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Predicting Time of Arrival for Food Delivery Service

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Overview



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Problem Background

MOTIVATION FOR CREATING PREDICTIVE MODEL



The Problem

MOTIVATION FOR CREATING PREDICTIVE MODEL



- 01.** This analysis aims to predict estimated delivery times for a food delivery service.
- 02.** With the increasing use of delivery systems, companies like Amazon, would want to know obstacles that may affect estimated delivery time.
- 03.** Providing accurate estimates to the customer will help manage expectations, which may lead to retained customers.

Data Preparation

DATA CLEANSING REQUIRED FOR MODELING



Data Prep.

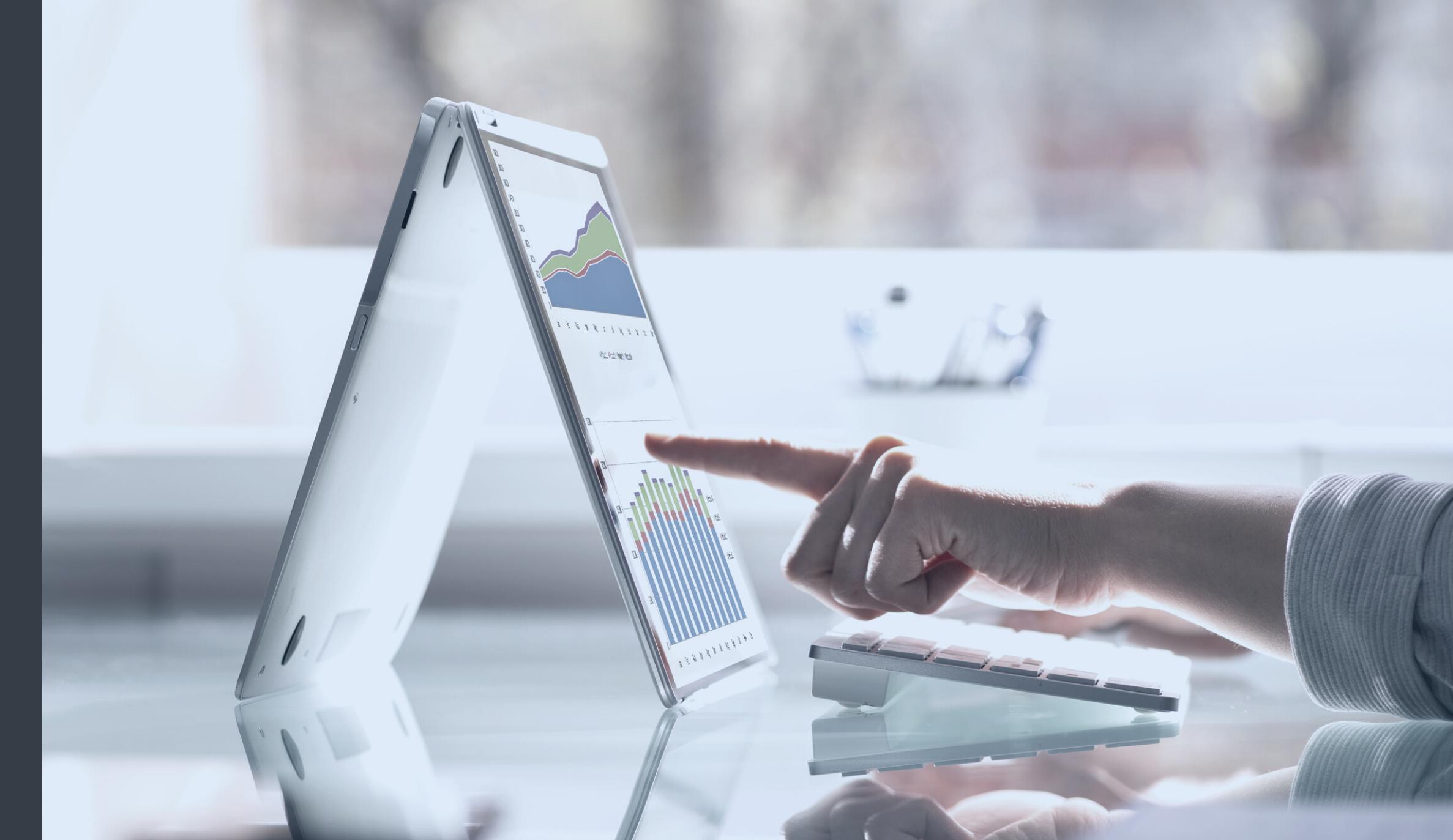
Data Cleansing required for modeling

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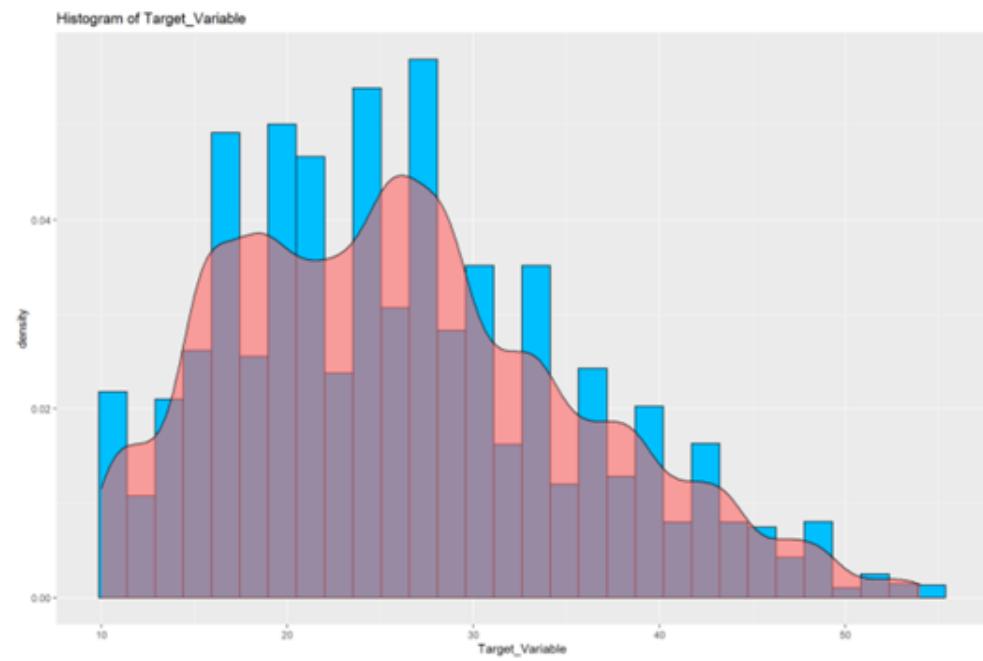
- 01.** Combines and cleans 65,000 text files resembling each row of the data.
Includes 19 total features.
- 02.** Uses K-Nearest Neighbors (kNN) to impute missing factor data.
- 03.** Uses predictive-mean matching (PMM) to impute missing numeric data.
- 04.** Normalizes highly skewed distributions, including the target variable.
- 05.** No factor-lumping is required due to limited unique values.

