

# RESTAURANT VISITOR FORECASTING

IBM ADVANCED DATA SCIENCE CAPSTONE PROJECT



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# VISITOR FORECASTING

- What is the problem?
- Why is it an important problem?
- So, what is the solution?
- What is needed for solution?
- How is the solution achieved?



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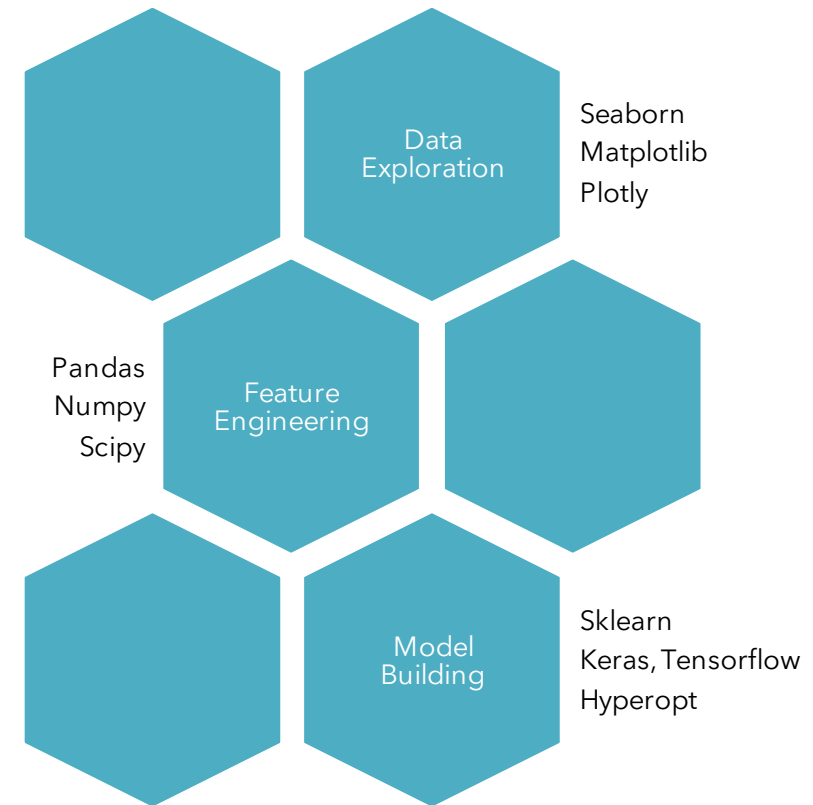
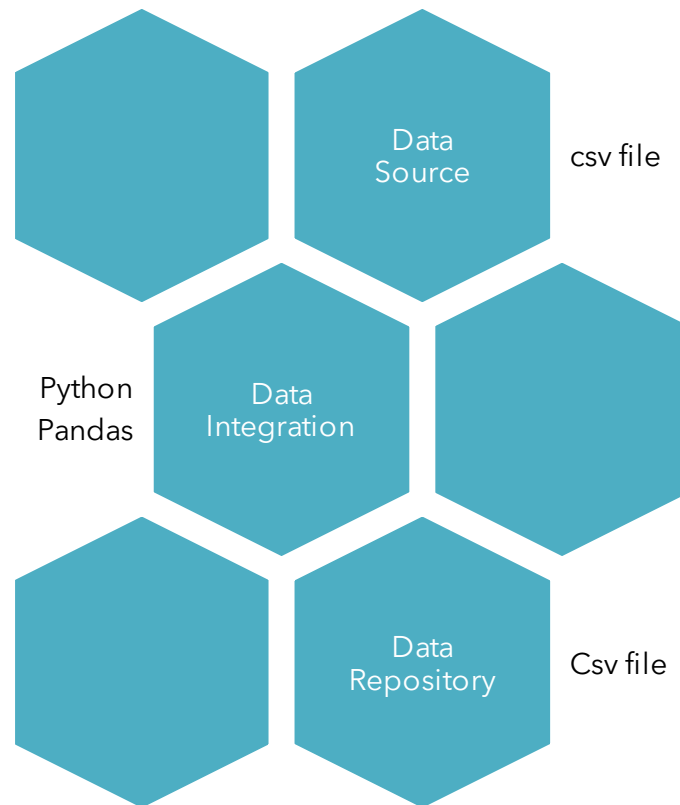
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# ARCHITECTURAL DECISIONS



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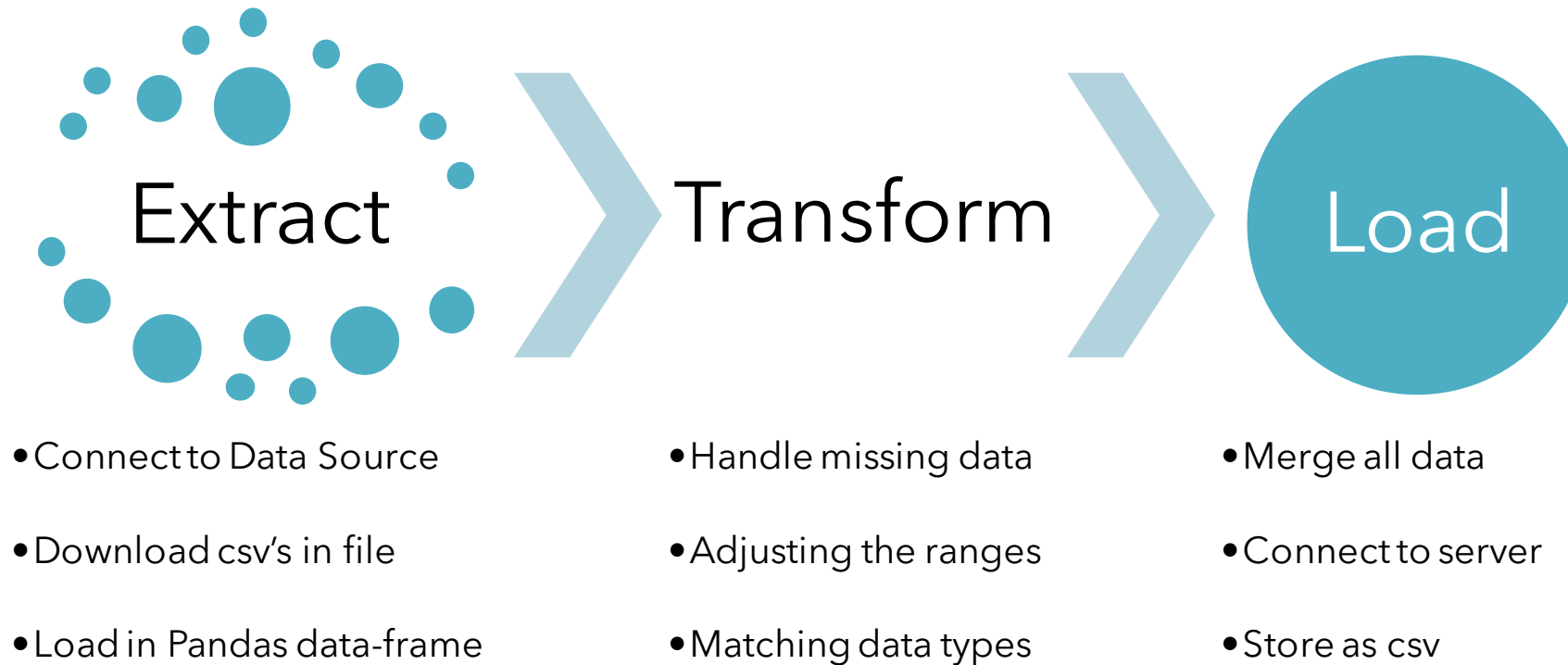
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# EXTRACT - TRANSFORM - LOAD



