

Bicycles Accident Analysis

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102 people

... are killed in a car accident per day!*

Introduction (business problem)

This report will try to analyze the best location and time for cycling activities. This project is aimed at individuals interested in **cycling activities** such as solo cyclists, cycling communities and companies / sponsors / organizers of cycling events.

During a **pandemic**, many people choose cycling as an alternative to indoor gyms. Cycling is considered the safest way to stay fit due to minimal contact with other people. Unfortunately, there are many road accidents involving cyclists. Cyclists need safety while driving. In the event of an accident, car drivers are protected by car frames and other safety technologies. Their chances of dying or seriously injuring themselves are relatively low compared to cyclists. Cyclists are protected only by a helmet on the head. In the event of an accident, a person's head, legs, hands and other parts of the body are potentially injured.

The project could help the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) install various road signs for cyclists in crash-prone areas. Also, this project will help the cyclist community (*1), for example, Cascade Bicylcle Club, COGS (Cyclists Of Greater Seattle), Brake the Cycle, etc., determine the right time for cycling events.

Communities such as the Cascade Bicycle Club host many **major cycling events**^(*2) such as Chilly Hilly, Seattle Bike-n-Brews, Ride for Major Taylor, Flying Wheels Summer Century, Woodinville Wine Ride, Seattle Night Ride, the Red-Bell 100, Seattle to Portland (STP), Ride from Seattle to Vancouver and Party (RSVP), Ride Around Washington (RAW), High Pass Challenge (HPC), and Kitsap Color Classic (KCC).

This project can help companies, sponsors, and event organizers to create safe cycling events for all participants.

^{*1} http://wabikes.org/growing-bicycling/resources/bike-clubs-in-washington-state/

^{*2} https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascade_Bicycle_Club#Major_events

Data understanding

The original dataset can be found here:

https://s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/cf-courses-data/CognitiveClass/DP0701EN/version-2/Data-Collisions.csv

SEVERITYCODE	int64
X	float64
Υ	float64
OBJECTID	int64
INCKEY	int64
COLDETKEY	int64
REPORTNO	object
STATUS	object
ADDRTYPE	object
INTKEY	float64
LOCATION	object
EXCEPTRSNCODE	object
EXCEPTRSNDESC	object
SEVERITYCODE.1	int64
SEVERITYDESC	object
COLLISIONTYPE	object
PERSONCOUNT	int64
PEDCOUNT	int64
PEDCYLCOUNT	int64
VEHCOUNT	int64
INCDATE	object
INCDTTM	object
JUNCTIONTYPE	object
SDOT_COLCODE SDOT_COLDESC	int64
SDOT_COLDESC	object
INATTENTIONIND	object
UNDERINFL	object
WEATHER	object
ROADCOND	object
LIGHTCOND	object
PEDROWNOTGRNT	object
SDOTCOLNUM	float64
SPEEDING	object
ST_COLCODE	object
ST_COLDESC	object
SEGLANEKEY	int64
CROSSWALKKEY	int64
HITPARKEDCAR	object
dtype: object	

data.shape (5484, 39) Based on definition of our problem, features or columns that will influence our analysis are:

- 1. **Location**: Latitude (X), Longitude (Y), Address Type (ADDRTYPE)
- 2. **Severity**: A code that corresponds to the severity of the collision (SEVERITYCODE), a detailed description of the severity of the collision (SEVERITYDESC)
- 3. **Person Count**: Total number of people involved (PERSONCOUNT), number of bicycles involved in the collision (PEDCYLCOUNT)
- 4. **Date**: The date and time of the incident (INCDTTM)
- 5. **Condition**: Description of the weather conditions (WEATHER), condition of the road (ROADCOND), light conditions during the collision (LIGHTCOND)

Conditional Selection — Only show data that bicycles involved in the collision

In the explanation of the problem above, we will help solve the problem for cyclists. We limit data on car accidents involving cyclists. So the PEDCYLCOUNT column must be greater than zero.

DataFrame Shape

The dataset used is (5484 rows, 38 columns). Not all columns will be used, will be selected according to the data description above.

