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Background and Methodology

Background

Regarding analytics in retailing, it is essential to understand a multifactorial interaction of variables, like the amount of commodity, unit price, and as a result, sales. A preliminary review focuses on the most elementary correlation of these related factors, trying to recognize general information-based patterns and links. Through data preprocessing, feature engineering, and deep learning methods, this intends to build models that can generate forecasts (sales estimates), using quantities and unit pricing. Through a credible visualization, the relationship among these elements has been analyzed thoroughly in the end, resulting in a good decision and efficient optimization of sales strategy by businesses.

Method

1. Data Acquisition and Preprocessing:

The first step is data collection including InvoiceNo, StockCode, Description, Quantity, InvoiceDate, UnitPrice, CustomerID, and Country in order to set the basis for our research. Upon getting captured, the dataset is extremely well pre-processed for the purpose of data quality and integrity are maintained. It covers all areas, such as missing values, outliers, and the same format type for the whole data. Feature encoding is done using the one-hot method which is the numerical representation of categorical variables like Country for model training. The first step in exploratory data analysis is the distribution of data comprehension and detection of patterns and outliers.

2. Feature Engineering:

Feature engineering is related to the predictive power of this model. Data exploration and business domain expertise enable us to extract and generate new features reflecting the retail trend. InvoiceDate stores information in a unique format and tags it across day of week, month, and year to depict seasonal sale trends. Engineering helps the data to grow and thus the model is ready to learn better.

3: Model Building

In order to do this task a neural network model has been implemented as a reflection of deep learning algorithm. In the case of model training, this utilizes the processed and improved sales dataset. However, the model structure is carefully designed to be effective in making predictive performance and catering to the retail data complexity. The amount of layers, the neurons, and the function of the activation have to be settled. This framework can be utilized for a computational implementation of the model using the powerful TensorFlow platform which is

well-equipped for optimization. The model features cost functions, classifiers, gradient updates, and performance metrics that are consistent for the optimum implementation of the model and its evaluation, correspondingly.

4. Model Training and Validation:

To train and assess the model, the preprocessed dataset has been split into two datasets: one to use as the training set and another as the validation set. Scaling, normalizing or both of these characteristics will promote numerical stability and training convergence. A mini-batch gradient descent as well as the Adam optimizer becomes the choice of the training on the training data and the resultant hyperparameters are refined. Besides the validation set, independent from the training set, the model's performance has been used in order to stay focused, observe any overfitting, and note the generalizability to new data points. Controlled early avalanches and occasional repetitions avert overfitting yet strengthen the model's robustness.

5. Model Assessment and Interpretation:

In order to verify the effectiveness of the model, MSE or MAE is used for the training set model on the validation set. Models are plotted over the sales data to check whether the prediction is as expected, and potential improvement areas can be detected. The values of model coefficients or feature importance scores can also expose the relationship between the features and the target variable for the accurate sales predictions needed to guide the model architecture, hyperparameters, and feature engineering strategies to keep the results up to date.

Dataset and Task Description

The brief overview of retail transactions is reflected by the data, and every single sale entry is reflected with a separate data point. Each transaction has its being characterized by a "Promise" and it contains information such as the distinct goods sold ("StockCode") or the descriptionening that goes with it. The number of the units sold per the transaction displays in the "Quantity" header. Additionally, the "InvoiceDate" aspect enumerates the temporal dimension of the data by noting the specific transaction date as well as the current time. The price of each product is represented by the "UnitPrice" column such that the revenue estimation is taking place. The information provided also includes individualized data unique to each client, which is used to set up consumer segmentation and marketing analysis by including the "CustomerID."

This process entails the application of analytics techniques to understand the subtle linkages among variables like the quantity of commodities, the unit price and sales. The scope of such tasks, including data preprocessing, feature engineering and

applying deep learning to create sales estimates predictive models. The aim is to use the detailed visualizations to analyze the relationships among these aspects, so that companies can be able to get effective ideas and utilize their sales strategies in an optimal way.

```
from kerastuner.tuners import RandomSearch

[3]: # Step 1: Data Preprocessing
data = pd.read_excel('/content/Online Retail.xlsx', nrows=500)
```

```
: data.describe()
```

