Pstat 131 Project

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Yelp Rating Prediction Model

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The aim of this project is to build a machine learning model that can predict the rating a restaurant will receive on yelp. We will use data from the yelp dataset, and implement different techniques to yield the most accurate model for this classification. A classification approach was chosen because, the yelp ratings were only integer multiples of 0.5, the lowest being 0 and highest being 5.

What is Yelp?

Yelp is a mobile app which publishes crowd-sourced reviews about businesses. Yelp operates as a social network site that focuses on reviewing businesses and sharing information about them. For businesses like restaurants, this sort of dispersal of information is the lifesourse of the business, without positive recommendations or reviews by satisfied customers the restaurant may never develop the clientele required to remain afloat. Furthermore, without a source of negative feedback a restaurant may never correct its faults. Yelp, also offers to its users a reliable measure when making a decision on which restaurant to.

Importance of Model

As mentioned before, Yelp is a social network site whose purpose is to review businesses and share information about them. These reviews and ratings, can have much influence on whether a restaurant will succeed or fail.

When opening a restaurant there are many decisions to be made. It would be a useful tool, to know beforehand which expenses should be included. Thus, this model, hopes to serve as a prediction tool for such situations. It will allow for informed decisions on which combination of expenses – predictors, will result in the greatest overall customer satisfaction, which should manifest in the yelp reviews.

Data

The project is centered around Restaurants, thus we only kept observations from the yelp dataset - that are those of restaurants. Furthermore, for the sake of eliminating observations with NA values, we only keep data points with more than seven attributes. We then, collected all the unique attributes within the entirety of the remaining observations, and these are our predictors. The remaining attributes were predominantly binary, thus, if there was NA values, they were replaced with False values. In total, there are 26 variables, this including our response variable star. The predictor variables and their significances are listed below.

review_count: an integer value for the amount of reviews the restaurant has recieved on yelp

is open: a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the restaurant is open

RestaurantsReservations : a boolean value (or a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant has a reservation service

OutdoorSeating : a boolean value (a two level facotr) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant offers outdoor seating

HappyHour: a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True is the Restaurant offers a happyhour

DriveThru: a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant has a drivethru

Caters: a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant offers catering services

RestaurantsDelivery : a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant offers delivery services

Alcohol: a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant serves alcohol

Music: a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant plays music

WiFi: a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant offers free wifi

RestaurantsGoodForGroups : a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant provides a good environment for groups

GoodForKids : a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant provides a good environment for children

Wheelchair Accessible :a boolean value (a two level facotr) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant is wheel chair accessible

RestaurantsTableService: a booolean value (a two level factor) that evaluate to True if the Restaurant offers table service

HasTV: a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluates to True if the Restaurant has a television for entertainment purposes

Restaurants PriceRange2 : a 4 level factor that indicates the price range 4 being the highest, and 0 being the lowest

daysOpen: an integer which represents the number of days the restaurant is open

hoursWeek: a float that represents the number of hours in a week that the Restaurant is open

numCategories : an integer that represents teh number of categories the Restaurant falls into (i.e. fast-food, Italian, Mexican, etc.)

GoodForDessert : a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluate to True if the Restaurant is good for dessert

GoodForLatenight : a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluate to True if the Restaurant is good for late night food

GoodForLunch : a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluate to True if the Restaurant is good for lunch

GoodForBrunch : a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluate to True if the Restaurant is good for brunch

GoodForBreakfast : a boolean value (a two level factor) that evaluate to True if the Restaurant is good for breakfast

Visual Exploratory Data Analysis

Initially, we would like to see the distribution of our target variable.

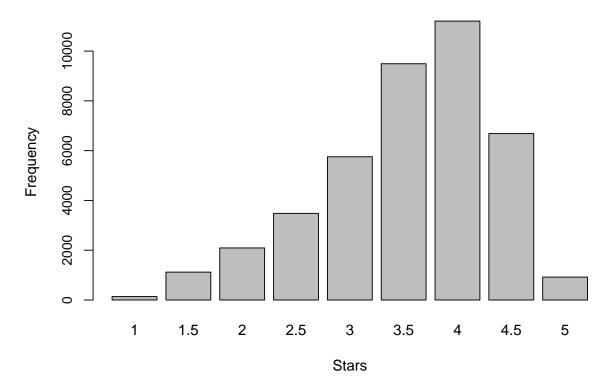
yelp df <- read.csv("ProjectDatasetComplete.csv", stringsAsFactors = F)</pre>

```
yelp_df <- select(yelp_df,-1,-2,-3)

stars <- yelp_df %>% group_by(stars) %>%
    summarise(count = n()) %>%
    mutate(precentage = (count/sum(count))*100)

barplot(stars$count, names.arg = stars$stars, cex.axis = 0.9, xlab = "Stars", ylab ="Frequency", main =
```

