Coronavirus Prediction

Predicting daily numbers of deaths and mortality rates for the US with data sourced from covidtracking.com api

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New Deaths
per day

- Weekly seasonality
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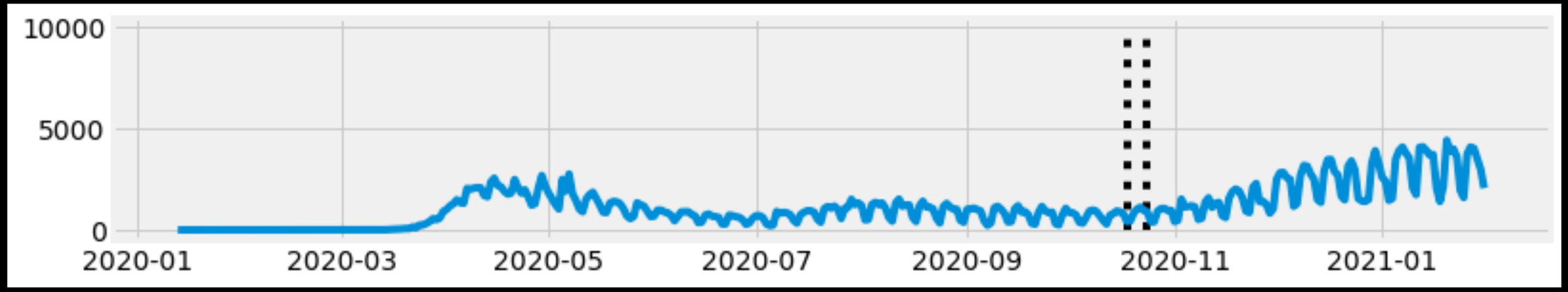
- Peaks on Mondays
- Reporting?



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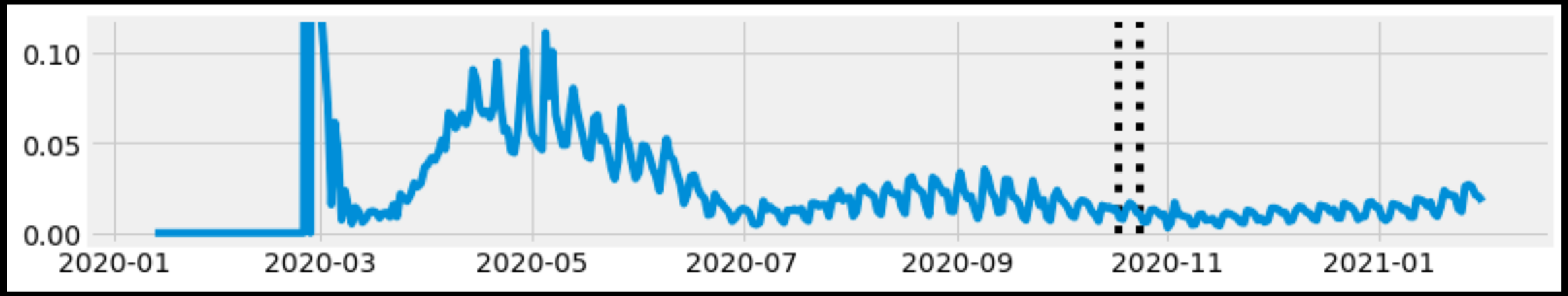

