

# Restaurant revenue prediction

Team 38

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# Background

Enterprises today, highly motivated in the art of finding **anomalies, patterns and correlations** within data-sets.

Want to improve their **online reviews** to **attract clientele** or seek to establish a new business that is mindful of what **drives good reviews**, particularly true for **restaurants and food establishments**.



# Introduction

Several studies conducted to look at the **correlation between a restaurant's success and its reviews and ratings.**

TFI is behind the famous brands like Burger King, Sbarro, Popeyes etc, interested in **extrapolating their data across geographies and cultures.**

We will be working with a **TFI data set of about 1 lakh Turkish restaurants.**

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# Problem Statement

- Supervised learning problem, **objective is to develop a model and a set of preprocessing procedures** to accurately **predict the annual restaurant sales** of 100,000 regional locations using various parameters.
- Given are 43 attributes, 5 trivial ones like restaurant type, city etc and a group of **37 obfuscated P-variables** like population, parking availability, other vendors etc. The annual revenue attribute is to be determined.
- There are other inherent problems like **unaccountability** of attribute ranges, **categorical vs continuous problem and zero problem**.

# Solution

- Based on **Random Forest** and **Support Vector Machine**.
- Preprocessing - **analysis of histograms** for number of restaurants in a revenue range to try to find some underlying distribution or conversion to get something like a normal distribution.
- Unaccountability problem, we can use **KNN** or **K means**, depending on which performs better, to match records with an unaccounted value to one with accounted value. **DB Index plot** to solve the continuous vs categorical problem, and **KNN** again for the zero problem. **PCA** to reduce the dimensionality of the data especially the 37 P-variables.
- Apart from all this mentioned in the paper, we would implement a **neural network based model**. The Kaggle competition had a constraint of 137:100000 training to test data ratio. But we have access to both. So we can divide the data more evenly and implement a **K-fold cross validation** as well. We would also compare the results of all the models.
- We can visualize results using **t-SNE technique**. We will also try to interpret the results as in find which parameters are highly determining the revenue and visualize the same.

# Languages and Toolkits

- R Language
- MATLAB
- SAS
- JMP
- t-SNE

# Scope

- The solution is **only applicable to Turkish restaurants** and locations on which the data is based. A different location based data may need a different kind of ensemble for accuracy.
- It is limited to only **annual and not seasonal** revenue analysis.
- Our scope is also **limited by the neural network model** that we build.

# Timeline

