Analysis of purchases of mobile applications

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. MOBILE APPLICATIONS

Mobile applications (or mobile apps) are computer programs or software applications created to be used on mobile phones, tablets or smartwatches. Originally, they were designed for basic needs like e-mails or calendar. But with the development of mobile devices, there has been an increase in demand for new and life-easing applications such as mobile games, social networking apps, navigation and location-based services. Those applications can be free of charge or can have a price. Mobile applications can be downloaded from distribution platforms like App Store or Google Play Store. According to the blogpost from the Business of Apps website, people on avarage use 9 mobile apps per day and 30 mobile apps per month. The most popular apps are Facebook, Youtube, Messenger, Google Search and Google Maps.

1.2. RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

The purpose of our research is to discover the factors affecting the number of application installs - what determines the popularity of mobile applications?

At the beginning, we carry out data cleaning process and preparation of the dataset for analysis. Then we conduct a preliminary analysis and visualize basic statistics. Next, we formulate the model to inspect the factors determining the number of installs.

1.3. DATASET

The dataset about Google play store apps was downloaded from kaggle.com website (to see the source click here (https://www.kaggle.com/lava18/google-play-store-apps?

fbclid=lwAR0ovxDCXAqDkyunlhSRKqKWRbX5KXnjR33KL_RUroKBwc1dcf5D_h5572A)). The dataset includes almost 11 thousand observations - mobile applications, and 13 variables - Application name, Category, Rating, Reviews, Size, Installs, Type, Price, Content Rating, Genres, Last Updated, Current version, Android version.

2. DATA ANALYSIS

2.1. CLEANING THE DATA

Raw data downloaded from kaggle repository needs cleaning. After uploading the data from the csv file, NaN values were automatically omitted.

Based on the summary and basic statistics we can assume that most of the mobile applications are free (8719 apps) and only 648 are paid. Because of this disproportion, we do not pay attention to the level of price for the mobile app. Instead, we use the variable Type to distinguish between free and paid apps.

```
## 'data.frame': 9367 obs. of 13 variables:
                 : Factor w/ 9660 levels "- Free Comics - Comic Apps",..: 7224 2558 8998 8
## $ App
113 7289 7120 8171 5585 4944 5822 ...
## $ Category
                 : Factor w/ 34 levels "1.9", "ART_AND_DESIGN",..: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Rating
                   : num 4.1 3.9 4.7 4.5 4.3 4.4 3.8 4.1 4.4 4.7 ...
                  : Factor w/ 6002 levels "0","1","10","100",...: 1183 5924 5681 1947 5924 1
## $ Reviews
310 1464 3385 816 485 ...
## $ Size
                 : Factor w/ 462 levels "1,000+","1.0M",..: 55 30 368 102 64 222 55 118 14
6 120 ...
## $ Installs
                 : Factor w/ 22 levels "0","0+","1,000,000,000+",..: 8 20 13 16 11 17 17 4
48 ...
                  : Factor w/ 4 levels "0", "Free", "NaN", ...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Type
## $ Price
                 : Factor w/ 93 levels "$0.99","$1.00",..: 92 92 92 92 92 92 92 92 92
## $ Content.Rating: Factor w/ 7 levels "","Adults only 18+",..: 3 3 3 6 3 3 3 3 3 ...
                   : Factor w/ 120 levels "Action", "Action; Action & Adventure",..: 10 13 10
## $ Genres
10 12 10 10 10 10 12 ...
## $ Last.Updated : Factor w/ 1378 levels "1.0.19", "April 1, 2016",..: 562 482 117 825 757
901 76 726 1317 670 ...
## $ Current.Ver : Factor w/ 2834 levels "","0.0.0.2","0.0.1",..: 121 1020 466 2827 279 11
5 279 2393 1457 1431 ...
## $ Android.Ver : Factor w/ 35 levels "","1.0 and up",..: 17 17 17 20 22 10 17 20 12 17
. . .
## - attr(*, "na.action")= 'omit' Named int 24 114 124 127 130 131 135 164 181 186 ...
## ..- attr(*, "names")= chr "24" "114" "124" "127" ...
```

```
##
                                                   App
##
   ROBLOX
                                                        9
   CBS Sports App - Scores, News, Stats & Watch Live:
##
   8 Ball Pool
##
   Candy Crush Saga
                                                        7
                                                        7
##
   Duolingo: Learn Languages Free
   ESPN
                                                        7
##
##
   (Other)
                                                     :9322
##
            Category
                            Rating
                                            Reviews
##
   FAMILY
                 :1747
                        Min.
                                : 1.000
                                         2
                                                :
##
   GAME
                 :1097
                        1st Qu.: 4.000
                                         3
                                                   78
   T00LS
##
                 : 734
                        Median : 4.300
                                                   74
                                         4
##
   PRODUCTIVITY: 351
                        Mean
                               : 4.193
                                         5
                                                   74
##
   MEDICAL
                 : 350
                        3rd Qu.: 4.500
                                         1
                                                   67
   COMMUNICATION: 328
                        Max.
                               :19.000
                                          6
                                                   62
##
   (Other)
                 :4760
                                          (Other):8929
                    Size
##
                                    Installs
                                                                Price
                                                   Type
##
   Varies with device:1637
                             1,000,000+ :1577
                                                                    :8719
                                                   :
                                                             0
                                                 0
                                                        1
##
   14M
                     : 166
                             10,000,000+:1252
                                                Free:8719
                                                             $2.99
                                                                    : 114
##
   12M
                     : 161
                             100,000+
                                         :1150 NaN :
                                                             $0.99
                                                        0
##
   11M
                     : 160
                             10,000+
                                         :1010
                                                Paid: 647
                                                             $4.99
                                                                      70
   15M
                                                             $1.99 :
##
                     : 159
                             5,000,000+ : 752
                                                                      59
   13M
                      : 157
                             1,000+
                                         : 713
                                                             $3.99 : 58
##
##
    (Other)
                      :6927
                              (Other)
                                         :2913
                                                             (Other): 240
##
                                    Genres
                                                       Last.Updated
           Content.Rating
##
                      1
                          Tools
                                        : 733
                                               August 3, 2018: 319
## Adults only 18+:
                      3
                          Entertainment: 533
                                               August 2, 2018: 284
##
   Everyone
                  :7420
                          Education
                                       : 468
                                               July 31, 2018: 279
                                               August 1, 2018: 275
   Everyone 10+
                  : 397
                          Action
                                       : 358
##
                                               July 30, 2018: 199
##
   Mature 17+
                  : 461
                           Productivity: 351
                                               July 25, 2018: 157
##
   Teen
                  :1084
                          Medical
                                   : 350
                                                (Other)
## Unrated
                           (Other)
                                        :6574
                      1
                                                              :7854
##
               Current.Ver
                                          Android.Ver
   Varies with device:1415
                                                :2059
##
                             4.1 and up
                             Varies with device:1319
##
                     : 458
##
   1.1
                     : 195
                             4.0.3 and up
                                                :1240
##
   1.2
                     : 126
                             4.0 and up
                                                :1131
   1.3
                             4.4 and up
##
                     : 120
                                                : 875
##
   2.0
                      : 119
                             2.3 and up
                                                : 582
   (Other)
##
                      :6934
                              (Other)
                                                :2161
```