ACF/PACF

Auto Correlation Formula
/ Partial Auto Correlation Formula

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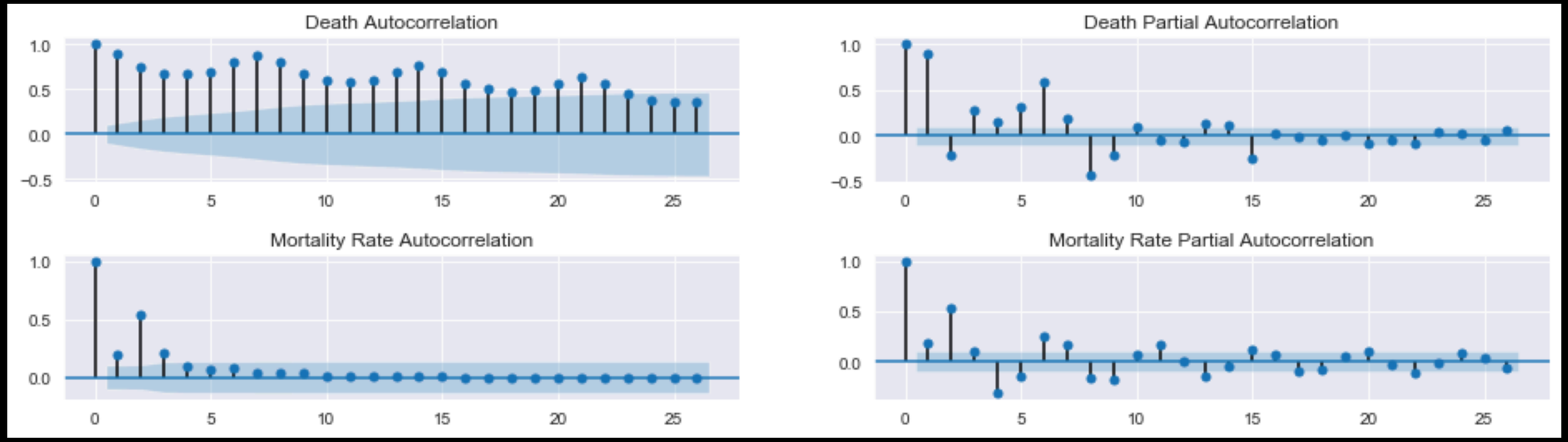

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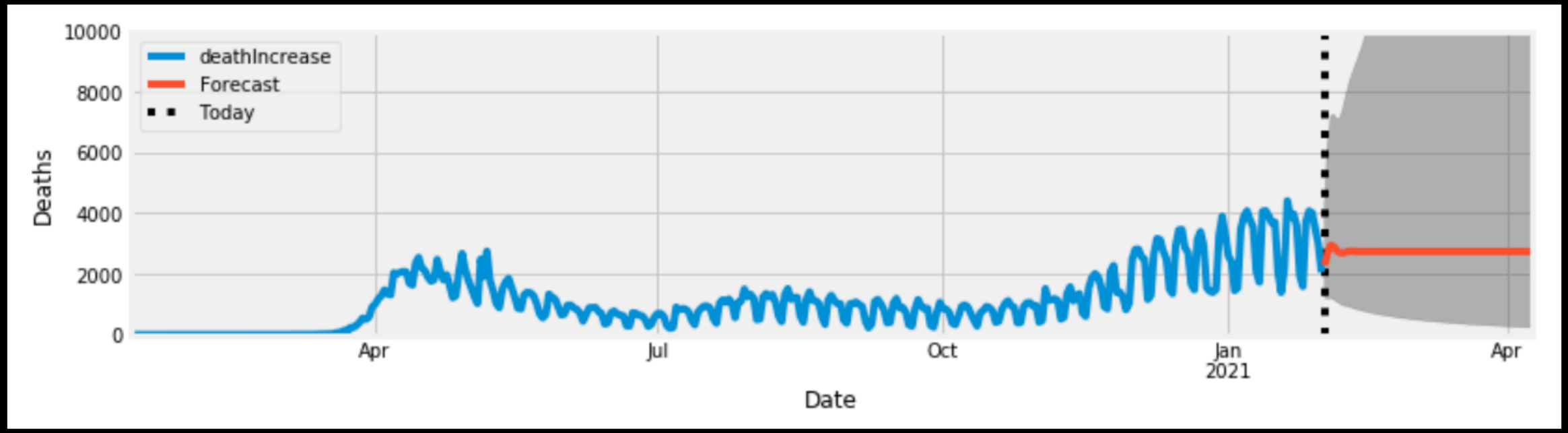

