

# MA678 Project Report

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## Introduction

### Background

Airbnb offers travellers someone's home as a place to stay instead of a hotel. And people can rent out extra space in their own home through Airbnb and make money for allowing a guest to stay the night. For travellers, they choose Airbnb because of many reasons: to shorten traveling time, to become part of local life or to experience individual room style. But for Airbnb hosts, their primary goal must be to earn money. Therefore, it is important to find a way to set a reasonable price for Airbnb properties and spare rooms.

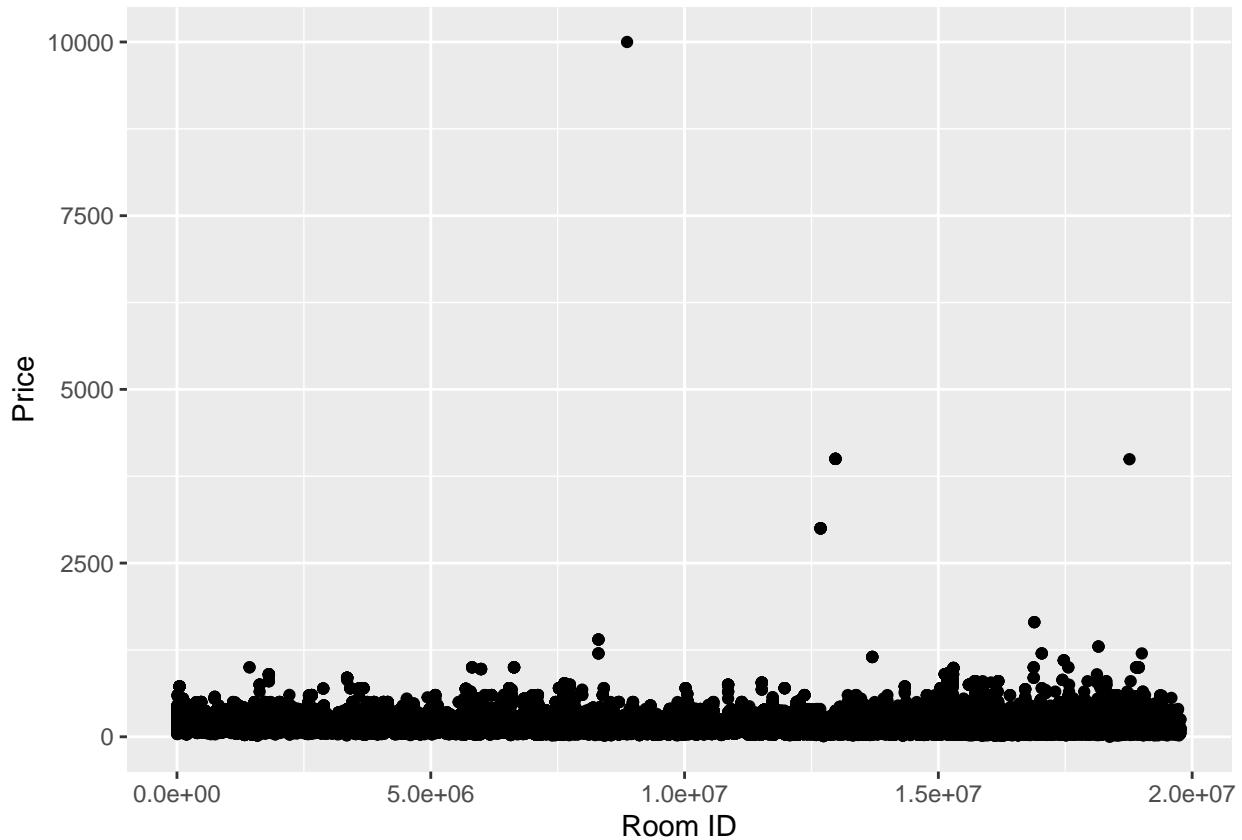
### Goal

This project aims to fit a suitable model which can provide a suggested price for an Airbnb property or spare room according to its attributes by using Airbnb Boston data. Then the model can be used as a basic pricing tool for Airbnb hosts.

### Dataset

The Airbnb Boston dataset can be downloaded from the website: Airbnb Data Collection. (<http://tomslee.net/airbnb-data-collection-get-the-data>) The data is from July, 2016 to July, 2017. There are 12 csv files and I combined them into one data frame. The data contains 12 variables: room ID, host ID, room type, neighborhood, the number of reviews, the average rating, the number of guests a listing can accommodate, the number of bedrooms, the price for a night stay, the minimum stay, latitude and longitude and the date and time that the values were read. By looking through the data, we can see that there is no bathrooms, country, borough data for all tables. And for data 2017\_1,2,3,4,5,6,7, there is no minstay data. Therefore, I would like to ignore this four variables.

