Project: Predicting Taxi Ride Duration

Due Date: 2024.6.19 (Wed) 11:59PM

Collaboration Policy

Data science is a collaborative activity. While you may talk with others about the project, we ask that you **write your solutions individually**. If you do discuss the assignments with others please **include their names** at the top of your notebook.

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Score Breakdown

Question	Points
1a	1
1b	2
2a	2
2b	1
2c	2
2d	2
3a	2
3b	2
3c	2
3d	2
3e	2
3f	2

Question	Points
Total	22

This Assignment

In this project, you will use what you've learned in class to create a regression model that predicts the travel time of a taxi ride in New York. Some questions in this project are more substantial than those of past projects.

After this project, you should feel comfortable with the following:

- The data science lifecycle: data selection and cleaning, EDA, feature engineering, and model selection.
- Using sklearn to process data and fit linear regression models.
- Embedding linear regression as a component in a more complex model.

First, let's import:

```
In [46]: import numpy as np import pandas as pd import matplotlib.pyplot as plt %matplotlib inline import seaborn as sns
```

The Data

Run the following cell to load the cleaned Manhattan data.

```
In [47]: # mount Google drive
    from google.colab import drive
    drive.mount('/content/drive')
    workspace_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/Lectures/COSE471/hw/proj' # Change this path!
    manhattan_taxi = pd.read_csv(f'{workspace_path}/manhattan_taxi.csv')
```

Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mount("/content/drive", force_remount=True).

```
In [48]: # manhattan_taxi = pd.read_csv('manhattan_taxi.csv')
```

Attributes of all yellow taxi trips in January 2016 are published by the NYC Taxi and Limosine Commission.

Columns of the manhattan taxi table include:

- pickup_datetime : date and time when the meter was engaged
- dropoff_datetime: date and time when the meter was disengaged
- pickup lon: the longitude where the meter was engaged
- pickup_lat : the latitude where the meter was engaged
- dropoff_lon: the longitude where the meter was disengaged
- dropoff_lat: the latitude where the meter was disengaged
- passengers: the number of passengers in the vehicle (driver entered value)
- distance : trip distance
- duration : duration of the trip in seconds

