

Thesis Data Analysis: The Psychology of Scientific Fraud

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Introduction

This document is intended to track the data analysis for my undergraduate thesis project on the psychology of scientific fraud. I have already planned out (and preregistered) my data analysis plan (see [here](#)), and I will note throughout the document if I deviate from this plan and why. This project is also being tracked in a private GitHub repository in case I need to revert back to a previous version of the project due to a fatal error.

Overview of Sections

- **Data Cleaning:** The data cleaning section will take the finalized dataset that I have included in the project directory and use it to create the remaining variables that we need for our analysis. We will also save this dataset.
- **Data Exploration:** In the data exploration section, we will check for and deal with missing data, run descriptive statistics of our outcome variables, visualize our data, and run bivariate correlations.
- **Testing Hypotheses:** In the hypothesis testing section, we will test each of our hypotheses one-by-one, according to our analysis plan.

Directory Set-Up

In order to ensure that this analysis is computationally reproducible, I have included everything that is needed to complete this analysis (just the finalized data file, “study_dataset.csv”) in the current working directory. The code will be displayed before the output of each analysis.

Variable Definitions

Although the following variables may not exist until after the data cleaning section, here is what each variable name refers to, so that you can refer to them while examining the code.

DOI: Unique identifier for each paper (i.e., the paper DOI).

PaperType: Categorical variable indicating SAFP, SAGP, MAFP, or MAGP.

LingObf: Continuous variable for linguistic obfuscation.

CertSent: Continuous variable for certainty sentiment.

Refs: Count variable for references.

FraudCorrAuth: Dichotomous variable indicating if the fraudulent author is the corresponding author (1) or is not (0). Unknown cases will be marked in a separate variable with this variable left blank.

NumAuth: Count variable indicating the number of authors for each paper.

abstraction: Abstraction index composed of the sum of standardized scores for **article**, **prep**, and **quantity**.

article: Articles from LIWC.

prep: Prepositions from LIWC.

quantity: Quantities from LIWC.

cause: Causation terms from LIWC.

jargon: The percent of words not captured by LIWC (100-Dic).

Dic: The percentage of words captured by all LIWC dictionaries.

emo_pos: Positive emotion terms from LIWC.

flesch_re: Flesch Reading Ease from ARTE.

Initial Package Installations

If you would like to reproduce this analysis, here are the package I will be using, so that they can be cued before starting.

```
install.packages("readr")      # For reading data
```

Installing package into '/Users/benjaminzubaly/Library/R/x86_64/4.3/library'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)

The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/38/1ybnplc53zdb089bn6drqfn00000gn/T//RtmpBMmwcN/downloaded_packages

```
install.packages("dplyr")      # For data manipulation and handling of missing data
```

Installing package into '/Users/benjaminzubaly/Library/R/x86_64/4.3/library'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)

The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/38/1ybnplc53zdb089bn6drqfn00000gn/T//RtmpBMmwcN/downloaded_packages

```
install.packages("psych")      # For descriptive statistics, correlations
```

Installing package into '/Users/benjaminzubaly/Library/R/x86_64/4.3/library'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)

The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/38/1ybnplc53zdb089bn6drqfn00000gn/T//RtmpBMmwcN/downloaded_packages

```
install.packages("ggplot2")      # For data visualization
```

Installing package into '/Users/benjaminzubaly/Library/R/x86_64/4.3/library'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)

The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/38/1ybnplc53zdb089bn6drqfn00000gn/T//RtmpBmMwcN/downloaded_packages

```
install.packages("car")          # For diagnostic tests such as Levene's test
```

Installing package into '/Users/benjaminzubaly/Library/R/x86_64/4.3/library'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)

The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/38/1ybnplc53zdb089bn6drqfn00000gn/T//RtmpBmMwcN/downloaded_packages

```
install.packages("rcompanion")  # For Games-Howell post-hoc test (if applicable)
```

Installing package into '/Users/benjaminzubaly/Library/R/x86_64/4.3/library'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)

The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/38/1ybnplc53zdb089bn6drqfn00000gn/T//RtmpBmMwcN/downloaded_packages

```
install.packages("dunn.test")   # For Dunn post-hoc test (if applicable)
```

Installing package into '/Users/benjaminzubaly/Library/R/x86_64/4.3/library'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)

The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/38/1ybnplc53zdb089bn6drqfn00000gn/T//RtmpBmMwcN/downloaded_packages

Initial Import of Data

We will not load in the dataset “study_dataset.csv” from the working directory.

```
library(readr) # Loading the readr package
```

```
data <- read_csv("study_dataset.csv") # Loading in study dataset as "data"
```

Rows: 88 Columns: 207

-- Column specification -----

Delimiter: ","

chr (26): DOI, Title, Subject, Institution, Journal, Publisher, Country, Au...

dbl (181): Record ID, RetractionPubMedID, OriginalPaperDate, year, OriginalP...

i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.

i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.

