# Building Basic predictive models over the NYC Taxi Trip Dataset.

## **Exploratory Data Analysis**

```
In [128]: # Importing libraries
          import pandas as pd
          import numpy as np
          import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
          import seaborn as sns
          from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
          from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
          from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor as KNN
          from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
          from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
          import warnings
          warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
In [129]: #importing the Dataset
          df = pd.read_csv('nyc_taxi_trip duration.csv')
In [130]: print("No. of rows: ", df.shape[0])
          print("No. of columns: ", df.shape[1])
          No. of rows: 729322
          No. of columns: 11
```

In [131]: df.head()

Out[131]:

	id	vendor_id	pickup_datetime	dropoff_datetime	passenger_count	pickup_longitude	pickup_latitude	dropoff_longitude	dropof
0	id1080784	2	2016-02-29 16:40:21	2016-02-29 16:47:01	1	-73.953918	40.778873	-73.963875	
1	id0889885	1	2016-03-11 23:35:37	2016-03-11 23:53:57	2	-73.988312	40.731743	-73.994751	2
2	id0857912	2	2016-02-21 17:59:33	2016-02-21 18:26:48	2	-73.997314	40.721458	-73.948029	2
3	id3744273	2	2016-01-05 09:44:31	2016-01-05 10:03:32	6	-73.961670	40.759720	-73.956779	4
4	id0232939	1	2016-02-17 06:42:23	2016-02-17 06:56:31	1	-74.017120	40.708469	-73.988182	2

In [132]: df.tail()

#### Out[132]:

	id	vendor_id	pickup_datetime	dropoff_datetime	passenger_count	pickup_longitude	pickup_latitude	dropoff_longitude	(
729317	id3905982	2	2016-05-21 13:29:38	2016-05-21 13:34:34	2	-73.965919	40.789780	-73.952637	
729318	id0102861	1	2016-02-22 00:43:11	2016-02-22 00:48:26	1	-73.996666	40.737434	-74.001320	
729319	id0439699	1	2016-04-15 18:56:48	2016-04-15 19:08:01	1	-73.997849	40.761696	-74.001488	
729320	id2078912	1	2016-06-19 09:50:47	2016-06-19 09:58:14	1	-74.006706	40.708244	-74.013550	
729321	id1053441	2	2016-01-01 17:24:16	2016-01-01 17:44:40	4	-74.003342	40.743839	-73.945847	
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In [133]: df.isnull().sum()
Out[133]: id
                                 0
          vendor id
                                 0
          pickup datetime
                                 0
          dropoff datetime
                                 0
          passenger_count
                                 0
          pickup longitude
                                 0
          pickup latitude
                                 0
          dropoff longitude
                                 0
          dropoff latitude
                                 0
          store_and_fwd_flag
                                 0
          trip duration
                                 0
          dtype: int64
In [134]: df.dtypes
Out[134]: id
                                  object
          vendor id
                                   int64
          pickup_datetime
                                  object
          dropoff_datetime
                                  object
          passenger count
                                   int64
          pickup_longitude
                                 float64
          pickup_latitude
                                float64
          dropoff longitude
                                float64
          dropoff latitude
                                float64
          store and fwd flag
                                 object
          trip duration
                                   int64
          dtype: object
In [135]: #Transforming pick up and drop off date time into a datetime object
          df['pickup datetime'] = pd.to datetime(df['pickup datetime'], format= '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
          df['dropoff datetime'] = pd.to datetime(df['dropoff datetime'], format='%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
In [136]: #Transforming vendor id and store and fwd to categorical data type
          df['vendor id'] = df['vendor id'].astype('category')
          df['store_and_fwd_flag'] = df['store_and_fwd_flag'].astype('category')
```

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In [137]: # Converting yes/no flag to 1 and 0 and transforming it into categorical data type
          df['store and fwd flag'] = 1 * (df.store and fwd flag.values == 'Y')
          df['store and fwd flag'] = df['store and fwd flag'].astype('category')
In [138]: #Checking the data types again
          df.dtypes
Out[138]: id
                                         object
          vendor id
                                       category
          pickup datetime
                                 datetime64[ns]
          dropoff datetime
                                 datetime64[ns]
          passenger count
                                          int64
          pickup_longitude
                                        float64
          pickup_latitude
                                        float64
          dropoff_longitude
                                        float64
          dropoff latitude
                                        float64
          store_and_fwd_flag
                                       category
          trip duration
                                          int64
          dtype: object
In [139]: |df['check trip duration'] = (df['dropoff datetime'] - df['pickup datetime']).map(lambda x: x.total seconds())
          duration difference = df[np.abs(df['check trip duration'].values - df['trip duration'].values) > 1]
          duration difference.shape
Out[139]: (0, 12)
          This implies that there is no inconsistency in data wrt the drop location and trip duration
In [140]: print("Startdate: ", df['pickup datetime'].min())
          print("Enddate: ", df['pickup_datetime'].max())
          Startdate: 2016-01-01 00:01:14
```

