SDGs of Asia UNICEF Project

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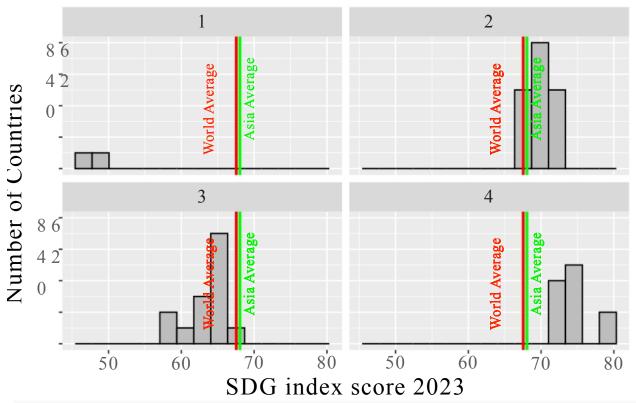
Contents

```
country_codes <- read_csv("country_codes.csv")</pre>
## New names:
## Rows: 298 Columns: 125
## -- Column specification
                                ----- Delimiter: "," chr
## (99): Global Name en (M49), Region Name en (M49), Sub-region Name en (M4... dbl
## (22): ...1, Global Code (M49), Region Code (M49), Intermediate Region Co... Igl
## (4): Sub-region Code (M49), Least Developed Countries (LDC) (M49), Land...
## 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.
## * `` -> `...1`
# load in country indicators
country indicators <-
 read csv("country indicators.csv") %>%
 select(-...1) % > % # remove first column
 select(iso3, everything()) % > % # reorder the columns to put iso3 as column 1
 rename(country code iso3 = iso3) # rename first column to country code iso3
## New names:
## Rows: 218 Columns: 1332
## -- Column specification
## ------ Delimiter: "," chr
## (8): iso3, hdr_hdicode, hdr_region, wbi_income_group, wbi_lending_cat... dbl
## (1324): ...1, sowc_demographics__population-thousands-2021_total, sowc_d...
## 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.
## * `` -> `...1`
# load SDG data
sdg <-
 read_csv("sdr fd5e4b5a.csv") %>%
 select(-...1) # remove first column
## New names:
## Rows: 206 Columns: 59
## -- Column specification
## ------ Delimiter: "," chr
## (36): Goal 1 Dash, Goal 1 Trend, Goal 2 Dash, Goal 2 Trend, Goal 3 Dash,... dbl
## (23): ...1, Goal 1 Score, Goal 2 Score, Goal 3 Score, Goal 4 Score, Goal...
## 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.
## * `` -> `...1`
```

