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1 Part 1 - Design and set-up of true experiment

1.1 The motivation for the planned research

(Max 250 words)

1.2 The theory underlying the research

(Max 250 words) Preferable based on theories reported in literature

1.3 Research questions

The research question that will be examined in the experiment (or alternatively the hypothesis that will be tested in the experiment)

1.4 The related conceptual model

This model should include: *Independent variable(s)* *Dependent variable* *Mediating variable (at least 1)* *Moderating variable (at least 1)*

1.5 Experimental Design

Note that the study should have a true experimental design

1.6 Experimental procedure

Describe how the experiment will be executed step by step

1.7 Measures

Describe the measure that will be used

1.8 Participants

Describe which participants will recruit in the study and how they will be recruited

1.9 Suggested statistical analyses

Describe the statistical test you suggest to carry out on the collected data

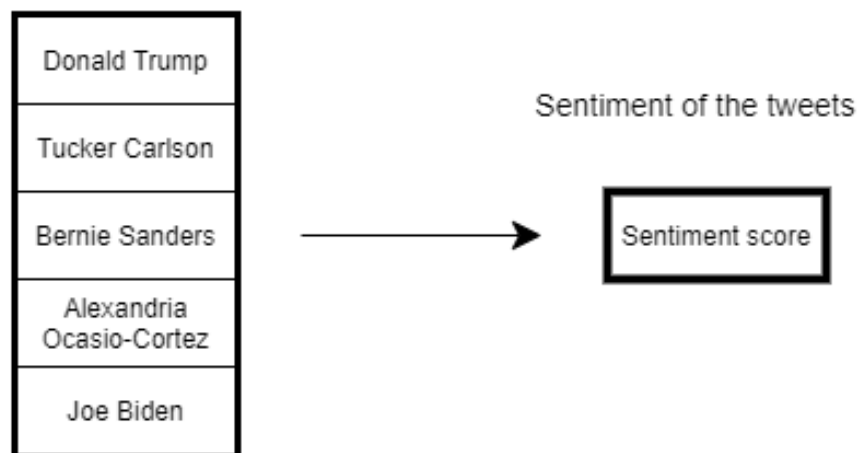
2 Part 2 - Generalized linear models

2.1 Question 1 Twitter sentiment analysis (Between groups - single factor)

2.1.1 Conceptual model

Make a conceptual model for the following research question: Is there a difference in the sentiment of the tweets related to the different celebrities?

Relation to different celebrities



Is there a difference in the sentiment of the tweet related to the different celebrities?

Figure 1: The conceptual model for the research question: Is there a difference in the sentiment of the tweets related to the different celebrities?

2.1.2 Collecting tweets, and data preparation

We found five celebrities in US politics: Donald Trump, Tucker Carlson, Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Joe Biden. As dutch students we are not well-versed in the popular English twitter celebrities, so US politics was the best option for us to find celebrities that had enough recent Tweets for the Twitter API.

