# Predicting the longevity of an Oyster a using Linear Regression Model

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#### **Summary**

In this project, a linear regression model is used to identify the factors contributing to the longevity of an Oyster. The number of rings indicates longevity and more rings is a sign of longer age.

The dataset includes 9 variables that most of which are numerical fields so it is suitable for the Linear Regression Model. First, there is an overview of the data and we have used various charts to represent an insight into the data structure. Then, we used the pre-processing methods to make the data clean and ready to create the model.

In the end, different methods have been used to create the best model. After that, significant factors have been introduced.

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#### Introduction

In the last decade, Machine Learning has emerged with greater applications in many different branches. Now, experts use this data science subject to obtain useful models by teaching machines (computers) with data. The results could help them to better predict and also interpret variances in data. Machine Learning is becoming a necessary skill for every field that needs to analyze data and also build data-driven models for prediction or interpretation.

Predicting the longevity of animals has always been an interesting subject for biologists and other scientists. They want to know what factors attribute to longer life in different species in the hope to apply them to prolong human lives. Whatever the reason is, researchers will not be able to identify the key factors unless they use data.

In this project, we have used a dataset with different columns that are also known as variables. One variable is the response variable and it means we want to identify the impact of other variables on that. The response variable here is the number of rings that specify how much the Oyster has lived.

Most of the variables are numeric, so Linear Regression will be a suitable approach to serve our purpose. First, we clean the data which is known as data preprocessing or data preparation. After that, we create the model to predict the longevity of this type of Oyster.

#### The approach of the project

In this project, we aim to use a linear regression model to predict the longevity of a particular oyster's life. So, we need to clean the data neatly and create the model with extra caution. The reason is simple. Any wrong attempt will cause inaccuracy in the model. The model could be very beneficial to biology students and experts. The model will help them estimate the duration of the lifecycle of any sample using the model. In simple words, this model will provide us with two important insights:

- 1- Predicting the life of the oyster
- 2- Identify the main features which determine longevity, and understand how much each factor will change it.

Without any delay, we go strictly right to the main points. First, we will use simple statistical measures and graphical figures to perceive a general overview of the dataset. Then, we apply the data preparation process. After that, the data will be ready to create and also test the model.

#### Overall view of the data

There are 9 variables (columns) in the dataset:

- Sex: M for male, F for female, and I for ......
- Length: length of the sample
- Diameter: diameter of the sample
- Height: Height of the sample
- Whole weight: Whole weight of the sample
- Shucked weight: Shucked weight of the sample
- Viscera weight: Viscera weight of the sample
- Shell weight: Shell weight of the sample
- Rings: this means the longevity of the sample (more rings means more longevity). We want to predict this variable as the response variable. So, it will be the dependent variable in the model.

There are 4177 records (rows) in the dataset and each one represents a unique sample. There are enough records to both create and test the model. Although more data means more accuracy, the data should suffice.

We will use R studio to make the programming easier. First, we have to enter the dataset into the R studio. The dataset is in CSV format which is suitable for R studio. All the headings are in the proper format so we don't have to be worried about misspelled and inaccurate words.

We use the "summary" function to perceive useful information about the data itself. The code is as follows:

```
oyster=read.csv("Oyster.csv")
summary(oyster)
```

The result is as follows:

Sex	Length	Diameter	Height	Whole.weight
Length: 4177			Min. :0.0000	Min. :0.0020
Class :character	1st Qu.:0.450	1st Qu.:0.3500	1st Qu.:0.1150	1st Qu.:0.4415
Mode :character	Median : 0.545	Median :0.4250	Median :0.1400	Median :0.7995
	Mean :0.524	Mean :0.4079	Mean :0.1395	Mean :0.8287
	3rd Qu.:0.615	3rd Qu.:0.4800	3rd Qu.:0.1650	3rd Qu.:1.1530
	Max. :0.815	Max. :0.6500	Max. :1.1300	Max. :2.8255
Shucked.weight	Viscera.weight	Shell.weight	Rings	
Min. :0.0010	Min. :0.0005	Min. :0.0015	Min. : 1.000	
1st Qu.:0.1860	1st Qu.:0.0935	1st Qu.:0.1300	1st Qu.: 8.000	
Median :0.3360	Median :0.1710	Median :0.2340	Median : 9.000	
Mean :0.3594	Mean :0.1806	Mean :0.2388	Mean : 9.934	
3rd Qu.:0.5020	3rd Qu.:0.2530	3rd Qu.:0.3290	3rd Qu.:11.000	
Max. :1.4880	Max. :0.7600	Max. :1.0050	Max. :29.000	

