Energy Forecasting - Time Series

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1 Energy forecasting: aggregated to a jurisdiction area

Purpose: The purpose of this work is to predict energy consumption for a residential area. In the recent past, I have been curious to analyze patterns in energy consumption and eventually develop models to perform short term energy/load forecasting. Electric demand or energy consumption forecasting have had been existed for number of years, and almost every energy company uses some kind of forecasting model. Predicting the demand is essential for electric utility operations and planning in order to provide reliable electric power to customers. With the integration of Distribution Energy Resources (DERs) and emphasis on demand response management programs, the complexity in forecasting has grown many folds. This is my first attempt at it in understanding time series analysis as while building a model with low test error.

About data: Electric consumption (watt-hour) data for years between 2013 - 2018 is analyzed. Here, I have 15 minute interval meter readings for a small area with their geographical information. I will use Mean Average Percentage Error (MAPE) for comparing accuracies.

What else I can infer from the data: 1. The first and foremost to understand is that it is a time series data. The dependency of time requires special attention. Energy consumption patterns vary with time of day, day of week, weather patterns, holiday, size of customer, customer behavior, etc. 2. A jurisdiction area will have different types of customers - industrial, residential, commercial, farms, etc. 2. Missing data and recording errors.

For privacy and other legal concerns that might arise, I cannot provide data files.

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In [1]: #Imports
    from pymongo import MongoClient
    import pandas as pd
    import numpy as np

import glob
    import datetime
    import time
    %matplotlib inline
    import seaborn as sns
    from statsmodels.graphics.tsaplots import plot_acf, plot_pacf
    from numpy import log
    from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal import seasonal_decompose
    from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
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from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.neural_network import MLPRegressor
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.base import BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin
from sklearn.pipeline import FeatureUnion
from sklearn_pandas import DataFrameMapper
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/home/sravan/anaconda3/lib/python3.6/site-packages/statsmodels/compat/pandas.py:56: FutureWarnin from pandas.core import datetools

Here I will be connecting to my mongoDB to read the required meter data using MongoClient. Note: Considering residential meters only. This information is provided in meter profile.

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In [2]: GroupId = "FDR_14442"
        DBModelName = "AGADEMO-model"
        DBMeasurementsName = "AGADEMO-measurements"
In [3]: #Create mongo client
        client = MongoClient('localhost', 27019)
        #Read meter profile
        #Set database and collection
        db=client[DBModelName]
        coll=db['model.e.meter.profile']
        #Query residential meters.
        docsProf = coll.find({"rateCode":"PMRS_R","groupId":GroupId})
        listMeterId = []
        d = {'meterId':listMeterId}
        for dc in docsProf:
            listMeterId.append(dc['meterId'])
        dfMeters = pd.DataFrame(d)
        dfMeters.head(), dfMeters.shape
Out[3]: (
                                       meterId
         0 776428360310_21351300_NXA112132261
         1 776428700240_21351220_1ND350444587
         2 776428700240_21351230_NXA112132238
         3 776428700240_21351250_1ND351364785
         4 776428700240_21351255_NYA111197195, (425, 1))
```

We got list of residential meters. Now let us run the query on meter usage database.

```
#Query consumption data
        docsReads = coll.find({"groupId":GroupId})
        #Transform json documents into dataframe with consumption and timestamp.
        readDate = []
        meterUsage = []
        meterId = []
        d = {'meterId':meterId, 'DataDate':readDate, 'Usage':meterUsage}
        for doc in docsReads:
            intvlData = doc['intervalData']
            for data in intvlData:
                meterId.append(doc['meterId'])
                readDate.append(data[9])
                meterUsage.append(data[0])
        df = pd.DataFrame(d)
In [5]: df.head() , df.shape
Out[5]: (
                DataDate
                                Usage
                                                                   meterId
         0 1357088400000 1431.294069 777428010690_20136117_KZD353381298
         1 1357092000000 1456.469362 777428010690_20136117_KZD353381298
         2 1357095600000 1466.303461 777428010690_20136117_KZD353381298
         3 1357099200000 1493.996283 777428010690_20136117_KZD353381298
         4 1357102800000 1523.734597 777428010690_20136117_KZD353381298,
         (8532024, 3))
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Here we have 21 million readings. But this is for all meters in the area. Lets extract data only for meters in dfMeters dataframe.

We have raw readings which need to be preprocessed. Timestamp can be extracted to individual time components.

