

Impact of Surrounding Amenities on Physical Point of Sales Performance

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Commercial Motivation – Maximizing Revenue





Available Resources - Data Overview





POS Sales Volume



903 Points of Sale Locations (anonymized by store code)



Hourly Sales Volume Numbers



August 2015 to June 2017



Surrounding Amenities



Queried in Q2 2017



89 different types of amenities within 500m radius of a POS (ex. shops, café, bakery, schools etc.)



Individual Amenity Information (ex. Address, Operating Hours, Contact etc.)



Rating scores for each applicable amenity
Sample reviews for each applicable amenity

Available Resources – Feature Engineering







Surrounding Amenities



Sales Volume Aggregation Sales per Point Distribution (SPPD)



Count of establishments for each amenity category



Opening and Closing Dates



Total number of reviews for each amenity category



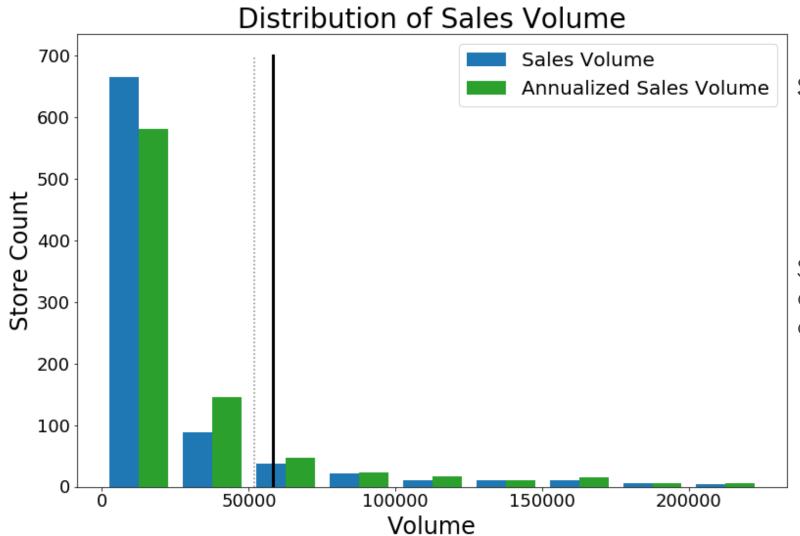
High Performing POS



Average individual rating for each amenity category

Available Resources – Target Criterion





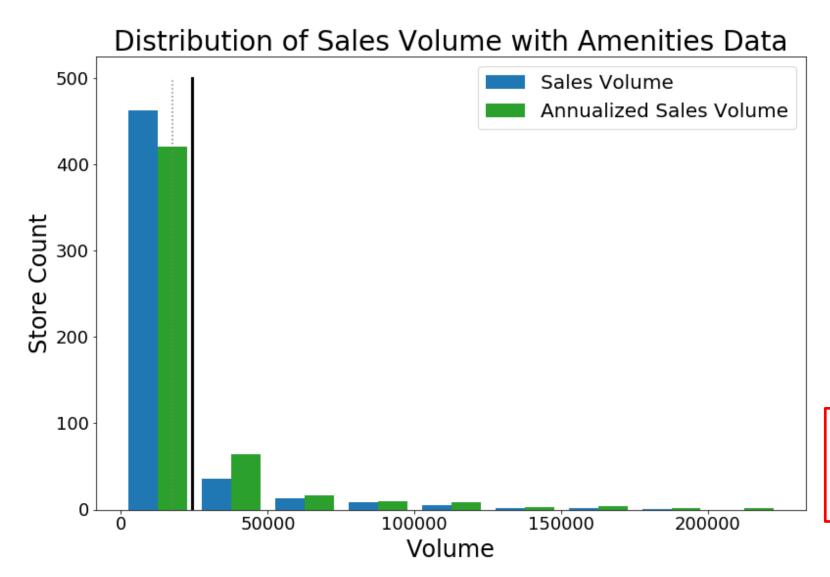
SPPD = Total Sales/POS Count

SPPD → Sales Efficiency

Stores with sales > SPPD are driving the sales pace in the channel

Available Resources - Treating Missing Data





Amenities data missing for: 364 stores

Possible reasons/correlations:

- Dates?
- Location?
- Sales number?
- Hidden (latent) reasons

Remedies?

