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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The video game sales dataset contains sales figures for video games released between 1980 and 2020 for more than 17,000 games from 58 different platforms. It contains information such as the title of the game, the platform the game was released on, the year it was released, the genre the game belongs to, the publisher, the number of players, the sales in different regions, and the total global sales. This dataset is useful to gain valuable insights into the video game industry, such as which genres are the most popular, which platforms are the most successful, and which publishers have the highest sales. Additionally, the dataset can be used to identify trends in the industry, such as the increasing popularity of mobile gaming and the increasing focus on digital sales. This dataset is ideal for those looking to gain a better understanding of the video game industry and its development over time.

It can be used to identify trends in the video game industry, analyze the performance of different platforms, and compare the success of different genres. The dataset is an invaluable resource for those interested in video game history, sales, and analytics.

The video game sales dataset is to provide an analysis of the sales of video games across all platforms worldwide. The dataset includes titles, platforms, year of release, genre, publisher, NA_sales, EU_sales, JP_sales, and Other_sales. This allows for the analysis of the different types of games, the sales of those games across different regions, and the trends in video game sales over time.

Based on our findings, developers should utilize the Decision Tree model derived from our dataset to calculate which type of video game will sell the best in any given area, as well as tell the gamer which game will be worthwhile to pick up and play.

INTRODUCTION:

Video game sales data and market analysis

This dataset offers data on the sales figures and performance of video games. It covers all regions and provides detailed information on the platforms, release dates, genres, publishers, developers, and other relevant data.

This data set is perfect for anyone looking to analyze the video game market and identify trends. It can be used to track the sales of individual games, discover which genres are most popular, and forecast future sales.

Data on video game sales is essential for anyone involved in the video game industry, from developers and publishers to retailers and investors. This dataset provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date data available, making it an invaluable resource for anyone looking to understand the video game market.

It is important to analyze the most successful video games in terms of their genre and region. The success of a video game also depends on the type of platform it is created for. This can help in understanding the target audience of the video game and can be a useful guide for game developers.

From this analysis, we predict the most successful video games which will help us understand the reasons behind the success or failure of video games. The analysis can be used to modify the production of video games by the most lucrative strategy since the development of video games requires a substantial investment.

ABOUT THE DATA SET:

The dataset includes information such as the name of the game, the platform on which it was released, the region in which it was released, the release date, the genre, the publisher, and the number of copies sold. This dataset contains 16,598 items and includes a list of video games that have sold more than 100,000 copies. It was created from data that was scraped from Charts.

Fields included in the dataset:

- Rank Ranking of overall sales
- Name The games name
- Platform Platform of the game's release (i.e. PC, PS4, etc.)
- Year Year of the game's release
- Genre Genre of the game
- Publisher Publisher of the game
- NA Sales Sales in North America (in millions)
- EU Sales Sales in Europe (in millions)
- JP Sales Sales in Japan (in millions)
- Other Sales Sales in the rest of the world (in millions)
- Global Sales Total worldwide sales.

Predictors of the dataset:

- Overall sales: the total number of units sold
- Average price: the average price of a game
- Platform: the platform the game was released on

• Genre: the genre of the game

• Year: the year the game was released

Reviews

Overall reviews: the total number of reviews for the game

Positive reviews: the number of positive reviews for the game

Negative reviews: the number of negative reviews for the game

Forecasts

Sales forecast: the projected sales for the game in the future

• Price forecast: the projected price for the game in the future

DATA SOURCE:

There are 16,598 records in the data collection regarding video game sales that were obtained

from Kaggle. The variables in this data set are the rank of total sales, name of the game, gaming

platforms, year of release, genre, publisher, sales in North America, Europe, Japan, the rest of

the globe, and worldwide sales.

SEMMA (SAMPLE, EXPLORE, MODIFY, MODEL, & ASSES):

SAMPLE: This stage involves choosing a portion of the suitable volume dataset from the larger

dataset to create the model. To identify variables influencing the process at this early stage, the

information will be separated into training, validation, and testing sets. We'll use JMP's Make

Validation Column tool to build these samples.