DataFrame Data Type and Missing Values

In the description below, we will know the data types and missing values and their presentations.

Methodology

1. Data sampling

In this project, not all dataset data are used, but only those that are needed.

2. Working with missing data

Missing values negatively affect forecasting and analysis results. We need to handle missing values by deleting or filling them in. If there are not many missing values, we can consider removing them.

3. Removing duplicates

Duplicate values also negatively affect the results. We need to determine the number of duplicate records and remove them.

4. Convert 'INCDTTM' Column to Datetime Type

The 'ICDDTM' column needs to be converted to DateTime to extract the hour, day, month and year later. We will need this data for a deeper analysis.

5. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

After clearing the data, we can begin our research - finding the best time and place for cycling activities.

The data will be explored and analyzed based on time-related data such as hour, day, month, year and weather. The data is visualized to get an idea of the best place and time for a cycling event. The data visualization includes road conditions, light conditions, and address types.

6. Model Building

The machine learning model used in this project is logistic regression. Why Use Logistic Regression? First, the data is binary. Second, we need probabilistic results to determine the time and place conditions that are most likely to cause an encounter with trauma.

Analysis

Data sampling

We use features that give support to solve the problems that have been planned..



Working with missing data

In the table below, we can see that the missing values in all features are below 1 per cent.

Because the missing values are minimal (less than 1 per cent), we can decide to delete the missing values in all features.

Removing duplicates

We also need to check the data if there is duplicate data. Many duplicate values will affect the analysis and prediction results. Therefore we need to detect the amount of duplicate data. Then we delete the duplicate value.

```
df.duplicated().sum()
4
```

In the output above, there are four duplicate data. After that, we drop these duplicate values from the dataset. So, we get a cleaner dataset for analysis.

```
df = df.drop_duplicates()
df.duplicated().sum()
0
```



Convert 'INCDTTM' Column to Datetime Type

Below, we can see that the 'INCDTTM' Column type is still an 'object'.

```
df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 5432 entries, 0 to 5483
Data columns (total 10 columns):
    Column
                Non-Null Count Dtype
    SEVERITYCODE 5432 non-null int64
    SEVERITYDESC 5432 non-null object
X 5432 non-null float64
                  5432 non-null float64
   ADDRTYPE 5432 non-null
PERSONCOUNT 5432 non-null
4
                   5432 non-null
                                   object
                                   int64
6 INCDTTM
                  5432 non-null object
   WEATHER
ROADCOND
                 5432 non-null object
                  5432 non-null
                                   object
9 LIGHTCOND 5432 non-null object
dtypes: float64(2), int64(2), object(6)
memory usage: 339.5+ KB
```

After changing to DateTime type, column 'INCDTTM' changes to 'datetime64.

```
df["INCDTTM"]= pd.to_datetime(df["INCDTTM"])
df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 5432 entries, 0 to 5483
Data columns (total 10 columns):
             Non-Null Count Dtype
# Column
                   -----
   SEVERITYCODE 5432 non-null int64
SEVERITYDESC 5432 non-null object
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                  5432 non-null float64
3
                   5432 non-null
                  5432 non-null object
    ADDRTYPE
5 PERSONCOUNT 5432 non-null int64
    INCDTTM
                   5432 non-null
                                  datetime64[ns]
                  5432 non-null object
   WEATHER
               5432 non-null object
5432 non-null object
8 ROADCOND
    LIGHTCOND
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), float64(2), int64(2), object(5)
memory usage: 360.7+ KB
```

After converting to 'datetime64', we can extract the data into new columns such as hour, day, month, and year.

