

Buzzfeed Data Pairs Matrix Code

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1 options(warn = -1)
2
3 # IMPORTANT: This assumes that all packages in "Rstart.R" are installed,
4 # and the fonts "Source Sans Pro" and "Open Sans Condensed Bold" are installed
5 # via extrafont. If ggplot2 charts fail to render, you may need to change/remove the theme
  call.
6
7 source("Rstart.R")
8 library(GGally) # ggpairs
9
10 sessionInfo()
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```
1 Attaching package: 'dplyr'
2
3 The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
4
5   filter, lag
6
7 The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
8
9   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
10
11 Registering fonts with R
12
13 Attaching package: 'scales'
14
15 The following objects are masked from 'package:readr':
16
17   col_factor, col_numeric
18
19
20 Attaching package: 'GGally'
21
22 The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
23
24   nasa
25
26
27
28
29
30
31 R version 3.2.3 (2015-12-10)
32 Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0 (64-bit)
33 Running under: OS X 10.11.3 (El Capitan)
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34
35 locale:
36 [1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
37
38 attached base packages:
39 [1] grid      stats      graphics  grDevices  utils      datasets  methods
40 [8] base
41
42 other attached packages:
43 [1] GGally_1.0.1      stringr_1.0.0      digest_0.6.8      RColorBrewer_1.1-2
44 [5] scales_0.3.0      extrafont_0.17      ggplot2_2.0.0      dplyr_0.4.3
45 [9] readr_0.1.1
46
47 loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
48 [1] Rcpp_0.12.1      Rttf2pt1_1.3.3      magrittr_1.5      munsell_0.4.2
49 [5] uuid_0.1-2      colorspace_1.2-6    R6_2.1.1          plyr_1.8.3
50 [9] tools_3.2.3      parallel_3.2.3      gtable_0.1.2      DBI_0.3.1
51 [13] extrafontdb_1.0  assertthat_0.1      IRdisplay_0.3      repr_0.4
52 [17] base64enc_0.1-3  IRkernel_0.5        evaluate_0.8      rzmq_0.7.7
53 [21] stringi_0.5-5    reshape_0.8.5      jsonlite_0.9.19

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1 df <- read_csv("buzzfeed_data_social_10k.csv")
2
3 print(df)

```

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1 Source: local data frame [10,388 x 22]
2
3                                     title
4                                     (chr)
5 1                                     How Well Do You Know Your Banned Books?
6 2 16 Things F. Scott Fitzgerald Doesn't Want You To Worry About
7 3   Watch Nick And Amy's Fatal Attraction In "Gone Girl"
8 4 Alison Bechdel Is The Ultimate Genius "Dyke To Watch Out For"
9 5                                     16 Reasons You'd Probably Die At Hogwarts
10 6                                     19 Banned Books If They Were Made Appropriate
11 7                                     "Zelda's Dreams," By James Franco
12 8                                     How Scandalous Is Your Reading History?
13 9                                     "Gone Girl" Is Now A Sleek But Hollow Movie
14 10                                    17 Things English Majors Are Tired Of Hearing
15 ..                                     ...
16 Variables not shown: url (chr), author (chr), date (date), category (chr),
17   special (chr), responses (int), num_fb_shares (int), num_tweets (int),
18   num_fb_comments (int), love (int), yaaass (int), helpful (int), omg (int),
19   lol (int), cute (int), win (int), wtf (int), fail (int), trashy (int), ew
20   (int), hate (int)

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Select only the columns with reaction data, and get spot correlations.

