

# COVID-19 Data Analysis for Capstone Project/ IBM Data Scientist

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# Introduction

- As of 11<sup>th</sup> April Year 2020, COVID-19 pandemic is affecting many countries around the world. It is interesting to investigate different factors driving COVID-19, and predict number of COVID cases in near future. Therefore, this topic was selected for Capstone project for IBM Data Science Certification.
- **Process:**
  - Collect information on known/potential factors influencing COVID-19. Collect data from different resources. Prepare clean database for COVID-19 analysis. Install/deploy needed software/scripts.
  - Perform data analysis. Conduct discussion and review to make project report.
- **Goals of Capstone Project:**
  1. Descriptive, Predictive and Prescriptive analysis for COVID-19 cases.
  2. Apply different machine learning algorithms to identify best R-sq, and predictors.
  3. Identify key factors that drive COVID-19.

# Executive Summary (Data Analysis)

- Starting from 15 March 2020, most countries are showing exponential rise in number of COVID-19 reported cases.
- **Key drivers of COVID-19 spread/elimination:**
  - (a) Tourism/Travel score, (b) Diagnostic Tests/Million of Population, (c) Health Care and Awareness Score, and (d) Human Freedom Score.
- **Temperature** and **Humidity** can possibly help improve immune system of people. But, as per analysis, it is estimated to reduce # of COVID cases about 5-10% only.

# Executive Summary (Recommendations)

- Key **recommendations for eliminating, or reducing** COVID cases.

(a) Minimum 2000 diagnostic tests/million population in a country.

(b) Improved social distancing, and reduce travels.

(c) Improved health care and awareness for people.

Rich Economic Score  $\neq$  Best Health Care and Awareness.

Note: Above recommendation are based on data analysis in this project report.

On top of that all citizens must follow guidance of CDC, and WHO.

# Weblinks for IBM Watson Studio & Github

## **IBM Webpage**

[https://dataplatform.cloud.ibm.com/analytics/notebooks/v2/8e308421-4c8c-4dc7-8691-29630823f91d/view?access\\_token=f24a085479eb3b5fda37a3eb9dff8cfb08cd908cb247610154596c1bcfd3bf0](https://dataplatform.cloud.ibm.com/analytics/notebooks/v2/8e308421-4c8c-4dc7-8691-29630823f91d/view?access_token=f24a085479eb3b5fda37a3eb9dff8cfb08cd908cb247610154596c1bcfd3bf0)

## **Github Webpage**

<https://github.com/PradeepTaiwan1980/Coursera-capstone-project>

- PDF format project report uploaded to Github page

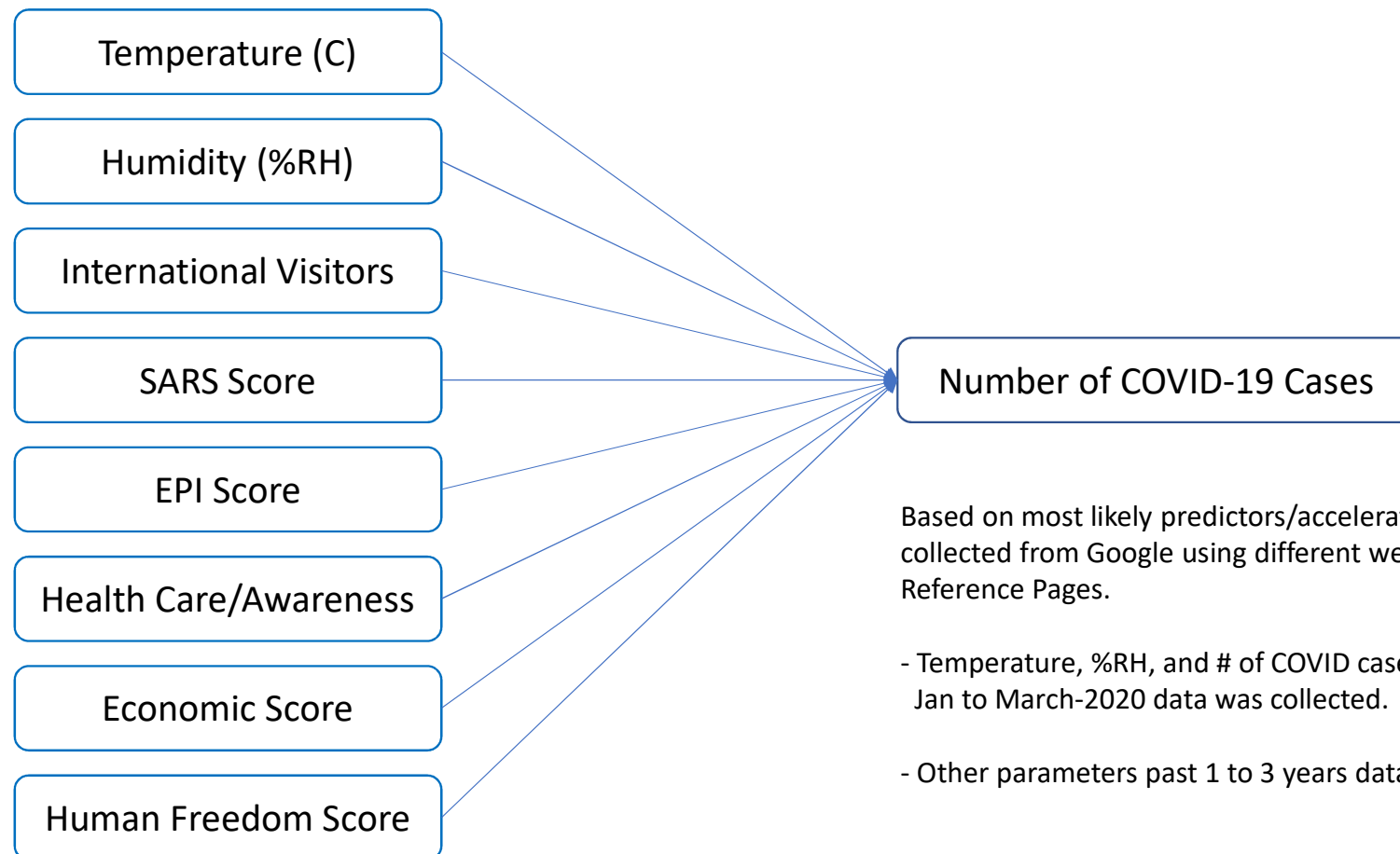
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# Metadata for 'COVID-19 Data' Data Frame

- Countries = List of countries in world
- COVID-19 cases = Total number of COVID-19 cases by 11 April 2020
- Tests per Million = # of COVID-19 diagnosis tests per million of population
- Temperature = Maximum temperature in Celsius units of a country in month of March/April-2020
- Humidity (%RH) = Average humidity of a country in month of March/April-2020
- Tourism score = # of million passengers arriving at airports in different countries, or visitors
- SARS score = Measure of impact of SARS on individual country
- EPI score = Environmental performance index of individual country
- Healthcare score (HCS) = Global rating of healthcare facilities
- Human freedom score (HFS) = Global rating of people making own choices, social interactions, and people friendly governance.
- Economic Score = GDP per capita/Cost of living in individual country
- Tourism\_X = Multiplication of Tourism score index with X score of a country.  
X = Economic, Temperature, HFS, and HCS

# Data Preparation for COVID-19 Analysis



Based on most likely predictors/accelerators, data was collected from Google using different websites listed in Reference Pages.

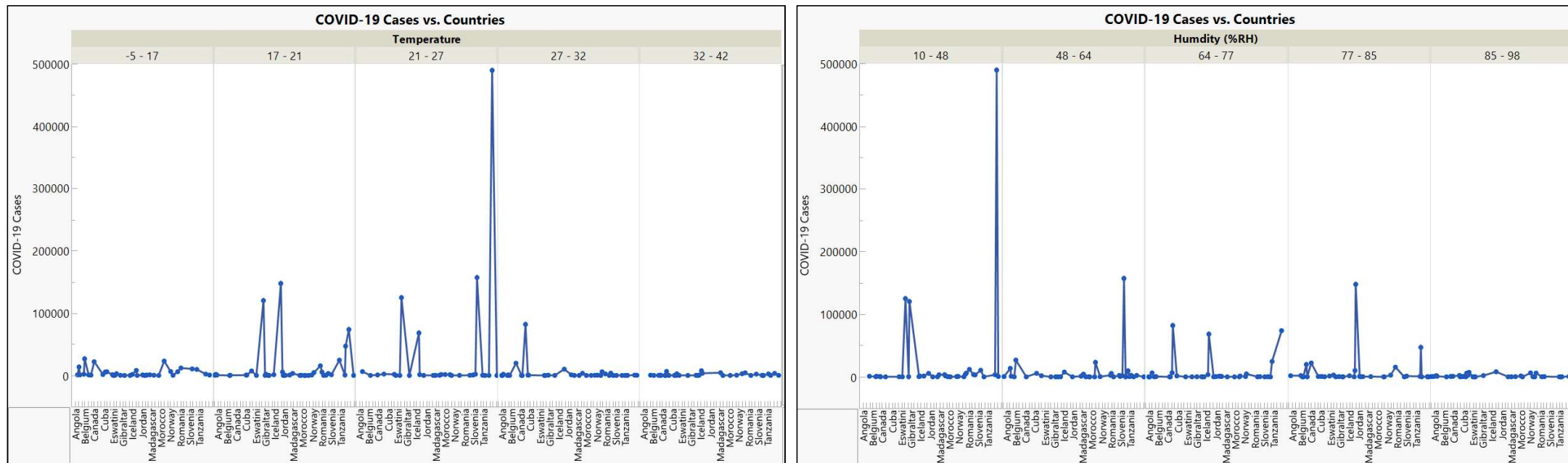
- Temperature, %RH, and # of COVID cases: Jan to March-2020 data was collected.
- Other parameters past 1 to 3 years data was collected.





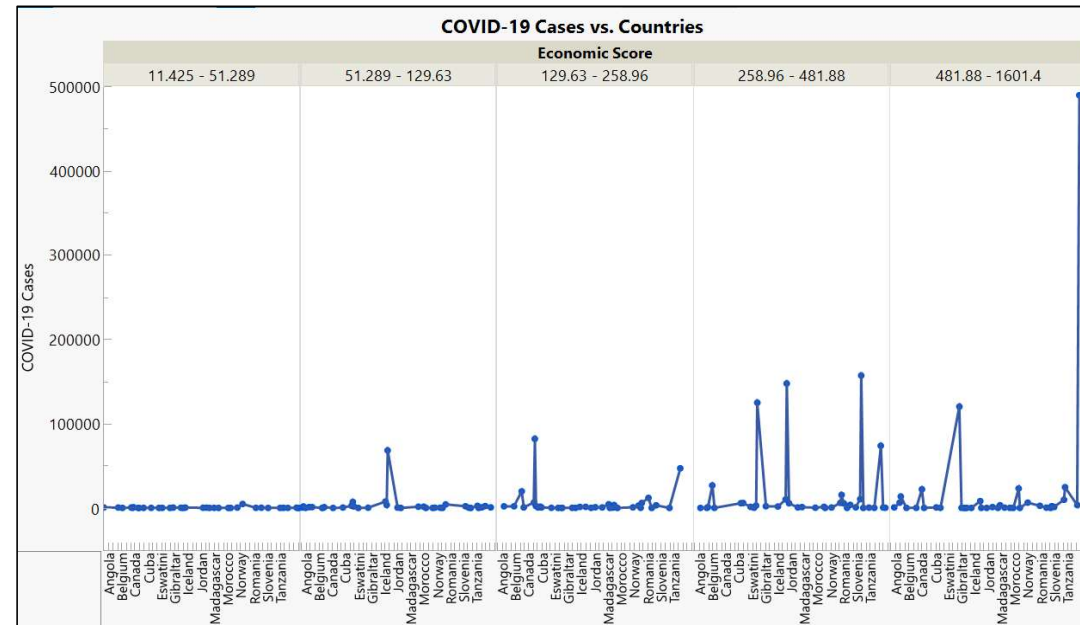
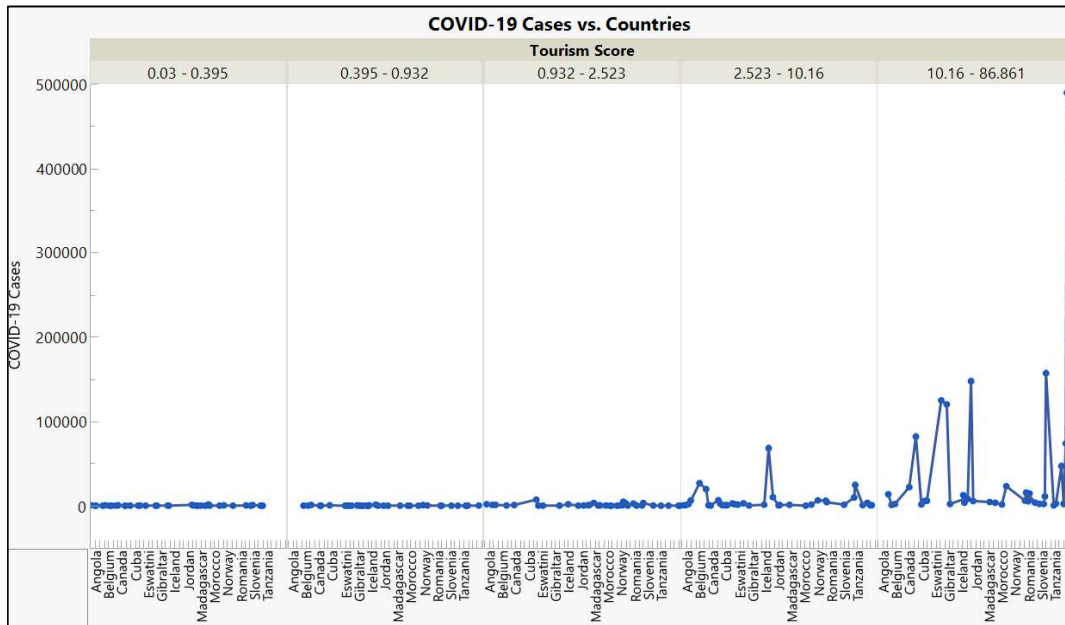
Data Analysis using  
JMP Pro 14 Software

