Harvardx Data Science Choose-Your-Own-Project

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INTRODUCTION

The dataset is downloaded from Kaggle (https://www.kaggle.com/abcsds/pokemon). It includes 800 observations with data including: 1) Pokemon name (Name), 2) Type 1 Element (Type 1), 3) Type 2 Element (Type 2), 4) Total Stats (Total), 5) Health Point (HP), 6) Attack point (Attack), 7) Defense point (Defense), 8) Special Attack point (Sp. Atk), 9) Special Defense point (Sp. Def), 10) Speed point (Speed), 11) Generation (Generation), and 12) Legendary class (Legendary).

It is to note that the data consists of ALL the pokemons and their stats. That is, the data is not a 'sample' of a population; the data includes all observation in the population. The task is 1) to create a linear combination of variables to predict Pokemon Types, and 2) determine the structure and latent variables of the dataset by creating linear combinations of variables (ie., reduce the dimensions of the dataset).

The key steps taken to complete the tasks were: 1) exploring the dataset and understanding the data structure, 2) exploring the relationship between the variables, 3) selecting the best model for predicting Pokemon's types (ie., 'Type 1'), and 4) obtaining a principal components analysis of the data.

The following are the libraries used in exploring the data.

```
if(!require(tidyverse)) install.packages("tidyverse", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(caret)) install.packages("caret", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(matrixStats)) install.packages("matrixStats", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(Rborist)) install.packages("Rborist", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(rpart)) install.packages("rpart", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(devtools)) install.packages("devtools", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(ggfortify)) install.packages("ggfortify", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(ggplot2)) install.packages("ggplot2", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(gridExtra)) install.packages("gridExtra", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
```

DATA PREPARATION

• Download data

```
url <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dxng-sg/HarvardxPokemon/master/datasets_121_280_Pokemon.csv"
dl <- tempfile()
download.file(url, dl)
dat <- read_csv(dl)
file.remove(dl)</pre>
```

DATA DESCRIPTION

• Exploring the dataset

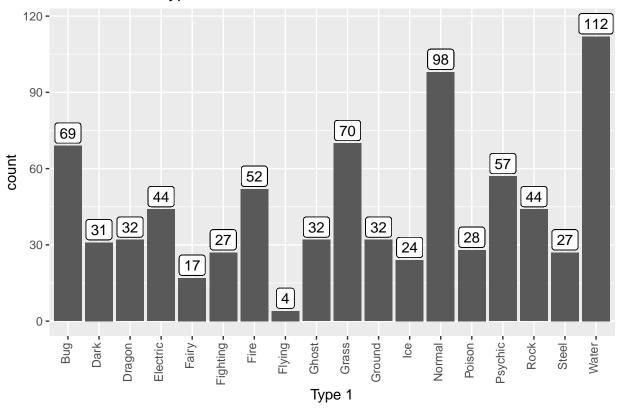
```
## To identify the data type of each variables (ie., factor, numeric, or character)
head(dat)
## # A tibble: 6 x 13
##
       '#' Name 'Type 1' 'Type 2' Total
                                              HP Attack Defense 'Sp. Atk' 'Sp. Def'
     <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                                   <dbl>
                                                                      <db1>
                                                                                 <db1>
                           <chr>
                                     <dbl> <dbl>
                                                           <db1>
## 1
         1 Bulb~ Grass
                           Poison
                                       318
                                                      49
                                                              49
                                                                         65
                                                                                    65
                                              45
## 2
         2 Ivys~ Grass
                           Poison
                                       405
                                              60
                                                      62
                                                              63
                                                                         80
                                                                                    80
## 3
         3 Venu~ Grass
                           Poison
                                       525
                                              80
                                                      82
                                                              83
                                                                        100
                                                                                   100
## 4
         3 Venu~ Grass
                           Poison
                                       625
                                              80
                                                     100
                                                             123
                                                                        122
                                                                                   120
## 5
         4 Char~ Fire
                           <NA>
                                       309
                                              39
                                                      52
                                                              43
                                                                         60
                                                                                    50
## 6
         5 Char~ Fire
                           <NA>
                                       405
                                              58
                                                      64
                                                              58
                                                                         80
                                                                                    65
## # ... with 3 more variables: Speed <dbl>, Generation <dbl>, Legendary <lql>
```

There are a total of 13 variables: 1) the observation number, #, is of dbl class; 2) the name of the Pokemon, Name, is of character class; 3) the first element of Pokemon, Type 1, is of character class; 4) the second element of Pokemon, Type 2, is of character class; 5) the total stats, Total, is of dbl class; 6) the health point, HP, is of dbl class; 7) the attack stats, Attack, is of dbl class; 8) the defense stats, Defense, is of dbl class; 9) the special attack stats, Sp. Atk, is of dbl class; 10) the special defense stats, Sp. Def, is of dbl class; 11) the speed stats, Speed, is of dbl class; 12) the Generation levels, Generation, is of dbl class; & 13) the Legendary level, Legendary, is of logical class.

```
## To identify the total number of observations and variables
dim(dat)
## [1] 800 13
## The number of levels within Pokemon Types (our classification)
levels(as.factor(dat$'Type 1'))
## [1] "Buq"
                    "Dark"
                                           "Electric" "Fairy"
                               "Dragon"
                                                                  "Fighting"
                    "Flying"
##
   [7] "Fire"
                               "Ghost"
                                           "Grass"
                                                      "Ground"
                                                                  "Ice"
## [13] "Normal"
                    "Poison"
                               "Psychic"
                                           "Rock"
                                                      "Steel"
                                                                  "Water"
```

There are a total of 800 Pokemons, and they are categorised into 18 different types.

