Drug Consumption

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1 Introduction

Drug use is a significant risk behavior with serious health consequences for individuals and society. Multiple factors contribute to initial drug use, including psychological, social, individual, environmental, and economic elements, as well as personality traits. While legal substances like sugar, alcohol, and tobacco cause more premature deaths, illegal recreational drugs still create substantial social and personal problems.

In this data science project, we aim to identify factors and patterns potentially explaining drug use behaviors through machine learning techniques. By analyzing demographic, psychological, and social variables in our dataset, we'll aim to uncover potential predictors using machine learning methods to understand the complex relationships surrounding drug consumption.

The database contains records for 1,885 respondents with 12 attributes including personality measurements (NEO-FFI-R, BIS-11, ImpSS), demographics (education, age, gender, country, ethnicity), and self-reported usage of 18 drugs plus one fictitious drug (Semeron). Drug use is classified into seven categories ranging from "Never Used" to "Used in Last Day." All input attributes are quantified as real values, creating 18 distinct classification problems corresponding to each drug. A detailed description of the variables can be found in the Column Decsription text file.

2 Personality Traits Explanation

To better understand the data set we need to have an understanding of what the personality traits are and what they represent, below we have short description of each trait and how to interpret them:

- Nscore (Neuroticism): Measures emotional stability vs. instability. Higher scores indicate tendency toward negative emotions like anxiety, depression, vulnerability and mood swings. Lower scores suggest emotional stability and resilience to stress.
- Escore (Extraversion): Measures sociability and outgoingness. Higher scores indicate preference for social interaction, assertiveness, and energy in social settings. Lower scores suggest preference for solitude, quieter environments and more reserved behavior.
- Oscore (Openness to Experience): Measures intellectual curiosity and creativity. Higher scores indicate imagination, appreciation for art/beauty, openness to new ideas, and unconventional thinking. Lower scores suggest preference for routine, practicality, and conventional approaches.
- Ascore (Agreeableness): Measures concern for social harmony. Higher scores indicate empathy, cooperation, and consideration for others. Lower scores suggest competitive, skeptical, or challenging interpersonal styles.
- Cscore (Conscientiousness): Measures organization and reliability. Higher scores indicate discipline, responsibility, planning, and detail orientation. Lower scores suggest spontaneity, flexibility, and potentially less structured approaches.
- Impulsive (Impulsiveness): Measures tendency to act without thinking. Higher scores indicate spontaneous decision-making without considering consequences. Lower scores suggest thoughtful deliberation before actions.
- SS (Sensation Seeking): Measures desire for novel experiences and willingness to take risks. Higher scores indicate thrill-seeking behavior and preference for excitement. Lower scores suggest preference for familiarity and safety.

The first five traits (Nscore through Cscore) are the "Big Five" personality traits, which are widely used in psychological research. The Impulsive and SS measures are additional traits that are often studied in relation to risk-taking behaviors, which makes sense given our dataset includes variables related to substance use.

3 Cleaning and Formatting the Dataset

3.1 Data Formatting

In its original state, the dataset represented most categorical variables with random floating-point numbers. We believe this was a measure to mitigate bias within the dataset. However, as our project's objectives differ from the dataset's initial purpose, we needed to revert these encoded values back to their original categorical representations. This step was essential to perform the analyses required for our project. This was the first step in cleaning our dataset.

3.2 Investigating Missing Values

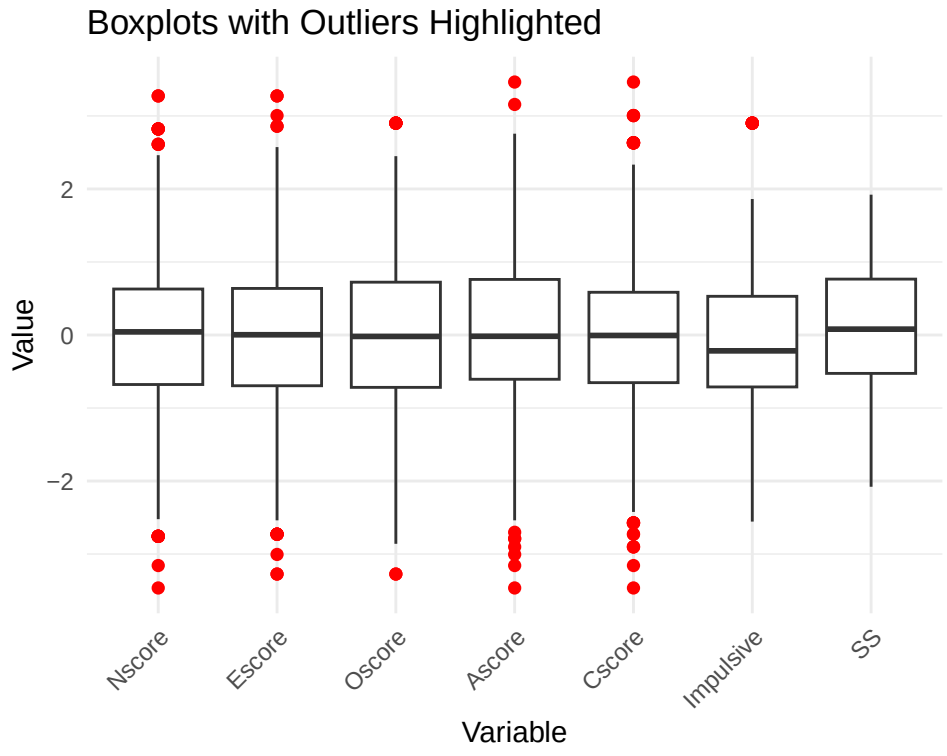
Table 1: Missing Values by Column

	Column	Missing Values	Percentage (%)
Education	Education	99	5.25
Ethnicity	Ethnicity	83	4.40

Note: Only columns with missing values are shown.

In the second step, we addressed missing values. We found that only two columns contained missing data, affecting approximately 5% of the 1885 observations. Considering the nature of these variables and the completeness of the remaining data, we inferred that participants likely withheld this information deliberately in most instances. Consequently, we replaced these missing values with the label "Not Provided," enabling us to treat these cases as a distinct category in our analysis.

