Airline Passenger Satisfaction

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1 Overview

1.1 Objective

The aim of this project aims to predict airline passenger satisfaction

1.2 Dataset

The data for this project was gotten from Kaggle.com and uploaded by user *TJ Klein* [1]. The parameters are a mix of categorical and numerical as follows: **Categorical**: Gender, Customer Type, Type of Travel, Class, **Numerical**: Flight Distance, Inflight Wifi, Departure Time Convenient, Ease of Online Booking, Gate Location, Food and Drink, Online Boarding, Seat Comfort, Inflight Entertainment, Onboard Service, Leg Room Service, Baggage Handling, Checkin Service, Inflight Service, Cleanliness, Departure Delay, Arrival

Delay. The class to be predicted is satisfaction: Satisfied or Neutral/Negative. The data-set also contained some non-informative attributes such as X and Passenger ID, which were dropped prior to performing any analyses.

1.3 Problem Formulation

The problem will be formulated as a Generalised Linear Model, followed by sigmoid activation for the purpose of classification

2 R Implementation

2.1 Loading and Preprocessing

Firstly, the CSV file is loaded into a variable called df, and the first few rows are previewed using the head function

```
library("knitr")

df <- read.csv('data/train.csv')

df <- df[complete.cases(df), ]
head(df)</pre>
```

```
##
     Х
           id Gender
                          Customer. Type Age
                                             Type.of.Travel
                                                                  Class
## 1 0
        70172
                 Male
                         Loyal Customer
                                          13 Personal Travel Eco Plus
## 2 1
         5047
                 Male disloyal Customer
                                          25 Business travel Business
## 3 2 110028 Female
                                          26 Business travel Business
                         Loyal Customer
                         Loyal Customer
## 4 3 24026 Female
                                          25 Business travel Business
## 5 4 119299
                 Male
                         Loyal Customer
                                          61 Business travel Business
## 6 5 111157 Female
                         Loyal Customer
                                          26 Personal Travel
                                                                    Eco
##
     Flight.Distance Inflight.wifi.service Departure.Arrival.time.convenient
## 1
                  460
                                           3
                                                                                2
## 2
                  235
                                           3
                                           2
                                                                                2
## 3
                 1142
## 4
                  562
                                           2
                                                                                5
                                           3
                                                                                3
## 5
                  214
## 6
                                           3
                 1180
##
     Ease.of.Online.booking Gate.location Food.and.drink Online.boarding
## 1
                                                          5
                           3
                                           1
                                                                            3
## 2
                           3
                                                                            3
                                           3
                                                           1
## 3
                           2
                                          2
                                                           5
                                                                            5
## 4
                           5
                                           5
                                                           2
                                                                            2
                           3
                                           3
                                                                            5
## 5
## 6
                                           1
                                                                            2
##
     Seat.comfort Inflight.entertainment On.board.service Leg.room.service
## 1
                 5
                                         5
                                                            4
                                                                              3
## 2
                                                                              5
                 1
                                         1
                                                            1
## 3
                 5
                                         5
                                                            4
                                                                              3
                 2
                                         2
                                                            2
                                                                              5
## 4
                 5
                                         3
                                                            3
                                                                              4
## 5
## 6
                 1
                                         1
                                                                              4
     Baggage.handling Checkin.service Inflight.service Cleanliness
```

```
## 1
                                                                      5
## 2
                     3
                                                         4
                                                                      1
                                       1
## 3
                     4
                                                                      5
                     3
                                                         4
                                                                      2
## 4
                                       1
                                                                      3
## 5
                     4
                                       3
                                                         3
                     4
                                       4
                                                                      1
## 6
     Departure.Delay.in.Minutes Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes
                                                                          satisfaction
## 1
                               25
                                                          18 neutral or dissatisfied
## 2
                                1
                                                           6 neutral or dissatisfied
## 3
                                0
                                                                             satisfied
## 4
                               11
                                                           9 neutral or dissatisfied
                                0
                                                                             satisfied
## 5
## 6
                                0
                                                           O neutral or dissatisfied
```

After viewing the above, the parameter to be predicted is the level of passenger satisfaction. All discrete values (or levels) are found below