Figure 1- dataset initial summary 1

It is better to convert the "Sex" into a factor so that we will get better, and more detailed information:

```
oyster$Sex=as.factor(oyster$Sex)
```

summary(oyster)

```
Sex
             Length
                              Diameter
                                                 Height
                                                                Whole.weight
F:1307
         Min.
                 :0.075
                                  :0.0550
                                            Min.
                                                    :0.0000
                                                               Min.
                                                                      :0.0020
                          Min.
I:1342
         1st Qu.:0.450
                          1st Qu.:0.3500
                                             1st Qu.:0.1150
                                                               1st Qu.: 0.4415
         Median : 0.545
                                                               Median :0.7995
M:1528
                          Median :0.4250
                                            Median :0.1400
         Mean
                                                    :0.1395
                 :0.524
                          Mean
                                  :0.4079
                                             Mean
                                                               Mean
                                                                      :0.8287
         3rd Qu.: 0.615
                          3rd Qu.: 0.4800
                                             3rd Qu.: 0.1650
                                                               3rd Qu.:1.1530
                 :0.815
                                  :0.6500
                                                    :1.1300
                                                                      :2.8255
         Max.
                          Max.
                                             Max.
                                                               Max.
Shucked.weight
                                     Shell.weight
                  Viscera.weight
                                                          Rings
Min.
       :0.0010
                  Min.
                         :0.0005
                                    Min.
                                            :0.0015
                                                      Min.
                                                              : 1.000
1st Qu.:0.1860
                  1st Qu.:0.0935
                                    1st Qu.:0.1300
                                                      1st Qu.: 8.000
Median : 0.3360
                  Median :0.1710
                                    Median : 0.2340
                                                      Median : 9.000
       :0.3594
                  Mean
                         :0.1806
                                    Mean
                                            :0.2388
                                                      Mean
                                                              : 9.934
Mean
                                                      3rd Qu.:11.000
3rd Qu.: 0.5020
                  3rd Qu.: 0.2530
                                    3rd Qu.: 0.3290
       :1.4880
Max.
                  Max.
                         :0.7600
                                    Max.
                                            :1.0050
                                                      Max.
                                                              :29.000
```

Figure 2- dataset initial summary 2

First, we examine the first column which is Sex. There are three unique values in this variable:

- M
- F
- L

All three values are large enough, so there is no need to merge them. As the figure below shows, M is the dominant sex of the samples with 1528 records. I and F are the second, and the third with 1342, and 1307 records respectively.

## three genders of abalone

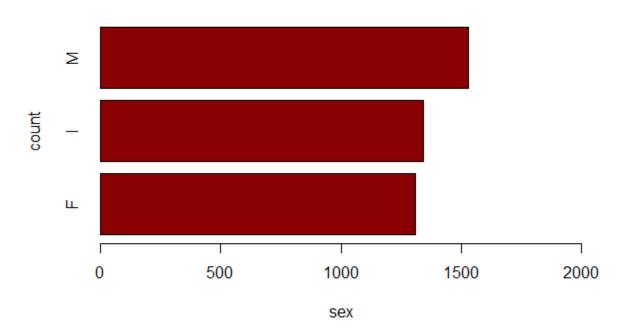


Figure 3- Oyster gender groups

The next variable is the "Length", and as the figure below indicates, it seems the Rings increase with the length of the oyster at first. After that, there is no specific relationship, and we have to let the model decide.

