Government of Ontario, School Board Achievements and Progress

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Load packages

```
# Load package pastecs
if(!require(pastecs)){install.packages("pastecs")}
## Loading required package: pastecs
library("pastecs")
```

Read Data and print Data

```
# Read data set
data <- read.csv("Ontario School Board Performance.txt", header=TRUE)</pre>
# Convert data frame
data <- as.data.frame(data )</pre>
# printing head
head(data )
##
       Code
                                      Name Language
                                                               Type
                                                                           Region
                                            English
## 1 B28010
                               Algoma DSB
                                                             Public North Region
## 2 B67202 Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB
                                            English Roman Catholic East Region
## 3 B66010
                        Avon Maitland DSB
                                            English
                                                             Public
                                                                     West Region
## 4 B66001
                            Bluewater DSB
                                            English
                                                             Public
                                                                      West Region
## 5 B67164 Brant Haldimand Norfolk CDSB
                                            English Roman Catholic
                                                                      West Region
## 6 B67008
                          Bruce-Grey CDSB
                                            English Roman Catholic
                                                                      West Region
##
                 City G6 EQAO G6 EQAO S G6 EQAO P G10 OSSLT G10 Credit Acc
                                    0.32
## 1 Sault Ste Marie
                         0.78
                                                NA
                                                         0.72
                                                                         0.69
                                    0.32
                                                NA
## 2
             Napanee
                         0.78
                                                         0.86
                                                                         0.84
## 3
            Seaforth
                                    0.52
                                                NA
                         0.84
                                                         0.81
                                                                         0.81
## 4
             Chesley
                         0.76
                                                NA
                                                         0.75
                                    0.26
                                                                         0.67
## 5
           Brantford
                         0.85
                                    0.55
                                                NA
                                                         0.85
                                                                         0.73
## 6
             Hanover
                         0.80
                                    0.39
                                                NA
                                                         0.82
                                                                         0.82
##
     G10 Credit Acc P G11 Credit Acc G11 Credit Acc P Y4 Grd Rt Y4 Grd Rt P
## 1
                 -0.02
                                  0.71
                                                   -0.08
                                                             0.719
                                                                          0.002
## 2
                  0.00
                                  0.87
                                                   -0.03
                                                             0.895
                                                                          0.015
## 3
                  0.03
                                  0.78
                                                             0.802
                                                                         -0.008
                                                   -0.01
## 4
                 -0.01
                                  0.71
                                                   -0.01
                                                             0.715
                                                                          0.004
                 -0.08
## 5
                                  0.81
                                                   -0.01
                                                             0.818
                                                                          0.021
## 6
                  0.01
                                  0.85
                                                   0.05
                                                             0.874
                                                                          0.006
```

```
## Y5 Grd Rt Y5 Grd Rt P Enrollment Funding
       0.768
                 -0.026
## 1
                           10690 175553485
       0.909
                           11995 181577452
## 2
                 -0.016
                           15530 277403512
## 3
       0.838
                 -0.022
## 4
       0.815
                 -0.007
                           18300 277562637
                  0.046
## 5
       0.901
                           11775 157646981
## 6
       0.927
                   0.04
                          4850 100621374
```

Data Transformation and Preparation

Initial Transformation

Transform variables as appropriate (e.g. selected character to factor, numeric if needed, etc.)

```
str(data )
## 'data.frame':
                  72 obs. of 20 variables:
                     : chr "B28010" "B67202" "B66010" "B66001" ...
## $ Code
## $ Name
                    : chr "Algoma DSB" "Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB"
"Avon Maitland DSB" "Bluewater DSB" ...
## $ Language : chr "English" "English" "English" "English" ...
                   : chr "Public" "Roman Catholic" "Public" "Public"
## $ Type
## $ Region
                          "North Region" "East Region" "West Region" "West
                 : chr
Region" ...
                   : chr "Sault Ste Marie" "Napanee" "Seaforth" "Chesley"
## $ City
## $ G6_EQAO : num 0.78 0.78 0.84 0.76 0.85 0.8 0.85 0.97 0.97 0.98
## $ G6_EQAO_S : num 0.32 0.32 0.52 0.26 0.55 0.39 0.55 0.94 0.94
0.97 ...
## $ G6 EQAO P
                  : logi NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ G10_OSSLT : num 0.72 0.86 0.81 0.75 0.85 0.82 0.84 0.93 0.85
0.95 ...
## $ G10_Credit_Acc : num 0.69 0.84 0.81 0.67 0.73 0.82 0.8 0.78 0.91 0.87
## $ G10 Credit Acc P: num -0.02 0 0.03 -0.01 -0.08 0.01 -0.09 -0.01 -0.04
0.02 ...
## $ G11 Credit Acc : num 0.71 0.87 0.78 0.71 0.81 0.85 0.84 0.84 0.92
0.91 ...
## $ G11_Credit_Acc_P: num -0.08 -0.03 -0.01 -0.01 -0.01 0.05 -0.06 -0.06 -
0.05 -0.02 ...
## $ Y4 Grd Rt : num 0.719 0.895 0.802 0.715 0.818 0.874 0.861 0.895
0.963 0.922 ...
                   : num 0.002 0.015 -0.008 0.004 0.021 0.006 -0.021 -
## $ Y4 Grd Rt P
0.021 0.003 -0.017 ...
## $ Y5_Grd_Rt
                   : chr "0.768" "0.909" "0.838" "0.815" ...
## $ Y5 Grd Rt P
                   : chr "-0.026" "-0.016" "-0.022" "-0.007" ...
## $ Enrollment : int 10690 11995 15530 18300 11775 4850 13715 17630
```

```
9270 16095 ...
## $ Funding : num 175553485 181577452 277403512 277562637
157646981 ...
```

From the structure, it is clear that, we have 72 observations and 20 variables. Among the 20 variables, 8 variables are character type and one column is logical type.

Let's keep the following columns as character type itself:

- Code
- Name
- City

Change the following character types to factor types:

- Language
- Type
- Region

Change the following type from character to numeric type:

- Y5_Grd_Rt
- Y5 Grd Rt P

```
# Character to factor conversion
data $Language <- as.factor(data $Language )
data $Type <- as.factor(data $Type )
data $Region <- as.factor(data $Region )

# Character to numeric conversion
suppressWarnings(data $Y5_Grd_Rt <- as.numeric(data $Y5_Grd_Rt ))
suppressWarnings(data $Y5_Grd_Rt_P <- as.numeric(data $Y5_Grd_Rt_P ))</pre>
```

After conversion, let's review the structure of the data frame,

```
2 5 4 ...
                    : chr "Sault Ste Marie" "Napanee" "Seaforth" "Chesley"
## $ City
                            0.78 0.78 0.84 0.76 0.85 0.8 0.85 0.97 0.97 0.98
## $ G6 EQAO
                     : num
                     : num 0.32 0.32 0.52 0.26 0.55 0.39 0.55 0.94 0.94
## $ G6_EQAO_S
0.97 ...
## $ G6 EQAO P
                     : logi NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
                     : num 0.72 0.86 0.81 0.75 0.85 0.82 0.84 0.93 0.85
## $ G10_OSSLT
0.95 ...
## $ G10_Credit_Acc : num 0.69 0.84 0.81 0.67 0.73 0.82 0.8 0.78 0.91 0.87
## $ G10 Credit Acc P: num -0.02 0 0.03 -0.01 -0.08 0.01 -0.09 -0.01 -0.04
0.02 ...
## $ G11_Credit_Acc : num 0.71 0.87 0.78 0.71 0.81 0.85 0.84 0.84 0.92
0.91 ...
## $ G11_Credit_Acc_P: num -0.08 -0.03 -0.01 -0.01 -0.01 0.05 -0.06 -0.06 -
0.05 -0.02 ...
                     : num 0.719 0.895 0.802 0.715 0.818 0.874 0.861 0.895
## $ Y4 Grd Rt
0.963 0.922 ...
                     : num 0.002 0.015 -0.008 0.004 0.021 0.006 -0.021 -
## $ Y4 Grd Rt P
0.021 0.003 -0.017 ...
## $ Y5 Grd Rt
                     : num 0.768 0.909 0.838 0.815 0.901 0.927 0.917 0.91
0.958 0.949 ...
                    : num -0.026 -0.016 -0.022 -0.007 0.046 0.04 0.003 -
## $ Y5 Grd Rt P
0.013 -0.021 -0.009 ...
                     : int 10690 11995 15530 18300 11775 4850 13715 17630
## $ Enrollment
9270 16095 ...
## $ Funding
                     : num 175553485 181577452 277403512 277562637
157646981 ...
```

