Final Exam

There are five questions (50 total points). Please type in your answers directly in the R Markdown file. After completion, **successfully** knitr it as an html file. Submit **both** the html file and the R Markdown file via Canvas. Please name the R Markdown file in the following format: LastName_FirstName_Final.Rmd, e.g. Zhao_Zifeng_Final.Rmd.

NYZ Times Dataset (50 points)

NYZ Times is a newspaper publishing company. The company maintains a dataset on their last marketing campaigns for promoting online subscription. For each individual customer, the dataset contains the campaign result (Subscriber = Yes/No) and the corresponding customer characteristics. There are around 5,000 individual records in the dataset. It contains 7 variables Age, Experience, Income, Family, AvgAmt, Education and Subscriber. The data description is as follows.

- Age: Age of the customer (in years)
- Experience: Working experience of the customer (in years)
- Income: Annual income of the customer (\$000)
- Family: Family size of the customer
- AvgAmt: Average amount of online spending per month by the customer (\$00)
- Education: Education level of the customer (Bachelor / Master / PhD)
- Subscriber: Did the marketing campaign convert the customer into a subscriber? (Yes / No)

To promote online subscription more efficiently and effectively, NYZ Times decides to build several statistical models that can predict the conversion probability of each customer, and thus selectively send advertisement to potential customers that have higher conversion probability.

```
rm(list=ls())
```

Q1 [4 points] Read in Data and Data Partition

Q1(a) [1 point] Let's correctly read in the csv data and name it as total_data.

Q1(b) [1 point] What is the conversion rate in the current dataset stored in total_data?

```
#getting the number of yes counts from the total data
count_yes <- sum(total_data$Subscriber == 'Yes')
#showing the number of yes counts
count_yes</pre>
```

[1] 467

```
#getting the number of no counts from the total date
count_no <- sum(total_data$Subscriber == 'No')
#showing the number of no counts
count_no</pre>
```

[1] 4333

```
#dividing the number of yes counts by the sum of yes and no counts
prop <- count_yes / (count_yes + count_no)</pre>
```

[1] 0.09729167

Answer: The conversion rate is 0.0973 or roughly 9.73%. There are 4,333 counts of no and 467 counts of yes.

Q1(c) [2 points] Let's partition the data in total_data into training (60%) and test data (40%) and store them as R objects train_data and test_data respectively. Use random seed set.seed(7)!

```
#setting seed so we can repeat the code set
set.seed(7)
#storing the number of total observations into total obs
total_obs <- nrow(total_data)

#getting a random set of indicies
train_index <- sample(1:total_obs, 0.6*total_obs)

#setting up the train data
train_data <- total_data[train_index,]

#setting up the test data
test_data <- total_data[-train_index,]</pre>
```

Q2 [10 points] Logistic Regression

Q2(a) [4 points] Fit a logistic regression model of the dependent variable Subscriber w.r.t. all 6 predictors Age, Experience, Income, Family, AvgAmt, Education using the training data, name it lm_full.

Q2(b) [2 points] Examine the estimation result of lm_full. Are customers with higher Income more likely to be Subscribers?

```
#setting a summary of lm_full
summary(lm_full)
```

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = Subscriber ~ Age + Experience + Income + Family +
      AvgAmt + Education, family = "binomial", data = train_data)
## Coefficients:
                    Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)
                  -14.061172
                               2.086783 -6.738 1.60e-11 ***
## Age
                    0.041553
                               0.076849
                                          0.541 0.588707
## Experience
                   -0.033969
                               0.076793
                                        -0.442 0.658241
## Income
                    0.058243
                               0.003387
                                         17.197 < 2e-16 ***
## Family
                                          6.416 1.39e-10 ***
                    0.593458
                               0.092490
## AvgAmt
                    0.172582 0.051465
                                          3.353 0.000798 ***
## EducationMaster
                    3.747930
                               0.315896
                                        11.864 < 2e-16 ***
                    3.774926
## EducationPhD
                               0.311490 12.119 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##
      Null deviance: 1924.66 on 2879 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 804.96 on 2872 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 820.96
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 7
```

Answer: The Income predictor has a coefficient of 0.058243 for the lm_full model, which suggests that customers with higher Income are more likely to be subscribers.

Q2(c) [2 points] Let's further conduct a backward selection for lm_full via BIC using the step() function and store the final selected model as lm_bwd . Make sure you use the **correct** number for the argument k in the step() function.

