Analysis on the popular vote of the 2020 American federal election

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Model

Here we are interested in predicting the popular vote outcome of the 2020 American federal election (include citation). To do this we are employing a post-stratification technique. In the following sub-sections I will describe the model specifics and the post-stratification calculation.

Model Specifics

I will (incorrectly) be using a linear regression model to model the proportion of voters who will vote for Donald Trump. This is a naive model. I will only be using age, which is recorded as a numeric variable, to model the probability of voting for Donald Trump. The simple linear regression model I am using is:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{age} + \epsilon$$

Where y represents the proportion of voters who will vote for Donald Trump. Similarly, β_0 represents the intercept of the model, and is the probability of voting for Donald Trump at age 0. Additionally, β_1 represents the slope of the model. So, for everyone one unit increase in age, we expect a β_1 increase in the probability of voting for Donald Trump.

Model specifics (woolim)

We will be using the logistic regression model and post-stratification to predict the proportion of voters who will vote for Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Using 6 different variables(age_group, gender, race, education, household_income, and state) to model the probability of voting for Trump and Biden. Since the vote intention variable is binary(either 'vote for' or 'not vote'), the logistic regression model is a suitable model to be used. The logistic regression model we are using is:

$$log(p_i/1 - p_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{age~group} + \beta_2 x_{gender} + \beta_3 x_{race} + \beta_4 x_{education} + \beta_5 x_{household~income} + \beta_6 x_{state}$$

Explanation... where $(p_i/1 - p_i)$ represents the ratio of two odds, where p_i is the probability of voters who will vote for Donald trump or Joe Biden, $1 - p_i$ is the probability of not voting. Then we use the log