Delete any rows of the dataframe containing more than 1 NA value.

```
# printing rows with more than one 'NA' values
data [rowSums(is.na(data )) > 1, ]
##
        Code
                            Name Language
                                                                 Region
                                                     Type
City
## 45 B29041
                  Northwest CDSB English Roman Catholic North Region Fort
Frances
## 58 B29076 Superior North CDSB English Roman Catholic North Region
Terrace Bay
      G6 EQAO G6 EQAO S G6 EQAO P G10 OSSLT G10 Credit Acc G10 Credit Acc P
##
## 45
         0.83
                   0.48
                               NA
                                          NA
                                                         NA
                                                                           NA
## 58
         0.68
                   0.00
                               NA
                                          NA
                                                         NA
                                                                           NA
      G11_Credit_Acc G11_Credit_Acc_P Y4_Grd_Rt Y4_Grd_Rt_P Y5_Grd_Rt
Y5 Grd Rt P
## 45
                  NA
                                    NA
                                              NA
                                                          NA
                                                                     NA
NA
```

```
## 58 NA NA NA NA NA NA
NA
H# Enrollment Funding
## 45 1235 32762757
## 58 665 9379539
```

The rows 45 and 58 have more than one NA values. Let's delete those rows.

```
# remove rows with more than one 'NA' values
data_cleaned <- data [rowSums(is.na(data)) <= 1, ]

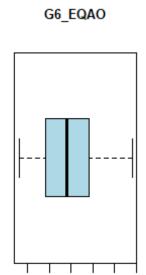
# check dimension after removal
dim(data_cleaned)

## [1] 70 20</pre>
```

After deletion, we have 70 rows and 20 columns in the data frame.

Outliers Removal

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
for (i in 1:ncol(data_cleaned ))
{
   if(is.numeric(data_cleaned [,i]))
   {
     boxplot(data_cleaned [i],
     main = names(data_cleaned )[i],
     horizontal = TRUE,col = "lightblue",
     pch = 2, cex.main=0.8, cex.lab=0.8, cex.axis = 0.6)
   }
}
```

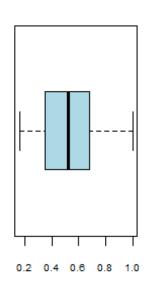


0.85

G10_OSSLT

0.95

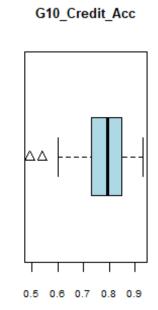
0.75



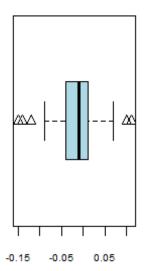
G6_EQAO_S

0.6 0.7 0.8

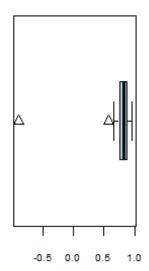
0.9



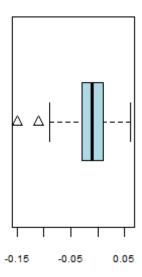
G10_Credit_Acc_P



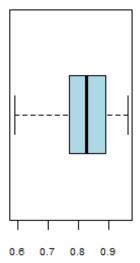
G11_Credit_Acc



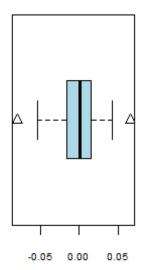
G11_Credit_Acc_P



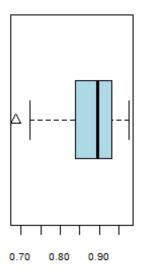
Y4_Grd_Rt



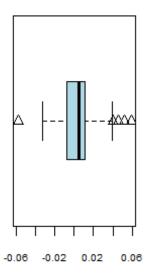
Y4_Grd_Rt_P



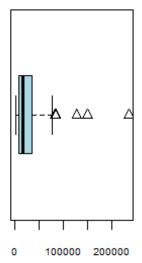
Y5_Grd_Rt



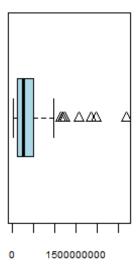
Y5_Grd_Rt_P



Enrollment



Funding



From Box plots, it is clear that,

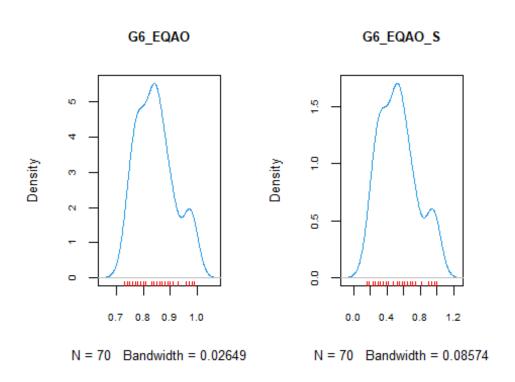
- The box plots for G6_EQAO , G6_EQAO_S , and Y4_Grd_Rt do not contain any outliers.
- All other box plots show the presence of outliers.
- Most outliers, except one in G11_Credit_Acc, can be retained as they are not significantly far from the lower or upper boundaries and could represent valid data points.
- The outlier in G11_Credit_Acc is far from the whiskers, indicating a possible data issue, as it represents negative credit accumulation which is not possible.

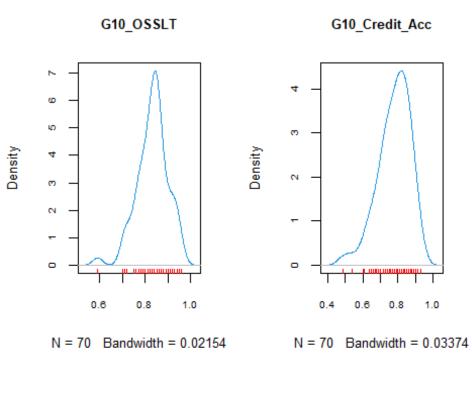
Credit accumulation can't be negative, but progress in credit accumulation can be negative if a student fails, withdraws, or earns fewer credits than expected. Thus, negative outlier in column named G11_Credit_Acc must be handled properly.

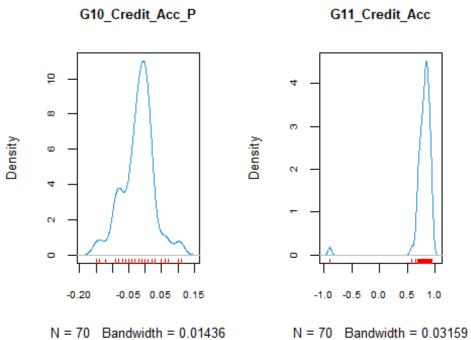
Let's also look at the density plots, to look at anomalous values if any.

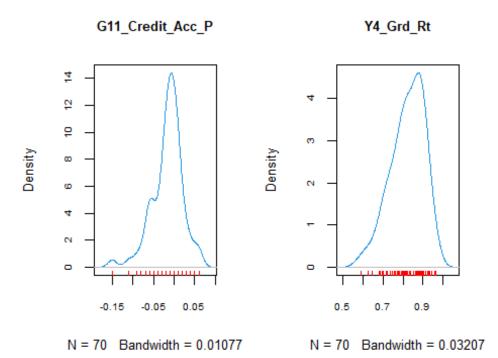
```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
for (i in 1:ncol(data_cleaned ))
{
   if(is.numeric(data_cleaned [,i]))
   {
     plot(density(data_cleaned [[i]], na.rm = TRUE),
```

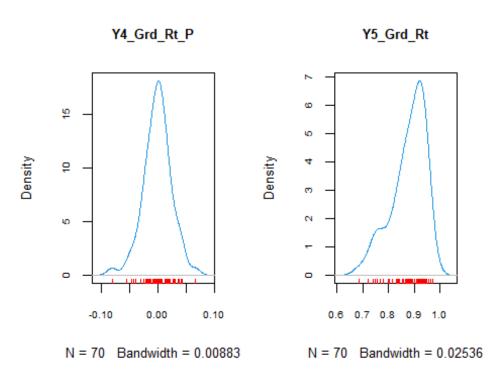
```
main = names(data_cleaned )[i],
    pch = 10, cex.main=0.8, cex.lab=0.8, cex.axis = 0.6,col = 12)
    rug(data_cleaned [[i]], col = "red")
}
```

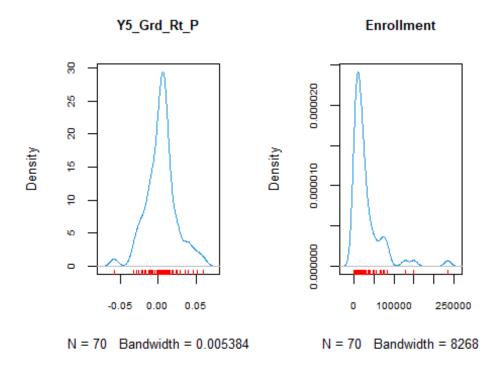






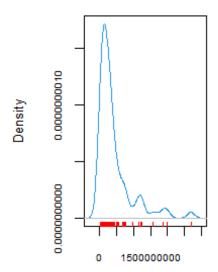






par(mfrow = c(1,1))

Funding



N = 70 Bandwidth = 1.107e+08

Analysis of Outliers in Student Credit Related Columns

By evaluating the above box plots and density plots, all the outliers are acceptable, except column named "G11_Credit_Acc". Based on the Box Plot and Density Plot of G11_Credit_Acc, it is evident that G11_Credit_Acc contains an outlier with a value below zero. Since credit accumulation cannot logically be negative, this value is likely a data entry error. To prevent this error from affecting the analysis, I am removing the row with the min value.