Unnecessary columns are removed, from the above, X and id do not seem to contribute meaningful information to the dataset, and are subsequently pruned, we further explore the structure of data in order to get a better idea of datatypes and valuees

```
df <- subset(df, select=-c(X, id))
str(df)</pre>
```

```
'data.frame':
                    103594 obs. of
                                    23 variables:
                                              "Male" "Female" "Female" ...
##
   $ Gender
                                       : chr
   $ Customer.Type
                                              "Loyal Customer" "disloyal Customer" "Loyal Customer" "Lo
##
                                              13 25 26 25 61 26 47 52 41 20 ...
##
   $ Age
                                         int
                                              "Personal Travel" "Business travel" "Business travel" "Bu
##
   $ Type.of.Travel
                                              "Eco Plus" "Business" "Business" "Business" ...
##
   $ Class
                                         chr
                                              460 235 1142 562 214 1180 1276 2035 853 1061 ...
##
  $ Flight.Distance
##
  $ Inflight.wifi.service
                                              3 3 2 2 3 3 2 4 1 3 ...
                                       : int
##
   $ Departure.Arrival.time.convenient: int
                                              4 2 2 5 3 4 4 3 2 3 ...
##
   $ Ease.of.Online.booking
                                              3 3 2 5 3 2 2 4 2 3 ...
                                       : int
   $ Gate.location
                                              1 3 2 5 3 1 3 4 2 4 ...
                                       : int
   $ Food.and.drink
                                              5 1 5 2 4 1 2 5 4 2 ...
##
                                       : int
##
   $ Online.boarding
                                       : int
                                              3 3 5 2 5 2 2 5 3 3 ...
                                              5 1 5 2 5 1 2 5 3 3 ...
## $ Seat.comfort
                                       : int
   $ Inflight.entertainment
                                       : int
                                              5 1 5 2 3 1 2 5 1 2 ...
##
   $ On.board.service
                                              4 1 4 2 3 3 3 5 1 2 ...
                                         int
                                              3 5 3 5 4 4 3 5 2 3 ...
##
   $ Leg.room.service
                                        int
##
   $ Baggage.handling
                                       : int
                                              4 3 4 3 4 4 4 5 1 4 ...
   $ Checkin.service
                                              4 1 4 1 3 4 3 4 4 4 ...
                                       : int
   $ Inflight.service
                                              5 4 4 4 3 4 5 5 1 3 ...
##
                                       : int
## $ Cleanliness
                                       : int 5 1 5 2 3 1 2 4 2 2 ...
```

```
## $ Departure.Delay.in.Minutes : int 25 1 0 11 0 0 9 4 0 0 ...
## $ Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes : num 18 6 0 9 0 0 23 0 0 0 ...
## $ satisfaction : chr "neutral or dissatisfied" "neutral or dissatisfied" "sati
```