## Data Cleaning



```
##   room_id host_id      room_type neighborhood reviews
## 1 8867072 11813089 Entire home/apt South Boston     3
## overall_satisfaction accommodates bedrooms price latitude longitude
## 1                 4.5            3       1 10000 42.34099 -71.0561
## date
## 1 2016-07-16
##
##   room_id host_id      room_type neighborhood reviews
## 1 12972378 71380118 Entire home/apt      Fenway     1
## 2 12972378 71380118 Entire home/apt      Fenway     1
## 3 12972378 71380118 Entire home/apt      Fenway     1
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## 6 12972378 71380118 Entire home/apt      Fenway     1
## 7 12972378 71380118 Entire home/apt      Fenway     1
## overall_satisfaction accommodates bedrooms price latitude longitude
## 1                 0            4       1 4000 42.34793 -71.09758
## 2                 0            4       1 4000 42.34793 -71.09758
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## date
## 1 2017-01-14
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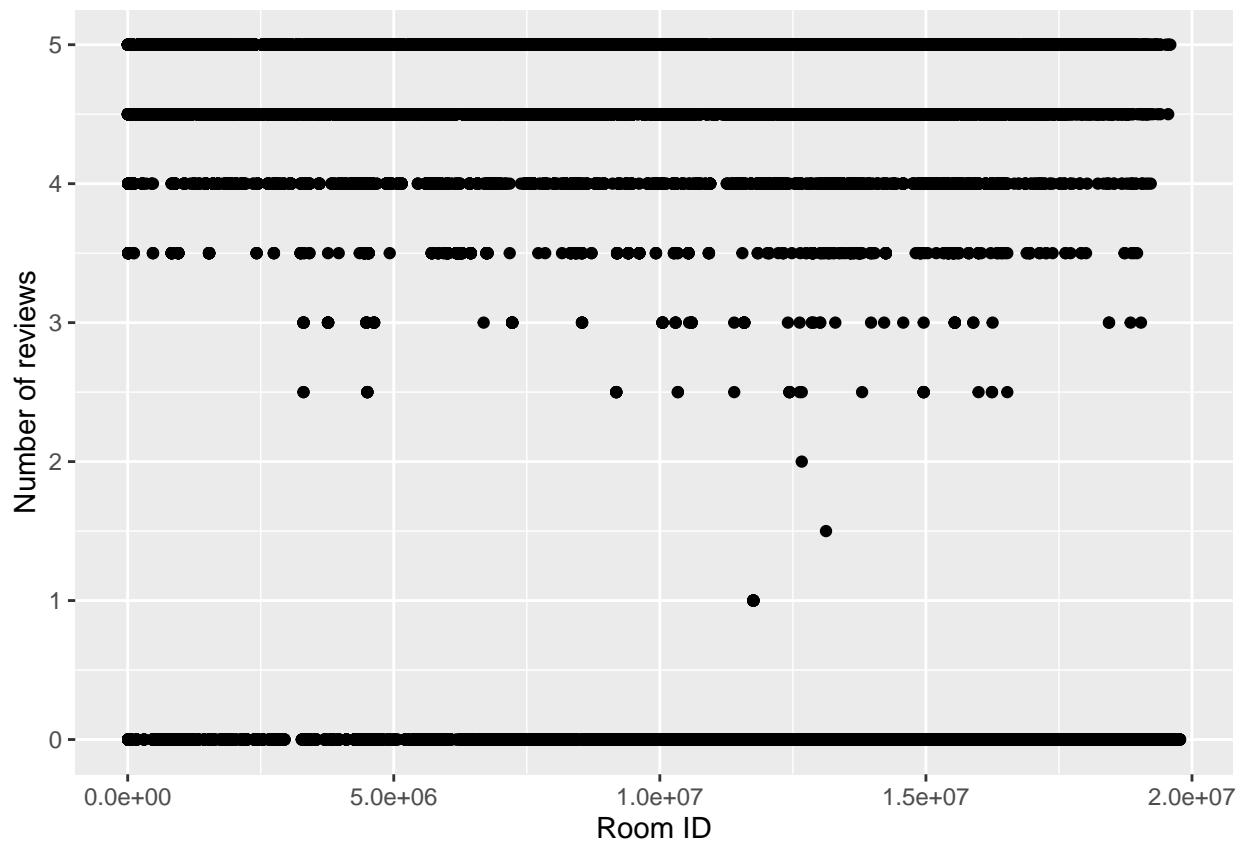
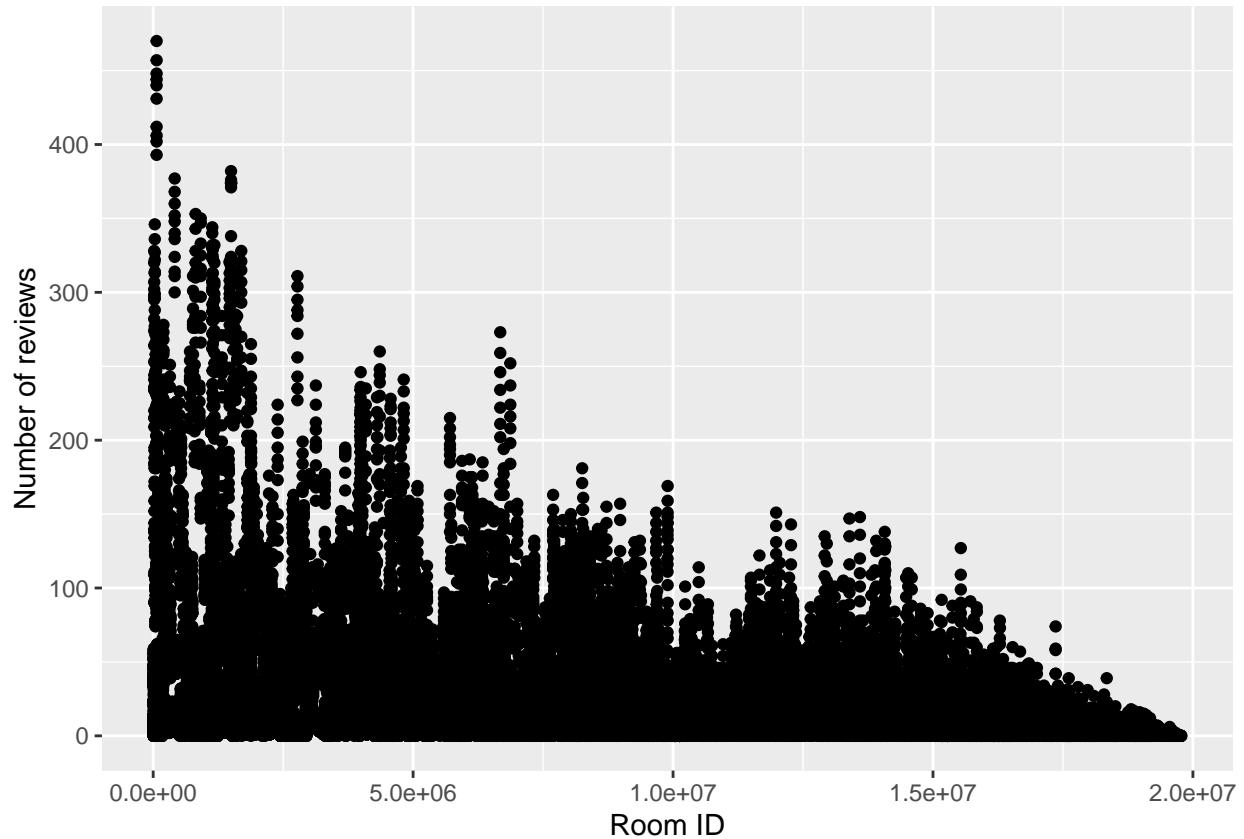
## 2 2017-02-16
## 3 2017-03-12
## 4 2017-04-08
## 5 2017-05-05
## 6 2017-06-11
## 7 2017-07-10

##   room_id    host_id      room_type neighborhood reviews
## 1 18765384 130566457 Entire home/apt     Downtown      0
##   overall_satisfaction accommodates bedrooms price latitude longitude
## 1                      0             8        4 3995 42.36056 -71.04781
##   date
## 1 2017-07-10

##   room_id    host_id      room_type      neighborhood reviews
## 1 12679021 38001139 Entire home/apt South Boston Waterfront      0
## 2 12679021 38001139 Entire home/apt South Boston Waterfront      0
## 3 12679021 38001139 Entire home/apt South Boston Waterfront      0
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## 6 12679021 38001139 Entire home/apt South Boston Waterfront      0
## 7 12679021 38001139 Entire home/apt South Boston Waterfront      0
##   overall_satisfaction accommodates bedrooms price latitude longitude
## 1                      0             4        2 3000 42.34836 -71.03987
## 2                      0             4        2 3000 42.34836 -71.03987
## 3                      0             4        2 3000 42.34836 -71.03987
## 4                      0             4        2 3000 42.34836 -71.03987
## 5                      0             4        2 3000 42.34836 -71.03987
## 6                      0             4        2 3000 42.34836 -71.03987
## 7                      0             4        2 3000 42.34836 -71.03987
##   date
## 1 2017-01-14
## 2 2017-02-16
## 3 2017-03-12
## 4 2017-04-08
## 5 2017-05-05
## 6 2017-06-11
## 7 2017-07-10

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I would like to delete them because their price are too high. It may affect the regression results.

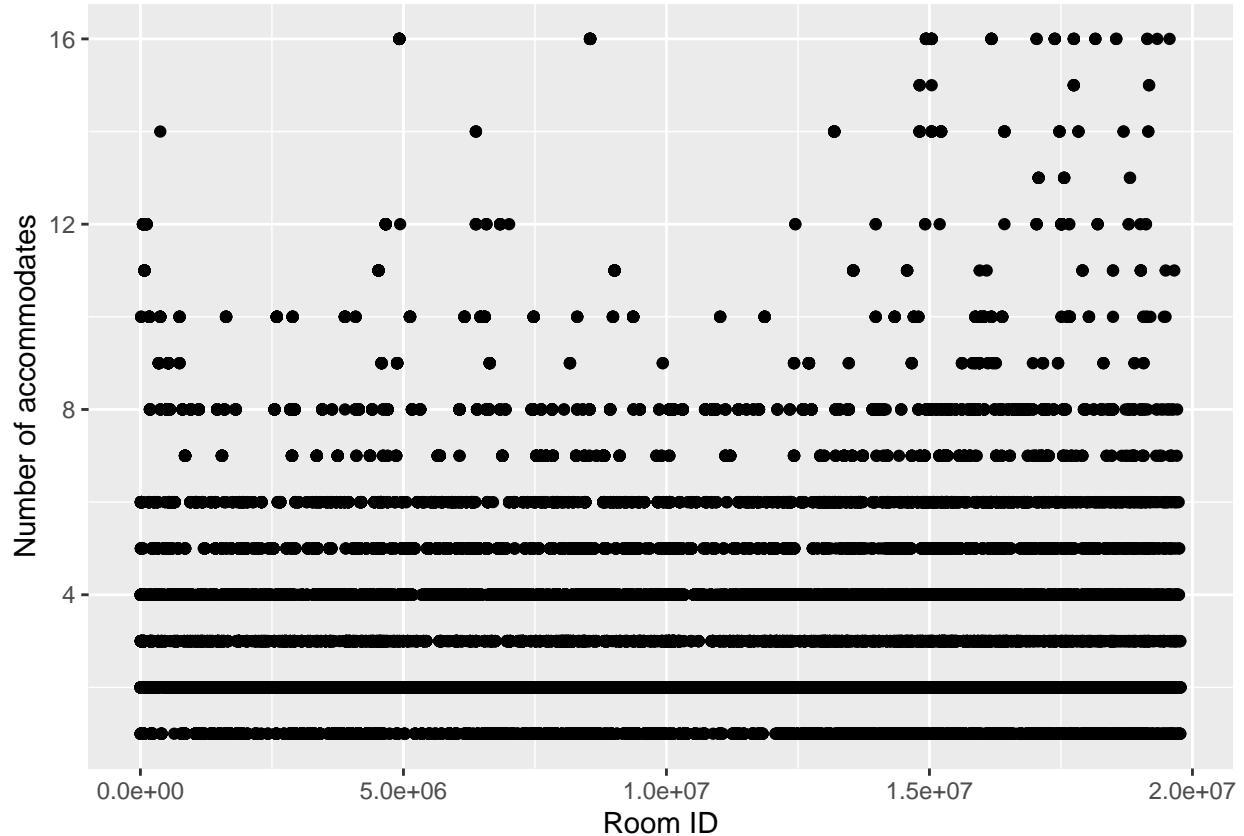


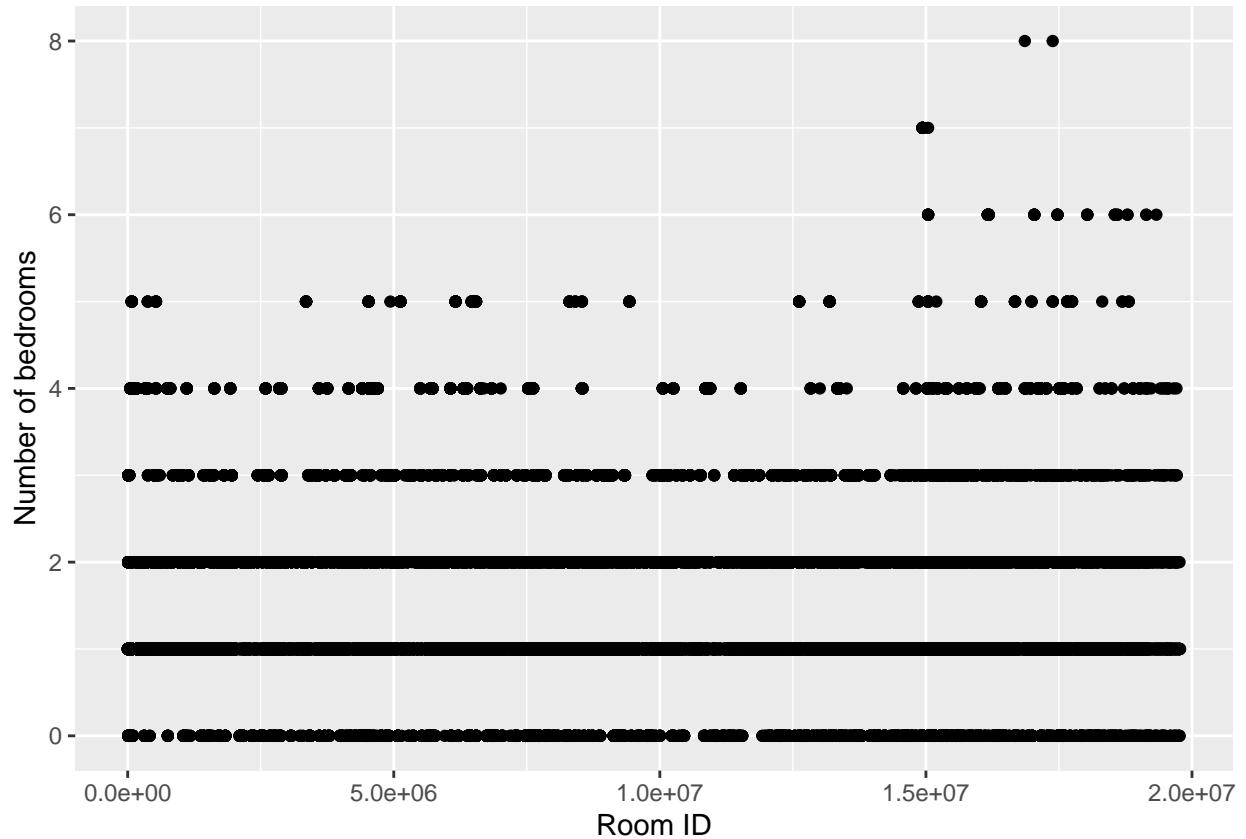
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##   room_id host_id    room_type neighborhood reviews overall_satisfaction
## 1 11757251 26873897 Private room     Brighton      3                   1
## 2 11757251 26873897 Private room     Brighton      3                   1
## 3 11757251 26873897 Private room     Brighton      3                   1
## 4 11757251 26873897 Private room     Brighton      3                   1
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## 7 11757251 26873897 Private room     Brighton      3                   1
## 8 11757251 26873897 Private room     Brighton      3                   1
## 9 11757251 26873897 Private room     Brighton      3                   1
##   accommodates bedrooms price latitude longitude          date
## 1           1         1   30 42.34538 -71.13764 2016-07-16
## 2           1         1   30 42.34538 -71.13764 2016-08-19
## 3           1         1   30 42.34538 -71.13764 2016-09-16
## 4           1         1   30 42.34538 -71.13764 2016-10-18
## 5           1         1   30 42.34538 -71.13764 2017-02-16
## 6           1         1   30 42.34538 -71.13764 2017-03-12
## 7           1         1   30 42.34538 -71.13764 2017-04-08
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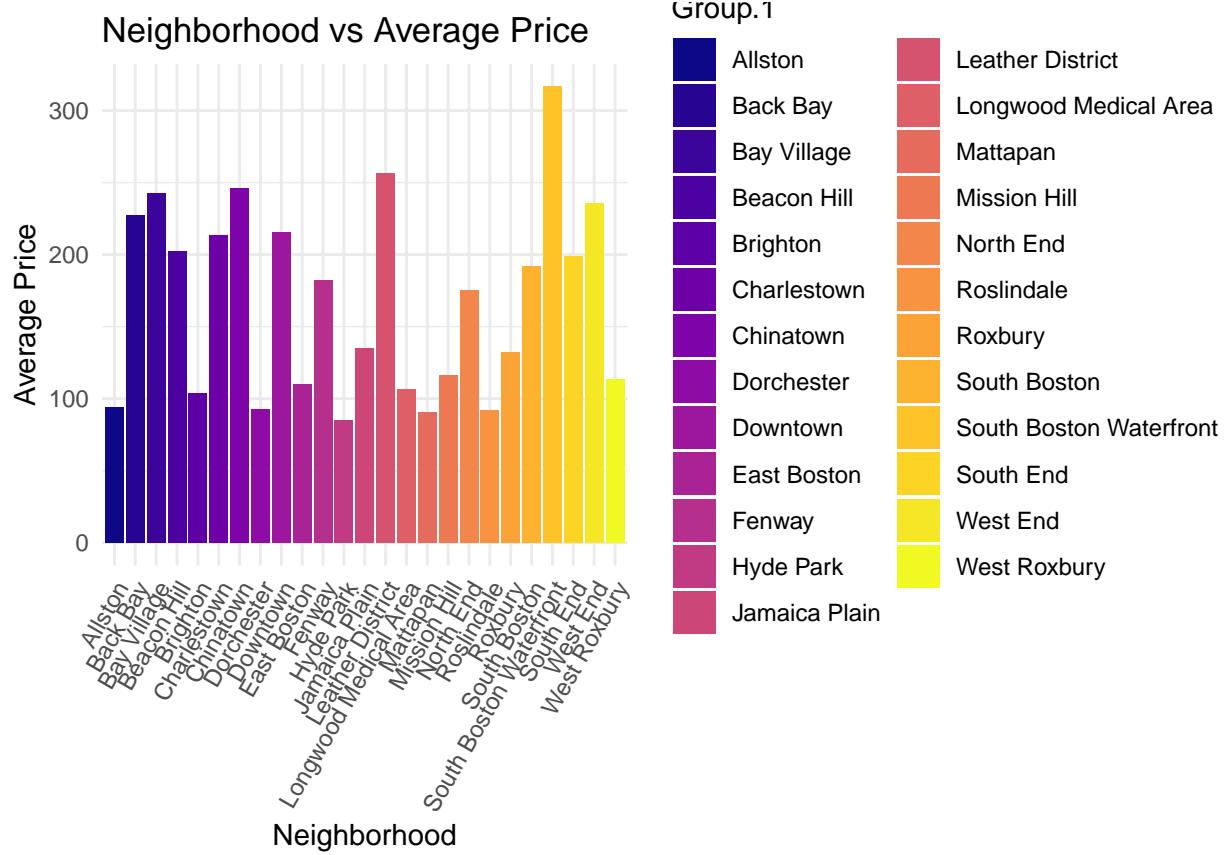
I will keep these rating of 1.0 points because they are reasonable.





# Exploratory Data Analysis

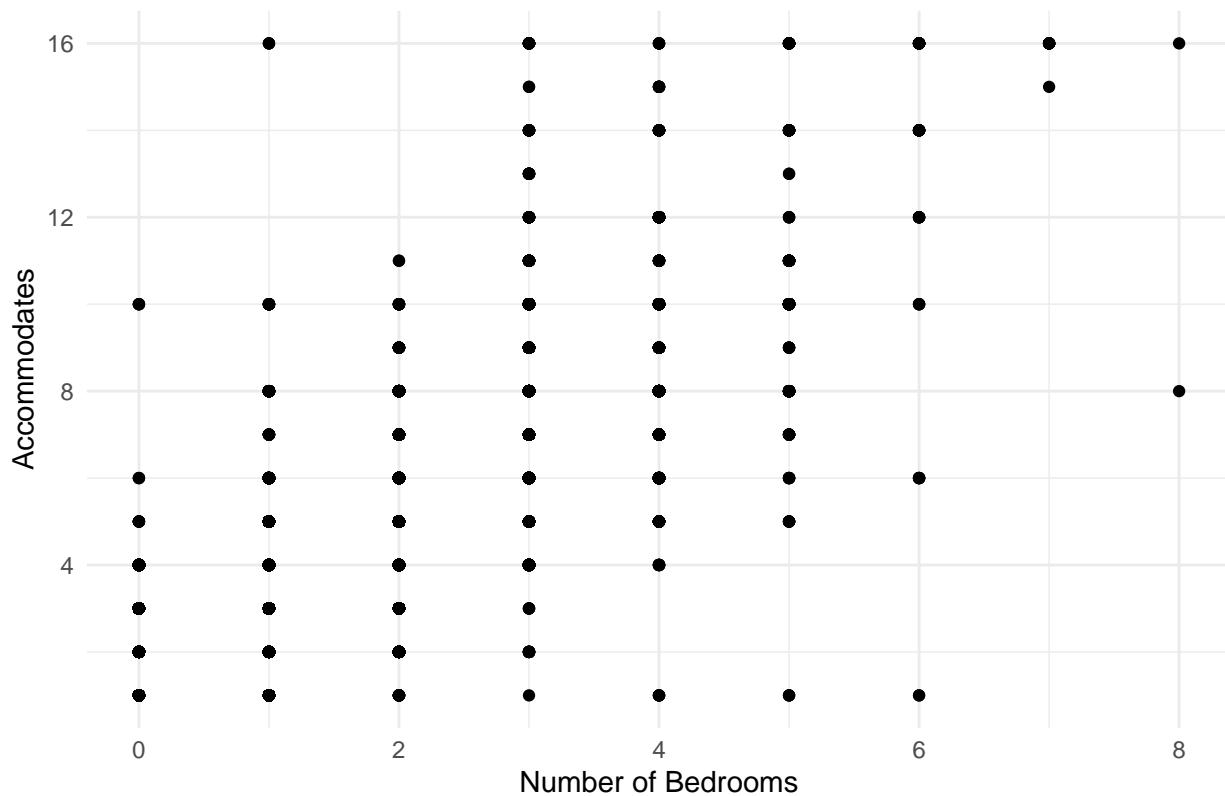
## Neighborhood



We can see that the average price varies a lot from different neighborhood in Boston. It means that the data can be grouped in neighborhood, and there are 25 subregions in the neighborhood variable.

## Accommodates vs Number of Bedrooms

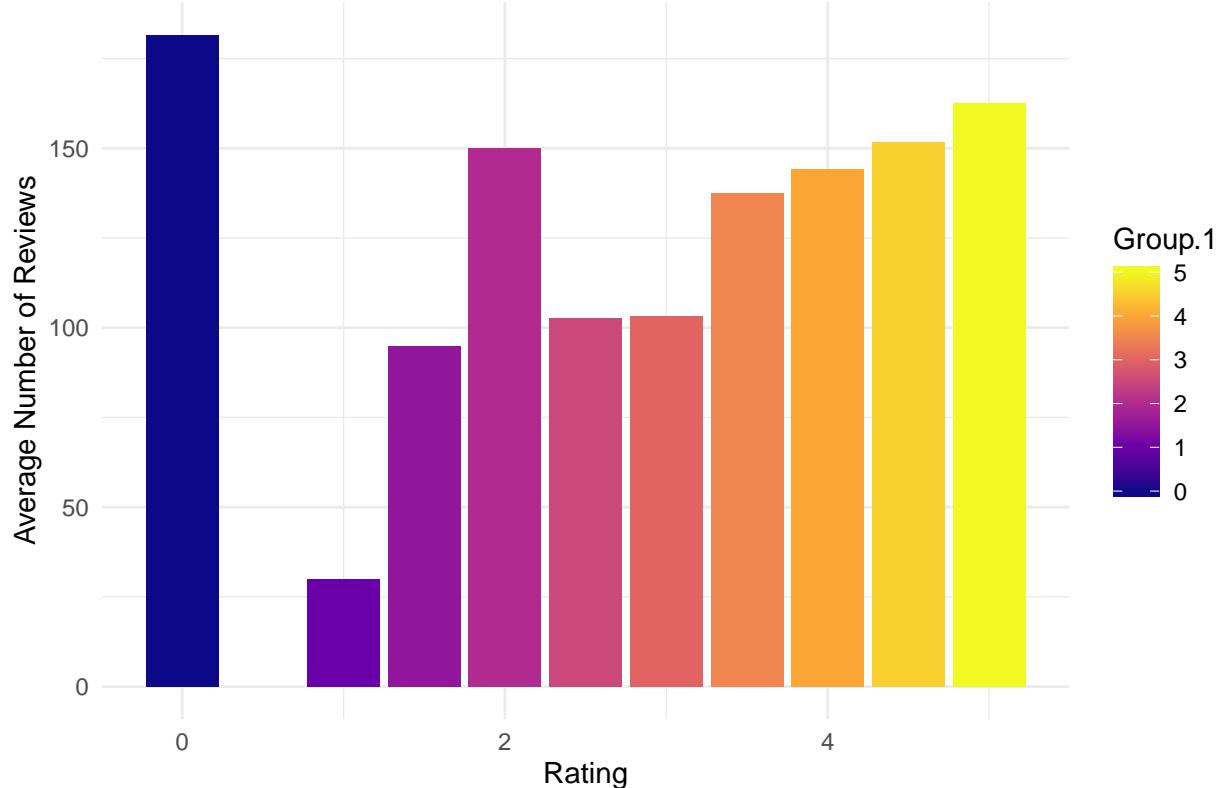
### Number of Bedrooms vs Accommodates



There is a positive relationship between accommodates and the number of Bedrooms. When the number of Bedrooms is larger, usually the accommodates is larger.

## Overall Satisfaction vs Average Price

### Rating vs Average Price



We can see that listings with rating 0 have the highest average price. It makes sense because no one will book a room with a too expensive price. And for listings with rating higher than 2.5, higher rating means higher price.

## Model Building

After EDA, I chose these following variables to do regression. The dependent variable is price. The independent variables are room type, neighborhood, reviews, overall satisfaction, accommodates and bedrooms. For the variables accommodates and room type, an interaction is considered. I tried both linear regression models and multilevel linear regression models.

### Linear Regression Model

