### **Porter: Neural Networks Regression**

#### Context:

Porter is India's Largest Marketplace for Intra-City Logistics. Leader in the country's \$40 billion intra-city logistics market, Porter strives to improve the lives of 1,50,000+ driverpartners by providing them with consistent earning & independence. Currently, the company has serviced 5+ million customers

Porter works with a wide range of restaurants for delivering their items directly to the people.

Porter has a number of delivery partners available for delivering the food, from various restaurants and wants to get an estimated delivery time that it can provide the customers on the basis of what they are ordering, from where and also the delivery partners.

This dataset has the required data to train a regression model that will do the delivery time estimation, based on all those features

# **Importing Libraries**

In [1]:

!pip install tensorflow

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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import os
#for visualizinng and analyzing it
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
#data preprocessing
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
```

```
In [2]:
         from sklearn.model selection import train test split
         #random forest model training
         from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
         from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
         from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
         #ann training
         from tensorflow.keras import Model
         from tensorflow.keras import Sequential
         from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
         from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense,Dropout,BatchNormalization,LeakyReLU
         from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
         from tensorflow.keras.losses import MeanSquaredLogarithmicError
```

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from tensorflow.keras.losses import MeanSquaredError
from tensorflow.keras.losses import MeanAbsolutePercentageError

from tensorflow.keras.metrics import MeanAbsolutePercentageError # Changed to capita
from tensorflow.keras.metrics import RootMeanSquaredError
from tensorflow.keras.metrics import MeanAbsoluteError
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import SGD,Adam
```

### **Loading Dataset**

```
In [3]:
          from google.colab import drive
          drive.mount('/content/drive')
         Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.m
         ount("/content/drive", force_remount=True).
In [4]:
          df = pd.read_csv(r"/content/drive/MyDrive/Porter NN.csv", encoding='latin-1')
In [5]:
          df.head()
            market_id created_at actual_delivery_time
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# **Data Preprocessing**

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In [6]:
         df.info()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        RangeIndex: 197428 entries, 0 to 197427
        Data columns (total 14 columns):
         #
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         1
             created at
                                       197428 non-null object
             actual_delivery_time
         2
                                       197421 non-null object
         3
             store id
                                       197428 non-null object
                                       192668 non-null object
             store_primary_category
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          6
              total_items
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          12 total_busy_partners
                                         181166 non-null float64
          13 total_outstanding_orders 181166 non-null float64
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         memory usage: 21.1+ MB
In [7]:
         df.isna().sum()
Out[7]:
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          store_primary_category
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                 max_item_price
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             total_busy_partners
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         total_outstanding_orders 16262
        dtype: int64
In [8]:
         print('NAN in total_onshift_partners :',(len(df['total_onshift_partners'])-df['total_
         df.drop(['total_onshift_partners'],inplace=True,axis=1)
         print('NAN in total_busy_partners :',(len(df['total_busy_partners'])-df['total_busy_
         df.drop(['total_busy_partners'],inplace=True,axis=1)
          print('NAN in total_outstanding_orders :',(len(df['total_outstanding_orders'])-df['t
          df.drop(['total_outstanding_orders'],inplace=True,axis=1)
         df.head()
         NAN in total_onshift_partners : 91.7630731203274
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         NAN in total_outstanding_orders : 91.7630731203274
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           market_id created_at actual_delivery_time
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In [9]:	<pre>df['store_primary_category'].value_counts() df['store_primary_category'].fillna('Other',inplace=True) df['market_id'].value_counts() df['market_id'].fillna('0.0',inplace=True) df['order_protocol'].value_counts() df['order_protocol'].fillna('0.0',inplace=True) df.dropna(subset=['actual_delivery_time'],inplace=True) df.isna().sum() df.info()  <class 'pandas.core.frame.dataframe'=""> Index: 197421 entries, 0 to 197427 Data columns (total 11 columns): # Column</class></pre>						
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In [10]:	<pre>print('Cate # Numerica num_col =</pre>	[col for co egorical co <i>l columns</i> [col for co erical colo	olumns :',cat_col) ol in df.columns i umns :',num_col)	<pre>f df[col].dtype == 'object'] f df[col].dtype != 'object']</pre>			