Following numeric encoding, R expects variables to be of type factor for Logistic Regression to be performed, this is done next. From the output that follows, the dataframe was successfully converted into levels with no NAs introduced by coercion errors throwh

```
df_enc = df
df_enc$Gender = as.numeric(factor(df_enc$Gender, levels = c("Male", "Female"), labels = c(0, 1)))
df_enc$Customer.Type = as.numeric(factor(df_enc$Customer.Type, levels = c("Loyal Customer", "disloyal C
df_enc$Type.of.Travel = as.numeric(factor(df_enc$Type.of.Travel, levels = c("Personal Travel", "Busines
df_enc$Class = as.numeric(factor(df_enc$Class, levels = c("Eco Plus", "Business", "Eco"), labels = c(0,
df_enc$Age = as.numeric(df_enc$Age)
df_enc$Type.of.Travel = as.numeric(df_enc$Type.of.Travel)
df_enc$Class = as.numeric(df_enc$Class)
df_enc$Flight.Distance =as.numeric(df_enc$Flight.Distance)
df_enc$Inflight.wifi.service = as.numeric(df_enc$Inflight.wifi.service)
df_enc$Departure.Arrival.time.convenient = as.numeric(df_enc$Departure.Arrival.time.convenient)
df_enc$Ease.of.Online.booking = as.numeric(df_enc$Ease.of.Online.booking)
df_enc$Gate.location = as.numeric(df_enc$Gate.location)
df_enc$Food.and.drink = as.numeric(df_enc$Food.and.drink)
df_enc$Online.boarding = as.numeric(df_enc$Online.boarding)
df_enc$Inflight.entertainment = as.numeric(df_enc$Inflight.entertainment)
df_enc$On.board.service = as.numeric(df_enc$On.board.service)
df_enc$Leg.room.service = as.numeric(df_enc$Leg.room.service)
df_enc$Baggage.handling = as.numeric(df_enc$Baggage.handling)
df_enc$Checkin.service = as.numeric(df_enc$Checkin.service)
df_enc$Inflight.service = as.numeric(df_enc$Inflight.service)
df_enc$Cleanliness = as.numeric(df_enc$Cleanliness)
df_enc$Departure.Delay.in.Minutes = as.numeric(df_enc$Departure.Delay.in.Minutes)
df_enc$Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes = as.numeric(df_enc$Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes)
df_enc$satisfaction <- ifelse(test=df_enc$satisfaction == 'satisfied', yes=1, no=0)
str(df_enc)
                   103594 obs. of 23 variables:
## 'data.frame':
                                      : num 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 2 1 ...
## $ Gender
## $ Customer.Type
                                       : num 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 ...
                                      : num 13 25 26 25 61 26 47 52 41 20 ...
## $ Age
## $ Type.of.Travel
                                      : num 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 ...
## $ Class
                                      : num 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 2 2 3 ...
## $ Flight.Distance
                                      : num 460 235 1142 562 214 ...
                                      : num 3 3 2 2 3 3 2 4 1 3 ...
## $ Inflight.wifi.service
## $ Departure.Arrival.time.convenient: num 4 2 2 5 3 4 4 3 2 3 ...
## $ Ease.of.Online.booking
                                      : num 3 3 2 5 3 2 2 4 2 3 ...
## $ Gate.location
                                      : num 1 3 2 5 3 1 3 4 2 4 ...
```

```
$ Food.and.drink
                                             5 1 5 2 4 1 2 5 4 2 ...
                                       : num
## $ Online.boarding
                                             3 3 5 2 5 2 2 5 3 3 ...
                                       : num
## $ Seat.comfort
                                       : int
                                             5 1 5 2 5 1 2 5 3 3 ...
                                             5 1 5 2 3 1 2 5 1 2 ...
## $ Inflight.entertainment
                                       : num
## $ On.board.service
                                       : num
                                             4 1 4 2 3 3 3 5 1 2 ...
## $ Leg.room.service
                                             3 5 3 5 4 4 3 5 2 3 ...
                                       : num
## $ Baggage.handling
                                             4 3 4 3 4 4 4 5 1 4 ...
                                       : num
## $ Checkin.service
                                             4 1 4 1 3 4 3 4 4 4 ...
                                       : num
## $ Inflight.service
                                             5 4 4 4 3 4 5 5 1 3 ...
                                       : num
                                             5 1 5 2 3 1 2 4 2 2 ...
## $ Cleanliness
                                       : num
## $ Departure.Delay.in.Minutes
                                       : num
                                             25 1 0 11 0 0 9 4 0 0 ...
## $ Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes
                                             18 6 0 9 0 0 23 0 0 0 ...
                                       : num
                                       : num 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 ...
## $ satisfaction
```

