DSC630 - Final Project

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Business Problem

- Labor is one of the largest expenses to a business
- Adding a role or filling a vacancy is an investment by the organization
- By forecasting a salary, an organization can be prepared:
 - To speak to how much the investment will cost initially
 - To speak to how much may need to be invested over time
 - Reduce retention by making sure employee is consistently satisfied with their income
- Overall, an understanding of the salary provides a well-rounded perspective on the financial implications of onboarding an employee

Data Preparation

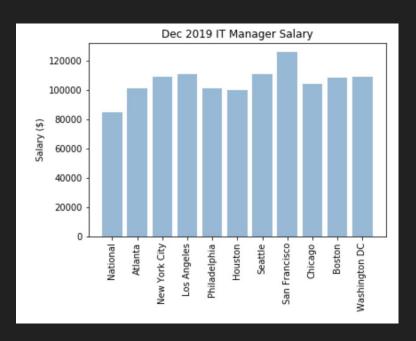
- Data is from Glassdoor and contains the monthly data for salaries in various metropolitan areas and the national average for several job titles
- The data also contains year over year average
- A couple of the months of data had errors and missing values and were removed for this project
- For Data Exploration, it was better to break the data down into cities and job titles to begin to understand what trends are in the data

 As expected many of the salaries trend higher month after month. Some trend higher at a consistent rate, such as teacher, while some trend inconsistently, such as IT Manager

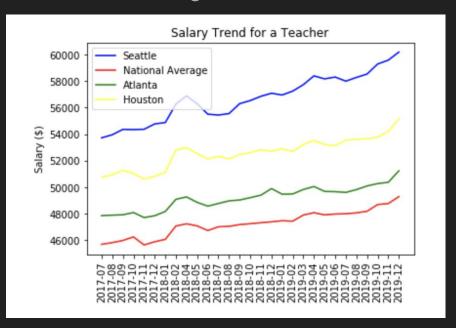


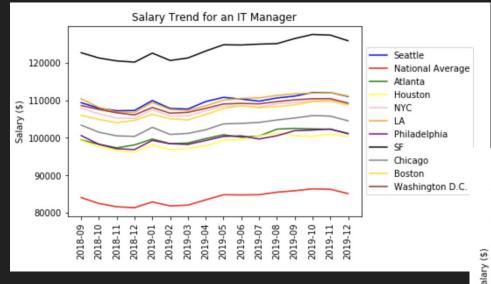


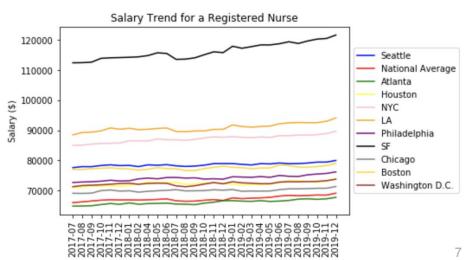
 This is a one-month view of one position's salary and how it has variation from region to region.

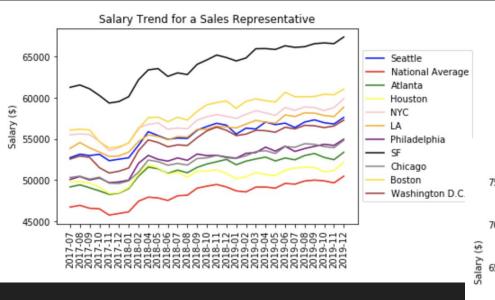


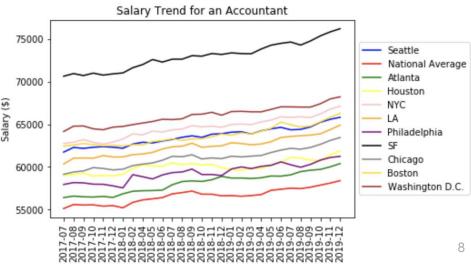
 The regions in the data are metropolitan areas. In many cases, these salaries were above the national average.







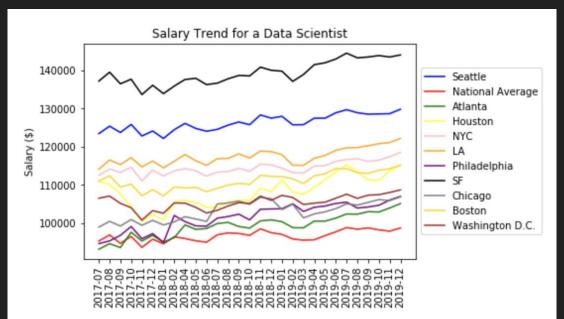




Model Building

- Five phases to building the final model for the project
 - Phase 1: Decision trees for one job title and a binary target variable
 - Phase 2: Apply techniques to more job titles
 - Phase 3: Place Target Variable Models in bins
 - Phase 4: Decision tree for multiple job titles and multiple bins for target variables.
 - Phase 5: Neural Network

- For my model, I decided to focus on one job title to make sure the model could be built and any initial success with accuracy.
- I chose the role of Data Scientist due to its relevance to the coursework.

