# **Business Analytics of Craigslist car sales dataset**

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```
library(ggplot2)#To explore the dataset
library(gplots)
library(ggpubr)#To explore and visualize dataset
library(corrplot)#for visualization of correlation
library(dplyr)#for data manipulation
library(tidyverse)#Data manipulation
library(tidyr)
library(plotly)
library(treemapify)#for treemaps
library(treemap)
library(gridExtra) #to combine ggplots
library(factoextra)#to view clusters
library(NbClust) #for clustering
library(reshape2)
library(psych)#to describe the dataset
library(rmarkdown)#to knit to word or pdf
library(tmaptools)#to create tmaps using shapefiles
library(tmap)
library(RColorBrewer)
library(e1071)
#Importing Dataset
project new1 <- read.csv('Used Vehicles.csv')</pre>
#To view first 20 rows
head(project_new1,20)
                                     region price year manufacturer model
##
              id url
## 1 7222695916 NA
                                   prescott 6000
                                                    NA
## 2 7218891961
                  NA
                               favetteville 11900
                                                    NA
## 3 7221797935
                               florida keys 21000
                                                    NA
## 4 7222270760
                  NA worcester / central MA 1500
                                                    NA
## 5 7210384030
                                             4900
                  NA
                                 greensboro
                                                    NA
## 6 7222379453
                              hudson valley
                                             1600
                  NA
                                                    NA
## 7 7221952215
                              hudson valley 1000
                  NA
                                                    NA
## 8 7220195662
                  NA
                              hudson valley 15995
                                                    NA
## 9 7209064557
                            medford-ashland 5000
                  NΑ
                                                    NA
## 10 7219485069
                  NA
                                       erie 3000
                                                    NA
## 11 7218893038
                  NA
                                    el paso
                                                0
                                                    NA
## 12 7218325704
                  NA
                                    el paso
                                                0
                                                    NA
## 13 7217788283
                                                0
                                                    NA
                  NA
                                    el paso
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```
## 14 7217147606
                    NA
                                        el paso
                                                         NA
## 15 7209027818
                    NA
                                        el paso
                                                         NA
## 16 7223509794
                    NA
                                    bellingham 13995
                                                         NA
## 17 7222753076
                    NA
                                    bellingham 24999
                                                         NA
## 18 7222206015
                                    bellingham 21850
                    NA
                                                         NA
## 19 7220030122
                    NA
                                    bellingham 26850
                                                         NA
## 20 7218423006
                    NA
                                    bellingham 11999
                                                         NA
##
      condition cylinders fuel odometer title_status transmission drive size
type
## 1
                                         NA
## 2
                                         NA
## 3
                                         NA
## 4
                                         NA
## 5
                                         NA
## 6
                                         NA
## 7
                                         NA
## 8
                                         NA
## 9
                                         NA
## 10
                                         NA
## 11
                                         NA
## 12
                                         NA
## 13
                                         NA
## 14
                                         NA
## 15
                                         NA
## 16
                                         NA
## 17
                                         NA
## 18
                                         NA
## 19
                                         NA
## 20
                                         NA
##
      state VIN description posting date
## 1
          ΑZ
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 2
          AR
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 3
          FL
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 4
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
          MA
## 5
                                          NA
          NC
              NA
                           NA
## 6
                           NA
                                          NA
          NY
              NA
## 7
          NY
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 8
          NY
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 9
          OR
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 10
          PA
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 11
                                          NA
          TX
              NA
                           NA
## 12
          TX
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 13
                                          NA
          TX
              NA
                           NA
## 14
                                          NA
          TX
              NA
                           NA
## 15
                                          NA
          TX
              NA
                           NA
## 16
          WA
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 17
          WA
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 18
          WA
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 19
          WA
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
## 20
          WA
              NA
                           NA
                                          NA
```

