Dynamic Relationship Analysis and Decision Optimization of Key System Factors Based on LSTM Model

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Abstract. Within the setting of a vegetable laboratory,the short shelf life of vegetable samples poses a challenge as their quality tends to deteriorate rapidly. This study delves into the relationship between the usage of various vegetable categories and individual samples with time, as well as the interdependence among different projects, using descriptive statistical analysis and correlation coefficient matrix calculations. To more accurately predict the overall usage of vegetable samples in various categories for the upcoming seven days, an advanced Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model is introduced. This deep learning algorithm successfully captures the dynamic trends in sample usage through the learning of time-series data, providing a robust predictive tool for laboratory management.Considering laboratory requirements, the total number of different vegetable categories, and the usage of samples in each category, the focus of the study shifts from vegetable categories to individual items. In order to determine the precise replenishment quantity of experimental materials for July 1st, a genetic algorithm model is employed. This unique model design, achieved through the continuous evolution of populations, identifies the optimal solution that best fits the experimental conditions. Such a distinctive modeling approach enables laboratory managers to plan laboratory resources more effectively, ensuring optimal experimental outcomes throughout the process.

Keywords: LSTM model, genetic algorithm, optimization model, statistical analysis.

1. Introduction

In the vegetable laboratory setting, we encounter challenges such as the short shelf life and quality degradation of vegetable samples. Therefore, it is necessary to update experimental samples daily based on historical experimental data and research needs[1]. The smooth progress of experiments crucially depends on the scientifically justified supplementation of experimental materials and experimental design.

In vegetable experiments, the usage quantity of samples is usually related to time, and due to the limited space in the laboratory, we need to cleverly select experimental combinations, especially during the period from April to October when the variety of vegetable supplies is relatively abundant. The vegetable laboratory faces multiple challenges, including short shelf life, deterioration of sample quality, and fluctuations in experimental requirements. Therefore, a careful analysis of research needs is essential to ensure that the laboratory can fully meet research objectives. The goal of this study is to address these issues by establishing mathematical models.

Firstly, we will delve into the relationship and distribution patterns between the categories of vegetable samples and the usage quantity of individual experimental samples[2]. Next, on a category basis, we will analyze the overall usage quantity of categories and use an LSTM model to predict the overall experimental usage quantity for the next week, maximizing the utilization of laboratory resources. Meanwhile, while meeting research needs, ensuring that the total number of available experimental sample categories is controlled between 27-33, and the usage quantity of various experimental samples meets the condition of a minimum usage of 2.5 kilograms, we will use a genetic algorithm model based on the recent week's experimental material inventory to provide the amount of experimental material replenishment for the next day, further maximizing the utilization of laboratory resources. Finally, in formulating optimal experimental design strategies, the laboratory needs to fully consider other relevant data. This data is crucial for the development of research designs and experimental material replenishment strategies. We will propose related recommendations and justifications based on this data to support the laboratory's research work.

2. The distribution patterns of usage for various categories and individual items of vegetable samples

First, the total usage for each category and individual item of vegetable samples was calculated separately. To observe the distribution patterns, this study generated bar charts illustrating the usage quantities for various categories and individual items of vegetables. The results are as follows:

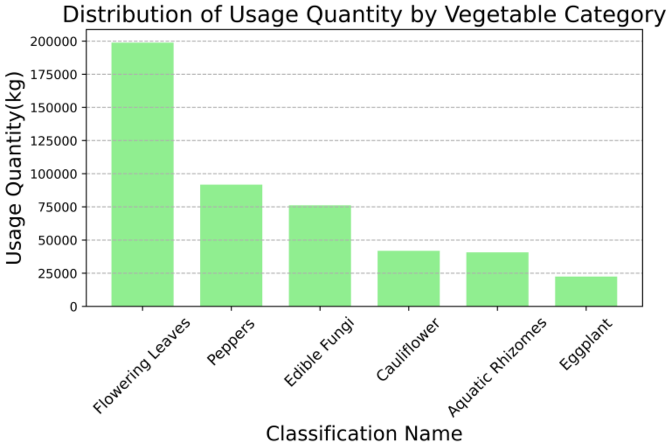

Fig. 1 The total past sales of each category of vegetables

According to Fig 1, it can be observed that the usage quantity of leafy vegetables is the highest, followed by chili peppers and edible fungi. The usage quantities of cauliflower and aquatic root vegetables are nearly identical, while tomatoes have the lowest usage quantity.