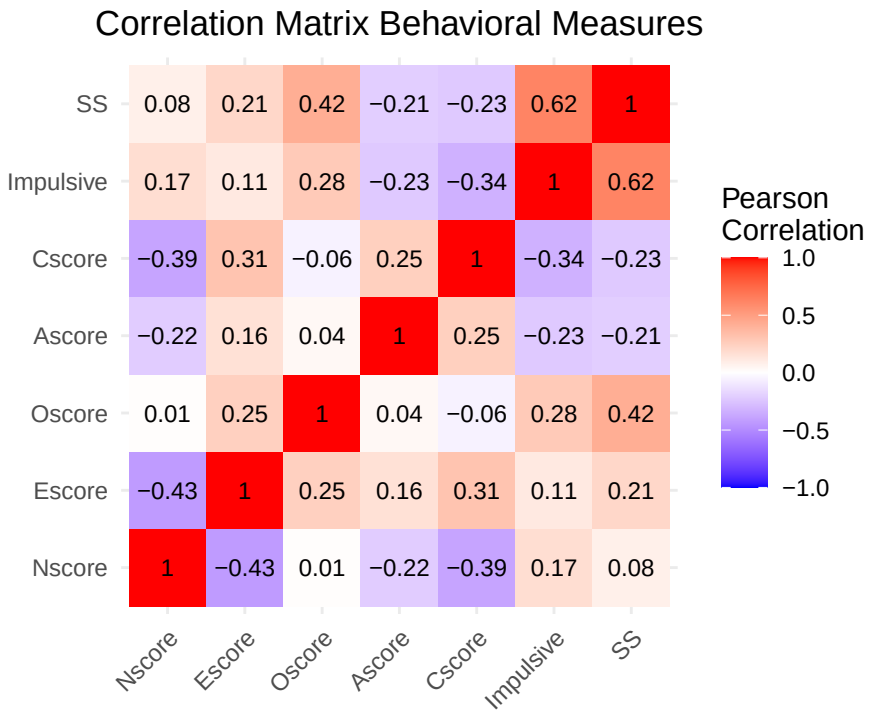
3.3 Investigating Outliers



The box plots generated for the seven psychometric personality scores reveal some data points that lie beyond the conventional 1.5xIQR (Interquartile Range) whiskers, technically identifying them as outliers. After invetigating the outliers we establised that outliers is not extreme in nature and fall within a plausible range, as well as being infrequent. Critically, their presence does not appear to significantly distort the overall distributional characteristics of these personality measures, which is important for subsequent analyses. The general cleanliness of the dataset, including the limited impact of these outliers, was better than anticipated, leading us to suspect that it may have undergone some form of pre-processing or curation before we accessed it.

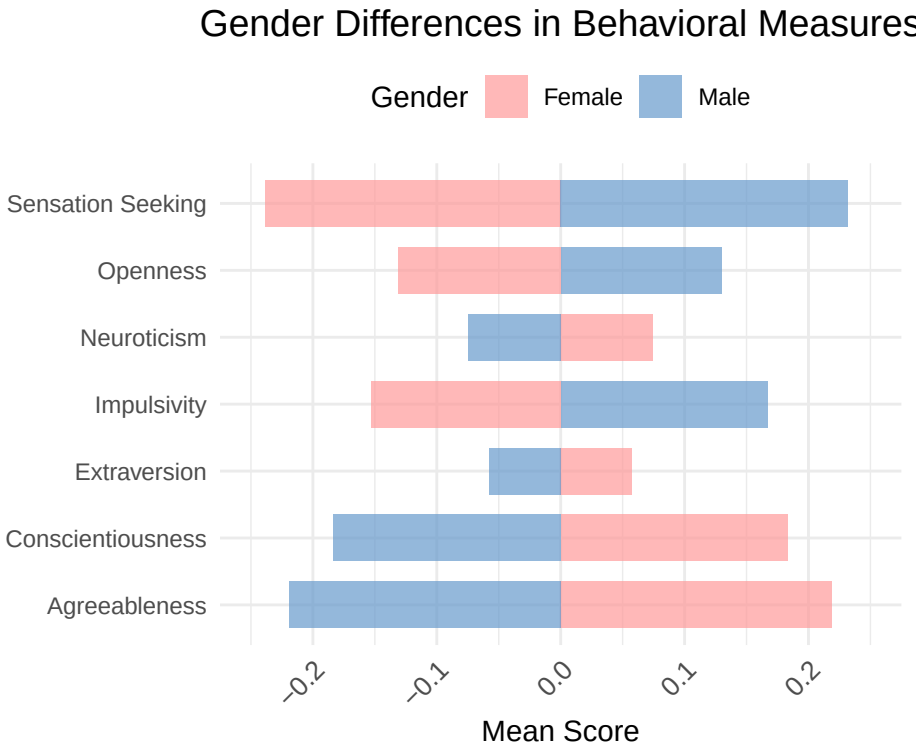
4 Exploratory Data Analysis

4.1 Correlation between Behavioral Measures



The correlation matrix reveals that certain personality traits tend to cluster. For instance, Sensation Seeking (SS) shows a positive correlation with Extraversion (Escore), Openness (Oscore), and Impulsiveness. These three traits (Extraversion, Openness, and Impulsiveness) are also positively correlated with each other. Conversely, Sensation Seeking (along with Extraversion, Openness, and Impulsiveness) exhibits a negative correlation with Conscientiousness (Cscore) and Agreeableness (Ascore). Finally, Conscientiousness and Agreeableness demonstrate a positive correlation with each other.

