Analytical Methods I (ANLY 502) Course Project: A statistical Analysis on Airbnb Listings for NYC-2019

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Introduction: Our dataset consists of Airbnb listings for NYC for the year 2019, taken from Kaggle. It has 48895 observations of 16 variables, of which 11 are numerical and 5 are categorical. We will be exploring and analyzing the data to establish any relationships between pricing and other factors/ variables like availability, geographic location, and reviews. Our goal is to develop a data-driven pricing strategy for a host.

Numerical	Categorical
id	name
host_id	host_name
latitude	neighbourhood_group
longitude	neighbourhood
price	room_type
minimum_nights	
number_of_reviews	
last_review	
reviews_per_month	
calculated_host_listings_count	
availability_365	

Exploratory Data Analysis

We begin by importing the data and checking for missing values

```
2 2595
                             Skylit Midtown Castle 2845 Jennifer
Manhattan
                THE VILLAGE OF HARLEM....NEW YORK ! 4632 Elisabeth
3 3647
Manhattan
4 3831
                    Cozy Entire Floor of Brownstone 4869 LisaRoxanne
Brooklyn
5 5022 Entire Apt: Spacious Studio/Loft by central park
                                                  7192
                                                  7322
6 5099
           Large Cozy 1 BR Apartment In Midtown East
                                                           Chris
Manhattan
 number of reviews last review
1 Kensington 40.64749 -73.97237 Private room 149
9 2018-10-19
      Midtown 40.75362 -73.98377 Entire home/apt
                                             225
                                                            1
45 2019-05-21
       Harlem 40.80902 -73.94190 Private room
                                              150
4 Clinton Hill 40.68514 -73.95976 Entire home/apt
                                             89
270 2019-07-05
  East Harlem 40.79851 -73.94399 Entire home/apt
                                             80
                                                           10
9 2018-11-19
  Murray Hill 40.74767 -73.97500 Entire home/apt
                                             200
                                                            3
74 2019-06-22
reviews per month calculated host listings count availability 365
            0.21
                                          6
2
             0.38
3
             NA
4
             4.64
                                          1
                                                       194
5
             0.10
6
             0.59
>
summary(airbnb data)
                                 host id host name
      id
                    name
neighbourhood group
Min.: 2539 Length: 48895 Min.: 2438 Length: 48895
Length: 48895
1st Qu.: 9471945 Class :character 1st Qu.: 7822033 Class :character
```

Class :character Median: 19677284 Mode: character Median: 30793816 Mode: character Mode :character Mean :19017143 Mean : 67620011 3rd Qu.:29152178 3rd Qu.:107434423 Max. :36487245 Max. :274321313 neighbourhood latitude longitude room type price Length: 48895 Min.: 40.50 Min.: -74.24 Length: 48895 Min. : 0.0 Class: character 1st Qu.: 40.69 1st Qu.: -73.98 Class: character 1st Mode :character Median :40.72 Median :-73.96 Mode :character Median : 106.0

```
Mean :40.73 Mean :-73.95
                                                                 Mean
: 152.7
                  3rd Qu.:40.76 3rd Qu.:-73.94
                                                                 3rd
Qu.: 175.0
                 Max. :40.91 Max. :-73.71
                                                                 Max.
:10000.0
minimum nights
                number of reviews last review
                                                 reviews per month
calculated host listings count
Min. : \frac{1.00}{1.00} Min. : 0.00
                                Length: 48895
                                                  Min. : 0.010
Min. : 1.000
1st Qu.: 1.00
               1st Qu.: 1.00 Class :character
                                                  1st Qu.: 0.190
                                                                  1st
Qu.: 1.000
Median: 3.00
               Median : 5.00 Mode :character
                                                  Median : 0.720
Median : 1.000
Mean : 7.03 Mean : 23.27 Mean : 7.144
                                                  Mean : 1.373
3rd Qu.: 5.00 3rd Qu.: 24.00
                                                  3rd Qu.: 2.020 3rd
Qu.: 2.000
Max. :1250.00 Max. :629.00
                                                  Max. :58.500
Max. :327.000
                                                  NA's :10052
availability 365
Min. 0.0
1st Qu.: 0.0
Median: 45.0
Mean :112.8
3rd Qu.:227.0
Max. :365.0
```

length(airbnb_data) [1] 16

We will now check for missing values in our dataset:

summary(is.na(airbnb data))

```
name
                          host id
                                 host name
neighbourhood group neighbourhood
Mode :logical Mode :logical Mode :logical Mode
:logical Mode :logical
FALSE: 48895 FALSE: 48895 FALSE: 48895 FALSE: 48895
FALSE: 48895
            longitude room type
 latitude
                                      price
minimum nights number of reviews
Mode :logical Mode :logical Mode :logical Mode
:logical Mode :logical
FALSE: 48895 FALSE: 48895 FALSE: 48895 FALSE: 48895
FALSE: 48895
last review reviews per month calculated host listings count
availability 365
```