Distribution of Type 1 Pokemon

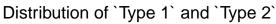


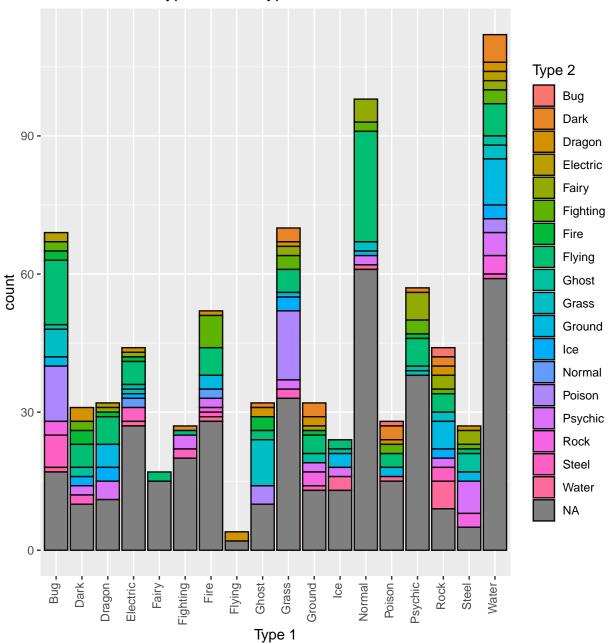
The above plot shows that there are only a few Pokemons of Type 1 'Flying' & 'Fairy'; while, there are many Pokemons of Type 1 'Water', 'Normal', 'Grass', & 'Bug'.

```
# To find the proportion of pokemon with Type 2 characteristics
mean(is.na(dat$'Type 2') == FALSE)
## [1] 0.5175
```

Fifty-two percent of the Pokemons have a Type 2 characteristic.

```
# To find the distribution of proportion of 'Type 1' Pokemons with 'Type 2'
dat%>%
  group_by('Type 1')%>%
  mutate(count=n())%>%
  ungroup()%>%
  ggplot(aes('Type 1'))+
  geom_bar(aes(fill = 'Type 2'),colour = "#OEOAO9")+
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1, vjust = 0.2))+
  ggtitle("Distribution of 'Type 1' and 'Type 2'")
```

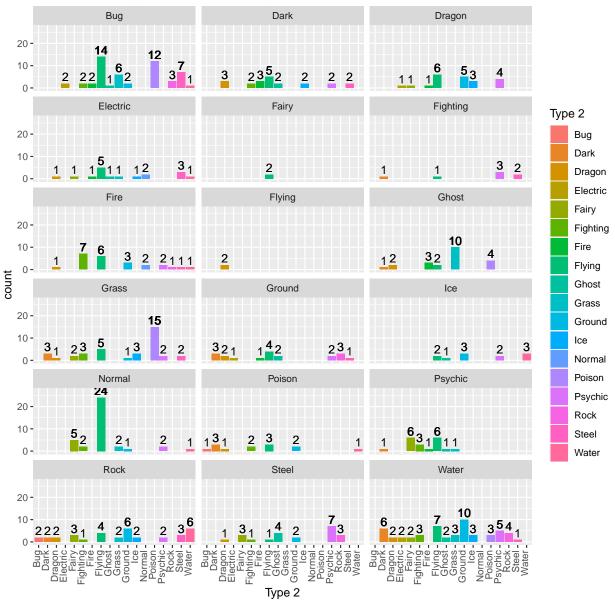




The above plot shows that Bug, Dark, Dragon, Ghost, Rock, Steel are likely to have a Type 2 characteristic (indicated by a larger proportion of colors within each bar), while Fairy, Fighting, Psychic are less likely to have a Type 2 characteristic (indicated by a larger proportion of greys within each bar).

```
# To find the distribution of Type 2 within each 'Type 1'
dat%>%
  filter(is.na('Type 2') == FALSE)%>%
  group_by('Type 1', 'Type 2')%>%
  mutate(count=n())%>%
  ungroup()%>%
  ggplot(aes('Type 2'))+
```

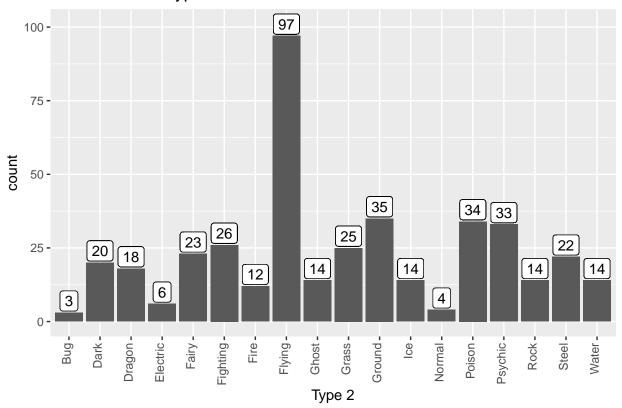
Distribution of `Type 2` (within each 'Type 1` elements)



The above plots show that within some Type 1 class, there is an even spread of Type 2 class. For example, within "Water" & "Rock" Type 1 Pokemons, there is a even spread of Type 2 class.