Distribution of Ratings

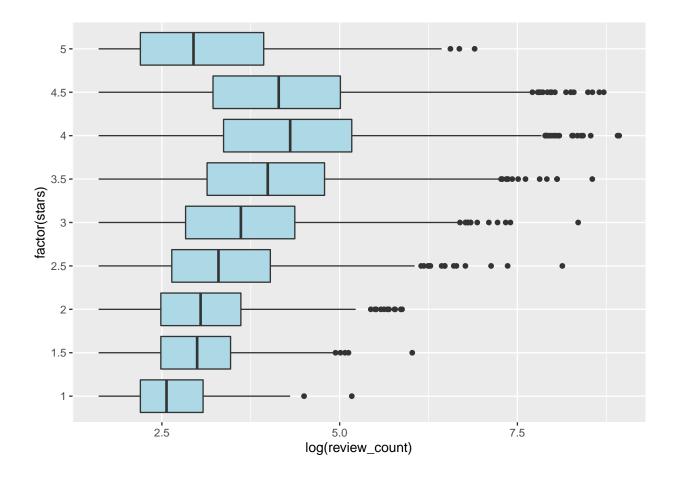


From the above barplot we see that the most common ratings are 4 stars, 3.5 stars, and 4.5 stars, in that order. The majority of the data, has a rating above or equal to 3 stars, that is 83.27% of the data has a rating above 3 stars. It is worth noting that, ratings on the extremes that is either a 1 or a 5 are very uncommon. In fact, only 0.3% of observations have a rating of a 1 and 2% of observations have a rating of a 5. This is key when considering, how we split our data, that is we would like to stratify on stars, so we get a similar distribution in both our training set as in the greater population.

Exploratory Data Analysis

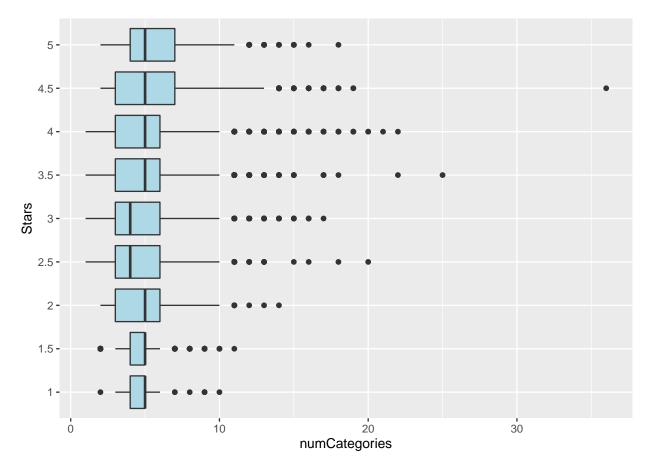
Number of Reviews

The review_count variable is an integer that represents the number of reviews a restaurant has on yelp. It will not be included in the models, as the aim of the project is to be able to predict the rating of a restaurant – from its opening, based on factors. However, I will include a boxplot of review_countvsstars, to illustrate that there seems to be a relationship between the two. This is to say that, it might be of importance to either incentivize writing a review, as it seems there is initially some positive linear relationship between the two.