```
library(dplyr)
# Drop unnecessary variables from the dataset
project new1 <- select(project new1, -region, -url, -VIN, -description, -</pre>
size, -posting date)
# Remove rows where price = 0
project new1 <- filter(project new1, price != 0)</pre>
# Remove rows where all major variables have missing values
project new1 <- filter(project new1, !is.na(year) & !is.na(odometer) &</pre>
manufacturer != "" & model != ""
                        & condition != "" & cylinders != "" & fuel != "" &
transmission != "")
#Check the missing values
missing_values <- colSums(is.na(project_new1))</pre>
# Print the count of missing values for each variable
print(missing values)
##
             id
                        price
                                      year manufacturer
                                                                model
condition
##
                                          0
                                                       0
0
##
      cylinders
                         fuel
                                  odometer title status transmission
drive
##
              0
                            0
                                          0
                                                       0
                                                                     0
0
##
           type
                        state
##
              0
# Impute missing values in numeric variables using the median
project new1$year <- ifelse(is.na(project new1$year),</pre>
median(project_new1$year, na.rm = TRUE), project_new1$year)
# Check if there are any missing values in numeric variables after imputation
#summary_data <- summarise_all(project_new1, list(n, n_miss = sum(is.na(.))))</pre>
# Sort the dataset by the year variable
project_new1 <- arrange(project_new1, year)</pre>
# Impute missing values in the odometer variable using the mean grouped by
year
project new1 <- project new1 %>%
group_by(year) %>%
```

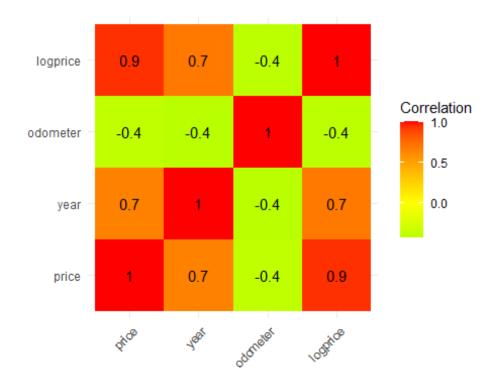
```
mutate(odometer = ifelse(is.na(odometer), mean(odometer, na.rm = TRUE),
odometer))
# Check if all the numeric values are imputed
#summary data <- summarise all(project new1, list(n, n miss = sum(is.na(.))))</pre>
# Drop the id column
project new1 <- select(project new1, -id)</pre>
# Impute categorical variables
project new1$manufacturer[project_new1$manufacturer == ""] <- "missing"</pre>
project_new1$condition[project_new1$condition == ""] <- "good"</pre>
project new1$cylinders[project_new1$cylinders == ""] <- "6 cylinders"</pre>
project_new1$title_status[project_new1$title_status == ""] <- "clean"</pre>
project_new1$transmission[project_new1$transmission == ""] <- "automatic"</pre>
project_new1$drive[project_new1$drive == ""] <- "4wd"</pre>
project new1$type[project new1$type == ""] <- "SUV"</pre>
# Remove price outliers
percentiles <- quantile(project_new1$price, probs = seq(0.95, 1, by = 0.01),
na.rm = TRUE)
project new1 <- filter(project new1, price >= 3000 & price <= 70000)</pre>
#create logprice variable
project new1$logprice <- log(project new1$price)</pre>
# Print the first 20 rows of the final dataset
head(project new1, 20)
## # A tibble: 20 × 14
## # Groups: year [7]
                                                   condition cylinders fuel
      price year manufacturer model
odometer
                                                                        <chr>>
##
      <dbl> <int> <chr>
                                <chr>>
                                                   <chr>
                                                             <chr>
<int>
## 1 38250 1900 acura
                                "rdx"
                                                             4 cylind... gas
                                                   new
4500
## 2 3990 1905 chevrolet
                                "astro cargo"
                                                   excellent 8 cylind... gas
202570
                                "\"t\""
## 3 27000 1913 ford
                                                   like new 4 cylind... gas
9999999
## 4 5000 1915 ford
                                "model t"
                                                   good
                                                             4 cylind... gas
12345
## 5 16000 1918 ford
                                "model t"
                                                             4 cylind... gas
                                                   good
56000
## 6 15000 1922 ford
                                "t-bucket roadst... good
                                                             4 cylind... gas
80000
                                "touring model" good
                                                             4 cylind... gas
## 7 19500 1923 buick
```

```
58
## 8 15000 1923 ford
                                "t-bucket roadst... good
                                                             8 cylind... gas
1000
             1923 ford
                                "t bucket"
## 9 18500
                                                   like new 8 cylind... gas
2500
## 10 18990
             1923 ford
                                "model t"
                                                   like new 8 cylind... gas
6652
## 11 18500
             1923 ford
                                "t bucket"
                                                             8 cylind... gas
                                                   new
2500
                                "model t"
## 12 18500
             1923 ford
                                                   excellent 8 cylind... gas
4963
                                "t bucket"
## 13 18500
             1923 ford
                                                   like new 8 cylind... gas
2500
## 14 18500
             1923 ford
                                "t-bucket"
                                                   like new 8 cylind... gas
2500
                                                   excellent 8 cylind... gas
## 15 19000
             1923 ford
                                "t - bucket"
1600
## 16 29995
             1923 ford
                                "t bucket"
                                                   excellent 8 cylind... gas
3700
                                "t-bucket"
## 17 30000
             1923 ford
                                                   like new 8 cylind... gas
4400
## 18 15000
             1923 ford
                                "model t"
                                                   excellent 8 cylind... gas
1000
## 19 18500
             1923 ford
                                "t-bucket"
                                                   excellent 8 cylind... gas
2500
## 20 17500 1923 ford
                                "23 t"
                                                   excellent 8 cylind... gas
1000
## # [i] 6 more variables: title_status <chr>, transmission <chr>, drive
<chr>,
     type <chr>, state <chr>, logprice <dbl>
## #
#Recheck for missing values
mising_values <- colSums(is.na(project_new1))</pre>
# Print the count of missing values for each variable
mising values
                         year manufacturer
                                                            condition
##
          price
                                                   model
cylinders
                                         0
##
              0
                            0
                                                       0
0
##
           fuel
                    odometer title_status transmission
                                                                 drive
type
              0
                            0
                                         0
                                                                     0
##
                                                       0
0
                     logprice
##
          state
##
```

##Exploratory Data Analysis

