

MATH 156 Final Project

Predicting videogame sales with various models

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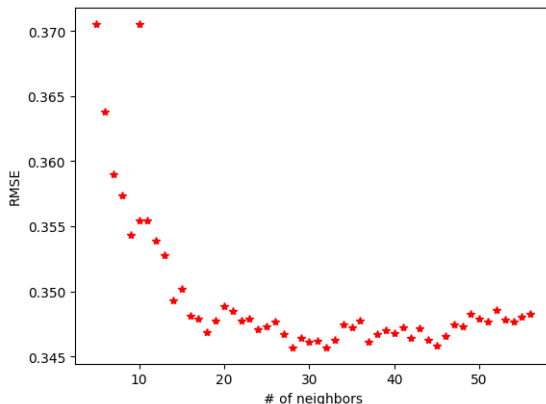
Questions we should think about:

- ▶ How to determine k ?
- ▶ How to find the nearest points efficiently?
- ▶ How to predict the sales based on the points?

Cross Validation

How to determine k ?

- ▶ Divide the training dataset into two parts (actual training and cross validation).
- ▶ Find the optimal k with the cross validation set.



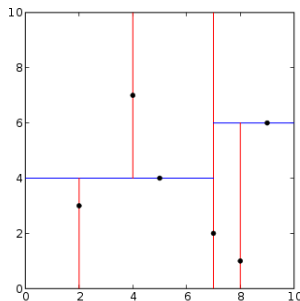
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- ▶ KD-Tree
 - ▶ Construct a KD-Tree and search
 - ▶ Time Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(k \log n)$.



How to predict sales based on nearest points?

- ▶ Mean
- ▶ Median
- ▶ Linear Regression

Results

- ▶ Pros
 - ▶ No assumptions about the data
- ▶ Cons
 - ▶ Localized data when k increases
 - ▶ Memory inefficient and slow

