

econ725 project Q3

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```
require(tidyverse)
require(ggplot2)
require(data.table)
require(plyr)
require(dplyr)
require(knitr)
require(foreign)
require(ggcorrplot)
require(corrplot)
require(caret)
require(gridExtra)
require(scales)
require(Rmisc)
require(ggrepel)
require(randomForest)
require(glmnet)
require(psych)
require(xgboost)
require(ggthemes)
```

```
#loading the dataset
df <- read.dta("~/Desktop/ebaydatafinal.dta")
```

```
#summary for the highest bid
summary(df$biddy1)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.     NA's
##          1    3576    8100   11840   15950  1780400   22522
```

There are 22522 null values in highest bid variable. This column will be revenue as its the amount the seller gets when he sells the item. one thing to notice here is that the maximum bid in dataset is 1780400.

```
#keeping only items which have been sold
df <- df[df$sell == 1 ,]
```

I did this considering that if the item isn't sold , then there is no revenue for the seller.

Checking if we have null values now for highest bid

```
summary(df$biddy1)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##          1    2025    5000    8238   10301  1780400
```

Data Cleaning

Formatting Dates:

The columns start date and end date

```
head(df$startdate)

## [1] "Jul-09-06 20:30:00 PDT" "Mar-07-06 18:21:55 PST" "May-07-06 14:09:21 PDT"
## [4] "Apr-17-06 18:26:37 PDT" "Jun-05-06 20:29:07 PDT" "May-09-06 17:30:00 PDT"

library("lubridate")
#converting strings into date format
df$startdate <- parse_date_time(df$startdate, orders="mdy HMS")
df$enddate <- parse_date_time(df$enddate, orders="mdy HMS")

#extracting months from dates
df$months <- month(df$startdate)
df$days <- day(df$startdate)
df$monthe <- month(df$enddate)
df$daye <- day(df$enddate)

#converting long dates to short dates and converting them to mm-dd-yy format
df$startdate <- date(df$startdate)
df$startdate <- format(df$startdate, "%m-%d-%y")
df$enddate <- date(df$enddate)
df$enddate <- format(df$enddate, "%m-%d-%y")
```

The most important numeric variables

```
numericVars <- which(sapply(df, is.numeric)) #index vector numeric variables
numericVarNames <- names(numericVars) #saving names vector for use later on
cat('There are', length(numericVars), 'numeric variables')

## There are 510 numeric variables

df_numVar <- df[, numericVars]
#correlation of all numeric variables
cor_numVar <- cor(df_numVar, use="pairwise.complete.obs")

## Warning in cor(df_numVar, use = "pairwise.complete.obs"): the standard deviation
## is zero

#sort on decreasing correlations with highest bid
cor_sorted <- as.matrix(sort(cor_numVar[, 'bidy1'], decreasing = TRUE))
```

Lets see which variables are positively correlated with highest bid

```
head(cor_sorted ,50)

##           [,1]
## biddy1      1.00000000
## biddy2      0.98872751
## biddy22     0.66472324
## biddy3      0.65837862
## biddy4      0.63900127
## biddy5      0.61199261
## biddy21     0.59125905
## biddy6      0.57843989
```

```

## logbid1      0.57486302
## logbid2      0.54747315
## biddy7       0.54388224
## bookvalue    0.53562316
## logbid3      0.51156412
## biddy8       0.49994164
## logbook      0.46407885
## biddy9       0.46148836
## startbid     0.43734020
## biddy10      0.41987426
## biddy14      0.41781182
## biddy11      0.37896913
## biddy15      0.35227185
## biddy12      0.30442907
## biddy16      0.30106197
## warranty     0.29079211
## biddy13      0.26025689
## biddy17      0.24397853
## biddy18      0.20626768
## logstart     0.19740867
## biddy19      0.16290887
## options      0.12065889
## bidhour22    0.10960263
## bidddate20   0.10730503
## biddy20      0.10445221
## phone        0.10109433
## logphotos    0.09621134
## logsize      0.09551801
## loghtml      0.09135437
## logtext      0.09113425
## numbids      0.08340665
## featured     0.08252577
## bidddate19   0.07957167
## bidminute20  0.07502050
## descriptionsize 0.07455099
## text         0.07288074
## dealer       0.07265675
## html         0.07158798
## length       0.07073885
## inspection   0.07070693
## photos       0.06610737
## logage       0.06399863

```

From above we can see that biddy2 , bookvalue , startbid , warranty , options , phone, logsize , loghtml , logtext , numbids , featured , descriptionsize , dealer , length , inspection , photos , logage are highly correlated with highest bid .

Now , lets see which variables are negatively correlated with highest bid

