
Test Results and Income

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Introduction - School Funding

CA Dept. of Education

Are test results indicative of local income?

Update funding formulas to bridge achievement gap.

“Property tax revenues ... often reinforces inequity State funding ... is rarely successful at overcoming these differences.” (Gartner, Jess. *How are Public Schools Funded?*, 2017)





Strategy

Collect data from California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress.

Use zip codes for median household income.

Feature engineer data for income prediction.

Leverage results to inform education budgeting.





Methodology - Data Sources

Test Score Data:

CA school data from 2018
Smarter Balanced testing



Income Data:

Median household income by zip code





Methodology - Process

Automate data retrieval

Cross Validation (80% train) with four models:

- Ordinary Least Squares
- Ridge
- LASSO
- Polynomial

Feature engineer maximal model efficacy

Tools Used

- Python
- Pandas
- Matplotlib
- Seaborn
- Selenium
- Patsy
- SciKit-Learn
- Statsmodels





Findings

Chose OLS over other models because it yielded only marginally worse results.

Predictions are 31.7% off from the true median income on average.

Almost all features are statistically significant.

29.6% of the variance of true median income is accounted for.



Conclusion

While my findings are more robust than naive approaches, they should not constitute much towards overhaul of the funding schematics.

The variability may accidentally penalize some schools that truly need the extra funding and vice versa.



Future Work

- Test and income data from prior years
- Investigate prediction of home value
- Data from other states
- More feature engineering



Thank You!

<https://github.com/MattEding/ProjectLuther>



Appendix - Test Summary Pt. 1

Dep. Variable:	y	R-squared:	0.296
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.296
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	598.0
Date:	Fri, 25 Jan 2019	Prob (F-statistic):	0.00
Time:	08:44:48	Log-Likelihood:	-3066.1
No. Observations:	11386	AIC:	6150.
Df Residuals:	11377	BIC:	6216.
Df Model:	8		
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		

y: np.log(Median_Income)

RMSE Score: 0.31713498883040286

Omnibus:	84.035	Durbin-Watson:	1.994
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):	92.251
Skew:	-0.173	Prob(JB):	9.29e-21
Kurtosis:	3.274	Cond. No.	367.



Appendix - Test Summary Pt. 2

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	10.2510	0.055	187.108	0.000	10.144	10.358
x1	0.1460	0.066	2.228	0.026	0.018	0.274
x2	0.1848	0.030	6.160	0.000	0.126	0.244
x3	-0.0073	0.038	-0.193	0.847	-0.081	0.067
x4	2.5263	0.127	19.915	0.000	2.278	2.775
x5	-0.7331	0.171	-4.280	0.000	-1.069	-0.397
x6	-0.6639	0.074	-8.946	0.000	-0.809	-0.518
x7	0.3942	0.101	3.921	0.000	0.197	0.591
x8	0.0370	0.004	9.592	0.000	0.029	0.045

X1: Math

X2: np.log(Grade)

X3: Math:np.log(Grade)

X4: np.log(Percent_Passed + 1)

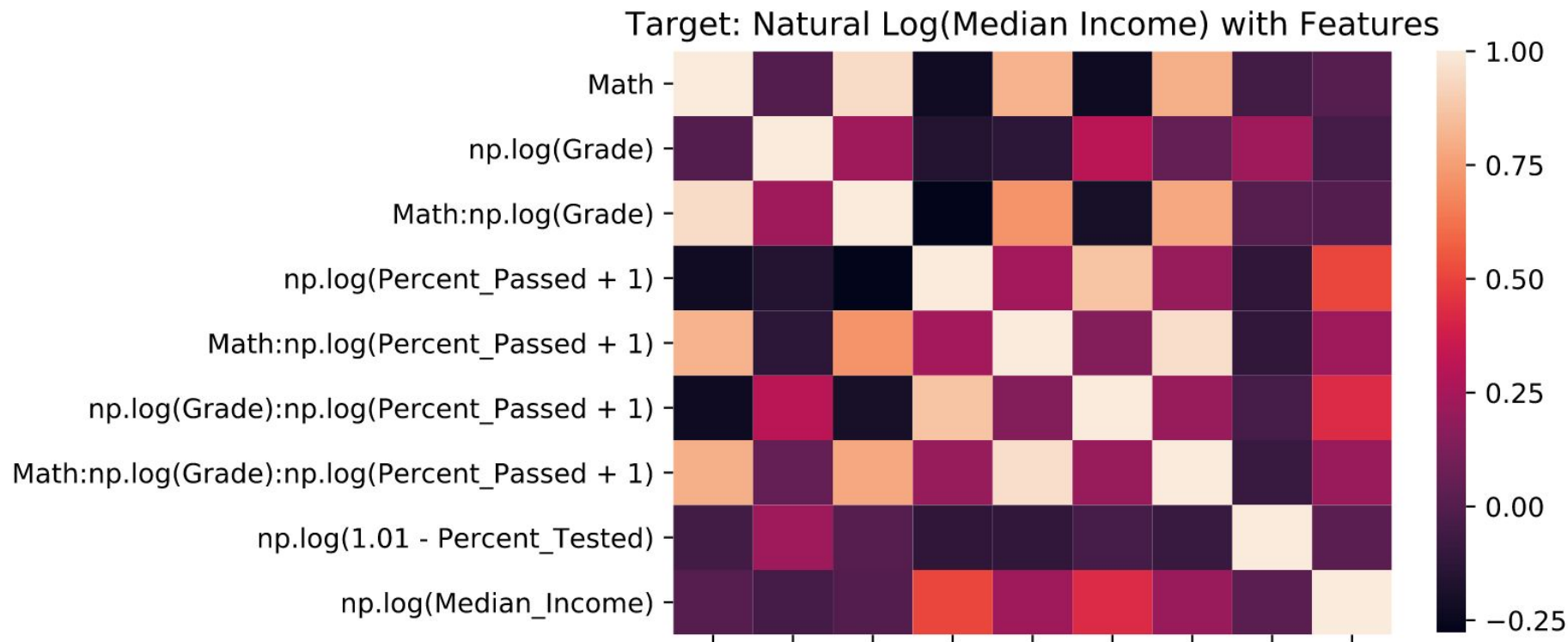
X5: Math:np.log(Percent_Passed + 1)

