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Project 2 Report

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AUTOMOBILE PRICE ESTIMATION

1. ABOUT THE DATASET

This data set consists of data related to vehicles, this dataset is sourced from UC Irvine machine learning data repository.

2. SOURCE OF DATA OBTAINED

https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Automobile

3. PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Analyze the automobile dataset to determine that factors that help decide the price of an automobile and to develop a model that will enable the customers to estimate the price of automobile based on the listed out make and specifications by the customer.

4. DRIVER AND TARGET VARIABLES

Sr No	Variable name	Target/Driver Variable	Variable Definition								
1	Make	Driver Variable	Indicates the manufacturing company of the automobile. (alfa-romero, audi, bmw, chevrolet, dodge, honda, isuzu, jaguar, mazda, mercedes-benz, mercury, mitsubishi, nissan, peugot, plymouth, porsche, renault, saab, subaru, toyota, Volkswagen or Volvo)								
2	fuel-type	NA	The type of fuel used by the vehicle (diesel or gas)								
3	Aspiration	Driver Variable	Indicates the desired engine performance (Std or Turbo)								
4	num-of-doors	Driver Variable	Number of doors in the vehicle (2 or 4)								
5	body-style	Driver Variable	The type of chasis of the vehicle (hardtop, wagon, sedan, hatchback or convertible)								
6	drive-wheels	Driver Variable	The drive type of the vehicle (2wd or 4wd)								
7	engine-location	NA	Location of the engine (Front or Rear)								
8	wheel-base	Driver Variable	Distance between the front wheels and the rear wheels (Range: 86.6 to 120.9)								

9	Length	Driver Variable	Length of the automobile (Range: 141.1 to 208.1)								
10	Width	NA	Width of the automobile (Range: 60.3 to 72.3)								
11	Height	Driver Variable	Height of the automobile (Range: 47.8 to 59.8)								
12	curb-weight	Driver Variable	The weight of the automobile without occupants or baggage. (Range: 1488 to 4066)								
13	engine-type	Driver Variable	Indicates the type of engine used. (dohc, dohcv, I, ohc, ohcf, ohcv or rotor)								
14	num-of- cylinders	Driver Variable	Number of cylinders in the engine. (eight, five, four, six, three, twelve or two)								
15	engine-size	NA	Size of the engine. (Range: 61 to 326)								
16	fuel-system	Driver Variable	Type of the fuel system used. (1bbl, 2bbl, 4bbl, idi, mfi, mpfi, spdi or spfi)								
17	Bore	NA	The hollow area inside the cylinder of the engine. (Range: 2.54 to 3.94)								
18	Stroke	NA	The size of the piston in the cylinder. (Range: 2.07 to 4.17)								
19	compression- ratio	Driver Variable	Compression ratio of fuel and air. (7 to 23)								
20	Horsepower	Driver Variable	Power output from the engine. (48 to 288)								
21	peak-rpm	NA	RPM on maximum horsepower. (Range: 4150 to 6600)								
22	city-mpg	NA	Fuel efficiency in city roads. (Range: 13 to 49)								
23	highway-mpg	NA	Fuel efficiency on highway. (Range: 16 to 54)								
24	Price	Target Variable	On-road price of the vehicle. (Range: 5118 to 45400)								