```
library(ggplot2)
# Subset the data for the desired years
project new1 <- project new1[project new1$year >= 2003 & project new1$year <=</pre>
2021, ]
# Print the first 20 observations
head(project new1, 20)
## # A tibble: 20 × 14
## # Groups:
              year [1]
      price year manufacturer model
                                                 condition cylinders fuel
odometer
##
      <dbl> <int> <chr>
                               <chr>
                                                 <chr>
                                                           <chr>
                                                                      <chr>>
<int>
            2003 chrysler
                               town & country
                                                 excellent 6 cylind... gas
## 1 9500
30376
## 2 3500
            2003 toyota
                                                           4 cylind... gas
                                                 good
                               camry
237000
## 3 8900 2003 ford
                               f250 lariat
                                                           8 cylind... dies...
                                                 good
247000
## 4 3950
            2003 honda
                               civic ex
                                                 excellent 4 cylind... gas
236890
## 5 3500
            2003 toyota
                               camry
                                                 good
                                                           4 cylind... gas
237000
## 6 6500 2003 chevrolet
                               tahoe z71
                                                 like new 8 cylind... gas
245700
            2003 ford
                                                 excellent 8 cylind... gas
## 7 6800
                               f-150
190000
## 8 3500 2003 honda
                               accord
                                                           4 cylind... gas
                                                 good
201580
## 9 29990
            2003 ford
                               super duty f-550... good
                                                           8 cylind... dies...
54703
## 10 3950
            2003 honda
                               civic ex
                                                 excellent 4 cylind... gas
236890
## 11 3800
            2003 chrysler
                               pt cruiser gt
                                                           4 cylind... gas
                                                 good
150000
## 12 3500
            2003 toyota
                               camry
                                                 good
                                                           4 cylind... gas
237000
## 13
      3950
             2003 honda
                               civic ex
                                                 excellent 4 cylind... gas
236890
## 14 3900
             2003 gmc
                                                 excellent 6 cylind... gas
                               envoy
165000
## 15 28750 2003 chevrolet
                               silverado 2500
                                                 like new 8 cylind... dies...
20000
## 16 5250 2003 chevrolet
                               trailblazer
                                                 good
                                                           6 cylind... gas
221000
## 17
      5500 2003 ford
                               explorer sport t... excellent 6 cylind... gas
191000
## 18 6500 2003 chevrolet
                                                 excellent 8 cylind... gas
                               tahoe
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257000
## 19 3995 2003 chrysler
                               pt cruiser
                                                 excellent 4 cylind... gas
142000
## 20 6900 2003 ford
                               ranger edge 4x4
                                                           6 cylind... gas
                                                 good
230000
## # | 6 more variables: title_status <chr>, transmission <chr>, drive
<chr>>,
## # type <chr>, state <chr>, logprice <dbl>
# Calculate correlation matrix
correlation <- cor(project_new1[, c("price", "year", "odometer",</pre>
"logprice")], use = "pairwise.complete.obs")
print(correlation)
##
                                    odometer
                                               logprice
                 price
                             year
            1.0000000 0.6553425 -0.4055012 0.9424302
## price
## year
            0.6553425 1.0000000 -0.4365961 0.6988973
## odometer -0.4055012 -0.4365961 1.0000000 -0.4267439
## logprice 0.9424302 0.6988973 -0.4267439 1.0000000
# Create heatmap of correlation matrix
library(ggplot2)
library(reshape2)
# Melt correlation matrix
correlation melted <- melt(correlation)</pre>
# Create heatmap
ggplot(correlation_melted, aes(x=Var1, y=Var2, fill=value)) +
  geom tile() +
  scale_fill_gradient2(low="green", mid="yellow", high="red", midpoint=0) +
  geom_text(aes(label=round(value, 1)), color="black") + # Add correlation
value to each box
  theme minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)) +
 labs(x="", y="", fill="Correlation")
```

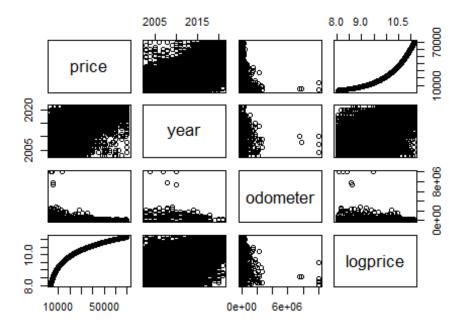