```
##  
## Call:  
## lm(formula = price ~ room_type + neighborhood + reviews + overall_satisfaction +  
##       accommodates * bedrooms, data = boston_airbnb)  
##  
## Residuals:  
##      Min      1Q   Median      3Q     Max  
## -523.75  -41.97   -4.42   27.57 1266.68  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##                               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)  
## (Intercept)                 78.46235   2.71234  28.928 < 2e-16
```

## room_typePrivate room	-54.89179	1.27463	-43.065	< 2e-16
## room_typeShared room	-80.88714	3.63628	-22.244	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodBack Bay	101.18154	2.39462	42.254	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodBay Village	104.90576	6.16045	17.029	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodBeacon Hill	82.73431	2.64648	31.262	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodBrighton	0.03862	2.59557	0.015	0.98813
## neighborhoodCharlestown	70.73468	3.21629	21.993	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodChinatown	90.80662	3.55883	25.516	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodDorchester	-5.51809	2.37143	-2.327	0.01998
## neighborhoodDowntown	83.80115	2.67046	31.381	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodEast Boston	3.90846	2.72566	1.434	0.15159
## neighborhoodFenway	63.58590	2.49399	25.496	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodHyde Park	-17.41747	5.38494	-3.234	0.00122
## neighborhoodJamaica Plain	16.34711	2.32206	7.040	1.96e-12
## neighborhoodLeather District	118.99326	11.60740	10.252	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodLongwood Medical Area	31.98765	11.92889	2.682	0.00733
## neighborhoodMattapan	1.53270	5.63004	0.272	0.78544
## neighborhoodMission Hill	17.93331	3.26917	5.486	4.15e-08
## neighborhoodNorth End	36.76678	2.88282	12.754	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodRoslindale	-17.20241	3.76270	-4.572	4.85e-06
## neighborhoodRoxbury	14.94185	2.78549	5.364	8.18e-08
## neighborhoodSouth Boston	52.27262	2.69139	19.422	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodSouth Boston Waterfront	164.40582	3.70529	44.371	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodSouth End	82.95361	2.41812	34.305	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodWest End	79.24446	4.72958	16.755	< 2e-16
## neighborhoodWest Roxbury	-4.99432	4.35138	-1.148	0.25108
## reviews	-0.08040	0.01231	-6.532	6.59e-11
## overall_satisfaction	-4.00169	0.23173	-17.269	< 2e-16
## accommodates	4.95933	0.57867	8.570	< 2e-16
## bedrooms	39.91019	1.21148	32.943	< 2e-16
## accommodates:bedrooms	1.84467	0.18065	10.211	< 2e-16
##				
## (Intercept)	***			
## room_typePrivate room	***			
## room_typeShared room	***			
## neighborhoodBack Bay	***			
## neighborhoodBay Village	***			
## neighborhoodBeacon Hill	***			
## neighborhoodBrighton				
## neighborhoodCharlestown	***			
## neighborhoodChinatown	***			
## neighborhoodDorchester	*			
## neighborhoodDowntown	***			
## neighborhoodEast Boston				
## neighborhoodFenway	***			
## neighborhoodHyde Park	**			
## neighborhoodJamaica Plain	***			
## neighborhoodLeather District	***			
## neighborhoodLongwood Medical Area	**			
## neighborhoodMattapan				
## neighborhoodMission Hill	***			
## neighborhoodNorth End	***			
## neighborhoodRoslindale	***			
## neighborhoodRoxbury	***			

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## neighborhoodSouth Boston      ***
## neighborhoodSouth Boston Waterfront ***
## neighborhoodSouth End        ***
## neighborhoodWest End         ***
## neighborhoodWest Roxbury
## reviews                      ***
## overall_satisfaction        ***
## accommodates                 ***
## bedrooms                     ***
## accommodates:bedrooms       ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 89.55 on 38694 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.4876, Adjusted R-squared:  0.4871
## F-statistic:  1188 on 31 and 38694 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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The p-value shows that most of the coefficients are statistically significant except some levels of the neighborhood variable. Therefore, I also checked a model without the neighborhood variable.

```

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = price ~ room_type + reviews + overall_satisfaction +
##     accommodates * bedrooms, data = boston_airbnb)
##
## Residuals:
##    Min      1Q   Median      3Q      Max
## -500.91  -47.07   -9.93   30.14 1321.58
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 152.19263  2.19536 69.325 <2e-16 ***
## room_typePrivate room -96.91929  1.23004 -78.794 <2e-16 ***
## room_typeShared room -109.57187  3.90779 -28.039 <2e-16 ***
## reviews      -0.14037  0.01313 -10.687 <2e-16 ***
## overall_satisfaction -4.08940  0.24736 -16.532 <2e-16 ***
## accommodates      5.23598  0.62115  8.430 <2e-16 ***
## bedrooms        31.44194  1.29373 24.303 <2e-16 ***
## accommodates:bedrooms  1.66723  0.19446  8.574 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 97.1 on 38718 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3971, Adjusted R-squared:  0.397
## F-statistic:  3644 on 7 and 38718 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

```

The p-value looks better and all the coefficients are statistically significant. However, its R-square turns smaller. Private room has 96.91929 lower weighted price than the Entire home/apt. Shared room has 109.57187 lower weighted price than the price of Entire home/apt. When one review increases, keeping other variables the same, price will decrease by 0.14037. When one unit increases in overall satisfaction, keeping other variables the same, price will decrease by 4.08940. When accommodates increases by one, keeping other variables the same, price will increase by 5.23598 + 1.66723 = 6.90321. When the number of bedrooms increases by one, keeping other variables the same, price will increase by 31.44194 + 1.66723 = 33.10917.

## Multilevel Linear Regression Model

### Random Intercept

I fitted a model to allow varying intercepts for neighborhood.

```
## lmer(formula = price ~ room_type + reviews + overall_satisfaction +
##       accommodates * bedrooms + (1 | neighborhood), data = boston_airbnb)
##           coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept)    125.39   10.04
## room_typePrivate room -55.02    1.27
## room_typeShared room  -80.98   3.64
## reviews        -0.08    0.01
## overall_satisfaction -4.00   0.23
## accommodates      4.96   0.58
## bedrooms         39.91   1.21
## accommodates:bedrooms  1.84   0.18
##
## Error terms:
## Groups     Name     Std.Dev.
## neighborhood (Intercept) 48.97
## Residual             89.55
## ---
## number of obs: 38726, groups: neighborhood, 25
## AIC = 458185, DIC = 458172.7
## deviance = 458168.8
```

All of the absolute t value of the coefficients are larger than 1.96, which means the coefficients are statistically significant at 95% level. Private room has 55.02 lower weighted price than the Entire home/apt. Shared room has 80.98 lower weighted price than the price of Entire home/apt. When one review increases, keeping other variables the same, price will decrease by 0.08. When one unit increases in overall satisfaction, keeping other variables the same, price will decrease by 4.00. When accommodates increases by one, keeping other variables the same, price will increase by 6.8 ( $4.96 + 1.84 = 6.8$ ). When the number of bedrooms increases by one, keeping other variables the same, price will increase by 41.75 ( $39.91 + 1.84 = 41.75$ ). The variance among different neighborhoods are 48.97. The within-neighborhood variance is 89.55.

It is strange that the coefficient of overall satisfaction is negative, which means higher rating lower price. It is against common sense. Therefore, I would like to expand this model to allow varying slopes for overall satisfaction.

### Random Intercept And Random Slope

I fitted a model to allow varying intercepts for neighborhood and varying slopes for overall satisfaction.