The trip duration data is collected from the time period of first 6 months from the year 2016

Enddate: 2016-06-30 23:59:37

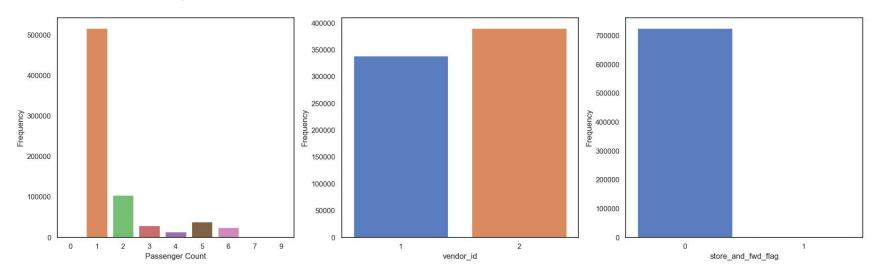
```
In [141]: # extracting more features from the datetime variable
    # For pick_up
    df['pickup_day']=df['pickup_datetime'].dt.day
    df['pickup_hour'] = df['pickup_datetime'].dt.hour
    df['pickup_weekday'] = df['pickup_datetime'].dt.weekday
    # for Drop_off
    df['dropoff_day'] = df['dropoff_datetime'].dt.hour
    df['dropoff_hour'] = df['dropoff_datetime'].dt.weekday
In [142]: df.head()
Out[142]:
    id vendor_id pickup_datetime dropoff_datetime passenger_count pickup_longitude pickup_latitude dropoff_longitude dropoff_longitu
```

#### 2016-02-29 2016-02-29 **0** id1080784 2 1 -73.953918 40.778873 -73.963875 16:40:21 16:47:01 2016-03-11 2016-03-11 **1** id0889885 1 2 -73.988312 40.731743 -73.994751 23:35:37 23:53:57 2016-02-21 2016-02-21 2 **2** id0857912 2 -73.997314 40.721458 -73.948029 17:59:33 18:26:48 2016-01-05 2016-01-05 **3** id3744273 2 6 -73.956779 -73.961670 40.759720 09:44:31 10:03:32 2016-02-17 2016-02-17 1 id0232939 -74.017120 40.708469 -73.988182 06:42:23 06:56:31

### **Univariate Visualization**

```
In [143]: # Binary Features
          plt.figure(figsize=(22, 6))
          #fig, axs = plt.subplot(ncols=2)
          # Passenger Count
          plt.subplot(131)
          sns.countplot(df['passenger_count'])
          plt.xlabel('Passenger Count')
          plt.ylabel('Frequency')
          # vendor id
          plt.subplot(132)
          sns.countplot(df['vendor_id'])
          plt.xlabel('vendor_id')
          plt.ylabel('Frequency')
          # store_and_fwd_flag
          plt.subplot(133)
          sns.countplot(df['store_and_fwd_flag'])
          plt.xlabel('store_and_fwd_flag')
          plt.ylabel('Frequency')
```

#### Out[143]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Frequency')



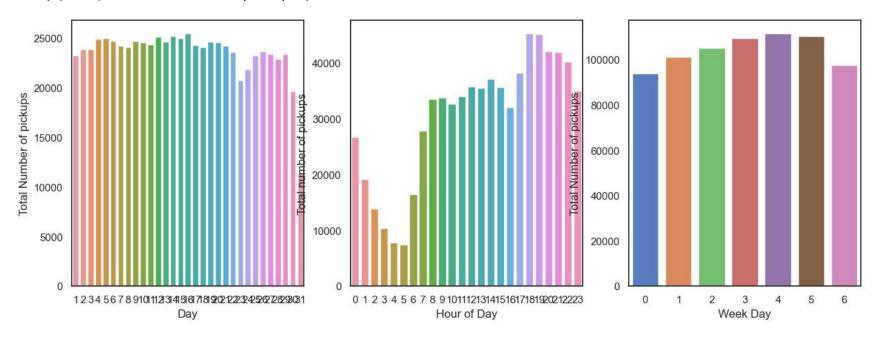
Most of the trips involve only 1 passenger.

