



# Forecasting Unit Trust Sales and Redemption

Leveraging on Data Science

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# Why we need to have unit trust forecast



**Enhanced Strategic Planning:** Prepare for potential sales or redemption trends for next year.



**Investment Decision:** Enable fund managers to manage effectively.

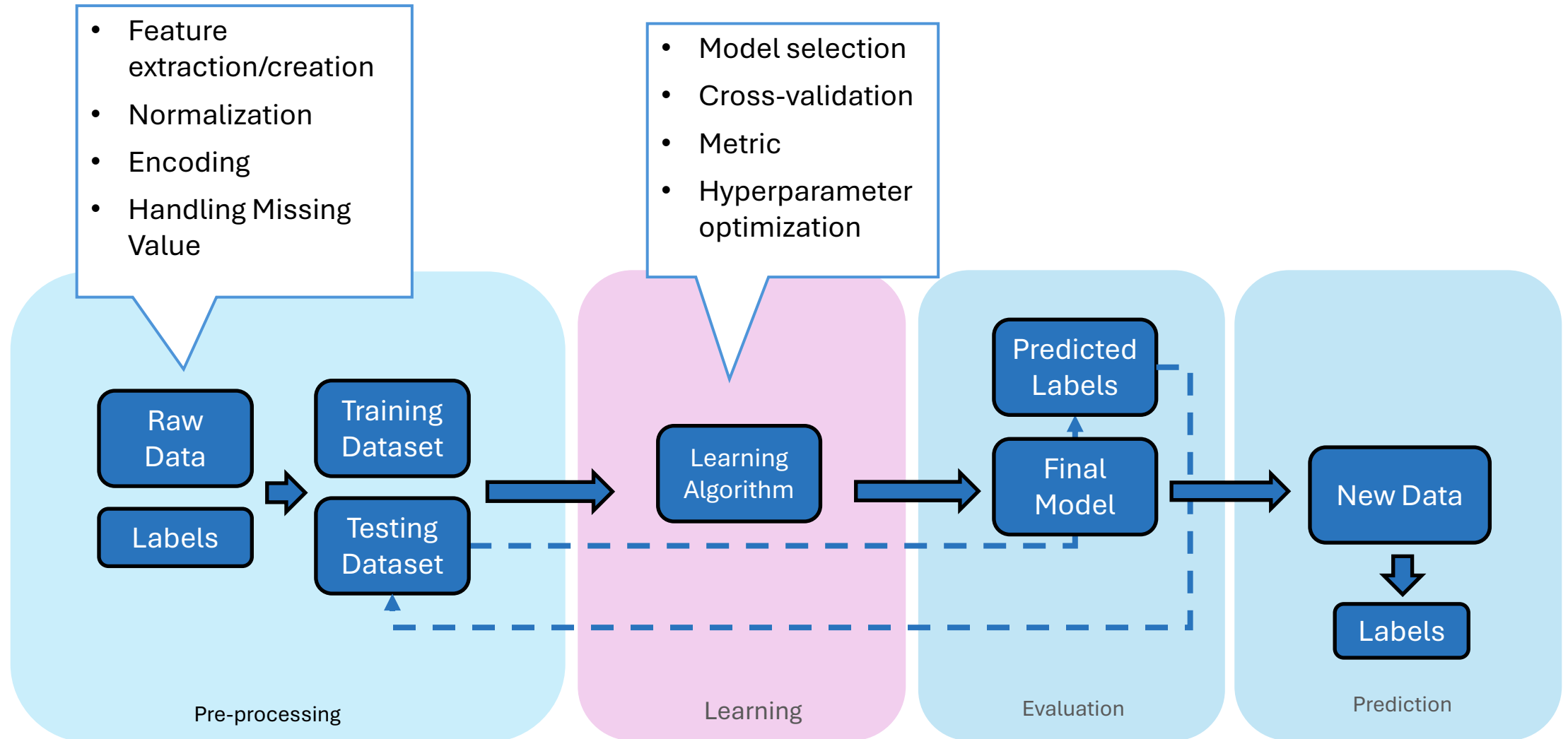


**Risk Management:** Identify market trends and risks, allowing proactive measures.



**Product Management:** Ensure proper allocation of investment products.

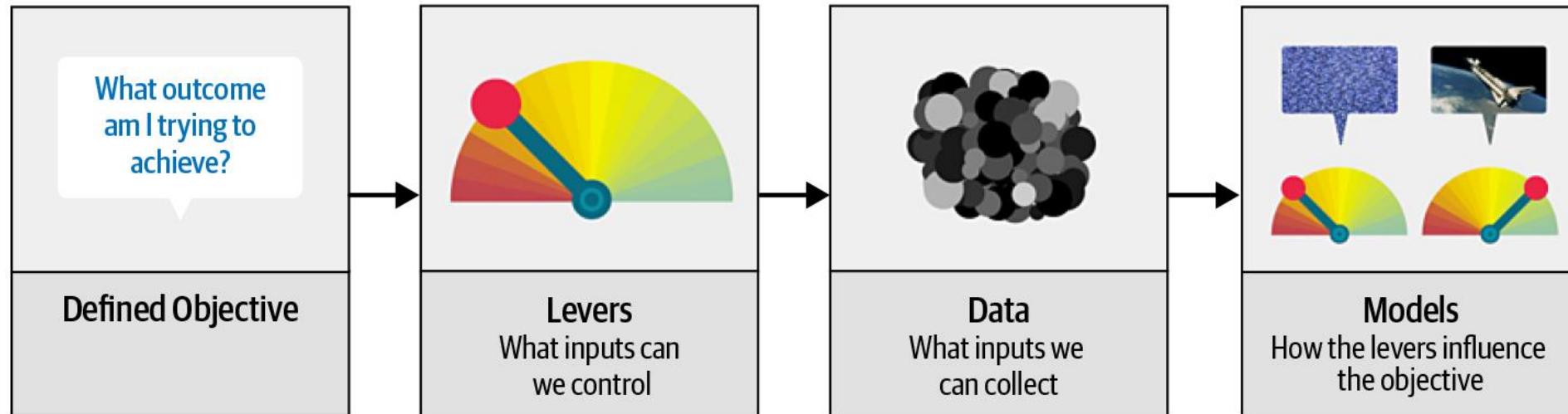
# Flow Chart of Predictive Modeling



# Details on the Pre-processing

- **Feature Selection:**

- Training: Include all relevant features you can think of.
- Forecast: Consider features you might have access to in the future.



# Details on the Pre-processing

- **Feature Extraction:**

- Break down dates into components like year, month, and day.
- Understanding features that having the same correlation (multi-collinearity) using rank correlation

