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Getting started with Time-series features

Python notebook using data from [Store Item Demand Forecasting Challenge](#) · 3,367 views

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A very basic kernel with some naive features for predicting seasonal or hierarchical autoregressive problems (such as store sales)

- Kernel will be updated

```
In [1]:
import pandas as pd
import datetime
import xgboost as xgb
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, TimeSeriesSplit

# Input data files are available in the "../input/" directory.
# For example, running this (by clicking run or pressing Shift+Enter)
# will list the files in the input directory

import os
print(os.listdir("../input"))
# Any results you write to the current directory are saved as output.

train = pd.read_csv('../input/train.csv')
test = pd.read_csv('../input/test.csv')
sample = pd.read_csv('../input/sample_submission.csv')

['train.csv', 'sample_submission.csv', 'test.csv']
```

merge train and test for easier feature engineering.

- Beware leaks and the offset needed in predicting the future!!
- Can also be useful for creating a baseline; see:
<https://machinelearningmastery.com/model-residual-errors-correct-time-series-forecasts-python/> (<https://machinelearningmastery.com/model-residual-errors-correct-time-series-forecasts-python/>)
- Note that here, train has no ID column

```
In [2]:
train.columns

Out[2]:
Index(['date', 'store', 'item', 'sales'], dtype='object')
```

```
In [3]:
test.columns

Out[3]:
Index(['id', 'date', 'store', 'item'], dtype='object')
```

```
In [4]:
print("train shape:", train.shape)
print("Test shape:", test.shape)
df = pd.concat([train, test])
print(df.shape)
df.head()
```

```
train shape: (913000, 4)
Test shape: (45000, 4)
(958000, 5)
```

```
/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:3: FutureWarning: Sorting because non-concatenation axis is not aligned. A future version
of pandas will change to not sort by default.
```

To accept the future behavior, pass 'sort=False'.

To retain the current behavior and silence the warning, pass 'sort=True'.

This is separate from the ipykernel package so we can avoid doing imports until

Out[4]:

	date	id	item	sales	store
0	2013-01-01	NaN	1	13.0	1
1	2013-01-02	NaN	1	11.0	1
2	2013-01-03	NaN	1	14.0	1
3	2013-01-04	NaN	1	13.0	1
4	2013-01-05	NaN	1	10.0	1

naive datetime features:

- Could also add holidays, weekends, work-hours if relevant and known

In [5]:

```
df['date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['date'],infer_datetime_format=True)

df['month'] = df['date'].dt.month
df['weekday'] = df['date'].dt.dayofweek
df['year'] = df['date'].dt.year
# df['date'].dt.
df['week_of_year'] = df.date.dt.weekofyear
```

In [6]:

```
df.set_index("date",inplace=True)
```

Add historical / seasonal features

- Additional features could include slopes, trends, item-basket level features, but require more work to avoid leakage. Will add in future
- For now - naive features: we expect sales to be what they were at the same time of year, in the past, for each store+item combo
 - Could be done more elegantly with pandas's `agg_func`

In [7]:

```
df["median-store_item-month"] = df.groupby(['month', "item", "store"])[
    "sales"].transform("median")
df["mean-store_item-week"] = df.groupby(['week_of_year', "item", "store"])[
    "sales"].transform("mean")
df["item-month-sum"] = df.groupby(['month', "item"])[
    "sales"].transform("sum") # total sales of that item for all stores
df["store-month-sum"] = df.groupby(['month', "store"])[
    "sales"].transform("sum") # total sales of that store for all items
```