I have viewed the data frame, and the data seems to have loaded correctly.

Data Cleaning

To conduct the analysis, we will first need to calculate the LingObf variable by calculating the abstraction index and jargon words; creating standardized scores for **abstraction**, **cause**, **jargon**, **emo_pos**, and **flesch_re**; and calculating the LingObf composite variable from these standardized scores.

1. First, we will calculate the **abstraction** index by creating standardized scores for **article**, **prep**, and **quantity** and summing them.

```
# Calculate standardized scores for article, prep, and quantity and add them to the dataset
data$articles_standardized <- scale(data$article)
data$prep_standardized <- scale(data$prep)
data$quantity_standardized <- scale(data$quantity)
```

```
# Create the new variable 'abstraction' as the sum of the three standardized variables
data$abstraction <- (data$articles_standardized + data$prep_standardized + data$quantity_s...
```

- After viewing the data, the transformations and variable calculation seem to have occurred appropriately.

2. Next, we will calculate the **jargon** words by subtracting **Dic** from 100.

```
# Calculate the new variable 'jargon' by subtracting 'Dic' from 100
data$jargon <- (100 - data$Dic)
```

- After viewing the data, the variable calculation seem to have occurred appropriately.

3. Next, we will create standardized scores for each subcomponent of the `LingObf`.

```
# Standardize the new set of variables and add them to the dataset
data$abstraction_standardized <- scale(data$abstraction)
data$cause_standardized <- scale(data$cause)
data$jargon_standardized <- scale(data$jargon)
data$emo_pos_standardized <- scale(data$emo_pos)
data$flesch_re_standardized <- scale(data$flesch_re)
```

- After viewing the data, the variable transformations seem to have occurred appropriately.

4. Now we will calculate the `LingObf` variable using the following formula: $[\text{cause_standardized} + \text{abstraction_standardized} + \text{jargon_standardized}] - [\text{emo_pos_standardized} + \text{flesch_re_standardized}]$.

```
# Calculate 'LingObf'
data$LingObf <- (data$cause_standardized + data$abstraction_standardized + data$jargon_sta
```

- After viewing the data, the variable calculation seem to have occurred appropriately.

5. Lastly, our variable that indicates certainty sentiment is currently `certainty_avg`, but to make things easier I am going to copy this data into a new variables called `CertSent`.

```
data$CertSent <- data$certainty_avg
```

To ensure that our clean data is saved, we will write the dataset to the current working directory.

```
# Writing our data as a csv file in the current working directory
write.csv(data, "clean_study_data.csv")
```

- I have opened the saved data file outside of Rstudio, and it seems to have been written correctly.

Data Exploration

Dealing with Missing Data

1. Data will be first inspected for missing scores.

```
library(dplyr) # Loading the dplyr package for data manipulation and handling missing values
```

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

```
filter, lag
```

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

```
intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

```
# To summarize the number of missing values in each column
missing_data_summary <- sapply(data, function(x) sum(is.na(x)))