Data Exploration

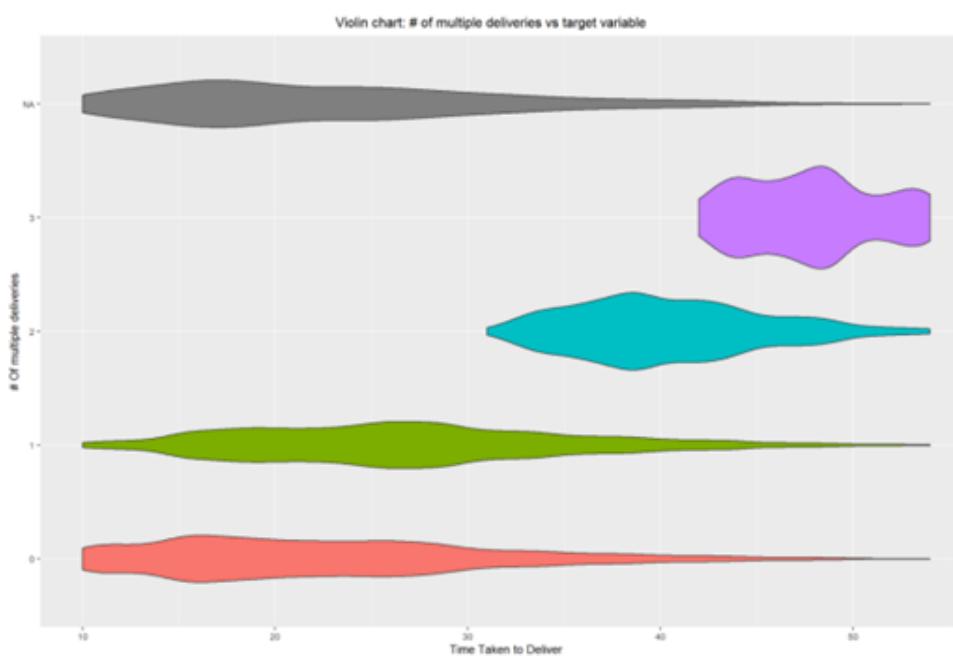
UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE DATA



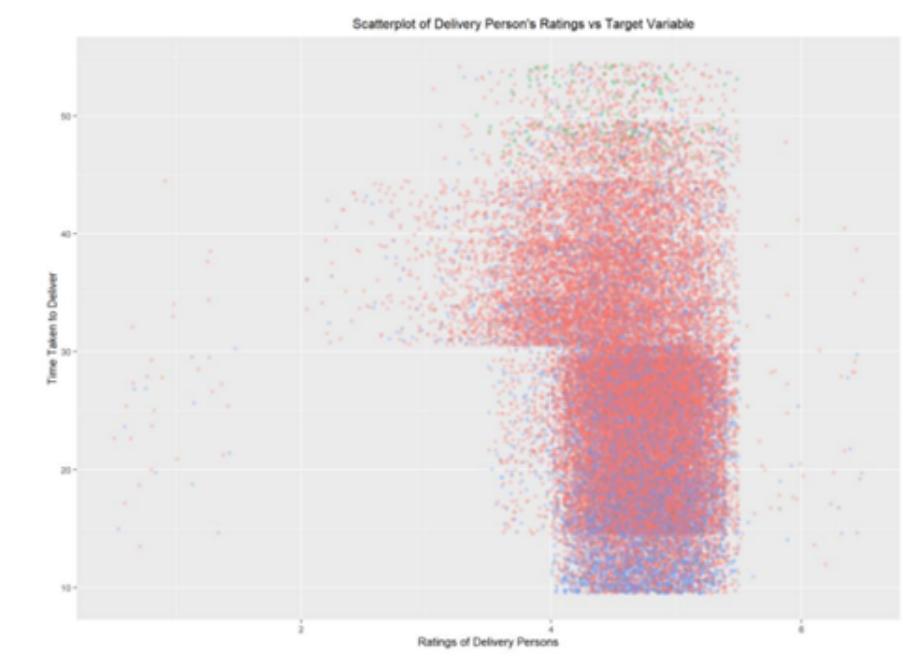
Data Exploration



**Target Variable:
Delivery Time**



**Multiple Deliveries
vs. Delivery Time**



Rating vs. Delivery Time

Modeling

CONCEPTS AND RESULTS OF CREATING PREDICTIVE MODELS



Modeling Overview

- 01.** Used various machine learning algorithms to predict the time to deliver orders.
- 02.** Goal: reduce the root-mean-squared error (RMSE) by comparing modeling performance.



OLS Results

A stepwise variable selection process is carried out to simplify the model without impacting much of the performance.