Your goal will be to predict duration from the pick-up time, pick-up and drop-off locations, and distance.

```
manhattan_taxi.head()
In [49]:
                                   dropoff_datetime pickup_lon pickup_lat dropoff_lon dropoff_lat passengers distance duration
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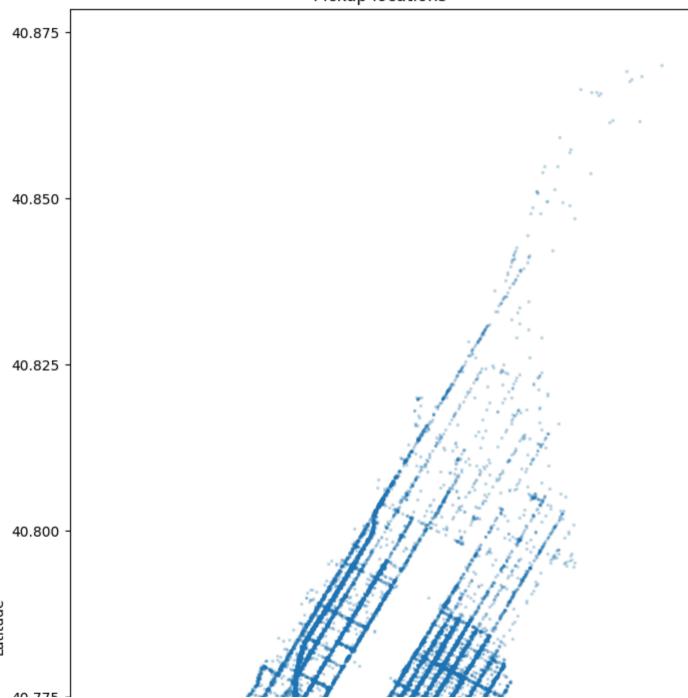
A scatter diagram of only Manhattan taxi rides has the familiar shape of Manhattan Island.

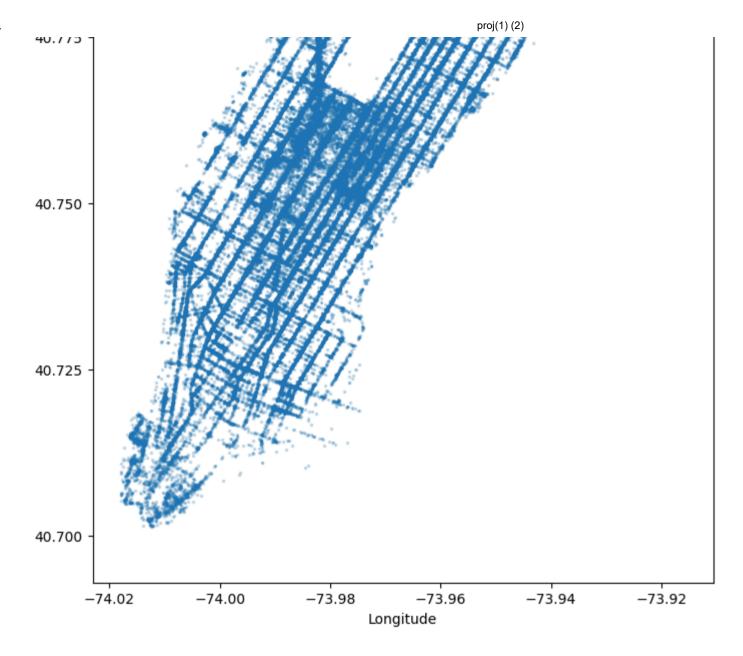
```
In [50]: def pickup_scatter(t):
    plt.scatter(t['pickup_lon'], t['pickup_lat'], s=2, alpha=0.2)
    plt.xlabel('Longitude')
    plt.ylabel('Latitude')
```

```
plt.title('Pickup locations')

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 16))
pickup_scatter(manhattan_taxi)
```







Part 1: Exploratory Data Analysis

In this part, you'll choose which days to include as training data in your regression model.

Your goal is to develop a general model that could potentially be used for future taxi rides. There is no guarantee that future distributions will resemble observed distributions, but some effort to limit training data to typical examples can help ensure that the training data are representative of future observations.

Note that January 2016 had some atypical days.

- New Years Day (January 1) fell on a Friday.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day was on Monday, January 18.
- A historic blizzard passed through New York that month.

Using this dataset to train a general regression model for taxi trip times must account for these unusual phenomena, and one way to account for them is to remove atypical days from the training data.

Question 1a

Add a column labeled date to manhattan_taxi that contains the date (but not the time) of pickup, formatted as a datetime.date value (docs).

The provided tests check that you have extended manhattan taxi correctly.

