

Assignment-based Subjective Questions

1. From your analysis of the categorical variables from the dataset, what could you infer about their effect on the dependent variable? (3 marks)

Ans: My analysis on categorical columns is done using boxplot and bar plot.

The following points can be inferred:

- Clear weather attracted more bookings.
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday had a greater number of bookings when compared to the starting of the week.
- On a working day or non-working day, the bookings seemed to be almost equal.
- When there is a holiday, the demand is decreased.
- 2019 attracted a greater number of bookings when compared to the previous year.
- Most of the bookings has been done in the months of May, June, July, August, September and October. The trend increased at the starting of the year till mid and then it started decreasing at the end of the year.
- In each season the booking count has increased drastically from 2018 to 2019. Fall season showed more bookings.

2. Why is it important to use drop_first=True during dummy variable creation? (2 mark)

Ans: It's important to use drop_first=True as it helps in reducing the extra column created during dummy variables creation. So, it reduces the correlations created among dummy variables.

Syntax: drop_first: bool, the default is False.

This implies whether to get k-1 dummies out of k categorical levels by removing the first level.

3. Looking at the pair-plot among the numerical variables, which one has the highest correlation with the target variable? (1 mark)

Ans: The variable 'temp' has the highest correlation with the target variable.

4. How did you validate the assumptions of Linear Regression after building the model on the training set? (3 marks)

Ans: My validation on the Linear Regression is based on the following 5 assumptions:

- Normality of error terms
 - Error terms should be normally distributed.
- Multicollinearity check
 - There should be insignificant multicollinearity among variables.
- Linear relationship validation
 - Linearity should be visible among variables.
- Homoscedasticity
 - No visible pattern in residual values.
- Independence of residuals
 - No autocorrelation.

5. Based on the final model, which are the top 3 features contributing significantly towards explaining the demand of the shared bikes? (2 marks)

Ans: The 3 features contributing significantly towards explaining the demand of the shared bikes are:

- I. Temperature (temp)
- II. Winter
- III. September (sep)

General Subjective Questions

1. Explain the linear regression algorithm in detail. (4 marks)

Ans: Linear regression may be defined as the statistical model that analyses the linear relationship between a dependent variable with given set of independent variables.

Linear relationship between variables means that when the value of one or more independent variables will change (increase or decrease), the value of dependent variable will also change accordingly (increase or decrease).

Mathematically the relationship can be represented with the help of following equation :

$$Y = mX + c$$

Here, Y is the dependent variable we are trying to predict.

X is the independent variable we are using to make predictions.

m is the slope of the regression line which represents the effect X has on Y

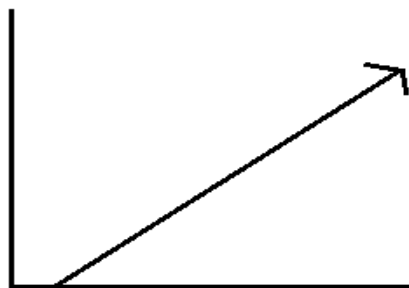
c is a constant, known as the Y-intercept.

If $X = 0$, Y would be equal to c.

The linear relationship can be positive or negative as explained below:

1. Positive Linear Relationship:

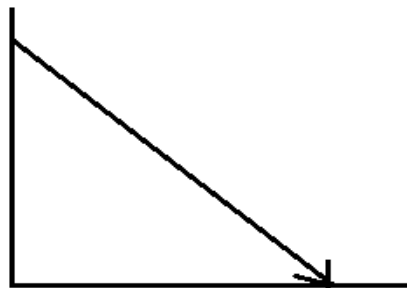
- A linear relationship will be called positive if both independent and dependent variable increases. It can be understood with the help of following graph.



Positive Linear Relationship

2. Negative Linear relationship:

- A linear relationship will be called negative if independent increases and dependent variable decreases. It can be understood with the help of following graph.



Negative Linear Relationship

The linear regression is of 2 types:

- ◆ Simple Linear Regression
- ◆ Multiple Linear Regression

The following are some of the assumptions about the datasets that are made by the Linear Regression model:

- Normality of error terms
 - Error terms should be normally distributed.
- Multicollinearity check
 - There should be insignificant multicollinearity among variables.
- Linear relationship validation
 - Linearity should be visible among response and feature variables.
- Homoscedasticity
 - No visible pattern in residual values.
- Independence of residuals
 - No autocorrelation.

2. Explain the Anscombe's quartet in detail.

Ans: Anscombe's Quartet was developed by statistician Francis Anscombe. It comprises four datasets, each containing eleven (x, y) pairs.

The essential thing to note about these datasets is that they share the same descriptive statistics.

