Forecasting Hotel Daily Demand using SARIMA, ANN and LSTM Approaches

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ABSTRACT

Hotel demand forecasting is one of the key points in hotel management as it is used to

predict the daily total number of guests as well as correctly establish the suitable room

prices, thus potentially help the hotel to maximize the revenue. This study aims to

forecast hotel daily demand using SARIMA, ANN and LSTM. The dataset is

addressed as univariate data where the total number of stays per night is considered as

the variable. With two categories of hotel (resort and city hotel) which behaves

differently, it was observed that the data pattern also contributes to the performance of

SARIMA, ANN and LSTM. In a data with larger variability, the forecast of SARIMA

tends to get less accurate whereas ANN and LSTM prove to be reliable and do not

degrade significantly. In this study, ANN was able to reach a similar result to LSTM

through longer training process. It is notable that performing these approaches in

different datasets and contrasting conditions such as addressing it as multivariate data

may generate contrasting analysis and insights.