```
#using backward selection with a k as the log of the number of trows of train data
lm_bwd <- step(lm_full, direction = 'backward', k = log(nrow(train_data)))</pre>
```

```
## Start: AIC=868.68
## Subscriber ~ Age + Experience + Income + Family + AvgAmt + Education
##
##
                Df Deviance
                                AIC
## - Experience 1
                     805.15 860.91
## - Age
                     805.24 861.00
                 1
                     804.96 868.68
## <none>
## - AvgAmt
                     816.44 872.20
                 1
## - Family
                 1
                     850.09 905.85
## - Education
                 2 1069.16 1116.96
## - Income
                 1 1356.61 1412.37
##
## Step: AIC=860.91
## Subscriber ~ Age + Income + Family + AvgAmt + Education
##
##
              Df Deviance
                               AIC
## - Age
                    806.05 853.84
## <none>
                    805.15 860.91
```

```
## - AvgAmt
                   816.57 864.37
               1
                   850.20 897.99
## - Family
               1
## - Education 2 1078.39 1118.22
## - Income
               1 1358.30 1406.09
## Step: AIC=853.84
## Subscriber ~ Income + Family + AvgAmt + Education
##
              Df Deviance
                              AIC
                   806.05 853.84
## <none>
## - AvgAmt
               1
                   817.05 856.88
## - Family
                   850.39 890.22
               1
## - Education 2 1080.75 1112.61
## - Income
                1 1358.30 1398.13
```

Q2(d) [2 points] Which variables are removed during the backward selection?

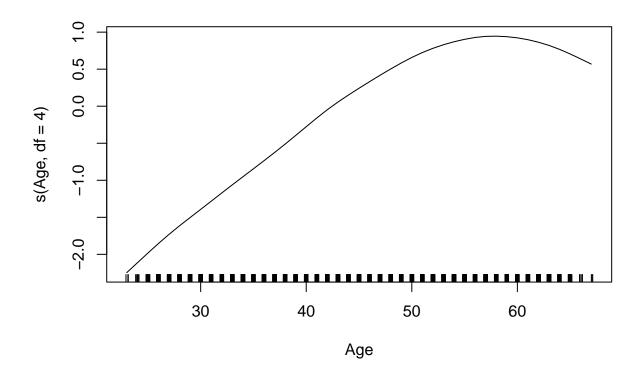
Answer: The resulting model retained the AvgAmt, Family, Education and Income variables, meaning it removed Age and Experience.

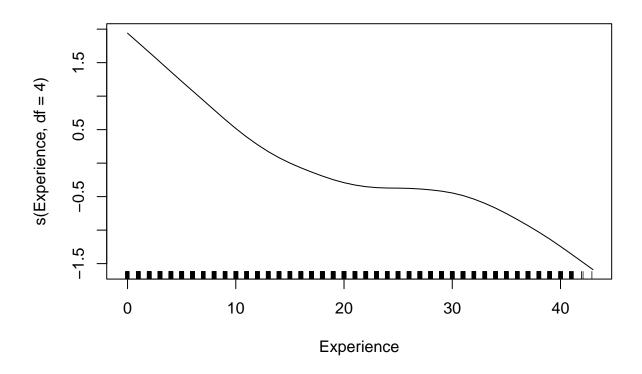
Q3 [8 points] Generalized Additive Model

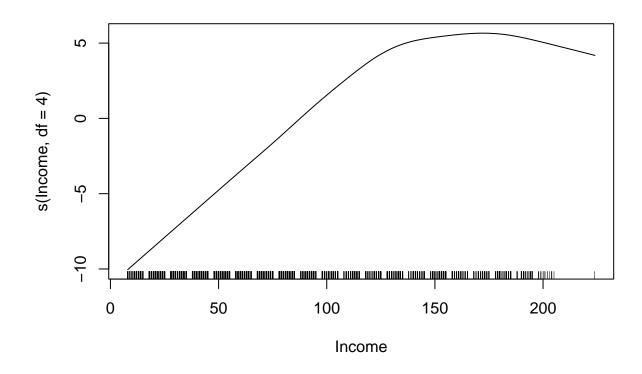
Q3(a) [4 points] To capture potential nonlinear relationship, we fit a GAM model of the dependent variable Subscriber w.r.t. all 6 predictors Age, Experience, Income, Family, AvgAmt, Education using the training data, name it gam1. Let's use splines with df=4 for all 5 numerical predictors, which include Age, Experience, Income, Family and AvgAmt.

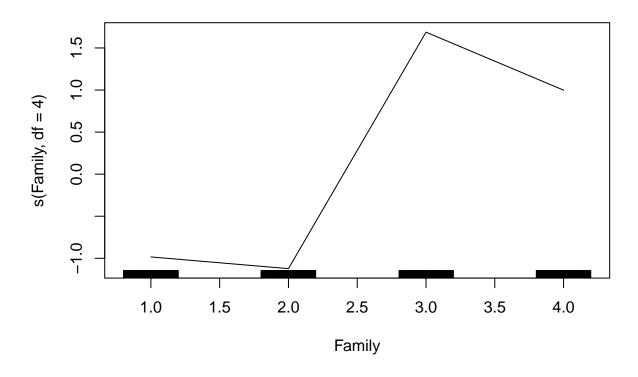
Q3(b) [2 points] Plot the estimated splines by gam1. For the predictor Income, is the relationship monotonic?

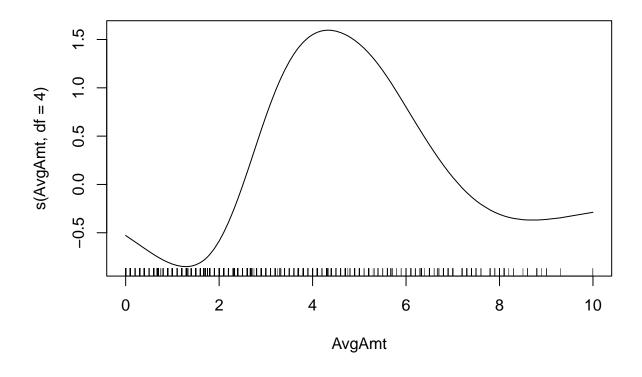
```
#plotting the charts
plot(gam1)
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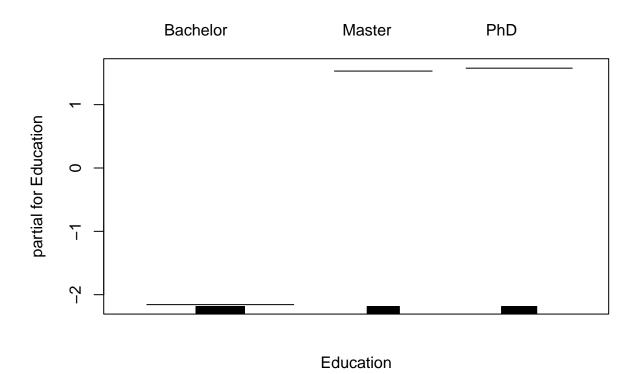