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FALSE: 48895

:logical

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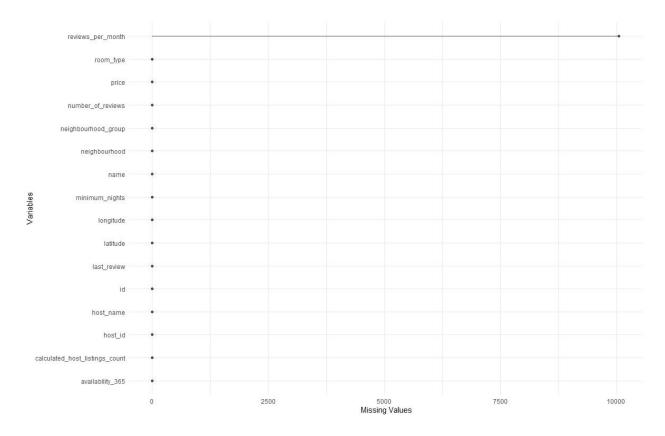
TRUE :10052

>

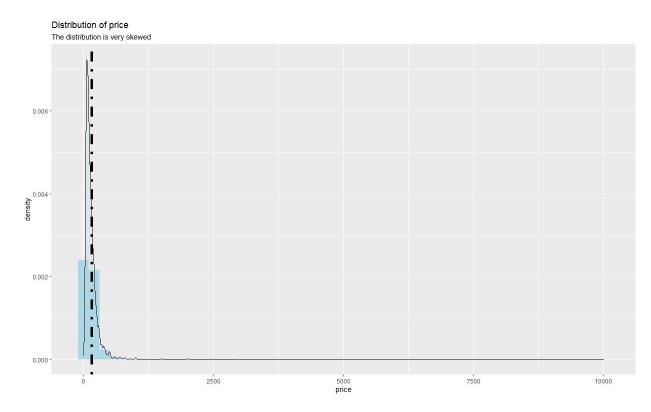
"Reviews Per month" has 10052 missing values.

```
install.packages("naniar")
library(naniar)

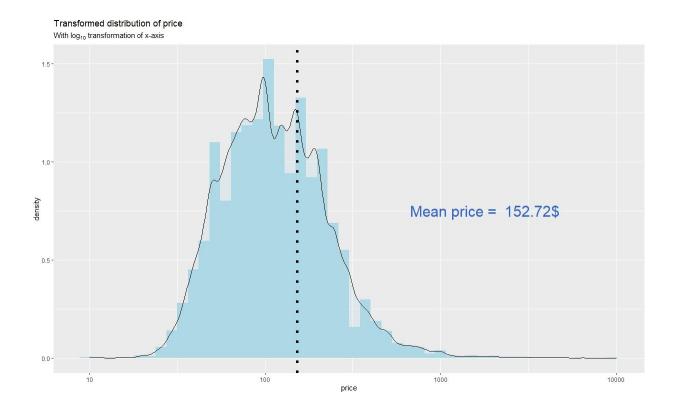
naniar::gg_miss_var(airbnb_data) +
   theme_minimal()+
   labs(y = " Missing Values")
```



Visualizing price distribution using ggplot.

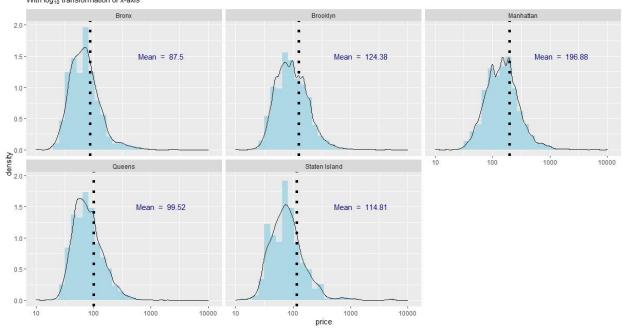


We can see that the price distribution is extremely skewed. We will be using log transformation to better visualize this data.



Transforming price distribution for every neighborhood in NYC for visualization.

