

Predict inspection scores

1. Latitude and Longitude
I filled the missing Latitude and Longitude with their median value.
2. Creating Grading Point ('grading_point')
Grading Point is a point that is the mean of the inspection scores of the same business name. Min-max scaling is applied to this column.
3. Defining the ordinal scale of 'risk_category' column
I filled the missing value with 'Good'.
Map 'High Risk' to 0, 'Moderate Risk' to 1, and 'Low Risk' to 2, and 'Good' to 3.
4. Creating 'street_name'
I roughly extracted street name from 'business_address' column. Before one-hot encoding, The rare street name, whose number is small, is grouped together.
5. One-hot encoding
I used One-hot encoding for several columns.
6. Random Forest
I used Random Forest regressor to predict the scores. Grid search was conducted using the parameters:
 - 'n_estimators': [400, 800],
 - 'max_depth': [20, 40, 80],
 - 'min_samples_split': [4, 8, 16],
 - 'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4].

The best parameter were:

- 'n_estimators': 800,
- 'max_depth': 20,
- 'min_samples_split': 16,
- 'min_samples_leaf': 4.

Explain inspection scores

The Random Forest model provides feature importances attribute, which indicates what features contributed the scores relatively. Looking at the figure below, the 'grading_point' is the most important feature. The next is the 'risk_category'.

