predicting tcp/ip network traffic using time series forecasting

Final Presentation

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recap

goal: forecast TCP/IP traffic

• real-time and short-time

data set

• network traffic of three months

approaches

- classical time series prediction methods
- artificial neural networks

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holt-winter approach

data set preparation

- split into training, and test set
- important to start at the beginning of a period

optimize parameter

- with grid search
- from 0.01 to 1.0 with 0.05 steps

parameter

- influence of the previous element
- weigth for the level (α)
- weigth for the trend (β)
- weigth for the seasonality (γ)

linear:

• α: 0.1

• β: 0.2

mase:

1.17685709586

addaptive:

α: 0.0

β: 0.0

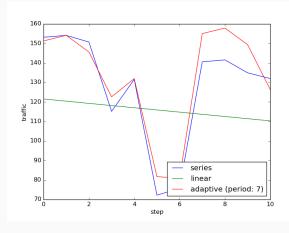
γ: 1.0

• period: 7

mase:

0.316808789116

forecast daily traffic



linear:

• α: 0.15

• β: 0.1

mase:

4.34134852342

addaptive:

α: 0.7

β: 0.0

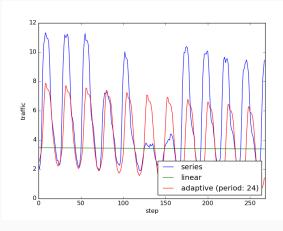
γ: 1.0

• period: 24

mase:

3.24448701448

forecast hourly traffic



forecast 5 minute traffic

addaptive:

• α: 0.9

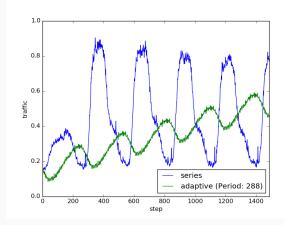
β: 0.65

γ: 0.9

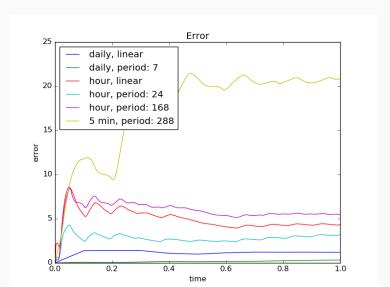
• period: 288

mase:

20.8613689301



Error-development over the complete test set



neural network approach

data set preparation

- generate sequences using sliding window
- split into training, validation, and test set

neural network library

- keras
- theano

hyper parameter search

- sliding window, number of neurons, number of layers,...
- hyperopt library
- tree-structured parzen estimator

MLP

- *N* = 25
- $W = \{1, 2, 4, 8\} \cup \{287, 288, 289\}$

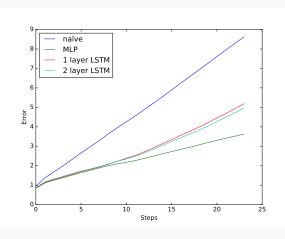
1 layer LSTM

- *N* = 19
- $W = \{1, 2, \dots, 19\}$

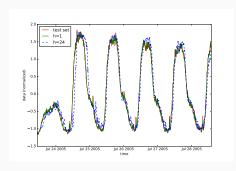
2 layer LSTM

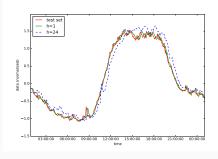
- $N_1 = 13$
- $N_2 = 5$
- $W = \{1, 2, \dots, 14\}$

forecast error for different horizons



forecasting examples with h = 1 and h = 24 using MLP





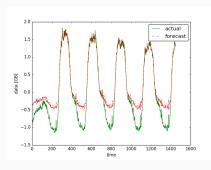
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forecast horizon

- one step ahead forecasting
- direct vs. iterative forecasting

training loss function

- MSLE
- penalizes underestimates
- numerical issues



conclusion

LSTM issues

- high expectations
- too few training samples
- slow

neural networks and time series

- used often for forecasting
- numerous different approaches
- problem solved?

