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Load Packages

The following R code loads packages needed in this assignment.

```
knitr::opts_chunk$set(cache = TRUE)
library(readr)
library(visdat)
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(gridExtra) # allows to show multiplot plots on the same page
library(ggmosaic)
library(tidyverse)
library(tidymodels)
library(caret)
```

F1 Miami Grand Prix 2024 Pit Stop Analysis

Abstract

This study employs different regression models to predict when a driver to make a pit stop at during a race, based on the Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix 2024 data. The dataset includes various indicators (32 variables), such as driver details, lap times, pit in/out times, tire information, and track status, for 1111 laps. The aim of this analysis is to estimate pit stop timing based on tire and lap information. The models demonstrate that tire compound, lap number, etc. are significant predictors of pit stop behavior, offering insights into strategic decision-making in race management.

Dataset

The Formula 1 data used in this study are obtained from the f1dataR R package that accesses Formula 1 data via the FastF1 Python library. For this analysis, we focused exclusively on the data from the 2024 Miami Grand Prix.

- Description: https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/fldataR/fldataR.pdf
- Data sources: Obtain Formula 1 data via the unofficial API and the 'fastf1' 'Python' library.
- Last accessed date/time: April 28, 2025 16:51 PM

```
load("data/lap_dat.Rdata")
head(lap_dat)
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 32
  time driver driver number lap time lap number stint pit out time pit in time
  <dbl> <chr>
               <chr>
                                 <dbl>
                                            <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                <dbl>
                                                                             <dbl>
1 3438. VER
                                  94.3
               1
                                                 1
                                                                  NaN
                                                                               NaN
                                  93.1
2 3531. VER
               1
                                                 2
                                                       1
                                                                  NaN
                                                                               NaN
3 3624. VER
                                                 3
                                  93.1
                                                       1
                                                                  NaN
                                                                               NaN
               1
4 3717. VER
                                                 4
               1
                                  93.5
                                                       1
                                                                               NaN
                                                                  NaN
5 3810. VER
                                  92.8
                                                 5
               1
                                                       1
                                                                  NaN
                                                                               NaN
6 3903. VER
                                  92.9
               1
                                                       1
                                                                  NaN
                                                                               NaN
# i 24 more variables: sector1time <dbl>, sector2time <dbl>, sector3time <dbl>,
    sector1session_time <dbl>, sector2session_time <dbl>,
    sector3session_time <dbl>, speed_i1 <dbl>, speed_i2 <dbl>, speed_fl <dbl>,
    speed_st <dbl>, is_personal_best <list>, compound <chr>, tyre_life <dbl>,
   fresh_tyre <lgl>, team <chr>, lap_start_time <dbl>, lap_start_date <dttm>,
    track status <chr>, position <dbl>, deleted <lgl>, deleted reason <chr>,
    fast_f1generated <lgl>, is_accurate <lgl>, session_type <chr>
```

Variables in the data set that are interesting

quantitative variable:

- lap_time: recorded time to complete a lap (seconds)
- lap_number: lap number from which the telemetry data was recorded (number of laps)
- tyre_life: number of laps completed on a set of tires (number of laps)

categorical variable:

- compound: type of tire used (SOFT, MEDIUM, HARD)
- pit_in: whether a driver made a pit stop during a lap (binary: 0 = no pit stop, 1 = pit stop occured)

Clean/Rearrange Data

Rearrange data to consist only the variables we are interested in

```
# A tibble: 6 x 5
 lap_time lap_number compound tyre_life pit_in
     <dbl>
             <dbl> <fct>
                                 <dbl> <dbl>
     94.3
                   1 MEDIUM
                                             0
1
                                      1
2
     93.1
                                      2
                                             0
                   2 MEDIUM
                                      3
3
     93.1
                   3 MEDIUM
                                             0
                                      4
4
     93.5
                   4 MEDIUM
                                             0
5
     92.8
                   5 MEDIUM
                                      5
                                             0
     92.9
                                      6
                                             0
6
                   6 MEDIUM
```

Check missing values

```
vis_miss(lap_re)
```



[1] 5

• Data for lap_time are missing five values which are less than 0.1% of the entire observation.

