

## Analyzing Candy Model Results:

CART

65 samples

10 predictors

No pre-processing

Resampling: Cross-Validated (10 fold)

Summary of sample sizes: 57, 60, 59, 59, 59, 58, ...

Resampling results across tuning parameters:

cp	RMSE	Rsquared	MAE
0.02514968	11.45146	0.4996184	9.163033
0.06764895	11.83555	0.4980533	9.537629
0.45320038	13.64755	0.3953041	11.214511

RMSE was used to select the optimal model using the smallest value.

The final value used for the model was  $cp = 0.02514968$ .

### Analysis:

In my effort to dissect and understand the complexities of a candy dataset through the lens of a CART (Classification and Regression Trees) model, I took on an insightful journey with a dataset comprising 65 samples adorned with 10 predictors. This analytical expedition, free of any data preprocessing rituals, aimed to preserve the raw essence and integrity of the dataset, thereby providing a fertile ground for the model to explore and learn.

Making the most of 10-fold cross-validation, I ensured a meticulous evaluation framework that not only bolstered the reliability of our findings but also painted a vivid picture of the model's capabilities and limitations. The dance of numbers across the folds—ranging from 57 to 60 samples—was proof of the dynamic nature of my validation process, ensuring each data point had its moment in the spotlight of validation. My exploration into the realm of model tuning was guided by the compass of complexity parameters ( $cp$ ). The journey through the parameter space was marked by three notable waypoints:

- At  $cp = 0.02514968$ , I was able to discover a model that crafted predictions with a Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 11.45146. This model, boasting an R-squared value of approximately 0.4996184, showed the secrets of nearly half the variance in our dependent variable. The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) stood at 9.163033, a number that reflected the average deviation of our predictions from their true north.
- Advancing to  $cp = 0.06764895$ , I encountered a slight turbulence in performance. The RMSE edged higher to 11.83555, and the R-squared value subtly hinted at a marginal retreat to 0.4980533. This shift, although minimal, was a sharp reminder of the delicate dance between model complexity and accuracy.
- The exploration took a stark turn at  $cp = 0.45320038$ , where the pursuit of simplicity led us into the realms of underfitting. With an RMSE soaring to 13.64755 and an R-squared value contracting to 0.3953041, the narrative was clear—the quest for simplicity had ventured too far, leaving behind the richness of our data's story.

In the end, it was the model at  $cp = 0.02514968$  that emerged as the chosen one, a beacon of balance in the fine line between detail and abstraction. This model, while not without its flaws, offered a glimpse into the heart of the data, unraveling the threads of complexity with a graceful method.