

Springboard Guided Capstone Harikrishnan V August 2020

PROBLEM **SUMMARY**

- Ticket pricing strategy at Big Mountain Resort has been just to price at a certain premium over the average market prices.
- This is very vague and arbitrary.
- We need to develop a better data driven pricing strategy.
- With the nationwide resort data :
 - ✓ We can find out the actual value of the features in the resort.
 - ✓ We can also find the features that most contribute to ticket price and take action.

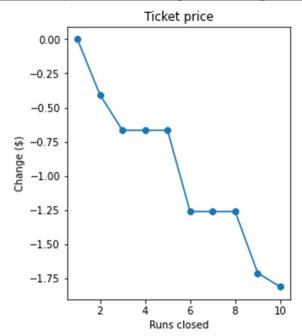
Recommendation and key findings

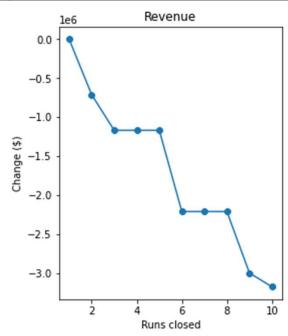
About ticket price

Big Mountain Resort supports a ticket price of \$95.87 with a mean error of \$10.39, against the current \$81.00.

(Considering 350,000 seasonal visitors, each spending 5 days)

About permanently closing down up to 10 of the least used runs





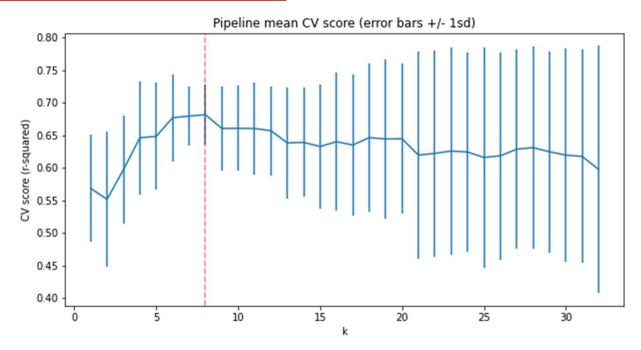
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- About increasing the vertical drop by adding a run to a point 150 feet lower down
 + installation of an additional chair
- Increases support for ticket price by \$1.99
- \$3474638 increase in ticket income over the season
- About additional 2 acres of snow making coverage to above scenario
- Same as above!
- Such a small increase in the snow making area makes no difference!
- About increasing longest run by 0.2 miles + add snow making coverage of 4 acres
- No difference whatsoever.
- Longest run is not a very important feature influencing pricing.

1. MEAN OF PRICES MODEL

Mean Error of: \$17.92 on train data, \$19.13 on test data

2. LINEAR REGRESSION MODEL



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Feature importance coefficients

