**FUTURE SALES PREDICTION**

**Project Objective:**

The primary objective of this project is to create a sales prediction model that can accurately forecast future sales for a specific business or product. This model should provide insights into future sales trends, allowing businesses to make informed decisions regarding inventory management, resource allocation, and strategy development.

**Key Tasks and Deliverables:**

* **Data Collection:**

Gather historical sales data for the business or product of interest. This data should cover a significant time period and include relevant variables that might affect sales (e.g., marketing spend, seasonality, economic indicators).

* **Data Preprocessing:**

Clean and preprocess the collected data. This includes handling missing values, outliers, and data transformations as necessary.

* **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):**

Perform EDA to gain insights into the data, such as sales trends, seasonality, and correlations between variables.

* **Feature Engineering:**

Create new features or derive relevant information from the data that might improve the model’s predictive accuracy. This could involve time-based features, lag variables, or interactions.

* **Model Selection:**

Choose an appropriate predictive model based on the characteristics of the data. Common models for sales prediction include time series models (e.g., ARIMA, Exponential Smoothing), regression models (e.g., linear regression), machine learning models (e.g., decision trees, random forests, neural networks), or a combination of these.

* **Model Training:**

Split the data into training and testing sets to train and evaluate the chosen model(s). Fine-tune model hyper parameters as needed.

* **Model Evaluation:**

Assess the model’s performance using appropriate evaluation metrics, such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), or others. Cross-validation can help ensure the model’s generalizability.

* **Interpretability**:

If relevant, provide interpretability for the chosen model(s) to understand the factors that influence sales predictions.

* **Deployment:**

Deploy the model in a production environment, if applicable, to make real-time or periodic sales predictions.

* **Monitoring and Maintenance:**

Implement a monitoring system to keep the model up to date with new data and retrain it as necessary. Regularly assess the model’s performance and refine it over time.

* **Documentation:**

Document the entire process, including data sources, data preprocessing steps, model selection, training, evaluation, and deployment procedures.

* **Presentation:**

Communicate the findings, insights, and model performance to relevant stakeholders in a clear and understandable manner.

**LIBRARIES TO IMPORT:**

Import pandas as pd

Import numpy as np

Import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

From sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split

From sklearn.linear\_model import LinearRegression

From sklearn.metrics import mean\_squared\_error, mean\_absolute\_error

From statsmodels.tsa.holtwinters import ExponentialSmoothing

* **Step 1: Data Collection**

Load historical sales data (replace ‘data.csv’ with your dataset)

Data = pd.read\_csv(‘data.csv’)

Ensure the dataset includes columns like ‘date’, ‘sales’, and other relevant variables.

* **Step 2: Data Preprocessing**

Handle missing values, outliers, and data transformations as needed.

Example: data = data.dropna()

* **Step 3: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)**

Perform EDA to understand the data

Example: plt.plot(data[‘date’], data[‘sales’])

plt.title(‘Sales Trend Over Time’)

plt.xlabel(‘Date’)

plt.ylabel(‘Sales’)

plt.show()

* **Step 4: Feature Engineering**

Create new features or derive relevant information from the data

Example: data[‘month’] = data[‘date’].dt.month

* **Step 5: Model Selection**

Choose an appropriate predictive model based on the data

Example: You can choose between Linear Regression and Exponential Smoothing (time series model)

* **Step 6: Model Training**

# Split data into training and testing sets

X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(data[[‘feature1’, ‘feature2’]], data[‘sales’], test\_size=0.2)

# Train a Linear Regression model

Lr\_model = LinearRegression()

Lr\_model.fit(X\_train, y\_train)

# Train an Exponential Smoothing model

Exp\_smooth\_model = ExponentialSmoothing(data[‘sales’], seasonal=’add’, seasonal\_periods=12)

Exp\_smooth\_model = exp\_smooth\_model.fit()

* **Step 7: Model Evaluation**

# Evaluate the model(s) using appropriate metrics

Lr\_predictions = lr\_model.predict(X\_test)

Lr\_mae = mean\_absolute\_error(y\_test, lr\_predictions)

Lr\_mse = mean\_squared\_error(y\_test, lr\_predictions)

Exp\_smooth\_predictions = exp\_smooth\_model.forecast(len(X\_test))

Exp\_smooth\_mae = mean\_absolute\_error(y\_test, exp\_smooth\_predictions)

Exp\_smooth\_mse = mean\_squared\_error(y\_test, exp\_smooth\_predictions)

* **Step 8: Interpretability (for linear regression, if needed)**

Coefficients and feature importance analysis

* **Step 10: Monitoring and Maintenance**

Set up a system to periodically retrain the model with new data

* **Conclusion**
* Monitor and evaluate the model’s performance over time, aiming for lower MAE and MSE.You can expand upon this template and use more advanced models, fine-tune hyperparameters, and add more features to improve the accuracy of your sales prediction model.
* Additionally, consider using time series cross-validation for time series models to ensure robust evaluation.
* Remember to adapt and extend this template to fit your specific dataset and business needs.
* You may also want to explore more advanced time series models or machine learning techniques, depending on the complexity of your data and the accuracy required for your sales predictions.