```
## lmer(formula = price ~ room_type + reviews + accommodates * bedrooms +
##       (1 + overall_satisfaction | neighborhood), data = boston_airbnb)
##           coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept)    100.60    8.96
## room_typePrivate room -54.59    1.27
## room_typeShared room  -79.66   3.61
## reviews        -0.10    0.01
## accommodates      4.77   0.57
## bedrooms         40.71   1.20
## accommodates:bedrooms  1.82   0.18
##
## Error terms:
## Groups     Name     Std.Dev. Corr
## neighborhood (Intercept) 48.97
## neighborhood overall_satisfaction 89.55
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## neighborhood (Intercept)      70.85
##                      overall_satisfaction  9.61   -0.79
## Residual                  88.72
## ---
## number of obs: 38726, groups: neighborhood, 25
## AIC = 457554, DIC = 457541
## deviance = 457536.2

```

All of the coefficients are statistically significant. The coefficients are similar to the previous model. Private room has 54.59 lower weighted price than the Entire home/apt. Shared room has 79.66 lower weighted price than the price of Entire home/apt. When one review increases, keeping other variables the same, price will decrease by 0.10. When accommodates increases by one, keeping other variables the same, price will increase by 6.59 ( $4.77 + 1.82 = 6.59$ ). When the number of bedrooms increases by one, keeping other variables the same, price will increase by 42.53 ( $40.71 + 1.82 = 42.53$ ). The variance among different neighborhoods are 70.85. The within-neighborhood variance is 88.72. The slope of overall satisfaction is 9.61, and there is correlation with intercept of -0.79.

Now, the slope of overall satisfaction is positive. It is much more reasonable than the last model.

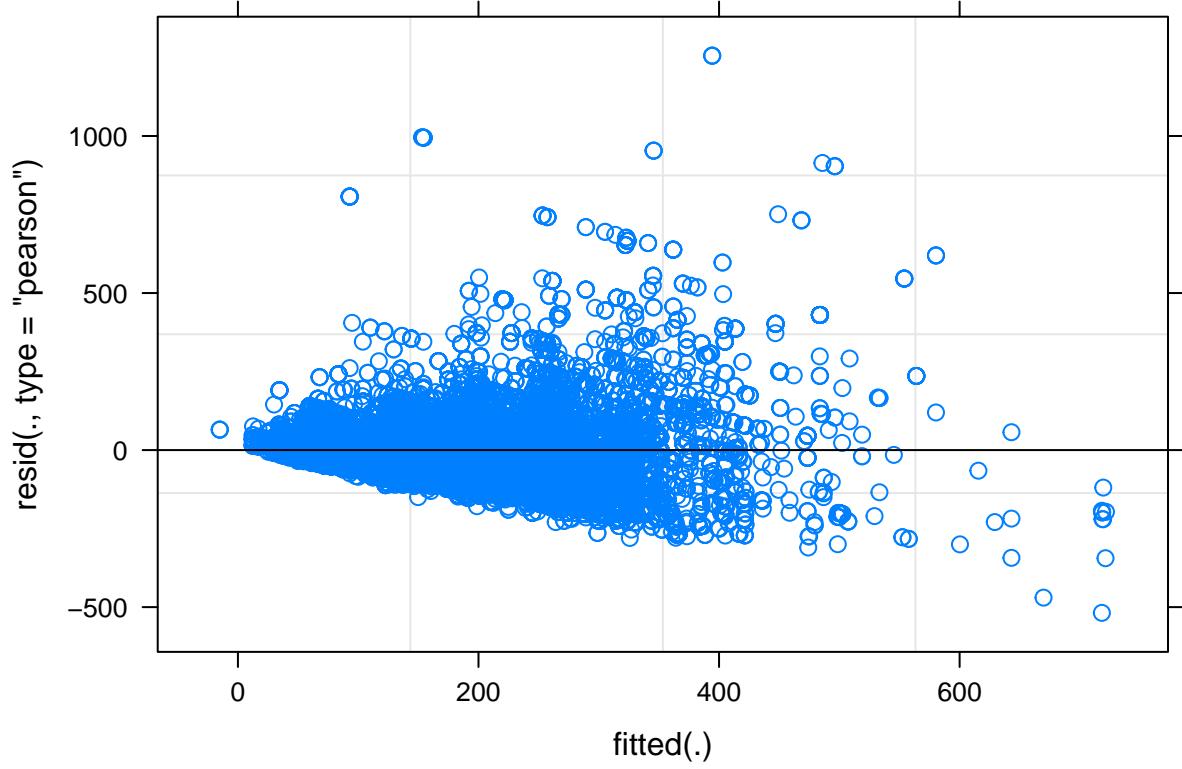
## Model Selection

Model	AIC	BIC
lm_fit1	458068.3	458351.0
lm_fit2	464312.6	464389.7
lmer_fit1	458185.0	458270.6
lmer_fit2	457553.5	457647.7

The model with random intercept and random slope (lmer\_fit2) is a better model comparing to the other three models because it has the smallest AIC and BIC.

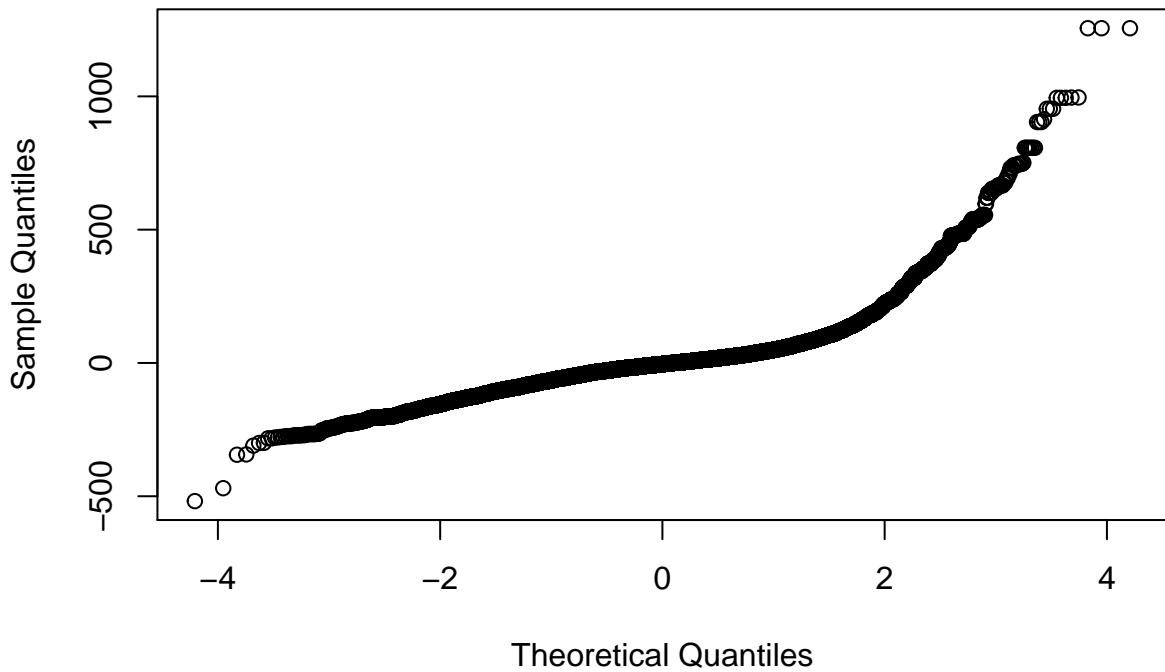
## Model Checking

I plotted residual plot, normal Q-Q plot and binned residual plot to check the residual of the model I chose (lmer\_fit2).



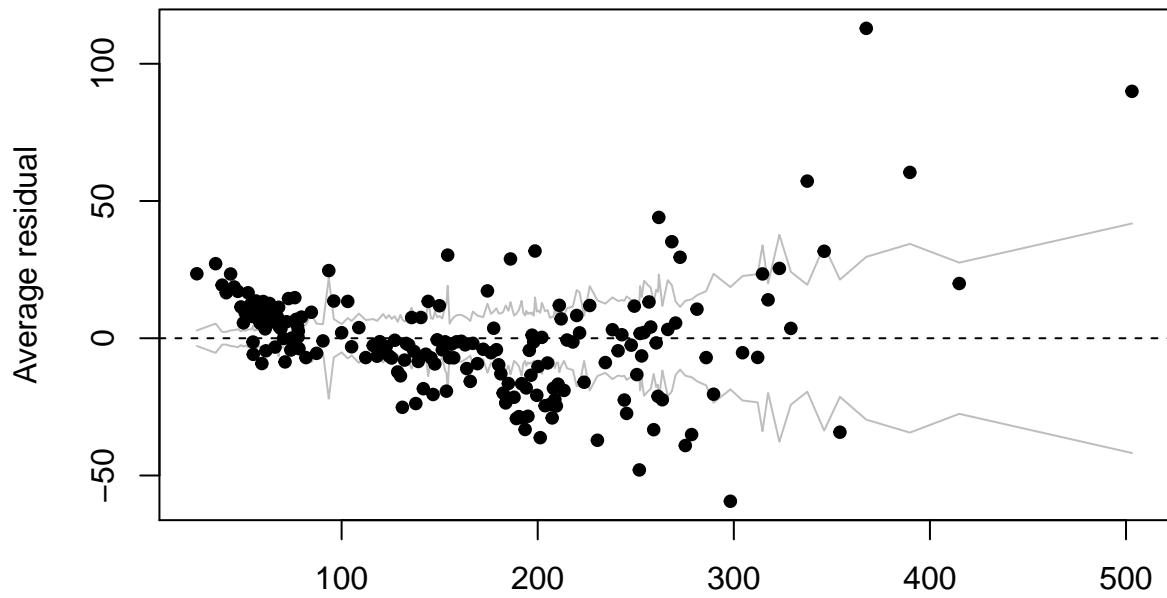
The residual plot shows a non-random pattern. It means the assumption that the relationship between price and other variables is linear is not reasonable. And the variances of the error terms may not be equal.

### Normal Q-Q Plot



The points in the normal Q-Q plot for the residuals do not rest on a line. It means the model does not meet the normality assumptions.

## Binned residual plot



### Expected Values

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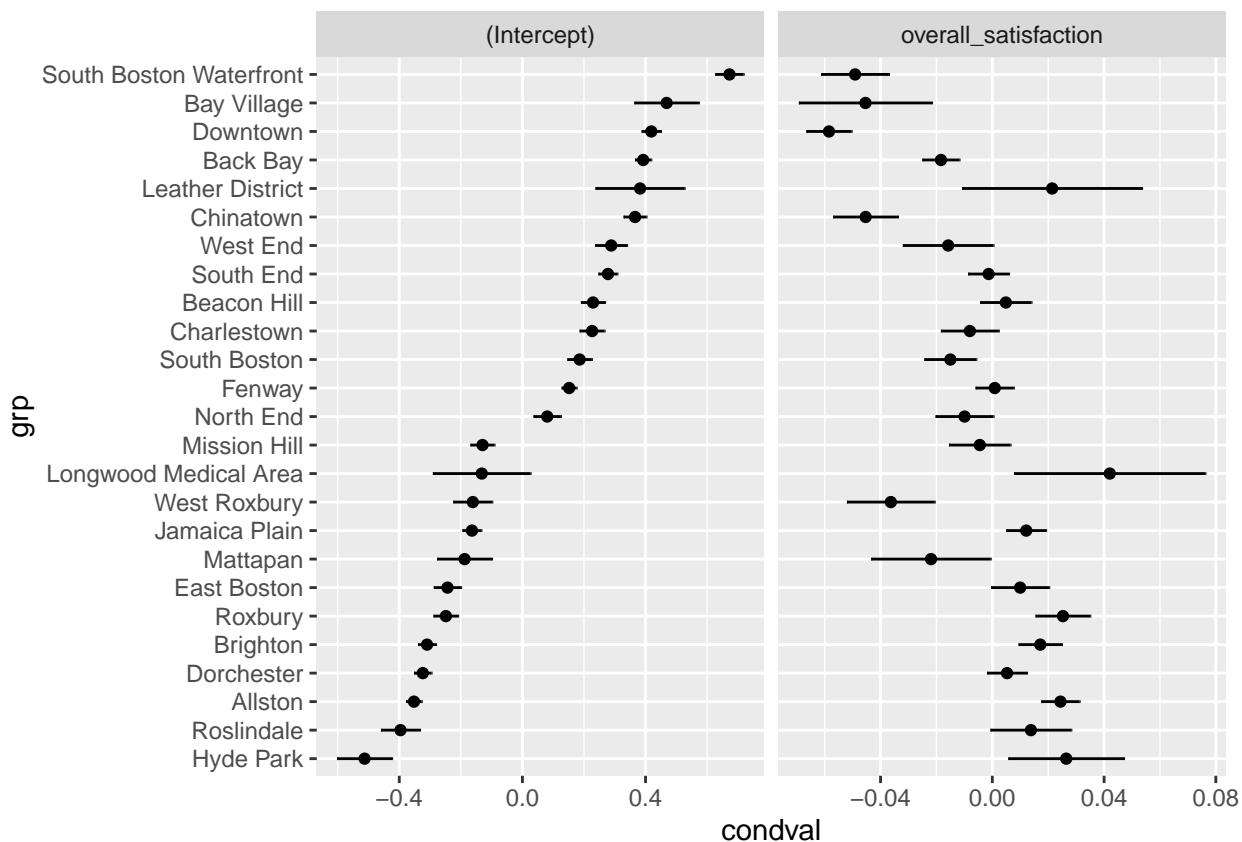
binned residual plot shows that many points rest on the left. And there are some points falling outside of the 2 standard-error bounds.

### Model Improvement

The residual plots show that the model we chose (lmer\_fit2) do not fit the data well. To improve the model, I transformed the outcome variable by logging the price variable.

