

xAutoML Course Project 1

Building Meta-Model for AutoML Federated Time-Series Forecasting Algorithms



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Problem Statement

- Train the best meta-model that can recommend regression forecasting algorithms (Algorithm Selection) that can be used on a time-series federated dataset.
- The meta-model acts as the domain expert that recommends the search space to be optimized later.

Dataset Description

- 542 Time-Series Datasets with > 2500 instances
 - **512** Synthetic Datasets generated by varying several factors, such as seasonality components, sampling frequencies, SNR, missing values %
 - **30** Real Datasets From (Kaggle / Nasdaq Stock Market)
 - Splitted across randomly selected (5, 10, 15, 20) clients with time-series splits

Meta-Feature	Meta-Feature Type	Method of Aggregation
No. of Clients	Statistical	NA
Sampling Rate	Time-Series	NA
No. of Instances	Statistical	Sum, Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
Dataset/Target Missing Values %	Statistical	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
No. of Stationary Features	Time-Series	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
Target Stationarity	Time-series	Entropy of Target Stationarity across clients
No. of Stationary Features after 1st Order Diff	Time-Series	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
No. of Stationary Features after 2nd Order Diff	Time-Series	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
Significant Lags using pACF in target	Time-Series	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
Insignificant lags between 1st and last significant ones	Time-Series	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
No. of seasonality components in target	Time-Series	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
Skewness of target feature	Statistical	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
Kurtosis of target feature	Time-Series	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev
Fractal dimension analysis of target	Statistical	Avg
Periods of seasonality components in target	Time-Series	Min, Max
KL Divergence among clients' distribution of target feature	Statistical	Avg, Min, Max, Stddev

Dataset Description

- Constructed Dataset:
 - \mathbf{X} : Aggregated meta-features
 - y : best performing forecasting regression algorithm among defined search space
- Splits:
 - Training: 400 instances (80%)
 - Testing: 100 instances (20%)

Algorithm	Hyperparameters	Values
Lasso Regressor	alpha selection	$(\log(e^{-5}), \log(10))$ {cyclic, random}
LinearSVR Regressor	C epsilon	[1 : 10] [0.01 : 0.1]
ElasticNetCV Regressor	l1_ratio selection	[0.3 : 10] {cyclic, random}
XGB Regressor	n_estimators max_depth learning_rate reg_lambda subsample	[5 : 20] [2 : 10] [0.01 : 1] [0.8 : 10] [0.1 : 1]
Huber Regressor	epsilon alpha	{1.0, 1.35, 1.5} $[\log_{10}(e^{-3}) : \log_{10}(e^2)]$
Quantile Regressor	alpha quantile	$[\log_{10}(e^{-3}) : \log_{10}(e^2)]$ [0.1 : 1]

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XGBRegressor	10	13821	1383	1382	0.3	4.9924658	4.1214750	5.5716353	0.4489697	4.9924658	4.1214750	5.5716353	0.4489697	3	3	0	0.1666666	0.072567	1.1289151	1.3053050	0.2456136	1.3473565	0.3	
XGBRegressor	5	4031	807	806	0.4	4.7629458	3.9702233	6.203474	0.8750409	4.7629458	3.9702233	6.203474	0.8750409	1	1	0	1	0.2016527	4.5231737	0.902781		0	1.1917040	0.7
HUBERRegressor	5	17280	3456	3456	0	5.1041666	4.74537	5.2951388	0.1889447	5.1041666	4.74537	5.2951388	0.1889447	5	5	0	0.1666666	2.1255588	0.000482	4.400823	0.5678388	9.354913	1.0	
LinearSVR	5	6911	1383	1382	0.4	4.9341131	4.0520984	5.5716353	0.5240857	4.9341131	4.0520984	5.5716353	0.5240857	4	4	0	0.5	0.3394770	0.006274	0.9517789	0.1593084	1.3472348	0.7	
XGBRegressor	15	24181	1613	1612	0.2494438	4.9667173	3.5359801	6.3895781	0.6939814	4.9667173	3.5359801	6.3895781	0.6939814	2	2	0	0.1666666	0.1935872	1.4382909	1.6268250	0.3241073	1.280996	0.3	
HUBERRegressor	10	13821	1383	1382	0.3	4.9200023	4.1968162	5.7887120	0.5766058	4.9200023	4.1968162	5.7887120	0.5766058	3	3	0	0.1666666	0.069468	0.058096	0.094083	0.006972	1.2066428	0.3	
LASSO	5	10266	2074	2073	0.3888889	4.8717183	4.1862518	4.927306	0.8717183	4.8717183	4.1862518	4.927306	0.8717183	5	4	1	0.5	0.3842698	0.004748	0.4649827	0.2500264	0.663348	1.0	

- Baselines with default hyper-parameters:

- Random Forest
- Decision Tree
- KNN
- SVM
- Logistic Regression
- Gradient Boosting