# COVID-19 Cases in Different Countries



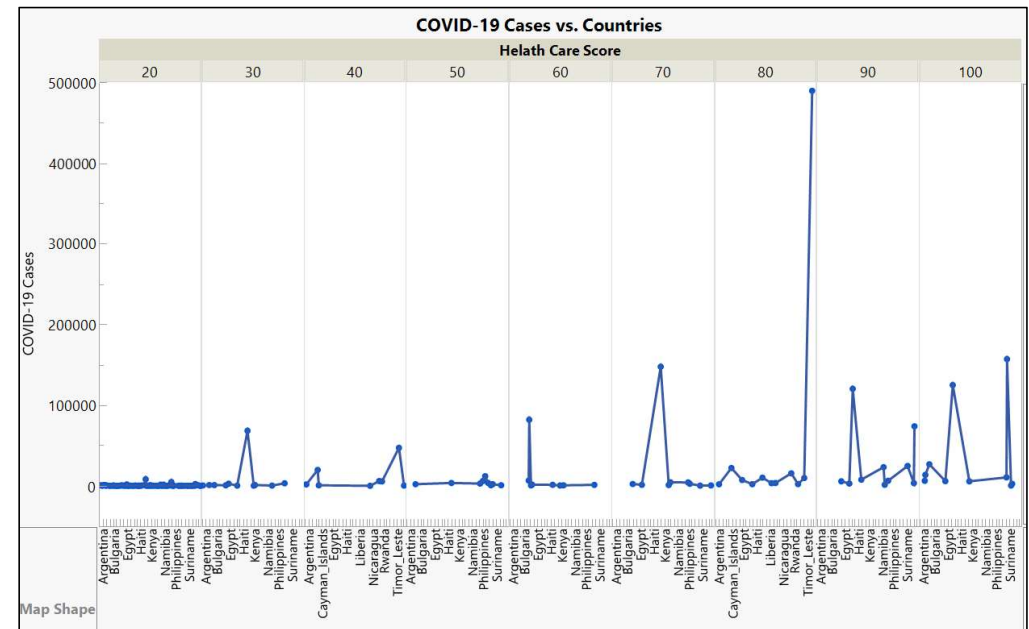
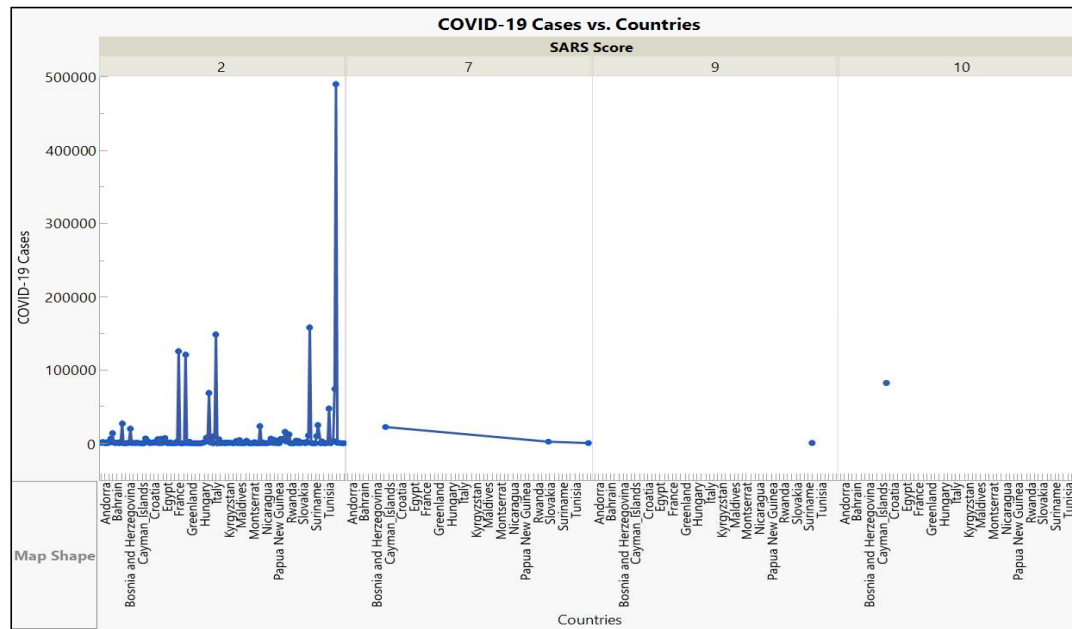
- # of COVID-19 cases have no obvious association with Temperature/Humidity of a country

# COVID-19 Cases in Different Countries



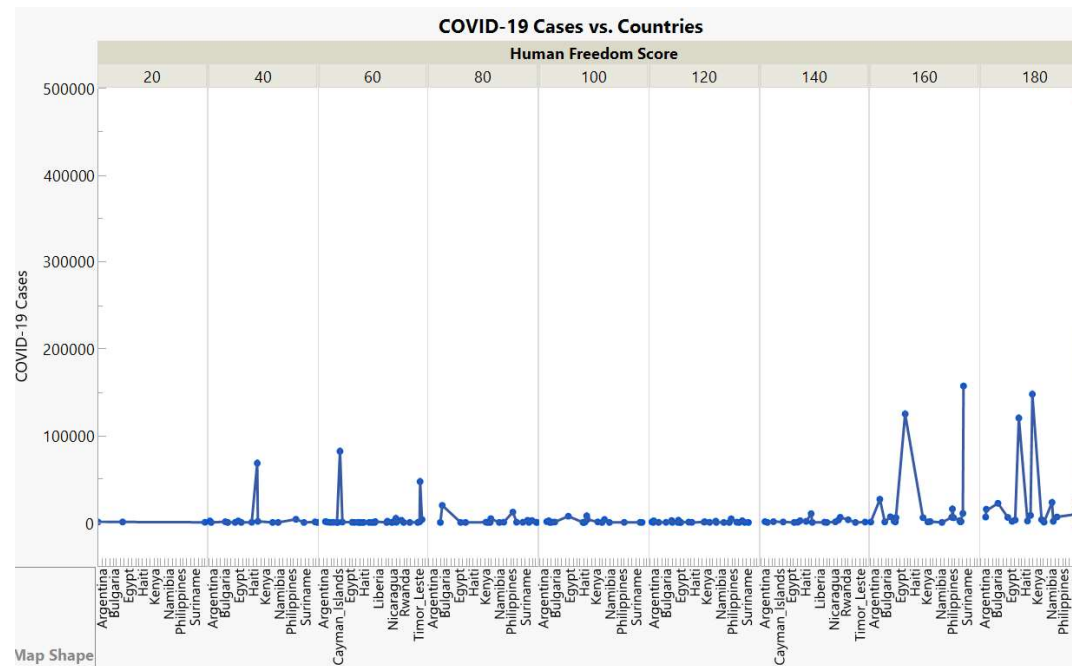
- # of COVID-19 cases seems to have association with following parameters
  - Number of tourists/visitors, and
  - Economic score facilitating business and tourism

# COVID-19 Cases in Different Countries



- # of COVID-19 cases more in countries with no prior high exposure to SARS etc (score = 2).
- No obvious association with Health care system.

# COVID-19 Cases in Different Countries



- # of COVID-19 cases more in countries with higher human freedom score, which represent following.
  - Freedom of people to make choices
  - Good social interactions
  - People friendly governance

# Pairwise Correlation Analysis

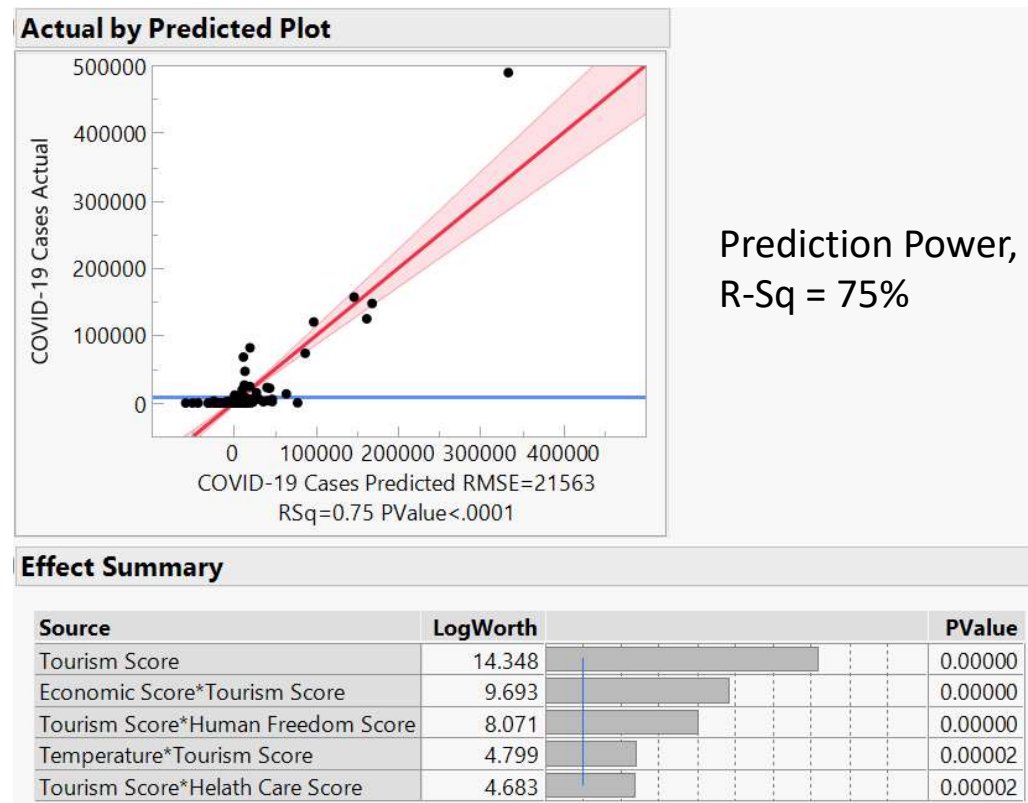
Correlations										
	COVID-19 Cases	Temperature	Humidity (%RH)	Tests per Million	Economic Score	Tourism Score	SARS Score	Helath Care Score	EPI Score	Human Freedom Score
COVID-19 Cases	1.0000	-0.0436	-0.0770	0.0639	0.1117	0.7158	0.0646	0.3041	0.2255	0.2255
Temperature	-0.0436	1.0000	-0.1868	-0.2412	-0.2125	-0.0899	0.0460	-0.1891	-0.3924	-0.3332
Humidity (%RH)	-0.0770	-0.1868	1.0000	-0.0137	-0.0075	-0.1464	0.0396	-0.1058	0.0106	0.0227
Tests per Million	0.0639	-0.2412	-0.0137	1.0000	0.4214	0.0727	0.0175	0.2907	0.3438	0.2890
Economic Score	0.1117	-0.2125	-0.0075	0.4214	1.0000	0.0680	0.0322	0.1625	0.3329	0.2195
Tourism Score	0.7158	-0.0899	-0.1464	0.0727	0.0680	1.0000	0.2815	0.5881	0.3552	0.3100
SARS Score	0.0646	0.0460	0.0396	0.0175	0.0322	0.2815	1.0000	0.1992	0.0458	0.0787
Helath Care Score	0.3041	-0.1891	-0.1058	0.2907	0.1625	0.5881	0.1992	1.0000	0.5901	0.5742
EPI Score	0.2255	-0.3924	0.0106	0.3438	0.3329	0.3552	0.0458	0.5901	1.0000	0.5898
Human Freedom Score	0.2255	-0.3332	0.0227	0.2890	0.2195	0.3100	0.0787	0.5742	0.5898	1.0000

The correlations are estimated by Row-wise method.