```
Out[51]:
                                  dropoff_datetime pickup_lon pickup_lat dropoff_lon dropoff_lat passengers distance duration
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In [52]: assert(list(manhattan_taxi.groupby('date').size())[:8]==[2337, 2411, 2177, 2368, 2630, 2721, 2908, 3010])
          print('Passed all unit tests!')
          Passed all unit tests!
```

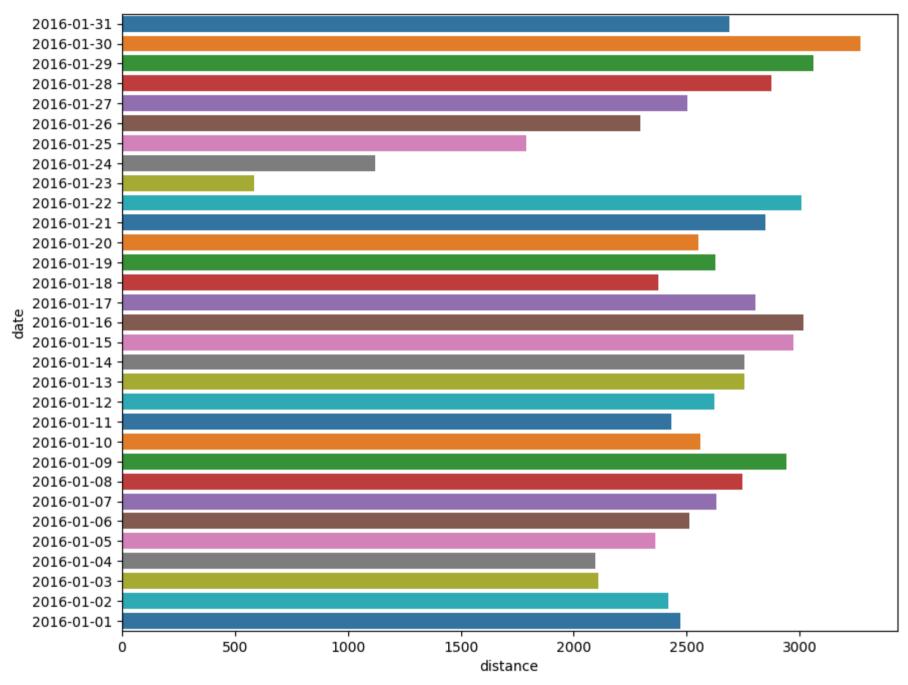
Question 1b

Create a data visualization that allows you to identify which dates were affected by the historic blizzard of January 2016. Make sure that the visualization type is appropriate for the visualized data.

<ipython-input-53-10d0a64189bd>:7: FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be removed in v0.14.0. Assign the `y` variable to `hue` and set `legend=False` for the same effect.

sns.barplot(x='distance', y='date', data = d, palette='tab10')



Finally, we have generated a list of dates that should have a fairly typical distribution of taxi rides, which excludes holidays and blizzards. The cell below assigns final taxi to the subset of manhattan taxi that is on these days. (No changes are needed; just run this cell.)

```
In [54]: import calendar
          import re
          from datetime import date
          atypical = [1, 2, 3, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26]
          typical_dates = [date(2016, 1, n) for n in range(1, 32) if n not in atypical]
          typical_dates
         print('Typical dates:\n')
         pat = ' [1-3]|18 | 23| 24|25 |26 '
         print(re.sub(pat, ' ', calendar.month(2016, 1)))
         final_taxi = manhattan_taxi[manhattan_taxi['date'].isin(typical_dates)]
         Typical dates:
             January 2016
         Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su
          4 5 6 7 8 9 10
         11 12 13 14 15 16 17
            19 20 21 22
               27 28 29 30 31
```

Part 2: Feature Engineering

In this part, you'll create a design matrix (i.e., feature matrix) for your linear regression model. You decide to predict trip duration from the following inputs: start location, end location, trip distance, time of day, and day of the week (*Monday, Tuesday, etc.*).

You will ensure that the process of transforming observations into a design matrix is expressed as a Python function called design_matrix, so that it's easy to make predictions for different samples in later parts of the project.

Because you are going to look at the data in detail in order to define features, it's best to split the data into training and test sets now, then only inspect the training set.

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```
In [55]: import sklearn.model_selection

train, test = sklearn.model_selection.train_test_split(
    final_taxi, train_size=0.8, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

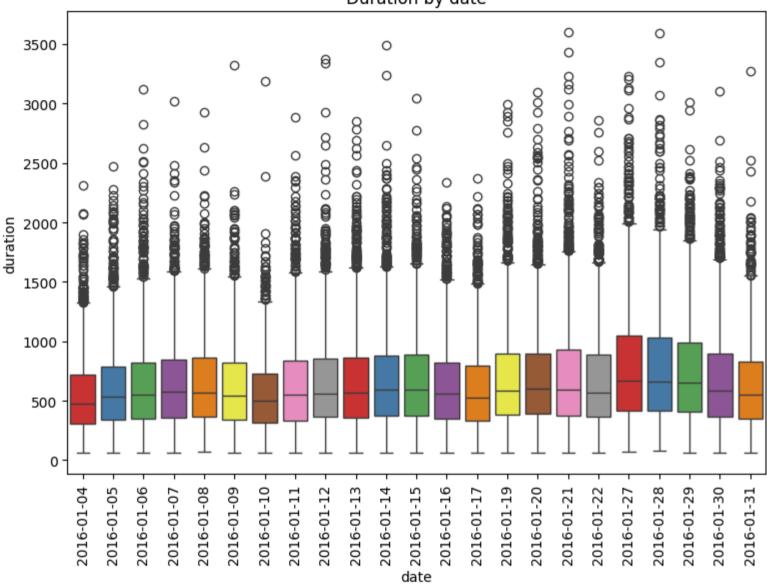
print('Train:', train.shape, 'Test:', test.shape)

Train: (53680, 10) Test: (13421, 10)
```