EXPLORE: The analysis of the correlations among the various data elements as well as the

identification of missing information is done in this step using both univariate and multivariate

techniques. While univariate analysis focuses on each factor separately, multivariate analysis

examines the relationships between variables. All these elements could have an impact on the

analysis's conclusion, which will rely primarily on data visualization. JMP's distribution, multivariate, and correlation tools will be used for this.

MODIFY: Using application logic, we will extract what we discover through research. Before being passed on to the modeling stage, the data is analyzed, cleaned, improved, and transformed. From this, we derive JMP's formula columns and tools like the missing data pattern, outlier analysis, principal component analysis, recode, binning, transformations, and standardization.

MODEL: The variables are modified, and the data is cleaned. Data mining methods can be applied to develop a predicted model of how the data produces the desired outcome. The JMP modeling tools fit model, partition, bootstrap forest, boosted tree, and model screening will all be used.

ASSES: We assess the effectiveness and dependability of the model. The data can now be used to determine performance efficacy after being tested.

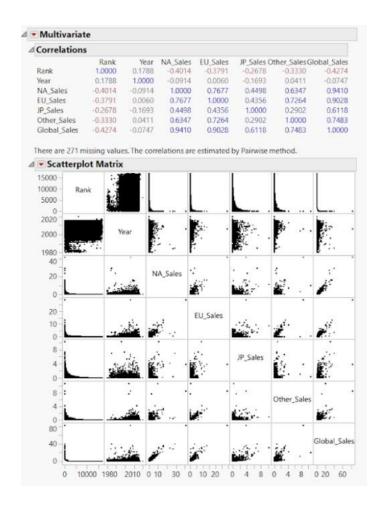
ANALYZING THE MISSING VALUES:

Commands				
Missing Value Report	Number of missing values for each column			
Missing Value Clustering	Hierarchical clustering	g of rows and	d columns missingness	
Missing Value Snapshot	Patterns of missing va	lues with gra	phical map	
Multivariate Normal Imputation	Least squares predicti	on from the	nonmissing variables in each row	
Multivariate SVD Imputation	Imputation for wide p with the power-meth		ng a singular value decomposition for missing values	
Automated Data Imputation	Automatically selects best dimension for low-rank approximation based on the data and has streaming imputation capabilities			
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By analyzing the missing values in the dataset, there are 271 missing values present in the year. The number is low compared to the total number of records present in the original dataset. And no missing values are present in the remaining fields of the dataset. So, we can exclude the missing values from the year field.

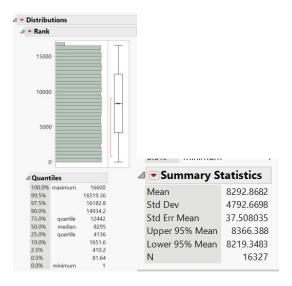
MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS:

The multivariate analysis is used to find the correlation among the variables. By performing multivariate analysis on the video game sales data set we found that all the variables are strongly correlated to the target variable. Hence, we are not excluding the fields as they are strongly correlated.

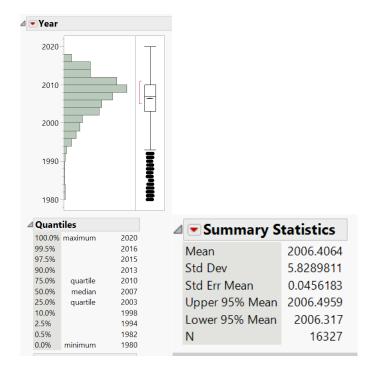


DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS:

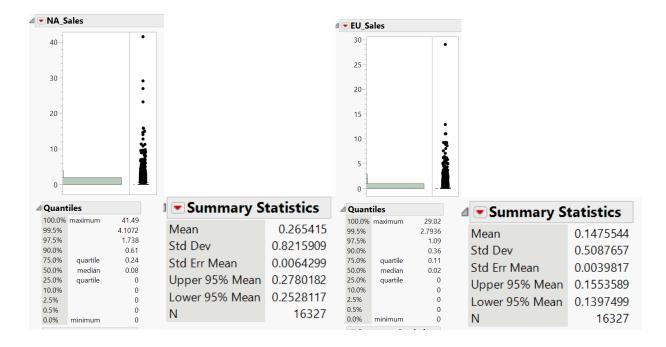
Rank: The distribution analysis for the rank variable depicts that it is uniformly distributed.