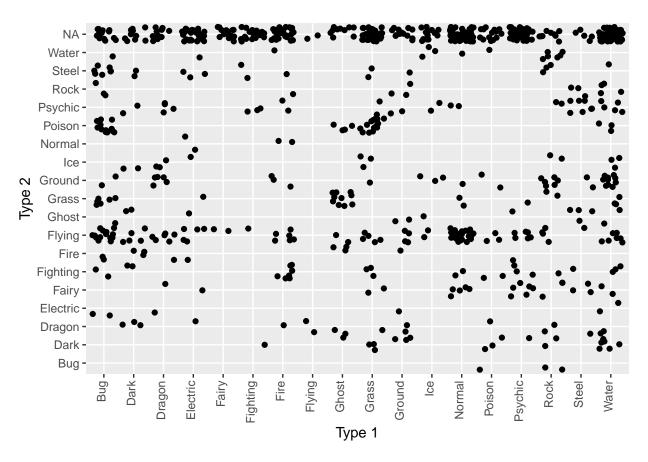
However, for some Type 1 class, only specific Type 2 are associated with them. For example, "Ghost" Type 1 are closely associated with "Grass; "Bug" Type 1 are associated with "Flying" & "Poison"; "Grass" Type 1 are associated with "Flying".

Distribution of `Type 2`



The above plot shows that the most common Type 2 class is "Flying".

```
# To identify clusters of 'Type 1' and 'Type 2'
dat%>%
  ggplot(aes(x = 'Type 1', y = 'Type 2'))+
  geom_jitter()+
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1, vjust = 0.2))
```

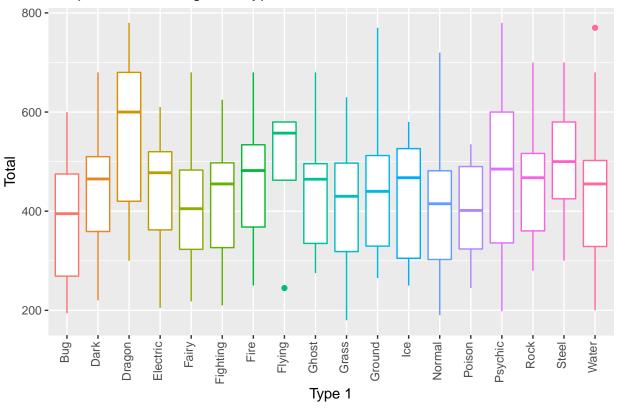


The above plot confirms several clusters. For example Type 1 "Normal" with Type 2 "Flying"; Type 1 "Grass" with Type 2 "Poison"; Type 1 "Bug" with Type 2 "Poison".

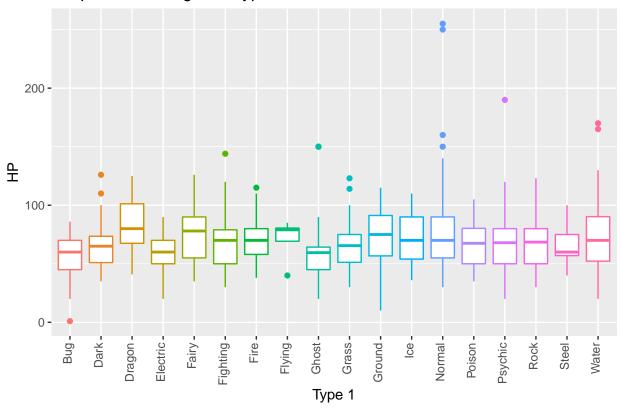
```
# The summary statistics for the variables
summary(dat[5:13])
##
        Total
                          HP
                                          Attack
                                                       Defense
##
   Min.
           :180.0
                                           : 5
                                                          : 5.00
                    Min.
                          : 1.00
                                      Min.
                                                    Min.
    1st Qu.:330.0
                    1st Qu.: 50.00
                                      1st Qu.: 55
                                                    1st Qu.: 50.00
##
   Median :450.0
                    Median : 65.00
                                      Median: 75
                                                    Median : 70.00
   Mean
           :435.1
                           : 69.26
                                           : 79
                                                    Mean
                                                           : 73.84
##
                    Mean
                                      Mean
    3rd Qu.:515.0
                    3rd Qu.: 80.00
                                      3rd Qu.:100
                                                    3rd Qu.: 90.00
##
           :780.0
                           :255.00
                                           :190
                                                    Max.
                                                           :230.00
##
   Max.
                    Max.
                                      Max.
                                         Speed
##
       Sp. Atk
                        Sp. Def
                                                         Generation
                                                              :1.000
##
   Min.
          : 10.00
                     Min.
                            : 20.0
                                      Min.
                                           : 5.00
                                                       Min.
##
    1st Qu.: 49.75
                     1st Qu.: 50.0
                                      1st Qu.: 45.00
                                                       1st Qu.:2.000
##
   Median : 65.00
                     Median : 70.0
                                      Median : 65.00
                                                       Median :3.000
                           : 71.9
          : 72.82
                                           : 68.28
                                                              :3.324
##
   Mean
                     Mean
                                      Mean
                                                       Mean
    3rd Qu.: 95.00
                     3rd Qu.: 90.0
##
                                      3rd Qu.: 90.00
                                                       3rd Qu.:5.000
##
   Max.
           :194.00
                     Max.
                            :230.0
                                      Max.
                                            :180.00
                                                       Max.
                                                              :6.000
##
   Legendary
##
   Mode : logical
##
   FALSE:735
##
    TRUE : 65
##
##
##
```

For visualisation of the summary statistics, please refer to the boxplots attached below this paragraph.