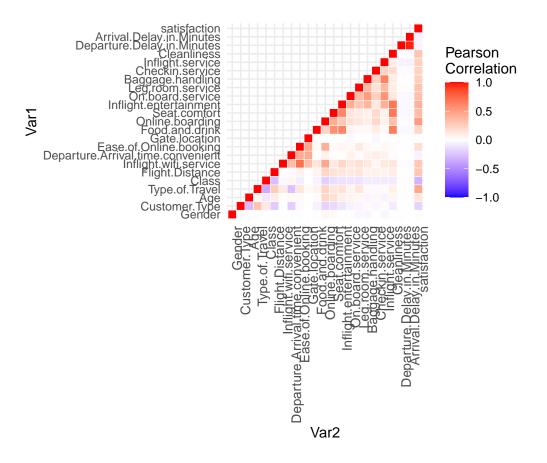
2.2 Correlation Analysis

Correlation analysis is performed to determine pairwise correlations within the dataset. Since we are concerned mainly with linear relations, the Pearson correlation coefficient is used in order to determine the extent of correlation amongst the attributes, this is visualised using a correlation heatmap below

```
library(reshape2)
library(ggplot2)

cor_matrix <- cor(df_enc)
cor_matrix[lower.tri(cor_matrix)]<- NA
cor_matrix_melted <- melt(cor_matrix, na.rm = TRUE)

ggplot(data = cor_matrix_melted, aes(Var2, Var1, fill = value))+
geom_tile(color = "white")+
scale_fill_gradient2(low = "blue", high = "red", mid = "white",
    midpoint = 0, limit = c(-1,1), space = "Lab",
    name="Pearson\nCorrelation") +
theme_minimal()+
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 1,
    size = 10, hjust = 1))+
coord_fixed()</pre>
```



2.3 Logistic GLM

Now the logit-model shall be built using the GLM syntax, with summary being called to display t-values, P-values estimated coefficients and the associated errors

Going through the coefficients that follow, the only factors which were not significantly correlated to satisfaction was flight distance. It seemed that all other factors exhibited some level of linear correlation with the response variable. However, a high level of significance does not alone make an attribute statistically 'interesting'. Following the levels of estimated correlation, the attributes with the highest coefficients are as follows (in descending magnitude of estimated coefficient):

2.3.1 Explanation of Coefficients

Attribute	Comments
Gender	Positively correlated, which may imply that male customers are overally more satisfied
Type of Travel	It seems that personal travel was more positively correlated with passenger satisfaction than business travel
Customer. Type	Negative correlation implies that loyal customers may be overally less satisfied with their flight
Class	Positive correlation may indicate that customers in upper classes may be less satisfied with the airline's service

Attribute	Comments
Inflight.wifi.service	the positive coefficient here may indicate that having inflight wifi may have a poistive effect on customer satisfication
Online.boarding	The positive coefficient indicates that having the option for online boarding pre-flight may increase passenger satisfaction
Checkin.service	Similar to the above, the quality of checkin-service may positively correlate to passenger satisfaction
Leg.room.service	the amount of leg-room available also was positively correlated to passenger satisfaction, this may translate to passengers being overally more satisfied with more legroom
Cleanliness	the level of (subjective) cleanliness was found to also positively impact a passenger's satisfaction with their flight experience
On.board.service	similar to leg-room service, the quality of service (presumably from flight-attendance during the flight) was found to positively influence passenger satisfaction
Ease.of.Online.booking	this was found to negatively correlate with passenger satisfaction
Baggage.handling	the quality of baggage handling was also found to positively impact passenger satisfaction levels
Departure.Arrival.time.convenient	strangely, the convenience of arrival time was found to negatively correlate with passenger satisfaction, this may proove an interesting area of research
Inflight.service	Finally, the quality of inflight service (media, etc) was found to positively impact a passenger's level of satisfaction on a flight

```
logmodel <- glm(
  satisfaction ~ ., family = binomial, data = df_enc
)
summary(logmodel)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = satisfaction ~ ., family = binomial, data = df_enc)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
                    Median
##
      Min
               1Q
                                  ЗQ
                                          Max
## -2.8043 -0.5013 -0.1744 0.3919
                                      3.9871
##
## Coefficients:
                                     Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
                                    -1.004e+01 1.108e-01 -90.538 < 2e-16 ***
## (Intercept)
                                    -5.315e-02 1.936e-02 -2.745 0.00604 **
## Gender
## Customer.Type
                                    -2.048e+00 2.947e-02 -69.500 < 2e-16 ***
                                    -7.601e-03 7.065e-04 -10.759 < 2e-16 ***
## Age
```

```
## Type.of.Travel
                                    3.041e+00 2.952e-02 103.010 < 2e-16 ***
                                   -1.941e-01 1.692e-02 -11.471 < 2e-16 ***
## Class
## Flight.Distance
                                    8.388e-05 1.069e-05
                                                          7.849 4.20e-15 ***
## Inflight.wifi.service
                                    3.490e-01 1.135e-02 30.753 < 2e-16 ***
## Departure.Arrival.time.convenient -1.251e-01 8.163e-03 -15.329
                                                                 < 2e-16 ***
## Ease.of.Online.booking
                                  -1.291e-01 1.134e-02 -11.386 < 2e-16 ***
## Gate.location
                                    2.851e-02 9.120e-03
                                                          3.126 0.00177 **
## Food.and.drink
                                   -2.158e-02 1.064e-02 -2.028 0.04255 *
## Online.boarding
                                    6.418e-01 1.016e-02 63.180 < 2e-16 ***
## Seat.comfort
                                    8.537e-02 1.109e-02
                                                          7.701 1.35e-14 ***
## Inflight.entertainment
                                   3.371e-02 1.417e-02
                                                          2.379 0.01737 *
## On.board.service
                                    3.247e-01 1.010e-02 32.144 < 2e-16 ***
                                   2.594e-01 8.480e-03 30.587
                                                                 < 2e-16 ***
## Leg.room.service
## Baggage.handling
                                   1.546e-01 1.140e-02 13.562 < 2e-16 ***
                                   3.391e-01 8.510e-03 39.853 < 2e-16 ***
## Checkin.service
## Inflight.service
                                    1.438e-01
                                              1.200e-02 11.986
                                                                 < 2e-16 ***
## Cleanliness
                                    2.217e-01 1.208e-02 18.359 < 2e-16 ***
## Departure.Delay.in.Minutes
                                   4.917e-03 9.802e-04
                                                          5.016 5.27e-07 ***
## Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes
                                   -9.669e-03 9.662e-04 -10.008 < 2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##
      Null deviance: 141768 on 103593 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 69983 on 103571 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 70029
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
```

