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Abbreviations

- 1. ARIMA: AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average
- 2. SARIMA: Seasonal AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average
- 3. SARIMAX: Seasonal AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average with eXogenous regressors
- 4. BRPL: BSES Rajdhani Power Limited
- 5. MAPE: Mean Absolute Percentage Error
- 6. MAE: Mean Absolute Error
- 7. TB: Time Block
- 8. ACF: Autocorrelation Function
- 9. PACF: Partial Autocorrelation Function
- 10. RH: Relative Humidity
- 11. CDS: Copernicus Climate Data Store
- 12. ERA5: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Reanalysis 5
- 13. WS: Wind Speed
- 14. CPU: Central Processing Unit
- 15. SSD: Solid State Drive
- 16. IDE: Integrated Development Environment

Abstract

Accurate forecasting of electricity demand is pivotal for optimizing grid operations and ensuring a reliable power supply. This project, titled "Demand Energy Consumption Forecasting Model," is dedicated to enhancing electricity demand predictions for BRPL Delhi using sophisticated time series forecasting techniques. The project employs ARIMA, SARIMA, and SARIMAX models to generate both intraday and day-ahead forecasts by analyzing an extensive dataset spanning 7 years.

The forecasting models are designed to handle the complexities of time series data, including trends, seasonal variations, and the impact of exogenous variables. By incorporating additional data such as temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed, the models aim to capture the multifaceted nature of electricity consumption. The integration of these exogenous variables enhances the models' accuracy and reliability, leading to more precise demand forecasts.

The process involves a comprehensive approach to data preparation, including handling missing values, creating a datetime index, and setting data frequency. SARIMA models are employed with carefully chosen parameters to reflect seasonal and non-seasonal components of the data. Model performance is rigorously evaluated using metrics such as Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE), with the goal of achieving a MAPE of approximately 3%, demonstrating high forecasting accuracy.

The project also focuses on refining model parameters to optimize performance, which includes iterative tuning and retraining to enhance accuracy. By providing detailed forecasts for both intraday and day-ahead periods, the model supports effective grid management and operational decision-making.

The insights derived from this project are intended to advance energy management strategies and improve operational efficiency within the power sector. The implementation of these forecasting models offers valuable contributions towards better energy resource planning and grid stability.

Introduction

Accurate forecasting of electricity demand is essential for optimizing grid operations and ensuring a reliable power supply. The "Demand Energy Consumption Forecasting Model" project is dedicated to predicting future electricity demand for BRPL Delhi using advanced time series forecasting techniques, aiming to enhance both accuracy and operational efficiency.

Effective electricity demand forecasting involves analyzing historical load data to uncover patterns and trends that can inform future consumption predictions. This project utilizes several forecasting models, including ARIMA, SARIMA, and SARIMAX, to provide both intraday and day-ahead forecasts. These models are adept at handling the complexities of time series data, such as seasonal variations and trends, to deliver precise demand forecasts.

The dataset for this project spans 7 years and includes additional exogenous variables such as temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed, which are incorporated into the models to improve forecasting accuracy. The implementation of these models has resulted in a Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) of approximately 3, demonstrating high accuracy in demand predictions.

The primary goal of this project is to develop a robust forecasting model capable of predicting electricity demand with high precision, thereby supporting effective decision-making and enhancing the reliability of energy supply systems. The insights and findings from this project are intended to contribute to better energy management strategies and improved operational efficiency within the power sector.

Problem Statement

In the energy sector, accurately forecasting electricity demand is crucial for maintaining grid stability, optimizing energy distribution, and ensuring efficient operation of power systems. The challenge lies in predicting future electricity demand with high precision, considering the complexities and variability inherent in historical load data.

For the BRPL Delhi region, there is a need to develop a forecasting model that can effectively handle the intricacies of time series data, including trends, seasonality, and the impact of exogenous variables. Traditional forecasting methods may fall short in capturing the dynamic patterns of electricity consumption, leading to less accurate predictions and suboptimal grid management.

The primary problem addressed by the "Demand Energy Consumption Forecasting Model" project is the development of a reliable and accurate forecasting model for electricity demand that can provide both intraday and day-ahead forecasts. This involves:

- 1. **Handling Large and Complex Datasets:** Efficiently managing and preprocessing 7 years of historical load data, incorporating additional exogenous variables like temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed.
- 2. **Developing Accurate Forecasting Models:** Implementing advanced time series forecasting techniques, including ARIMA, SARIMA, and SARIMAX, to capture the underlying patterns and trends in the data.
- 3. **Achieving High Forecasting Accuracy:** Ensuring that the models achieve a low Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), ideally around 3, to provide reliable predictions that support effective grid management and operational decision-making.