```
Categorical columns : ['market_id', 'created_at', 'actual_delivery_time', 'store_id',
          'store_primary_category', 'order_protocol']
          Numerical columns : ['total_items', 'subtotal', 'num_distinct_items', 'min_item_pric
          e', 'max_item_price']
Out[10]:
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                      market id
                     created at 180981
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                       store_id
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                                    75
          store_primary_category
                 order_protocol
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```

### dtype: int64

In [12]:

```
In [11]:
          df['actual_delivery_time']=df['actual_delivery_time'].astype('datetime64[ns]')
          df['created_at']=df['created_at'].astype('datetime64[ns]')
          df['Time_taken_for_delivery']= (df['actual_delivery_time']-df['created_at'])/pd.Time
          df['hour']=df['created_at'].dt.hour
          df['day']=df['created_at'].dt.dayofweek
```

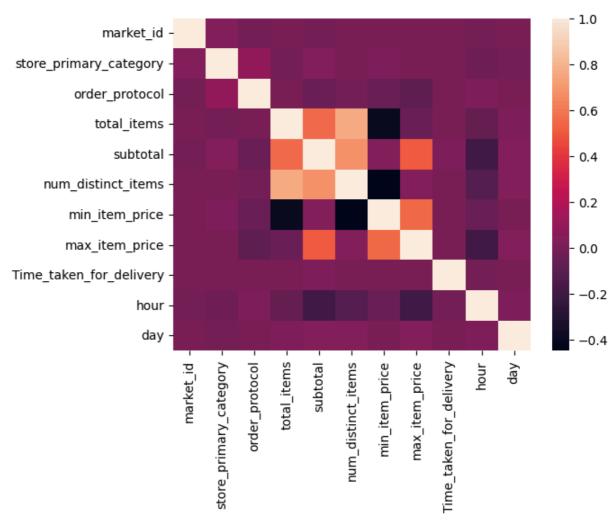
Dropping the Column that are no longer required

```
df.drop(['created_at','actual_delivery_time','store_id'],axis=1,inplace=True)
In [13]:
          df['store_primary_category']=df['store_primary_category'].astype('category').cat.cod
          df.head()
```

Out[13]:		market_id	store_primary_category	$order\_protocol$	total_items	subtotal	num_distinct_items	min_
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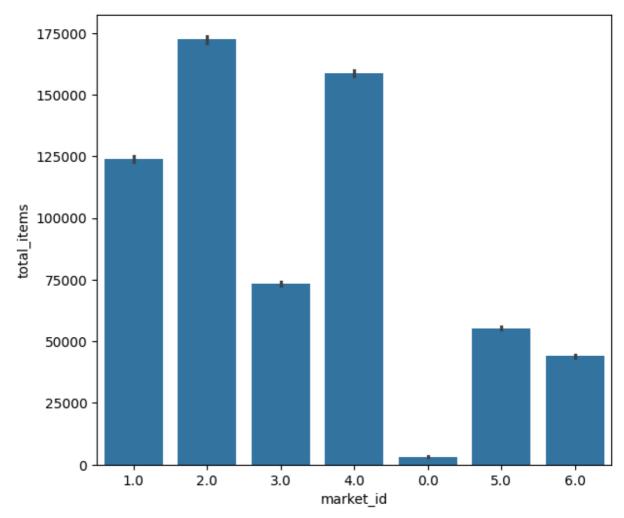
### Data visualization

```
In [14]:
          import seaborn as sns
          import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
          sns.heatmap(df.corr())
Out[14]: <Axes: >
```