Partial Corr										
	COVID-19 Cases	Temperature	Humidity (%RH)	Tests per Million	Economic Score	Tourism Score	SARS Score	Helath Care Score	EPI Score	Human Freedom Score
COVID-19 Cases	.	0.0768	0.0601	0.0368	0.1035	0.7189	-0.2097	-0.2274	-0.0126	0.1159
Temperature	0.0768	.	-0.1975	-0.1005	-0.0616	-0.0731	0.0906	0.0912	-0.2267	-0.1542
Humidity (%RH)	0.0601	-0.1975	.	-0.0337	-0.0392	-0.1303	0.1198	-0.0602	0.0279	0.0333
Tests per Million	0.0368	-0.1005	-0.0337	.	0.3368	-0.1115	0.0073	0.1646	0.0695	0.0411
Economic Score	0.1035	-0.0616	-0.0392	0.3368	.	-0.0771	0.0649	-0.0589	0.1963	0.0040
Tourism Score	0.7189	-0.0731	-0.1303	-0.1115	-0.0771	.	0.2993	0.4692	0.0573	-0.1065
SARS Score	-0.2097	0.0906	0.1198	0.0073	0.0649	0.2993	.	0.0330	-0.0806	0.0271
Helath Care Score	-0.2274	0.0912	-0.0602	0.1646	-0.0589	0.4692	0.0330	.	0.3013	0.3397

- **Key predictors (90%) of COVID-19** = Tourism Score, Human Freedom Score, and Economic Score.
- **Minor predictors** = Temperature, Humidity, Tests/Million

# Least Square Fit Analysis of Predictors



- **Key predictors of COVID-19 with low p-values** = Tourism Score, Human Freedom Score, and Economic Score

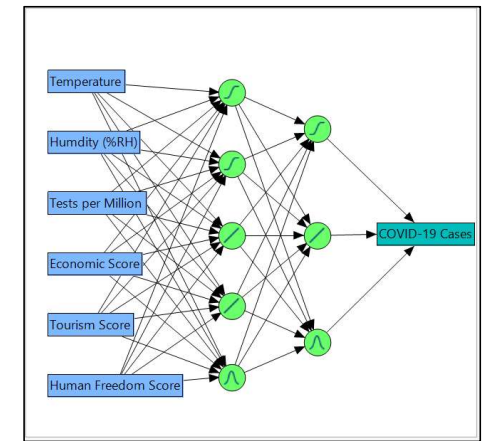
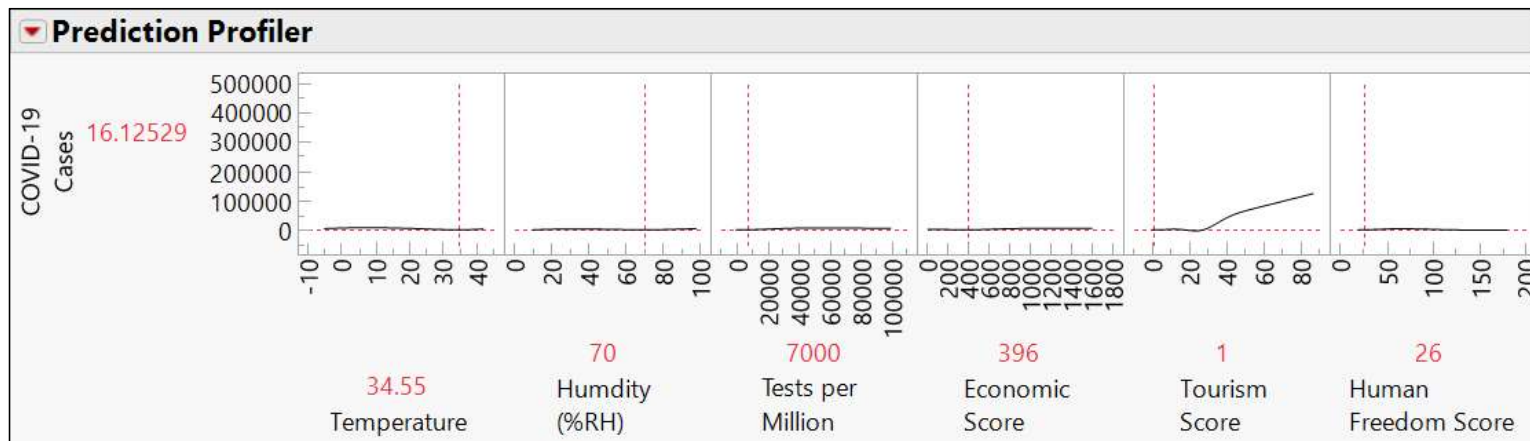


# Discussion on Correlation Analysis

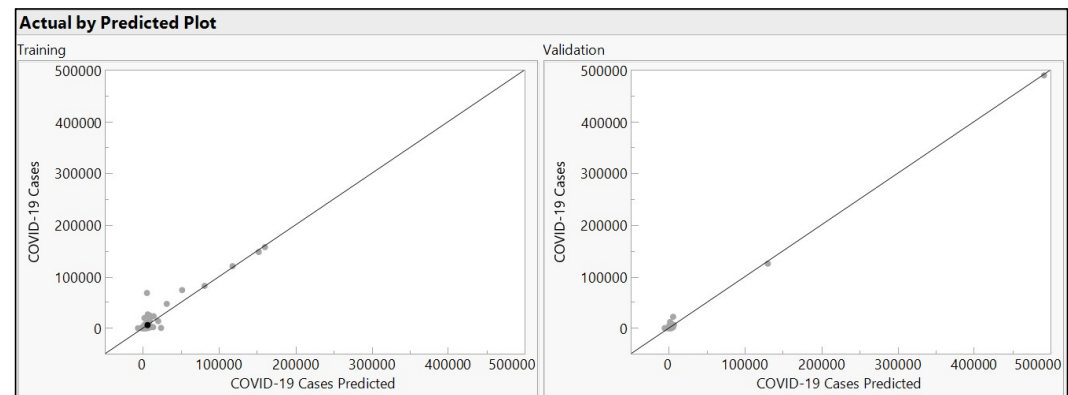
- Key predictors (90%) for # of COVID cases are Tourism Score, Human Freedom Score, and Economic Score. Higher international visitors in a country coupled with economic prosperity has highest potential for a pandemic to spread globally. Situation can get possibly worse in democratic countries, wherein violate people government advised rules, and regulations for social distancing, and health care. Violations can be in 'ignorant category', and 'on-purpose' category (religious, business, political, personal etc).
- As per available data, Temperature, and Humidity not expected to have more than 5 to 10% influence on # of COVID cases in any country.
- Rising temperatures, UV light exposures, and good food and exercise do help to enhance immune system of people to effectively fight COVID-19 infection. Yet, it is not expected to reduce # of COVID cases. Social distance, personal hygiene, and good health care for people are needed.



# Neural Network Analysis of COVID-19 Cases

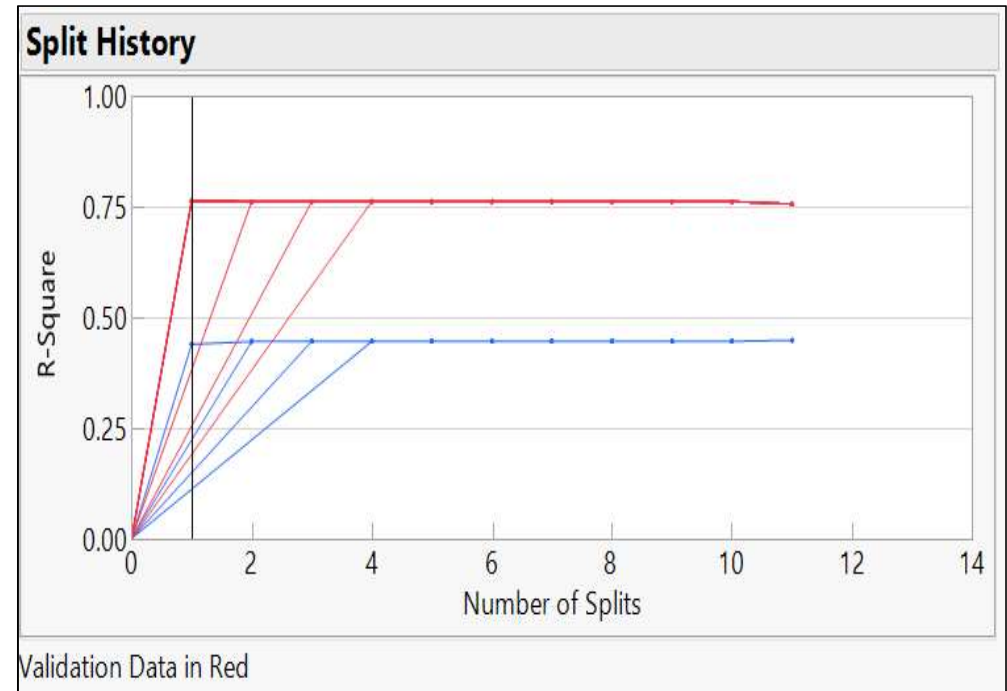
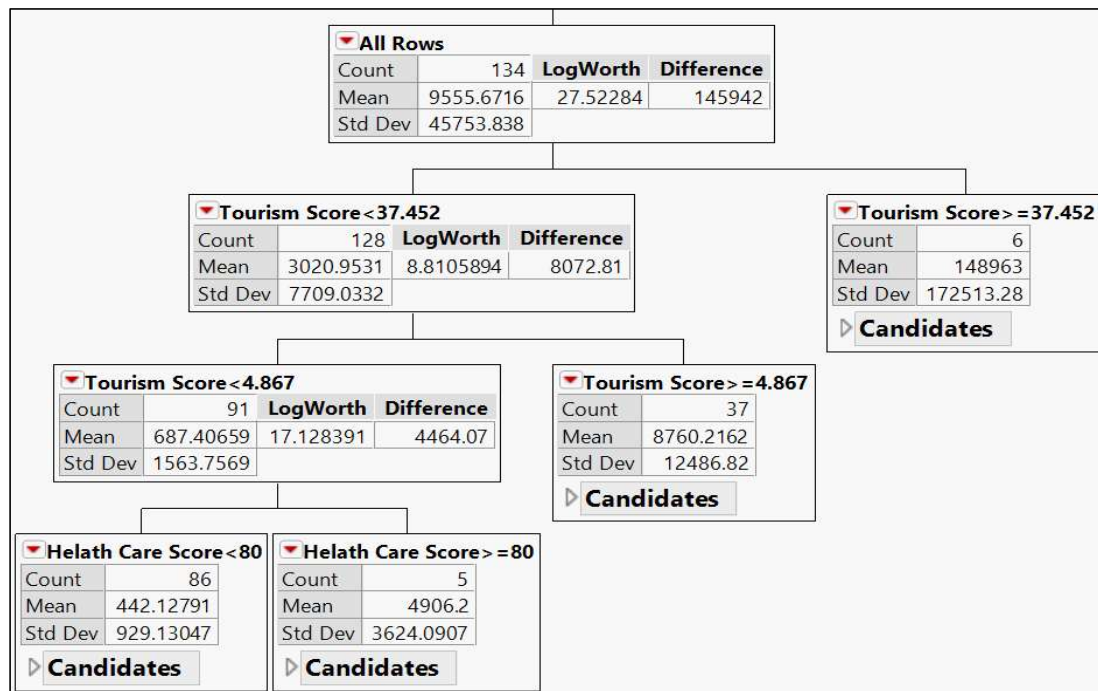