Description of Various Training Modules

During my internship at 50 Hertz Limited, I acquired significant knowledge in time series forecasting, data analysis, and modeling. Below are the key concepts and techniques I learned, along with their practical applications in the field of energy demand forecasting:

1. Decomposing Time Series Data

One of the first techniques I learned was decomposing time series data into its essential components (trend, seasonality, and residual) using the seasonal_decompose function from the statsmodels library. This technique enabled me to analyze the different patterns in the data and understand their impact on the overall demand forecast.

2. Stationarity Testing and Data Validation

To ensure the data was suitable for time series modeling, I applied the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test using the adfuller function from statsmodels. This test helped me validate whether the series was stationary, which is a crucial step in preparing the data for ARIMA and SARIMA models.

3. Analyzing Autocorrelation

Autocorrelation is a fundamental concept in time series analysis, and I learned how to visualize and interpret autocorrelation functions (ACF) and partial autocorrelation functions (PACF) using plot_acf and plot_pacf. These functions helped me understand how past values influence future values and provided insights into the selection of model parameters.

4. SARIMAX Model Development

The SARIMAX model from statsmodels was a key tool in my training. I used it to build seasonal models that incorporated exogenous variables, such as temperature, wind speed, and relative humidity. This allowed me to enhance the forecasting accuracy for both intraday and day-ahead electricity demand predictions.

5. Identifying Trends and Seasonality in Data

I learned to recognize and analyze the presence of long-term trends and seasonal patterns in the load data. Understanding these patterns was essential for building models that could accurately predict variations in electricity demand over time.

6. Modeling Dependencies Using ACF and PACF

The concepts of autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation are vital in time series modeling. I used ACF and PACF plots to determine the appropriate lag values for autoregressive (AR) and moving average (MA) processes, which helped me define the parameters for ARMA and ARIMA models.

7. Exploring ARMA Models

I gained an in-depth understanding of ARMA (AutoRegressive Moving Average) models, which combine the strengths of both AR and MA processes. This was an important step toward understanding more complex models like ARIMA and SARIMA.

8. Introduction to Time Series and Data Preparation

Before diving into advanced models, I learned the basics of time series data, including how to structure it and handle common issues such as missing values, outliers, and irregular intervals. This foundational knowledge was key to ensuring accurate modeling.

9. Dealing with Non-Stationary Data Using ARIMA

One of the critical challenges in time series analysis is dealing with non-stationary data. I learned to apply ARIMA models to handle non-stationarity by differencing the data and capturing both trend and seasonality.

10. Conducting Dickey-Fuller Tests

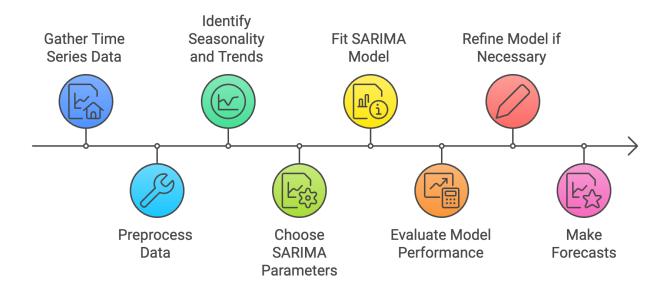
The Dickey-Fuller and Augmented Dickey-Fuller tests were essential in my training for detecting unit roots and confirming whether differencing was necessary to stabilize the time series. These tests guided the pre-processing of the data before applying ARIMA-based models.

11. Building ARIMA, SARIMA, and SARIMAX Models

I gained expertise in building and fine-tuning ARIMA (AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average), SARIMA (Seasonal ARIMA), and SARIMAX (Seasonal ARIMA with exogenous variables) models. These models formed the backbone of the demand forecasting system I developed during the internship, particularly for accurately predicting electricity demand in the BRPL Delhi region.

FlowChart

Develop a Time Series Model with SARIMA



The flowchart visually represents the sequential steps involved in developing a Seasonal AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average (SARIMA) time series model. Each step is crucial for ensuring that the model is accurate and reliable. Here's a breakdown of the process:

- **1. Gather Time Series Data:** The BRPL data is a time series dataset where the LOAD value depends on various factors such as time of day, day of the week, and seasonal patterns. The objective is to model and forecast the LOAD values accurately using SARIMA.
- **2. Identify Seasonality and Trends:** Analyze the data to detect any seasonal patterns (e.g., monthly, quarterly) and trends (upward or downward). This analysis is crucial for understanding the underlying behavior of the data.
- **3. Preprocess Data:** Prepare the data by handling missing dates and values, creating a datetime index for the dataframe, and setting the frequency of the dataframe. This ensures that the data is clean and ready for modeling.
- **4. Choose SARIMA Parameters:** Select appropriate values for the SARIMA model's parameters. Specifically, determine the values for the autoregressive order (p), integrated order (d), and moving

average order (q), as well as the seasonal components: seasonal autoregressive order (P), seasonal integrated order (D), and seasonal moving average order (Q).