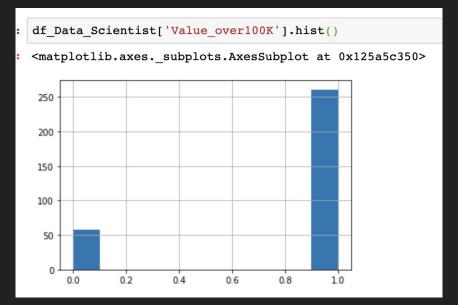


 For the region variable, I did one-hot encoding to turn them into binary variables

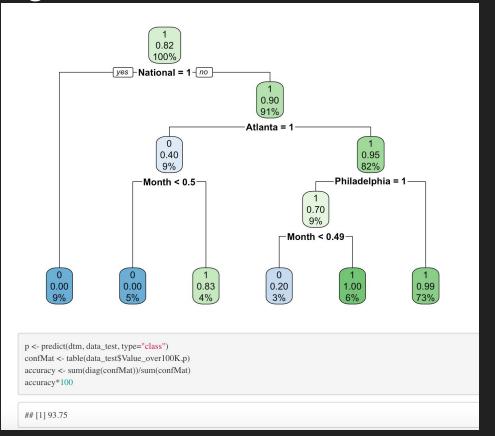
	Atlanta	Boston	Chicago	Houston	Los Angeles	National	New York City	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Seattle	Washington DC
89	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
173	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
257	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
341	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
425	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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565	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
649	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
733	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
817	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
901	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

 For the target variable, I converted it into a binary variable of over \$100K and under \$100K. As I develop the model, I hope to create several bins for the target variable across all job titles. However, at this stage, I kept it to this

option.

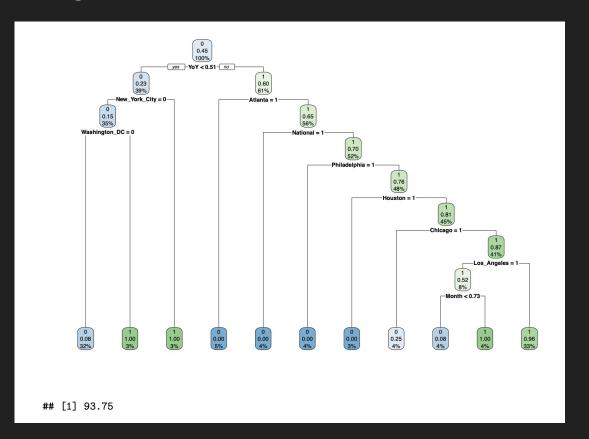


- For the initial model, I have been working with Decision Trees. Due to the binary target variable and limited number of features, I thought this would be a great place to start with the model building.
- There are a couple of limitations to this model
 - Binary target variable (over or under \$100K)
 - Job Title is not a variable
- The model was built in R and had 93.75% accuracy



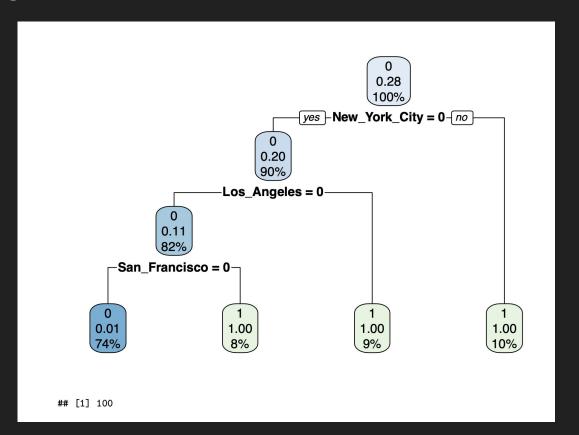
- Expanded the process used for Data Scientist to many more job titles
- To make the process more efficient:
 - Built functions to prepare data in Python
 - Built functions to build decision tree model in R
 - Set the target variable to be above or below the mean
- Each job title showed differences in how the data was split in the Decision
 Tree to reach the target variable
- Each model was able to obtain a high accuracy