- Hot-deck
- Regression/Substitution
- Multiple imputation

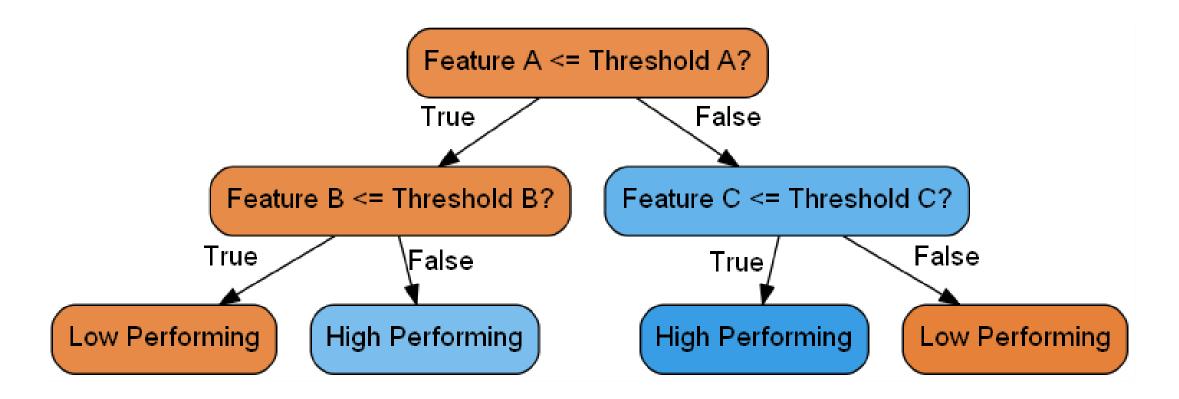
Assumption:

- Missing **Completely** at Random
- Missing entries are dropped from training

Analysis - Modeling



Decision Trees



Analysis - Modeling

Random Forest

AdaBoost



Input Data



Performance Category



Number of Amenities **Gradient Boosting**

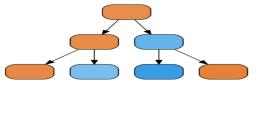


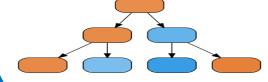
Average Amenity Rating

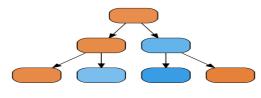


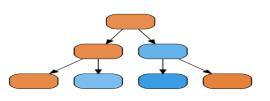
Number of Reviews

Models

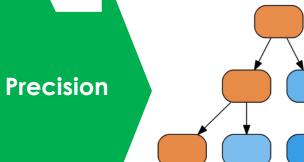








Selected Model



Analysis - Results



Random Forest

(Accuracy: 0.93) (Precision: 0.22) (AUC: 0.57)

AdaBoost

(Accuracy: 0.91) (Precision: 0.09) (AUC: 0.5)

Key Attributes

Café Reviews (>880)

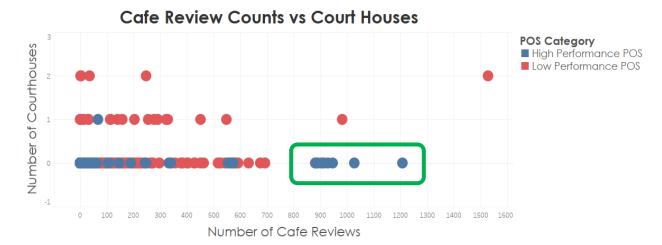
Courthouses (<0)

Shoe Store Ratings (>3.8)

Gradient Boosting

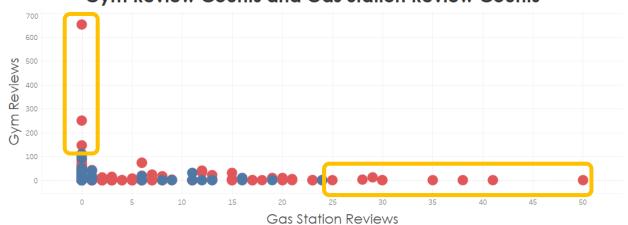
(Accuracy: 0.93) (Precision: 0.2219) (AUC: 0.59) Gas Station Reviews (>25)

Gym Reviews (>110)









Commercial Implications



When looking to introduce product to a new physical POS location:



Cafés

Cafés with **high** traffic **No** courthouses nearby



Gas Stations

Avoid busy gas stations



Shoe Stores

Avoid highly reputable shoe stores.



Gyms

Avoid popular gyms

Make sure not too much foot traffic

Extensions



- Recover missing amenities data
- Incorporating Additional Data:
 - POS information ex. staff, space, address, type
 - Consumer/census data
 - Information from other distribution channels (ex. online sales)
 - Retail pricing
- Create ensemble/voting classifier for better prediction