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dfUsage['year'] = dtcol.year
       dfUsage['month'] = dtcol.month
       dfUsage['daymonth'] = dtcol.day
       dfUsage['hour'] = dtcol.hour
       dfUsage['dayinweek'] = dtcol.weekday
In [10]: dfUsage.head()
Out[10]:
                DataDate
                                Usage
                                                                  meterId \
        0 1357088400000 1185.945002 777429430560_21300410_1ND350452599
        1 1357092000000 1141.532082 777429430560_21300410_1ND350452599
        2 1357095600000 1145.133130 777429430560_21300410_1ND350452599
        3 1357099200000 1188.345701 777429430560_21300410_1ND350452599
        4 1357102800000 1189.546050 777429430560_21300410_1ND350452599
                         Date year month
                                           daymonth hour dayinweek
        0 2013-01-01 20:00:00 2013
                                                        20
        1 2013-01-01 21:00:00 2013
                                         1
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                                                        21
                                                                    1
        2 2013-01-01 22:00:00 2013
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                                                        22
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        3 2013-01-01 23:00:00 2013
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                                                                    1
                                                   1
        4 2013-01-02 00:00:00 2013
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Aggregate user consumption to a day. The dataframe dfUsageDaily holds aggregated daily user consumption readings for all meters under consideration.

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In [11]: dfUsageDaily = dfUsage.groupby(['year','month','daymonth'])['Usage'].sum().reset_index(
In [12]: dfUsageDaily.shape
Out[12]: (827, 4)
In [13]: #Filter outliers around mean
         def rejectOutliers(data, s =2.):
             flags = []
             stdev = np.std(data)
             mean = np.mean(data)
             slow = mean - s * stdev
             \sup = mean + s * stdev
             for d in data:
                 if d < slow or d > sup:
                     flags.append(False)
                 else:
                     flags.append(True)
             return flags
In [14]: #Converting watthour to kwh
         dfUsageDaily['Usage'] = dfUsageDaily['Usage']/1000
         #dfUsageDaily = dfUsageDaily[rejectOutliers(dfUsageDaily['Usage'])]
In [15]: dfUsageDaily.head()
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Out[15]:
           year month daymonth
                                     Usage
        0 2013
                                  4.660956
                     1
                              1
        1 2013
                     1
                              2 41.910111
        2 2013
                     1
                              3 79.960422
                              4 76.447949
        3 2013
                     1
        4 2013
                     1
                              5 77.976908
In [16]: dfUsageDaily.year.unique(), dfUsageDaily.month.unique(), dfUsageDaily.daymonth.unique()
Out[16]: (array([2013, 2014, 2015, 2018]),
         array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]),
         array([ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,
                18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31]))
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1.1 Visualization

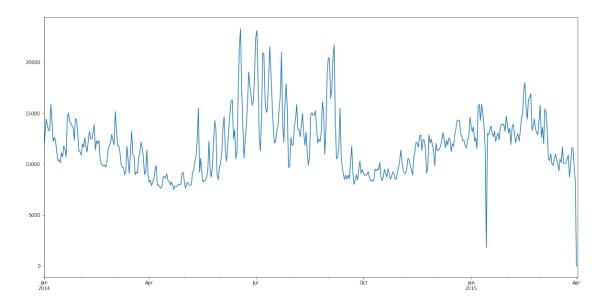
Considering 2013 and 2014 data.