2.3.2 Confidence Intervals

The confidence intervals for the parameters at level 0.95 are found using the confint-function as shown below

```
confint(logmodel, level = 0.95)
```

Waiting for profiling to be done...

```
##
                                            2.5 %
                                                         97.5 %
## (Intercept)
                                    -1.025376e+01 -9.8192386732
## Gender
                                    -9.108777e-02 -0.0152057683
## Customer.Type
                                    -2.105884e+00 -1.9903712089
                                    -8.986583e-03 -0.0062172297
## Age
## Type.of.Travel
                                     2.983640e+00 3.0993769312
## Class
                                    -2.271846e-01 -0.1608662053
## Flight.Distance
                                     6.293752e-05 0.0001048281
## Inflight.wifi.service
                                     3.268094e-01 0.3712993688
## Departure.Arrival.time.convenient -1.411304e-01 -0.1091317961
## Ease.of.Online.booking
                                    -1.513174e-01 -0.1068752139
## Gate.location
                                     1.063890e-02 0.0463908970
## Food.and.drink
                                    -4.245156e-02 -0.0007349746
## Online.boarding
                                     6.219316e-01 0.6617524289
                                     6.364586e-02 0.1071004859
## Seat.comfort
```

```
## Inflight.entertainment
                                      5.924870e-03 0.0614700981
## On.board.service
                                      3.049551e-01 0.3445566583
## Leg.room.service
                                      2.427696e-01
                                                   0.2760117982
## Baggage.handling
                                      1.322284e-01 0.1769016572
## Checkin.service
                                      3.224714e-01 0.3558289800
## Inflight.service
                                      1.203145e-01 0.1673501398
## Cleanliness
                                      1.980762e-01 0.2454208329
## Departure.Delay.in.Minutes
                                      2.998317e-03 0.0068407839
## Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes
                                     -1.156619e-02 -0.0077788492
```