	Quantity	InvoiceDate	UnitPrice	CustomerID
count	500.000000	500	500.000000	500.000000
mean	16.486000	2010-12-01 10:27:27.840000	3.608880	15666.764000
min	-24.000000	2010-12-01 08:26:00	0.100000	12431.000000
25%	3.000000	2010-12-01 09:41:00	1.250000	14307.000000
50%	6.000000	2010-12-01 10:29:00	2.100000	15862.000000
75%	12.000000	2010-12-01 11:21:00	3.950000	17511.000000
max	432.000000	2010-12-01 11:45:00	165.000000	18074.000000
std	38.615958	NaN	8.071726	1762.454843

```
data.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 500 entries, 0 to 499
Data columns (total 8 columns):
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   InvoiceNo    500 non-null   object
1   StockCode   500 non-null   object
2   Description  500 non-null   object
3   Quantity    500 non-null   int64
4   InvoiceDate  500 non-null   datetime64[ns]
5   UnitPrice   500 non-null   float64
6   CustomerID  500 non-null   int64
7   Country     500 non-null   object
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), float64(1), int64(2), object(4)
memory usage: 31.4+ KB
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Algorithms Used:

1. TensorFlow and Keras are the frameworks for deep learning algorithms.

Usage: Deep learning models are built, put together, and developed with these frameworks. TensorFlow delivers a broad and adaptable network of tools, archives, and community assets that enable researchers to develop machine learning and builders to create and implement ML-powered apps with simplicity.

2. Techniques for Preprocessing Data

StandardScaler: This approach works for scaling features. By removing the mean and scaling onto a single variance, it normalizes/standardizes (mean = 0 and variance = 1) values. Because neural network procedures are sensitive to input scales, this is critical.

train_test_split: The scikit-learn library function that splits a dataset into random train and test subsets is employed. This is vital when evaluating the model's performance on hypothetical data.

3. The RandomSearch Keras Tuner:

Description:

The application referred to as Keras Tuner is employed for tuning the hyperparameters of Keras models. A series of hyperparameter readings are selected at random from the defined search space by the RandomSearch tuner. With the goal to improve model performance on a validation set, it is utilized to optimize the model architecture and training parameters.

```
] import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import tensorflow as tf
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import tensorflow as tf
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from tensorflow.keras.layers import BatchNormalization, Dropout
from kerastuner.tuners import RandomSearch
```

Use: RandomSearch effectively reduces the number of neurons, layers, activation functions, learning rate, and other hyperparameters that are optimal for the model.

4. Elements of Neural Networks:

Normalization of batches: With this method, the stimulation is scaled and modified to normalize the input layer. It is used to substantially decrease the amount of

training epochs required to train deep networks and stabilize the procedure for learning.

Dropout: A regularization technique that works when a portion of the input units is arbitrarily set to 0 at each update during training time, which helps prevent overfitting.

```
[5]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
# Step 2: Visualizations
# Scatter plot of Quantity vs Sales
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x='Quantity', y='UnitPrice', data=data)
plt.title('Quantity vs UnitPrice')
```

Implement details

The proposed solution utilizes a neural network model to foresee the sales level in the retail environment using the number and unit pricing of products. The data preprocessing procedures encompass data loading and visualization techniques to obtain the necessary knowledge of the correlations between different features and sales. The model architecture, which was developed using TensorFlow's Keras API, consists of several thick layers and Relu activation functions and ends with an output layer that is responsible for foreseeing sales. After compiling and training the model, the dataset is divided into separate sets for evaluation: a train set and a test set. Precision measures are also used to evaluate models by calculating parameters such as mean squared error on data it has not been trained on. At the end, the trained model will be applied to identify sales forecasts. This showcases its capability of enabling better strategic decisions and sales strategies in the retail area by delivering accurate information.

```
[7]: # For simplicity, let's assume we only use the Quantity and UnitPrice as features
X = data[['Quantity', 'UnitPrice']].values
# Create a target variable based on Quantity and UnitPrice
y = np.sum(X, axis=1)
```

```
[8]: # Step 2: Train-Test Split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

Result

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import tensorflow as tf
```

Figure 1: Imported modules

Based on the above attached snip, it can be said that the required modules have been imported. In order to be precise it can be said that this process has been done in terms of reducing the repetition of the codes.

```
[3]: # Step 1: Data Preprocessing
data = pd.read_excel('/content/Online Retail.xlsx', nrows=500)
```

Figure 2: Imported data

In this stage, data has been imported in terms of analyzing which has been collected from the UCI website. Based on this imported data further analysis of the sales prediction of the online retail store has been done.