Categories

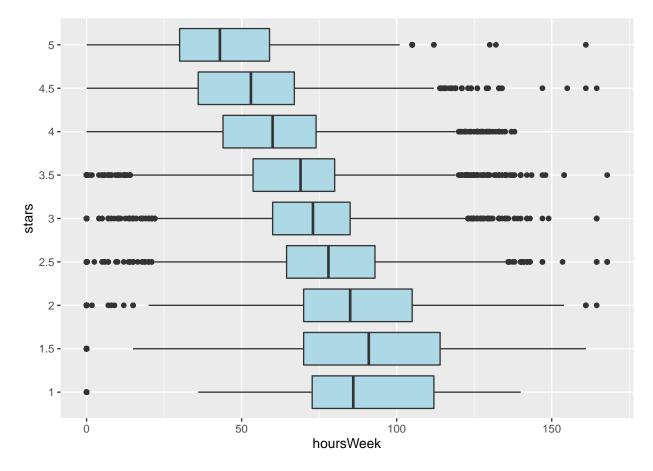
The numCategories variable is an integer which represent the number of distinct categories that a restaurant may fall under. These Categories, span a wide and very inclusive range, some examples of the categories are: Fast-Food, Mexican, Italian, Steak-House, Asain-Cusine, SeaFood, etc. In a sense, this numCategories variable quantifies the versatility of a given restaurant. Thus, given a restaurant high versatility, it is not unreasonable to think, such a restaurant would have wide appeal, and this might manifest in the ratings. Thus we take a look at the following boxplot:



Generally, we see an increase in the rating as the number of categories increases.

Hours Week

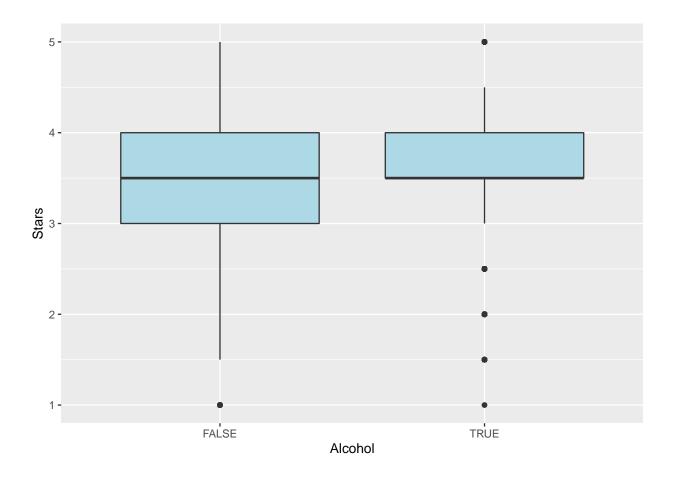
The hoursWeek variable is a numerical variable that is equal to the number of hours a restaurant is open for service in a normal work week. It seems reasonable to believe that the availability of a restaurant would play a role in the rating it would receive, thus we investigate the boxplot of

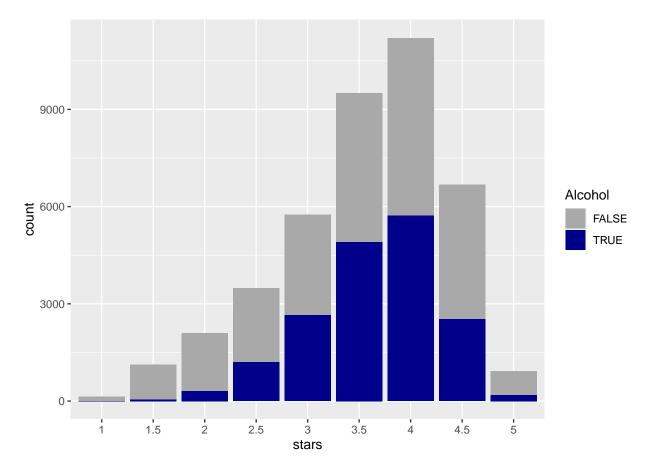


Here it is interesting to see that as we increase the number of hours (or availability) of the restaurant, the rating seems to decrease.

Alcohol

The Alcohol variable is a boolean value that evaluates to True is the restaurant serves alcohol. Alcohol, in many situations is a beverage that may improve the experience. Thus it is reasonable to believe that, this variable would play some affect on the rating. Therefore, we investigate the following plots.

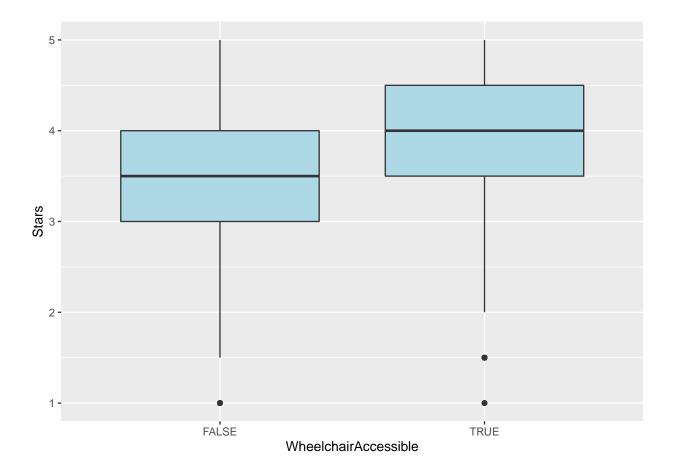




Looking at the box plot of alcohol vs stars we see that the median rating for restaurants, that offer alcohol is very close to the median of restaurants that do not offer alcohol. Which is to say that offering alcohol, makes little difference.

