

mva_final_assessment

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Data Exploration

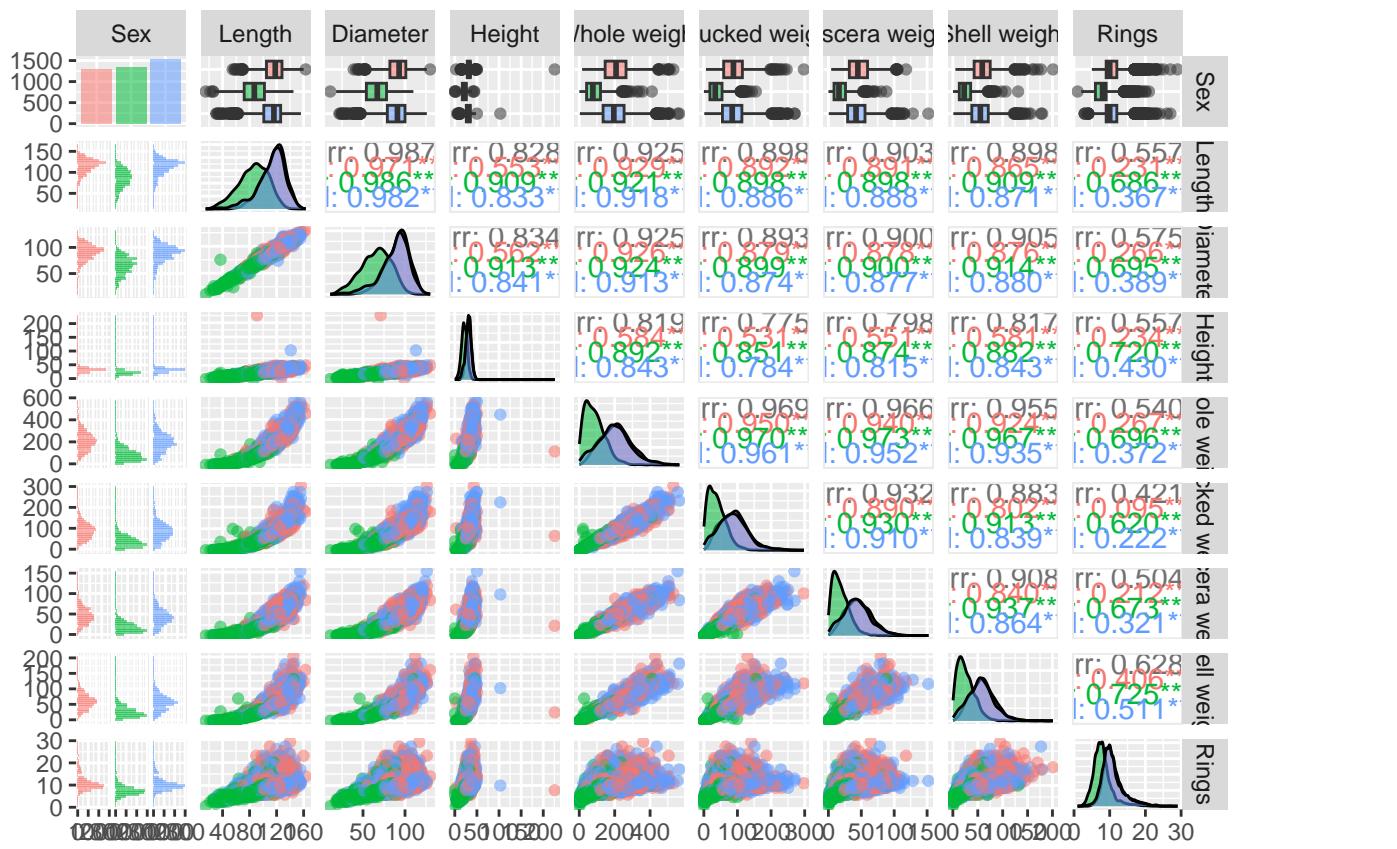
```
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE, eval = TRUE)
# Explore Data
library(GGally)

## Loading required package: ggplot2
## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'GGally':
##   method from
##   +.gg   ggplot2
library(ggplot2)
library(readr)
abalone <- read_csv('/Users/macbook/Desktop/mva/Final Project/abalone.csv')

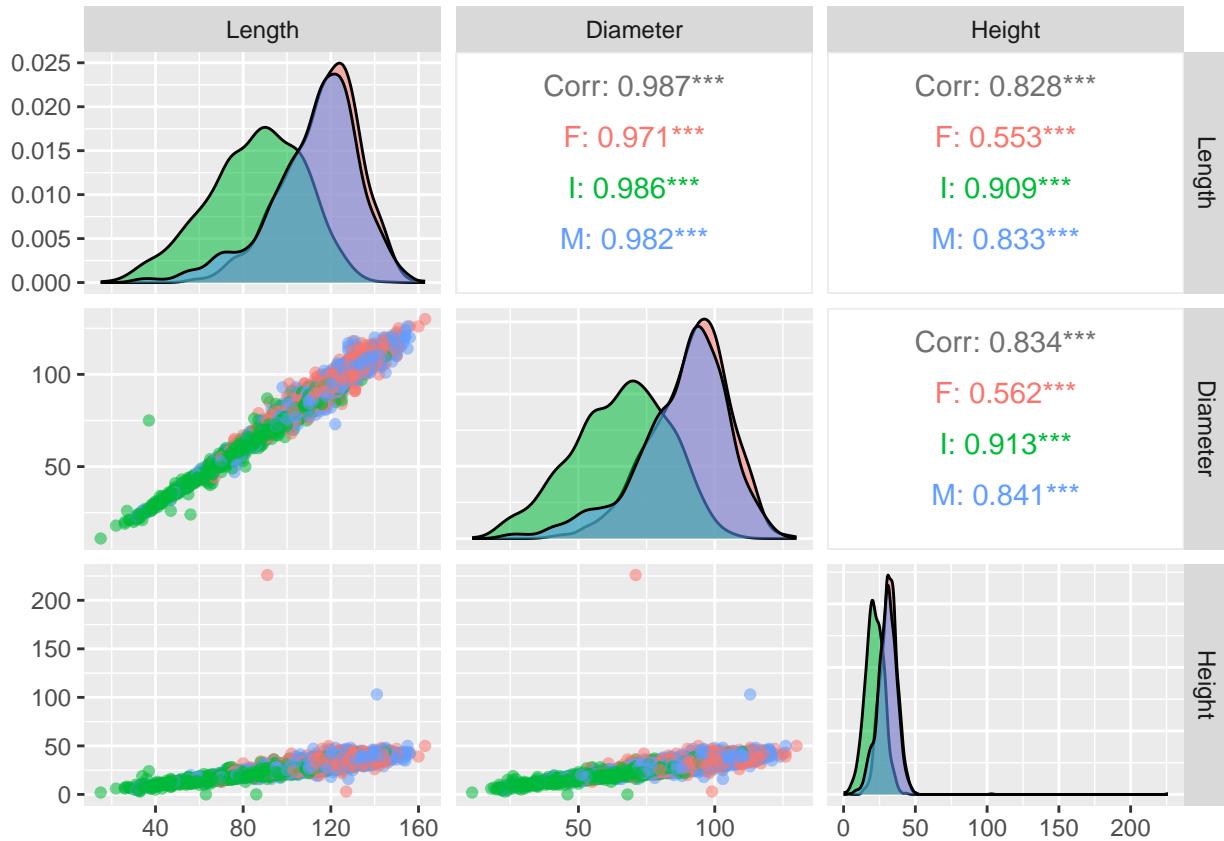
## Rows: 4177 Columns: 9
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (1): Sex
## dbl (8): Length, Diameter, Height, Whole weight, Shucked weight, Viscera wei...
##
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
head(abalone)

## # A tibble: 6 x 9
##   Sex    Length Diameter Height `Whole weight` `Shucked weight` `Viscera weight`
##   <chr>   <dbl>    <dbl>   <dbl>       <dbl>          <dbl>            <dbl>
## 1 M        91      73     19      103.         44.9           20.2
## 2 M        70      53     18      45.1         19.9           9.7
## 3 F       106      84     27     135.         51.3           28.3
## 4 M        88      73     25      103.         43.1           22.8
## 5 I        66      51     16      41           17.9           7.9
## 6 I        85      60     19      70.3         28.2           15.5
## # i 2 more variables: `Shell weight` <dbl>, Rings <dbl>
summary(abalone)

##      Sex             Length          Diameter          Height
## Length:4177    Min.   :15.0   Min.   :11.00   Min.   : 0.0
## Class :character 1st Qu.:90.0   1st Qu.:70.00   1st Qu.:23.0
## Mode  :character Median :109.0  Median :85.00   Median :28.0
```

```
ggpairs(abalone, mapping = aes(colour = Sex, alpha = 0.3), columns = c("Length", "Diameter", "Height"))
```