```
[4]: data.describe()
```

```
[4]:
```

	Quantity	InvoiceDate	UnitPrice	CustomerID
count	500.000000	500	500.000000	500.000000
mean	16.486000	2010-12-01 10:27:27.840000	3.608880	15666.764000
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max	432.000000	2010-12-01 11:45:00	165.000000	18074.000000
std	38.615958	NaN	8.071726	1762.454843

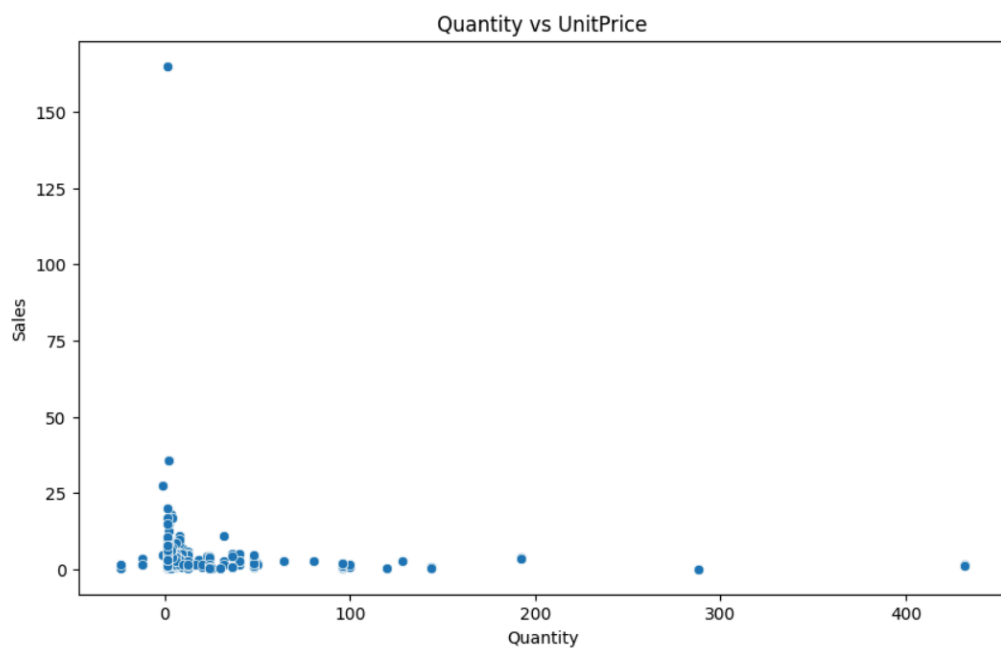
Figure 3: Descriptive stats

Descriptive statistics are the means by which an idea about the dataset distribution has been obtained and features. The data shows the typical consumption of items by the means of £3.04 and a total count of 12.79 items per transaction. Requiring three discrete points for calculating trends, negative numbers show problems that may

need revisions. The column where UnitPrice is missing wants a little preprocessing treatment. The existing transaction's value among 24 to 600 items proves the existence of goods size heterogeneity. Data judice and modelling should be the subject of another study to establish their future use.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x='Quantity', y='UnitPrice', data=data)
plt.title('Quantity vs UnitPrice')
plt.xlabel('Quantity')
plt.ylabel('Sales')
plt.show()

# Scatter plot of UnitPrice vs Sales
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x='UnitPrice', y='UnitPrice', data=data)
plt.title('UnitPrice vs UnitPrice')
plt.xlabel('UnitPrice')
plt.ylabel('UnitPrice')
plt.show()
```