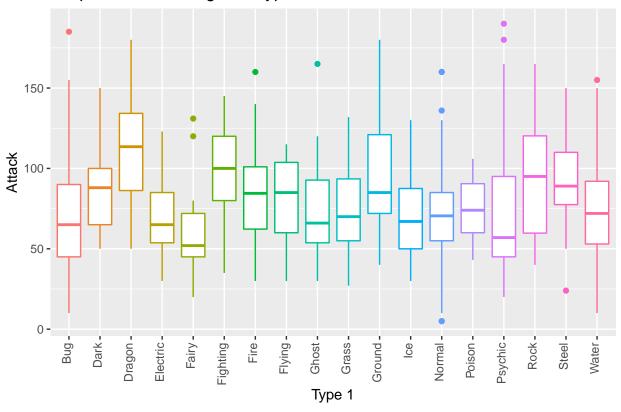
Boxplot of `Total` against Type 1



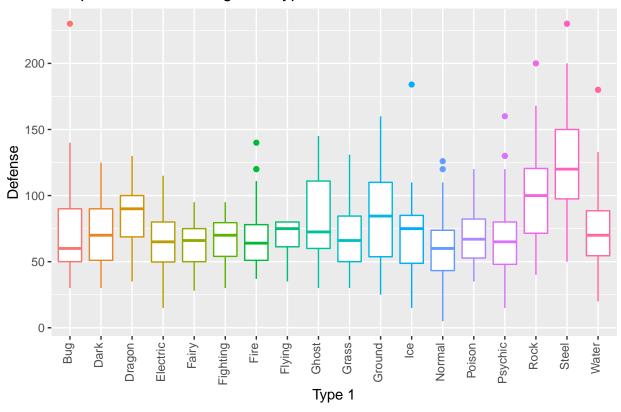
Boxplot of `HP` against Type 1



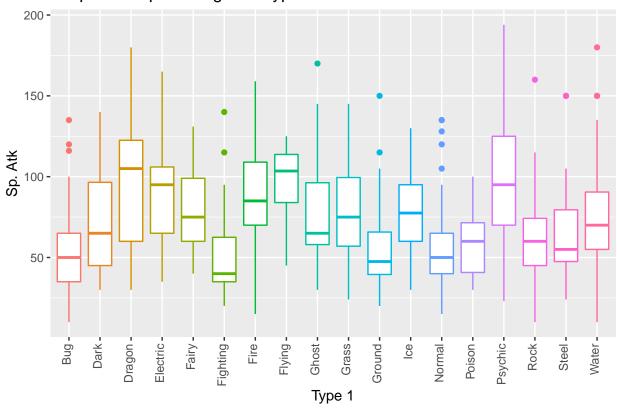
Boxplot of `Attack` against Type 1



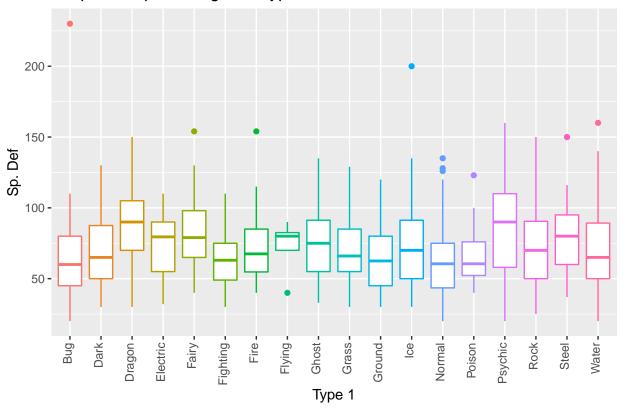
Boxplot of `Defense` against Type 1



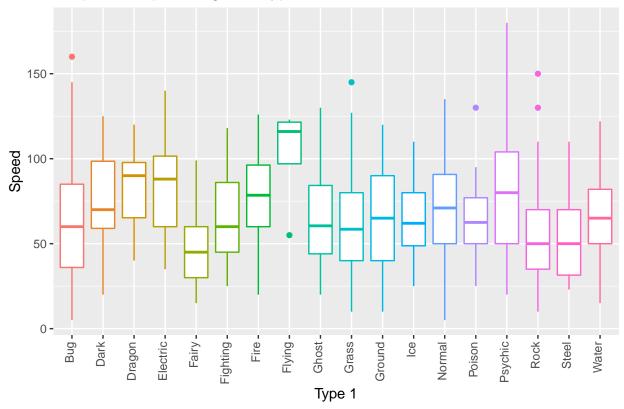
Boxplot of `Sp. Atk` against Type 1



Boxplot of Sp. Def` against Type 1



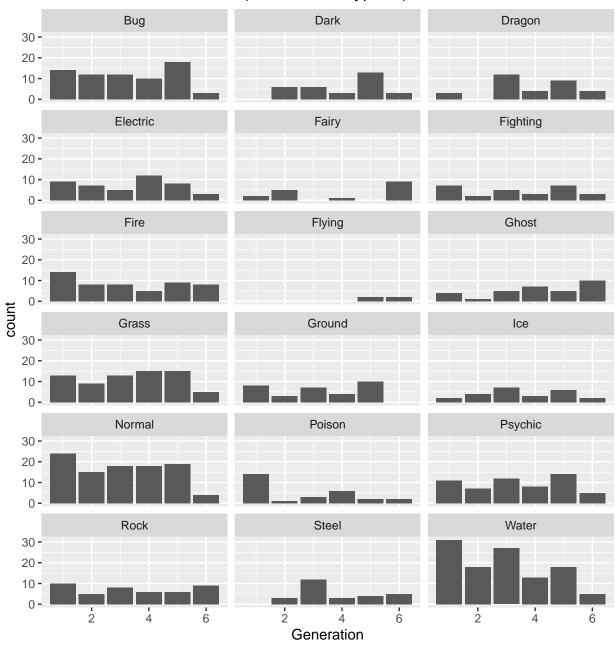




Just from these graphs, there are no visible difference between Pokemon Types in each of these variables.