Training		Validation	
COVID-19 Cases		COVID-19 Cases	
Measures	Value	Measures	Value
RSquare	0.9017008	RSquare	0.9975426
RMSE	7277.2751	RMSE	4072.6103
Mean Abs Dev	3394.5796	Mean Abs Dev	2550.4029
-LogLikelihood	1464.2259	-LogLikelihood	350.31521
SSE	7.5201e+9	SSE	597101563
Sum Freq	142	Sum Freq	36



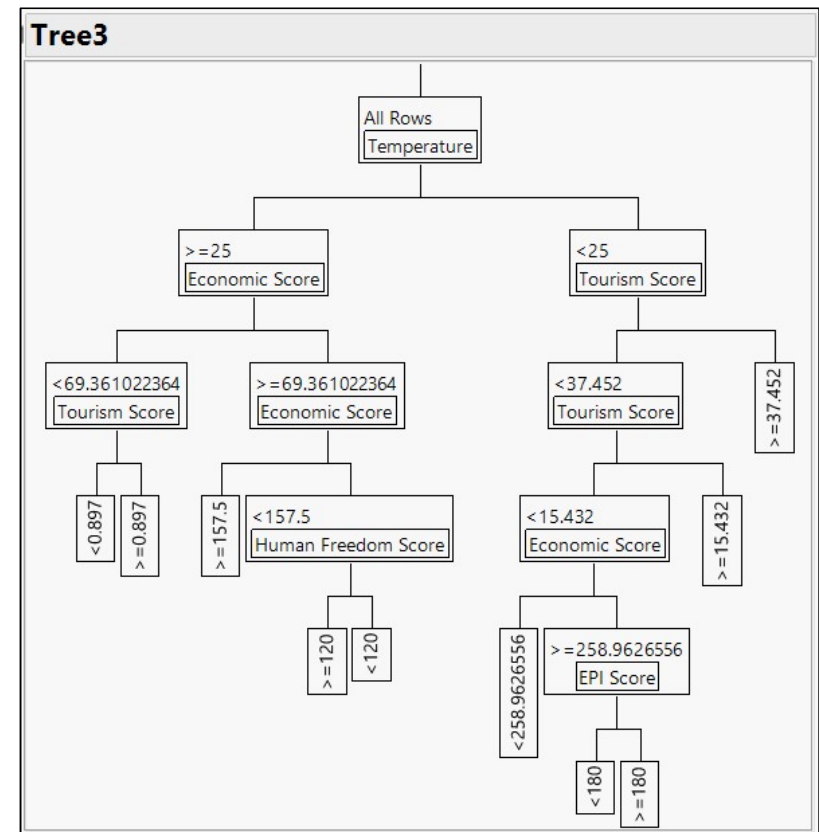
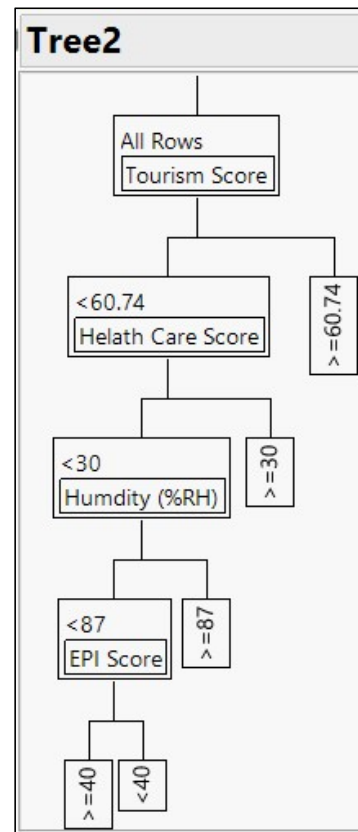
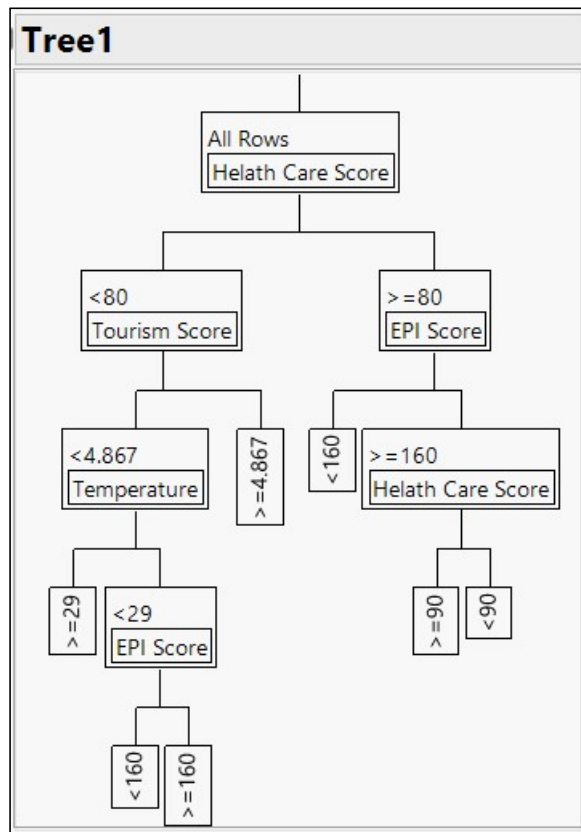
- **Recommendation** = Health Care + Minimum 2000 tests/million population, Social Distancing and Reduced Travels.

# Decision Tree Analysis



- Important factor driving # of COVID-19 cases: (a) # of Visitors, and (b) Health Care and Awareness Score.
- **Recommendation** = Improve Social Distancing and Health Care Services and Awareness.

# Bootstrap Analysis



- Important factor driving # of COVID-19 cases: (a) # of Visitors/Tourism Score , and (b) Health Care and Awareness Score

# Bootstrap Analysis

Column Contributions				
Term	Number of Splits	SS		Portion
Tourism Score	5	9.9217e+10		0.7660
Health Care Score	3	2.3109e+10		0.1784
EPI Score	4	4368634853		0.0337
Temperature	2	2773268115		0.0214
Economic Score	3	44469553.3		0.0003
Human Freedom Score	1	9014926.86		0.0001
Humidity (%RH)	1	2361377.92		0.0000
Tests per Million	0	0		0.0000
SARS Score	0	0		0.0000

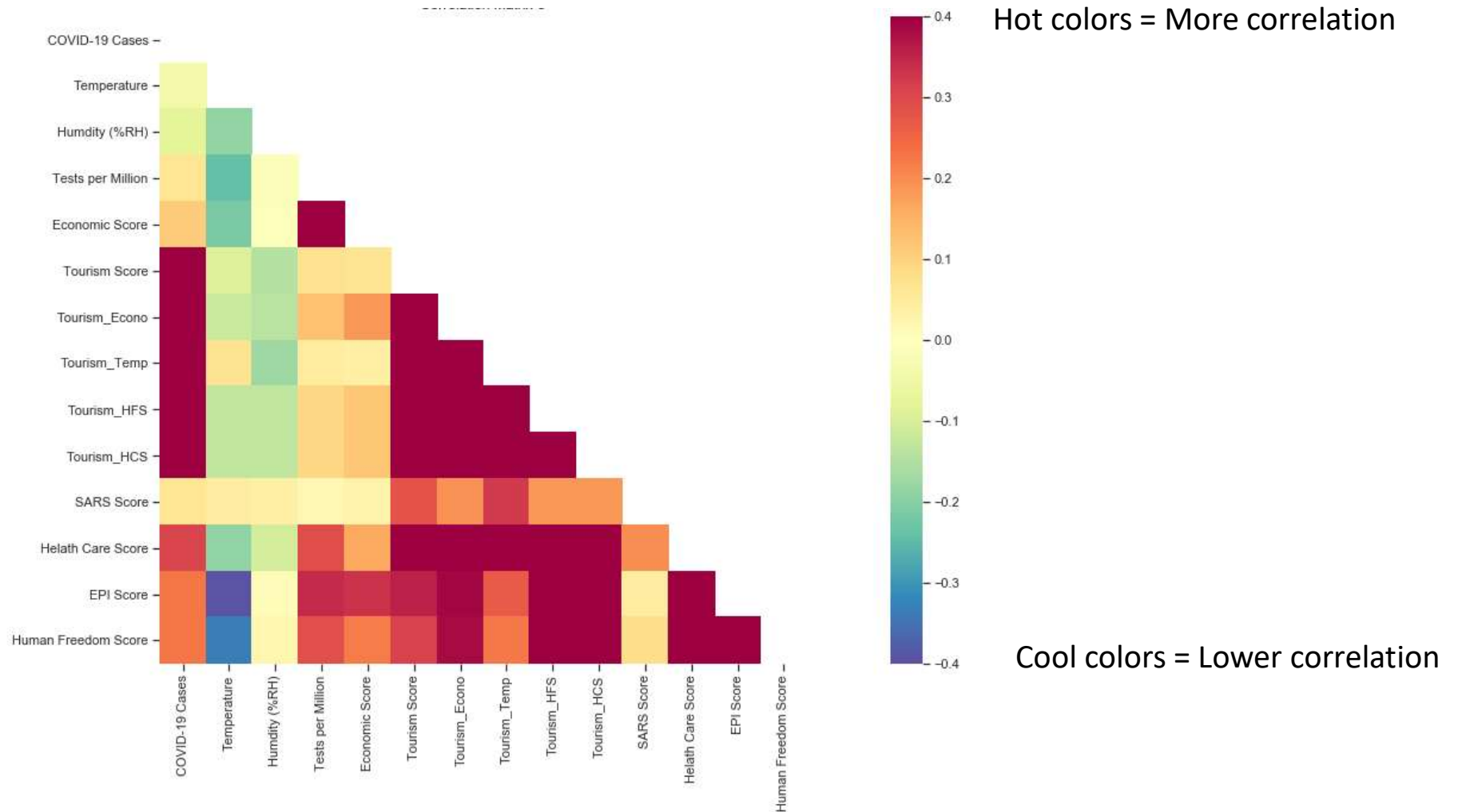
Overall Statistics			
Individual Trees		RMSE	
In Bag		31302.62	
Out of Bag		29953.83	
	RSquare	RMSE	N
Training	0.629	27776.426	134
Validation	0.777	15141.907	44

- Important factor driving # of COVID-19 cases: (a) # of Visitors/Tourism Score , and (b) Health Care and Awareness Score
- **Recommendation** = Reduce International/National Travels, Improve Social Distancing and Health Care Services and Awareness.



# Data Analysis using Jupyter Notebook

# Correlation Matrix of Predictors of COVID-19 Cases



- **Key predictors (80%) of COVID-19** = Tourism Score, Human Freedom Score, and Economic Score.



# Partial Correlation Matrixes of Predictors

Correlations							
	Output (X0)	Economic Score (X1)	Tourism Score (X2)	SARS Score (X3)	Health Care Score (X4)	EPI Score	Human Freedom Score
Output (X0)	1.0000	0.0818	0.7662	0.2676	0.3225	0.2328	0.1977
Economic Score (X1)	0.0818	1.0000	0.0680	0.0322	0.1625	0.3329	0.2195
Tourism Score (X2)	0.7662	0.0680	1.0000	0.2815	0.5881	0.3552	0.3100
SARS Score (X3)	0.2676	0.0322	0.2815	1.0000	0.1992	0.0458	0.0787
Health Care Score (X4)	0.3225	0.1625	0.5881	0.1992	1.0000	0.5901	0.5742
EPI Score	0.2328	0.3329	0.3552	0.0458	0.5901	1.0000	0.5898
Human Freedom Score	0.1977	0.2195	0.3100	0.0787	0.5742	0.5898	1.0000

The correlations are estimated by Row-wise method.