5. DATA SNAPSHOT

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▼ 159/0 Rows 1 a	make	qas	aspiration std	doors	body-style sedan	fwd	front	99.8	length 176.6	66.2	54.3	2337	-type	four		mpfi	3.19	stroke 3.4	-ratio	power 102	peak-rpm 5500	city-mpg 24	-mpg 30	price 13950
2 a		gas	std	four	sedan	4wd	front	99.4	176.6	66.4	54.3	2824		five		mpfi	3.19	3.4	8	115	5500	18	22	17450
3 a		gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	105.8	192.7	71.4	55.7	2844		five		mpfi	3.19	3.4	8.5	110	5500	19	25	17710
4 a		gas	turbo	four	sedan	fwd	front	105.8	192.7	71.4	55.9	3086		five		mpfi	3.13	3.4	8.3	140	5500	17	20	23875
5 b		gas	std	two	sedan	rwd	front	101.2	176.8	64.8	54.3	2395		four		mpfi	3.5	2.8	8.8	101	5800	23	29	16430
6 b		gas	std	four	sedan	rwd	front	101.2	176.8	64.8	54.3	2395		four		mpfi	3.5	2.8	8.8	101	5800	23	29	16925
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	hevrolet	gas	std	two	hatchback		front	88.4	141.1	60.3	53.2	1488		three		2bbl	2.91	3.03	9.5	48	5100	47	53	5151
	hevrolet	gas	std	two	hatchback		front	94.5	155.9	63.6	52	1874		four		2bbl	3.03	3.11	9.6	70	5400	38	43	6295
	hevrolet	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	94.5	158.8	63.6	52	1909		four		2bbl	3.03	3.11	9.6	70	5400	38	43	6575
	lodge	gas	std	two	hatchback		front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.8	1876		four		2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.41	68	5500	37	41	5572
13 d	-	gas	std	two	hatchback		front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.8	1876		four		2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.4	68	5500	31	38	6377
14 d	-	gas	turbo	two	hatchback		front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.8	2128		four		mpfi	3.03	3.39	7.6		5500	24	30	7957
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16 d		gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.6	1989		four		2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.4	68	5500	31	38	6692
17 d		gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.6	1989		four		2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.4	68	5500	31	38	7609
18 d		gas	std	four	wagon	fwd	front	103.3	174.6	64.6	59.8	2535		four		2bbl	3.34	3.46	8.5	88	5000	24	30	8921
19 d		gas	turbo	two	hatchback	fwd	front	95.9	173.2	66.3	50.2	2811		four	156	mfi	3.6	3.9	7	145	5000	19	24	12964
20 h	_	gas	std	two	hatchback		front	86.6	144.6	63.9		1713		four		1bbl	2.91	3.41	9.6		4800	49	54	6479
21 h		gas	std	two	hatchback		front	86.6	144.6	63.9	50.8	1819		four		1bbl	2.91	3.41	9.2	76	6000	31	38	6855
22 h		gas	std	two	hatchback		front	93,7	150	64	52.6	1837		four		1bbl	2.91	3.07	10.1	60	5500	38	42	5399
23 h		gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	93,7	150	64	52.6	1940	ohc	four	92	1bbl	2.91	3,41	9.2	76	6000	30	34	6529
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25 h		gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	163.4	64	54.5	2010		four		1bbl	2.91	3.41	9.2	76	6000	30	34	7295
26 h		gas	std	four	wagon	fwd	front	96.5	157.1	63.9	58.3	2024	ohc	four		1bbl	2.92	3.41	9.2	76	6000	30	34	7295
27 h		gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	96.5	167.5	65.2	53.3	2236	ohc	four		1bbl	3.15	3.58	9	86	5800	27	33	7895
28 h		gas	std	two	hatchback		front	96.5	167.5	65.2	53.3	2289		four		1bbl	3.15	3.58	9	86	5800	27	33	9095
29 h		gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	175.4	65.2	54.1	2304		four		1bbl	3.15	3.58	9	86	5800	27	33	8845
30 h		gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	175.4	62.5	54.1	2372		four	110	1bbl	3.15	3.58	9	86	5800	27	33	10295
31 h	onda	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	175.4	65.2	54.1	2465	ohc	four	110	mpfi	3.15	3.58	9	101	5800	24	28	12945
32 h		gas	std	two	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	169.1	66	51	2293		four		2bbl	3.15	3.58	9.1	100	5500	25	31	10345

6. PERFORMANCE

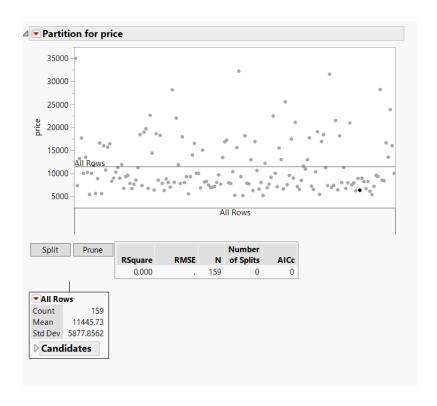
This is dataset is a categorical multivariate dataset. In order to predict the price of the automobile (target), predictive algorithms like neural networks, decision tree and linear regression were performed on the dataset to compare the performance and their respective results