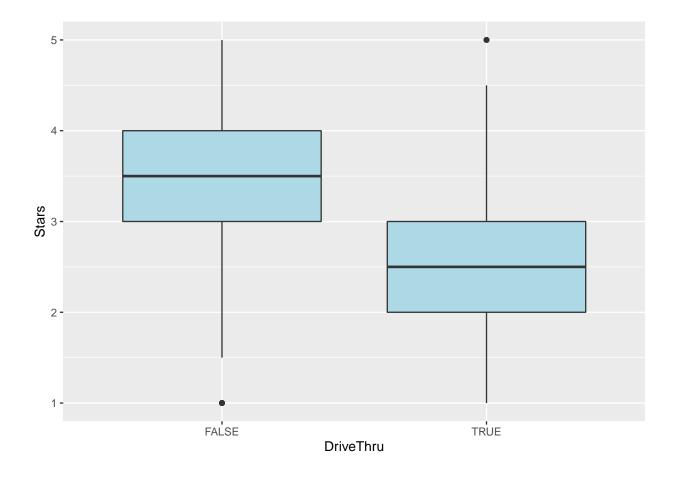
WheelChair Accessibility

The WheelChariAccessible variable is a boolean value that evaluates True if the restaurant makes accommodations for people in wheelchairs. When investigating the WheelChairAccessible vs Stars box plot, we see that the 25th percentile rating for restaurants with these accommodations is reight about the median for those without the accommodations.



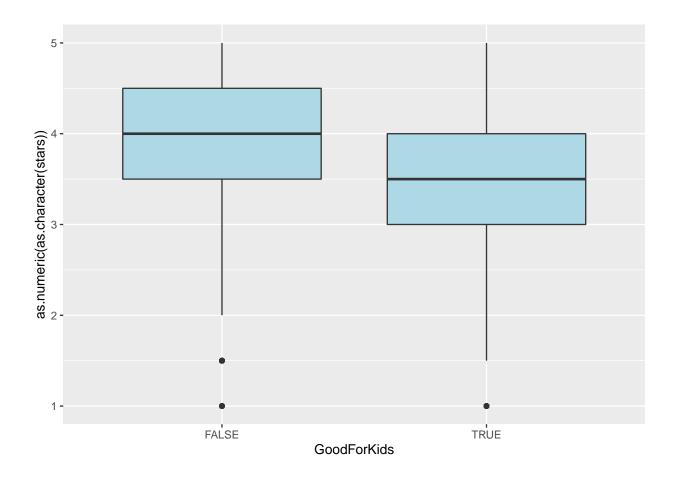
${\bf DriveThru}$

The DriveThru variable is a boolean value, or a two factor level that evaluate to True if the restaurant has a DriveThru. When inspecting the boxplot of DriveThru vs Stars (rating), it is apparent that the observations without a Drivethru have a higher median rating. In fact, the boxplot indicates that the 25th percentile of ratings of restaurants without DriveThrus is higher than the 75th percentile of restaurants with Drivethrus.



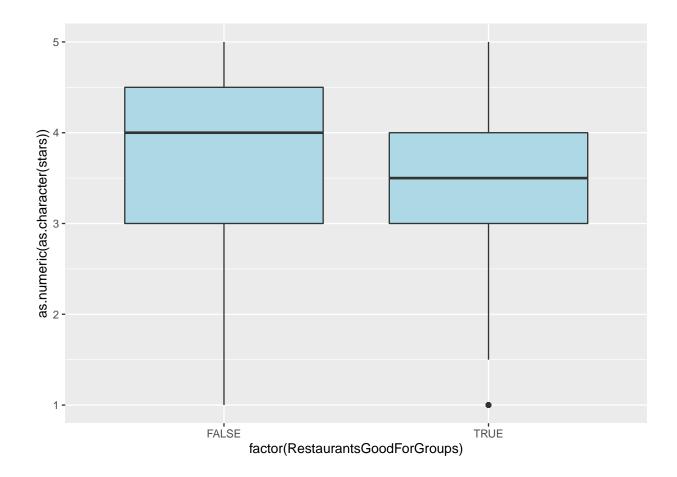
Good For Kids

The GoodForKids variable is a boolean, or a two level factor that evaluates to True if the restaurant creates a good environment for children. Investigating the, GoodForKids vs Stars boxplot we see that, the restaurants that create an environment that is not as welcoming towards children have a higher median rating.