```
# Select the variables for the scatterplot matrix
variables <- c("price", "year", "odometer", "logprice")

# Subset the data to include only the selected variables
subset_data <- project_new1[, variables]

# Create the scatterplot matrix with histograms and kernel density plots
pairs(subset_data, main = "Scatterplot Matrix with Histograms and Kernel
Density")</pre>
```

# catterplot Matrix with Histograms and Kernel Density

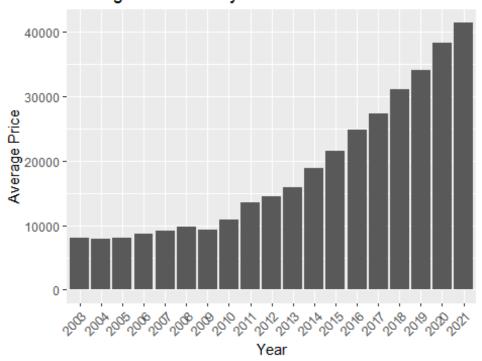


```
# Subset the data for the desired years
project_new1 <- project_new1[project_new1$year >= 2003 & project_new1$year <=
2021, ]

# Calculate mean price by year
mean_price_by_year <- aggregate(price ~ year, project_new1, mean)

# Bar plot of average price by year
ggplot(mean_price_by_year, aes(x = as.factor(year), y = price)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    labs(title = "Average Car Price by Year", x = "Year", y = "Average Price")+
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))</pre>
```

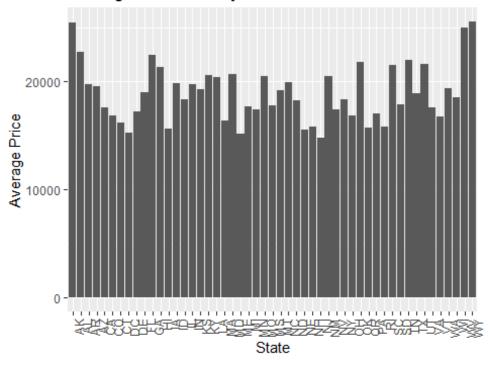
### Average Car Price by Year



```
# Calculate mean price by state
mean_price_by_state <- aggregate(price ~ state, project_new1, mean)

# Bar plot of average price by state
ggplot(mean_price_by_state, aes(x = state, y = price)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    labs(title = "Average Car Price by State", x = "State", y = "Average
Price") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))</pre>
```

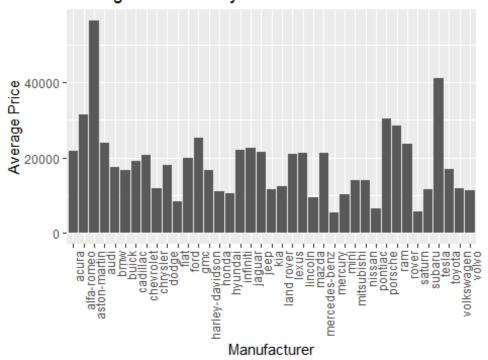
## Average Car Price by State



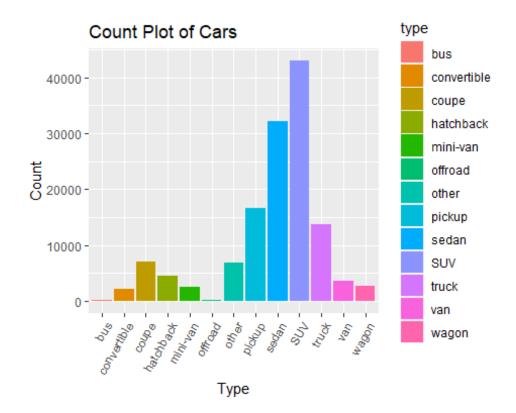
```
# Calculate mean price by manufacturer
mean_price_by_manufacturer <- aggregate(price ~ manufacturer, project_new1,
mean)

# Bar plot of average price by manufacturer
ggplot(mean_price_by_manufacturer, aes(x = manufacturer, y = price)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    labs(title = "Average Car Price by Manufacturer", x = "Manufacturer", y =
"Average Price") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))</pre>
```

## Average Car Price by Manufacturer



```
# Count plot of cars by type
ggplot(project_new1, aes(x = type, fill = type)) +
  geom_bar() +
  labs(title = "Count Plot of Cars", x = "Type", y = "Count") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 60, hjust = 1))
```



```
library(ggplot2)

# Count the number of cars by type

car_counts <- project_new1 %>%
    group_by(type) %>%
    summarise(count = n())