SE	EVERITYCODE	SEVERITYDESC	х	Y	ADDRTYPE	PERSONCOUNT	INCDTTM	WEATHER	ROADCOND	LIGHTCOND	HOUR	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
0	2	Injury Collision	-122.320780	47.614076	Intersection	3	2020-04-15 17:47:00	Clear	Dry	Daylight	17	Wednesday	April	2020
1	2	Injury Collision	-122.312857	47.599218	Block	2	2019-04-25 09:40:00	Clear	Dry	Daylight	9	Thursday	April	2019
2	2	Injury Collision	-122.328913	47.613466	Intersection	3	2013-03-29 11:53:00	Clear	Dry	Unknown	11	Friday	March	2013
3	1 P	Property Damage Only Collision	-122.312464	47.652976	Intersection	2	2013-03-28 15:30:00	Clear	Dry	Daylight	15	Thursday	March	2013
4	2	Injury Collision	-122.337054	47.695963	Block	1	2004-10-11 16:00:00	Clear	Dry	Daylight	16	Monday	October	2004

Analysis (time)

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

This exploratory data analysis is divided into two parts:

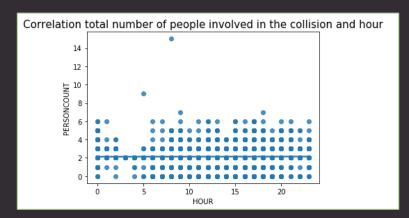
- 1) Time Analysis, which explores a dataset using time-related attributes.
- 2) Location Analysis, which explores a dataset using attributes related to roads, lights, and location.

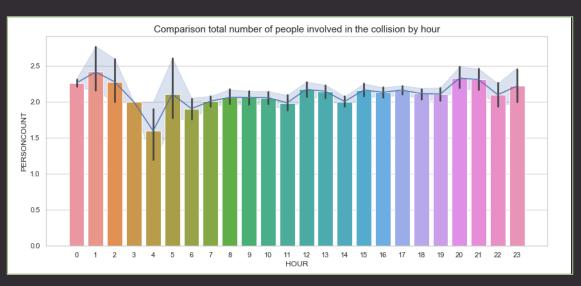
Time Analysis

In the visualization below, the hour variable is not related to the variable number of people involved in the collision.

Hour Variable

When tested for the correlation between hours and number of people involved, the score is only 0.004. This figure is shallow to qualify for a correlation (0.5).

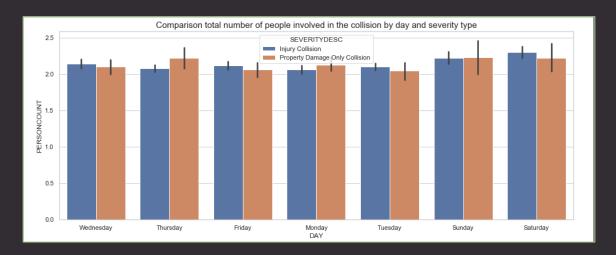




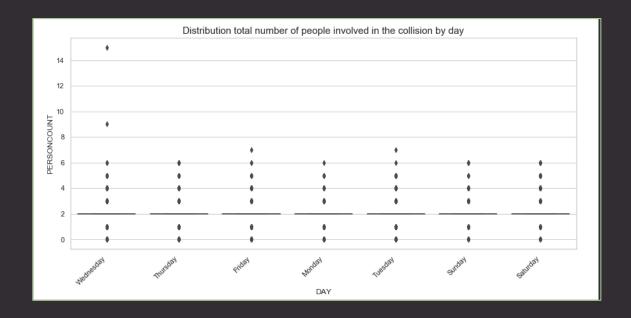
Analysis (time)

Day Variable

Below, visualize the total number of people involved in a collision by day and severity type.



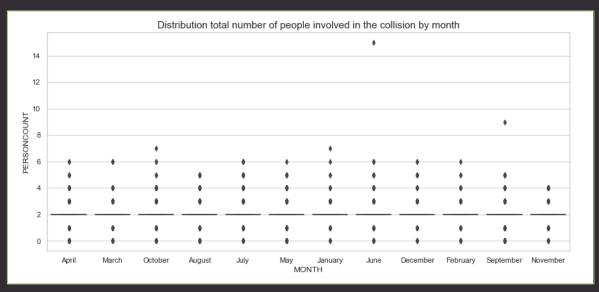
Below, a boxplot visualizes the distribution of the number of people involved in the collision by **day**. In this boxplot, we can also see the outliers in each data. The outlier data on **Wednesday** has the most considerable value in the data.



