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Configuration Manual of Sales Prediction for Small Medium Enterprises Using Machine Learning

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1 Introduction

The prerequisites required for performing our research smoothly will all be explained in this document. This configuration manual document will not only explain all the software as well as hardware tools used but also will talk in detail about all the steps taken for completion of our research of sales prediction for small medium enterprises using machine learning.

2 System Configuration

The software and hardware tools used to perform this research are listed below.

2.1 Hardware Configuration

Device specifications			
Device name	LAPTOP-BNIMR0OA		
Processor	11th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-1165G7 @ 2.80GHz 2.80 GHz		
Installed RAM	16.0 GB (15.7 GB usable)		
Device ID	4072D7A1-7F12-4BAE-8BDD-C93DD8454D1D		
Product ID	00342-42604-77317-AAOEM		
System type	64-bit operating system, x64-based processor		
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Fig 1:- Hardware specification

• Fig 1 showcases the device specification where we see the 11th gen i7 processor, the system contains 16 GB of RAM and 500 GB of SSD memory.

2.2 Sofware Configuration

• Fig 2 Showcases the OS build number and the operating system version which is 22H2

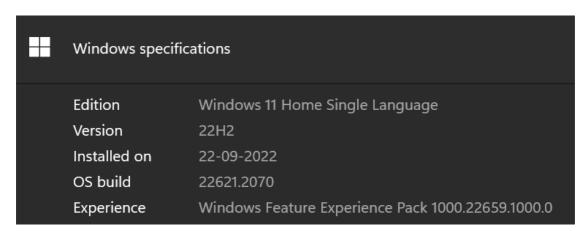


Fig 2. System OS specification

• Python version

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22621.2070]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\yshai>python
Python 3.11.2 (tags/v3.11.2:878ead1, Feb 7 2023, 16:38:35) [MSC v.1934 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

>>> |
```

Fig 3 :- Python Version

• MS Excel

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Fig 4:- MS Excel Version

Google Colab

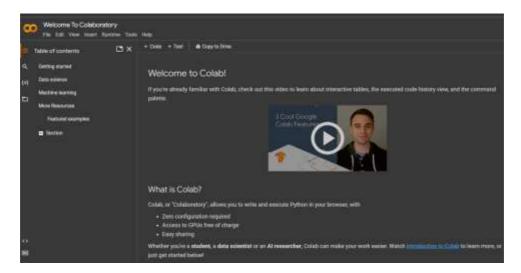


Fig 5:- Google Colab Configuration

3 Implementations and Results

3.1 Dataset

- Both the datasets are being downloaded from Kaggle
- Kaggle is an online website where publicly free datasets are available

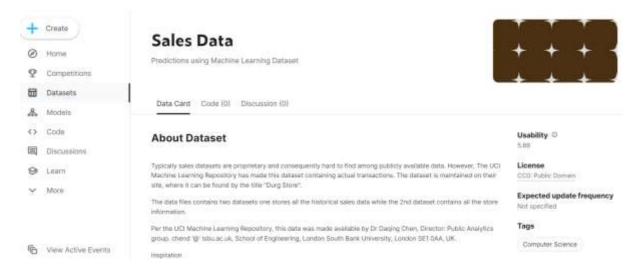


Fig 6:- Medium Enterprises Dataset

The medium enterprises dataset is huge and sales_df contains 1017208 rows and 9 columns and store_df contains 1116 rows and 10 columns

Small Enterprises Dataset which was taken from Kaggle

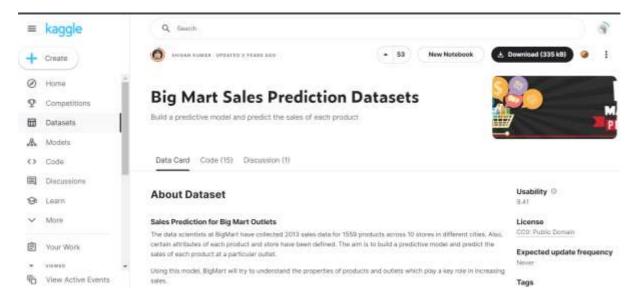


Fig 7:- Small Enterprises Dataset

The small Enterprises Dataset Contains train data of 8523 rows and test data of 5681 rows, the train data set has both input and output variable.

3.2 Installing Required Packages

• Importing all then required packages required for the research

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
from datetime import datetime
import seaborn as sns
import plotly.express as px
import pandas as pd
import ast
import math
import random
from scipy.stats import skew
from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression, Ridge, Lasso, ElasticNet
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
import xgboost as xgb
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
```