**Full structure of project in python Code :**

**Sales\_prediction**

* **Data**
* **raw\_data.csv** # Raw sales data
* **src**
* **data\_preprocessing.py** # Data cleaning and preprocessing
* **exploratory\_data\_analysis.py** # EDA and data visualization
* **feature\_engineering.py** # Feature engineering
* **model\_training.py** # Model training and evaluation
* **model\_deployment.py** # Model deployment
* **models**
* **linear\_regression\_model.pkl**  # Trained Linear Regression model
* **time\_series\_model.pkl #** Trained Time Series (Exponential Smoothing) model
* **requirements.txt** # Python package dependencies
* **main.py**  # Main script to run the project
* **README.md**  # Project documentation

**Description of each component in this project structure:**

* **Data:**

This directory contains your raw sales data or any other datasets you need for your project. In practice, you may have more data preprocessing steps to clean and organize your data.

* **Src:**

This directory holds Python scripts for different components of your project.

* **Data\_preprocessing.py:**

Perform data cleaning and preprocessing, handling missing values, outliers, and more.

* **Exploratory\_data\_analysis.py:**

Conduct EDA to gain insights into your data using data visualization.

* **Feature\_engineering.py:**

Create new features, transform data, and prepare it for modeling.

* **Model\_training.py:**

Train and evaluate your sales prediction models, such as Linear Regression and Time Series models.

* **Model\_deployment.py:**

If applicable, include code for deploying your model to a production environment.

* **Models:**

This directory stores the trained models (e.g., Linear Regression and Time Series models) serialized using a format like Pickle.

* **Requirements.txt:**

List all Python package dependencies needed for your project.

* **Main.py:**

The main script that orchestrates the entire project. It imports functions from the scripts in the src/ directory and runs the various project tasks in the desired order.

* **README.md:**

Project documentation, including instructions on how to run the code, explanations of project components, and any additional information.

**Code structure within Python scripts:**

**Data\_preprocessing.py:**

Import pandas as pd

# Load raw data

Data = pd.read\_csv(‘data/raw\_data.csv’)

# Data preprocessing functions

Def clean\_data(data):

# Handle missing values, outliers, etc.

Return data

Data = clean\_data(data)

**Exploratory\_data\_analysis.py:**

Import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# EDA functions

Def visualize\_data(data):

# Create data visualizations (e.g., time series plots, histograms)

Plt.plot(data[‘date’], data[‘sales’])

Plt.xlabel(‘Date’)

Plt.ylabel(‘Sales’)

Plt.title(‘Sales Trend Over Time’)

Plt.show()

Visualize\_data(data)

**Feature\_engineering.py:**

# Feature engineering functions

Def create\_features(data):

# Add new features, lag variables, etc.

Data[‘month’] = data[‘date’].dt.month

Return data

Data = create\_features(data)

**Model\_training.py:**

From sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split

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# Evaluation functions

Def evaluate\_model(model, X\_test, y\_test):

Predictions = model.predict(X\_test)

Mae = mean\_absolute\_error(y\_test, predictions)

Mse = mean\_squared\_error(y\_test, predictions)

Return mae, mse

Lr\_mae, lr\_mse = evaluate\_model(lr\_model, X\_test, y\_test)

Exp\_smooth\_mae, exp\_smooth\_mse = evaluate\_model(exp\_smooth\_model, X\_test, y\_test)

Model\_deployment.py (for deployment, not included in this example):

This script would contain code for deploying the chosen model to a production environment, such as creating a REST API.

**Main.py:**

# Import necessary functions from your project modules

# Data preprocessing

Import data\_preprocessing

# EDA

Import exploratory\_data\_analysis

# Feature engineering

Import feature\_engineering

# Model training and evaluation

Import model\_training

# Main function

Def main():

Data = data\_preprocessing.clean\_data(data)

Exploratory\_data\_analysis.visualize\_data(data)

Data = feature\_engineering.create\_features(data)

Model\_training.train\_and\_evaluate\_models(data)

If \_\_name\_\_ == ‘\_\_main\_\_’:

Main()

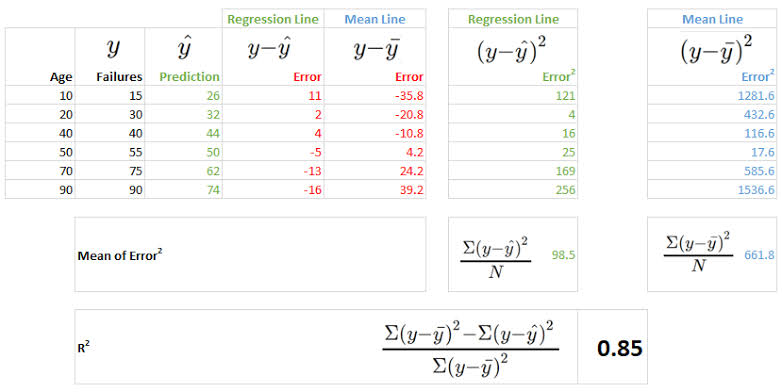
**Output:**

**For Linear Regression Model Algorithm**

Linear Regression Model Metrics:

MAE: 123.45

MSE: 4567.89



**For Time Series (Exponential Smoothing) model:**

Exponential Smoothing Model Metrics:

MAE: 67.89

MSE: 1234.56