Accountant

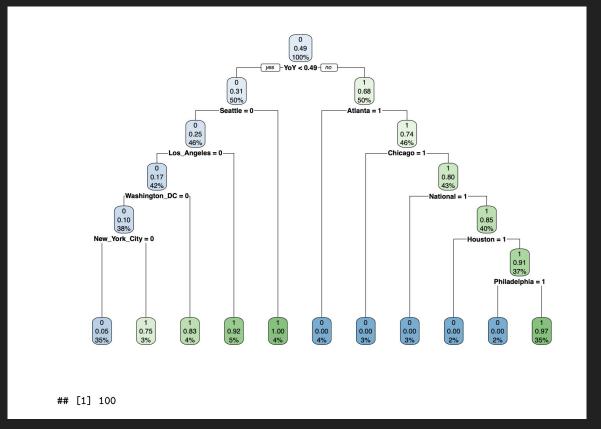


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Registered Nurse

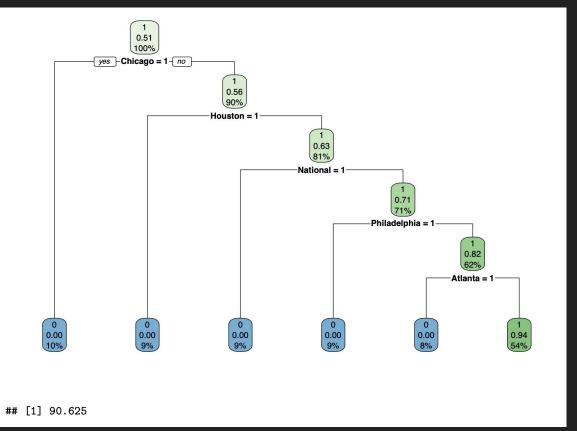


Data Analyst

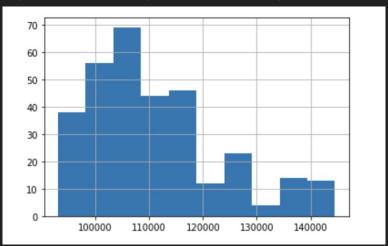


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Graphic Designer

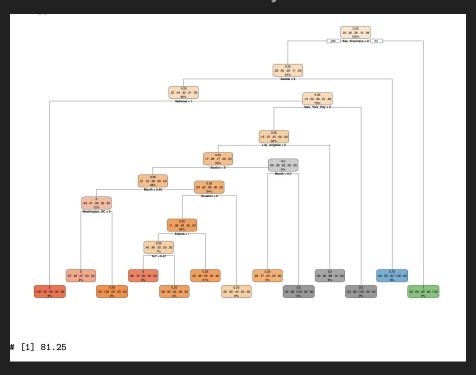


- One limitation in the previous models was that the target variable was binary
- I continued working with the Data Scientist dataset and created 5 bins for the Target Variable
- After assessing the distribution of values, I set the bins to be less than \$100K, between \$100-110K, \$110-120K, \$120-130K, and above \$130K.



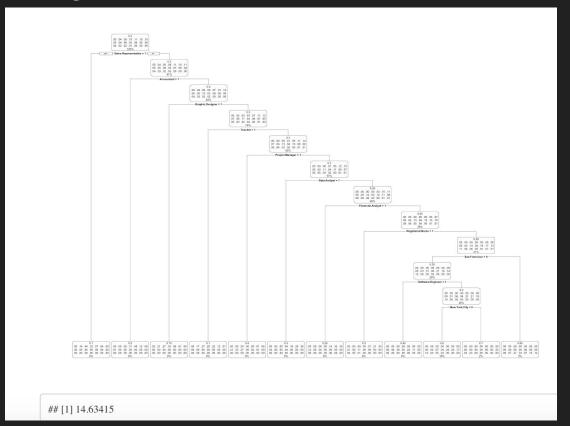
The Decision Tree delivered an accuracy of 81.25%. A decrease from the

initial models



- Build a Decision Tree Model with the Job Title as the variable
- One-Hot encoded 12 job titles. These are the same ones that were included for the previous Decision Tree models

- For the Target Variable, there were 28 bins. They started at 20,000 and increased by 5,000 to 150,000. There were bins for less than 20,000 and more than 150,000
- The Decision Tree model (next slide) was not successful with this dataset.
 The accuracy was 14.63%
- This makes sense since there are so many clusters for the Target Variable and this is not optimal for the Decision Tree algorithm



- The Neural Network in Python was split on an 80/20 training and test split
- The Accuracy Score was much higher than the Decision Trees at 85.48%

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	precision	recall	f1-score	support
5.0	1.00	1.00	1.00	1
6.0	0.94	0.97	0.95	31
7.0	0.93	0.91	0.92	57
8.0	0.87	0.90	0.88	72
9.0	0.92	0.85	0.88	78
10.0	0.84	0.95	0.89	62
11.0	0.91	0.90	0.90	89
12.0	0.90	0.83	0.86	46
13.0	0.84	0.76	0.80	34
14.0	0.82	0.92	0.87	65
15.0	0.73	0.50	0.59	16
16.0	0.84	0.80	0.82	51
17.0	0.76	0.79	0.77	39
18.0	0.81	0.74	0.77	23
19.0	0.77	0.86	0.81	28
20.0	0.76	0.81	0.79	16
21.0	0.46	0.75	0.57	8
22.0	0.89	0.53	0.67	15
23.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
24.0	1.00	1.00	1.00	4
25.0	1.00	1.00	1.00	1
accuracy			0.85	737
macro avg	0.81	0.80	0.80	737
weighted avg	0.86	0.85	0.85	737

Model Accuracy: 85.48%

Final Takeaways

- I was able to demonstrate that a single model can be built to predict salary for a specific job title in multiple regions and for multiple months and years
- Opportunities for Improvement
 - Increase the number of job titles being used. 12 were in the latest model but there are over 100 in the dataset.
 - Build an automated process for new monthly reports to be included for testing and training
 - Make it more accessible. How can the model take inputs?