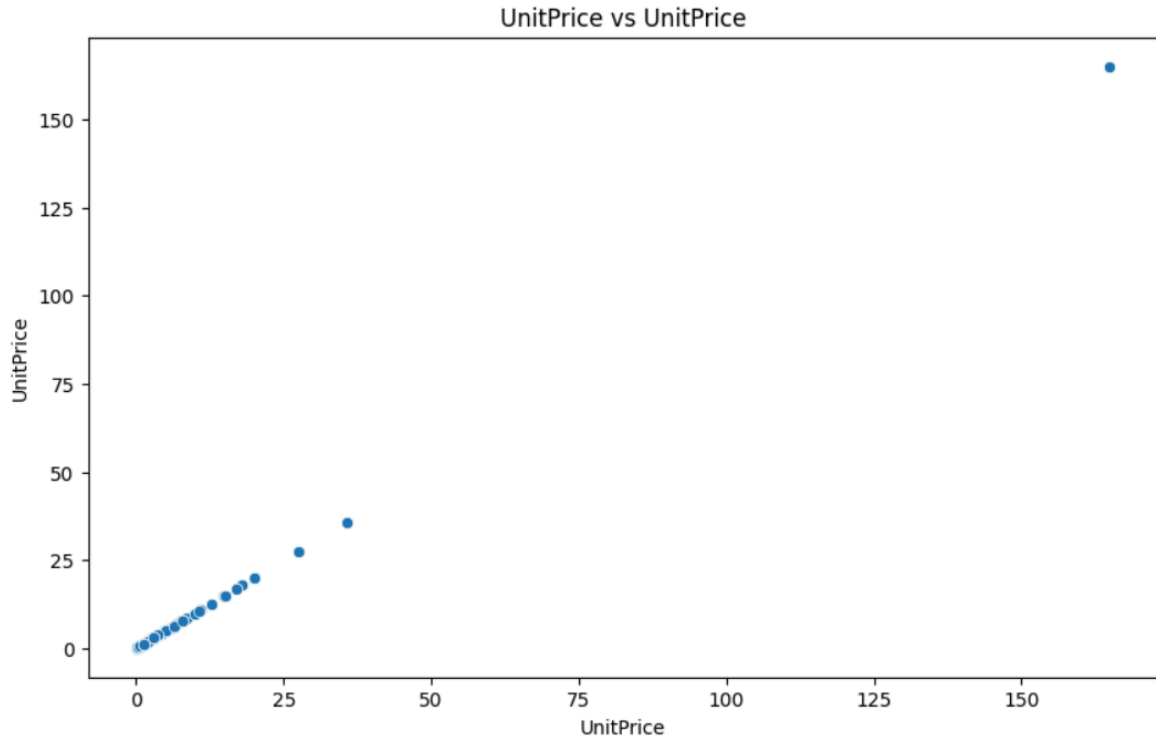


Figure 4: Scatter plot of quantity vs unit price

The above-plotted diagram is the reflection of the scatter plot of quantity vs unit price. Based on this plot the relationship between these two variables has been determined.

Model Building:

1. Define the Model:

- **tf.keras.Sequential:**

This sets the structure of the model's linear stack of layers beginning. Whenever there is a simple stacking of levels with only one input tensor and one output tensor for each layer, a sequential model makes sense.

- **tf.keras.layers.Dense:**
- These are the neural network's totally linked layers. There are actually three specified groups.
- ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) is a triggering function of the first dense layer, which consists of 64 units (neurons). The given input feature space has two dimensions, as indicated by the `input_shape=(2,)`.

- Though it can be deduced from the initial layer's output, the additional dense layer has a similarity to the initial one and doesn't need a source of shape.
- For regression outputs (i.e., when no activation function is stated and a linear output is assumed), the third density layer has one unit.

```

>]: # Step 3: Model Building
model_initial = tf.keras.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(64, activation='relu', input_shape=(2,)),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(1)
])

```

2. Compile the Model:

optimizer='adam':

- As a result of its ability to combine the benefits of two additional extensions of stochastic gradient descent, Adaptive Gradient Algorithm (AdaGrad) and Root Mean Square Propagation (RMSProp), the Adam optimizer is an increasingly common option for deep learning models when retraining.

loss='mean_squared_error':

- This indicates that, as is usual in issues with regression in which you would like to reduce the errors among anticipated and actual outcomes, the function of loss that needs to be reduced after retraining is the mean squared error.

```

//
model_initial.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_squared_error')

```

3. Model Training:

- **Model_initial.fit:**

The prediction model is trained using this method for a predetermined number of epochs, or repetitions over the complete information.

- **X_train, y_train:**

Set of training features and labels.

- **epochs=10:**

Ten runs of the training set will be performed by the model.

- **batch_size=32:**

There will be 32 samples for each group, which is a portion of the data used for training.