Below, on a seasonal basis, the usage quantities of various categories of vegetable samples are calculated, as shown in Fig 2.

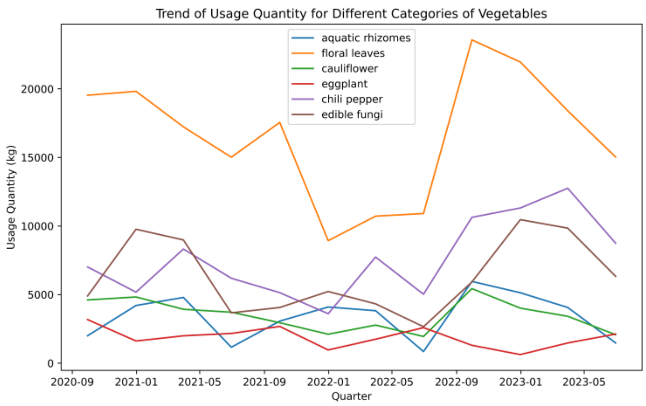

Fig. 2 Line Chart of Quarterly Sales Volume for Each Category of Vegetables

From Fig 2, it can be observed that the usage quantities of various categories of vegetable samples show a clear seasonal trend. The peak usage period for leafy vegetables often occurs in the autumn, while the usage quantities of cauliflower and tomatoes remain relatively stable. The peak usage period for chili peppers is in the autumn, and for edible fungi, it occurs in the spring. Therefore, for supermarkets to better formulate decisions regarding the replenishment of vegetable samples, they should take into full consideration the impact caused by seasonal variations.

Next, the usage quantities of the top ten individual vegetable items were compiled, and a bar chart was generated as shown in Fig 3.

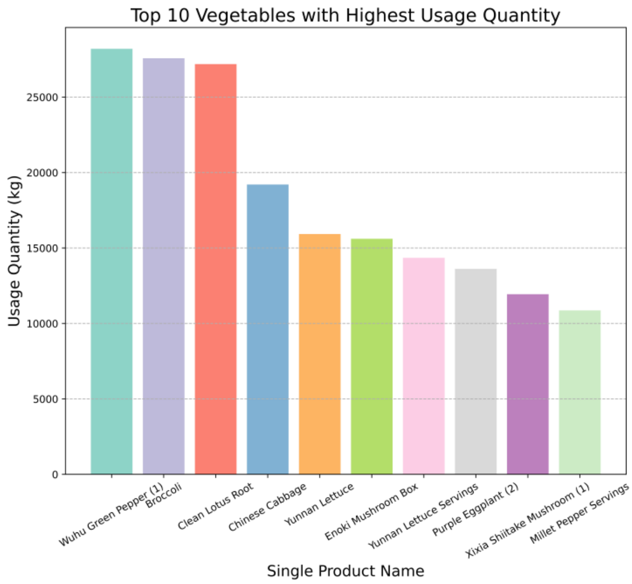

Fig. 3 The sales volume of the top ten vegetable items

In Fig 3, it is evident that the usage quantities of Wuhu green peppers, broccoli, and cleaned lotus roots are notably higher compared to other individual samples, making them particularly popular among researchers. When making decisions regarding material replenishment, it is advisable to consider increasing the replenishment quantities of these samples based on the actual circumstances.

Next, the usage quantities of the top ten individual samples were analyzed in relation to seasonal variations, and a line chart was created, as depicted in Fig 4.