2.1.3 Homogeneity of variance analysis

```
pander(leveneTest(semFrame$score, semFrame$Celeb))
```

Table 1: Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

	Df	F value	Pr(>F)
group	4	23.64	5.714e-19
	1465	NA	NA

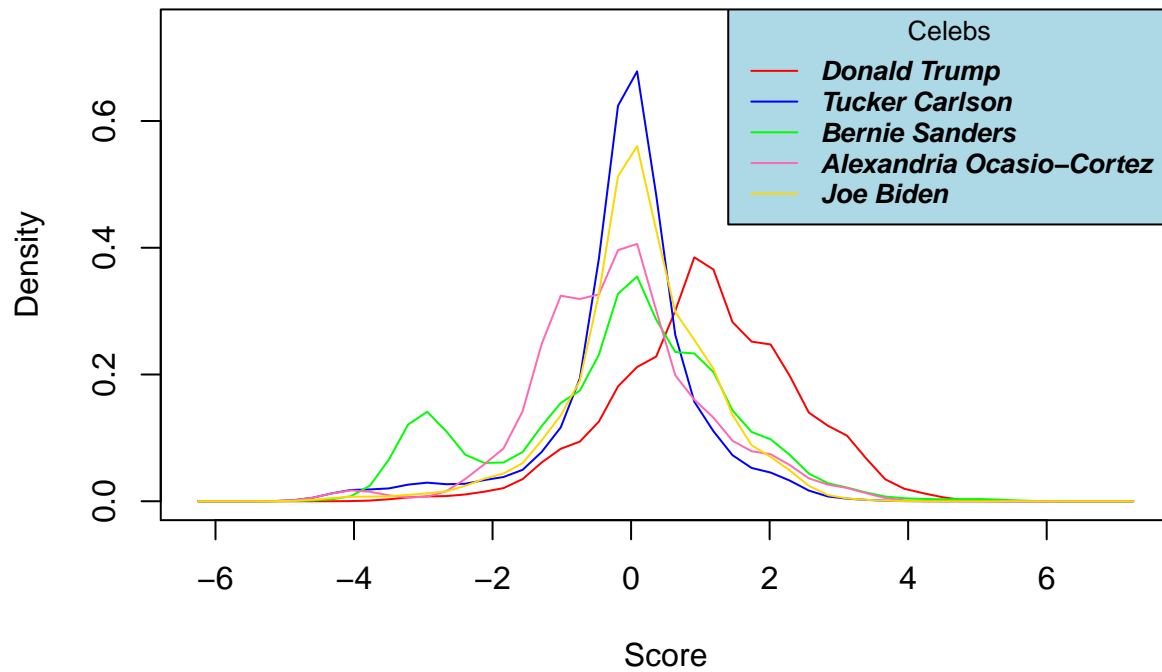
The Levene test reveals a p-value smaller than 0.001, indicating that there is significant difference between the group variances in sentiment score. We conclude that the variance among the five groups is not equal.

