STATS 769 - Lab 02 - bole001

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## Read in data and Linux commands

Data format is CSV (Comma Separated Values), reading into R using the read.csv function. Becuase there are a large number of files an alternative approach has been taken, to list all files in the Lab02 directory accroding to the file structure we are looking for (“trips\*.csv“) and then pick up each file and add to a dataframe (called”trips.df“).

The machine that was used to create the report is a Microsoft Windows 10 machine that has an Ubuntu Linux Bash shell built into it as part of the WSL (Windows Subsystem for Linux) feature that is an optional feature of the Windows 10 OS (<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl/install-win10>). Once access was gained to the STATS 769 Linux machines, the files were copied to the Windows 10 machine used to create the report using the following scp command:

bernardo@PKS10198:/mnt/d/Study/UoA-STATS-769$ scp bole001@sc-cer00014-04.its.auckland.ac.nz:/course/Labs/Lab02/\*.csv .

From there RStudio was used on the local machine to develop the report. So that the RMD for the report will run anywhere on the STATS 769 Linux machines, a “directory” variable is used that holds the value of the directory that the trips files are in. The script uses this variable to locate the directory containing the data files. For the STATS 769 machine this variable is set as follows:

directory = '/course/Labs/Lab02/'

Whereas on the Windows 10 machine used to create the report, it was set to the local filesystem where the csv files for the lab were copied to. Code used to create the initial dataframe for the Trips data follows.

# When the RMD for the lab is submitted the following value will be uncommented  
#directory = '/course/Labs/Lab02/'  
# When the RMD for the lab is submitted the following value will be commented  
directory = 'D:/Study/UoA-STATS-769/Lab02/'  
files.ls <- intersect(list.files(path=directory, pattern="trips"), list.files(path=directory, pattern="\*.csv"))  
# First apply read.csv, then rbind  
trips.df = do.call(rbind, lapply(files.ls, function(x) read.csv(x, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)))

## Add ‘LongTrip’ variable

Create variable named ‘LongTrip’ and add to the end of the dataframe.

trips.df$LongTrip <- trips.df$Trip.Distance > 1000

## Add logged duration variable

Name the variable Trip.Duration.Logged and add to the end of the dataframe. Note that because the data are not cleansed by this point NaNs are produced here.

trips.df$Trip.Duration.Logged <- log(trips.df$Trip.Duration)

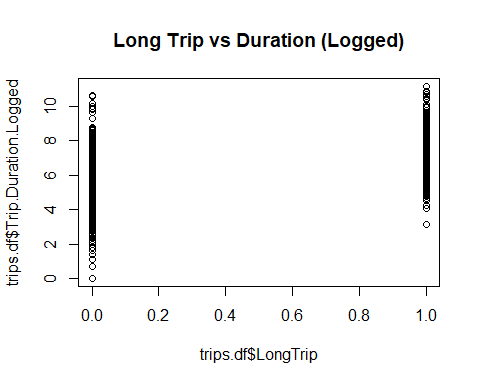
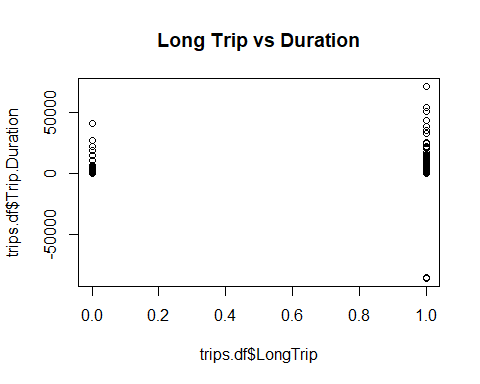
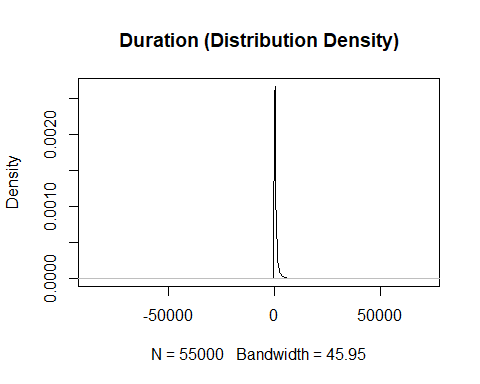
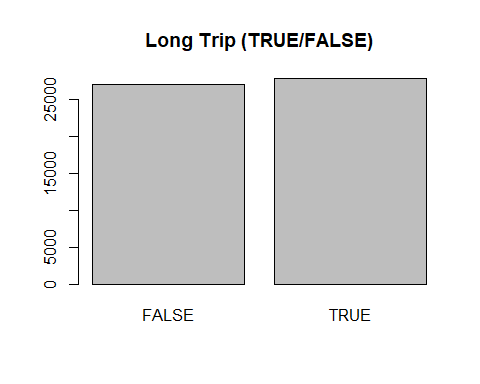
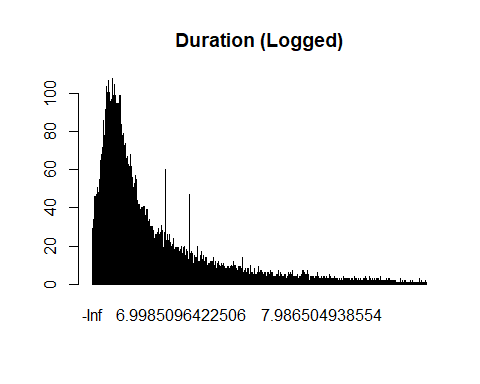
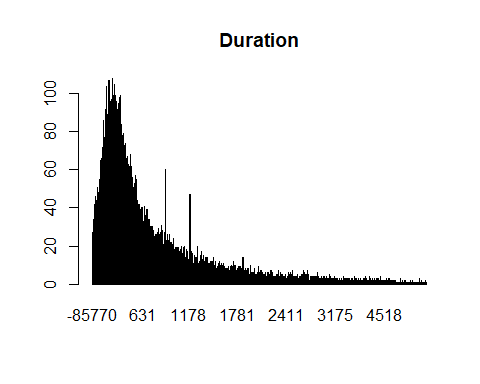
## Warning in log(trips.df$Trip.Duration): NaNs produced

