

00-Intro-to-Facebook-Prophet

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0.1 # Quick Guide to Facebook's Prophet Basics

0.2 IMPORTANT NOTE ONE:

You should really read the paper for Prophet! It is relatively straightforward and has a lot of insight on their techniques on how Prophet works internally!

0.3 Link to paper: <https://peerj.com/preprints/3190.pdf>

0.4 IMPORTANT NOTE TWO:

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- **NOTE: Link to installation instructions:**
 - <https://facebook.github.io/prophet/docs/installation.html#python>
 - SCROLL DOWN UNTIL YOU SEE THE ANACONDA OPTION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.
 - YOU MAY NEED TO INSTALL BOTH **conda install gcc** and **conda install -c conda-forge fbprophet**
 - PLEASE READ THROUGH THE DOCS AND STACKOVERFLOW CAREFULLY BEFORE POSTING INSTALLATION ISSUES TO THE QA FORUMS.

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0.7 Load Libraries

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
     from fbprophet import Prophet
```

0.8 Load Data

The input to Prophet is always a dataframe with two columns: ds and y. The ds (datestamp) column should be of a format expected by Pandas, ideally YYYY-MM-DD for a date or YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS for a timestamp. The y column must be numeric, and represents the measurement we wish to forecast.

```
[2]: df = pd.read_csv('../Data/BeerWineLiquor.csv')
```

```
[3]: df.head()
```

```
[3]:      date  beer
0  1/1/1992  1509
1  2/1/1992  1541
2  3/1/1992  1597
3  4/1/1992  1675
4  5/1/1992  1822
```

0.8.1 Format the Data

```
[4]: df.columns = ['ds', 'y']
```

```
[5]: df['ds'] = pd.to_datetime(df['ds'])
```

0.9 Create and Fit Model

```
[6]: # This is fitting on all the data (no train test split in this example)
     m = Prophet()
     m.fit(df)
```

INFO:fbprophet:Disabling weekly seasonality. Run prophet with weekly_seasonality=True to override this.

INFO:fbprophet:Disabling daily seasonality. Run prophet with daily_seasonality=True to override this.

/anaconda3/lib/python3.6/site-packages/pystan/misc.py:399: FutureWarning: Conversion of the second argument of issubdtype from `float` to `np.floating` is deprecated. In future, it will be treated as `np.float64 ==`

```
np.dtype(float).type`.
    elif np.issubdtype(np.asarray(v).dtype, float):
```

```
[6]: <fbprophet.forecaster.Prophet at 0x1a17e5ca90>
```

0.10 Forecasting

0.10.1 Step 1: Create "future" placeholder dataframe

NOTE: Prophet by default is for daily data. You need to pass a frequency for sub-daily or monthly data. Info: https://facebook.github.io/prophet/docs/non-daily_data.html

```
[7]: future = m.make_future_dataframe(periods=24,freq = 'MS')
```

```
[8]: df.tail()
```

```
[8]:
```

	ds	y
319	2018-08-01	4898
320	2018-09-01	4598
321	2018-10-01	4737
322	2018-11-01	5130
323	2018-12-01	6370

```
[9]: future.tail()
```

```
[9]:
```

	ds
343	2020-08-01
344	2020-09-01
345	2020-10-01
346	2020-11-01
347	2020-12-01

```
[10]: len(df)
```

```
[10]: 324
```

```
[11]: len(future)
```

```
[11]: 348
```

0.10.2 Step 2: Predict and fill in the Future

```
[12]: forecast = m.predict(future)
```

```
[13]: forecast.head()
```

```
[13]:
```

	ds	trend	yhat_lower	yhat_upper	trend_lower	trend_upper	\
0	1992-01-01	1773.449803	1137.970143	1466.120871	1773.449803	1773.449803	
1	1992-02-01	1776.239771	1185.694605	1515.005441	1776.239771	1776.239771	
2	1992-03-01	1778.849740	1437.426600	1748.679890	1778.849740	1778.849740	
3	1992-04-01	1781.639707	1420.155130	1753.209179	1781.639707	1781.639707	
4	1992-05-01	1784.339676	1665.749772	1985.649866	1784.339676	1784.339676	

	additive_terms	additive_terms_lower	additive_terms_upper	yearly	\
0	-461.776706	-461.776706	-461.776706	-461.776706	
1	-427.591035	-427.591035	-427.591035	-427.591035	
2	-179.181320	-179.181320	-179.181320	-179.181320	
3	-196.311603	-196.311603	-196.311603	-196.311603	
4	45.026915	45.026915	45.026915	45.026915	

	yearly_lower	yearly_upper	multiplicative_terms	\
0	-461.776706	-461.776706	0.0	
1	-427.591035	-427.591035	0.0	
2	-179.181320	-179.181320	0.0	
3	-196.311603	-196.311603	0.0	
4	45.026915	45.026915	0.0	

	multiplicative_terms_lower	multiplicative_terms_upper	yhat
0	0.0	0.0	1311.673097
1	0.0	0.0	1348.648735
2	0.0	0.0	1599.668420
3	0.0	0.0	1585.328104
4	0.0	0.0	1829.366590