print(missing_data_summary) # To see summary of missing values for all columns
```

DOI	Record ID
0	44
Title	Subject
0	44
Institution	Journal
0	0
Publisher	Country
0	0
Author	URLS
0	68
ArticleType	RetractionDate
0	44
RetractionDOI	RetractionPubMedID
48	51
OriginalPaperDate	year
44	0
OriginalPaperDOI	OriginalPaperPubMedID
0	51
RetractionNature	Reason
44	44
Paywalled	Notes
44	70

simple_reason	NumAuth
44	0
inst_pres	PaperType
0	0
gender	matched_DOI_SAFP_MAFP
0	44
matched_DOI_SAFP_SAGP	matched_DOI_MAFP_MAGP
44	44
matching_concessions	FraudCorrAuth
42	80
FCA_unknown	FCA_notes
66	66
different_country	year_difference
22	22
different_gender	different_inst_pres
22	22
different_journal	Refs
66	0
Abstract	flesch_re
0	0
wordcount	valence_min
0	0
valence_max	valence_avg
0	0
valence_std	extremity_min
0	0
extremity_max	extremity_avg
0	0
extremity_std	extremity_min_pos
0	0
extremity_max_pos	extremity_avg_pos
0	0
extremity_std_pos	extremity_min_neg
0	1
extremity_max_neg	extremity_avg_neg
1	1
extremity_std_neg	extremity_PosMinNeg
5	0
emotionality_min	emotionality_max
0	0
emotionality_avg	emotionality_std
0	0
emotionality_min_pos	emotionality_max_pos

0	0
emotionality_avg_pos	emotionality_std_pos
0	0
emotionality_min_neg	emotionality_max_neg
1	1
emotionality_avg_neg	emotionality_std_neg
1	5
emotionality_PosMinNeg	count_unique_evaluative_pos
0	0
count_total_evaluative_pos	count_unique_evaluative_neg
0	0
count_total_evaluative_neg	count_unique_evaluative
0	0
count_total_evaluative	count_evaluative_PosMinNeg
0	0
ambivalent	pos_dichotomous
0	87
certainty_min	certainty_max
0	0
certainty_avg	certainty_std
0	0
count_unique_certainty	count_total_certainty
0	0
Segment	WC
0	0
Analytic	Clout
0	0
Authentic	Tone
0	0
WPS	BigWords
0	0
Dic	Linguistic
0	0
function	pronoun
0	0
ppron	i
0	0
we	you
0	0
shehe	they
0	0
ipron	det
0	0

article	number
0	0
prep	auxverb
0	0
adverb	conj
0	0
negate	verb
0	0
adj	quantity
0	0
Drives	affiliation
0	0
achieve	power
0	0
Cognition	allnone
0	0
cogproc	insight
0	0
cause	discrep
0	0
tentat	certitude
0	0
differ	memory
0	0
Affect	tone_pos
0	0
tone_neg	emotion
0	0
emo_pos	emo_neg
0	0
emo_anx	emo_anger
0	0
emo_sad	swear
0	0
Social	socbehav
0	0
prosocial	polite
0	0
conflict	moral
0	0
comm	socrefs
0	0
family	friend

0	0
female	male
0	0
Culture	politic
0	0
ethnicity	tech
0	0
Lifestyle	leisure
0	0
home	work
0	0
money	relig
0	0
Physical	health
0	0
illness	wellness
0	0
mental	substances
0	0
sexual	food
0	0
death	need
0	0
want	acquire
0	0
lack	fulfill
0	0
fatigue	reward
0	0
risk	curiosity
0	0
allure	Perception
0	0
attention	motion
0	0
space	visual
0	0
auditory	feeling
0	0
time	focuspast
0	0
focuspresent	focusfuture
0	0

Conversation	0	netspeak	0
assent	0	nonflu	0
filler	0	AllPunc	0
Period	0	Comma	0
QMark	0	Exclam	0
Apostro	0	OtherP	0
Emoji	0	articles_standardized	0
prep_standardized	0	quantity_standardized	0
abstraction	0	jargon	0
abstraction_standardized	0	cause_standardized	0
jargon_standardized	0	emo_pos_standardized	0
flesch_re_standardized	0	LingObf	0
CertSent	0		

- Taking a look at our outcome variables, there are no missing scores, so we do not need to impute any values.

Descriptive Statistics

1. I will now generate descriptive statistics for each relevant variable in the dataset. I originally (in the preregistered plan) was simply going to deploy the `describe()` function on the entire dataset, but because I retained all of the columns from the Retraction Watch Database (*Retraction Watch Database*, 2023) and all of the output from the text analysis packages (Aggarwal, 2022; Boyd et al., 2022; Rocklage et al., 2023) there are currently 219 variables. Because this would be unmanageable, I am going to only calculate descriptive statistics for a selection of variables of interest. I will first create a dataframe with only the continuous variables that I am interested in generating descriptive statistics for, and I will use the `psych` package to produce the descriptive statistics for these variables.