Fig 8:- Python Packages to be installed and imported

3.3 Dataset loading on Google Colab



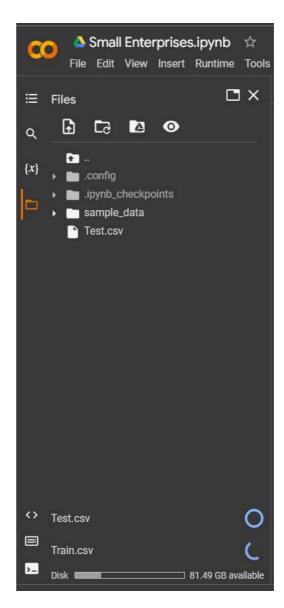


Fig 9:- Uploading the Medium enterprises dataset on Google Colab

Fig 9.(a):- Uploading the Small Enterprises Data

- The dataset are downloaded from Kaggle and now the dataset are been uploaded into Google colab.
- We can see in Fig 9 that store.csv has been uploaded completely whereas SME Stores Data.csv is still being uploaded.
- In Fig 9(a) we see that both the test.csv and train.csv are been uploaded into Google Colab database.

3.4 Loading the Dataset

```
Dataset Loading

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Fig 10:- Dataset loading for Medium Enterprises

```
#SmallEnt Data
database = "/content/Train.cov"
sales_of -pd.read_csv(database)
# Store data
database = "/content/Test.csv"
store_of -pd.read_csv(database)
```

Fig 11:- Dataset loading for Small Medium Enterprises

• Fig 10 and 11 shows the data being imported into google colab for our research

3.5 Data Pre-Processing

Checking Null Values

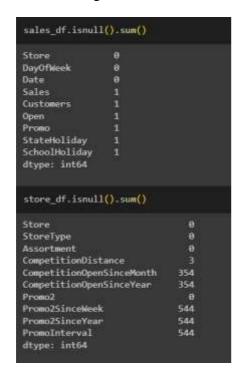




Fig 12:- Cleaning null values in Medium Enterprises dataset

- We can see that in sales_df there are 6 rows having null values and in store_df 5 rows are having null values so we clean this null values show in fig 12
- Null values in small Enterprises Dataset

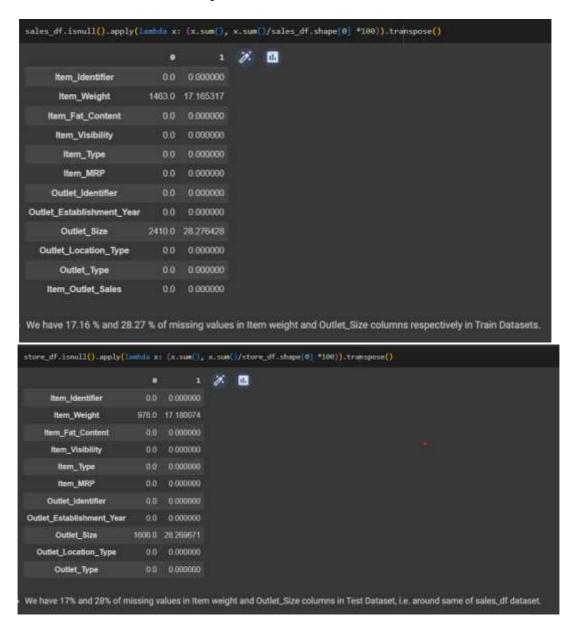


Fig 13:- Null Values in Small Enterprises Dataset

• Checking Datatypes



sales_df.dtypes	
Item_Identifier Item_Weight Item_Fat_Content Item_Visibility Item_Type Item_MRP Outlet_Identifier Outlet_Establishment_Year Outlet_Size Outlet_Location_Type Outlet_Type Item_Outlet_Sales dtype: object	object float64 object float64 object int64 object object object object
store_df.dtypes	
Item_Identifier Item_Weight Item_Fat_Content Item_Visibility Item_Type Item_MRP Outlet_Identifier Outlet_Establishment_Year Outlet_Size Outlet_Location_Type Outlet_Type dtype: object	object float64 object float64 object float64 object int64 object object

Fig 14:- Datatypes of both SME

• Replacing Null values with 0 in Medium enterprises