dtype: float64

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In [17]: dfUsageDailyY = pd.DataFrame()
         #dfUsageDaily2013 = dfUsageDaily[dfUsageDaily['year']==2013]
         #dfUsageDailyY = dfUsageDaily2013[dfUsageDaily2013['month']>=6] ##Bad data for Jan-May
         dfUsageDailyY = dfUsageDailyY.append(dfUsageDaily[dfUsageDaily['year']==2014])
         #dfUsageDailyY = dfUsageDailyY[dfUsageDailyY['month']==8]
         dfUsageDailyY = dfUsageDailyY.append(dfUsageDaily[dfUsageDaily['year']==2015])
In [18]: dfUsageDailyY.count()
Out[18]: year
                     457
         month
                     457
         daymonth
                     457
         Usage
                     457
         dtype: int64
In [19]: #convert timestamp in milliseconds to datetime
         def paramToDate(y,m,d):
             dt= datetime.datetime(year=y, month=m, day=d)
             return dt
```

To visualize as time series, I moved the data into panda series.

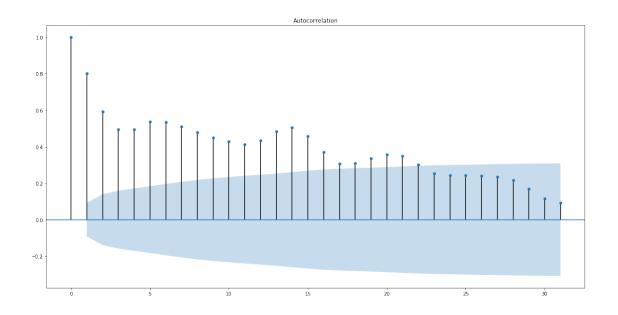
Out[21]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f9f1e0fa9b0>

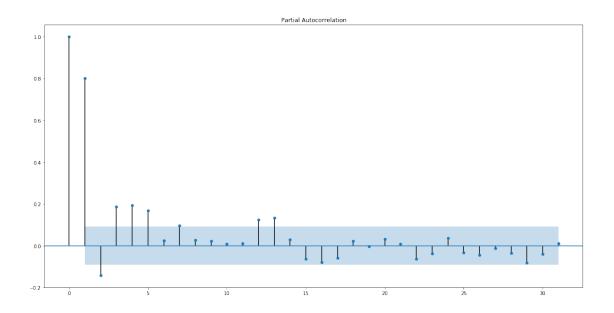


Observations: 1. Cyclical patterns across the year - probably seasonal variations. 2. Small cycles within month - probably daily/weekly variations. 3. Can be a lot of other things including white noise.

1.1.1 Is the series stationary?

Lets plot auto-correlation and partial correlation plots.





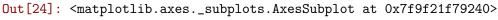
Does not look stationary. Lot of points outside the critical boundary.

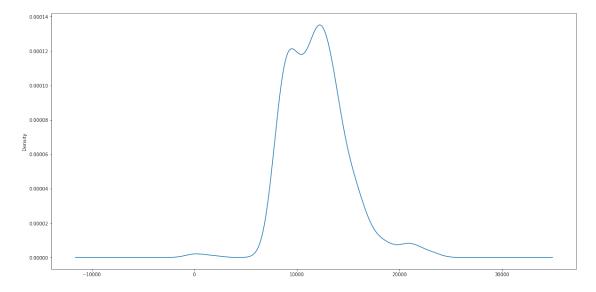
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test

ADF Statistic: -1.638200 p-value: 0.463201 Critical Values: 1%: -3.445 5%: -2.868 10%: -2.570

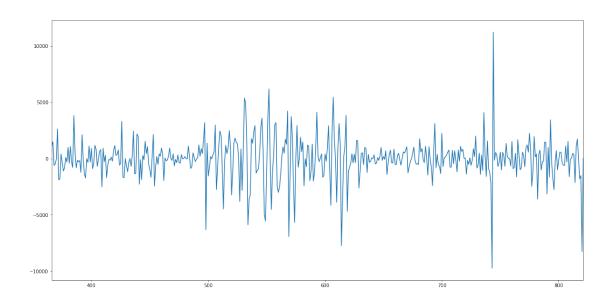
