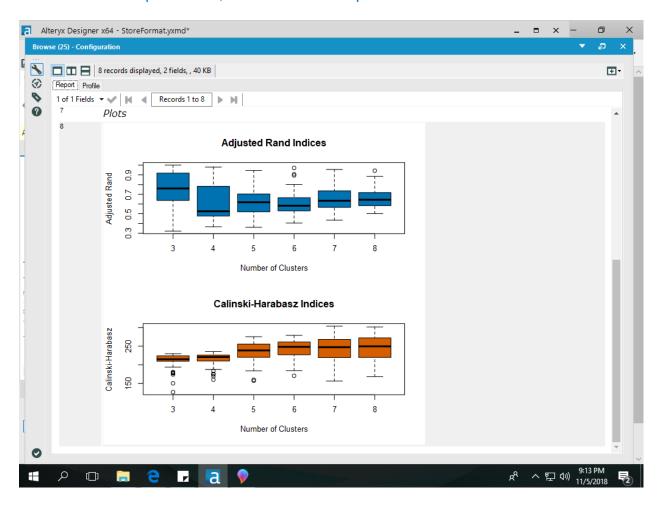
Project: Predictive Analytics Capstone

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Task 1: Determine Store Formats for Existing Stores

1. What is the optimal number of store formats?

The optimal number of store is 3. Adjusted Rand indices and Calinski-Harabasz indices indicates the optimal cluster is the one having higher median smaller variation. Looking at the box whisker plots below, 3 seems to be the optimal number of cluster.

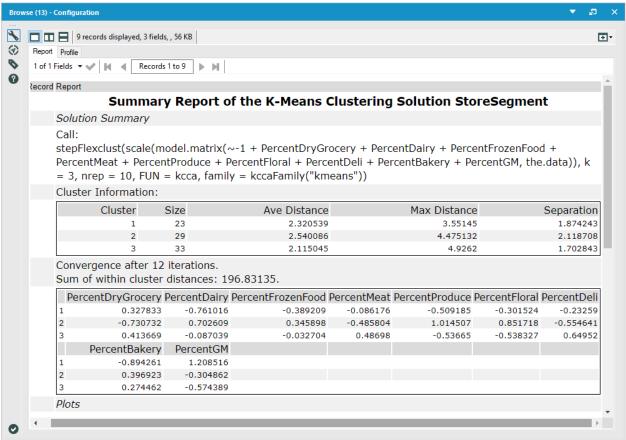


2. How many stores fall into each store format?

23 stores fall on Cluster 1, 29 on Cluster 2 and 33 stores on Cluster 3 as depicted by the K means clustering below.

3. Based on the results of the clustering model, what is one way that the clusters differ from



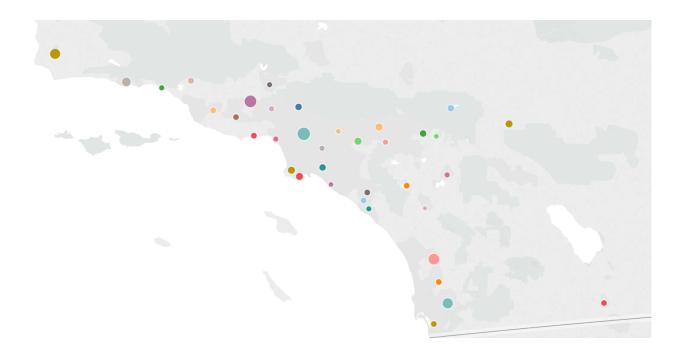


Each cluster had a different product selection in order to better match the local demand.

4. Please provide a Tableau visualization (saved as a Tableau Public file) that shows the location of the stores, uses color to show cluster, and size to show total sales.

https://public.tableau.com/profile/jaya.k1740#!/vizhome/JK-CapstoneProject-StoreInfoSales/Sheet1?publish=ves

It will contain a graph like below indicating the city, storeid and the total sales of the store in the city.