```
## lmer(formula = log.price ~ room_type + reviews + accommodates *
##       bedrooms + (1 + overall_satisfaction | neighborhood), data = boston_airbnb_log)
##             coef.est  coef.se
## (Intercept)    4.62    0.05
## room_typePrivate room -0.51    0.01
## room_typeShared room -0.80    0.02
## reviews        0.00    0.00
## accommodates   0.06    0.00
## bedrooms       0.21    0.01
## accommodates:bedrooms -0.01    0.00
##
## Error terms:
##  Groups      Name           Std.Dev. Corr
##  neighborhood (Intercept)    0.33
##                  overall_satisfaction 0.03    -0.66
##  Residual          0.41
##  ---
##  number of obs: 38725, groups: neighborhood, 25
##  AIC = 41346.5, DIC = 41184.3
##  deviance = 41254.4
```

	(Intercept)	overall_satisfaction
Allston	-0.3523272	0.0243923
Back Bay	0.3922931	-0.0183826
Bay Village	0.4685344	-0.0453953
Beacon Hill	0.2293735	0.0048460
Brighton	-0.3098232	0.0171604
Charlestown	0.2263277	-0.0080374
Chinatown	0.3658802	-0.0453448
Dorchester	-0.3236302	0.0052765
Downtown	0.4187539	-0.0584547
East Boston	-0.2433617	0.0099724
Fenway	0.1518429	0.0008603
Hyde Park	-0.5126744	0.0264462
Jamaica Plain	-0.1638689	0.0121379
Leather District	0.3822449	0.0214044
Longwood Medical Area	-0.1320444	0.0420413
Mattapan	-0.1877856	-0.0219419
Mission Hill	-0.1295644	-0.0044870
North End	0.0805259	-0.0099277
Roslindale	-0.3959578	0.0138148
Roxbury	-0.2486262	0.0252882
South Boston	0.1859253	-0.0150117
South Boston Waterfront	0.6726681	-0.0491251
South End	0.2778904	-0.0013227
West End	0.2884625	-0.0157940
West Roxbury	-0.1610688	-0.0363224



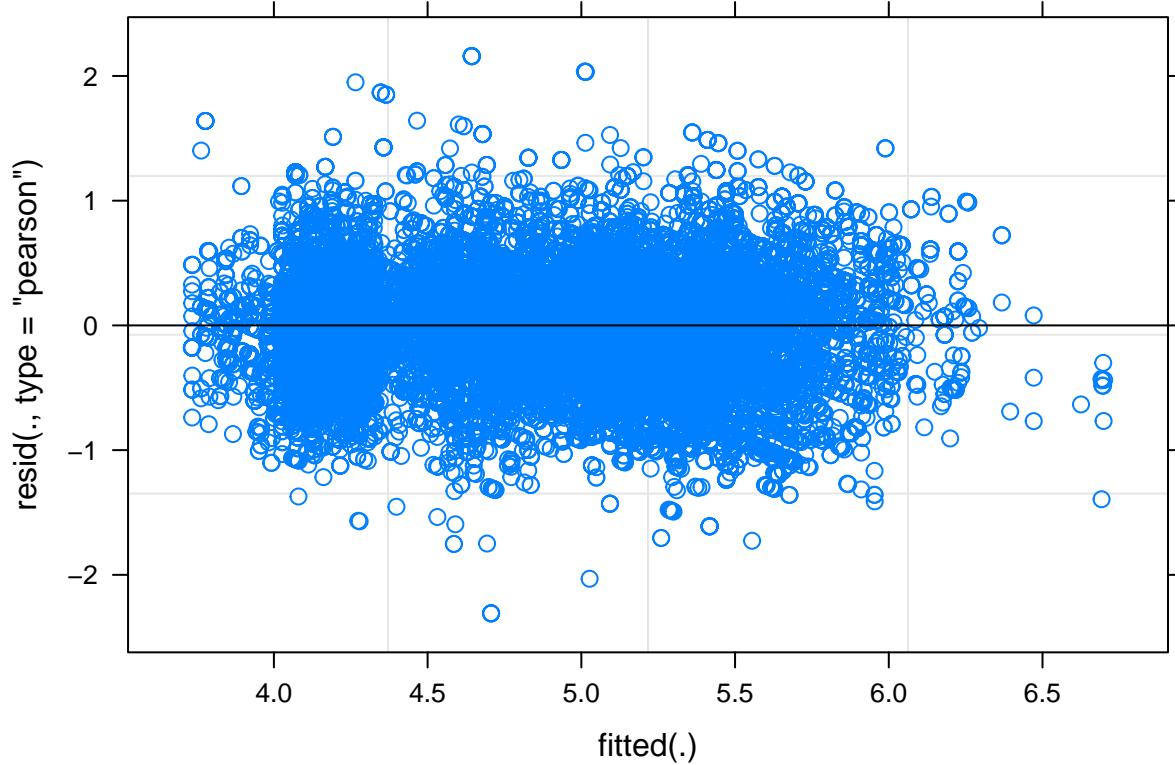
All of the coefficients are statistically significant. Private room has 40% ( $\exp(-0.51) = 0.6004956$ ) lower weighted price than the Entire home/apt. Shared room has 55% ( $\exp(-0.80) = 0.449329$ ) lower weighted price than the price of Entire home/apt. The coefficient of reviews is zero, this variable can be ignored.