```

library(psych) # Loading the psych package

# Selecting the continuous variables I am interested in getting descriptive statistics for
continuous_data_for_descriptives <- data[c("year", "Refs", "flesch_re", "WC", "abstraction", "jargon", "CertSent", "LingObf", "cause", "emo_pos", "article", "prep", "quantity", "PaperType*")]

# Generating descriptive statistics for variables of interest
continuous_descriptive_stats_all <- describe(continuous_data_for_descriptives)

# Displaying the results of the descriptive stats for the variables listed above
continuous_descriptive_stats_all

```

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max
year	1	88	2009.70	10.47	2013.00	2011.14	7.41	1980.00	2022.00
Refs	2	88	45.82	23.47	39.00	43.21	20.02	12.00	146.00
flesch_re	3	88	34.90	10.94	36.45	35.46	10.28	-10.89	56.59
WC	4	88	4436.25	2248.24	3951.50	4238.17	1956.29	1124.00	13901.00
abstraction	5	88	0.00	1.83	0.09	0.04	1.86	-4.46	3.55
jargon	6	88	33.33	7.47	34.76	33.50	7.84	17.91	46.67
CertSent	7	88	6.17	0.25	6.18	6.18	0.22	5.21	6.76
LingObf	8	88	0.00	1.67	-0.14	-0.01	1.54	-5.84	4.28
cause	9	88	2.80	1.22	2.62	2.69	1.02	0.89	6.01
emo_pos	10	88	0.09	0.22	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.00	1.67
article	11	88	8.38	2.20	8.31	8.33	2.13	3.53	14.47
prep	12	88	15.43	1.68	15.66	15.51	1.34	9.76	20.67
quantity	13	88	4.23	1.32	4.08	4.14	1.33	1.69	8.66
PaperType*	14	88	2.50	1.12	2.50	2.50	1.48	1.00	4.00

	range	skew	kurtosis	se
year	42.00	-1.25	0.74	1.12
Refs	134.00	1.41	2.87	2.50
flesch_re	67.48	-0.85	2.16	1.17
WC	12777.00	1.21	2.18	239.66
abstraction	8.01	-0.20	-0.42	0.20
jargon	28.76	-0.27	-0.94	0.80
CertSent	1.55	-0.69	1.42	0.03
LingObf	10.12	-0.21	1.40	0.18
cause	5.12	0.80	0.14	0.13
emo_pos	1.67	5.66	34.22	0.02
article	10.94	0.33	-0.19	0.23
prep	10.91	-0.44	1.22	0.18
quantity	6.97	0.67	0.42	0.14
PaperType*	3.00	0.00	-1.40	0.12

- Now we will create descriptive statistics for each of the continuous variables above within the PaperType groups.

```
# Making PaperType a factor variable in the continuous variable dataframe to allow for group
continuous_data_for_descriptives$PaperType <- factor(continuous_data_for_descriptives$PaperType)

# Generating descriptive statistics within PaperType groups
descriptive_stats_by_PaperType <- describeBy(continuous_data_for_descriptives, group = continuous_data_for_descriptives$PaperType)

