Final Project: Are data science skills predictive of salary?

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Part 1 - Introduction:

Nowadays with the increase in data collection and processing; companies, governments and agencies have a need to extract and produce educated decisions based on factual data. Extracting that kind of information and knowledge from large, heterogeneous, and noisy data sets requires not only powerful computing resources, but the programming abstractions to use them effectively.

In that context, data scientist need to have the skills in order to overcome the challenges that implies to work diverse structures in a given data science project.

By looking at this relationship (data processing / data scientist), we know that it creates a third component with a numerical variable named salary.

With that in mind, I will explore and try to answer a very important research question:

Are data science skills predictive of salary?

Hypothesis

From our exploration question, we can define our hypothesis as follows:

 H_0 : Data Science skills are not predictive of salary; that is, the mean for all Skill Values are the same.

 H_1 : Data Science skills are predictive of salary; that is, at least one mean for all Skill Values is different.

Part 2 - Data:

Data Source

The data that I will be working with, is collected by Paysa and is available online here: http://paysa.com



Figure 1:

For this project, the data was extracted by copying and pasting a job search of "Data Science" on March 16, 2017 into a text file, then cleaned and uploaded into a table in a remote MySQL server.

This data is collected by Paysa as part of the integrated job posting website and this data is submitted by employers daily.

Raw Data

The below table display all job listings compiled from Paysa.

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## QApplication: invalid style override passed, ignoring it.
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```

Cases

Each case represents a job posting in the United States. There are 390 observations in the given data set.

Explanatory variable

The explanatory variable is Data Science skills and is categorical.

Response variable

The response variable is Base Salary and is numerical.

Curated Data

From the above table I will focus on the Base Salary and combination of Skills as follows:

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Skill value per job listing

Since each case list multiple skills combined for a single base salary. For this study purposes, I will assign an "Skill Value" salary per skill listed on each listing; that is, by taking the base salary and dividing it by the number of skills listed for that study case.

For example: In the first case, there is a base salary of \$253000 with 6 skills listed (Distributed Systems, Big Data, Algorithms, Data Science, Strategy, Databases). By taking \$253000 and dividing it by 6, we obtain an average of \$42167. That is, each skill value will be taken as \$42167 in the first case study. Similar process will be applied for the rest of the cases.

```
## Warning: The `printer` argument is deprecated as of rlang 0.3.0.
## This warning is displayed once per session.
```

The below table shows the number of skills per job listing and also shows the "average" base salary for each skill in that listing.