When accommodates increases by one, keeping other variables the same, price will increase by 5% ( $\exp(0.06 - 0.01) = 1.051271$ ). When the number of bedrooms increases by one, keeping other variables the same, price will increase by 22% ( $\exp(0.21 - 0.01) = 1.221403$ ). The variance among different neighborhoods are 0.33. The within-neighborhood variance is 0.41.

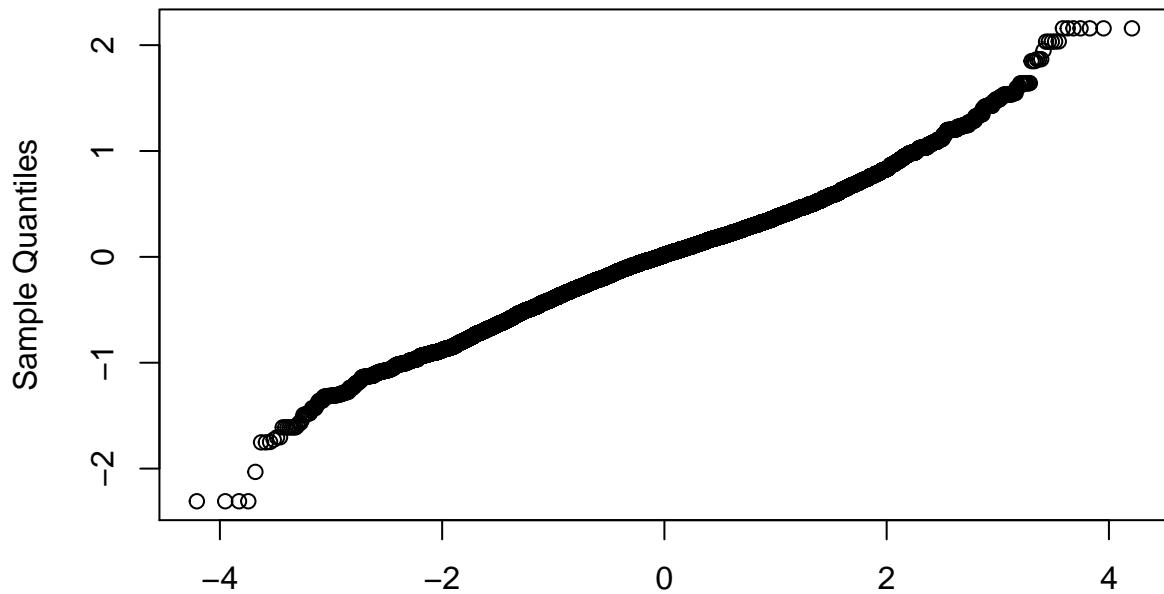
The slope of overall satisfaction is 0.03, and there is correlation with intercept of -0.66. The random effects are shown on the table and the plot.

Model	AIC	BIC
lm_fit1	458068.34	458350.96
lm_fit2	464312.63	464389.71
lmer_fit1	458185.00	458270.65
lmer_fit2	457553.52	457647.72
lmer_fit3	41346.52	41440.72

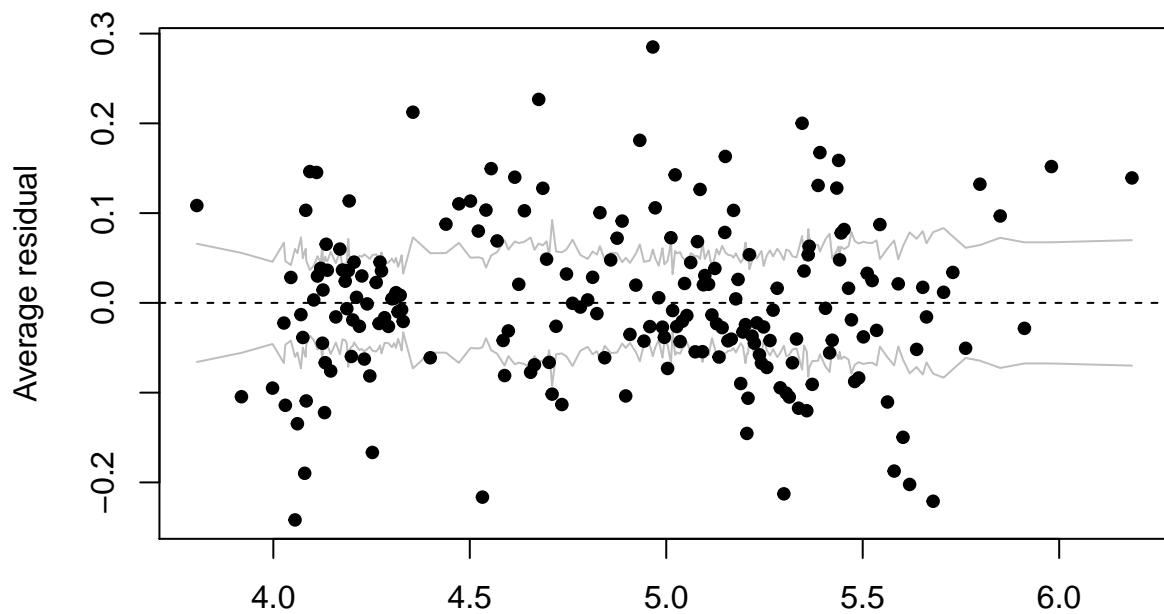
I checked the AIC and BIC of the improved model. We can see that its AIC and BIC are much smaller than other models.



### Normal Q–Q Plot



### Theoretical Quantiles Binned residual plot



### Expected Values

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plotted residual plot, normal Q–Q plot and binned residual plot again to check the residual of the improved model (lmer\_fit3). The residual plot and normal Q–Q plot look much better. There is no pattern in the residual plot and most of the points in the normal Q–Q plot for the residuals rest on a line. For the binned residual plot, the residuals now form a “horizontal band” around the 0 line. However, more points fall outside of the 2 standard-error bounds.

## Discussion

Overall, the model with varying intercepts for neighborhood and varying slopes for overall satisfaction and transformed by logging the price variable (lmer\_fit3) is my final choice. From the coefficients, we can see that the most important variable is room type. The second important variable is the number of bedroom. The neighborhood variable and the overall satisfaction variable also play important roles in the model.

