



General Cycle

A bike startup in the DC market



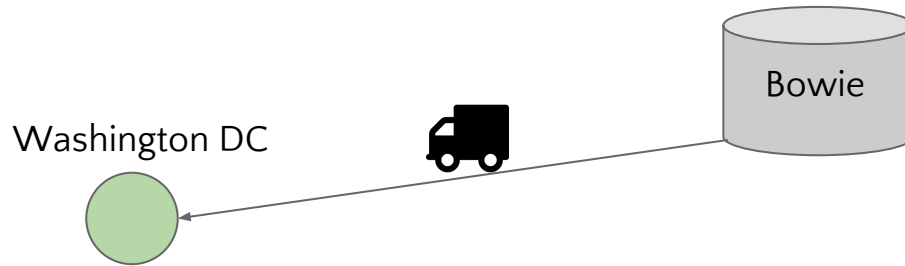


Lightning points

- Situation
- Business problem
- Feature selection and modeling
- Prediction tool
- Future improvements
- Coda



Logistics at General Cycle



Baltimore

Annapolis



3am at the Bowie facility

- Is it raining today?
- What day of the week is it?
- Is it a holiday?



Problem statement

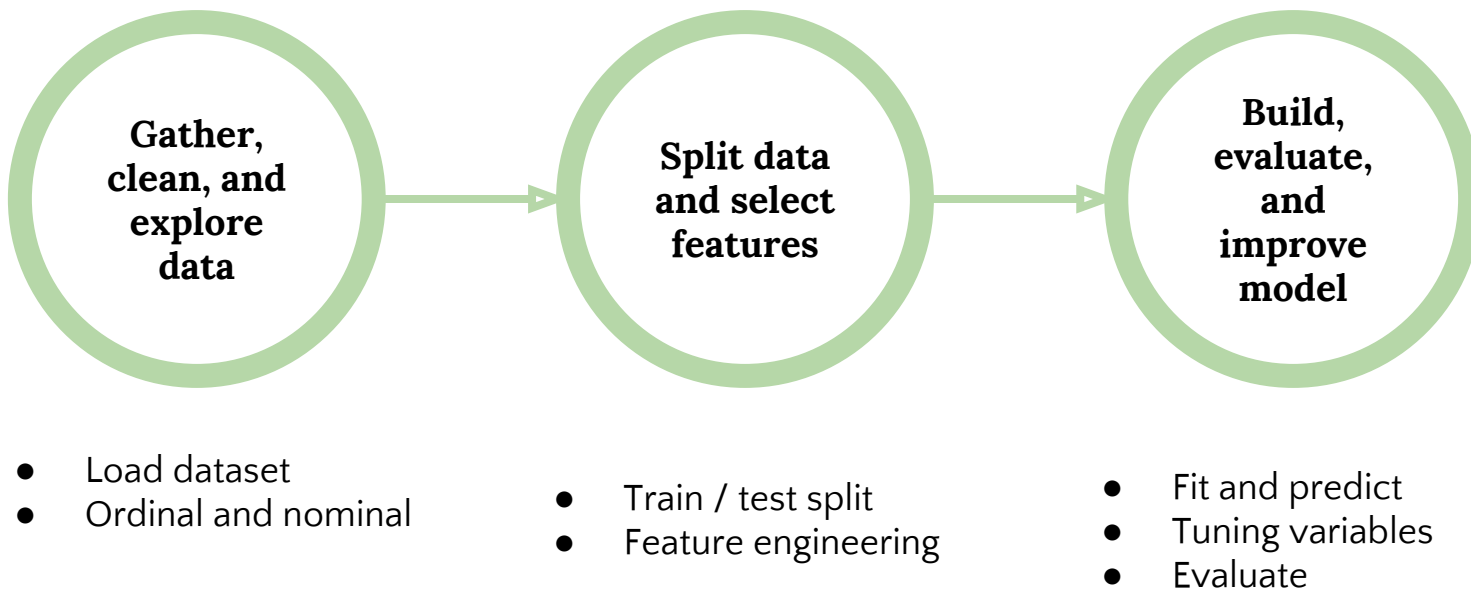


Gather and utilize features which might help predict the number of bike users in any given day in DC.

Given a set of weather and time variables, predict the number of bike users in a given day.