2.1.4 Visual inspection Mean and distribution sentiments

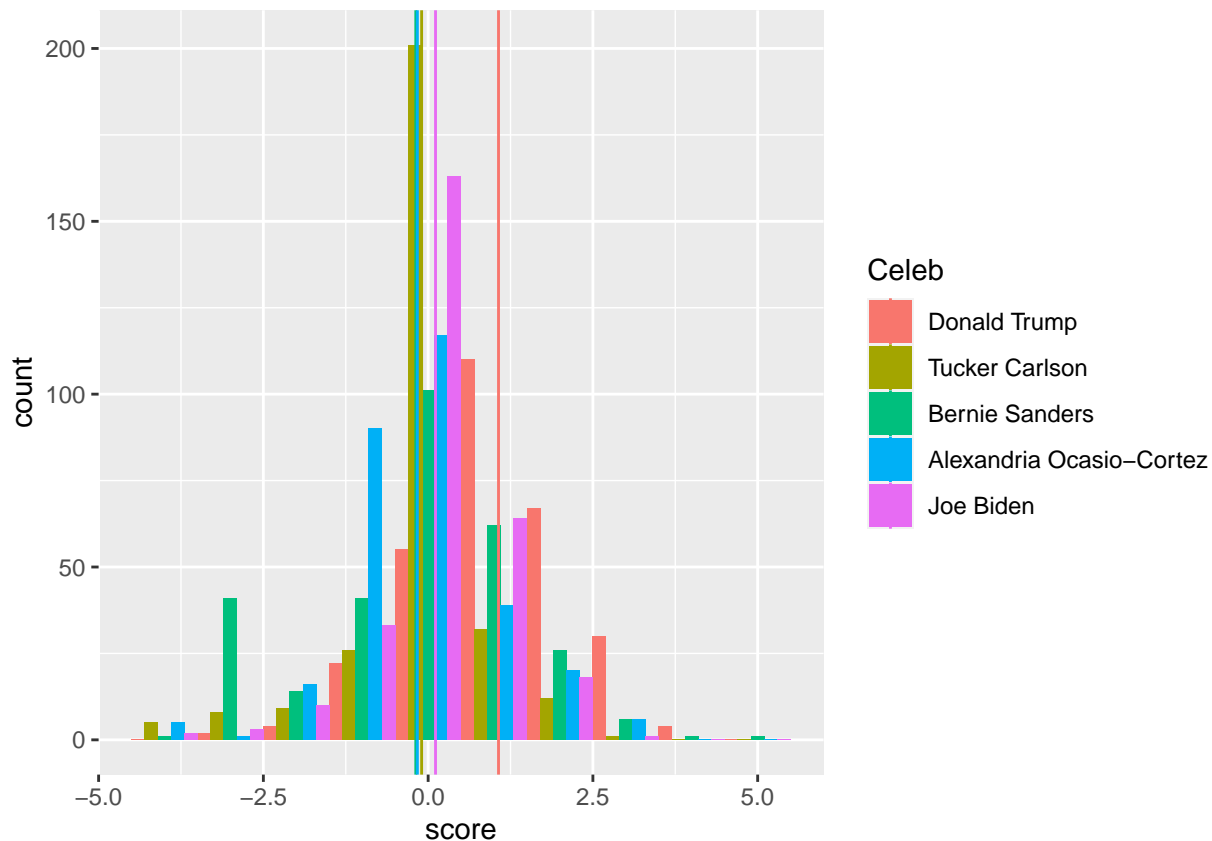
We plot both a line density and a distribution histogram which includes a mean line.

```
#boxplot(score ~ Celeb, data = semFrame, text.font = 4)
sm.density.compare(semFrame$score, semFrame$Celeb, xlab = "Score",
                   col=c('red', 'blue', 'green', 'hotpink', 'gold'), lty=c(1,1,1,1,1))
title(main="Visual inspection Mean and distribution sentiments")
legend('topright', legend = levels(semFrame$Celeb),
       col=c('red', 'blue', 'green', 'hotpink', 'gold'),
       title="Celebs", lty=1, cex=0.8, text.font = 4, bg='lightblue')
```

Visual inspection Mean and distribution sentiments



```
cdata <- ddpoly(semFrame, "Celeb", summarise, score.mean=mean(score))
ggplot(semFrame, aes(x=score, fill=Celeb)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth=1, position="dodge") +
  geom_vline(data=cdata, aes(xintercept=score.mean, colour=Celeb),
    linetype="solid", size=0.5)
```



We see all US politic Celebs have a mean around 0. `#trump` has the highest sentiment mean and the largest difference with the rest.

2.1.5 Frequentist approach

2.1.5.1 Linear model A one-way between subjects ANOVA was conducted to compare the effect of relation to celebrities on sentiment score in five conditions.

```
model0 <- lm(formula = score ~ 1 , data = semFrame)
model1 <- lm(formula = score ~ Celeb , data = semFrame)
pander(anova(model0, model1, test = "F"))
```

Table 2: Analysis of Variance Table

Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(>F)
1469	2476	NA	NA	NA	NA
1465	2147	4	328.6	56.06	4.859e-44

There was a significant effect of relation to celebrities on sentiment score at the $p < .001$ level for the five conditions [$F(4, 1465) = 56.06, p < 0.001$].

```
#AIC
models <- list(model0, model1)
model.names <- c("model0", "model1")
pander(aictab(cand.set = models, modnames=model.names),
       caption="Model selection based on AICc.")
```

Table 3: Model selection based on AICc.