Clean data

```
# drop missing values
miami2024 <- na.omit(lap_re)
dim(miami2024)</pre>
```

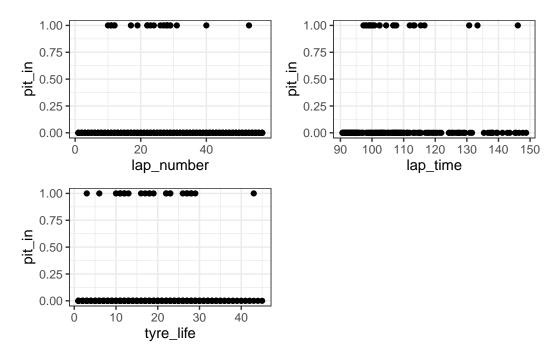
[1] 1106 5

Why certain data points are missing

Out of 5 missing lap time records four records have a track status code of 41. However, no description of this code value is provided in the API. Thus, we assume that either the track was not fully cleared or conditions were not suitable for racing. The other missing record was due to a driver failing to complete a lap due to collision.

Exploratory Data Analysis + Visualization

Our response variable: pit_in

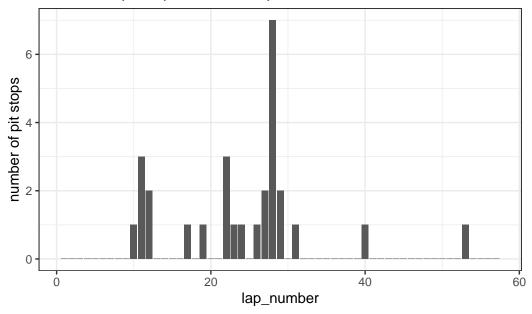


Number of pit stops for each lap

```
for (i in 1:57){
    lapnum_pit$lap_num[i] <- i
    lapnum_pit$pit_num[i] <- miami2024 %>%
        filter(pit_in == 1, lap_number == i) %>% nrow()
}

ggplot(lapnum_pit, aes(x = lap_num, y = pit_num)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    labs(title = "number of pitstops for each lap",
        x = "lap_number", y = "number of pit stops") +
    theme_bw()
```

number of pitstops for each lap

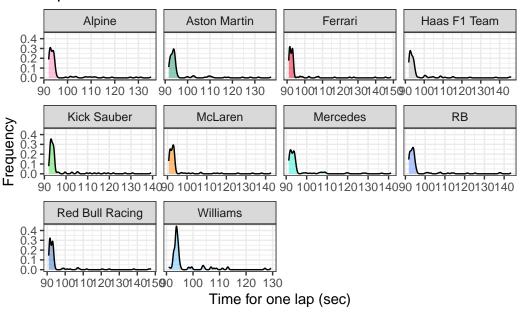


Density plot for lap time of each team

```
title = "lap time for each team") +
theme_bw()
```

Warning: Removed 5 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range (`stat_density()`).

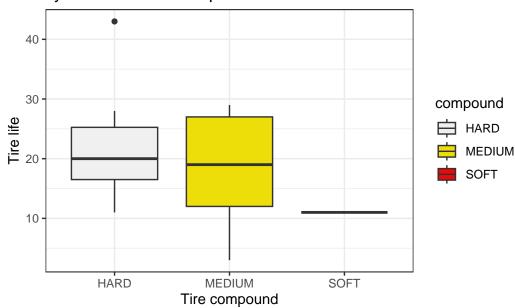
lap time for each team



• A smaller lap time in Formula 1 means that the driver completed a lap more quickly. In racing, lower lap times are better because they indicate higher performance.

Box plot of tire life for each compound

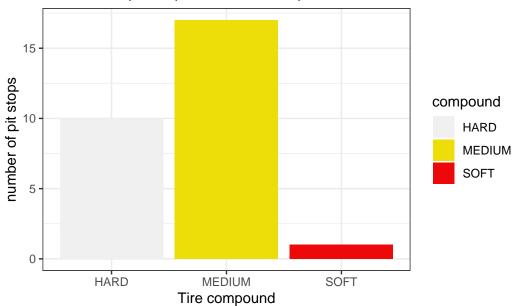
Tyre life for each compound



• The tire compound directly affects tire life, and the relationship is based on a trade-off between performance (speed/grip) and durability. Therefore, the softer the compound, the shorter the tire life.

Number of pit stops for each compound

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Linear Regression Model

Research questions

- 1. Were drivers more likely to make pit stops when their lap time was longer and their tires were older compared to when their lap time was shorter and their tires were less used?
- 2. Were drivers more likely to make pit stops when their lap times were longer, their tires were older, and considering the type of tires they were using and their progress in the race?