After analysis of the data structure, we rename the columns to make data more readable:

```
columnsToRename = c(Reviews = "Reviews.Count", Current.Ver = "Current.Software.Version",
    Android.Ver = "Android.Version")
mainTable <- mainTable %>% plyr::rename(columnsToRename)
```

Furthermore, we start the process of cleaning - fixing the data and changing the data types:

```
# All - Setting 'Varies with device' as NaN
mainTable[mainTable == "Varies with device"] <- NA</pre>
# Rating - Fixing outiliers
mainTable$Rating[mainTable$Rating > 5] <- NA</pre>
# Size - Delete M (megabytes)
mainTable[5] <- lapply(mainTable[5], as.character)</pre>
mainTable$Size <- substr(mainTable$Size, 1, nchar(mainTable$Size) -</pre>
    1)
# Type - Fixing the 0
mainTable$Type[mainTable$Type == 0] <- "Free"</pre>
# Price - Delete dollars, fix outliers
mainTable$Price <- substring(mainTable$Price, 2)</pre>
mainTable$Price[mainTable$Price == "" | mainTable$Price == "veryone"] <- "0"</pre>
# Content.Rating - Deleting outliers
mainTable$Content.Rating[mainTable$Content.Rating == "" | mainTable$Content.Rating ==
    "Unrated"] <- "Everyone"
# Genres - Taking only the main genre
mainTable$Genres <- gsub(";.*", "", mainTable$Genres)</pre>
# Genres - Education and Educational are the same type of
# apps
mainTable$Genres[mainTable$Genres == "Educational"] <- "Education"</pre>
# Last.Updated - Converting to date NOT WORKING YET!
mainTable <- mainTable[!mainTable$Last.Updated == "1.0.19", ]</pre>
mainTable$Last.Updated <- gsub(",", "", mainTable$Last.Updated)</pre>
# placeholder <- as.Date(mainTable$Last.Updated, format = '%B</pre>
# %d %Y', optional = TRUE) Android. Version - Take only the
# main part, eg. 4.3
mainTable$Android.Version <- substr(mainTable$Android.Version,</pre>
    1, 3)
# Convert to character
for (i in c(1, 4)) {
    mainTable[i] <- lapply(mainTable[i], as.character)</pre>
# Convert to numeric
for (i in c(4, 5, 8)) {
    mainTable[i] <- lapply(mainTable[i], as.numeric)</pre>
# Convert to factors
for (i in c(10, 13)) {
    mainTable[i] <- lapply(mainTable[i], as.factor)</pre>
}
remove(i)
# Drop all unused factors (cool function)
mainTable <- droplevels.data.frame(mainTable)</pre>
# Drop the Category column
mainTable <- mainTable[-c(2, 12)]</pre>
```

