Predicting Dengue Fever cases:

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Iquitos, Peru

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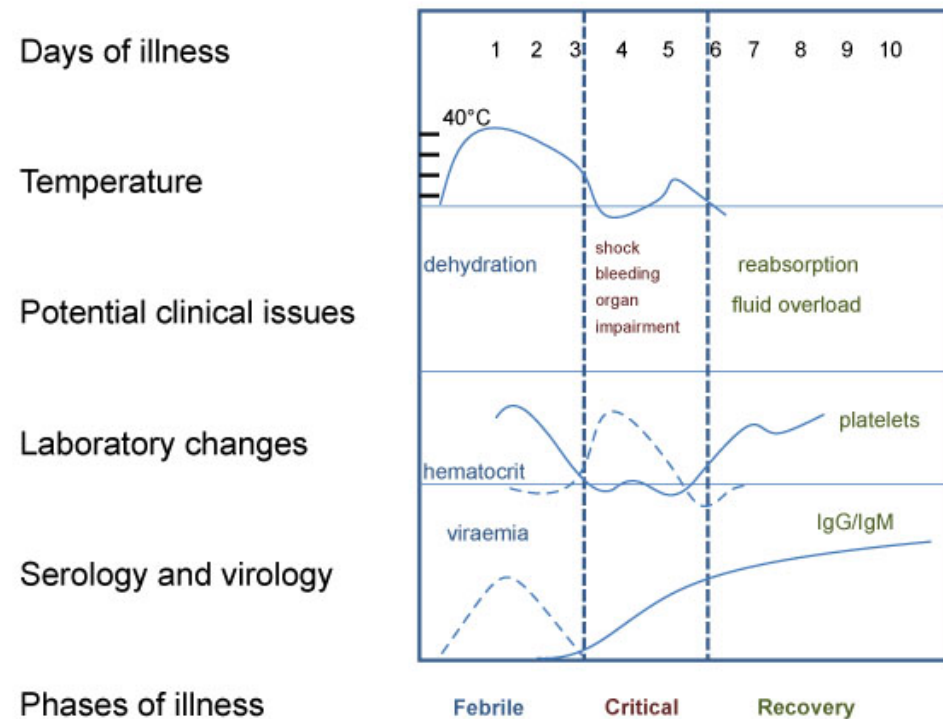September 26, 2019

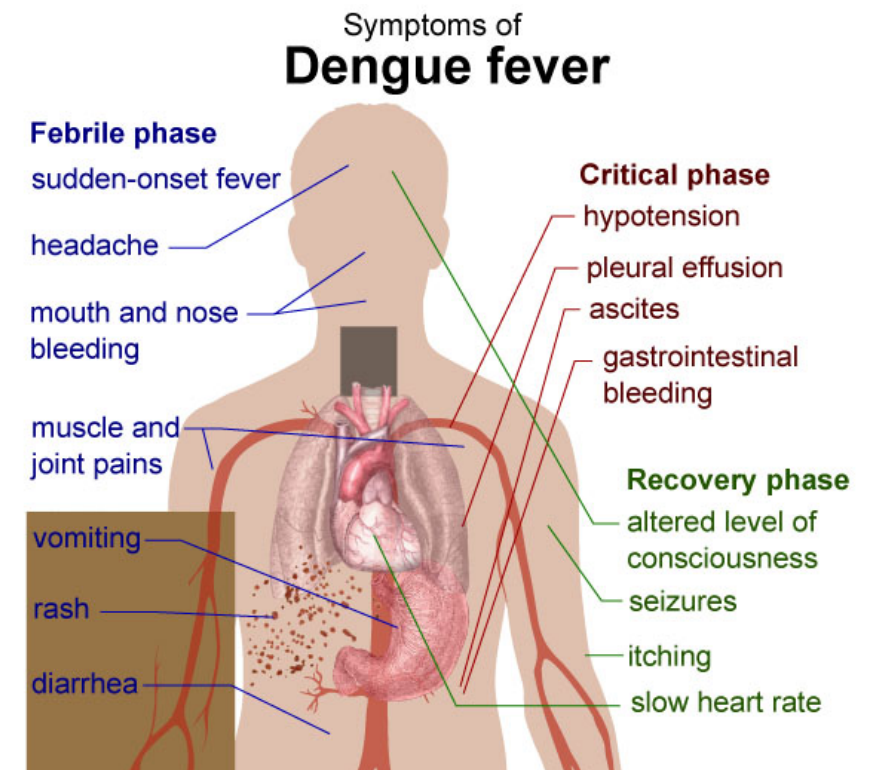# Dengue Fever

- ❖ The Problem:
  - • Dengue Fever infects up to 400 million humans every year.
  - • Infection is spread by female mosquitos
  - • Severe cases can result in death.