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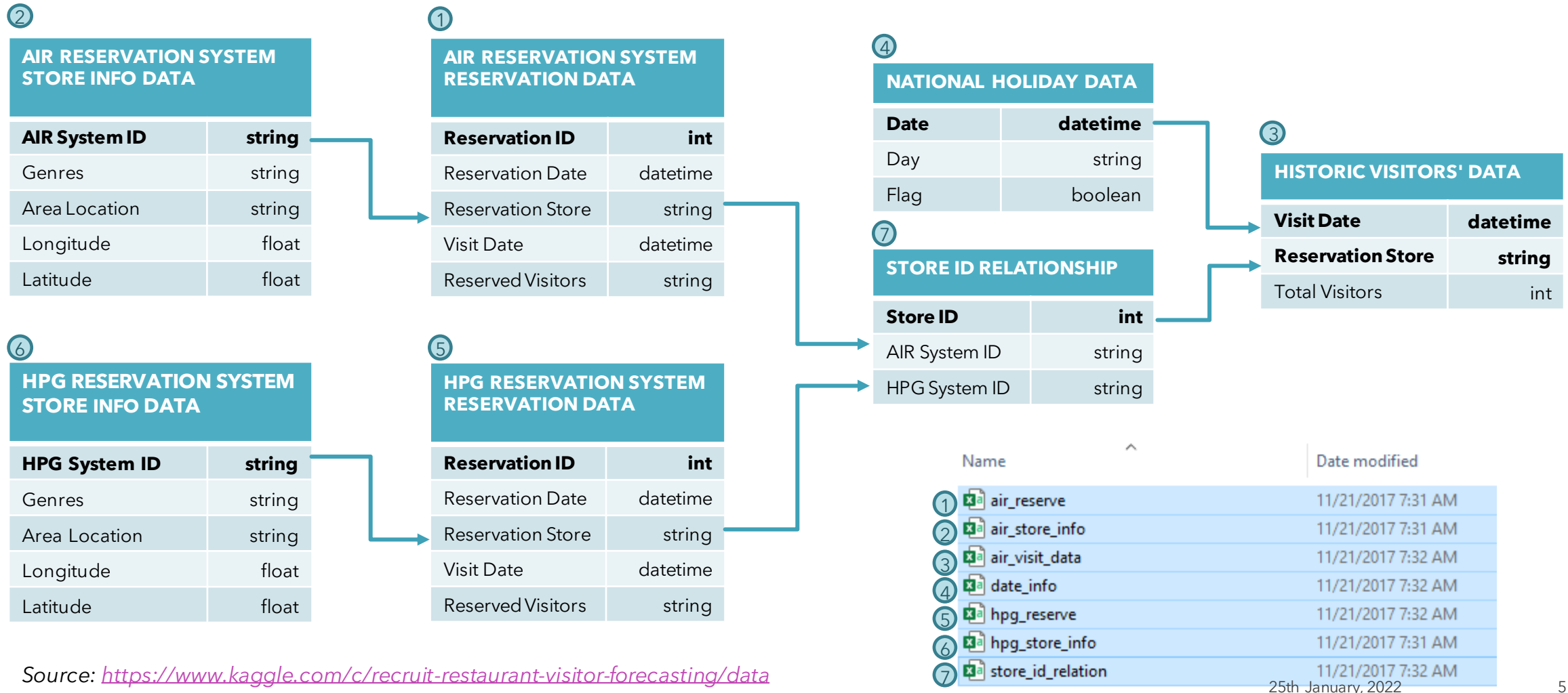
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# ETL - DATA SOURCE



Source: <https://www.kaggle.com/c/recruit-restaurant-visitor-forecasting/data>

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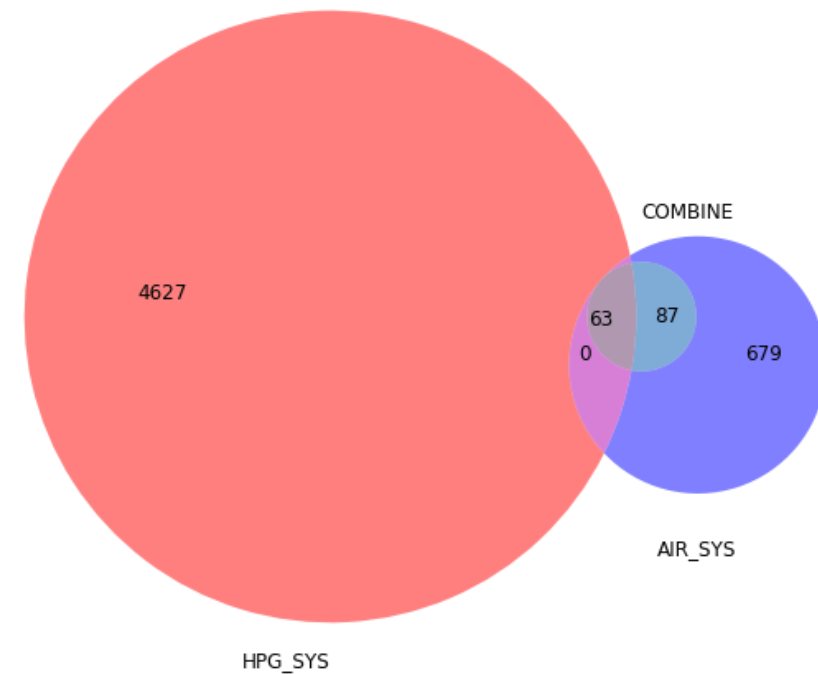
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## RESTAURANTS BY SYSTEMS