```
[14]: forecast.tail()
```

```
[14]:
```

343	2020-08-01	5201.010945	5074.524666	5397.039919	5190.005465	\
344	2020-09-01	5217.085200	4932.976994	5246.885844	5205.065711	
345	2020-10-01	5232.640931	5037.574360	5361.483095	5219.696878	
346	2020-11-01	5248.715186	5168.423030	5502.051767	5234.716079	
347	2020-12-01	5264.270916	6160.467499	6497.079944	5249.311816	

	trend_upper	additive_terms	additive_terms_lower	additive_terms_upper	\
343	5213.185170	40.218725	40.218725	40.218725	
344	5230.470140	-132.884136	-132.884136	-132.884136	
345	5247.521702	-43.275393	-43.275393	-43.275393	
346	5264.968845	86.703091	86.703091	86.703091	
347	5281.695680	1071.508751	1071.508751	1071.508751	

	yearly	yearly_lower	yearly_upper	multiplicative_terms	\
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343    40.218725    40.218725    40.218725    0.0
344   -132.884136   -132.884136   -132.884136    0.0
345    -43.275393    -43.275393    -43.275393    0.0
346     86.703091     86.703091     86.703091    0.0
347   1071.508751   1071.508751   1071.508751    0.0

```

```

      multiplicative_terms_lower multiplicative_terms_upper      yhat
343                        0.0                        0.0  5241.229670
344                        0.0                        0.0  5084.201064
345                        0.0                        0.0  5189.365538
346                        0.0                        0.0  5335.418277
347                        0.0                        0.0  6335.779667

```

```
[15]: forecast.columns
```

```
[15]: Index(['ds', 'trend', 'yhat_lower', 'yhat_upper', 'trend_lower', 'trend_upper',
        'additive_terms', 'additive_terms_lower', 'additive_terms_upper',
        'yearly', 'yearly_lower', 'yearly_upper', 'multiplicative_terms',
        'multiplicative_terms_lower', 'multiplicative_terms_upper', 'yhat'],
        dtype='object')
```

```
[16]: forecast[['ds', 'yhat', 'yhat_lower', 'yhat_upper']].tail(12)
```

```

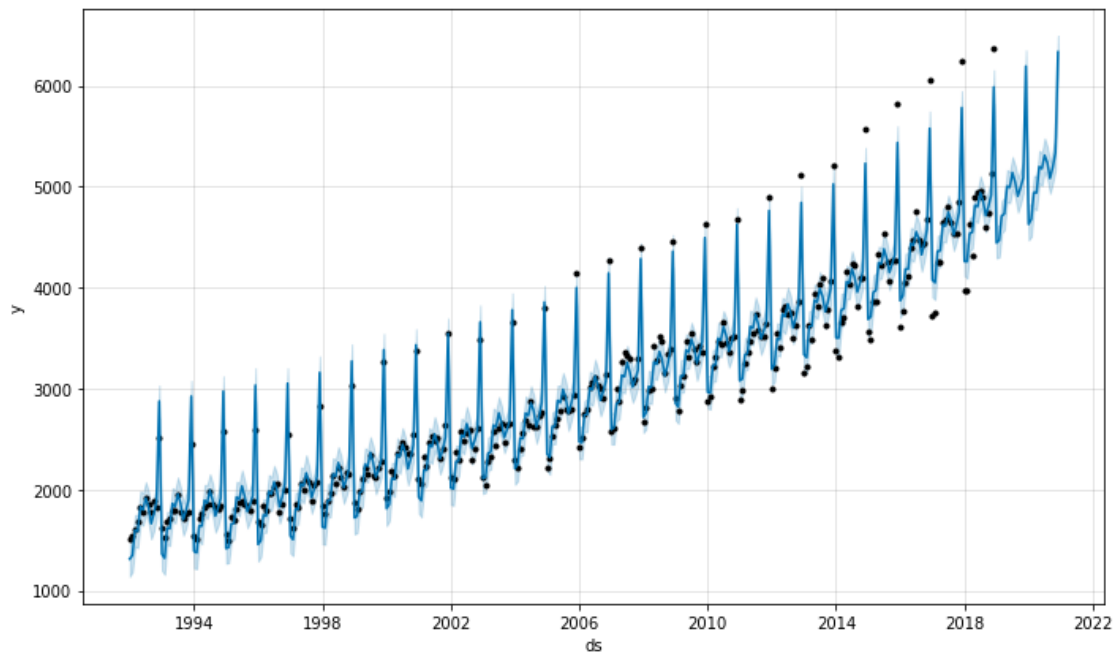
[16]:      ds      yhat  yhat_lower  yhat_upper
336 2020-01-01  4628.788552  4471.253028  4805.818068
337 2020-02-01  4679.048478  4507.791210  4844.742347
338 2020-03-01  4942.495400  4783.785125  5110.230608
339 2020-04-01  4941.439371  4772.041628  5107.288259
340 2020-05-01  5198.333619  5037.037450  5358.603793
341 2020-06-01  5179.412285  5009.729943  5337.560681
342 2020-07-01  5311.959526  5151.814252  5480.267144
343 2020-08-01  5241.229670  5074.524666  5397.039919
344 2020-09-01  5084.201064  4932.976994  5246.885844
345 2020-10-01  5189.365538  5037.574360  5361.483095
346 2020-11-01  5335.418277  5168.423030  5502.051767
347 2020-12-01  6335.779667  6160.467499  6497.079944