## Length and Rings against each other

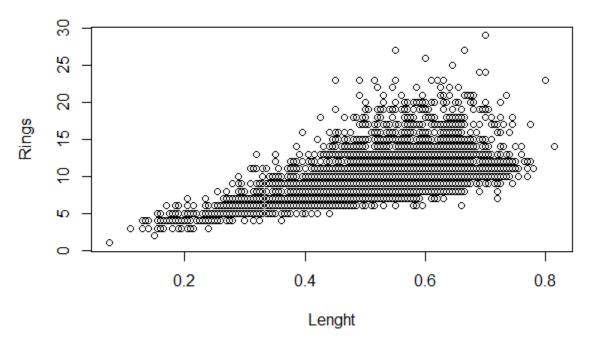


Figure 4- Length vs. Rings

The next variable is the "Diameter". First, less diameter results in fewer rings, but after increasing the diameter the rings will be risen too. Similar to length, from some unclear point, more diameter does not necessarily results in more rings. So, we have to wait until the model determines the role of this variable.

## Diameter and Rings against each other

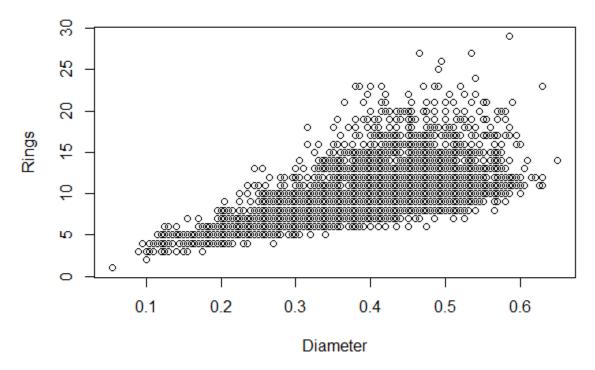


Figure 5- Diameter vs. Rings

Now, it is the "Height" that should be examined carefully. There are two outliers obviously and we will take care of them later in the ore-process stage. It seems the rings are less sensitive to height rather than the two previous variables (Length and diameter).

# Height and Rings against each other

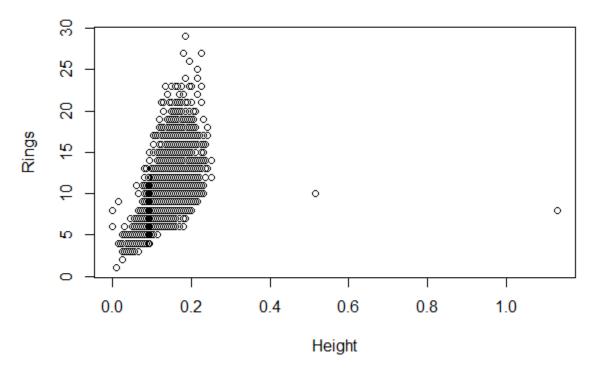


Figure 6- Height vs. Rings

The next variable is the "whole weight" of the sample. There is a logarithmic relationship between this variable, and the response variable (Rings).

# Whole weight and Rings against each other

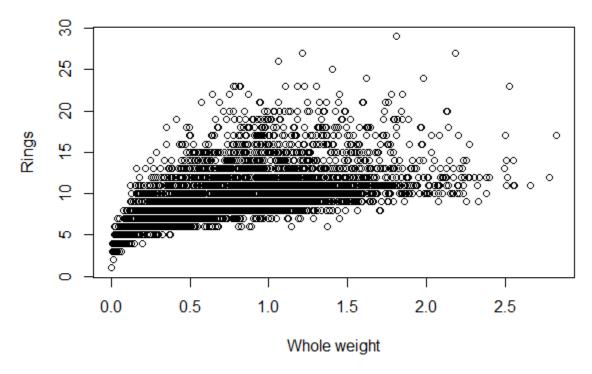


Figure 7- Whole Weight vs. Rings

Shucked weight is a little similar to the Ehole weight in terms of relationship to the response variable.

# Shucked weight and Rings against each other

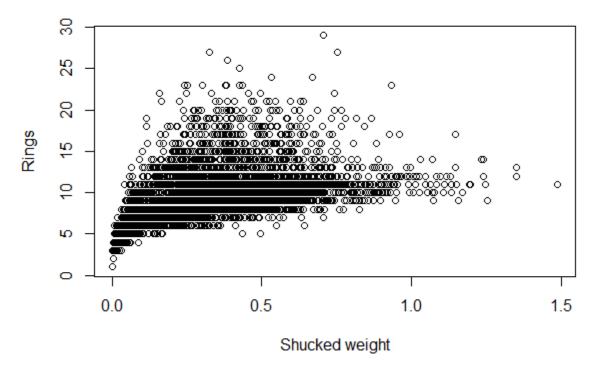


Figure 8- Shuckes Weight vs. Rings

There is a similar situation for the Viscera weight variable.