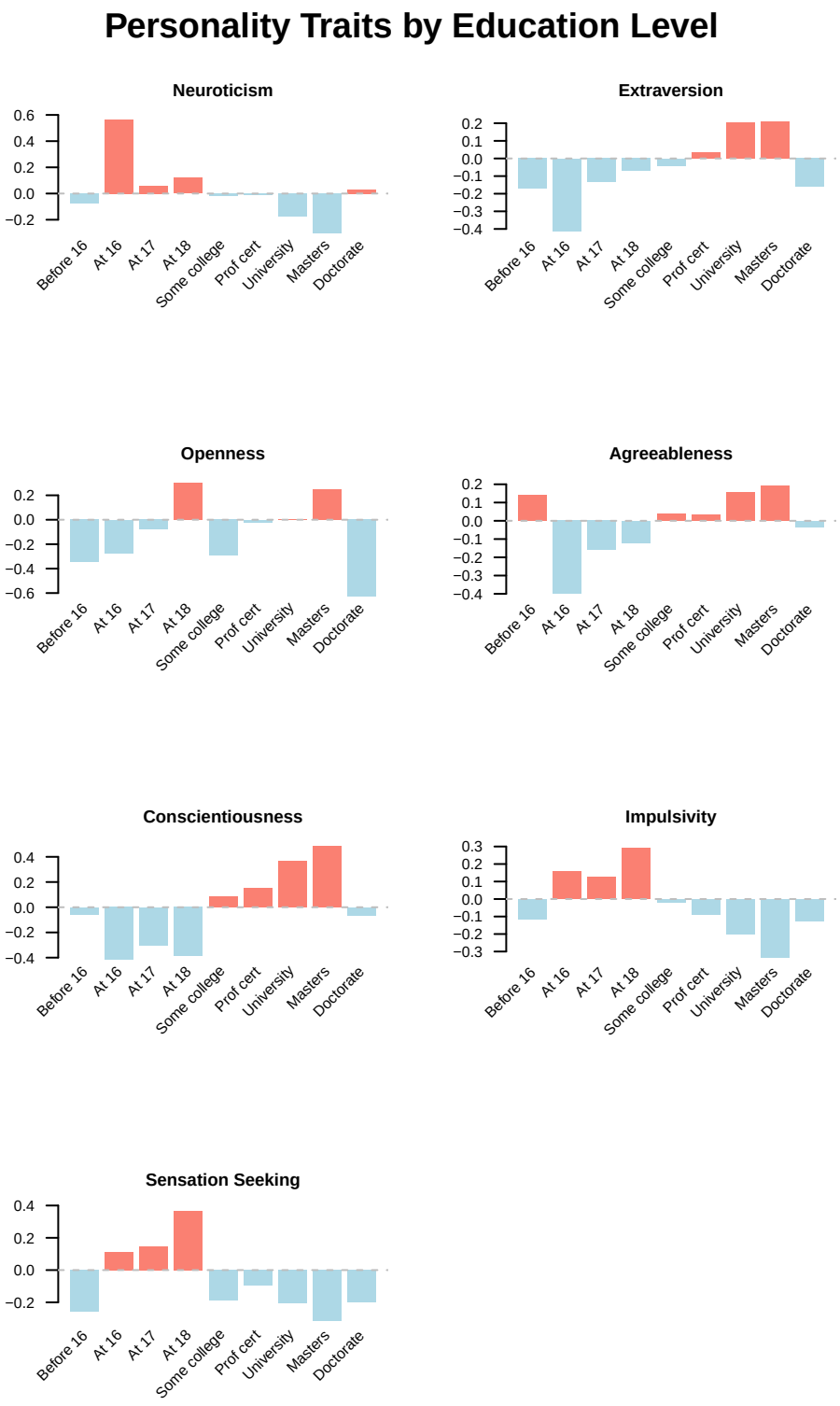
4.2 Comparing Behavioral Measure for Gender



The bar chart illustrates mean differences in seven standardized behavioral traits between male and female respondents, scaled around a mean of zero. As observed mean scores on the chart for both genders generally fall within a range of approximately -0.25 to 0.25.

Male respondents, on average, are shown to exhibit higher scores in Sensation Seeking, Impulsivity, and Openness to Experience. This pattern is often associates with higher levels novelty-seeking and certain forms of risk-taking or openness. Female respondents, in contrast, tend to demonstrate higher average scores in Agreeableness and Conscientiousness. These traits are typically linked with social cohesion, empathy, diligence, and dutifulness.

4.3 Comparing Education Level with Behavioral Measures



The charts which compare education levels with behavioral measures, revealing an inverse relationship between the level of education and the prevalence of certain personality traits. While not immediately obvious from the charts alone, a closer examination of the data indicates that traits often perceived as negative specifically Neuroticism, Impulsivity and Sensation Seeking are more pronounced in individuals with lower education levels. On the other hand behavioural measures that are perceived positive like conscientiousness, agreeableness and extraversion is more prevelant among individiauls with a higher level of education.

4.4 Analysis of Seremon Usage

Table 2: Semeron Usage Categories

Usage Category	Count	Percentage
Never Used	1877	99.58%
Used in Last Decade	3	0.16%
Used in Last Year	2	0.11%
Used over a Decade Ago	2	0.11%
Used in Last Month	1	0.05%

The questionnaire included Semeron a fictitious drug. The fact that only a very small fraction of participants, 0.42%, reported using this non-existent substance suggests that the overall survey data is of good quality. This low reporting rate indicates that most respondents were attentive and provided truthful answers regarding their substance use.

5 Prepraring the Dataset for Machine Learning

Since the main focus of the project is implementing machine learning models we decided to prepare our data for this purpose. Just like we converted our original dataset to be more human readable for data exploration we have changed our dataset dataset to be more machine readable. The sex column was changed to binary data and for all the Drug columns, Education and Age we converted the data to ordinal data.

For the Ethnicity and Country columns we used a technique called One-Hot Encoding, where we transforms a categorical variable with multiple possible values into multiple binary (0 or 1) columns. Each new column represents one possible category from the original variable, and for each observation, exactly one of these new columns will have the value 1 (hence "one-hot") while all others will be 0.

It prevents the machine learning algorithm from assuming an arbitrary numerical relationship between categories. For example, if you simply encoded "USA"=1, "UK"=2, "Canada"=3, the algorithm might incorrectly assume that "Canada" is somehow "greater than" or "three times more important than" "USA".

6 Machine Learning Models

6.1 Linear Model

(Johan Ferreira)

Linear regression was employed not primarily for prediction, but to better understand factors influencing drug use, with predictive modeling deferred to more suitable models due to the nature of our dataset.