X6: np.log(Grade):np.log(Percent_Passed + 1)

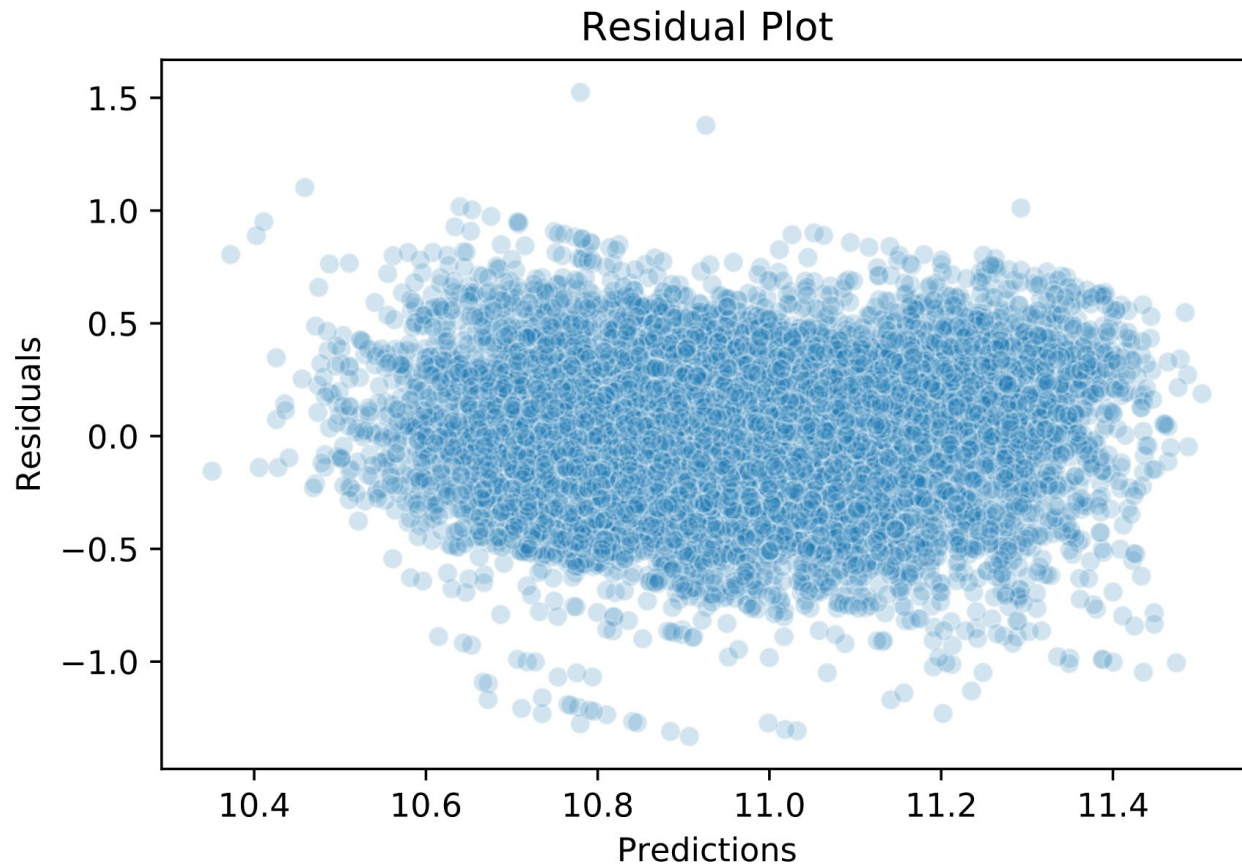
X7: Math:np.log(Grade):np.log(Percent_Passed + 1)