Partial Corr							
	Output (X0)	Economic Score (X1)	Tourism Score (X2)	SARS Score (X3)	Health Care Score (X4)	EPI Score	Human Freedom Score
Output (X0)	.	0.0641	0.7435	0.1034	-0.2567	0.0368	0.0471
Economic Score (X1)	0.0641	.	-0.0775	0.0306	-0.0181	0.2609	0.0439
Tourism Score (X2)	0.7435	-0.0775	.	0.0631	0.4870	0.0116	-0.0664
SARS Score (X3)	0.1034	0.0306	0.0631	.	0.1057	-0.0981	-0.0070
Health Care Score (X4)	-0.2567	-0.0181	0.4870	0.1057	.	0.3177	0.3275
EPI Score	0.0368	0.2609	0.0116	-0.0981	0.3177	.	0.3505
Human Freedom Score	0.0471	0.0439	-0.0664	-0.0070	0.3275	0.3505	.

In [26]: # Partial Correlations Matrix of variables data.pcorr().sort_values(data.columns[0], ascending=False)							
Out[26]:							
	Output (X0)	Economic Score (X1)	Tourism Score (X2)	SARS Score (X3)	Health Care Score (X4)	EPI Score	Human Freedom Score
Output (X0)	1.000000	0.064105	0.743504	0.103391	-0.256742	0.036844	0.047135
Tourism Score (X2)	0.743504	-0.077539	1.000000	0.063114	0.487004	0.011639	-0.066427
SARS Score (X3)	0.103391	0.030619	0.063114	1.000000	0.105730	-0.098137	-0.006991
Economic Score (X1)	0.064105	1.000000	-0.077539	0.030619	-0.018084	0.260934	0.043887
Human Freedom Score	0.047135	0.043887	-0.066427	-0.006991	0.327504	0.350486	1.000000
EPI Score	0.036844	0.260934	0.011639	-0.098137	0.317651	1.000000	0.350486
Health Care Score (X4)	-0.256742	-0.018084	0.487004	0.105730	1.000000	0.317651	0.327504

In [28]: #Correlation Matrix data.corr().round(2)							
Out[28]:							
	Output (X0)	Economic Score (X1)	Tourism Score (X2)	SARS Score (X3)	Health Care Score (X4)	EPI Score	Human Freedom Score
Output (X0)	1.00	0.08	0.77	0.27	0.32	0.23	0.20
Economic Score (X1)	0.08	1.00	0.07	0.03	0.16	0.33	0.22
Tourism Score (X2)	0.77	0.07	1.00	0.28	0.59	0.36	0.31
SARS Score (X3)	0.27	0.03	0.28	1.00	0.20	0.05	0.08
Health Care Score (X4)	0.32	0.16	0.59	0.20	1.00	0.59	0.57
EPI Score	0.23	0.33	0.36	0.05	0.59	1.00	0.59
Human Freedom Score	0.20	0.22	0.31	0.08	0.57	0.59	1.00

- Key predictors (80%) = Tourism Score, Human Freedom Score, and Economic Score.
- Analysis results from JMP Pro 14, and Jupyter Notebook Script analysis are same.

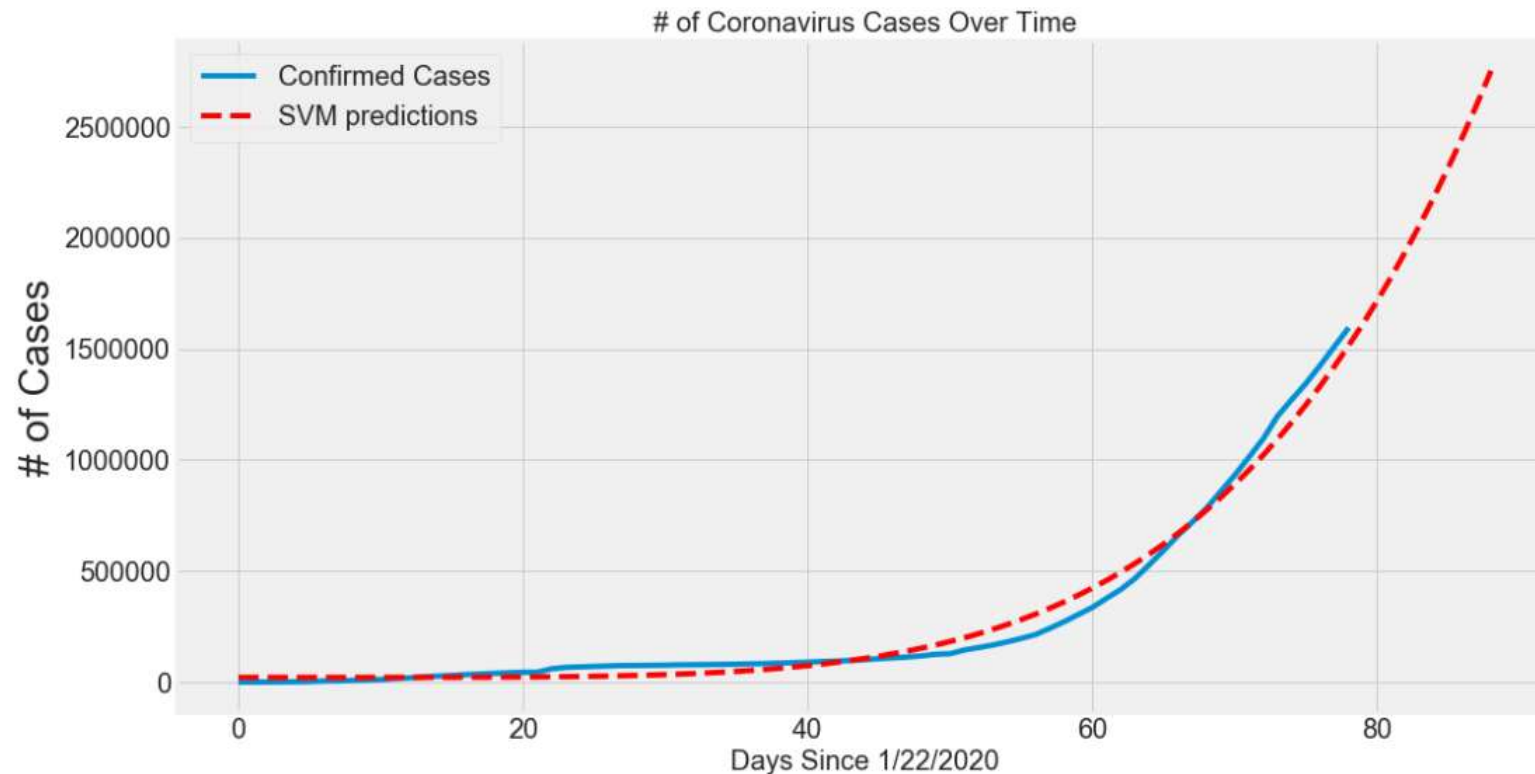
# p-value Correlation Matrix of COVID-19 Predictors

	COVID-19 Cases	Temperature	Humidity (%RH)	Tests per Million	Economic Score	Tourism Score	Tourism_Econo	Tourism_Temp	Tourism_HFS	Tourism_HCS	SARS Score	Helath Care Score	EPI Score	Human Freedom Score
COVID-19 Cases	-	0.563732	0.307096	0.396616	0.137577	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.391382	0.000037	0.002478	0.002477
Temperature	-0.043557	-	0.012512	0.00118	0.004398	0.232602	0.119316	0.343591	0.087782	0.087782	0.541973	0.011451	0.000000	0.000006
Humidity (%RH)	-0.076981	-0.18685	-	0.856434	0.921193	0.051111	0.063194	0.021042	0.086543	0.086543	0.600154	0.159833	0.888247	0.763758
Tests per Million	0.063922	-0.241225	-0.013656	-	0.000000	0.33476	0.093063	0.520447	0.224141	0.224141	0.81663	0.000083	0.000003	0.000091
Economic Score	0.111734	-0.21253	-0.007468	0.421405	-	0.367137	0.013617	0.61517	0.112877	0.112877	0.669634	0.030181	0.000006	0.003238
Tourism Score	0.715817	-0.089922	-0.146442	0.072714	0.067997	-	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000141	0.000000	0.000001	0.000025
Tourism_Econo	0.868365	-0.117174	-0.139551	0.126266	0.184634	0.913859	-	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.010267	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Tourism_Temp	0.6879	0.0714	-0.172849	0.048482	0.037933	0.960874	0.849054	-	0.000000	0.000000	0.000010	0.000000	0.000245	0.002727
Tourism_HFS	0.775237	-0.128336	-0.128836	0.091566	0.119246	0.950854	0.963825	0.877335	-	0.	0.013697	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Tourism_HCS	0.775237	-0.128336	-0.128836	0.091566	0.119246	0.950854	0.963825	0.877335	1.0	-	0.013697	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
SARS Score	0.064632	0.046009	0.039552	0.017502	0.032197	0.281549	0.191944	0.32371	0.184479	0.184479	-	0.00767	0.544167	0.296532
Helath Care Score	0.304068	-0.189147	-0.105806	0.290731	0.16254	0.588126	0.550765	0.554376	0.593797	0.593797	0.199241	-	0.000000	0.000000
EPI Score	0.225467	-0.392383	0.010607	0.34383	0.332943	0.35521	0.391386	0.271617	0.39751	0.39751	0.045759	0.590114	-	0.000000
Human Freedom Score	0.225476	-0.333178	0.022684	0.288996	0.219526	0.309962	0.385515	0.223359	0.423413	0.423413	0.078676	0.574167	0.589843	-

- **Key predictors (80%)** = Tourism Score, Human Freedom Score, and Economic Score.



# Support Vector Machine Predictions

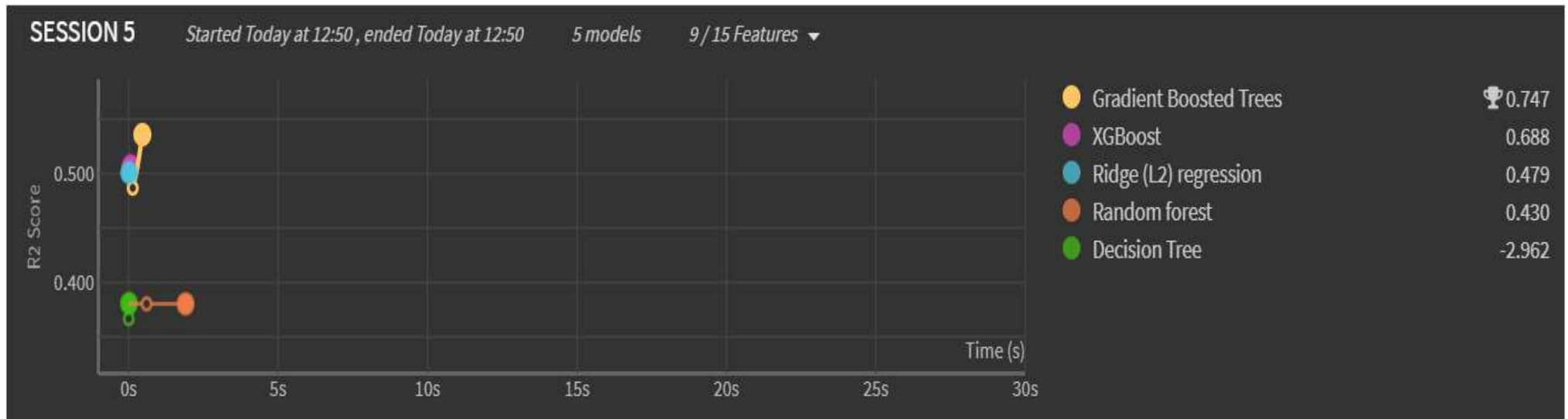


Starting from 15 March 2020, most countries are showing exponential rise in number of COVID-19 reported cases.