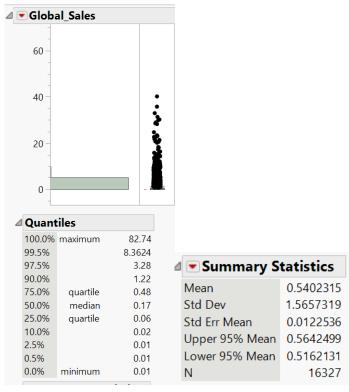
Year: The year variable is normally distributed with few outliers present in the analysis.



The sales distribution in North America, Europe, Japan, other, and worldwide is not evenly distributed and it has outliers in the data.



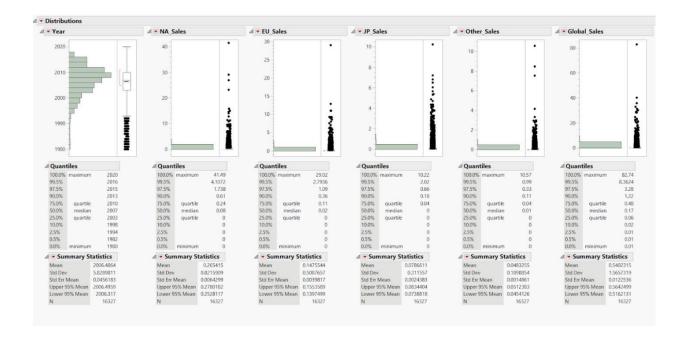




EXPLORING OUTLIERS IN THE DATASET:

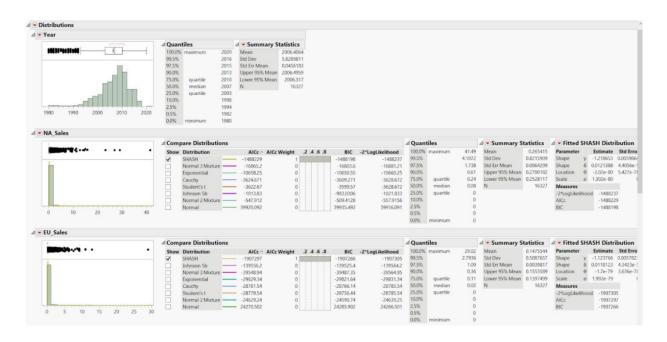
After exploring the outliers in the dataset in each variable of the dataset we found the outliers present in the columns: year, NA_Sales, EU_Sales, JP_Sales, Other_sales, & Global_sales. The below picture shows the number of outliers present in the variables as well as the outliers present outside the whiskers by performing the distribution analysis.

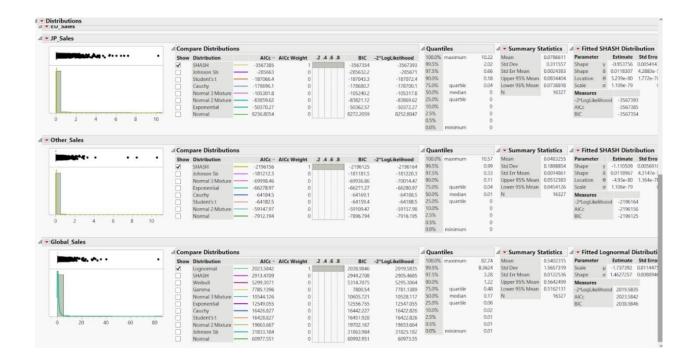




TRANSFORMING THE VARIABLES:

Transforming the variables with their best fit will minimize the outliers present in the variables. So that makes data clean to perform further operations. Here the best fit is SHASH for all variables except for the Global_Sales variable. The Global_Sales variable has lognormal as its best fit.