-	AIR_SYS	HPG_SYS
Unique	679	4627
Combine	150	63
Explicit	0	87

System-wise distribution of hotels



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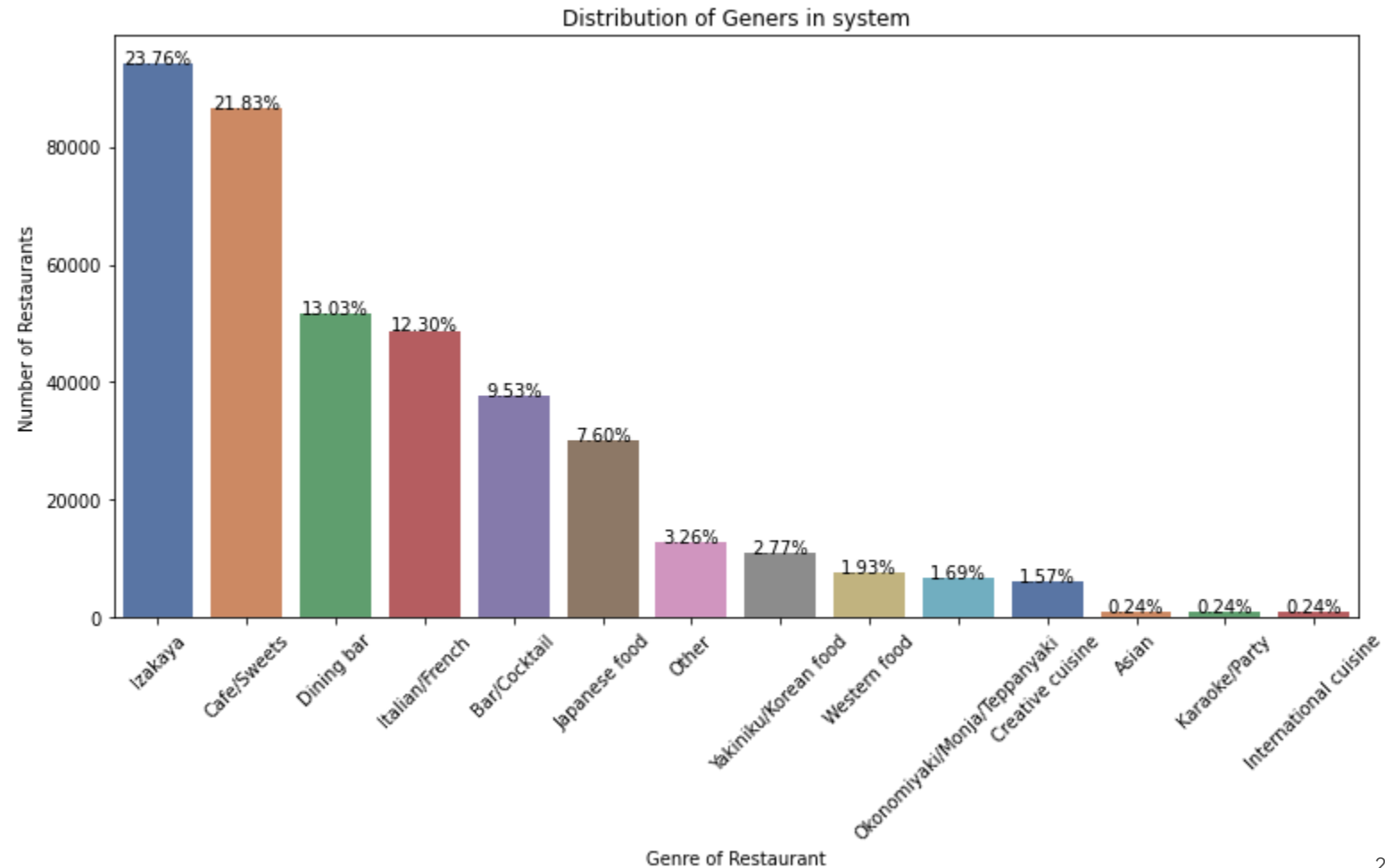
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# RESTAURANTS BY GENRES



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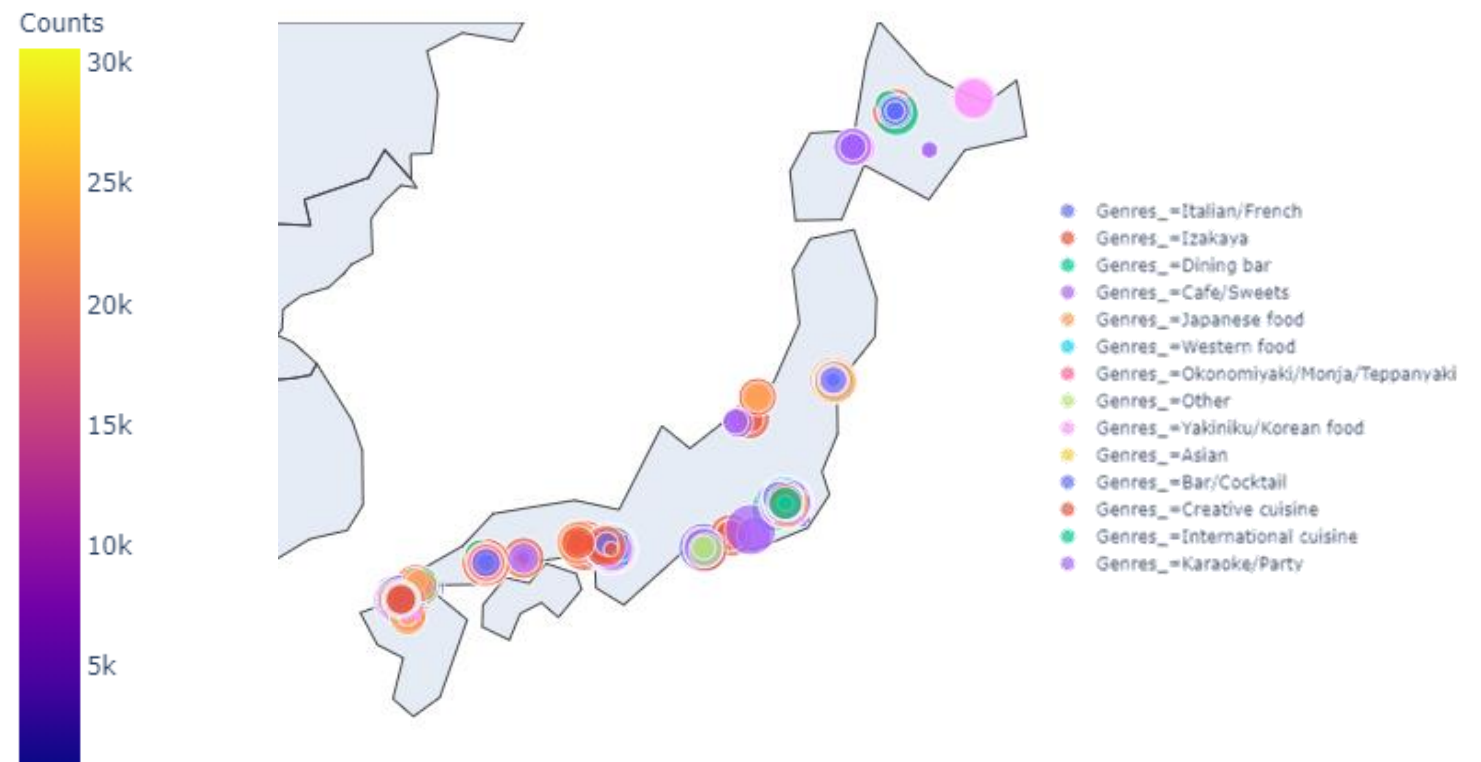
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# RESTAURANTS AND VISITORS BY LOCATION