Transformed Distribution of Price by Neighbourhood Groups With log₁₀ transformation of x-axis

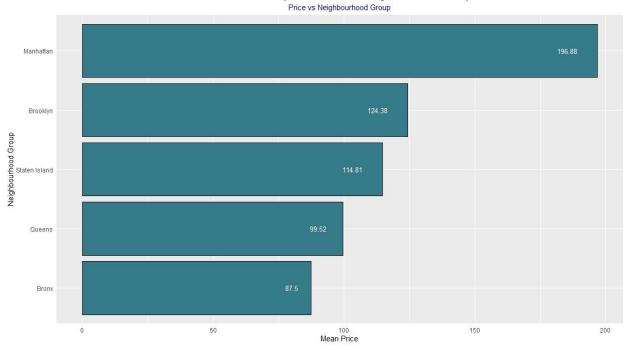


Let's take another look at the mean prices for each neighbourhood in NYC.

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
airbnb data %>%
  filter(!(is.na(neighbourhood group))) %>%
  filter(!(neighbourhood_group == "Unknown")) %>%
  group_by(neighbourhood_group) %>%
  summarise(mean price = mean(price, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = reorder(neighbourhood group, mean price), y = mean price,
fill = neighbourhood group)) +
  geom col(stat ="identity", color = "black", fill="#357b8a") +
  coord flip() +
  theme gray() +
  labs(x = "Neighbourhood Group", y = "Price") +
  geom text(aes(label = round(mean price, digit = 2)), hjust = 2.0, color =
"white", size = 3.5) +
  ggtitle("Mean Price comparison for each Neighbourhood Group", subtitle =
"Price vs Neighbourhood Group") +
  xlab("Neighbourhood Group") +
  ylab("Mean Price") +
  theme (legend.position = "none",
        plot.title = element text(color = "black", size = 14, face = "bold",
hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element text(color = "darkblue", hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.y = element text(),
        axis.title.x = element text(),
        axis.ticks = element blank())
```

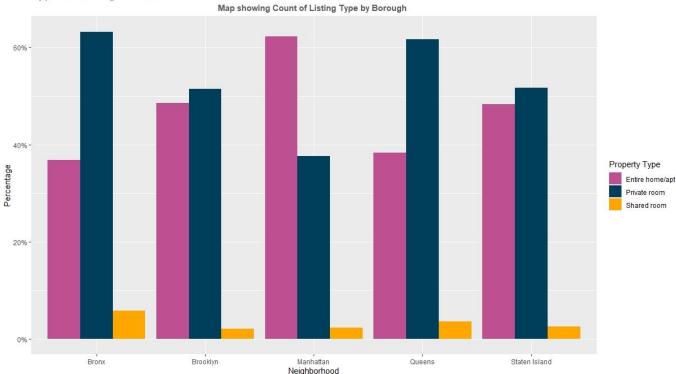
Mean Price comparison for each Neighbourhood Group



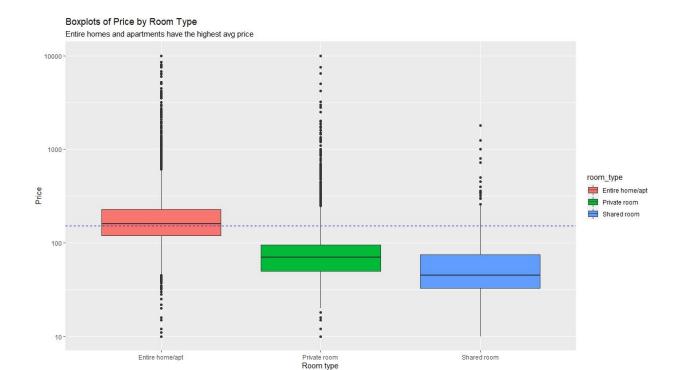
Exploring the types of listings in NYC by grouping them together for each neighbourhood.