- **5. Fit SARIMA Model:** Train the SARIMA model using the preprocessed data and the chosen parameters. This involves estimating the model parameters to best fit the data.
- **6. Evaluate Model Performance:** Assess the model's performance using metrics such as Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE). These metrics are used to quantify the accuracy of the forecasts.
- **7. Refine Model if Necessary:** If the model's performance is not satisfactory, adjust the order and seasonal order parameters to hypertune the model. Retrain the model with these adjusted parameters to improve accuracy.
- **8. Make Forecasts:** Use the fitted SARIMA model to generate predictions for future time periods. This step provides the forecasted LOAD values based on the trained model.

About the Dataset

The dataset used for this project was provided by my mentor, Sanjeev Jain, at 50 Hertz Limited. It

comprises detailed electricity load data from the BRPL (BSES Rajdhani Power Limited) Delhi

region. This dataset spans from April 1, 2017, to June 26, 2024, and includes a comprehensive

range of information crucial for forecasting and analysis.

Load Data

The primary dataset features electricity load data recorded at 15-minute intervals, resulting in 96

data points per day. Each data entry includes the following columns:

Load: The electricity demand recorded in megawatts (MW) for each 15-minute interval.

Block: An identifier for each 15-minute interval within a day, ranging from 1 to 96.

Date: The date corresponding to each data entry.

Time: The specific time of day for each 15-minute interval.

This detailed data format provides a granular view of electricity consumption, essential for

accurate forecasting and trend analysis.

Climate Data

In addition to the load data, climate variables were also integrated into the analysis. The climate

data was sourced from the Copernicus Climate Data Store (CDS), specifically the ERA5 dataset,

which provides hourly data from 1940 to the present. For this project, climate variables for the

Delhi region were extracted for the same period as the load data.

The extracted climate variables include:

Wind Speed: The hourly average wind speed recorded in meters per second (m/s).

Relative Humidity (**RH**): The hourly relative humidity percentage, which impacts electricity demand patterns.

Temperature: The hourly temperature readings in degrees Celsius (°C).

Combining these climate variables with the load data allows for a more comprehensive analysis, enabling the incorporation of external factors that influence electricity demand. This integration is crucial for improving the accuracy of forecasting models and understanding the relationship between climate conditions and energy consumption.

Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is a crucial step in preparing raw data for analysis and modeling. For this project, several preprocessing tasks were carried out to ensure the data's quality and usability. Here is a detailed overview of the preprocessing steps undertaken:

1. Loading the Data

The initial step involved loading the dataset into a DataFrame for analysis. The dataset, provided by Sanjeev Jain, included detailed load data recorded at 15-minute intervals, along with columns for date, time, and block. This data was loaded into a DataFrame using Python's pandas library, which facilitated subsequent data manipulation and analysis.

2. Handling Missing Dates

During the preprocessing, it was discovered that there was a missing date, specifically June 16, 2023. To address this gap, a new entry for June 16, 2023, was added to the DataFrame with None values for all load data. This step ensured that the dataset maintained continuous time series coverage, which is essential for accurate forecasting and modeling.

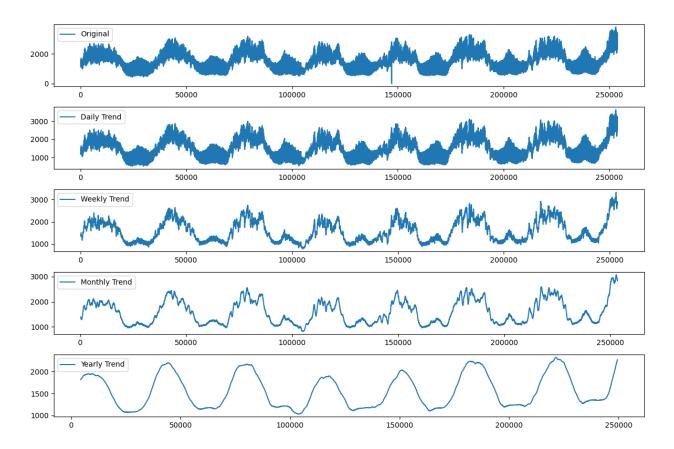
3. Filling Missing Load Values

Several missing load values needed to be addressed to complete the dataset:

- June 14, 2023
- June 16, 2023 (the previously added date)
- June 29, 2023
- September 9, 2023
- January 10, 2024

To fill these missing values, linear interpolation was used. This method estimates the missing values based on the values before and after the missing data points, providing a reasonable estimate for continuity in the time series.