```
tail(cor_sorted ,50)
```

```

##           [,1]
## dent_little -0.01850790
## rust_nothing -0.01895390
## broken_no    -0.01913426
## ding_minor   -0.01940057

```

```
## scratch_some -0.01944354
## rust_photo -0.01981950
## rust_couple -0.01991869
## ding_small -0.02054227
## problem_no -0.02152195
## crack_no -0.02172253
## ding -0.02303903
## bidsecond13 -0.02330442
## rust_very -0.02355268
## rust_one -0.02396824
## dent_pic -0.02501008
## rust_major -0.02549010
## rust_only -0.02557982
## dent_few -0.02767722
## dent_minor -0.02790008
## dent_small -0.02918563
## bidhour12 -0.03095300
## ding_some -0.03267418
## bidminute16 -0.03496511
## questions -0.03591268
## rust_minor -0.03619099
## rust_few -0.03732942
## ding_few -0.03743247
## bidminute22 -0.03764510
## problem -0.03865022
## bidminute17 -0.03866674
## rust_small -0.03871339
## dent_some -0.04153336
## bidddate22 -0.04164507
## rust_no -0.04411493
## bidminute19 -0.04529091
## rust_pic -0.04590219
## bidsecond21 -0.04620075
## sellerborn -0.04742733
## broken -0.04756502
## bidhour17 -0.04853052
## rust_little -0.04907599
## age -0.05409009
## bidsecond20 -0.06227907
## bidsecond19 -0.06336647
## crack -0.06451006
## dent -0.06838640
## rust_some -0.07374476
## rust -0.11572045
## miles -0.21022800
## logmiles -0.32073642
```

From above we can see that logmiles , rust , dent , crack , age , broken , problem are negatively correlated with highest bid .

Missing data , label encoding and Factorizing variables

```
#which columns have missing values
NAcol <- which(colSums(is.na(df)) > 0)
```

NAcol

##	bookvalue	highbidderfdback	sellfdbackpct	photos
##	19	25	28	29
##	year	pctfdback	bidby2	bidby3
##	30	33	39	41
##	bidby4	bidby5	bidby6	bidby7
##	43	45	47	49
##	bidby8	bidby9	bidby10	bidby11
##	51	53	55	57
##	bidby12	bidby13	bidby14	bidby15
##	59	61	63	65
##	bidby16	bidby17	bidby18	bidby19
##	67	69	71	73
##	bidby20	bidby21	bidby22	biddat1
##	75	77	79	416
##	bidhour1	bidminute1	bidsecond1	biddat2
##	417	418	419	420
##	bidhour2	bidminute2	bidsecond2	biddat3
##	421	422	423	424
##	bidhour3	bidminute3	bidsecond3	biddat4
##	425	426	427	428
##	bidhour4	bidminute4	bidsecond4	biddat5
##	429	430	431	432
##	bidhour5	bidminute5	bidsecond5	biddat6
##	433	434	435	436
##	bidhour6	bidminute6	bidsecond6	biddat7
##	437	438	439	440
##	bidhour7	bidminute7	bidsecond7	biddat8
##	441	442	443	444
##	bidhour8	bidminute8	bidsecond8	biddat9
##	445	446	447	448
##	bidhour9	bidminute9	bidsecond9	biddat10
##	449	450	451	452
##	bidhour10	bidminute10	bidsecond10	biddat11
##	453	454	455	456
##	bidhour11	bidminute11	bidsecond11	biddat12
##	457	458	459	460
##	bidhour12	bidminute12	bidsecond12	biddat13
##	461	462	463	464
##	bidhour13	bidminute13	bidsecond13	biddat14
##	465	466	467	468
##	bidhour14	bidminute14	bidsecond14	biddat15
##	469	470	471	472
##	bidhour15	bidminute15	bidsecond15	biddat16
##	473	474	475	476
##	bidhour16	bidminute16	bidsecond16	biddat17
##	477	478	479	480
##	bidhour17	bidminute17	bidsecond17	biddat18
##	481	482	483	484
##	bidhour18	bidminute18	bidsecond18	biddat19
##	485	486	487	488
##	bidhour19	bidminute19	bidsecond19	biddat20
##	489	490	491	492