# Viscera weight and Rings against each other

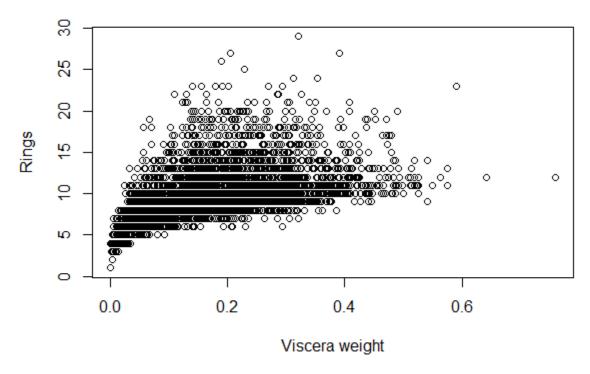


Figure 9- Viscera weight vs. Rings

At last, the shell weight scatterplot vs. the response variable indicates similarities to the other variables that depict some weight.

# Shell weight and Rings against each other

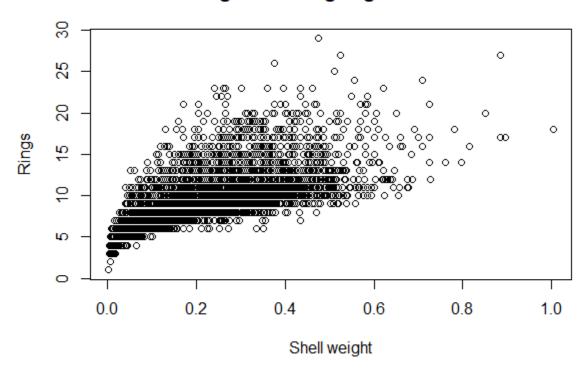


Figure 10- Shell vs. Rings

#### **Pre-Processing**

Pre-processing is an important part of every data-driven project. Our machine learning will result in inappropriate results without reasonable pre-processing. In some cases like missing data the model will not be created at all, so we have to take this stage very seriously.

There are several tasks that every machine learning project involves them:

- Filter data: deleting unnecessary fields or records
- Aggregate values: aggregating data horizontally or vertically if necessary
- Missing value treatment: how to deal with empty values
- Outlier treatment: how to deal with values that do not obey the general behavior of the data
- Variable transformation: transforming variables (columns) into a new one that will have a better use.
- Variable reduction: it is also called dimension reduction, and it is done when there are some fields with no use (like a phone number in many cases)

Now, we should carefully examine the report of the "summary" function in R Studio.

```
Length
                           Diameter
                                            Height
                                                         Whole.weight
F:1307
        Min. :0.075
                        Min. :0.0550
                                        Min. :0.0000
                                                         Min.
                                                               :0.0020
        1st Qu.:0.450
                       1st Qu.:0.3500
                                        1st Qu.:0.1150
I:1342
                                                         1st Qu.: 0.4415
M:1528
        Median : 0.545
                       Median : 0.4250
                                        Median :0.1400
                                                        Median :0.7995
               :0.524
        Mean
                        Mean
                               :0.4079
                                        Mean
                                               :0.1395
                                                        Mean
                                                               :0.8287
        3rd Qu.:0.615
                        3rd Qu.: 0.4800
                                        3rd Qu.:0.1650
                                                         3rd Qu.:1.1530
        Max. :0.815
                        Max. :0.6500
                                        Max. :1.1300
                                                        Max. :2.8255
                                 Shell.weight
Shucked.weight
               Viscera.weight
                                                     Rings
Min.
      :0.0010
               Min.
                       :0.0005
                               Min.
                                       :0.0015
                                                 Min.
                                                        : 1.000
1st Qu.:0.1860
               1st Qu.:0.0935
                               1st Qu.:0.1300
                                                 1st Ou.: 8.000
Median :0.3360
                Median :0.1710
                                Median : 0.2340
                                                 Median : 9.000
      :0.3594
                       :0.1806
                                                        : 9.934
Mean
                Mean
                                Mean
                                       :0.2388
                                                 Mean
3rd Qu.:0.5020
                3rd Qu.:0.2530
                                3rd Ou.:0.3290
                                                 3rd Qu.:11.000
Max. :1.4880
                       :0.7600
                                       :1.0050
                                                       :29.000
                Max.
                                Max.
                                                 Max.
```