descriptive_stats_by_PaperType
```

```
Descriptive statistics by group
group: Single-Authored Fraudulent Papers
```

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max
year	1	22	2008.95	11.74	2013.00	2010.39	6.67	1983.00	2022.00
Refs	2	22	44.18	19.93	36.00	42.89	17.79	18.00	87.00
flesch_re	3	22	36.09	9.17	37.06	36.29	10.53	18.49	54.36
WC	4	22	3998.91	1741.31	3796.50	3911.39	1829.53	1273.00	7330.00
abstraction	5	22	0.21	1.54	0.04	0.27	1.25	-3.27	2.95
jargon	6	22	34.23	8.33	36.94	34.90	8.49	17.91	44.35
CertSent	7	22	6.21	0.21	6.18	6.20	0.18	5.87	6.66
LingObf	8	22	-0.24	1.79	-0.04	-0.05	1.97	-4.23	2.25
cause	9	22	2.71	1.48	2.50	2.56	1.07	0.89	6.01
emo_pos	10	22	0.15	0.35	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.00	1.67
article	11	22	8.35	2.60	8.48	8.41	2.90	3.53	12.25
prep	12	22	15.75	1.60	15.75	15.79	1.43	11.79	18.42
quantity	13	22	4.27	0.97	4.11	4.21	1.13	2.59	6.59
PaperType	14	22	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

	range	skew	kurtosis	se
year	39.00	-1.02	-0.29	2.50
Refs	69.00	0.56	-1.06	4.25
flesch_re	35.87	-0.01	-0.63	1.95
WC	6057.00	0.54	-0.67	371.25
abstraction	6.21	-0.23	-0.33	0.33
jargon	26.44	-0.56	-1.04	1.78
CertSent	0.78	0.44	-0.57	0.04
LingObf	6.48	-0.70	-0.32	0.38
cause	5.12	0.93	-0.05	0.32
emo_pos	1.67	3.81	13.82	0.07
article	8.72	-0.16	-1.18	0.55
prep	6.63	-0.34	-0.15	0.34
quantity	4.00	0.49	-0.41	0.21

PaperType 0.00 NaN NaN 0.00

group: Multi-Authored Fraudulent Papers

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max
year	1	22	2010.14	9.59	2012.50	2011.67	8.15	1982.00	2022.00
Refs	2	22	44.00	19.66	39.50	42.06	17.05	18.00	94.00
flesch_re	3	22	34.18	9.64	31.41	33.58	9.38	20.08	56.59
WC	4	22	4705.91	2047.63	4274.00	4559.39	1931.83	1823.00	9004.00
abstraction	5	22	-0.45	1.83	-0.53	-0.44	1.95	-4.10	3.55
jargon	6	22	35.97	6.97	37.36	36.23	6.28	23.85	46.48
CertSent	7	22	6.22	0.18	6.20	6.23	0.24	5.82	6.47
LingObf	8	22	0.47	1.43	0.18	0.36	1.57	-1.66	4.13
cause	9	22	2.84	1.08	2.74	2.75	1.03	1.14	5.66
emo_pos	10	22	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.15
article	11	22	8.19	1.94	8.51	8.12	1.53	4.90	12.66
prep	12	22	14.84	1.64	15.19	14.84	1.75	11.80	17.58
quantity	13	22	4.22	1.39	4.10	4.15	1.54	2.27	6.95
PaperType	14	22	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00

	range	skew	kurtosis	se
year	40.00	-1.37	1.52	2.05
Refs	76.00	0.86	-0.01	4.19
flesch_re	36.51	0.59	-0.62	2.05
WC	7181.00	0.56	-0.81	436.56
abstraction	7.65	0.02	-0.64	0.39
jargon	22.63	-0.38	-1.16	1.49
CertSent	0.64	-0.27	-1.00	0.04
LingObf	5.79	0.68	-0.15	0.30
cause	4.52	0.78	0.30	0.23
emo_pos	0.15	1.55	1.39	0.01
article	7.76	0.16	-0.34	0.41
prep	5.78	-0.11	-1.18	0.35
quantity	4.68	0.46	-1.11	0.30
PaperType	0.00	NaN	NaN	0.00

group: Single-Authored Genuine Papers

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max
year	1	22	2008.95	12.24	2013.50	2010.61	5.93	1980.00	2022.00
Refs	2	22	51.05	32.53	40.50	46.28	28.91	12.00	146.00
flesch_re	3	22	34.46	15.72	38.40	36.15	10.34	-10.89	54.97
WC	4	22	4632.36	2424.81	4148.00	4491.00	2364.01	1141.00	9670.00
abstraction	5	22	0.80	1.89	1.00	0.91	2.13	-3.39	3.43
jargon	6	22	29.50	6.19	31.79	29.61	5.77	19.26	38.66
CertSent	7	22	6.07	0.28	6.13	6.07	0.31	5.55	6.49

LingObf	8	22	-0.25	1.77	-0.30	-0.15	1.56	-5.84	2.97
cause	9	22	2.73	1.04	2.55	2.67	1.05	1.18	4.91
emo_pos	10	22	0.12	0.26	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.00	1.23
article	11	22	9.13	2.45	8.61	8.95	2.64	5.91	14.47
prep	12	22	15.66	1.15	15.89	15.83	0.76	12.82	17.22
quantity	13	22	4.66	1.64	4.46	4.55	1.43	2.05	8.66
PaperType	14	22	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00

			range	skew	kurtosis	se			
year		42.00	-1.11	-0.07	2.61				
Refs		134.00	1.32	1.43	6.94				
flesch_re		65.86	-1.16	0.90	3.35				
WC		8529.00	0.42	-0.93	516.97				
abstraction		6.82	-0.42	-0.84	0.40				
jargon		19.40	-0.30	-1.34	1.32				
CertSent		0.94	-0.27	-1.13	0.06				
LingObf		8.81	-1.03	2.29	0.38				
cause		3.73	0.42	-0.61	0.22				
emo_pos		1.23	3.38	11.22	0.06				
article		8.56	0.48	-0.91	0.52				
prep		4.40	-1.22	0.76	0.25				
quantity		6.61	0.62	-0.27	0.35				
PaperType		0.00	NaN	NaN	0.00				

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		vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max
year		1	22	2010.77	8.50	2012.50	2011.89	8.15	1990.00	2022.00
Refs		2	22	44.05	20.05	36.50	41.94	15.57	19.00	91.00
flesch_re		3	22	34.86	8.34	36.17	35.12	6.35	15.95	49.45
WC		4	22	4407.82	2741.91	3624.00	4009.67	1307.65	1124.00	13901.00
abstraction		5	22	-0.56	1.83	-0.42	-0.48	1.65	-4.46	3.07
jargon		6	22	33.61	7.19	35.03	33.51	6.42	20.86	46.67
CertSent		7	22	6.19	0.31	6.22	6.20	0.19	5.21	6.76
LingObf		8	22	0.02	1.69	-0.45	-0.16	1.05	-2.50	4.28
cause		9	22	2.90	1.30	2.44	2.83	0.79	1.04	5.56
emo_pos		10	22	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.00	0.17
article		11	22	7.88	1.62	7.71	7.78	1.06	4.22	12.06
prep		12	22	15.48	2.15	15.66	15.58	1.41	9.76	20.67
quantity		13	22	3.75	1.09	3.74	3.76	1.21	1.69	5.53
PaperType		14	22	4.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	4.00
				range	skew	kurtosis	se			
year				32.00	-0.95	0.15	1.81			
Refs				72.00	0.77	-0.61	4.27			
flesch_re				33.50	-0.41	-0.37	1.78			

WC	12777.00	1.90	3.92	584.58
abstraction	7.53	-0.26	-0.37	0.39
jargon	25.81	-0.16	-1.01	1.53
CertSent	1.55	-1.02	2.09	0.07
LingObf	6.78	1.08	0.44	0.36
cause	4.52	0.65	-0.77	0.28
emo_pos	0.17	0.88	0.00	0.01
article	7.84	0.52	0.94	0.35
prep	10.91	-0.37	1.33	0.46
quantity	3.84	-0.05	-1.19	0.23
PaperType	0.00	NaN	NaN	0.00

2. Frequency tables will now be produced for categorical variables, both for the data in general and within `PaperType` groups. A proportion table will be produced to more easily compare frequencies across `PaperType` groups.

- First, we will make the variables `inst_pres`, `gender`, `simple_reason`, `Country`, and `PaperType` factor variables.