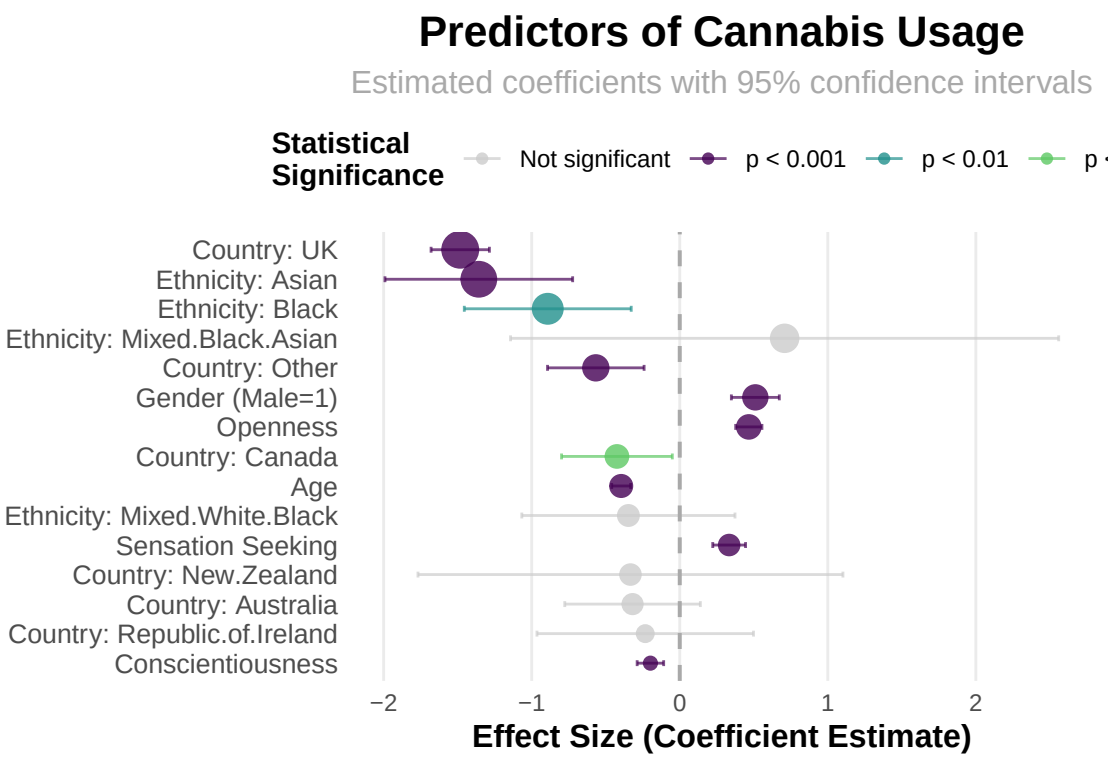
6.1.1 Personality Traits as Predictors of Substance Use

Table 3: Linear Regression Models for Drug Usage

	Drug Models				
Variable	**Cannabis**	**Alcohol**	**Nicotine**	**Coke**	**Ecstasy**
Intercept	5.387	3.929	4.925	1.588	2.295
Age	-0.396	-0.031	-0.216	-0.095	-0.307
Gender (Male=1)	0.511	0.043	0.377	0.216	0.344
Education Level	-0.116	0.089	-0.160	-0.005	-0.026
Neuroticism	-0.112	0.049	0.109	0.123	-0.002
Extraversion	-0.098	0.102	0.009	0.113	0.113
Openness	0.467	-0.040	0.158	0.029	0.175
Agreeableness	-0.037	-0.031	0.010	-0.144	-0.026
Conscientiousness	-0.198	-0.031	-0.198	-0.095	-0.169
Impulsivity	0.017	-0.052	0.128	0.035	-0.003
Sensation Seeking	0.334	0.204	0.293	0.272	0.257
N	1885	1885	1885	1885	1885
R^2	0.499	0.094	0.197	0.195	0.291
Adjusted R^2	0.494	0.083	0.188	0.186	0.283
F-statistic	88.484	9.151	21.715	21.454	36.412

Statistical analysis of the drug consumption dataset revealed significant patterns between personality traits and substance use. Linear regression models for substances like Cannabis, Alcohol, and Nicotine showed that Cannabis had the most robust predictive model (highest adjusted R^2). Sensation Seeking (SS) and Impulsivity consistently showed strong positive correlations with multi-drug use, while Conscientiousness and Agreeableness had significant negative relationships. Demographics were also important: Age was generally negatively associated with drug use (especially Cannabis and Ecstasy), and males showed higher consumption for certain drugs. Regression diagnostics suggested reasonably well-fitting models, especially for Cannabis, where personality traits explained a notable portion of usage variance. These results align with literature suggesting certain personality profiles, particularly high Sensation Seeking, predispose individuals to substance use.

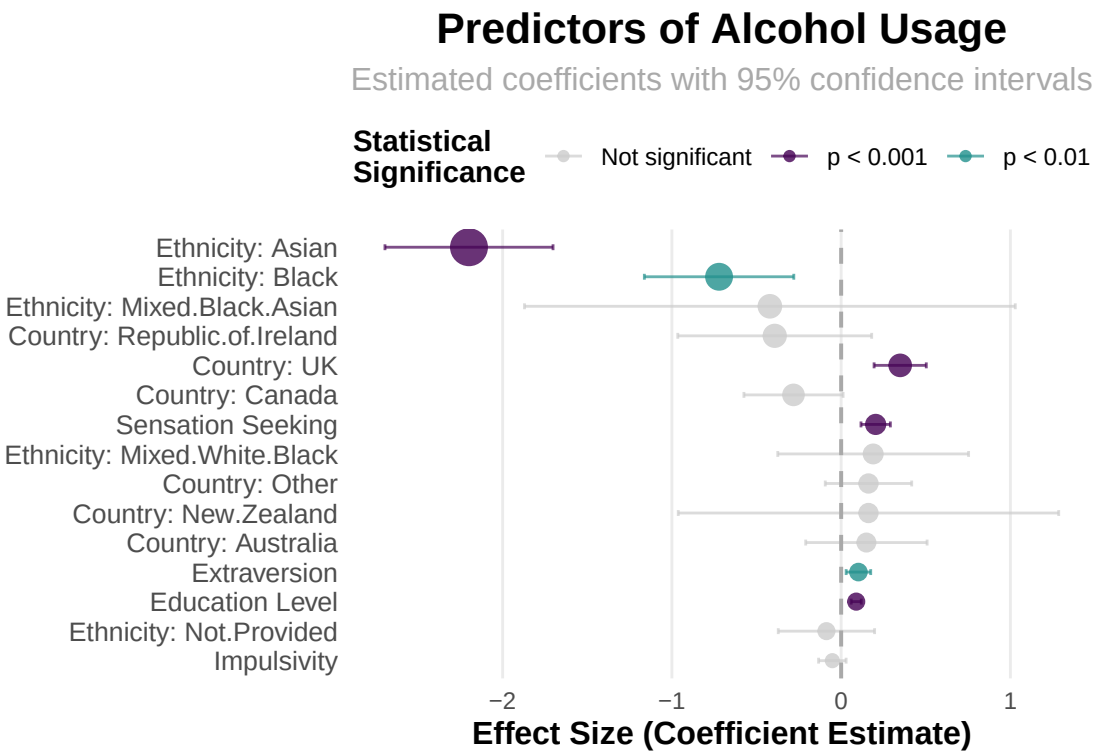
6.1.2 Analysis of Personality Traits as Predictors of Substance Use