Vendor 2 has more trips, compared to vendor 1.

The value with 1 is very low in the store\_and\_fwd\_flag variable. This suggests that almost no storing took place.

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In [144]: # Datetime features
          plt.figure(figsize=(20, 5))
          # Passenger Count
          plt.subplot(141)
          sns.countplot(df['pickup_day'])
          plt.xlabel('Day')
          plt.ylabel('Total Number of pickups')
          # vendor id
          plt.subplot(142)
          sns.countplot(df['pickup_hour'])
          plt.xlabel('Hour of Day')
          plt.ylabel('Total number of pickups')
          # Passenger Count
          plt.subplot(143)
          sns.countplot(df['pickup_weekday'])
          plt.xlabel('Week Day')
          plt.ylabel('Total Number of pickups')
```

Out[144]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Total Number of pickups')



Trips are very low in early morning, while very high in the late evening hour in the day.

Trip is on peak on Thursday(4).

Trips are very low in early morning, while very high in the late evening hour in the day.

## Feature engineering

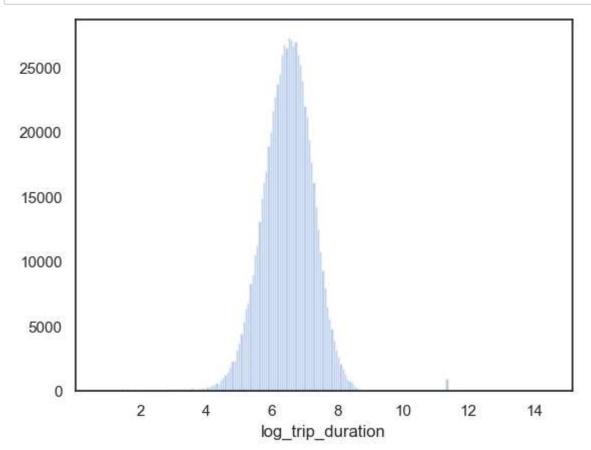
```
In [145]: df['passenger_count'].value_counts()
Out[145]: 1
                517415
           2
                105097
           5
                 38926
           3
                 29692
           6
                 24107
           4
                 14050
           0
                     33
                      1
                      1
           Name: passenger_count, dtype: int64
           Here as we can see that 0 and 9 are very less in number so we will remove it.
In [146]: | df=df[df['passenger_count']!=0]
           df=df[df['passenger count']<=6]</pre>
In [147]: # checking
           df['passenger count'].value counts()
Out[147]: 1
                517415
                105097
           5
                 38926
           3
                 29692
           6
                 24107
                 14050
           Name: passenger_count, dtype: int64
```

```
In [148]: #Getting the summary of the trip_duration dataset
df['trip_duration'].describe()/3600 # Trip duration in hours
```

```
Out[148]: count
                   202.579722
                     0.264515
          mean
                     1.073531
          std
          min
                     0.000278
          25%
                     0.110278
          50%
                     0.184167
          75%
                     0.298611
                   538.815556
          max
          Name: trip_duration, dtype: float64
```

There is a trip with maximum duration of 538 hours. This is a huge outlier and might create problems at the prediction stage. One idea is to log transform this feature.