```
# STORE DATASET FILL INTO NULL VALUES I.E 0
store_df['CompetitionDistance'] = store_df['CompetitionDistance'].fillna(0)
store_df['CompetitionOpenSinceMonth'] = store_df['CompetitionOpenSinceMonth'].fillna(0)
store_df['CompetitionOpenSinceYear'] = store_df['CompetitionOpenSinceYear'].fillna(0)
store_df['Promo2SinceWeek'] = store_df['Promo2SinceWeek'].fillna(0)
store_df['Promo2SinceYear'] = store_df['Promo2SinceYear'].fillna(0)
store_df['PromoInterval'] = store_df['PromoInterval'].fillna(0)
```

Fig 15:- Null replacment into 0

Checking Outliers in Small Enterprises

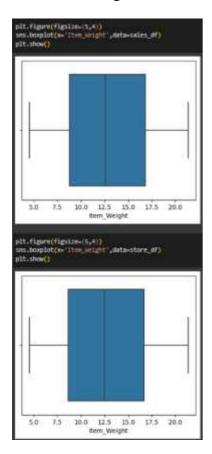


Fig 16: Checking outliers

- In fig 16 we can see that there are no outliers in the dataset
- Data Imputation in Small Enterprises Dataset

Fig 17: Data imputation in Outlet_Size column.

Data Merger of Medium Enterprises Dataset



Fig 18:- Data Merger

- Here we have merged both the dataset together and checked for any duplicat values which is found to be 0, so there are no duplicates value in the merged dataset.
- Changing the Datatypes

```
#Change data types object to int
                                                                                final1.info()
final1.loc[final1['StateHoliday'] == '0', 'StateHoliday'] = 0
final1.loc[final1['StateHoliday'] == 'a', 'StateHoliday'] = 1
                                                                                (class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame')
                                                                                Int64Index: 1017209 entries, 0 to 1017208
final1.loc[final1['StateHoliday'] == 'b', 'StateHoliday'] = 2
                                                                                Data columns (total 18 columns):
final1.loc[final1['StateHoliday'] == 'c', 'StateHoliday'] = 3
                                                                                                                    Non-Null Count
                                                                                     Column
                                                                                                                                        Dtype
final1['StateHoliday'] = final1['StateHoliday'].astype(int, copy=False)
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null
                                                                                     DayOfWeek
                                                                                                                    1817289 non-null
                                                                                     Date
                                                                                                                                        object
                                                                                     Sales
                                                                                                                                        int64
final1.loc[final1['Assortment'] == 'a', 'Assortment'] = \theta
                                                                                     Customers
                                                                                                                    1817289 non-mull
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                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null
                                                                                     Open
final1.loc[final1['Assortment'] == 'b', 'Assortment'] = 1
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null
                                                                                                                                        int64
final1.loc[final1['Assortment'] == 'c', 'Assortment'] = 2
                                                                                     StateHoliday
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null
                                                                                                                                        int64
                                                                                     SchoolHoliday
final1['Assortment'] = final1['Assortment'].astype(int, copy=False)
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null
                                                                                     Assortment
                                                                                     CompetitionDistance
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null
                                                                                                                                        float64
                                                                                 12 CompetitionOpenSinceMonth 1817289 non-null float64
# change Data Types object into int
final1.loc[final1['StoreType'] == 'a', 'StoreType'] = 0 final1.loc[final1['StoreType'] == 'b', 'StoreType'] = 1
                                                                                 13 CompetitionOpenSinceYear
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null float64
                                                                                                                    1817289 non-null
                                                                                    Promo2SinceWeek
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null
                                                                                                                                        float64
final1.loc[final1['StoreType'] == 'c', 'StoreType'] = 2
                                                                                 16 Promo2SinceYear
                                                                                                                                        float64
final1.loc[final1['StoreType'] == 'd', 'StoreType'] = 3
                                                                                 17 PromoInterval
                                                                                                                    1017209 non-null object
                                                                                dtypes: float64(5), int64(11), object(2)
#store the value with same column name i.e Assortment with function astype
                                                                                   mory usage: 147.5+ MB
final1['StoreType'] = final1['StoreType'].astype(int, copy=False)
```

Fig 19:- Datatypes Changes

• Here in Fig 19 we see that the merged dataset is being checked and object datatypes are converted into int.

• Data Transformation