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3 df.head()
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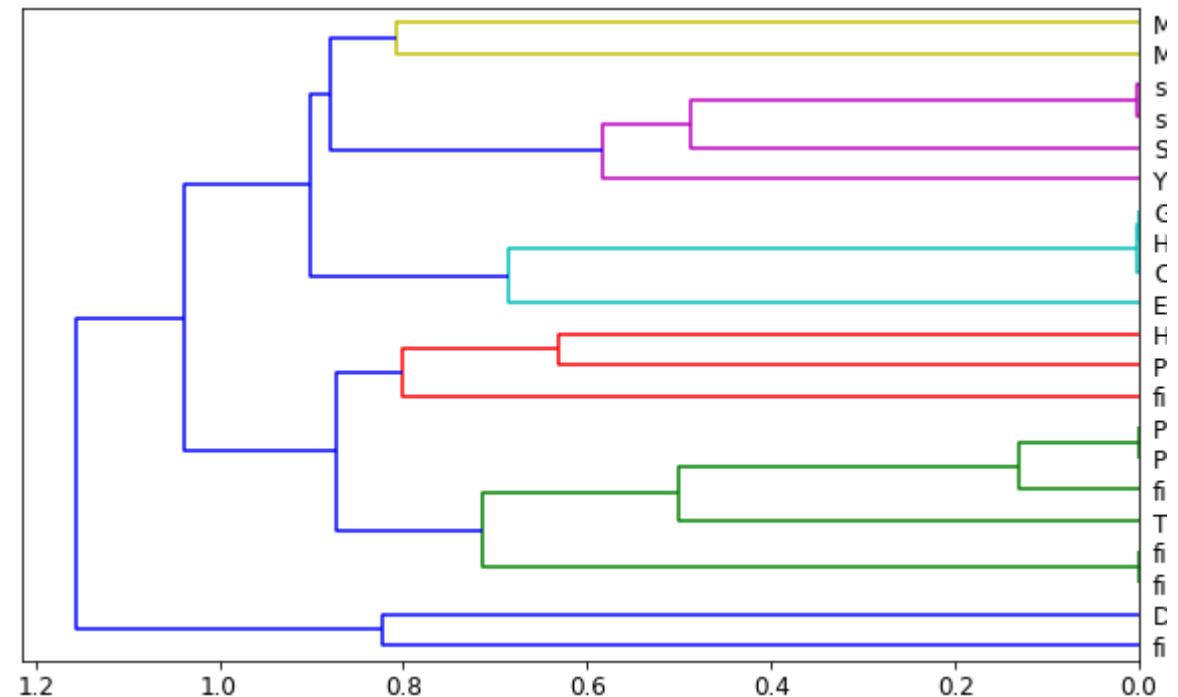
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2018-09-02 0.275542
2018-09-03 0.516637
2018-09-04 1.003360
2018-09-05 -0.481290
```

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In [17]: 1 dt_attributes = ['Year', 'Month', 'Day', 'Dayofweek', 'Dayofyear', 'Week', 'Hour']
2 for att in dt_attributes:
3     df['datepart_' + att] = getattr(df.index, att.lower())
4
5 # check all available attributes:
6 # https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/generated/pandas.DatetimeIndex.html
7
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In [18]: 1 print('rows:', df.shape[0], 'cols:', df.shape[1])
2 df.head()

rows: 60 cols: 8

Out[18]:
0 datepart_Year datepart_Month datepart_Day datepart_Dayofweek datepart_Dayofyear datepart_Week datepart_Hour
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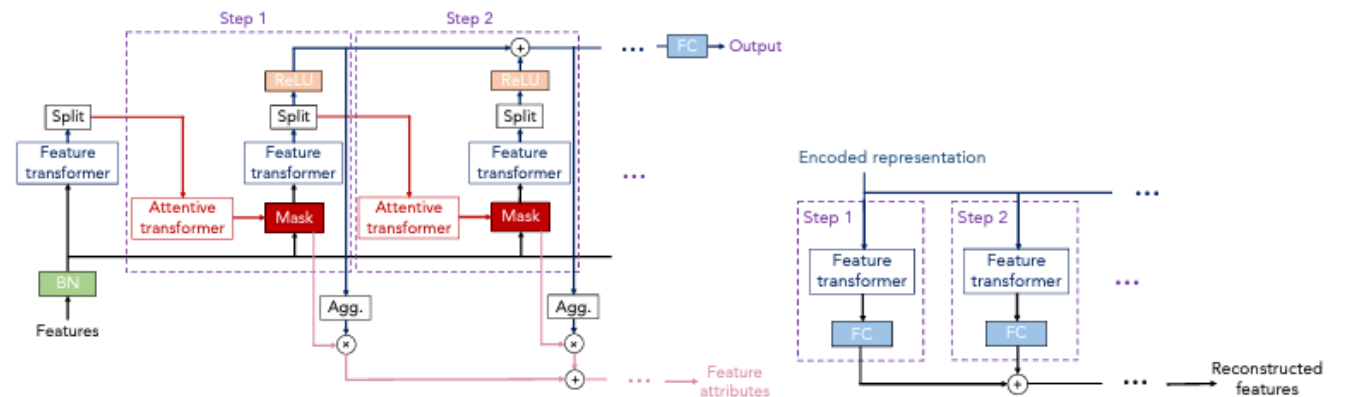
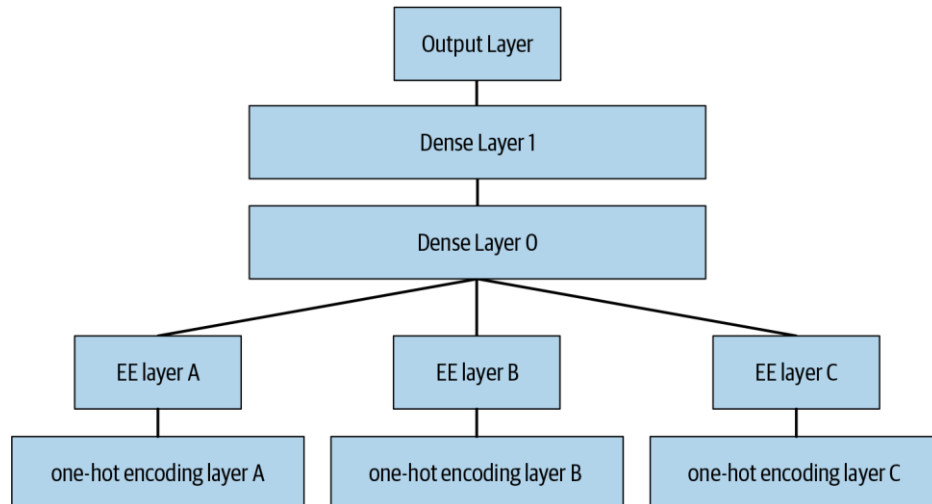




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- **Encoding:**

- Primarily use label encoding.
- Occasionally use embedding techniques like entity embedding or unsupervised like TabNet.



# Details on the Pre-processing

- **Normalization:**

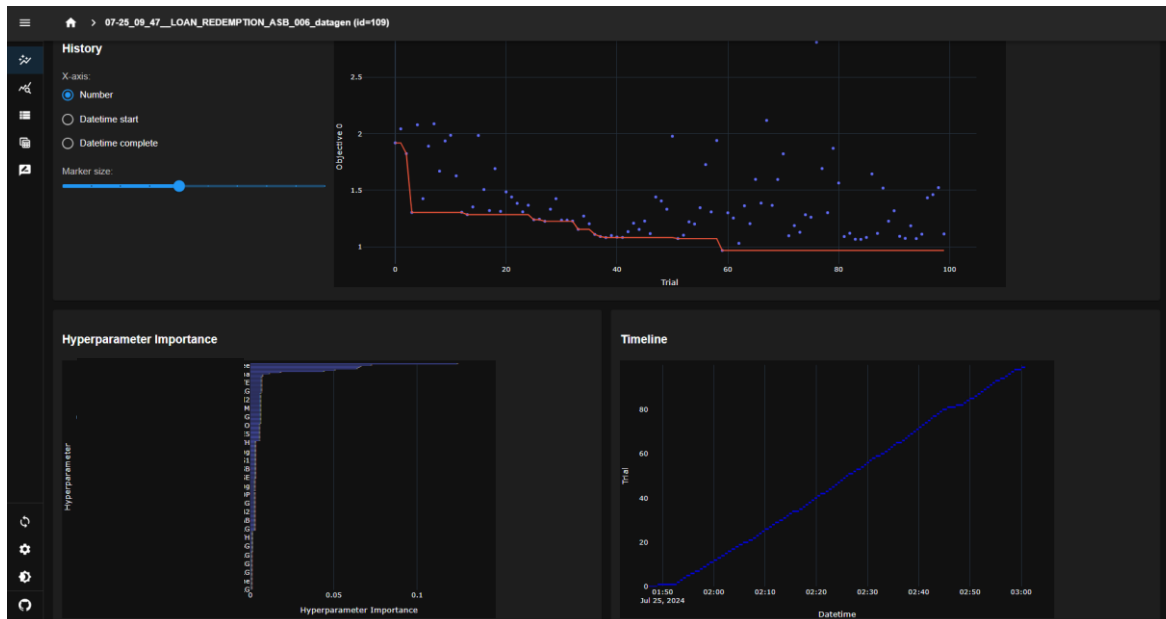
- Typically, use the  $\log_{10}$  transformation for normalization.

- **Handling Missing Values:**

- Create new features to label missing values.
- Usually, fill missing values with -1.

# Details on the Learning

- **Hyperparameter optimization:**
  - In the beginning we use grid search for random forest.
  - Now we use Optuna using Bayesian optimization on XGBoost.
