Predicting Food Safety Violations in Toronto Restaurants

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Project Overview

- City of Toronto DineSafe Inspection and Disclosure System monitors and reports on food safety at Toronto eating establishments
- Project Objective: Identify predictive variables for food safety violations using regression and classification techniques in R
- Purpose:
 - Identify establishments that are more prone to food safety violations and therefore pose greater health risk
 - ii. Optimize deployment of inspectors from Toronto Public Health



High-level Approach

Process

Download, explore and clean the dataset. Use logistic regression to identify potential predictor variables. Build a classification tree based on categorical attributes. Test the classification tree, measure accuracy and refine as necessary.

Data exploration

Top 10 Establishment Types

| ## | | |
|----|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ## | Restaurant | Food Take Out |
| ## | 27816 | 8369 |
| ## | Food Store (Convenience / Variety) | Food Court Vendor |
| ## | 3360 | 2080 |
| ## | Supermarket | Child Care - Catered |
| ## | 1818 | 1811 |
| ## | Child Care - Food Preparation | Bakery |
| ## | 1596 | 1448 |
| ## | Butcher Shop | Food Processing Plant |
| ## | 620 | 591 |

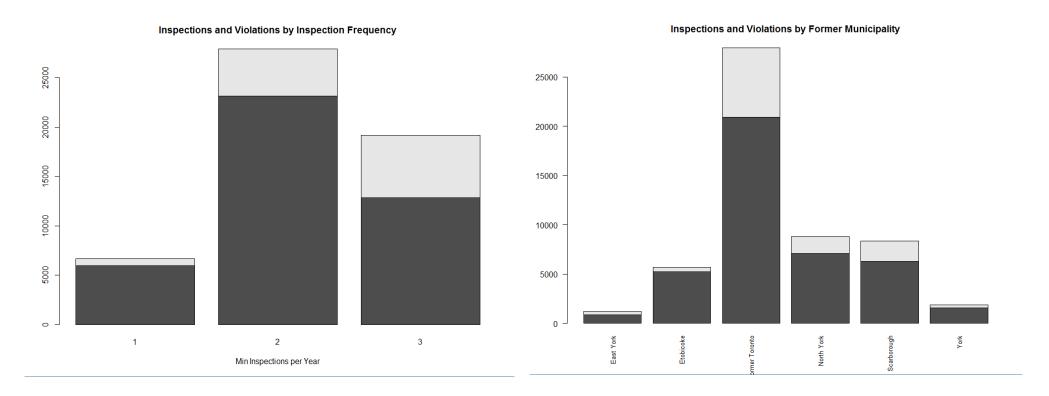
Top 20 Chains

| ## | | | |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| ## | TIM HORTONS | SUBWAY | PIZZA PIZZA |
| ## | 939 | 859 | 370 |
| ## | MCDONALD'S | PIZZA NOVA | STARBUCKS COFFEE |
| ## | 301 | 181 | 178 |
| ## | TIM HORTON'S | SECOND CUP | STARBUCKS |
| ## | 173 | 152 | 137 |
| ## | BOOSTER JUICE | KFC | METRO |
| ## | 124 | 119 | 115 |
| ## | SWISS CHALET | FRESHII | DOMINO'S PIZZA |
| ## | 114 | 110 | 108 |
| ## | AROMA ESPRESSO BAR | MR. SUB | THAI EXPRESS |
| ## | 106 | 102 | 101 |
| ## | PIZZA HUT | SHOPPERS DRUG MART | |
| ## | 99 | 95 | |

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Correlations between attributes and violations



Logistic regressions

- After data exploration, created a preliminary list of variables
- Focus areas were:
 - i. Establishment type
 - ii. Region of Toronto
 - iii. Inspection Frequency
- Created dummy variables for categories, used GLMULTI to choose best fitted model

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## Call:
## glm(formula = Sev_Cru ~ 1 + TYPE_RESTAURANT + TYPE_INSTITUTION +
      TYPE_TAKEOUT + TYPE_FOODCOURT + MUN_FMR_TORONTO + MUN_SCARBOROUGH +
      MUN_ETOBICOKE + INSP_2 + INSP_3, family = binomial("logit"),
      data = inspect_work1)
## Deviance Residuals:
                10 Median
  -1.0548 -0.7055 -0.6109 -0.3271
## Coefficients:
                       Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                       -2.33474
                                   0.04664 -50.056 < 2e-16 ***
## (Intercept)
## TYPE_RESTAURANTTRUE 0.42226
                                   0.02896 14.580 < 2e-16 ***
## TYPE_INSTITUTIONTRUE -0.30690
                                   0.06117 -5.018 5.23e-07 ***
                        0.29347
## TYPE TAKEOUTTRUE
                                   0.03721 7.887 3.09e-15 ***
                                   0.05727 7.685 1.52e-14 ***
## TYPE_FOODCOURTTRUE
                        0.44012
## MUN_FMR_TORONTOTRUE 0.10142
                                   0.02811 3.607 0.00031 ***
## MUN SCARBOROUGHTRUE 0.32027
                                   0.03530 9.072 < 2e-16 ***
## MUN ETOBICOKETRUE
                       -1.02359
                                   0.05573 -18.367 < 2e-16 ***
## INSP_2TRUE
                        0.45706
                                   0.04437 10.302 < 2e-16 ***
                        1.27890
## INSP_3TRUE
                                   0.04475 28.576 < 2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

If a tree falls in an empty café, does anybody hear?

- Unfortunately, the project did not produce a useful tree
- Possible causes:
- i. Lack of Dispersion in the predictor variables
- ii. Relatively small percentage of violations
- Remedies to be considered:
- i. Using a 'biased sample' technique
- ii. Testing additional variables from different sources

```
Confusion Matrix and Statistics
          Reference
Prediction FALSE
     FALSE 14658
     TRUE
               Accuracy : 0.7786
                 95% CI: (0.7726, 0.7845)
    No Information Rate: 0.7786
    P-Value [Acc > NIR] : 0.5042
 Kappa : 0
Mcnemar's Test P-Value : <2e-16</pre>
            Sensitivity: 1.0000
            Specificity: 0.0000
         Pos Pred Value: 0.7786
         Neg Pred Value :
   Detection Prevalence: 1.0000
      Balanced Accuracy: 0.5000
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'Positive' Class: FALSE



Thank you.