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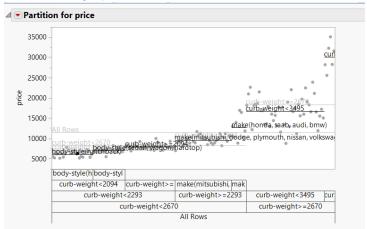
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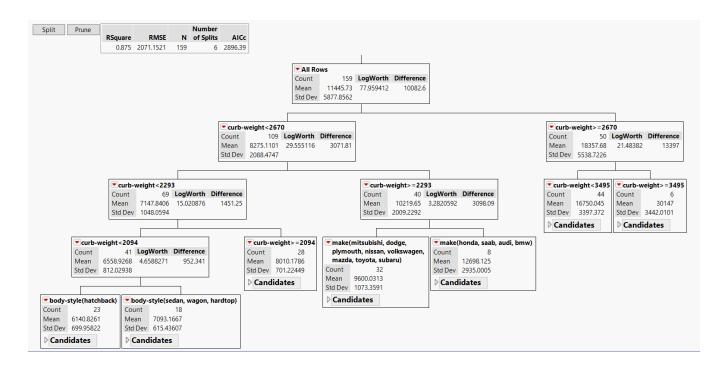
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6.1. Decision Tree Output

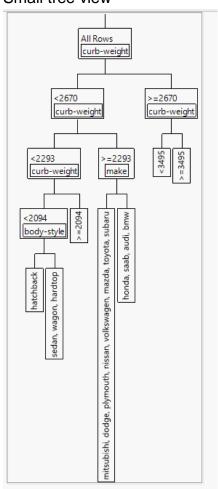


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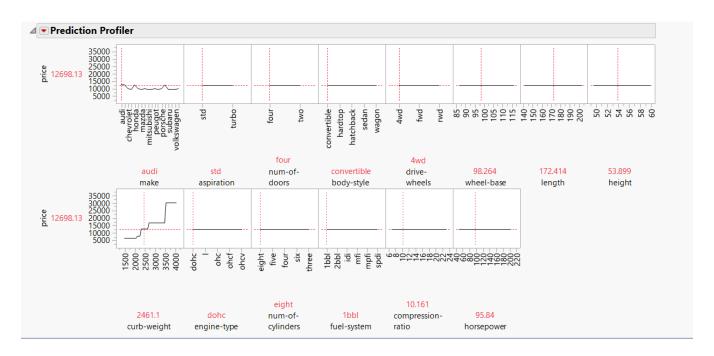


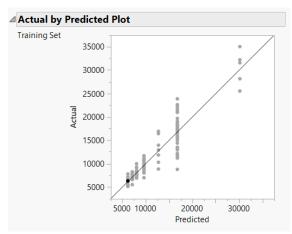


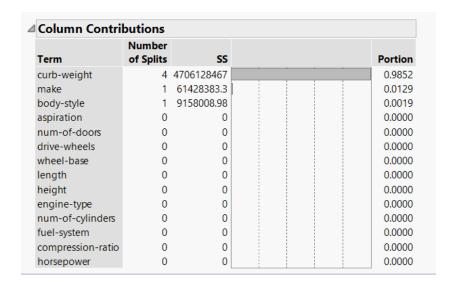
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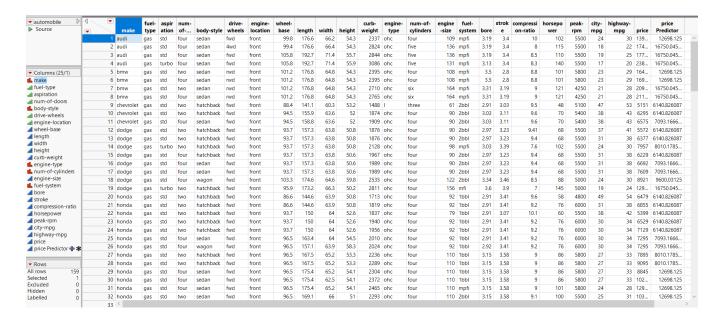
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curb-weight<2670&curb-weight<2293&curb-weight>=2094	8010.17857	28						
urb-weight<2670&curb-weight>=2293&make(mitsubishi, dodge, plymouth, nissan, volkswagen, mazda, toyota, subaru)	9600.03125	32						
curb-weight<2670&curb-weight>=2293&make(honda, saab, audi, bmw)	12698.125	8						
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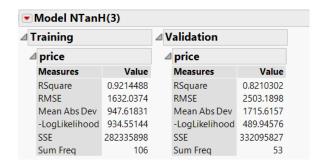