Infant abalones are likely to be more easily distinguishable from adult abalones based on their exterior measurements - they cluster at the lower end of the data set while Male and Female abalones are more challenging to separate as their measurements overlap significantly in the upper ranges.

1_1. Predicting the Sex of the Abalone

```
#####
#Method 1 = Using Discriminant Analysis
#####
#LDA and QDA classify abalone based on exterior measurements by finding
#boundaries between different sexes. LDA assumes equal covariance across classes
#QDA allows for varying covariances, offering flexibility in handling the
#differences between male, female, and infant abalones in the abalone dataset.
library(MASS)
abalone$Sex <- as.factor(abalone$Sex)
fit_lda <- lda(Sex ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data=abalone)
fit_qda <- qda(Sex ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data=abalone)
summary(fit_lda)
```

```
##          Length Class  Mode
## prior      3    -none- numeric
## counts     3    -none- numeric
## means      9    -none- numeric
## scaling    6    -none- numeric
## lev        3    -none- character
## svd        2    -none- numeric
## N         1    -none- numeric
```

```

## call      3      -none- call
## terms    3      terms  call
## xlevels  0      -none- list

summary(fit_qda)

##          Length Class  Mode
## prior      3   -none- numeric
## counts     3   -none- numeric
## means      9   -none- numeric
## scaling   27   -none- numeric
## ldet       3   -none- numeric
## lev        3   -none- character
## N         1   -none- numeric
## call      3   -none- call
## terms    3   terms  call
## xlevels   0   -none- list

predictions_lda <- predict(fit_lda, abalone)$class
predictions_qda <- predict(fit_qda, abalone)$class

# Confusion matrices
confusion_matrix_lda <- table(Predicted = predictions_lda, Actual = abalone$Sex)
confusion_matrix_qda <- table(Predicted = predictions_qda, Actual = abalone$Sex)

#Accuracy
accuracy_lda <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_lda)) / sum(confusion_matrix_lda)
accuracy_qda <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_qda)) / sum(confusion_matrix_qda)

#Method 2 = Using SVM
#####
#Has a linear kernel and is useful for the abalone dataset as it aims to identify
#optimal boundaries between abalone sexes, which is valuable when the
#relationship between exterior measurements and sex classification is complex.
library(e1071)
fit_svm <- svm(Sex ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data=abalone, kernel="linear")
summary(fit_svm)

##
## Call:
## svm(formula = Sex ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone, kernel = "linear")
##
##
## Parameters:
##   SVM-Type:  C-classification
##   SVM-Kernel: linear
##   cost:    1
##
## Number of Support Vectors:  3651
##
## ( 1528 1307 816 )
##
##
## Number of Classes:  3
##

```

```

## Levels:
## F I M
predictions <- predict(fit_svm, abalone)

# Confusion Matrix
table(Predicted = predictions, Actual = abalone$Sex)

##          Actual
## Predicted   F     I     M
##           F 0     0     0
##           I 202  974  310
##           M 1105 368 1218

confusion_matrix_svm <- table(Predicted = predictions, Actual = abalone$Sex)
accuracy_svm <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_svm)) / sum(confusion_matrix_svm)
# Summary Table of Accuracy
summary_table <- data.frame(
  Method = c("LDA", "QDA", "SVM"),
  Accuracy = c(accuracy_lda, accuracy_qda, accuracy_svm)
)

#print results to compare models
print(confusion_matrix_lda)

##          Actual
## Predicted   F     I     M
##           F 297  9 290
##           I 182 931 291
##           M 828 402 947

print(confusion_matrix_qda)

##          Actual
## Predicted   F     I     M
##           F 190  52 183
##           I 204 978 324
##           M 913 312 1021

print(confusion_matrix_svm)

##          Actual
## Predicted   F     I     M
##           F 0     0     0
##           I 202  974  310
##           M 1105 368 1218

print(summary_table)

##   Method Accuracy
## 1    LDA 0.5207086
## 2    QDA 0.5240603
## 3    SVM 0.5247785

```

SUMMARY:

Moderate prediction accuracies of around 52% for LDA and QDA. Similar for SVM, however it misclassified all females. Suggests methods aren't great at classifying all sexes together.

1_2. Binary Classification for Infants (to avoid harvesting them)

```
# Binary Classification: LDA
abalone$Infant_Other <- ifelse(abalone$Sex == "I", "Infant", "Other")
fit_lda_infant <- lda(Infant_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone)
predictions_lda_infant <- predict(fit_lda_infant)$class
confusion_matrix_lda_infant <- table(Predicted = predictions_lda_infant, Actual = abalone$Infant_Other)
accuracy_lda_infant <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_lda_infant)) / sum(confusion_matrix_lda_infant)
#1_3_QDA
fit_qda_infant <- qda(Infant_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone)
predictions_qda_infant <- predict(fit_qda_infant)$class
confusion_matrix_qda_infant <- table(Predicted = predictions_qda_infant, Actual = abalone$Infant_Other)
accuracy_qda_infant <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_qda_infant)) / sum(confusion_matrix_qda_infant)
# Binary Classification: SVM
abalone$Infant_Other <- as.factor(abalone$Infant_Other)
library(e1071)
fit_svm_infant <- svm(Infant_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone, kernel = "linear")
predictions_svm_infant <- predict(fit_svm_infant, abalone)
confusion_matrix_svm_infant <- table(Predicted = predictions_svm_infant, Actual = abalone$Infant_Other)
accuracy_svm_infant <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_svm_infant)) / sum(confusion_matrix_svm_infant)
# Summary Table of Accuracy
summary_table_infant <- data.frame(
  Method = c("LDA", "QDA", "SVM"),
  Accuracy = c(accuracy_lda_infant, accuracy_qda_infant, accuracy_svm_infant)
)
#Output results
print(confusion_matrix_lda_infant)

##           Actual
## Predicted Infant Other
##     Infant      757    276
##     Other       585   2559

print(confusion_matrix_qda_infant)

##           Actual
## Predicted Infant Other
##     Infant      871    397
##     Other       471   2438

print(confusion_matrix_svm_infant)

##           Actual
## Predicted Infant Other
##     Infant      783    296
##     Other       559   2539

print(summary_table_infant)

##   Method Accuracy
## 1    LDA  0.7938712
```

```
## 2     QDA 0.7921954
## 3     SVM 0.7953076
```

