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1 Introduction

1.1 Problem Statement

In the modern life, people would like to live in a healthy lifestyle. Then it is unavoidable to buy fresh and cheap fruits. Fruit prices fluctuate significantly from week to week. Consumers sometimes may be sensitive to these changes while sometimes not, leading to some fruits selling well while some do not. Besides, when seasons change, the popularity of some fruits also decline. Other factors can also influence the selling of fruits. When customers buy less fruits, those redundant fruits may soon become rotted and cause merchants loss. To avoid too many orders, fruit merchants have to predict how much fruits to be sold during the following days and try to make these predictions as close to the reality as possible. Moreover, when the selling of fruits does not live up to their expectations, they may use various strategies to promote, such as discount, combination, VIP benefits and etc.

Based on the given data, we create a profile for the selling of the fruits. We also analyze the factors that influence the selling of different merchants and give a strategy for the best order. Moreover, we create a model to interpret the hidden competition among different fruits. Finally, we prepare a memo to the Chief Operating Officer of the fruit company.

1.2 Model Overview

2 Assumptions and Notations

2.1 Assumptions

We make the following basic assumptions in order to simplify the problem. Each of our assumptions is justified and is consistent with the basic fact.

- The external economic environment is steady and unshakable during the period. There is no dramatic change in the price of fruit.
- The effect of payment method and zeroing shall be ignored.
- The seasonal factors are not taken into consideration. Because the data given are concentrated in winter, and there are no other seasons, we ignore the seasonal factors.
- Each store sells the same kind of fruit, and the discounts are consistent. We assume that the supply of fruit is sufficient and that different stores will take the same preferential measures.

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2.2 Notations

The notation table [1] contains all the notations we use in this paper.

Tab	Table 1: Notations		
Symbol	Definition	Notes	
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3 Model Construction

3.1 Additive Time Serious Model

From article[1], we learn that when forecasting sales figures, not only the sales history but also the future price of a product will influence the sales quantity. At first sight, multivariate time series seem to be the appropriate model for this task. Time series help to achieve various objectives:

- **Descriptive Analysis:** determines trends and patterns of future using graphs and other tools.
- **Forecasting:** It is used extensively in financial, business forecasting based on historical trends and patterns.
- Explanative Analysis: to study cross-correlation/relationship between two time-series and their dependency on one another.

The biggest advantage of using time series analysis is that it can be used to understand the past as well as predict the future. And there are two types of time series: the multiplicative time series and the additive time series.

- In a multiplicative time series, the components multiply together to make the time series. If you have an increasing trend, the amplitude of seasonal activity increases. Everything becomes more exaggerated. This is common when youre looking at web traffic.
- In an additive time series, the components add together to make the time series. If you have an increasing trend, you still see roughly the same size peaks and troughs throughout the time series. This is often seen in indexed time series where the absolute value is growing but changes stay relative.

So we choose to build the Additive Time Serious Model (ATSM). Here is the reason

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3.2 ARIMA model

In statistics and econometrics, and in particular in time series analysis, an autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) model is a generalization of an autoregressive moving average (ARMA) model. Both of these models are fitted to time series data either to better understand the data or to predict future points in the series (forecasting). ARIMA models are applied in some cases where data show evidence of non-stationarity, where an initial differencing step (corresponding to the "integrated" part of the model) can be applied one or more times to eliminate the non-stationarity.

The AR part of ARIMA indicates that the evolving variable of interest is regressed on its own lagged (i.e., prior) values. The MA part indicates that the regression error is actually a linear combination of error terms whose values occurred contemporaneously and at various times in the past. The I (for "integrated") indicates that the data values have been replaced with the difference between their values and the previous values (and this differencing process may have been performed more than once). The purpose of each of these features is to make the model fit the data as well as possible.

3.3 Gause-Lotka-VolterraModel

4 Data Processing

4.1 Data Analysis

All fruit selling data are limited as two comma separated value files, hence all the following analyses are based on that two files.

The first file contains all purchasing records between the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018, whereas 81445 records in approximately 3 months. Each record has a unique number as a ticket bill, carrying its purchasing time, merchant ID, paying method and special bonus.

The second file contains all 182868 goods that matches the ticket bills above, carrying the good's primary kind, selling amount and the discount information.

First thing needs to be done would be making connections between the bills and the goods. Since the unique ID, we can find all goods purchased in a single bill. The final data would be fitted in the following structure:

4.2 Error Data Fix

Some of the purchasing method were mistagged or missed entirely. Those data are either moved in the correct type or in a special "unmarked" type.

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28221526017700008
2018-02-28 22:15:26
Cash
[0.982] Unit [Hainan Cherry Tomatoes] as
[Season Fruit], Origin price [12.90] Discount
Price [12.90]
False
Merchant 22

Table 2: The data example

Some fruit type are not marked correctly as so, and the similar solution is made, too.

Because of the binary stored float numbers can't be exact, all current numbers (the origin price, discount price, special bonus) are all truncated to 2 digits after the decimal dots.

5 Model Extension and Simulation Analysis

5.1 Problem 1

5.1.1 Sensitivity Analysis

6 Strengths and weaknesses

7 Conclusion

7.1 Strengths

• Applies widely

This system can be used for many types of airplanes, and it also solves the interference during the procedure of the boarding airplane, as described above we can get to the optimization boarding time. We also know that all the service is automate.

• Improve the quality of the airport service

Balancing the cost of the cost and the benefit, it will bring in more convenient for airport and passengers. It also saves many human resources for the airline. [1]

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7.2 Weaknesses

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[2] http://www.latexstudio.net/
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[3] http://www.chinatex.org/

Appendices

Appendix A First appendix

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Here are simulation programmes we used in our model as follow.

Appendix B Second appendix