ADF statistic value is greater than 1%. This indicates of non-stationarity. Lets make the series stationary. Here I will experiment with different things such as differencing, applying log or both.

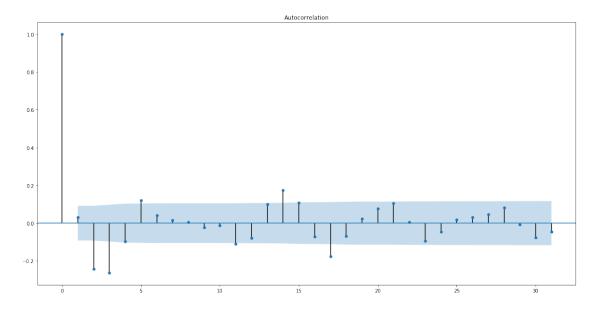
In [24]: dfUsageDailyY.Usage.plot(kind='kde')

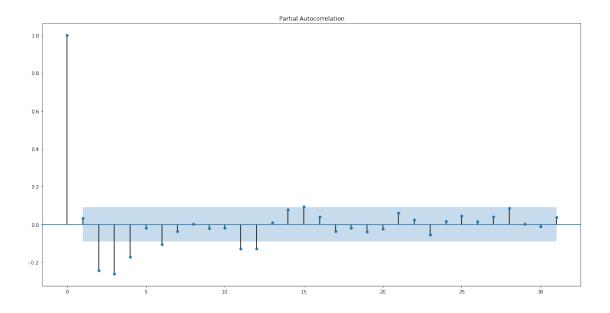




Perform difference of series







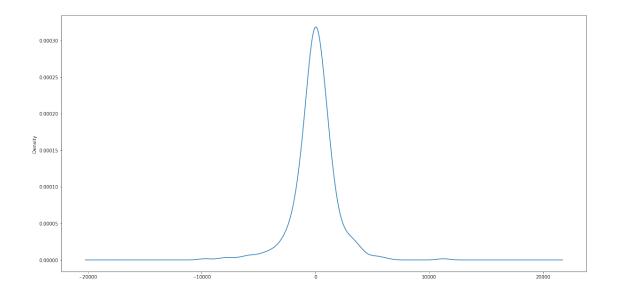
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print('ADF Statistic: %f' % result[0])
    print('p-value: %f' % result[1])
    print('Critical Values:')
    for key, value in result[4].items():
        print('\t%s: %.3f' % (key, value))

ADF Statistic: -9.739731
p-value: 0.000000
Critical Values:
    1%: -3.445
    5%: -2.868
    10%: -2.570

In [28]: diff1Usage.plot(kind='kde')

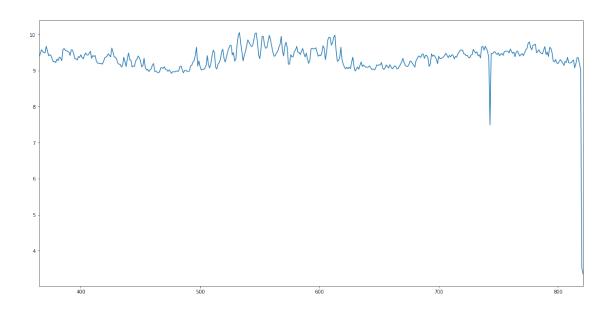
Out[28]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f9f32cc02b0>
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In [27]: result = adfuller(diff1Usage)

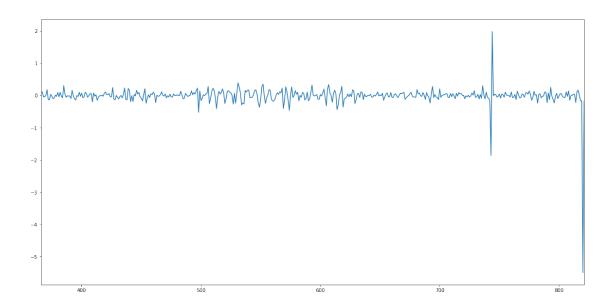


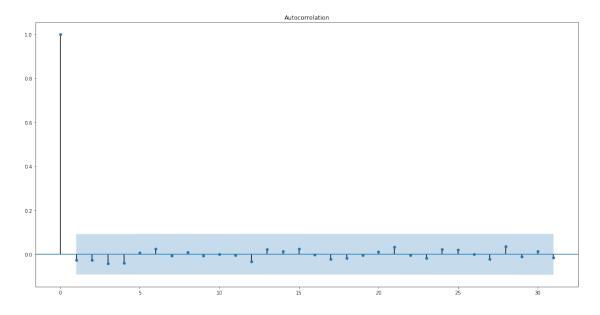
Looks lot better. Will try some more things.

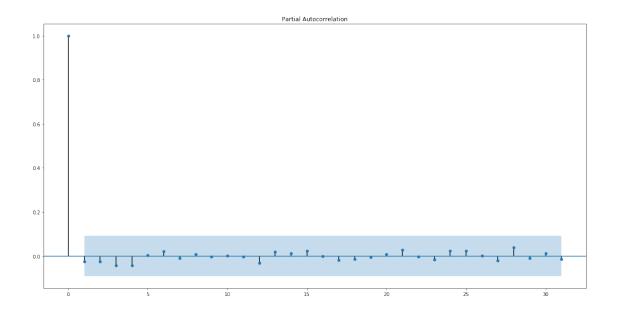
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In [29]: diffLUsage = log(dfUsageDailyY.Usage)
         diffLUsage = diffLUsage.dropna()
         plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
         diffLUsage.plot()
         from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import adfuller
         result = adfuller(diffLUsage)
         print('ADF Statistic: %f' % result[0])
         print('p-value: %f' % result[1])
         print('Critical Values:')
         for key, value in result[4].items():
             print('\t%s: %.3f' % (key, value))
ADF Statistic: -1.756394
p-value: 0.402316
Critical Values:
        1%: -3.445
        5%: -2.868
        10%: -2.570
```