SUMMARY:

Great prediction accuracies of around 79% for each method. results suggest that discriminating infants from other abalone based on size measurements is feasible with fairly high accuracy.

1_3. BINARY CLASSIFICATION For FEMALES (when profitability is prioritised)

```
#1_3_LDA
abalone$Female_Other <- ifelse(abalone$Sex == "F", "Female", "Other")
fit_lda_female <- lda(Female_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone)
predictions_lda_female <- predict(fit_lda_female)$class
confusion_matrix_lda_female <- table(Predicted = predictions_lda_female, Actual = abalone$Female_Other)
accuracy_lda_female <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_lda_female)) / sum(confusion_matrix_lda_female)

#1_3_QDA
fit_qda_female <- qda(Female_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone)
predictions_qda_female <- predict(fit_qda_female)$class
confusion_matrix_qda_female <- table(Predicted = predictions_qda_female, Actual = abalone$Female_Other)
accuracy_qda_female <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_qda_female)) / sum(confusion_matrix_qda_female)

#1_3_SVM
abalone$Female_Other <- as.factor(abalone$Female_Other)
fit_svm_female <- svm(Female_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone, kernel = "linear")
predictions_svm_female <- predict(fit_svm_female, abalone)
confusion_matrix_svm_female <- table(Predicted = predictions_svm_female, Actual = abalone$Female_Other)
accuracy_svm_female <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_svm_female)) / sum(confusion_matrix_svm_female)

# Summary Table of Accuracy
summary_table_female <- data.frame(
  Method = c("LDA", "QDA", "SVM"),
  Accuracy = c(accuracy_lda_female, accuracy_qda_female, accuracy_svm_female)
)
#Output results
print(confusion_matrix_lda_female)

##           Actual
## Predicted Female Other
##   Female      236    223
##   Other       1071   2647

print(confusion_matrix_qda_female)

##           Actual
## Predicted Female Other
##   Female      192    218
##   Other       1115   2652

print(confusion_matrix_svm_female)

##           Actual
## Predicted Female Other
##   Female      0      0
##   Other      1307   2870
```

```

print(summary_table_female)

##   Method Accuracy
## 1    LDA 0.6902083
## 2    QDA 0.6808714
## 3    SVM 0.6870960

```

SUMMARY:

Good prediction accuracies of around 68-69% for LDA and QDA. Similar for SVM, however it misclassified all females.

1_4. BINARY CLASSIFICATION For MALE (when sustainability is prioritised)

```

#1_4_LDA
abalone$Male_Other <- ifelse(abalone$Sex == "M", "Male", "Other")
fit_lda_male <- lda(Male_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone)
predictions_lda_male <- predict(fit_lda_male)$class
confusion_matrix_lda_male <- table(Predicted = predictions_lda_male, Actual = abalone$Male_Other)
accuracy_lda_male <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_lda_male)) / sum(confusion_matrix_lda_male)

#1_4_QDA
fit_qda_male <- qda(Male_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone)
predictions_qda_male <- predict(fit_qda_male)$class
confusion_matrix_qda_male <- table(Predicted = predictions_qda_male, Actual = abalone$Male_Other)
accuracy_qda_male <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_qda_male)) / sum(confusion_matrix_qda_male)

#1_4_SVM
abalone$Male_Other <- as.factor(abalone$Male_Other)
fit_svm_male <- svm(Male_Other ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone, kernel = "linear")
predictions_svm_male <- predict(fit_svm_male, abalone)
confusion_matrix_svm_male <- table(Predicted = predictions_svm_male, Actual = abalone$Male_Other)
accuracy_svm_male <- sum(diag(confusion_matrix_svm_male)) / sum(confusion_matrix_svm_male)

# Summary Table of Accuracy
summary_table_male <- data.frame(
  Method = c("LDA", "QDA", "SVM"),
  Accuracy = c(accuracy_lda_male, accuracy_qda_male, accuracy_svm_male)
)
print(confusion_matrix_lda_male)

##           Actual
## Predicted Male Other
##      Male    225    251
##      Other   1303   2398

print(confusion_matrix_qda_male)

##           Actual
## Predicted Male Other
##      Male    665    697
##      Other   863   1952

print(confusion_matrix_svm_male)

```

```

##           Actual
## Predicted Male Other
##      Male      0     0
##      Other 1528 2649
print(summary_table_male)

##   Method Accuracy
## 1    LDA 0.6279627
## 2    QDA 0.6265262
## 3    SVM 0.6341872

```

SUMMARY:

Moderate prediction accuracies of around 63% for LDA and QDA. Similar for SVM, however it misclassified all males.