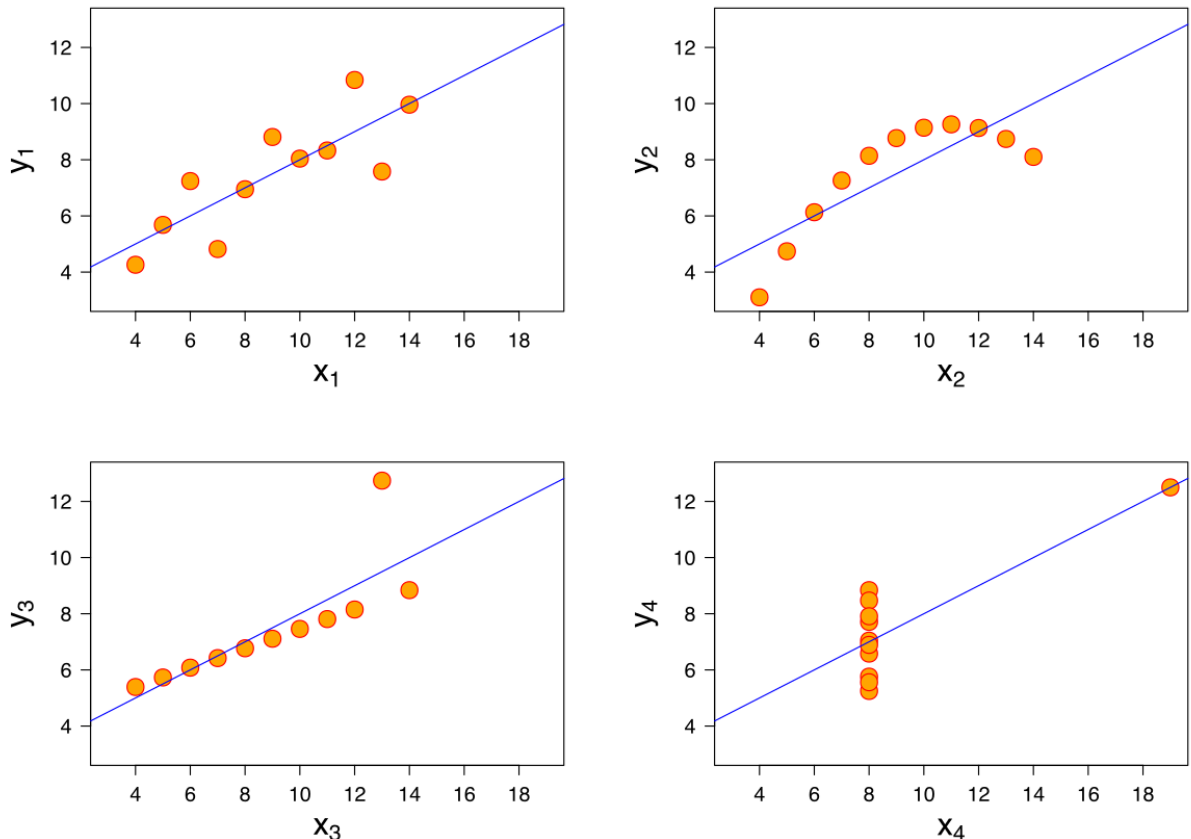
But things change completely, and I must emphasize COMPLETELY, when they are graphed. Each graph tells a different story irrespective of their similar summary statistics.

	I		II		III		IV	
	x	y	x	y	x	y	x	y
	10	8,04	10	9,14	10	7,46	8	6,58
	8	6,95	8	8,14	8	6,77	8	5,76
	13	7,58	13	8,74	13	12,74	8	7,71
	9	8,81	9	8,77	9	7,11	8	8,84
	11	8,33	11	9,26	11	7,81	8	8,47
	14	9,96	14	8,1	14	8,84	8	7,04
	6	7,24	6	6,13	6	6,08	8	5,25
	4	4,26	4	3,1	4	5,39	19	12,5
	12	10,84	12	9,13	12	8,15	8	5,56
	7	4,82	7	7,26	7	6,42	8	7,91
	5	5,68	5	4,74	5	5,73	8	6,89
SUM	99,00	82,51	99,00	82,51	99,00	82,50	99,00	82,51
AVG	9,00	7,50	9,00	7,50	9,00	7,50	9,00	7,50
STDEV	3,32	2,03	3,32	2,03	3,32	2,03	3,32	2,03

The summary statistics show that the means and the variances were identical for x and y across the groups:

- Mean of x is 9 and mean of y is 7.50 for each dataset.
- Similarly, the variance of x is 11 and variance of y is 4.13 for each dataset.
- The correlation coefficient (how strong a relationship is between two variables) between x and y is 0.816 for each dataset.

When we plot these four datasets on an x/y coordinate plane, we can observe that they show the same regression lines as well, but each dataset is telling a different story:



The observations are as follows:

- ◆ Dataset I appear to have clean and well-fitting linear models.
- ◆ Dataset II is not distributed normally.

- ◆ In Dataset III the distribution is linear, but the calculated regression is thrown off by an outlier.
- ◆ Dataset IV shows that one outlier is enough to produce a high correlation coefficient.

This quartet emphasizes the importance of visualization in Data Analysis. Looking at the data reveals a lot of the structure and a clear picture of the dataset.