RMSE 01 0.786

Adj. R-Squared 02 0.551

MARS Results

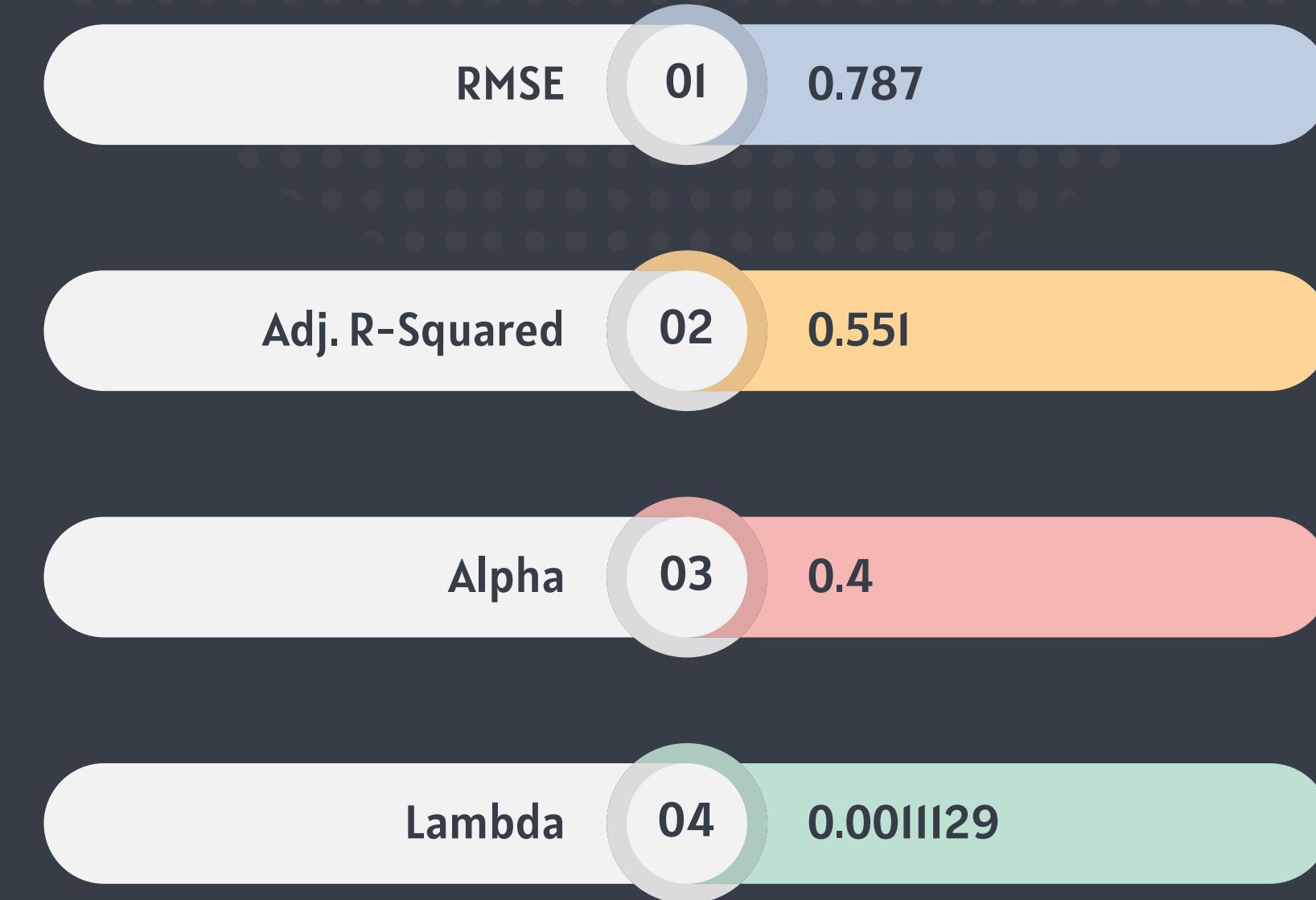