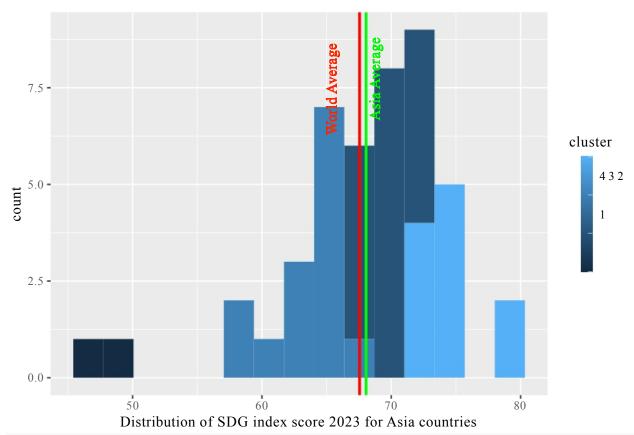
```
# rename columns
names(sdg)[1:(2*17)] < -
  paste(c(rep(paste("goal_", 1:17, sep=""), each=2)),
        rep(c(" status", " trend"), times=17), sep="")
names(sdg)[(2*17+1):(3*17)] < -
paste("goal_", 1:17, "_score", sep="")
names(sdg)[names(sdg)=="2023 SDG Index Score"] <-</pre>
  "SDG_index_score_2023"
names(sdg)[names(sdg)=="2023 SDG Index Rank"] <-</pre>
  "SDG index rank 2023"
names(sdg)[names(sdg)=="Percentage missing values"] <-</pre>
  "percentage missing values"
names(sdg)[names(sdg)=="International Spillovers Score (0-100)"] <-
  "international_spillover_score"
names(sdg)[names(sdg)=="International Spillovers Rank"] <-</pre>
  "international spillover rank"
names(sdg)[names(sdg)=="Country Code ISO3"] <-
 "country_code iso3"
#DATA FORMING
# join tables
data <- inner_join(x=country_indicators, y=sdg, by="country_code_iso3")
country codes modified <- rename(country codes, country code iso3 = `ISO-alpha3 Code (M49)`)
final data <- inner join(x=data, y=country codes modified, by="country code iso3")
#filter out Asia contries
data Asia <- final data %>% filter('Region Code (M49)'==142)
#k-means algorithm can not deal with NA/NaN/Inf in SDG index score 2023, so we need to clean the data f
clean data Asia <- data Asia %>%
  distinct(country code iso3, .keep all = TRUE) %>% #drop dup
  filter(!is.na(SDG_index_score_2023) & SDG_index_score_2023 != Inf & SDG_index_score_2023 != -Inf)
final data clean <- final data %>%
  distinct(country_code_iso3, .keep_all = TRUE) %>% #drop dup
  filter(!is.na(SDG index score 2023) & SDG index score 2023 != Inf & SDG index score 2023 != -Inf)
##Research Question 1 Part
#Clustering with k-means algorithm
#set seed
set.seed(1010315026)
#k-means algorithm
clustering <- kmeans(clean data Asia SDG index score 2023, k)
clustering
## K-means clustering with 4 clusters of sizes 2, 18, 14, 11
## Cluster means:
         [,1]
## 1 47.90000
## 2 69.73889
## 3 63.62143
## 4 74.59091
## Clustering vector:
```

```
## [39] 4 2 2 2 4 1 2
##
## Within cluster sum of squares by cluster:
## [1] 2.42000 38.26278 90.56357 50.14909
## (between SS / total SS = 89.9 \%)
## Available components:
## [1] "cluster"
                                                     "withinss"
                      "centers"
                                     "totss"
                                                                    "tot.withinss"
                                     "iter"
                                                    "ifault"
## [6] "betweenss"
                      "size"
# add clustering values to our original dataset
clean data Asia <-
  clean data Asia %>%
  mutate(cluster = clustering$cluster)
#avg sdg index score
world avg sdg index score <- mean(final data clean SDG index score 2023)
asia avg sdg index score <- mean(clean data Asia SDG index score 2023)
#seperate histogram for each cluster with average mark
y coordinate for label <- 10
clean data Asia %>% ggplot(aes(x=SDG index score 2023)) +
  geom histogram(color = "black",
                 fill = "gray",
                 bins = 15) +
  geom vline(aes(xintercept=world avg sdg index score), color="red",
             linetype="solid", size=1) +
  geom text(x=world avg sdg index score, y=y coordinate for label,
            label="World Average",
            vjust=-1.5, color="red", angle=90, hjust=1.5) +
  #world average index line for better comparison
  geom vline(aes(xintercept=mean(asia avg sdg index score)), color="green",
             linetype="solid", size=1) +
  geom text(x=mean(asia avg sdg index score), y=y coordinate for label,
            label="Asia Average",
            vjust=2, color="green", angle=90, hjust=1.5) +
  #asia average index line for better comparison
  labs(x="SDG index score 2023",
       y="Number of Countries",
       title="Distribution of SDG index score 2023 for Asia countries") +
  theme(text=element text(size=18),
        plot.title=element text(size=14)) +
  facet_wrap(~cluster)
## Warning: Using 'size' aesthetic for lines was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
## i Please use `linewidth` instead.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
## generated.
```