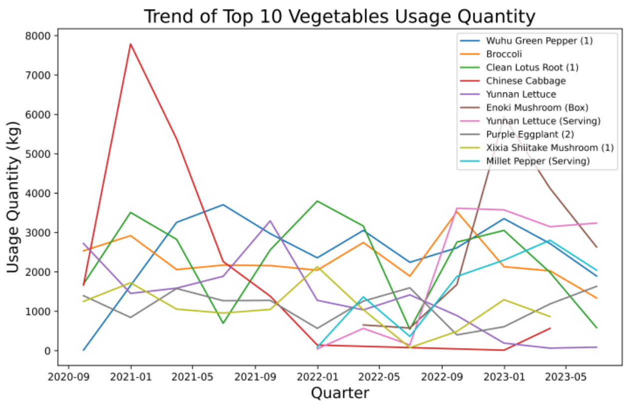

Fig. 4 Line Chart of Quarterly Sales Volume for the Top Ten Vegetable Items

From Fig 4, it can be observed that the usage quantities of individual vegetable samples exhibit more pronounced variations with the changing seasons. Usage quantities reach their peak during the maturity periods of these samples.

3. The mutual relationship of vegetable sample usage quantities across various categories and individual items of samples.

This experiment calculates the correlation coefficient matrix of the usage quantity of each category and individual item of vegetables using language functions, and then draws the correlation coefficient matrix diagram. The results are shown in Figs 5 and 6.

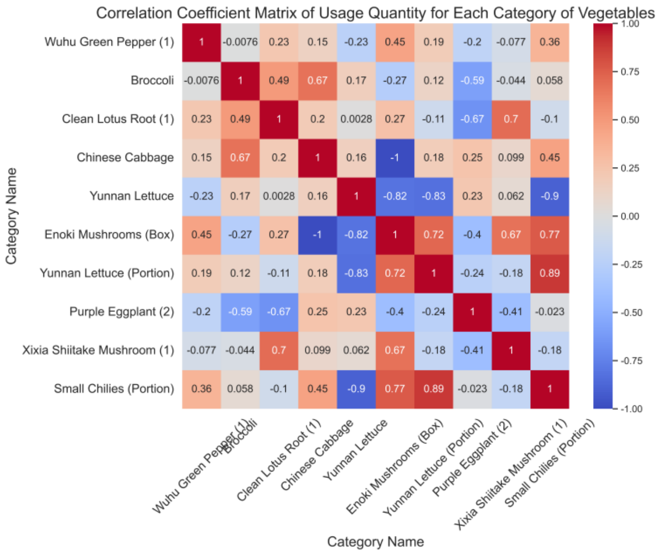

Fig. 5 Correlation Coefficient Matrix Diagram of Vegetable Categories

Fig 5 illustrates the correlation coefficient matrix depicting the relationships among the usage quantities of different categories of vegetable samples. The heatmap visually represents the strength of correlation between each pair of categories, with darker colors indicating higher correlation. A closer analysis of Fig 5 reveals notable correlations, particularly the strong associations between leafy vegetables and cauliflower, aquatic root vegetables and edible fungi, as well as tomatoes and aquatic root vegetables. These findings underscore the interconnectedness of usage patterns among specific categories of vegetable samples in the laboratory, providing valuable insights for resource allocation and experimental planning.

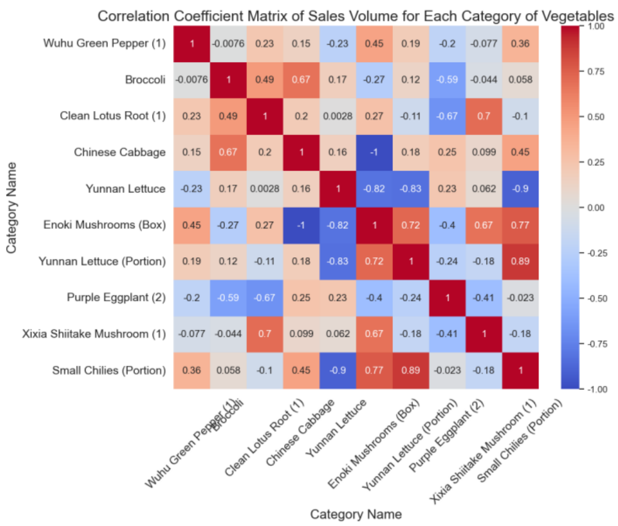

Fig. 6 Correlation Coefficient Matrix Diagram of the Top Ten Vegetable Items by Sales Volume

According to Fig 6, the following strong correlations are observed among the top ten vegetable items in terms of usage quantities:

Chinese cabbage and broccoli, enoki mushrooms (box) and Yunnan lettuce, Yunnan lettuce (portion) and Yunnan lettuce, Yunnan lettuce (portion) and enoki mushrooms (box), purple eggplant (2) and lotus root (1), Xixiang mushrooms (1) and lotus root (1), millet peppers (portion) and Yunnan lettuce, millet peppers (portion) and enoki mushrooms (box), millet peppers (portion) and Yunnan lettuce (portion).