```
property df <- airbnb data %>%
  group by (neighbourhood group, room type) %>%
  summarize(Freq = n())
# propertydf <- propertydf %>%
# filter(property type %in%
c("Apartment", "House", "Condominium", "Townhouse", "Loft"))
total property <- airbnb data %>%
  filter (room type %in% c("Private room", "Entire home/apt", "Entire
home/apt")) %>%
  group by (neighbourhood group) %>%
  summarize(sum = n())
property ratio <- merge (property df, total property,
by="neighbourhood group")
property_ratio <- property_ratio %>%
  mutate(ratio = Freq/sum)
ggplot(property ratio, aes(x=neighbourhood group, y = ratio, fill =
room type)) +
  geom bar(position = "dodge", stat="identity") +
  xlab("Borough") + ylab ("Count") +
  scale fill discrete(name = "Property Type") +
```

Types of Listings in NYC



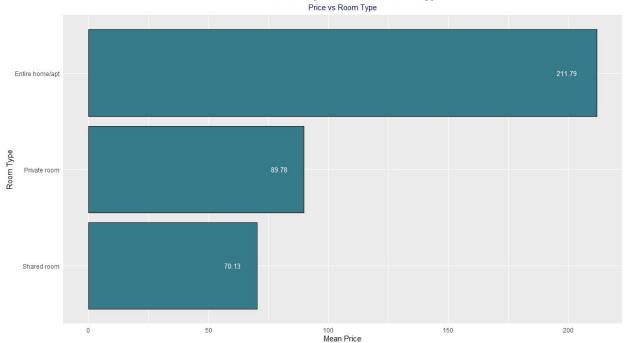
Boxplot of the prices for types of listings



Bargraph to visualize the price for each type of listing.

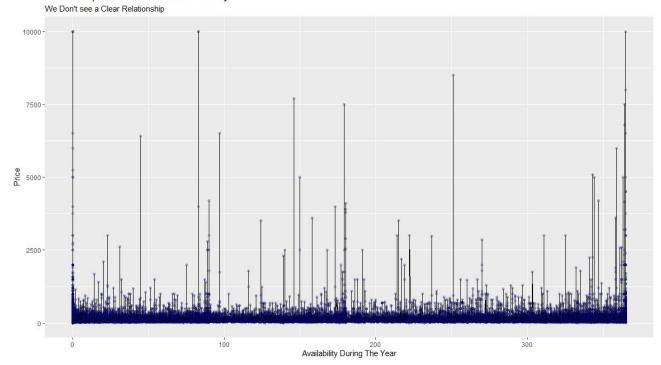
```
airbnb data %>%
  filter(!(is.na(room_type))) %>%
  filter(!(room type == "Unknown")) %>%
  group_by(room_type) %>%
  summarise(mean_price = mean(price, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = reorder(room_type, mean_price), y = mean_price, fill =
room type)) +
  geom col(stat ="identity", color = "black", fill="#357b8a") +
  coord flip() +
  theme gray() +
  labs(x = "Room Type", y = "Price") +
  geom_text(aes(label = round(mean price, digit = 2)), hjust = 2.0, color =
"white", size = 3.5) +
  ggtitle ("Mean Price comparison with all Room Types", subtitle = "Price vs
Room Type") +
  xlab("Room Type") +
  ylab("Mean Price") +
  theme (legend.position = "none",
        plot.title = element text(color = "black", size = 14, face = "bold",
hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element text(color = "darkblue", hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.y = element text(),
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        axis.ticks = element blank())
```

Mean Price comparison with all Room Types



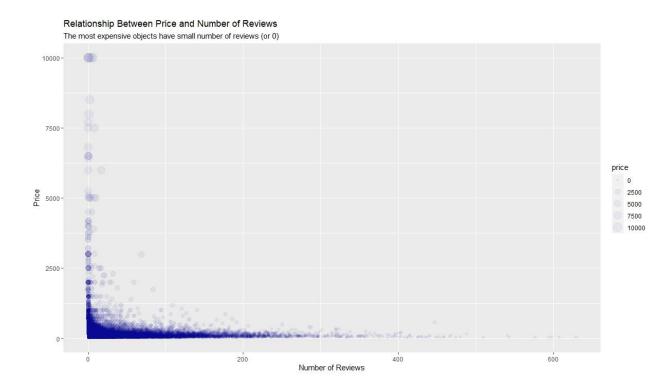
Analyzing the relationship between price and availability

Relationship Between Price and Availability



We don't see a clear relationship between the two.

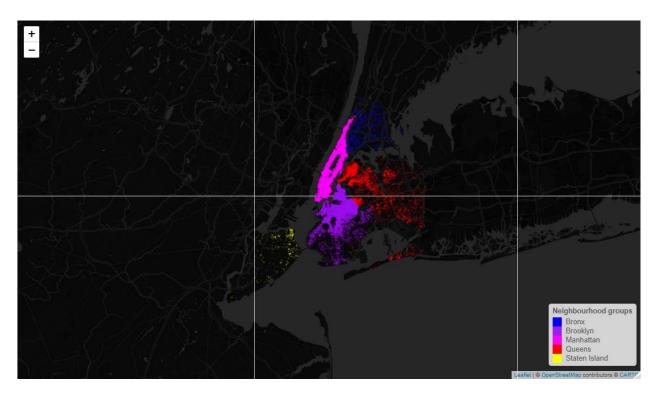
Analyzing the relationship between price and Reviews.



We see that the most expensive listings have the least number of reviews.

Let's look at a map of the NYC to show us where the most airbnbs are located