2.2. BASIC STATISTICS

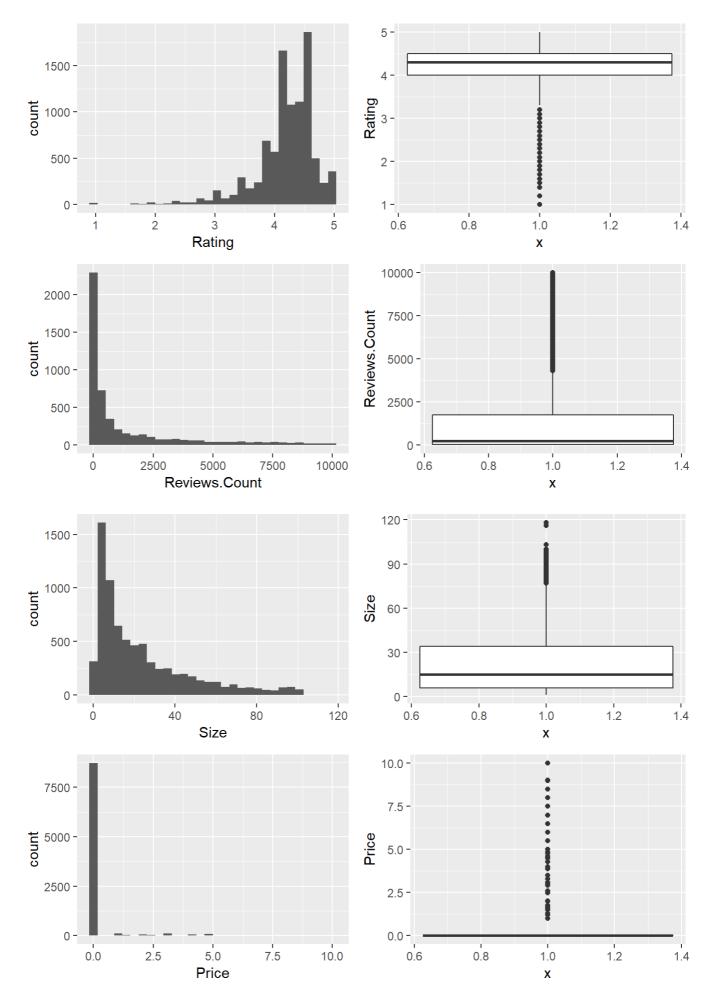
After the process of cleaning, the dataset includes 9367 observations and 11 variables. We can take another look at its structure and summary statistics:

```
## 'data.frame':
                   9366 obs. of 11 variables:
                    : chr "Photo Editor & Candy Camera & Grid & ScrapBook" "Coloring book m
## $ App
oana" "U Launcher Lite â\200" FREE Live Cool Themes, Hide Apps" "Sketch - Draw & Paint" ...
                    : num 4.1 3.9 4.7 4.5 4.3 4.4 3.8 4.1 4.4 4.7 ...
##
  $ Reviews.Count : num 159 967 87510 215644 967 ...
## $ Size
                    : num 19 14 8.7 25 2.8 5.6 19 29 33 3.1 ...
## $ Installs
                   : Factor w/ 19 levels "1,000,000,000+",..: 6 18 11 14 9 15 15 2 2 6 ...
## $ Type
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "Free", "Paid": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                    : num 0000000000...
##
   $ Price
  $ Content.Rating : Factor w/ 5 levels "Adults only 18+",..: 2 2 2 5 2 2 2 2 2 ...
                    : Factor w/ 47 levels "Action", "Adventure", ...: 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
## $ Last.Updated : chr "January 7 2018" "January 15 2018" "August 1 2018" "June 8 2018"
. . .
## $ Android. Version: Factor w/ 22 levels "1.0", "1.5", "1.6",..: 11 11 11 13 15 7 11 13 8 11
. . .
```

```
##
       App
                        Rating
                                   Reviews.Count
                                                         Size
##
   Length:9366
                    Min. :1.000
                                   Min. : 1
                                                    Min. : 1.00
   Class :character
                    1st Qu.:4.000
                                                    1st Qu.: 6.10
##
                                   1st Qu.:
                                               186
   Mode :character
##
                    Median :4.300
                                   Median :
                                              5930
                                                    Median : 16.00
##
                    Mean :4.192
                                  Mean : 514050 Mean : 37.28
                    3rd Qu.:4.500
##
                                   3rd Qu.:
                                             81533
                                                    3rd Qu.: 37.00
##
                    Max. :5.000
                                  Max. :78158306 Max.
                                                          :994.00
                                                    NA's
##
                                                          :1637
##
         Installs
                      Type
                                   Price
                                                        Content.Rating
                    Free:8719
## 1,000,000+ :1577
                               Min. : 0.0000 Adults only 18+:
##
   10,000,000+:1252 Paid: 647
                               1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                                Everyone
                                                              :7421
   100,000+
                               Median : 0.0000
                                                Everyone 10+ : 397
##
             :1150
   10,000+
##
             :1010
                               Mean : 0.9609
                                                Mature 17+
                                                              : 461
##
   5,000,000+ : 752
                               3rd Qu.: 0.0000
                                                Teen
                                                              :1084
  1,000+
             : 713
                               Max. :400.0000
##
             :2912
##
   (Other)
                      Last.Updated
                                       Android.Version
##
            Genres
## Tools
               : 734
                      Length:9366
                                       4.0 :2373
## Education
               : 666
                      Class :character
                                       4.1 :2060
                      Mode :character
                                       4.4 : 881
## Entertainment: 577
## Action
             : 375
                                       2.3
                                              : 822
## Productivity: 351
                                       5.0
                                             : 538
   Medical
                                       (Other):1373
##
               : 350
   (Other)
               :6313
                                       NA's
                                              :1319
```