The binned residual plot shows there are still problems in this models because there are many points falling outside of the 2 standard-error bounds. It may because there are still outliers in the data. A better way to do data cleaning is needed in the future. The number of reviews variable worths a deeper study. By now, the coefficient of the number of reviews variable is zero. There must be some relationships between the number of positive reviews and negative reviews. For future direction, I could collect the text data of the reviews and do sentiment analysis of the reviews text. Then I could use the number of positive reviews and negative reviews as new predictors.

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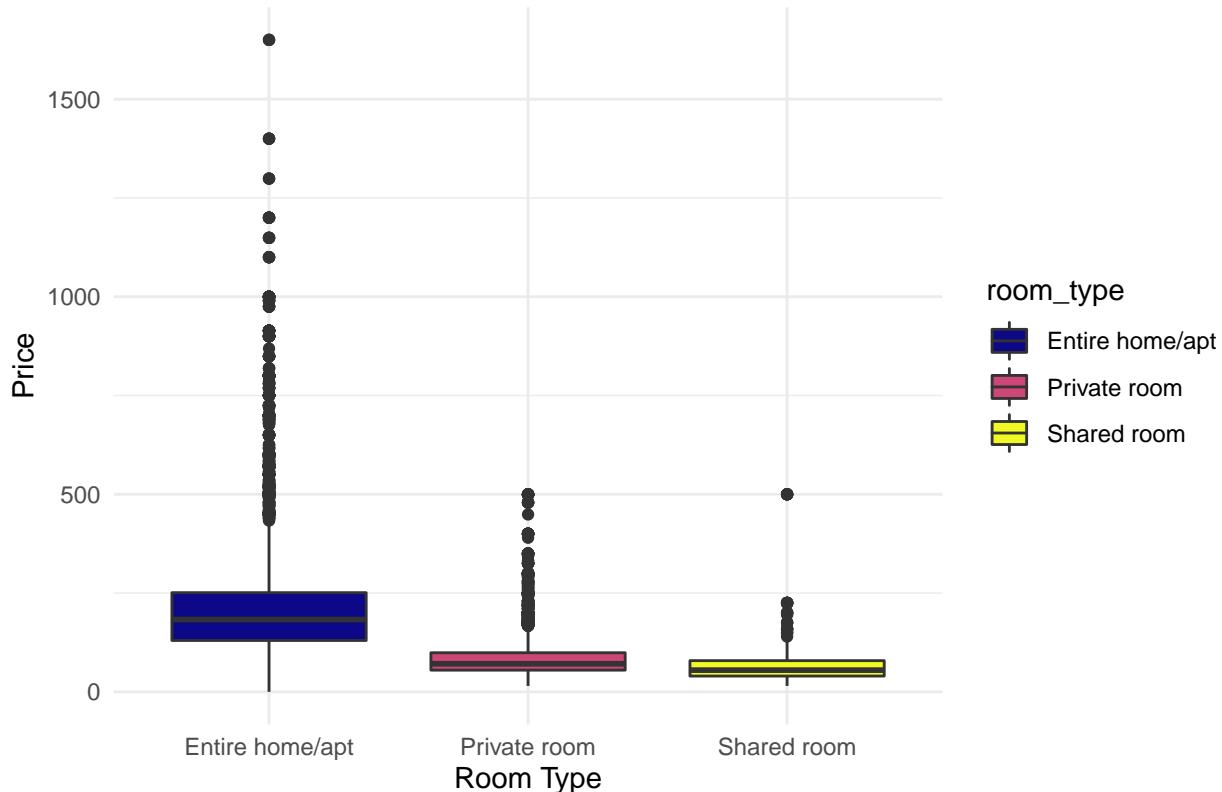
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## Appendix: Additional Graphs

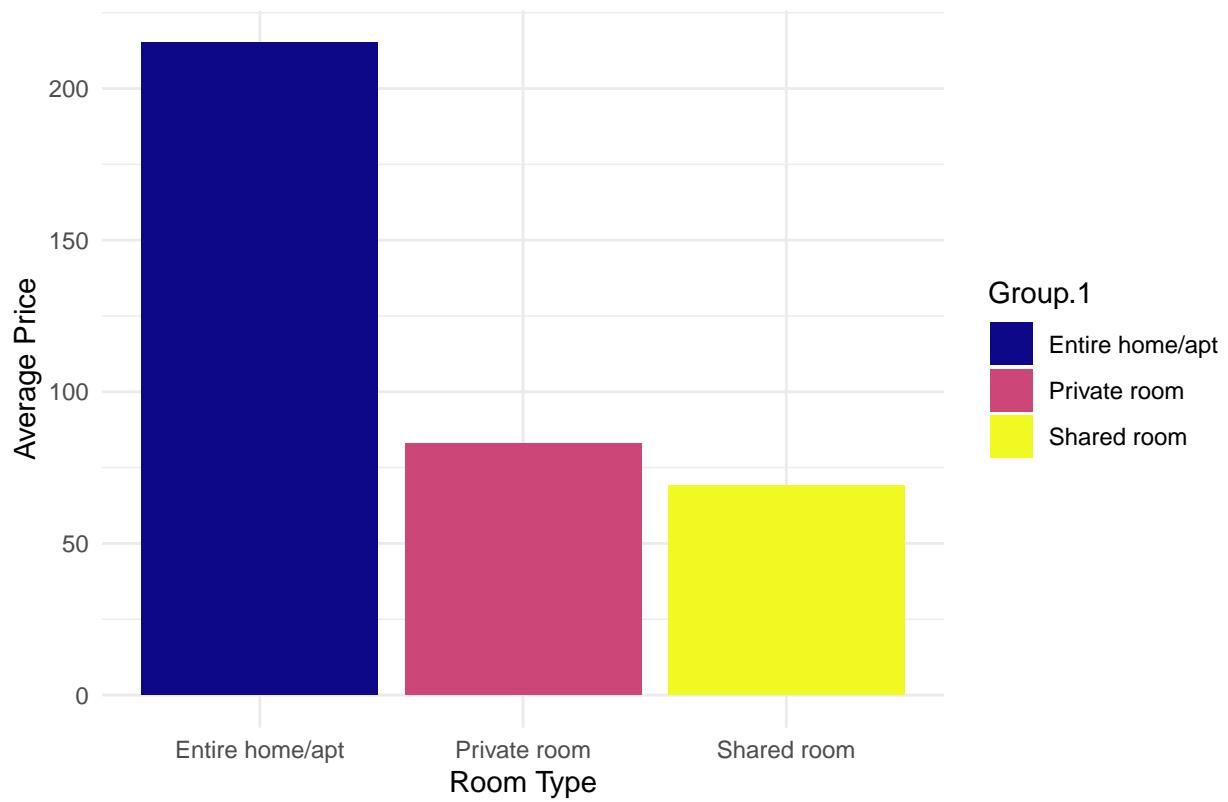
We can see that most rooms are entire home/apartment and private room. Only a few of the rooms are shared room.

Boxplot of Room Type vs Price



The average price of the three room types are close, but for the entire home/apartment type, there exist points with relatively high price.

## Room Type vs Average Price

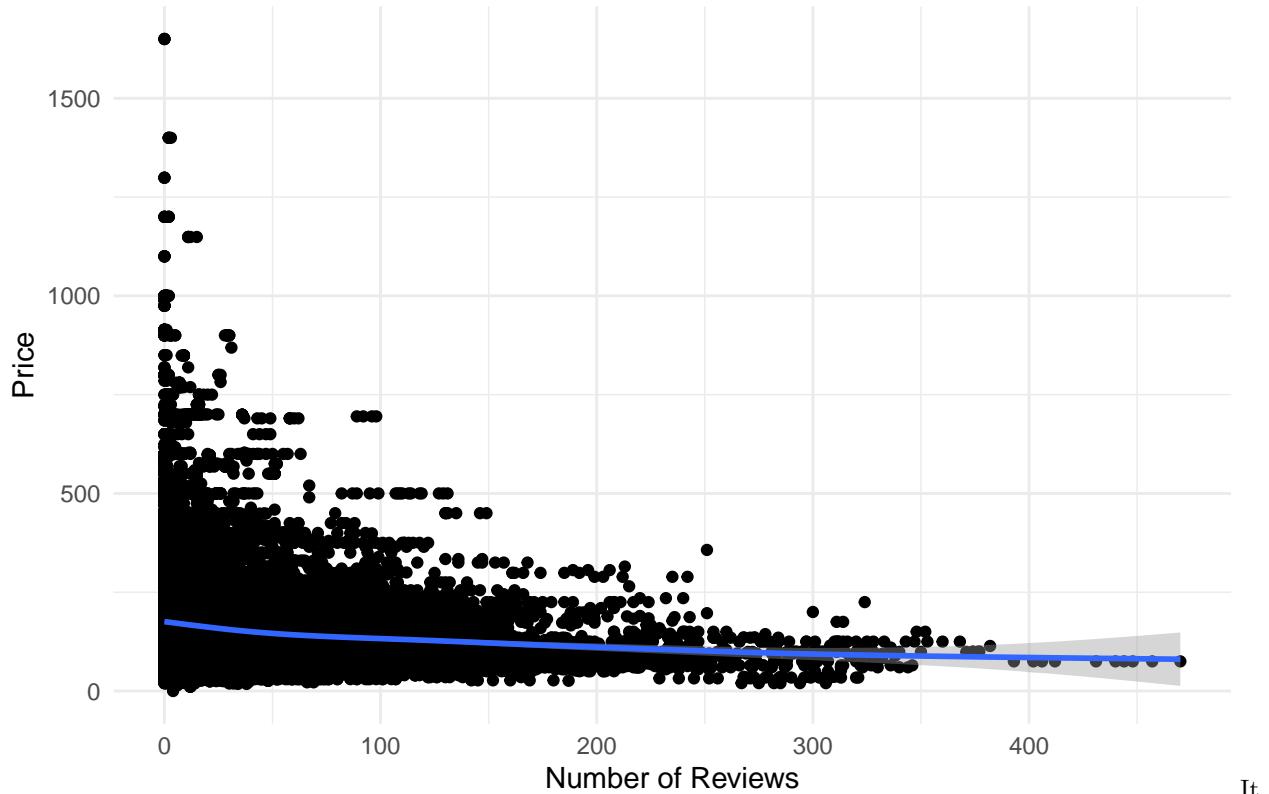


Entire room/apartment' average price is much higher than the other two types.

Many listings have zero review. And the number of reviews varies a lot.

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## Number of Reviews vs Price

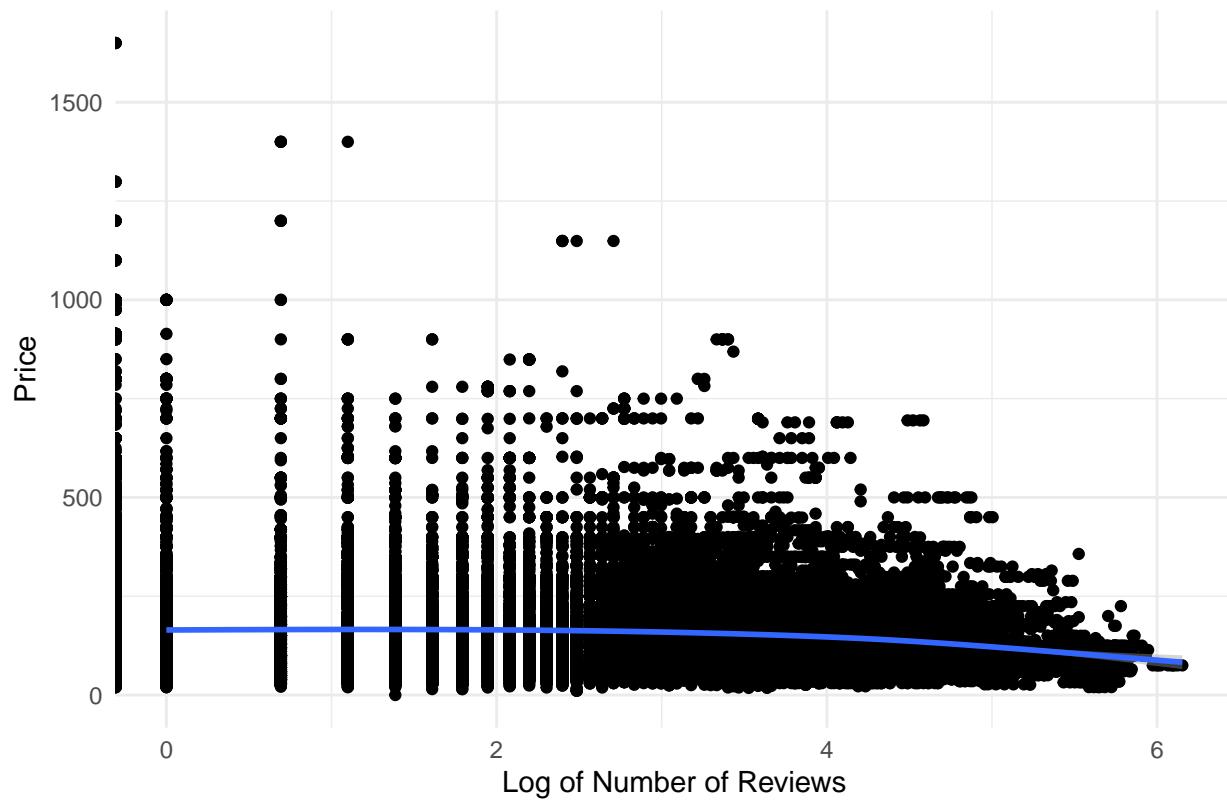


shows more reviews appear when the price is lower.

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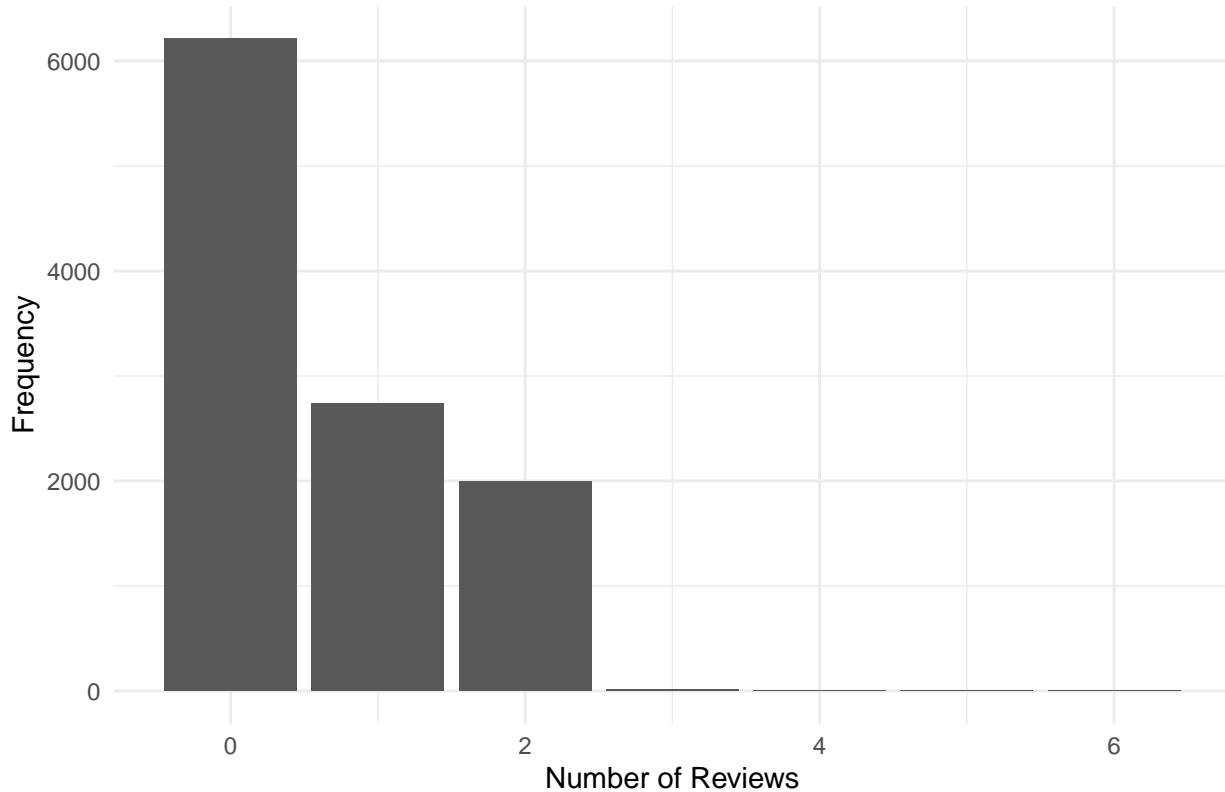
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### Log of Number of Reviews vs Price



