



Predicting Network Fault Severity

Capstone Presentation
by Ivy Chiang

Introduction

- Background
 - ◆ Data Set
 - ◆ Exploratory Analysis
 - ◆ Model Building
 - ◆ Results and Discussion
- Recommendation
 - ◆ Further studies



Background

: Predicting Network Fault Severity :

Why?

Customers

- Emergencies
- Communication
- Business
- Information



Telecom Company

- Service output
- Maintenance cost
- Reputation
- Compensation

Background

: Reasons - service disruption :



High service volume

- Emergencies
- Celebrations



Physical damage

- Storms



Repair Maintenance

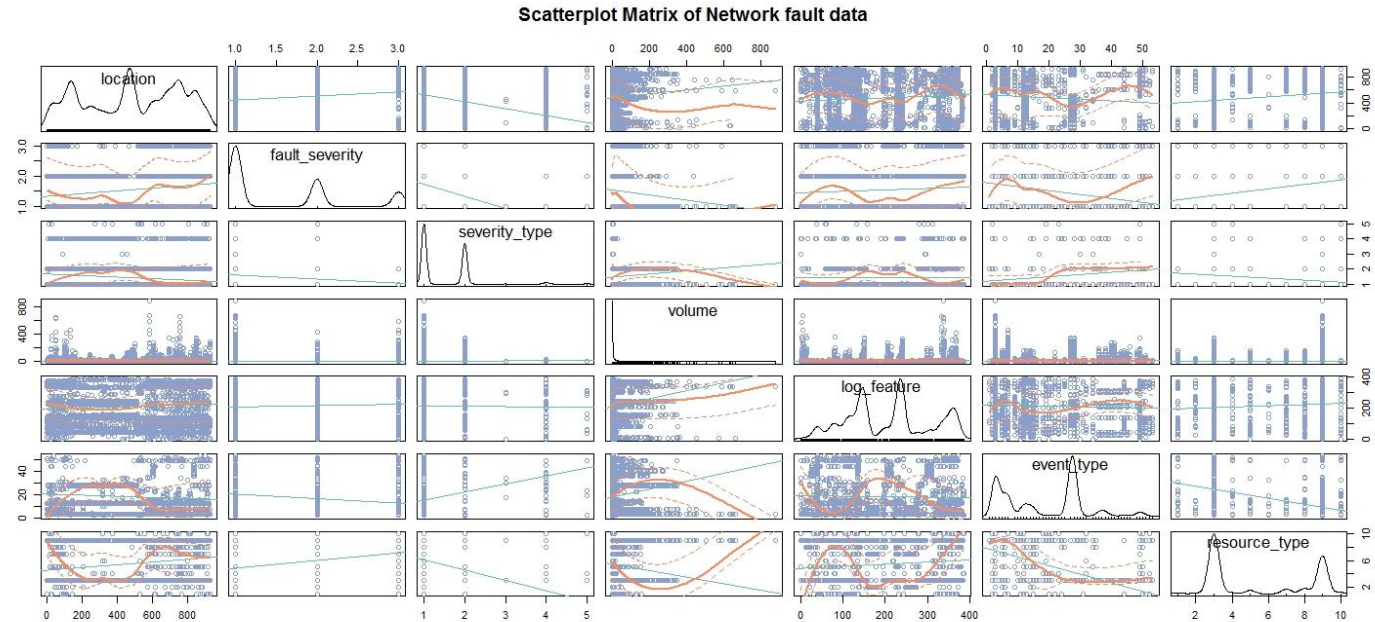
- Known
- unknown

Dataset

Data name	Data type	Brief description
id	integer	Record's identifier , time point
location	Integer (factor)	Fault location
faulty_severity	Integer (factor)	3 levels, 0= no fault ; 1 = few ; 2 = many - actual data from reported fault from users
log_feature	Integer (factor)	Assumption: network service's faulting feature
volume	integer	Assumption: unit measure of faulting feature
resource_type	Integer (factor)	10 distinct types
event_type	Integer (factor)	Assumption: Network service <u>feature's</u> fault behaviour
severity_type	Integer (factor)	5 unordered types - warning message received from monitoring machines

