

Guided Capstone Presentation

25 September 2021

Problem Identification

Can Big Mountain Resort get better value this upcoming season from its ticket price by either:

1) cutting costs and maintaining current pricing

OR

2) providing additional facilities/services and increasing pricing?

Recommendation + Key Findings

Recommendations - Current Facilities:

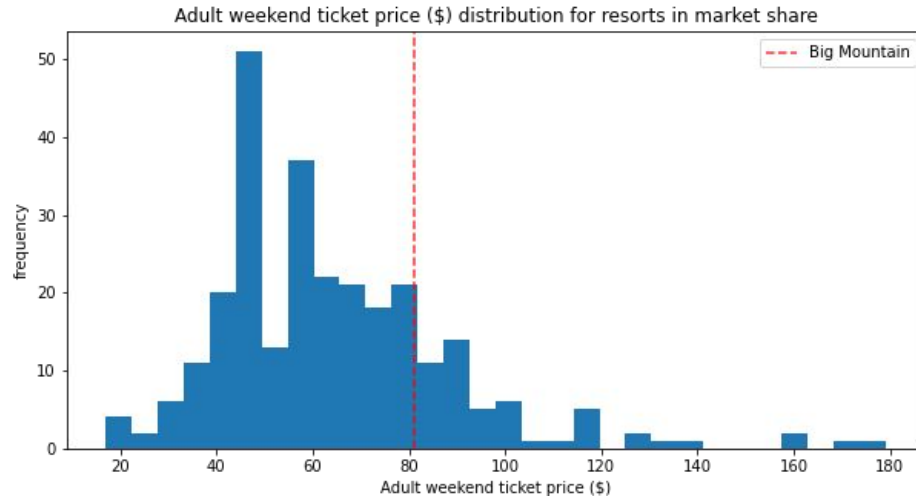
- **Increase ticket price**
- **Close 1 run immediately**

Recommendations - Future Facilities:

- **Close up to 6 runs gradually**
- **Add 1 run that increases the vertical drop by 150 feet + chairlift**

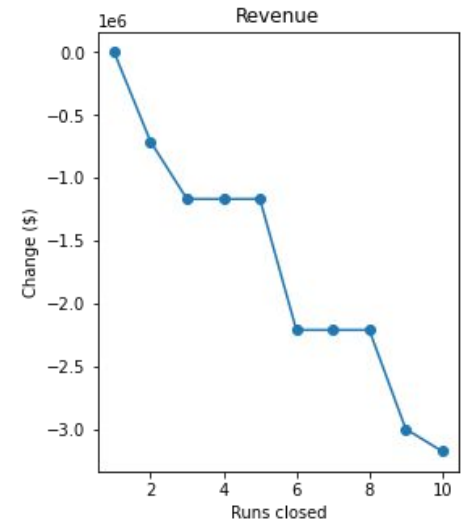
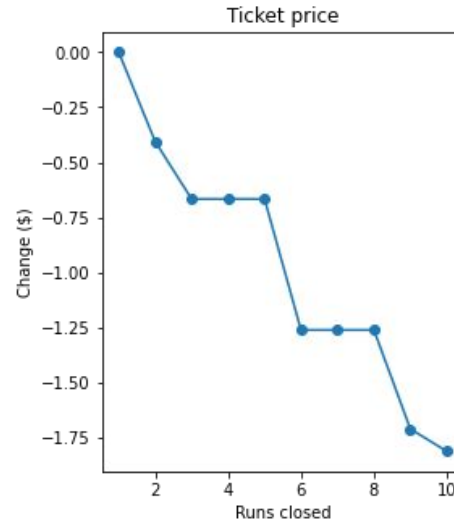
Modeling Results + Analysis

- Increase ticket price
 - Current price: \$81.00
 - Model predicted price: \$95.87
 - Expected mean absolute error: \$10.39



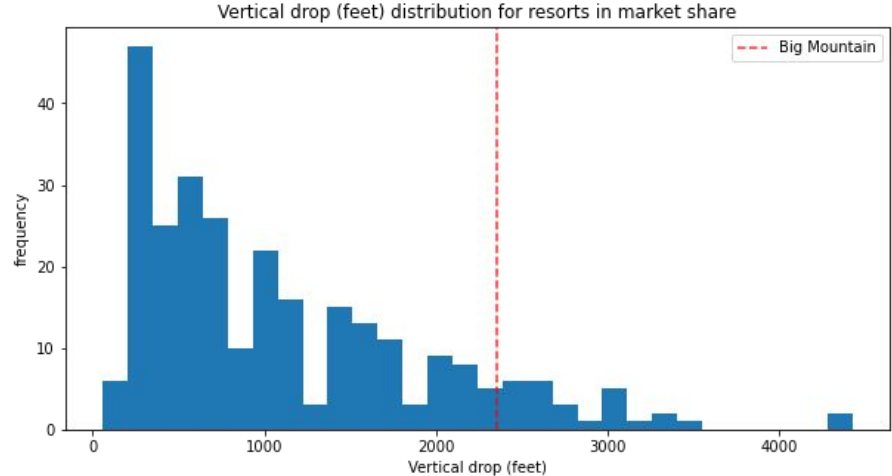
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- Close one run immediately
 - No effect on ticket price/revenue
 - Lower operational cost
- Close up to six runs gradually
 - Little to moderate effect on ticket price/revenue
 - Possibly even lower operational costs, require testing
 - Closing 4-6 runs will have the same effect



Modeling Results + Analysis

- Add 1 run that increases the vertical drop by 150 feet + chairlift
 - While Big Mountain is already leading with respect to most other features, increasing the vertical drop will make Big Mountain even more competitive
- Model predictions:
 - Increase ticket price by \$1.99
 - Increase revenue by \$3,474,638
 - Net profitable
 - Additional chairlift operational cost: \$1,540,000



Summary + Conclusion

- Current pricing below model prediction
- Cut costs by closing runs with marginal effect on revenue
- Increase ticket price by adding high-value feature: one run that extends the vertical drop + chairlift