

To Be or Not to be: *Defining Data Scientists*

Predicting Self-Classification

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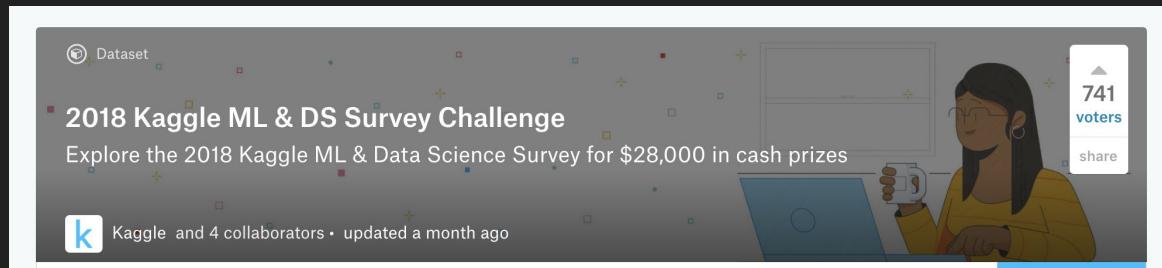
Research Question and Data

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We hope to determine what variables are significant when predicting whether an individual considers themselves a data scientist, and then use those variables to build a predictive model.

Data Explanation

- Multiple Choice Response data from “2018 Kaggle ML & DS Survey Challenge”
- 23860 rows and 395 columns
- Each row is a response to the survey
- 50 questions were surveyed → Answers are distributed over 395 columns



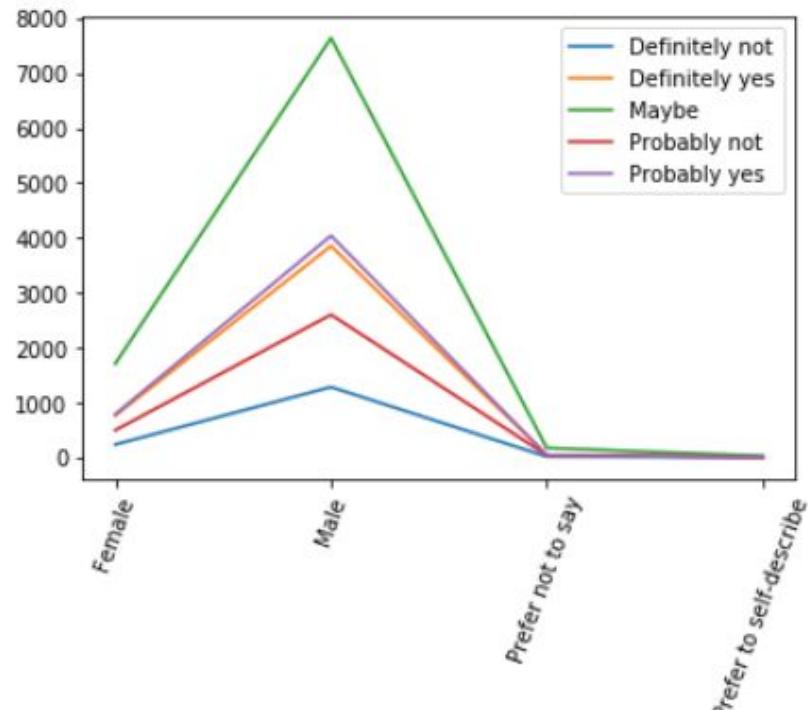
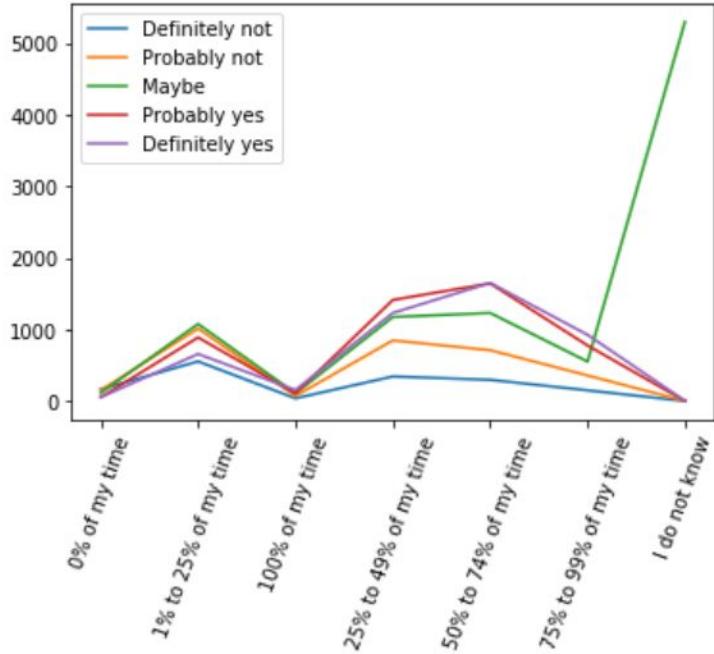
Data Cleaning

Began with data difficult to work with

- Subsetted data set based on interesting and intuitively important variables for our model
- Dealt With NAs column by column
- Converted categorical and string variables to int in order to be able to model more easily
 - Dummy variables
 - Binary classification
 - Medians

Exploratory Analysis

Respondents' percentage of time spent coding,
grouped by whether they think they are a data scientist



Model

- Logistic Regression Model
- Predict whether or not an individual considers themselves a data scientist

Data Scientist ~ Gender + Undergrad Major + Current Title + Years of Experience + Yearly Compensation + Primary Tool + % Time Coding + Coding Experience

- 60.74% accuracy
- Cross validation confirms relative accuracy

Conclusion

Determination of a data scientist

The most important factors in predicting whether or not an individual considers themselves a data scientist include those related to gender, experience coding, and educational background.

In order to create a better predictive model

- Further analyze the groups we created within our columns to turn our categorical and string data numerical
- Break up each column into more groups
- Work on a way to better deal with non numerical data for predictive methods