Analysis (time)

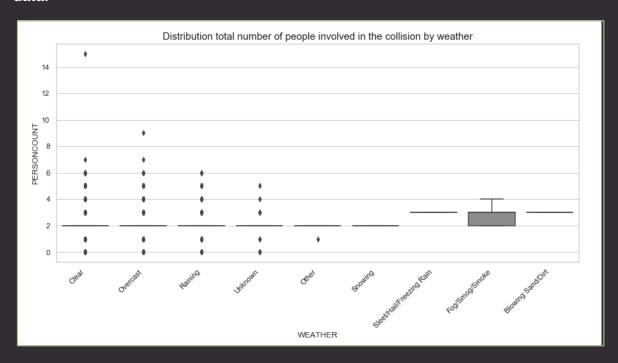
Month Variable

Below, a boxplot visualizes the distribution of the number of people involved in the collision **by month**. In this boxplot, we can also see the outliers in each data. The outlier data on **June** has the most considerable value in the data.



Weather Variable

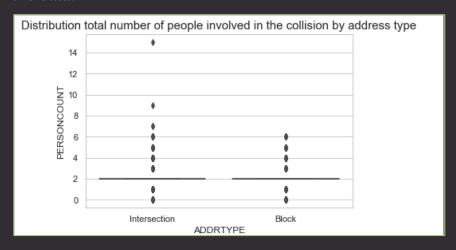
Below, a boxplot visualizes the distribution of the number of people involved in the collision **by weather**. In this boxplot, we can also see the outliers in each data. The outlier data on **Clear** weather has the most considerable value in the data.



Analysis (location)

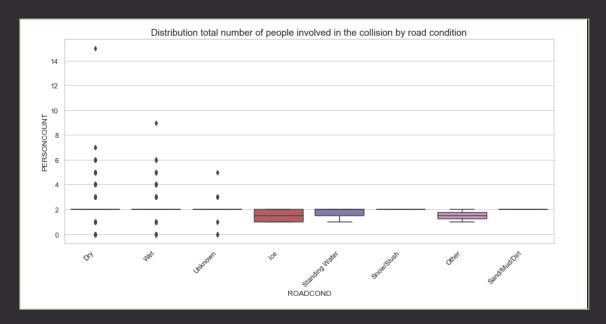
Address Type Variable

Below, a boxplot visualizes the distribution of the number of people involved in the collision **by address type**. In this boxplot, we can also see the outliers in each data. The outlier data on **Intersection** has the most considerable value in the data.



Road Condition Variable

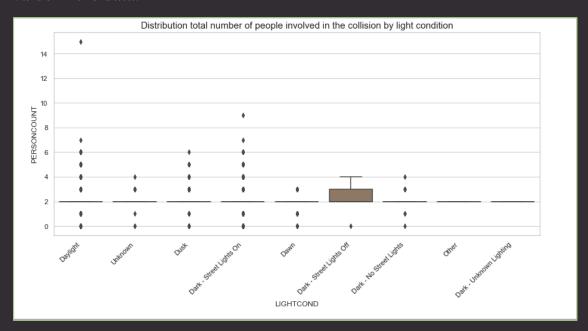
Below, a boxplot visualizes the distribution of the number of people involved in the collision **by road condition**. In this boxplot, we can also see the outliers in each data. The outlier data on **Dry** condition has the most considerable value in the data.



Analysis (location)

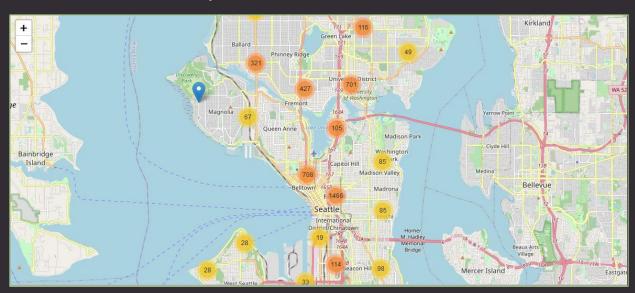
Light Condition Variable

Below, a boxplot visualizes the distribution of the number of people involved in the collision **by light condition**. In this boxplot, we can also see the outliers in each data. The outlier data on **Daylight** condition has the most considerable value in the data.