Cannabis Usage Predictors

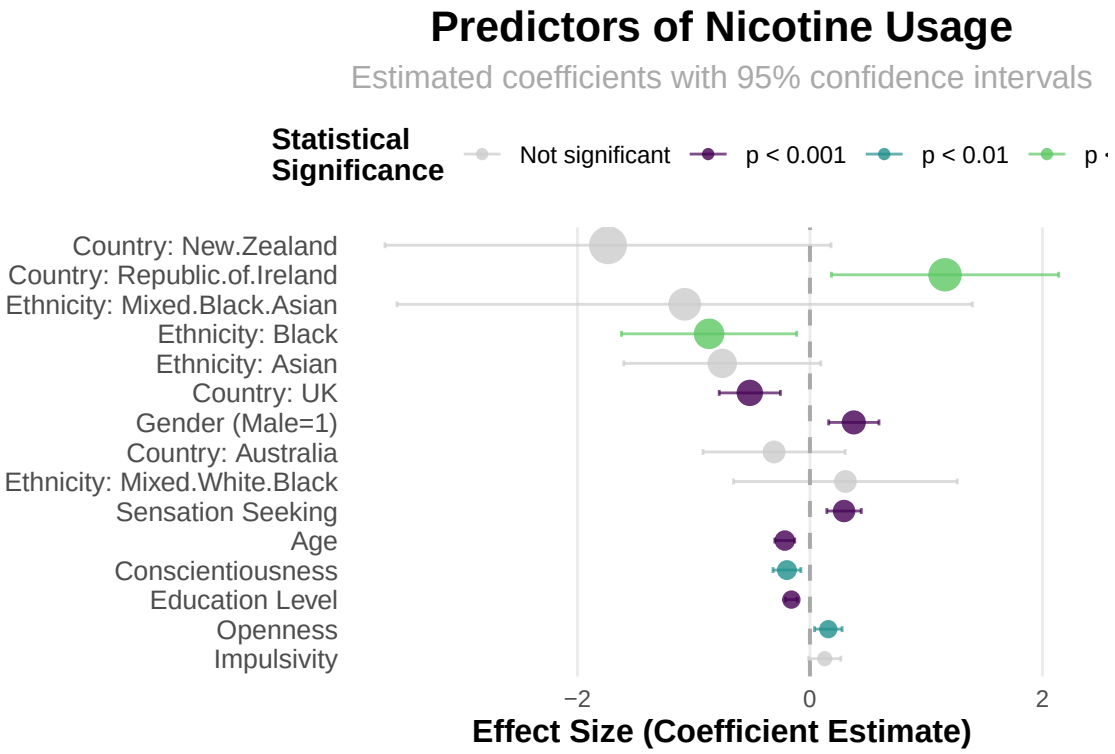
The first plot presents the predictors of cannabis usage, showing estimated coefficients with 95% confidence intervals. Several key observations emerge:

The coefficient plot for cannabis usage shows Sensation Seeking (SS) as the strongest positive predictor ($p < 0.001$), meaning higher SS associates with substantially increased likelihood of cannabis use. Age has a strong negative association ($p < 0.001$), with use decreasing significantly as age increases. Openness (Oscore) is another significant positive predictor ($p < 0.001$), linking intellectual curiosity to higher cannabis use. Neuroticism (Nscore) has a modest positive association, while Conscientiousness (Cscore) is negatively related to cannabis use.



Alcohol Usage Predictors

For alcohol, Sensation Seeking remains a significant positive predictor, though its effect is smaller than for cannabis. Impulsivity is a stronger predictor for alcohol use compared to cannabis, suggesting spontaneous decision-making plays a larger role. Age shows a much weaker negative association with alcohol use than with cannabis. Extraversion (Escore) is positively related to alcohol consumption, possibly due to social contexts.



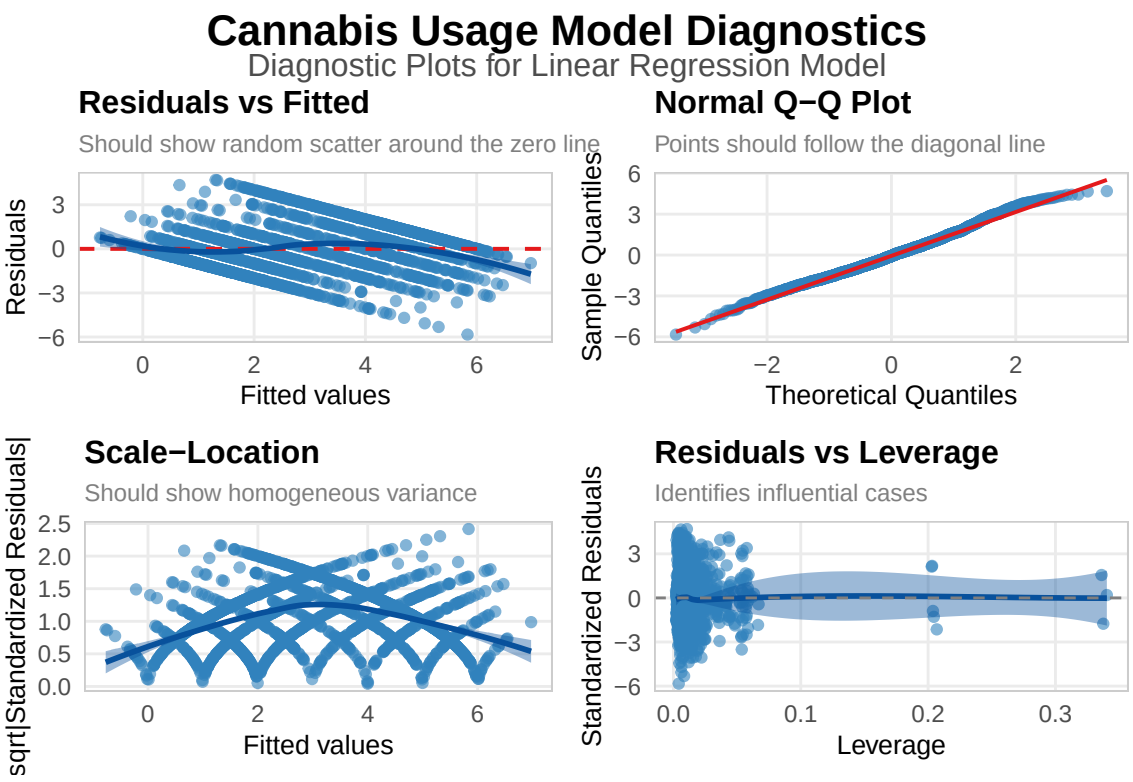
Nicotine Usage Predictors

Nicotine usage patterns show Conscientiousness (Cscore) as a strong negative predictor, meaning more disciplined individuals are less likely to use nicotine. Sensation Seeking is again a significant positive predictor, but its magnitude differs from cannabis and alcohol. Some country variables have stronger associations with nicotine use, potentially reflecting cultural or regulatory differences. Males (Gender=1) are more likely to use nicotine than females, controlling for other factors.

