



# CAR ACCIDENTS PREDICTION

IN CHICAGO



# FEATURE ENGINEERING

## Objective

**Car accidents number prediction  
based on weather condition data**

## Why Chicago?

- **Big traffic**
- **Changeable weather**

## Business Value

- **Proactive Police Arrangement**
- **Car Services**
- **Safe Routing**



# DATA

Sources: Weather underground  
Chicago Data Portal

Potential significant features:

## NUMERICAL

- Humidity
- Wind Speed
- Pressure
- Temperature
- Dew point

## CATECORICAL

- Weather condition:  
Clear Rain Snow
- Lighting condition:  
Dark Light



# DATA MANIPULATION

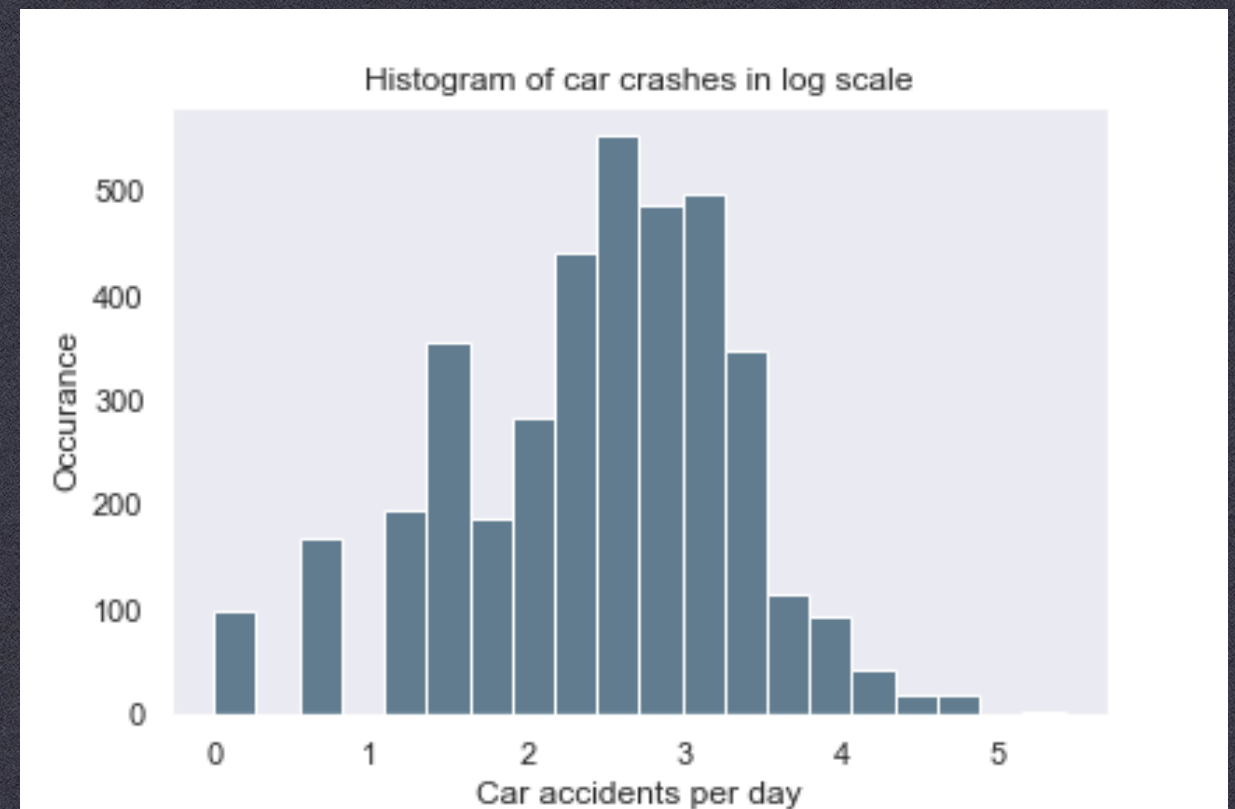
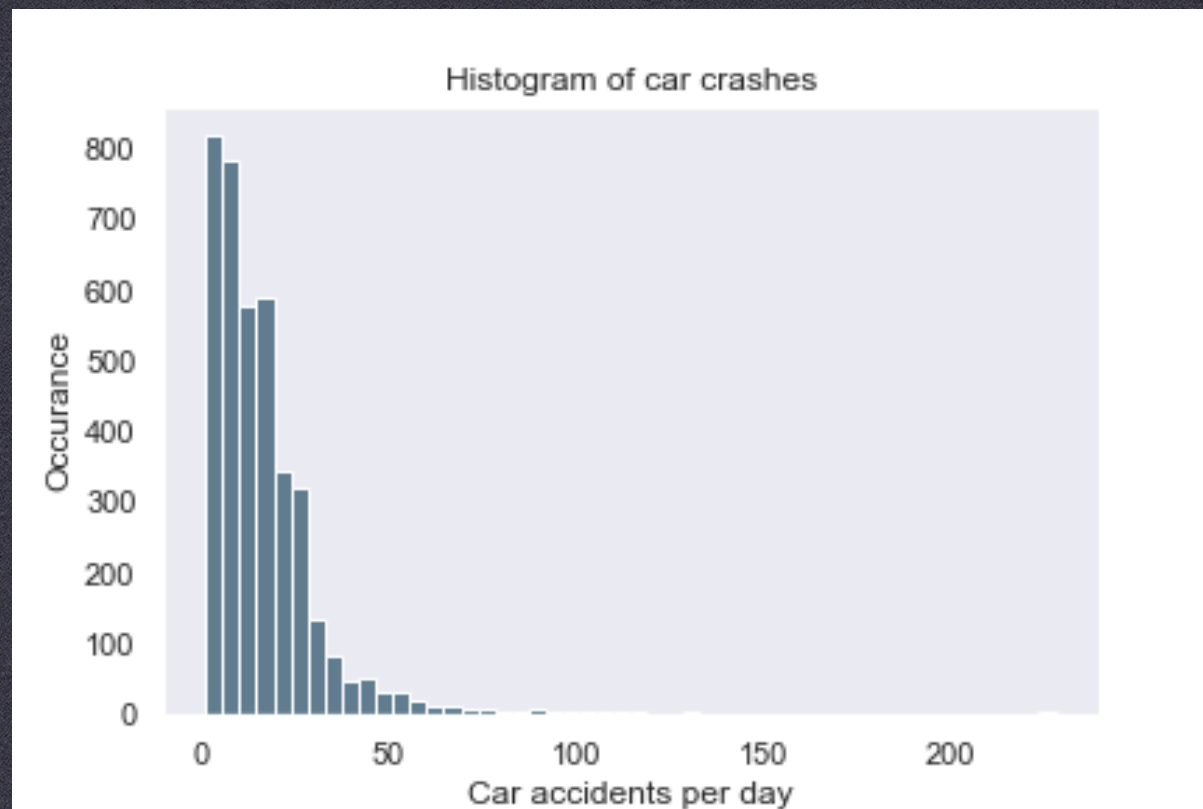
DROPPING NANS

REMOVING OUTLIERS

SCALING

TRANSFORMATION IN LOG SCALE

OVERCOME MULTICOLLINEARITY





# FEATURE ENGINEERING

**? Dark time + Rain**

**? Dark time + Snow**

**? Month, Day of Week, Hour**

**? Polynomial features**

**? Intersections**



# DOES THE REGULARIZATION MATTER? A LOT!

Linear Regression without  
Regularisation

Linear Regression with Lasso  
Regularisation

**CROSS-VALIDATION  $R^2$  adj**

**Mean**

-1.34e+20

0.5714

**Variance**

4.02e+20

0.0556

**Hold-Out Errors**

**MAE**

56e+9

0.9110



# FURTHER WORK

(TO INCLUDE OTHERS FEATURES NOT CONNECTED  
WITH WEATHER CONDITION FEATURES)

## SPEED LIMIT

40, 50, 60

## TRAFFIC TYPE

Divided, One-way

## TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE

Stop signs, Stop signals