

Maverik Store Forecasting Model

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Presentation Overview

- Business Problem
- Modeling Approach
- Recommend Model & Results
- Future Analysis
- Business Value





Business Problem





Modeling

Eight models were tested

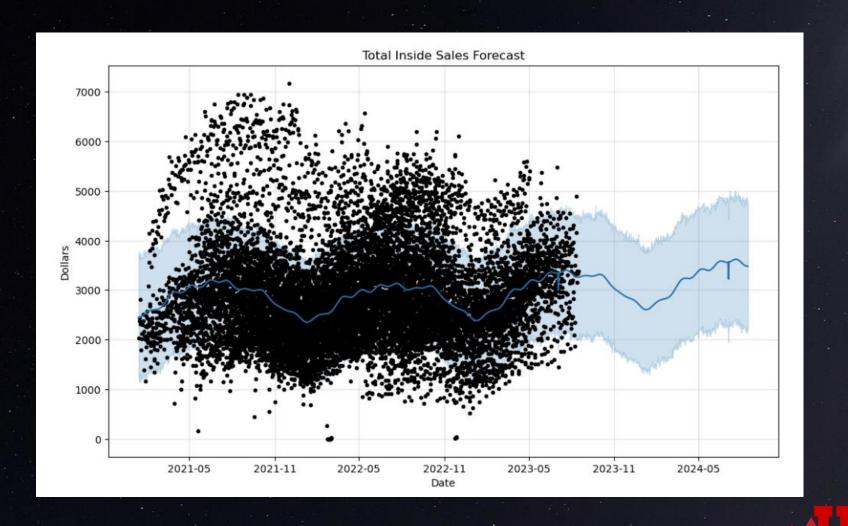
- Simple Average
- Linear Regression
- SARIMA
- ARIMA

- Exponential Smoothing
- XGBoost
- Neural Network (LSTM)
- Prophet



Why the Prophet Model?

- Trains on 2.5 years' worth of data
- Predicts 365 days into the future
- Captures daily, monthly, yearly, and holiday seasonality



Model Performance Metrics

- MAE ((Mean Absolute Error)
- RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error)
- MAPE (Mean Absolute Percentage Error)
- RMSPE (Root Mean Square Percentage Error)
- RAE (Relative Absolute Error)
- RRSE (Root Relative Squared Error)
- MASE (Mean Absolute Scaled Error)



Model Performance Metrics

Using cross validation, the Prophet model produced the following results:

Inside Sales

- 2 week predicted RMSE 997
- 3 week predicted RMSE 979
- 6 month predicted RMSE 930

Food Service

- 2 week predicted RMSE 362
- 3 week predicted RMSE 339
- 6 month predicted RMSE 333

Diesel

- 2 week predicted RMSE 2,534
- 3 week predicted RMSE 2,131
- 6 month predicted RMSE 2,199

Unleaded

- 2 week predicted RMSE 935
- 3 week predicted RMSE 1,018
- 6 month predicted RMSE 1,040



Model Performance Metrics

MAPE(errors as a percentage) - as close to 12% from actuals when testing
for individual stores

MASE(compares error performance against a basic Naïve model) -

- Cross validation: up to 26% improvement
- Testing for individual stores: up to 17% improvement



Analytic Results of Model

Overall -

- Significant improvement to current Maverik Model
- Lower error rate
- Up to 26% increase in accuracy for predicting sales vales

Weaknesses -

 Performance decreases for stores with extremely high or low target values



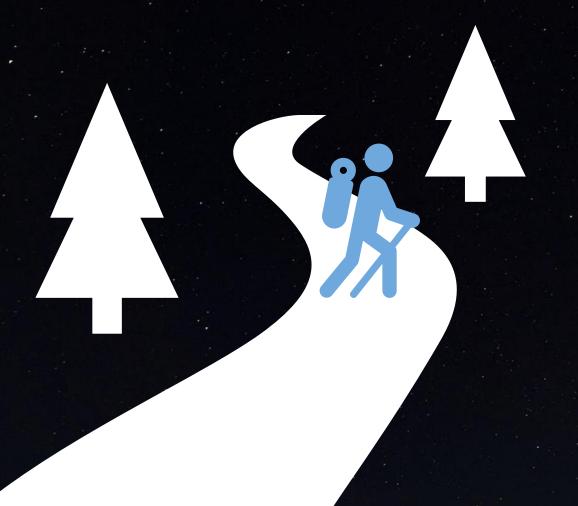
Future Recommendations





Macroeconomic Effects





Store Locations

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Integrate Model with Current Technology

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Macroeconomic Effects



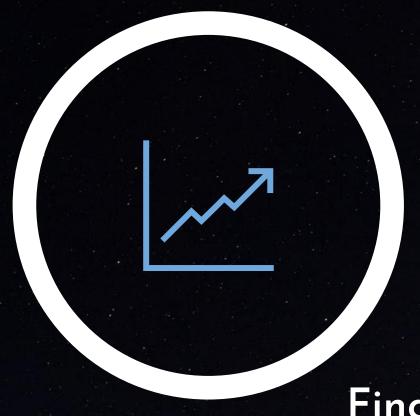
Business Value of this Model





Marketing: Learn where and how sales could increase





Finance: See which stores have the highest revenue growth opportunity



Operations: Anticipate the supply needed to match the demand for each store





Management: Anticipate earnings of Maverik stores to inform shareholders of growth to the Maverik brand





Business Value of this Model











Fuel to Maverik's Big Adventure