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## TypeError: Attempting to change the setter of an unconfigurable property.
```

Part 3 - Exploratory data analysis:

From the above table, we have defined a series of Skill Value for each skill listed on each job posting. From the raw data, we have a total of 2220 skills listed in the 390 job postings.

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```

Summary

Below is a summary of the individual skills data.

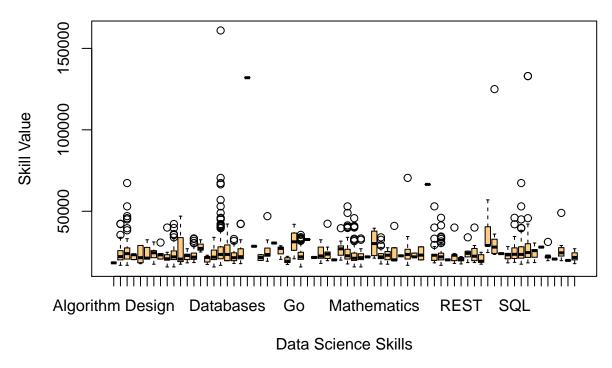
```
##
                        Skill Value
       Skills
##
    Length: 2220
                       Min. : 15833
    Class : character
                       1st Qu.: 20500
##
   Mode :character
                       Median : 22500
##
                       Mean
                              : 24255
##
                       3rd Qu.: 26617
                              :161000
##
                       Max.
```

From the above summary table, we can quickly identify that the minimum skill value is set at \$15833 and the maximum is at \$161000 with a median skill value of \$22500 per skill.

Count, Mean and Standard deviation

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```

Skills and Salary Value

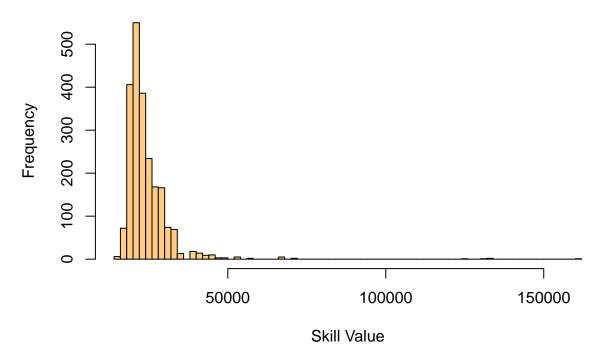


From the above plot, as an initial inspection of the data, it suggests that there are differences in between the medians but is not clear at this point.

Outliers

From the above set of box plots we can quickly identify that there are some outliers in the remaining data set, while the different medians seems to vary depending on the skill; this could be taking as an indication that the skills could be predictive of salary as established in our introduction.

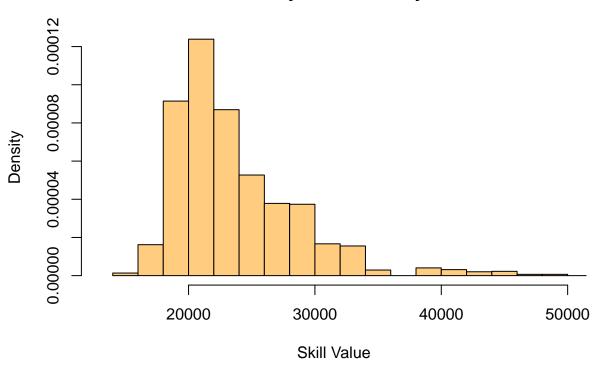
Salary Value Frequency



From the above histogram we can visualize some sort of normality and skewness to the right, also we can confirm the outliers as well.

For visualization purposes, I will include a new density histogram with a limited domain in the as follows:

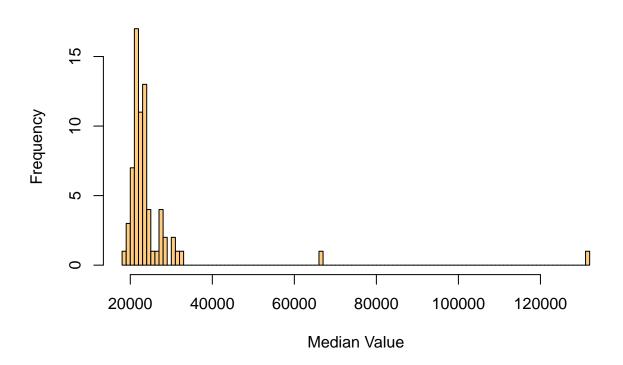




Medians

From the calculated medians, we can have the following histograms:

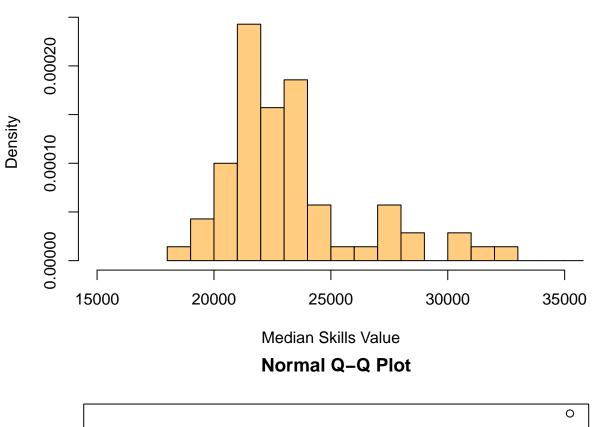
Median Value Frequency

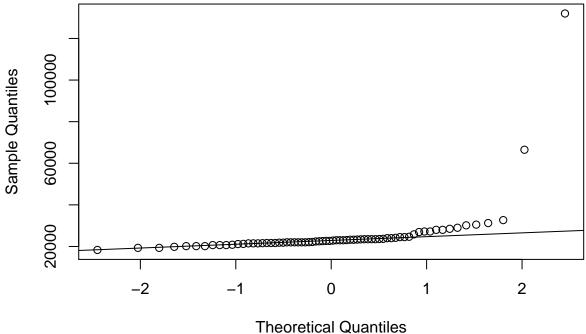


From the above histogram we can still visualize some sort of normality and skewness to the right, also we can confirm the presence of outliers, performing leverage.

For visualization purposes, I will include a new density histogram with a limited domain in the as follows:

Median Salary Value Density





Based on out Q-Q Plot, we can visualize how our medians data follow the qqline most of the trajectory then

due to leverage a couple of points fall away from it.

Part 4 - Inference:

Satisfying conditions for inference:

Conditions:

- The sample size is greater than 30.
- The data sets follow a uni modal normal distribution.
- The samples are random.

Hence, the conditions for inference seems to be satisfied.

ANOVA

Summary