Good For Groups

The RestaurantsGoodForGroups variable is a boolean, or a two level factor that evaluates to True if the restaurant provides an environment that is hospitable and welcoming for groups of people. Investigating the Boxplot, we see that, the median for groups that choose to not focus on groups as much (True) is slightly lower than the other (False).



Data Split

The data was split 75% training and 25% testing. Stratified sampling was used on our response variable stars in order to capture the greater distribution of the population in each split.

The training data set has 30,665 observations and the testing set has 10,224 observations.

```
yelp_folds <- vfold_cv(yelp_train, v= 10, strata = stars)</pre>
```

Here we fold our to avoid both overfitting and selection bias. We use 10 folds, as it is one of the recommended number of folds.

SetUp

Since we are dealing with classification, we will develop four different models and compare them to see which performs the best. We will, create a Linear Discriminant model, a K-nearest neighbor model, an elastic net model, and a random forest model. In the following I set up the models and the workflows.

Recipe

```
yelp_recipe <- recipe(stars ~ ., data = yelp_train) %>% step_dummy(all_nominal_predictors()) %>%
    step_normalize(all_predictors())
```

Linear Discriminant Analysis

Here we set up a Linear Discriminant Model

```
lda_mod <- discrim_linear() %>%
  set_engine("MASS") %>%
  set_mode("classification")

lda_wkflow <- workflow() %>%
  add_recipe(yelp_recipe) %>%
  add_model(lda_mod)
```

K Nearest Neighbor

Here we set up a K nearest neighbor model and tune the neighbors hyperparameter.

```
knn_params <- parameters(knn_model)
knn_grid <-grid_regular(knn_params, levels = 2 )</pre>
```

```
knn_tune <- knn_wkflow %>%
tune_grid(
   resamples = yelp_folds,
```

```
grid = knn_grid
)

save(knn_tune, knn_wkflow, file = "knn.rda")
```

Elastic Net

Here we set up an elastic net model.

```
tune_res <- tune_grid(
  en_wkflow,
  resamples = yelp_folds,
  grid = en_grid
)</pre>
```

Random Forest

Here we set up a random forest model.

```
rf_model <- rand_forest(
    min_n = tune(),
    mtry = tune(),
    trees = tune(),
    mode = "classification") %>%
    set_engine("ranger", importance = "impurity")

rf_wkflow <- workflow() %>%
    add_model(rf_model) %>%
    add_recipe(yelp_recipe)
```

```
rf_params <- parameters(rf_model) %>%
  update(mtry = mtry(range=c(2,10)))

rf_grid <- grid_regular(rf_params, levels = 3)</pre>
```

```
rf_tune <- rf_wkflow %>%
  tune_grid(
    resamples = yelp_folds,
    grid = rf_grid,
    metrics = metric_set(roc_auc, accuracy)
)

#?metric_set

save(rf_tune, rf_wkflow, file = "rf.rda")
```

Now below we'll see the model performance on the folded data.

```
load("knn.rda")
load("rf.rda")
load("elas_net.rda")
```