```

1 df_reactions <- na.omit(df %>% select(love:hate))
2
3 print(df_reactions)
4
5 print(cor(df_reactions))

```

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1 Source: local data frame [9,883 x 12]

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2
3   love yaaass helpful   omg   lol   cute   win   wtf   fail trashy   ew   hate
4   (int) (int)   (int) (int) (int) (int) (int) (int) (int) (int) (int) (int)
5 1    31    0    3    7    1    1    3    5    4    0    0    1
6 2   110    0    0    2    9   17   18    7    0    1    0    0
7 3    5    0    0    0    0    0    2    0    0    0    0    0
8 4   16    0    0    0    0    0    1    0    0    0    0    0
9 5   72    0    0    2   25    1    4    0    4    0    0    0
10 6   44    7    0    4   20    1    8    3    7    1    0    0
11 7   25    0    0    0    0    0    0    7    2    0    0    0
12 8  139    2    1    5   10    1   20    1    0    2    0    1
13 9   19    0    0    2    2    0    1    0    0    0    0    0
14 10  119   23    2    3   22    1   25    0    1    0    0    0
15 ..   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...
16
17   love      yaaass      helpful      omg      lol      cute
18 love      1.00000000 0.46626799 0.124755232 0.68036925 0.47360895 0.629094452
19 yaaass    0.46626799 1.00000000 0.175511580 0.35403737 0.26705946 0.096387912
20 helpful  0.12475523 0.17551158 1.000000000 0.04352179 0.01926325 0.008081270
21 omg      0.68036925 0.35403737 0.043521787 1.00000000 0.38471634 0.539838706
22 lol      0.47360895 0.26705946 0.019263247 0.38471634 1.00000000 0.305064425
23 cute     0.62909445 0.09638791 0.008081270 0.53983871 0.30506443 1.000000000
24 win      0.83126618 0.45288311 0.114922581 0.59319268 0.43868351 0.523278287
25 wtf      0.09907593 0.05272187 0.022267654 0.31346725 0.20007750 0.008643063
26 fail     0.07005368 0.07472599 0.021095192 0.18130431 0.17963674 -0.031200420
27 trashy   0.03739368 0.09077292 0.014492817 0.13685420 0.09558570 -0.031452816
28 ew       0.05038921 0.10098157 0.009602044 0.20792642 0.11147785 -0.024514311
29 hate     0.15831206 0.02737651 0.015482722 0.27294572 0.05448569 0.007341387
30
31   win      wtf      fail      trashy      ew      hate
32 love      0.83126618 0.099075927 0.07005368 0.03739368 0.050389209 0.158312061
33 yaaass    0.45288311 0.052721871 0.07472599 0.09077292 0.100981567 0.027376513
34 helpful  0.11492258 0.022267654 0.02109519 0.01449282 0.009602044 0.015482722
35 omg      0.59319268 0.313467249 0.18130431 0.13685420 0.207926422 0.272945720
36 lol      0.43868351 0.200077499 0.17963674 0.09558570 0.111477851 0.054485686
37 cute     0.52327829 0.008643063 -0.03120042 -0.03145282 -0.024514311 0.007341387
38 win      1.00000000 0.061382292 0.04877020 0.02347292 0.023725465 0.070561338
39 wtf      0.06138229 1.000000000 0.63592405 0.50851441 0.566388147 0.332060843
40 fail     0.04877020 0.635924055 1.00000000 0.51560199 0.505881072 0.348757439
41 trashy   0.02347292 0.508514410 0.51560199 1.00000000 0.805459962 0.255968387
42 ew       0.02372546 0.566388147 0.50588107 0.80545996 1.000000000 0.255072265
43 hate     0.07056134 0.332060843 0.34875744 0.25596839 0.255072265 1.000000000

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Note that the `helpful` and `trashy` reactions are not used in 2016, so we will not use them.

Use `ggpairs` to plot multidimensional data (lower and diag functions adapted from the `GGally` package `viginette`; upper correlation function adopted from Barret Schloerke on GitHub).