In [8]:

```
# get shifted features for grouped data. Note need to sort first!
df['store_item_shifted-90'] = df.groupby(['item', "store"])[
    'sales'].transform(lambda x: x.shift(90)) # sales for that item 90 days = 3 months ago
df['store_item_shifted-180'] = df.groupby(['item', "store"])[
    'sales'].transform(lambda x: x.shift(180)) # sales for that item 180 days = 3 months ago
df['store_item_shifted-365'] = df.groupby(['item', "store"])[
    'sales'].transform(lambda x: x.shift(365)) # sales for that 1 year ago

df["item-week_shifted-90"] = df.groupby(['week_of_year', "item"])[
    "sales"].transform(lambda x: x.shift(12).sum()) # shifted total sales for that item 12 weeks (3 months) ago
df["store-week_shifted-90"] = df.groupby(['week_of_year', "store"])[
    "sales"].transform(lambda x: x.shift(12).sum()) # shifted total sales for that store 12 weeks (3 months) ago
df["item-week_shifted-90"] = df.groupby(['week_of_year', "item"])[
    "sales"].transform(lambda x: x.shift(12).mean()) # shifted mean sales for that item 12 weeks (3 months) ago
df["store-week_shifted-90"] = df.groupby(['week_of_year', "store"])[
    "sales"].transform(lambda x: x.shift(12).mean()) # shifted mean sales for that store 12 weeks (3 months) ago
```

In [9]:

```
df.tail()
```

Out[9]:

	id	item	sales	store	month	weekday	year	week_of_year	median-store_item-month
date									
2018-03-27	44995.0	50	NaN	10	3	1	2018	13	67.0
2018-03-28	44996.0	50	NaN	10	3	2	2018	13	67.0
2018-03-29	44997.0	50	NaN	10	3	3	2018	13	67.0
2018-03-30	44998.0	50	NaN	10	3	4	2018	13	67.0
2018-03-31	44999.0	50	NaN	10	3	5	2018	13	67.0

We should do one hot encoding at this point on the store and itemIDs to avoid silly range based features.

- We'll do that later, as it's also possible the numbers/order has meaning.

split our data for modelling

```
In [10]: col = [i for i in df.columns if i not in ['date','id']]
         y = 'sales'
```

```
In [11]: train.columns
```

```
Out[11]: Index(['date', 'store', 'item', 'sales'], dtype='object')
```

```
In [12]: train = df.loc[~df.sales.isna()]
         print("new train",train.shape)
         test = df.loc[df.sales.isna()]
         print("new test",test.shape)
```

```
new train (913000, 17)
new test (45000, 17)
```

Evaluation should use **temporal train test split** or **temporal CV**

- we can define it manually or use sklearn's functions. these aren't trivial to plug and play with xgboost, so i'll skip for this version of the kernel, but without it, our local score is meaningless!

```
In [13]: train_x, train_cv, y, y_cv = train_test_split(train[col],train[y],
         test_size=0.15, random_state=42)
         # train_x, train_cv, y, y_cv = TimeSeriesSplit(train[col],train[y],
         test_size=0.1, random_state=42)
```

```
In [14]: def XGB_regressor(train_X, train_y, test_X, test_y, feature_names=
         None, seed_val=2017, num_rounds=500):
         param = {}
         param['objective'] = 'reg:linear'
         param['eta'] = 0.1
         param['max_depth'] = 6
         param['silent'] = 1
         param['eval_metric'] = 'mae'
         param['min_child_weight'] = 1
         param['subsample'] = 0.8
         param['colsample_bytree'] = 0.8
         param['seed'] = seed_val
```

```

num_rounds = num_rounds

plst = list(param.items())

xgtrain = xgb.DMatrix(train_X, label=train_y)

if test_y is not None:
    xgtest = xgb.DMatrix(test_X, label=test_y)
    watchlist = [ (xgtrain,'train'), (xgtest, 'test') ]
    model = xgb.train(plst, xgtrain, num_rounds, watchlist, early_stopping_rounds=20)
else:
    xgtest = xgb.DMatrix(test_X)
    model = xgb.train(plst, xgtrain, num_rounds)

return model

```

In [15]:

```

model = XGB_regressor(train_X = train_x, train_y = y, test_X = train_cv, test_y = y_cv)
y_test = model.predict(xgb.DMatrix(test[col]), ntree_limit = model.best_ntree_limit)

```

```

[0]      train-mae:46.5709      test-mae:46.6042
Multiple eval metrics have been passed: 'test-mae' will be used for early stopping.