```
In [149]: df['log_trip_duration'] = np.log(df['trip_duration'].values + 1)
    sns.distplot(df['log_trip_duration'], kde = False, bins = 200)
    plt.show()
```



#### We find:

The majority of rides follow a rather smooth distribution that looks almost log-normal with a peak just around exp(6.5) i.e. about 17 minutes.

There are several suspiciously short rides with less than 10 seconds duration.

As discussed earlier, there are a few huge outliers near 12.

In [150]: df.head()

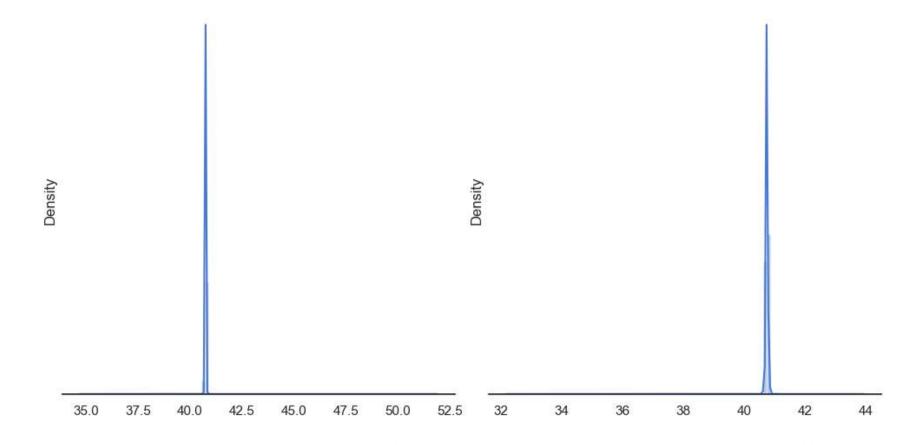
Out[150]:

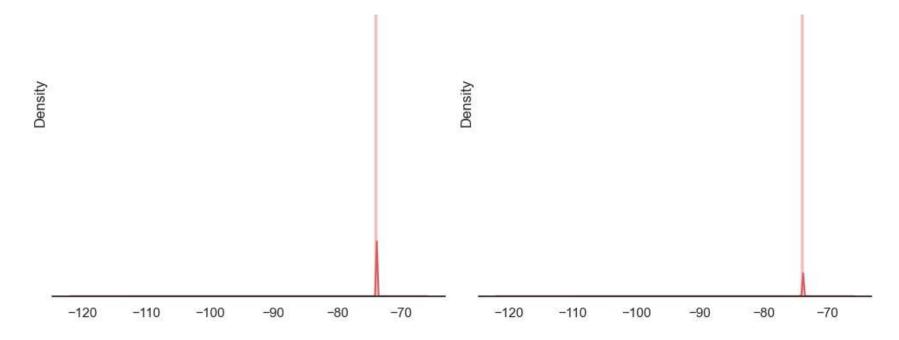
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```
In [151]: df.shape
Out[151]: (729287, 19)
```

## **Lattitude & Longitude**

Lets look at the geospatial or location features to check consistency. They should not vary much as we are only considering trips within New York city.





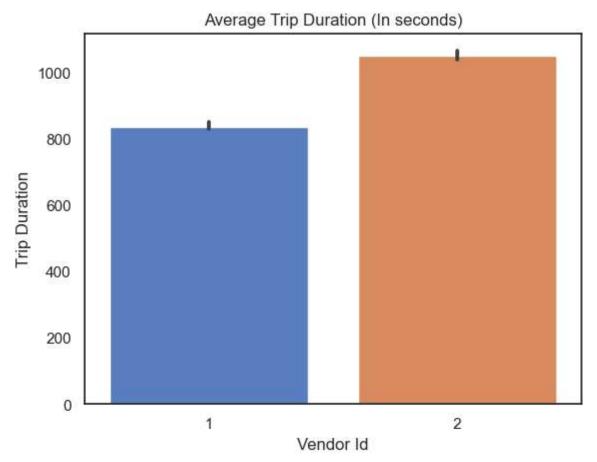
Findings - (Here, red represents pickup and dropoff Longitudes & blue represents pickup & dropoff lattitudes)

- 1. From the plot above it is clear that pick and drop latitude are centered around 40 to 41, and longitude are situated around -74 to -73.
- 2. Some extreme co-ordinates has squeezed the plot such that we see a spike here
- 3.A good idea is to remove these outliers and look at the distribution more closely