Figure 11- database secondary summary 1

- Sex seems to be fine with no problem.
- Min length is 0.075 and a lot less than the first quantile which is 0.45. there seems to be an outlier because this difference is considerable and causes skewness. Less skewness means data behaves like "Normal Distribution" which is the best form for analyzing and creating models.

- Diamter seems to have outliers for the same reason.
- Height is similar to the two previous fields, and it also seems to have outliers from the opposite side too.
- Whole weight seems to have similar outlier
- Shucked weight also has a lot of difference between the first quantile and the min value.
- Viscera weight also has outliers.
- Shell weight has outliers.
- Ring seems to be fine and because it is the response value we will not change it yet

There are no missing values, and no variable seems to be useless. So, we only have to deal with outliers. After that, we check whether there is a correlation between variables.

The outlier treatment approach is called the 3-sigma or capping and flooring which is very popular in heavy industries like car manufacturing factories. We will replace every value less than  $0.3*p1^1$  with itself, and every value larger than  $3*p99^2$  with itself.

```
length_LL=0.3*quantile(oyster$Length, 0.01)
length_UL=3*quantile(oyster$Length, 0.99)
length_LL
length_UL
oyster$Length[oyster$Length<length_LL]=length_LL
oyster$Length[oyster$Length>length_UL]=length_UL
diameter_LL=0.3*quantile(oyster$Diameter, 0.01)
diameter_UL=3*quantile(oyster$Diameter, 0.99)
diameter_LL
diameter_UL
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The first quantile

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 99<sup>th</sup> quantile

```
oyster$Diameter[oyster$Diameter<diameter_LL]=diameter_LL
oyster$Diameter[oyster$Diameter>diameter_UL]=diameter_UL
height_LL=0.3*quantile(oyster$Height, 0.01)
height_UL=3*quantile(oyster$Height, 0.99)
height_LL
height_UL
oyster$Height[oyster$Height<height_LL]=height_LL
oyster$Height[oyster$Height>height_UL]=height_UL
whole_weight_LL=0.3*quantile(oyster$Whole.weight, 0.01)
whole_weight_UL=3*quantile(oyster$Whole.weight, 0.99)
whole_weight_LL
whole_weight_UL
oyster$Whole.weight[oyster$Whole.weight<whole_weight_LL]=whole_weight_LL
oyster$Whole.weight[oyster$Whole.weight>whole_weight_UL]=whole_weight_UL
shucked_weight_LL=0.3*quantile(oyster$Shucked.weight, 0.01)
shucked_weight_UL=3*quantile(oyster$Shucked.weight, 0.99)
shucked_weight_LL
shucked_weight_UL
oyster$Shell.weight[oyster$Shucked.weight<shucked_weight_LL]=shucked_weight_LL
oyster$Shell.weight[oyster$Shell.weight>shucked_weight_UL]=shucked_weight_UL
viscera_LL=0.3*quantile(oyster$Viscera.weight, 0.01)
viscera_UL=3*quantile(oyster$Viscera.weight, 0.99)
viscera_LL
```

```
viscera_UL
oyster$Viscera.weight[oyster$Viscera.weight<viscera_LL]=viscera_LL
oyster$Viscera.weight[oyster$Viscera.weight>viscera_UL]=viscera_UL
shell_weight_LL=0.3*quantile(oyster$Shell.weight, 0.01)
shell_weight_UL=3*quantile(oyster$Shell.weight, 0.99)
shell_weight_LL
shell_weight_UL
oyster$Shell.weight[oyster$Shell.weight<shell_weight_LL]=shell_weight_LL
oyster$Shell.weight[oyster$Shell.weight>shell_weight_UL]=shell_weight_UL
```

the sex variable is categorical which is not acceptable in linear regression. So, we use dummy variables to solve this problem. There are three unique values in this variable (M, F, L), and we will make 3-1=2 new variables. if a record is F, the F variable is 1, otherwise, it is zero. This approach applies to M also. For L, both M and F variables will be zero. As discussed earlier, there is enough number for each sex's unique values, so there is no need to merge some records.

#### The code is as follows:

