Project on Big Market Sales Prediction

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Abstract:-

The data scientists at BigMart have collected 2013 sales data for 1559 products across 10 stores in different cities. Also, certain attributes of each product and stores have been defined. The aim of this data science project is to build a predictive model and find out the sales of each product at a particular store. Using this model, BigMart will try to understand the properties of products and stores which play a key role in increasing sales.

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Lifecycle of data science projects:-

- Data Analysis
- Feature Engineering
- Feature Selection
- Model Building

Project details:-

1. Data Analysis:-

- In this process we get data from the user and will analyse the data and create the outline of the the problem.
- We will understand what all the variables/features are given in the data.
- We will try try to understand what is missing in the data.

Predicting sales of each product at a particular store.

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
         df = pd.read_csv('Train.csv')
df
Out[1]:
                Item_Identifier | Item_Weight | Item_Fat_Content | Item_Visibility | Item_Type | Item_MRP | Outlet | Identifier | Outlet | Establishment | Year
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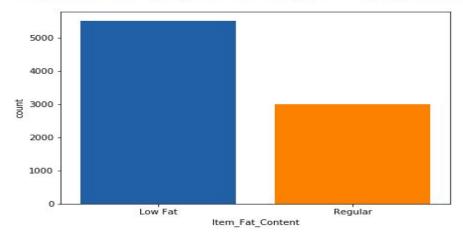
```
In [3]: df.isna().sum()
Out[3]: Item Identifier
                                          0
        Item Weight
                                       1463
        Item Fat Content
                                          0
        Item Visibility
                                          0
        Item Type
                                          0
        Item MRP
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        Outlet Identifier
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        Outlet Establishment Year
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        Outlet Size
                                       2410
        Outlet Location Type
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        Outlet Type
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        Item Outlet Sales
                                          0
        dtype: int64
```

2. Univariate Analysis:-

- In this we try to understand how each variable/feature has the influence on the target variables/feature.
- We visualize the influence in the from of graphs and plots.
- We get an approximation, whether the variables/feature really impact the output/target variables/feature.

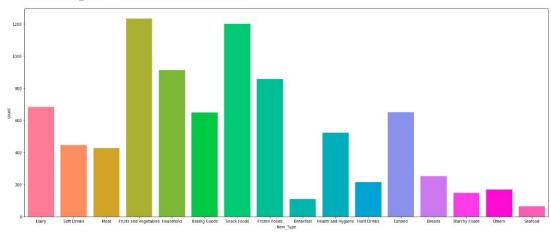
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In [15]: plt.figure(figsize=(7,5))
    sns.countplot(x="Item_Fat_Content",data=df)
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Out[15]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c16db70d48>



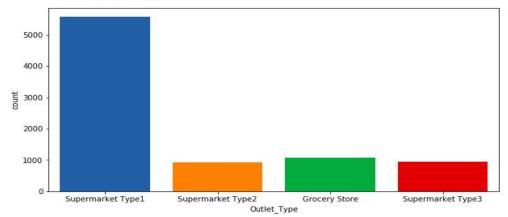
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In [18]: plt.figure(figsize=(25,10))
sns.countplot(x="Item_Type",data=df)
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Out[18]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c16e34d348>



In [22]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
sns.countplot(x="Outlet_Type",data=df)
print(df['Outlet_Type'].value_counts())

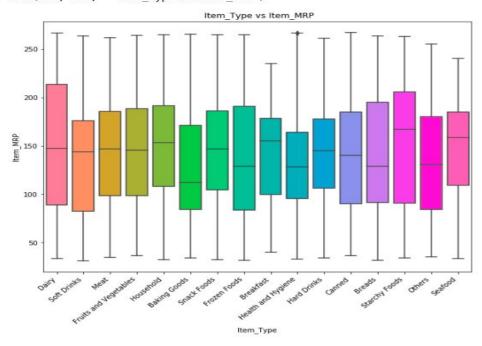
Supermarket Type1 5577
Grocery Store 1083
Supermarket Type3 935
Supermarket Type2 928
Name: Outlet_Type, dtype: int64



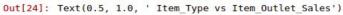
3. Bivariate Analysis:-

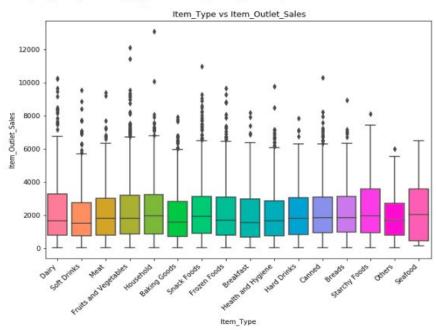
- In this we try to understand the how the variable/features are related to each
- We visualize the relation through plots.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
            g2=sns.boxplot(x="Item_Type", y="Item_MRP",data=df)
g2.set_xticklabels(g2.get_xticklabels(),rotation = 45,horizontalalignment='right')
            plt.title(" Item_Type vs Item_MRP")
Out[23]: Text(0.5, 1.0, ' Item_Type vs Item_MRP')
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```
In [24]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
    graph1=sns.boxplot(x="Item_Type",y="Item_Outlet_Sales",data=df)
    graph1.set_xticklabels(graph1.get_xticklabels(), rotation = 45,horizontalalignment='right')
    plt.title(" Item_Type vs Item_Outlet_Sales")
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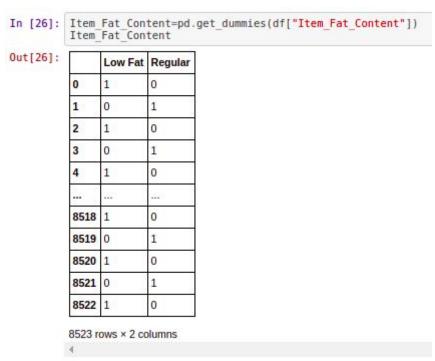
4. Missing Value Treatment:-

• In this we try to fix the missing values either by replacing them with mean values or with specific numerical data like 0 or any or etc...