Question 2a

Use sns.boxplot to create a box plot that compares the distributions of taxi trip durations for each day **using** train only. Individual dates should appear on the horizontal axis, and duration values should appear on the vertical axis. Your plot should look like this:

Duration by date



Question 2b

In one or two sentences, describe the assocation between the day of the week and the duration of a taxi trip.

Note: The end of Part 2 showed a calendar for these dates and their corresponding days of the week.

Answer: The duration of taxi trips tends to be generally higher on weekdays and lower on weekends. Additionally, among weekdays, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday tend to have higher durations compared to Monday and Tuesday.

Below, the provided augment function adds various columns to a taxi ride dataframe.

- hour: The integer hour of the pickup time. E.g., a 3:45pm taxi ride would have 15 as the hour. A 12:20am ride would have 0.
- day: The day of the week with Monday=0, Sunday=6.
- weekend: 1 if and only if the day is Saturday or Sunday.
- period: 1 for early morning (12am-6am), 2 for daytime (6am-6pm), and 3 for night (6pm-12pm).
- speed : Average speed in miles per hour.

No changes are required; just run this cell.

```
In [57]: def speed(t):
    """Return a column of speeds in miles per hour."""
    return t['distance'] / t['duration'] * 60 * 60

def augment(t):
    """Augment a dataframe t with additional columns."""
    u = t.copy()
    pickup_time = pd.to_datetime(t['pickup_datetime'])
    u.loc[:, 'hour'] = pickup_time.dt.hour
    u.loc[:, 'day'] = pickup_time.dt.weekday
    u.loc[:, 'day'] = pickup_time.dt.weekday >= 5).astype(int)
    u.loc[:, 'period'] = np.digitize(pickup_time.dt.hour, [0, 6, 18])
    u.loc[:, 'speed'] = speed(t)
    return u

train = augment(train)
```

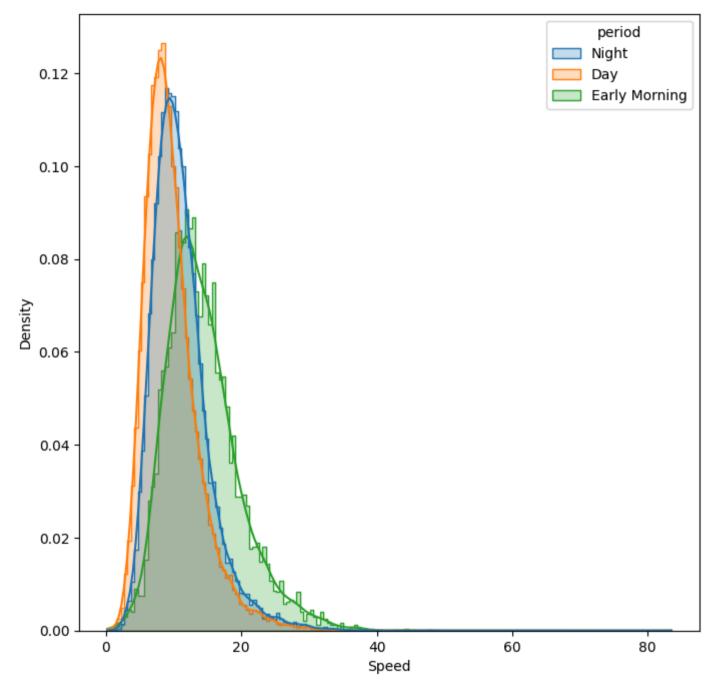
```
test = augment(test)
         train.iloc[0,:] # An example row
         pickup_datetime
                             2016-01-21 18:02:20
Out[57]:
         dropoff_datetime
                             2016-01-21 18:27:54
         pickup_lon
                                      -73.994202
         pickup_lat
                                       40.751019
         dropoff_lon
                                      -73.963692
                                       40.771069
         dropoff_lat
         passengers
                                             2.77
         distance
                                             1534
         duration
         date
                                      2016-01-21
         hour
                                               18
         day
                                                3
                                                0
         weekend
         period
         speed
                                        6.500652
         Name: 14043, dtype: object
```