- ❖ The Goal:
  - • Create a machine learning model that can accurately predict the number of cases.

Symptoms of
Dengue fever

Febrile phase
sudden-onset fever
headache
mouth and nose bleeding
muscle and joint pains
vomiting
rash
diarrhea

Critical phase
hypotension
pleural effusion
ascites
gastrointestinal bleeding

Recovery phase
altered level of consciousness
seizures
itching
slow heart rate

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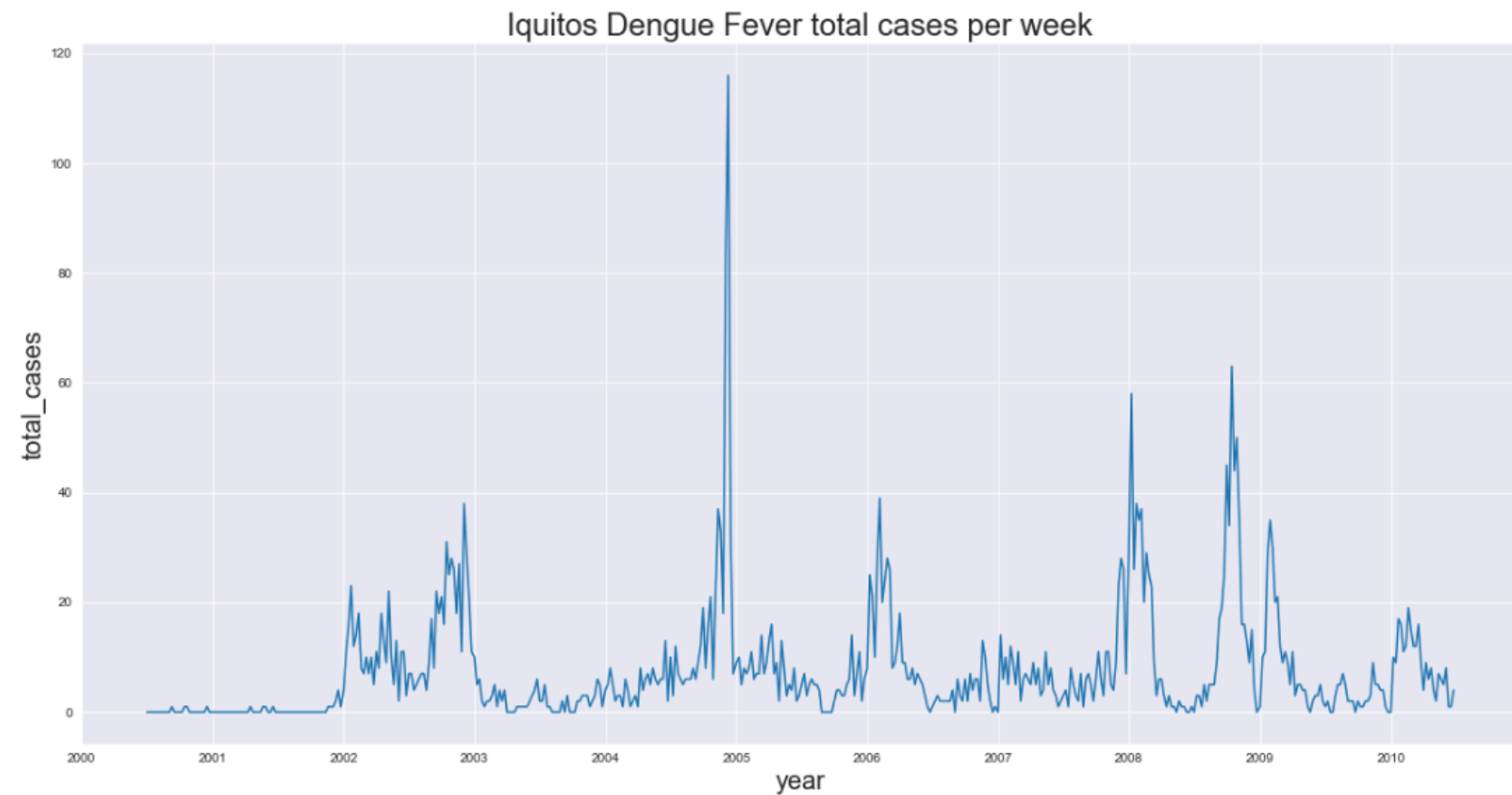
Dengue Fever Outbreaks