4. The relationship between the overall usage quantity of various vegetable categories and their respective cost prices.

Due to the need to examine the relationship between the usage quantity and corresponding cost prices of vegetable category samples, this experiment requires calculating the daily usage quantity for each vegetable category sample, as well as the cost prices E_i of all individual items within that category. Therefore, we have:

$$E_i = \frac{x_i}{\sum x_i} \cdot P_i \tag{1}$$

To visualize the relationship between the usage quantity and cost prices of various vegetable categories more intuitively, the following graph is created:

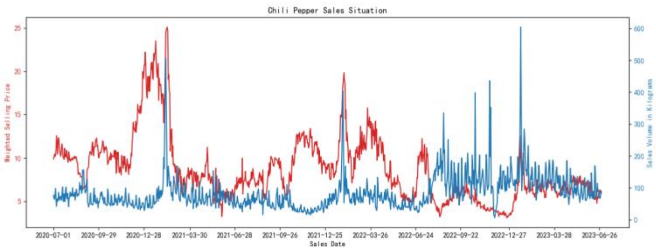

Fig. 7 Line Chart of Sales Volume and Pricing Over Time for Peppers

From Fig 7, it can be observed that during the Chinese New Year period each year, when the usage quantity increases, the cost prices also rise. At other times, the relationship between cost prices and usage quantity is inverse. The usage quantity and cost price relationships for the other five vegetable categories are similar.

4.1. Predicting the daily replenishment usage total strategy for each vegetable category in the coming week.

To forecast the daily replenishment usage total strategy for each vegetable category in the upcoming week, this experiment employs an LSTM model for time series prediction.Normalization: The MinMaxScaler is used to normalize the data, scaling it to the range [0,1]. This is because neural networks are sensitive to the range of input data, and normalization can help improve the training effect of the model.

$$x_i = \begin{cases} \frac{x_i - \min x_i}{\max x_i - \min x_i} \\ \frac{\max x_i - x_i}{\max x_i - \min x_i} \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

Where x_i represents the data of the i vegetable category, $\max x_i$ represents the maximum value of the data of the $i$vegetable category, and $\min x_i$ represents the minimum value of the data of the i vegetable category.

The create_sequences function transforms time series data into sequence data that is suitable for training an LSTM model. In the settings of this experiment, the length of each input sequence is 7, meaning that the data from the past 7 days is used to predict the sales volume for the next day.

4.2. Building an LSTM Model

The LSTM neural network is a special type of recurrent neural network (RNN) that is less susceptible to the issues of vanishing and exploding gradients. In comparison to regular RNNs, LSTM effectively filters essential features, allowing the retention of early information through the control of "gates." It exhibits superior performance in longer sequences, possessing enhanced feature storage capabilities and more accurate historical information retrieval advantages[3],The structure of the LSTM model is illustrated in Fig 8.

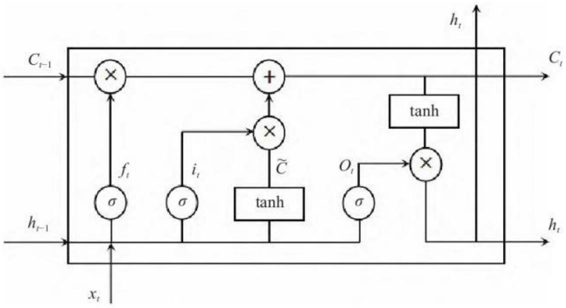

Fig. 8 Structure of LSTM model

Mathematical expression of the key component

Calculation of the forget gate:

$$f_t = \sigma(W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f) \tag{3}$$

Among these, f_t represents the output of the forget gate, σ is the activation function (typically the sigmoid function), W_f and b_f are the weights and biases of the forget gate, and $[h_{t-1}, x_t]$ is the concatenation of the previous time step's hidden state and the current time step's input.