```
install.packages("ggthemes")
library(ggthemes)
install.packages("plotly")
library (plotly)
install.packages("GGally")
library(GGally)
install.packages("ggExtra")
library(ggExtra)
install.packages("RColorBrewer")
library(RColorBrewer)
install.packages("leaflet")
library(leaflet)
pal <- colorFactor(palette = c("blue", "purple", "magenta", "red", "yellow"),</pre>
domain = airbnb data$neighbourhood group)
leaflet(data = airbnb data) %>%
addProviderTiles (providers$CartoDB.DarkMatterNoLabels) %>%
addCircleMarkers(~longitude, ~latitude, color = ~pal(neighbourhood group),
weight = 1, radius=1, fillOpacity = 0.1, opacity = 0.1,
label = paste("Name:", airbnb data$name)) %>%
```



It is evident by exploring our data that Manhattan has the highest number of listings while it's the smallest neighbourhood group by area. It also has the most expensive listings which are mostly of the type "Entire Home or Apartment."

We can also conclude that the type "Entire Home or Apartment" is the most expensive type of listing in NYC.

Inference

From the previous exploratory discussion, there seems to be a price difference when it comes to room types. However, from the first sight alone is not enough to draw such conclusion. We can set up research hypothesis to test this relationship statistically.

Testing for Relationship between price and Listing Type

Null Hypothesis: There is no statistical difference between price for Entire home/apt and shared room

Alt Hypothesis: There is statistical difference between price for Entire home/apt and shared room

Firstly, we subset the data into two categories, Entire home/apt and shared room. Then we can use function inference to see what the mean prices of Airbnb and 95% confidence intervals for these subsets are. From the below data, we can see that not only two subsets have a significantly different mean, but they also have intervals at 90% totally not overlap. It's safe to say that we can reject the null hypothesis and come to conclusion that prices are different based on room type.

```
population <- read.csv("AB_NYC_2019.csv")
Entirehome <- subset(population, room_type =="Entire home/apt")
Sharedroom <- subset(population, room_type =="Shared room")
inference(Entirehome$price, est = "mean", type = "ci", method = "theoretical")
inference(Sharedroom$price, est = "mean", type = "ci", method = "theoretical")</pre>
```

Entired home/apt

```
Summary statistics: mean = 211.7942; sd = 284.0416; n = 25409 Standard error = 1.7819 95 % Confidence interval = ( 208.3017 , 215.2867 )
```

Shared room

```
Summary statistics: mean = 70.1276; sd = 101.7253; n = 1160 Standard error = 2.9868
95 % Confidence interval = (64.2737, 75.9815)
```

Testing for Relationship between price and Neighbourhood group

We can also explore other variables within the data set to see whether we have another factor that can explain the prices. We can test out whether the location has impacts on pricing, specifically the neighborhood group. We can do a quick inference test whether means of prices across the neighborhoods are the same.

Null: Price are indifferent statistically across neighborhoods.

Alt: There is a difference in prices for different neighborhoods.

We can see that in the below summary that not only their mean prices vary significantly but the test result provides an astonishing small P value, which leads us to reject the null hypothesis.

inference(population\$price, population\$neighbourhood_group, est = "mean",
type = "ht", method = "theoretical", alternative = "greater")

Summary statistics:

```
n_Bronx = 1091, mean_Bronx = 87.4968, sd_Bronx = 106.7093
n_Brooklyn = 20104, mean_Brooklyn = 124.3832, sd_Brooklyn = 186.8735
n_Manhattan = 21661, mean_Manhattan = 196.8758, sd_Manhattan = 291.3832
n_Queens = 5666, mean_Queens = 99.5176, sd_Queens = 167.1022
n_Staten Island = 373, mean_Staten Island = 114.8123, sd_Staten Island = 277.6204
```

H_0: All means are equal.

H_A: At least one mean is different.

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: y

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
x 4 79590956 19897739 354.99 < 2.2e-16
Residuals 48890 2740322834 56051
```

Pairwise tests: t tests with pooled SD

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens
Brooklyn	0.0000	NA	NA	NA
Manhattan	0.0000	0.0000	NA	NA
Queens	0.1246	0.0000	0	NA
Staten Island	0.0544	0.4392	0	0.2268