❖ San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Data from mid-1990 through early-2008
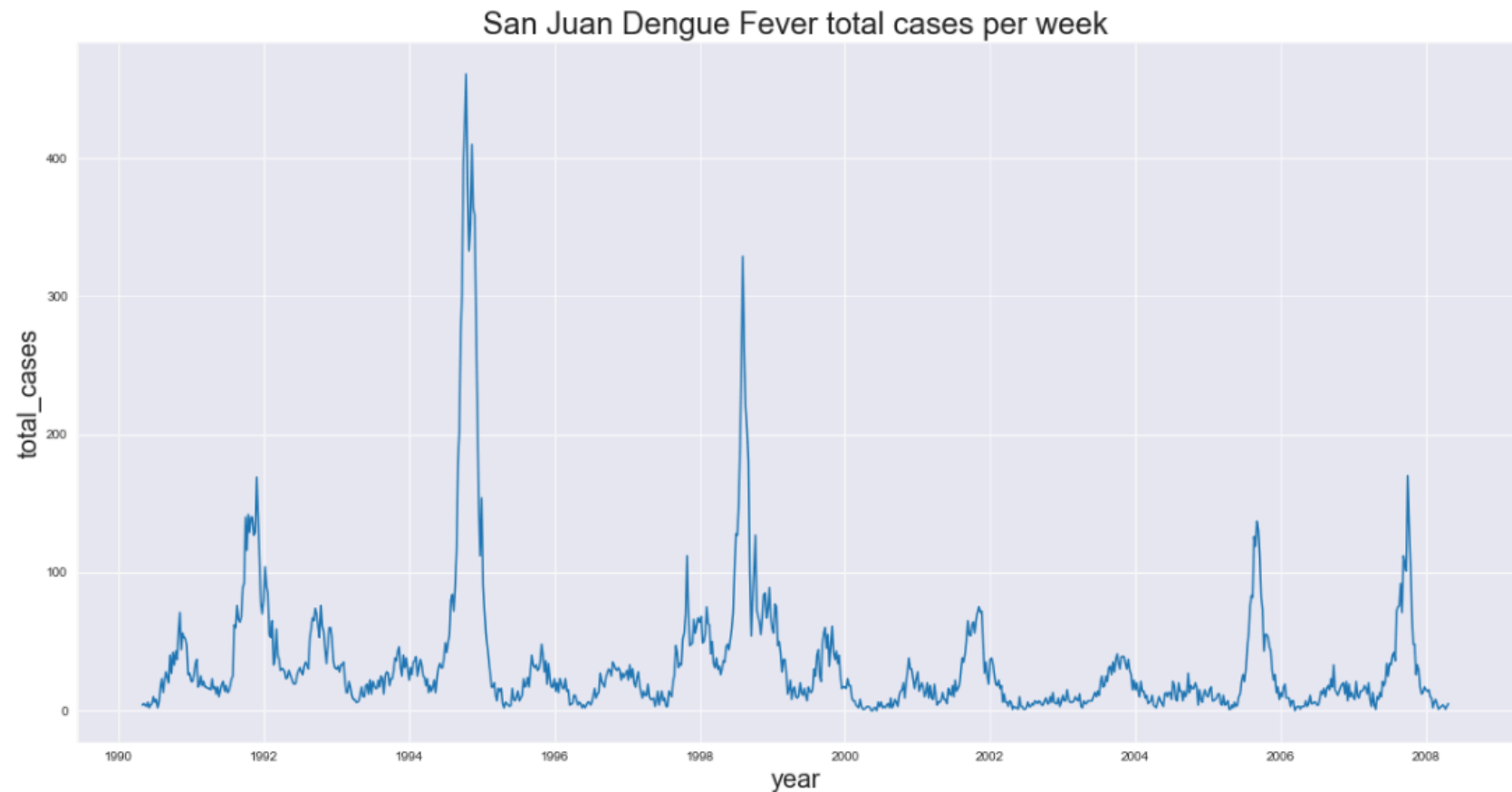
❖ Iquitos, Peru

- Data from mid-2000 through early 2011.