X8: np.log(1.01 - Percent_Testeds)

Appendix - Heatmap



Appendix - Residuals





Appendix - CV Means / 5 Folds / 80% Train

linreg_mse_mean,
0.10067587790392145,

lasso_mse_optimal,
0.10093148393675706,

ridge_mse_optimal
0.10067569153264302

linreg_adj_r2_mean,
0.2869029336781394,

lasso_adj_r2_optimal,
0.2851035847982211,

ridge_adj_r2_optimal
0.28690427102712207



Appendix - CV polynomial degrees

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In [151]:  
poly_mse_mean
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Out[151]:  
{0: 0.14139573391162893,  
 1: 0.10067587790392145,  
 2: 0.09742838086516811,  
 3: 0.09673969713674237}
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In [152]:  
poly_adj_r2_mean
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Out[152]:  
{0: -0.0005043993899957577,  
 1: 0.2868245576350533,  
 2: 0.307081431468514,  
 3: 0.30275217974267155}
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Appendix: Naive Simple Linear Regression

Median Income ~ Percent Met & Above

Dep. Variable:	y	R-squared:	0.267
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.267
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	2.078e+04
Date:	Fri, 25 Jan 2019	Prob (F-statistic):	0.00
Time:	06:38:17	Log-Likelihood:	-16281.
No. Observations:	56928	AIC:	3.257e+04
Df Residuals:	56926	BIC:	3.258e+04
Df Model:	1		
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	10.5833	0.003	3584.754	0.000	10.577	10.589
x1	0.8856	0.006	144.169	0.000	0.874	0.898

Omnibus:	319.540	Durbin-Watson:	0.313
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):	355.348
Skew:	-0.143	Prob(JB):	6.87e-78
Kurtosis:	3.260	Cond. No.	5.42

Median Income ~ Median Scale Score

Dep. Variable:	y	R-squared:	0.142
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.142
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	9449.
Date:	Fri, 25 Jan 2019	Prob (F-statistic):	0.00
Time:	08:37:45	Log-Likelihood:	-20769.
No. Observations:	56928	AIC:	4.154e+04
Df Residuals:	56926	BIC:	4.156e+04
Df Model:	1		
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	5.5859	0.055	100.965	0.000	5.477	5.694
x1	0.0022	2.22e-05	97.204	0.000	0.002	0.002

Omnibus:	28.927	Durbin-Watson:	0.203
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):	29.264
Skew:	-0.048	Prob(JB):	4.42e-07
Kurtosis:	3.056	Cond. No.	9.43e+04

Appendix: OLS without Feature Engineering Pt. 1

Dep. Variable:	Median_Income	R-squared:	0.319
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.319
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	2669.
Date:	Fri, 25 Jan 2019	Prob (F-statistic):	0.00
Time:	09:10:27	Log-Likelihood:	-6.4510e+05
No. Observations:	56928	AIC:	1.290e+06
Df Residuals:	56917	BIC:	1.290e+06
Df Model:	10		
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		

Omnibus:	8407.110	Durbin-Watson:	0.301
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):	19727.684
Skew:	0.858	Prob(JB):	0.00
Kurtosis:	5.319	Cond. No.	1.09e+06

Appendix: OLS without Feature Engineering Pt. 2

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
Test_Year	-78.1326	4.809	-16.246	0.000	-87.559	-68.706
Total_Tested_At_Entity_Level	201.6205	43.434	4.642	0.000	116.490	286.751
Total_Tested_with_Scores	-202.8167	43.493	-4.663	0.000	-288.063	-117.570
Grade	-815.4109	94.785	-8.603	0.000	-1001.190	-629.632
Test_Id	5379.5464	182.553	29.468	0.000	5021.742	5737.351
CAASPP_Reported_Enrollment	240.0734	12.930	18.567	0.000	214.730	265.416
Students_Test	-228.7238	13.214	-17.310	0.000	-254.622	-202.825
Mean_Scale_Score	40.0326	3.893	10.284	0.000	32.403	47.662
Percentage_Standard_Met_and_Above	5.337e+04	978.592	54.534	0.000	5.14e+04	5.53e+04
Type_Id	-2307.5353	107.803	-21.405	0.000	-2518.829	-2096.242
Zip	1.1686	0.048	24.314	0.000	1.074	1.263