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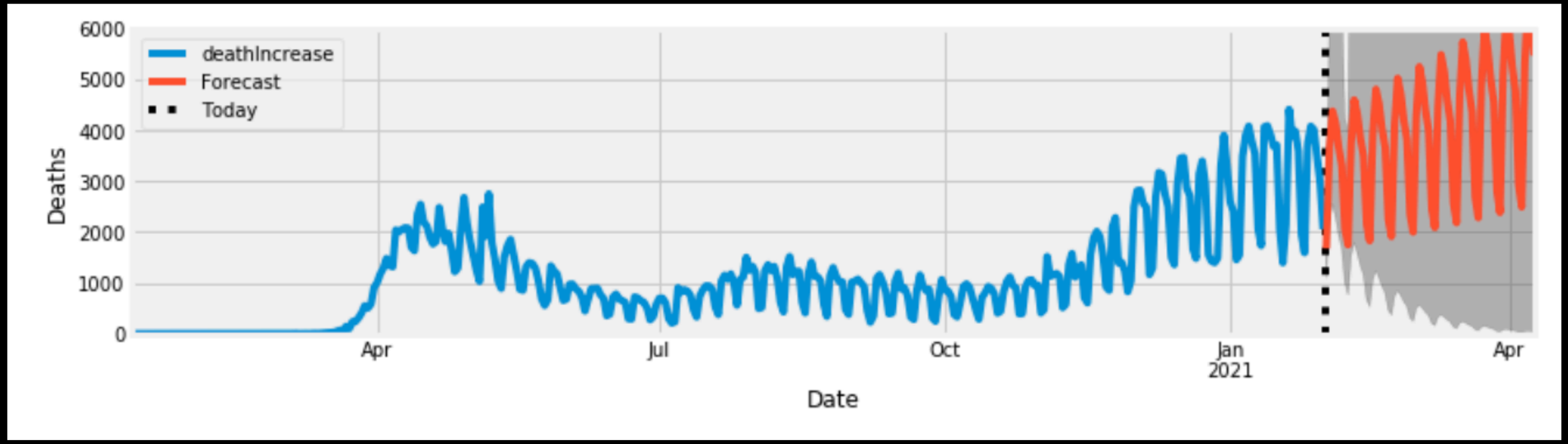

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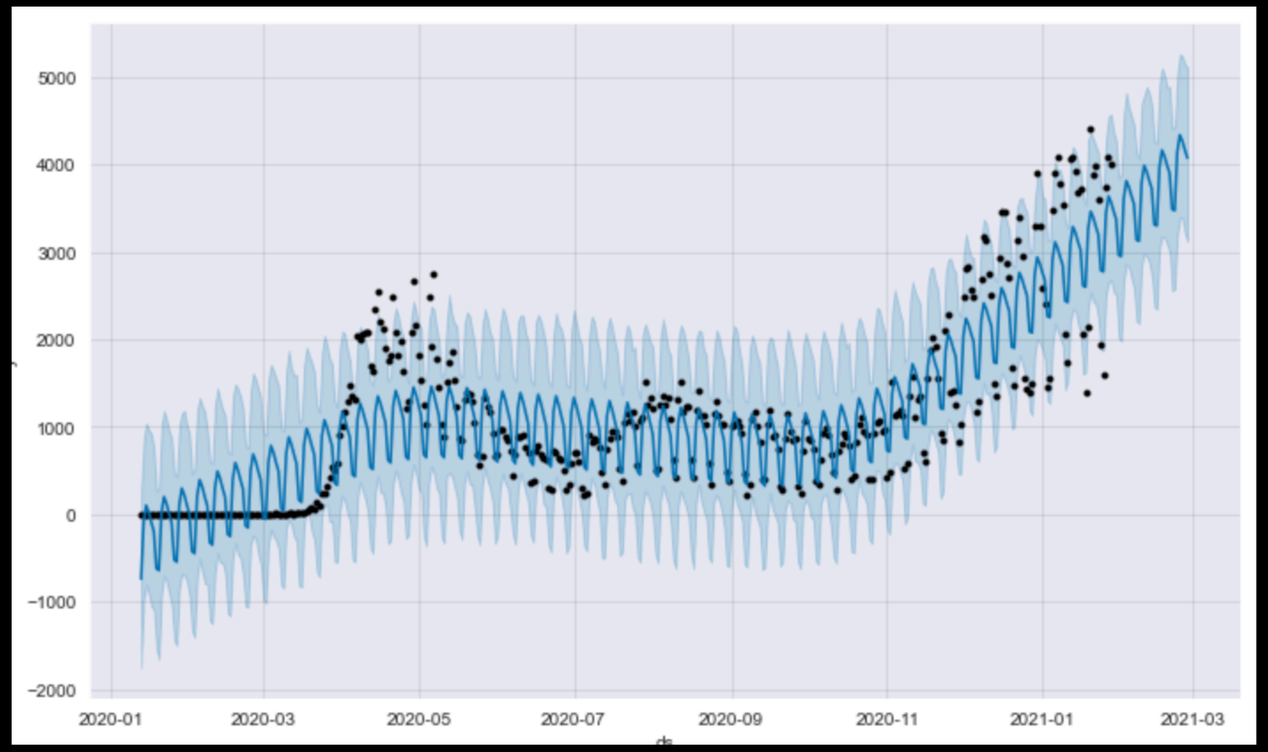