Restaurants by Area



Visitors by Area



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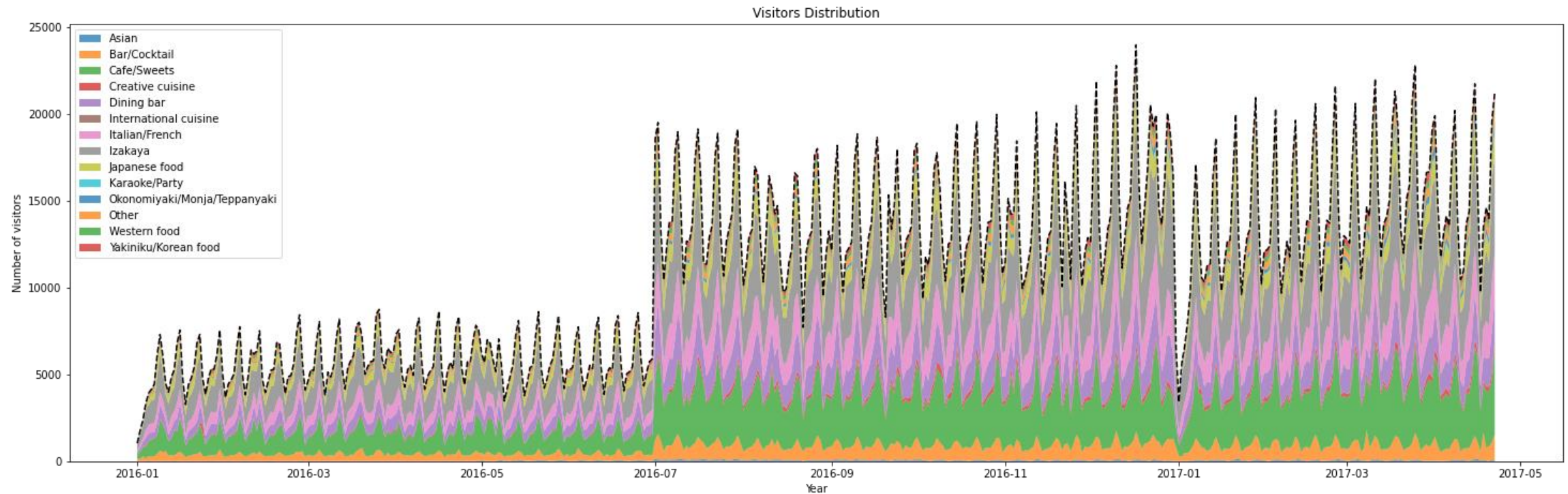
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# VISITORS TIMESERIES PLOT



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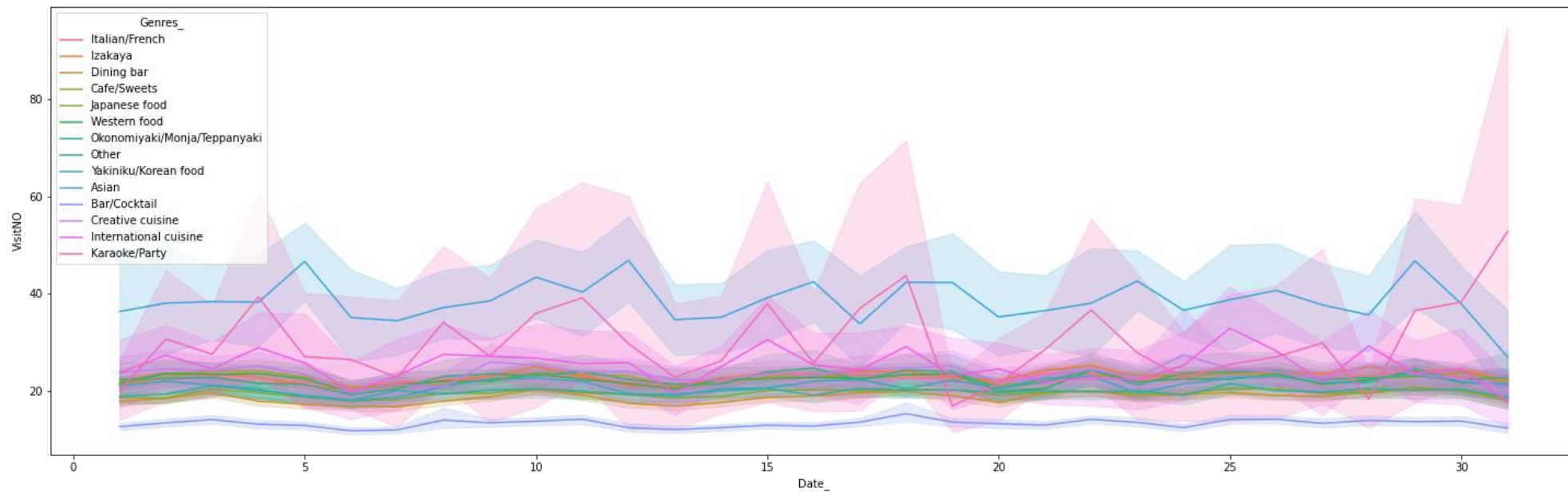
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# TRENDS IN VISITORS - OVER MONTH