```
##
## lm(formula = `Skill Value` ~ Skills, data = my.skills.data_long)
## Residuals:
      Min
              1Q Median
                            3Q
                                  Max
## -17991 -3594 -1297
                          1854 134444
## Coefficients:
##
                                     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                         18333
                                                     7298
                                                            2.512 0.01208 *
## SkillsAlgorithms
                                                     7318
                                                            0.701 0.48357
                                          5128
## SkillsAnalytics
                                          7499
                                                     7341
                                                            1.021 0.30715
## SkillsAndroid
                                          3800
                                                     7995
                                                            0.475 0.63463
## SkillsApache Spark
                                          4750
                                                     7741
                                                            0.614 0.53952
## SkillsArchitecture
                                          5695
                                                     7883
                                                            0.722 0.47013
## SkillsArchitectures
                                          5387
                                                     7462
                                                            0.722 0.47048
## SkillsAutomation
                                          5439
                                                     7883
                                                            0.690 0.49028
## SkillsAWS
                                          3873
                                                            0.516 0.60613
                                                     7510
## SkillsBig Data
                                          4928
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                                                            0.673 0.50085
## SkillsBusiness Intelligence
                                        10056
                                                     8428
                                                            1.193 0.23291
## SkillsC
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                                          3977
                                                     7802
## SkillsC++
                                          4721
                                                     7350
                                                            0.642 0.52072
## SkillsCassandra
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                                                            1.175 0.24022
## SkillsComputer Vision
                                          2334
                                                     7655
                                                            0.305 0.76051
## SkillsData Mining
                                          4729
                                                     7329
                                                            0.645 0.51881
## SkillsData Science
                                          8223
                                                     7316
                                                            1.124 0.26113
## SkillsDatabases
                                          7521
                                                     7741
                                                            0.972 0.33136
                                          4380
                                                            0.584 0.55920
## SkillsDeep Learning
                                                     7498
## SkillsDistributed Systems
                                          6723
                                                     7498
                                                            0.897 0.37007
## SkillsEMPTY
                                       113667
                                                    10322
                                                           11.013 < 2e-16 ***
## SkillsEngineering Management
                                        10167
                                                    10322
                                                            0.985 0.32473
## SkillsEnterprise Software
                                                     8939
                                                            0.364 0.71620
                                          3250
```

```
## SkillsFirewalls
                                        12167
                                                   10322
                                                           1.179 0.23861
                                                           0.852 0.39446
## SkillsFunctional Programming
                                        7178
                                                    8428
                                                           0.183 0.85445
## SkillsGame Development
                                         1467
                                                    7995
                                                           1.546 0.12228
## SkillsGo
                                        13028
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## SkillsHadoop
                                                    7318
                                                          0.635 0.52522
                                         4650
## SkillsHTTP
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## SkillsImage Processing
                                                           0.373 0.70920
                                         3334
                                                    8939
## SkillsInformation Retrieval
                                         5858
                                                    7498
                                                           0.781 0.43478
## SkillsJava
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                                         6439
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## SkillsLAMP
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                                                           0.205 0.83746
                                                          1.142 0.25374
## SkillsLeadership
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                                                          0.764 0.44514
## SkillsMachine Learning
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## SkillsManagement
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## SkillsMapReduce
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## SkillsMathematical Modeling
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## SkillsMathematics
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## SkillsMatlab
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                                                    7389
                                                           0.669 0.50383
## SkillsMySQL
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                                                    8428
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## SkillsNatural Language Processing
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## SkillsNetwork Architecture
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## SkillsOptimization
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                                                    7336
                                                           0.785 0.43278
## SkillsOS X
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## SkillsPHP
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## SkillsProduct Design
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## SkillsProduct Management
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## SkillsPython
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## SkillsRecommender Systems
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## SkillsRelational Databases
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## SkillsREST
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                                                    7623
                                                          0.278 0.78079
                                                           0.721 0.47091
## SkillsRuby
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## SkillsScala
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                                                    7394
                                                          0.704 0.48140
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## SkillsScalability
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## SkillsScripting
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## SkillsSearch
                                        23158
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## SkillsSignal Processing
                                                    8939
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## SkillsSoftware Design
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## SkillsSQL
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## SkillsStatistics
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## SkillsStrategy
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## SkillsTechnical Leadership
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                                         6123
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                                                          0.937 0.34908
## SkillsTest Driven Development
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## SkillsTime Series Analysis
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## SkillsTomcat
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                                         7855
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## SkillsUser Experience
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                                                   10322
                                                           0.145 0.88447
## SkillsWeb Services
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## SkillsWindows
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                                                    7555
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## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 7298 on 2150 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1714, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1448
## F-statistic: 6.444 on 69 and 2150 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

7509

7523

SkillsETL

0.998 0.31836

From the above results, the model output indicates some evidence of a difference in the average value for the skills.

Results

Based on the above table confirms that there are differences between the skills which were highlighted in the model summary.

Part 5 - Conclusion:

From our initial question: Are data science skills predictive of salary? we can conclude as follows:

By observing the above plots, linear modeling, and statistical analysis; we can observe how data science skills and income did appear to be correlated.

The validity of the data was indicated by summary statistics in which our hypothesis H_0 gets discarded and our alternative hypothesis H_1 is accepted. The above conclusion is statistically accepted since our analysis of variance returned an extremely low p-value (2.2e-16) which is less than 0.05. This can be enforced by comparing our results with the normality and qqplots for the medians as well.

References:

• OpenIntro Statistics, Third Edition. Diez, D. et all. 2015

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