function to find the proportion of voters who will vote for Trump or Biden. Similarly, $\beta_0, \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_6$ is our parameters of interest, the probability of voting for every one unit of age_group, gender, race, education, household income, and state.

```
#Yena
# Creating the Model
#model <- glmer(vote_trump ~ age_group + sex + race + educ + household_income)</pre>
#vote for Trump
\#model\_t \leftarrow glmer(vote\_trump \sim age\_group + gender + race + education + (1/household\_income),
            #data=survey_data, family = binomial)
model2_t <- glm(vote_trump ~ as.factor(age_group) + as.factor(gender) + as.factor(race) + as.factor(edu
#voting for Biden
\#model_b \leftarrow glmer(vote\_Biden \sim age\_group + gender + race + education + household\_income + (1/state),
            #data=survey_data, family = binomial)
model2_b <- glm(vote_Biden ~ as.factor(age_group) + as.factor(gender) + as.factor(race) + as.factor(edu</pre>
            data=survey_data, family="binomial")
# Model Results (to Report in Results section)
#summary(model_t)
#summary(model b)
# OR
broom::tidy(model2_t)
## # A tibble: 70 x 5
##
      term
                                               estimate std.error statistic p.value
##
      <chr>
                                                            <dbl>
                                                                      <dbl>
                                                                                <dbl>
                                                  <dbl>
  1 (Intercept)
                                                -0.713
                                                           0.740
                                                                      -0.964 3.35e- 1
## 2 as.factor(age_group)30-44 year olds
                                                           0.0926
                                                                       6.37 1.94e-10
                                                 0.589
## 3 as.factor(age_group)45-64 year olds
                                                 0.732
                                                           0.0919
                                                                      7.97 1.57e-15
## 4 as.factor(age_group)65 years and older
                                                 0.813
                                                           0.106
                                                                      7.66 1.87e-14
                                                                      6.68 2.42e-11
## 5 as.factor(gender)Male
                                                 0.400
                                                           0.0599
## 6 as.factor(race)Black
                                                -1.39
                                                           0.202
                                                                      -6.86 6.68e-12
## 7 as.factor(race)Native
                                                 0.475
                                                           0.270
                                                                      1.76 7.89e- 2
## 8 as.factor(race)Other
                                                -0.0760
                                                           0.191
                                                                      -0.397 6.91e- 1
## 9 as.factor(race)White
                                                 0.613
                                                                      4.01 5.99e- 5
                                                           0.153
## 10 as.factor(education)Didn't graduate fr~
                                                 0.338
                                                           0.115
                                                                       2.95 3.21e- 3
## # ... with 60 more rows
broom::tidy(model2_b)
## # A tibble: 70 x 5
##
      term
                                               estimate std.error statistic p.value
##
                                                                                <dbl>
      <chr>
                                                  <dbl>
                                                            <dbl>
                                                                       <dbl>
## 1 (Intercept)
                                                -0.479
                                                           0.839
                                                                      -0.571 5.68e- 1
##
  2 as.factor(age_group)30-44 year olds
                                                -0.213
                                                           0.0830
                                                                      -2.56 1.03e- 2
  3 as.factor(age_group)45-64 year olds
                                                -0.274
                                                           0.0832
                                                                      -3.29 1.01e- 3
## 4 as.factor(age_group)65 years and older
                                                                      -1.08 2.78e- 1
                                                -0.107
                                                           0.0988
## 5 as.factor(gender)Male
                                                -0.301
                                                           0.0578
                                                                      -5.21 1.85e- 7
## 6 as.factor(race)Black
                                                 1.00
                                                           0.157
                                                                      6.39 1.68e-10
## 7 as.factor(race)Native
                                                -0.406
                                                           0.264
                                                                     -1.54 1.24e- 1
## 8 as.factor(race)Other
                                                                      0.338 7.35e- 1
                                                 0.0558
                                                           0.165
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-2.67 7.63e- 3
## 9 as.factor(race)White
                                                -0.359
                                                           0.134
                                                                     -6.20 5.60e-10
## 10 as.factor(education)Didn't graduate fr~ -0.682
                                                           0.110
## # ... with 60 more rows
###yps for glm trump
census_data$logodds_estimate_t <-</pre>
  model2 t %>%
  predict(newdata = census_data)
census_data$estimate2_t <-</pre>
  exp(census_data$logodds_estimate_t)/(1+exp(census_data$logodds_estimate_t))
#using group_by(income)
predict_t <-
census_data %>%
  filter(!is.na(estimate2_t))%>%
  mutate(vote_prop2 = estimate2_t*count) %>%
  group_by(household_income)%>%
  summarise(alp_predict = sum(vote_prop2)/sum(count))
## 'summarise()' ungrouping output (override with '.groups' argument)
predict_t
## # A tibble: 9 x 2
##
   household income
                          alp_predict
     <chr>>
                                <dbl>
## 1 $100,000 to $149,999
                                0.476
## 2 $15,000 to $24,999
                                0.380
## 3 $150,000 and over
                                0.495
## 4 $25,000 to $34,999
                                0.383
## 5 $35,000 to $44,999
                                0.390
## 6 $45,000 to $54,999
                                0.430
## 7 $55,000 to $74,999
                                0.418
## 8 $75,000 to $99,999
                                0.412
## 9 Less than $14,999
                                0.318
#individual
predict_t_nogroup <-</pre>
census data %>%
  filter(!is.na(estimate2_t))%>%
  mutate(vote_prop2 = estimate2_t*count) %>%
  summarise(alp_predict_2t = sum(vote_prop2)/sum(count))
predict_t_nogroup
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
## alp_predict_2t
              <dbl>
## 1
              0.428
###yps for glm Biden
census_data$logodds_b <-
 model2 b %>%
```

```
predict(newdata = census_data)
census_data$estimate2_b <-</pre>
  exp(census_data$logodds_b)/(1+exp(census_data$logodds_b))
#using group_by()
predict_b<-
census data %>%
 filter(!is.na(estimate2_b))%>%
 mutate(vote_prop_b = estimate2_b*count) %>%
  group_by(household_income)%>%
  summarise(alp_predict_b = sum(vote_prop_b)/sum(count))
## 'summarise()' ungrouping output (override with '.groups' argument)
predict_b
## # A tibble: 9 x 2
##
    household income
                          alp_predict_b
    <chr>>
                                  <dbl>
## 1 $100,000 to $149,999
                                  0.362
## 2 $15,000 to $24,999
                                  0.395
## 3 $150,000 and over
                                  0.370
## 4 $25,000 to $34,999
                                  0.385
## 5 $35,000 to $44,999
                                  0.409
## 6 $45,000 to $54,999
                                  0.382
## 7 $55,000 to $74,999
                                  0.413
## 8 $75,000 to $99,999
                                  0.420
## 9 Less than $14,999
                                  0.385
#without grouping
predict_b_nogroup <-</pre>
census_data %>%
 filter(!is.na(estimate2_b))%>%
 mutate(vote_prop_b = estimate2_b*count) %>%
  summarise(alp_predict_2b = sum(vote_prop_b)/sum(count))
predict_b_nogroup
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
    alp_predict_2b
##
              <dbl>
## 1
              0.388
summary(census_data)
                                                                 state
    age_group
                          gender
                                              race
## Length:55325
                       Length:55325
                                          Length: 55325
                                                              Length: 55325
## Class :character
                       Class : character
                                          Class : character
                                                              Class : character
## Mode :character Mode :character
                                          Mode : character
                                                              Mode :character
##
##
```