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In [30]: diffLUsage = log(dfUsageDailyY.Usage)
         diffLDUsage = diffLUsage.diff()
         diffLDUsage = diffLDUsage.dropna()
         plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
         diffLDUsage.plot()
         result = adfuller(diffLDUsage)
         print('ADF Statistic: %f' % result[0])
         print('p-value: %f' % result[1])
         print('Critical Values:')
         for key, value in result[4].items():
             print('\t%s: %.3f' % (key, value))
ADF Statistic: -8.214302
p-value: 0.000000
Critical Values:
        1%: -3.445
        5%: -2.868
        10%: -2.570
```

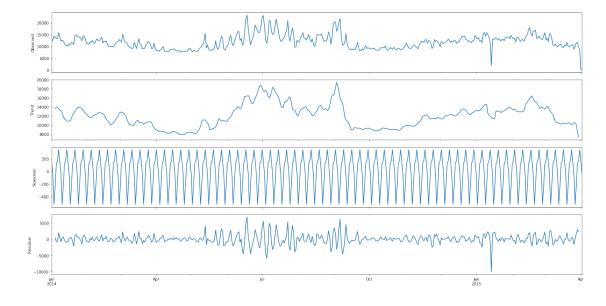






Difference of log values looks great. ACF and PCF shows no signs of dependence on past values.

1.1.2 Time series decomposition



Here we see that the series exhibits cyclic trend. Also, we see high frequency seasonal variations and residual. We need to train a model that accounts for seasonal variations. I am interested

in building regression based models. I will be experimenting with different independent variables that might have an affect on system load. Some of the obvious variables will be weather parameters and time. There can be many other variables such as customers house sqft, customer behaviour, renewebles, demand response plan, etc. For my analysis, I am dealing with weather and time parameters.

1.1.3 Weather data

25%

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In [33]: #Courtesy: https://www.noaa.gov/
         #Read weather data
         #read weather hourly data from csv
         path="/home/sravan/Dolphin/STLF/V1/"
         dfWeather = pd.read_csv(path+"weather_washington_reagan_airport.csv")
In [34]: #Sample data:
         #Date
                       Temperature
                                                    DAILYHeatingDegreeDays
                                                                                    DAILYCoolingDegre
         #2013-01-11 01:00
                                    44
                                                       17
         #2013-01-11 01:52
                                    43
                                                                                 56
                                                                                           0
                                                                                           0
         #2013-01-11 02:52
                                                                                 62
                                    41
         #2013-01-11 03:52
                                                                                 70
                                                                                           0
                                    40
In [35]: dfWeather.describe()
Out [35]:
                 Unnamed: 2
                             DAILYHeatingDegreeDays
                                                       DAILYCoolingDegreeDays
                                         2909.000000
                                                                   2909.000000
         count
                        0.0
                                           12.146442
                                                                      4.308697
         mean
                        NaN
         std
                                                                      6.257287
                        NaN
                                           13.664652
                                            0.000000
                                                                      0.000000
         min
                        NaN
         25%
                        NaN
                                            0.000000
                                                                      0.000000
         50%
                        NaN
                                            7.000000
                                                                      0.00000
         75%
                                           23.000000
                                                                      9.000000
                        NaN
         max
                        NaN
                                           53.000000
                                                                     23.000000
                 DAILYAverageRelativeHumidity
                                                HourlyRelativeHumidity
                                                                          HourlyWindSpeed
                                    678.000000
                                                           30760.000000
                                                                              30747.00000
         count
                                     59.132743
                                                              63.343466
                                                                                   8.40882
         mean
         std
                                     13.512402
                                                              18.769669
                                                                                   5.18879
                                     25.000000
                                                              12.000000
                                                                                   0.00000
         min
         25%
                                     49.000000
                                                              48.000000
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         50%
                                     59.000000
                                                              65.000000
                                                                                   8.00000
         75%
                                     69.000000
                                                              81.000000
                                                                                  11.00000
                                                             100.000000
                                     95.000000
                                                                                  46.00000
         max
                 DailySunrise
                                DailySunset
         count
                 31545.000000
                               31545.000000
                   593.055603
                                 1797.811222
         mean
                   98.110778
                                   96.911128
         std
                   442.000000
                                 1646.000000
         min
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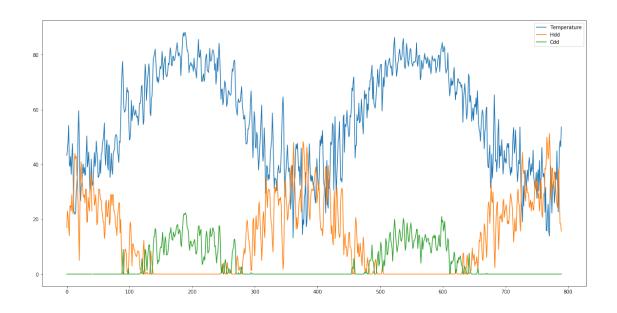
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50% 611.000000 1807.000000
75% 702.000000 1905.000000
max 727.000000 1937.000000
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It looks like it needs lot of cleaning and aggregation.