2.3.3 Confidence Intervals for Odds Ratio

```
exp(confint(logmodel, level = 0.95))
```

Waiting for profiling to be done...

```
2.5 %
                                                         97.5 %
##
## (Intercept)
                                      3.522489e-05 5.439498e-05
                                      9.129376e-01 9.849093e-01
## Gender
## Customer.Type
                                      1.217380e-01 1.366447e-01
## Age
                                      9.910537e-01 9.938021e-01
## Type.of.Travel
                                      1.975961e+01 2.218412e+01
## Class
                                      7.967737e-01 8.514060e-01
## Flight.Distance
                                      1.000063e+00 1.000105e+00
## Inflight.wifi.service
                                      1.386537e+00 1.449617e+00
## Departure.Arrival.time.convenient 8.683761e-01 8.966122e-01
## Ease.of.Online.booking
                                      8.595748e-01 8.986378e-01
## Gate.location
                                      1.010696e+00 1.047484e+00
## Food.and.drink
                                      9.584369e-01 9.992653e-01
## Online.boarding
                                      1.862522e+00 1.938186e+00
## Seat.comfort
                                      1.065715e+00 1.113046e+00
## Inflight.entertainment
                                      1.005942e+00 1.063399e+00
## On.board.service
                                      1.356564e+00 1.411364e+00
## Leg.room.service
                                      1.274775e+00 1.317863e+00
## Baggage.handling
                                      1.141369e+00 1.193514e+00
## Checkin.service
                                      1.380535e+00 1.427363e+00
## Inflight.service
                                      1.127852e+00 1.182168e+00
## Cleanliness
                                      1.219055e+00 1.278159e+00
## Departure.Delay.in.Minutes
                                      1.003003e+00 1.006864e+00
## Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes
                                      9.885004e-01 9.922513e-01
```

2.4 LRT Test

Since the LRT test approximately matches the Wald test when the sample size is relatively large, the Wald test for individual parameters is not carried out. As as aside, the main benefit of using the Wald test is not having to build a separate null model as in the LRT, hence this convenience is nullified given that LRT is carried out nonetheless.

2.4.1 LRT with Null Model

The likelihood ratio tests H_0 : reduced model vs H_1 : full model. Since the difference between log-likelihood statistics for two models (one of which is a special case of the other) follows an approximate chi^2 distribution, we can find the chi^2 test statistic for a full vs reduced (some parameters set to zero). The degrees-of-freedom are the number of parameters set to zero in the reduced model. The null hypotheses being tested, in essence, are that the subset of parameters set to zero are actually non-significant for the purposes of estimating the level of passenger satisfaction.

From the results of the LRT, it is shown that level of satisfaction is statistically (significantly) correlated to the attributes present in the full model, hence the null hypothesis (all attributes coefficients are zero) was disproven

```
library(lmtest)
## Loading required package: zoo
##
## Attaching package: 'zoo'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       as.Date, as.Date.numeric
nullmodel <- glm(formula = satisfaction ~ 1, family = binomial, data = df_enc)
lrtest(nullmodel, logmodel)
## Likelihood ratio test
##
## Model 1: satisfaction ~ 1
## Model 2: satisfaction ~ Gender + Customer.Type + Age + Type.of.Travel +
##
       Class + Flight.Distance + Inflight.wifi.service + Departure.Arrival.time.convenient +
##
       Ease.of.Online.booking + Gate.location + Food.and.drink +
##
       Online.boarding + Seat.comfort + Inflight.entertainment +
##
       On.board.service + Leg.room.service + Baggage.handling +
##
       Checkin.service + Inflight.service + Cleanliness + Departure.Delay.in.Minutes +
##
       Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes
     #Df LogLik Df Chisq Pr(>Chisq)
##
      1 -70884
## 2 23 -34992 22 71785 < 2.2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

2.4.2 LRT Test with Reduced Model

From the following LRT using only the most significant parameters above. From the results below, we can see that the p-value is near zero with the χ^2 statistic shows that the βs for the attributes omitted are statistically highly likely to be non-zero