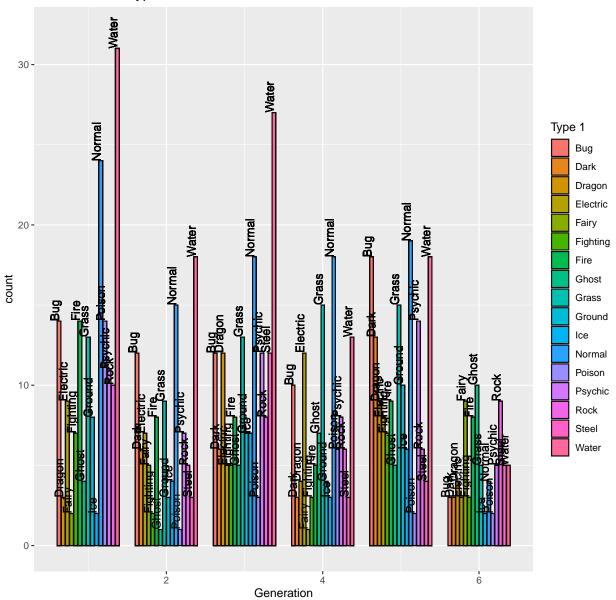
```
## Distribution of Generation within each 'Type 1' class
dat%>%
    ggplot(aes(x = Generation))+
    geom_bar()+
    facet_wrap(~'Type 1', ncol = 3)+
    ggtitle("Distribution of Generation (within each 'Type 1')")
```

Distribution of Generation (within each `Type 1`)



The Generation within each Pokemon Types are pretty evenly distributed.

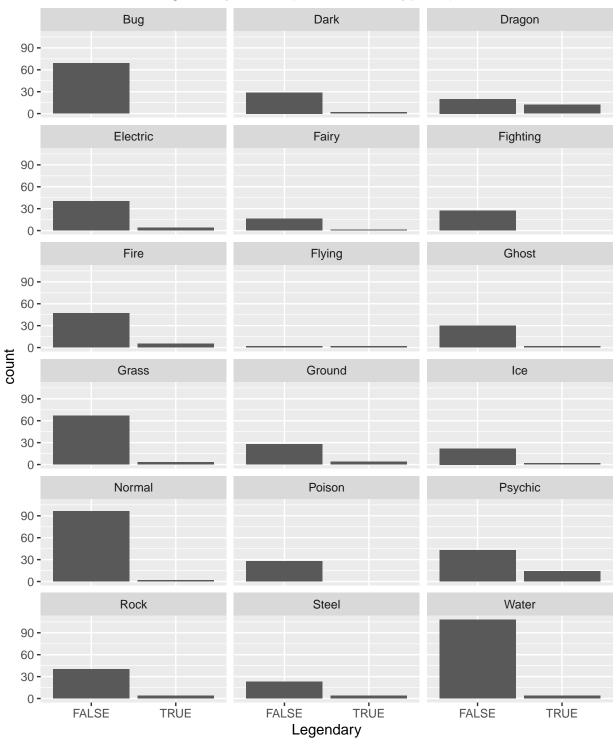
Distribution of `Type 1` within each Generation



There are more "Water" and "Normal" types Pokemons in Generation levels 1 - 5, while there are more "Rock", "Ghost", and "Fairy" types Pokemons in Generation level 6.

```
## Distribution of Legendary within each 'Type 1' class
dat%>%
    ggplot(aes(x = Legendary))+
    geom_bar()+
    facet_wrap(~'Type 1', ncol = 3)+
    ggtitle("Distribution of Legendary status (within each 'Type 1')")
```

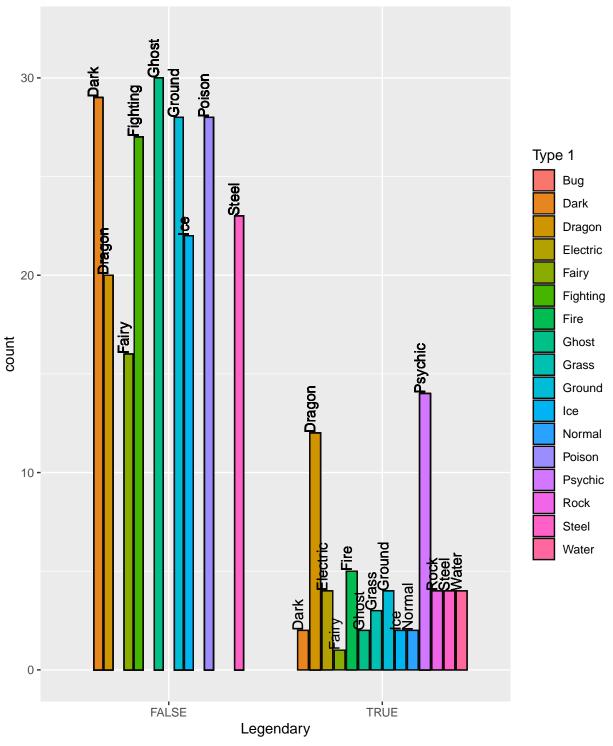
Distribution of Legendary status (within each `Type 1`)