```
# Remove rows where G11_Credit_Acc is equal to its minimum value
data_cleaned <- data_cleaned[data_cleaned$G11_Credit_Acc !=
min(data_cleaned$G11_Credit_Acc, na.rm = TRUE), ]</pre>
```

Analysis of Outliers in Enrollment and Funding Columns

Let's check the outliers in Enrollment and Funding columns where the density plots are right skewed. Even though there are outliers in the data, I do not believe they are errors.

According to my observation, certain school types with record-high enrollments have received higher funding from the province. Also, funding allocations vary by region.

From the news article, (Link: w.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-area-school-boards-get-more-than-260m-to-build-6-new-schools-1.7443833) London-area school boards get more than \$260M to build 6 new schools. Thus more than 260 Million Funding can not be considered as an anomaly in data. It represents actual value. In the NEWS article, they mentioned, due to record-high enrollment, they requested more funds from province to build 6 new schools. So I am keeping this outlier as it is.

The below aggregations is an evidence of my reason to keep outliers as it is.

```
top 3 funding <- data cleaned [order(-data cleaned $Funding ), ][1:3, ]
print(top_3_funding )
##
        Code
                        Name Language
                                        Type
                                                      Region
                                                                    City
G6 EQAO
## 63 B66052
                 Toronto DSB English Public Toronto Region
                                                                 Toronto
0.83
## 72 B66095 York Region DSB
                              English Public Central Region
                                                                  Aurora
0.88
                    Peel DSB English Public Central Region Mississauga
## 48 B66125
0.83
##
      G6_EQAO_S G6_EQAO_P G10_OSSLT G10_Credit_Acc G10_Credit_Acc_P
G11 Credit Acc
## 63
           0.48
                       NA
                               0.85
                                              0.78
                                                                0.01
0.81
## 72
           0.65
                       NA
                               0.93
                                              0.87
                                                                0.00
0.90
                               0.85
                                              0.80
## 48
           0.48
                       NA
                                                                0.00
0.83
      G11 Credit Acc P Y4 Grd Rt Y4 Grd Rt P Y5 Grd Rt Y5 Grd Rt P Enrollment
##
```

```
## 63
                  0.01
                           0.809
                                        0.012
                                                  0.868
                                                               0.009
                                                                         235340
                           0.903
## 72
                  0.00
                                        0.002
                                                  0.945
                                                              -0.002
                                                                         127935
## 48
                 -0.01
                           0.870
                                       -0.008
                                                  0.921
                                                               0.006
                                                                         150405
##
         Funding
## 63 2695540462
## 72 1986451818
## 48 1858123930
top_3_enrollment <- data_cleaned [order(-data_cleaned $Enrollment ), ][1:3,</pre>
print(top 3 enrollment )
        Code
                                                      Region
##
                        Name Language
                                         Type
                                                                     City
G6_EQA0
                 Toronto DSB English Public Toronto Region
## 63 B66052
                                                                  Toronto
0.83
## 48 B66125
                    Peel DSB
                              English Public Central Region Mississauga
0.83
## 72 B66095 York Region DSB English Public Central Region
                                                                   Aurora
0.88
##
      G6 EQAO S G6 EQAO P G10 OSSLT G10 Credit Acc G10 Credit Acc P
G11_Credit_Acc
## 63
           0.48
                       NA
                                0.85
                                               0.78
                                                                 0.01
0.81
## 48
           0.48
                       NA
                                0.85
                                               0.80
                                                                 0.00
0.83
## 72
                       NA
                                0.93
                                               0.87
           0.65
                                                                 0.00
0.90
      G11_Credit_Acc_P Y4_Grd_Rt Y4_Grd_Rt_P Y5_Grd_Rt Y5_Grd_Rt_P Enrollment
##
## 63
                           0.809
                                                  0.868
                  0.01
                                        0.012
                                                               0.009
                                                                         235340
## 48
                 -0.01
                           0.870
                                       -0.008
                                                  0.921
                                                               0.006
                                                                         150405
## 72
                  0.00
                           0.903
                                        0.002
                                                  0.945
                                                              -0.002
                                                                         127935
##
         Funding
## 63 2695540462
## 48 1858123930
## 72 1986451818
```

Note: Top 3 enrollments and top 3 funding school boards are same indicating more funding as they have more enrollments. Lets check region based enrollments,

```
# Compute and sort average funding by Region
avg_funding_by_region <- aggregate(Funding ~ Region , data = data_cleaned ,</pre>
FUN = mean, na.rm = TRUE)
print(avg_funding_by_region )
             Region
                       Funding
## 1 Central Region
                     998329879
## 2
        East Region 326404901
## 3
       North Region
                      81267047
## 4 Toronto Region 1050225287
## 5
        West Region 420222240
```

```
# Compute and sort average enrollment by Region
avg_erollment_by_region <- aggregate(Enrollment ~ Region , data =
data_cleaned , FUN = mean, na.rm = TRUE)
print(avg_erollment_by_region )

## Region Enrollment
## 1 Central Region 66745.000
## 2 East Region 26887.812
## 3 North Region 5426.842
## 4 Toronto Region 87211.250
## 5 West Region 27034.048</pre>
```

Note: Enrollments and Funding based on region is also a valid information. Region with higher enrollments received more provincial funds.

