Mid-Project Checkpoint

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Highlights

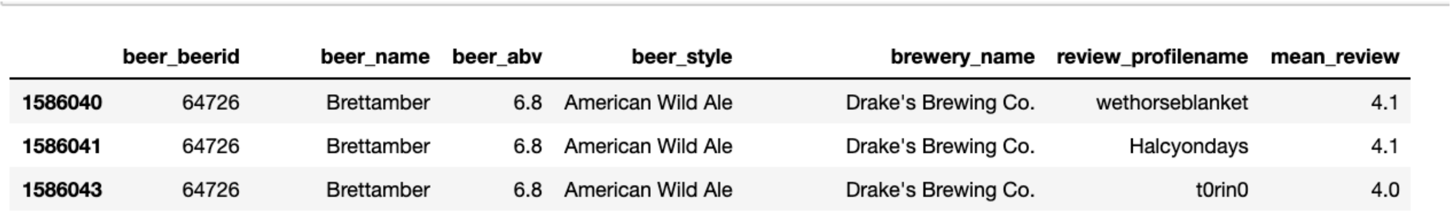
- Dataset broken down into 10 datasets by beer category; rec system predicts based on user choice of beer category
- Due to data constraints, predictions must be pre-entered prior to app deployment – therefore a popularity-based rec system will be used
- Data organized and ready to deploy full dataset into RDS to be queried in flask app

Review Progress

- ***Theme 1: Targeted Beer Recommendation System***
  - **Epic 1: Data Organization and Cleaning**
    - Story 1: Research and Data Cleaning - COMPLETED
    - Story 2: Beer Categorization - COMPLETED
    - Story 3: Sparse Matrices - COMPLETED
  - **Epic 2: Python-Based Model**:
    - Story 2: Introductory Model Building - COMPLETED
- ***Theme 2: Model Communication with App and User Interface***
  - **Epic 1: S3 and RDS - Linking Model with App**
    - Story 1: S3 - Put Model and Sparse Matrices in S3 - Raw Data is in S3
    - Story 2: RDS - Put Database in RDS - Created introductory Table

Demo / Analysis

- Data Wrangling – 10 data frames based on broad categories of beer that I created through aggregation of beer_style
- Data sample below shows prediction by popularity for sour beers, still have not come up with accuracy measure for popularity-based recommendation system



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Lessons Learned

- I originally wanted to have a complicated recommendation system that would give different predictions based on expert or novice level of beer knowledge − but app constraints forced me to narrow my vision
- RDS can store the dataset for querying based on popularity predictions

Recommendations

Next Steps:

- User interface creation
- HTML encoding
- Flask app deployment
- Modularizing model code