```
##      bidhour20      bidminute20      bidsecond20      biddate21
##           493           494           495           496
##      bidhour21      bidminute21      bidsecond21      biddate22
##           497           498           499           500
##      bidhour22      bidminute22      bidsecond22      age
##           501           502           503           519
##           age2      logmiles      logfdback      logphotos
##           520           521           525           526
##           logage      logbook      logbid2      logbid3
##           531           533           538           539
##      compindex      temp
##           541           545
```

```
cat('There are', length(NAcol), 'columns with missing values')
```

```
## There are 126 columns with missing values
```

bookvalue has 19 missing values and photos has 29 missing values and biddy5 has 45 missing values , for now I am just dropping these missing values and we will think about imputingf them in future .

```
#deleting missing values
df=df[!is.na(df$bookvalue),]
df=df[!is.na(df$photos),]
df=df[!is.na(df$biddy5),]
```

Now lets try imputing age and logmiles variables. I am imputing these variables with the median

```
library(Hmisc)
df$age<-impute(df$age, median)
df$logmiles<-impute(df$logmiles, median)
```

Label Encoding / factorizing the charachter variables

```
Charcol <- names(df[,sapply(df, is.character)])
Charcol
```

```
## [1] "membersince" "maker" "interior" "name"
## [5] "vin" "highbiddername" "sellername" "enddate"
## [9] "startdate" "exterior" "location" "biddername1"
## [13] "biddername2" "biddername3" "biddername4" "biddername5"
## [17] "biddername6" "biddername7" "biddername8" "biddername9"
## [21] "biddername10" "biddername11" "biddername12" "biddername13"
## [25] "biddername14" "biddername15" "biddername16" "biddername17"
## [29] "biddername18" "biddername19" "biddername20" "biddername21"
## [33] "biddername22" "software" "caradphotos"
```

```
cat('There are', length(Charcol), 'remaining columns with character values')
```

```
## There are 35 remaining columns with character values
```

First lets consider variables maker , interior and exterior . They all are factor variables .

```
df$maker <- as.factor(df$maker)
table(df$maker)
```

```
##
## Chevrolet      Ford      Honda      Nissan      Toyota
##      2593      5121      3564      368      1728
```

```
df$interior <- as.factor(df$interior)
table(df$interior)
```

```
##
##      --      Black      Blue      Brown Burgundy      Gold      Gray      Green
##      104      2204      560      183      205      29      6020      39
##      Other      Red      Tan      Teal      White
##      256      373      3240      12      149
```

```
df$exterior <- as.factor(df$exterior)
table(df$exterior)
```

```
##
##      Black      Blue      Brown Burgundy      Gold      Gray      Green      Orange
##      2163      1293      107      596      439      677      1316      69
##      Other      Purple      Red      Silver      Tan      Teal      White      Yellow
##      302      101      1885      1208      398      218      2416      186
```

dealing with date variables

```
df$membersince <- parse_date_time(df$membersince, orders="mdy")
df$monthm <- month(df$membersince)
df$daym <- day(df$membersince)
df$membersince <- date(df$membersince)
df$membersince <- format(df$membersince, "%m-%d-%y")
```