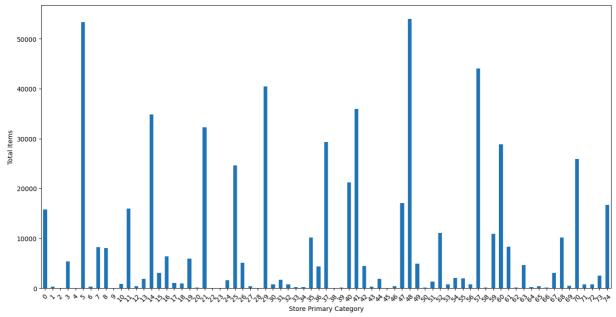
```
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(15,6))
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
sns.barplot(y='total_items',x='market_id',data=df,estimator='sum')
```

Out[27]: <Axes: xlabel='market\_id', ylabel='total\_items'>



```
In [24]:
    aggregated_data = df.groupby('store_primary_category')['total_items'].sum()

# Plot using Pandas
    plt.figure(figsize=(16, 8))
    aggregated_data.plot(kind='bar')
    plt.xlabel('Store Primary Category')
    plt.ylabel('Total Items')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45)
    plt.show()
```



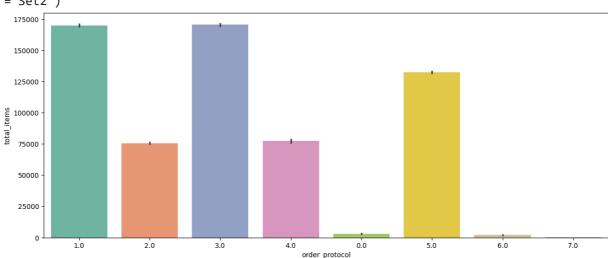
```
In [34]: # Create the figure and axis with specified sizes
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 6))

# Create the barplot with a color palette
sns.barplot(y='total_items', x='order_protocol', data=df, estimator='sum', palette="
# Show the plot
plt.show()
```

<ipython-input-34-5af4027aa193>:5: FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be removed in v0.14. 0. Assign the `x` variable to `hue` and set `legend=False` for the same effect.

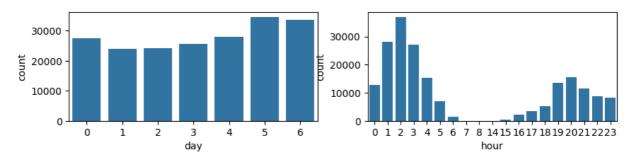
sns.barplot(y='total\_items', x='order\_protocol', data=df, estimator='sum', palette
="Set2")



This barplot is a powerful tool for visualizing and comparing the sum of total\_items across different order\_protocol categories, providing a clear overview that can inform strategic decisions or further analysis.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10,2))
  plt.subplot(121)
  sns.countplot(x=df['day'])
  plt.subplot(122)
  sns.countplot(x=df['hour'])
```

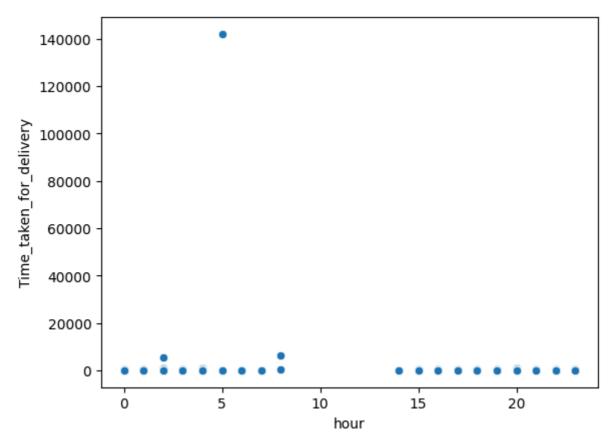
```
Out[35]: <Axes: xlabel='hour', ylabel='count'>
```



In summary, this visualization is useful for understanding the temporal distribution of the data across both days and hours, which can provide valuable insights into patterns of activity or behavior in your dataset.