3. What is Pearson's R? (3 marks)

Ans: Pearson's r is a numerical summary of the strength of the linear association between the variables.

If the variables tend to go up and down together, the correlation coefficient will be positive.

If the variables tend to go up and down in opposition with low values of one variable associated with high values of the other, the correlation coefficient will be negative.

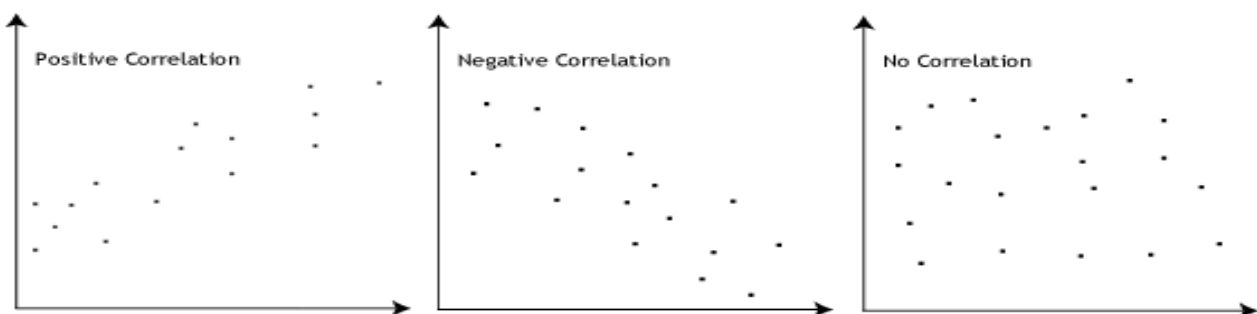
The Pearson correlation coefficient, r , can take a range of values from +1 to -1.

A value of 0 indicates that there is no association between the two variables.

A value greater than 0 indicates a positive association; that is, as the value of one variable increases, so does the value of the other variable.

A value less than 0 indicates a negative association; that is, as the value of one variable increases, the value of the other variable decreases.

This is shown in the diagram below:



4. What is scaling? Why is scaling performed? What is the difference between normalized scaling and standardized scaling? (3 marks)

Ans: Feature Scaling is a technique to standardize the independent features present in the data in a fixed range.

It is performed during the data pre-processing to handle highly varying magnitudes or values or units.

If feature scaling is not done, then a machine learning algorithm tends to weigh greater values, higher and consider smaller values as the lower values, regardless of the unit of the values.

Example: If an algorithm is not using feature scaling method, then it can consider the value 3000 meter to be greater than 5 km but that's actually not true and, in this case, the algorithm will give wrong predictions.

So, we use Feature Scaling to bring all values to same magnitudes and thus, tackle this issue.

S.NO	Normalized Scaling	Standardized Scaling
1.	Minimum and maximum features are used for scaling.	Mean and Standard Deviation are used for scaling.
2.	Scales values between [0,1] or [-1,1]	It is not bounded to a certain range.
3.	It is used when features are of different scales.	It is used when we want to ensure zero mean and unit standard deviation.
4.	It is very much affected by outliers.	It is least affected by outliers.
5.	Scikit-Learn provides a transformer called MinMaxScaler for Normalization.	Scikit-Learn provides a transformer called StandardScaler for standardization.

5. You might have observed that sometimes the value of VIF is infinite. Why does this happen? (3 marks)

Ans: If there is perfect correlation, then $VIF = \infty$. A large value of VIF indicates that there is a correlation between the variables.

If the VIF is 4, this means that the variance of the model coefficient is inflated by a factor of 4 due to the presence of multicollinearity.

When the value of VIF is infinite, it shows a perfect correlation between two independent variables. In the case of perfect correlation,

we get $R^2 = 1$, which leads to $1/(1-R^2) = \infty$.

To solve this, we need to drop one of the variables from the dataset which is causing this perfect multicollinearity.

6. What is a Q-Q plot? Explain the use and importance of a Q-Q plot in linear regression. (3 marks)

Ans: The quantile-quantile (q-q) plot is a graphical technique for determining if two data sets come from populations with a common distribution.

Use of Q-Q plot:

A q-q plot is a plot of the quantiles of the first data set against the quantiles of the second dataset. By a quantile, we mean the fraction (or percent) of points below the given value. That is, the 0.3 (or 30%) quantile is the point at which 30% percent of the data fall below and 70% fall above that value. A 45-degree reference line is also plotted. If the two sets come from a population with the same distribution, the points should fall approximately along this reference line. The greater the departure from this reference line, the greater the evidence for the conclusion that the two data sets have come from populations with different distributions.

Importance of Q-Q plot: When there are two data samples, it is often desirable to know if the assumption of a common distribution is justified.

If so, then location and scale estimators can pool both data sets to obtain estimates of the common location and scale. If two samples do differ, it is also useful to gain some understanding of the differences. The q-q plot can provide more insight into the nature of the difference than analytical methods such as the chi-square and Kolmogorov-Smirnov 2-sample tests.