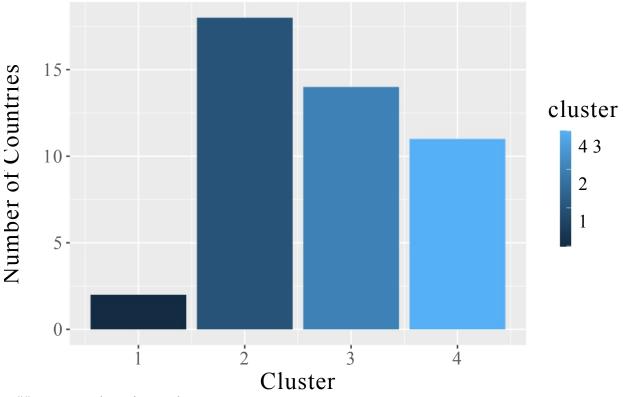
Distribution of SDG index score 2023 for Asia countries



```
#colored histogram with average mark
ggplot(data = clean_data_Asia, aes(x = SDG_index_score_2023,
                                   group = cluster, fill = cluster)) +
  geom histogram(bins = 15) +
  geom vline(aes(xintercept=world avg sdg index score),
             color="red", linetype="solid", size=1) +
  geom_text(x=world_avg_sdg_index_score, y=y_coordinate_for_label,
            label="World Average",
            vjust=-1.5, color="red", angle=90, hjust=1.5) +
  #world average index line for better comparison
  geom vline(aes(xintercept=mean(asia avg sdg index score)),
             color="green", linetype="solid", size=1) +
  geom text(x=mean(asia avg sdg index score), y=y coordinate for label,
            label="Asia Average",
            vjust=2, color="green", angle=90, hjust=1.5) +
  #asia average index line for better comparison
  labs(x = "Distribution of SDG index score 2023 for Asia countries")
```



Distribution of SDG index score 2023 for Asia countries



K-means clustering analyse

<-Clustering enables decision makers to understand complex dataset's pattern directly and easily, so that they can make efficient decisions that optimize resource allocations. (e.g. Each groups that shares the similar pattern can share similar policies)>

<K-mean clustering algorithm is a famous algorithm in statistics that can help us assign data to the corresponding clusters based on minimized variance, which make each groups actually more similar than others. After using it to our data based on SDG Index Score, we managed to split the data into 4 groups.>

<Histogram is a great visualization tool for showing the distribution. A side by side histogram produce by facet~warp by cluster and a histogram colored by group can provide us a more direct and clear view about situation for each cluster and separation between them, which is one of the main purpose of doing clustering compare to the original histogram.>

<We named the first cluster as poorly developed group as it has a average SDG Index Score of 47.90, which is significantly lower than the world average of 67.55 and the Asia average of 68.05. It is marked as the darkest color in the colored histogram and contains 2 countries in it, which occupy a really small percentage compares to other groups, approximately 4.44% of total Asian countries>

<We named the second cluster as upper middle developed group as it has a average SDG Index Score of 69.74, which is higher than the world average of 67.55 and the Asia average of 68.05. It is marked as the second darkest color in the colored histogram and contains 18 countries in it, which takes a huge part out of 47 Asian countries, approximately 40%.>

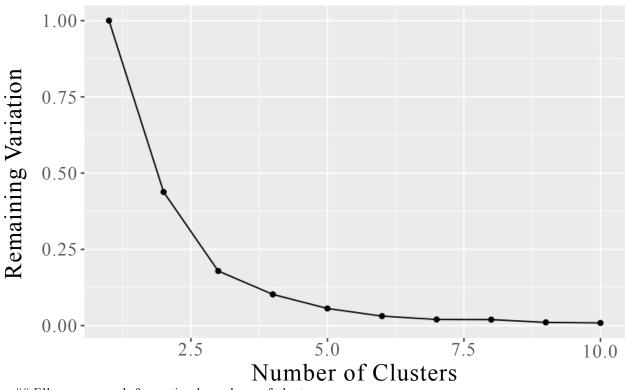
<We named the third cluster as lower middle developed group as it has a average SDG Index Score of 63.62, which is slightly lower than the world average of 67.55 and the Asia average of 68.05. It is marked as the third darkest color in the colored histogram and contains 14 countries in it, which take up greater part than the highly developed group but smaller than upper middle developed group, at around 31.11% of total Asian countries.>