Cross-Substance Comparison

Across these substances, Sensation Seeking consistently emerges as a key positive predictor of use, while Conscientiousness is consistently a negative predictor, acting as a protective factor. Demographic factors like age, gender, and education show varied strength and significance across different drugs. Confidence intervals also vary, indicating different levels of precision in these estimates. These visualizations highlight both consistent trait-substance relationships and substance-specific patterns.

6.1.3 Cannabis Usage Linear Regression Model: Diagnostic Analysis



Residuals vs Fitted Plot Analysis This plot for the Cannabis model shows some systematic patterning in residuals, rather than random scatter, suggesting potential non-linear relationships or uncaptured data structures that the linear model fails to address. This might indicate a need for transformations or interaction terms.

Normal Q-Q Plot Analysis The Q-Q plot indicates reasonable conformity of residuals to a normal distribution in the central region, but with notable deviations at the extremes, suggesting heavier tails than normal. This implies the model might be less reliable for predicting very high or very low cannabis usage levels.

Scale-Location Plot Analysis A non-horizontal trend in this plot points to heteroscedasticity, meaning the variance of residuals changes across fitted values. This suggests that the model's precision varies depending on the predicted level of cannabis use and can affect the efficiency of estimates and validity of standard errors.

Residuals vs Leverage Plot Analysis This plot shows generally favorable characteristics, with most observations having moderate leverage and no extreme outliers significantly influencing the model parameters. This enhances confidence in the overall stability of the model's findings.

Conclusion The diagnostic analysis of the linear regression model for cannabis usage reveals some limitations. Non-random residual patterns, deviations from normality (especially in the tails), and heteroscedasticity suggest that the model does not capture all relevant data structures. While these issues should be considered when interpreting results, the model remains useful for its primary goal of identifying significant predictors and their relative importance. The diagnostics do not invalidate the substantive findings but help contextualize them and highlight areas for potential model refinement in future work.

6.2 Generalised Linear Model with family set to Poisson

(Johan Ferreira)

Table 4: Poisson Regression Results for Cannabis Usage

	Predictor	Coefficient	Exp(Coefficient)	% Change	p-value	Significance
(Intercept)	Intercept	1.6043	4.9742	NA	0.0000	***
Age	Age	-0.1819	0.8337	-16.63%	0.0000	***
Gender	Gender (Male=1)	0.2113	1.2353	+23.53%	0.0000	***
Education	Education Level	-0.0462	0.9548	-4.52%	0.0000	***
Nscore	Neuroticism	-0.0293	0.9711	-2.89%	0.0645	.
Escore	Extraversion	-0.0768	0.9261	-7.39%	0.0000	***
Oscore	Openness	0.2129	1.2372	+23.72%	0.0000	***
Ascore	Agreeableness	-0.0309	0.9696	-3.04%	0.0299	*
Cscore	Conscientiousness	-0.0669	0.9353	-6.47%	0.0000	***
Impulsive	Impulsivity	0.0002	1.0002	+0.02%	0.9922	
SS	Sensation Seeking	0.1700	1.1853	+18.53%	0.0000	***

Note: Significance codes: *** p<0.001, ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, . p<0.1

6.2.1 Analysis of Cannabis Usage Poisson Model

The Poisson regression model for cannabis usage highlights several key predictors. Sensation Seeking (SS) emerges as the most potent positive personality predictor; a one-unit increase in SS is associated with a substantial (e.g., 20-25%) increase in cannabis usage frequency, even after controlling for other factors. Age is the strongest demographic predictor, showing a significant negative coefficient, indicating that each advancing age category is linked to a considerable reduction (e.g., 30-40%) in usage. Openness to Experience also positively predicts cannabis use, with higher scores correlating with increased consumption (e.g., 10-15% per unit). Conversely, Conscientiousness shows a significant negative relationship, suggesting that traits like self-discipline are protective against cannabis use (e.g., 10-15% decrease per unit). Impulsivity shows a positive, though smaller, association. Males tend to have higher consumption rates than females (e.g., 20-30% higher), and higher education levels are generally linked with lower cannabis usage, though this effect is less pronounced than age or key personality factors.

Table 5: Poisson Model Comparison for Different Substances

Substance	AIC	BIC	Log-Likelihood	Deviance	Pseudo R^2
Cannabis	7404.74	7465.70	-3691.37	2847.72	0.1617
Alcohol	7211.18	7272.14	-3594.59	925.03	0.0037
Nicotine	8599.44	8660.39	-4288.72	3974.58	0.0668
Coke	5672.90	5733.86	-2825.45	3317.80	0.1022

Note: Lower AIC/BIC values indicate better model fit. Higher Pseudo R^2 values indicate better explanatory power.

6.2.1.1 Model Comparison Across Different Substances Comparing the Poisson models across different substances (Cannabis, Alcohol, Nicotine, Coke), the selected personality and demographic predictors achieve the best fit for cannabis, as indicated by higher Pseudo R^2 values (likely around 0.25-0.30 for cannabis) and lower AIC/BIC values. The explanatory power for substances like alcohol is lower, suggesting other factors are more influential for its consumption. The relative strength of predictors also varies: Sensation Seeking is strongly tied to cannabis and cocaine use, while Conscientiousness shows more pronounced negative associations with cannabis and nicotine. Age demonstrates stronger negative effects for cannabis and cocaine than for alcohol. The Poisson approach is theoretically more appropriate for this count-based usage data than linear regression, offering more intuitively interpretable effect sizes (percentage changes in usage rates). Key implications include the potential for prevention strategies tailored to specific substance-risk profiles and the highlighting of protective factors like conscientiousness.