## Explore Trip.Duration, Trip.Duration, Trip.Duration.Logged and LongTrip variables

Visualise the Trip.Duration.Logged (what will be used as the predictor) and LongTrip (the response) features by generating a barplot of their respective values. The shape of the duration data are not changed much by logging it.

There are about the same volume of LongTrips as there are not LongTrips - the distance of 1000 is a good place to split the data in this regard.

THe Long Trip vs Duration plots reveal that as would be expected, trips with longer distance also have a longer duration in general.



## Train/test split

Use the plyr package to split the records evenly by month (1000 of each) and take samples. Use month as divider and take a random sample of 0.8 of the dataset split evenly across the months for the training set. Capture the remainder (0.2) of the split in the second part of the output for the test set.

The plyr package can be found here: <https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/plyr/versions/1.8.4/topics/dlply>

The sample() function enables a random selection of data from an R dataframe.

# use the plyr library to split the records evenly and take samples  
# use month as divider and take a random sample of 0.8 of the dataset split evenly across the months  
# capture the remainder (0.2) of the split in the second part of the output  
# https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/plyr/versions/1.8.4/topics/dlply  
# https://stackoverflow.com/questions/18258690/take-randomly-sample-based-on-groups  
# https://stackoverflow.com/questions/18942792/training-and-test-set-with-respect-to-group-affiliation  
library(plyr)

## Warning: package 'plyr' was built under R version 3.6.1

split\_set = dlply(trips.df, .(Month), function(.) { s = sample(1:nrow(.), trunc(nrow(.) \* 0.8)); list(.[s, ], .[-s,]) } )  
  
# train/test split  
# https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/plyr/versions/1.8.4/topics/ldply  
training\_set = ldply(split\_set, function(.) .[[1]])  
test\_set = ldply(split\_set, function(.) .[[2]])

## Get rid of non-positive and non-finite values in duration and distance

Remove from the training set only

training\_set <- subset(training\_set, training\_set$Trip.Duration > 0)  
training\_set <- subset(training\_set, training\_set$Trip.Distance > 0)  
training\_set <- subset(training\_set, is.finite(training\_set$Trip.Duration))  
training\_set <- subset(training\_set, is.finite(training\_set$Trip.Distance))

## Make the model

Use logged duration (rather than raw duration) to avoid warning “glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred”.

y\_train = training\_set$LongTrip  
#x\_train = training\_set$Trip.Duration  
x\_train = training\_set$Trip.Duration.Logged  
fit\_mean = mean(y\_train)  
fit\_glm <- glm(formula=y~x, data.frame(y=y\_train, x=x\_train), family=binomial(link=logit))

## Get rid of non-positive and non-finite values in duration and distance

Cleanse the test\_set dataframe now.

test\_set <- subset(test\_set, test\_set$Trip.Duration > 0)  
test\_set <- subset(test\_set, test\_set$Trip.Distance > 0)  
test\_set <- subset(test\_set, is.finite(test\_set$Trip.Duration))  
test\_set <- subset(test\_set, is.finite(test\_set$Trip.Distance))

## Test results

Generate two vectors; the predicted sample mean and the prediction generated by the GLM.

y\_test <- test\_set$LongTrip  
x\_test <- test\_set$Trip.Duration.Logged  
  
# make a vector that is populated with the fit\_mean  
pred\_mean <- rep(fit\_mean, length(y\_test))  
  
# get a vector of predictions based on test data  
pred\_glm <- predict(fit\_glm, data.frame(x=x\_test))

## Define RMSE function and evaluate using test set

Take the RMSE (root mean square error) of the predicted mean and the predicted logistic regression model. The model gives us a far higher RMSE than the predicted mean (the predicted mean is an average model with random noise).

# define RMSE function  
RMSE <- function(m, o) {  
 sqrt(mean((m - o)^2))  
}  
  
# get the RMSE  
RMSE(pred\_mean, y\_test)

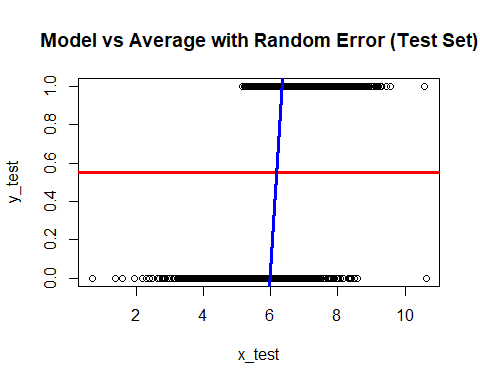
## [1] 0.4970554

RMSE(pred\_glm, y\_test)

## [1] 2.390155

## Visualise the model

Plot y\_test vs x\_test and overlay the average with random error model and our derived logistic regression model. This is to help us visualise the data and the derived model as it applies to the test dataset.



## Summary and analysis

Our model has not reduced the variability that we see by simply taking the average model with random error - in-fact it slightly increases the variablity. This is not a good model as it explains less of the variability in the data than the average model with random error. The model could be improved to better fit the data.