It is more likely to capture a non-legendary pokemon than a legendary pokemon among all Type 1. It also appeared that you will have higher chance of capturing a legendary pokemon when you capture a "Dragon" than the other types.

```
## Distribution of 'Type 1' class within each Legendary level
dat%>%
  filter('Type 1' != "Flying")%>%
  group_by(Legendary, 'Type 1')%>%
  mutate(count=n())%>%
  ungroup()%>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Legendary,
            y = count,
             fill = 'Type 1'))+
  geom_bar(stat="identity",
           colour = "#0E0A09",
           width = 0.7,
           position = position_dodge(width = 0.8))+
  geom_text(position=position_dodge(width=0.8),
            aes(label='Type 1'),
           hjust=0,
            vjust=0,
            angle=90)+
  ylim(0, 32) +
  ggtitle("Distribution of 'Type 1' within each Legendary class")
```

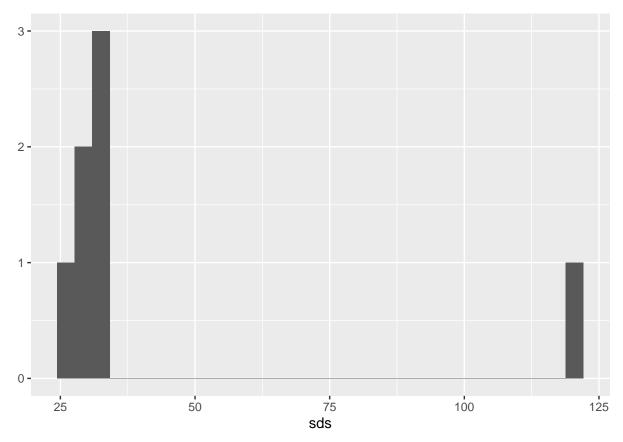




Among Legendary pokemon, there are more "Psychic" and "Dragon" than the other types.

```
## Identifying the variables that has the least variation
x <- as.matrix(dat[5:11])
y <- factor(dat$'Type 1')
sds<-colSds(x)</pre>
```

qplot(sds)



Continuous variables(ie., Total, HP, Attack, Defense, 'Sp. Atk', 'Sp. Def', Speed) are chosen to build the prediction model as they explained for the most variance within the dataset. Within the 7 chosen variables, 'Total' carries the highest sds.

METHOD AND ANALYSIS

Finding the most accurate class prediction model

• Knn Model

```
## Knn model
set.seed(2007, sample.kind="Rounding")
fit_knn \leftarrow knn3(y \sim x, data = dat, k = 1)
y_hat_knn<-predict(fit_knn, dat, type = "class")</pre>
cm <- confusionMatrix(y_hat_knn,y)</pre>
cm$overall["Accuracy"]
cm$byClass[,1:2]
## Accuracy
     0.9875
##
##
                    Sensitivity Specificity
## Class: Bug
                      1.0000000 1.0000000
## Class: Dark
                      1.0000000
                                   1.0000000
## Class: Dragon
                      1.0000000
                                   1.0000000
```

```
## Class: Electric 0.9772727
                               0.9986772
## Class: Fairy
                   1.0000000
                               1.0000000
## Class: Fighting 1.0000000
                               1.0000000
## Class: Fire 0.9807692
                               0.9973262
## Class: Flying
                  0.7500000
                               0.9987437
## Class: Ghost
                  1.0000000
                               1.0000000
                0.9571429
## Class: Grass
                               0.9986301
## Class: Ground
                  1.0000000
                               1.0000000
## Class: Ice
                   1.0000000
                               1.0000000
## Class: Normal
                   1.0000000
                               1.0000000
## Class: Poison
                  1.0000000
                               1.0000000
## Class: Psychic
                 1.0000000
                               0.9959623
## Class: Rock
                   1.0000000
                               1.0000000
## Class: Steel
                    0.9629630
                               1.0000000
## Class: Water
                    0.9732143
                               0.9970930
```

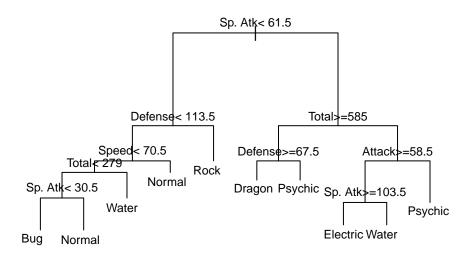
Using knn model (with a k = 1) predicts a high accuracy (99.4%), indicating that each Pokemon can be uniquely predicted by the variables. The model reveals that "Electric", "Fairy", "Fire", "Flying", "Water" are harder to detect; while "Dark", "Electric", "Fire", "Flying", "Grass" are often incorrectly detected.

*Qda Model

```
## QDA model
fit_lda <- train('Type 1' ~ HP + Attack + Defense + 'Sp. Atk' + 'Sp. Def' + Speed + Generation + Legend
                 method = "lda",
                 data = dat)
y_hat_lda <- predict(fit_lda, dat)</pre>
cm <- confusionMatrix(y_hat_lda,y)</pre>
cm$overall["Accuracy"]
cm$byClass[,1:2]
## Accuracy
## 0.27125
##
                   Sensitivity Specificity
## Class: Buq
                    0.27536232
                                0.9097127
## Class: Dark
                    0.00000000
                                 0.9973992
## Class: Dragon
                    0.28125000
                                0.9570312
## Class: Electric 0.36363636
                                 0.9537037
## Class: Fairy
                   0.29411765
                                 0.9897829
## Class: Fighting 0.22222222
                                0.9702458
## Class: Fire 0.09615385
                                0.9772727
## Class: Flying
                   0.25000000
                                0.9937186
## Class: Ghost
                   0.03125000
                                 0.9960938
## Class: Grass
                   0.11428571
                                 0.9479452
## Class: Ground
                                 0.9947917
                   0.15625000
## Class: Ice
                   0.00000000
                                 1.0000000
                                 0.8646724
## Class: Normal
                   0.63265306
## Class: Poison
                   0.00000000
                                 1.0000000
                                 0.9676985
## Class: Psychic
                    0.14035088
## Class: Rock
                    0.29545455
                                 0.9563492
## Class: Steel
                    0.33333333
                                 0.9676585
## Class: Water
                    0.44642857
                                 0.7500000
```

The accuracy of qda model is low and is not a good model for the dataset.