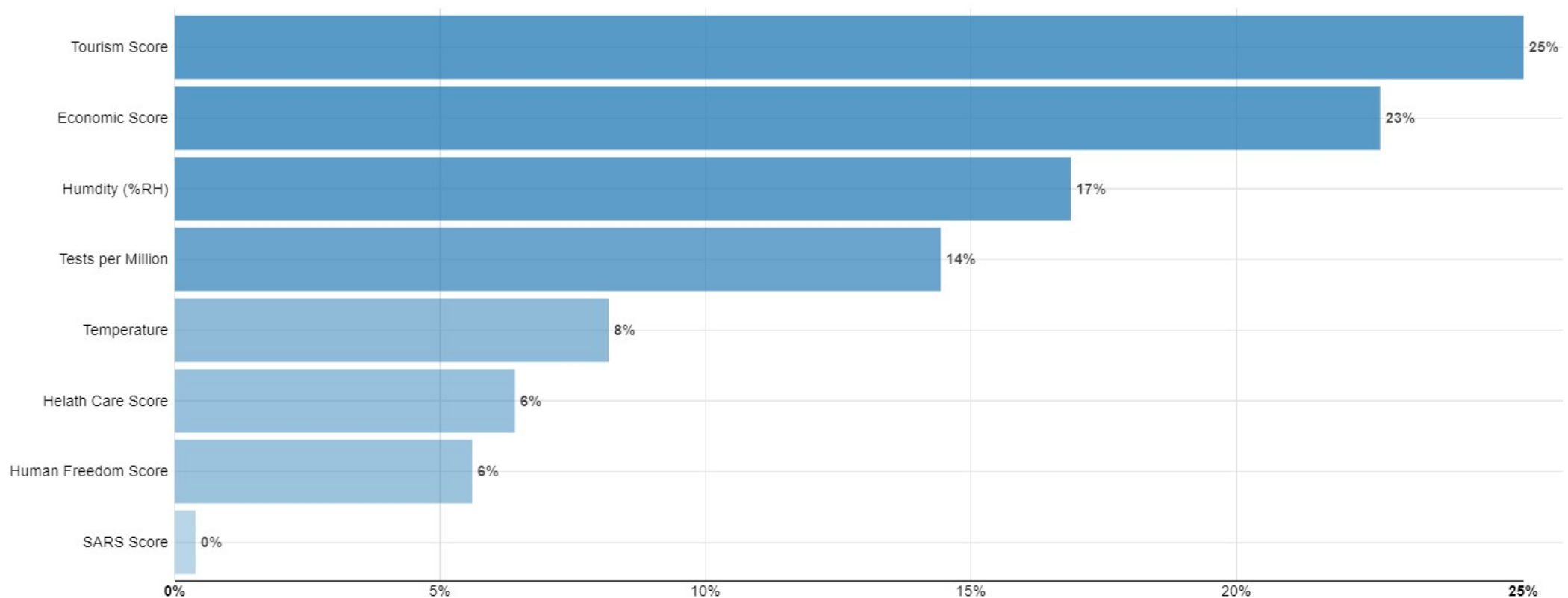
# Data Analysis using Dataiku DSS

# COVID predictors using different algorithms



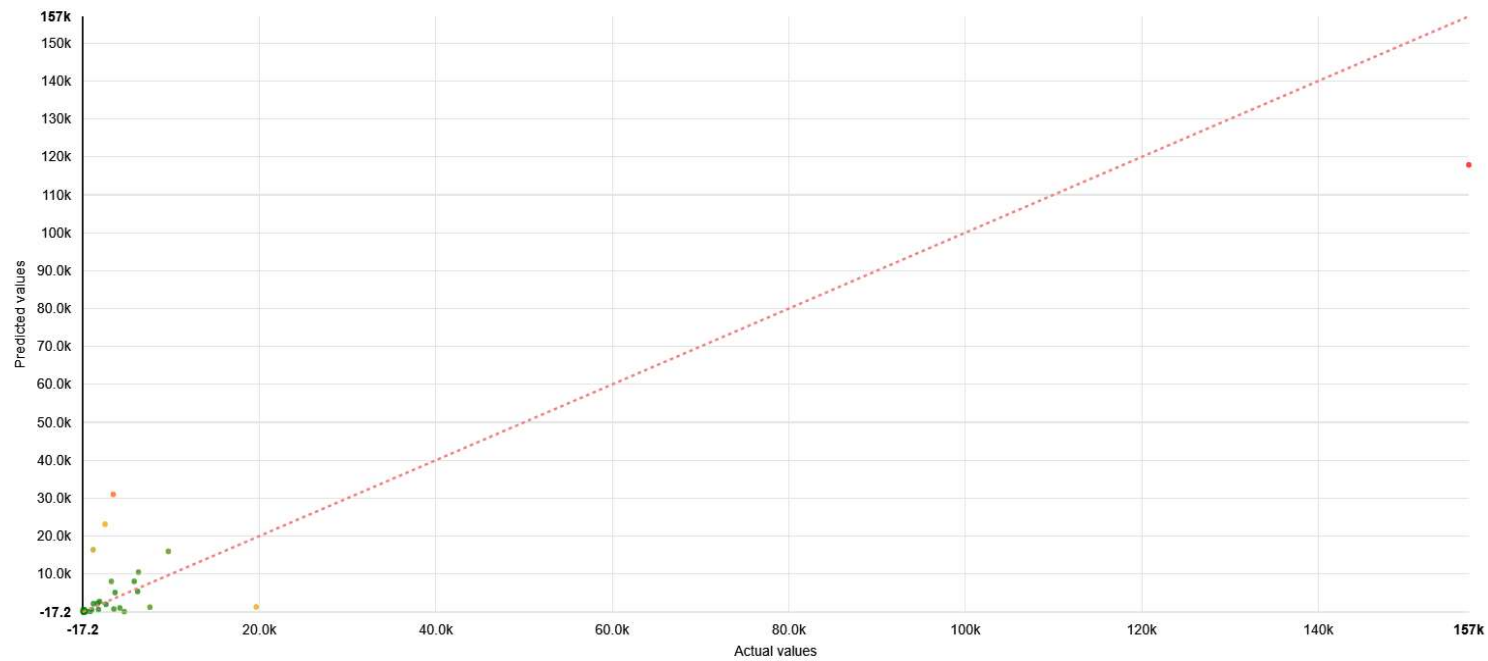
- Number of COVID-19 reported cases are best predicted by Gradient Boost Trees Network. R-Sq = 0.74

# Gradient Boost Trees, Variable Importance



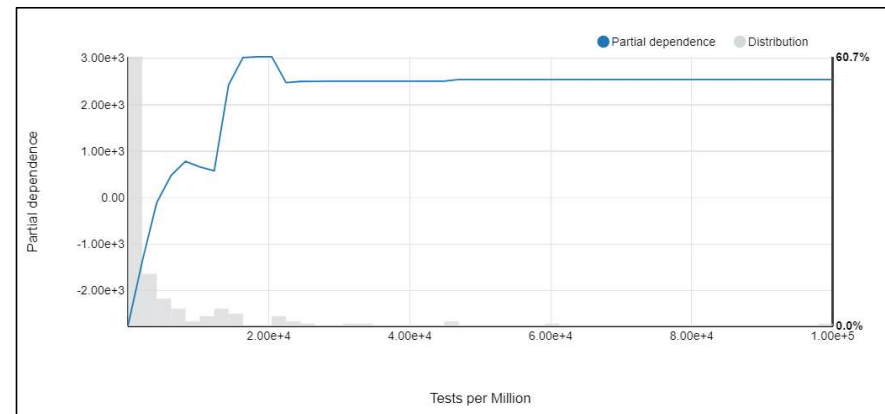
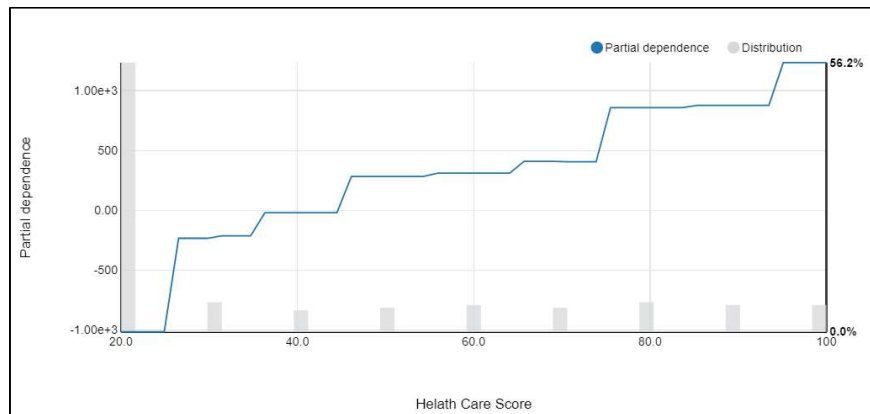
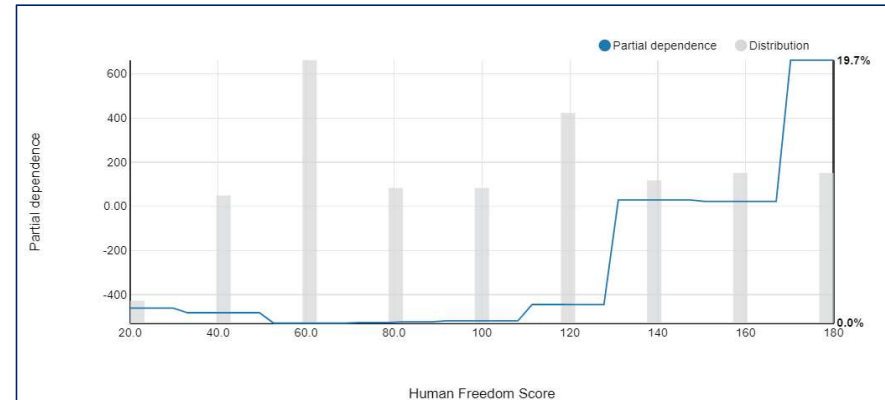
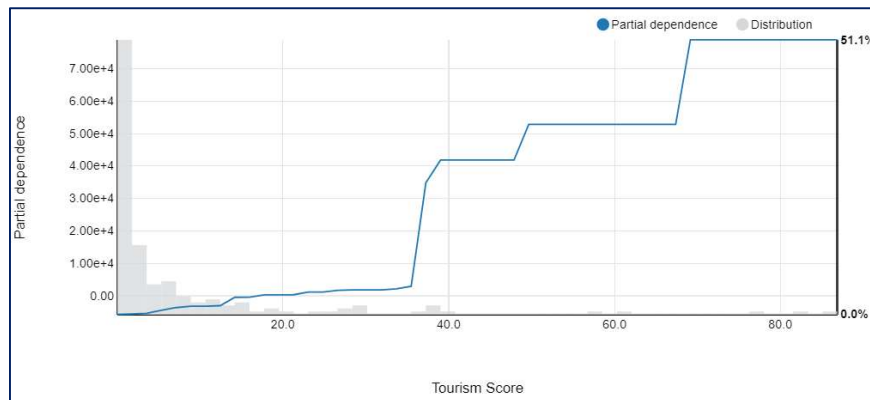
- Key predictors of number of COVID-19 cases = Tourism score, Economics Score, Humidity, and Tests/Million