```
final1['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(final1['Date'], format= '%d-%m-%Y')
final1['CompetitionOpenSinceMonth'] = pd.DatetimeIndex(final1['Date']).month
final1['CompetitionOpenSinceYear']= final1['CompetitionOpenSinceYear'].astype(int)
final1['Promo2SinceYear']= final1['Promo2SinceYear'].astype(int)
# code for change float into integer
final1['CompetitionDistance']= final1['CompetitionDistance'].astype(int)
final1['Promo2SinceWeek']= final1['Promo2SinceWeek'].astype(int)
final1.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 1017209 entries, 0 to 1017208
Data columns (total 18 columns):
     Column
                                       Non-Null Count
                                       1017209 non-null int64
     Store
     DayOfWeek
                                       1017209 non-null int64
                                      1017209 non-null datetime64[ns]
     Date
                                      1017209 non-null
                                     1017209 non-null int64
     Customers
                                     1017209 non-null int64
1017209 non-null int64
     Open
     Promo
                                     1017209 non-null int64
1017209 non-null int64
1017209 non-null int64
     StateHoliday
     SchoolHoliday
     StoreType
10 Assortment
11 CompetitionDistance
                                      1017209 non-null
                                                             int64
                                       1017209 non-null
                                                             int64
 12 CompetitionOpenSinceMonth 1017209 non-null
                                                             int64
```

Fig 20:- Data transformation

• Here in fig 20, we see all the float vales are converted into int64 and date object is also been converted into datetime format.

• Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) for Medium Enterprises Dataset

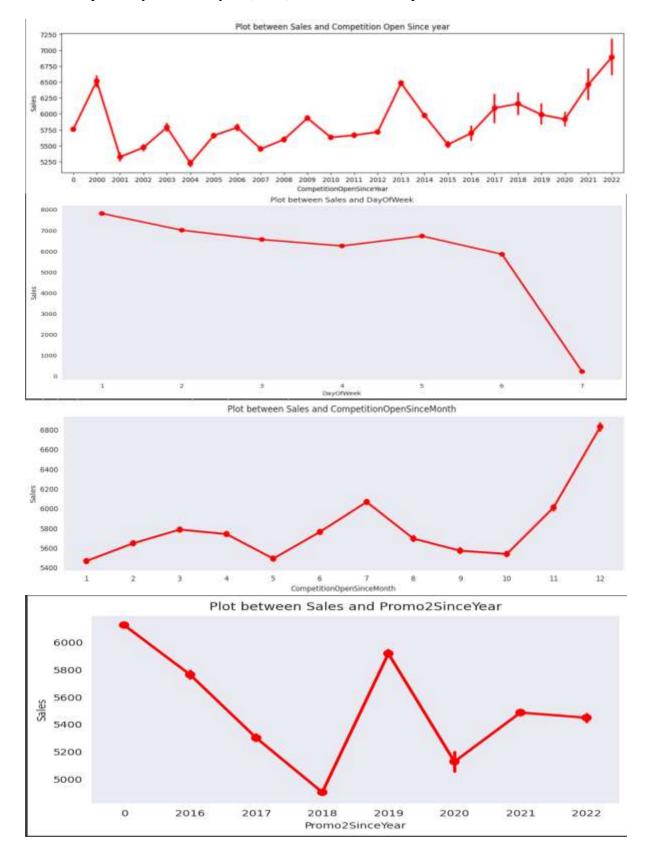


Fig 21:- EDA of Medium Enterprises Dataset

EDA for Small Enterprise Dataset

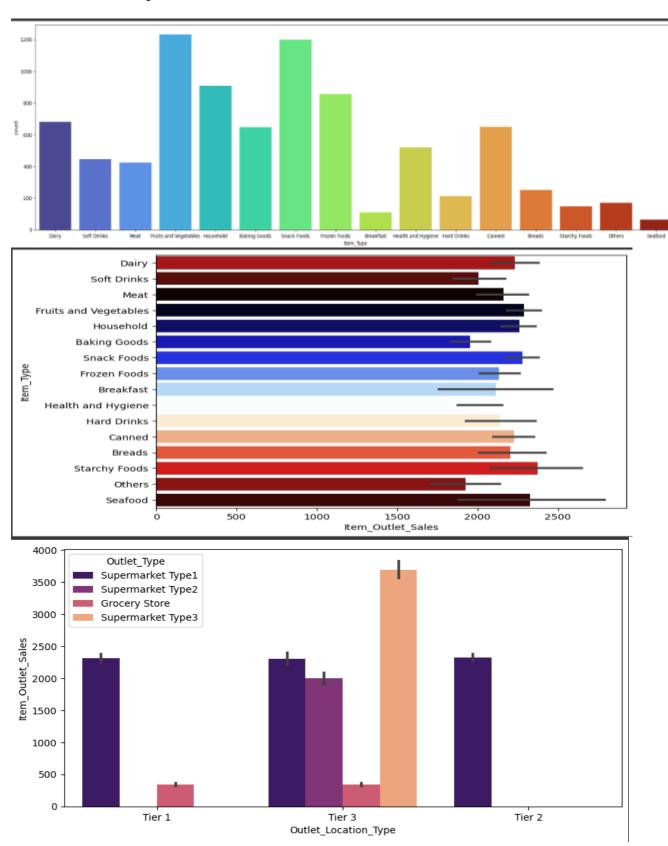


Fig 22: EDA of Small Enterprise Dataset

• Feature Selection

