
Final Project Presentation

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Dataset Overview

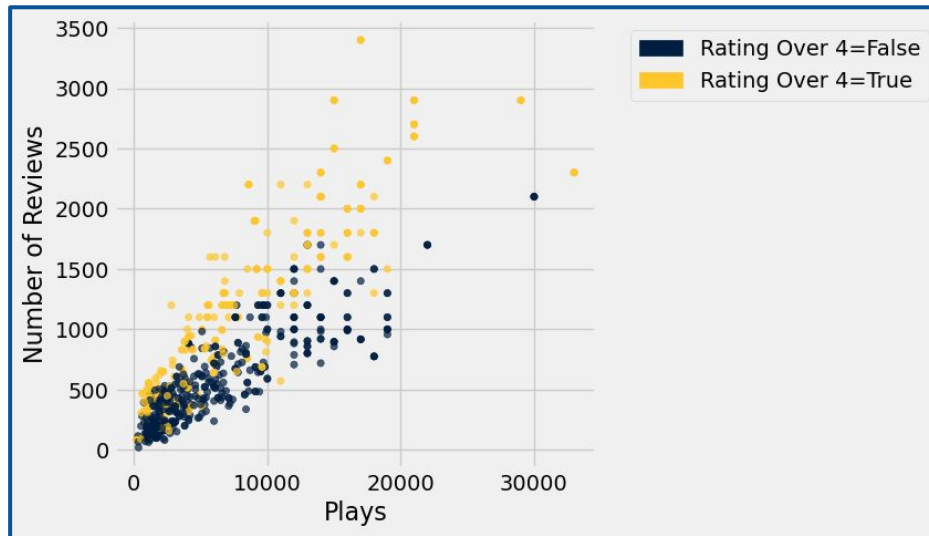
- Video game statistics - Dataset found on Kaggle
 - Originally gathered from scraping a website called Backloggd
 - Allows users to see what games they've played and for how long
 - Also has ratings, reviews, play counts, etc.
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Variables

Initially looked at total number of plays vs. number of reviews for different video games:

Also comparing whether or not a game has a rating of 4 stars or above (out of 5 stars).

This is the yellow (rating above or equal to 4) and blue (rating below 4) dots.



Variables

95% Correlation Confidence Interval (rounded):

[0.79, 0.84]

Since 0 is not in the interval, there is likely a correlation

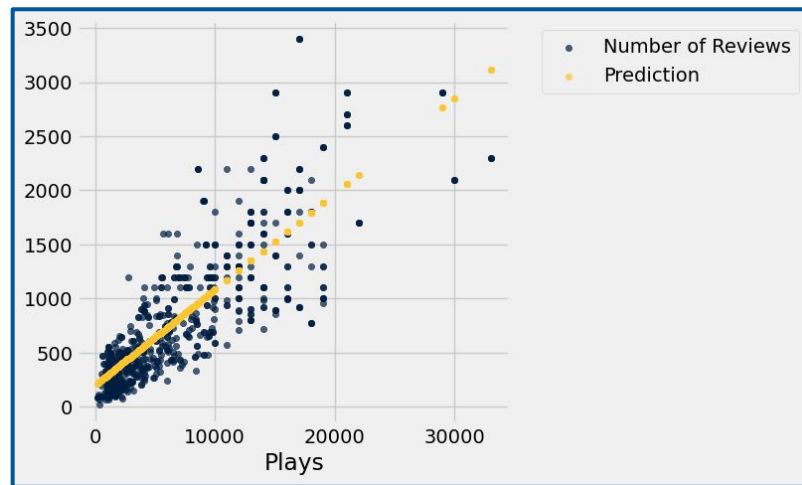
I used 12000 plays as the value of x for prediction

99% Prediction Confidence Interval (rounded):

[1193, 1337] (predicted reviews)

Potential bias = Users on Backloggd are predominantly frequent gamers

Linear Regression Line:



Features and Classifier

Features were the same as numerical variables (Number of plays vs. Number of reviews)

Used the **rating** as a classifier (as a measure of whether a game was “good” or not):

- Rating above or equal to 4 = Is a “good” game
- Rating below 4 = Is not a “good” game

Used three nearest-neighbors to classify prediction points:

- If more neighbors were rated well, the prediction would also be rated well
- If more neighbors were rated poorly, the prediction would also be rated poorly

Accuracy of classifier after splitting the dataset into a test and train set and testing predictions for the points in the test set: ~0.84 after standardizing units (0.82 w/o standardizing) or 84% accuracy

To improve my classifier, I tried increasing the number of nearest neighbors used. I also tried looking at several other features, but none of these ended up creating a more accurate classifier than my initial one.

Conclusion

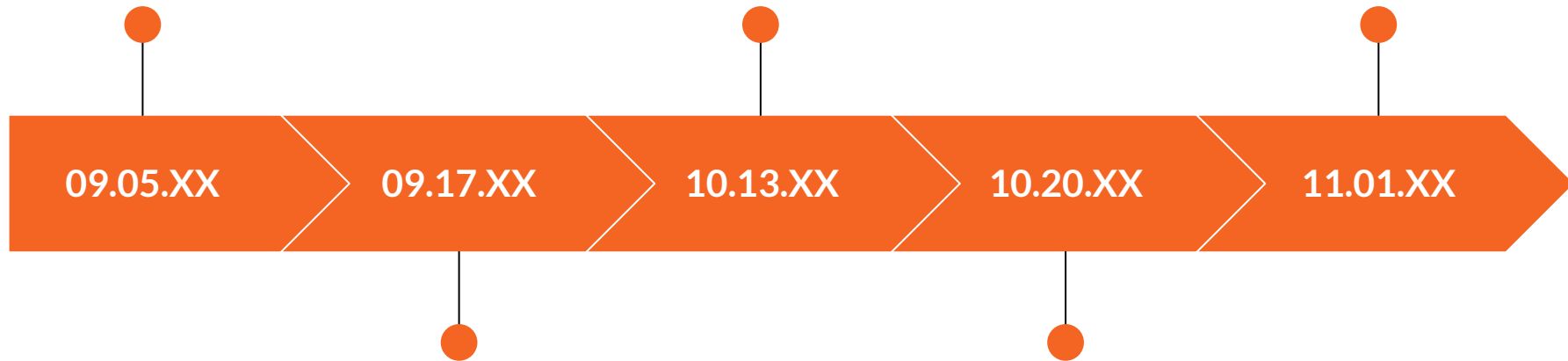
- Wanted to see if plays, reviews, and rating are correlated
 - Learned dataset may not be the best for this
 - Learned a lot of high-rated games have fewer plays and more reviews relative to others
 - Shows subtle pattern in dataset
 - Not great for prediction and classification
 - 84% accuracy = almost 1/5 of predictions would be misclassified
 - Not practical – Probably easier to just look up the rating of a game
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