

Capstone MovieLens Report

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The goal of the project is to build a Recommendation System using a [10M version of the MovieLens dataset](#). Following the [Netflix Grand Prize Contest](#) requirements, we will evaluate the RMSE score defined as:

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j}^N (y_{i,j} - \hat{y}_{i,j})^2}$$

with N being the number of user/movie combinations for which we make predictions and the sum occurring over all these combinations[1].

Our goal is to achieve a value of less than 0.86490 (compare with the *Netflix Grand Prize* requirement: of at least 0.8563[2]).

Datasets

To start with we have to generate two datasets derived from the *MovieLens* one mentioned above:

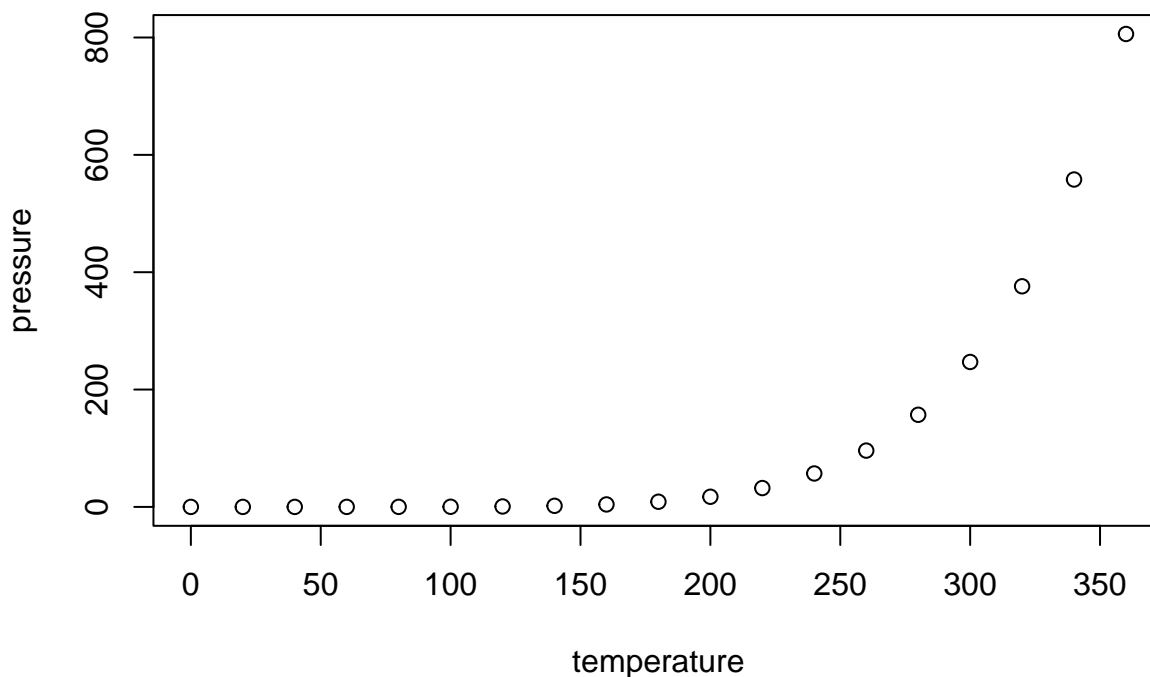
- **edx:** we use it to develop and train our algorithms;
- **final_holdout_test:** According to the course instructions, we use it exclusively to evaluate the *RMSE* of our final algorithm.

```
summary(cars)
```

```
##      speed      dist
##  Min.   : 4.0    Min.   : 2.00
##  1st Qu.:12.0    1st Qu.: 26.00
##  Median :15.0    Median : 36.00
##  Mean   :15.4    Mean   : 42.98
##  3rd Qu.:19.0    3rd Qu.: 56.00
##  Max.   :25.0    Max.   :120.00
```

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You can also embed plots, for example:



Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.

Conclusion

Hello Conclusion!

This is a great conclusion, isn't it?!!

References

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