Question 2c

Use sns.distplot (can use other functions like sns.displot or sns.histplot for seaborn v0.14.0 or greater) to create an overlaid histogram comparing the distribution of average speeds for taxi rides that start in the early morning (12am-6am), day (6am-6pm; 12 hours), and night (6pm-12am; 6 hours). Your plot should look like this:

```
In [58]: plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
# BEGIN YOUR CODE
# -----
train = augment(train)
test = augment(test)
```

<Figure size 800x800 with 0 Axes>



It looks like the time of day is associated with the average speed of a taxi ride.

Question 2d (PCA)

Manhattan can roughly be divided into Lower, Midtown, and Upper regions. Instead of studying a map, let's approximate by finding the first principal component of the pick-up location (latitude and longitude).

- Add a region column to train that categorizes each pick-up location as 0, 1, or 2 based on the value of each point's first principal component, such that an equal number of points fall into each region.
- Read the documentation of pd.qcut, which categorizes points in a distribution into equal-frequency bins.
- You don't need to add any lines to this solution. Just fill in the assignment statements to complete the implementation.

The provided tests ensure that you have answered the question correctly.

```
# END YOUR CODE
t.loc[:,'region'] = pd.qcut(first_pc, 3, labels=[0, 1, 2])
add_region(train)
add_region(test)
```

```
In [60]: assert(np.isclose(s[0], 0.02514825, 1e-3))
    assert(train.shape==(53680, 16))
    assert(test.shape==(13421, 16))
    assert(list(train['region'][:8])==[1, 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 1, 0])
    assert(list(test['region'][:8])==[2, 1, 2, 0, 1, 0, 1, 2])
    assert(sum(train[train['region']==1]['duration'])==11666210)
    assert(sum(test[test['region']==1]['duration'])==2897696)
```

Passed all unit tests!

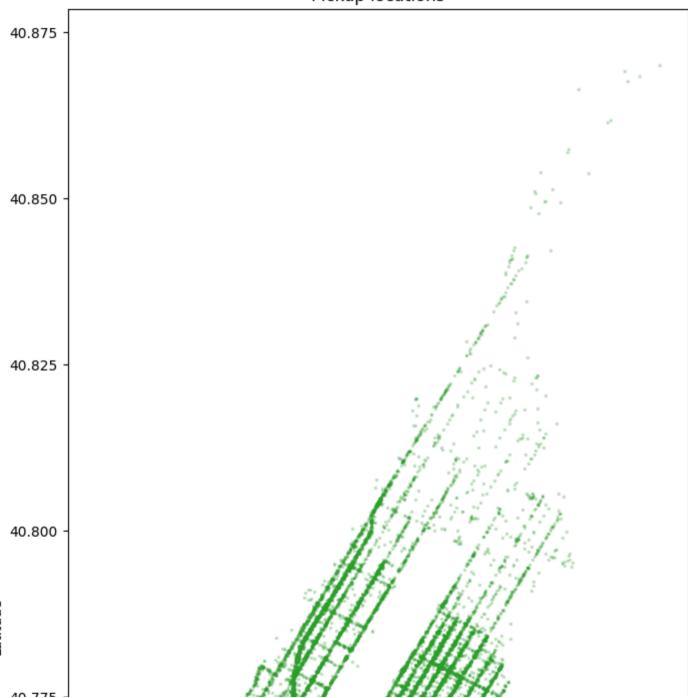
Let's see how PCA divided the trips into three groups. These regions do roughly correspond to