4. Analyzing Trends in Data



Analyzing the data for patterns was essential to understand the underlying behavior and trends. The following observations were made:

Daily Patterns: Load data exhibited a clear daily cycle. The load decreases from 00:00 to 09:00, then increases until 15:00, decreases again until 19:00, and finally increases once more. This pattern reflects typical daily consumption trends, likely influenced by the varying demand throughout the day.

Monthly Patterns: On a monthly basis, the data showed an upward trend. This general increase in load over time could be attributed to growing demand or increasing population and industrial activity.

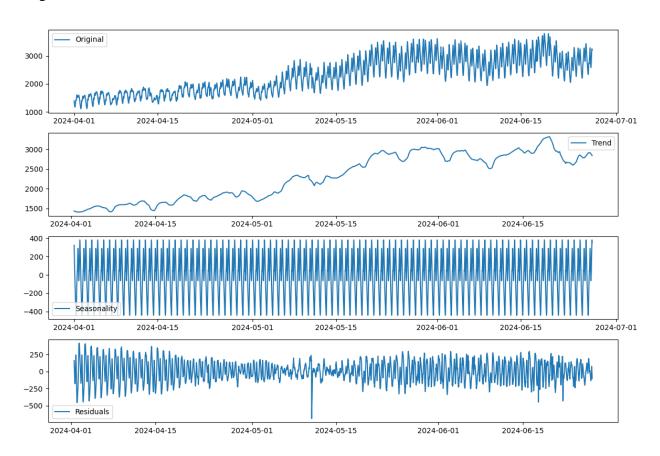
Yearly Patterns: Seasonal variations were evident in the yearly data. During the summer months (April to September), the load values were notably higher, while in the winter months (October to

March), the load values were lower. This trend aligns with higher electricity consumption during the hotter months due to increased air conditioning use and lower consumption in cooler months.

Impact of COVID-19: The dataset revealed a noticeable decrease in load values during the COVID-19 pandemic years of 2020 and 2021. This decrease likely reflects reduced industrial activity and lower electricity consumption due to lockdowns and work-from-home arrangements.

5. Analyzing Daily Seasonal Decomposition

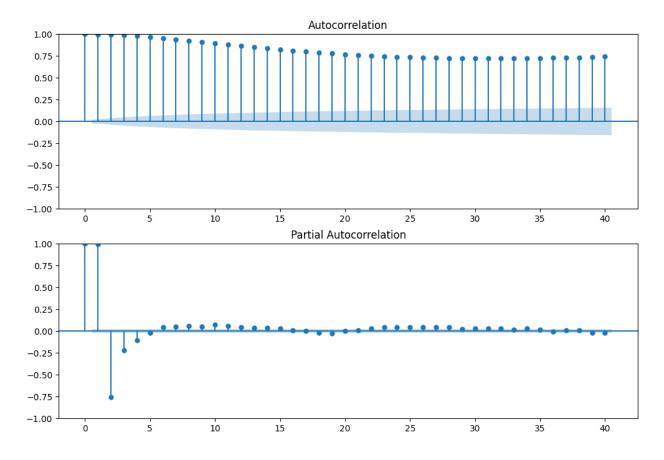
Daily seasonal decomposition is an essential technique for analyzing time series data, allowing us to break down the load data into its fundamental components. This process separates the data into three key elements: the trend, which reveals long-term changes; the seasonal component, which highlights repeating daily patterns; and the residual, which captures any remaining noise or irregularities.



By isolating these components, we gain a clearer understanding of the underlying patterns and fluctuations in electricity demand, which enhances the accuracy of our forecasting models and helps in refining predictions.

6. Identifying the Order and Seasonal Order for the SARIMAX Model

Determining the order and seasonal order for the SARIMAX model involves selecting the appropriate non-seasonal and seasonal parameters. The non-seasonal orders—autoregressive (p), integrated (d), and moving average (q)—are identified using ACF and PACF plots. For the seasonal components, the seasonal autoregressive (P), integrated (D), and moving average (Q) orders are chosen based on observed seasonal patterns and periodicity. This process ensures the model captures both the temporal and seasonal dynamics of the data effectively.



This preprocessing and analysis provided a solid foundation for building accurate forecasting models, allowing for a deeper understanding of the factors influencing electricity demand.

Forecasting Approaches for Demand Energy Consumption

Forecasting

There are two main types of forecasting approaches used for Demand Energy Consumption

Forecasting: Day-Ahead Forecasting and Intraday Forecasting. Both methods help anticipate

electricity demand to ensure efficient grid operations.

1) Day-Ahead Forecasting

In Day-Ahead Forecasting, the model is trained using historical data up until 8:00 AM on the day

of the forecast. At this time, the model has actual load data available only up to 7:15 AM,

maintaining a 3-time block (TB) lag. Based on this data, it predicts the demand for the entire next

day, covering all 96-time blocks (15-minute intervals) for the upcoming 24 hours. In this project,

two different training periods were used: 30 days and 60 days of historical data.