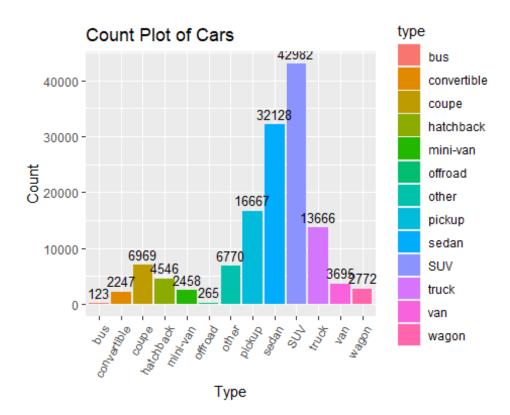
# Create a count plot with labels

count_plot <- ggplot(car_counts, aes(x = type, y = count, fill = type)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    geom_text(aes(label = count), vjust = -0.5, color = "black", size = 3.5) +

# Add count labels

labs(title = "Count Plot of Cars", x = "Type", y = "Count") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 60, hjust = 1))

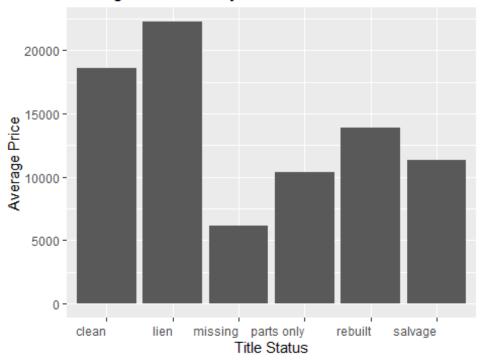
# Display the count plot
print(count_plot)</pre>
```



# Calculate mean price by title status
mean\_price\_by\_title\_status <- aggregate(price ~ title\_status, project\_new1,
mean)

# Bar plot of average price by title status
ggplot(mean\_price\_by\_title\_status, aes(x = title\_status, y = price)) +
 geom\_bar(stat = "identity") +
 labs(title = "Average Car Price by Title Status", x = "Title Status", y =
 "Average Price") +
 theme(axis.text.x = element\_text(angle = 0, hjust = 1))</pre>

### Average Car Price by Title Status

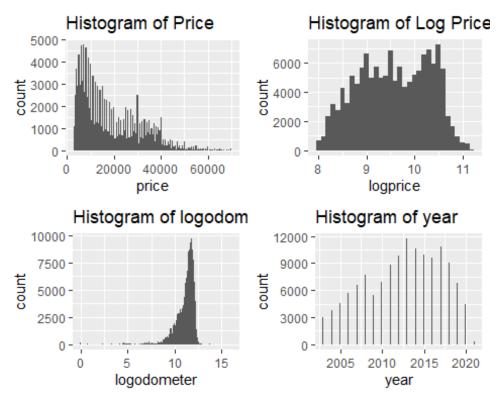


- It is clear that cars from recently produced cars are more expensive than older ones. The car market has experienced a significant increase in prices due to the introduction of new technologies. Cars made in recent years are equipped with more features and are generally in better condition than those from the early 2000s. Furthermore, new cars hold their value better in the resale market compared to older cars, which are expected to fetch lower prices.
- As seen in the above plot, Montana, Washington, and West Virginia, have the most expensive used cars car by average price. It's not surprising that car prices are higher in wealthier states, given the varying geographical locations across the country.
- Luxury car manufacturers like Aston Martin, Tesla, and Porsche have the highest prices on average, which is justified by their branding as luxury. On the other hand, Saturn, Kia, and Mercury, which are typically known for their budget-friendly smaller cars, are on the lower end of the spectrum. These brands are more accessible to the common people.
- The majority of cars listed are SUVs and sedans. This is because many people in the United States prefer larger vehicles such as SUVs, which provide ample space for families and offer generous amounts of storage in the boot. Sedans are also a popular choice among small families, office workers, doctors, and young people due to their stylish design and comfortable ride. There are also a significant number of trucks listed. However, coupes and hatchbacks are less common as they are considered luxury cars and come with a higher price tag.

• When looking to purchase a car, many people prefer those with clean and lien titles. A lien title means that the car is still under a mortgage or EMI that must be transferred to the new owner. This is why cars with clean and lien titles tend to have higher prices. However, some cars have "missing" title statuses, which don't provide much information about the car's status. Customers may need to consider other features to make an informed decision.

### **Distribution Analysis**

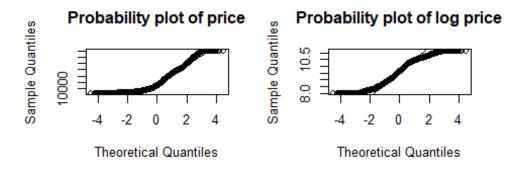
```
# Univariate analysis of price and logprice
univariate_price <- summary(project_new1$price)</pre>
univariate logprice <- summary(project new1$logprice)</pre>
univariate_price
##
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
                                               Max.
##
              7900
                     14500
                              18414
                                      27444
                                              70000
      3000
univariate logprice
##
      Min. 1st Ou. Median
                              Mean 3rd Ou.
                                               Max.
##
     8.006 8.975
                     9.582
                              9.565 10.220 11.156
# Histogram of price and Logprice
hist_price <- ggplot(project_new1, aes(x = price)) +</pre>
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 500) +
  labs(title = "Histogram of Price")
# Histogram of Logprice
hist_logprice <- ggplot(project_new1, aes(x = logprice)) +</pre>
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 0.1) +
  labs(title = "Histogram of Log Price")
#create logodometer variable
project new1$logodometer <- log(project new1$odometer)</pre>
#Histogram of odometer
hist odo <- ggplot(project new1, aes(x = logodometer)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 0.1) +
  labs(title = "Histogram of logodometer")
#Histogram of year
hist_year <- ggplot(project_new1, aes(x = year)) +</pre>
  geom histogram(binwidth = 0.1) +
  labs(title = "Histogram of year")
grid.arrange(hist_price, hist_logprice, hist_odo, hist_year, nrow = 2, ncol =
2)
```

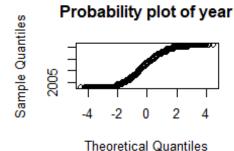