<We named the fourth cluster as highly developed as it has a average SDG Index Score of 74.59, which is higher than the world average of 67.55, the Asia average of 68.05 and the mean of rest of the clusters. It is marked as the brightest color in the colored histogram and contains 11 countries in it, being the second smallest group, taking up about 24.44%.>

##Conclusion to first part of research question 1

<The distribution of SDG index score is a slightly left skewed normal distribution with one single peak, with most countries' SDG index located near the center. Overall the sustainable development level in Asia is preferable, with a mean higher than the world average, and does not have a huge discrepancies because in spite of the first cluster's mean SDG index is significantly lower(-20.15) than the average level, It actually only occupy 4.44 percent of the Asian countries. The rest 95.56 percent of Asia countries, although being divided into three different groups, does not have significant difference in mean SDG score(63.62, 69.74 and 74.59), mostly located near the center.>

K-Means Clustering Performance



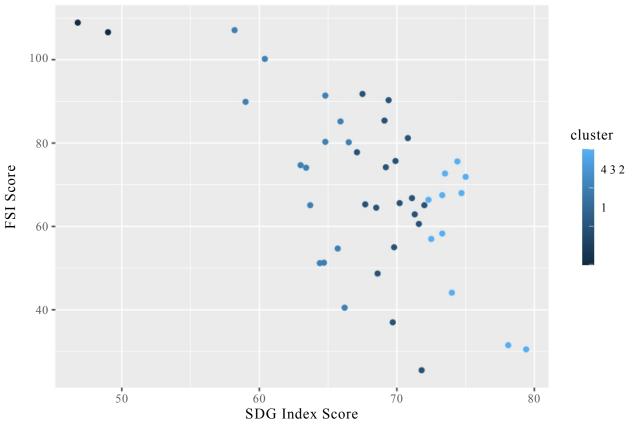
Elbow approach for optimal numbers of clusters

summarise(

<This plot shows us the performance of k-means clustering as we vary the number of clusters from 1 to 10. We see that going from 1 to 3 clusters greatly improves the performance, but the amount of improvement decreases with each additional cluster afterwards. In particular, the performance curve gets quite flat after 4 clusters, so according to elbow approach, using 3 or 4 clusters would be a reasonable choice.>

```
country groups <- clean data Asia %>% select(country code iso3,
                                                Country or Area_en (M49)', cluster, fsi_total)
country groups
## # A tibble: 45 x 4
      country code iso3 'Country or Area en (M49)' cluster fsi total
##
##
      <chr>
                         <chr>
                                                        <int>
                                                                  <dbl>
##
   1 AFG
                         Afghanistan
                                                            1
                                                                  107.
##
   2 ARM
                         Armenia
                                                            4
                                                                   67.5
                         Azerbaijan
                                                            4
                                                                   72.7
##
   3 AZE
                                                            3
## 4 BHR
                         Bahrain
                                                                   65.1
                                                            3
                         Bangladesh
                                                                   85.2
##
   5 BGD
##
  6 BTN
                         Bhutan
                                                            4
                                                                   66.4
                                                            3
## 7 BRN
                         Brunei Darussalam
                                                                   54.7
##
   8 KHM
                         Cambodia
                                                            3
                                                                   80.3
                                                            2
## 9 CHN
                         China
                                                                   65.1
## 10 CYP
                         Cyprus
                                                                   57
## # i 35 more rows
#summary table group by cluster
country groups %>% group by(cluster) %>%
```

```
n = n(),
    cluster fsi mean = mean(fsi total),
    countries = toString('Country or Area en (M49)')
## # A tibble: 4 x 4
##
                 n cluster_fsi_mean countries
     cluster
##
       <int> <int>
                              <dbl> <chr>
## 1
           1
                 2
                              108. Afghanistan, Yemen
## 2
           2
                18
                                66.3 China, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), ~
## 3
           3
                                74.7 Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambod~
                14
## 4
                11
                                58.5 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cyprus, Georgia, ~
#Does It make sense for our k-means clustering when we combine our result with other variables
#How is fsi index fit and related to the clustering we made above
clean data Asia % > % ggplot(aes(x=SDG index score 2023, y=fsi total, color = cluster)) +
  geom point() +
  labs(x = "SDG Index Score",
       y = "FSI Score")
```