```
oyster=dummy.data.frame(oyster) #dummy variable
oyster=oyster[,-2] #useless variable reduction
```

Now, we only have to use the "cor" function to check the correlation between any pairs of variables. if there is a significant correlation, we will delete one of the variables. the variable which is less correlated to the response variable will be the one deleted.

Table 1- Correlation between variables 1

	SexF	SexM	Length	Diameter	Height	Whole.weight	Shucked.weight	Viscera.weight	Shell.weight	Rings
SexF	1	- 0.51	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.26	0.30	0.30	0.25
SexM	-0.51	1	0.23	0.24	0.22	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.18
Length	0.30	0.23	1	0.98	0.87	0.92	0.89	0.90	0.89	0.55
Diameter	0.31	0.24	0.98	1	0.87	0.92	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.57
Height	0.30	0.22	0.87	0.87	1	0.86	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.58
Whole.weight	0.29	0.25	0.92	0.92	0.86	1	0.96	0.96	0.95	0.54
Shucked.weight	0.26	0.25	0.89	0.89	0.81	0.96	1	0.93	0.88	0.42
Viscera.weight	0.30	0.24	0.89	0.84	0.96	0.96	0.93	1	0.90	0.50
Shell.weight	0.30	0.23	0.89	0.90	0.86	0.95	0.88	0.90	1	0.62
Rings	0.25	0.18	0.55	0.57	0.58	0.54	0.42	0.50	0.62	1

Many variables are correlated significantly. So, we have to delete some of them because of two reasons:

- 1- if two variables are highly correlated, then they depict similar information. So, only one of them will be sufficient.
- 2- correlation causes inaccuracy in linear regression models.

Diameter and length are highly correlated, so we have to delete one of them. Length is less correlated to the rings (0.55) rather than the diameter (0.57), so we will delete it.

Shucked weight, viscera weight, shell weight, and whole weight are in a similar situation. They are 95 or 95 percent correlated which are very close numbers. So, it is suitable to delete Shucked weight that is less correlated to the response variable.

- Length
- Shucked weight

Table 2- Correlation between variables 2

	Sex	Sex	Diamet	Heig	Whole.weig	Shucked.weig	Viscera.weig	Shell.weig	Ring
	F	M	er	ht	ht	ht	ht	ht	S
SexF	1	0.51	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.26	0.30	0.30	0.25
SexM	0.51	1	0.24	0.22	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.18
Diameter	0.31	0.24	1	0.87	0.92	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.57
Height	0.30	0.22	0.87	1	0.86	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.58
Whole.weigh t	0.29	0.25	0.92	0.86	1	0.96	0.96	0.95	0.54
Viscera.weig ht	0.30	0.24	0.84	0.96	0.96	0.93	1	0.90	0.50
Shell.weight	0.30	0.23	0.90	0.86	0.95	0.88	0.90	1	0.62
Rings	0.25	0.18	0.57	0.58	0.54	0.42	0.50	0.62	1

Viscera weight and Whole weight, Whole weight and Height, and Shell weight and Whole weight are correlated with close numbers. Viscera weight is less correlated to the response variable, so we will delete it.

Viscera weight

Table 3- Correlation between variables 3

	SexF	SexM	Diameter	Height	Whole.weight	Shucked.weight	Shell.weight	Rings
SexF	1	- 0.51	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.26	0.30	0.25
SexM	0.51	1	0.24	0.22	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.18
Diameter	0.31	0.24	1	0.87	0.92	0.89	0.90	0.57
Height	0.30	0.22	0.87	1	0.86	0.81	0.86	0.58
Whole.weight	0.29	0.25	0.92	0.86	1	0.96	0.95	0.54
Shell.weight	0.30	0.23	0.90	0.86	0.95	0.88	1	0.62
Rings	0.25	0.18	0.57	0.58	0.54	0.42	0.62	1

Between the whole weight and shell weight, the first one is less correlated to the response variable, so it will be deleted too.

## • whole weight

Table 4- Correlation between variables 4

	SexF	SexM	Diameter	Height	Shucked.weight	Shell.weight	Rings
SexF	1	- 0.51	0.31	0.30	0.26	0.30	0.25
SexM	-0.51	1	0.24	0.22	0.25	0.23	0.18
Diameter	0.31	0.24	1	0.87	0.89	0.90	0.57
Height	0.30	0.22	0.87	1	0.81	0.86	0.58
Shell.weight	0.30	0.23	0.90	0.86	0.88	1	0.62
Rings	0.25	0.18	0.57	0.58	0.42	0.62	1

We create the model with, and without correlated variables, so we will have a chance to compare both results.

### **Train-Test Split**

Now we have the dataset ready to use, but there is one important step before creating the linear regression model. We need to divide data into two sets:

- Train set: it is used to train the model. This set is the source that makes Machine learn
- Test set: this set is used to test the accuracy of the model after it is trained by the training set.

There are some approaches for train-test split, but we have chosen the 80-20 way. In this method, 80 percent of the records will be the training set, and the remaining 20 percent are the test set. This is a simple but efficient way that is being used in many data-driven projects.