```
library(lmtest)
logmodel.reduced <- glm(satisfaction ~ Gender + Type.of.Travel + Customer.Type + Class + Inflight.wifi.</pre>
lrtest(logmodel.reduced, logmodel)
## Likelihood ratio test
##
## Model 1: satisfaction ~ Gender + Type.of.Travel + Customer.Type + Class +
##
       Inflight.wifi.service + Departure.Arrival.time.convenient +
##
       Ease.of.Online.booking + Online.boarding + On.board.service +
      Leg.room.service + Baggage.handling + Checkin.service + Inflight.service +
##
       Cleanliness
##
## Model 2: satisfaction ~ Gender + Customer.Type + Age + Type.of.Travel +
       Class + Flight.Distance + Inflight.wifi.service + Departure.Arrival.time.convenient +
##
       Ease.of.Online.booking + Gate.location + Food.and.drink +
##
       Online.boarding + Seat.comfort + Inflight.entertainment +
##
       On.board.service + Leg.room.service + Baggage.handling +
       Checkin.service + Inflight.service + Cleanliness + Departure.Delay.in.Minutes +
##
##
       Arrival.Delay.in.Minutes
     #Df LogLik Df Chisq Pr(>Chisq)
##
## 1 15 -35334
## 2 23 -34992 8 685.46 < 2.2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
```

2.5 Testing for Adequacy (R^2)

The standard goodness-of-fit statistic for OLS regression R^2 (also called the coefficient of determination). The higher this value, the better the **fit** of the model. R^2 is defined as:

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{Total Sum of Squares} - \text{Residual Sum of Squares}}{\text{Total Sum of Squares}}$$

However, R^2 is not appropriate for use with the logistic model [1], since it does not inform about the variability accounted for in the model, nor does it provide information to decide between models. Hence, a pseudo- R^2 variation is used. From the resulting value, it is seen that the model is borderline adequate

```
require(rms)
```

```
## Loading required package: rms

## Loading required package: Hmisc

## Loading required package: lattice

## Loading required package: survival

## Loading required package: Formula

## Attaching package: 'Hmisc'
```

```
format.pval, units
##
## Loading required package: SparseM
##
## Attaching package: 'SparseM'
## The following object is masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       backsolve
##
## Attaching package: 'rms'
## The following object is masked from 'package:lmtest':
##
##
       lrtest
11.null <- logmodel$null.deviance/-2</pre>
11.proposed <- logmodel$deviance/-2</pre>
r_squared <- (ll.null - ll.proposed) / ll.null
print(r_squared)
## [1] 0.5063536
Comparing fit to the reduced model above, the R^2 value was lower than that of the above,
require(rms)
11.null <- logmodel$null.deviance/-2</pre>
11.proposed <- logmodel.reduced$deviance/-2</pre>
r_squared <- (ll.null - ll.proposed) / ll.null
print(r_squared)
## [1] 0.5015185
Saving for Future Use
```

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

##

2.6 Application/Evaluation

save(logmodel, file='model.RData')

Although non-standard practice, for the purpose of prediction/application, a training tuple will be used to determine the likeliness of 'success' (passenger being satisfied)

```
model = load( 'model.RData')

newdata = df_enc[1, ]
predict(get(model), newdata)
```

```
## 1
## -0.9207725
```

Given the above prediction, we can re-check the original dataframe, given that the above prediction was less than zero, the logistic regression model would have correctly classified the tuple into the 'not satisified/neutral' category

```
df_enc[1,ncol(df_enc)]
```

```
## [1] 0
```

In order to evaluate the model further, the accuracy was found to be:

$$Accuracy = \frac{53102 + 37382}{53102 + 37382 + 5595 + 7515} = \frac{90484}{103594} = 0.8734483$$

```
pred.prob = predict(logmodel,df_enc, type="response")
pred.prob = ifelse(pred.prob > 0.5, 1, 0)
table(pred.prob, df_enc$satisfaction)
```

3 Conclusion

It was found that reducing the original (full) model did not improve fit (according to \mathbb{R}^2 statistic for Logistic Regression models). An interesting correlation was found that the convenience of flight departure time was found to negatively correlate with passenger satisfaction. This however, in retrospect, may be less surprising than it originally seems owing to the presence of all other predictor variables. Another unforeseen result was the relative lack of importance regarding flight distance to passenger satisfaction, in terms of both statistical significance (highest p-value) and estimated coefficient (lowest)

4 References

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