- **Data Cleaning** - type conversion, trimming, splitting
- **Missing data** - 2 tables - network & incident_log
- **Limitation** - assumption of feature = output feature , event = fault behaviour

Exploratory Analysis

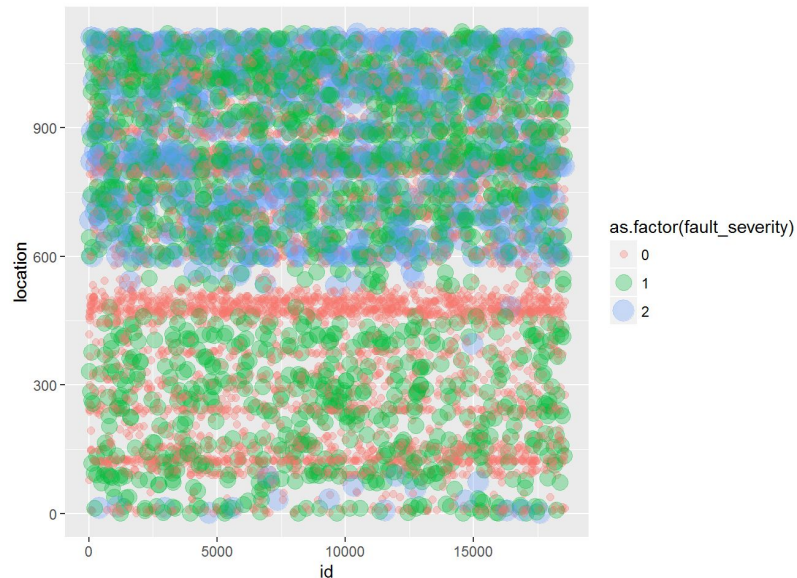


Scatterplot matrix - discrete distribution, mapping patterns and cross-relations

Exploratory Analysis

Relationship features by id (time)

- Some locations
- always on



(1) Location

(2) Log feature

(3) Resource type

(4) Event type

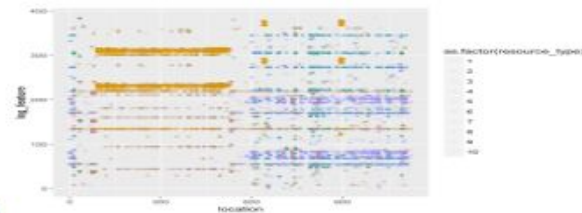
(5) Severity type

Exploratory Analysis

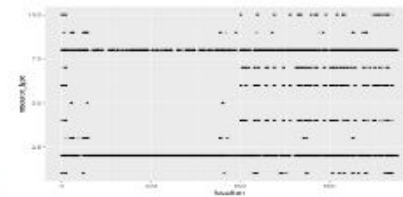
Feature start to separate

Relationship **log feature** by location

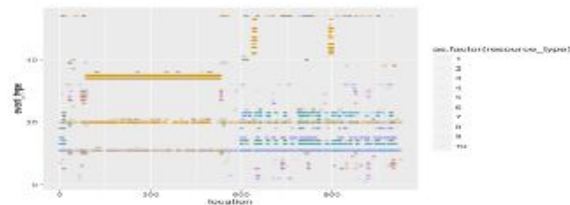
- Micmicking Resource_type
- Event_type
- Severity_type