- AutoML Frameworks:

- Hyper-Opt (100 iterations) with 3-fold CV
- Search Space:
 - Random Forest:
 - Max_depth, n_estimators, min_samples_split
 - Decision Tree
 - Max_depth, min_samples_split
 - KNN
 - n_neighbors
 - SVM
 - Kernel, C
 - Logistic Regression
 - Solver, C
 - Gradient Boosting
 - Max_depth, n_estimators, min_samples_split, learning_rate

- Evaluation Metrics:

- Log Loss
- Micro F1-Score
- Acc@3 (Accuracy of Top-3 Predicted Labels)

- Statistical Test

- Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test

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Model	Acc@3	Micro F1	Log Loss
SVM	83%	44%	1.45
Logistic Regression	84%	54%	1.38
Random Forest	90%	61%	1.34
Decision Tree	75%	66%	15.9
<u>Gradient Boosting</u>	91%	60%	1.25
KNN	80%	44%	9.0

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Model	Acc@3	Micro-F1	Log Loss
<u>Gradient Boosting</u>	91%	60%	1.25
HyperOpt (objective F1) <i>Gradient Boosting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Lr: 0.04</i>• <i>Max_depth: 14</i>• <i>N_estimators: 270</i>• <i>Min_samples_split: 3</i>	91%	65%	1.02
HyperOpt (objective Acc3) <i>Random Forest</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Max_depth: 7</i>• <i>N_estimators: 70</i>• <i>Min_samples_split: 5</i>	91%	62%	1.06
<u>HyperOpt (objective LogLoss)</u> <i>Random Forest</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Max_depth: 10</i>• <i>N_estimators: 240</i>• <i>Min_samples_split: 4</i>	94%	65%	1.01

• AutoML Frameworks:

- Hyper-Opt (1000 iterations)
- Search Space:
 - Random Forest:
 - Decision Tree
 - KNN
 - SVM
 - Logistic Regression
 - Gradient Boosting

• Evaluation Metrics:

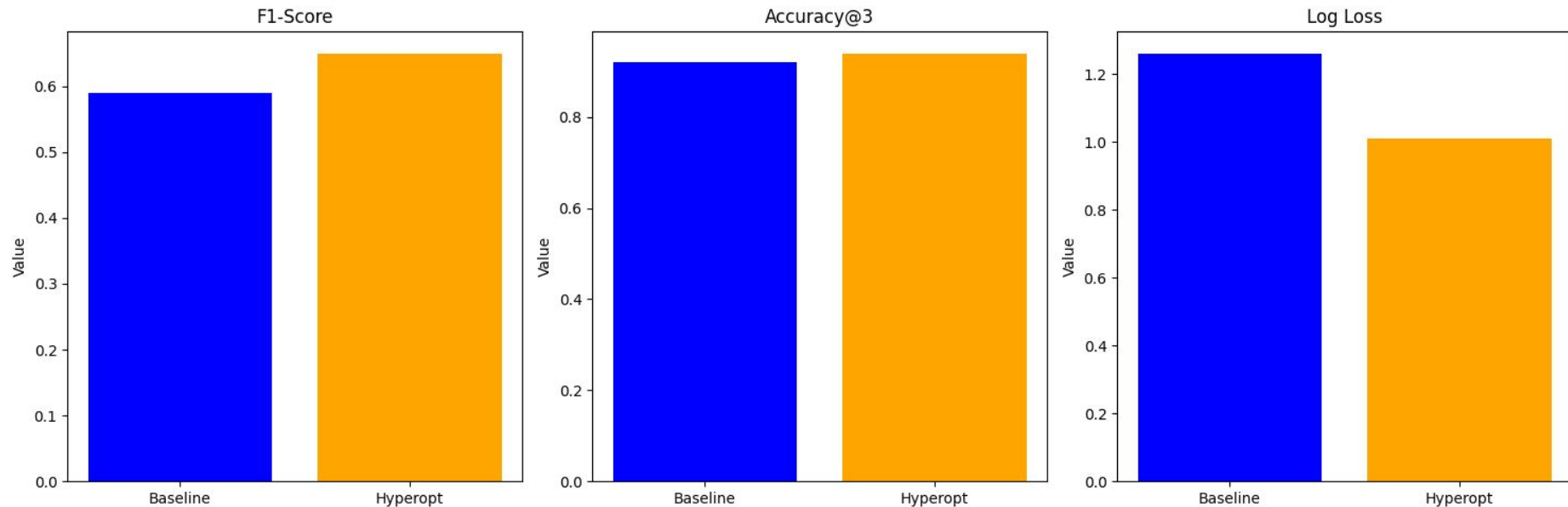
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Project Methodology

- Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test: P-value = 0.85.
- There is no significant difference between the optimized pipeline and baseline in terms of **log loss**.



Thanks for your attention!

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