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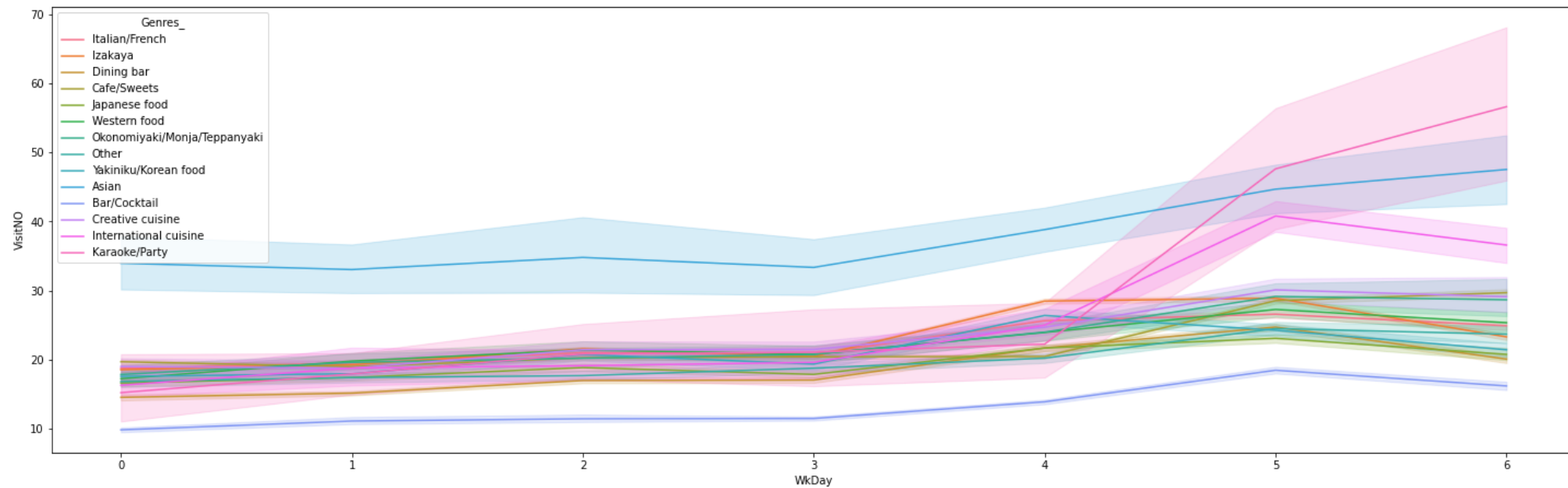
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# TRENDS IN VISITORS - OVER WEEK



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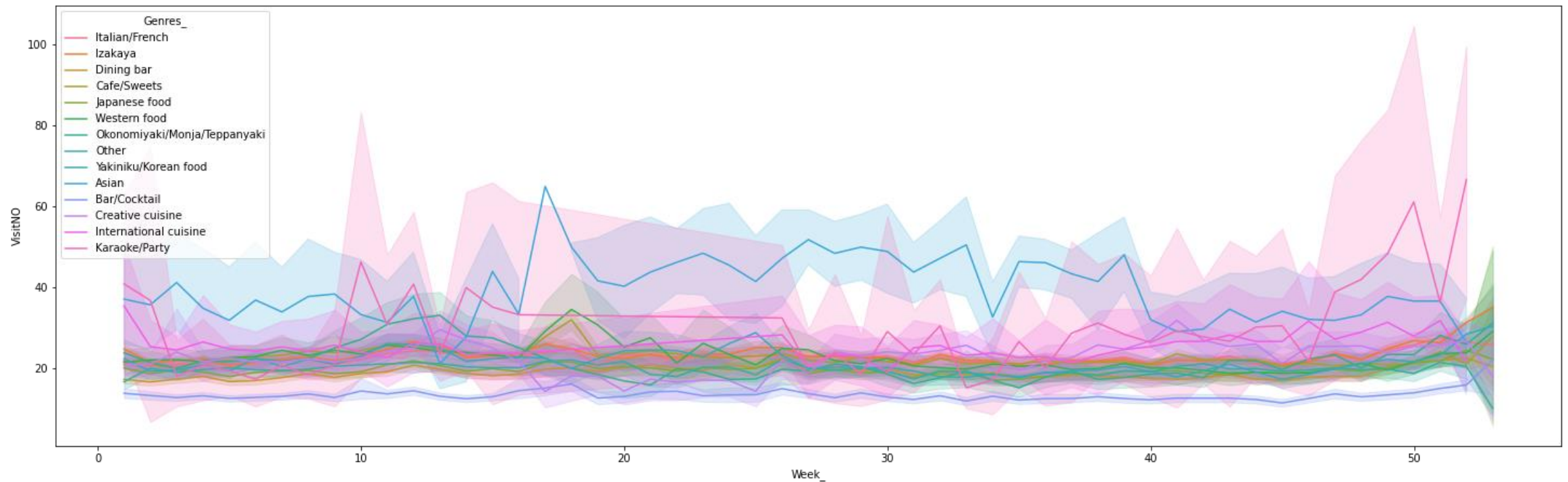
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# TRENDS IN VISITORS - OVER YEAR



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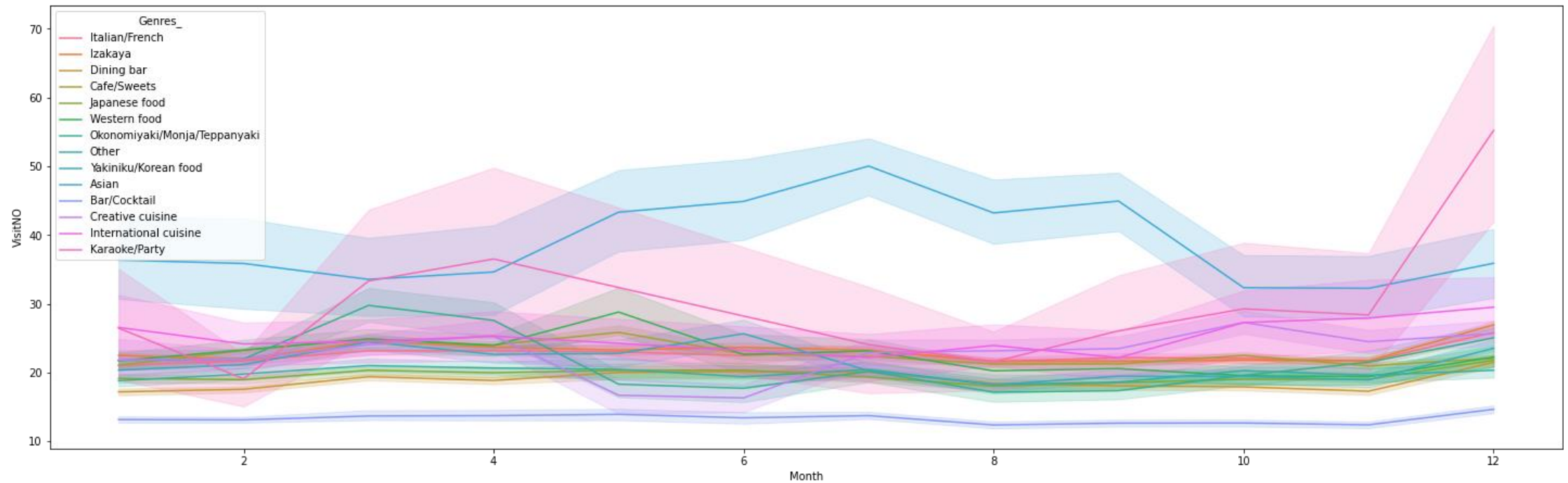
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# TRENDS IN VISITORS - OVER YEAR