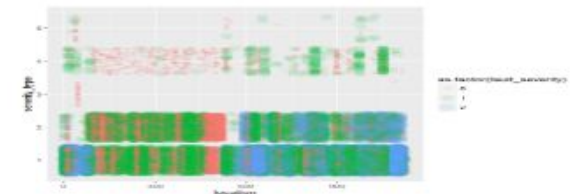
(1a) col = resource



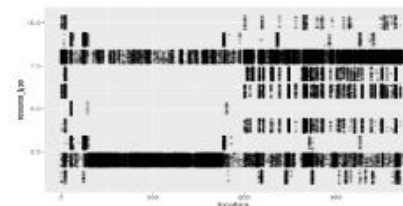
(3) Resource type



(4) Event type



(5) Severity type



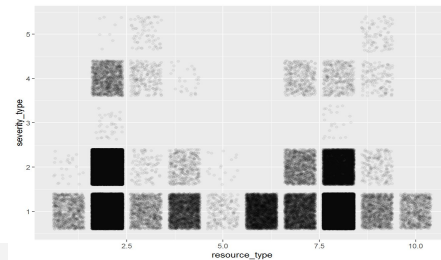
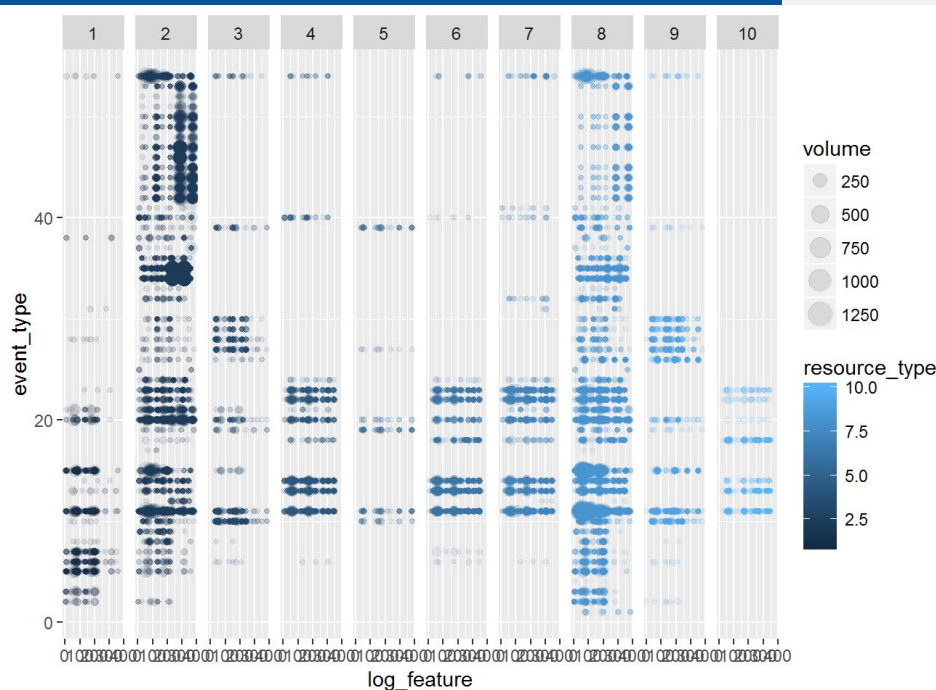
(6) Resource: Jitter

Exploratory Analysis

Distinct **event_types**
to describe each
resource_type

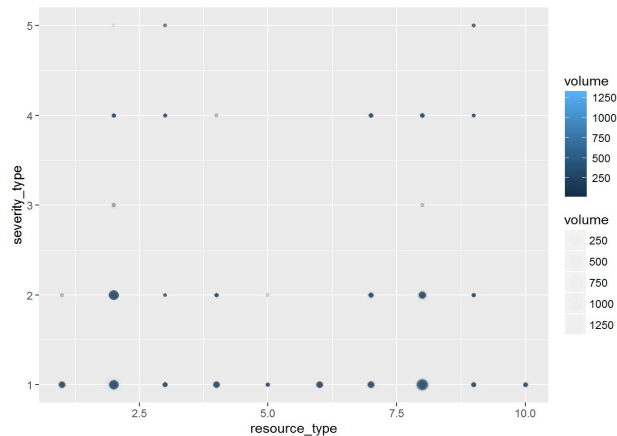
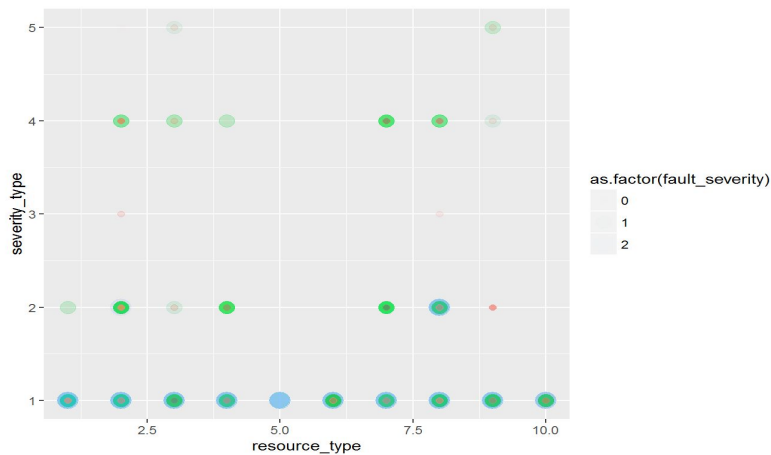
Set pattern between
event_type and
Log_feature