# Gradient Boost Trees, Predicted vs Actual



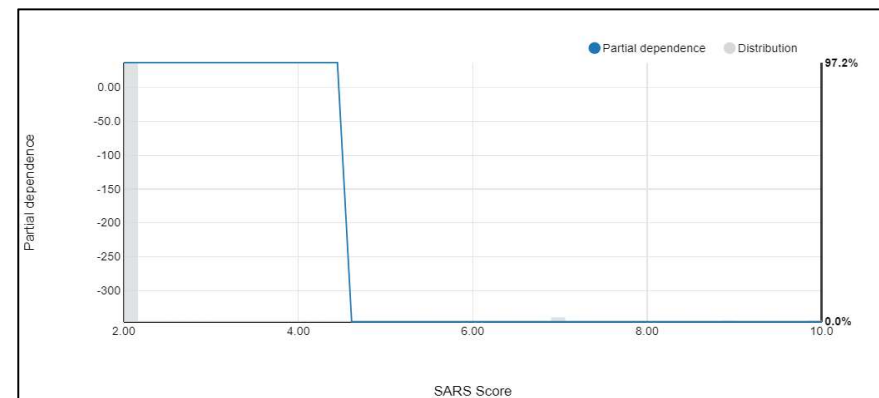
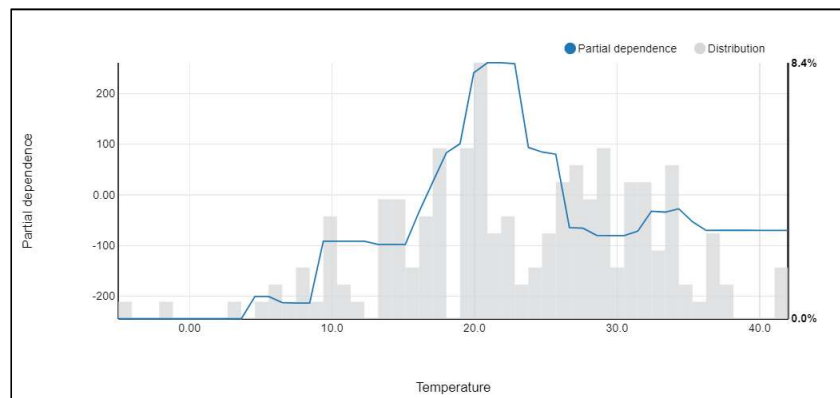
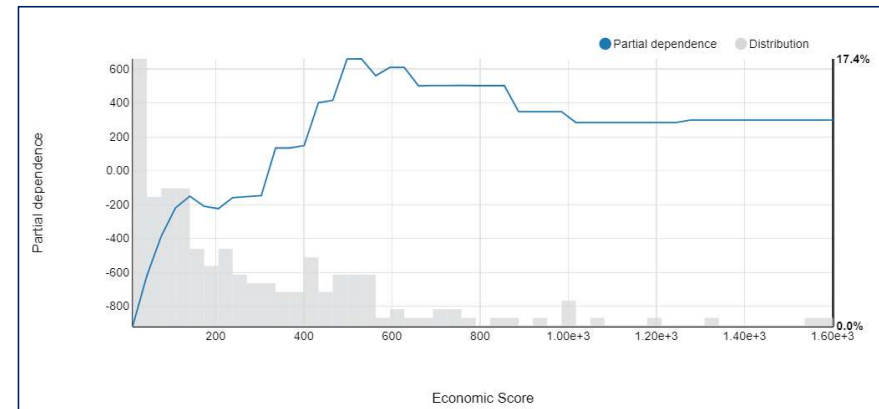
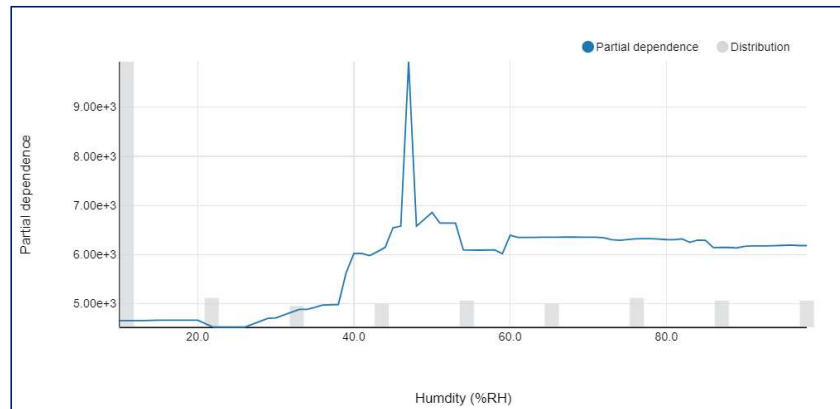
- Number of COVID-19 reported cases are best predicted by Gradient Boost Trees Network.  $R\text{-sq} = 0.747$

# Gradient Boost Trees, Partial Dependencies



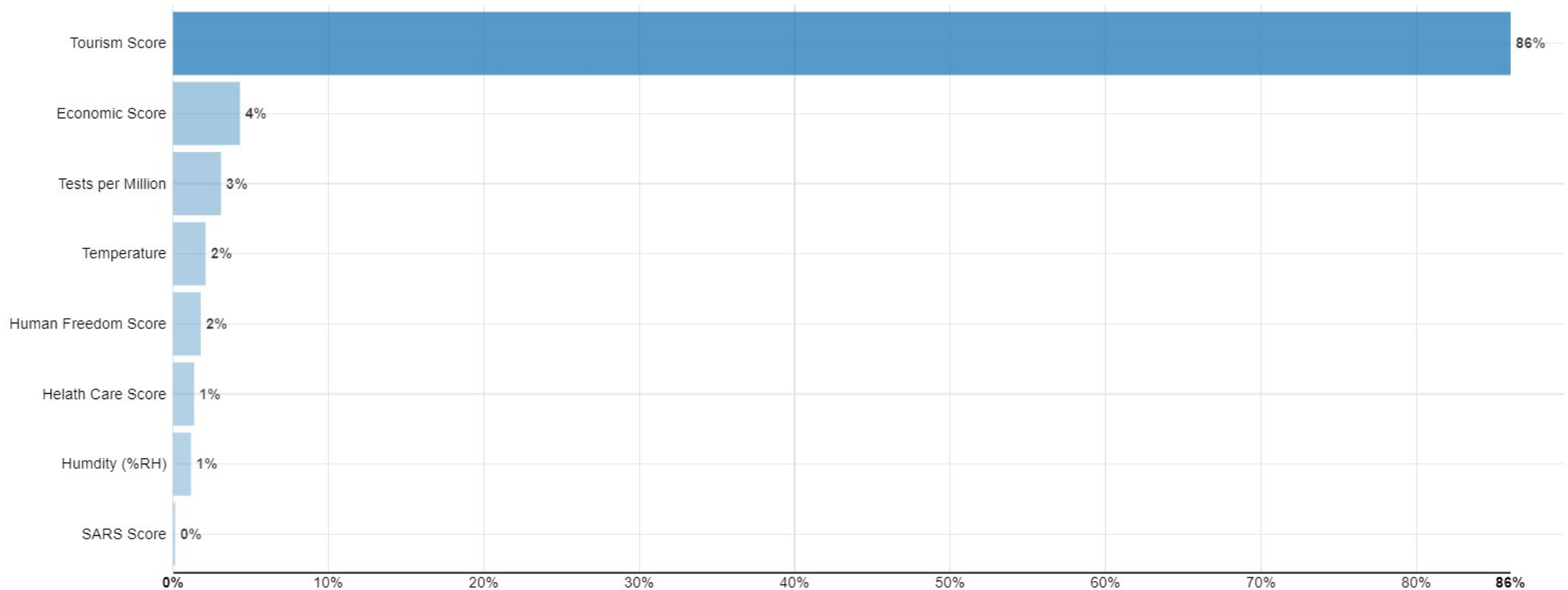
- Number of COVID-19 reported cases have strong partial dependencies on Tourism Scores, Health Care and Awareness, and Human Freedom Scores, and testing/million population.

# Gradient Boost Trees, Partial Dependencies



- Number of COVID-19 reported cases have weak partial dependencies on temperature, humidity, and economic score. But, strong partial dependency observed on SARS Score.

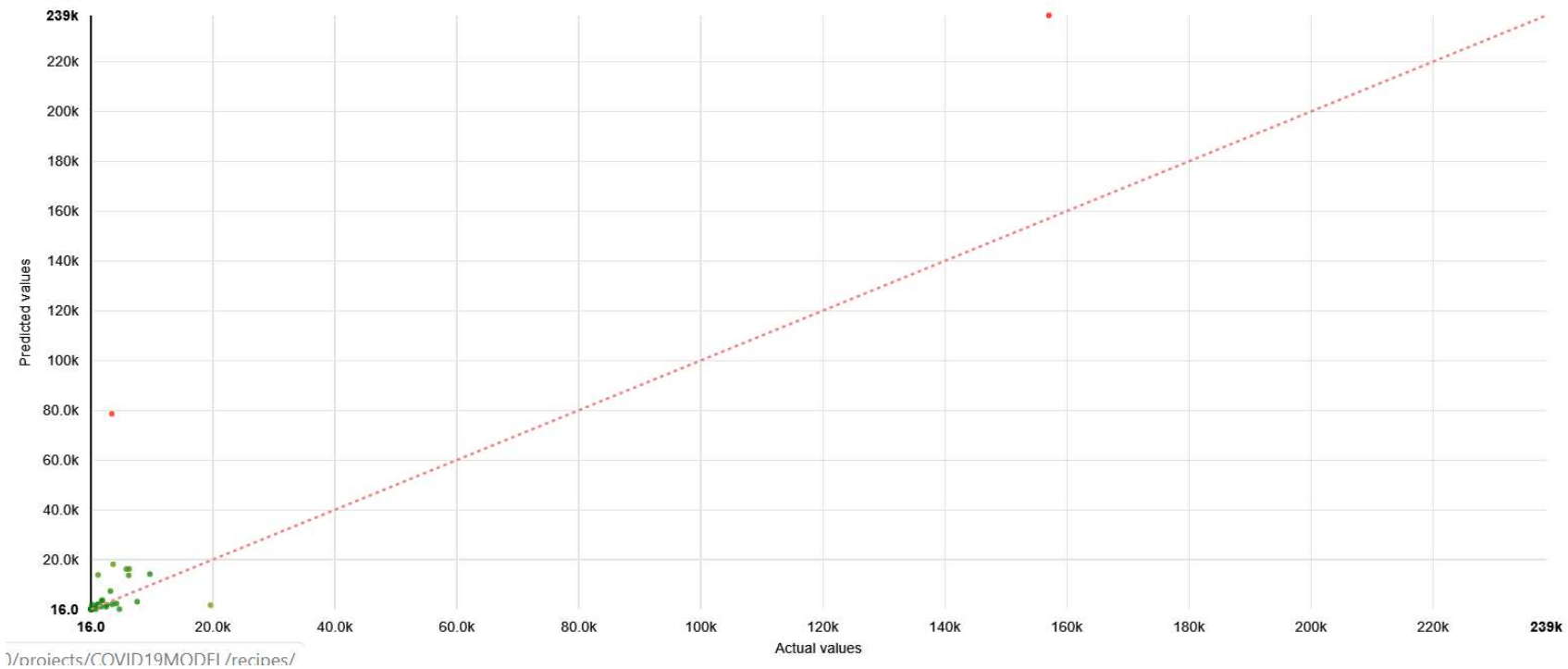
# Random Forest, Variable Importance



- Key predictors of number of COVID-19 cases = Tourism score, Economics Score, Humidity, and Tests/Million