Weather Data

Looking for missing values in

6,937

Dark Sky records

❖ Sources:

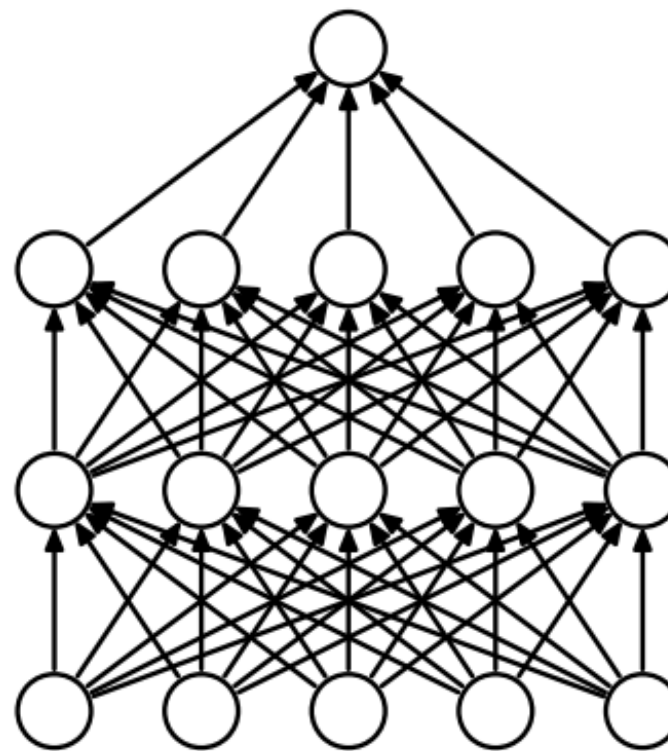 ❖ U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

  ❖ Dark Sky API

❖ Issues:

  ❖ Missing information for some dates.

  ❖ Missing values for many variables.

  ❖ Dark Sky data is daily - NOAA data is weekly.

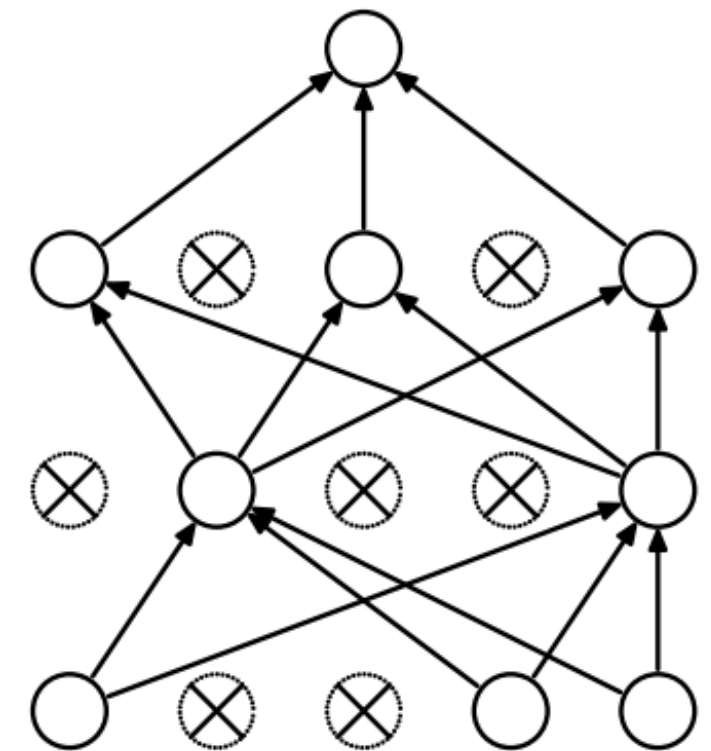|	
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moonPhase	16
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time	16
uvIndex	16
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windBearing	18
windGust	4854
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Technology - Keras & Tensorflow

❖ Sequential Model w/4 layers

- LSTM (Long Short Term Memory)