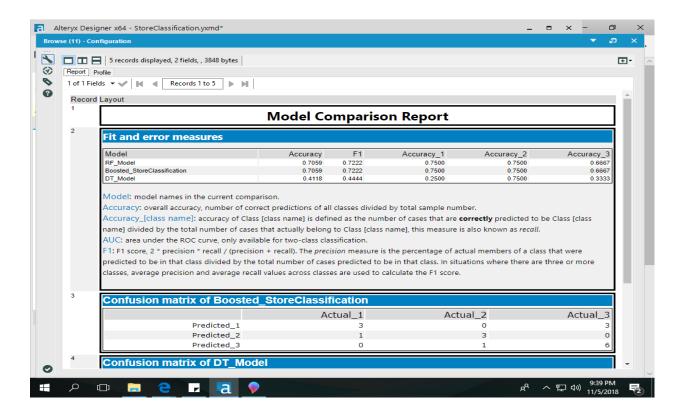


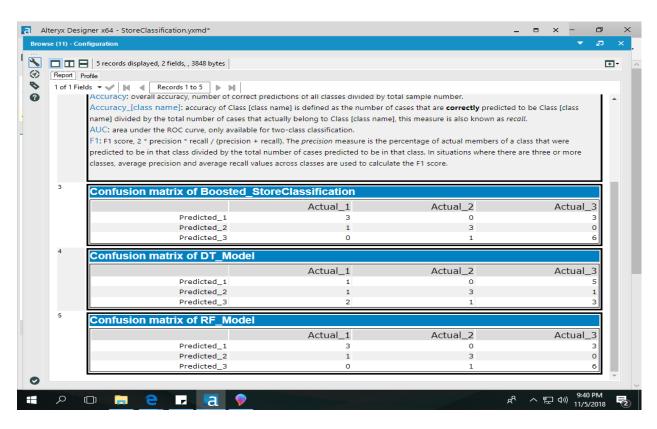
Task 2: Formats for New Stores

1. What methodology did you use to predict the best store format for the new stores? Why did you choose that methodology? (

Used the Decision Tree, Random Forrest and Boosted Model to check the validation of the sample. Below are the model comparison report. Decision Tree gave accuracy of 41.18%, Random Forrest 70.5% and Boosted Model gave 70.5% accuracy. Based on the data, chose the Random Forrest to classify the new stores.

Below is the confusion matrix of all the 3 models:





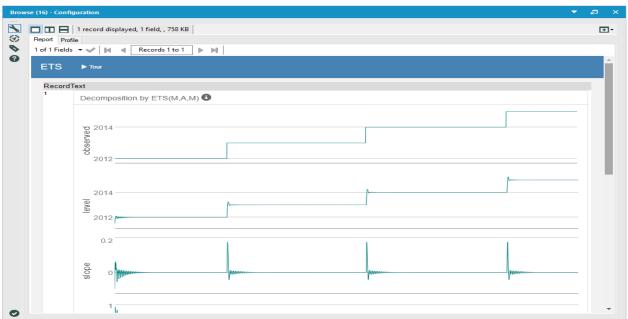
2. What format do each of the 10 new stores fall into? Please fill in the table below. Used the Random Forrest Model to classify the new stores and found the following result:

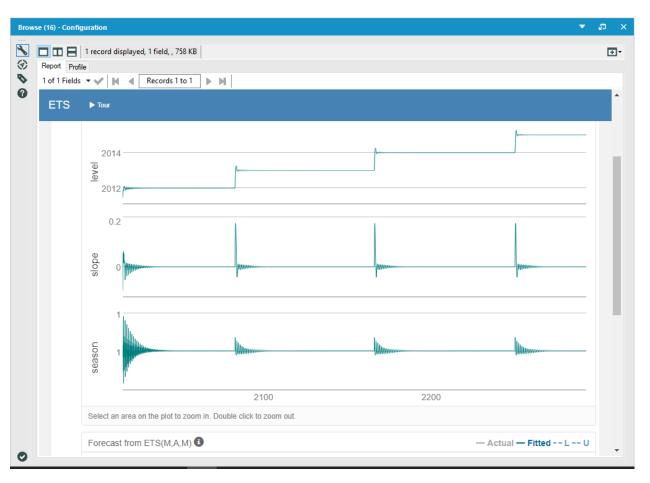
Store Number	Segment
S0086	3
S0087	2
S0088	3
S0089	2
S0090	2
S0091	1
S0092	2
S0093	1
S0094	2
S0095	3