```

0.10.3 Plotting Forecast

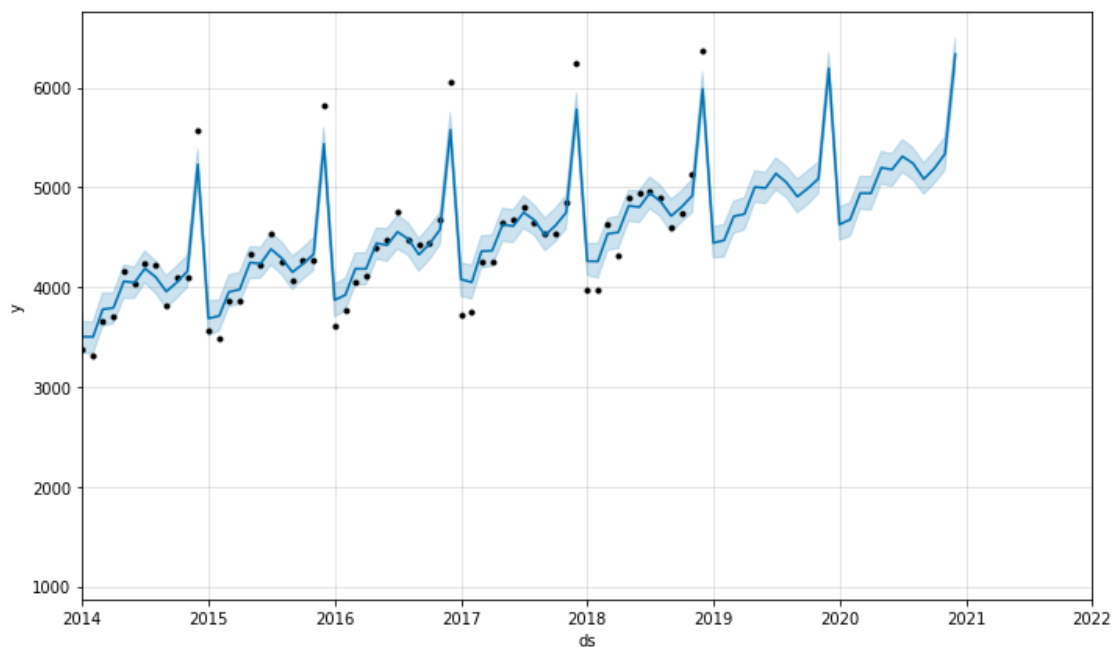
We can use Prophet's own built in plotting tools

```
[17]: m.plot(forecast);
```