```
In [36]: #set date format and convert string to datetime
         fmt="%Y-%m-%d %H:%M"
         def strToDate(str):
             return datetime.datetime.strptime(str,fmt)
In [37]: #Extract time and date features from weather data
         #The weather data doesnt align to a time grid. Also HDD and CDD are provided for the en
         #HDD and CDD can be computed from temperature. So, these can be dependent values that u
         dfw = pd.DataFrame()
         dfw2 = pd.DataFrame()
         dfw['Date'] = dfWeather['Date'].apply(strToDate)
         dfw['Temperature'] = pd.to_numeric(dfWeather['Temperature'],errors='coerce')
         dfw2['Hdd'] = pd.to_numeric(dfWeather['DAILYHeatingDegreeDays'],errors='coerce')
         dfw2['Cdd'] = pd.to_numeric(dfWeather['DAILYCoolingDegreeDays'],errors='coerce')
         dfw = dfw.dropna()
         dtcol = dfw['Date'].dt
         dfw['year'] = dtcol.year
         dfw['month'] = dtcol.month
         dfw['daymonth'] = dtcol.day
         dfw['hour'] = dtcol.hour
         dfw['dayinweek'] = dtcol.weekday
         dfw2['year'] = dtcol.year
         dfw2['month'] = dtcol.month
         dfw2['daymonth'] = dtcol.day
         dfw2['hour'] = dtcol.hour
         dfw2grpHdd = dfw2.groupby(['year','month','daymonth'])['Hdd'].mean().reset_index()
         dfw2grpCdd = dfw2.groupby(['year','month','daymonth'])['Cdd'].mean().reset_index()
         dfw2daily = pd.merge(dfw2grpHdd, dfw2grpCdd, how='left', on=['year', 'month', 'daymonth'
         dfwdaily = dfw.groupby(['year','month','daymonth','dayinweek'])['Temperature'].mean().r
         dfwdaily = pd.merge(dfwdaily, dfw2daily, how='left', on=['year', 'month', 'daymonth'])
         dfwDaily = dfwdaily.dropna()
In [38]: plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
         plt.plot(dfwdaily['Temperature'])
        plt.plot(dfwdaily['Hdd'])
         plt.plot(dfwdaily['Cdd'])
         plt.legend()
Out[38]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f9f33c73b70>
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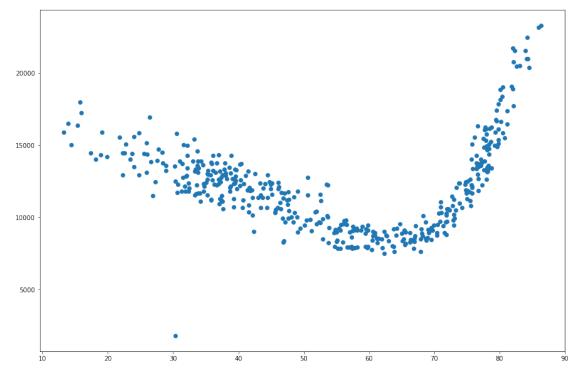