```
# Compute average funding by Type in descending order
avg_funding_by_type <- aggregate(Funding ~ Type , data = data_cleaned , FUN</pre>
= mean, na.rm = TRUE)
# Display result
print(avg_funding_by_type )
##
               Type
                      Funding
## 1
             Public 576982760
## 2 Roman Catholic 252432142
# Compute average enrollment by Type in descending order
avg_enrollment_by_type <- aggregate(Enrollment ~ Type , data = data_cleaned</pre>
, FUN = mean, na.rm = TRUE)
# Display result
print(avg_enrollment_by_type )
##
               Type Enrollment
## 1
             Public 40284.00
## 2 Roman Catholic
                      18842.35
```

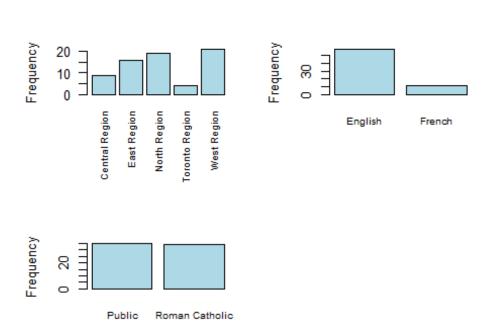
Public school boards have higher enrollments and received more funding. Based on all these analysis, I am keeping those outliers believing that they are not anomalies in data and I am keeping those values.

However, if we need to compute the average school funding at the provincial level, these high funding values can skew the mean upwards. In such cases, it is better to remove outliers to obtain a more balanced estimate of the funding per school board. Since my main goal is on analyzing credit accumulation across the province, I have decided to retain these outliers in the data set.

Check for any outliers in categorical Columns

```
# plot box plots of categorical values
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
barplot(table(data_cleaned $Region ),col = "lightblue", cex.names=.75,
ylab="Frequency",las=2)
```

```
barplot(table(data_cleaned $Language ),col = "lightblue", cex.names=.75,
ylab="Frequency")
barplot(table(data_cleaned $Type ),col = "lightblue", cex.names=.75,
ylab="Frequency")
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
```



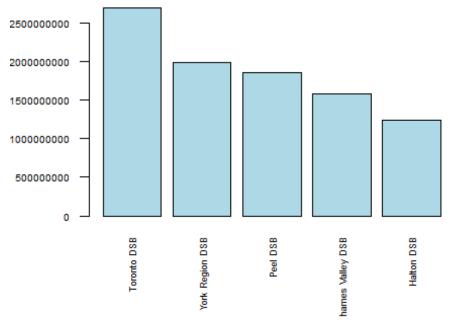
No Outliers in categorical columns.

Data Visualisations

```
# Select top 5 school boards by funding
top_5_funding <- data_cleaned[order(-data_cleaned$Funding), ][1:5, ]

# Create bar plot
barplot(
  top_5_funding$Funding,
   names.arg = top_5_funding$Name,
   main = "Top 5 School Boards by Funding",
   xlab = "",
   ylab = "",
   col = "lightblue",
   las = 2,
   cex.names=.55,cex.lab=0.8, cex.axis = 0.6
)</pre>
```

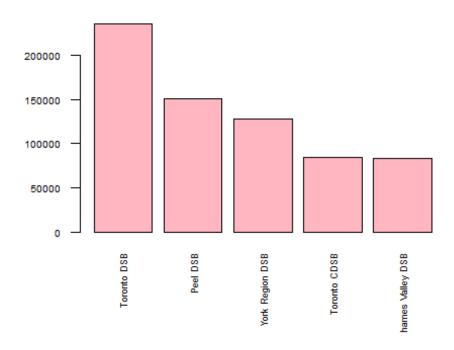
Top 5 School Boards by Funding



```
# Select top 5 school boards by Enrollment
top_5_Enrollment <- data_cleaned[order(-data_cleaned$Enrollment), ][1:5, ]

# Create bar plot
barplot(
  top_5_Enrollment$Enrollment,
   names.arg = top_5_Enrollment$Name,
  main = "Top 5 School Boards by Enrollment",
   xlab = "",
  ylab = "",
  col = "lightpink",
  las = 2,
  cex.names=.55,cex.lab=0.8, cex.axis = 0.6
)</pre>
```

Top 5 School Boards by Enrollment



Reduce Dimensionality

Drop any variables that do not contribute any useful analytical information at all.

```
colnames(data_cleaned )
##
    [1] "Code"
                            "Name"
                                                "Language"
                                                                   "Type"
   [5] "Region"
                            "City"
                                                "G6 EQAO"
                                                                   "G6_EQA0_S"
## [9] "G6_EQAO_P"
                            "G10_OSSLT"
                                                "G10_Credit_Acc"
"G10_Credit_Acc_P"
## [13] "G11_Credit_Acc"
                            "G11_Credit_Acc_P" "Y4_Grd_Rt"
"Y4 Grd Rt P"
## [17] "Y5_Grd_Rt"
                            "Y5 Grd Rt P"
                                                "Enrollment"
                                                                   "Funding"
```

Columns 'Code' is not useful for analytical purposes, so I am dropping that column.

```
# save a copy of data frame to compare time at th end
data_before_reduction <- data_cleaned

# remove col 1,2,6
data_cleaned <- data_cleaned [-c(1)]
summary(data_cleaned )</pre>
```

```
##
                                                                      Region
        Name
                           Language
                                                  Type
##
                                     Public
                                                    :35
                                                          Central Region: 9
    Length:69
                        English:58
##
    Class :character
                        French :11
                                     Roman Catholic:34
                                                          East Region
                                                                         :16
##
    Mode :character
                                                          North Region
                                                                         :19
##
                                                          Toronto Region: 4
##
                                                          West Region
                                                                         :21
##
##
        City
                           G6 EQAO
                                            G6_EQAO_S
                                                           G6 EQAO P
##
    Length:69
                                                           Mode:logical
                               :0.7300
                                                 :0.1600
##
    Class :character
                        1st Qu.:0.7900
                                          1st Qu.:0.3500
                                                           NA's:69
##
    Mode :character
                        Median :0.8400
                                          Median :0.5200
##
                        Mean
                               :0.8439
                                          Mean
                                                 :0.5297
##
                        3rd Qu.:0.8800
                                          3rd Qu.:0.6500
##
                        Max.
                               :0.9900
                                          Max.
                                                 :1.0000
##
                                       G10_Credit_Acc_P
                                                           G11_Credit_Acc
      G10_OSSLT
                      G10_Credit_Acc
##
    Min.
           :0.5900
                             :0.4900
                                               :-0.15000
                                                           Min.
                                                                   :0.5800
                                       Min.
##
    1st Qu.:0.7900
                      1st Qu.:0.7300
                                       1st Qu.:-0.04000
                                                           1st Qu.:0.7600
##
    Median :0.8400
                                                           Median :0.8300
                      Median :0.8000
                                       Median :-0.01000
##
    Mean
           :0.8303
                      Mean
                             :0.7788
                                       Mean
                                               :-0.02014
                                                           Mean
                                                                   :0.8132
##
    3rd Qu.:0.8600
                      3rd Qu.:0.8500
                                       3rd Qu.: 0.01000
                                                           3rd Qu.:0.8700
##
   Max.
                             :0.9300
           :0.9600
                      Max.
                                       Max.
                                               : 0.11000
                                                           Max.
                                                                   :0.9500
##
    G11_Credit_Acc_P
                          Y4_Grd_Rt
                                          Y4_Grd_Rt_P
                                                                  Y5_Grd_Rt
##
    Min.
           :-0.15000
                        Min.
                               :0.5880
                                          Min.
                                                 :-0.0810000
                                                                Min.
                                                                       :0.6860
##
    1st Qu.:-0.03000
                        1st Qu.:0.7700
                                          1st Qu.:-0.0150000
                                                                1st Qu.:0.8380
    Median :-0.01000
                        Median :0.8230
                                          Median : 0.0020000
                                                                Median :0.8940
##
    Mean
           :-0.01609
                        Mean
                               :0.8219
                                                 :-0.0001739
                                                                Mean
                                                                       :0.8777
##
    3rd Qu.: 0.01000
                        3rd Qu.:0.8920
                                          3rd Qu.: 0.0150000
                                                                3rd Qu.:0.9280
##
    Max.
           : 0.06000
                        Max.
                               :0.9630
                                          Max.
                                                 : 0.0660000
                                                                Max.
                                                                       :0.9740
##
     Y5 Grd Rt P
                           Enrollment
                                              Funding
##
    Min.
           :-0.058000
                         Min.
                                :
                                   1275
                                          Min.
                                                  : 11395689
##
    1st Qu.:-0.008000
                         1st Qu.: 7205
                                           1st Qu.: 107295602
##
    Median : 0.005000
                         Median : 16095
                                          Median : 256366925
##
    Mean
           : 0.003971
                         Mean
                                : 29719
                                           Mean
                                                  : 417059267
##
    3rd Qu.: 0.011000
                         3rd Qu.: 35880
                                           3rd Qu.: 507779211
##
    Max. : 0.059000
                         Max. :235340
                                           Max.
                                                 :2695540462
```

Apply the Missing Value Filter to remove appropriate columns of data.

Look at column, G6_EQAO_P

As all values are NA, I am dropping this column.