```
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
# Probplot of price
qqnorm(project_new1$price, main="Probability plot of price")
qqline(project_new1$price)

# Probplot of logprice
qqnorm(project_new1$logprice, main="Probability plot of log price")
qqline(project_new1$logprice)

# Probplot of year
qqnorm(project_new1$year, main="Probability plot of year")
qqline(project_new1$year)
```





- The odometer

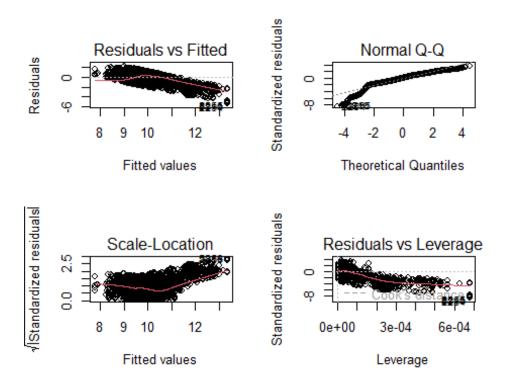
variable has been logged and transformed to reduce the skewness. The accompanying p-value from the Goodness-of-Fit tests confirms the variable follows a normal distribution.

• The distribution of the price variable is skewed to the right. Although the probability plot has data points that are along the line. It is necessary to adjust the variable's distribution. This is done by doing a log transformation to normalize the data.

#### **Simple Linear Regression**

```
#HO: No significant price difference between cars with higher odometer
readings and those with lower ones.
#H1: There is significant price difference between cars with higher odometer
readings and those with lower
project_new2 <- read.csv('project_new2.csv')</pre>
# Fit a simple linear regression model
model <- lm(logprice ~ logodometer, data = project new2)</pre>
# Print the summary of the model
summary(model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logprice ~ logodometer, data = project new2)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                10 Median
                                 3Q
                                        Max
```

```
## -5.2613 -0.4439 0.0396 0.4609 2.1470
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                              <2e-16 ***
## (Intercept) 13.580378
                                      781.1
                           0.017387
                           0.001553
                                     -232.0
                                              <2e-16 ***
## logodometer -0.360242
## ---
## Signif. codes:
                     '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.6261 on 134842 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.2853, Adjusted R-squared:
## F-statistic: 5.383e+04 on 1 and 134842 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
#plot(model)
# Generate diagnostic plots
par(mfrow = c(2, 2)) # Set the layout to display four plots in a 2x2 grid
plot(model, which = c(1, 2, 3, 5)) # Residuals vs Fitted, Normal Q-Q, Scale-
Location, Residuals vs Leverage
```

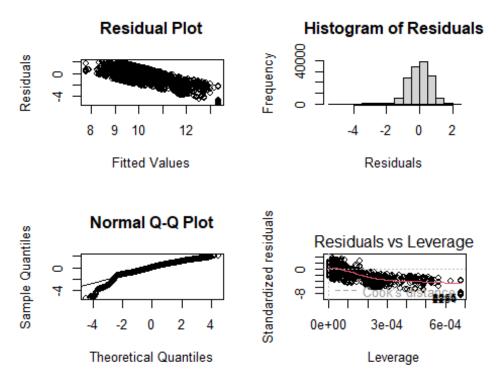


- From the result, F

test p-value is less than 0.0001, which indicates that the model is significant. Estimated logdometer is -0.23. The t-value is -267.87. The p-value is less than 0.0001. We can reject the null hypothesis. The price and odometer have a negative relationship. For every percent increase in odometer, the price of used cars will be decreased 0.23%.