The dataset contains 11 variables - 5 factors, 4 numerics and 2 characters, and 9366 observations.

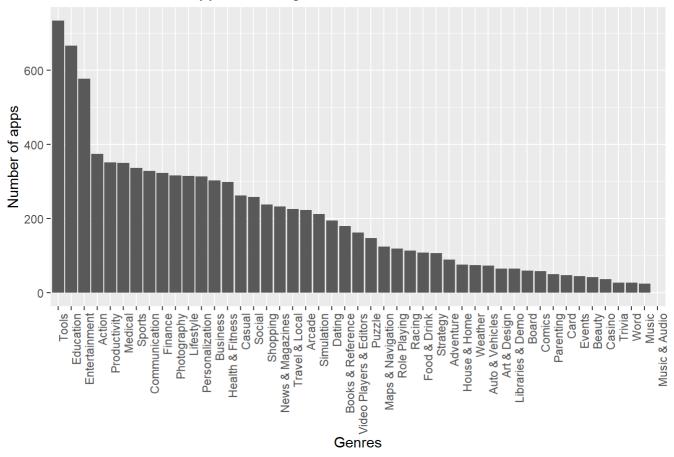
- Median rating of apps in Google Play Store is 4.3 and 50% of the apps have a rating between 4 and 4.5. We can identify outliers apps with rating lower than 3.25.
- Most of the apps have low number of reviews 50% of the applications in the dataset have between 186 and 81533 reviews (with median of 5930 reviews). The highest number of reviews is 78158306.
- Median size of apps is 16 MB. 50% of apps have the size between 6 and 37 MB. The largest app in the Google Play Store has 994 MB.
- As we mentioned before, most of the apps are free of charge.



Three genres with the highest number of created mobile apps are: Tools, Education and Entertainment. Those three categories are on average 2 times bigger than the other genres. It means that these applications are the most useful for mobile devices users - developers create this kind of apps because there is a high demand

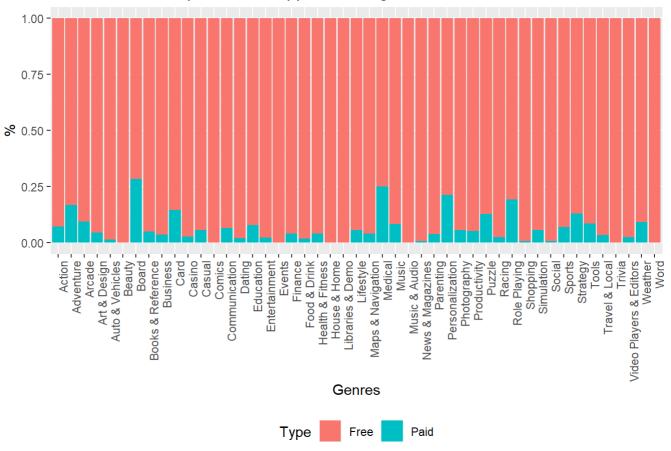
from users for them.

