

Video Game Popularity Mackenzie Unger, M.S.

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The Problem:

A Game Designer wants to know what features to include in their next video game to help increase the chances of the game being considered "Popular".



Who can this benefit?

Large Game Publishers:

Small Publishers:

Independent Artists:









Developed by

ConcernedApe

What are some features we looked at?

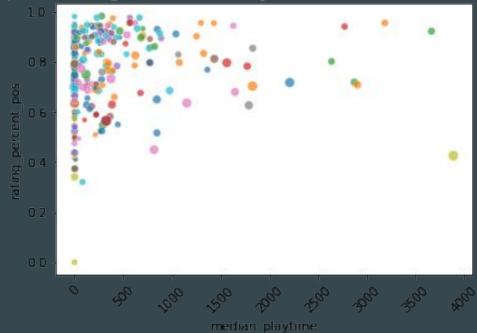
- Price
- Length of Game
- Setting
- And More!

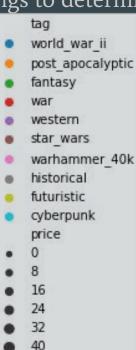
- Camera Angle
- Genre
- Game Play

About the Data

The Data we looked at was pulled from Steam. We utilized the ratings to determine

popularity and compared to the tags and other features.



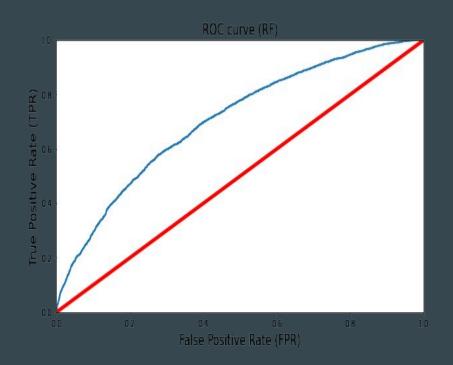


The Model

We are using a Random Forest Model

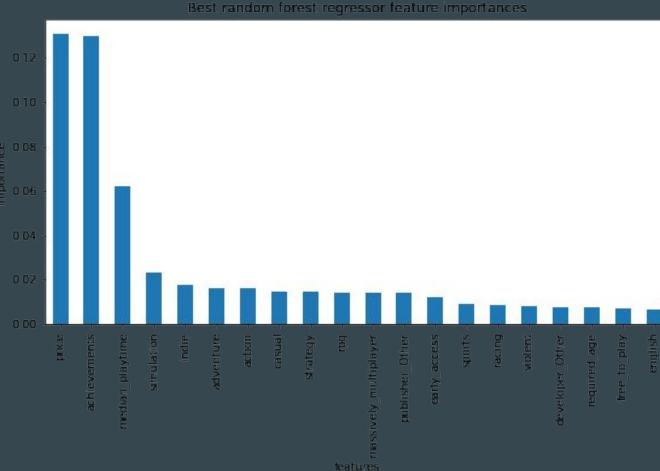
The final ROC-AUC Score: 0.706

This means our model has a 70.6% chance of correctly classifying if a game will be popular or not based on its features.



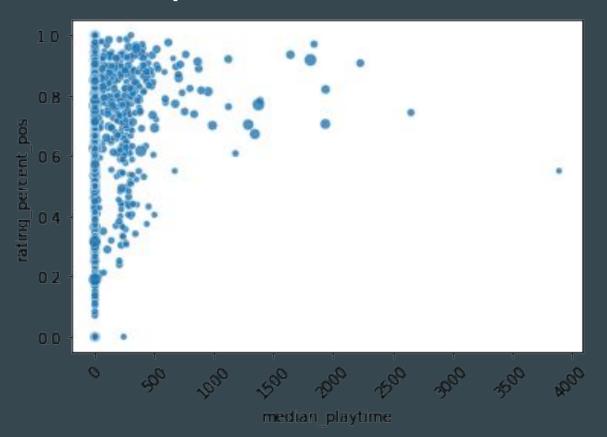


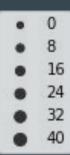
- Price
- Achievements
- Playtime
- Genre
- Casual
- Multiplayer
- Indie
- Early Access



Playtime Exploration

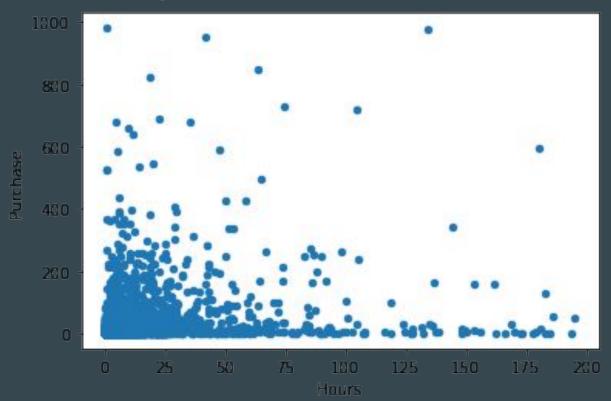
Longer Game = Better Rating





Note: This Graph is in Minutes. 1000 minute = 16.7 hours

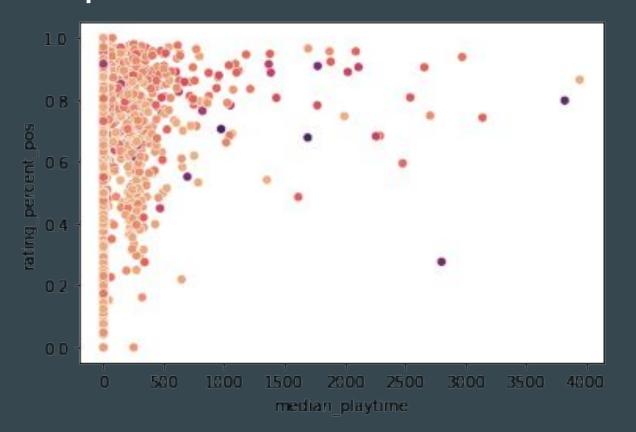
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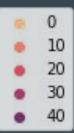


Too Long = Fewer Sales

Because of this we recommend a game between 16 and 50 hours of playtime

Price Exploration \$10 - \$20, but needs further exploration once the game is created.





500 minutes = 8 hours

Future Work

- Look at alternate datasets to see if they agree with our best features.
- Create an analysis to best decide the price of the game
- Perform analysis to decide the number of achievements.

Conclusion

- Playtime: 16 50 hours
- Make note of possible achievements
- Genre: Simulation, Indie, Adventure, Action, Strategy, RPG, Sports, Racing
- Indie is GOOD!!!
- Multiplayer and Casual player options
- Early Access!!!

Thank you, GLHFI

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Report:

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