```

1 pairs_theme <- function(x) {
2   theme_bw(base_size = 5) +
3   theme(panel.grid.minor.x = element_blank()) +
4   theme(panel.grid.minor.y = element_blank())
5 }
6
7
8 gglower <- function(data, mapping, ..., high = "#c0392b") {
9   ggplot(data = data, mapping = mapping) +

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10   geom_bin2d(...) +
11   scale_x_log10(limits=c(10^0,10^3), breaks=10^(0:3)) +
12   scale_y_log10(limits=c(10^0,10^3), breaks=10^(0:3)) +
13   geom_smooth(alpha = 0.5, size = 0.25, color = "#1a1a1a", method = "lm") +
14   scale_fill_gradient(low = "#EEEEEE", high = high, trans = "log") +
15   pairs_theme()
16 }
17
18 ggdiag <- function(data, mapping, ..., color = "#1a1a1a") {
19   ggplot(data = data, mapping = mapping) +
20     geom_density(..., color = color) +
21     scale_x_log10(limits=c(10^0,10^3), breaks=10^(0:3)) +
22     pairs_theme()
23 }
24
25 # From https://github.com/ggobi/ggally/issues/139#issuecomment-176271618
26
27 gguppper <- function(data, mapping, color = I("grey50"), sizeRange = c(1, 3), ...) {
28
29   # get the x and y data to use the other code
30   x <- eval(mapping$x, data)
31   y <- eval(mapping$y, data)
32
33   ct <- cor.test(x,y)
34   sig <- symnum(
35     ct$p.value, corr = FALSE, na = FALSE,
36     cutpoints = c(0, 0.001, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 1),
37     symbols = c("***", "**", "*", ".", " ")
38   )
39
40   r <- unname(ct$estimate)
41   rt <- format(r, digits=2)[1]
42
43   # since we can't print it to get the strsize, just use the max size range
44   cex <- max(sizeRange)
45
46   # helper function to calculate a useable size
47   percent_of_range <- function(percent, range) {
48     percent * diff(range) + min(range, na.rm = TRUE)
49   }
50
51   # plot the cor value
52   ggally_text(
53     label = as.character(rt),
54     mapping = aes(),
55     xP = 0.5, yP = 0.5,
56     size = I(percent_of_range(cex * abs(r), sizeRange)),
57     color = color,
58     ...
59   ) +
60   # add the sig stars
61   geom_text(
62     aes_string(
63       x = 0.8,

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64     y = 0.8
65   ),
66   label = sig,
67   size = I(cex),
68   color = color,
69   ...
70 ) +
71 pairs_theme() +
72 theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank()) +
73 theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank())
74
75 }

```

```

1 pos_color <- "#27ae60"
2
3 plot <- ggpairs(df_reactions, columns = c("love", "yaaass", "omg", "lol", "cute", "win"),
4   title = sprintf("Pairs Plot of Positive Reaction Counts on %00d BuzzFeed Articles",
5     nrow(df_reactions)),
6   upper = list(continuous = wrap(ggupper, color = pos_color)),
7   lower = list(continuous = wrap(gglower, high = pos_color)),
8   diag = list(continuous = wrap(ggdiag, color = pos_color))) +
9   theme(title = element_text(size=10))
10
11 png("buzzfeed-pos.png", w=1600, h=1600, res=300)
12 plot
13 dev.off()