```
# remove col 8
data_cleaned <- data_cleaned [-c(8)]</pre>
summary(data_cleaned )
##
                                                                      Region
        Name
                           Language
                                                   Type
##
    Length:69
                        English:58
                                      Public
                                                     :35
                                                           Central Region: 9
##
    Class :character
                        French:11
                                      Roman Catholic:34
                                                           East Region
                                                                          :16
##
   Mode :character
                                                           North Region :19
                                                           Toronto Region: 4
##
```

```
##
                                                           West Region
                                                                         :21
##
##
        City
                           G6 EQAO
                                            G6_EQA0_S
                                                              G10_OSSLT
##
    Length:69
                        Min.
                               :0.7300
                                          Min.
                                                 :0.1600
                                                                   :0.5900
                                                            Min.
##
    Class :character
                        1st Qu.:0.7900
                                          1st Qu.:0.3500
                                                            1st Qu.:0.7900
##
    Mode :character
                        Median :0.8400
                                          Median :0.5200
                                                            Median :0.8400
##
                               :0.8439
                        Mean
                                          Mean
                                                 :0.5297
                                                            Mean
                                                                   :0.8303
##
                        3rd Qu.:0.8800
                                          3rd Qu.:0.6500
                                                            3rd Qu.:0.8600
##
                        Max.
                               :0.9900
                                                 :1.0000
                                                            Max.
                                                                   :0.9600
##
    G10 Credit Acc
                      G10 Credit Acc P
                                          G11 Credit Acc
                                                            G11 Credit Acc P
##
    Min.
           :0.4900
                      Min.
                             :-0.15000
                                          Min.
                                                 :0.5800
                                                            Min.
                                                                   :-0.15000
    1st Qu.:0.7300
##
                      1st Qu.:-0.04000
                                          1st Qu.:0.7600
                                                            1st Qu.:-0.03000
##
    Median :0.8000
                      Median :-0.01000
                                          Median :0.8300
                                                            Median :-0.01000
##
    Mean
           :0.7788
                      Mean
                             :-0.02014
                                          Mean
                                                 :0.8132
                                                            Mean
                                                                   :-0.01609
##
    3rd Qu.:0.8500
                      3rd Qu.: 0.01000
                                          3rd Qu.:0.8700
                                                            3rd Qu.: 0.01000
##
    Max.
           :0.9300
                      Max.
                             : 0.11000
                                                 :0.9500
                                                            Max.
                                                                   : 0.06000
                                          Max.
##
      Y4 Grd Rt
                      Y4 Grd Rt P
                                              Y5_Grd_Rt
                                                               Y5 Grd Rt P
##
   Min.
           :0.5880
                      Min.
                             :-0.0810000
                                            Min.
                                                   :0.6860
                                                              Min.
                                                                     :-0.058000
    1st Qu.:0.7700
                                            1st Qu.:0.8380
                                                              1st Qu.:-0.008000
##
                      1st Qu.:-0.0150000
##
    Median :0.8230
                      Median : 0.0020000
                                            Median :0.8940
                                                              Median : 0.005000
##
                             :-0.0001739
                                                                     : 0.003971
   Mean
           :0.8219
                      Mean
                                            Mean
                                                   :0.8777
                                                              Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:0.8920
                      3rd Qu.: 0.0150000
                                            3rd Qu.:0.9280
                                                              3rd Qu.: 0.011000
##
   Max.
           :0.9630
                      Max.
                             : 0.0660000
                                            Max.
                                                   :0.9740
                                                              Max.
                                                                     : 0.059000
##
      Enrollment
                         Funding
##
    Min.
           : 1275
                      Min.
                             :
                                11395689
##
    1st Qu.:
             7205
                      1st Qu.: 107295602
                      Median: 256366925
##
   Median : 16095
##
   Mean
           : 29719
                      Mean
                             : 417059267
##
    3rd Qu.: 35880
                      3rd Qu.: 507779211
##
   Max.
         :235340
                      Max. :2695540462
```

Apply the Low Variance Filter to remove appropriate columns of data.

Check for coefficient of variance value, to find low variance variables,