QUESTION 1 CONCLUSION:

LDA and QDA are suitable for predicting the sex of abalone, with a particular strength in identifying infants, which is crucial for sustainable harvesting. While the models achieve moderate success in classifying males and females, further refinement or different techniques are recommended for more accurate predictions.

Question 2

2_1. Produce the best model for predicting Viscera and Shucked Weight:

Test four different multivariate models to predict shucked and visceral weights based on the abalone dataset. We will test 4 that are likely to work well: Multivariate Linear Model (MLM), Log-Transformed Model, Polynomial Model, Interaction Model (Selected Model)

```

library(gridExtra)
library(Metrics)

#2_1. Produce the best model for predicting Viscera and Shucked Weight
models <- list()

# Multivariate Linear Model
fit_mlm <- lm(cbind(`Shucked weight`, `Viscera weight`) ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone)
models$linear <- fit_mlm

# Multivariate LOG Model
fit_mlm_log <- lm(cbind(log(`Shucked weight`), log(`Viscera weight`)) ~ Length + Diameter + Height, data = abalone)
models$log <- fit_mlm_log

# Multivariate Polynomial Model
fit_mlm_poly <- lm(cbind(`Shucked weight`, `Viscera weight`) ~ poly(Length, 2) + poly(Diameter, 2) + poly(Height, 2), data = abalone)
models$poly <- fit_mlm_poly

# Interaction Model
fit_mlm_interaction <- lm(cbind(`Shucked weight`, `Viscera weight`) ~ Length * Diameter * Height, data = abalone)
models$interaction <- fit_mlm_interaction