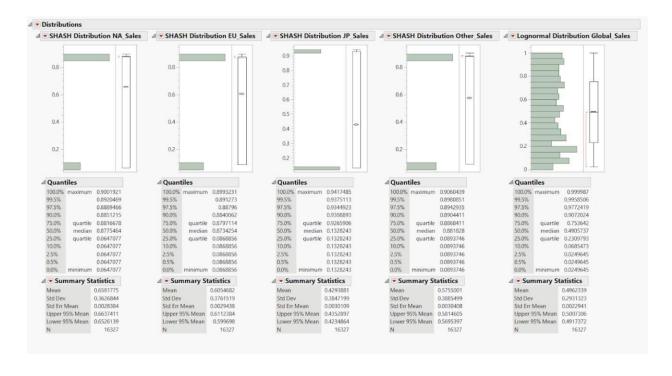




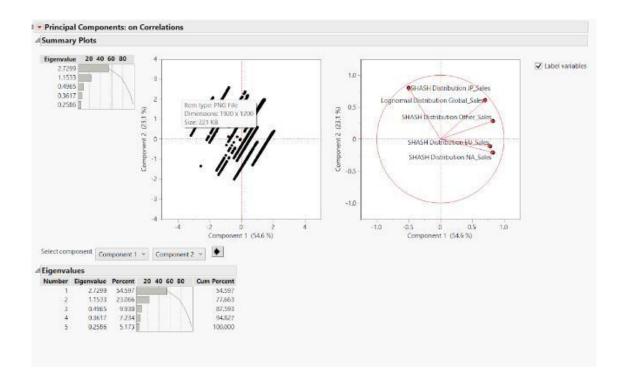
AFTER THE TRANSFORMATION OF VARIABLES:

By performing the outlier analysis on the transformed variables, we found zero outliers in all transformed variables. Hence, we can say that the data is now cleaned and ready to perform further analysis on it. The below pictures show the zero outliers present in each transformed variable and by performing the distribution analysis we can see there are no outliers present outside the whiskers.





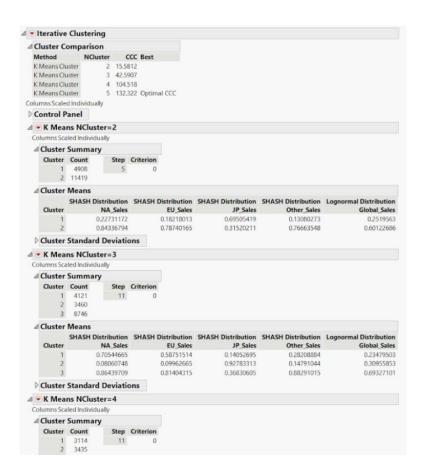
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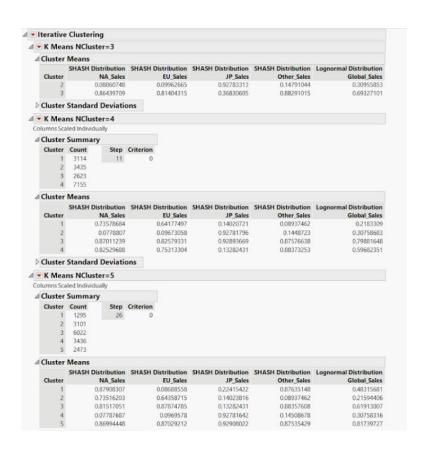


The three principal components that should be saved are PC1, PC2, and PC3 as they cover more than 80% of variance. These components explain a large portion of the variance in the dataset, which can provide valuable insights into the underlying factors that influence the data. Additionally, these components can be used to reduce the dimensions of the data and make it more manageable.

CLUSTERING:

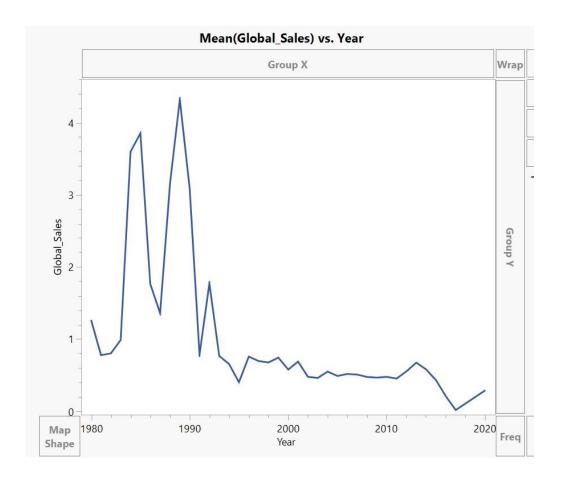
Clustering is a technique that is used to know the alike characteristics of the variables present in the dataset. Here we performed K-means on transformed variables. From the analysis, the ideal number of clustering is 5 with an optimal value of 132.32, and the number of clusters is 2473.