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```

1 neg_color <- "#c0392b"
2
3 plot <- ggpairs(df_reactions, columns = c("love", "wtf", "fail", "ew", "hate"),
4   title = sprintf("Pairs Plot of Love + Negative Reaction Counts on %00d BuzzFeed
5     Articles", nrow(df_reactions)),
6   upper = list(continuous = wrap(ggupper, color = neg_color)),
7   lower = list(continuous = wrap(gglower, high = neg_color)),
8   diag = list(continuous = wrap(ggdiag, color = neg_color))) +
9   theme(title = element_text(size=10))
10
11 png("buzzfeed-neg.png", w=1600, h=1600, res=300)
12 plot
13 dev.off()

```

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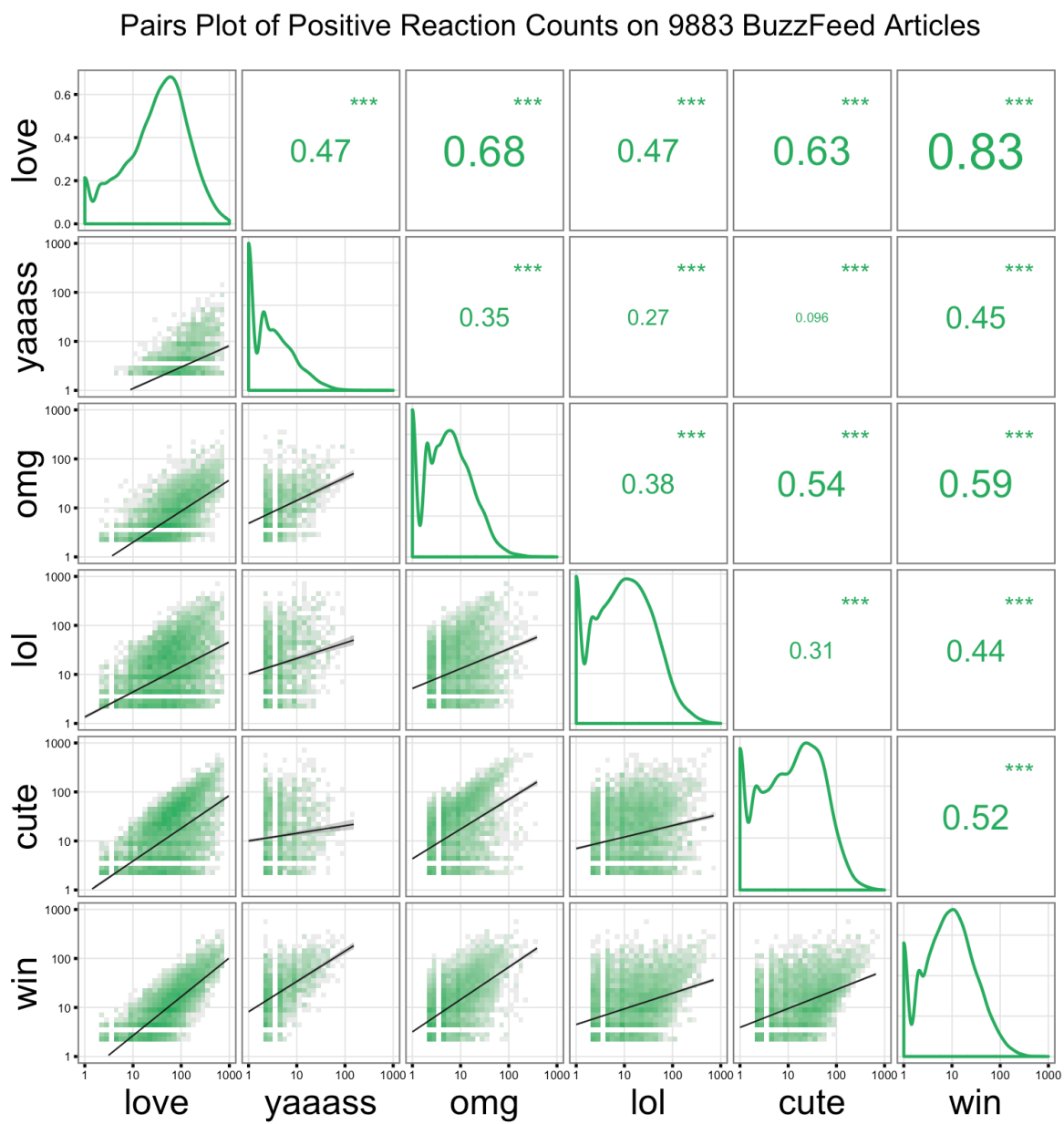


Figure 1:

Pairs Plot of Love + Negative Reaction Counts on 9883 BuzzFeed Articles

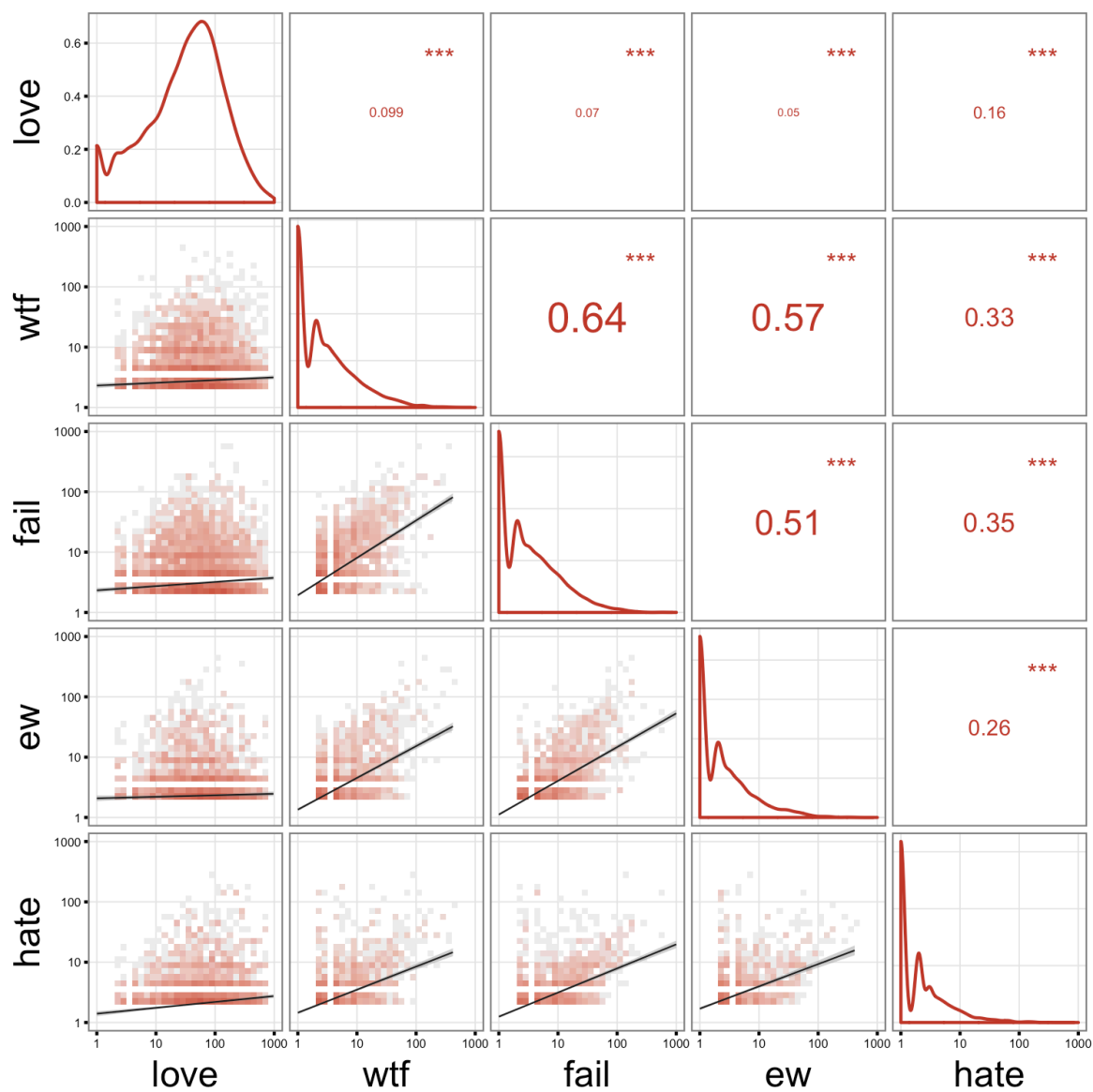


Figure 2:

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