Predicting IMDB Rating on Movies

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Introduction

- IMDB is the largest movie database
- Goal of this project is to predict IMDB Ratings
- Visualize relationship between independent variables with dependent variable
 - Features include director, release year, metascore, MPAA, gross earnings, votes, genre
- Determine the best model to that accurately depicts IMDB ratings
- To provide film production companies an insight on what features to include in their production

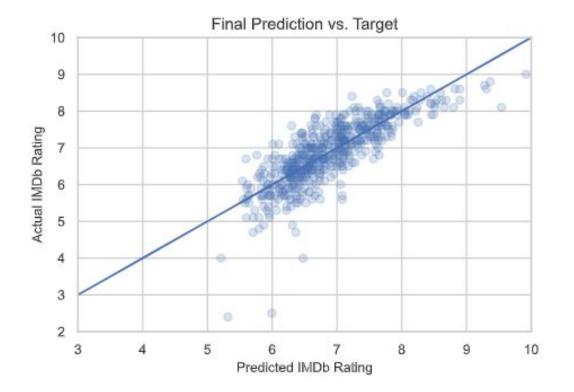


Methodology

- Web scraped data off IMDB.com using BeautifulSoup
 - Data cleaned/ simple EDA
- Added on features one at a time
 - Numerical
 - Categorical
- Modeling
 - Linear Regression
 - Polynomial Regression
 - Regularization (Ridge)

Ridge Regression Model

Ridge R-squared: 0.60955 Ridge MAE 0.38465



Best Features

Age

Movies between the ages 10-30 tend to do better

Metascore

Different rating system for movies

Votes

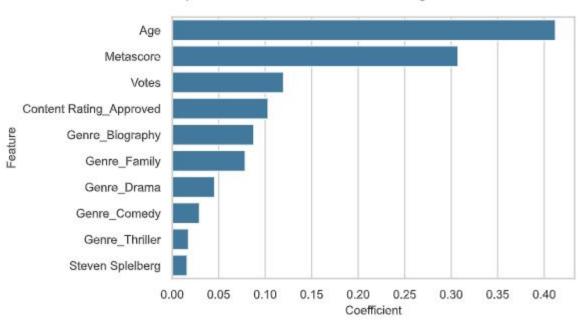
More popular = better ratings?

Genres

Biography, Family, Drama

Director Movies directed by Steven Spielberg

Top 10 Features for IMDb Rating



Conclusions/Results

- Ridge Regression gave me the best model out of Linear and Polynomial
- Linear and Polynomial Regression made my model overfit when testing on validation set
- Residuals showed that my model tend to over predict than under predict

Future Work

- Determine if the profit made on release day can depict how well a movie's rating is
 - Do more popular films get better rating?
- Look into international films
 - Do movies produced in the US have better ratings than movies produced elsewhere?
- Extra features
 - Awards? Nominations?

Appendix