```
df$months <- as.factor(df$months)
df$days <- as.factor(df$days)
df$monthe <- as.factor(df$monthe)
df$daye <- as.factor(df$daye)
df$monthm <- as.factor(df$monthm)
df$daym <- as.factor(df$daym)
```

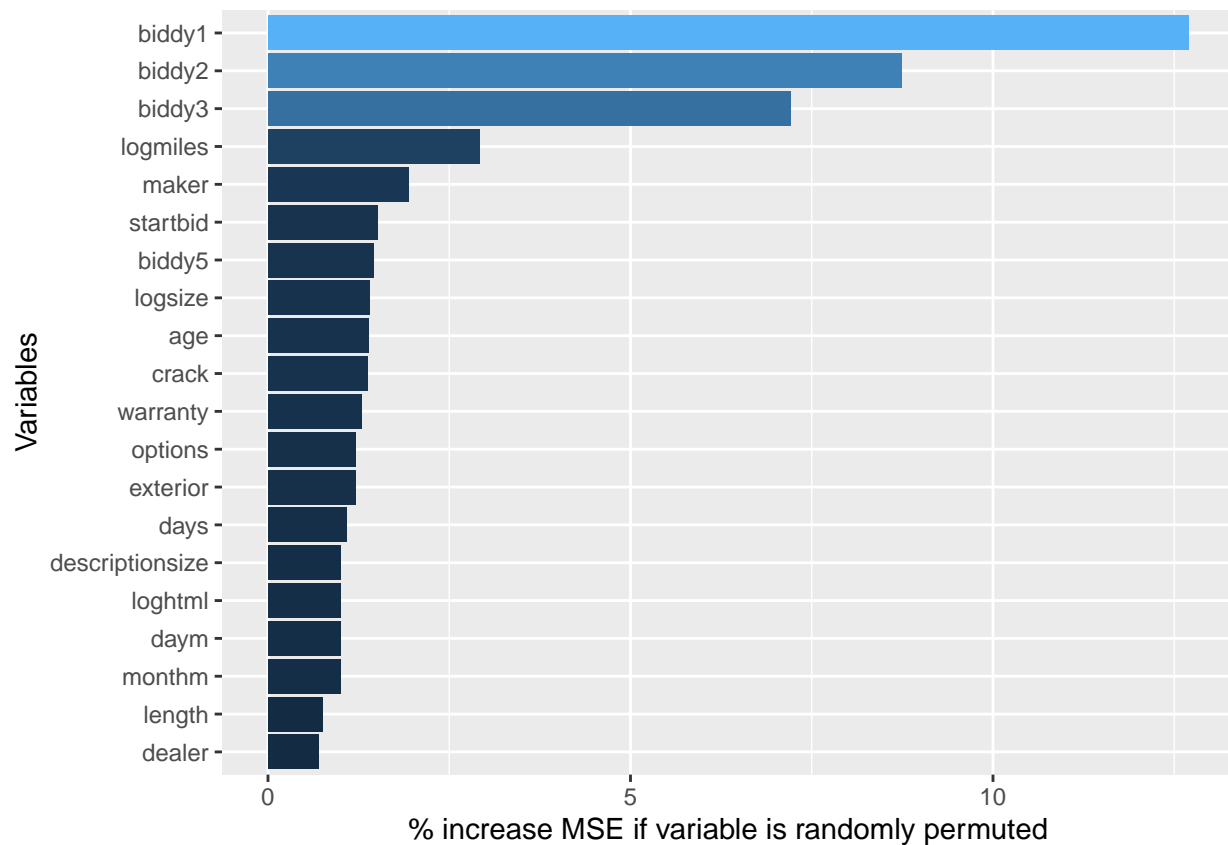
Correlations

#keeping only required columns