- Dropout (50% chance of removing a node)
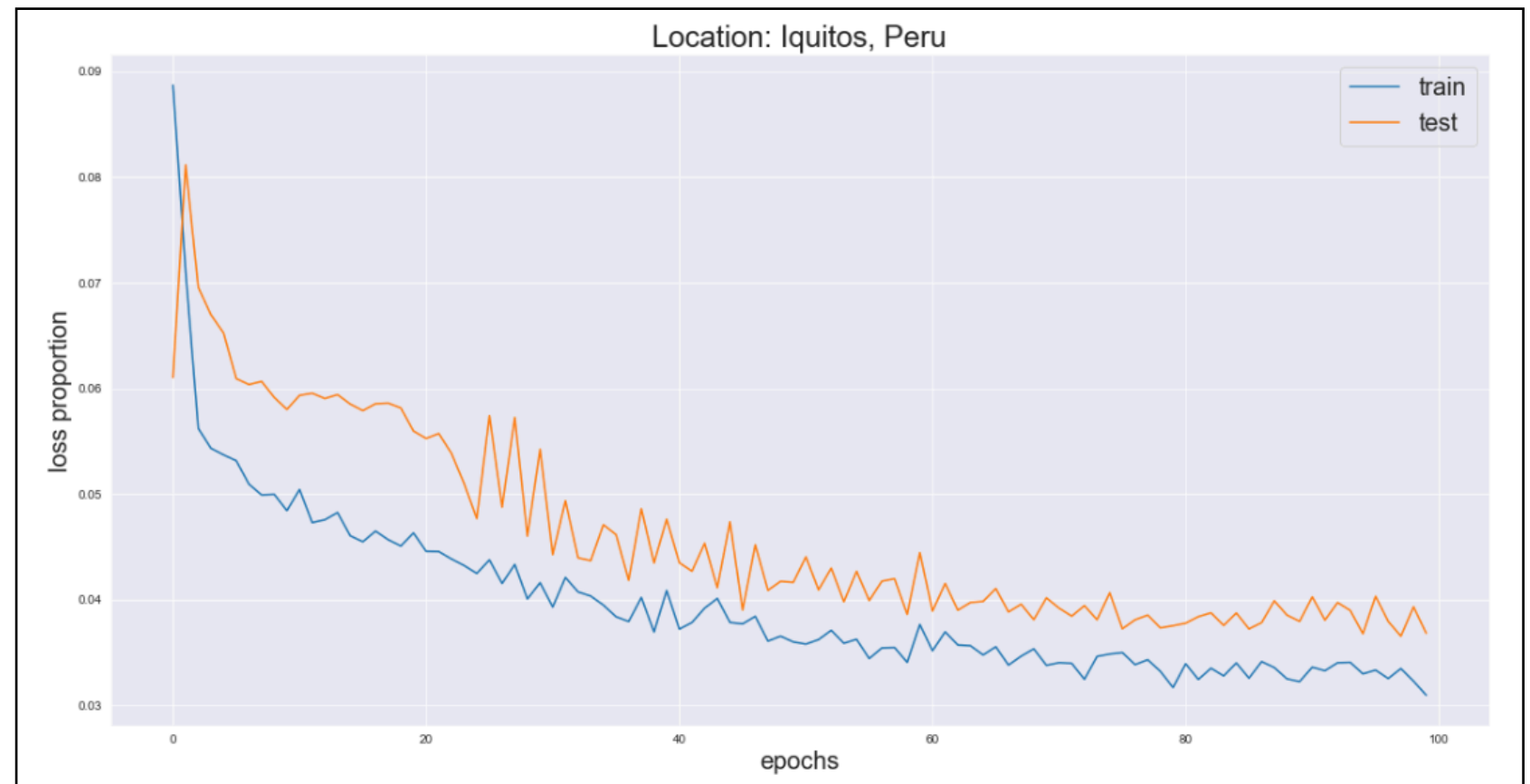
- Dense (50 nodes)

- Dense (prediction output)

(a) Standard Neural Net   (b) After applying dropout.