Which also correlates with
severity_type X **resource_type**



Exploratory Analysis

Then talking about **Severity_type** & **resource_type**, there's a *similarity* with scales of **fault_severity** & **volume**



Model Building

Random Forest - for categorical, **complex** non-linear data
- use of **decision trees**

Feature Engineering - simplify

1. Combination study
2. Extract counts

Model Building

Features

variable	description	reason
resource_type	unit measure of faulting feature	High correlation in <u>scatterplot</u>
severity_type	5 unordered types - warning message received from monitoring machines	High correlation in <u>scatterplot</u>
volume	unit measure of faulting feature	High correlation in <u>scatterplot</u>
t_feature	Tally of unique service that location registers fault on	Influences portion of logs against the location
t_resource	Tally of unique resources that location utilises	Influences portion of logs against the location
t_event	Tally of unique events occurring at that location	High relation to feature and severity_type
sev_res.rf	Probability of severity_type rating with a particular	Gives a weighing

Results and Discussion

Winning model:

Fault_severity ~

t_feature + sev_res.rf + volume + t_event

Overall Accuracy ~ 74%

Results and Discussion

To predict information need :

1. No# of feature services the location performs - *How busy?*
2. The *knowledge* of the resource_type's **severity message type**?
3. The service volume output - *How busy?*
4. Number of frequently logged events - *Fault history range*

Results and Discussion

Limitation :

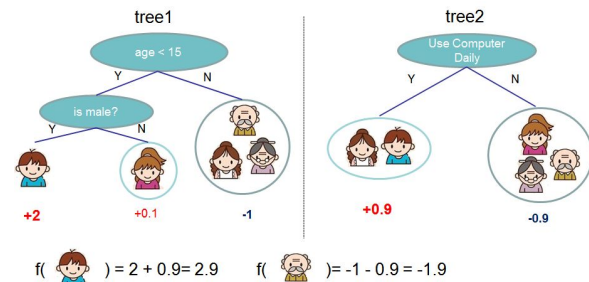
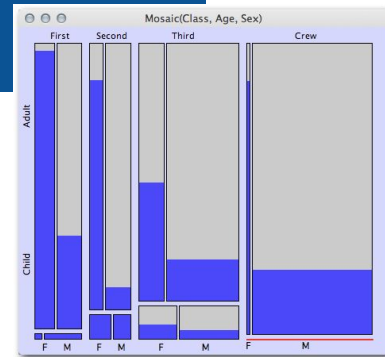
1. Other location specific variable - metro / climate
2. Accuracy of the severity_type message
3. Locations of low traffic hence **fault** -> no user impact
4. ...Or Excellent disruption bypass routes

Recommendation

1. Unique alert from high traffic service locations.
currently fault_severity rating 2 is clouded by type 1 or 2 band
2. Invest innovative monitoring system to ensure accuracy
severity_type warnings
3. Quality materials and workmanship to prolong equipment life.
Avoid aging equipment that attract long-term accumulated
maintenance cost

Further studies

1. Better feature engineering - max use of data
 - a. Probability theories
 - b. Mosaic plotting
2. Hybrid use of modelling methods with Random Forest
 - a. Clustering
 - b. Gradient boosting (XGBoost)





thank you !

Introduction

sample