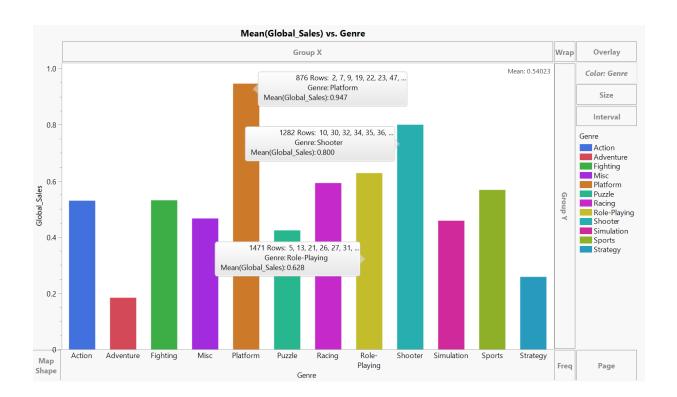


DATA VISUALIZATION:

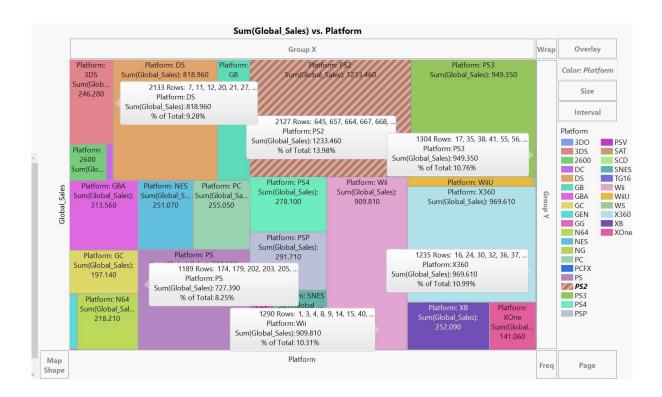
Global_Sales vs. Year: In the early 80s video game sales followed the upward trend and peaked in the mid-80s then declined gradually. And again, in the early start of the 90s, it gradually increased and reached its maximum sales. Then after it has seen some fluctuations as each year passes. From the visualization, we can say that at present video game sales started from their minimum point and it is raising their bar.



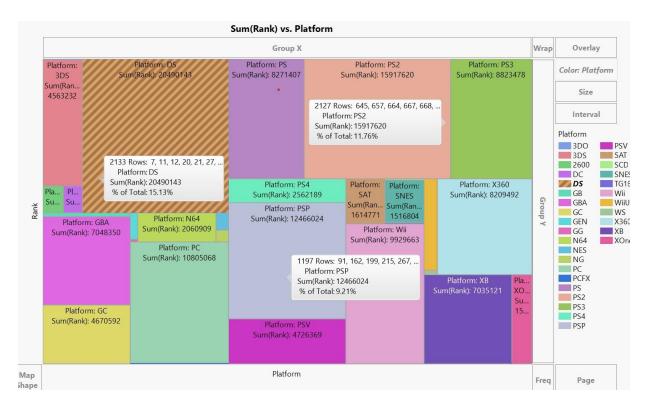
Global_Sales vs. Genre: The Visualization below depicts that the Platform genre has the highest sale which is followed by Shooter & Role-playing genres respectively.



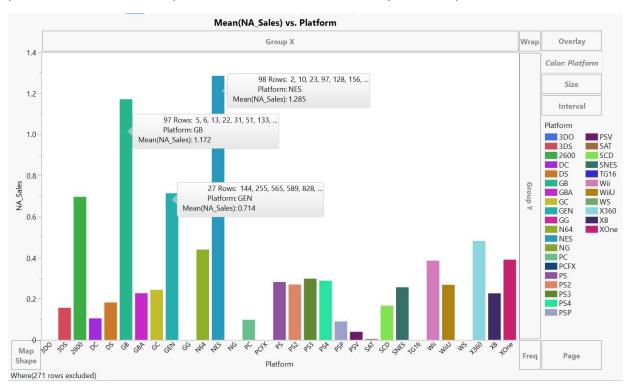
Global_Sales vs. Platform (gaming console): The picture below shows that Sony PS2 has the highest sales. And in the second position is Microsoft X360. And then it is followed by PS3 in third and Wii in the fourth position.