Conclusion to second part of research question 1

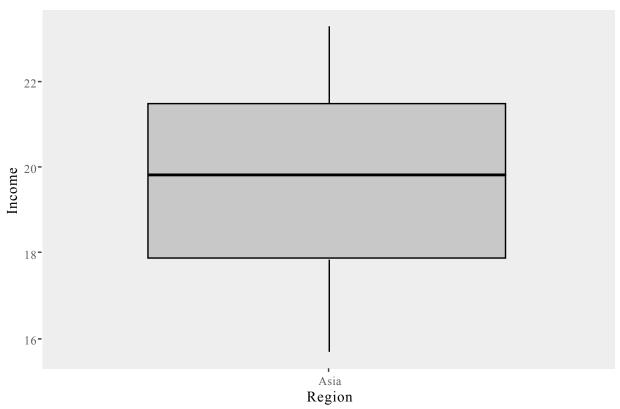
<From our scatter plot we can see that the first cluster(Darkest color), the poorly developed group, located at the top left corner, where the FSI Score is highest and SDG Score is lowest, which make quite sense as FSI score evaluate a country's stability, the higher the score is, the lower the stability is. A poor stability will likely to not being beneficial to sustainable development. The second cluster(second darkest color) has a FSI Score mean of 66.3, which is lower than 74.7 of cluster 3(third darkest color) who has a higher lower mean SDG Score. It is also higher than the FSI Score mean 58.5 of cluster 4, who has the highest average SDG score. These also make sense as more stable the country is, the more likely it is going to have a better development</p>

environment and get a higher sustainable development score. Both FSI Score and SDG score data comes from reliable nonprofitable groups, So overall our cluster for sustainable development level will generally make sense. However, it's essential to note that while there might be a general trend, the correlation does not necessarily imply causation, and outliers or confundings might exist due to specific national circumstances or other unmeasured factors.>

##Research Question 2 Part

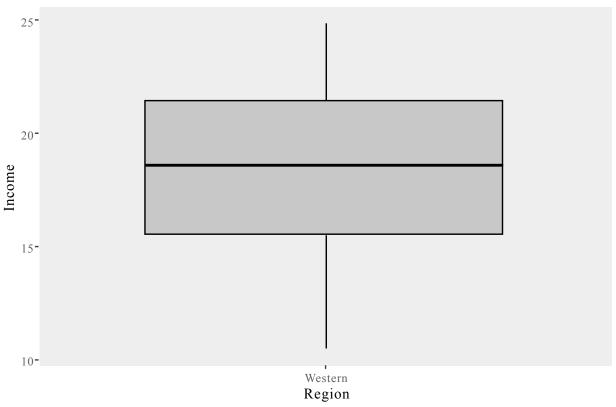
```
#rename long name variables
final data <- final data %>%
  rename(income share = 'sowc social-protection-and-equity share-of-household-income-2010-2019-
           r bottom-40')
#Set seed
set.seed(1009891468)
#Data cleaning
data Western Q2 cleaned <- final data %>%
  filter('Region Code (M49)'==150 | 'Region Code (M49)'==19) %>%
  distinct(country code iso3, keep all = TRUE) %>% #drop dup filter(!
  is.na(income share) & income share != Inf & income share != -Inf)
data Asia Q2 cleaned <- final data %>% filter('Region Code (M49)'==142) %>%
  distinct(country code iso3, keep all = TRUE) %>% #drop dup filter(!
  is.na(income share) & income share != Inf & income share != -Inf)
#filter out the variable of share of household income
Asia income <- data Asia Q2 cleaned %>%
  select(income share) %>%
  mutate(region = 'Asia')
Western_income <- data_Western_Q2_cleaned %>%
  select(income_share) %>%
  mutate(region = 'Western')
#Join tables
Asia Western \leftarrow full join(x = Asia income, y = Western income)
## Joining with 'by = join_by(income_share, region)'
#Make the visualizations of Asia and Western's share of household income
ggplot(data = Asia income,
       aes(x = region,
           y = income share) +
  geom boxplot(color = 'black', fill = 'grey') +
  labs(x = "Region", y = "Income", title = "Share of Household Income in Asia")
```