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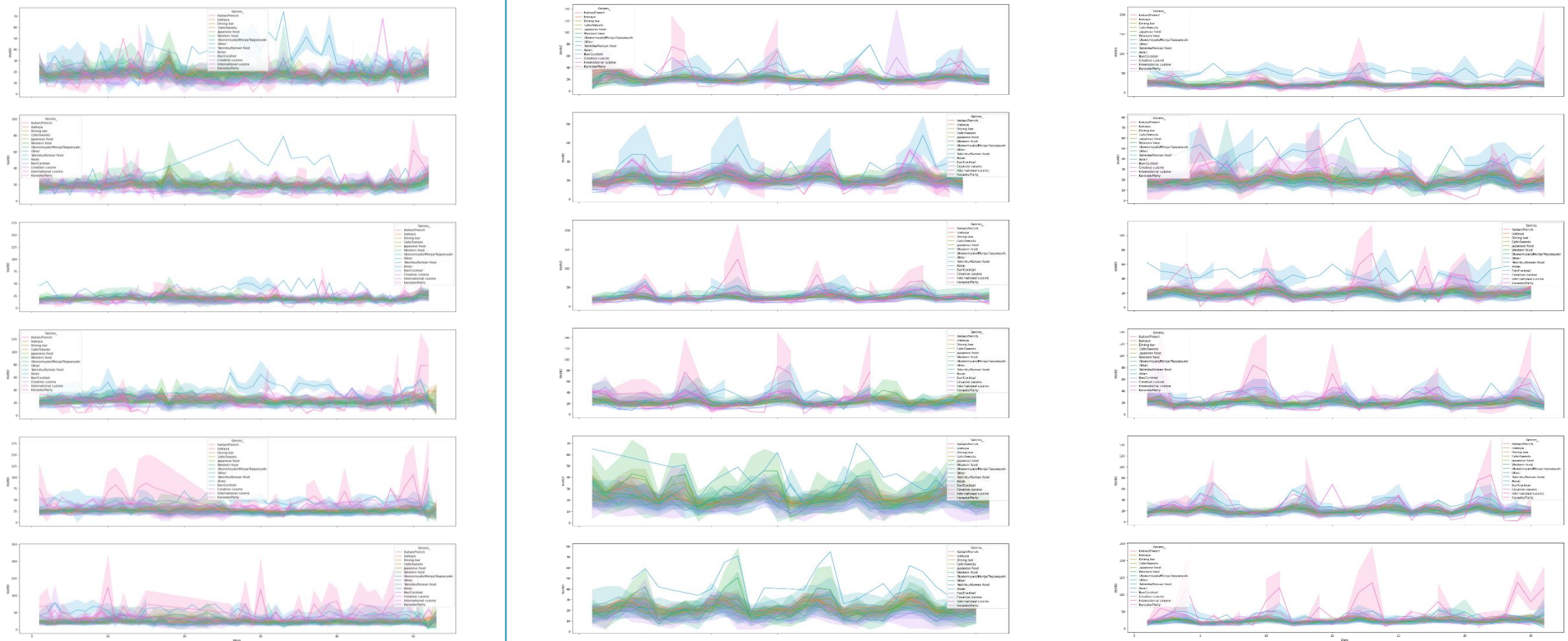
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# VISITORS VISITING PATTERN ACROSS YEAR



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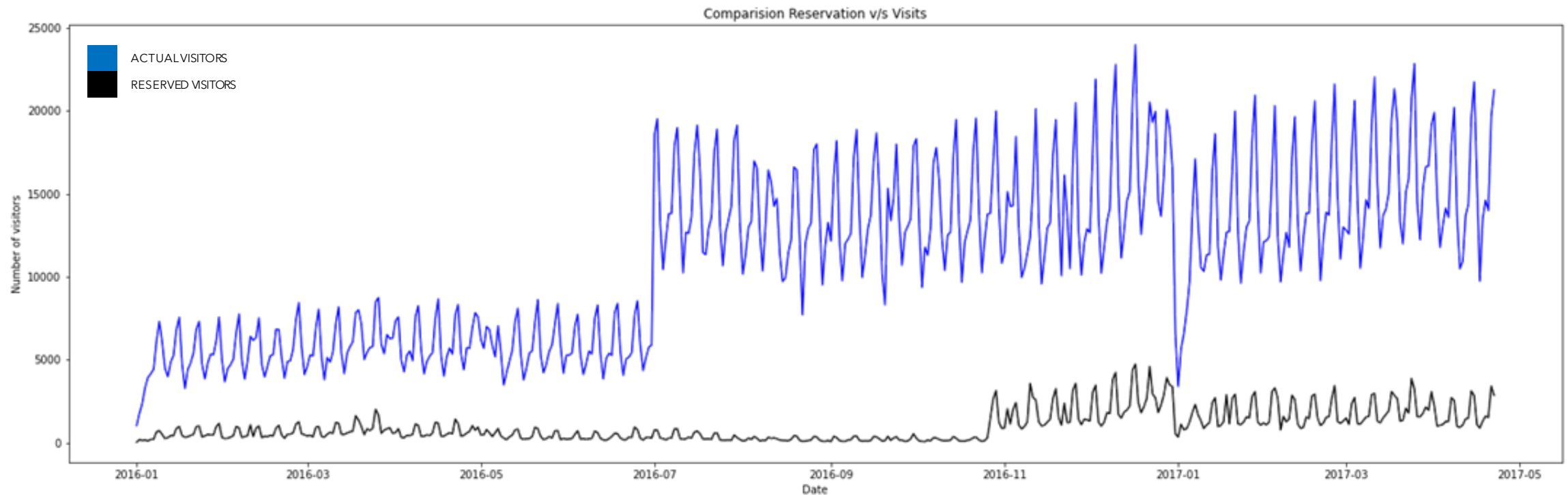
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# VISITORS - ACTUAL V/S RESERVED