```
In [37]: sns.scatterplot(x='hour',y='Time_taken_for_delivery',data=df)
```

```
Out[37]: <Axes: xlabel='hour', ylabel='Time_taken_for_delivery'>
```



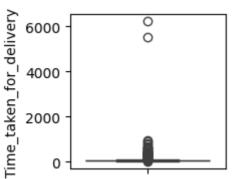
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### **Detecting Outliers**

```
plt.figure(figsize=(2,2))
sns.boxplot(y='Time_taken_for_delivery',data=df)
plt.xticks(rotation=90);
plt.show()
```

#### 0.009624102805679234

```
plt.figure(figsize=(2,2))
    sns.boxplot(y='Time_taken_for_delivery',data=df)
    plt.xticks(rotation=90);
    plt.show()
```



- The boxplot provides a visual summary of the distribution of Time\_taken\_for\_delivery. It shows the median (the line within the box), the interquartile range (IQR, the box itself), and potential outliers (individual points outside the "whiskers").
- This boxplot provides a concise summary of the delivery times in your dataset, highlighting the central tendency, variability, and potential outliers. It is a powerful tool for quickly assessing the overall distribution and identifying any anomalies that may warrant further investigation.

# Model training

```
In [43]:
          # Predictions from the regressor model
          prediction = regressor.predict(X test)
          # Calculate Mean Squared Error (MSE)
          mse = mean squared error(y test, prediction)
          print(f"MSE: {mse}")
          # Calculate Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
          rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
          print(f"RMSE: {rmse}")
          # Calculate Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
          mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, prediction)
          print(f"MAE: {mae}")
          # Calculate Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE)
          mape = np.mean(np.abs((y_test - prediction) / y_test)) * 100
          print(f"MAPE: {mape}")
          r2 score(y test, prediction)
```

MSE: 1294.4790646110878 RMSE: 35.978869696129806 MAE: 12.84608592592489 MAPE: 29.56726365538907 Out[43]: 0.021615230223949733

- The MSE is 1294.48. MSE measures the average squared difference between the actual (y\_test) and predicted values.
- The RMSE is 35.98, which is simply the square root of MSE. RMSE is in the same units as the target variable (y\_test), making it more interpretable.
- The MAE is 12.85, which represents the average absolute difference between the actual and predicted values.
- The MAPE is 29.57%, which indicates the average percentage error between the predicted and actual values.
- The R<sup>2</sup> score is 0.0216. The R<sup>2</sup> score indicates the proportion of the variance in the dependent variable that is predictable from the independent variables
- Overall, the metrics suggest that the model has significant room for improvement. The errors (MSE, RMSE, MAE, MAPE) indicate that the predictions deviate notably from the actual values. Additionally, the very low R<sup>2</sup> score suggests that the model is not effectively capturing the relationship between the features and the target variable. This might be due to a variety of reasons, such as the model being too simple, the data not being well-suited to the model, or important features being excluded. Improving the model might involve exploring different algorithms, feature engineering, or tuning model hyperparameters.

### **Neural networks**

```
In [44]: #Scalling the data to feed before neural network

from sklearn import preprocessing
scaler=preprocessing.MinMaxScaler()
x_scaled=scaler.fit_transform(x)
X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(x_scaled,y,test_size=0.2,random_state)
```

In order to train our regression model, which is a two-layered sequential model, we will construct a basic neural network.

We have maintained 32 nodes in the next layers, which can be altered or experimented with, and the number of nodes in the initial layers equal to the number of input columns.

Since relu is a fantastic nonlinear activation function that works in most situations, the layers' activation is left at that; however, if we noticed gradient disappearing, we might have utilized leaky relu.

Since our delivery time is the only result that the final layer would provide, it only has one node, and its activation function should be linear.