^{*}Classification and Regression Tree (CART)



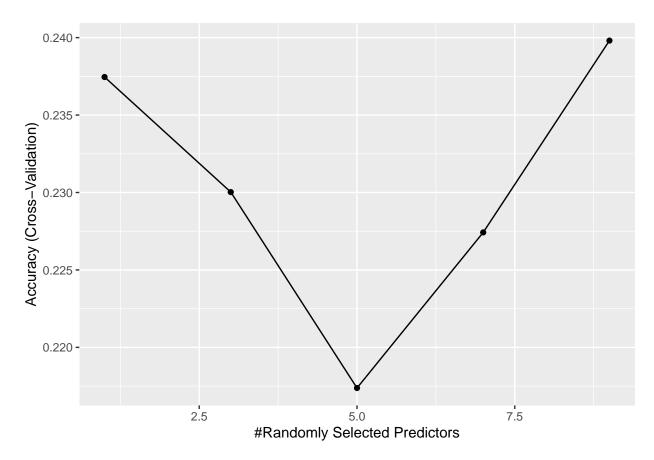
```
## Accuracy
## 0.26
```

Using CART produces a decision tree that gives us some insight into the properties (e.g., defense, attack, speed, etc) of each type of Pokemon, however the model is low in accuracy.

• Random Forest

```
#Use Random Forest
set.seed(2007, sample.kind="Rounding")
grid <- data.frame(mtry = c(1, 3, 5, 7, 9))
control<-trainControl(method = "cv", number = 5)
fit_rf <- train(x, y,</pre>
```

```
method = "rf",
ntree = 50,
trControl = control,
tuneGrid = grid,
nSamp = 700)
ggplot(fit_rf)
```



```
fit_rf$bestTune
y_hat_rf <- predict(fit_rf,dat)
cm <- confusionMatrix(y_hat_rf,y)
cm$overall["Accuracy"]</pre>
```

```
## mtry
## 5 9
## Accuracy
## 0.9875
```

##Finding the class with the lowest sensitivity and specificity
cm\$byClass[,1:2]

```
## Sensitivity Specificity
## Class: Bug 1.0000000 1.0000000
## Class: Dark 1.0000000 0.9986996
## Class: Dragon 1.0000000 1.0000000
```

```
## Class: Electric
                      1.0000000
                                  0.9986772
## Class: Fairy
                      0.9411765
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Fighting
                      1.0000000
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Fire
                      0.9615385
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Flying
                      0.7500000
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Ghost
                      1.0000000
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Grass
                      0.9571429
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Ground
                      1.0000000
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Ice
                      0.9583333
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Normal
                      1.0000000
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Poison
                      1.0000000
                                  1.000000
## Class: Psychic
                      1.0000000
                                  0.9959623
## Class: Rock
                      1.0000000
                                  1.000000
## Class: Steel
                      0.9629630
                                  1.0000000
## Class: Water
                      0.9910714
                                  0.9927326
```

RandomForest model carries a high accuracy. Similar to knn model, the model finds "Fairy", "Fire", "Flying", "Grass", "Ice", "Steel", "Water" harder to detect; while "Dark", "Electric", "Psychic", "Water" are often incorrectly detected.

```
##Identifying the variables that are the most predictive of 'Type 1' class
varImp(fit_rf)
## rf variable importance
##
##
           Overall
## Speed
            100.00
## Attack
             88.17
## Sp. Atk
             85.75
## HP
             78.59
## Defense
             72.45
## Total
             43.74
## Sp. Def
              0.00
```

Using RandomForest, We have identified 'Speed' as the most important variable for predicting 'Type 1'.

Results

1) Fitting the best class prediction model

It is to note that this project did not partition the dataset (ie., into 'Training set' and 'Testing set'), as there is no need for us to train a model to predict an unknown population parameter. There is also no need to use a sample to estimate a population parameter as the dataset includes all observation present in the population.

As shown below, rf model is the best predictive model.

```
cm <- confusionMatrix(y_hat_rf,y)
cm$overall["Accuracy"]
## Accuracy
## 0.9875</pre>
```

2) Performing PCA

```
## Correlation between the continuous variables cor(dat[5:11])
```

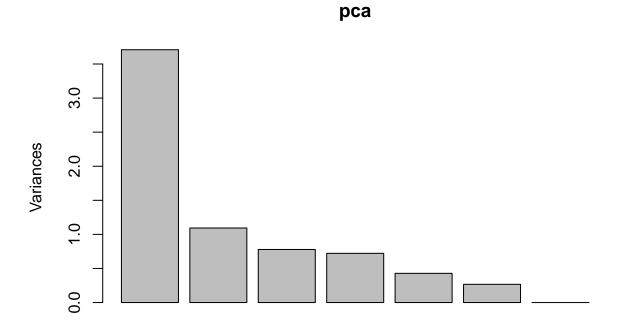
```
##
               Total
                             ΗP
                                   Attack
                                            Defense
                                                       Sp. Atk
                                                                 Sp. Def
                                                                             Speed
## Total
           1.0000000 \ 0.6187484 \ 0.7362107 \ 0.6127874 \ 0.7472499 \ 0.7176095 \ 0.5759427
           0.6187484 1.0000000 0.4223860 0.2396223 0.3623799 0.3787181 0.1759521
## Attack 0.7362107 0.4223860 1.0000000 0.4386871 0.3963618 0.2639896 0.3812397
## Defense 0.6127874 0.2396223 0.4386871 1.0000000 0.2235486 0.5107466 0.0152266
## Sp. Atk 0.7472499 0.3623799 0.3963618 0.2235486 1.0000000 0.5061214 0.4730179
## Sp. Def 0.7176095 0.3787181 0.2639896 0.5107466 0.5061214 1.0000000 0.2591331
           0.5759427\ 0.1759521\ 0.3812397\ 0.0152266\ 0.4730179\ 0.2591331\ 1.0000000
## Speed
```

From the correlation coefficient, most of the variables are moderately correlated with each other (r > 0.3).