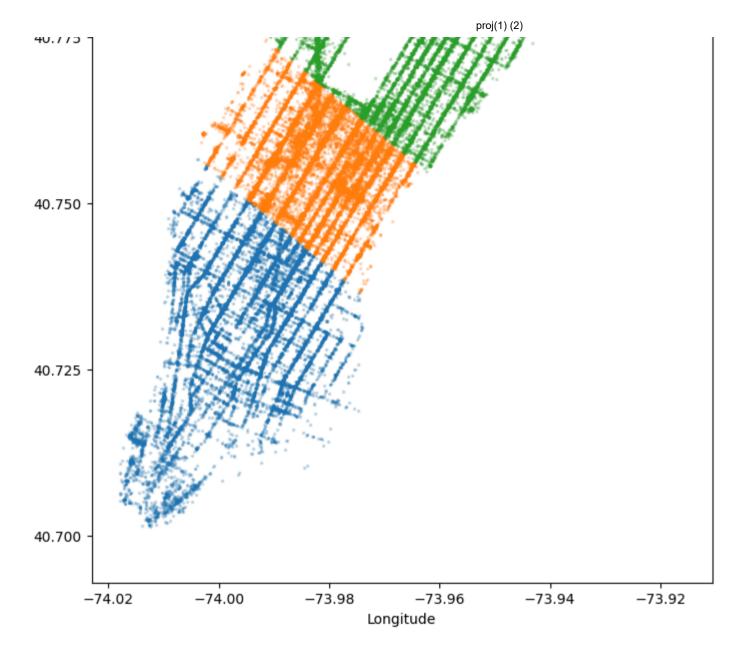
- Lower Manhattan (below 14th street)
- Midtown Manhattan (between 14th and the park)
- Upper Manhattan (bordering Central Park).

No prior knowledge of New York geography was required!

```
In [61]: plt.figure(figsize=(8, 16))
for i in [0, 1, 2]:
    pickup_scatter(train[train['region'] == i])
```







Finally, we create a design matrix that includes many of these features.

- Quantitative features are converted to standard units
- Categorical features are converted to dummy variables using one-hot encoding.

Note that,

- The period is not included because it is a linear combination of the hour.
- The weekend variable is not included because it is a linear combination of the day .
- The speed is not included because it was computed from the duration (it's impossible to know the speed without knowing the duration, given that you know the distance).

```
In [63]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

num_vars = ['pickup_lon', 'pickup_lat', 'dropoff_lon', 'dropoff_lat', 'distance']
cat_vars = ['hour', 'day', 'region']

scaler = StandardScaler()
scaler.fit(train[num_vars])

def design_matrix(t):
    """Create a design matrix from taxi ride dataframe t."""
    scaled = t[num_vars].copy()
    scaled.iloc[:,:] = scaler.transform(scaled) # Convert to standard units
    categoricals = [pd.get_dummies(t[s], prefix=s, drop_first=True) for s in cat_vars]
    return pd.concat([scaled] + categoricals, axis=1)

design_matrix(train).iloc[0,:]
```

```
-0.805821
         pickup_lon
Out[63]:
         pickup_lat
                        -0.171761
                        0.954062
         dropoff_lon
                        0.624203
         dropoff_lat
                        0.626326
         distance
         hour_1
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         day_4
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         day_5
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         day_6
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         region_1
                             True
         region_2
                            False
         Name: 14043, dtype: object
```

Part 3: Model Selection

In this part, you will select a regression model to predict the duration of a taxi ride.

Important: Tests in this part do not confirm that you have answered correctly. Instead, they check that you're somewhat close in order to detect major errors. It is up to you to calculate the results correctly based on the question descriptions.