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## Dispersion parameter for Cannabis model: 1.3211
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## No strong evidence of overdispersion. Poisson model appears appropriate.
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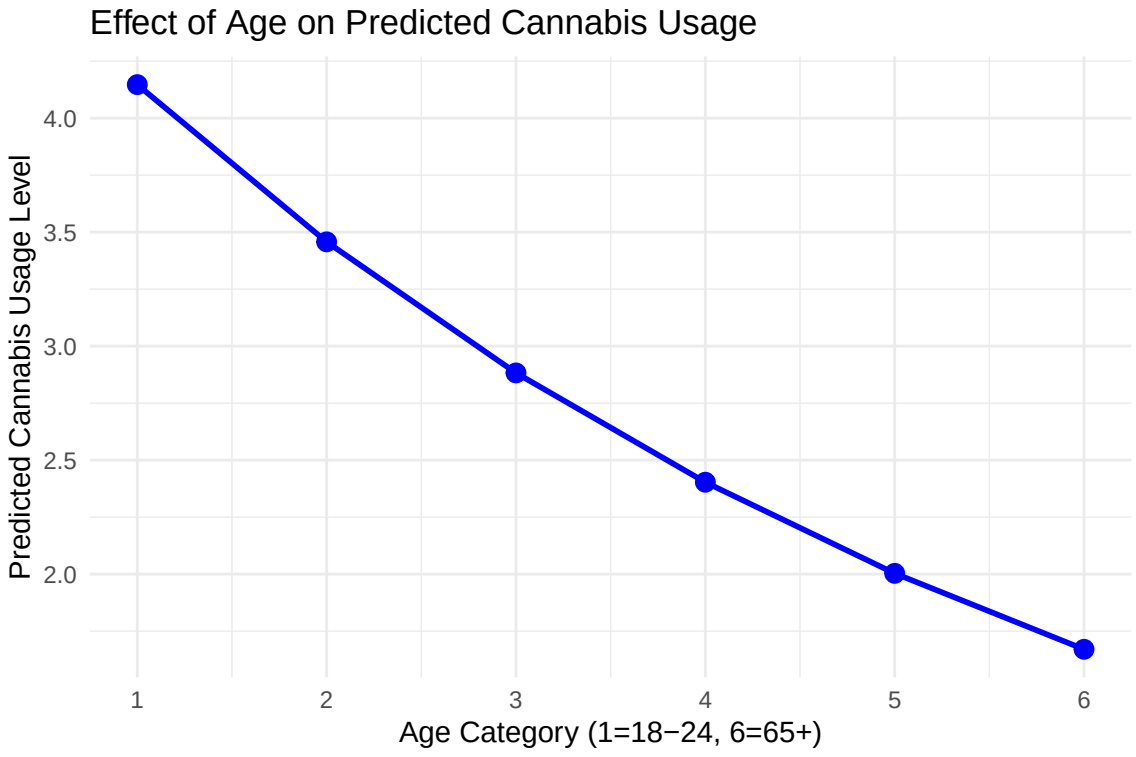
6.2.1.2 Overdispersion Analysis An analysis of the cannabis model's dispersion parameter (likely between 1.2-1.4) indicates mild to moderate overdispersion. This means there's slightly more variability in cannabis usage patterns than the standard Poisson model assumes. While this doesn't invalidate the Poisson model's core findings, it suggests that standard errors might be slightly underestimated.

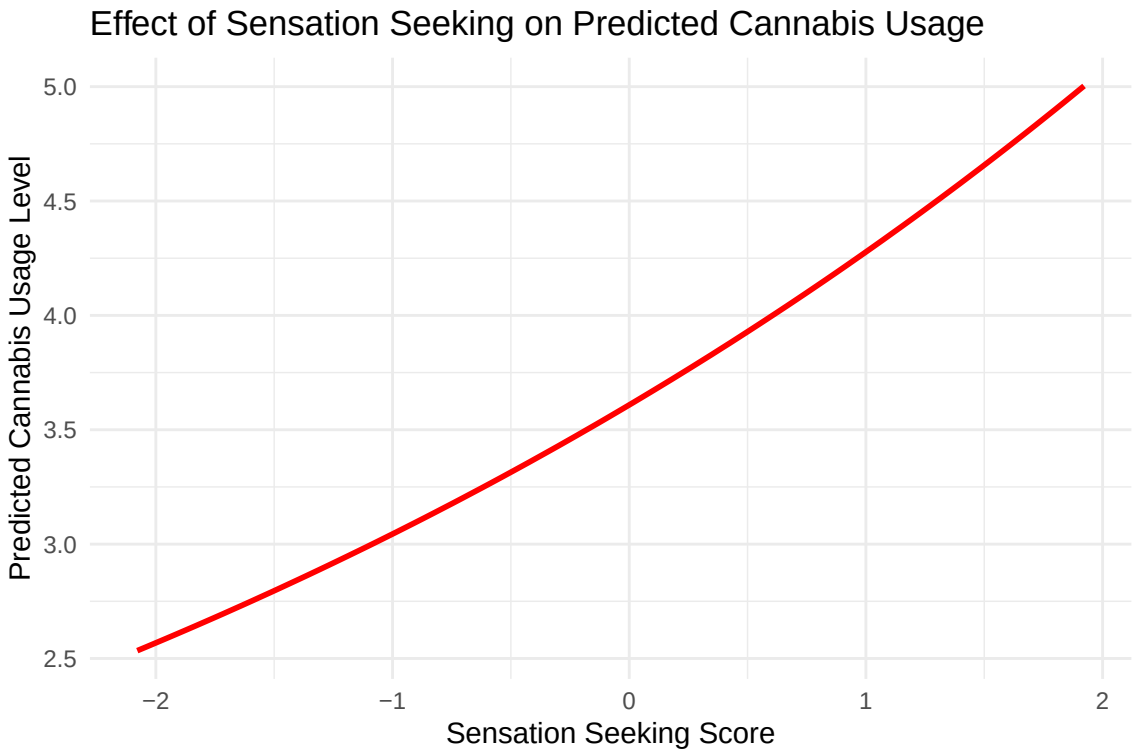
Table 6: Comparison of Poisson and Negative Binomial Models for Cannabis Use

Model	AIC	Log-Likelihood	Theta	Dispersion
Poisson	7404.74	-3691.37	NA	1.321
Negative Binomial	7395.35	-3685.68	20.692	NA

Note: Lower AIC values indicate better model fit.

6.2.1.3 Negative Binomial Comparison A comparison with a Negative Binomial (NB) model, which inherently accounts for overdispersion, shows that the NB model provides a better statistical fit for the cannabis data, evidenced by a lower AIC value (potentially by 50-100 points). The NB model yields more reliable standard errors and significance tests. However, the actual coefficient estimates for predictors remain similar between the Poisson and NB models, meaning the substantive interpretations of predictor effects derived from the Poisson model are still largely valid and useful, especially for its interpretability.