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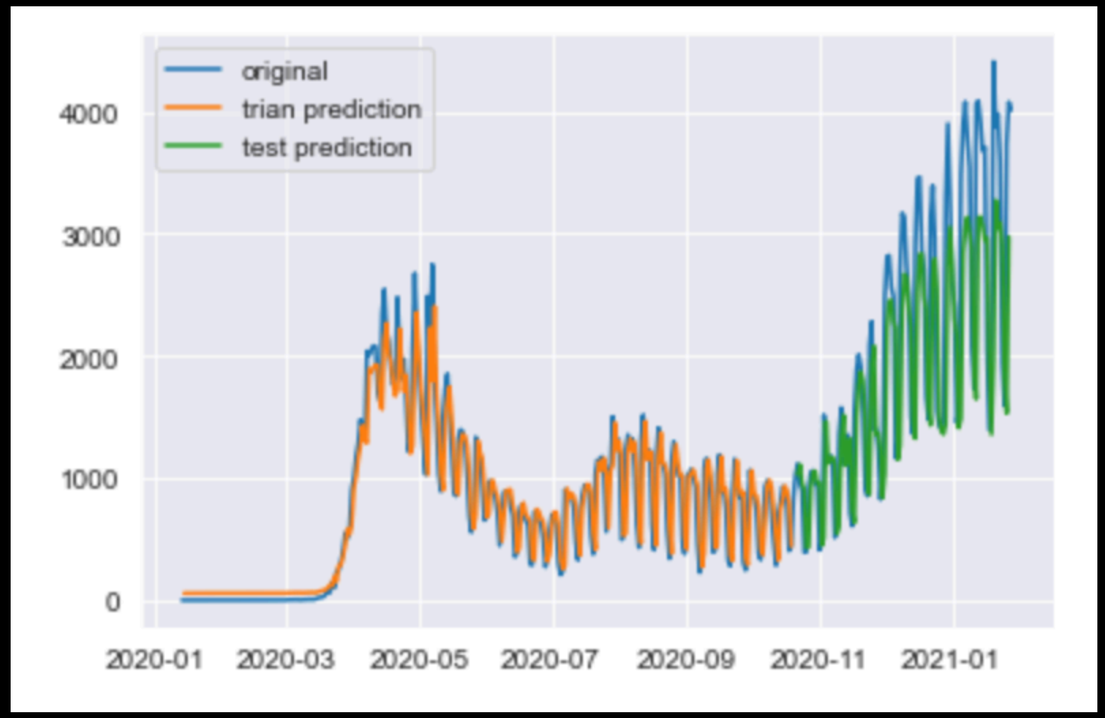

Model Evaluation
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Conclusions
and Recommendations

1. LSTM Network serves as the best model for coronavirus prediction (smallest RMSE and MAE)
2. SARIMAX with optimized hyperparameters by Gridsearch also works well for predictions
3. Due to many unknown exogenous features, such as transmission rate and the effect of holidays/lockdowns it is difficult to make precise predictions
4. Fewer deaths (and positive cases) on weekends and spikes on Mondays suggest errors in reporting
5. Based on LSTM, new deaths appear to be leveling off, however there is a wide confidence interval, so we recommend being cautiously optimistic