Number of mobile apps in each genre

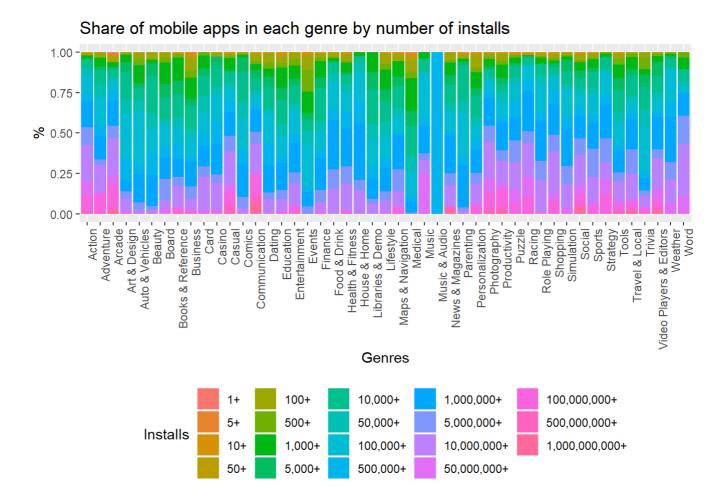


The highest and outstading share of paid mobile applications is in the four types of Genres: Board, Medical, Personalization and Role Playing. However, these are not the most popular types of apps - only Medical is in the top 10 of Genres. On the other hand, the categories with the highest number of applications are usually free of charge.

Share of free and paid mobile apps in each genre



The graph below shows the number of installs of applications in each genre. The highest percentage of high numbers of installs have such applications genres like: Action, Arcade, Casual, Communication, Music, Photography, Racing, Shoopping, Social, Strategy, Travel & Loca, Video Players & Editors and Word. In the next section we provide a model to examine the factors determining the number of installs.

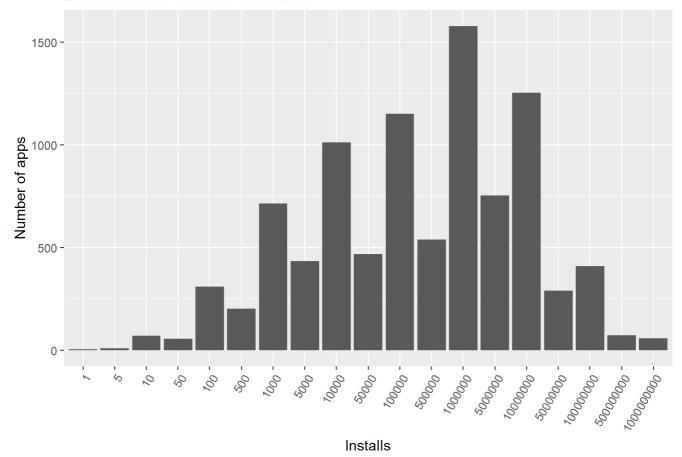


2.3. MODELLING

Since the purpose of our research is to find the features affecting the number of installs and Installs is not continuous but ordinal variable, we decided to use **Ordinal Logistic Regression model**. We are gonna examine the impact of the ratings, type and genres of application on the number of installs.

The most common number of installs is 1 000 000 +. The distribiution of the number of installs is plotted in the graph below. What makes the number of installs high or low? Can an app developer predict and impact it?