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In [7]: 1 df['Item_Weight']=df['Item_Weight'].fillna(df['Item_Weight'].mean())
```

5. Encoding Categorical Variables:-

 In this we try to encode with categorical values with dummy variables or numerical variable so that it will be easy to for mathematical calculations in finding out target variable/feature.



In [28]: Outlet Type=pd.get_dummies(df["Outlet_Type"])
Outlet_Type Out[28]: **Grocery Store** Supermarket Type1 Supermarket Type2 Supermarket Type3 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 3 1 0 0 0 4 0 1 0 0 0 0 8518 1 0 8519 0 0 0 1 0 0 8520 8521 0 0 1 0 8522 1 0 0 8523 rows × 4 columns

6. PreProcessing of Data:-

- This is the final step before modeling.
- In this we concat all the encoded categorical variables with original data.
- We leave out all unrequired columns and non infulence variable/feature.
- We prepare the final cleaned data for modeling.
- We spilt the data into influence/input variable and target variable.
- We will normalize the data so that it will be easy for calculations.
- We spilt the data into testing and training data.

In [30]: df1=pd.concat([df,Outlet_Location_Type,Item_Fat_Content,Outlet_Type,Item_Type],axis=1)
df1 Out[30]: Item_Type | Item_MRP | Outlet_Identifier Item_Fat_Content FDA15 9.300 0.016047 249.8092 OUT049 1999 Low Fat Dairy Medium Tier DRC01 5.920 Regular 0.019278 Soft Drinks 48.2692 OUT018 2009 Medium Tier FDN15 17.500 Low Fat 0.016760 Meat 141.6180 OUT049 1999 Medium Tier Fruits and FDX07 19.200 Regular 0.000000 182.0950 OUT010 Tier Vegetables 4 NCD19 8.930 Low Fat 0.000000 Household 53.8614 OUT013 1987 High Tier 8518 FDF22 6.865 Low Fat 0.056783 214.5218 OUT013 1987 Tier High Foods Baking 8519 FDS36 8.380 Regular 0.046982 108.1570 **OUT045** 2002 NaN Tier Goods Health and NCJ29 10.600 Low Fat 0.035186 85.1224 OUT035 2004 Tier Hygiene Snack 7.210 8521 FDN46 Regular 0.145221 103.1332 **OUT018** 2009 Medium Tier 8522 DRG01 14.800 Low Fat 0.044878 Soft Drinks 75.4670 OUT046 1997 Small Tier 8523 rows × 37 columns

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In [34]: X = data.drop(['Item_Outlet_Sales'], axis = 1)
    y=data['Item_Outlet_Sales']

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size = 0.2, random_state = 43)
```

7. Modeling:-

- In this we use various machine learning models to predict the target variables from input variables.
- We use various model like Linear Regression, Regularized Linear Regression, RandomForest, XGBoost
- We cross-validation technique so that the model fits the data better.
- We use various method to find accuracy of the model but root mean squared error is most popular and best method.
- We observe the accuracy of all the models and come to conclusion that which model best fits the given problem.

```
In [46]: lin_rids=Lasso()

XX=X.values
yy=y.values
lin_rids.fit(XX,yy)

yyy=lin_rids.predict(XX)

print('Root mean squared error of the Lasso Regression Model is :-',np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(yy,yyy)))

Root mean squared error of the Lasso Regression Model is :- 1128.7351534160682

In [47]: lin_rid=Ridge()

XX=X.values
yy=y.values
lin_rid.fit(XX,yy)
yyy=lin_rid.predict(XX)

print('Root mean squared error of the Ridge Regression Model is :-',np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(yy,yyy)))

list.append(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(yy,yyy)))

Root mean squared error of the Ridge Regression Model is :- 1128.5197028520297
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In [42]: 1 from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
                  rf=RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators = 100, random_state = 0)
                  5 d=0
              6 for i in range(3,10):
                      sc=cross_val_score(rf, X, y, cv=i, scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')
             10
                      print('Root mean squared error of the model for kfolds',i,' is ',sc.mean())
                     if sc.mean()<c:
                             c=sc.mean()
                             d=i
             14 print('\n\n\nBest number of kfolds for cross validation is ',d,'\n\n\n\n')
             15 list.append(c)
            Root mean squared error of the model for kfolds 3 \, is 1164.0682118085285 Root mean squared error of the model for kfolds 4 \, is 1166.3254850863382
            Root mean squared error of the model for kfolds 5 \, is 1159.3311878794182 Root mean squared error of the model for kfolds 6 \, is 1156.414089572154
            Root mean squared error of the model for kfolds 7 is 1159.1187606914782
Root mean squared error of the model for kfolds 8 is 1160.1640207000517
Root mean squared error of the model for kfolds 9 is 1161.5155555302867
            Best number of kfolds for cross validation is 6
```

Summary:-

I implemented all the steps successfully for predicting output sales of Bigmart. The uninfluence variables/features were left out, and the Categorical Variables were encoded with dummy variables of 0's and 1's. Finally, the cleaned data was provided for modeling. In modeling I implemented Linear Regression, Regularized Linear Regression, RandomForest, XGBoost Models and also the cross validation technique was used. Finally, the least root mean squared error was observed in the linear regression model, which indicates that the linear regression is the best for this model.