

GT SPORTS INNOVATION HACKATHON 2020

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MOTIVATION



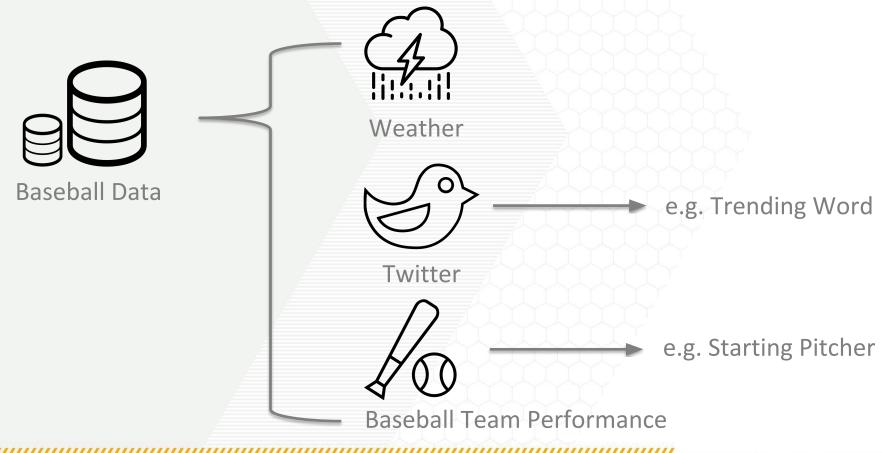
- Better knowing demand for seats to upcoming games can help teams plan and price ticket sales and manage inventory to better accommodate the needs of fans and maximize revenue opportunity
- The question is:

What conditions are correlated with increases or decreases in game attendance?

OUR SOLUTION



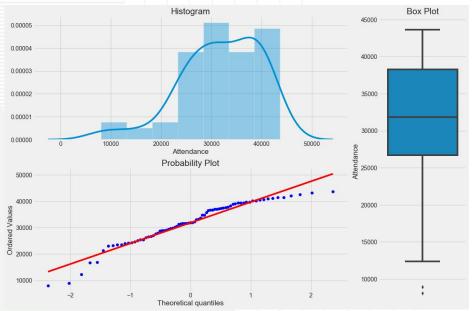
We collect a variety of baseball-related data:



DATA PREPROCESSING

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- Clean data
- Data transformation
- Data Analysis:



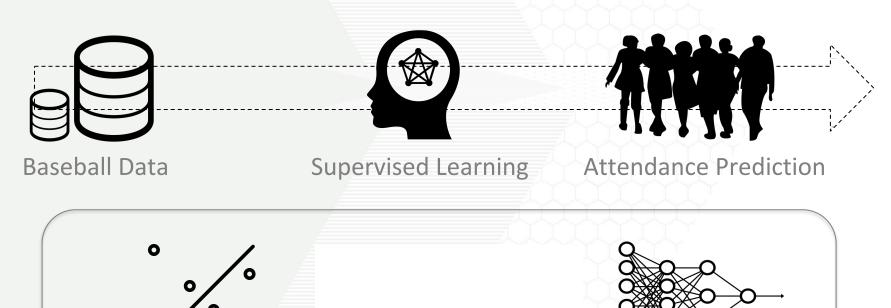
Training dataset: Explains 91.80% of the average attendance.

Testing dataset: Explains 78.89% of the average attendance

OUR SOLUTION



 We employ state-of-the-art machine learning techniques to predict attendance to baseball games



Support Vector Machine

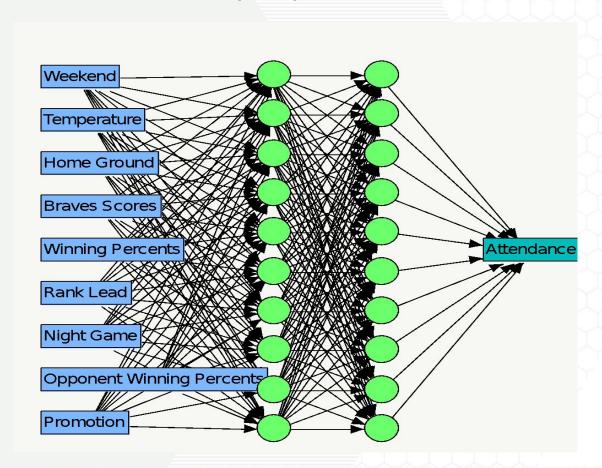
Gaussian Process

Artificial Neural Network

PRELIMINARY RESULTS



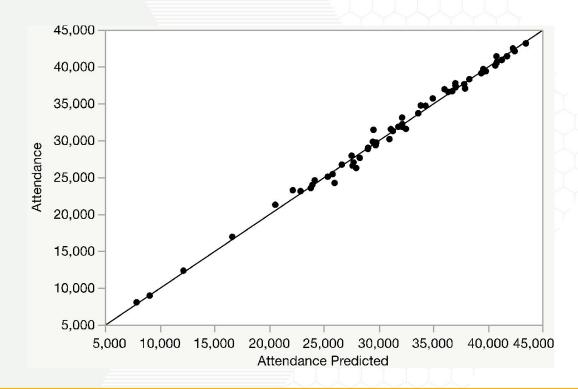
Neural Network (NN) Model Structure



PRELIMINARY RESULTS



Actual by Predicted Plot



We can now predict attendance within 5% error

PRELIMINARY RESULTS



Sensitivity Analysis

Column	Main Effect	Total Effect	.2	.4	.6	.8
Opponent Winning Percents	0.16	0.406		- 22	- 1	
Weekend	0.137	0.289				
Home Ground	0.13	0.176				
Promotion	0.171	0.171				
Night Game	0.166	0.166				
Braves Scores	0.046	0.146				
Winning Percents	0.056	0.115				
Rank Lead	0.081	0.107				
Temperature	0.054	0.063				i

WHAT IS THE IMPACT



- Braves should increase its fan accomodations against the best teams in MLB
- Promotions help increase attendance. However, since a majority of promotions occur on weekends, it is uncertain how much the promotions effect the game.
- Weather had a negligible effect on Braves Attendance

NEXT STEPS



Train Models with More Data Build Attendance Prediction Framework Provide Insights into Features