Distribution of number of installs



Ordinal Logistic Regression model

```
## Call:
## polr(formula = Installs ~ Rating + Type + Genres, data = df_selected)
##
## Coefficients:
##
                                Value Std. Error t value
## Rating
                              0.62259
                                        0.03668 16.9736
## TypePaid
                                        0.07278 -27.9498
                             -2.03432
## GenresAdventure
                             -0.52513 0.20695 -2.5375
## GenresArcade
                              0.11714 0.15036
                                                0.7791
## GenresArt & Design
                             -1.65863 0.21737 -7.6304
## GenresAuto & Vehicles
                             -1.83716
                                        0.21111 -8.7024
## GenresBeauty
                             -1.90267 0.26394 -7.2086
## GenresBoard
                             -1.22331 0.23470 -5.2121
## GenresBooks & Reference -1.64750 0.15884 -10.3719
## GenresBusiness
                             -1.92984 0.13875 -13.9085
                             -0.92821 0.25612 -3.6242
## GenresCard
## GenresCasino
                             -1.16408 0.28504 -4.0840
## GenresCasual
                             -0.22335 0.14278 -1.5642
## GenresComics
                             -1.61782 0.22954 -7.0481
                             -0.03472 0.13940 -0.2491
## GenresCommunication
## GenresDating
                             -1.51536 0.15207 -9.9652
## GenresEducation
                             -1.84630 0.11303 -16.3342
## GenresEntertainment
                             -1.25418 0.11705 -10.7147
## GenresEvents
                             -2.76011 0.28103 -9.8213
## GenresFinance
                             -1.65130 0.13044 -12.6596
                             -0.85167
## GenresFood & Drink
                                        0.17835 -4.7752
## GenresHealth & Fitness
                             -0.98743 0.13126 -7.5228
## GenresHouse & Home
                             -0.86986 0.20013 -4.3465
## GenresLibraries & Demo
                             -1.97983 0.22270 -8.8900
## GenresLifestyle
                             -1.76976 0.13440 -13.1680
## GenresMaps & Navigation
                             -1.19365 0.17991 -6.6347
## GenresMedical
                             -0.40686 0.36220 -1.1233
## GenresMusic
## GenresMusic & Audio
                             -1.22405 1.42069 -0.8616
## GenresNews & Magazines
                             -1.23788 0.14683 -8.4308
## GenresParenting
                             -1.69198 0.24160 -7.0033
## GenresPersonalization
                             -1.30349 0.13597 -9.5867
                              0.04502 0.13337 0.3376
## GenresPhotography
## GenresProductivity
                             -0.64586 0.13436 -4.8070
                             -0.35409
## GenresPuzzle
                                        0.16668 -2.1244
## GenresRacing
                              0.09373 0.18263 0.5132
## GenresRole Playing
                             -0.52749 0.17239 -3.0599
                             -0.31272
## GenresShopping
                                        0.14322 -2.1836
## GenresSimulation
                             -0.84630
                                        0.14499 -5.8371
## GenresSocial
                             -0.51920
                                        0.14683 -3.5361
## GenresSports
                             ## GenresStrategy
                             -0.03122
                                        0.18439 -0.1693
## GenresTools
                              -1.24117
                                        0.11172 -11.1099
## GenresTravel & Local
                             -0.67850
                                        0.14705 -4.6139
## GenresTrivia
                              -1.78539
                                        0.32798 -5.4436
## GenresVideo Players & Editors -0.50855
                                        0.16645 -3.0554
## GenresWeather
                             -0.54554
                                        0.20557 -2.6538
## GenresWord
                              -0.30614
                                        0.33508 -0.9136
##
## Intercepts:
##
                     Value
                             Std. Error t value
## 1 | 5
                      -6.9366
                               0.6094 -11.3823
```

```
## 5 | 10
                          -5.7091
                                    0.3385
                                             -16.8648
## 10|50
                          -3.8108
                                    0.2076
                                             -18.3551
## 50 | 100
                         -3.2700
                                    0.1952
                                             -16.7537
## 100 | 500
                         -2.0129
                                             -11.0412
                                    0.1823
## 500 | 1000
                         -1.5981
                                    0.1805
                                              -8.8532
## 1000 | 5000
                        -0.6864
                                    0.1788
                                              -3.8393
## 5000 | 10000
                                              -1.7218
                         -0.3075
                                    0.1786
## 10000 | 50000
                         0.3859
                                    0.1788
                                               2.1588
## 50000 | 100000
                          0.6591
                                    0.1790
                                               3.6830
## 100000|500000
                          1.2788
                                    0.1796
                                               7.1189
## 500000 | 1000000
                          1.5576
                                    0.1800
                                               8.6536
## 1000000|5000000
                           2.4074
                                    0.1810
                                              13.3017
## 5000000 | 10000000
                          2.8865
                                    0.1816
                                              15.8953
## 10000000|50000000
                          4.0732
                                    0.1840
                                              22.1410
## 50000000 | 100000000
                          4.5642
                                    0.1859
                                              24.5583
## 100000000 | 500000000
                          6.0698
                                    0.2012
                                              30.1712
## 500000000 | 10000000000
                          6.8903
                                    0.2237
                                              30.8011
##
## Residual Deviance: 44546.32
## AIC: 44678.32
```