Modeling

Preceding displaying, we will divide the information into Training set and Testing set with the goal that we can utilize the testing set to approve our model. As it is a decent practice, we are parting the dataset into parts in the proportion of 70:30. Training set will be 70% percent of the first information. We will utilize the test dataset in the future for testing and expectation purposes. Articles with value equivalent to 0 will be omitted since cost can't be 0 (broken records). To eliminate the anomalies, we are separating the airbnb information by eliminating the outrageous upsides of cost from the two sides (10% from both the end). They would make prescient models fundamentally more fragile.

```
library(tidyverse)
## Warning: package 'tidyverse' was built under R version 4.0.5
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.0.5
## Warning: package 'tibble' was built under R version 4.0.5
## Warning: package 'tidyr' was built under R version 4.0.5
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.0.5
## Warning: package 'forcats' was built under R version 4.0.5
library(ggthemes)
## Warning: package 'ggthemes' was built under R version 4.0.5
library(GGally)
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library(caret)
## Warning: package 'caret' was built under R version 4.0.5
library(glmnet)
## Warning: package 'glmnet' was built under R version 4.0.5
library(corrplot)
library(leaflet)
## Warning: package 'leaflet' was built under R version 4.0.5
library(kableExtra)
## Warning: package 'kableExtra' was built under R version 4.0.5
library(RColorBrewer)
library(plotly)
```

```
## Warning: package 'plotly' was built under R version 4.0.5
set.seed(252)
air_bnb <- read.csv("AB_NYC_2019.csv", encoding="UTF-8", stringsAsFactors = F
, na.strings = c(""))
air_bnb <- air_bnb %>% mutate(id = row_number())
air_bnb_train <- air_bnb %>% sample_frac(.7) %>% filter(price > 0)
air_bnb_test <- anti_join(air_bnb, air_bnb_train, by = 'id') %>% filter(price > 0)
nrow(air_bnb_train) + nrow(air_bnb_test) == nrow(air_bnb %>% filter(price > 0
))
## [1] TRUE
```

Perceptions:

The subsequent training dataset has 34,221 perceptions and testing dataset has 14.663 perceptions.

Second look just in case affirms that that in the wake of eliminating the perceptions with value 0 and parting the dataset, the number of perceptions in test and train dataset is equivalent to the all-out number of perceptions in the first dataset.

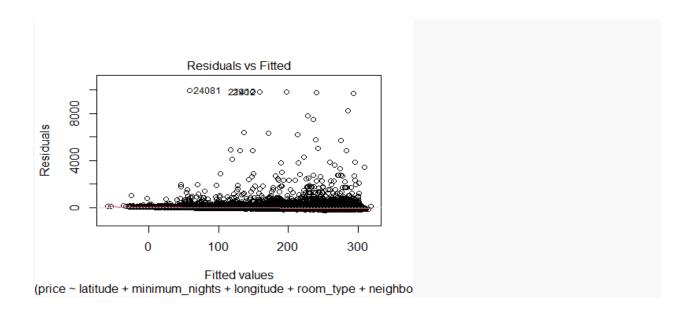
We attempt to foresee the cost of the airbnbs utilizing the excess covariates:

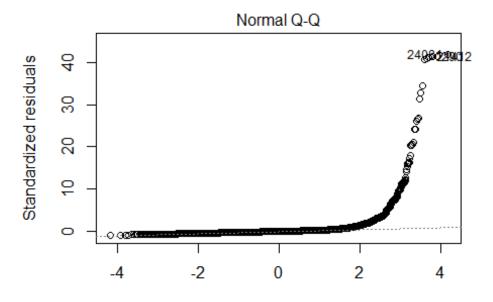
latitude longitude neighbourhood_group room_type number_of_reviews minimum_nights calculated_host_listings_count reviews_per_month availability_365

Plot of the First Linear Regression Model:

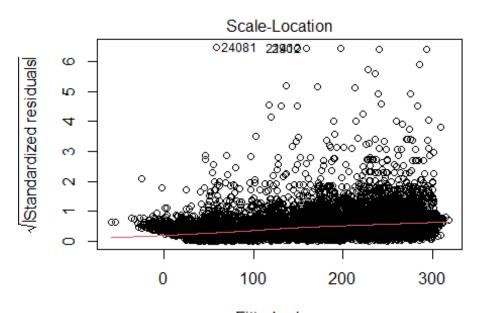
```
fst model <- lm(price ~ latitude + minimum nights+ longitude + room type + n
eighbourhood group + availability 365 , data = air bnb train, )
summary(fst_model)
##
## lm(formula = price ~ latitude + minimum nights + longitude +
##
       room type + neighbourhood group + availability 365, data = air bnb tra
in)
##
## Residuals:
##
     Min
             1Q Median
                           3Q
                                 Max
## -244.1 -62.4 -25.4
                         13.7 9941.1
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
                                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
                                  -2.855e+04 3.962e+03 -7.204 5.95e-13 **
## (Intercept)
## latitude
                                  -2.089e+02 3.864e+01 -5.406 6.50e-08 **
## minimum nights
                                   4.005e-02 6.705e-02 0.597 0.55030
## longitude
                                  -5.036e+02 4.445e+01 -11.329 < 2e-16 **
## room typePrivate room
                                  -1.048e+02 2.682e+00 -39.076 < 2e-16 **
## room_typeShared room
                                  -1.349e+02 8.460e+00 -15.946 < 2e-16 **
## neighbourhood groupBrooklyn -3.330e+01 1.097e+01 -3.035 0.00241 **
## neighbourhood groupManhattan 2.778e+01 9.994e+00 2.779 0.00545 **
## neighbourhood_groupQueens
                            -4.049e+00 1.058e+01 -0.383 0.70196
## neighbourhood_groupStaten Island -1.628e+02 2.117e+01 -7.693 1.48e-14 **
## availability 365
                                   1.525e-01 1.002e-02 15.221 < 2e-16 **
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 237.3 on 34208 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.0877, Adjusted R-squared: 0.08743
## F-statistic: 328.8 on 10 and 34208 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
plot(fst_model)
```