LDA metrics

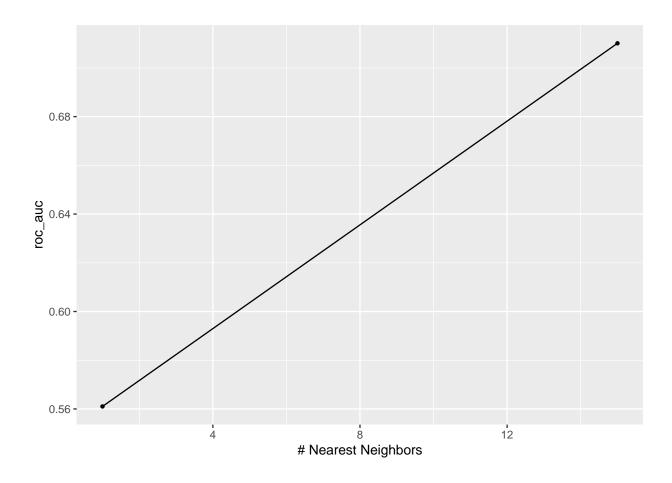
```
collect_metrics(knn_tune)
```

K Nearest Neightbor Metrics

show_best(knn_tune)

```
## Warning: No value of 'metric' was given; metric 'roc_auc' will be used.
## # A tibble: 2 x 7
## neighbors .metric .estimator mean n std_err .config
## <int> <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <int> <chr> <ohr> 15 roc_auc hand_till 0.710 10 0.00281 Preprocessor1_Model2
## 2 1 roc_auc hand_till 0.561 10 0.00230 Preprocessor1_Model1
```

```
autoplot(knn_tune, metric = "roc_auc")
```



```
collect_metrics(tune_res)
```

Elastic Net

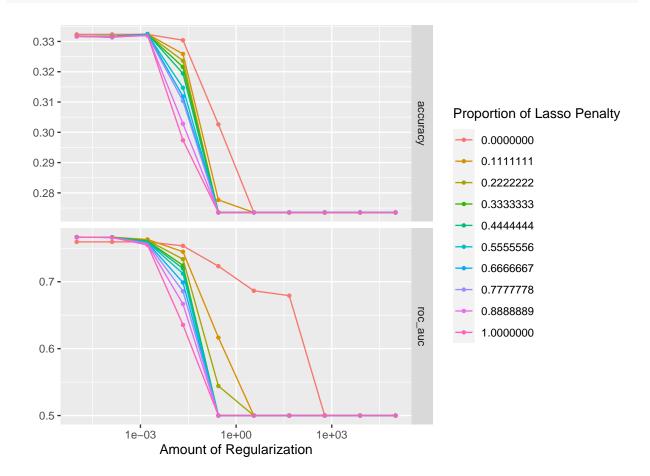
```
2 0.00001
                    0 roc_auc hand_till 0.760
                                                   10 0.00228 Preprocessor1 Model~
##
   3 0.000129
                    O accuracy multiclass 0.332
                                                   10 0.00158 Preprocessor1_Model~
                    0 roc auc hand till 0.760
  4 0.000129
                                                   10 0.00228 Preprocessor1 Model~
## 5 0.00167
                    O accuracy multiclass 0.332
                                                   10 0.00158 Preprocessor1_Model~
   6 0.00167
                    0 roc_auc hand_till 0.760
                                                   10 0.00228 Preprocessor1_Model~
  7 0.0215
                    O accuracy multiclass 0.330
                                                   10 0.00221 Preprocessor1 Model~
##
   8 0.0215
                    0 roc auc hand till 0.754
                                                   10 0.00230 Preprocessor1 Model~
## 9 0.278
                    O accuracy multiclass 0.303
                                                   10 0.00160 Preprocessor1_Model~
## 10 0.278
                    0 roc_auc hand_till 0.723
                                                   10 0.00247 Preprocessor1_Model~
## # ... with 190 more rows
```

show_best(tune_res)

Warning: No value of 'metric' was given; metric 'roc_auc' will be used.

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 8
    penalty mixture .metric .estimator mean
                                                 n std_err .config
                                                     <dbl> <chr>
##
      <dbl>
              <dbl> <chr>
                            <chr>
                                       <dbl> <int>
## 1 0.00001
                    roc_auc hand_till 0.767
                                                10 0.00220 Preprocessor1_Model091
## 2 0.00001
              0.889 roc_auc hand_till 0.767
                                                10 0.00221 Preprocessor1_Model081
## 3 0.00001
              0.778 roc_auc hand_till 0.767
                                                10 0.00219 Preprocessor1_Model071
## 4 0.00001
              0.667 roc auc hand till 0.767
                                                10 0.00220 Preprocessor1 Model061
## 5 0.00001
              0.556 roc auc hand till 0.767
                                                10 0.00220 Preprocessor1 Model051
```

autoplot(tune_res)