Calculation of the Input Gate:

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i) \tag{4}$$

$$\widetilde{C_t} = \tanh\,(W_C \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_C) \tag{5}$$

Where i_t is the output of the input gate, $\widetilde{C_t}$ is the candidate value, σ is the sigmoid activation function, and W_i , W_C, b_i, b_C are the corresponding weights and biases.

Update of Cell State:

$$C_t = f_t \cdot C_{t-1} + i_t \cdot \widetilde{C_t} \tag{6}$$

Here, C_t represents the new cell state, and C_{t-1} represents the cell state from the previous time step.

Calculation of the Output Gate:

$$O_t = \sigma(W_o \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_o) \tag{7}$$

Here, O_t is the output of the output gate, σ is the sigmoid activation function, and W_o and b_o are the weights and biases of the output gate.

Calculation of the Hidden State:

$$h_t = O_t \cdot \tanh\,(C_t) \tag{8}$$

Here, h_t is the hidden state at the current time step.

The LSTM network controls the flow of information through these gating mechanisms, effectively capturing long-term dependencies in time series. This makes LSTM a powerful tool for handling time series data, especially in prediction and classification tasks.

Forward Propagation

During the forward propagation process, input data is passed through the LSTM layer. The LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) layer accepts input and updates its internal state, including the cell state (Cell State) and hidden state (Hidden State), through its unique gating mechanism. This intelligent gating system empowers the LSTM network with precise control over information flow, enabling selective capture and storage of crucial aspects of past information[4]. At the end of the sequence, we extract the hidden state from the LSTM layer, encapsulating key information learned throughout the entire sequence.

The gate mechanism of LSTM, achieved through input gates, forget gates, and output gates, allows for selective information updating. This design not only effectively addresses the challenges of vanishing and exploding gradients in traditional RNNs but also enables the LSTM network to better capture and leverage long-term dependencies within the data.

Loss Function and Optimizer

To measure the model's performance, we choose Mean Squared Error (MSE) as the loss function. MSE calculates the squared difference between the model's predicted values and actual sales values. The loss function value is used to evaluate the model's performance on the training data. To optimize model parameters, we employ the Adam optimizer. The Adam optimizer adjusts model parameters precisely based on the gradient of the loss function, minimizing the value of the loss function[5][6].

Our approach is inspired by advancements in LSTM-based time series forecasting models. Additionally, studies on neural network gate mechanisms have contributed significantly to the design and performance enhancement[3]. The effective use of LSTM networks in long-term dependencies modeling has also influenced our approach[5].

Predicting Future Data

After successfully training the LSTM model, we move to the stage of predicting future data. We extract a sequence of length 7 from the test data and use it as the initial input. This sequence, processed by the well-trained LSTM model, is utilized to predict sales for the next day. Initially, the predicted results are presented in a normalized form, within the [0,1] range. To obtain actual usage values, we perform reverse normalization. This entire process ensures that the LSTM model not only effectively captures temporal correlations within the data but also provides accurate predictions of future sales trends, offering robust support for business decisions.

Our research integrates insights from LSTM-based time series forecasting models. Additionally, studies on neural network gate mechanisms have contributed significantly to the design and performance enhancement. The effective use of LSTM networks in long-term dependencies modeling has also influenced our approach[7]. Optimizing neural network training through advanced loss functions has provided valuable considerations for our work[8].

4.3. Research Results and Discussion

Following the completion of model solving, we conducted an in-depth analysis and discussion of the research results. Here are key findings and observations:

(1) Effective Long-Term Dependency Modeling

The LSTM model effectively captures time dependencies in long sequences through its gating mechanism. We observed superior performance of the model compared to traditional RNNs, especially in handling extended time series. Further analysis of weights and gating mechanism activities revealed the model's inclination to retain information related to crucial events in long sequences.