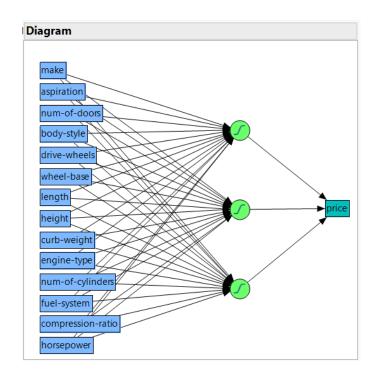


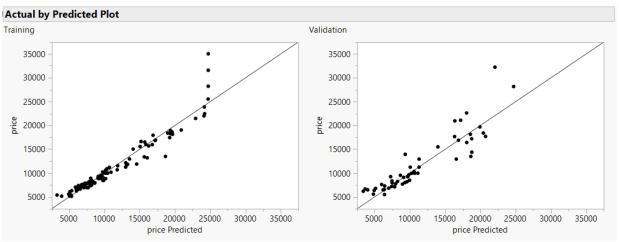
Decision Tree Result Dataset Snapshot



6.2. Neural network output









Neural Net Results Dataset Snapshot

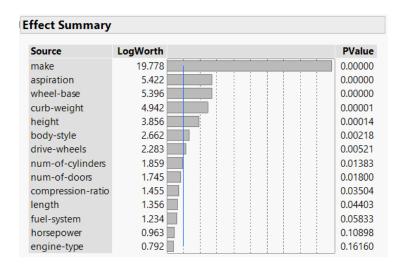
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1	make audi	type gas	aspiration std	doors	body-style sedan	fwd	front	base 99.8	176.6	66.2	height 54.3	weight 2337		cylinders four		system mpfi	3.19	3.4	on-ratio 10	power 102	-rpm 5500	mpg 24	y-mpg 30	13950	H1_1 -0.68		H1_3 0.41	price 9330,2205285
	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	4wd	front	99.6	176.6	66.4	54.3	2824		five		mpfi	3.19	3.4	9		5500	18			0.994			19246.253986
	audi	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	105.8	192.7	71.4	55.7	2844		five		mpfi	3.19	3,4	8.5		5500	19			0.992			20729.779639
	audi	gas	turbo	four	sedan	fwd	front	105.8	192.7	71.4	55.9	3086		five		mpfi	3.13	3,4	8.3			17			0.997			24169.088996
	bmw	gas	std	two	sedan	rwd	front	101.2	176.8	64.8	54.3	2395		four		mpfi	3.5	2.8	8.8	101	5800	23	29		0.865			18061.181735
	bmw	gas	std	four	sedan	rwd	front	101.2	176.8	64.8	54.3	2395		four		mpfi	3.5	2.8	8.8	101	5800	23	29		0.657			17232.856902
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	bmw	gas	std	four	sedan	rwd	front	101.2	176.8	64.8	54.3	2765	ohc	six	164	mpfi	3.31	3.19	9	121	4250	21	28	21105	0.997	0.42	0.97	17191.513594
	chevrolet	-	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	88.4	141.1	60.3	53.2	1488	1	three		2bbl	2.91	3.03	9.5	48	5100	47	53	5151	-0.63	-0.9	0.99	3916.7089095
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12	dodge	gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.8	1876	ohc	four	90	2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.41	68	5500	37	41	5572	-0.97	-0.9	0.03	4915.9193414
13	dodge	gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.8	1876	ohc	four	90	2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.4	68	5500	31	38	6377	-0.97	-0.9	0.03	4917.9825025
14	dodge	gas	turbo	two	hatchback	fwd	front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.8	2128	ohc	four	98	mpfi	3.03	3.39	7.6	102	5500	24	30	7957	-0.91	-0.8	-0.72	8016.0899006
15	dodge	gas	std	four	hatchback	fwd	front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.6	1967	ohc	four	90	2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.4	68	5500	31	38	6229	-0.98	-0.9	-0.36	6064.3111894