Linear models considering based on the research question

• Model 1:

```
\mathbb{E}(pit\_in \mid lap\_time, \ tyre\_life) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(lap\_time) + \beta_2(tyre\_life)
```

• Model 2:

```
\begin{split} \mathbb{E}(pit\_in \mid lap\_time, \ lap\_number, \ compound, \ tyre\_life) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1(lap\_time) \\ &+ \beta_2(lap\_number) + \beta_3(compound) \\ &+ \beta_4(tyre \ \ life) \end{split}
```

```
# STEP 1: Model Specification
lm_spec <- linear_reg() %>%
   set_mode("regression") %>%
   set_engine("lm")

# STEP 2: Model estimation
# first linear model
pit_lm1 <- lm_spec %>%
   fit(pit_in ~ lap_time + tyre_life, data = miami2024)
pit_lm1 %>% tidy()
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 5
             estimate std.error statistic p.value
 term
 <chr>
                <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                   <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
1 (Intercept) -0.422
                      0.0543
                                   -7.77 1.74e-14
                                   7.98 3.63e-15
2 lap_time
              0.00429 0.000537
3 tyre_life
              0.00243 0.000509
                                   4.79 1.94e- 6
```

```
# second linear model
pit_lm2 <- lm_spec %>%
  fit(pit_in ~ lap_time + lap_number + compound + tyre_life, data = miami2024)
pit_lm2 %>% tidy()
```

A tibble: 6 x 5

| | term | ${\tt estimate}$ | std.error | ${\tt statistic}$ | p.value |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | <chr></chr> | <dbl></dbl> | <dbl></dbl> | <dbl></dbl> | <dbl></dbl> |
| 1 | (Intercept) | -0.446 | 0.0544 | -8.21 | 6.32e-16 |
| 2 | lap_time | 0.00468 | 0.000534 | 8.76 | 7.32e-18 |
| 3 | lap_number | -0.00214 | 0.000387 | -5.54 | 3.88e- 8 |
| 4 | ${\tt compound MEDIUM}$ | 0.0117 | 0.00936 | 1.25 | 2.10e- 1 |
| 5 | compoundSOFT | 0.0312 | 0.0240 | 1.30 | 1.93e- 1 |
| 6 | tyre_life | 0.00519 | 0.000698 | 7.44 | 1.97e-13 |

Cross Validation

Cross-validation is a statistical method used to evaluate how well a model performs by splitting the data into multiple subsets to train the model on some subsets and validate it on the remaining subsets.

• Goal: Provide a more reliable and unbiased estimate of a model's performance predicting new data, in order to detect overfitting and improve model generalization

Dividing data into test set and training set

- **k-fold CV**: We can use k-fold cross-validation to estimate the typical error in our model predictions for new data:
 - Divide the data into k folds (or groups) of approximately equal size.
 - Repeat the following procedures for each fold j = 1, 2, ..., k:
 - * Remove fold j from the data set.
 - * Fit a model using the data in the other k-1 folds (training).
 - * Use this model to predict the responses for the n_i cases in fold j: $\hat{y}_1,...,\hat{y}_n$.
 - * Calculate the MAE/MSE for fold j (testing):
 - Combine this information into one measure of model quality

Error metric to use

• Mean absolute error (MAE) of an estimator measures the absolute difference between the predicted values and the actual values in the dataset.

$$\begin{split} & - \text{ MAE}_j = \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} |y_i - \hat{y}_i| \\ & - \text{ CV}_{(k)} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \text{MAE}_j \end{split}$$

• Mean squared error (MSE) of an estimator measures the average squared difference between the predicted values and the actual values in the dataset.

$$\begin{array}{l} - \ \mathrm{MSE}_j = \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \\ - \ \mathrm{CV}_{(k)} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathrm{MSE}_j \end{array}$$

MAE vs. MSE

The advantage of using MAE is that it's more robust to outliers, giving equal weight to all errors. Thus, it's more suitable when outliers are not a significant concern.

On the other hand, MSE gives more weight to larger errors than smaller ones, making it highly sensitive to outliers. MSE is more suitable when the risk of prediction mistakes is crucial and the goal is to minimize the risk of errors.