Data looks reasonable for daily temperatures for period January 2013 - March 2015.

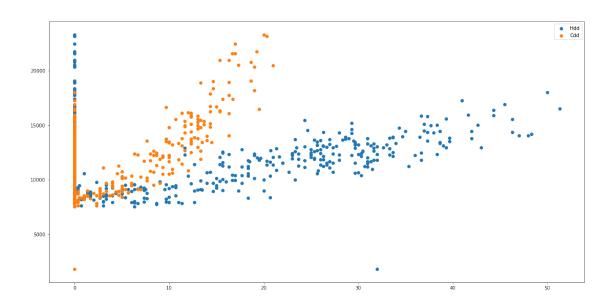
Out[39]:		year	month	daymonth	Usage	dayinweek	Temperature	Hdd	Cdd
	0	2014	1	1	11822.307025	2	38.750000	26.000000	0.0
	1	2014	1	2	12942.309043	3	35.688525	27.333333	0.0
	2	2014	1	3	14432.091790	4	23.707317	35.000000	0.0
	3	2014	1	4	13826.123779	5	26.575758	39.666667	0.0
	4	2014	1	5	13338.632715	6	37.813559	34.000000	0.0

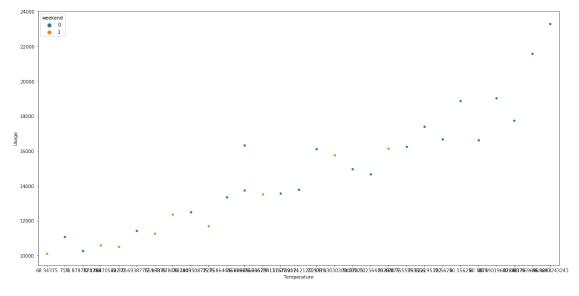
In [40]: df_full.describe(), df_full.tail()

Out[40]:	(Usage	day	inweek	Temper	ature		Hdd		Cdd	
	coun	t 43	35.000000	435.	000000	435.0	00000	435.	000000	435.0	00000	
	mean	1206	52.440695	2.	997701	54.2	67470	14.	469540	3.5	68966	
	std	301	10.500168	2.	000575	18.6	79471	14.	286785	5.5	92219	
	min	179	94.711893	0.	000000	13.2	18750	0.	000000	0.0	00000	
	25%	958	39.219620	1.	000000	37.8	85653	0.	000000	0.0	00000	
	50%	1190	08.010252	3.	000000	54.7	38095	11.	666667	0.0	00000	
	75%	1364	13.373022	5.	000000	72.0	78235	26.	500000	6.6	66667	
	max	2329	91.055200	6.	000000	86.3	24324	51.	333333	21.0	00000,	
		year m	nonth daym	onth		Usage	dayin	week	Tempera	ature	Hdd	Cdd
	430	2015	3	7	13343	.798136		5	33.3	75000	38.666667	0.0
	431	2015	3	8	10577	. 047283		6	46.5	31250	25.666667	0.0
	432	2015	3	9	10336	. 432475		0	48.65	25000	18.333333	0.0
	433	2015	3	10	11039	. 225510		1	46.39	94366	18.333333	0.0
	434	2015	3	11	10028	. 328429		2	53.60	66667	15.666667	0.0)