```
In [45]:
    model=Sequential()
    model.add(Dense(11,kernel_initializer='normal',activation='relu'))
    model.add(Dense(32,activation='relu'))
    model.add(Dense(32,activation='relu'))
    model.add(Dense(1,activation='linear'))
    model.compile(loss='mse',optimizer='Adam',metrics=['mse','mae'])
    history=model.fit(X_train,y_train,epochs=10,batch_size=512,verbose=1,validation_spli
```

```
Epoch 1/10
                                  ---- 6s 11ms/step - loss: 2054.1948 - mae: 39.1238 - mse: 205
         247/247
         4.1948 - val_loss: 1356.8680 - val_mae: 14.5822 - val_mse: 1356.8680
         Epoch 2/10
         247/247
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 434.9114 - mae: 14.2635 - mse: 434.9
         114 - val_loss: 1314.7288 - val_mae: 13.7988 - val_mse: 1314.7288
         Epoch 3/10
         247/247 -
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 390.7072 - mae: 13.6208 - mse: 390.7
         072 - val_loss: 1290.1556 - val_mae: 13.2685 - val_mse: 1290.1556
         Epoch 4/10
         247/247 -
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 360.5698 - mae: 13.2629 - mse: 360.5
         698 - val_loss: 1283.9537 - val_mae: 13.4316 - val_mse: 1283.9537
         Epoch 5/10
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 378.2274 - mae: 13.2708 - mse: 378.2
         247/247 -
         274 - val_loss: 1282.6713 - val_mae: 13.3735 - val_mse: 1282.6713
         Epoch 6/10
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 377.3006 - mae: 13.2080 - mse: 377.3
         247/247 -
         006 - val_loss: 1280.1488 - val_mae: 13.1386 - val_mse: 1280.1488
         Epoch 7/10
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 346.6652 - mae: 13.1102 - mse: 346.6
         247/247 -
         652 - val_loss: 1278.1934 - val_mae: 13.2644 - val_mse: 1278.1934
         Epoch 8/10
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 394.0719 - mae: 13.1902 - mse: 394.0
         247/247 -
         719 - val_loss: 1277.5758 - val_mae: 13.1338 - val_mse: 1277.5758
         Epoch 9/10
         247/247 -
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 375.8094 - mae: 13.1526 - mse: 375.8
         094 - val_loss: 1278.6362 - val_mae: 13.4390 - val_mse: 1278.6362
         Epoch 10/10
                                     - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 343.5709 - mae: 13.1609 - mse: 343.5
         247/247
         709 - val_loss: 1276.9932 - val_mae: 13.2667 - val_mse: 1276.9932
In [46]:
         model.summary()
          from tensorflow.keras.utils import plot_model
          plot model(model)
```

#### Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	<u> </u>
dense (Dense)	(None, 11)	
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 32)	
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 32)	
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 1)	

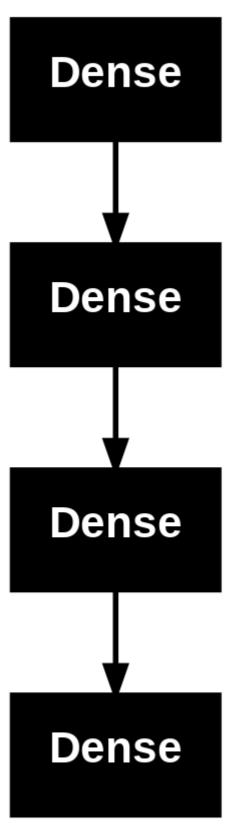
Total params: 4,784 (18.69 KB)

Trainable params: 1,594 (6.23 KB)

Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)

Optimizer params: 3,190 (12.46 KB)

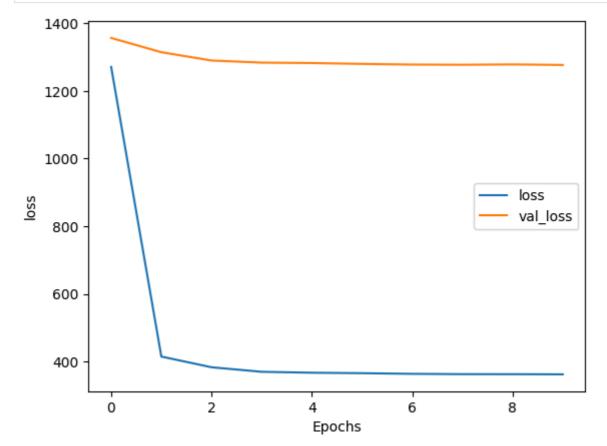
Out[46]:



- In terms of parameters, the model has a total of 4,784 parameters. The breakdown is as follows: the first Dense layer has 121 parameters, the second has 384, the third has 1,056, and the final layer has 33 parameters. Out of the total, 1,594 are trainable parameters, while the rest are related to the optimizer.
- The optimizer used is Adam, and the model is compiled with Mean Squared Error (MSE) as the loss function, alongside MSE and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) as metrics. The model was trained for 10 epochs with a batch size of 512 and a validation split of 20%, which suggests you're working with a reasonably large dataset to require such a batch size.

 Overall, the model seems well-suited for regression tasks with a moderate complexity, given its architecture and parameter count. The training history and validation performance will further reveal its effectiveness and potential areas for improvement.