```

```

# Function to get residuals and generate ggplot
plot_residuals_vs_fitted <- function(model, model_name) {
  predicted_values <- as.data.frame(predict(model))

  abalone$Residuals_Shucked <- abalone$`Shucked weight` - predicted_values[, 1]
  abalone$Residuals_Viscera <- abalone$`Viscera weight` - predicted_values[, 2]

  p1 <- ggplot(abalone, aes(x = predicted_values[, 1], y = Residuals_Shucked)) +
    geom_point(color = "blue", alpha = 0.5) +
    geom_hline(yintercept = 0, linetype = "dashed", color = "red") +
    labs(title = paste("Residuals vs Fitted for Shucked (", model_name, ")"), x = "Fitted Values",
         theme_minimal())

  p2 <- ggplot(abalone, aes(x = predicted_values[, 2], y = Residuals_Viscera)) +
    geom_point(color = "green", alpha = 0.5) +
    geom_hline(yintercept = 0, linetype = "dashed", color = "red") +
    labs(title = paste("Residuals vs Fitted for Viscera (", model_name, ")"), x = "Fitted Values",
         theme_minimal())

  return(list(p1, p2))
}

# Error Metrics for RMSE and R2
error_metrics <- function(model, model_name) {
  predicted_values <- as.data.frame(predict(model))

  rmse_shucked <- rmse(abalone$`Shucked weight`, predicted_values[, 1])
  rmse_viscer <- rmse(abalone$`Viscera weight`, predicted_values[, 2])

  r2_shucked <- summary(lm(abalone$`Shucked weight` ~ predicted_values[, 1]))$r.squared
  r2_viscer <- summary(lm(abalone$`Viscera weight` ~ predicted_values[, 2]))$r.squared

  cat("\nModel: ", model_name)
  cat("\nRMSE Shucked:", rmse_shucked, "\nRMSE Viscera:", rmse_viscer)
  cat("\nR-squared Shucked:", r2_shucked, "\nR-squared Viscera:", r2_viscer)
  cat("\n-----")
}

# Output plots and error metrics
plot_list <- list()
for (name in names(models)) {
  plot_list <- c(plot_list, plot_residuals_vs_fitted(models[[name]], name))
  error_metrics(models[[name]], name)
}

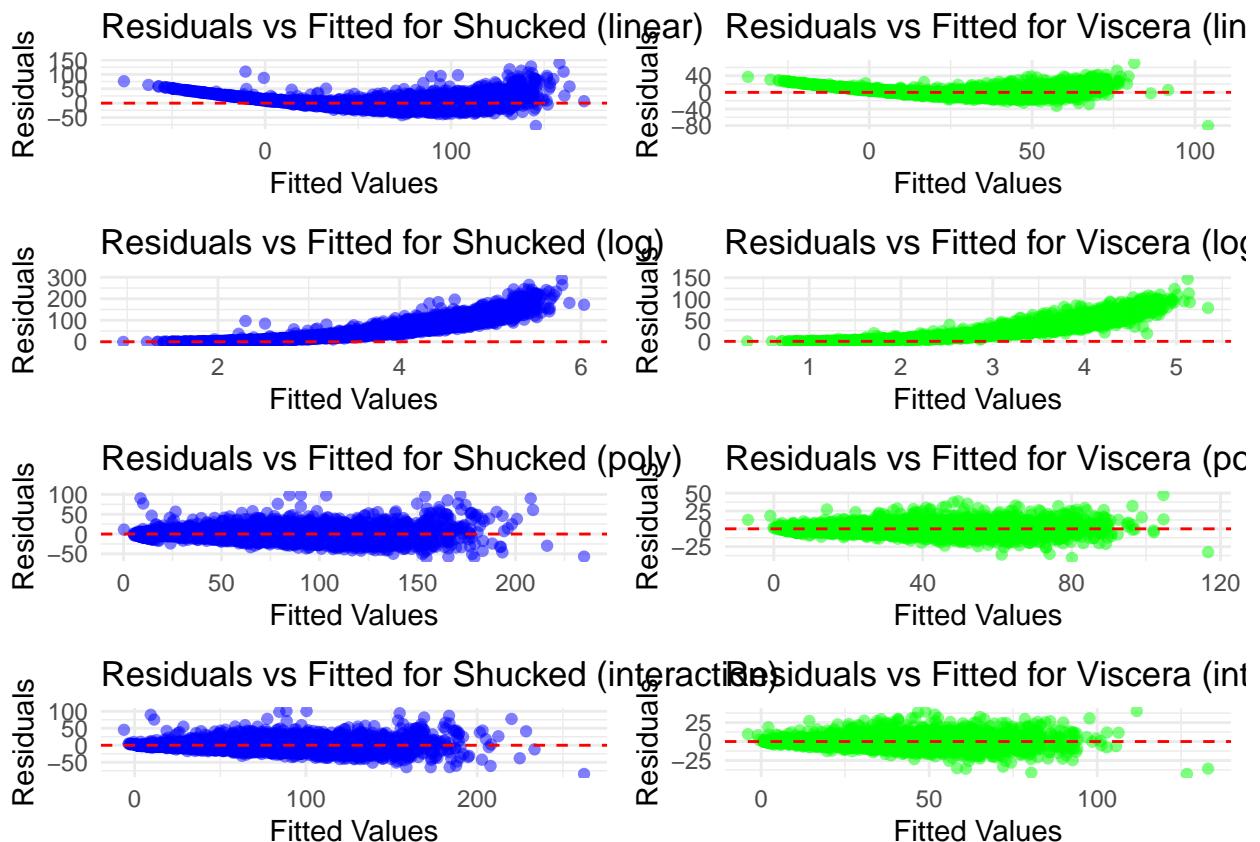
## Model: linear
## RMSE Shucked: 19.31654
## RMSE Viscera: 9.168356
## R-squared Shucked: 0.8106168
## R-squared Viscera: 0.8250585
## -----
## Model: log

```

```

## RMSE Shucked: 80.69033
## RMSE Viscera: 39.04218
## R-squared Shucked: 0.8098055
## R-squared Viscera: 0.8237192
##
## Model: poly
## RMSE Shucked: 14.71611
## RMSE Viscera: 6.899468
## R-squared Shucked: 0.8900819
## R-squared Viscera: 0.9009302
##
## Model: interaction
## RMSE Shucked: 14.51208
## RMSE Viscera: 6.909523
## R-squared Shucked: 0.8931088
## R-squared Viscera: 0.9006413
##
do.call("grid.arrange", c(plot_list, ncol = 2))

```



MODEL SELECTION: Interaction model had the highest R^2 , lowest RMSE and residuals and the residuals were spread at random with no patterns (unlike mlm and log). Therefore, we: #Select interaction model for best fit.#

2_2: Pre-compute Coefficients from the selected Model (interaction model):