```
# Select only numeric columns
data_cleaned_numeric<- data_cleaned[,unlist(lapply(data_cleaned,</pre>
is.numeric))]
# Display statistics
round(stat.desc(data cleaned numeric),3)
##
                 G6_EQAO G6_EQAO_S G10_OSSLT G10_Credit_Acc G10_Credit_Acc_P
## nbr.val
                  69.000
                            69.000
                                       69.000
                                                       69.000
                                                                         69.000
## nbr.null
                   0.000
                             0.000
                                        0.000
                                                        0.000
                                                                          8.000
## nbr.na
                   0.000
                             0.000
                                        0.000
                                                        0.000
                                                                          0.000
## min
                   0.730
                                        0.590
                             0.160
                                                        0.490
                                                                          -0.150
## max
                   0.990
                             1.000
                                        0.960
                                                        0.930
                                                                          0.110
## range
                   0.260
                             0.840
                                        0.370
                                                        0.440
                                                                          0.260
## sum
                  58.230
                            36.550
                                       57.290
                                                       53.740
                                                                          -1.390
```

## median		0.520	0.840		0.800		0.010			
## mean	0.844	0.530	0.830		0.779	-	0.020			
## SE.mean	0.008	0.027	0.008		0.011		0.006			
## CI.mean.0.95	0.017	0.054	0.016		0.022		0.012			
## var	0.005	0.050	0.004		0.008		0.002			
## std.dev		0.224			0.091		0.048			
## coef.var		0.422			0.117	_	2.406			
##				c D			2.400			
	G11_Credit_Acc G11_Credit_Acc_P Y4_Grd_Rt Y4_Grd_Rt_P									
Y5_Grd_Rt	CO C	000	60 (000	CO 000	60,000				
## nbr.val	69.6	000	69.6	000	69.000	69.000				
69.000										
## nbr.null	0.0	900	9.0	000	0.000	1.000				
0.000										
## nbr.na	0.0	000	0.0	000	0.000	0.000				
0.000										
## min	0.5	80	-0.1	150	0.588	-0.081				
0.686										
## max	0.9	50	0.0	060	0.963	0.066				
0.974										
## range	0.3	170	a :	210	0.375	0.147				
0.288	0.5	,,,	0.2	210	0.575	0.147				
## sum	56.1	10	1 .	110	56.712	-0.012				
	20.1	.10	-1.	110	30.712	-0.012				
60.562	0.0		0	040	0.000	0 000				
## median	0.8	330	-0.0	010	0.823	0.002				
0.894										
## mean	0.8	313	-0.6	016	0.822	0.000				
0.878										
## SE.mean	0.0	10	0.0	004	0.010	0.003				
0.008										
## CI.mean.0.95	0.0	19	0.0	009	0.020	0.006				
0.016										
## var	0.0	06	0.0	001	0.007	0.001				
0.004										
## std.dev	0.0	180	0.0	037	0.084	0.024				
0.066	0.0	,00	•	00,	0.00	0.02				
## coef.var	0.0	100	-2.3	301	0.102	-139.444				
0.075	0.0		-2.	J U 4	0.102	-137.444				
	VE Cod D+ D	Enn	ollment		Eunding					
##	Y5_Grd_Rt_P			000	Funding					
## nbr.val	69.000		69.000 6							
## nbr.null	0.000		0.000 0							
## nbr.na	0.000		0.000 0							
## min	-0.058		275.000 1							
## max	0.059	235	340.000 2	.695	540e+09					
## range	0.117	234	065.000 2	.684	145e+09					
## sum	0.274	2050	580.000 2	.877	'709e+10					
## median	0.005	16	095.000 2	.563	669e+08					
## mean	0.004		718.551 4							
## SE.mean	0.002		656.061 6							
## CI.mean.0.95	0.005		291.026 1							
## var			597.869 2							
• • • •	0.000		JJ, . 00J Z	. 5-70						

```
## std.dev 0.020 38676.150 5.138978e+08
## coef.var 5.008 1.301 1.232000e+00
```

Lets look into selected columns with low coefficient of variation to check the variability in the data.

```
# Column G6 EQAO with CV=0.082
table(data cleaned$G6 EQAO)
## 0.73 0.74 0.75 0.76 0.77 0.78 0.79 0.8 0.81 0.83 0.84 0.85 0.86 0.87 0.88
0.89
             2
                  5
                         3
                              5
                                         4
                                              3
                                                  3
##
                                   3
                                                       9
                                                             7
2
## 0.9 0.91 0.93 0.96 0.97 0.98 0.99
##
     2
          3
               1
                     1
                         4
# Column G10 OSSLT with CV=0.081
table(data_cleaned$G10_OSSLT)
##
## 0.59 0.7 0.71 0.72 0.75 0.76 0.77 0.78 0.79 0.8 0.81 0.82 0.83 0.84 0.85
0.86
##
             1
                    3
                         2
                              1
                                    5
                                         1
                                             3
                                                  3
                                                        3
                                                             5
                                                                  3
                                                                       6
                                                                            9
     1
          1
5
## 0.87 0.88 0.89 0.9 0.91 0.92 0.93 0.94 0.95 0.96
##
     2
               1
                     2
                         2
                               1
                                   2
# Column Y5 Grd Rt with CV=0.075
table(data_cleaned$Y5_Grd_Rt)
##
## 0.686 0.722 0.741 0.749 0.75 0.755 0.768 0.769 0.78
                                                           0.8 0.805 0.815
0.833
##
            1
                  1
                        1
                              1
                                    1
                                          1
                                                 1
                                                      1
                                                             1
## 0.835 0.837 0.838 0.844 0.856 0.858 0.866 0.868 0.869 0.87 0.871 0.872
0.876
                                           2
##
      2
            1
                  1
                        1
                              1
                                     1
                                                 2
                                                      1
                                                             1
                                                                   1
                                                                         1
1
## 0.88 0.883 0.886 0.892 0.894 0.896 0.901 0.909 0.91 0.914 0.916 0.917
0.92
                  1
                                     1
                                          1
                                                 5
##
      1
            1
                        1
                               1
                                                      1
## 0.921 0.926 0.927 0.928 0.931 0.932 0.933 0.936 0.937 0.941 0.944 0.945
0.948
##
      1
            1
                  1
                        2
                               1
                                    1
                                          1
                                                 2
                                                       2
                                                             1
                                                                   1
                                                                         1
2
## 0.949 0.958 0.963 0.974
## 2 1 1 1
```

I have checked the coefficient of variation of various columns, I didn't find a low variance column to remove. So, I am not applying this filter and going to check next high correlation filter.

Apply the High Correlation Filter to remove appropriate columns of data.

```
# Compute spearman correlation on numeric columns only
round(cor(data cleaned[,unlist(lapply(data cleaned
,is.numeric))],method="spearman"),3)
                    G6_EQAO G6_EQAO_S G10_OSSLT G10_Credit_Acc
G10_Credit_Acc_P
## G6 EQA0
                       1.000
                                 1.000
                                            0.653
                                                           0.684
0.290
## G6_EQAO_S
                                           0.653
                                                           0.684
                       1.000
                                 1.000
0.290
                                                           0.782
## G10_OSSLT
                       0.653
                                 0.653
                                            1.000
0.305
## G10 Credit Acc
                       0.684
                                 0.684
                                           0.782
                                                           1.000
0.471
## G10_Credit_Acc_P
                       0.290
                                 0.290
                                            0.305
                                                           0.471
1.000
## G11_Credit_Acc
                       0.756
                                 0.756
                                            0.760
                                                           0.912
0.332
## G11 Credit Acc P
                       0.025
                                 0.025
                                           0.141
                                                           0.160
0.384
## Y4_Grd_Rt
                       0.687
                                 0.687
                                           0.759
                                                           0.845
0.284
                                                          -0.115
## Y4_Grd_Rt_P
                      -0.277
                                -0.277
                                           -0.042
0.117
## Y5 Grd Rt
                                 0.754
                                           0.713
                       0.754
                                                           0.843
0.314
## Y5 Grd Rt P
                                           -0.122
                      -0.145
                                -0.145
                                                          -0.256
0.160
## Enrollment
                       0.140
                                 0.140
                                            0.268
                                                           0.125
0.306
## Funding
                       0.132
                                 0.132
                                           0.255
                                                           0.103
0.302
                    G11 Credit_Acc G11_Credit_Acc_P Y4_Grd_Rt Y4_Grd_Rt_P
##
                              0.756
## G6 EQAO
                                                0.025
                                                          0.687
                                                                      -0.277
## G6_EQAO_S
                              0.756
                                                0.025
                                                          0.687
                                                                      -0.277
## G10_OSSLT
                                                          0.759
                              0.760
                                                0.141
                                                                      -0.042
## G10 Credit Acc
                              0.912
                                                          0.845
                                                0.160
                                                                      -0.115
## G10_Credit_Acc_P
                              0.332
                                                0.384
                                                          0.284
                                                                      -0.117
## G11_Credit_Acc
                                                          0.918
                              1.000
                                                0.177
                                                                      -0.094
## G11_Credit_Acc_P
                              0.177
                                                1.000
                                                          0.083
                                                                       0.309
## Y4 Grd Rt
                              0.918
                                                0.083
                                                          1.000
                                                                       0.012
## Y4 Grd Rt P
                             -0.094
                                                0.309
                                                          0.012
                                                                       1.000
## Y5 Grd Rt
                              0.910
                                                0.154
                                                          0.941
                                                                      -0.124
## Y5_Grd_Rt_P
                                                0.284
                                                         -0.116
                                                                       0.199
                             -0.185
```

## Enrollment	0.	164	0.210	0.271	0.254
## Funding	0.	136	0.228	0.233	0.284
##	Y5_Grd_Rt Y	5_Grd_Rt_P	Enrollment	Funding	
## G6_EQA0	0.754	-0.145	0.140	0.132	
## G6_EQAO_S	0.754	-0.145	0.140	0.132	
## G10_OSSLT	0.713	-0.122	0.268	0.255	
## G10_Credit_Acc	0.843	-0.256	0.125	0.103	
## G10_Credit_Acc_P	0.314	-0.160	0.306	0.302	
## G11_Credit_Acc	0.910	-0.185	0.164	0.136	
## G11_Credit_Acc_P	0.154	0.284	0.210	0.228	
## Y4_Grd_Rt	0.941	-0.116	0.271	0.233	
## Y4_Grd_Rt_P	-0.124	0.199	0.254	0.284	
## Y5_Grd_Rt	1.000	-0.011	0.208	0.167	
## Y5_Grd_Rt_P	-0.011	1.000	0.121	0.128	
## Enrollment	0.208	0.121	1.000	0.972	
## Funding	0.167	0.128	0.972	1.000	

Here, G6_EQAO and G6_EQAO_S are perfectly correlated with a positive correlation of 1.0, We don't need to keep both, I will drop the column G6_EQAO_S.