(2) Performance Evaluation of the Loss Function

Using Mean Squared Error (MSE) as the loss function, the model demonstrated satisfactory results on both the training and test sets. Additionally, we explored the impact of different loss functions on model performance and conducted a time-sliced analysis to assess the model's predictive performance over different time intervals, further confirming the suitability of MSE for this task.

(3) Prediction of Future Sales Trends

The model successfully predicted future sales trends on the test set. By reverse normalizing the predicted results, we obtained actual sales values, providing robust support for business decisions. We discussed practical applications of the model in real business decision-making, emphasizing its potential value in supply chain management and inventory planning.

(4) Comparative Experiments and Sensitivity Analysis

We conducted comparative experiments with other time series models and performed sensitivity analysis to evaluate the model's response to parameter changes and noise. Through detailed comparative analysis, we verified the model's robustness and provided practical recommendations for adjusting model parameters.

Through these in-depth analyses and discussions, we not only validated the effectiveness of the LSTM model in handling time series data but also provided a deeper understanding and guidance for further optimization and application of the model. Such research results are not only insightful for the academic community but also offer practical solutions for industry applications.

5. Other Suggestions and Analysis

When the vegetable laboratory is dedicated to improving the replenishment decisions for vegetable samples, there are also some additional recommendations and analyses to be considered:

5.1. Recommendations for Data Monitoring and Recording

In establishing a robust data monitoring and recording system, the multidimensional features of vegetable sample growth should be considered. Utilizing advanced sensing technologies, such as wireless sensor networks, can enable real-time monitoring of environmental parameters like soil temperature, humidity, and light conditions, providing a comprehensive and accurate foundation for data collection. Additionally, incorporating Internet of Things (IoT) technology facilitates efficient connectivity between sensors and LSTM models for real-time data transmission and analysis.

Furthermore, it is advisable to integrate image recognition technology into the data monitoring system. High-resolution images, captured through computer vision algorithms, can intricately capture the growth status of each vegetable sample, including leaf quality and morphological structures. Such image data enriches the inputs for LSTM models, enhancing the accuracy of growth state predictions.

In system design, emphasis should be placed on scalability and intelligence. Adaptive learning algorithms can continuously optimize data collection strategies to adapt to the varied growth characteristics of different vegetable varieties. User-friendly interfaces should be prioritized to provide laboratory researchers with an intuitive and easy-to-use platform for data analysis and interpretation.

5.2. Enhanced Quality Control Recommendations

Strengthening quality control procedures involves delving into the genetic information of vegetable samples, beyond monitoring the growth environment. High-throughput sequencing technologies allow laboratories to understand the genetic background of vegetable samples at the molecular level, analyzing gene expression and function. Deep exploration of genetic information facilitates a better understanding of adaptability and resistance, providing more options and improvement suggestions for experiments.

Including the monitoring of biomarkers in quality control provides a more comprehensive assessment of the health status of vegetable samples. By monitoring plant metabolites, enzyme activities, and other indicators, laboratories can detect plant growth abnormalities early on, enabling timely adjustments to experimental conditions and improving experiment controllability.

Additionally, collaboration with relevant research institutions is recommended to advance genetic modification and optimization of vegetable samples. Sharing data and technological resources can expedite genetic research, offering forward-looking genetic information support for experiments.

5.3. Flexibility Recommendations for Replenishment Strategies

To maintain flexibility in replenishment strategies, laboratories are advised to employ advanced intelligent decision-making systems. Integrating machine learning and data mining technologies, such systems continuously learn and adapt to the growth characteristics of vegetable samples, achieving more precise replenishment decisions.

In terms of system architecture, adopting distributed computing and cloud services is recommended to enhance system computing power and response speed. Such systems can handle large volumes of real-time data, promptly detecting anomalies in vegetable sample growth and providing personalized replenishment recommendations.

To achieve a higher level of flexibility, combining LSTM models with reinforcement learning algorithms is recommended. By incorporating the meta-learning ability of reinforcement learning, the system can continuously optimize replenishment strategies, better adapting to the complex dynamic processes of vegetable sample growth.

5.4. Management Recommendations for Partnership Relationships

To better manage relationships with suppliers, laboratories are recommended to adopt blockchain technology. Establishing a blockchain-based supply chain management system ensures the immutability and transparency of supply chain information, enhancing trust and reducing information asymmetry between the laboratory and suppliers.