Question 3a

Assign constant_rmse to the root mean squared error on the test set for a constant model that always predicts the mean duration of all training set taxi rides.

```
In [64]: def rmse(errors):
             """Return the root mean squared error."""
             return np.sqrt(np.mean(errors ** 2))
          # BEGIN YOUR CODE
         mean_duration = train['duration'].mean()
          # fill the value of mean_duration
          predicted_durations = np.full(len(test), mean_duration)
          # compute errors
          errors = test['duration'] - predicted_durations
          # root mean squared errors
          constant_rmse = rmse(errors)
          # END YOUR CODE
          constant_rmse
         399.1437572352666
Out[64]:
In [65]: assert(np.isclose(constant_rmse, 399.14376, 1e-4))
          assert(350 <= constant_rmse)</pre>
          assert(constant_rmse <= 450)
         print('Passed all unit tests!')
```

Passed all unit tests!

Ouestion 3b

Assign simple_rmse to the root mean squared error on the test set for a simple linear regression model that uses only the distance of the taxi ride as a feature (and includes an intercept).

Terminology Note: Simple linear regression means that there is only one covariate. Multiple linear regression means that there is more than one. In either case, you can use the LinearRegression model from sklearn to fit the parameters to data.

```
In [66]: from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
         model = LinearRegression()
          # BEGIN YOUR CODE
          X_train = train[['distance']].values
         y_train = train['duration'].values
         model.fit(X_train, y_train)
          # the distance feature
         X_test = test[['distance']].values
          # predict
          predictions = model.predict(X_test)
          # END YOUR CODE
          errors = predictions - test['duration']
         simple_rmse = rmse(errors)
          simple_rmse
         276.7841105000342
Out[66]:
In [67]: assert(260 <= simple_rmse)</pre>
          assert(simple_rmse <= 300)
          assert(np.isclose(simple_rmse, 276.78411, 1e-4))
```

```
print('Passed all unit tests!')

Passed all unit tests!
```

Ouestion 3c

Assign linear_rmse to the root mean squared error on the test set for a linear regression model fitted to the training set without regularization, using the design matrix defined by the design_matrix function from Part 3.

The provided tests check that you have answered the question correctly and that your design_matrix function is working as intended.

```
In [75]: model = LinearRegression()
         # BEGIN YOUR CODE
         X_train = design_matrix(train)
         y_train = train['duration']
         X_test = design_matrix(test)
         y_test = test['duration']
         model.fit(X_train, y_train)
         predictions = model.predict(X_test)
          # END YOUR CODE
         errors = predictions - test['duration']
         linear_rmse = rmse(errors)
          linear_rmse
         255.1914663188275
Out[75]:
In [76]: assert(list(design_matrix(test).sum())[10:15]==[290.0, 511.0, 699.0, 687.0, 683.0])
         assert(250 <= linear_rmse)
         assert(linear_rmse <= 260)
         assert(np.isclose(linear_rmse, 255.19147, 1e-4))
```

```
print('Passed all unit tests!')
Passed all unit tests!
```

Question 3d

For each possible value of <code>period</code>, fit an unregularized linear regression model to the subset of the training set in that <code>period</code>. Assign <code>period_rmse</code> to the root mean squared error on the test set for a model that first chooses linear regression parameters based on the observed period of the taxi ride, then predicts the duration using those parameters. Again, fit to the training set and use the <code>design_matrix</code> function for features.

```
In [77]: model = LinearRegression()
         errors = []
          for v in np.unique(train['period']):
             # BEGIN YOUR CODE
             v_train = train[train['period'] == v]
             v_test = test[test['period'] == v]
             X_train = design_matrix(v_train)
             v_train = v_train['duration']
             X_test = design_matrix(v_test)
             y_test = v_test['duration']
             model.fit(X_train, y_train)
             predictions = model.predict(X_test)
              # END YOUR CODE
             errors.extend(predictions - v_test['duration'])
         period_rmse = rmse(np.array(errors))
          period_rmse
```

```
Out[77]: 246.6286883116517
```

```
In [78]: assert(240 <= period_rmse)
    assert(period_rmse <= 255)
    assert(np.isclose(period_rmse, 246.628688, 1e-4))
    print('Passed all unit tests!')</pre>
```

Passed all unit tests!