  - Then store all the experiment in ML Flow



The image displays the MLFlow experiment interface for the experiment '07-25\_09\_47\_\_LOAN\_REDEMPTION\_ASB\_006\_datagen'. The interface shows a table of metrics for various runs, sorted by 'mse\_neg\_test\_ro'.

Run Name	Created	mse_neg_test	mse_neg_test_ro	mse_neg_test_si	mse_neg_val	mse_neg_val_si	normalized_div
youthful-deer-371	53 minutes ago	0.868	0.358	0.191	0.855	1.485	0.000920104...
abundant-mouse-2	58 minutes ago	0.496	0.421	0.391	1.472	1.352	0.000417188...
loud-duck-859	54 minutes ago	0.675	0.426	0.209	1.091	1.313	0.000279225...
kindly-steed-898	51 minutes ago	0.561	0.437	0.117	0.687	1.309	0.000527426...
casual-fark-539	1 hour ago	1.083	0.463	0.188	0.701	1.824	0.465
judicious-snipe-495	1 hour ago	0.918	0.467	0.094	0.705	1.425	0.283
nervous-crab-607	1 hour ago	0.627	0.476	0.114	0.667	1.303	0.273
rare-mouse-259	56 minutes ago	0.893	0.495	0.103	0.498	1.506	0.308
gentle-ray-800	51 minutes ago	0.952	0.51	0.096	0.585	1.384	0.225
melodic-cub-614	58 minutes ago	0.623	0.513	0.104	0.31	1.284	0.206
powerful-wasp-946	50 minutes ago	0.819	0.537	0.106	0.436	1.367	0.21
luminous-mule-600	50 minutes ago	0.597	0.54	0.071	0.383	1.239	0.242
marvelous-goose-416	52 minutes ago	0.894	0.579	0.098	0.386	1.44	0.243
bittersweet-shad-342	56 minutes ago	0.635	0.675	0.163	0.979	1.32	0.232

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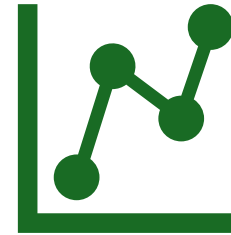
- **Evaluation Metric:**



## **Mean Squared Error (MSE):**

**Definition:** Measures the average squared difference between predicted and actual values.

Use for Subscription forecast



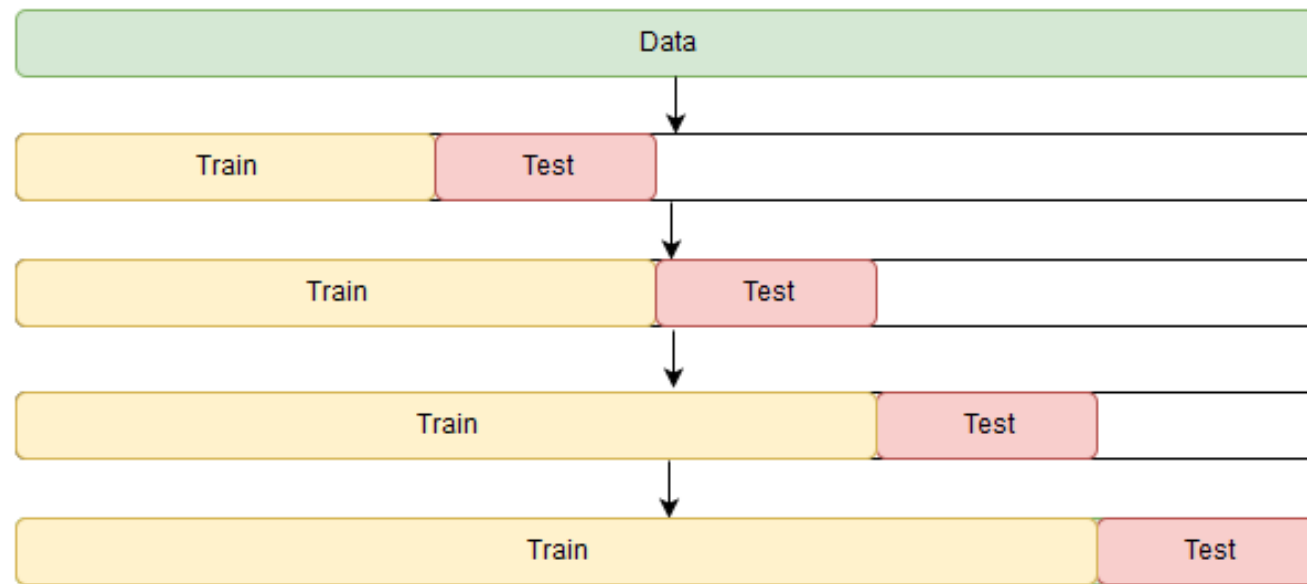