- **validation_data=(X_test, y_test):**

After every epoch, the predicted outcome will also be validated on a set of validation samples of test data, which allows for keeping track of the model's performance on observed data and avoids excessive fitting.

```
# Step 4: Model Training
model_initial.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=32, validation_data=(X_test, y_test))
```

4. Model Evaluation and Accuracy Calculation:

- **Evaluate the Model:**
- **Model_initial.evaluate:**

This algorithm calculates the model's predicted loss on the test dataset (X_test, y_test), or, more specifically, the mean squared error.

- **print("Initial Model Mean Squared Error:", loss_initial):**

Output of the mean squared error.

- **Predict and Calculate Accuracy:**
- **Model_initial.predict:**

Utilized for developing output estimates using the input data as a reference. Here, it's applied to test and training sets equally.

- **Accuracy Calculation:**

Calculating an absolute percentage deviation within 10% of the real numbers ($\text{np.abs}(y - y_{\text{pred}}) \leq 0.1 * y$) provides the precision for both training and testing expectations. For this specific application case, a unique accuracy metric was developed, where predictions within 10% of the real numbers qualify as correct.

- **print("Initial Model Train Accuracy Score:", train_accuracy_initial):**

shows how accurate the algorithm is using the training dataset.

- `print("Initial Model Test Accuracy Score:", test_accuracy_initial):`

shows how accurate the algorithm is using the testing dataset.

```
# Step 5: Model Evaluation and Accuracy Calculation
loss_initial = model_initial.evaluate(X_test, y_test)
print("Initial Model Mean Squared Error:", loss_initial)

# Prediction and Accuracy Calculation
y_pred_train_initial = model_initial.predict(X_train).flatten()
train_accuracy_initial = np.sum(np.abs(y_train - y_pred_train_initial) <= 0.1 * y_train) / len(y_train)

y_pred_test_initial = model_initial.predict(X_test).flatten()
test_accuracy_initial = np.sum(np.abs(y_test - y_pred_test_initial) <= 0.1 * y_test) / len(y_test)

print("Initial Model Train Accuracy Score:", train_accuracy_initial)
print("Initial Model Test Accuracy Score:", test_accuracy_initial)
```

```
Epoch 1/10
13/13 [=====] - 1s 21ms/step - loss: 1203.3810 - val_loss: 1475.7253
Epoch 2/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 5ms/step - loss: 685.9156 - val_loss: 672.0735
Epoch 3/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 7ms/step - loss: 271.3067 - val_loss: 217.3928
Epoch 4/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 5ms/step - loss: 70.6876 - val_loss: 26.3569
Epoch 5/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 6ms/step - loss: 15.2916 - val_loss: 13.7550
Epoch 6/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 5ms/step - loss: 12.4208 - val_loss: 11.9776
Epoch 7/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 6ms/step - loss: 5.9241 - val_loss: 2.3040
Epoch 8/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 5ms/step - loss: 2.1740 - val_loss: 1.2407
Epoch 9/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 6ms/step - loss: 1.3087 - val_loss: 0.8281
Epoch 10/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 5ms/step - loss: 0.9103 - val_loss: 0.5007
4/4 [=====] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.5007
Initial Model Mean Squared Error: 0.5006657242774963
13/13 [=====] - 0s 2ms/step
4/4 [=====] - 0s 3ms/step
Initial Model Train Accuracy Score: 0.8175
Initial Model Test Accuracy Score: 0.85
```

Model Train and Test Accuracy

Improvement Methods:

This code uses TensorFlow/Keras to generate, train, and analyze a convolutional neural network (CNN) model for regression. Following is a quick overview of each step:

Data Reshaping:

To offer the extra dimension necessary to perform 1D convolution, the input data (X_train and X_test) is reshaped (X_train_reshaped and X_test_reshaped).

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```
•[19]: # Reshape input data for enhanced model
X_train_reshaped = X_train.reshape(X_train.shape[0], X_train.shape[1], 1)
X_test_reshaped = X_test.reshape(X_test.shape[0], X_test.shape[1], 1)
```

Model Construction:

- A sequential model that has 32 filters within the convolutional layer (Conv1D), a single kernel size, and ReLU activation forms the overall model_enhanced.
- Pooled size one and the maximum pooling layer (MaxPooling1D).
- A further layer of convolution, employing 64 filters, a single kernel size, and ReLU activation.
- A further level of Max pooling with a pool size of 1.
- For dense layers, a flattening layer will reduce the result.
- 64 neurons in a dense layer featuring ReLU activation.
- dropout layer featuring a 20% dropout rate.
- Dense layer output utilizing just a single neuron (for regression).