	Modnames	K	AICc	Delta_AICc	ModelLik	AICcWt	LL	Cum.Wt
2	model1	6	4741	0	1	1	-2364	1
1	model0	2	4942	201.3	1.939e-44	1.939e-44	-2469	1

A lower AIC indicates a better fit, which is the model with the predictor.

```
pander(pairwise.t.test(semFrame$score, semFrame$Celeb, paired = FALSE, p.adjust.method = "bonferroni"))
```

2.1.5.2 Post Hoc analysis

```
## Warning in pander.default(pairwise.t.test(semFrame$score, semFrame$Celeb, : No
## pander.method for "pairwise.htest", reverting to default.
```

- **method:** t tests with pooled SD
- **data.name:** *semFramescoreandsemFrameCeleb*
- **p.value:**

Table 4: Table continues below

	Donald Trump	Tucker Carlson	Bernie Sanders
Tucker Carlson	3.197e-29	NA	NA
Bernie Sanders	1.727e-33	1	NA
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	2.575e-32	1	1
Joe Biden	4.257e-20	0.3485	0.02765

	Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
Tucker Carlson	NA
Bernie Sanders	NA
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	NA
Joe Biden	0.05864

- **p.adjust.method:** bonferroni

Post hoc comparisons using the Bonferroni correction indicated that the corrected p-value for the trump condition was significantly different than the other conditions ($p < 0.001$). However, between the others condition it does not show a significant difference.

2.1.5.3 Report section for a scientific publication A one-way between subjects ANOVA was conducted to compare the effect of relation to celebrities on sentiment score in five conditions. There was a significant effect of relation to celebrities on sentiment score at the $p < .001$ level for the five conditions [$F(4, 1465) = 56.06, p < 0.001$]. However, post hoc comparisons using the Bonferroni correction indicated that only the corrected p-value for the trump condition was significantly different than the other conditions ($p < 0.001$), between the others condition it does not show a significant difference. Taken together, these results suggest that some celebrities really do have an effect on the sentiment in Tweets.

2.1.6 Bayesian Approach

2.1.6.1 Model description The sentiment scores seem to center around 0, and all seem to be single digits.

$$\begin{aligned}score &\sim \text{Norm}(\mu, \sigma) \\ \mu &= \alpha + b * \text{Celeb} \\ \alpha &= \text{Norm}(0, 10) \\ \sigma &= \text{Uniform}(0.001, 10)\end{aligned}$$

```
m0 <-map2stan(alist(
  score ~ dnorm(mu, sigma),
  mu <-a,
  a ~ dnorm(0, 10),
  sigma ~ dunif(0.001, 10)),
  data = semFrame , iter= 10000, chains = 4, cores = 4 )
```

2.1.6.2 Model comparison

Computing WAIC

```
m1 <-map2stan(alist(
  score ~ dnorm(mu, sigma),
  mu <-a[Celeb] ,
  a[Celeb] ~ dnorm(0, 10),
  sigma ~ dunif(0.001, 10)),
  data = semFrame ,iter= 10000, chains = 4, cores = 4 )
```

Computing WAIC

```
pander(compare(m0, m1, func=WAIC))
```

	WAIC	SE	dWAIC	dSE	pWAIC	weight
m1	4741	70.18	0	NA	6.714	1
m0	4942	67.74	201.1	28.94	2.581	2.106e-44

Lower WAIC indicates a better performing model, so with predictors (m1) is the winning model.

```
pander(precis(m1, depth=2, prob = .95))
```

2.1.6.3 Comparison celebrity pair

	mean	sd	2.5%	97.5%	n_eff	Rhat4
a[1]	1.068	0.06983	0.9317	1.205	32975	1
a[2]	-0.09871	0.07087	-0.2377	0.03975	33584	1
a[3]	-0.1877	0.07146	-0.3282	-0.04717	32739	0.9999
a[4]	-0.1634	0.07105	-0.3035	-0.02399	31620	0.9999
a[5]	0.1124	0.07126	-0.02618	0.2509	33830	0.9999
sigma	1.212	0.02261	1.168	1.257	33418	0.9999

Looking at the credibility intervals of the celebrities effects, We see the conditions where the mean of a condition does not fall within a credibility interval of an other condition. This holds for the a[1] (Trump) condition and a couple other combinations. We can again conclude that some celebrities really do have an effect on the sentiment in Tweets.