The rating is polarize. Mosting are 0 or 4.5~5.

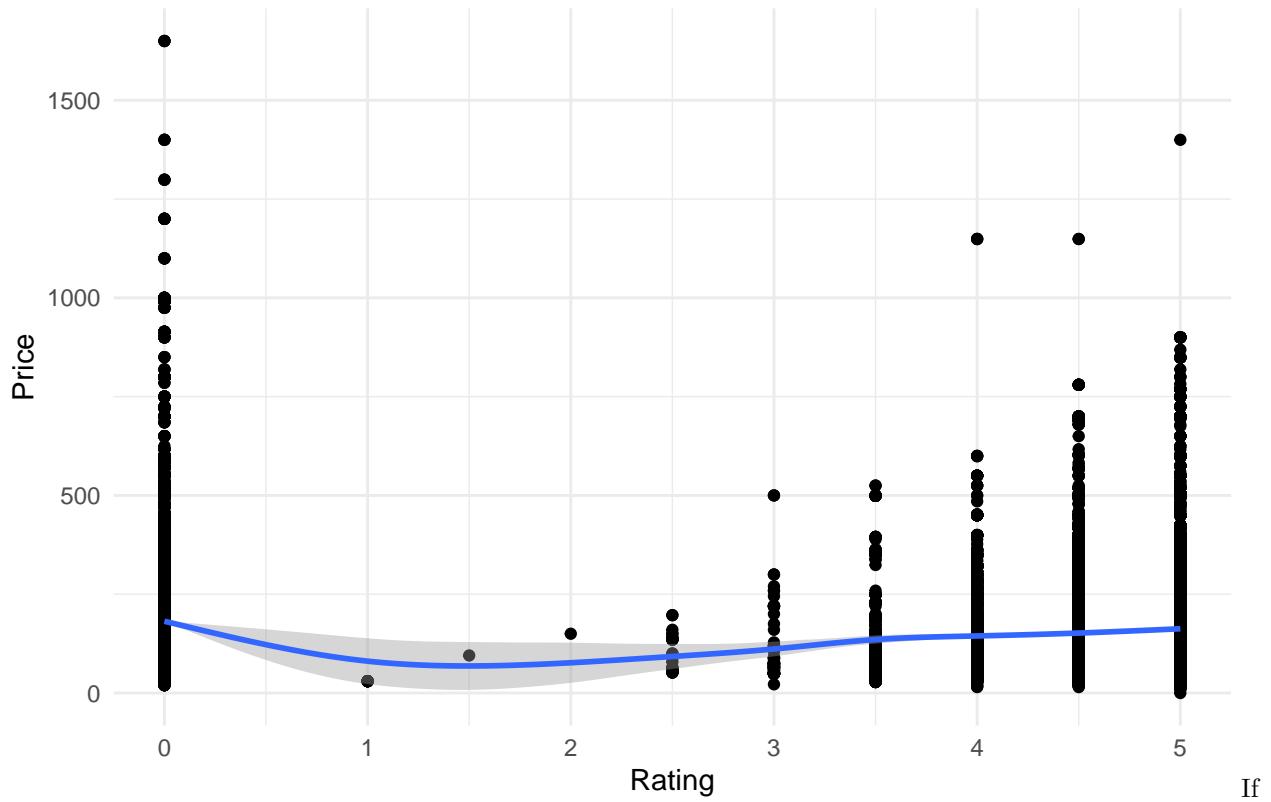
## Distribution of Number of Reviews for listings with rating 0



For those listings with 0 rating, most of them have 0 reviews, which means very likely that no one have been there. It make sense the rating is low.

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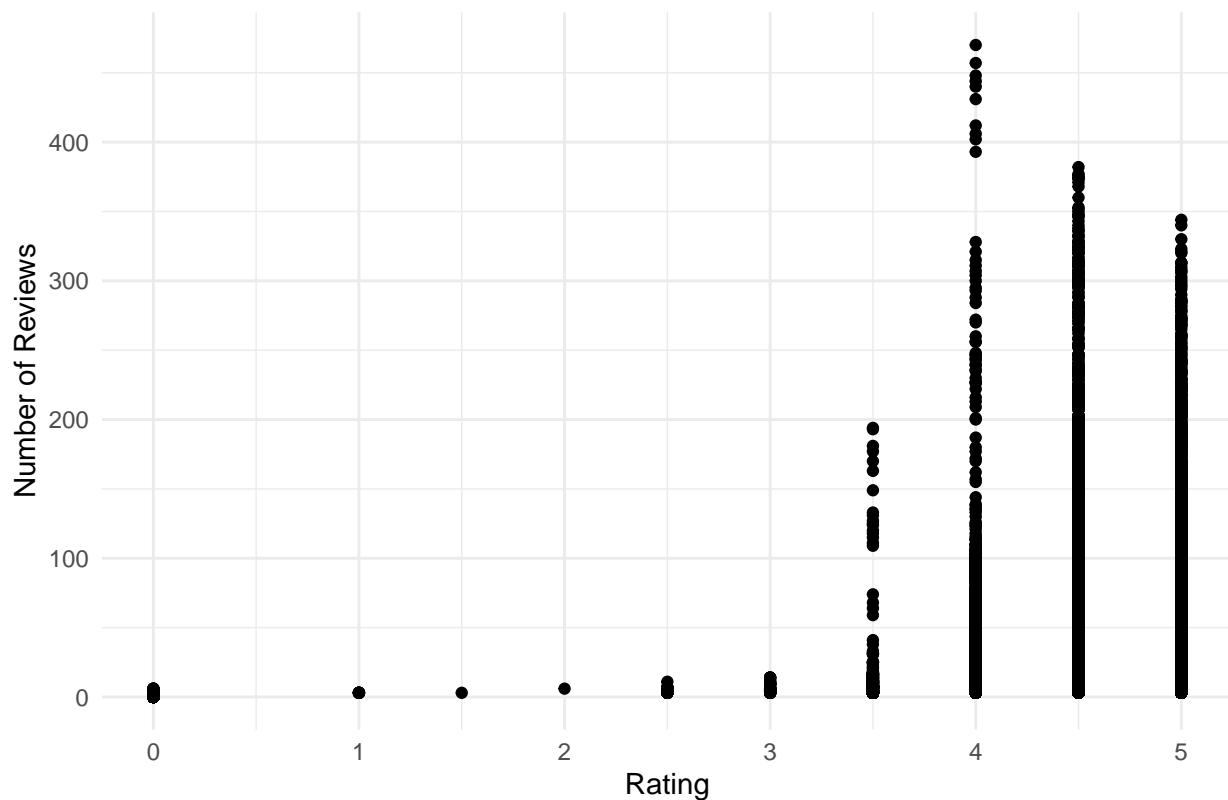
## Rating vs Price



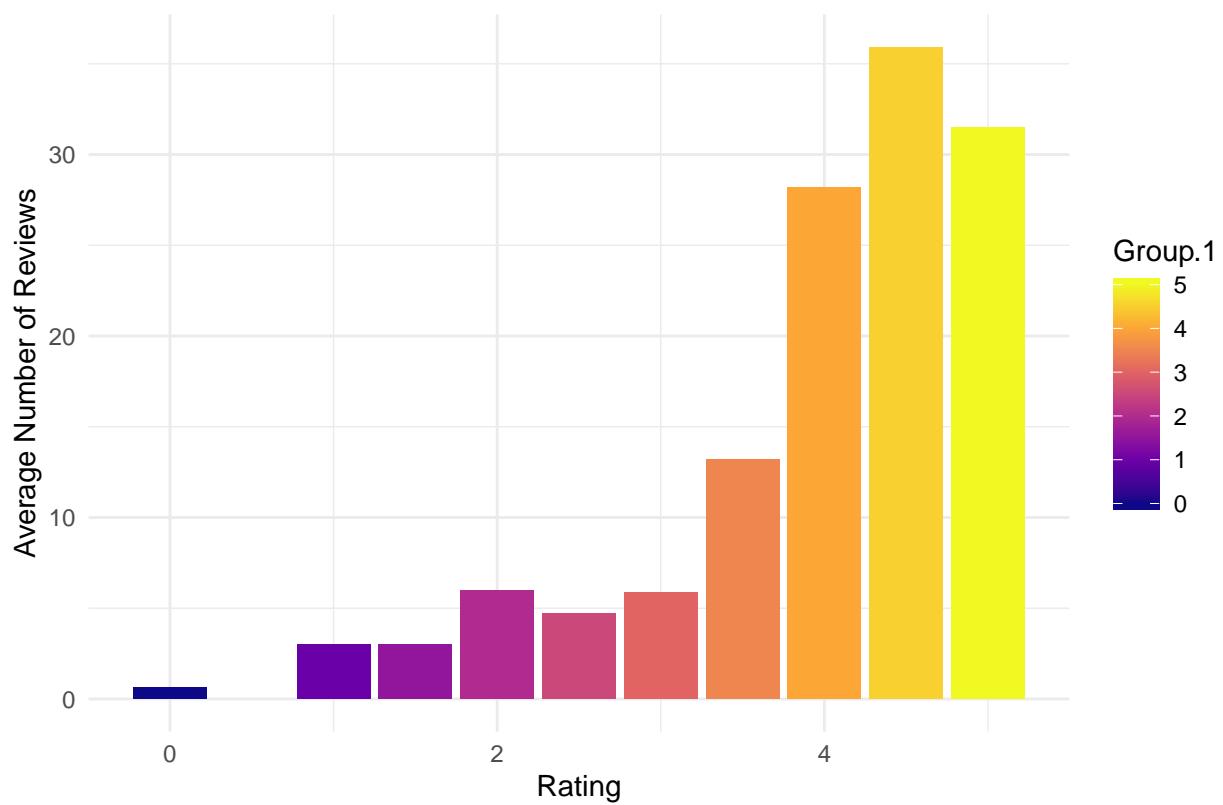
we ignore the zero rating, the rating gets higher when the price turns higher.

If

### Rating vs Number of Reviews



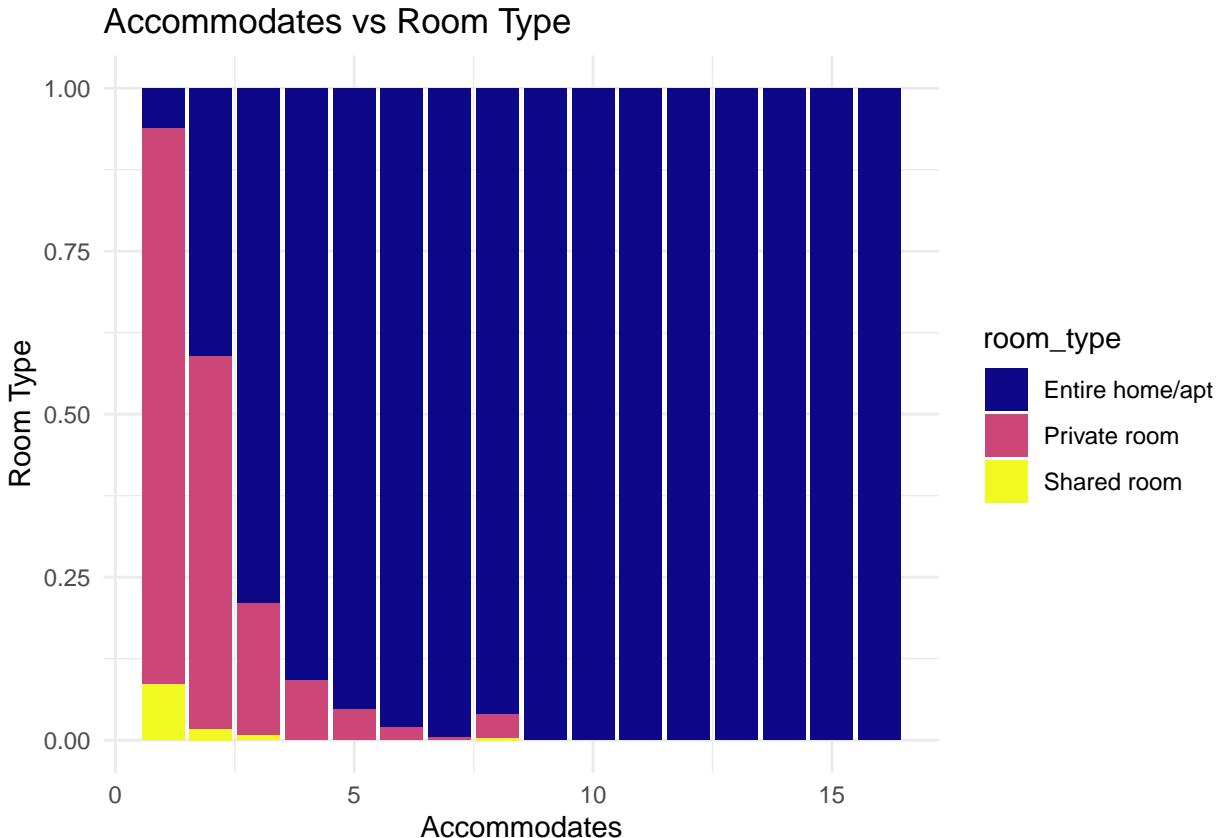
### Rating vs Average Number of Reviews



From the result, we can see that listings with rating 4.5 have highest number of reviews. It makes sense

because listings with rating 5 many be expensive then fewer people will choose them.

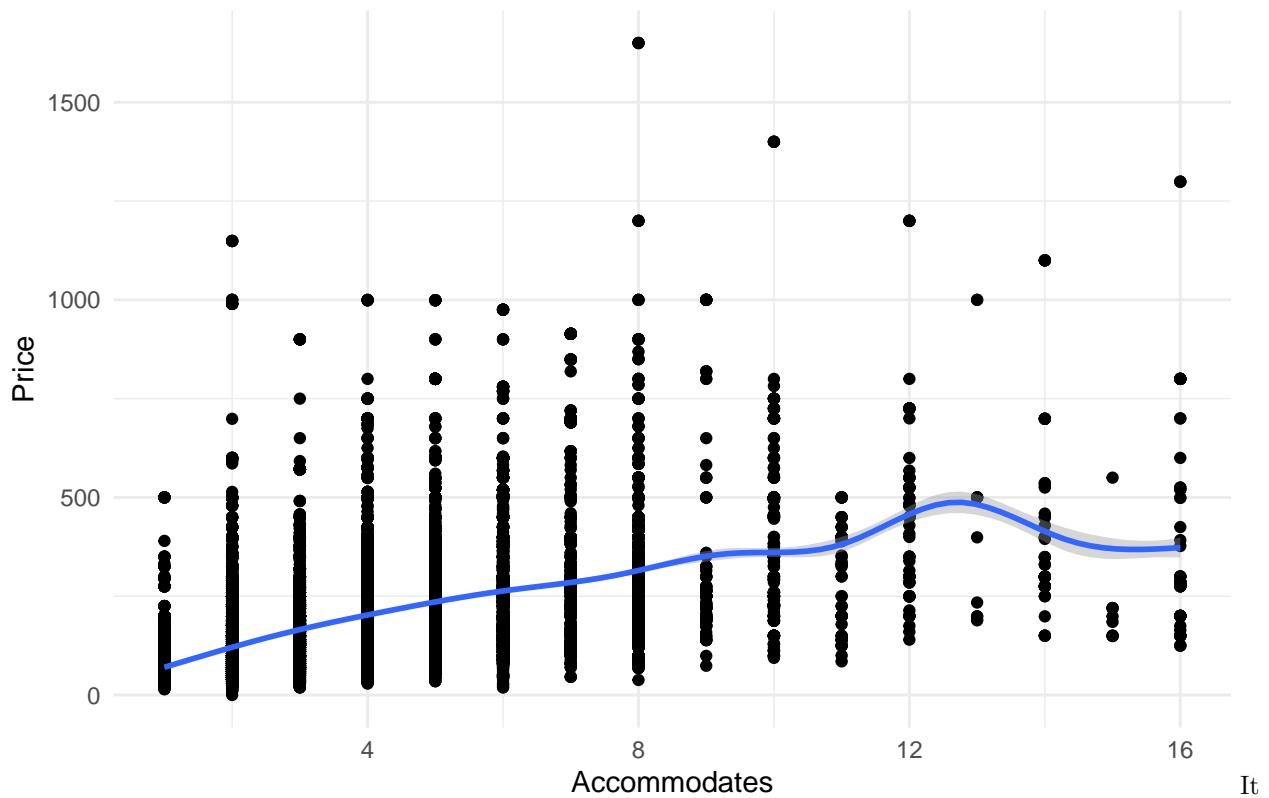
Listings with two accommodates are most common in Boston.



There is relationship between accommodates and room type. Most private rooms and shared rooms accept 1 to 2 accommodates. A listing with accommodates larger than five is most possibly an entire home or apartment.

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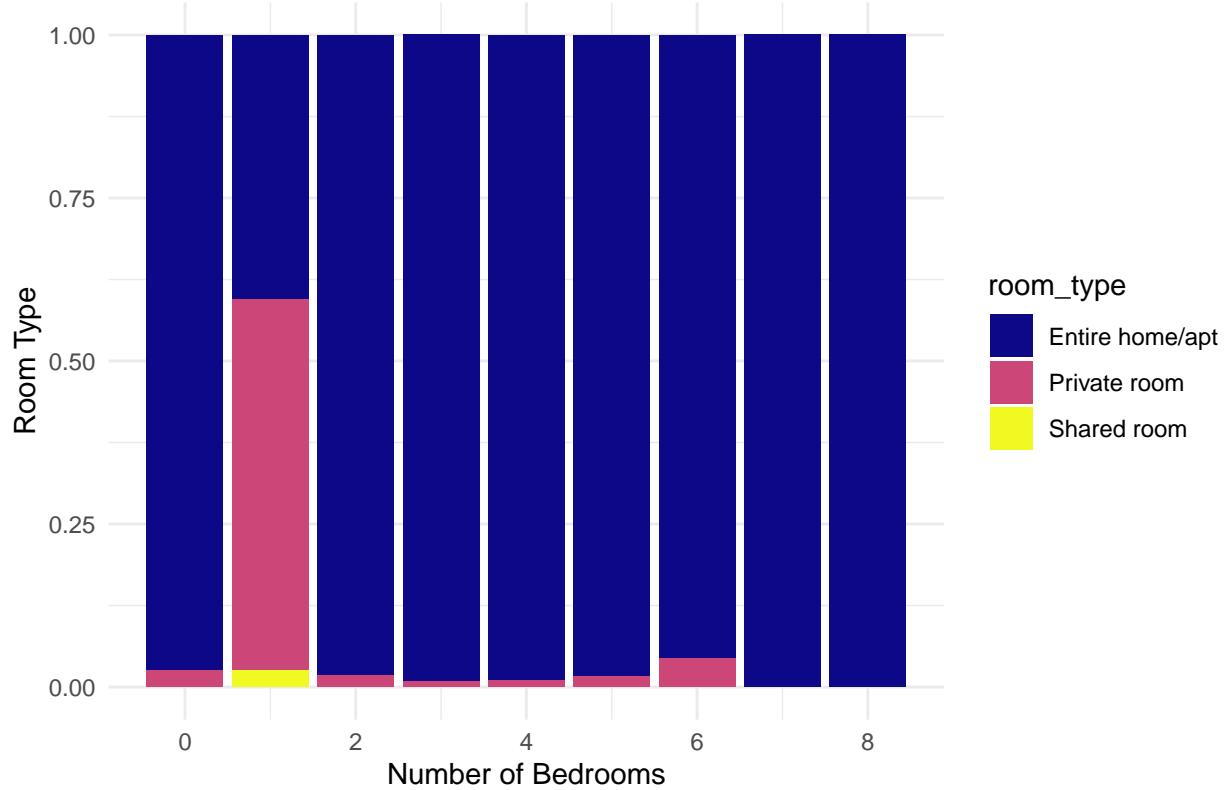
## Accommodates vs Price



seems when the number of accommodates grows, the price grows a little.

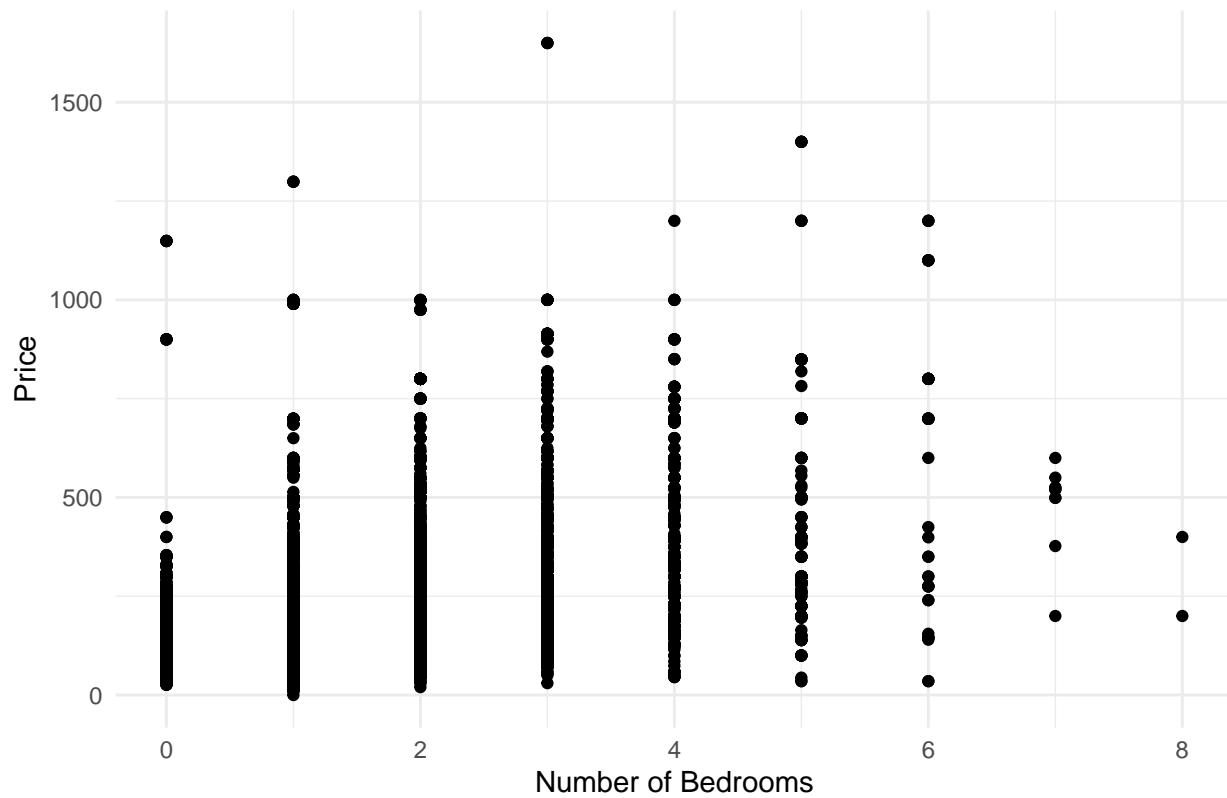
Listings with 1 rooms are most common in Boston.

## Number of Bedrooms vs Room Type

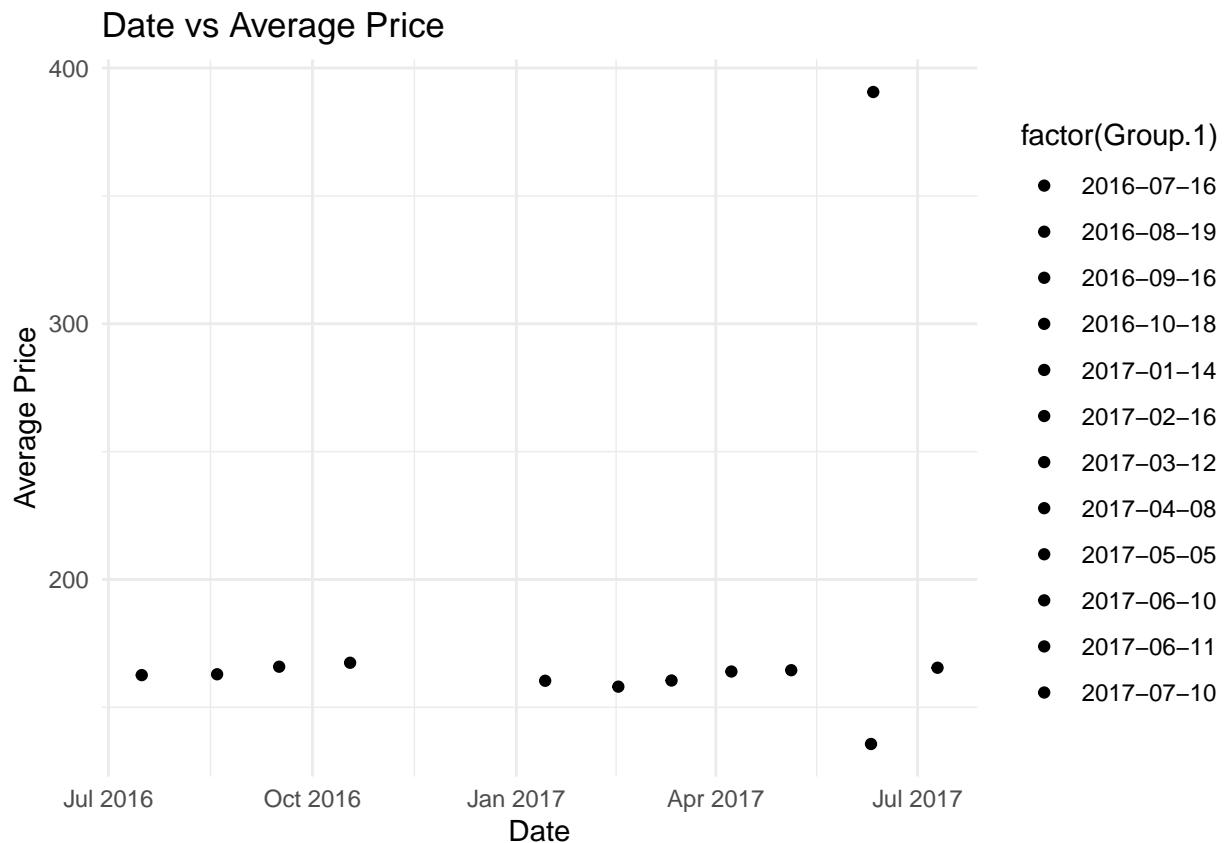


There is relationship between number of Bedrooms and room type.

## Number of Bedrooms vs Price



After Jan, 2017, some listings with higher price appeared. And the price is a little bit rising.



### New Date vs Average Price

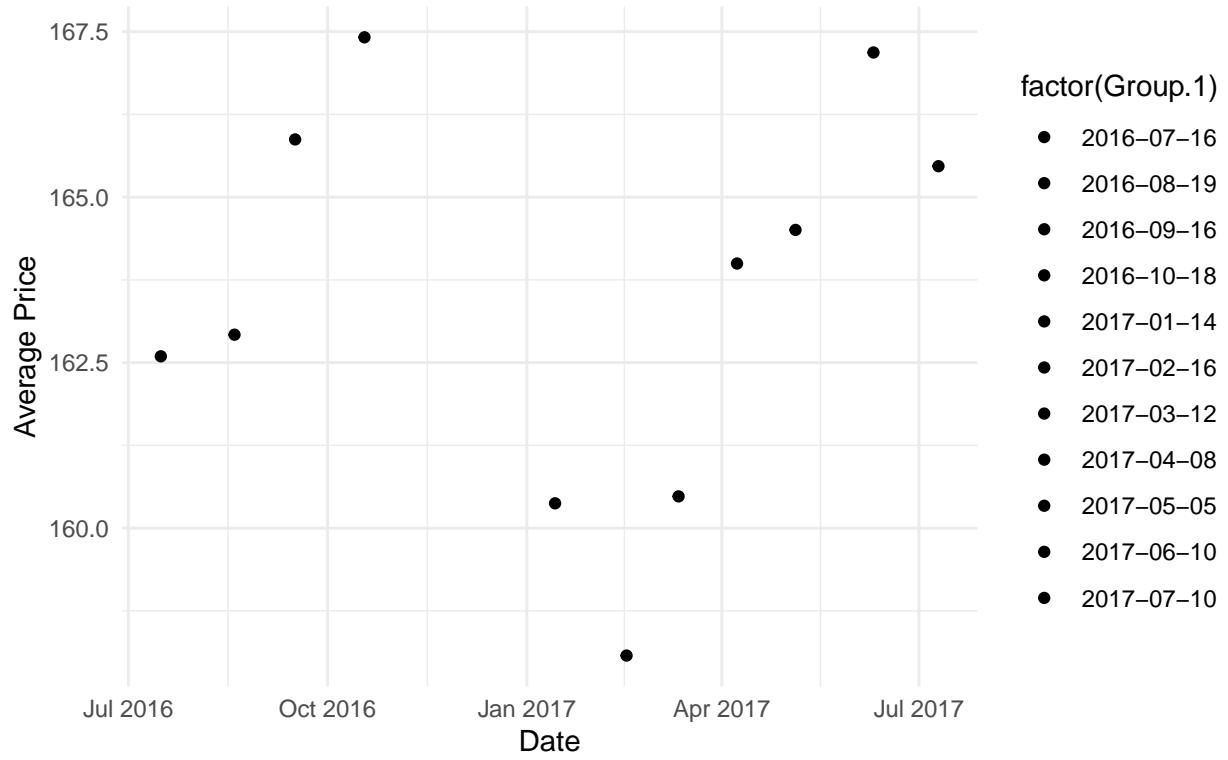


Figure 20

The price keep relatively stable over the time period between July, 2016 to July, 2017.