RMSE 01 0.761

Adj. R-Squared 02 0.580

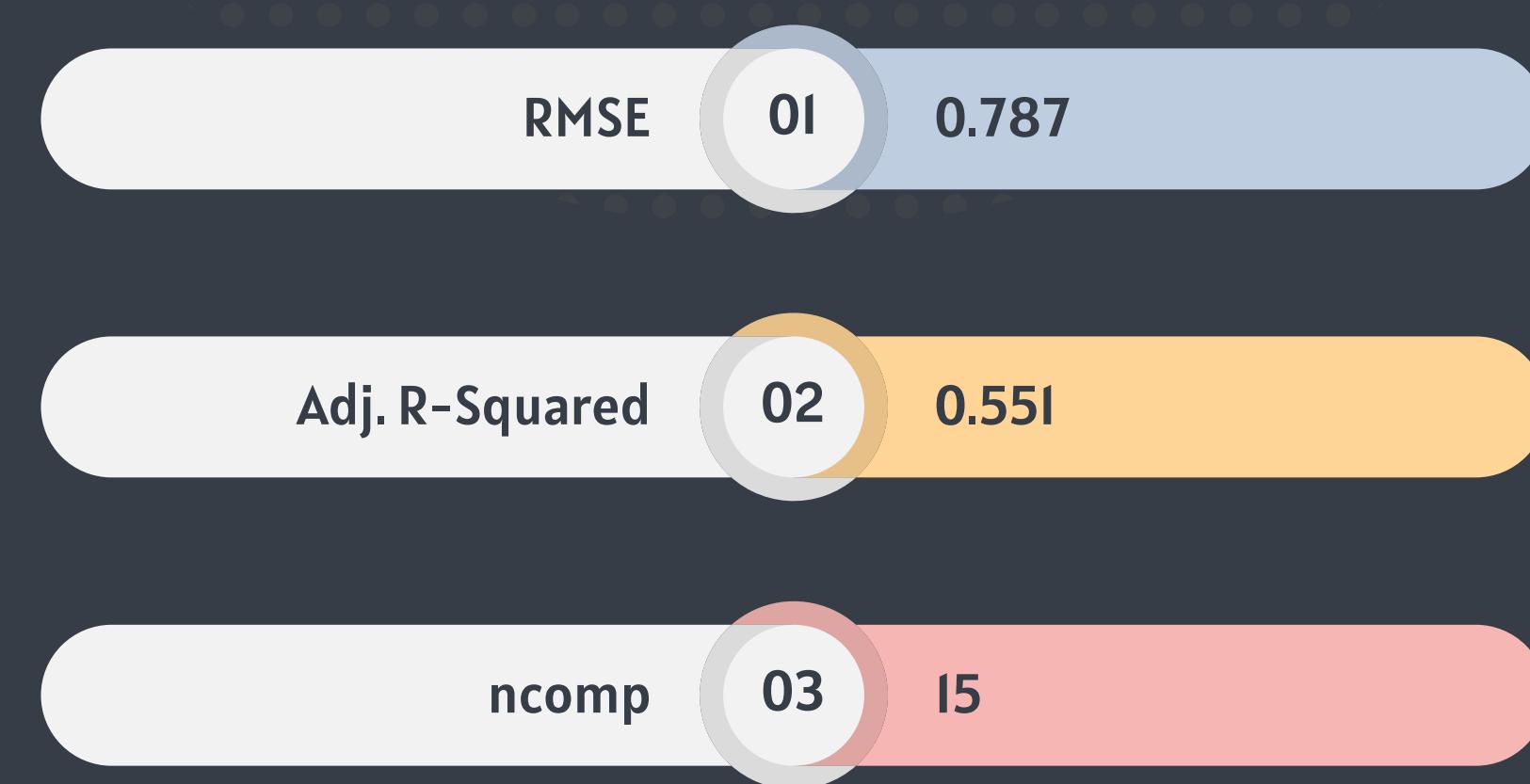