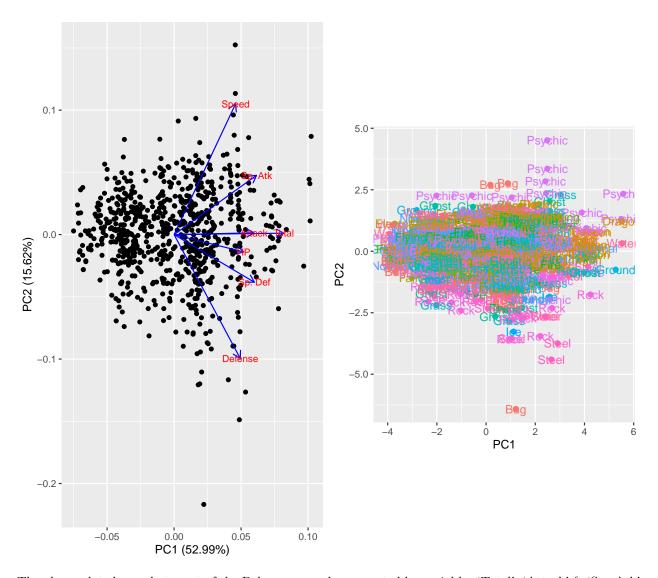
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# Perform PCA to isolate the factors, explaining the high correlations among variables
pca <- prcomp(x, scale = TRUE)</pre>
summary(pca)
## Importance of components:
##
                           PC1
                                  PC2
                                        PC3
                                               PC4
                                                      PC5
                                                              PC6
                                                                       PC7
## Standard deviation
                        1.9260 1.0458 0.8825 0.8498 0.65465 0.51716 1.727e-15
## Proportion of Variance 0.5299 0.1562 0.1113 0.1032 0.06122 0.03821 0.000e+00
## Cumulative Proportion 0.5299 0.6862 0.7974 0.9006 0.96179 1.00000 1.000e+00
pca$rotation
##
                PC1
                            PC2
                                        PC3
                                                    PC4
                                                                PC5
## Total
          ## HP
          0.3293192 -0.088082002 -0.466660521 -0.73046178 0.218990199
## Attack 0.3780749 0.008991825 -0.593397272 0.38872762 -0.192640251
## Defense 0.3131456 -0.631028413 0.069250532 0.40945591 0.057520652
## Sp. Atk 0.3900939 0.301919048 0.308868500 -0.16014375 -0.736993712
## Sp. Def 0.3800275 -0.242611805 0.568862827 -0.19611196 0.298367017
## Speed 0.2910850 0.666256332 0.079152993 0.28675801 0.528592045
##
                 PC6
                            PC7
## Total
           0.03135149 -0.8534297
## HP
           0.22691029 0.1816563
## Attack -0.51314874 0.2309051
## Defense 0.52798713 0.2218427
## Sp. Atk 0.19564011 0.2327898
## Sp. Def -0.55356636 0.1979778
## Speed
           0.24642644
                      0.2067393
```

Most of the variance (53%) is explained by 2 components.

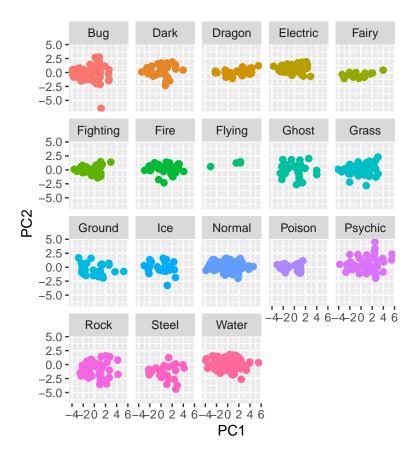
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screeplot(pca)
```



Scree plot shows that 2 components are needed to explain most of the data variance.



The above plot shows that most of the Pokemons can be separated by variables 'Total', 'Attack' & 'Sp. Atk' on the x-axis, and by variables 'Speed' & 'Defense' on the y-axis. It appears that Component 1 separates between Strong Attacking Types Pokemons from Weak Attacking Types Pokemons, while Component 2 separates between Fast Pokemons from Strong Defense Type Pokemons.



The above plot provides insight into the capabilities (ie., Attack, Speed, Defense) of each Pokemon types by plotting the components for each Pokemon Types.

Conclusion

This topic was chosen out of personal curiosity. This project attempts to predict the type of Pokemon based on its properties (e.g., HP, Attack stats, etc) and to discover the underlying structure/dimensions that best classifies all the Pokemons.

Using randomForest model, i was able to predict class membership close to 98% of the time. Using the model, it was also revealed that Speed is the strongest predictor of Type 1 membership.

Using just 2 components, I was able to predict close to 68% of the variance.

The work summarised in this report will benefit players in determining the class of their opponent's Pokemons or their own, and also helped them in choosing the best Pokemon Types for battle.