```
from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
def calc_vif(X):

    # Calculating VIF
    vif = pd.DataFrame()
    vif("variables") = X.columns
    vif("VIF") = [variance_inflation_factor(X.values, i) for i in range(X.shape(1))]
    return(vif)

[ ] calc_vif(finali[[i for i in finali.describe().columns if i not in ['Sales']]])
```

Fig 23:- Multicollinearity

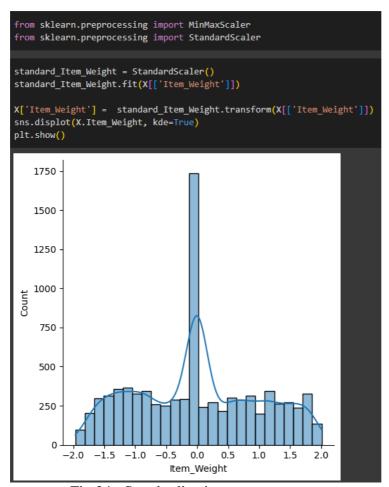


Fig 24: Standardization

Model Building

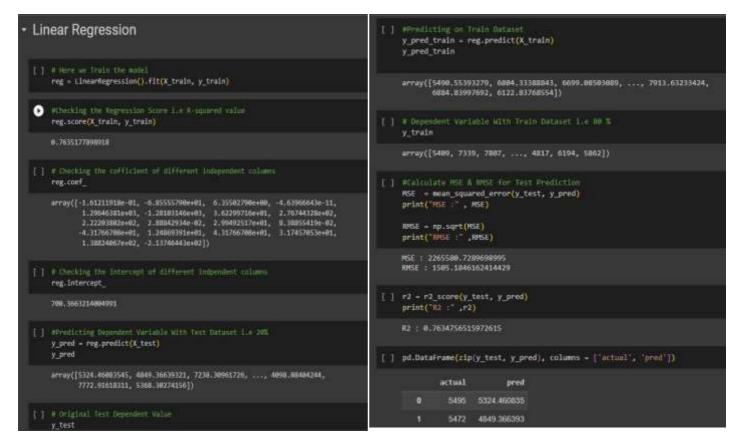


Fig 25 :- Linear Regression on Medium Enterprises data without 0

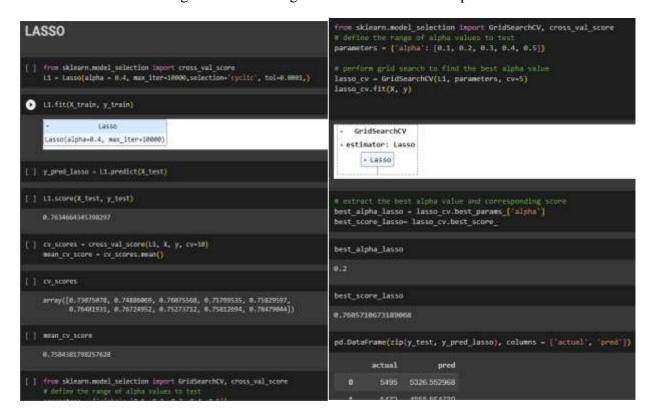


Fig 26:- Lasso Regression on Medium enterprises data without 0

```
Decision Tree
[ ] sales_mean=final1[dependent_variables].mean()
[ ] sales_mean
    5773.822502553556
[ ] sales_mean_new=new_df[dependent_variables].mean()
[ ] sales_mean_new
    6955.518543520071
[ ] decision_tree=DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=5)
    decision_tree.fit(X_train, y_train)
    y_pred_dt = decision_tree.predict(X_test)
    y_train_dt = decision_tree.predict(X_train)
    #print('dt_regressor R^2: ', r2(v_test,v_pred))
    MSE = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_dt)
    print("MSE :" , MSE)
    RMSE = np.sqrt(MSE)
    print("RMSE :" ,RMSE)
    RMPSE=RMSE/sales_mean_new
    print("RMPSE :",RMPSE)
    r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_dt)
    print("R2 :" ,r2)
    MSE : 2006720.4154441394
    RMSE: 1416.5875954010537
```

Fig 27: Decision Tree on Medium Dataset without 0

Fig 28: Linear Regression on Whole Dataset of Medium Enterprises