## **Mean Squared Error (MSE) penalized under Predict:**

**Definition:** Measures the average squared difference between predicted and actual with penalized errors under zero.

Use for Redemption forecast

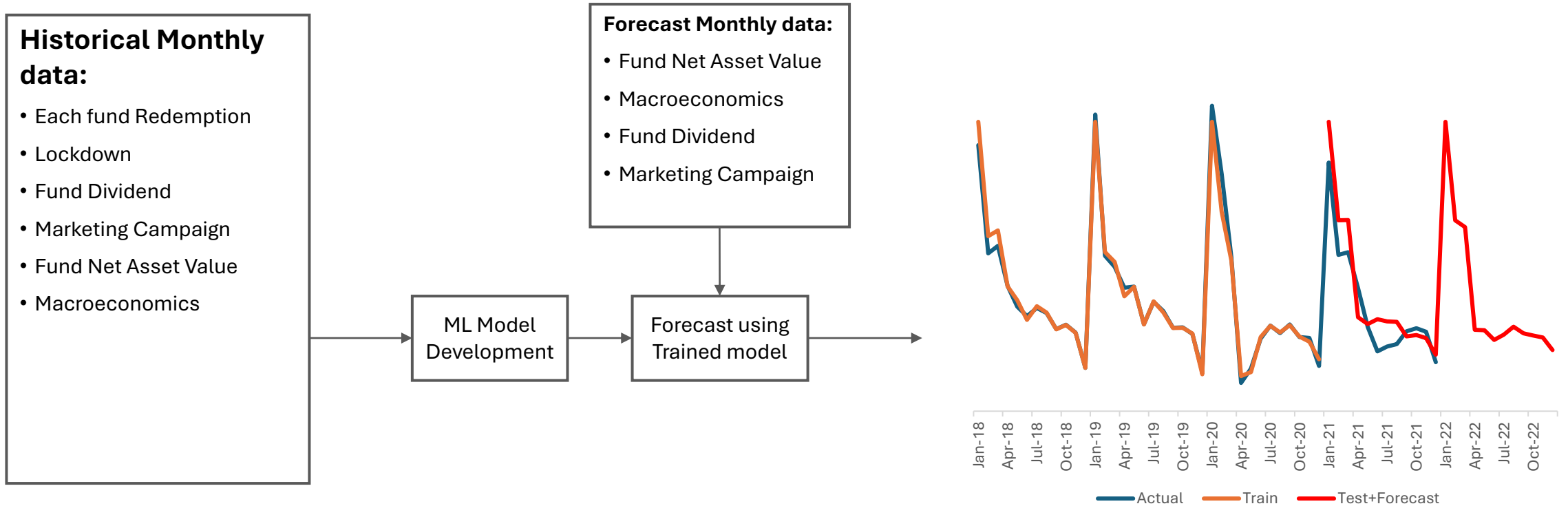
# Details on the Learning

- **Model selection:** Our baseline is random forest, then move up to gradient boost tree.
- **Cross-validation:** K-fold rolling windowing



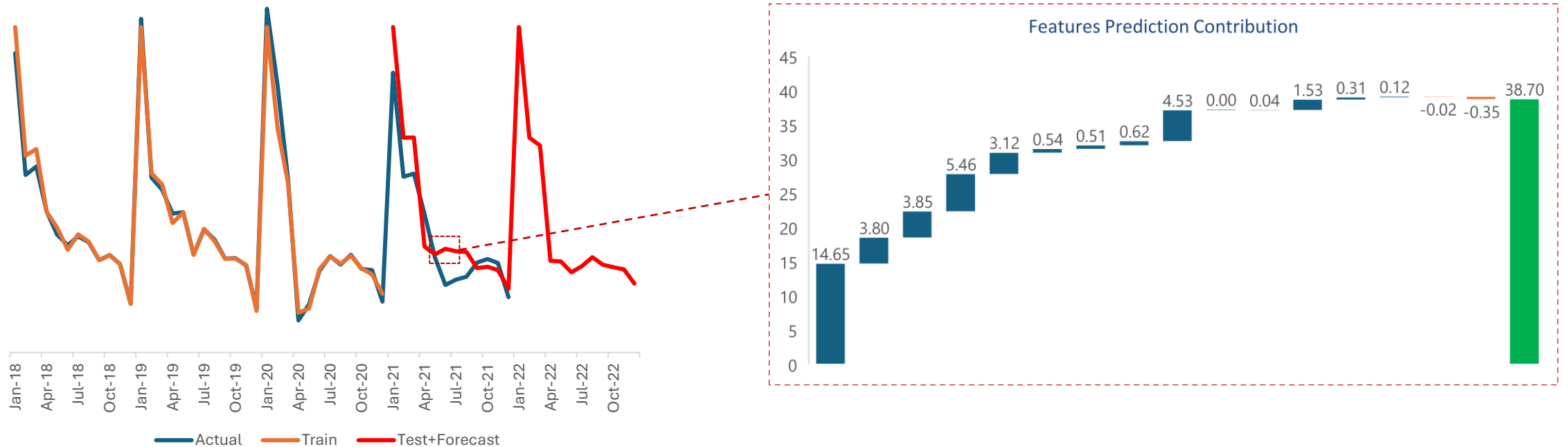
# Details on the Learning

By forecasting fund sales and redemptions, we can identify potential risks and take steps to mitigate them.



# What matters for others?

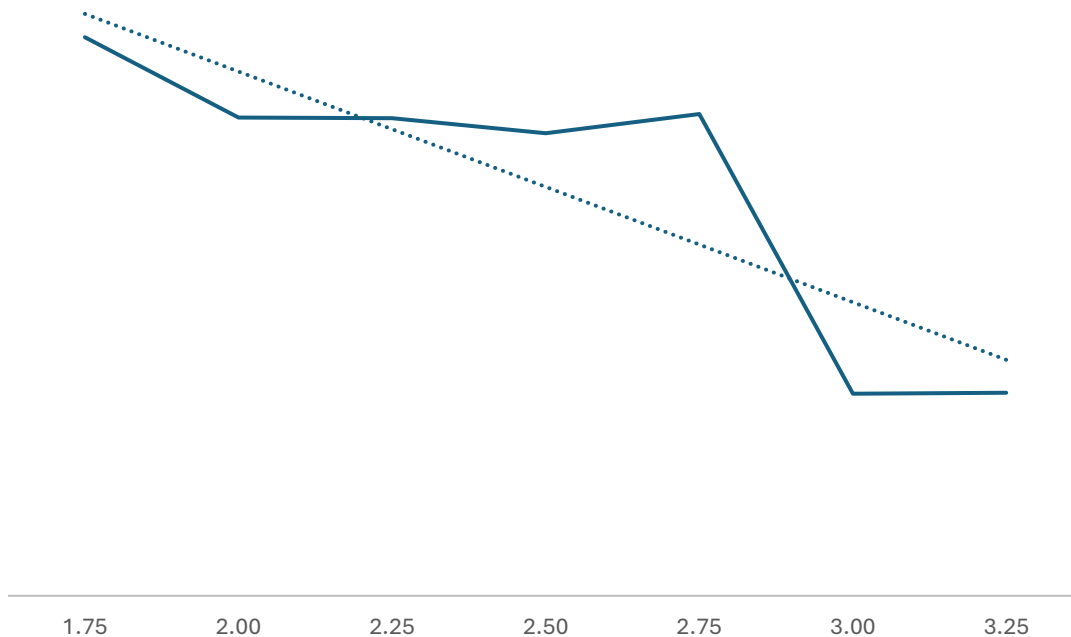
- Each prediction value was determined by its trained features and weight which using interpreter (tree interpreter)
- What happen on each forecasted value? Discuss with subject matter expert



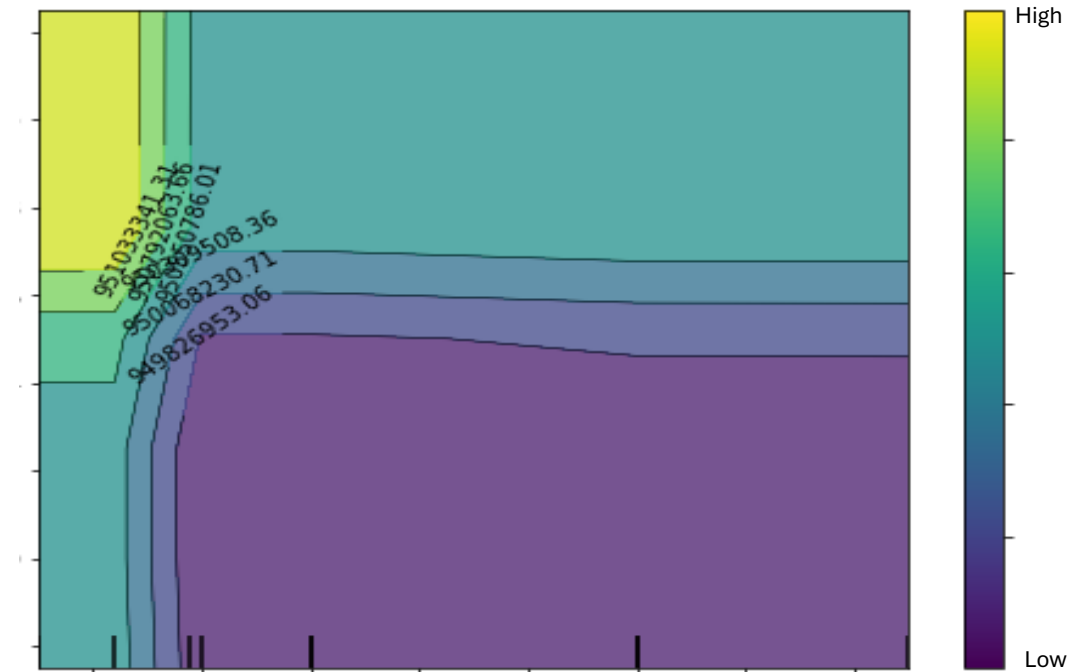