16	dodge	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.6	1989	ohc	four	90	2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.4	68	5500	31	38	6692	-0.97	-0.9	-0.32	5974.6996824
17	dodge	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	93.7	157.3	63.8	50.6	1989	ohc	four	90	2bbl	2.97	3.23	9.4	68	5500	31	38	7609	-0.97	-0.9	-0.32	5974.6996824
18	dodge	gas	std	four	wagon	fwd	front	103.3	174.6	64.6	59.8	2535	ohc	four	122	2bbl	3.34	3.46	8.5	88	5000	24	30	8921	-0.94	-0.9	-0.93	8037.6432105
19	dodge	gas	turbo	two	hatchback	fwd	front	95.9	173.2	66.3	50.2	2811	ohc	four	156	mfi	3.6	3.9	7	145	5000	19	24	12964	-0.09	-0.6	-0.87	13549.027348
20	honda	gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	86.6	144.6	63.9	50.8	1713	ohc	four	92	1bbl	2.91	3.41	9.6	58	4800	49	54	6479	-0.95	-0.3	0.94	3997.1832318
21	honda	gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	86.6	144.6	63.9	50.8	1819	ohc	four	92	1bbl	2.91	3.41	9.2		6000	31	38	6855	-0.89	-0.0	0.92	5149.5257572
22	honda	gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	93.7	150	64	52.6	1837		four	79	1bbl	2.91	3.07	10.1			38	42	5399	-0.94	0.06	0.91	5233.2728128
23	honda	gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	93.7	150	64	52.6	1940	ohc	four	92	1bbl	2.91	3.41	9.2		6000	30	34	6529	-0.87			6348.5332694
24	honda	gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	93.7	150	64	52.6		ohc	four	92	1bbl	2.91	3.41	9.2	76	6000	30	34	7129	-0.86			6443.7539781
	honda	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	163.4	64	54.5	2010		four		1bbl	2.91	3.41	9.2	76		30	34	7295	-0.94			6418.2537664
26	honda	gas	std	four	wagon	fwd	front	96.5	157.1	63.9	58.3	2024		four		1bbl	2.92	3.41	9.2		6000	30	34	7295	-0.96			6555.3407999
27	honda	gas	std	two		fwd	front	96.5	167.5	65.2	53.3	2236		four		1bbl	3.15	3.58	9		5800	27	33	7895	-0.80		0.37	
	honda	gas	std	two	hatchback	fwd	front	96.5	167.5	65.2	53.3	2289		four		1bbl	3.15	3.58	9	86	5800	27	33	9095	-0.76			9100.3514634
	honda	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	175.4	65.2	54.1	2304		four		1bbl	3.15	3.58	9	86	5800	27	33	8845	-0.89			9185.5065611
	honda	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	175.4	62.5	54.1	2372		four		1bbl	3.15	3.58	9	86	5800	27	33	10295	-0.86			9756.9587969
	honda	gas	std	four	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	175.4	65.2	54.1	2465		four		mpfi	3.15	3.58	9	101	5800	24	28	12945				11292.734758
32	honda	gas	std	two	sedan	fwd	front	96.5	169.1	66	51	2293	ohc	four	110	2bbl	3.15	3.58	9.1	100	5500	25	31	10345	-0.38	-0.8	-0.56	10581.948667