```
# removing col 7 which is G6 EQAO S
data_cleaned<- data_cleaned[-c(7)]</pre>
head(data cleaned,5)
##
                              Name Language
                                                       Type
                                                                  Region
## 1
                       Algoma DSB English
                                                     Public North Region
## 2 Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB English Roman Catholic East Region
## 3
                Avon Maitland DSB English
                                                     Public West Region
## 4
                    Bluewater DSB
                                    English
                                                     Public West Region
## 5 Brant Haldimand Norfolk CDSB
                                    English Roman Catholic West Region
                City G6_EQAO G10_OSSLT G10_Credit_Acc G10_Credit_Acc_P
##
## 1 Sault Ste Marie
                        0.78
                                   0.72
                                                   0.69
                                                                   -0.02
                        0.78
## 2
             Napanee
                                   0.86
                                                   0.84
                                                                    0.00
## 3
            Seaforth
                        0.84
                                   0.81
                                                   0.81
                                                                    0.03
## 4
             Chesley
                        0.76
                                   0.75
                                                   0.67
                                                                   -0.01
## 5
           Brantford
                        0.85
                                   0.85
                                                   0.73
                                                                   -0.08
##
     G11_Credit_Acc G11_Credit_Acc_P Y4_Grd_Rt Y4_Grd_Rt_P Y5_Grd_Rt
Y5_Grd_Rt_P
## 1
               0.71
                                -0.08
                                          0.719
                                                       0.002
                                                                 0.768
0.026
## 2
               0.87
                                -0.03
                                          0.895
                                                       0.015
                                                                 0.909
0.016
## 3
               0.78
                                -0.01
                                          0.802
                                                      -0.008
                                                                 0.838
0.022
## 4
               0.71
                                -0.01
                                          0.715
                                                       0.004
                                                                 0.815
0.007
## 5
               0.81
                                -0.01
                                          0.818
                                                       0.021
                                                                 0.901
0.046
##
     Enrollment
                  Funding
          10690 175553485
## 1
```

```
## 2 11995 181577452
## 3 15530 277403512
## 4 18300 277562637
## 5 11775 157646981
```

Benefits of reducing the dimensionality of this particular dataset? Be specific. For example, if it increases computational efficiency, specify how much of an improvement.

```
# Compute the time taken to process dataframe before dimensionality reduction
start1<-Sys.time()</pre>
corr start1 <- round(cor(data before reduction</pre>
[,unlist(lapply(data before reduction,is.numeric))],method="spearman"),3)
end1 <- Sys.time()</pre>
time_before_reduction<-end1 -start1</pre>
# Compute the time taken to process dataframe after dimensionality reduction
start2 <- Sys.time()</pre>
corr_start2 <- round(cor(data_cleaned[,unlist(lapply(data_cleaned</pre>
,is.numeric))],method="spearman"),3)
end2 <- Sys.time()
time_after_reduction<- end2 -start2</pre>
# Time taken before dimensionality reduction
print(paste("Before Reduction:", round(time_before_reduction, 5)))
## [1] "Before Reduction: 0.00108"
# Time taken after dimensionality reduction
print(paste("After Reduction:", round(time_after_reduction, 5)))
## [1] "After Reduction: 0.00097"
# Time saved after dimensionality reduction
print(paste("Saved Time:", round(time before reduction-time after reduction ,
5)))
## [1] "Saved Time: 0.00011"
```

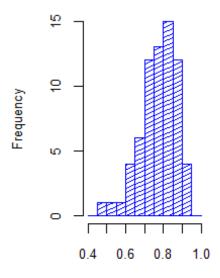
By removing non-essential columns, the time taken to process the dataset is reduced. The original computation took 0.00514 seconds, while the optimized version took 0.00487 seconds, resulting in a time savings of approximately 0.00027 seconds. This may seem small, but for larger datasets, this efficiency gain will be really make computation more efficient.

Organizing Data

Histogram and Scatter Plots

Histogram for Grade 10 Credit Accumulation

Grade 10 Credit Accumulation

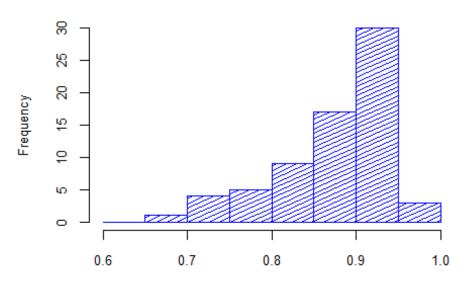


Credit accumulation

Histogram for Five Year Graduation Rate

```
cex.main=0.8, cex.lab = 0.8, cex.axis = 0.8
)
```

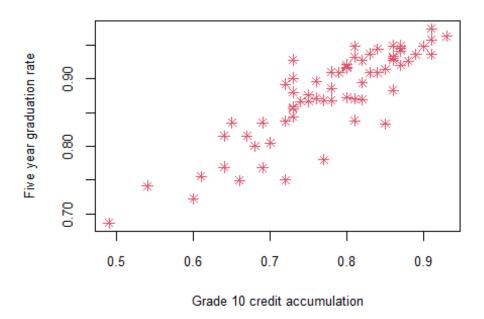
5 Year Graduation Rate



Five year graduation rate

scatter plot showing the relationship between Grade 10 Credit Accumulation and Five Year Graduation Rate.

Grade 10 Credit Accumulation & 5 Year Graduation Rate



Conclusions from chart

From the histograms, both histograms are mildly left skewed distribution.

From the scatter plot, there appears to be a strong positive correlation between Grade 10 credit accumulation rates and 5 year graduation rates. As Grade 10 credit accumulation increases, the 5 year graduation rate also tends to increase. This suggests that students who accumulate more credits by Grade 10 are more likely to graduate within five years.

###correlation coefficient between Grade 10 credit accumulation rates and 5 year graduation rates

```
# calculating spearman correlation coefficient
round(cor(data_cleaned $G10_Credit_Acc , data_cleaned $Y5_Grd_Rt , method =
"spearman"),3)
## [1] 0.843
```

Reasons for choosing the spearman correlation coefficient:

From the histogram plot,

- G10_Credit_Acc: Data in this column shows mildly left skewed distribution.
- Y5_Grd_Rt: Data in this column shows more left skewed distribution than the previous.

Pearson correlation assumes both variables are normally distributed. Since variables are skewed, Pearson is not a good choice. That is the reason behind my selection of spearman correlation test.

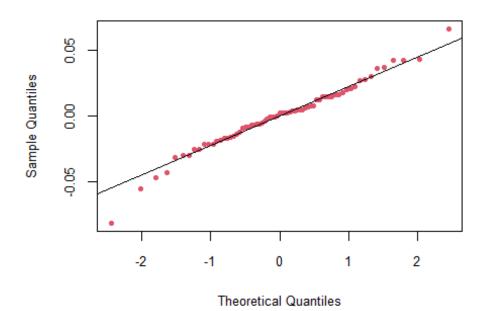
The correlation coefficient is 0.843, which shows strong positive correlation between the variables G10_Credit_Acc and Y5_Grd_Rt.

Inference

Normality

QQ Normal plot of for Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates.

QQplot of Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates



statistical test for normality on Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates.