Image from: https://medium.com/@bingobee01/a-review-of-dropout-as-applied-to-rnns-72e79ecd5b7b

Tuning Hyperparameters

Dataset name: iq_final
Lookback window periods: 4
Training proportion: 0.79
Dropout proportion: 0.5
last epoch loss: 0.03095
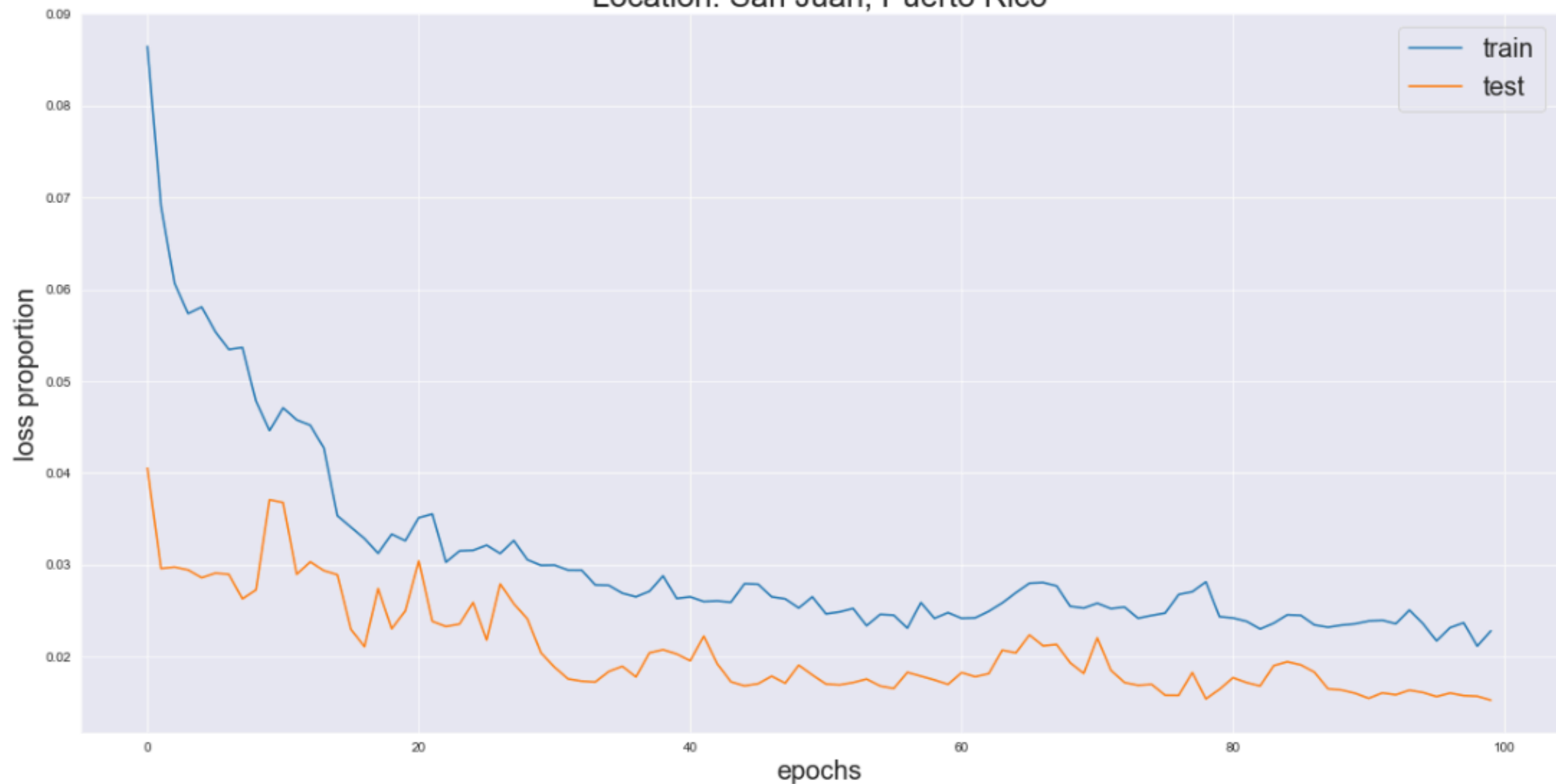last epoch val_loss: 0.03681