The plot above is Energy consumption vs Temperature. The energy usage is at its lowest when the temperature is around 65F, but it is linear with high slope when the temperature gets hotter.





I want to see if there is any pattern between weekend and weekdays. Above plot is usage vs temperature for a month. Some weekends, the consumption is high and some weekends it is low. We would need customers' schedule for better correlation.

```
In [45]: #separate input and target
    y = df_full['Usage']
    #drop the features that might not be useful
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df = df_full.drop(['year', 'Usage', 'daymonth', 'Temperature'], axis=1)
         df.columns
Out[45]: Index(['month', 'dayinweek', 'Hdd', 'Cdd', 'weekend'], dtype='object')
In [46]: def setupFeatures(df, y, splitN):
             #test-train split
             #splitN = 24
             xtrain, xtest, ytrain, ytest = df.head(-splitN), df.tail(splitN), y.head(-splitN),
             print(xtrain.shape, xtest.shape, ytrain.shape, ytest.shape)
             #fft of signal
             print("FFT")
             xsig = fftSignal(ytrain,splitN)
             xtrain['sig'] = xsig[:-splitN]
             xtest['sig'] = xsig[-splitN:]
             xtest = xtest.reset_index(drop=True);
             ytest = ytest.reset_index(drop=True);
             return xtrain, xtest, ytrain, ytest
             #scale prediction data
             #df_full = scaleFeatures(df_full, False)
In [47]: #Here I want to try out adding a cosine signal with high frequencies filtered out.
         #Following FFT signal generation code copied from google.com.
         def fftSignal(y, npredict):
             from numpy import fft
             n=len(y)
             print("len:",n)
             indexes = list(range(n))
             n_{m} = 3
                                     # number of harmonics in model
             x_freqdom = []
             f = []
             t = np.arange(0, n)
             print("training fft")
             p = np.polyfit(t, y, 1)
                                          # find linear trend in x
             x_notrend = y - p[0] * t
                                            # detrended x
             x_freqdom = fft.fft(x_notrend) # detrended x in frequency domain
             f = fft.fftfreq(n)
                                             # frequencies
             print("Frequencies:")
             indexes.sort(key = lambda i: np.absolute(f[i]))
             print(len(x_freqdom))
             print(len(f))
             t = np.arange(0, n+npredict)
             restored_sig = np.zeros(t.size)
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for i in indexes[:1 + n_harm]:
                                            ampli = np.absolute(x_freqdom[i]) / n # amplitude
                                            phase = np.angle(x_freqdom[i])
                                                                                                                                                     # phase
                                            restored_sig += ampli * np.cos(2 * np.pi * f[i] * t + phase)
                                  restored_sig = restored_sig + p[0] * t
                                  return restored_sig
In [48]: print(df.shape)
                       split = 30 #(30 days of testing data)
                       xtrain, xtest, ytrain, ytest = setupFeatures(df, y, split)
                       print(xtrain.shape, xtest.shape, ytrain.shape, ytest.shape)
(435, 5)
(405, 5) (30, 5) (405,) (30,)
FFT
len: 405
training fft
Frequencies:
405
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(405, 6) (30, 6) (405,) (30,)
/home/sravan/anaconda3/lib/python3.6/site-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:10: SettingWithCopyWarn
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#
     # Remove the CWD from sys.path while we load stuff.
/home/sravan/anaconda3/lib/python3.6/site-packages/ipykernel\_launcher.py: 11: SettingWithCopyWarms and the control of the co
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
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I will create data pipelines and will train Linear regression, MLP Neural Nets and Gradient boosting. I will compare MAPE for each of these on test data set and plot the actual vs predicted energy usage plots.

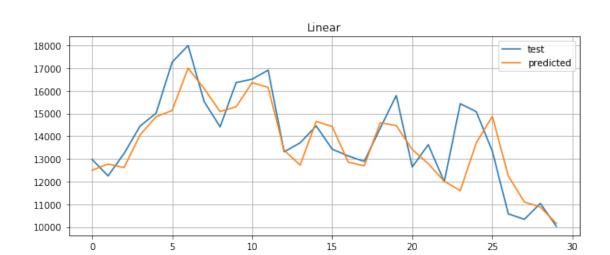
This is added back by InteractiveShellApp.init_path()

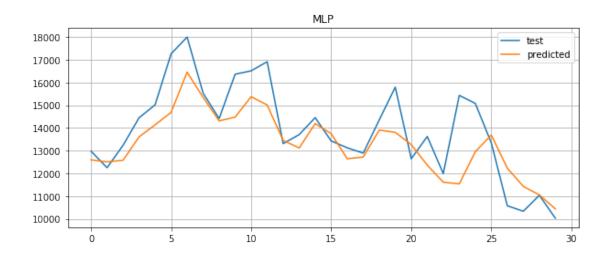
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pipe_mlpr = Pipeline([('funion', funion),('regressor',MLPRegressor())])
             pipe_mlpr.set_params(regressor__hidden_layer_sizes=(10),regressor__solver='lbfgs')
             pipe_gbr = Pipeline([('funion', funion),('regressor',GradientBoostingRegressor())])
             pipes = {"Linear":pipe_lr,"MLP":pipe_mlpr, "GradientBoosting":pipe_gbr}
             return pipes
In [50]: models = \{\}
         pipes = createPipelines()
         #print(pipes)
         for pipe, est in enumerate(pipes):
             print(est)
             model = pipes[est].fit(xtrain, ytrain)
             print(model)
             models[est] = model
Linear
Pipeline (memory=None,
     steps=[('funion', FeatureUnion(n_jobs=1,
       transformer_list=[('categorical', Pipeline(memory=None,
     steps=[('mapper', DataFrameMapper(default=False, df_out=False,
        features=[('weekend', LabelEncoder())], input_df=False,
        sparse=False)), ('onehot', OneHotEncoder(categorical_fea...None)), ('regressor', LinearF
MLP
Pipeline(memory=None,
     steps=[('funion', FeatureUnion(n_jobs=1,
       transformer_list=[('categorical', Pipeline(memory=None,
     steps=[('mapper', DataFrameMapper(default=False, df_out=False,
        features=[('weekend', LabelEncoder())], input_df=False,
        sparse=False)), ('onehot', OneHotEncoder(categorical_fea...True, solver='lbfgs', tol=0.0
       verbose=False, warm_start=False))])
GradientBoosting
Pipeline(memory=None,
     steps=[('funion', FeatureUnion(n_jobs=1,
       transformer_list=[('categorical', Pipeline(memory=None,
     steps=[('mapper', DataFrameMapper(default=False, df_out=False,
        features=[('weekend', LabelEncoder())], input_df=False,
        sparse=False)), ('onehot', OneHotEncoder(categorical_fea...s=100, presort='auto', random
             subsample=1.0, verbose=0, warm_start=False))])
In [51]: #Calculate MAPE
         def mean_absolute_percentage_error(y_true, y_pred):
             return np.mean(np.abs((y_true - y_pred) / y_true)) * 100
In [52]: ypredicts = {}
         def forecast(df, models):
             for model in models:
                 print(model)
                 ypredict = models[model].predict(df)
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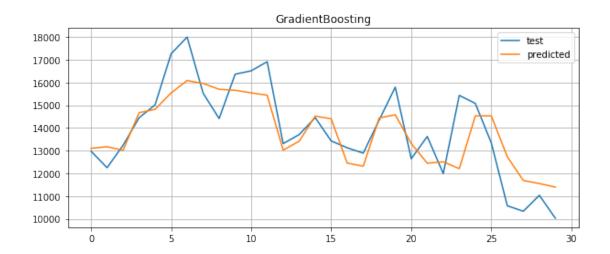
MAPE for MLP :6.557275

MAPE for GradientBoosting :6.589504

GradientBoosting







The predictions look decent enough. Here are couple of key observations: 1. Data anomalies in usage patterns can be detected by comparing MAPE values. 2. Ensemble methods performing better than simple linear regression. Lasso regression does a good job as well. Often simpler models will get the job done. 3. With more training data, neural nets perform better. 4. Always scale continuous values and encode categorical values. If not, the distance based algorithms will quantify them based on the magnitude and may give rise to spurious regression. 5. Consumer usage patterns over the weekends are not strongly correlated with weather. This is due to the fact that we do not have their weekend schedules. It is observed that certain weekends, the load usage is high where as for other weekends it is very low keeping all other variables constant. 6. Not all kinds of loads correlate with weather. Take for example industrial loading will have dependency on economic parameters rather than weather. 7. I have explored classical models ARIMAX/SARIMAX. I feel with regression based, I have great flexibility to experiment with different input features. 8. Harmonic filtering 3-7 gave good accuracy for hourly models. Using higher order harmonics will introduce more variance to the model.