In partner meetings, introducing data-driven decision-making methods is advisable. By sharing market data, sales trends, and vegetable sample demand information, both parties can more accurately formulate replenishment plans, jointly addressing market changes.

5.5. Recommendations for Regular Maintenance and Equipment Inspection

To conduct more comprehensive equipment maintenance and inspections, laboratories can adopt a predictive maintenance strategy. By introducing advanced machine learning algorithms to analyze equipment operating data and historical maintenance records, the laboratory can predict potential equipment failures and take proactive maintenance measures to reduce equipment downtime.

It is recommended to incorporate remote monitoring and automation technologies into equipment inspections. Through remote monitoring, the laboratory can real-time monitor the operating status of equipment and promptly identify anomalies. Automation technology can be used for equipment inspections and maintenance processes, improving efficiency and reducing the burden of manual work.

Additionally, it is advisable for the laboratory to establish a knowledge base for equipment maintenance, recording the maintenance history, common faults, and solutions. Such a knowledge base can serve as a reference for equipment operators, enhancing maintenance efficiency, and reducing the risk of maintenance errors.

5.6. Overall Recommendations

Taking into consideration the aforementioned suggestions, laboratories can establish a comprehensive, intelligent vegetable sample management system. This system should not only encompass aspects such as data monitoring, quality control, replenishment strategies, and equipment maintenance but also integrate these pieces of information into a closed-loop ecosystem[9].

In the system design, it is recommended to introduce edge computing technology to make data processing more distributed and efficient. Preliminary data processing and analysis at the sensor end can reduce the burden on central servers and improve the real-time nature of the data. Additionally, to ensure data security, advanced encryption technology and permission management mechanisms are suggested.

To achieve the sustainable development of the system, it is recommended for the laboratory to integrate research and development with talent cultivation[10]. Cultivating a team with comprehensive capabilities in data analysis, machine learning, and decision science will provide a solid foundation for the long-term development of the laboratory's vegetable sample management system.

In summary, by fully integrating modern technological means, the laboratory can establish a highly intelligent, sustainable vegetable sample management system. This not only enhances the scientific and practical aspects of experiments but also lays a solid foundation for innovation in the field of vegetable research in the future.

6. Conclusion

The study uses the LSTM model to predict the daily This study aims to accurately predict the daily replenishment quantities of various vegetables for the next week using the Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model. To enhance the stability and learning effectiveness of the model, we initially applied MinMaxScaler to normalize the data and then transformed the time series data into sequences suitable for LSTM model training. In the construction of the LSTM model, we elaborately defined mathematical expressions for the forget gate, input gate, cell state, output gate, and hidden state. These components, through gate mechanisms, precisely control the flow of information, enabling the LSTM to efficiently capture long-term dependencies in time series.

In the forward propagation phase, input data first passes through the LSTM layer, which updates internal states, including cell state and hidden state, based on internal gate mechanisms that store crucial representations of past information. At the last time step of the sequence, we extract the hidden state of the LSTM layer, containing key information learned by the model throughout the sequence. Subsequently, this hidden state serves as the input to a fully connected layer, undergoes linear transformation through weight matrices and biases, ultimately generating the model's output.

For model training, we chose mean squared error (MSE) as the loss function and utilized the Adam optimizer to update the model's weights and biases, minimizing the loss function value. In predicting future data, we employed the trained LSTM model, using a sequence of length 7 from the test data as the initial input. Leveraging learned information and gate mechanisms, the model effectively predicts the sales volume for future time steps. It is important to note that the predicted results are normalized values within the [0,1] range, requiring a denormalization step to obtain actual usage values.

Overall, this study successfully applied the LSTM model to predict the daily replenishment quantities of various vegetables, leveraging the advantages of LSTM in handling time series data, capturing long-term dependencies, and flexibly adjusting to complexity. This approach demonstrates efficient and effective characteristics in terms of prediction accuracy and practical application. Future research directions may include further optimizing the model structure, adjusting hyperparameters, and exploring the application of other deep learning models to enhance prediction accuracy and expand the model's applicability.

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