Model Run Time: 8:00 AM.

Actual Load Data Available: Up to 7:15 AM.

Training Period: 30 days and 60 days.

Forecast Window: The entire next day (96-time blocks).

This forecasting helps plan energy generation and schedule resources efficiently for the upcoming

day.

2) Intraday Forecasting

Intraday Forecasting is used for real-time load predictions within the same day. The model also

uses a 3 TB lag of actual load data. For example, if the model is run at 10:30 PM, it only has actual

load data available until 9:15 PM. It then forecasts the demand for the next 6 TB (1.5 hours) ahead

of the model run time, predicting the load for the period from 12:00 AM to 1:30 AM.

This process is repeated throughout the day, with the model run 16 times a day, updating its

training data and forecasting the next 6 TB at each run.

Model Run Frequency: 16 times a day.

Lag: 3 TB (45 minutes of actual load data).

Forecast Window: Next 6 TB (1.5 hours) after the model run time.

This dynamic forecasting approach allows grid operators to adjust their predictions frequently and

maintain real-time accuracy throughout the day.

Comparison Between Day-Ahead and Intraday Forecasting

• At the end of both forecasting approaches, the target was to achieve accurate predictions

with acceptable error margins. In Day-Ahead Forecasting, we aimed for forecasted values

with a Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) close to 6%, while in Intraday Forecasting,

we aimed for MAPE values near 3%.

• From running the models in both cases, it was observed that the model run time for Day-

Ahead Forecasting was approximately 10 times less than that of Intraday Forecasting.

However, the MAPE for Day-Ahead was around 6% due to irregular load patterns. For

example, some days had an earlier peak load at 2 PM instead of 3 PM, which increased the

forecasting error.

• On the other hand, with Intraday Forecasting, only 2-3 forecasted periods out of the 16

daily runs for 6 TB showed a high MAPE, and the rest of the forecasts remained accurate

even with irregular load data. The drawback was that since the model needed to be run 16

times per day, the model run time was 10 times more than that of Day-Ahead Forecasting

to complete the forecasts for the entire day.

Day-Ahead Forecasting

Day-Ahead Forecasting is a vital component of Demand Energy Consumption forecasting that

aims to predict the load for the following day based on historical data. The process involves the

following steps:

Forecasting Process

For Day-Ahead Forecasting, two SARIMA (Seasonal AutoRegressive Integrated Moving

Average) models were used:

• Model with 1 Month Training Data: This model utilizes historical load data from the past

month to generate predictions for the next day.

Model with 2 Months Training Data: This model incorporates a longer history of data from

the past two months, aiming to enhance the accuracy of the forecasts.

Each day, the forecasting process begins at 8:00 AM, using load data available up to 7:15 AM to

predict the demand for the entire next day. This setup maintains a 3-time block (TB) lag, meaning

that the forecasts are made based on data that is 45 minutes old. The forecast covers all 96 time

blocks (15-minute intervals) for the next 24 hours.

The forecasting was carried out over a period of 26 days, from June 1 to June 26, 2024. During

this period, forecasts were generated daily, and the performance of the models was evaluated by

comparing the forecasted values with the actual load data.

Performance Evaluation

The accuracy of the Day-Ahead Forecasting models was assessed using the Mean Absolute

Percentage Error (MAPE). For June 2024, the average MAPE was 6.234%, indicating the overall

accuracy of the forecasts. This metric reflects the average deviation between the predicted and

actual load values.

To better understand the performance of the models:

Comparison: The forecasted values were compared to the actual load data for each day.

Visualization: Graphs were created to display the training load values, test load values, and forecasted load values. These visualizations help in analyzing how well the SARIMA models predicted the next day's demand.

This approach provided a clear view of the SARIMA models' effectiveness in predicting demand based on historical data, offering valuable insights for energy planning and resource scheduling for the next day.

Intraday Forecasting

Intraday Forecasting is designed to predict energy demand within the same day, enabling real-time adjustments and accurate load predictions. This approach involves frequent updates and forecasts based on the latest available data. Here's a detailed description of the process and models used:

Model Development and Approach

1. SARIMA Models for Monthly Forecasting

- March 2024 Forecasting
- April 2024 Forecasting
- May 2024 Forecasting
- June 2024 Forecasting

2. SARIMAX Models for June 2024 with Exogenous Variables

- SARIMAX with Temperature as the Exogenous Variable: This model incorporated temperature data to enhance the accuracy of the forecasts, recognizing the impact of temperature on energy demand.
- SARIMAX with Relative Humidity (RH) as the Exogenous Variable: Relative Humidity was included in this model to account for its effect on load demand.
- SARIMAX with Wind Speed (WS) as the Exogenous Variable: Wind Speed was used to adjust forecasts based on its influence on energy consumption patterns.
- SARIMAX with All Three Variables (Temperature, RH, and WS) Together: A comprehensive model combining temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed to provide a more robust forecast by integrating multiple climatic factors.