This ensures fast, efficient predictions using precomputed summaries, meeting the algorithm's computational constraints without the need to retrain the model.

```
# summaries/coefficients from the fitted model
coefficients <- coef(fit_mlm_interaction)
print(coefficients)

##                                     Shucked weight Viscera weight
## (Intercept)                 -3.0055524818   5.0546772132
## Length                   -1.1430641976  -0.7941702154
## Diameter                  1.2333416122   0.8701605566
## Height                     1.7551848970  -0.0547869048
## Length:Diameter            0.0086823246   0.0033460633
## Length:Height                0.0306824562   0.0294718466
## Diameter:Height             -0.0951758451  -0.0446976519
## Length:Diameter:Height     0.0003664337   0.0001134365

# calc sigma
residuals <- residuals(fit_mlm_interaction)
df_residual <- df.residual(fit_mlm_interaction)
sigma <- sqrt(sum(residuals^2) / df_residual)
print(sigma)

## [1] 16.08843
```

2_3: Use Precomputed Coefficients for Prediction

```
# Function to predict value
predict_abalone_value_with_precomputed <- function(length, diameter, height, vshucked, vviscera, coefficients) {
  X_shucked <- coefficients[1, 1] + coefficients[2, 1] * length + coefficients[3, 1] * diameter + coefficients[4, 1] * height
  X_visceras <- coefficients[1, 2] + coefficients[2, 2] * length + coefficients[3, 2] * diameter + coefficients[4, 2] * height
  # the value formula for calculating
  estimated_value <- (vshucked * X_shucked) + (vviscera * X_visceras)

  t_value <- qt(1 - (1 - level) / 2, df = nrow(abalone) - 4)

  lower_bound_value <- (vshucked * (X_shucked - t_value * sigma)) + (vviscera * (X_visceras - t_value * sigma))
  upper_bound_value <- (vshucked * (X_shucked + t_value * sigma)) + (vviscera * (X_visceras + t_value * sigma))

  if (!is.numeric(lower_bound_value) || !is.numeric(upper_bound_value)) {
    lower_bound_value <- NA
    upper_bound_value <- NA
  }

  return(list(
    shucked_weight = X_shucked,
    viscera_weight = X_visceras,
    value = estimated_value,
    lower_bound = lower_bound_value,
    upper_bound = upper_bound_value
  ))
}
```

```
}
```

2_4. Example usage with an example single instance (the numbers can be changed as necessary):

NOTE: The below assumes a predicted value of $v(\text{shucked}) = 10$ and $v(\text{viscera}) = 5$, however there are no prices given so these are completely arbitrary numbers and can be adjusted according to the actual price.

```
# Example usage of the function
length <- 121
diameter <- 100
height <- 32
vshucked <- 10 #Example dollar value per gram of shucked weight - arbitrary number
vviscera <- 5 #Example dollar value per gram of viscera weight - arbitrary number

result <- predict_abalone_value_with_precomputed(length, diameter, height, vshucked, vviscera, coefficients)
print(result)

## $shucked_weight
## [1] 38.18376
##
## $viscera_weight
## [1] -5.777044
##
## $value
## [1] 352.9524
##
## $lower_bound
## [1] -44.08247
##
## $upper_bound
## [1] 749.9872
```

2_5. Example usage on the entire Dataset using the Function:

