

# CS 688 Final Project

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# Calculate Holidays

- Very useful library, RcppBDT, which wraps the Boost C++ library's "isHoliday" function
- Use the "getNthDayOfWeek" function from the timeDate library

# Calculate Holidays

- Encoded holidays as a 1 and non holidays as a zero
- Tried using the reverse encoding but it resulted in less accurate models
- Added President's Day for 2016 and 2017 as well as Thanksgiving for 2017

# Calculate Holidays Example

```
> holidayNYSE()  
NewYork  
[1] [2018-01-01] [2018-01-15] [2018-02-19] [2018-03-30] [2018-05-28] [2018-07-04] [2018-09-03]  
[8] [2018-11-22] [2018-12-25]
```

```
Holidays <- as.numeric(isHoliday(timeDate(InputData$DATE)))  
pres.day.2017 <- getNthDayOfWeek(third, Mon, Feb, 2017)  
pres.day.2017.idx <- grep(pres.day.2017, Time.Stamp)  
Holidays[pres.day.2017.idx] <- 1  
pres.day.2016 <- getNthDayOfWeek(third, Mon, Feb, 2016)  
pres.day.2016.idx <- grep(pres.day.2016, Time.Stamp)  
Holidays[pres.day.2016.idx] <- 1  
  
thanksgiving.2016 <- getNthDayOfWeek(fourth, Thu, Nov, 2016)  
thanksgiving.2016.idx <- grep(thanksgiving.2016, Time.Stamp)  
Holidays[thanksgiving.2016.idx] <- 1
```

# Unitizing inputs

- Converting each input into a number between 0 and 1:

```
normalize <- function(x) {  
  return((x - min(x)) / (max(x) - min(x)))  
}
```

- Actually reduced model accuracy

# Scale Inputs

- Built-in “scale” function: scale is generic function whose default method centers and/or scales the columns of a numeric matrix.
- Gave a big boost in model accuracy
- Scaling both inputs and expected output
- This is in addition to the normalizing which was already there

# Normalize Inputs

- Originally, it was dividing every number in a column by the max value of that column
- Switched it to subtract from every number in a column the mean of the column
  - This reduced model accuracy
- Applying the same transformation but with median rather than mean increased the accuracy

# Normalize Targets

- Attempted similar transformations on the target values but all attempts lowered the model accuracy
- Original target scaling is to divide the target values by the max target value
  - This led to the most accurate models



# Normalize Examples

Subtract median:

```
inputs.normalized <- sweep(inputs, 2, apply(inputs, 2, median))
```

Scale input:

```
inputs <- as.data.frame(scale(Dependent.Data))
```

# Neural Net Parameters

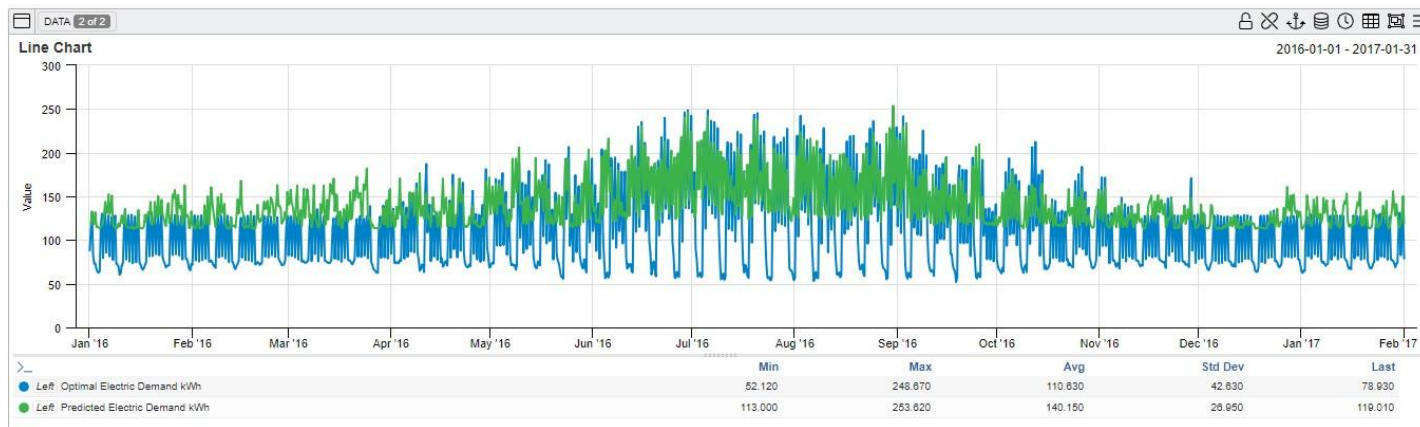
- Got better accuracy out of a NN with 6x6 hidden layer rather than original 8x8. I also tried 4x4 and 10x10, both of which lowered the accuracy
- Adjusting the learning function parameters and the maximum iterations for the model both led to less accurate models. So I kept the original values, 0.1 and 500 respectively

# FacilityConneX

- Had a hard time running my code on FacilityConneX
- It would commonly show errors in the console, but it was hard to troubleshoot what was causing them
- It would finish quickly and seemed to be generating incomplete results

# FacilityConneX

- No modifications from downloaded zip



# FacilityConneX

- I don't trust this because I'd get different results but this is the best looking one



# Coefficient of Determination

- Start at: -0.05918289
- Holidays encoded as 0: 0.6543806
- Holidays encoded as 1: 0.7018767
- Subtracting mean to normalize inputs: 0.7003103
- Subtracting median: 0.7151841
- Added Thanksgiving and 2nd Pres day: 0.7237962
- 6x6 hidden layer: 0.7338013
- 40% of data set for testing: 0.7372318