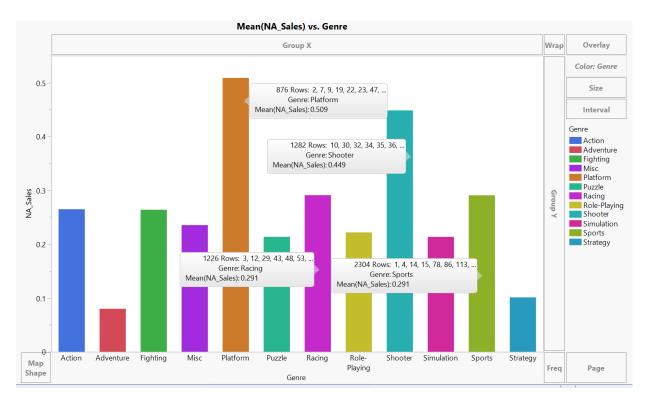
Rank vs. Platform: As per rankings the platform DS secured the highest rank and then PS2 & PSP are in the second and third position respectively.



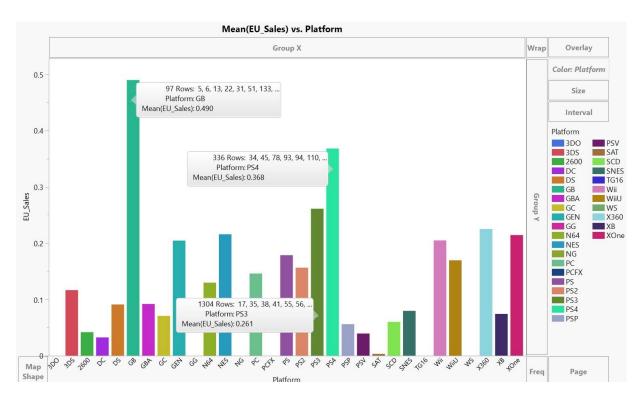
NA_Sales vs. Platform: The bar plots below indicate which gaming platform has the highest sales in North America. As per the plot, the NES platform has the highest sales. GB gaming platform is in the second position which is then followed by the GEN platform.



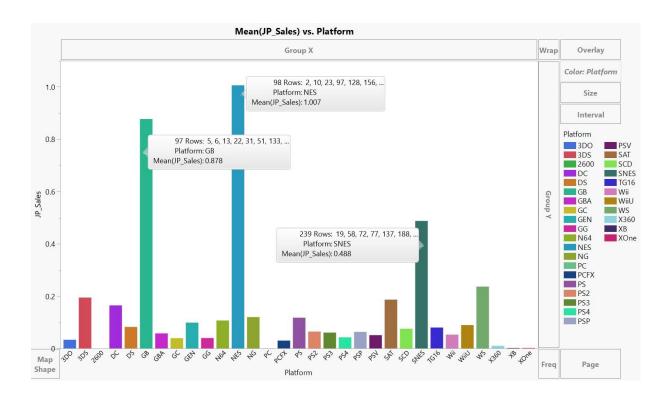
NA_Sales vs Genre: The below box plots show the highest-selling gaming genre in North America. The platform genre (2D games) has the highest sales in North America. And shooter gaming genre is in the second position. Racing and Sports game genres share the third spot.



EU_Sales vs Platform: The bar plot below indicates which gaming platform has the highest sales in Europe. As per the plot, the GB platform has the highest sales. The PS4 gaming platform is in the second position which is then followed by the PS3 platform.



