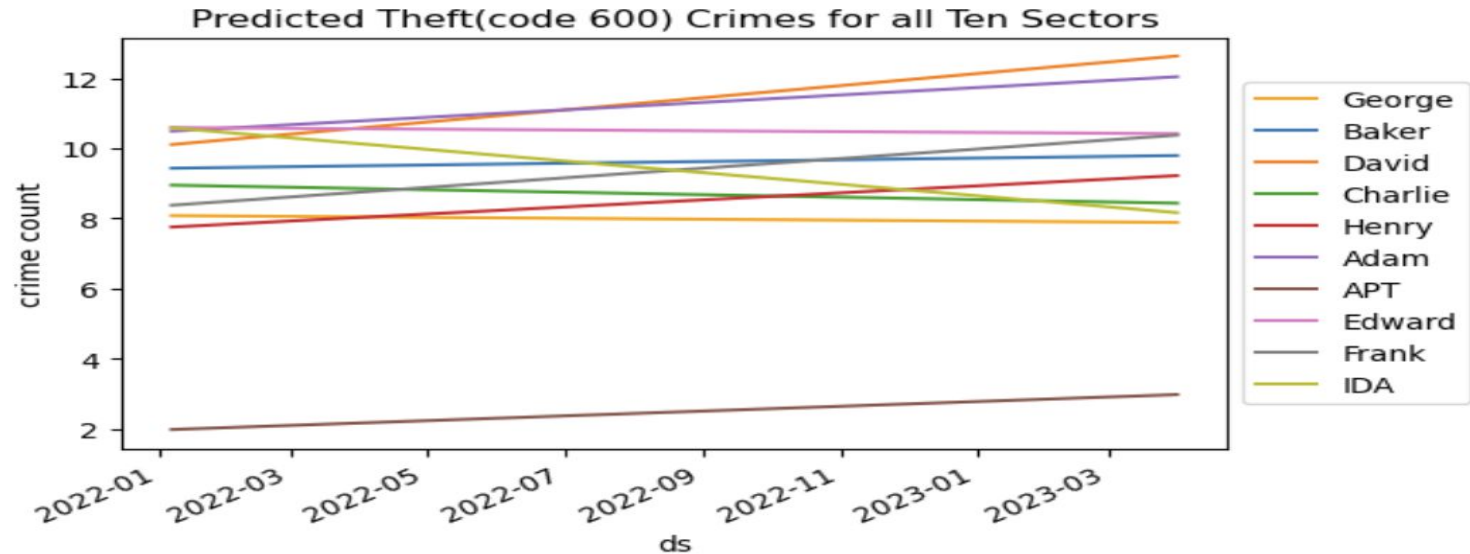
Prophet model evaluations on all APD sectors with Theft(code 600) Time series



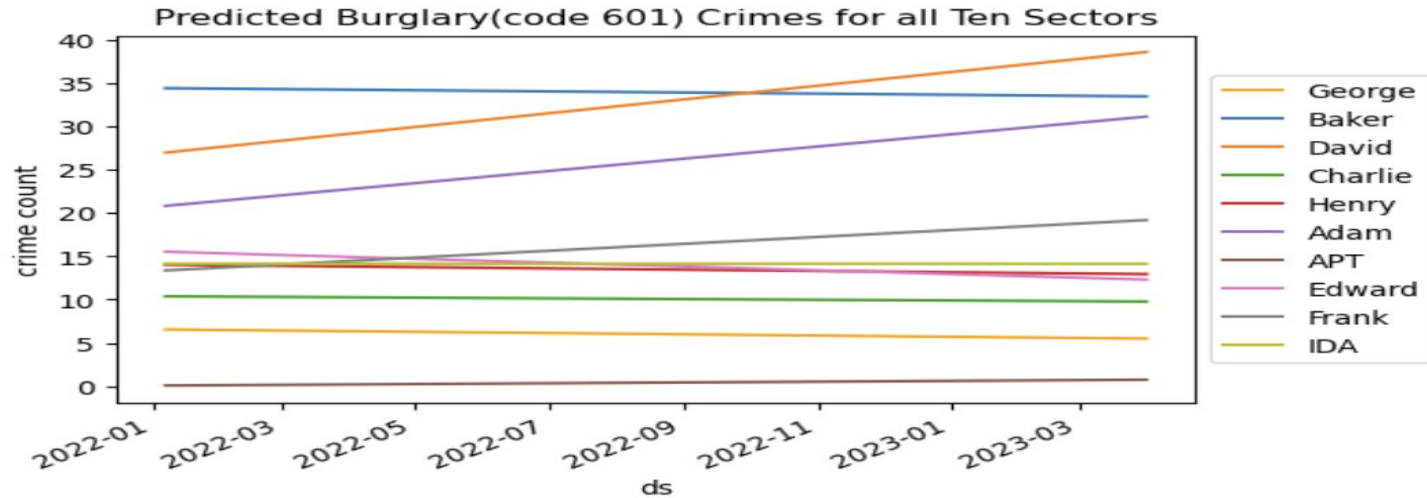
Prophet model evaluations on all APD sectors with Burglary(code 601) Time series



Prophet Forecast for Thefts for all ten sectors



Prophet Forecast for Burglary for all ten sectors





Summary

- Modeling is implemented on twenty time series (ten Austin Police Department Sectors and two major crimes with code of 600 and 601)
- code 600 is for Thefts and code 601 for Burglary
- Ten sectors are George, Henry, Baker, David, Charlie, Adam, APT, Edward, Frank, IDA, APT
- Dates will be from 2022 and above
- I did downsampling to make it a weekly time series
- I implemented Pivot method so each time series is a separate column
- I am using two methods for modeling this multiple time series, viz., Auto_Arima method and Prophet method
- I split the data where cut off date for train set is 2022-12-30
- Forecast for both the methods were evaluated based on MAPE values.
- Auto_arima gave almost the mean of MAPE which is twice the mean of MAPE from Prophet.
- I attempted to display the forecast for all the time series for each crime respectively. Graph shows straight lines instead of time series wavy lines. Not sure if it is due to the very negligible differences in the series for yhat values.
- I had applied only one time series with XGBoost algorithm. Given more time, I would apply for all the time series and evaluate its performance.
- There is a lot of scope to improve this project. Given more time, I would have tried to test with more powerful regression algorithms like RandomForestRegressor, LightGBM ensemble algorithm.



Future Work

- I need to work thoroughly on pre-processing and building a baseline model with one of the time series which I implemented along with the remaining 19 time series.
- Would like to attempt a few regression algorithms and see which will forecast the crimes accurately
- I was reading about K-Means Time clustering. I would like to implement that method on this data.
- Deploy the model utilizing Flask.



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