# Predicting Flight Delays

LHL Data Mid\_term\_Project

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# Flight Delays Cost Everyone \$33B in 2019\*

# **Airlines**



\$8.3B

According to the FAA, Flight delays costed airlines a combined \$8.3 Billion in 2019.

# **Passengers**



\$18.1B

This results from time lost due to schedule buffers, delayed flights, flight cancellations etc.
All coming out of customers pockets.

# **Indirect**



\$4.2B

The increased cost of doing business for other, non-airline, sectors, making the associated business less productive.

# **Machine Learning Workflow (Tool Showcase)**









01

**DATA EDA/Wrangling** 

**02** 

**Transforming Data** 

03

Modeling

04

**Evaluating** 























## **Overview Of Our Data**

#### **FLIGHT DATA**

Flight data was provided by Lighthouse Labs.





#### **WEATHER DATA**

We found weather data and imported it into our data From Kaggle.







2016-2020

The data had information from 2016-20

# **Key Insights for Best Model Accuracy**



#### Data

- Clean Data
- Using sample data gave us faster process times



## **ML Algorithm**

 Classification approach was more accurate (%70 accuracy score) using Logistic Regression



#### **Features**

- Choosing different features gave us different accuracy scores
- Using Weather Data gave us better insights



# **Our Top 4 Features for SKLearn Logistic Regression**

## Carrier Type

This was ranked our most important feature, presumably because flights in the morning were delayed less often.

# Taxi/Runway Strip

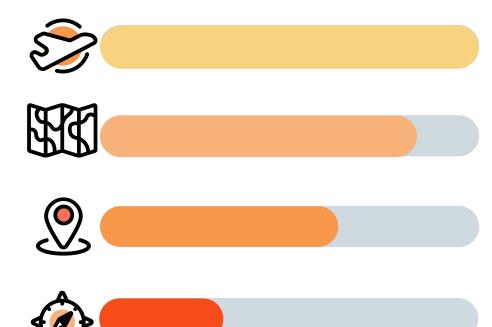
This has to do with organizing the runway, and the order the planes take off.

## Destination

Yes, this is the obvious one. Certain flights have more history of being delayed...\*cough \*cough JFK -> LAX

### Distance

Certain airports and cities are more likely to have delays than others!



# **How Airlines Would Save \$ With This Info**

#### **Customer Loyalty**

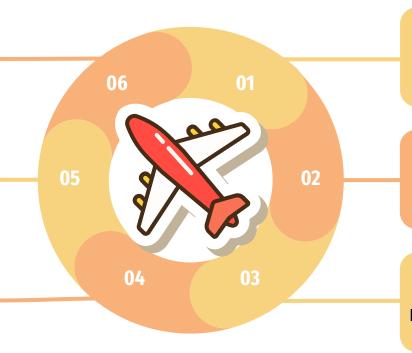
I'd rather Fly on select airlines with less delays

#### Crew

....good thing they're paid by the hour hey?

#### **Fuel/Maintenance**

Longer runtimes mean more fuel, and breakdowns



### **Flight Cancelations**

Longer delays result in more flight cancellations\*

#### **Missed Connections**

Having to re route planes is costly and time consuming

#### **Indirect**

Associated businesses will have to pay more because of delays



#### **Data Science Is an Art**

We had a lot of fun learning more about the different tools under our belts.

#### **Peers/Mentors**

Thank you everyone for collaborating, teaching, and reaching out to our group! It really made us feel a sense of community!

# Thanks for Listening Everyone.

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