```

Will train until test-mae hasn't improved in 20 rounds.

```

[1]      train-mae:41.9145      test-mae:41.9444
[2]      train-mae:37.7236      test-mae:37.7475
[3]      train-mae:33.9518      test-mae:33.973
[4]      train-mae:30.5571      test-mae:30.5759
[5]      train-mae:27.5019      test-mae:27.5188
[6]      train-mae:24.7527      test-mae:24.7659
[7]      train-mae:22.278      test-mae:22.2899
[8]      train-mae:20.0505      test-mae:20.0606
[9]      train-mae:18.0459      test-mae:18.0546
[10]     train-mae:16.2416      test-mae:16.2493
[11]     train-mae:14.6187      test-mae:14.6242
[12]     train-mae:13.1572      test-mae:13.162
[13]     train-mae:11.8419      test-mae:11.8458
[14]     train-mae:10.6581      test-mae:10.6613
[15]     train-mae:9.5928      test-mae:9.59569
[16]     train-mae:8.63406      test-mae:8.63654
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[26]     train-mae:3.0205      test-mae:3.0199
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[32]     train-mae:1.63234      test-mae:1.63171
[33]     train-mae:1.4774      test-mae:1.47653
[34]     train-mae:1.34759      test-mae:1.34661
[35]     train-mae:1.22455      test-mae:1.22372

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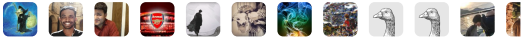
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In [16]: sample['sales'] = y_test
sample.to_csv('simple_starter.csv', index=False)
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Store Item Demand Forecasting Challenge

Predict 3 months of item sales at different stores

Last Updated: 9 months ago

About this Competition

The objective of this competition is to predict 3 months of item-level sales data at different store locations.

File descriptions

- **train.csv** - Training data
- **test.csv** - Test data (Note: the Public/Private split is time based)
- **sample_submission.csv** - a sample submission file in the correct format


Data fields

- **date** - Date of the sale data. There are no holiday effects or store closures.
- **store** - Store ID
- **item** - Item ID
- **sales** - Number of items sold at a particular store on a particular date.

Output Files

New DatasetNew KernelDownload All

Output Files

 simple_starter.csv

About this file

This file was created from a Kernel, it does not have a description.

 simple_starter.csv



1	id	sales
2	0	1.903107
3	1	1.7500988
4	2	1.8341172
5	3	2.2187161
6	4	2.3308232
7	5	2.5820692
8	6	2.706662
9	7	1.9091817
10	8	1.7837312
11	9	1.847212
12	10	2.2395277
13	11	2.2989206
14	12	2.2414289
15	13	2.6800244
16	14	2.0092275
17	15	1.764232
18	16	1.7935684
19	17	1.9731407
20	18	2.3174295
21	19	2.5704925
22	20	2.4812877
23	21	1.9060259
24	22	1.8556648
25	23	1.7789823
26	24	2.2487745
27	25	2.1294398
28	26	2.3074546
29	27	2.6923084
30	28	1.8795525
31	29	1.836388
32	30	1.7481265

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Exit Code	0	Queue Time	0 seconds
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Timeout Exceeded	False	Used All Space	False
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5.5s	2	[NbConvertApp] Executing notebook with kernel: python3
838.4s	3	[NbConvertApp] Writing 310789 bytes to __results__.html
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Hey ,Can you help me understand the significance of the columns ['median-storeitem-month', 'mean-storeitem-week', 'item-month-sum', 'store-month-sum'] ?
And also why have you shifted the features?




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Have a look at this discusion too..
It's basically done so as to capture the previous months, weeks, years sales as they are not supossed to change abruptly..
<https://www.kaggle.com/abhilashawasthi/feature-engineering-lgb-model/comments#362974>




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Useful tutorial, thanks



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Hi,

Thanks for the tutorial, I have one question.


When you say:

col = [i for i in df.columns if i not in ['date','id']]
y = 'sales'

and

trainx, traincv, y, ycv = traintestsplit(train[col],train[y], testsize=0.15, random_state=42)

Doesn't your trainx, traincv contain your y variable as well i.e., sales?



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