```
# Get residuals
residuals <- residuals(model)</pre>
```

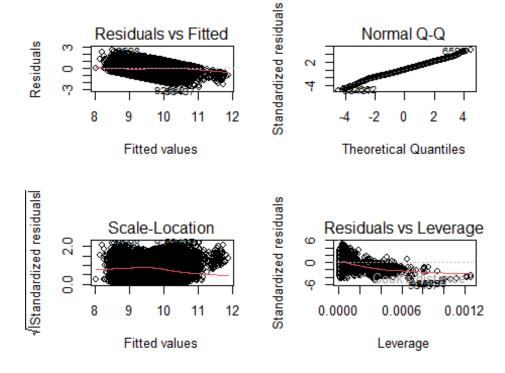
```
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
# Residual plot
plot(model$fitted.values, residuals,
     xlab = "Fitted Values",
     ylab = "Residuals",
     main = "Residual Plot")
# Histogram of residuals
hist(residuals,
     xlab = "Residuals",
     main = "Histogram of Residuals")
# Normal Q-Q plot
qqnorm(residuals,
       main = "Normal Q-Q Plot")
qqline(residuals)
# Residuals vs Leverage plot
plot(model, which = 5)
```



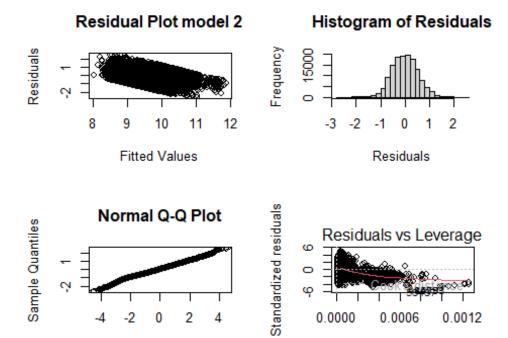
From the diagnostic outputs. The density and quantile of the residuals look visually ok. This might be attributed to the luxury cars in the dataset which are still expensive despite being used cars

##Multiple linear Regression

```
# Fit a simple linear regression model
#HO: No significant Average car price difference based on year of manufacture
#H1: There is significant difference in Average car price based on year of
manufacture
model2 <- lm(logprice ~ logodometer + year, data = project_new2)</pre>
# Print the summary of the model
summary(model2)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logprice ~ logodometer + year, data = project_new2)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                 10
                      Median
                                   3Q
                                           Max
##
## -2.60922 -0.36261 -0.00655 0.34513 2.48429
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -1.800e+02 7.519e-01 -239.35 <2e-16 ***
## logodometer -1.440e-01 1.524e-03 -94.47
                                              <2e-16 ***
                                              <2e-16 ***
## year
               9.497e-02 3.689e-04 257.46
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.5127 on 134841 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.5209, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5209
## F-statistic: 7.329e+04 on 2 and 134841 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
#plot(model)
# Generate diagnostic plots
par(mfrow = c(2, 2)) # Set the layout to display four plots in a 2x2 grid
plot(model2, which = c(1, 2, 3, 5)) # Residuals vs Fitted, Normal Q-Q,
Scale-Location, Residuals vs Leverage
```



```
residuals2 <- residuals(model2)</pre>
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
# Residual plot
plot(model2$fitted.values, residuals2,
     xlab = "Fitted Values",
     ylab = "Residuals",
     main = "Residual Plot model 2")
# Histogram of residuals
hist(residuals2,
     xlab = "Residuals",
     main = "Histogram of Residuals")
# Normal Q-Q plot
qqnorm(residuals2,
       main = "Normal Q-Q Plot")
qqline(residuals2)
# Residuals vs Leverage plot
plot(model2, which = 5)
```



- The year variable

has estimated value of 0.10 and t-value of 438.18. The p-value is also below 0.0001. The null hypothesis will be rejected. There exists a positive relationship between price and year. The closer the year of manufacturer is to the present date, the more the price increases by about 10%. Based on the results presented above, we can conclude that the null hypothesis stating that higher odometer values result in higher costs for cars is rejected. Additionally, it is evident that used cars produced in recent years tend to cost more.

Leverage

#### ##ANOVA by Title Status

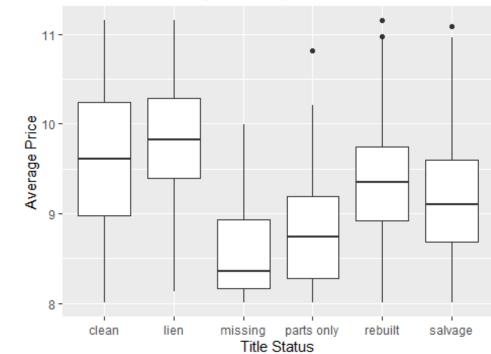
Theoretical Quantiles

