

MODULE 6: PREDICTIVE MODELING FOR TEMPORARY DATA

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6.2 Prediction Engineering Using UK Retail Dataset



UK Retail Dataset Case Study

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In this case study, we will study prediction engineering. Prediction engineering is a step in predictive modeling, where we: * Define an outcome we are interested in predicting * Scan the data to find the past occurrences of the outcome * These past occurrences become training examples for ma-chine learning/modeling * We will then use featuretools to extract features and learn a predictive model.

In this particular case study, we are focusing a retail dataset openly available at We will define the prediction problem as the one where the customer has more than k purchases

The autoreload extension is already loaded. To reload it, use: %reload_ext autoreload

2 Step 1: Load and prepare data

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In [24]: item_purchases, invoices, items, customers = load_uk_retail_data()
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The dataset has the following tables: * item_purchases * invoices * items * customers
The following relations exist * A customer may have multiple invoices * An item may have
been purchased multiple times * An invoice may have multiple item purchases

3 Step 2: Find training examples

In the code snippet below, we are trying to find training examples from the data. We set the following parameters: *prediction_window=14 days * training_window=21 days * lead = 7 days * threshold=2 --> specifies the number of purchases that the customer need to have in the future to be considered engaged

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In [105]: label_times = find_training_examples(item_purchases, invoices,
                                                prediction_window=pd.Timedelta("14d"),
                                                training_window=pd.Timedelta("21d"),
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In the output above, we are showing the first 5 training examples. The first column is the CustomerID, the second column is the timestamp after which we can use the data for generating features. The third column is the last timestamp we can use the data from the customer. The fourth column is the label. It is True if the customer had more than 5 purchases in the period between (cutoff_time+lead, cutoff_time+lead+prediction_window)

4 Step 3: Now lets generate features.

Next we generate features for each of the training examples. We use featuretools to generate the features. Featuretools is an automated feature engineering software. We go into detail about this software package in the NYC-Taxi case study. Here we simply use the tool to generate features.

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5 Step 4: Let's train a model using Random Forests

Now we are ready to train a model and evaluate it. To do this, we: * First split our training examples in train_test_split * Impute missing values * Train a model using training data * Test on the data set aside for testing

We can split the data using the function train_test_split and specifying the proportion we want for testing. In this case we specified that as 35%

We can impute the missing values or NaN values in the feature_matrix using the Imputer in scikit-learn. It replaces the NaN values in a feature column with the mean of the rest of the entries in that column. This is a simple imputation startegy

We can train a RandomForest classifier (a type of ensemble classifier). We make use of scikit-learn package for this as well.

6 Step 5: Test the model

To test a model, we: * First impute the missing values * Use the trained classifier to predict the labels