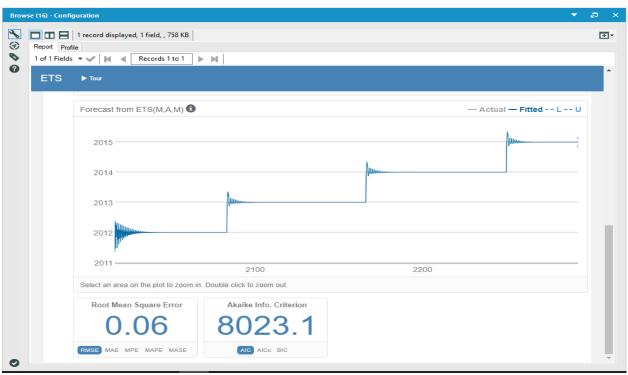
Task 3: Predicting Produce Sales

1. What type of ETS or ARIMA model did you use for each forecast? Use ETS(a,m,n) or ARIMA(ar, i, ma) notation. How did you come to that decision?

ETS model is as below:

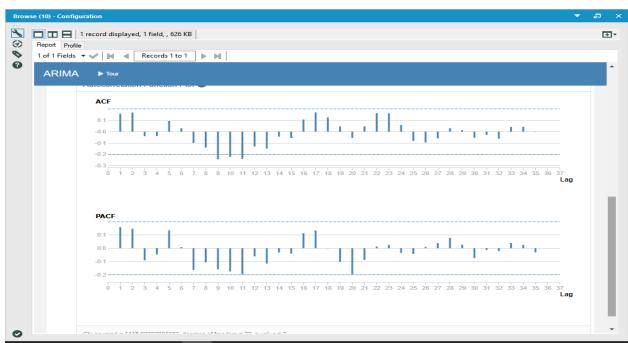






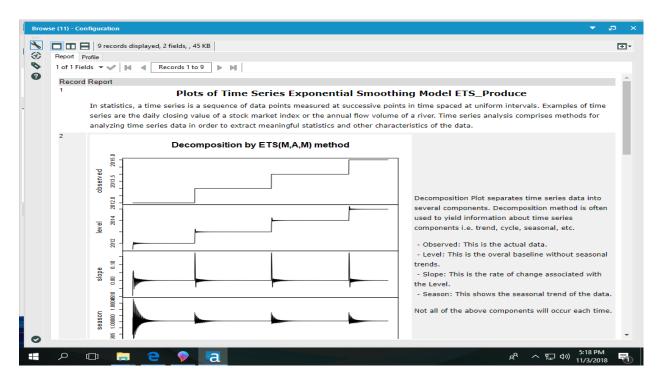
ARIMA model information is below:

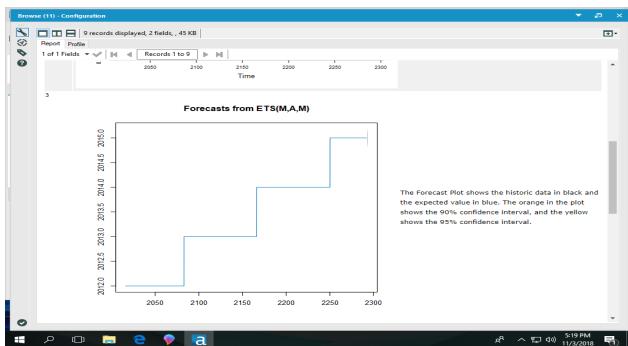


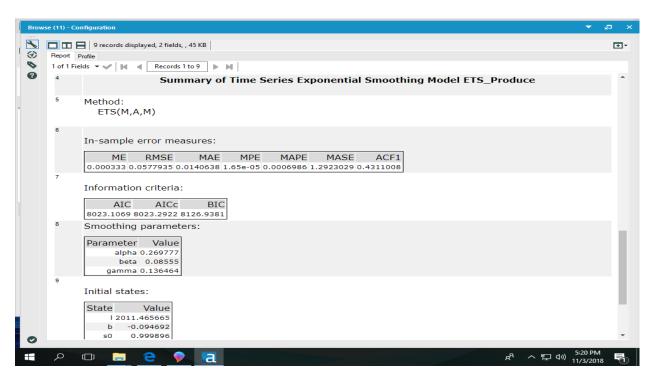


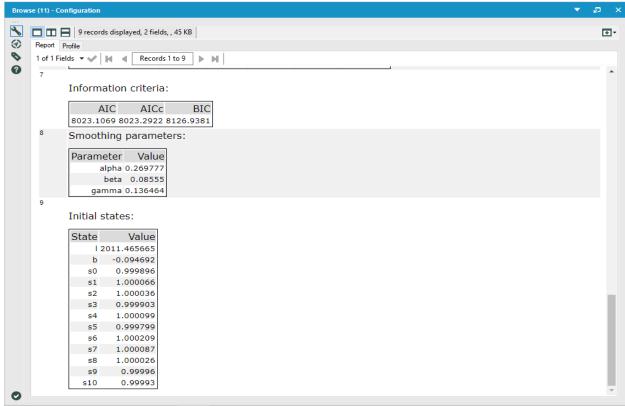
The AIC of ETS is slightly higher than that of Arima but the RMSE is significantly low at 6%. The AIC is comparable for both ETS and ARIMA. Since the RMSE is significantly low, I went ahead with the ETS model.

Following is the decomposition plot for ETS:









3. Please provide a table of your forecasts for existing and new stores. Also, provide visualization of your forecasts that includes historical data, existing stores forecasts, and new stores forecasts.

Below are the 2016 forecast of the existing 85 stores and the new 10 stores.

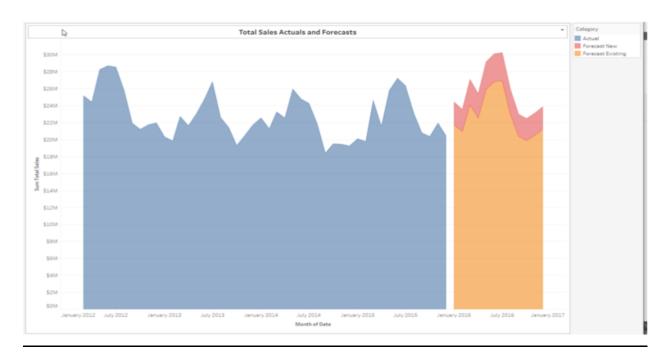
Forecasted 2016 (amount in \$)
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2802811.88
3648309.02
3524245.59
3192688.95
3609692.16
4210541.86
2639823.51
2205228.62
4639016.01
3629467.14
3311035.35
3921200.02
2065999.38
4215854.25
2646907.99
1865858.21
2615310
3217947.64
2625382.14
1893525.06
2709800.59
3498500.3
2411984.05
3511115.94
2017244.48
3333528.94
2965450.25
2575738.86
2331785.09
3730920.43
3561114.71
1615522.5

S0036	1748605.79
\$0037	3562066.35
\$0038	2171273.05
S0039	1579637.47
S0040	4543001.51
S0041	2402327.77
S0042	3843105.62
S0043	3136766.86
S0044	3735116.2
S0045	4446110.8
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S0047	4593568.85
S0048	3440749.53
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S0051	3917645.91
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S0055	4400262.02
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S0067	2926805.74
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S0070	4013986.34
S0071	3135443.78
S0072	4147374.1
S0073	4465628.93
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S0078	2343553.96
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\$0088	2906224.87
\$0089	2585732.82
\$0090	2663185.25
S0091	1447863.75
S0092	3198681.11
S0093	3791742.27
S0094	2227386.25
S0095	2373096.17

The tableau link for the visualization of the stores showing the existing total and forecast for all 95 stores.

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