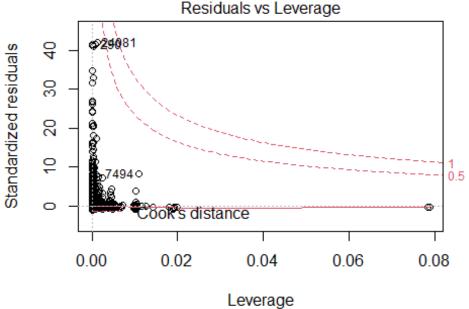




Theoretical Quantiles (price ~ latitude + minimum_nights + longitude + room_type + neighbo



Fitted values (price ~ latitude + minimum_nights + longitude + room_type + neighbo

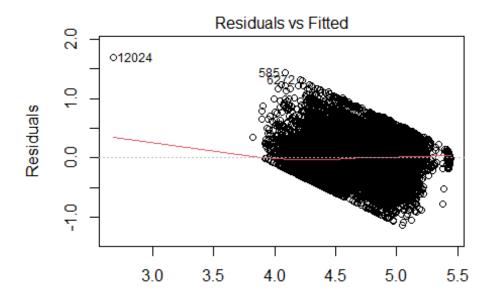


(price ~ latitude + minimum_nights + longitude + room_type + neighbo

Plot of the Second Linear Regression Model:

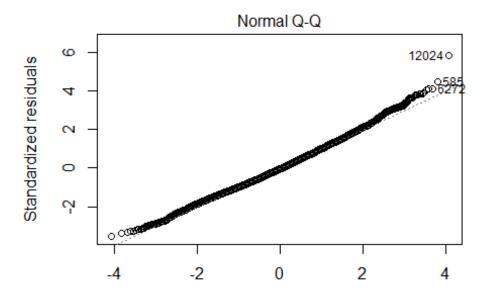
```
learn <- air_bnb_train %>% filter(price < quantile(air_bnb_train$price, 0.9)</pre>
& price > quantile(air bnb train$price, 0.1)) %>% tidyr::drop na()
scnd model <- lm(log(price) ~ room type + neighbourhood group + number of rev
iews +latitude + longitude + calculated_host_listings_count + availability_36
5 + reviews_per_month + minimum_nights, data = learn)
summary(scnd_model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = log(price) ~ room_type + neighbourhood_group + number_of_revi
ews +
##
       latitude + longitude + calculated_host_listings_count + availability_3
65 +
##
       reviews_per_month + minimum_nights, data = learn)
##
## Residuals:
##
        Min
                  1Q
                       Median
                                             Max
                                     3Q
  -1.13208 -0.22460 -0.01546 0.20825
                                         1.69326
##
## Coefficients:
```

```
##
                                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                  -1.227e+02 6.686e+00 -18.347 < 2e-16 *
## (Intercept)
                                  -5.429e-01 4.435e-03 -122.415 < 2e-16 *
## room_typePrivate room
**
## room typeShared room
                                  -6.533e-01 2.038e-02 -32.060 < 2e-16 *
**
## neighbourhood_groupBrooklyn -2.925e-02 1.960e-02
                                                         -1.492
                                                                  0.1357
## neighbourhood_groupManhattan
                                                          8.999 < 2e-16 *
                                   1.625e-01 1.806e-02
## neighbourhood groupQueens
                                   4.678e-02 1.900e-02
                                                          2.462
                                                                  0.0138 *
## neighbourhood_groupStaten Island -5.847e-01 3.686e-02 -15.862 < 2e-16 *
## number_of_reviews
                                  -6.683e-05 5.393e-05
                                                         -1.239
                                                                  0.2153
## latitude
                                  -5.249e-01 6.509e-02 -8.064 7.75e-16 *
**
                                  -2.013e+00 7.518e-02 -26.780 < 2e-16 *
## longitude
## calculated_host_listings_count 5.605e-04 8.470e-05 6.617 3.74e-11 *
**
## availability 365
                                                         17.704 < 2e-16 *
                                   3.211e-04 1.814e-05
**
## reviews per month
                                  -2.378e-03 1.566e-03
                                                         -1.519
                                                                  0.1288
                                  -1.690e-03 1.355e-04 -12.471 < 2e-16 *
## minimum nights
**
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.3195 on 22046 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4935, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4932
## F-statistic: 1653 on 13 and 22046 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
plot(scnd_model)
```