Seattle road accident map involving cyclists

The map was created with Folium. Using latitude and longitude data, we can visualize the number of cyclist crashes in Seattle.



Model Building

What is Logistic Regression?

In statistics, the logistic model (or logit model) is used to model the probability of a certain class or event existing such as pass/fail, win/lose, alive/dead or healthy/sick. This can be extended to model several classes of events such as determining whether an image contains a cat, dog, lion, etc. Each object being detected in the image would be assigned a probability between 0 and 1, with a sum of one.

Logistic regression is a statistical model that in its basic form uses a logistic function to model a binary dependent variable, although many more complex extensions exist. In regression analysis, logistic regression (or logit regression) is estimating the parameters of a logistic model (a form of binary regression). Mathematically, a binary logistic model has a dependent variable with two possible values, such as pass/fail which is represented by an indicator variable, where the two values are labeled "0" and "1".

In the logistic model, the log-odds (the logarithm of the odds) for the value labeled "1" is a linear combination of one or more independent variables ("predictors"); the independent variables can each be a binary variable (two classes, coded by an indicator variable) or a continuous variable (any real value). The corresponding probability of the value labeled "1" can vary between 0 (certainly the value "0") and 1 (certainly the value "1"), hence the labeling; the function that converts log-odds to probability is the logistic function, hence the name. The unit of measurement for the log-odds scale is called a logit, from logistic unit, hence the alternative names.

Analogous models with a different sigmoid function instead of the logistic function can also be used, such as the probit model; the defining characteristic of the logistic model is that increasing one of the independent variables multiplicatively scales the odds of the given outcome at a constant rate, with each independent variable having its own parameter; for a binary dependent variable this generalizes the odds ratio.

In a binary logistic regression model, the dependent variable has two levels (categorical). Outputs with more than two values are modeled by multinomial logistic regression and, if the multiple categories are ordered, by ordinal logistic regression (for example the proportional odds ordinal logistic model). The logistic regression model itself simply models probability of output in terms of input and does not perform statistical classification (it is not a classifier), though it can be used to make a classifier, for instance by choosing a cutoff value and classifying inputs with probability greater than the cutoff as one class, below the cutoff as the other; this is a common way to make a binary classifier. The coefficients are generally not computed by a closed-form expression, unlike linear least squares. The logistic regression as a general statistical model was originally developed and popularized primarily by Joseph Berkson, beginning in Berkson (1944), where he coined "logit".

Features Selection

Not all data needs to be used to build the model. The attributes below were selected to train the regression model.

	<pre>df1 = df[['SEVERITYDESC', 'WEATHER', 'DAY', 'MONTH', 'ADDRTYPE', 'ROADCOND', 'LIGHTCOND', 'X', 'Y df1.head(3)</pre>								
	SEVERITYDESC	WEATHER	DAY	MONTH	ADDRTYPE	ROADCOND	LIGHTCOND	X	Y
0	Injury Collision	Clear	Wednesday	April	Intersection	Dry	Daylight	-122.320780	47.614076
1	Injury Collision	Clear	Thursday	April	Block	Dry	Daylight	-122.312857	47.599218
2	Injury Collision	Clear	Friday	March	Intersection	Dry	Unknown	-122.328913	47.613466

Cleaning 'Unknown' Values

The 'unknown' values in the WEATHER, LIGHTCOND, and ROADCOND fields need to be removed. This value needs to be deleted so that when using one hot encoder, this value is not used as a separate column. This is because the value of 'unknown' is difficult to understand.

```
df1['WEATHER'] = df1['WEATHER'].replace(to_replace='Unknown', value=np.nan)
df1['ROADCOND'] = df1['ROADCOND'].replace(to_replace='Unknown', value=np.nan)
df1['LIGHTCOND'] = df1['LIGHTCOND'].replace(to_replace='Unknown', value=np.nan)
df1.dropna(inplace=True)
```

Training & Test Sets

In machine learning, a common task is the study and construction of algorithms that can learn from and make predictions on data. Such algorithms function by making data-driven predictions or decisions, through building a mathematical model from input data. The data used to build the final model usually comes from multiple datasets. In particular, three datasets are commonly used in different stages of the creation of the model.