Since outliers are less of a concern for us as they don't lead to any life threatening or other major issues, we prioritize models that are directly interpretable. Our data is less common and less familiar to many people, so we decided to choose a model based on MAE.

```
# in-sample MAE and sd
pit_lm1 %>% augment(new_data = miami2024) %>%
   mae(truth = pit_in, estimate = .pred)
```

```
sigma(pit_lm1$fit)
```

[1] 0.1524707

[1] 0.1503465

k-fold CV implementation for different values of k

k=5

Model 1

```
# set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(123)

pit_lm1_k5 = lm_spec %>%
  fit_resamples(
    pit_in ~ lap_time + tyre_life,
    resamples = vfold_cv(miami2024, v = 5),
    metrics = metric_set(mae, rmse)
  )
pit_lm1_k5 %>% collect_metrics()
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 6
  .metric .estimator
                              n std_err .config
                     mean
        <chr>
 <chr>
                   <dbl> <int>
                                  <dbl> <chr>
                              5 0.00159 Preprocessor1_Model1
                   0.0507
1 mae
         standard
                              5 0.00536 Preprocessor1_Model1
2 rmse
         standard
                  0.152
```

```
# get fold-by-fold results
pit_lm1_k5 %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
filter(.metric == "mae")
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 7
                          .metric .estimator .estimate .config
 splits
                    id
                                                                        .notes
 st>
                                  <chr>
                                                 <dbl> <chr>
                    <chr> <chr>
                                                                        st>
1 <split [884/222] > Fold1 mae
                                  standard
                                                0.0477 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
2 <split [885/221] > Fold2 mae
                                  standard
                                                0.0560 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
3 <split [885/221] > Fold3 mae
                                  standard
                                                0.0528 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
                                                0.0486 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
4 <split [885/221] > Fold4 mae
                                  standard
5 <split [885/221] > Fold5 mae
                                  standard
                                                0.0485 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
```

• Based on the random folds above, MAE was best for fold 1 (0.048) and worst for fold 2 (0.056).

Model 2

```
# set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(123)
pit_lm2_k5 = lm_spec %>%
 fit_resamples(
    pit_in ~ lap_time + lap_number + compound + tyre_life,
    resamples = vfold_cv(miami2024, v = 5),
   metrics = metric_set(mae, rmse)
pit_lm2_k5 %>% collect_metrics()
# A tibble: 2 x 6
  .metric .estimator
                                n std_err .config
                       mean
  <chr>
          <chr>
                      <dbl> <int>
                                    <dbl> <chr>
          standard
                     0.0592
                                5 0.00161 Preprocessor1_Model1
1 mae
                                5 0.00490 Preprocessor1_Model1
2 rmse
          standard
                     0.150
# get fold-by-fold results
pit_lm2_k5 %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
filter(.metric == "mae")
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 7
splits id .metric .estimator .estimate .config .notes
```

```
t>
                    <chr> <chr>
                                  <chr>
                                                 <dbl> <chr>
                                                                         t>
1 <split [884/222] > Fold1 mae
                                  standard
                                                0.0533 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
2 <split [885/221] > Fold2 mae
                                  standard
                                                0.0621 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
3 <split [885/221] > Fold3 mae
                                  standard
                                                0.0617 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
4 <split [885/221] > Fold4 mae
                                                0.0585 Preprocessor1 M~ <tibble>
                                  standard
5 <split [885/221] > Fold5 mae
                                                0.0606 Preprocessor1_M~ <tibble>
                                  standard
```

• Based on the random folds above, MAE was best for fold 1 (0.053) and worst for fold 2 (0.062).

```
# 5-fold CV MAE and sd
pit_lm1_k5 %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
  filter(.metric == "mae") %>%
  summarize(mean = mean(.estimate), sd = sd(.estimate))
```

```
pit_lm2_k5 %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
  filter(.metric == "mae") %>%
  summarize(mean = mean(.estimate), sd = sd(.estimate))
```

In-sample and 5-fold CV MAE and standard deviation for both models.

Table 1:

| Model | In-sample MAE | 5-fold CV MAE | In-sample SD | 5-fold CV SD |
|---------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| model_1 | 0.05045 | 0.05073 | 0.15247 | 0.00356 |
| model_2 | 0.05975 | 0.05922 | 0.15035 | 0.00360 |