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By training the data using the ML models, other than forecast we will also extract the sub output which are features what-if analysis using partial dependent plot (PDP).

PDP for Macroeconomic 1



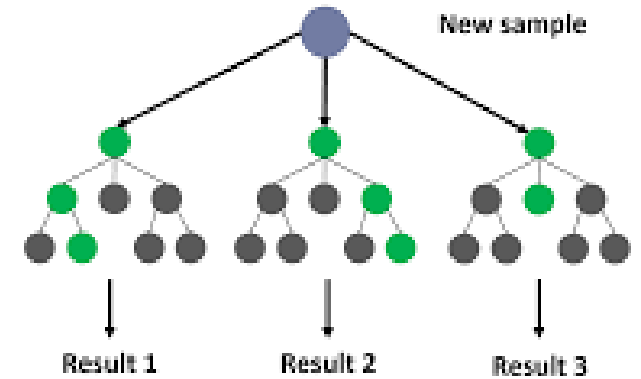
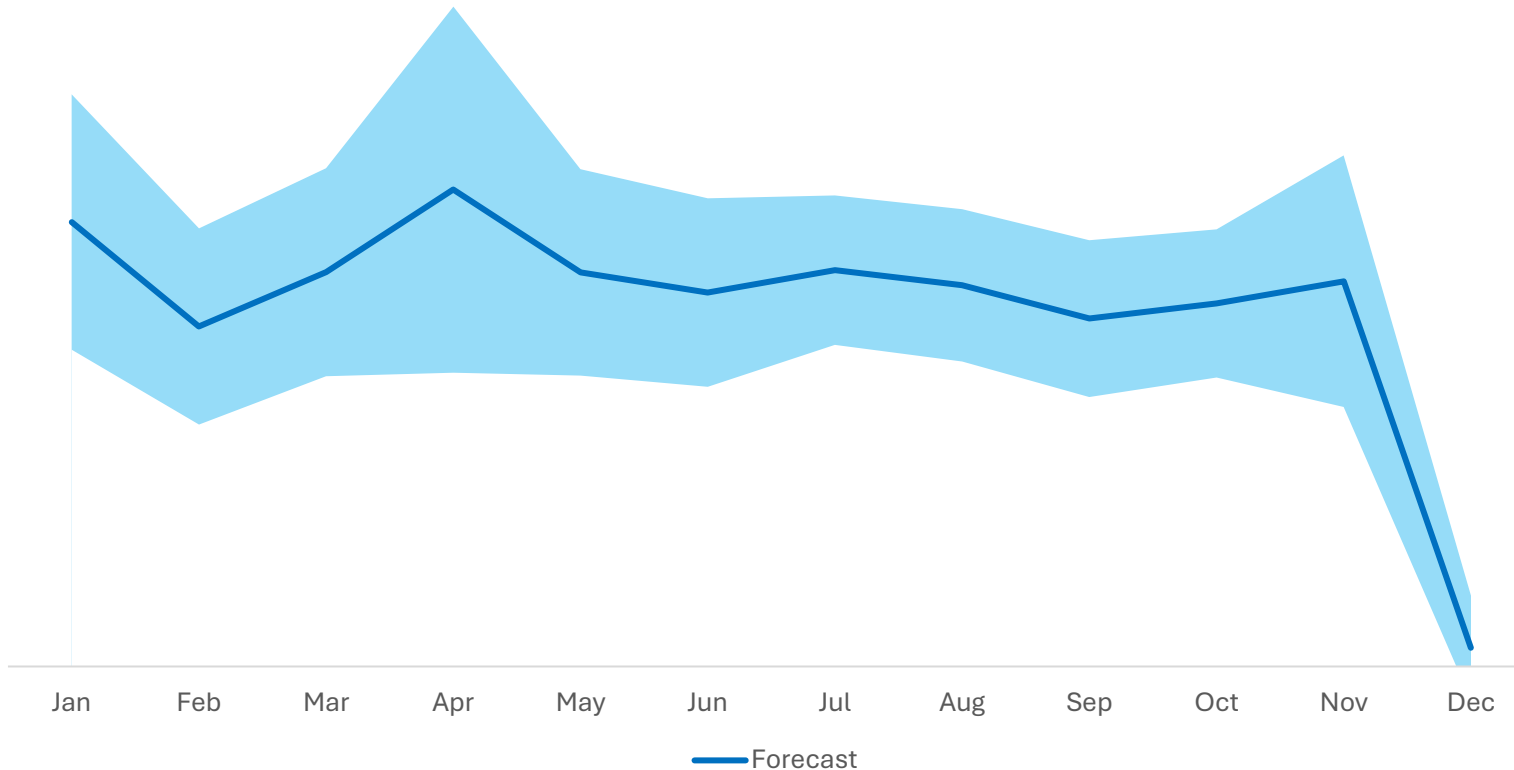
PDP for Macroeconomic 1 vs features 1





# What matters for others?

Forecast with confidence interval will have affect on their decision. We are using standard deviation of the prediction tree.



Conformal Prediction?

# Forecasting Challenges

- **Retrain with new data:**
  - To avoid data drift
  - NEVER train the whole dataset for forecast.
  - Need to consider future data availability especially external data.
- **Strategic consideration:**
  - Some fund that does not have enough data
  - And new initiatives should be done outside the model.
- **Future accuracy expectation:** Find stability instead of accuracy
- **Retrain with new method:** Only when your model is not stable & outside of the confidence interval.

# Other Use Cases

- Unsupervised: Topic Modelling Clustering
- Predicting Customer Unitholding
- AI Chatbot – Leverage on OpenAI LLM
- AI Avatar Chatbot
- Lookalike model for Customer Segment
- Instant Analysis using LLM
- AMLA Transaction Classification

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## **AMLA Data Analytic Manager**

### Experience Needed

- >5 years of total working experiences
- >3 years on Compliance and AMLA fields
- >3 years hands on working on ML models in python and ETL

### What will you do

- Supervised 2 data analytics/ data science
- Working together with compliances department and security commission for relevant guidelines

Thank You