```
##ANOVA
#HO: The title status of the used car has no significant impact on the price
#H1: The title status of the used car has a significant impact on the price
ANova_1 <- aov(project_new2$logprice ~ project_new2$title_status)
summary(ANova_1)
##
                                 Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## project_new2$title_status
                                       589
                                            117.72
                                                      216.3 <2e-16 ***
## Residuals
                                               0.54
                             134838
                                     73376
## ---
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
# Calculate average price by Title status
avg price <- project new2 %>%
  group_by(title_status) %>%
  summarize(avg_price = mean(logprice))
```

```
# Create a box plot
boxplot <- ggplot(project_new1, aes(x = title_status, y = logprice)) +
   geom_boxplot() +
   labs(x = "Title Status", y = "Average Price") +
   ggtitle("Box Plot of Average Price by Title Status")

# Display the box plot
print(boxplot)</pre>
```

### Box Plot of Average Price by Title Status



- As seen there 6

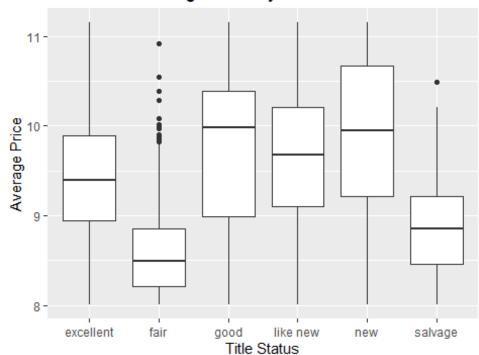
categories of used cars based on title\_status. The null hypothesis is that the title of status has no significant impact on price. The F-value 705.78 with p-value is lesser than 0.0001, indicating significance of the model. Based on our analysis, the null hypothesis can be rejected, indicating that the title status of used cars does indeed impact their price. The box plot reveals that a clean or lien title is associated with a higher price, whereas a missing or parts title corresponds to a comparatively lower price.

### ##Anova by Condition

```
##ANOVA
##0: The condition of the used car has no significant impact on price
##1: The condition of the used car has a significant impact on the price
ANova_2 <- aov(project_new2$logprice ~ project_new2$condition)
summary(ANova_2)</pre>
```

```
##
                              Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## project new2$condition
                                                    1420 <2e-16 ***
                               5
                                   3700
                                           740.1
## Residuals
                          134838
                                 70264
                                             0.5
## ---
## Signif. codes:
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
# Calculate average price by Condition
avg price <- project new2 %>%
  group by(title status) %>%
  summarize(avg_price = mean(logprice))
# Create a box plot
boxplot2 <- ggplot(project_new1, aes(x = condition, y = logprice)) +</pre>
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(x = "Title Status", y = "Average Price") +
  ggtitle("Box Plot of Average Price by Condition")
# Display the box plot
print(boxplot2)
```

### Box Plot of Average Price by Condition



As seen, there are 6 categories of used cars based on condition. The null hypothesis is that the condition has no significant impact on price. The F-value is 3352.23 and p-value lesser than 0.0001, indicating a significant model. Based on our analysis, we can conclude that we reject the null hypothesis and confirm that the condition of used cars does indeed have an impact on their price. By examining the box plot, we can infer those cars in new, excellent,

like new, or good condition tend to have higher prices, while those in fair or salvage condition are comparatively lower. It is worth noting that there are outliers in the fair group, which may affect the overall trend.

In this project, we analyzed sales data of used vehicles from Craigslist to understand the impact of odometer, year, title status, and condition on the price of the car in the US. Our exploratory data analysis resulted in some interesting findings. We observed that the price of a used car is positively correlated with its manufacturing year, and cars with a clean title status tend to fetch a higher price. Also, as anticipated, the correlation matrix revealed a negative association between price and odometer. We utilized linear regression models, diagnostic tests, and ANOVA to achieve our goal of determining the significance of variables on price and rejecting the null hypothesis. Our findings confirmed that newer cars are priced higher, while those with higher odometer values are less expensive. In particular, the price decreases by 0.23% for every percent increase in odometer, and the price increases by approximately 10% for every year newer. Furthermore, we conducted ANOVA tests to assess the title status and condition of cars and found that those with cleaner titles and better conditions generally have higher prices. This evaluation holds significant worth for both buyers and sellers in the pre-owned auto industry, as it offers valuable insights into market trends and aids in informed decision-making. Manufacturers can leverage the findings to gain an understanding of consumer preferences, enhance their production processes, and boost their brand's market share. Meanwhile, purchasers can make more informed decisions by keeping up with the current market trends.