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##
##
##
     education
                        household income
                                                 count
                                                                  cell_prop
                        Length: 55325
                                                        1.00
##
    Length: 55325
                                            Min.
                                                                Min.
                                                                       :3.849e-07
##
    Class : character
                        Class : character
                                             1st Qu.:
                                                        2.00
                                                                1st Qu.:7.698e-07
    Mode :character
                                                        8.00
                                                                Median :3.079e-06
##
                        Mode :character
                                            Median:
                                                       46.96
##
                                             Mean
                                                                Mean
                                                                       :1.807e-05
##
                                             3rd Qu.:
                                                       33.00
                                                                3rd Qu.:1.270e-05
##
                                            Max.
                                                    :6305.00
                                                                Max.
                                                                        :2.427e-03
##
##
   logodds_estimate_t estimate2_t
                                             logodds_b
                                                               estimate2_b
           :-5.2391
                                :0.0053
                                                  :-2.7893
                                                                     :0.0579
##
   \mathtt{Min}.
                        Min.
                                                              Min.
##
   1st Qu.:-1.5250
                        1st Qu.:0.1787
                                           1st Qu.:-0.7782
                                                              1st Qu.:0.3147
##
  Median :-0.7611
                        Median :0.3184
                                          Median :-0.2836
                                                              Median : 0.4296
##
           :-0.8891
                                                 :-0.2315
  Mean
                        Mean
                                :0.3248
                                          Mean
                                                              Mean
                                                                     :0.4475
##
   3rd Qu.:-0.1863
                        3rd Qu.:0.4536
                                           3rd Qu.: 0.2732
                                                              3rd Qu.:0.5679
## Max.
           : 1.7106
                        Max.
                                :0.8469
                                                  : 3.1671
                                                                     :0.9596
                                          Max.
                                                              Max.
##
  NA's
           :613
                        NA's
                                :613
                                          NA's
                                                  :613
                                                              NA's
                                                                     :613
```

Post-Stratification

In order to estimate the proportion of voters who will vote for Donald Trump I need to perform a post-stratification analysis. Here I create cells based off different ages. Using the model described in the previous sub-section I will estimate the proportion of voters in each age bin. I will then weight each proportion estimate (within each bin) by the respective population size of that bin and sum those values and divide that by the entire population size.

```
# exclude na observations for vote_trump and vote_Biden from survey_data
survey_data <-
  survey_data %>%
  filter(!is.na(vote_trump), !is.na(vote_Biden))
# Trump model
model_t <- glm(vote_trump ~ as.factor(age_group) + as.factor(gender) + as.factor(race) + as.factor(educ
                data=survey_data, family="binomial")
# Biden model
model_b <- glm(vote_Biden ~ as.factor(age_group) + as.factor(gender) + as.factor(race) + as.factor(educ
               data=survey_data, family="binomial")
\#broom::tidy(model_t)
#broom::tidy(model_b)
#yps for glm trump
census_data$estimate_T <-</pre>
  model_t %>%
  predict(newdata = census_data)
ypsTrump<-
census_data %>%
  filter(!is.na(estimate_T))%>%
  mutate(vote_prop_t = estimate_T*cell_prop) %>%
  mutate(vote_prop_T = estimate_T*count) %>%
```

```
summarise(estimate_vote_t = sum(vote_prop_t), predict_vote_T = sum(vote_prop_T)/sum(count))
prob_Trump <- exp(ypsTrump$predict_vote_T)/(1+exp(ypsTrump$predict_vote_T))</pre>
#yps for glm Biden
census_data$estimate_B <-</pre>
 model b %>%
  predict(newdata = census_data)
ypsBiden<-
census_data %>%
  filter(!is.na(estimate_B))%>%
  mutate(vote_prop_b = estimate_B*cell_prop) %>%
  mutate(vote_prop_B = estimate_B*count) %>%
  summarise(estimate_vote_b = sum(vote_prop_b), predict_vote_B = sum(vote_prop_B)/sum(count))
prob_Biden <- exp(ypsBiden$predict_vote_B)/(1+exp(ypsBiden$predict_vote_B))</pre>
prob_Trump
## [1] 0.4104034
prob_Biden
## [1] 0.3805689
```

Results

Here you will include all results. This includes descriptive statistics, graphs, figures, tables, and model results. Please ensure that everything is well formatted and in a report style. You must also provide an explanation of the results in this section.

Please ensure that everything is well labelled. So if you have multiple histograms and plots, calling them Figure 1, 2, 3, etc. and referencing them as Figure 1, Figure 2, etc. in your report will be expected. The reader should not get lost in a sea of information. Make sure to have the results be clean, well formatted and digestible.

```
predict_t_nogroup
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
     alp_predict_2t
##
              <dbl>
## 1
              0.428
predict_b_nogroup
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
     alp_predict_2b
##
              <dbl>
              0.388
## 1
```

prob_Trump

[1] 0.4104034

prob_Biden

[1] 0.3805689

Discussion

Here you will summarize the previous sections and discuss conclusions drawn from the results. Make sure to elaborate and connect your analysis to the goal of the study.

Weaknesses

Here we discuss weaknesses of the study, data, analysis, etc. You can also discuss areas for improvement.

Next Steps

Here you discuss subsequent work to be done after this report. This can include next steps in terms of statistical analysis (perhaps there is a more efficient algorithm available, or perhaps there is a caveat in the data that would allow for some new technique). Future steps should also be specified in terms of the study setting (eg. including a follow-up survey on something, or a subsequent study that would complement the conclusions of your report).

References