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Lookback window periods: 1
Training proportion: 0.79
Dropout proportion: 0.4
last epoch loss: 0.03221
last epoch val_loss: 0.03264
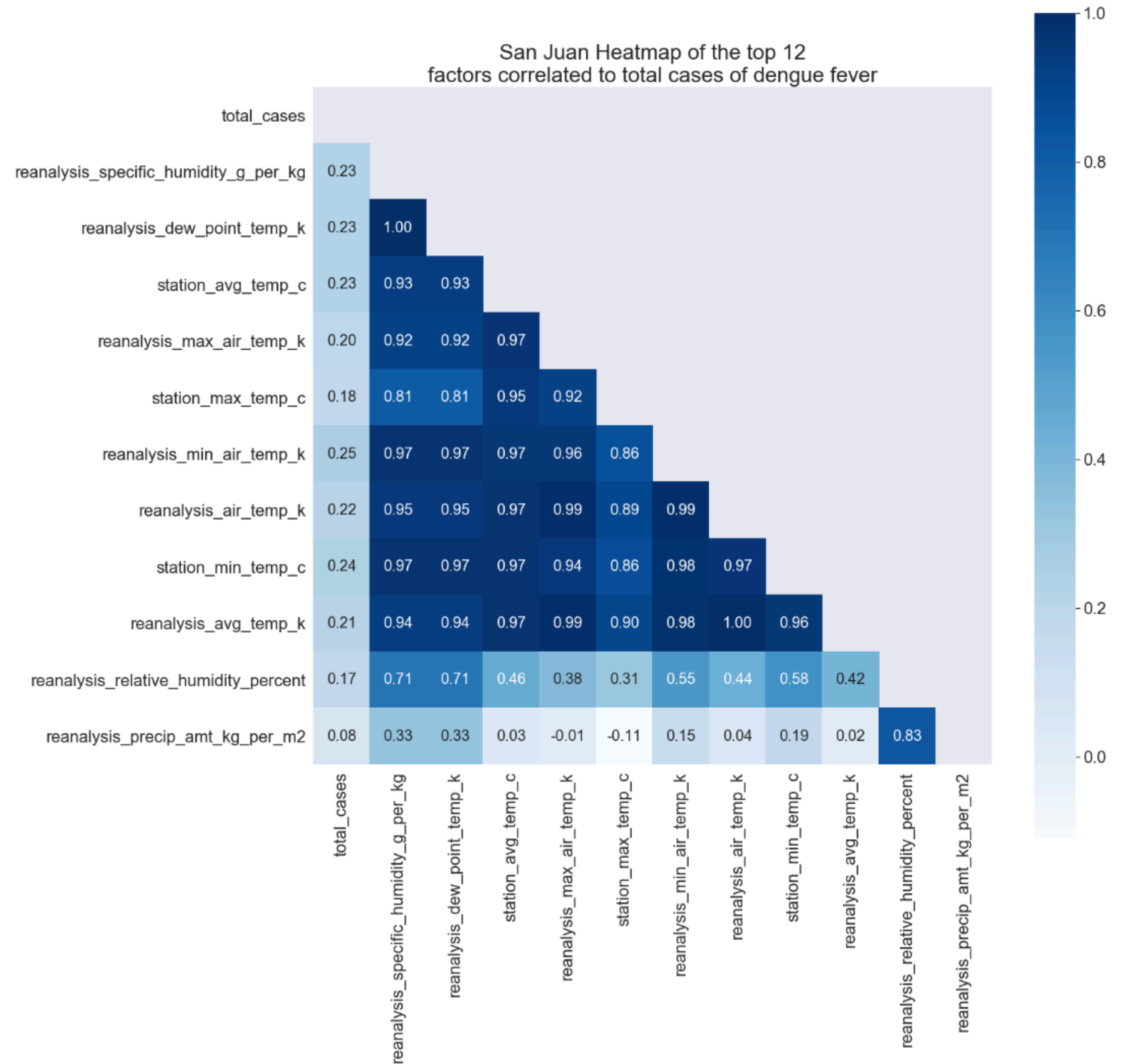
Different Models for Iquitos & San Juan

Location: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dataset name: sj_final
Lookback window periods: 4
Training proportion: 0.87
Dropout proportion: 0.5
last epoch loss: 0.02283
last epoch val_loss: 0.01528

Further Work

- Test different ways of creating weekly data from the Dark Sky data (eg., minimum or maximum instead of the mean).

- Test differencing the data (Subtracting each weeks values from the prior weeks values).

- Test other machine learning models designed for time series data.

- Test removing variables with multicollinearity.

San Juan Heatmap of the top 12 factors correlated to total cases of dengue fever

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Back to the Future: Using Historical Dengue Data to Predict the Next Epidemic

JUNE 5, 2015 AT 1:10 PM ET BY DYLAN GEORGE

"Accurate dengue predictions would help public health workers, like Johansson, and people around the world take steps to reduce the impact of these epidemics. But predicting dengue is a hefty task that calls for the consolidation of different data sets on disease incidence, weather, and the environment."*