```
collect_metrics(rf_tune)
```

Random Forest

```
## # A tibble: 54 x 9
##
      mtry trees min_n .metric .estimator mean
                                                    n std_err .config
##
     <int> <int> <int> <chr>
                                <chr>
                                          <dbl> <int>
                                                        <dbl> <chr>
##
  1
         2
               1
                     2 accuracy multiclass 0.245
                                                   10 0.0180 Preprocessor1_Mode~
##
   2
         2
                     2 roc_auc hand_till 0.594
                                                   10 0.0219 Preprocessor1_Mode~
               1
## 3
                                                   10 0.0135 Preprocessor1_Mode~
         6
               1
                     2 accuracy multiclass 0.267
##
                                                   10 0.00911 Preprocessor1_Mode~
  4
         6
               1
                     2 roc_auc hand_till 0.573
## 5
        10
                     2 accuracy multiclass 0.249
                                                   10 0.0148 Preprocessor1_Mode~
               1
## 6
        10
               1
                     2 roc_auc hand_till 0.554
                                                   10 0.00766 Preprocessor1_Mode~
## 7
         2 1000
                     2 accuracy multiclass 0.334
                                                  10 0.0140 Preprocessor1_Mode~
## 8
         2 1000
                     2 roc_auc hand_till 0.754
                                                  10 0.00980 Preprocessor1_Mode~
         6 1000
## 9
                     2 accuracy multiclass 0.340
                                                   10 0.0169 Preprocessor1_Mode~
## 10
         6 1000
                     2 roc_auc hand_till 0.753
                                                   10 0.0102 Preprocessor1_Mode~
## # ... with 44 more rows
show best(rf tune)
```

```
## Warning: No value of 'metric' was given; metric 'roc_auc' will be used.
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 9
     mtry trees min_n .metric .estimator mean
                                                 n std_err .config
##
    <int> <int> <int> <chr>
                             <chr>
                                        <dbl> <int>
                                                     <dbl> <chr>
## 1
        6 2000
                   40 roc_auc hand_till 0.765 10 0.00760 Preprocessor1_Model26
## 2
        6 1000
                   40 roc_auc hand_till 0.763 10 0.00914 Preprocessor1_Model23
## 3
        6 2000
                   21 roc_auc hand_till 0.762 10 0.00824 Preprocessor1_Model17
                                                10 0.00807 Preprocessor1 Model14
## 4
       6 1000
                   21 roc_auc hand_till 0.761
       10 1000
                   40 roc_auc hand_till 0.759 10 0.0106 Preprocessor1_Model24
```

Final Model Building

The model with the best roc_auc was the elastic net model. It beat out the random forest model by 0.001. Thus in the following, we fit the model with the training data and then we, test it with the test dataset.

```
elasnet_wkflow_final <- finalize_workflow(en_wkflow, select_best(tune_res, metric = "roc_auc"))
elas_final_fit <- fit(elasnet_wkflow_final, yelp_train)

yelp_metric <- metric_set(accuracy)

test_predictions <- predict(elas_final_fit, new_data = yelp_test) %>%
    bind_cols(yelp_test %>% select(stars))

Test_pred <- test_predictions %>% mutate(error = as.numeric(as.character(.pred_class))-as.numeric(as.character_predictions))
```

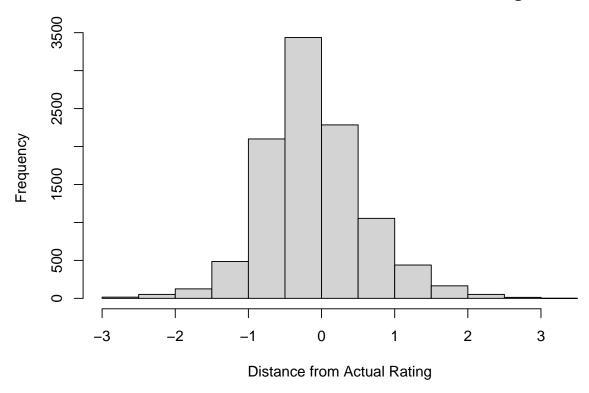
```
## # A tibble: 10,224 x 3
##
     .pred_class stars error
     <fct>
##
                 <fct> <dbl>
## 1 4
                 4.5
                        -0.5
## 24
                 2.5
                        1.5
## 3 3.5
                 4
                        -0.5
## 4 3.5
                 3
                        0.5
## 5 4
                 3.5
                        0.5
## 64
                 3
                        1
## 7 4
                 3.5
                        0.5
## 8 4
                 3
                        1
## 9 4.5
                 4.5
                         0
## 10 3.5
                 3.5
                         0
## # ... with 10,214 more rows
```