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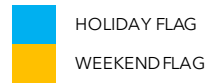
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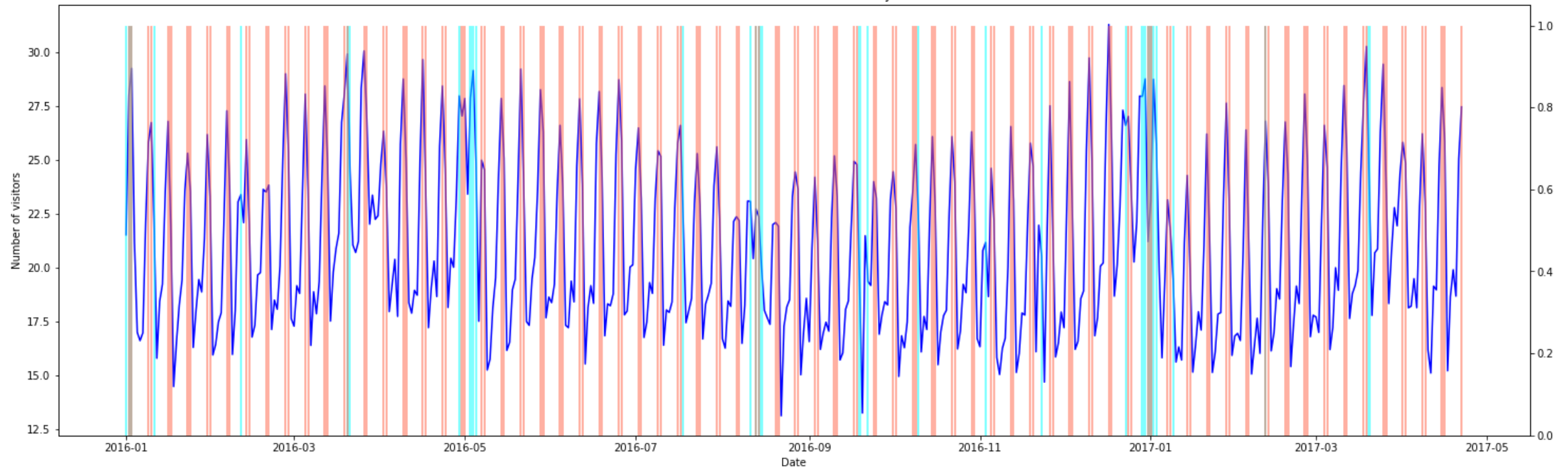
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# VISITORS - ON HOLIDAYS & WEEKENDS



Visitors on Weekend and Holidays





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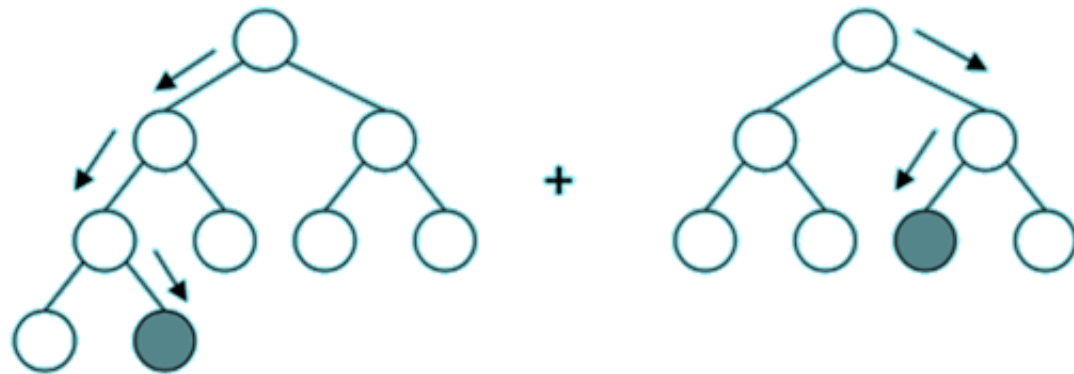
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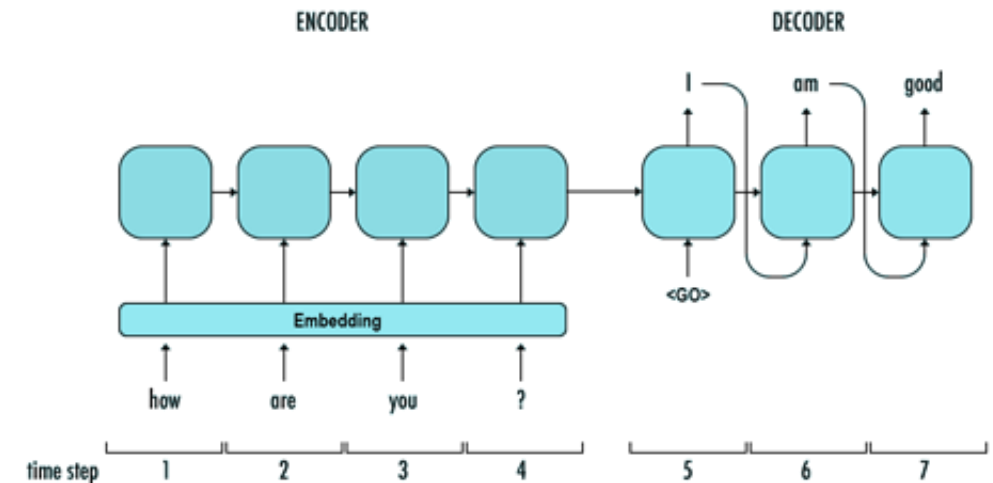
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# MODEL DEFINITION

- CLASSICAL ML MODEL
- Gradient Booster Regressor



- DEEP LEARNING MODEL
- Seq2Seq LSTM Encode-Decoder



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# FEATURE ENGINEERING

- Features Derived:
  - From visit date: year, month, date, day, weekend, holiday
  - From area: City, ward, Street
  - From reservation: reservation days, visitors reserved
  - From visitors: statistical features – min, max, mean, median, std
- Features Transformed:
  - Categorical: Label encoder
  - Numeric: Min Max Scaler
- Previous 7 days visitors (only for LSTM)

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# MODEL EVALUATION

- Data split 80:10:10 train-test-validation split
- Root mean squared logarithmic error as metric

$$RMSLE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log(1 + p) - \log(1 + a))^2}$$

$n$  is the total number of observations |  $p_i$  is your prediction of target |  $a_i$  is the actual target for  $i$ .