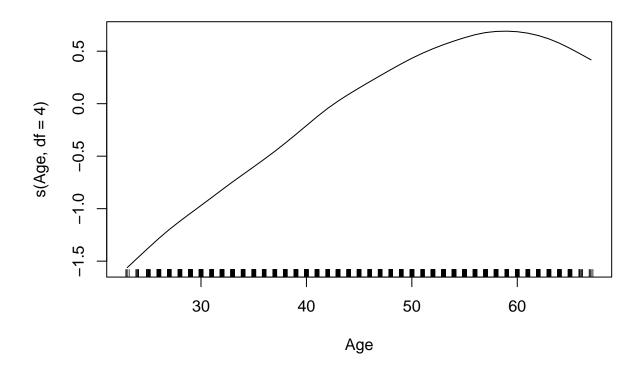


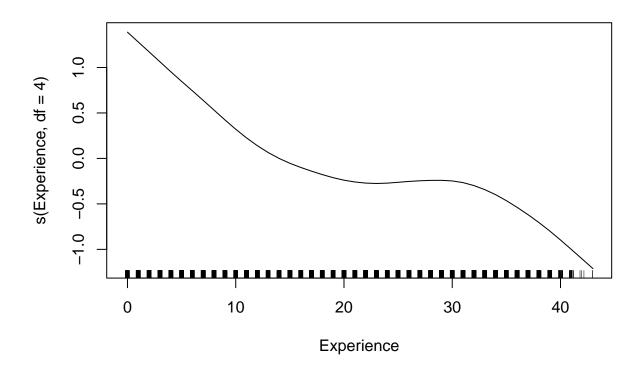


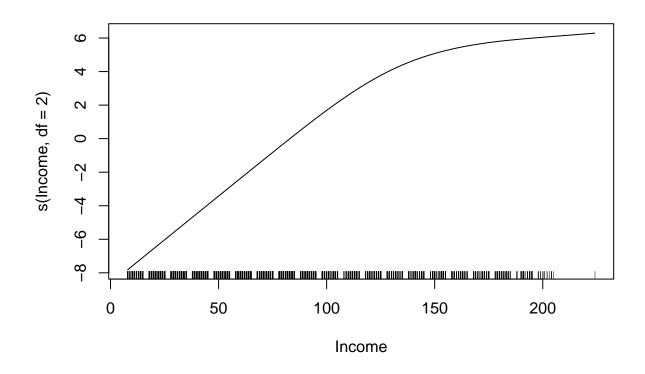


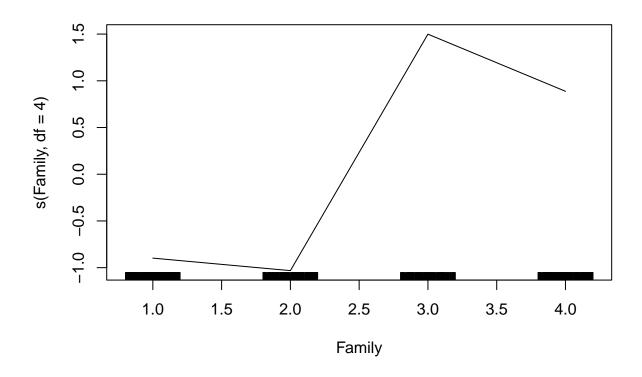
Answer: No, the relationship for Income is not monotonic because the Income predictor begins by increasing, then remains flat briefly, and then decreases. For a variable to be monotonic, it would have to either never increase or never decrease.

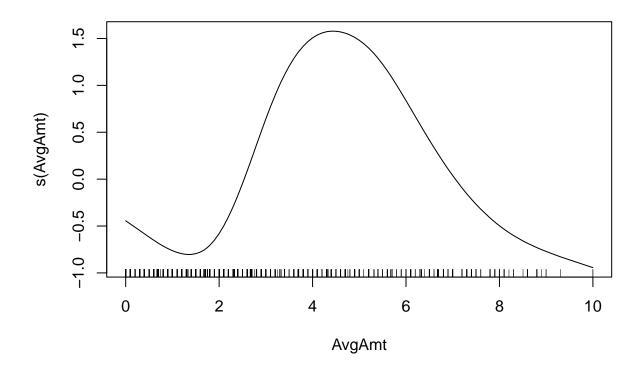
Q3(c) [2 points] Keeping everything else the same, further fit a GAM model but using splines with df=2 for Income, name it gam2. Do we have a monotonic relationship for predictor Income now?