The model is initially fit on a **training dataset**, which is a set of examples used to fit the parameters (e.g. weights of connections between neurons in artificial neural networks) of the model. The model (e.g. a neural net or a naive Bayes classifier) is trained on the training dataset using a supervised learning method, for example using optimization methods such as gradient descent or stochastic gradient descent. In practice, the training dataset often consists of pairs of an input vector (or scalar) and the corresponding output vector (or scalar), where the answer key is commonly denoted as the target (or label).

The current model is run with the training dataset and produces a result, which is then compared with the target, for each input vector in the training dataset. Based on the result of the comparison and the specific learning algorithm being used, the parameters of the model are adjusted. The model fitting can include both variable selection and parameter estimation.

Finally, the **test dataset** is a dataset used to provide an unbiased evaluation of a final model fit on the training dataset. If the data in the test dataset has never been used in training (for example in cross-validation), the test dataset is also called a holdout dataset.

First, the data is split into X (features / independent variable) and Y (target / dependent variable). Second, the data is encoded using the one-hot encoder. Finally, the dataset is split using a train-test-split function, with a composition of 30 percent test set and 70 percent training set.

Model Training

The Logistic Regression model is trained using the parameter C = 0.01, solver = 'liblinear'.

```
LR = LogisticRegression(C=0.01, solver='liblinear').fit(X_train,y_train)
yhat = LR.predict(X_test)
yhat_prob = LR.predict_proba(X_test)
```

Model Evaluation

Jaccard Index

The Jaccard index, also known as Intersection over Union and the Jaccard similarity coefficient (originally given the French name coefficient de communauté by Paul Jaccard), is a statistic used for gauging the similarity and diversity of sample sets. The Jaccard coefficient measures similarity between finite sample sets, and is defined as the size of the intersection divided by the size of the union of the sample sets. The Jaccard distance, which measures dissimilarity between sample sets, is complementary to the Jaccard coefficient and is obtained by subtracting the Jaccard coefficient from 1, or, equivalently, by dividing the difference of the sizes of the union and the intersection of two sets by the size of the union.

Jaccard similarity score in this project is 0.88. It's a relatively high result.

```
jaccard_score(y_test, yhat, average=None)
array([0.88537049, 0. ])
```

Log Loss

In machine learning and mathematical optimization, loss functions for classification are computationally feasible loss functions representing the price paid for inaccuracy of predictions in classification problems (problems of identifying which category a particular observation belongs to). Log loss(Logarithmic loss) measures the performance of a classifier where the predicted output is a probability value between 0 and 1. Wikipedia

Log loss score in this project is 0.36. It's a relatively low result.

```
log_loss(y_test, yhat_prob)
0.36069182774186537
```

Classification Report

The classification report builds a text report showing the main classification metrics.

- Precision is a measure of the accuracy provided that a class label has been predicted. It is defined by: precision = TP / (TP + FP)
- Recall is true positive rate. It is defined as: Recall = TP / (TP + FN)
- F1 score: Now we are in the position to calculate the F1 scores for each label based on the precision and recall of that label. The F1 score is the harmonic average of the precision and recall, where an F1 score reaches its best value at 1 (perfect precision and recall) and worst at 0. It is a good way to show that a classifer has a good value for both recall and precision. Wikipedia