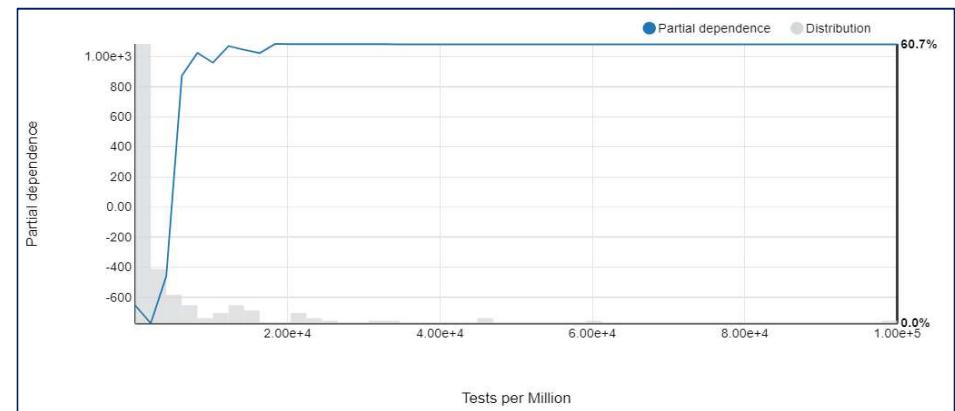
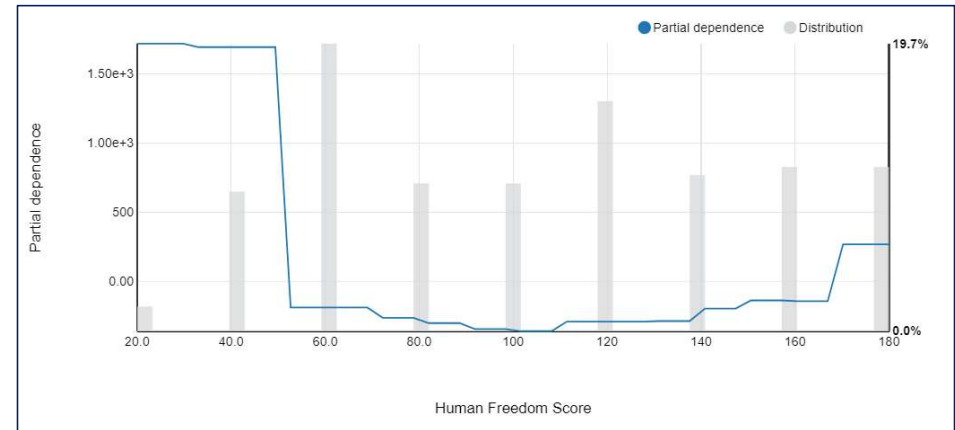
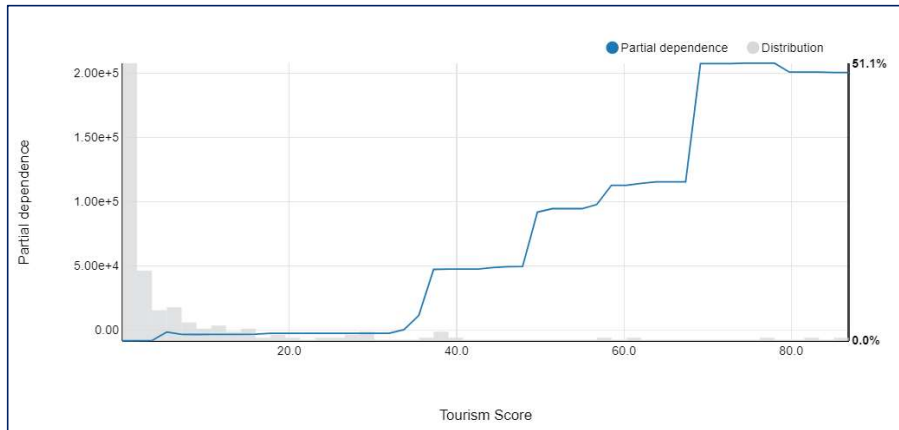


# Random Forest, Predicted vs Actual



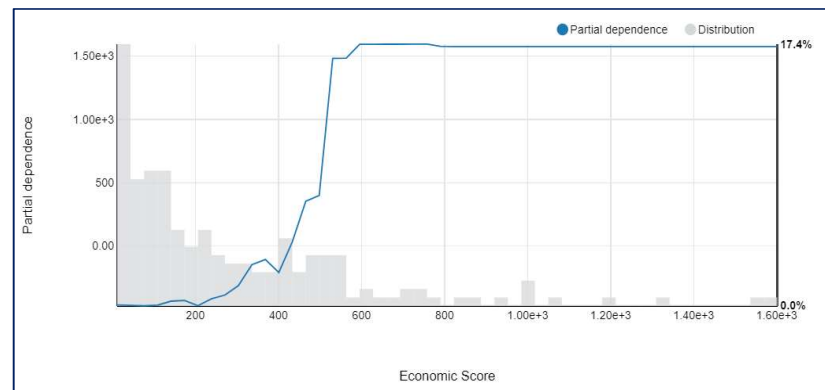
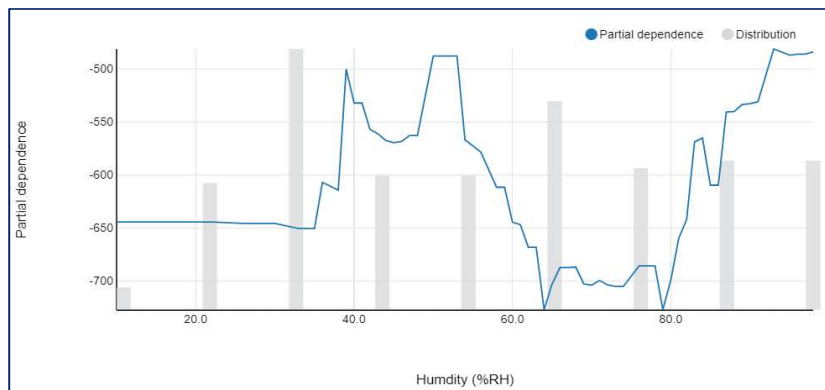
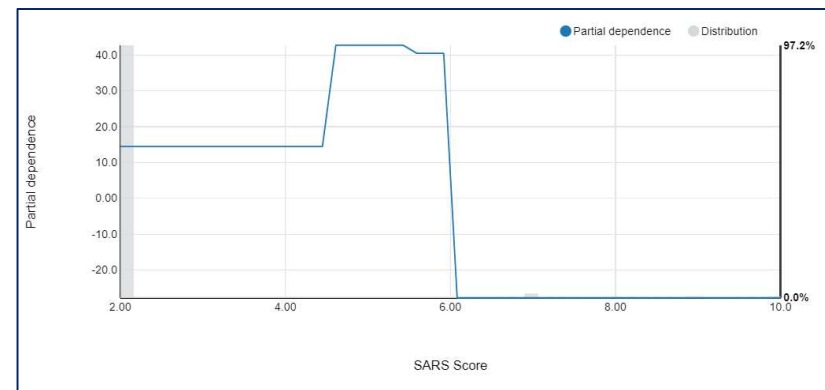
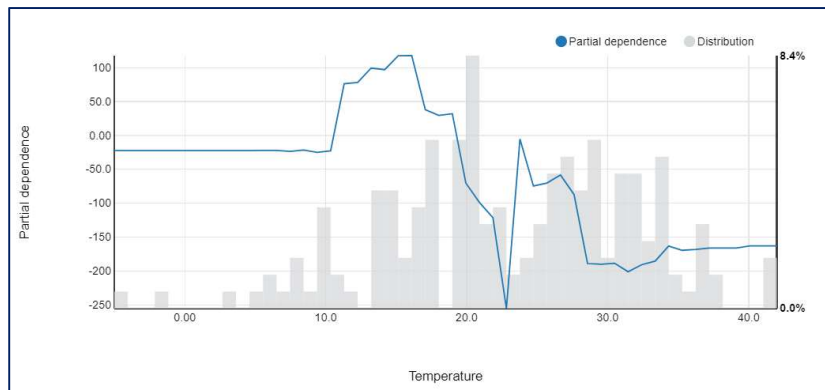
- Number of COVID-19 reported cases are best predicted by Gradient Boost Trees Network. R-sq = 0.43

# Random Forest, Partial Dependencies



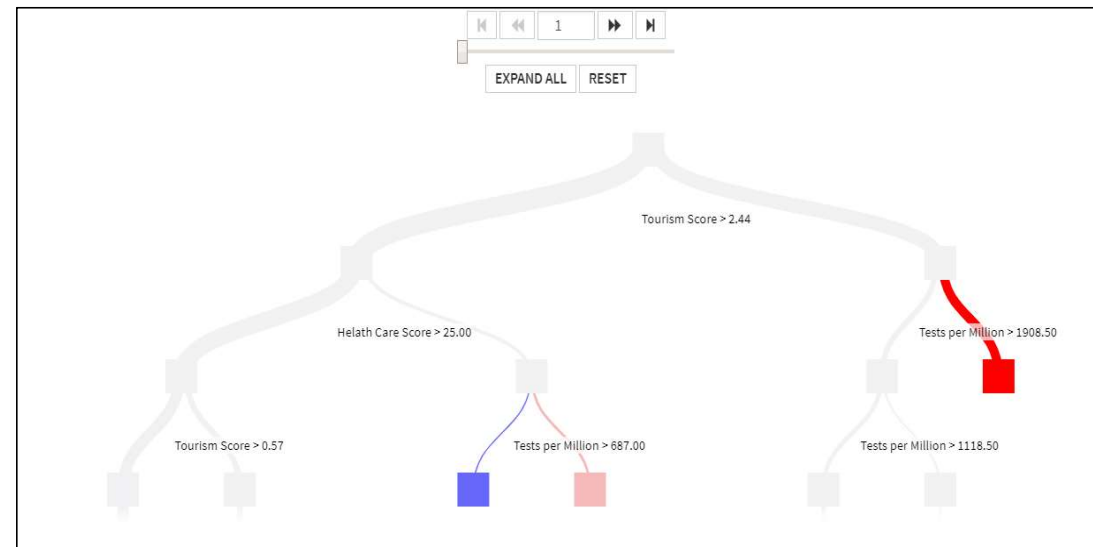
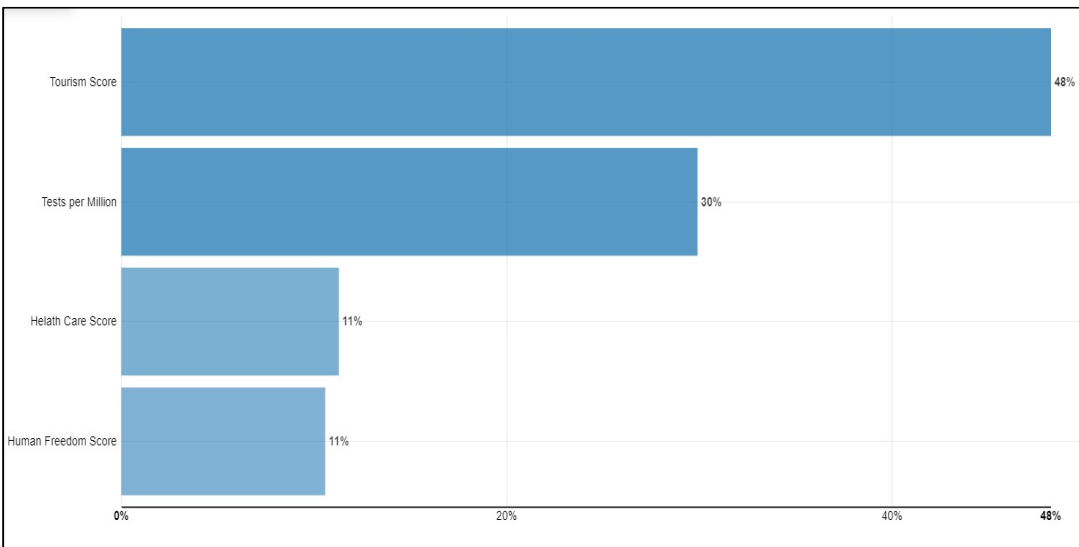
- Number of COVID-19 reported cases have strong partial dependencies on Tourism Scores, Health Care and Awareness, and Human Freedom Scores, and testing.

# Random Forest, Partial Dependencies



- Number of COVID-19 reported cases have weak partial dependencies on temperature, and humidity.
- Number of COVID-19 reported cases have strong partial dependencies on SARS score, and Economics.

# Revised Gradient Boosted Trees Analysis



- Number of COVID-19 reported cases are best predicted by Gradient Boost Trees Network.  $R^2 = 0.75$
- Most suitable predictors = Tourism score, Tests/Million, Health Care and Awareness Score, and Human Freedom Score.

# Discussion on results of Machine Learning Algorithms for COVID-19 Predictions

- Analysis of COVID-19 data using different algorithms, and software show different R-sq, MAE, and Pearson Coefficient.
- Key to identify best predictors is optimized R-sq, MAE, and Pearson Coefficient, and Partial dependencies. Due to nature of data, certain algorithm may show enhanced percentage contribution of a predictor. This can be diagnosed by doing examining partial dependencies.
- Number of COVID-19 reported cases are best predicted by Gradient Boost Trees Network. And key predictors are Tourism Scores, Health Care and Awareness, Human Freedom Scores, COVID-19 testing/million population, and SARS score.

# Conclusions

- For capstone project COVID-19 data was analyzed. Descriptive, Predictive and Prescriptive Analysis were performed.
- Number of COVID cases were predicted using support vector machine algorithm.  
As of 11<sup>th</sup> April, there is exponential trend for increase of number of COVID-19 cases.
- COVID-19 spread/containment can best be predicted by Tourism score, Tests/Million, Health Care and Awareness Score, and Human Freedom Score.

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- Multiple instructions and script codes from Github, Dataiku, JMP, SKLearn, IBM data science courses were adapted to analyze COVID-19 data. No original source were written for this project.
- 'COVID-19 data' file was created by using multiple resources from Google survey. No verification on authenticity of data retrieved from Google was performed.
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