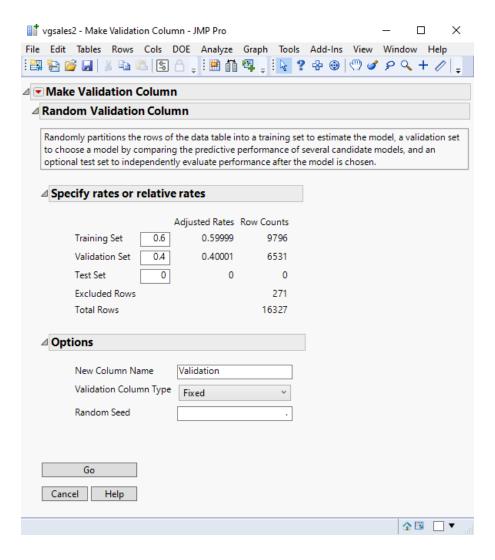
JP_Sales vs Platform: The bar plots below indicate which gaming platform has the highest sales in Japan. As per the plot, the NES platform has the highest sales. GB gaming platform is in the second position which is then followed by the SNES platform.



MAKING VALIDATION COLUMN:

We are considering the 60/40 split between the Training & Validation set to build the models.

This makes a validation column in the dataset of training with 60% and validation with 40%.

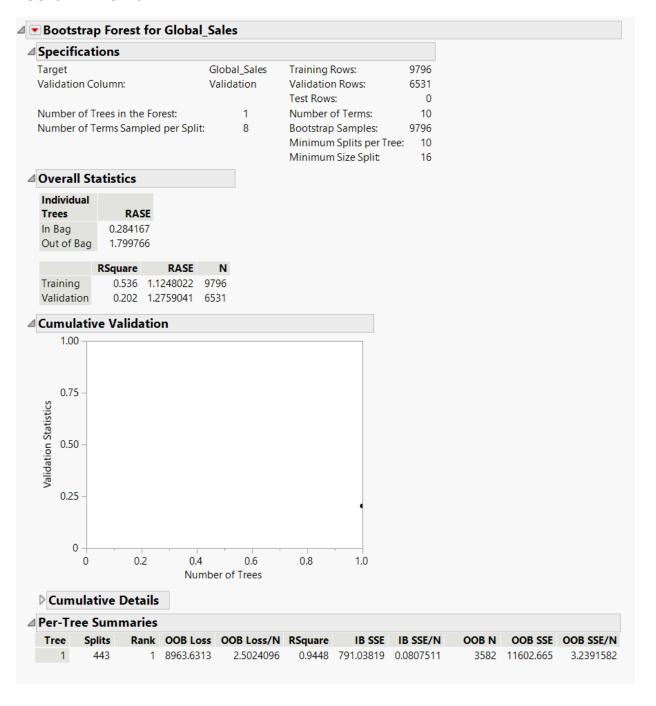


MODELING

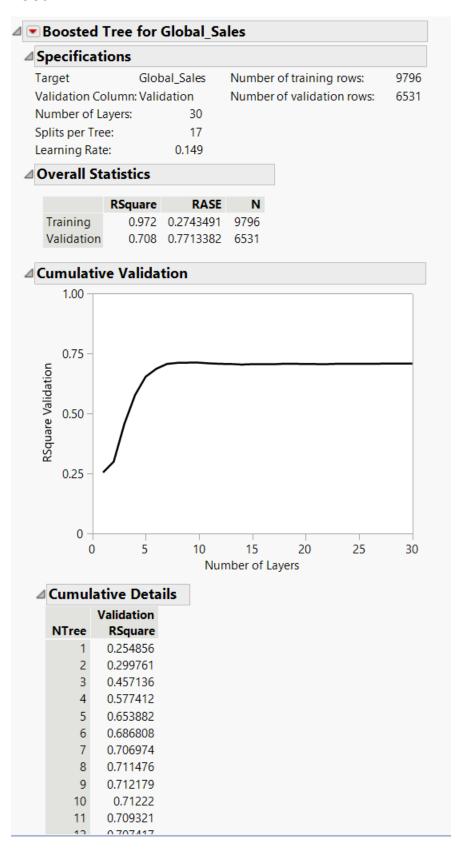
REGRESSION TREE:



BOOTSTRAP FOREST:



BOOSTED TREE:



MODEL SCREENING:

By making the validation column, we proceed to compare the five different sets of models. Among the five, by comparing them we will find the best model which will provide enough information to build a successful model. The five models we are selecting for our dataset are Decision Tree, Bootstrap Forest, Boosted Tree, Neural networks, and Logistic regression.