vertical drop 10.767857

Snow Making ac 6.290074

total chairs 5.794156

fastQuads 5.745626

Runs 5.370555

LongestRun_mi 0.181814

trams -4.142024

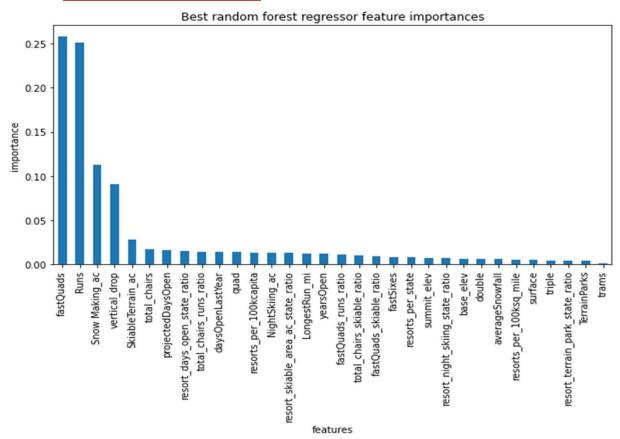
SkiableTerrain_ac -5.249780

Mean Error of: \$10.50 on train data \$11.79 on test data

3. RANDOM FOREST MODEL

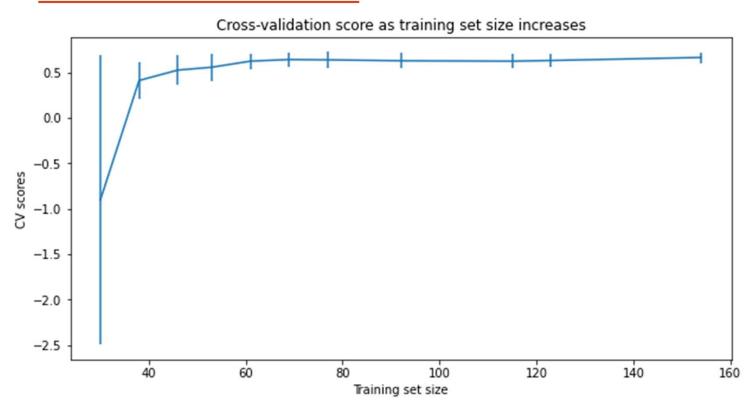
Best model was with 69 trees

Feature importance



Mean Error of: \$9.64 on train data \$9.54 on test data

DATA QUANTITY ASSESSMENT



More than adequate data quantity

Summary

MODEL RESULTS

• Mean of prices:

• Linear Regression:

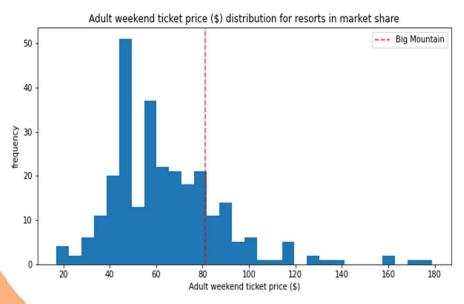
Random Forest:

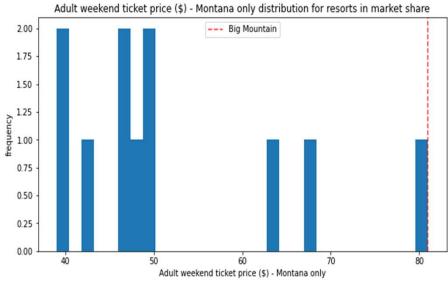
Error (train)	Error (test)
17.92	19.13
10.50	11.79
9.64	9.54

RANDOM FOREST MODEL

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BIG MOUNTAIN PRICES COMPARED TO MARKET:

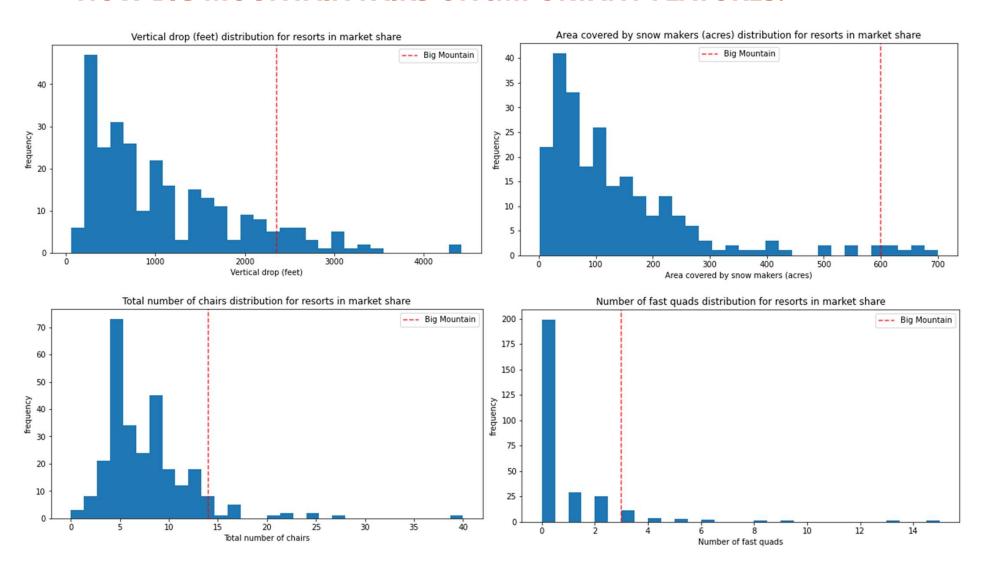




FEATURES THAT ARE IMPORTANT:

- vertical_drop
- Snow Making_ac
- total_chairs
- fastQuads
- Runs
- LongestRun_mi
- trams
- SkiableTerrain_ac

HOW BIG MOUNTAIN FAIRS ON IMPORTANT FEATURES:



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