Forecasting Process

The forecasting process operates on a dynamic, real-time basis:

Model Run Time: If the model is run at 10:30 PM, it has actual load data available only up to 9:15 PM.

Lag: 3 time blocks (TB) of actual load data are used, which corresponds to a lag of 45 minutes.

Forecast Window: The model predicts load for the next 6 TB (1.5 hours){After Skipping 6TB}, covering the period from 12:00 AM to 1:30 AM.

This process is repeated 16 times a day, with each run updating the training data and forecasting the subsequent 6 TB of load. For example, if the forecast for 12:00 AM to 1:30 AM is completed, the model is then trained to forecast the next 6 TB period starting from 1:30 AM to 3:00 AM, and so on.

Combining Forecasts and Evaluation

After generating forecasts for each of the 16 periods per day, the individual forecasts are combined to create a full-day forecast. This comprehensive forecast is then compared to actual load data to evaluate accuracy.

Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE): Calculated for each 6 TB forecast and then averaged to determine the overall daily MAPE.

Mean Absolute Error (MAE): Similarly calculated and used to assess the accuracy of forecasts.

Reporting

The results of the Intraday Forecasting are compiled into an Excel report using pandas and xlsxwriter. The report includes:

- 1. June Forecasted Hourly Data: Hourly forecast values for June.
- 2. June Forecasted Daily Data: Daily aggregated forecast values.
- 3. June Test Data: Actual load data for comparison.
- 4. MAPE: Mean Absolute Percentage Error for each forecasted period.
- 5. MAE: Mean Absolute Error for each forecasted period.
- 6. June Temperature Data: Only included in the SARIMAX model.
- 7. June RH Data: Only included in the SARIMAX model.
- 8. June Wind Speed Data: Only included in the SARIMAX model.

Hardware Requirements

For successfully running SARIMA and SARIMAX models and handling large datasets over

extended periods in demand energy forecasting, the following hardware specifications are

recommended:

1. Processor (CPU)

• Type: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9

• Cores: 4-8 cores minimum

• Clock Speed: 3.0 GHz or higher

• Purpose: A multi-core processor is crucial for performing complex time series forecasting

computations efficiently, especially when running multiple iterations of SARIMA and

SARIMAX models.

2. RAM

• Capacity: 16 GB or higher

• Type: DDR4 or DDR5

• Purpose: Handling large time series datasets requires significant memory, particularly

when performing data transformations, running models, and processing multiple months

of data.

3. Storage

• Type: Solid State Drive (SSD)

• Capacity: 256 GB or higher

• Purpose: High-speed storage is essential for quick access to large datasets and fast

read/write operations and exporting forecast results to Excel files using pandas.

Software Requirements

For running SARIMA and SARIMAX models efficiently in the Demand Energy Forecasting project and handling large time series datasets, the following software specifications are recommended:

1. Operating System

- Type: 64-bit Windows 10/11, macOS, or Linux
- Purpose: A 64-bit operating system ensures compatibility with Python libraries and allows
 efficient processing of large datasets.

2. Python

- Version: Python 3.8 or higher
- Purpose: Python is used for implementing SARIMA/SARIMAX models, data manipulation, and running forecasting algorithms. Compatibility with relevant libraries is essential.

3. Python Libraries

- pandas: For data manipulation, handling large datasets, and exporting forecast results to Excel files.
- numpy: For numerical computations and efficient array handling.
- statsmodels: To build SARIMA and SARIMAX models for time series forecasting.
- scikit-learn: For calculating performance metrics like Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE).
- matplotlib and seaborn: For visualizing trends and forecast results through graphs.
- xlsxwriter: To export forecast data and performance metrics into structured Excel reports.

4. IDE/Code Editor

• Recommendation: Visual Studio Code or Kaggle or Jupyter Notebook

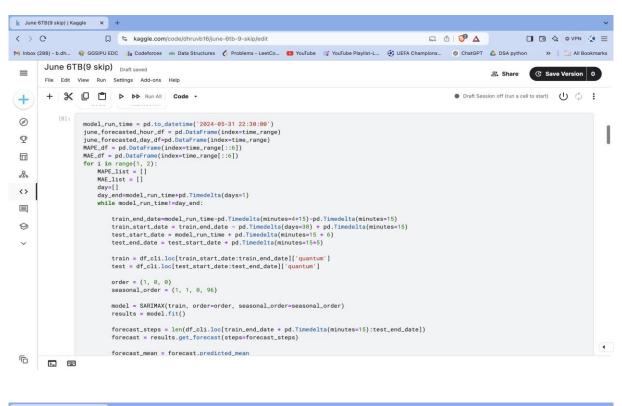
• Purpose: These environments offer tools for debugging, code completion, and easy library management, essential for smooth execution of forecasting models.