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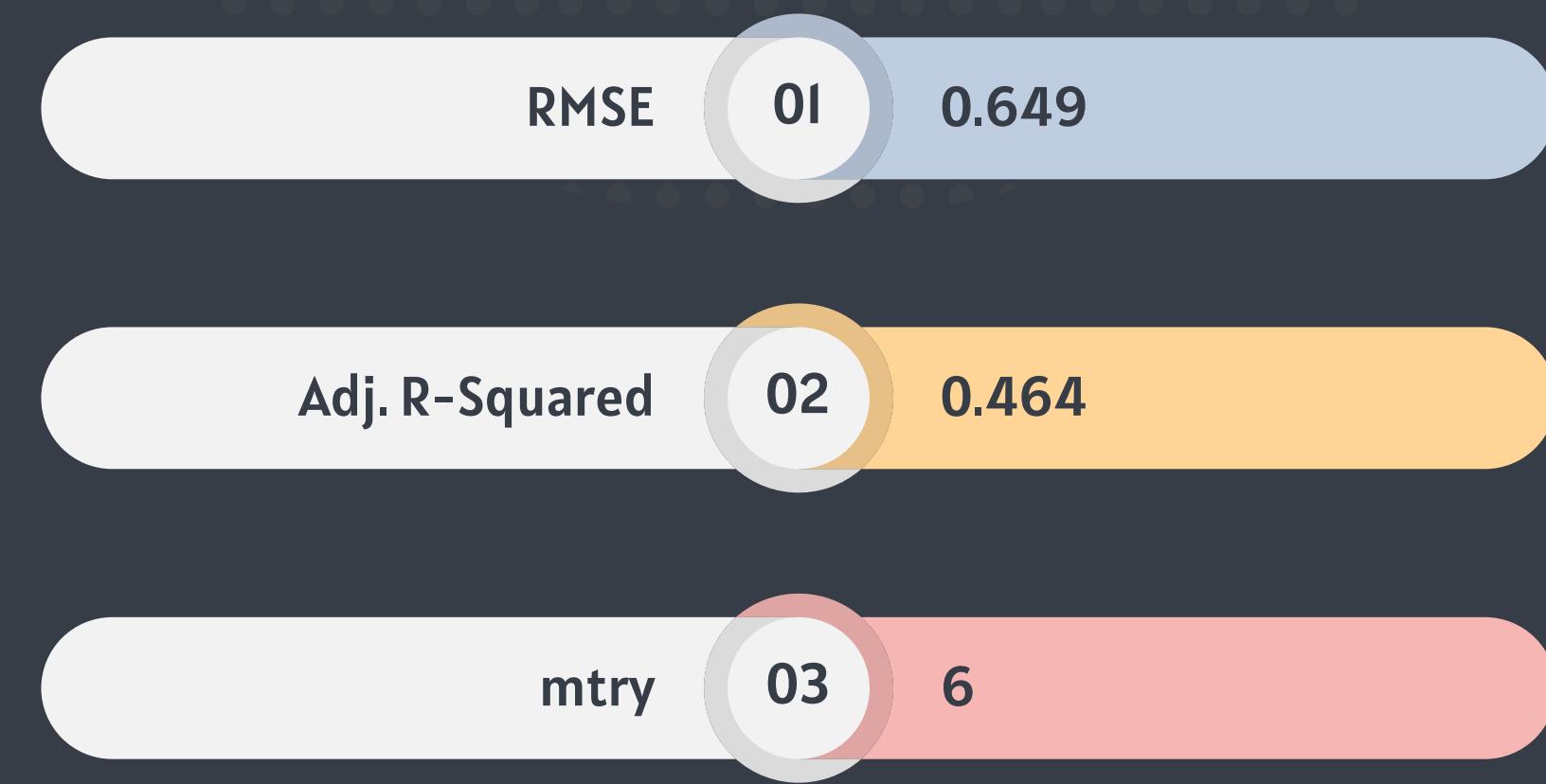
Elastic Net Results