```
set.seed(0)
x=sample.split(oyster, SplitRatio=0.8)
training_set= subset(oyster, x==TRUE)
test_set= subset(oyster, x==FALSE)
```

# **Linear Regression Model**

Now, it is time to create our model. We use the "lm" function which is used to create linear models:

```
linear_model=lm(Price.USD.~ . ,data=training_set)
summary(linear_model)
```

The result is as follows:

Table 5- LRM<sup>3</sup>1 Residuals

		Residuals:		
Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
- 8.6220	- 1.3212	- 0.3379	0.8635	14.0345

Coefficients:							
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )			
(Intercept)	2.9121	0.2678	10.875	< 2e-16	***		
SexF	0.8062	0.1021	7.894	3.72e-15	***		
SexM	0.8641	0.0955	9.048	< 2e-16	***		
Length	-0.7093	1.8042	-0.393	0.694			
Diameter	10.1924	2.2271	4.577	4.86e-06	***		
Height	16.6478	1.9151	8.693	< 2e-16	***		
Whole.weight	8.9280	0.7232	12.345	< 2e-16	***		
Shucked.weight	-19.6556	0.8152	-24.112	< 2e-16	***		
Viscera.weight		1.2907	-8.403	< 2e-16	***		
Shell.weight	8.2482	1.1254	7.329	2.76e-13	***		
Signif. codes:	0 '***'	0.001 '**'	0.01 '*	0.05 '.	0.1		1

Figure 12- LRM1 summary

Table 6- F-Test results of the LRM1

Residual standard error:	2.187 on 4167 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:	0.5408
Adjusted R-squared:	0.5408
F-statistic:	93.88 on 9 and 4167 DF
p-value:	< 2.2e-16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Linear Regression Model

The results show all the variables are significant with 99 percent confidence. Length is the only variable that seems to have no significant impact on the number of rings (and therefore on longevity).

Diameter and height both have positive coefficients. If these two variables increase, so will the response variable. Whole weight and shell weight also are positively significant. Shucked weight and Viscera weight are two significant variables with large and negative coefficients. If we increase these two variables, the response will decrease.

It seems to be male means more longevity because the coefficient is 0.86, but for SexF it is 0.80. Intercept is also significant, and it means we are losing some important variables. R-squared is 0.534 and it means the model defines 53 percent of the variation in the response variable. Adjusted R-squared is 0.54 and it may seem not enough, but considering some missing variables in gathering the dataset and also the scientific concept of the subject, it is good enough.

Now, we should examine the F-test result. This is done due to ensure that the results are accurate and there is no proof no decline them. The P-value is small which means there is a large confidence interval for the test and the results are accurate.

We should use the test set to check the accuracy of the model:

```
z1=predict(linear_model1, training_set)
z2=predict(linear_model1, test_set)
MSE1=mean((training_set$Rings-z1)^2) #training_set MSE
MSE2=mean((test_set$Rings-z2)^2) #test_set MSE
```

MSE1 which is the mean squared error for the training set is 4.61, and this number for the test set is 5.17, so the results are good and the test set indicates the model can predict the response variable properly. We still have to do additional steps to get better results.

#### **Linear Regression Model 2**

Now, we create the model without a significant correlation between variables, this means some of the columns that were discussed earlier should be deleted. The code and the results are as follows:

```
Residuals:
    Min
             1Q Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
-7.5601 -1.5688 -0.5367 0.8953 15.8046
Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                           0.1717 30.821 < 2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
                5.2906
SexF
              0.8929 0.1134 7.873 4.39e-15 ***
0.7463 0.1066 7.000 2.97e-12 ***
12.1806 1.9356 6.293 3.43e-10 ***
                0.8929
                            0.1134
                                     7.873 4.39e-15 ***
SexM
Height
                           0.5533 18.105 < 2e-16 ***
Shell.weight 10.0177
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' '1
Residual standard error: 2.473 on 4172 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.4122, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4116
F-statistic: 731.3 on 4 and 4172 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Figure 13- LRM2 summary

As the figure indicates, the results have been exacerbated, so it is better not to delete any variable.

#### Alternative approaches

We have seen that the linear regression model lacks some accuracy, so we need to look for substitution approaches. The previous Linear Regression model applies the OLS method to obtain the best coefficients. There are some alternative ways to create a Linear Regression model that may be useful to build a better model.

We have chosen Ridge Regression which is a shrinkage method. This approach is suitable for our model because it tries to make the coefficient close to zero. In this way, the model will become more accurate especially in our case that the OLS method is not accurate enough.

The code is as follows:

```
oyster3=read.csv("Oyster.csv")
summary(oyster3)
oyster3$Sex=as.factor(oyster3$Sex)
summary(oyster3)
x1=model.matrix(Rings~., data=oyster3)[,-10]
y1=oyster3$Rings
grid=10^seq(10,-2,lenght=100)
install.packages("glmnet")
ridge\_model=glmnet(x1, y1, alpha=1, lambda=grid)
summary(ridge_model)
CriticalValue\_fit = cv.glmnet(x1, y1, alpha=1, lambda=grid)
plot(CriticalValue_fit) #ploting Lambda against MSE
optimum_lambda=CriticalValue_fit$lambda.min #value of Lambda for with minimum MSE
tss = sum((y1-min(y1))^2) #total sum of square
y_a=predict(ridge_model, s=optimum_lambda, newx=x1) #predicted values of y
```

 $rss=sum((y_a-y1)^2)$  #residual sum of square

RSquared=1-rss/tss #R^2

RSquared

Now the R squared value is about 94 percent which is considerably larger than the previous model.

#### **Results and findings**

The best Linear Regression model with the OLS method resulted as follows:

```
Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                             0.2678 10.875 < 2e-16 ***
                 2.9121
SexF
                 0.8062
                             0.1021 7.894 3.72e-15 ***
                                     9.048 < 2e-16 ***
                 0.8641
                             0.0955
SexM
Length
                -0.7093
                             1.8042 -0.393
                                               0.694
Diameter
                10.1924
                             2.2271 4.577 4.86e-06 ***
                16.6478
                             1.9151
                                      8.693 < 2e-16 ***
Height
Whole.weight
                             0.7232 12.345 < 2e-16 ***
                8.9280
                             0.8152 -24.112 < 2e-16 ***
Shucked.weight -19.6556
Viscera.weight -10.8459
Shell.weight 8.2482
Shucked.weight -19.6556
                            1,2907 -8,403 < 2e-16 ***
                            1.1254 7.329 2.76e-13 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Figure 14- Results of the best LRM with OLS method

All the parameters were significant except the diameter. The linear regression formula is as follows:

```
Response = 2.9121 + 0.8062 SexF + 0.8641 SexM - 0.7093 Length \\ + 10.1924 Diameter + 16.6478 Height + 8.9280 Whole. Weight \\ - 19.6556 Shucked. Weight - 10.8459 Viscerra. weight \\ + 8.2182 Shell. weight
```

This can be used to predict the response variable but notice that there is a mean squared error with a value of 5.17 which was obtained from the test set. Although more variables are necessary to create a more accurate model. Still, the results seem to be acceptable.