```
df<-df[, c("biddy1" , "biddy2" , "biddy3" , "biddy4", "biddy5" , "bookvalue", "photos", "startbid" , "wa
```

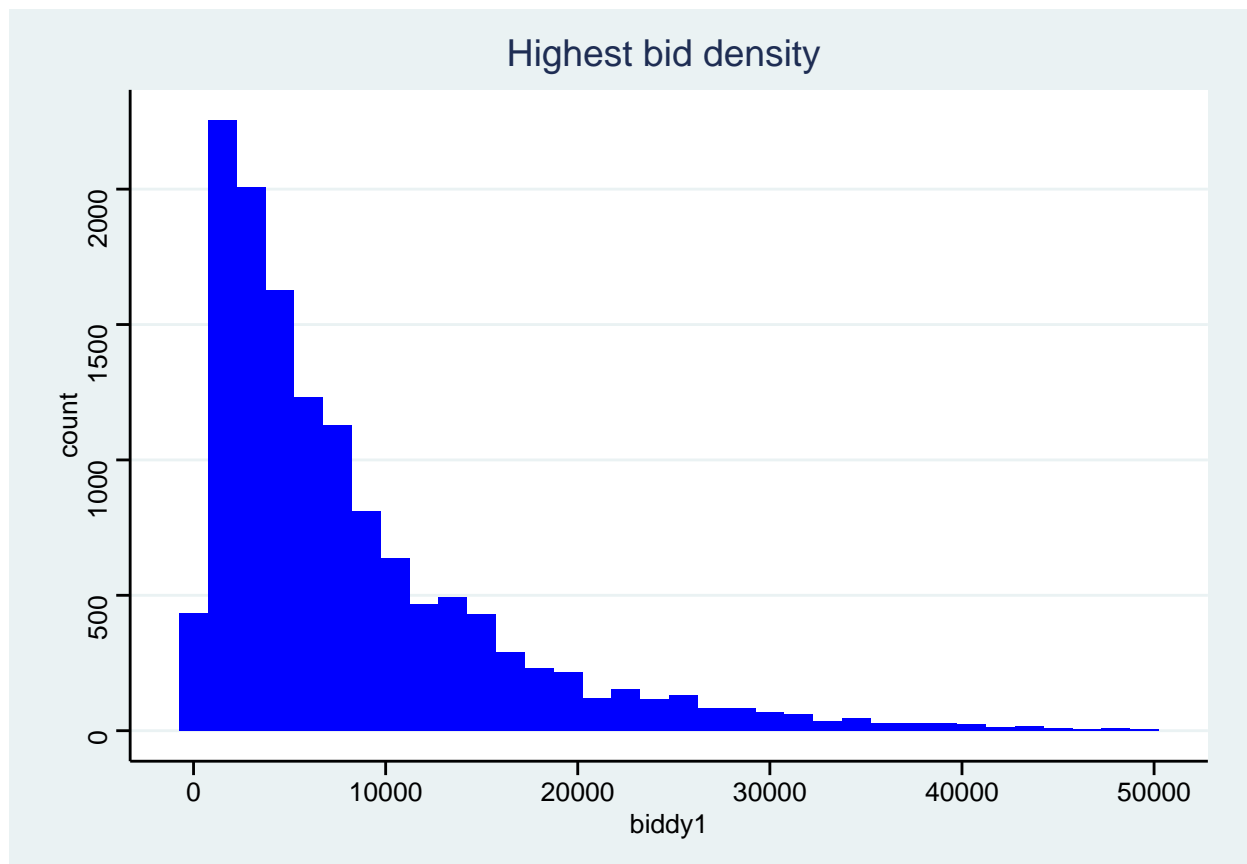
Finding variable importance with Random forest