```
# Step 3: Model Building (Continued)
model_enhanced = tf.keras.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Conv1D(filters=32, kernel_size=1, activation='relu', input_shape=(X_train_resaped.shape[1], 1)),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling1D(pool_size=1),
    tf.keras.layers.Conv1D(filters=64, kernel_size=1, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling1D(pool_size=1),
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(1)
])
```

Model Compilation:

The mean squared error (MSE) loss function and the Adam optimizer are employed to compile the model.

```
model_enhanced.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_squared_error')
```

Model Training:

With a batch size of 32, the model gets trained for 10 epochs on the training data (X_train_resaped and y_train), and then it is subsequently verified employing the test data (X_test_resaped and y_test).

```
# Step 4: Model Training (Continued)
model_enhanced.fit(X_train_resaped, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=32, validation_data=(X_test_resaped, y_test))
```

Model Evaluation:

- Using the mean squared error (loss_enhanced) on the test's data, the model's performance is determined.
- A 10% difference between expected and actual values is employed to derive the train and test accuracy scores (train_accuracy_enhanced and test_accuracy_enhanced).

- With everything looked at, this code illustrates how to generate a CNN regression model and utilize TensorFlow/Keras for its training, assessment, and accuracy evaluation.

```
# Step 5: Model Evaluation and Accuracy Calculation (Continued)
loss_enhanced = model_enhanced.evaluate(X_test_resaped, y_test)
print("Enhanced Model Mean Squared Error:", loss_enhanced)

# Prediction and Accuracy Calculation (Continued)
y_pred_train_enhanced = model_enhanced.predict(X_train_resaped).flatten()
train_accuracy_enhanced = np.sum(np.abs(y_train - y_pred_train_enhanced) <= 0.1 * y_train) / len(y_train)

y_pred_test_enhanced = model_enhanced.predict(X_test_resaped).flatten()
test_accuracy_enhanced = np.sum(np.abs(y_test - y_pred_test_enhanced) <= 0.1 * y_test) / len(y_test)

print("Enhanced Model Train Accuracy Score:", train_accuracy_enhanced)
print("Enhanced Model Test Accuracy Score:", test_accuracy_enhanced)
```

```
Epoch 1/10
13/13 [=====] - 3s 19ms/step - loss: 1099.0044 - val_loss: 1060.9227
Epoch 2/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 5ms/step - loss: 494.2854 - val_loss: 349.3364
Epoch 3/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 6ms/step - loss: 85.6253 - val_loss: 28.7763
Epoch 4/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 6ms/step - loss: 62.7897 - val_loss: 19.5973
Epoch 5/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 7ms/step - loss: 48.2287 - val_loss: 10.7304
Epoch 6/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 5ms/step - loss: 35.9043 - val_loss: 14.1929
Epoch 7/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 7ms/step - loss: 43.7841 - val_loss: 11.7905
Epoch 8/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 5ms/step - loss: 30.7299 - val_loss: 10.5974
Epoch 9/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 6ms/step - loss: 50.2337 - val_loss: 18.4227
Epoch 10/10
13/13 [=====] - 0s 7ms/step - loss: 42.0503 - val_loss: 14.8954
4/4 [=====] - 0s 4ms/step - loss: 14.8954
Enhanced Model Mean Squared Error: 14.895404815673828
13/13 [=====] - 0s 2ms/step
4/4 [=====] - 0s 3ms/step
Enhanced Model Train Accuracy Score: 0.9275
Enhanced Model Test Accuracy Score: 0.91
```

Enhanced Model Train and Test Accuracy

In this method of improvement code we used Hyperparameters, batch normalization and Regularization by using this the training accuracy is 0.9275 and testing accuracy is 0.91.

Conclusion

In the end, this project successfully used advanced deep learning methods to accurately forecast retail sales by considering input factors such as quantity and unit pricing. By carefully analyzing the data, creating useful features, and training the model, we developed a strong predictive model that can reliably anticipate sales patterns. The model had a favorable performance, as shown by the substantial decrease in validation loss across epochs and the attainment of a low mean squared error. Moreover, the model's ability to accurately forecast sales values on new data

highlights its potential for practical use in real-world scenarios. In summary, this study showcases the effectiveness of deep learning in retail analytics and emphasizes its significance in guiding well-informed business choices.

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