Linear regression process





Data categories

Numeric

Ordinary values

- temp
- temp_feel
- humidity
- windspeed
- *count*

- **As-is**

Nominal

Discrete number of categories

- is_holiday
- is_workingday
- weather

- **Dummify**

Ordinal

Ordering matters

- season
- year
- month
- weekday

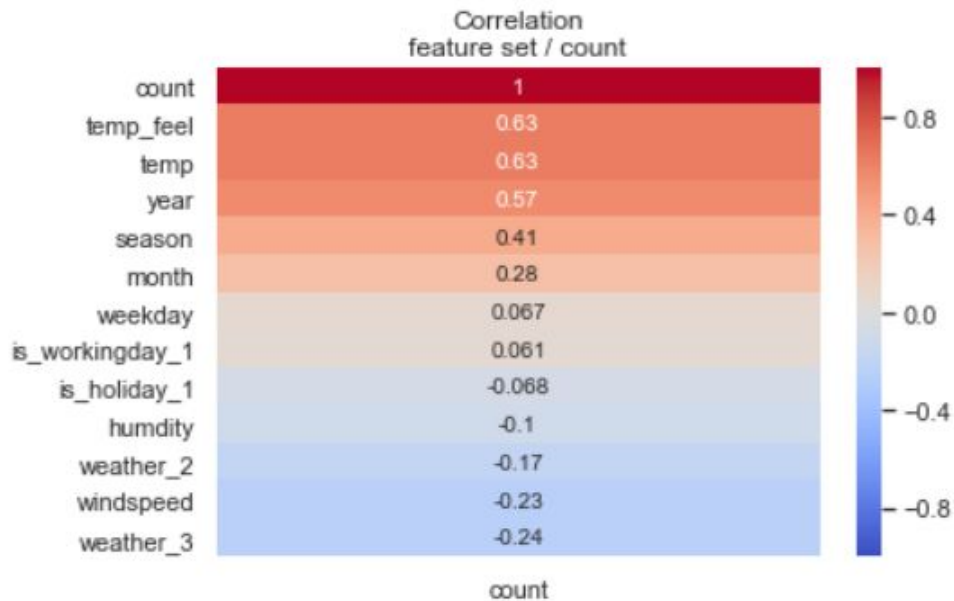
- **Ordered numeric map**



Correlations of features

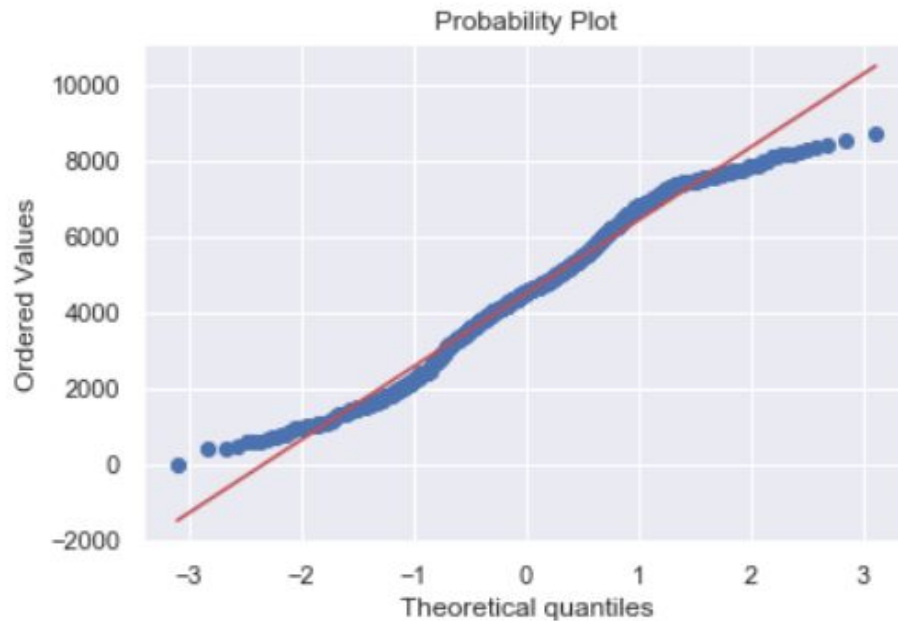
weather (legend):