```
set.seed(2020)
quick_RF <- randomForest(x=df[,1:13374,-36], y= df$biddy1[1:13374], ntree=100,importance=TRUE)
imp_RF <- importance(quick_RF)
imp_DF <- data.frame(Variables = row.names(imp_RF), MSE = imp_RF[,1])
imp_DF <- imp_DF[order(imp_DF$MSE, decreasing = TRUE),]
ggplot(imp_DF[1:20,], aes(x=reorder(Variables, MSE), y=MSE, fill=MSE)) + geom_bar(stat = 'identity') +
```



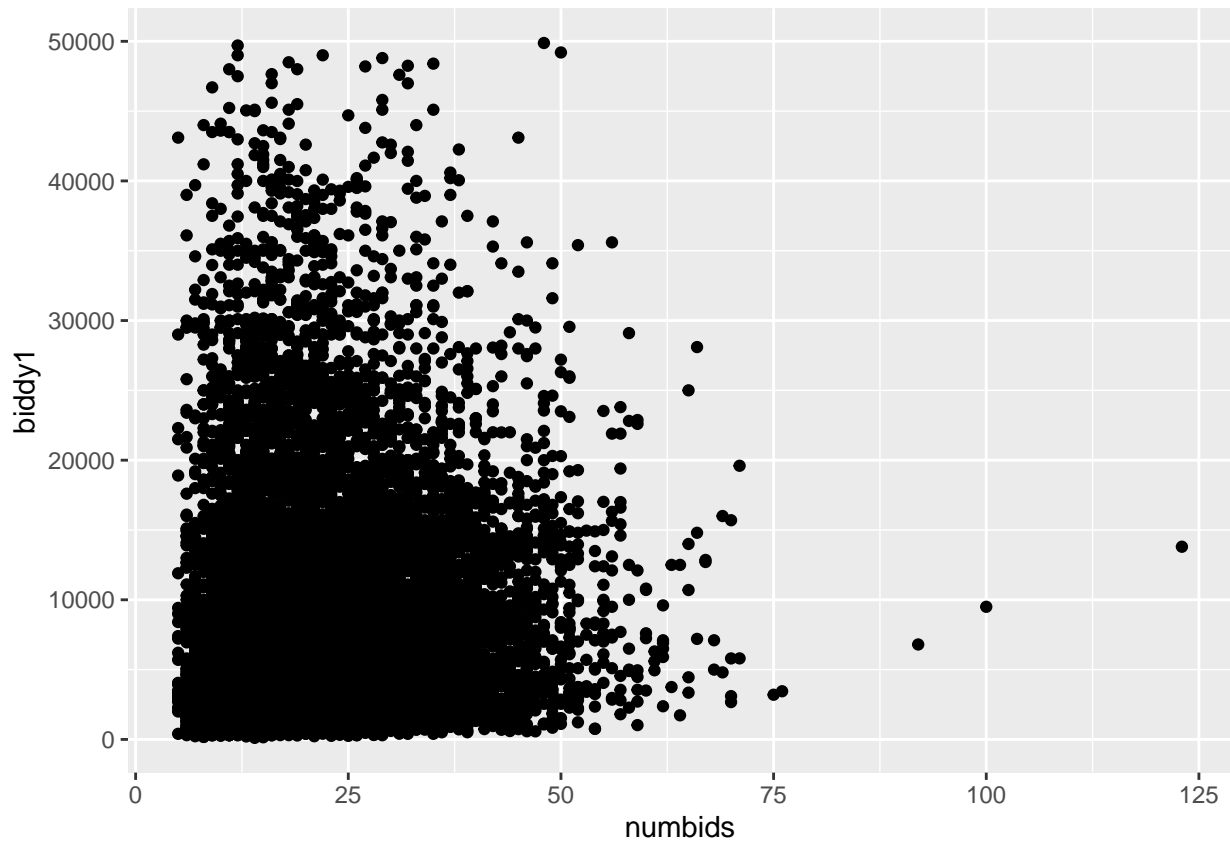
Lets draw some graphs associated with the highest bid/ revenue. first lets see the density of the biddy1

```
p2 <-ggplot(data=df[df$biddy1 < 50000,], aes(x= biddy1))+
  geom_histogram(fill="blue", binwidth = 1500)+
  ggtitle('Highest bid density ') + theme_stata()
p2
```

Lets look at the relationship of this biddy1/revenue with number of bidders