Or it can be applied to an entire dataset as shown below to the entire Abalone dataset as an example.

```
predicted_value <- numeric(nrow(abalone))
lower_bound_value <- numeric(nrow(abalone))
upper_bound_value <- numeric(nrow(abalone))

# Loop through each row of the abalone dataset
for (i in 1:nrow(abalone)) {
  length <- abalone$Length[i]
  diameter <- abalone$Diameter[i]
  height <- abalone$Height[i]
  vshucked <- 10 #Example dollar value per gram of shucked weight - arbitrary number
  vviscera <- 5 #Example dollar value per gram of viscera weight - arbitrary number

  result <- predict_abalone_value_with_precomputed(length, diameter, height, vshucked, vviscera, coefficients)
  #predict
  predicted_value[i] <- result$value
  lower_bound_value[i] <- result$lower_bound
```

```

    upper_bound_value[i] <- result$upper_bound
}

#results df
results_df <- data.frame(
  Length = abalone$Length,
  Diameter = abalone$Diameter,
  Height = abalone$Height,
  Predicted_Value = predicted_value,
  Lower_Bound_Value = lower_bound_value,
  Upper_Bound_Value = upper_bound_value
)

#Example usage on the entire dataset - Visualize the Results for the entire dataset
# Plot 1: Predicted Value with Intervals vs Diameter
plot_diameter <- ggplot(results_df, aes(x = Diameter, y = Predicted_Value)) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = Lower_Bound_Value, ymax = Upper_Bound_Value), width = 0.2, color = "darkgray") +
  geom_point(color = "navy", alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = FALSE, color = "lightblue", linetype = "solid") +
  ylim(0, 1500) +
  labs(title = "Predicted Value vs Diameter", x = "Diameter", y = "Value") +
  theme_minimal()

# Plot 2: Predicted Value with Intervals vs Length
plot_length <- ggplot(results_df, aes(x = Length, y = Predicted_Value)) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = Lower_Bound_Value, ymax = Upper_Bound_Value), width = 0.2, color = "darkgray") +
  geom_point(color = "navy", alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = FALSE, color = "lightblue", linetype = "solid") +
  ylim(0, 1500) +
  labs(title = "Predicted Value vs Length", x = "Length", y = "Value") +
  theme_minimal()

# Plot 3: Predicted Value with Intervals vs Height
plot_height <- ggplot(results_df, aes(x = Height, y = Predicted_Value)) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = Lower_Bound_Value, ymax = Upper_Bound_Value), width = 0.2, color = "darkgray") +
  geom_point(color = "navy", alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = FALSE, color = "lightblue", linetype = "solid") +
  ylim(0, 1500) +
  xlim(0, 50) +
  labs(title = "Predicted Value vs Height", x = "Height", y = "Value") +
  theme_minimal()

# Output results on a grid
grid.arrange(plot_diameter, plot_length, plot_height, ncol = 3)

## `geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'
## Warning: Removed 61 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range
## (`stat_smooth()`).

## Warning: Removed 61 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_point()`).

## `geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'

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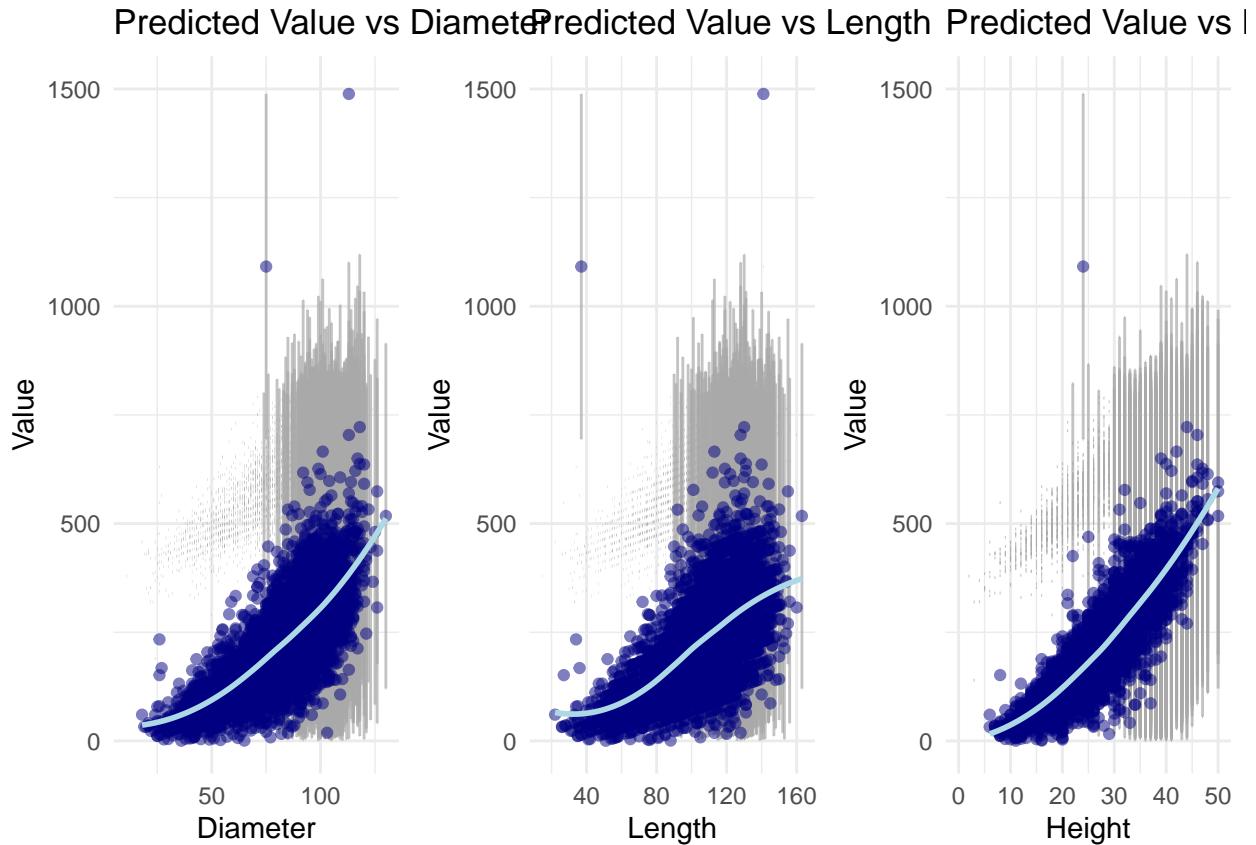
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QUESTION 2 CONCLUSION: The interaction model was the best choice for predicting abalone weights. The use of pre-computed coefficients enables fast predictions, while prediction intervals offer insights into potential variability. This approach meets the computational requirements and provides reliable predictions for abalone profitability in dynamic market environments.