

1. Title: 1985 Auto Imports Database

2. Source Information:

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-- Sources:

1) 1985 Model Import Car and Truck Specifications,  
1985 Ward's

Automotive Yearbook.

2) Personal Auto Manuals, Insurance Services Office,  
160 Water

Street, New York, NY 10038

3) Insurance Collision Report, Insurance Institute for  
Highway

Safety, Watergate 600, Washington, DC 20037

3. Past Usage:

-- Kibler,~D., Aha,~D.~W., \& Albert,~M. (1989).  
Instance-based prediction

of real-valued attributes. {\it Computational  
Intelligence}, {\it 5},  
51--57.

-- Predicted price of car using all numeric and  
Boolean attributes

-- Method: an instance-based learning (IBL) algorithm  
derived from a

localized k-nearest neighbor algorithm. Compared  
with a

linear regression prediction...so all instances  
with missing attribute values were discarded. This  
resulted with

a training set of 159 instances, which was also  
used as a test

set (minus the actual instance during testing).

-- Results: Percent Average Deviation Error of  
Prediction from Actual

-- 11.84% for the IBL algorithm

-- 14.12% for the resulting linear regression  
equation

#### 4. Relevant Information:

##### -- Description

This data set consists of three types of entities:

(a) the

specification of an auto in terms of various characteristics, (b)

its assigned insurance risk rating, (c) its normalized losses in use

as compared to other cars. The second rating corresponds to the

degree to which the auto is more risky than its price indicates.

Cars are initially assigned a risk factor symbol associated with its

price. Then, if it is more risky (or less), this symbol is

adjusted by moving it up (or down) the scale.

Actuaricians call this

process "symboling". A value of +3 indicates that the auto is

risky, -3 that it is probably pretty safe.

The third factor is the relative average loss payment per insured

vehicle year. This value is normalized for all autos within a

particular size classification (two-door small, station wagons,

sports/speciality, etc...), and represents the average loss per car per year.

-- Note: Several of the attributes in the database could be used as a

"class" attribute.

5. Number of Instances: 205

6. Number of Attributes: 26 total

-- 15 continuous  
-- 1 integer  
-- 10 nominal

## 7. Attribute Information:

Attribute: -----	Attribute Range:
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1. symboling:	-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3.
2. normalized-losses:	continuous from 65 to 256.
3. make:	alfa-romero, audi, bmw, chevrolet, dodge, honda, isuzu, jaguar, mazda, mercedes-benz, mercury, mitsubishi, nissan, peugot, plymouth, porsche, renault, saab, subaru, toyota, volkswagen, volvo
4. fuel-type:	diesel, gas.
5. aspiration:	std, turbo.
6. num-of-doors:	four, two.
7. body-style:	hardtop, wagon, sedan, hatchback, convertible.
8. drive-wheels:	4wd, fwd, rwd.
9. engine-location:	front, rear.
10. wheel-base:	continuous from 86.6 120.9.
11. length:	continuous from 141.1 to 208.1.
12. width:	continuous from 60.3 to 72.3.
13. height:	continuous from 47.8 to 59.8.
14. curb-weight:	continuous from 1488 to 4066.
15. engine-type:	dohc, dohcvt, l, ohc, ohcvt, ohcvt, rotor.
16. num-of-cylinders:	eight, five, four, six, three, twelve, two.
17. engine-size:	continuous from 61 to 326.

18. fuel-system:	1bbl, 2bbl, 4bbl, idi, mfi,
mpfi, spdi, spfi.	
19. bore:	continuous from 2.54 to
3.94.	
20. stroke:	continuous from 2.07 to
4.17.	
21. compression-ratio:	continuous from 7 to 23.
22. horsepower:	continuous from 48 to 288.
23. peak-rpm:	continuous from 4150 to
6600.	
24. city-mpg:	continuous from 13 to 49.
25. highway-mpg:	continuous from 16 to 54.
26. price:	continuous from 5118 to
45400.	

#### 8. Missing Attribute Values: (denoted by "?")

Attribute #:	Number of instances missing a value:
2.	41
6.	2
19.	4
20.	4
22.	2
23.	2
26.	4