```
p2 <-ggplot(data= df[df$biddy1 < 50000,], aes(x = numbids,y= biddy1))+  
  geom_point()  
p2
```



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```
``{r failed}
#split biddy1 by month
df1<-df[, c("biddy1" ,"months", "monthe", "days" , "daye" , "enddate" , "startdate")]
sp<-split(df1,df1[,c("monthe")],drop=TRUE)
sp1<-data.table(sp)
result1<-lapply(sp1,FUN=function(x) sum(x$AMOUNT))
result2<-lapply(sp1,FUN=function(x) mean(x$AMOUNT))
result<-cbind(result1,result2)
```

```
``{r failed}
#split biddy1 by month
df1<-df[, c("biddy1" ,"months" , "monthe", "days" , "daye" , "enddate" , "startdate")]
```

```
g <- split(df1,df1$monthe,)
g
df2<-data.table(g)
```

```
g1 <- lapply(df2,mean)
result1<-lapply(df2,FUN=function(x) sum(df2$biddy1))
df3 <- data.table(result1)
```

```
sp<-split(df1,df1[,c("monthe","biddy1")],drop=TRUE)
result1<-lapply(sp,FUN=function(x) sum(x$AMOUNT))
result2<-lapply(sp,FUN=function(x) mean(x$AMOUNT))
```

```

result<-cbind(result1,result2)
#split biddy1 by month
df1<-df[, c("biddy1" ,"months" , "monthe" , "days" , "daye" , "enddate" , "startdate")]
dfmonth2 <- df1[df1$monthe == 2,]
meanmonth2 <- mean(dfmonth2$biddy1)
summonth2 <- sum(dfmonth2$biddy1)
meanmonth2

## [1] 7851.901
summonth2

## [1] 3596171
dfmonth3 <- df1[df1$monthe == 3,]
meanmonth3 <- mean(dfmonth3$biddy1)
summonth3 <- sum(dfmonth3$biddy1)
meanmonth3

## [1] 8783.061
summonth3

## [1] 19243688
dfmonth4 <- df1[df1$monthe == 4,]
meanmonth4 <- mean(dfmonth4$biddy1)
summonth4 <- sum(dfmonth4$biddy1)
meanmonth4

## [1] 8699.378
summonth4

## [1] 14623654
dfmonth5 <- df1[df1$monthe == 5,]
meanmonth5 <- mean(dfmonth5$biddy1)
summonth5 <- sum(dfmonth5$biddy1)
meanmonth5

## [1] 9081.472
summonth5

## [1] 10961337
dfmonth6 <- df1[df1$monthe == 6,]
meanmonth6 <- mean(dfmonth6$biddy1)
summonth6 <- sum(dfmonth6$biddy1)
meanmonth6

## [1] 9262.462
summonth6

## [1] 8706714
dfmonth7 <- df1[df1$monthe == 7,]
meanmonth7 <- mean(dfmonth7$biddy1)
summonth7 <- sum(dfmonth7$biddy1)
meanmonth7

```

```

## [1] 8102.405
summonth7

## [1] 15273034
dfmonth8 <- df1[df1$monthe == 8,]
meanmonth8 <- mean(dfmonth8$biddy1)
summonth8 <- sum(dfmonth8$biddy1)
meanmonth8

## [1] 8195.45
summonth8

## [1] 15702481
dfmonth9 <- df1[df1$monthe == 9,]
meanmonth9 <- mean(dfmonth9$biddy1)
summonth9 <- sum(dfmonth9$biddy1)
meanmonth9

## [1] 8595.723
summonth9

## [1] 17285998
dfmonth10 <- df1[df1$monthe == 10,]
meanmonth10 <- mean(dfmonth10$biddy1)
summonth10 <- sum(dfmonth10$biddy1)
meanmonth10

## [1] 8070.22
summonth10

## [1] 8756189
#summary monthly mean
monthe <- c(2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)
mean <- c(meanmonth2,meanmonth3,meanmonth4,meanmonth5,meanmonth6,meanmonth7,meanmonth8,meanmonth9,meanmonth10)
#summary monthly sum
sum <- c(summonth2,summonth3,summonth4,summonth5,summonth6,summonth7,summonth8,summonth9,summonth10)

monthly <- data.frame(monthe,mean,sum)
monthly

##   monthe    mean      sum
## 1      2 7851.901 3596171
## 2      3 8783.061 19243688
## 3      4 8699.378 14623654
## 4      5 9081.472 10961337
## 5      6 9262.462  8706714
## 6      7 8102.405 15273034
## 7      8 8195.450 15702481
## 8      9 8595.723 17285998
## 9     10 8070.220  8756189

#graphically biddy1's mean by month
monthly <- tibble(
  month = c("2","3","4","5","6","7","8","9","10"),

```

```

  mean = c(monthly$mean)
)
knitr::kable(monthly)

```

month	mean
2	7851.901
3	8783.061
4	8699.378
5	9081.472
6	9262.462
7	8102.405
8	8195.450
9	8595.723
10	8070.220

```

p3 <- ggplot(data = monthly, mapping = aes(
  x = fct_reorder(month, desc(mean)),
  y = mean ))

p3 + geom_col(fill = "lightblue") +
  geom_text(mapping = aes(
    y = mean / 2, label = paste(mean))) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = NULL) +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(x = "month",
       y = "mean")