k=10

Model 1

```
# set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(123)
pit_lm1_cv = lm_spec %>%
  fit_resamples(
    pit_in ~ lap_time + tyre_life,
    resamples = vfold_cv(miami2024, v = 10),
    metrics = metric_set(mae, rmse)
  )
pit_lm1_cv %>% collect_metrics()
# A tibble: 2 x 6
  .metric .estimator
                       mean
                                n std_err .config
  <chr>
        <chr>
                      <dbl> <int>
                                    <dbl> <chr>
                     0.0510
                               10 0.00294 Preprocessor1_Model1
1 mae
          standard
2 rmse
          standard
                     0.150
                               10 0.0109 Preprocessor1_Model1
# get fold-by-fold results
pit_lm1_cv %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
  filter(.metric == "mae")
# A tibble: 10 x 7
   splits
                     id
                            .metric .estimator .estimate .config
                                                                         .notes
   st>
                                    <chr>
                                                    <dbl> <chr>
                     <chr>
                            <chr>
                                                                         st>
 1 <split [995/111] > Fold01 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0368 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 2 <split [995/111] > Fold02 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0544 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 3 <split [995/111] > Fold03 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0614 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 4 <split [995/111] > Fold04 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0472 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 5 <split [995/111] > Fold05 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0379 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 6 <split [995/111] > Fold06 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0602 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 7 <split [996/110] > Fold07 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0600 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 8 <split [996/110] > Fold08 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0434 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 9 <split [996/110] > Fold09 mae
                                    standard
                                                   0.0505 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
```

• Based on the random folds above, the MAE was best for fold 1 with an MAE of approximately 0.037 and worst for fold 3 with an MAE of 0.061 approximately.

standard

0.0581 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>

10 <split [996/110] > Fold10 mae

Model 2

```
# set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(123)
pit_lm2_cv = lm_spec %>%
  fit_resamples(
    pit_in ~ lap_time + lap_number + compound + tyre_life,
    resamples = vfold_cv(miami2024, v = 10),
    metrics = metric set(mae, rmse)
pit_lm2_cv %>% collect_metrics()
# A tibble: 2 x 6
  .metric .estimator
                                n std_err .config
                       mean
  <chr>
                                     <dbl> <chr>
          <chr>
                      <dbl> <int>
1 mae
          standard
                     0.0594
                               10 0.00262 Preprocessor1_Model1
2 rmse
          standard
                     0.148
                               10 0.0104 Preprocessor1_Model1
# get fold-by-fold results
pit_lm2_cv %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
filter(.metric == "mae")
# A tibble: 10 x 7
   splits
                             .metric .estimator .estimate .config
                     id
                                                                          .notes
   t>
                     <chr>
                                     <chr>
                                                    <dbl> <chr>
                            <chr>
                                                                          st>
 1 <split [995/111] > Fold01 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0436 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 2 <split [995/111] > Fold02 mae
                                                   0.0616 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
 3 <split [995/111] > Fold03 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0698 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 4 <split [995/111] > Fold04 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0566 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                                   0.0518 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 5 <split [995/111] > Fold05 mae
                                     standard
 6 <split [995/111] > Fold06 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0658 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 7 <split [996/110] > Fold07 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0655 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 8 <split [996/110] > Fold08 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0521 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 9 <split [996/110] > Fold09 mae
                                                   0.0601 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
```

• Based on the random folds above, MAE was best for fold 1 (0.044) and worst for fold 3 (0.070).

standard

0.0671 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>

10 <split [996/110] > Fold10 mae

```
# 10-fold CV MAE and sd
pit_lm1_cv %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
 filter(.metric == "mae") %>%
  summarize(mean = mean(.estimate), sd = sd(.estimate))
# A tibble: 1 x 2
   mean
              sd
   <dbl>
          <dbl>
1 0.0510 0.00931
pit_lm2_cv %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
  filter(.metric == "mae") %>%
  summarize(mean = mean(.estimate), sd = sd(.estimate))
# A tibble: 1 x 2
   mean
            sd
   <dbl>
           <dbl>
1 0.0594 0.00829
```

In-sample and 10-fold CV MAE and standard deviation for both models.

Table 2:

| Model | In-sample MAE | 10-fold CV MAE | In-sample SD | 10-fold CV SD |
|---------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| model_1 | 0.05045 | 0.05100 | 0.15247 | 0.00931 |
| model_2 | 0.05975 | 0.05939 | 0.15035 | 0.00829 |