Share of Household Income in Asia



```
ggplot(data = Western_income,
    aes(x = region,
        y = income_share)) +
geom_boxplot(color = 'black', fill = 'grey') +
labs(x = "Region", y = "Income", title = "Share of Household Income in Western")
```

Share of Household Income in Western



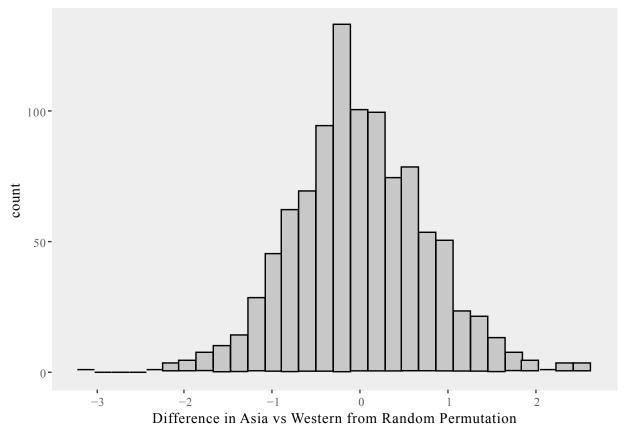
```
#Two-Sample Hypothesis Test
#Null Hypothesis: There is no difference between Asia and Western Countries.
#Alternative: There is difference between them.
#Calculate the test statistic
Asia mean <- mean(data Asia Q2 cleaned$
                    income share,
                  na.rm = TRUE)
Western_mean <- mean(data_Western_Q2_cleaned$
                       income share,
                     na.rm = TRUE
observed_test_statistic <- Asia_mean - Western_mean
#Random Permutation Test
num trials <- 1000
delta_mean_simulations <- rep(NA, num_trials)</pre>
for (i in 1:num trials) {
  sim_data <- Asia_Western %>% mutate(region = sample(region, replace = FALSE))
  delta mean sim <- sim data %>% group by(region) %>%
   summarise(means = mean(income_share,
                           na.rm = TRUE), .groups='drop') %>%
   summarise(value = diff(means)) %>%
    as.numeric()
  delta_mean_simulations[i] <- delta_mean_sim
```

```
#Make the visulization of the permutation test

ggplot() + aes(x = delta_mean_simulations) +

geom_histogram(color = "black", fill = "gray", bins = 30) +

labs(x = 'Difference in Asia vs Western from Random Permutation')
```



#Calculate P-value
p_value <- sum(abs(delta_mean_simulations) >= abs(observed_test_statistic)) / num_trials

#Conclustion for research question 2 < The p-value calculated here is 0.117, which is higher than the alpha level 0.05. Thus, the null hypothesis would be accepted, which states that there is no difference between the household income in Asia and Western. This conclusion can also be reflected by the boxplots that are made at the beginning, which shows that the mean income between the continents are similar. However, the data set contains too many non-values and the household income may not represent the whole economic growth of the continents. Hence, there may result in a type II error where it fails to reject the hypothesis. A more specific analysis needs larger samples and more concise values. >