```



#summary by days

```
df1$daye<- as.numeric(df1$daye)
dfmonth_b <- df1[df1$daye <= 10,]
meanmonth_b <- mean(dfmonth_b$biddy1)
summonth_b <- sum(dfmonth_b$biddy1)
meanmonth_b
```

```
## [1] 8649.191
```

```
summonth_b
```

```
## [1] 36343900
```

```
dfmonth_m <- df1[df1$daye >=11 & df1$daye <= 20,]
meanmonth_m <- mean(dfmonth_m$biddy1)
summonth_m <- sum(dfmonth_m$biddy1)
meanmonth_m
```

```
## [1] 8593.81
```

```
summonth_m
```

```
## [1] 42513576
```

```
dfmonth_e <- df1[df1$daye >= 21 & df1$daye <= 31,]
meanmonth_e <- mean(dfmonth_e$biddy1)
summonth_e <- sum(dfmonth_e$biddy1)
meanmonth_e
```

```
## [1] 8353.086
```

```

summonth_e

## [1] 35291790

#summary mean
period <- c("Beginning of month", "Middle of month", "Ending of month")
meandays <- c(meanmonth_b, meanmonth_m, meanmonth_e)
#summary sum
sumdays <- c(summonth_b, summonth_m, summonth_e)

daily <- data.frame(period, meandays, sumdays)
daily

##           period meandays  sumdays
## 1 Beginning of month 8649.191 36343900
## 2   Middle of month 8593.810 42513576
## 3   Ending of month 8353.086 35291790

daily <- data.table(daily)

#graphically biddy1's mean by days
daily <- tibble(
  period = c(daily$period),
  meandays = c(daily$meandays)
)
knitr::kable(daily)

```

period	meandays
Beginning of month	8649.191
Middle of month	8593.810
Ending of month	8353.086

```

p4 <- ggplot(data = daily, mapping = aes(
  x = fct_reorder(period, desc(meandays)),
  y = meandays ))

p4 + geom_col(fill = "orange", width = 0.4) +
  geom_text(mapping = aes(
    y = meandays / 2, label = paste(meandays))) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = NULL) +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(x = "period",
    y = "mean")

```



#In conclusion, as buyers, we could get a better price in the ending of the month, and avoid buying a car in March to June.

```
#weekdays
df <- read.dta("~/Desktop/ebaydatafinal.dta")
df <- df[df$sell == 1 ,]
library("lubridate")
#converting strings into date format
df$startdate <- parse_date_time(df$startdate, orders="mdy HMS")
df$enddate <- parse_date_time(df$enddate, orders="mdy HMS")
df$wdays <- wday(df$enddate)

df4 <- df[, c("biddy1" , "enddate" , "wdays")]
```

```
#summary by weekdays
df4$wdays <- as.numeric(df4$wdays)

dfweekday <- df4[df4$wdays <= 5,]
meanweekday <- mean(dfweekday$biddy1)
meanweekday
```

```
## [1] 8223.766
```

```
dfweekend <- df4[df4$wdays > 5,]
meanweekend <- mean(dfweekend$biddy1)
meanweekend
```

```
## [1] 8287.095
```



```
#graphically weekdays vs. weekend
wdays <- c("weekday","weekend")
meanwdays <- c(meanweekday,meanweekend)
weekly <- data.frame(wdays,meanwdays)
weekly
```

```
##      wdays meanwdays
## 1 weekday  8223.766
## 2 weekend   8287.095
```

```
weekly <- data.table(weekly)
```

```
#graphically biddy1's mean (weekdays vs. weekend)
weekly <- tibble(
  wdays = c(weekly$wdays),
  meanwdays = c(weekly$meanwdays)
)
knitr::kable(weekly)
```

wdays	meanwdays
weekday	8223.766
weekend	8287.095

```
p5 <- ggplot(data = weekly, mapping = aes(
  x = wdays,
  y = meanwdays ))
p5 + geom_col(fill = "orange",width = 0.4) +
  geom_text(mapping = aes(
    y = meanwdays / 2, label = paste(meanwdays))) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = NULL) +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(x = "wdays",
    y = "mean")
```