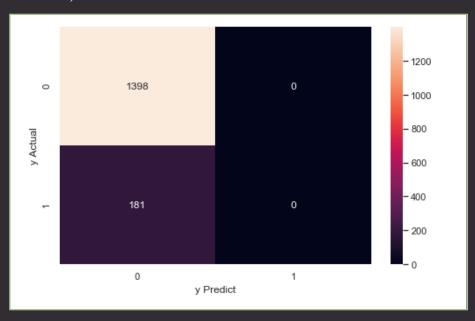
In this report, the precision **for 'Injury Collision' Class is 0.89 (89 percent**). It means when the model predicts 100 times 'Injury Collision', only 89 prediction is correct. But, the precision for 'Property Damage Only Collision' class is 0 (zero). It means the model always gets wrong when predicts 'Property Damage Only Collision' class. Recall for 'Injury Collision' Class is 1 (100 percent). It means when the model can predict all actual values in this class. On the other side, recall for 'Property Damage Only Collision' class is 0 (zero). It means the model can't predict actual values.

	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
Injury Collision	0.89	1.00	0.94	1398	
Property Damage Only Collision	0.00	0.00	0.00	181	
			0.00	4570	
accuracy			0.89	1579	
macro avg	0.44	0.50	0.47	1579	
weighted avg	0.78	0.89	0.83	1579	

Confusion Matrix

In the field of machine learning and specifically the problem of statistical classification, a confusion matrix, also known as an error matrix, is a specific table layout that allows visualization of the performance of an algorithm, typically a supervised learning one (in unsupervised learning it is usually called a matching matrix). Each row of the matrix represents the instances in a predicted class while each column represents the instances in an actual class (or vice versa). The name stems from the fact that it makes it easy to see if the system is confusing two classes (i.e. commonly mislabeling one as another).

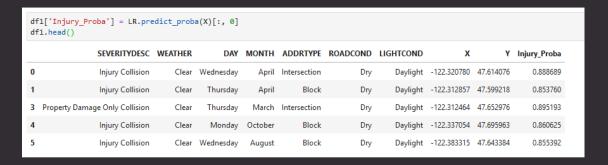
It is a special kind of contingency table, with two dimensions ("actual" and "predicted"), and identical sets of "classes" in both dimensions (each combination of dimension and class is a variable in the contingency table). In the confusion matrix below, we can see a TP of 1398. It means that the entire class (0) 'Injury Collision' can be predicted entirely. However, the 181 'Property Damage Only Collision' class are predicted to be 'Injury Collision' (False Positive).



Analysis

Time and condition with high probability of injury collision

One of the advantages of using Logistic Regression is that we can get probabilities from predictions. This probability we can merge with the initial dataset. Thus, we can analyze times and conditions which have high or low probability. A new column is added to the dataset with the name 'Injury_Proba'.



Because the precision and recall scores for 'Injury Collision' are very high, the filtered dataset only displays this class. Besides, the precision and recall scores for the 'Property Damage Only Collision' class are also very low or zero. This filter will also support analyzing what time and conditions on a low and high probability of an injury collision.





The Safest Time for Cycling Activities

What is the safest month to host a cycling event?

The months with the lowest 'injury collision' probability are **December**, **January**, **and November**. These months have a low injury collision probability.

	Injury_Proba
MONTH	
December	0.841393
January	0.848370
November	0.851089

What is the safest day and weather to host a cycling event in December? The days with the lowest 'injury collision' probability are Friday, Sunday, and Tuesday. The weather with the lowest 'injury collision' probability is Blowing Sand/Dirt. These times conditions have a low injury collision probability.

	Injury_Proba		
	December		
DAY			
Friday	0.824440		
Sunday	0.839877		
Tuesday	0.840901		

	Injury_Proba
	December
WEATHER	
Blowing Sand/Dirt	0.000000
Other	0.000000
Snowing	0.780898

What is the safest day and weather to host a cycling event in January? The days with the lowest 'injury collision' probability are Saturday, Friday, and Monday. The weather with the lowest 'injury collision' probability is Blowing Sand/Dirt. These times conditions have a low injury collision probability.