k = 20

Model 1

```
# set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(123)

pit_lm1_k20 = lm_spec %>%
  fit_resamples(
   pit_in ~ lap_time + tyre_life,
   resamples = vfold_cv(miami2024, v = 20),
```

```
metrics = metric_set(mae, rmse)
  )
pit_lm1_k20 %>% collect_metrics()
# A tibble: 2 x 6
  .metric .estimator
                       mean
                                 n std_err .config
  <chr>
          <chr>
                       <dbl> <int>
                                     <dbl> <chr>
1 mae
          standard
                      0.0509
                                20 0.00399 Preprocessor1_Model1
2 rmse
          standard
                      0.140
                                20 0.0142 Preprocessor1_Model1
# get fold-by-fold results
pit_lm1_k20 %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
  filter(.metric == "mae")
```

```
# A tibble: 20 x 7
                             .metric .estimator .estimate .config
  splits
                     id
                                                                          .notes
   t>
                     <chr>
                            <chr>
                                     <chr>>
                                                     <dbl> <chr>
                                                                          st>
 1 <split [1050/56] > Fold01 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0451 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
2 <split [1050/56] > Fold02 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0519 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
3 <split [1050/56] > Fold03 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0509 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
4 <split [1050/56] > Fold04 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0658 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
5 <split [1050/56] > Fold05 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0439 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
6 <split [1050/56] > Fold06 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0412 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
7 <split [1051/55] > Fold07 mae
                                                   0.0602 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
8 <split [1051/55] > Fold08 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0429 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
9 <split [1051/55] > Fold09 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0402 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
10 <split [1051/55] > Fold10 mae
                                                   0.0263 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
11 <split [1051/55] > Fold11 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0266 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
12 <split [1051/55] > Fold12 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0585 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
13 <split [1051/55] > Fold13 mae
                                                   0.0704 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
14 <split [1051/55] > Fold14 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0274 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
15 <split [1051/55] > Fold15 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0302 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
16 <split [1051/55] > Fold16 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0825 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
17 <split [1051/55] > Fold17 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0591 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
18 <split [1051/55] > Fold18 mae
                                                   0.0429 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
19 <split [1051/55] > Fold19 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0611 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
20 <split [1051/55] > Fold20 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0901 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
```

• Based on the random folds above, MAE was best for fold 10 (0.026) and worst for fold 20 (0.090).

Model 2

```
# set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(123)
pit_lm2_k20 = lm_spec %>%
  fit_resamples(
    pit_in ~ lap_time + lap_number + compound + tyre_life,
    resamples = vfold_cv(miami2024, v = 20),
    metrics = metric set(mae, rmse)
pit_lm2_k20 %>% collect_metrics()
# A tibble: 2 x 6
  .metric .estimator
                                 n std_err .config
                       mean
  <chr>
          <chr>
                      <dbl> <int>
                                     <dbl> <chr>
1 mae
          standard
                     0.0593
                                20 0.00398 Preprocessor1_Model1
2 rmse
          standard
                     0.139
                                20 0.0134 Preprocessor1_Model1
# get fold-by-fold results
pit_lm2_k20 %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
filter(.metric == "mae")
# A tibble: 20 x 7
   splits
                             .metric .estimator .estimate .config
                     id
                                                                          .notes
   t>
                     <chr>
                                     <chr>
                            <chr>
                                                    <dbl> <chr>
                                                                          st>
 1 <split [1050/56] > Fold01 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0508 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 2 <split [1050/56] > Fold02 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0623 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 3 <split [1050/56] > Fold03 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0564 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 4 <split [1050/56] > Fold04 mae
                                                   0.0755 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
 5 <split [1050/56] > Fold05 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0596 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 6 <split [1050/56] > Fold06 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0535 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 7 <split [1051/55] > Fold07 mae
                                                   0.0652 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
 8 <split [1051/55] > Fold08 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0492 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
 9 <split [1051/55] > Fold09 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0474 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
10 <split [1051/55]> Fold10 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0324 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
11 <split [1051/55] > Fold11 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0347 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
12 <split [1051/55] > Fold12 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0630 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
13 <split [1051/55] > Fold13 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0818 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
14 <split [1051/55] > Fold14 mae
                                     standard
                                                   0.0362 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
15 <split [1051/55]> Fold15 mae
                                                   0.0405 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
                                     standard
```

```
16 <split [1051/55] > Fold16 mae standard 0.0838 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
17 <split [1051/55] > Fold17 mae standard 0.0652 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
18 <split [1051/55] > Fold18 mae standard 0.0537 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
19 <split [1051/55] > Fold19 mae standard 0.0724 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
20 <split [1051/55] > Fold20 mae standard 0.102 Preprocessor1~ <tibble>
```

• Based on the random folds above, MAE was best for fold 10 (0.032) and worst for fold 20 (0.101).

```
# 20-fold CV MAE and sd
pit_lm1_k20 %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
  filter(.metric == "mae") %>%
  summarize(mean = mean(.estimate), sd = sd(.estimate))
# A tibble: 1 x 2
    mean
             sd
   <dbl> <dbl>
1 0.0509 0.0178
pit_lm2_k20 %>% unnest(.metrics) %>%
  filter(.metric == "mae") %>%
  summarize(mean = mean(.estimate), sd = sd(.estimate))
# A tibble: 1 x 2
             sd
    mean
   <dbl> <dbl>
1 0.0593 0.0178
```

In-sample and 20-fold CV MAE and standard deviation for both models.