### **Bivariate Relations with Target**

## **Trip Duration vs Vendor Id**

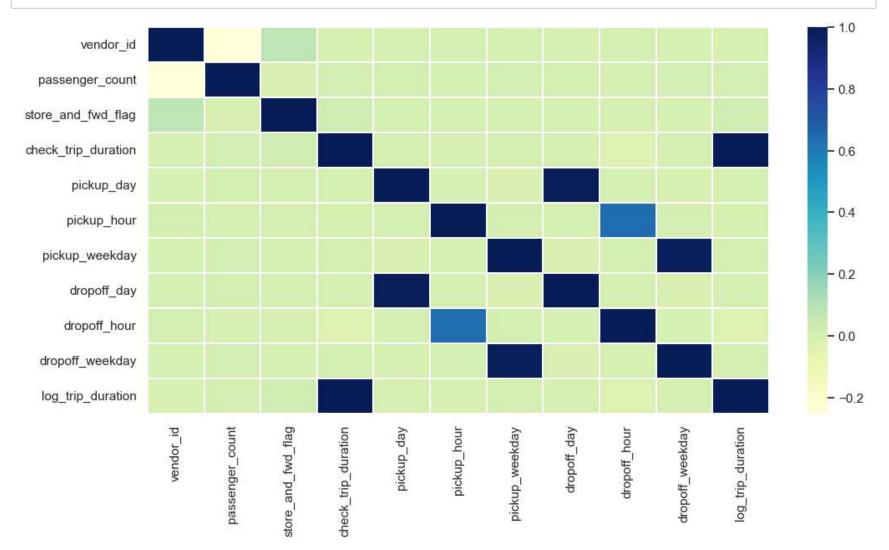
```
In [154]: sns.barplot(x="vendor_id", y="trip_duration",data=df);
plt.title("Average Trip Duration (In seconds)");
plt.xlabel("Vendor Id");
plt.ylabel("Trip Duration");
```



The average trip duration of vendor 2 is greater than vendor 1

## **Correlation Heatmap**

Let us quickly look at the correlation heatmap to check the correlations amongst all features.



## 1. Predictive Modeling

Root Mean Squared Error(RMSE) is a evaluation model I have choosed for this model to build

RMSE is a very simple metric to be used for evaluation. Since, we will be comparing our models and we will create a benchmark model as a baseline, RMSE will easy to compare these different models. Lower, the value of RMSE, better the model. It will help in getting the elbow curve.

## **Building a Benchmark Model**

```
In [157]: #seperating independent and dependent variables
    X = df1.drop('log_trip_duration', axis=1)
    y = df1['log_trip_duration']

In [158]: from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
    scaler = MinMaxScaler()
    x_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)
    X = pd.DataFrame(x_scaled, columns=X.columns)

In [159]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25, random_state=42)

In [160]: train = pd.concat([X_train, y_train], axis=1, join="inner")
    test = pd.concat([X_train, y_train], axis=1, join="inner")
```

In [164]: test.head() Out[164]: vendor\_id passenger\_count store\_and\_fwd\_flag check\_trip\_duration pickup\_day pickup\_hour pickup\_weekday dropoff\_day dr 719491 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.000192 0.433333 0.826087 0.833333 0.433333

1.0 0.0 0.0 0.166667 0.666667 0.166667 485894 0.608696 0.000091 255979 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.000780 0.933333 0.565217 1.000000 0.933333 335113 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.000289 0.533333 0.956522 0.166667 0.533333 470288 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.956522 0.500000 0.433333 0.000525 0.433333 •

In [165]: test.tail()

Out[165]:

	vendor_id	passenger_count	store_and_fwd_flag	check_trip_duration	pickup_day	pickup_hour	pickup_weekday	dropoff_day	dr
12030	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.000786	0.200000	0.782609	0.833333	0.200000	
418952	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.000311	0.100000	0.782609	0.333333	0.100000	
662046	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.000639	0.133333	0.739130	0.500000	0.133333	
264794	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000171	0.800000	0.304348	0.500000	0.800000	
595862	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.000871	0.300000	0.478261	0.166667	0.300000	

In [166]:

#storing simple mean in a new column in the test set as "simple mean" test['simple\_mean'] = train['log\_trip\_duration'].mean()

```
In [167]: |#importing the library
          from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error as MSE
          from math import sqrt
          #calculating root mean squared error
          error = sqrt(MSE(test['log_trip_duration'] , test['simple_mean']))
          error
Out[167]: 0.7881204914893064
In [168]: | trip_store = pd.pivot_table(train, values='log_trip_duration', index =['store_and_fwd_flag'], aggfunc=np.mean)
          trip_store
Out[168]:
                            log_trip_duration
           store_and_fwd_flag
                                   6.468011
                        0.0
                        1.0
                                   6.450863
In [169]: # initializing new column to zero
          test['trip store mean'] = 0
          # For every unique entry in Outlet Identifier
          for i in train['store and fwd flag'].unique():
            # Assign the mean value corresponding to unique entry
            test['trip_store_mean'][test['store_and_fwd_flag'] == i] = train['log_trip_duration'][train['store_and_fwd_flag']
In [170]: #calculating root mean squared error
          error = sqrt(MSE(test['log_trip_duration'] , test['trip_store_mean']))
          error
Out[170]: 0.7881269979288708
```