1. Clear
2. Mist
3. Light Snow
4. Heavy Rain



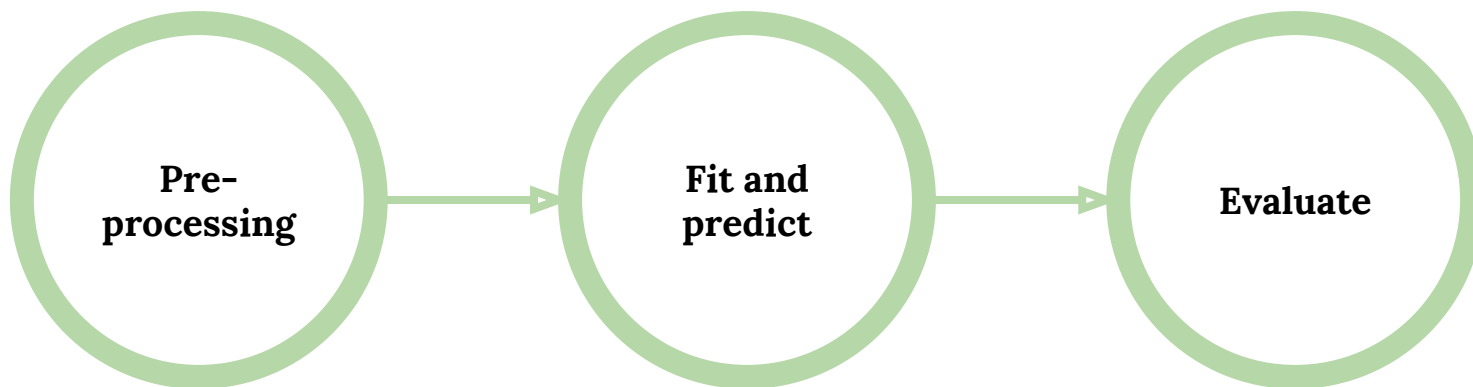


Normality of target





Optimal modeling framework (so far)



- StandardScaler
- PolynomialFeatures

- ElasticNet regularization
- GridSearch

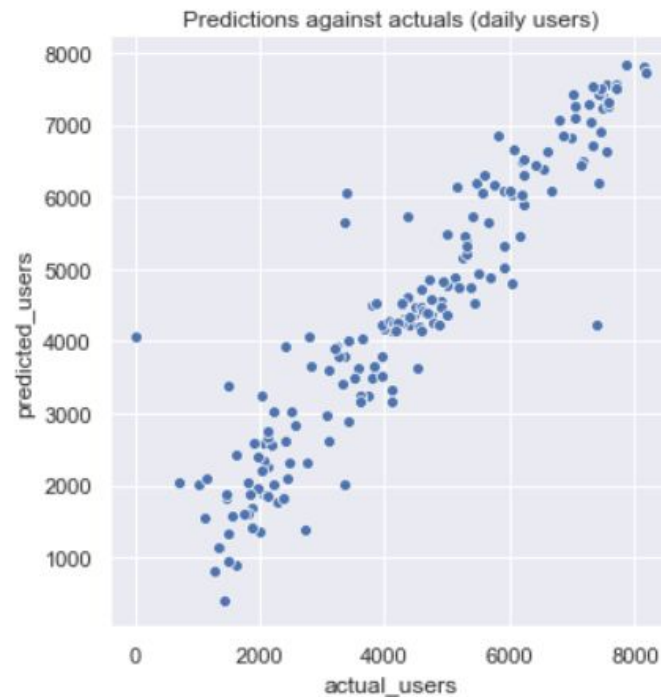
- Compare train/test
- R-squared, RMSE
- Bias-variance



Predictions

R-squared score:

- training data: 0.9302
- testing data: 0.8705





Crystal ball for General Cycle



The operations manager can predict how many additional bikes are needed.

Given a set of weather and time variables, predict the number of bike users in a given day.



Future improvement

Features

- Expand feature set
 - Demographics, user type

Modeling

- Alternate modeling frameworks
 - kNN, RandomForest
- Statsmodels for p-values
- Timeseries

Tool

- Current / live weather info
- Connected to user database
- More features
- Predictions at specific metro stations
- Expanded to other locations



Coda