```
# Shapiro-wilk Test for normality on Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates
shapiro.test(data_cleaned $Y4_Grd_Rt_P)

##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: data_cleaned$Y4_Grd_Rt_P
## W = 0.97838, p-value = 0.2759
```

Is Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates normally distributed?

Yes, Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates are normally distributed.

From the QQ plot, It is very clear that the column Y4_Grd_Rt_P is normally distributed. However, to make sure, let's check the shapiro-wilk test results.

From Shapiro-Wilk normality test Result:

The Null Hypothesis of Shapiro-Wilk Test is that the variable is Normally distributed. As p-value = 0.2759 > 0.05, we failed to reject the Null Hypothesis. Thus, there is no strong evidence to suggest that the data is not normally distributed.

Both the QQ plot and the Shapiro-Wilk test confirm that Progress in Four-Year Graduation Rates follows a normal distribution.

Statistically Significant Differences

Compare Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates between Types of School Board in your dataset using a hypothesis test.

T-Test

```
# Run T-test ( Reason for the selection is imcluded in the coming section)
t.test(Y4_Grd_Rt_P ~ Type , data = data_cleaned , var.equal = TRUE)
##
##
  Two Sample t-test
##
## data: Y4_Grd_Rt_P by Type
## t = 1.7232, df = 67, p-value = 0.08946
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group Public and
group Roman Catholic is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.001570502 0.021410838
## sample estimates:
##
          mean in group Public mean in group Roman Catholic
##
                   0.004714286
                                                -0.005205882
```

T - test, p-value = 0.08946 > 0.05, So we failed to reject the null hypothesis. This means that there is no significant difference in means of Progress in 4 yr graduation rate between Public and Roman Catholic school boards.

Reason for the choice of T-test

Selected test: T-test

First check the variable is categorical or continuous. The progress in 4 yr graduation rate is continuous,

Let's check how many groups are compared,

```
# Check for unique values in the column 4 yr graduation rate
unique(data_cleaned $Type )

## [1] Public Roman Catholic

## Levels: Public Roman Catholic
```

We have two levels(2 groups), Public and Roman Catholic as Types of Boards.

We have two options, T-test or Wilcoxian Rank as we have 2 groups.

For T-test to use, 3 assumptions must satisfy,

- 1. Data Independence(satisfied, as Progress in 4 yr graduation rate of public board is independent with Roman catholic type)
- 2. Data is Normally distributed (satisfied, from the previous section, Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates is normally distributed as p-value = 0.2759 > 0.05, we failed to reject the null hypothesis, thus we assume it is normally distributed.)

```
# Shapiro-wilk Test for normality on Progress in Four Year Graduation Rates
shapiro.test(data_cleaned $Y4_Grd_Rt_P)
##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: data_cleaned$Y4_Grd_Rt_P
## W = 0.97838, p-value = 0.2759
```

3. Variance is unknown, but equal (satisfied from the above F-Test, p-value = 0.1462 > 0.05, failed to reject the null hypothesis. The variance of the two groups should be equal.)

```
# F- test for variance
var.test(Y4_Grd_Rt_P ~ Type , data = data_cleaned )
##
## F test to compare two variances
##
## data: Y4_Grd_Rt_P by Type
```

```
## F = 0.60211, num df = 34, denom df = 33, p-value = 0.1462
## alternative hypothesis: true ratio of variances is not equal to 1
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.3017652 1.1970895
## sample estimates:
## ratio of variances
## 0.6021071
```

Since p-value = 0.1462 > 0.05, we failed to reject the null hypothesis. This means we do not have strong evidence to conclude that the variances are different between the groups. Therefore, we assume variances when comparing means of Y4_Grd_Rt_P between type of school boards are equal. As all three assumptions (independence, normality, and equal variance) are satisfied, I have chosen the T-test to compare the means of the two groups as in previous section.

Do we have strong evidence that Progress in Four Year Graduation Rate is different between Types of school board?

No, Since the p-value of t-test (0.08946) is greater than 0.05, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no strong statistical evidence that the Progress in Four-Year Graduation Rate differs between Public and Roman Catholic schools.

Multiple Statistical Differences

Determine if Grade 6 EQAO scores vary by Language and Board Type using ANOVA (statistical) and a sequence of boxplots (graphical).

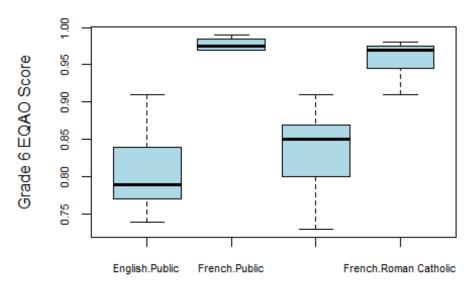
Grade 6 EQAO scores by Language and Board Type using ANOVA (statistical)

- Since Pr(>F) value = 1.08e-14 < 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis. We have strong evidence that Grade 6 EQAO scores vary by language.
- Since Pr(>F) value = 0.0733 > 0.05, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no strong evidence to conclude that Grade 6 EQAO scores vary by board type.

 Overall, language has a much stronger impact than board type on Grade 6 EQAO scores.

Grade 6 EQAO scores by Language and Board Type using boxplots (graphical).

6 EQAO scores by Language and Board Type



Language:Board Type

From the box plot, Grade 6 EQAO vary by Language. But in case, of Grade 6 EQAO score by board types, there is no much visible variation. French-language schools scoring higher than English-language schools. Board type has a smaller impact, but Catholic schools score slightly higher than Public schools.

Determine if Grade 6 EQAO scores vary by Region using ANOVA (statistical) and a sequence of boxplots (graphical).

Grade 6 EQAO scores by Region using ANOVA (statistical)

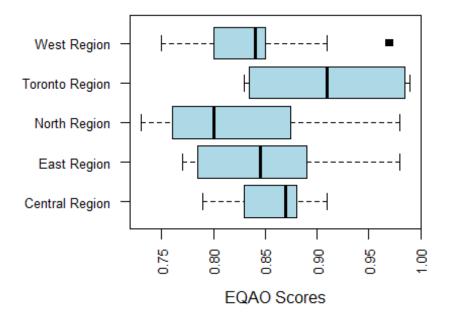
```
#One-Way ANOVA
ANOVA_GR6_EQAO_R <- aov(G6_EQAO ~Region , data=data_cleaned )
summary(ANOVA_GR6_EQAO_R )</pre>
```

```
## Region 4 0.02648 0.006621 1.42 0.237
## Residuals 64 0.29836 0.004662
```

• Since Pr(>F) value = 0.237 > 0.05, We failed reject the null hypothesis. There is no strong evidence that Grade 6 EQAO scores differ significantly between regions.

Grade 6 EQAO scores by Region using boxplots(graphical).

Grade 6 EQAO scores by Region



The box plot visually represents the distribution of Grade 6 EQAO scores across different regions. There are some visible differences, but not enough to be statistically significant.

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