```
Test_pred %>% group_by(error) %>%
summarise(count = n(), percentage = n()/10224)
```

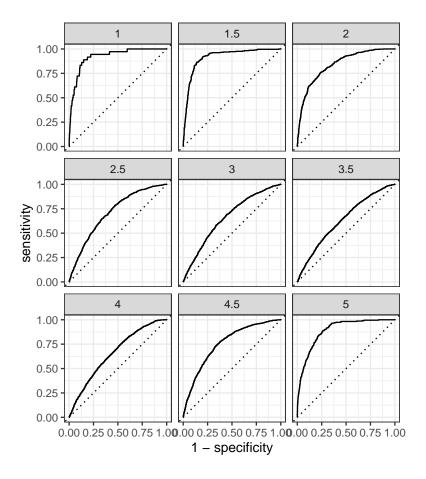
```
## # A tibble: 14 x 3
##
     error count percentage
##
     <dbl> <int>
                     <dbl>
##
  1 -3
             5 0.000489
## 2 -2.5
             11 0.00108
##
   3 -2
             52 0.00509
## 4 -1.5
           125 0.0122
            486 0.0475
## 5 -1
## 6 -0.5 2100 0.205
## 7
       0
           3436 0.336
       0.5 2285 0.223
## 8
           1054 0.103
## 9
       1
       1.5 439 0.0429
## 10
## 11
       2
            165 0.0161
## 12
       2.5
             52 0.00509
             13 0.00127
## 13
       3
## 14
       3.5
              1 0.0000978
```

hist(Test_pred\$error, main = "Distribution of Distance From Correct Rating", xlab = "Distance from Actu

Distribution of Distance From Correct Rating



Since the predicted variable is a factor but is also an ordered factor we can consider the distribution of the error, or how far the predicted factor (stars) is from the actual stars. Inspecting the predicted data, 76.4962% of the predicted data is within in 1 factor level or within 0.5 stars of the actual rating (which is to say that if the real rating is 3.5 that it predicts either a 4 or a 3). The distribution of the error, or distance from the predicted rating to the actual rating can be see by the histogram. The distribution seem to be normal about 0.



predicted_data %>% conf_mat(truth = stars, estimate = .pred_class) %>%
 autoplot("heatmap")

1 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.5 -	9	35	25	25	14	12	3	4	0
2-	16	132	188	126	68	62	33	8	1
2.5 -	0	22	37	48	47	39	22	6	0
Prediction ²	2	11	29	53	69	68	43	18	1
3.5 -	4	48	140	343	675	997	762	230	9
4 -	4	32	71	203	474	1049	1628	938	81
4.5 -	1	9	16	44	85	170	326	466	134
5 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5
	1	1.5	2	2.5	່3 Truth	3.5	4	4.5	5

predicted_data %>% roc_auc(stars, .pred_1:.pred_5)

The accuracy of the model with regards to predicting the correct rating class or stars is 33.6072%, this better than randomly selecting a class, as there are 9 possible classes and flipping a 9 sided fair coin would result in about 11.111% success, thus, the model is fairly good at predicting when all considered. Furthermore, the roc_auc is about 0.767 which fairly decent, it is much higher than 0.5 - which again indicates that it is better than the flip of a 9 sided fair coin. The one issue, however, the model struggles to predict ratings of 1 and 5 this is perhaps due to the lack of the observations with such ratings.

Conclusion

Our analysis, of the yelp data produced fairly good results - far better than expected. We were able to determine the correct rating 33% of the time, and we were able to land within one rating or 0.5 stars away 76% of the time. Where we may be able to improve, is creating or finding a datset with more observations with ratings of 1 and 5. Each model had issue predicting ratings of 1 and 5, this is probably due to scarcity of observations with a rating of 1 and 5 in the data.

In the end, it was the elastic net model that performed best, with respect to the metric roc_auc. In a very close second came the random forest model, which was to my surprise, as I expected the random forest model to outperform the elastic net model.

Furthermore, other possible endeavors may include expanding upon this model and including non-restaurant businesses. We can also, include models that are more interpretation friendly so that we can know beforehand which predictors are of greater importance. That is to say, we do not treat this model as a black box and plug in predictor values to get the prediction. Which, is not to negate the importance and applicability of this models predictive powers.