##Research Question 3 Part

```
#rename too long variables and data cleaning
final_data <- final_data %>%

rename(mortality_rate = 'sowc_child-mortality__infant-mortality-rate_2021') %>%

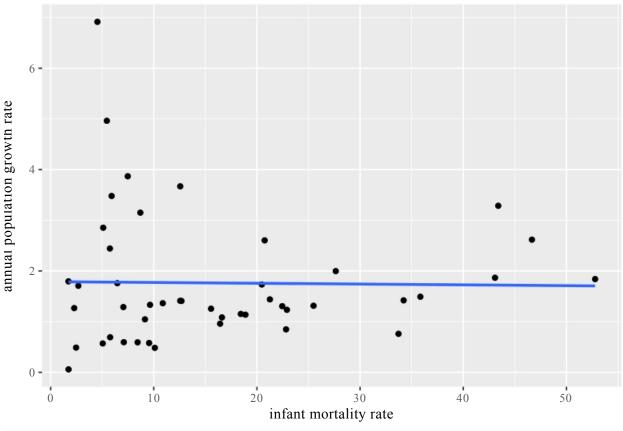
rename(growth_rate = 'sowc_demographics__annual-population-growth-rate_2000-2020')
clean_data_Asia_nick <- data_Asia %>%

rename(mortality_rate = 'sowc_child-mortality__infant-mortality-rate_2021') %>%

rename(growth_rate = 'sowc_demographics__annual-population-growth-rate_2000-2020') %>%

distinct(country_code_iso3, .keep_all = TRUE)%>% #drop dup
filter(!is.na(mortality_rate) &
    mortality_rate !=
```

```
Inf & mortality_rate != -Inf)
final data clean <- final data %>%
distinct(country code iso3, .keep all = TRUE) %>% #drop dup
filter(!is.na(mortality rate) &
         mortality rate != Inf &
         mortality_rate != -Inf)
nick asia tible <- clean data Asia nick %>%
select(mortality rate, growth rate)
glimpse(nick asia tible)
## Rows: 46
## Columns: 2
## $ mortality_rate <dbl> 43.391630, 9.544795, 16.606150, 5.913218, 22.906148, 22~
                    <dbl> 3.28682421, 0.57926313, 1.08441292, 3.47996129, 1.23429~
## $ growth rate
#set seed
set.seed(1009853874)
#linear regression single line
clean_data_Asia_nick %>% ggplot(aes(x=mortality_rate,
                                    y=growth_rate)) +
  geom point() +
  labs(x = "infant mortality rate",
       y = "annual population growth rate") +
  geom_point(alpha=0.5) + geom_smooth(method = "lm", se=FALSE)
## 'geom_smooth()' using formula = 'y \sim x'
```



```
Estimate Std. Error
                                         t value
                                                     Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 16.3753178
                            3.324725 4.9253156 1.233442e-05
## growth rate -0.1613022
                            1.527998 -0.1055644 9.164078e-01
#other two linear regression line
new regression muilti data <-clean data Asia nick %>%
  select(mortality rate,
         growth_rate)
#make new regression for high mortality rate
regression high mortality <- new regression muilti data %>%
  filter(mortality_rate >= 9)% > %
  filter(growth_rate<=3)</pre>
regression_high_mortality
```

```
## # A tibble: 26 x 2
##
      mortality rate growth rate
##
                <dbl>
                            <dbl>
## 1
                9.54
                            0.579
## 2
                16.6
                            1.08
               22.9
                            1.23
##
  3
##
   4
                22.5
                            1.31
## 5
                9.64
                            1.33
```