- Robustness to the effect of the outliers
- Measurement of relative error
- Biased penalty for overestimation

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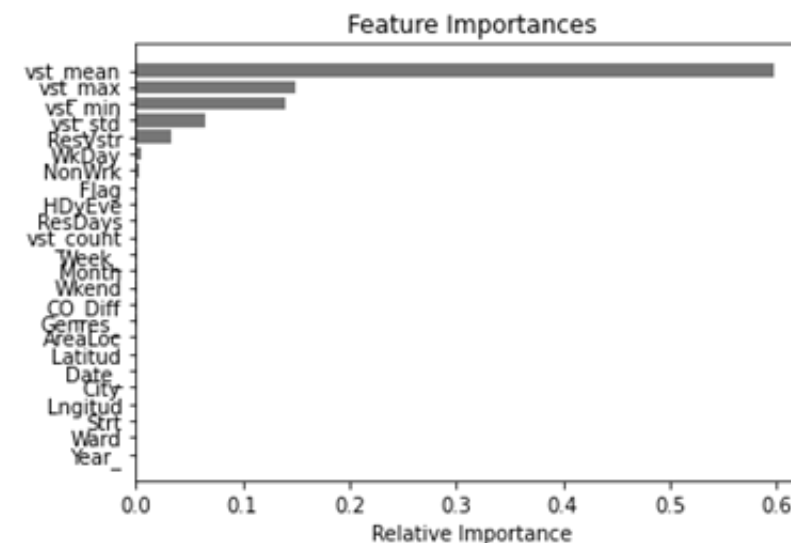
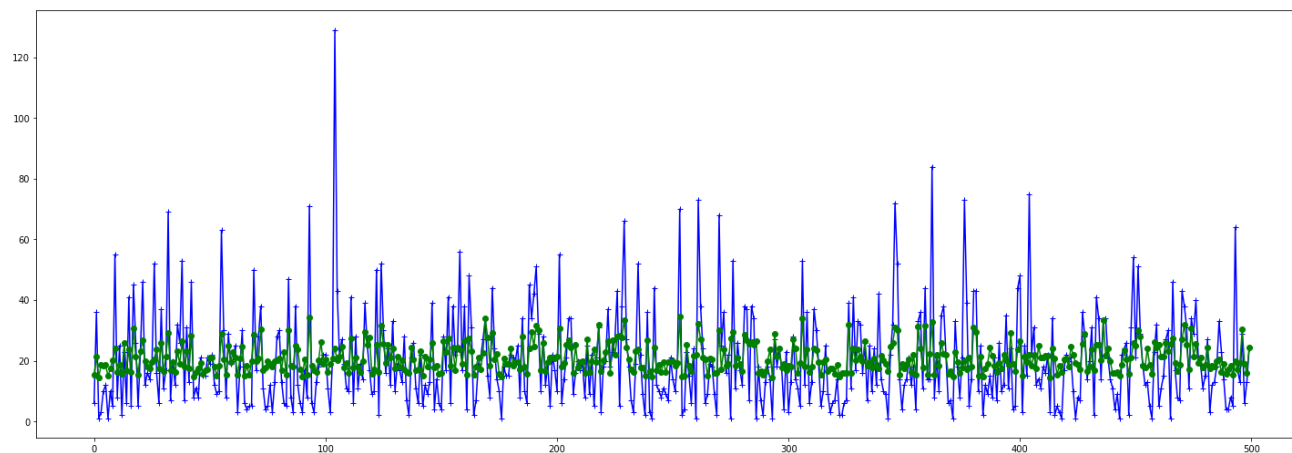
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# GRADIENT BOOST MODEL

- K-fold cross-validation and training
- Prediction is averaged over 5 folds
- Hyper Parameter tuning performed



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Performance of base model:  
0.71

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Performance of fine model:  
0.72  
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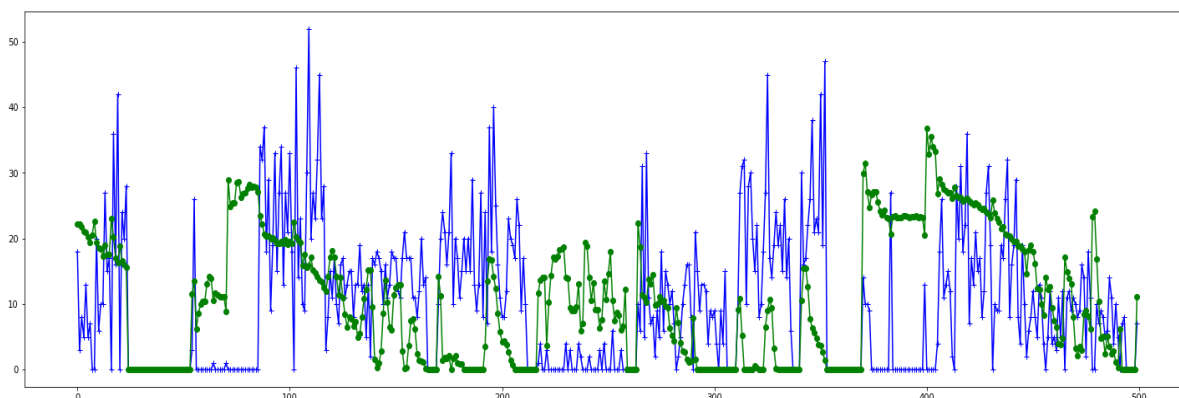
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# LSTM ENCODE-DECODER

- One layer of encoder
- Two layers of decoder units
- Two iterations with different features

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
input_5 (InputLayer)	[(None, None, 32)]	0	[]
input_6 (InputLayer)	[(None, None, 32)]	0	[]
lstm_3 (LSTM)	[(None, 64), (None, 64), (None, 64)]	24832	['input_5[0][0]']
lstm_4 (LSTM)	(None, None, 64)	24832	['input_6[0][0]', 'lstm_3[0][1]', 'lstm_3[0][2]']
lstm_5 (LSTM)	[(None, None, 64), (None, 64), (None, 64)]	33024	['lstm_4[0][0]']
time_distributed_1 (TimeDistributed)	(None, None, 1)	65	['lstm_5[0][0]']

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 Total params: 82,753  
 Trainable params: 82,753  
 Non-trainable params: 0



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Performance of first model:  
1.61

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Performance of second model:  
2.09

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# SUMMARY

- GBM works better
- Further tasks: Tuning LSTM for better performance
  - Activation Function
  - Number of layers
  - Number of hidden units in each layer
  - Optimizer
- Links below:
  - Architectural decision document :  
[Recruite Restaurants Visitors Forecasting ADD Document.pdf](#)
  - Entity relationship diagram:  
[Database Documentation.pdf](#)
  - Jupyter Notebook:  
[IBM\\_Capstone.ipynb](#)

Algorithm	Variation	RSMLE	Visual
Gradient Boost	Before tuning	0.7174	--
	After tuning	<b>0.7204</b>	<b>OK</b>
Encoder-Decoder	With 3 prev days	1.6358	--
	With 7 prev days	2.0922	--