This approach is a simple form of decision tree regression, where a different regression function is estimated for each possible choice among a collection of choices. In this case, the depth of the tree is only 1.

Ouestion 3e

In one or two sentences, explain how the period regression model could possibly outperform linear regression when the design matrix for linear regression already includes one feature for each possible hour, which can be combined linearly to determine the period value.

Answer: Period regression model outperforms the general linear regression model because it segments the features more granularly. This allows it to better capture characteristics and patterns compared to linear regression, resulting in a lower RMSE value.

Question 3f

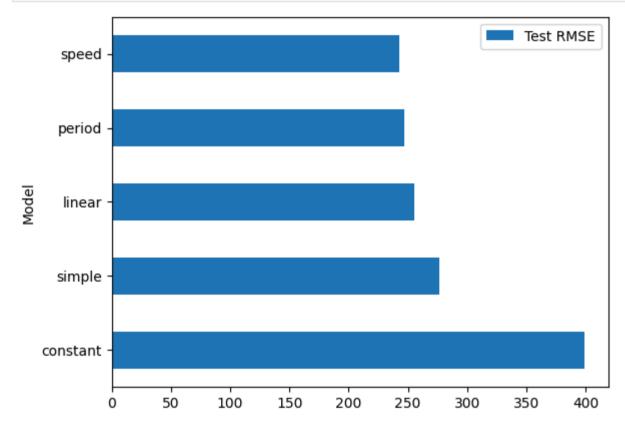
Instead of predicting duration directly, an alternative is to predict the average *speed* of the taxi ride using linear regression, then compute an estimate of the duration from the predicted speed and observed distance for each ride.

Assign speed_rmse to the root mean squared error in the **duration** predicted by a model that first predicts speed as a linear combination of features from the design_matrix function, fitted on the training set, then predicts duration from the predicted speed and observed distance.

Hint: Speed is in miles per hour, but duration is measured in seconds. You'll need the fact that there are 60 * 60 = 3,600 seconds in an hour.

```
In [79]: model = LinearRegression()
          # BEGIN YOUR CODE
          model = LinearRegression()
          # train['speed']
          train['speed'] = train['distance'] / (train['duration'] / 3600)
          X_train = design_matrix(train)
          y_train = train['speed']
          model.fit(X_train, y_train)
          #predict
          X_test = design_matrix(test)
          speed_predictions = model.predict(X_test)
          duration_predictions = (test['distance'] / speed_predictions) * 3600
          # END YOUR CODE
          errors = duration_predictions - test['duration']
          speed_rmse = rmse(errors)
          speed_rmse
         243.01798368514946
Out[79]:
In [80]: assert(240 <= speed_rmse)</pre>
          assert(speed_rmse <= 255)
          assert(np.isclose(speed_rmse, 243.01798, 1e-4))
          print('Passed all unit tests!')
          Passed all unit tests!
```

Here's a summary of your results:



Congratulations!

You've carried out the entire data science lifecycle for a challenging regression problem.

- In Part 1 on EDA, you used the data to assess the impact of a historical event---the 2016 blizzard---and filtered the data accordingly.
- In Part 2 on feature engineering, you used PCA to divide up the map of Manhattan into regions that roughly corresponded to the standard geographic description of the island.

• In Part 3 on model selection, you found that using linear regression in practice can involve more than just choosing a design matrix. Tree regression made better use of categorical variables than linear regression. The domain knowledge that duration is a simple function of distance and speed allowed you to predict duration more accurately by first predicting speed.

Hopefully, it is apparent that all of these steps are required to reach a reliable conclusion about what inputs and model structure are helpful in predicting the duration of a taxi ride in Manhattan.

Congratulations! You have completed Project.

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