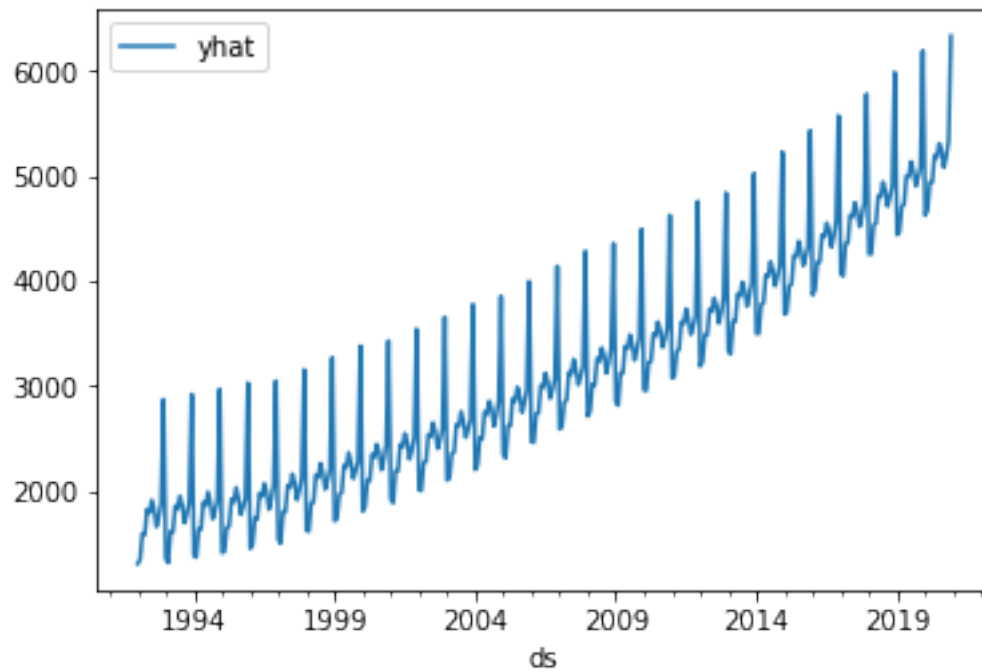
```
[18]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      m.plot(forecast)
      plt.xlim('2014-01-01', '2022-01-01')
```

[18]: (735234.0, 738156.0)

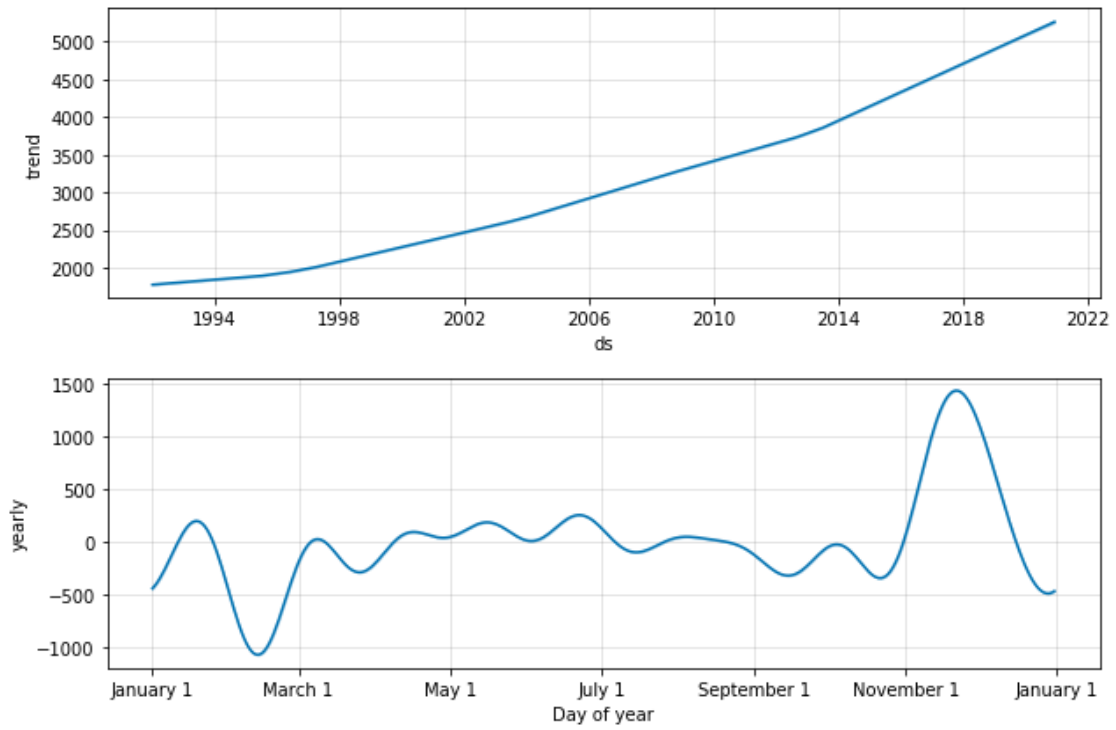


```
[19]: forecast.plot(x='ds',y='yhat')
```

```
[19]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1a23c48c88>
```



```
[20]: m.plot_components(forecast);
```



0.11 Great Job!

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