```
decision_tree=DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=5)
decision_tree.fit(U_train, v_train)
v_pred_dt = decision_tree.predict(U_test)
v_train_dt = decision_tree.predict(U_train)
#print('dt_regressor R^2: ', r2(v_test,v_pred))
MSE = mean_squared_error(v_test, v_pred_dt)
print("MSE :" , MSE)
RMSE = np.sqrt(MSE)
print("RMSE : ,RMSE)
RMPSE=RMSE/sales_mean
print("RMPSE :",RMPSE)
r2 = r2_score(v_test, v_pred_dt)
print("R2 :" ,r2)
MSE: 1938824.9966190814
RMSE: 1392.4169621988528
RMPSE : 0.2411603338313633
R2: 0.8687929764541089
decisiontree_Dataframe = pd.DataFrame(zip(v_test, v_pred_dt), columns = ['actual', 'pred'])
decisiontree_Dataframe
        actual
                       pred
          7285 6405.437098
          6221 10731.782531
   2
          8132 9096.412211
         20916 11835.129880
          5472 5476.684725
```

Fig 29:- Decision Tree on whole Dataset of Medium Enterprise

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Fig 30: Random Forest Regression on Whole dataset

```
XGBBoost
[ ] import xgboost as xgb
    xgboost = xgb.XGBRegressor(n_estimators=500, max_depth=8, n_jobs=2)
    xgboost.fit(U_train, v_train)
    v_pred_xgb = xgboost.predict(U_test)
    MSE = mean_squared_error(v_test, v_pred_xgb)
    print("MSE :", MSE)
    RMSE = np.sqrt(MSE)
    print("RMSE :", RMSE)
    RMPSE = RMSE/sales_mean
    print("RMPSE :", RMPSE)
    r2 = r2_score(v_test, v_pred_xgb)
    print("R2 :", r2)
    MSE: 177443.19553202452
    RMSE: 421.24006876367366
    RMPSE : 0.07289620557639033
    R2: 0.9879918024706577
```

Fig 31: XGBoost regression on Medium Enterprise Dataset

```
Linear Regression

[1] def score(model, X-X, y-y):
    print("Average R2 Score : 0.48251599390554)

Average Rost Man Square Error: 125,8561623734372

[2] def score(model, X-X, y-y):
    print("Average R2 Score : 0.48251599390554)

[3] from yellowbrick.regressor impurt prediction error

[4] from yellowbrick.regressor impurt prediction error

[5] from yellowbrick.regressor impurt ResidualsPlot
    def residuals_plot(model, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test):
        visualizer - ResidualsPlot(model)
        visualizer - ResidualsPl
```

Fig 32: Linear Regression on Small Enterprise Dataset

```
Lasso Regression
[] from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso
    from yellowbrick.regressor import ManualAlphaSelection
    alphas = np.logspace(0, 0.35, 50)
    visualizer = ManualAlphaSelection(
        Lasso(positive=True),
        alphas=alphas,
        scoring="r2"
    visualizer.fit(X, y)
    visualizer.show()
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
ls = Lasso(alpha=1.58, positive=True)
ls.fit(X,y)
score(1s)
Average R2 Score : 0.4825553592709074
Average Root Mean Square Error: -1225.848966067305
```

Fig 33: Lasso Regression on Small Enterprise Dataset

```
from yellowbrick.model_selection import ValidationCurve
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
viz = ValidationCurve(
   RandomForestRegressor(), param_name="max_depth",
   param_range=np.arange(1, 20), cv=5, scoring="r2"
viz.fit(X, y)
viz.show()
viz = ValidationCurve(
    RandomForestRegressor(), param_name="max_depth",
    param_range=np.arange(1, 8), cv=5, scoring="r2"
viz.fit(X, y)
viz.show()
rfr = RandomForestRegressor(max_depth=5, random_state=5)
rfr.fit(X,y)
score(rfr)
Average R2 Score : 0.595680819809614
Average Root Mean Square Error : -1082.8528603821146
```

Fig 34: Random Forest Regression on Small Enterprise Dataset

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