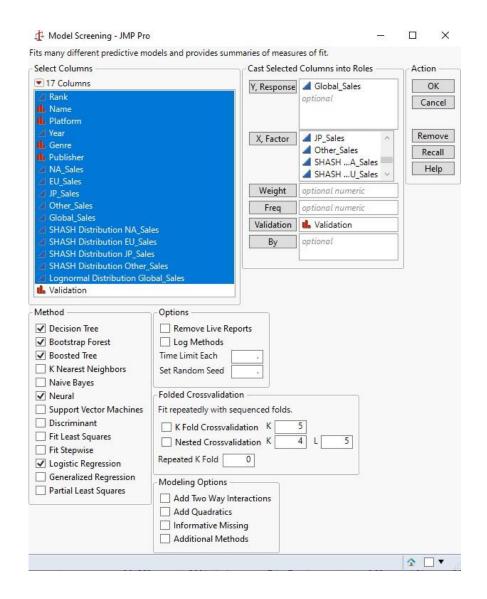
For the Decision Tree, JMP will create a model by partitioning the data into different subsets based on the values of the predictor variables. It will then use a cost function or error rate to evaluate the different splits and determine the best split point. The model will then be pruned to reduce the complexity of the tree and improve its accuracy.

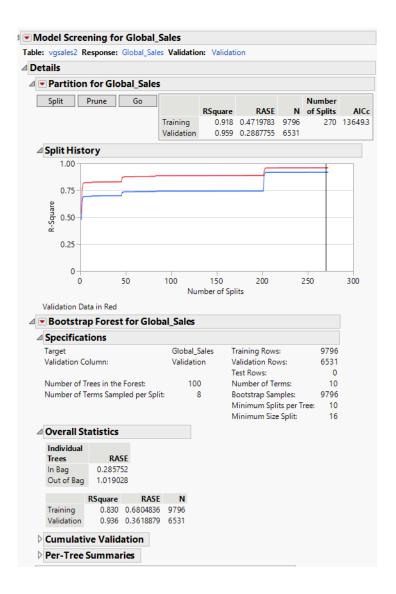
For Bootstrap Forest, JMP will create a forest of decision trees, each one based on a different sample of the data. It will then use an optimization algorithm to find the best combination of trees that minimizes the prediction error.

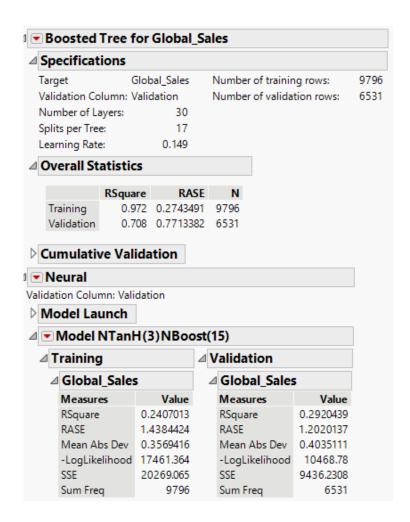
For Boosted Tree, JMP will build a sequence of models where each model is based on the previous model's predictions. It will then combine the predictions from all the models and use an optimization algorithm to find the best combination of predictors that minimizes the prediction error.

For Neural networks, JMP will create a model based on a set of neurons connected in a network. It will use an optimization algorithm to find the best combination of weights and biases that minimizes the prediction error.

Finally, for Logistic Regression, JMP will create a model based on a set of predictor variables and their associated coefficients. It will use an optimization algorithm







As we can see, the Decision Tree model is the most accurate when predicting the success of a video game. The model can take in many data points, as well as a variety of different data types, to accurately predict the success of a video game. This model can be used by game developers to make better decisions when developing a game, as well as by gamers to make better decisions when deciding which game to purchase.

Training			
Method	N	RSquare >	RASE
Boosted Tree	9796	0.9724	0.2743
Decision Tree	9796	0.9183	0.4720
Bootstrap Forest	9796	0.8301	0.6805
Neural Boosted	9796	0.2407	1.4384
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Validation Method Decision Tree	N 6531	RSquare ~ 0.9591	RASE 0.2888

CONCLUSION:

Overall, the Decision Tree model was the best predictor of game success, with a correlation of 0.9591 and a RASE of 0.2888. This indicates that the model was able to accurately predict the success of games with a high degree of accuracy.