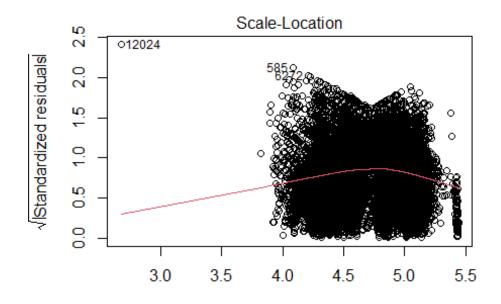


Fitted values

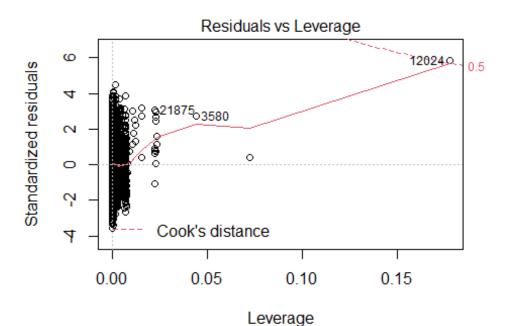
log(price) ~ room_type + neighbourhood_group + number_of_reviews



Theoretical Quantiles | log(price) ~ room_type + neighbourhood_group + number_of_reviews



Fitted values | log(price) ~ room_type + neighbourhood_group + number_of_reviews



log(price) ~ room_type + neighbourhood_group + number_of_reviews

Perceptions: Residuals versus fitted qualities shows that the specks are not equally disseminated around nothing and don't show a consistent difference around X. This implies that linearity and equivalent fluctuation suppositions are not satisfied.

QQ plot shows a 45-degree line implying that Normality presumptions are met.

Regression Formula for First Model:

```
Y= -28550 + (-208.9 * latitude) +(0.04005 * minimum_nights) + (-503.6 * longitude) +(-104.8 * room_typePrivate)+ (-134.9 * room_typeShared )+ (-33.30 * neighbourhood_groupBrooklyn)+ (27.78 * neighbourhood_groupManhattan) + (-4.049 * neighbourhood_groupQueens) + (-162.8 * neighbourhood_groupStaten Island) + (0.1525* availability_365)
```

The regression Formula is created from the Coefficients and Intercepts created from First Linear Regression Model

Coefficients:

##		Estimate
##	(Intercept)	-2.855e+04
##	latitude	-2.089e+02
##	minimum_nights	4.005e-02
##	longitude	-5.036e+02
##	room_typePrivate room	-1.048e+02
##	room_typeShared room	-1.349e+02
##	neighbourhood_groupBrooklyn	-3.330e+01
##	neighbourhood_groupManhattan	2.778e+01
##	neighbourhood_groupQueens	-4.049e+00
##	<pre>neighbourhood_groupStaten Island</pre>	-1.628e+02
##	availability_365	1.525e-01

Prediction:

We applied Multi- Linear Regression model on the data, room type Private and room type Shared is assigned numerical values respectively similarly for neighborhood Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island are assigned numerical values.

We Calculated the Price estimate manually based on the ID and compared with original price and found them to be very much different. Hence it proves that model does not fit. Hence it is not possible to predict the Price estimate accurately based on the above factors. Also, comparing the R Square model as R square is 8 %, which is a very low match.

ID	Price_Estimate	Original_Price
2539	336.690579	149
2595	2819.53549	225
3647	2816.430121	150
3831	2817.301644	89
5022	2811.216713	80
5099	2815.96387	200
5121	2814.291647	60

Conclusion:

In conclusion, we chose the multiple linear models to fit the above dataset, 10 variables were used in the model. We were able to find that the model would not be able to predict the price properly as Price estimate and original price does not match.

Thus, we may not be able to predict the price precisely based on these factors.