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	Injury_Proba		
	January		
DAY			
Saturday	0.838612		
Friday	0.842121		
Monday	0.845577		

	Injury_Proba
	January
WEATHER	
Blowing Sand/Dirt	0.0
Fog/Smog/Smoke	0.0
Other	0.0

What is the safest day to host a cycling event in November?

The days with the lowest 'injury collision' probability are **Friday, Tuesday, and Monday**. The weather with the lowest 'injury collision' probability is **Snowing**. These times conditions have a low injury collision probability.

Injury_Proba			
November			
0.836035			
0.843810			
0.846371			

	Injury_Proba
	November
WEATHER	
Other	0.000000
Snowing	0.000000
Blowing Sand/Dirt	0.792989

The Most Dangerous Location for Cycling Activities

What are the most dangerous light and road conditions in Block Area for cycling activities?

The road condition with the highest 'injury collision' probability in Block Area is **Dry** condition. The light condition with the highest 'injury collision' probability in Block Area is **Daylight** condition. These location conditions have a high injury collision probability.

Injury_Proba
Block
0.843306
0.840114
0.822746

	Injury_Proba	
	Block	
LIGHTCOND		
Daylight	0.848434	
Dark - Street Lights On	0.813132	
Dusk	0.792318	

Analysis

What are the most dangerous light and road conditions in Intersection Area for cycling activities?

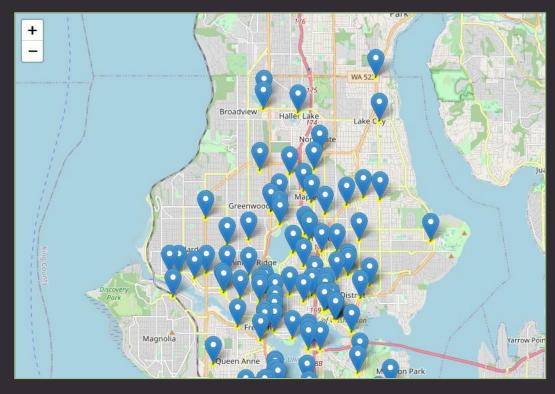
The road condition with the highest 'injury collision' probability in Intersection Area is **Ice** condition. The light condition with the highest 'injury collision' probability in Intersection Area is **Daylight** condition. These location conditions have a high injury collision probability.

	Injury_Proba	
	Intersection	
ROADCOND		
lce	0.895254	
Snow/Slush	0.885150	
Dry	0.882451	

	Injury_Proba	
	Intersection	
LIGHTCOND		
Daylight	0.887423	
Dark - Unknown Lighting	0.862743	
Dark - Street Lights On	0.857914	

Most Dangerous Locations Map for Cyclist in Seattle

The map below shows the most dangerous locations for cyclists in Seattle. The location points shown below have an 'injury collision' **probability of above 90 per cent.** Event organizers need to be careful at this location. Before the event starts, the committee needs to monitor the road conditions around that spot. If it is dangerous, the committee can repair it or give a unique sign to be more careful.



Results and Discussion

The results of this research can be used by organizers to intelligently plan cycling activities. They can take into account the safest times and the most dangerous places, where the risk of injury is extremely high.

The safest months for events are December, January and November. During these months, the average likelihood of injury in the event of an accident is lowest compared to other months. In December, the safest days are Friday, Saturday and Tuesday. The safest weather conditions this month are sand / dirt. January - Saturday, Friday and Monday, with sand / dirt weather conditions. November - Friday, Tuesday and Monday. However, with weather conditions it is snowing.

In addition to time and weather conditions, it is necessary to consider the list of the most dangerous places. These are the locations where the likelihood of injury is highest in the event of an accident. The most dangerous conditions for the block area are dry road conditions and daylight. The most dangerous conditions for an intersection are ice and daylight.

Conclusion

- The safest months for cycling events are December, January and November. The safest day of the week is Friday. Despite daylight, organizers must be wary of dry and icy road conditions.
- This dataset has limitations both in quality and quantity. If the class 'property damage only collision' is added, the precision and recall will increase.
- Event organizers must work with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to ensure cycling activities are safe with the best times and routes.



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