```
plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.xlabel("Epochs")
plt.ylabel('loss')
plt.legend(['loss','val_loss'])
plt.show()
```



- Training Loss (loss): This line represents how well the model is fitting the training data over each epoch. A decreasing trend indicates that the model is learning and improving its fit to the training set. If this line flattens out or starts to increase, it might suggest overfitting or that the model has reached its optimal performance on the training data.
- Validation Loss (val\_loss): This line shows how well the model performs on unseen validation
  data over the epochs. Ideally, this line should also decrease and closely follow the training
  loss. If the validation loss starts to diverge from the training loss, especially increasing while
  the training loss continues to decrease, it may indicate overfitting.
- Overall, the plot helps assess the model's learning curve and whether adjustments to the model or training process are necessary.

```
print('r2_score:',r2_score(y_test, model.predict(X_test)))
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, model.predict(X_test))
rmse = mse**.5
print("mse : ",mse)
print("rmse : ",rmse)
```

- The R<sup>2</sup> score is approximately 0.019. This is quite low, indicating that the model's predictions are not explaining much of the variance in the target variable.
- The MSE is 1297.74. This metric quantifies the average squared difference between the predicted values and the actual values.
- The RMSE is approximately 36.02. RMSE is the square root of MSE and provides a measure of the average magnitude of the prediction errors. The MAE is 13.25.
- The low R² score, high MSE, and RMSE values suggest that the current model may not be performing well. The MAE, while lower than RMSE, also reflects substantial prediction errors. This could indicate that the model is either too simple, the data might be very complex or noisy, or other factors affecting performance need to be addressed. You might consider experimenting with more complex models, adjusting hyperparameters, or conducting further feature engineering to improve the model's performance.

With a MAPE of 31.02%, your model's predictions are off by about 31% on average, which is relatively high. This suggests that the model has a significant percentage error in its predictions, indicating room for substantial improvement.

By comparing the results of our neural network model with the random forest model we can see that without any tuning or creating pretty complex architectures for training our model we have achieved high accuracy

### **Recommendations:**

- Experiment with deeper architectures or more complex models such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) or recurrent neural networks (RNNs), depending on your data type and problem.
- Optimize hyperparameters like the number of layers, number of neurons per layer, activation functions, and learning rate. Use techniques like grid search or random search.
- Compare Models: Test different types of models and compare their performance to determine the best approach for your problem. Benchmarking: Compare your model's performance against baseline models or other state-of-the-art methods to assess its relative effectiveness.

# **Leading Questions:**

- 1. Problem Statements and Applications Problem Statement:
  - Objective: To estimate delivery times for Porter's intra-city logistics operations based on various features like order details, restaurant location, delivery partner characteristics, and other relevant factors.
  - Use Case: This regression model will help Porter provide accurate estimated delivery times to customers, improving customer satisfaction and operational efficiency. It can also optimize delivery routing and scheduling, leading to better resource management and cost savings. Applications and Modifications:
  - Dynamic Routing: Use estimated times to dynamically adjust delivery routes in realtime.