```
# Changing inst_pres (institutional prestige), gender, simple_reason, Country, and PaperType
data$inst_pres <- factor(data$inst_pres, levels = c(0, 1), labels = c("Not Major Research", "Major Research"))
data$gender <- factor(data$gender, levels = c("FEMALE", "MALE"), labels = c("Female", "Male"))
data$simple_reason <- factor(data$simple_reason, levels = c("f_data", "f_image", "m_image"))
data$Country <- factor(data$Country)
data$PaperType <- factor(data$PaperType)
```

- Next, we will produce frequency tables for each categorical variable of interest for the whole dataset.

```
# Creating the frequency tables for each categorical variable
freq_tab_inst_pres <- table(data$inst_pres)
freq_tab_gender <- table(data$gender)
freq_tab_simple_reason <- table(data$simple_reason)
freq_tab_Country <- table(data$Country)
freq_tab_PaperType <- table(data$PaperType)

# Displaying the frequency tables
freq_tab_inst_pres
```

Not Major Research Institution	Major Research Institution
70	18

freq_tab_gender

Female	Male
15	73

freq_tab_simple_reason

Fabricated/Falsified Data	Fabricated/Falsified Image
27	3
Manipulated Image	Fabricated/Falsified Data and Image
12	2

freq_tab_Country

Australia	Belgium	China	Egypt	Ethiopia
1	1	10	3	2
India	Iran	Israel	Italy	Japan
10	1	1	1	3
Latvia	Malaysia	Netherlands	Pakistan	Poland
1	2	6	3	2
Portugal	South Africa	South Korea	Taiwan	Turkey
2	1	2	1	2
United Kingdom	United States			
4	29			

freq_tab_PaperType

MAFP	MAGP	SAFP	SAGP
22	22	22	22

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