Table 3:

| Model | In-sample MAE | 20-fold CV MAE | In-sample SD | 20-fold CV SD |
|---------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| model_1 | 0.05045 | 0.05086 | 0.15247 | 0.01785 |
| model_2 | 0.05975 | 0.05925 | 0.15035 | 0.01781 |

Compare different values of k

Table 4:

| Model | In-sample MAE | 5-fold CV MAE | 10-fold CV MAE | 20-fold CV MAE |
|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| model_1 | 0.05045 | 0.05073 | 0.05100 | 0.05086 |
| model_2 | 0.05975 | 0.05922 | 0.05939 | 0.05925 |

Final model based on the smallest CV error

All of the above results suggests $model_1$ is the better model than $model_2$.

Therefore, our final model based on the smallest CV error is:

$$\mathbb{E}(pit_in \mid lap_time, \ tyre_life) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(lap_time) + \beta_2(tyre_life)$$

Logistic Regression Model

Variables of interest

Predictors

- 1. lap_time: recorded time to complete a lap (seconds)
- 2. lap_number: lap number from which the telemetry data was recorded (number of laps)
- 3. tyre_life: number of laps completed on a set of tires (number of laps)
- 4. compound: type of tire used (SOFT, MEDIUM, HARD)

Response variable

• pit_in: whether a driver made a pit stop during a lap (binary: 0 = no pit stop, 1 = pit stop occurred)

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if a driver pitted on a lap} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise (i.e., the driver did not pit on lap)} \end{cases}$$

Our logistic regression model

We are interested in determining the probability of making a pit stop during the 2024 Miami Grand Prix, considering factors such as lap time, track progress, tire age, and the type of tire used.

```
\begin{split} \log(odds(pit\_in \mid lap\_time, \ lap\_number, \ tyre\_life, \ compound)) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1(lap\_time) \\ &+ \beta_2(lap\_number) + \beta_3(tyre\_life) \\ &+ \beta_4 \ I(compound = MEDIUM) \\ &+ \beta_5 \ I(compound = SOFT) \end{split}
```

```
# factor `pit_in` for logistic regression analysis
miami2024_glm <- miami2024 %>%
   mutate(pit_in_fac = as.factor(pit_in))
```

```
# logistic regression model
logistic_fit <- train(</pre>
 form = pit_in_fac ~ lap_time + lap_number + tyre life + compound,
 data = miami2024_glm,
 family = "binomial", # this is an argument to glm; response is 0 or 1, binomial
 trControl = trainControl(method = "none")
)
summary(logistic_fit$finalModel)
Call:
NULL
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
            -18.48162 2.27137 -8.137 4.06e-16 ***
lap_time
             lap_number
             -0.16001 0.03630 -4.408 1.04e-05 ***
             tyre_life
compoundMEDIUM 0.49495
                       0.49718 0.996
                                       0.319
compoundSOFT
              1.86135
                       1.17923 1.578
                                       0.114
___
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 261.16 on 1105 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 176.46 on 1100 degrees of freedom
AIC: 188.46
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 8
```

Interpretation of exponentiated $\hat{\beta}$ coefficients

```
exp(logistic_fit$finalModel$coefficients)
```

(Intercept) lap_time lap_number tyre_life compoundMEDIUM

9.408757e-09 1.147280e+00 8.521343e-01 1.316630e+00 1.640419e+00 compoundSOFT 6.432386e+00

- $\exp(\beta_0)$: The odds of a driver making a pit stop during a lap, when lap time is 0 seconds, lap number is 0, 0 laps have been completed on the current set of tires, and the HARD compound is, is approximately 9.4088×10^{-9} .
- $\exp(\beta_1)$: For every of 1 second increase in lap time, the odds of a driver pitting increase by a factor of 1.1473.
- $\exp(\beta_2)$: For every additional lap (i.e., increase of 1 in the lap number), we expect the odds of a driver pitting to increase by a factor of 0.8521.
- $\exp(\beta_3)$: For each additional lap completed on the current set of tires, the odds of a driver pitting increase by a factor of 1.3166.
- $\exp(\beta_4)$: When using MEDIUM compound tires instead of HARD, the odds of a driver pitting increase by a factor of 1.6404, holding all other variables constant.
- $\exp(\beta_5)$: When using SOFT compound tires instead of HARD, we expect the odds of a driver pitting to increase by a factor of 6.4324, holding all other variables constant.