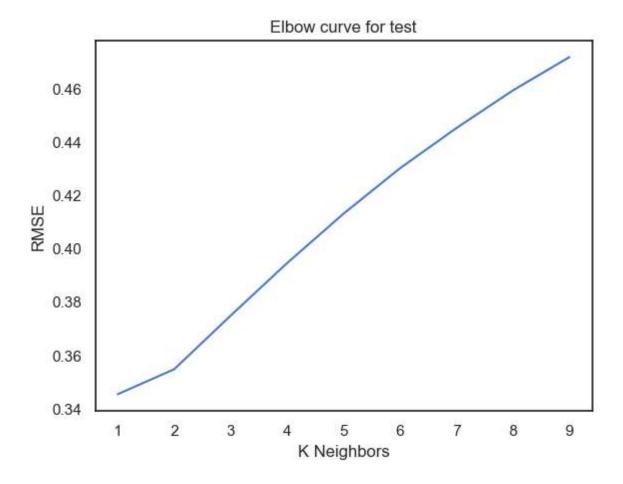
Error value = 0.7881 for Benchmark model

## K-Nearest neighbours' Model

```
In [174]: # Creating instance of Knn
          knn = KNN(n neighbors=5)
          # Fitting the model
          knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
          # Predicting over the Train Set and calculating RMSE
          y pred = knn.predict(X test)
          error = sqrt(MSE(y_test, y_pred))
          print("Test RMSE: ", error)
          Test RMSE: 0.41305272705045804
          Elbow Curve to determine value of K
In [175]: def Elbow(k):
            test = []
          #training model for evey value of K
            for i in k:
              #Instance of KNN
              reg = KNN(n_neighbors=i)
              reg.fit(X train, y train)
              #Appending RMSE value to empty list claculated using the predictions
              tmp pred = reg.predict(X test)
              temp error = sqrt(MSE(tmp pred, y test))
              test.append(temp error)
            return test
In [176]: #Defining K range
          k = range(1, 10)
In [177]: # calling above defined function
          test = Elbow(k)
```

```
In [178]: # plotting the curve
plt.plot(k, test)
plt.xlabel('K Neighbors')
plt.ylabel('RMSE')
plt.title('Elbow curve for test')
```

Out[178]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Elbow curve for test')



Train Score for K-Nearest neighbours' model

```
In [189]: # Predicting over the Train Set and calculating RMSE
y_pred = knn.predict(X_train)
knn_train_rmse = sqrt(MSE(y_train, y_pred))
print("Train RMSE: ", knn_train_rmse)
```

Train RMSE: 0.2821119956078097

Test Score for K-Nearest neighbours' model

```
In [179]: # Creating instance of KNN again at the value of n_neighbours=6
knn = KNN(n_neighbors=4)

# Fitting the model
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Predicting over the Test Set and calculating RMSE
y_pred = knn.predict(X_test)

error = sqrt(MSE(y_test, y_pred))

print("Test RMSE: ", error)
```

Test RMSE: 0.39450047377576736

Train Score for K-Nearest neighbours' model

### **Linear Model**

```
In [181]: lr = LinearRegression()
lr.fit(X_train, y_train)
Out[181]: LinearRegression()
```

Train score for Linear Model

```
In [186]: y_pred = lr.predict(X_train)
lm_train_rmse = sqrt(MSE(y_train, y_pred))
print("RMSE of linear regressor model: ", lm_train_rmse)

RMSE of linear regressor model: 0.7534906679640115

Test Score for Linear Model

In [188]: y_pred = lr.predict(X_test)
lm_test_rmse = sqrt(MSE(y_test, y_pred))
print("RMSE of linear regressor model: ", lm_test_rmse)

RMSE of linear regressor model: 0.7381668274657416
In []:
```