  - Resource Allocation: Optimize the allocation of delivery partners based on expected delivery times to manage workloads effectively.
  - Customer Communication: Enhance the customer experience by providing more accurate and reliable delivery time estimates.

#### 2. Pandas Datetime Functions

- pd.to\_datetime(): Converts a string or list-like object to a datetime object.
- pd.date\_range(): Generates a range of datetime values with specified frequency.
- pd.DatetimeIndex(): Creates a DatetimeIndex from a list or array of dates, allowing for efficient time-based indexing and operations.
- 3. Short Note on datetime, timedelta, and Period
  - datetime: Represents a specific point in time, including the date and time. It is used for working with timestamps and performing operations on date and time values.
  - timedelta: Represents the difference between two dates or times. It is used to perform arithmetic operations involving time, such as adding or subtracting time durations.
  - Period: Represents a specific time span or interval, such as a month or a year, with a start and end. It is useful for representing and manipulating periods of time in a more granular way.

### 4. Checking for Outliers

- Why Check for Outliers:
  - Outliers can skew and mislead the training of machine learning models, leading to inaccurate predictions and model performance issues.
  - They can indicate errors in data collection or entry, which need to be addressed to improve data quality and model reliability.

### 1. Outlier Removal Methods

• Z-Score Method: Identifies outliers by measuring how many standard deviations away a data point is from the mean.

• IQR (Interquartile Range) Method: Uses the spread between the first and third quartiles to identify and remove extreme values.

- Modified Z-Score Method: A robust version of the Z-score method that uses the median and median absolute deviation to identify outliers, especially in small datasets.
- 2. Classical Machine Learning Methods
  - Linear Regression: A basic regression technique that models the relationship between input features and the target variable.
  - Decision Trees: Models that partition the feature space into distinct regions, making predictions based on the majority class or average value in each region.
  - Random Forests: An ensemble of decision trees that improves accuracy and robustness by averaging predictions across multiple trees.
- 3. Scaling for Neural Networks
- Why Scaling is Required:
  - Neural networks converge faster and perform better when features are on a similar scale.
  - Scaling helps in achieving a more stable and efficient training process.
  - Without scaling, features with larger ranges may dominate the learning process, making it harder for the optimizer to converge.
- 1. Choice of Optimizer Brief Explanation:
  - Adam Optimizer: Combines the advantages of two other popular
  - optimizers: AdaGrad and RMSProp. It adapts the learning rate for each parameter and maintains an exponentially decaying average of past gradients and squared gradients, which helps in achieving faster convergence and better performance.
- 2. Activation Function Activation Function Used: ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit)
  - Reason:

ReLU introduces non-linearity into the model, allowing it to learn complex patterns and relationships. It is computationally efficient and helps in mitigating the vanishing gradient problem during training.

- 3. Performance on Large Datasets Why Neural Networks Perform Well on Large Datasets:
  - Learning Capacity: Neural networks have a high capacity to learn complex patterns and features from large amounts of data, which helps in generalizing better.
  - Generalization: With sufficient data, neural networks can capture intricate relationships and variations in the data, improving their predictive performance and robustness.
  - Overfitting Mitigation: Large datasets help in reducing the risk of overfitting by providing diverse examples, which helps the model to generalize better to new, unseen data.

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