Mathematically derive $\exp(\beta_1)$

$$\begin{split} \log(odds(pit_in \mid lap_time = a)) &= -18.4816 + 0.1374a \\ \log(odds(pit_in \mid lap_time = a + 1)) &= -18.4816 + 0.1374(a + 1) \\ \log\left(\frac{odds(pit_in \mid lap_time = a + 1)}{odds(pit_in \mid lap_time = a)}\right) \\ &= \log(odds(pit_in \mid lap_time = a + 1)) - \log(odds(pit_in \mid lap_time = a)) \\ &= (-18.4816 + 0.1374(a + 1)) - (-18.4816 + 0.1374) \\ &= 0.1374 \\ &= \hat{\beta}_1 \end{split}$$

Therefore, $\exp(\beta_1) = e^{0.1374} = 1.1473$

Predicting High Probability of a Pit Stop

To predict a probability of a driver making a pit stop that is very close to 1, we need to input extreme values for the predictors. Based on the five-number summary of our data, we use the following scenario: a lap time of 148.74 seconds, lap number 57, SOFT compound, and a tire age of 45 laps.

```
# miami2024_glm %>%
# ggplot(aes(x=lap_time)) +
# geom_density(fill="#69b3a2", color="#e9ecef", alpha=0.8)
summary(miami2024_glm)
```

```
lap_time
                   lap number
                                   compound
                                                tyre_life
Min.
     : 90.63
                        : 1.00
                                                     : 1.00
                 Min.
                                 HARD
                                       :500
                                              Min.
1st Qu.: 92.38
                 1st Qu.:14.00
                                 MEDIUM:562
                                              1st Qu.: 7.00
Median : 93.28
                 Median :28.00
                                 SOFT : 44
                                              Median :13.50
      : 96.00
Mean
                 Mean
                        :28.62
                                              Mean
                                                     :14.78
3rd Qu.: 94.29
                 3rd Qu.:43.00
                                              3rd Qu.:22.00
Max.
       :148.74
                 Max.
                        :57.00
                                              Max.
                                                     :45.00
   pit_in
                  pit_in_fac
       :0.00000
                  0:1078
Min.
1st Qu.:0.00000
                  1: 28
Median :0.00000
Mean
       :0.02532
3rd Qu.:0.00000
Max.
       :1.00000
```

1 0.7308921 Using our logistic regression model, we estimate the probability of a pit stop under these conditions to be approximately 0.731. This indicates a high likelihood of a pit stop given these extreme race conditions.

Predicting Pit Stops with our Logistic Regression Model

• Estimate the probability of a driver making a pit stop on a lap with the following conditions: 96.00 seconds lap time, 28th lap, 14.78 laps completed on a set of HARD tires.

There is approximately a 50.08% probability that a driver will make a pit stop on this lap when using HARD tires, holding all other variables constant.

• Estimate the probability of a driver making a pit stop on a lap under the same conditions as above but using a set of MEDIUM tires.

1 0.5013559

0.5008283

With MEDIUM tires, the probability of making a pit stop increases to 50.14%.

• Estimate the probability of a driver making a pit stop on a lap under the same conditions as above but using a set of SOFT tires.

With SOFT tires, the probability increases slightly to 50.52%.

While all the other variables stay the same, we predict that the probability a driver to made a pit stop is higher if the driver is on a set of SOFT tires compared to other compounds.

Pros/Cons of logistic regression vs. regular linear regression

Logistic Regression

| Pros | Since logistic regression is based on a Bernoulli/binomial likelihood, it is a natural |
|------|--|
| | model for binary outcomes. |
| | Coefficients are interpretable in terms of odds ratios (with log-odds as the linear |
| | predictor). |
| Cons | The relationship between predictors and the probability is not linear. |

Linear Regression

| \mathbf{Pros} | Straightforward linear regression |
|-----------------|--|
| | Easy to interpret the coefficients |
| Cons | Cannot gaurantee that the predicted probabilities to be between 0 and 1. |