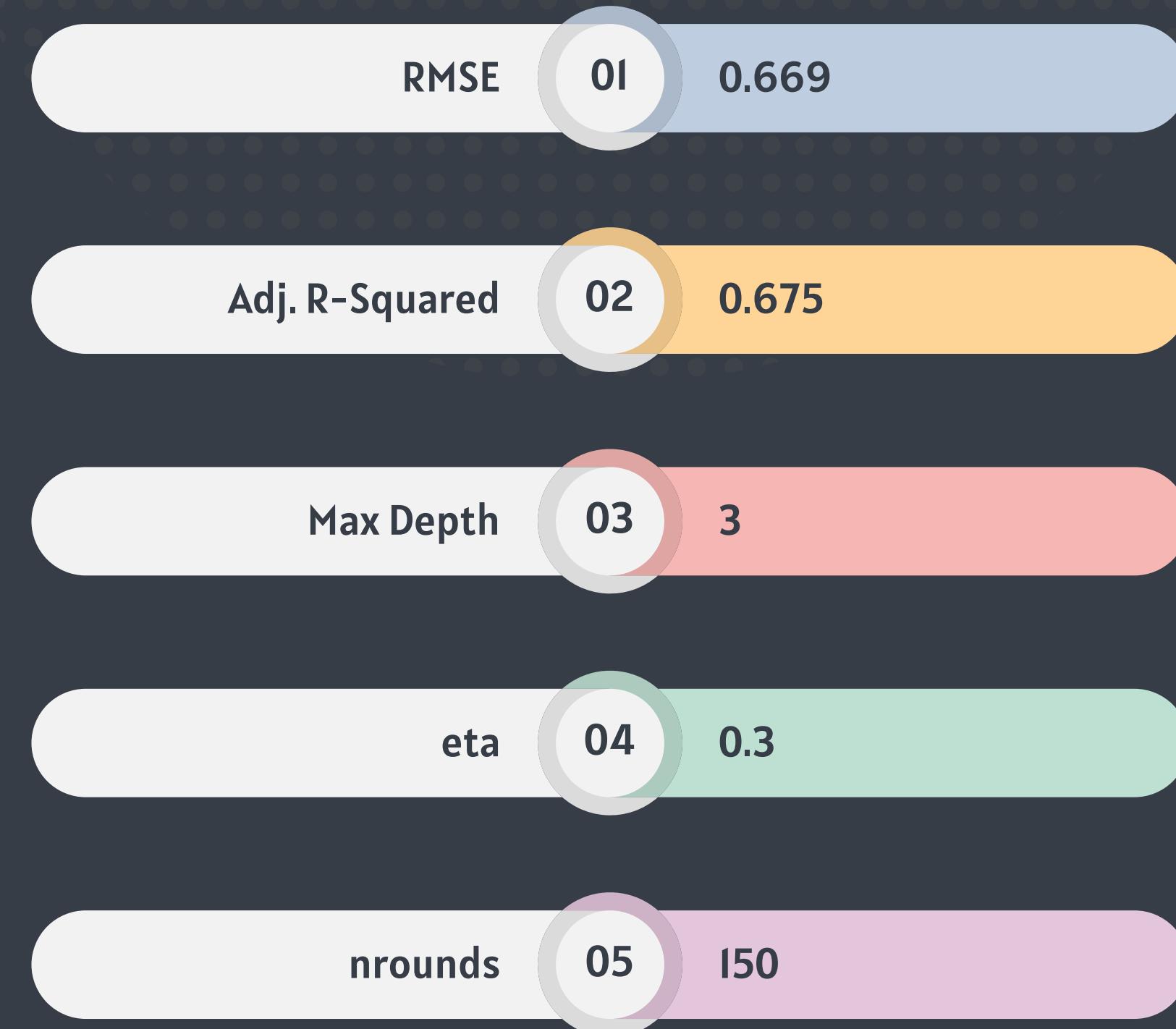
PCR Results



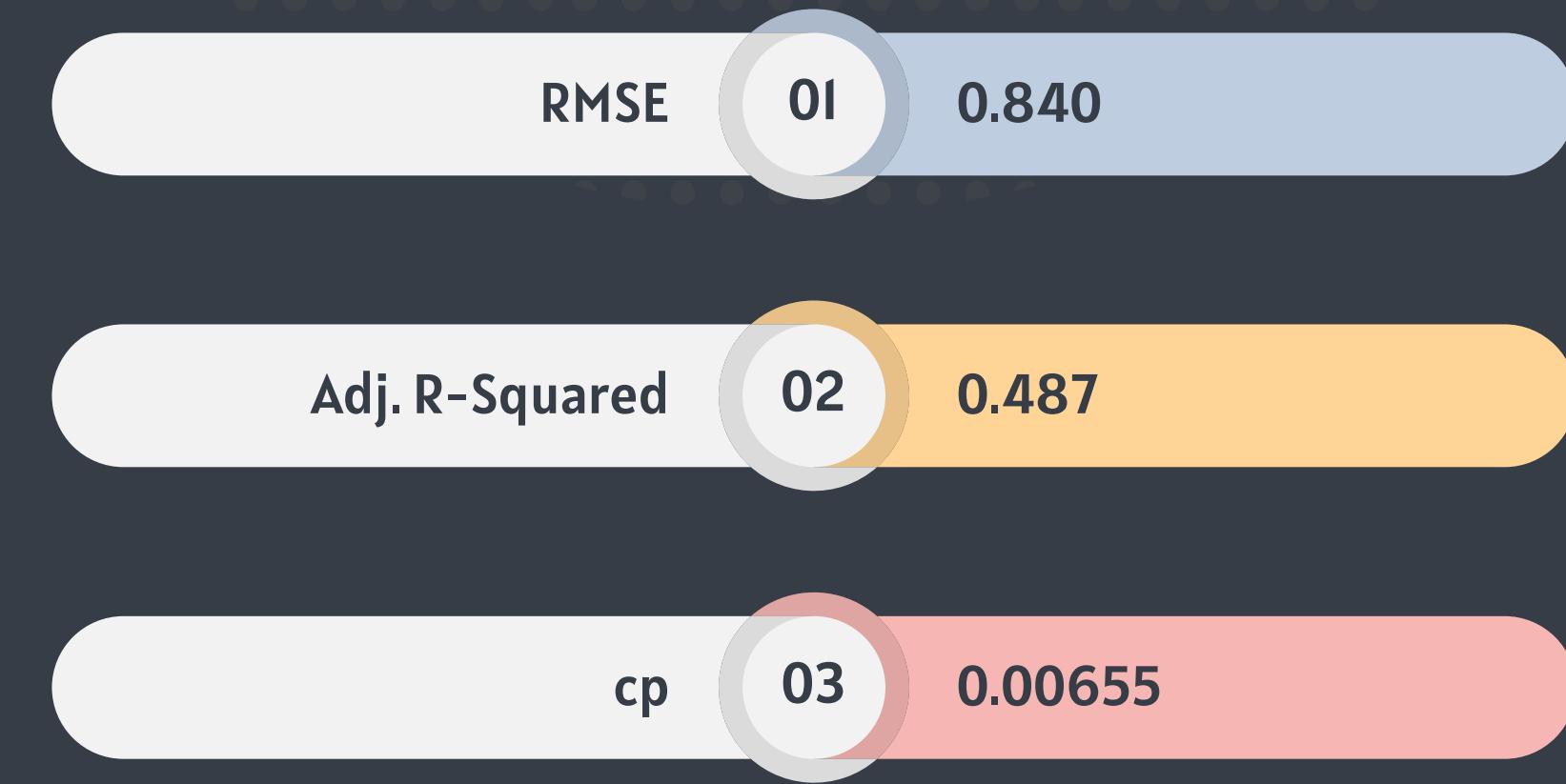
Random Forest Results



Gradient Boosted Results



Decision Tree Results



Model Conclusion

Model	Function or Package	Hyperparameters	RMSE	Adj. R-Squared
Random Forest	rf	mtry = 6	0.649	0.464
Gradient Boost	xgbTree	max_depth = 3 eta = 0.3 nrounds = 150	0.669	0.6751
MARS	caret and earth	Degree = 1 nprune = 23	0.761	0.580
OLS	lm	N/A	0.786	0.551
Elastic Net	caret and elasticnet	Alpha = 0.4 Lambda = 0.0011129	0.787	0.551
PCR	pca	ncomp = 15	0.787	0.551
CART	rpart	cp = 0.0065568	0.840	0.487
Decision Tree	rpart	cp = 0.00655	0.840	0.487

Summary



Delivery Problem



Data Cleansing



Predictive Models