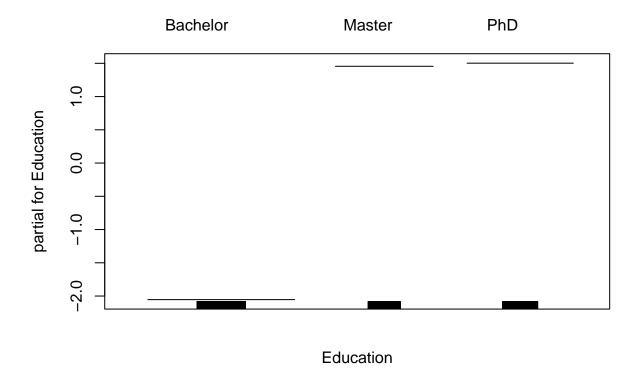












Answer: Yes, with a spline set to df = 2 for income and income alone, income is now monotonic. It begins with a steady increase from 0 to 150 and then slows, but continues to increase for theh duration of the plot.

Q4 [12 points] Neural Networks

Fit an NN model of the dependent variable Subscriber w.r.t. all 6 predictors Age, Experience, Income, Family, AvgAmt, Education using the training data, name it nn1. For the architecture of NN, let's use one hidden layer with 6 hidden units.

Q4(a) [2 points] Generate the training dataset that are needed for the estimation of NN using the function model.matrix() and store it in x_train_nn. In addition, use the scale() function to standardize the predictors by centering with mean and scaling with sd.

```
#passing data as a model matrix while dropping the response column
x_train_nn <- model.matrix( ~ ., data = train_data, na.rm = TRUE)[ , -9]

#getting the mean for each column
x_mean <- apply(x_train_nn, MARGIN = 2, FUN = mean)
#getting the sd for each column
x_sd <- apply(x_train_nn, MARGIN = 2, FUN = sd)
#scaling the train data
x_train_nn <- scale(x_train_nn, center = x_mean, scale = x_sd)</pre>
```

Q4(b) [2 points] Further combine the dependent variable Subscriber with the standardized predictors x_{train_n} generated in Q4(a). Don't forget to rename the first column of the data frame as Subscriber.

```
#dropping the intercept column
x_train_nn <- x_train_nn[ , -1]

#adding in the dependent
x_train_nn <- cbind.data.frame(train_data$Subscriber, x_train_nn)

#renaming the dependent
colnames(x_train_nn)[1] <- 'Subscriber'</pre>
```

Q4(c) [2 points] Generate the test dataset that are needed for the out-of-sample prediction evaluation of NN using the function model.matrix and store it in x_test_nn. Use the scale() function to standardize the predictors by centering with mean and scaling with sd as in Q4(a).

```
#passing the test data to a matrix
x_test_nn <- model.matrix( ~ ., data = test_data, na.rm = TRUE)[ , -9]

#scaling the test data using the train mean and sd
x_test_nn <- scale(x_test_nn, center = x_mean, scale = x_sd)

#dropping the intercept
x_test_nn <- x_test_nn[ , -1]

#adding the dependent
x_test_nn <- cbind.data.frame(test_data$Subscriber, x_test_nn)

#renaming the dependent
colnames(x_test_nn)[1] <- 'Subscriber'</pre>
```

Q4(d) [6 points] Fit an NN that has one hidden layers with 6 hidden units and name it nn1. Make sure to use random seed set.seed(7)!