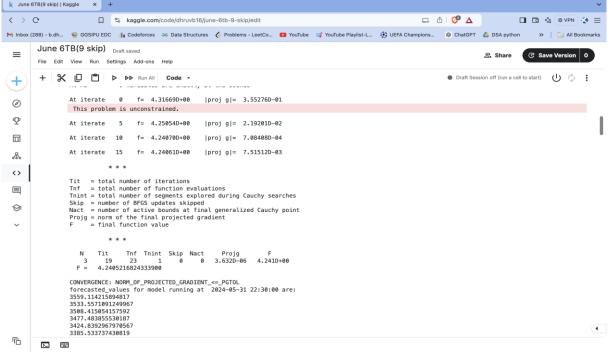
5. Excel Software

- Type: Microsoft Excel
- Purpose: To view and analyze the Excel reports generated from the forecasting process.
 These reports include forecasted values, actual load data, and error metrics like MAPE and MAE.

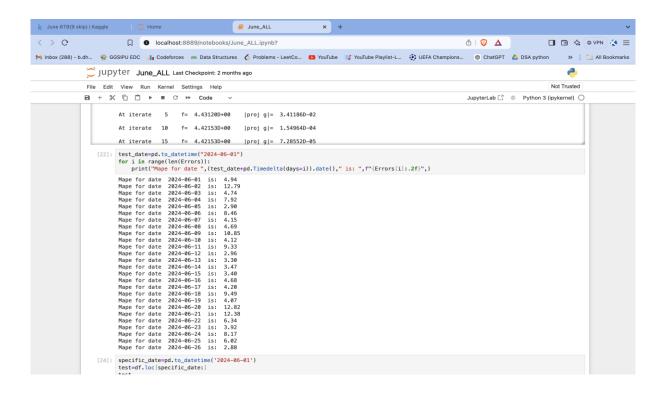
By ensuring these software requirements are met, smooth execution of SARIMA and SARIMAX models for energy forecasting can be guaranteed.

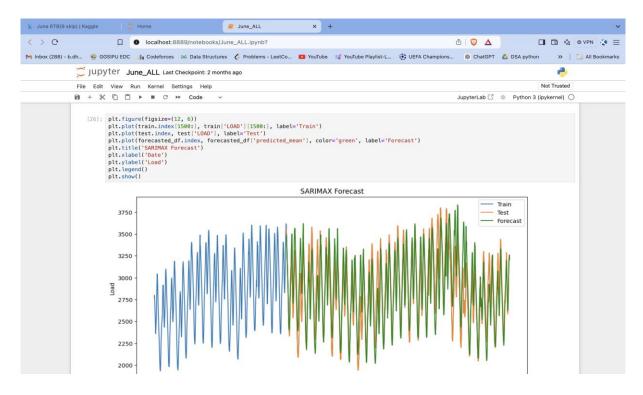
Snapshot of IDE (Kaggle)





Snapshot of IDE (Jupyter Notebook)





Result Obtained

Below are the results obtained from the Day-Ahead and Intraday Forecasting models. These results indicate the Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) values for each day of June 2024.

1. Day-Ahead Forecasting Results:

- MAPE for date 2024-06-01 is: 4.94
- MAPE for date 2024-06-03 is: 4.74
- MAPE for date 2024-06-05 is: 2.90
- MAPE for date 2024-06-07 is: 4.15
- MAPE for date 2024-06-09 is: 10.85
- MAPE for date 2024-06-11 is: 9.33
- MAPE for date 2024-06-13 is: 3.30
- MAPE for date 2024-06-15 is: 3.40
- MAPE for date 2024-06-17 is: 4.20
- MAPE for date 2024-06-19 is: 4.07
- MAPE for date 2024-06-21 is: 12.38
- MAPE for date 2024-06-23 is: 3.92
- MAPE for date 2024-06-25 is: 6.02

- MAPE for date 2024-06-02 is: 12.79
- MAPE for date 2024-06-04 is: 7.92
- MAPE for date 2024-06-06 is: 8.46
- MAPE for date 2024-06-08 is: 4.69
- MAPE for date 2024-06-10 is: 4.12
- MAPE for date 2024-06-12 is: 2.96
- MAPE for date 2024-06-14 is: 3.47
- MAPE for date 2024-06-16 is: 4.68
- MAPE for date 2024-06-18 is: 9.49
- MAPE for date 2024-06-20 is: 12.82
- MAPE for date 2024-06-22 is: 6.34
- MAPE for date 2024-06-24 is: 8.17
- MAPE for date 2024-06-26 is: 2.88