We calculate p-value and filter out these variables which have p-value <= 0.05 and are statistically significant at the 5% level.

```
##
                                  id
                                          Value Std. Error
                                                               t value p value
## 1
                              Rating 0.6225871 0.03667970 16.973614
                                                                         0.000
## 2
                            TypePaid -2.0343163 0.07278475 -27.949762
                                                                         0.000
## 3
                    GenresAdventure -0.5251321 0.20695255
                                                             -2.537452
                                                                         0.011
## 4
                 GenresArt & Design -1.6586254 0.21737038
                                                             -7.630411
                                                                         0.000
              GenresAuto & Vehicles -1.8371625 0.21110924
## 5
                                                             -8.702426
                                                                         0.000
## 6
                       GenresBeauty -1.9026701 0.26394414
                                                             -7.208609
                                                                         0.000
## 7
                        GenresBoard -1.2233055 0.23470351 -5.212131
                                                                         0.000
## 8
            GenresBooks & Reference -1.6475037 0.15884238 -10.371941
                                                                         0.000
## 9
                     GenresBusiness -1.9298429 0.13875288 -13.908488
                                                                         0.000
## 10
                         GenresCard -0.9282061 0.25611597
                                                            -3.624163
                                                                         0.000
## 11
                       GenresCasino -1.1640815 0.28503661
                                                             -4.083972
                                                                         0.000
## 12
                       GenresComics -1.6178169 0.22953987
                                                            -7.048086
                                                                         0.000
                                                            -9.965207
## 13
                       GenresDating -1.5153634 0.15206543
                                                                         0.000
                    GenresEducation -1.8462959 0.11303237 -16.334223
## 14
                                                                         0.000
## 15
                GenresEntertainment -1.2541776 0.11705219 -10.714687
                                                                         0.000
                       GenresEvents -2.7601094 0.28103168
## 16
                                                            -9.821346
                                                                         0.000
## 17
                      GenresFinance -1.6512960 0.13043777 -12.659646
                                                                         0.000
## 18
                 GenresFood & Drink -0.8516658 0.17835047
                                                             -4.775237
                                                                         0.000
             GenresHealth & Fitness -0.9874314 0.13125765
## 19
                                                             -7.522848
                                                                         0.000
## 20
                 GenresHouse & Home -0.8698603 0.20012751
                                                             -4.346531
                                                                         0.000
## 21
             GenresLibraries & Demo -1.9798288 0.22270256
                                                            -8.890013
                                                                         0.000
## 22
                    GenresLifestyle -1.7697624 0.13439915 -13.167959
                                                                         0.000
## 23
            GenresMaps & Navigation -1.1936537 0.17990954
                                                            -6.634744
                                                                         0.000
## 24
                      GenresMedical -2.2531791 0.12891667 -17.477795
                                                                         0.000
## 25
             GenresNews & Magazines -1.2378785 0.14682848
                                                             -8.430779
                                                                         0.000
## 26
                    GenresParenting -1.6919771 0.24159587
                                                             -7.003336
                                                                         0.000
## 27
              GenresPersonalization -1.3034913 0.13596937
                                                             -9.586654
                                                                         0.000
                 GenresProductivity -0.6458617 0.13435954
## 28
                                                             -4.806966
                                                                         0.000
## 29
                       GenresPuzzle -0.3540949 0.16668063
                                                             -2.124391
                                                                         0.034
## 30
                 GenresRole Playing -0.5274912 0.17238778
                                                             -3.059911
                                                                         0.002
## 31
                     GenresShopping -0.3127235 0.14321506
                                                             -2.183594
                                                                         0.029
## 32
                   GenresSimulation -0.8462998 0.14498544
                                                             -5.837136
                                                                         0.000
                       GenresSocial -0.5191964 0.14682936 -3.536053
## 33
                                                                         0.000
## 34
                       GenresSports -0.7440328 0.12962455
                                                                         0.000
                                                            -5.739906
## 35
                        GenresTools -1.2411722 0.11171773 -11.109894
                                                                         0.000
## 36
               GenresTravel & Local -0.6784979 0.14705420
                                                                         0.000
                                                             -4.613930
## 37
                       GenresTrivia -1.7853906 0.32797952
                                                             -5.443604
                                                                         0.000
                                                             -3.055372
## 38 GenresVideo Players & Editors -0.5085516 0.16644510
                                                                         0.002
## 39
                      GenresWeather -0.5455423 0.20557173
                                                                         0.008
                                                            -2.653780
## 40
                                 1|5 -6.9365660 0.60941915 -11.382258
                                                                         0.000
## 41
                                5 10 -5.7090990 0.33852096 -16.864832
                                                                         0.000
## 42
                               10|50 -3.8108211 0.20761617 -18.355127
                                                                         0.000
## 43
                              50 100 -3.2700147 0.19518158 -16.753705
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## 44
                             100 | 500 - 2.0128767 0.18230586 - 11.041207
                                                                         0.000
                            500 | 1000 - 1.5981047 0.18051234
## 45
                                                             -8.853161
                                                                         0.000
## 46
                           1000 5000 -0.6864149 0.17878706
                                                             -3.839288
                                                                         0.000
## 47
                        10000 | 50000
                                      0.3859030 0.17876132
                                                              2.158761
                                                                         0.031
## 48
                       50000 | 100000
                                      0.6591469 0.17897046
                                                              3.682993
                                                                         0.000
## 49
                      100000 | 500000
                                      1.2788362 0.17963900
                                                              7.118923
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## 50
                     500000 | 1000000
                                      1.5575692 0.17999176
                                                              8.653558
                                                                         0.000
## 51
                    1000000 | 5000000
                                      2.4073653 0.18098181
                                                             13.301698
                                                                         0.000
## 52
                   5000000 | 10000000
                                      2.8864919 0.18159372
                                                             15.895329
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## 53
                  10000000 | 50000000
                                      4.0732434 0.18396854
                                                             22.140978
                                                                         0.000
## 54
                 50000000 | 100000000
                                      4.5641971 0.18585117
                                                                         0.000
                                                             24.558345
## 55
                100000000 | 500000000
                                      6.0698011 0.20117845
                                                             30.171229
                                                                         0.000
## 56
               500000000 | 1000000000
                                      6.8902784 0.22370249
                                                             30.801080
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```

Explaining the model

The basic of proportional odds model has the following mathematical fomula:

```
\begin{aligned} & \textit{logit} \; \left[ P \big( Y \leq j \big) \right] = \alpha_j \; \text{-} \sum \! \beta_i \; X_i \\ & \text{where } j = 1, \dots, J\text{-}1 \; \text{and} \; i = 1, \dots, M \end{aligned}
```

with 'J' being a number of levels of dependent variable Installs (J=18) and 'M' being a total number of independent variables (M=3).

'j' is a single level of Installs, meanwhile 'i' is a single independent variables:

- i = 1 refers to Rating
- i = 2 refers to Type
- i = 3 refers to Genres

Interpretation of the results:

Comments on Coefficients: The continuous variable Rating can be interpreted as follows: with one unit increase in rating of the free mobile app the log of odds of increasing the number of installs of this app increases by 0.62259 (62%). The ordinal variable Type can be interpreted as follows: with changing mobile app from free to paid the log of odds of increasing the number of installs of this app decreases by -2.03432 (-203%).

Comments on Intercepts: For example in case of intercept 1|5: it can be interpreted as the log of odds of having only 1 install versus having more than 1 install.

We can make an example based on our model:

Let's suppose that our mobile app developer has finished two applications with charateristic described below:

App 1 is a free app of genre Education and rating 4:

```
new_app <- data.frame(Rating = 4, Type = "Free", Genres = "Education")
round(predict(model_fit, new_app, type = "p"), 3)</pre>
```

```
##
             1
                        5
                                   10
                                               50
                                                          100
                                                                      500
##
        0.001
                    0.001
                                0.010
                                            0.008
                                                        0.046
                                                                    0.030
##
                     5000
                                            50000
                                                       100000
                                                                   500000
         1000
                                10000
##
        0.113
                    0.069
                                0.157
                                            0.068
                                                        0.150
                                                                    0.060
##
      1000000
                  5000000
                             10000000
                                         50000000
                                                   100000000
                                                                500000000
                    0.050
                                                                    0.002
##
        0.140
                                0.065
                                            0.012
                                                        0.015
## 1000000000
##
        0.002
```

App 2 is a paid app of genre Racing and rating 3.5:

```
new_app_2 <- data.frame(Rating = 3.5, Type = "Paid", Genres = "Racing")
round(predict(model_fit, new_app_2, type = "p"), 3)</pre>
```

##	1	5	10	50	100	500	
##	0.001	0.002	0.015	0.012	0.066	0.042	
##	1000	5000	10000	50000	100000	500000	
##	0.147	0.083	0.170	0.067	0.135	0.050	
##	1000000	5000000	10000000	50000000	100000000	500000000	
##	0.108	0.036	0.045	0.008	0.010	0.002	
##	1000000000						
##	0.001						

Results: The first app has 15,7% chance to get 10 thousand downloads while the second app has 17% chances (highest) to get that number of installs. The first app has 6,5% chances to get 10 million downloads while the second app has 4,5% chances (lower) to get that number of installs.

3. CONCLUSIONS

When a mobile app developer is about to create an app and then launch it on the app stores, he/she always asks him/herself what are the features providing highest number of installs. In our report we propose a method of calculating expected number of installs knowing the type, genre and expected rating of an application.

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