Yelp Star is not Everything

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Introduction

Yelp has been collecting the users' review for the businesses from the major cities at North America and Europe since October 2004. This data set *business* collects the information from 61184 businesses across 10 cities. Data set *checkin* stores 45166 durations and frequencies a user stay in every business. Data set *review* sumarizes 1569264 reviews for a registed business. Data set *tip* summarizes the 495107 recommendations for a business. Data set *user* collects the information from 366715 registed users.

Yelp's recommandation engine has been designed to filter the active and available review articles for a business. A couple of attributes were summarized from the data accumulated in the past decade. The data set business has 38 variables in which 7 variables are data frame. If these variables constituent the evaluation model how yelp users evaluate a local businesses, will we figure, for a category of business, a global standard across cities or many local standards in each city? In use of Bayesian network, we set up the criterion to answer this question. When the Bayesian network showed that the city is not the child node of any variable, there is no a unified model for all the businesses of a category across cities. Ohterwise, there is a unified model to tell people how to evaluate a kind of business based on yelp stars or a specific attribute.

Method

Preprocessing Data

Exprolary Analysis

Build Model(s)

Result

Discussion