Q5 [16 points] Model Evaluation (Prediction)

Q5(a) [2 points] Use lm_full, gam1 and nn1 to generate probability predictions on the test data and store the prediction in lm_full_pred, gam1_pred and nn1_pred respectively.

```
#making predictions
lm_full_pred <- predict(lm_full, newdata = test_data, type = 'response')</pre>
gam1_pred <- predict(gam1, newdata = test_data, type = 'response')</pre>
nn1_pred <- predict(nn1, newdata = x_test_nn, type = 'response')</pre>
```

Q5(b) [2 points] What are the predicted conversion probability of the fifth customer in the test data by

```
lm_full, gam1 and nn1, respectively?
#pulling the 5th value (5th customer) from each of the prediction sets
lm_full_pred[5]
##
## 0.0326466
gam1_pred[5]
## 0.001575904
nn1_pred[5]
## [1] 1.354885e-61
Answer:
lm full: 0.0326 gam1: 0.00157 nn1: 1.354885e-61
```

Q5(c) [2 points] Use the R package caret to evaluate the prediction performance of lm_full, gam1 and nn1 on the test data. What are the sensitivity of lm_full, gam1 and nn1?

```
#importing caret to make confusion matrices
library('caret')
```

```
## Loading required package: ggplot2
```

Loading required package: lattice

```
#making confusion matrices for each model, but doing so by using the predictions scaled to yes and no v
lm1_acc <- confusionMatrix(factor(ifelse(lm_full_pred > 0.5, 'Yes', 'No')), test_data$Subscriber, posit
gam1_acc <- confusionMatrix(factor(ifelse(gam1_pred > 0.5, 'Yes', 'No')), test_data$Subscriber, positiv
nn1_acc <- confusionMatrix(factor(ifelse(nn1_pred > 0.5, 'Yes', 'No')), x_test_nn$Subscriber, positive
```

Answer:

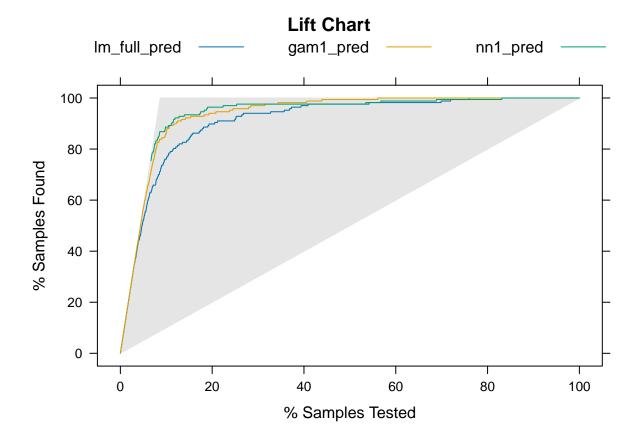
lm full Accuracy: 95.62% gam1 Accuracy: 97.45% nn1 Accuracy: 97.76%

lm full Sensitivity: 0.63473 gam1 Sensitivity: 0.79641 nn1 Sensitivity: 0.84431

Q5(d) [4 points] Based on the result in Q5(c), fill out the confusion matrix for gam and nn1 on the written exam.

See written exam

Q5(e) [2 points] Further generate a lift chart to compare the prediction performance of lm_full, gam1 and nn1. To make the lift chart look nice, do NOT use the cuts argument.



Q5(f) [2 points] Which model should we prefer if we only has the marketing budget to reach out to 20% of the customers?

Answer: Based on the lift chart we should target the top 20% of the customers using the neural network model.

Q5(g) [2 points] Take lm_full for example. If we want to capture more than 80% of all potential customers (i.e. customers who will become subscriber), what should be our minimum marketing budget? In other words, what is the percentage of customers we should reach out to? (The answer does not need to be exact, it only needs to be approximately correct.)

Answer: Based on an examination of the lift chart, it appears that we will need to reach out to 10-15% of the total customer base to capture 80% of all potential customers. A rough guess would be 13.5%