Pricing Strategy Airbnb based on Negative Reviews

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Introduction

Firsly, we cleaned the raw dataset. The descriptions of the variables are mentioned below. Based on this cleaned dataset, we executed a text analysis. The results of this analysis are shown in a sentiment plot. Furthermore, we did a topic analysis to check what topics are spoken of the most. These results are shown in the sentiment topic plot below. To conclude, we performed a regression analysis. The results are shown in model summary. Also, we briefly describe the results in the section below. To conclude, we visually checked the correlation between price and sentiment (compound).

Note: our results are based on a prototype sample. The results can differ when conducting it on the whole dataset.

Variable Descriptions

The cleaned dataset "gen/temp/airbnb.csv", consists of the following variables.

ID ID is a numeric variable. Every listing has an unique ID.

Name Name is a character variable. Name of the listing.

Neighbourhood Neighbourhood is a factor variable. The neighbourhood in which the listing is located. There are 22 classified neighbourhoods.

Room Type Room type is a factor variable. There are 4 possible room types.

Accommodates Accommodates is a numeric variable. Accommodates is the number of guests that can stay in the listing.

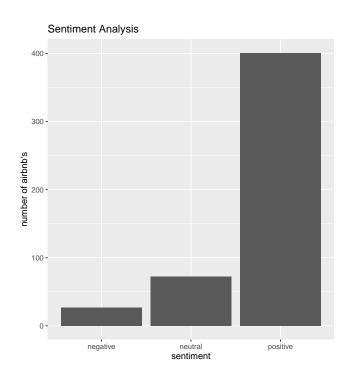
Comments Comments is a character variable. Comments are the reviews about the listing.

Year Year is a numeric variable. Year is the year the review is written.

Price Price is a numeric variable. Price is the price in dollars per night.

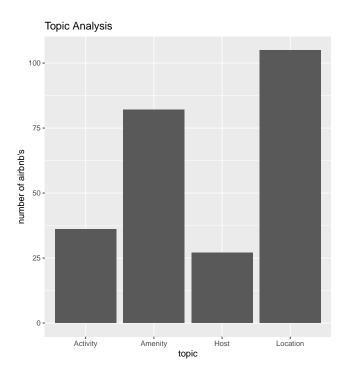
```
## Rows: 226895 Columns: 8
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (4): name, neighbourhood, room_type, comments
## dbl (4): id, accommodates, year, price
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
                                          neighbourhood
##
          id
                           name
                                                               room_type
##
   Min.
                2818
                       Length: 226895
                                          Length: 226895
                                                              Length: 226895
   1st Qu.: 7276869
##
                       Class : character
                                          Class : character
                                                              Class : character
##
   Median :17519833
                       Mode :character
                                          Mode :character
                                                              Mode :character
##
   Mean
           :17400701
   3rd Qu.:24732648
##
##
   Max.
           :51316529
##
    accommodates
                       comments
                                                            price
                                             year
          : 1.000
                     Length: 226895
                                                :2018
   Min.
                                        Min.
                                                        Min.
                                                               :
                                                                   4.0
                                                        1st Qu.: 79.0
##
   1st Qu.: 2.000
                     Class :character
                                        1st Qu.:2018
   Median : 2.000
                     Mode :character
                                        Median:2019
                                                        Median : 105.0
##
                                        Mean
   Mean
          : 2.692
                                              :2019
                                                        Mean
                                                               : 128.8
   3rd Qu.: 4.000
                                        3rd Qu.:2019
                                                        3rd Qu.: 150.0
   Max.
           :16.000
                                        Max.
                                                :2021
                                                        Max.
                                                               :7999.0
##
```

Sentiment Analysis



What most standout is that most airbnb reviews are positive. A considerably small number of ratings is labeled as negative or neutral.

Topic Analysis



Noticeable is that most reviews are about Location and Amenity. A relatively small number is about Activity and Host.

Model Summary

```
## Rows: 500 Columns: 10

## -- Column specification ------
## Delimiter: ","

## chr (5): name, neighbourhood, room_type, comments, sentiment

## dbl (5): id, accommodates, year, price, compound

##

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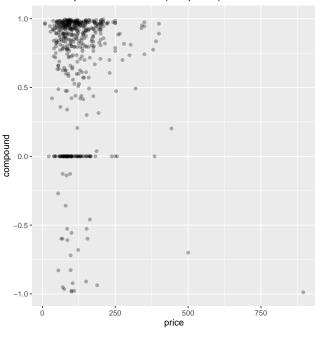
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The effect of price on compound (sentiment) is non significant, with a p-value of .372. There is very little variation explained by the model, resulting in a R square of .002.

	Model 1
(Intercept)	0.687
	(0.040)
price	0.000
	(0.000)
Num.Obs.	500
R2	0.002
R2 Adj.	0.000
AIC	649.2
BIC	661.8
Log.Lik.	-321.595
F	0.798

Plot Price and Compound





As we expected based on the regression results, there is visually no correlation to be seen between price and compound (sentiment). Also, as earlier mentioned in one of the intermediate plots, most reviews are labeled as positive.