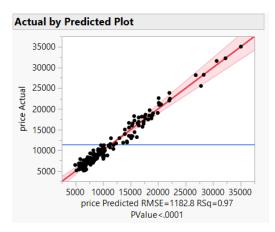
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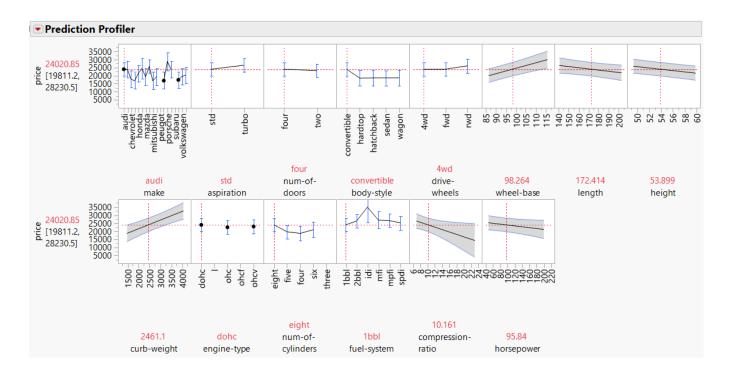
Predicted Price= 13272.2853767542 + 5746.52603802602 * :H1_1 + 2671.59434009672 * :H1_2 + -3031.32022297446 * :H1_3

6.3. Regression output

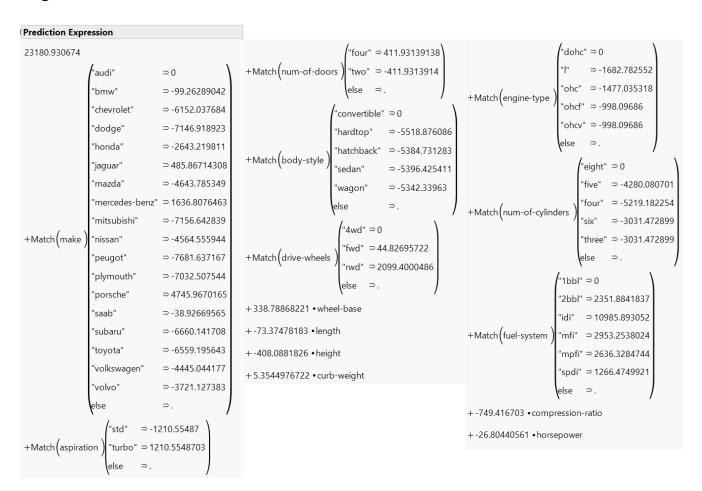
Summary of Fit								
RSquare	0.971309							
RSquare Adj	0.96092							
Root Mean Square Error	1161.968							
Mean of Response	11445.73							
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	159							







Regression Formula



7. VERDICT

Based on the results derived all the methods, we find that the prediction values are closer in the case of decision tree and regression. Neural networks model nonlinearities automatically (according to universal approximation theorem), whereas in case of decision tree and linear regression explicit modelling using transformations (splines etc.) is required for predictions. Hence, in this case decision tree and multivariate regression has outperformed neural nets on this dataset as there are no nonlinearities among variables in the dataset.

8. PRICE ESTIMATION AND BUSINESS SUGGESTIONS

- 1. The cost of an automobile is elevated to an extent based on its 'Brand Loyalty', beyond which any other features in them, come to play. So it is very important to advertise the brand as much as spending on R&D of the brand.
- 2. It is evident from the model predictors that rear-wheel drive vehicles are expensive than all-wheel drive vehicles. The rear wheel drive vehicle manufacturers should consider understanding the market demand and adopt.
- 3. The convertible body style automobiles are highly priced compared to other segments of automobiles. The non-convertible manufacturers should consider developing convertible vehicles to increase their sales and turnover.
- 4. From the graph, it is noticed that idi diesel engines are priced higher compared to gas engines, the manufacturers could work on cutting costs for idi diesel engines or adopt other technologies to make diesel automobiles more economic and sell more.
- 5. From the graphs, the curb weight and horsepower are inversely proportional. Prices can be stabilized by optimizing both curb weight and horse power for optimum performance in certain automobiles.

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