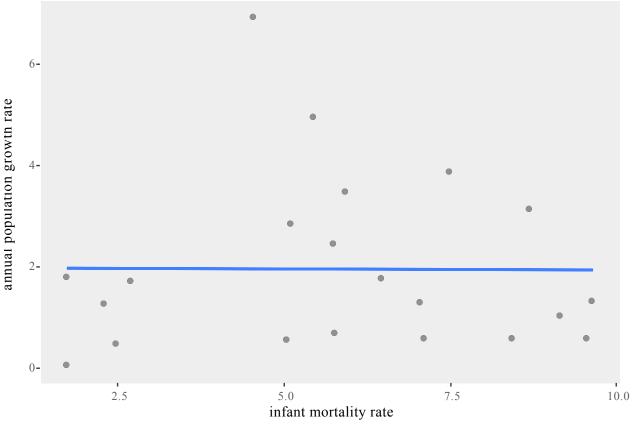
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## 6
                 21.3
                              1.44
 ##
                 10.1
                              0.484
 ## 8
                 25.5
                              1.31
 ## 9
                 18.9
                              1.14
 ## 10
                 10.9
                              1.36
 ## # i 16 more rows
 regression high mortality % > % ggplot(aes(x=mortality rate,
                                             y=growth rate)) +
   geom point() +
   labs(x = "infant mortality rate",
        y = "annual population growth rate") + geom_point(alpha=0.5) +
   geom_smooth(method = "lm", se=FALSE)
 ## 'geom_smooth()' using formula = 'y \sim x'
    2.5-
annual population growth rate
    2.0-
    1.5
    1.0
    0.5
            10
                              20
                                                 30
                                                                   40
                                                                                     50
                                          infant mortality rate
 nick_high_regression_model <- lm(mortality_rate</pre>
                                     ~ growth_rate,
                                    data = regression_high_mortality)
 summary(nick_high_regression_model)$ coefficients
                  Estimate Std. Error
 ##
                                          t value Pr(>|t|)
                              5.843085 0.9959304 0.3292199
 ## (Intercept) 5.819305
 ## growth rate 12.305345
                              3.993713 3.0811790 0.0051131
 #make new regression for low mortality rate
 regression_low_mortality <- new_regression_muilti_data %>%
   filter(mortality_rate <= 10)% > %
```

filter(growth_rate>=0)

regression_high_mortality

```
## # A tibble: 26 x 2
##
      mortality_rate growth_rate
                <dbl>
##
                             <dbl>
##
   1
                 9.54
                             0.579
## 2
                16.6
                             1.08
##
    3
                22.9
                             1.23
##
   4
                22.5
                             1.31
##
   5
                 9.64
                             1.33
##
                21.3
                             1.44
    6
##
    7
                10.1
                             0.484
## 8
                25.5
                             1.31
## 9
                18.9
                             1.14
## 10
                10.9
                             1.36
## # i 16 more rows
```

'geom_smooth()' using formula = 'y \sim x'



nick_low_regression_model <- lm(mortality_rate ~growth_rate, data = regression_low_mortality)

summary(nick low regression model)\$coefficients

```
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 5.828040391 0.8833906 6.59735391 2.585314e-06
## growth rate -0.009085322 0.3408511 -0.02665481 9.790130e-01
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#Conclusion to research question 3 #Conclusion < We suspect coutries with higher mortality rate also have higher population growth rate, and lower mortality rate also have lower mortality rate. We also suspect there is a certain percentage below such that those countires population growth rate would not be related to the infant mortality rate. > < In the scatter graph we could see some extreme values, there are two countries that stand out the most, one of them is having highest population growth rate with low mortality rate, and the other one is quit the opposite, it has the highest infant mortalit rate but has lower annual popoulation rate.> < From what we get from the regression line, we can see the slop of the line is almost zero, which means there is no relation between infant mortality rate and population growth rate in asia. But when we look closely, we can tell that there are two trends that canceld each other out. one is from lower annual population rate and higher population growth rate, other is the opposite. As a result, i will try to make two gression line. > < For the higher mortality rate countries, there is a clear upward trend, shows how for those countries who have relativly higher mortalirate will likely to have higher annual population growth rate. Which is accurate because we suspect countries with higher mortality rate also have higher population growth rate. > < For lower mortality rate countries, the regression line is flat. Which means that there is no clear trend between infant mortality rate and population growth rate. Which is also intuitive, because we can see under 10 infant mortality rate we can se the regression is flat. > #Limitations and Concerns < First of the limitation and concers we see is that linear regression is sensitive to outliers, which means some of the extreme values would affect our pridiction. Second of the limitations is that we only looked at the affect of infant mortality rate, which is only a small part of country population growth. There are other factors affect the outcome.>

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