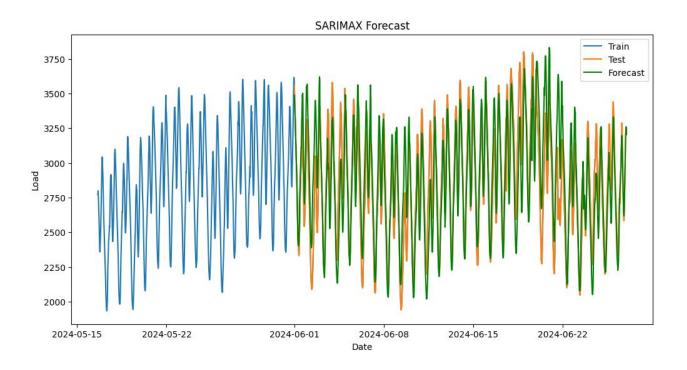
Average MAPE for Day-Ahead Forecasting: 6.05%

2. Intraday Forecasting Results:

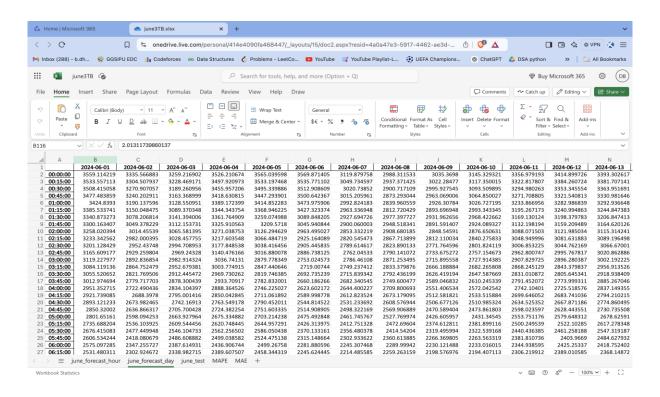
- MAPE for date 2024-06-01 is: 3.25
- MAPE for date 2024-06-03 is: 3.57
- MAPE for date 2024-06-05 is: 2.47
- MAPE for date 2024-06-07 is: 2.30
- MAPE for date 2024-06-09 is: 4.27
- MAPE for date 2024-06-11 is: 1.89
- MAPE for date 2024-06-13 is: 0.90
- MAPE for date 2024-06-15 is: 1.82
- MAPE for date 2024-06-17 is: 3.24
- MAPE for date 2024-06-19 is: 2.12
- MAPE for date 2024-06-21 is: 7.49
- MAPE for date 2024-06-23 is: 3.36
- MAPE for date 2024-06-25 is: 3.06
- MAPE for date 2024-06-27 is: 4.41
- MAPE for date 2024-06-29 is: 5.05

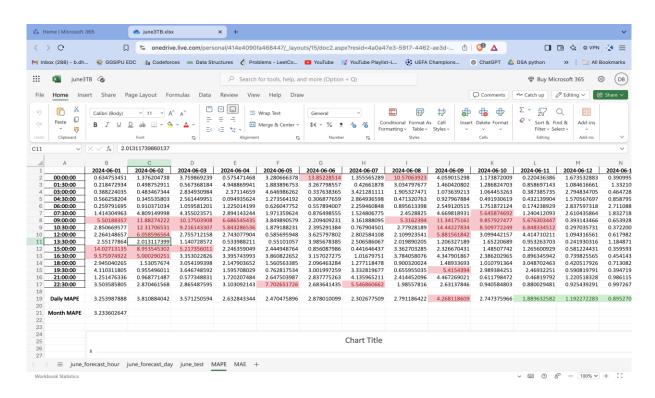
- MAPE for date 2024-06-02 is: 3.81
- MAPE for date 2024-06-04 is: 2.63
- MAPE for date 2024-06-06 is: 2.88
- MAPE for date 2024-06-08 is: 2.79
- MAPE for date 2024-06-10 is: 2.75
- MAPE for date 2024-06-12 is: 1.19
- MAPE for date 2024-06-14 is: 2.28
- MAPE for date 2024-06-16 is: 3.12
- MAPE for date 2024-06-18 is: 2.79
- MAPE for date 2024-06-20 is: 3.72
- MAPE for date 2024-06-22 is: 3.44
- MAPE for date 2024-06-24 is: 2.81
- MAPE for date 2024-06-26 is: 2.27
- MAPE for date 2024-06-28 is: 7.24
- MAPE for date 2024-06-30 is: 4.09

Average MAPE for Intraday Forecasting: 3.30%



Snapshot of Data Sheet





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