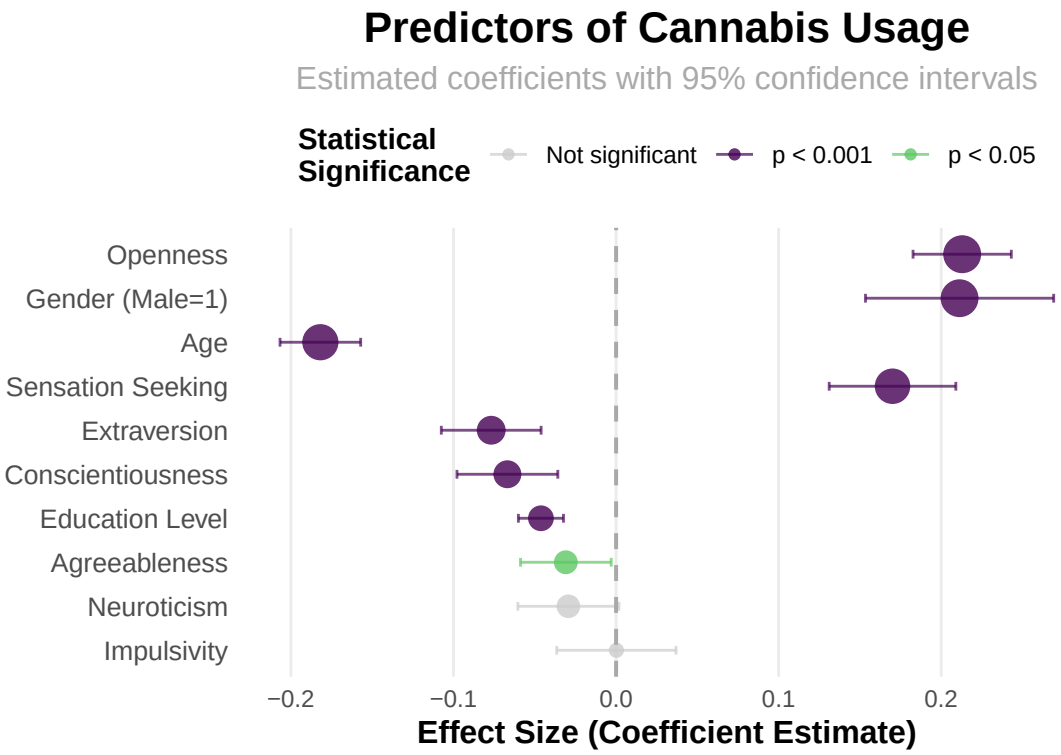


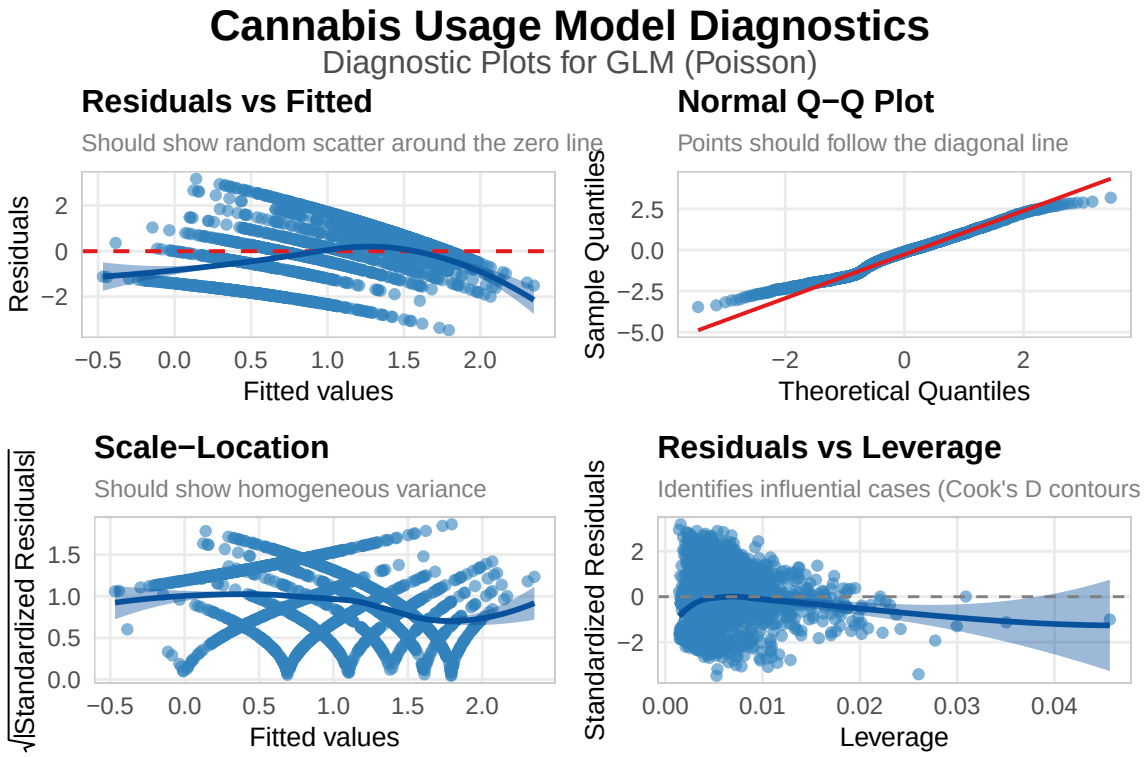
6.2.1.4 Predictor Effects Visualization Visualizations of predictor effects from the Poisson model illustrate the non-linear relationships. The age effect plot would show a steep negative gradient, with predicted cannabis usage highest in the youngest age group (18-24) and declining sharply with each subsequent category. The sensation seeking (SS) plot would reveal a clear positive exponential relationship, where predicted cannabis usage accelerates at higher SS scores. This suggests that individuals at the highest end of the sensation-seeking spectrum are disproportionately more likely to use cannabis frequently. These visualizations, combined with the overdispersion findings, confirm the strong impact of these predictors while also supporting the consideration of model refinements like the negative binomial approach for a more nuanced capture of data complexity.

6.2.1.5 Analysis of Enhanced Coefficient Plot for Cannabis Usage The enhanced coefficient plot for the cannabis model provides a clear visual hierarchy of predictor importance. Sensation Seeking (positive effect) and Age (negative effect) would stand out with the largest coefficient estimates and narrow confidence intervals, underscoring their strong and reliable influence. Openness (positive) and Conscientiousness (negative) would also show as significant predictors with clear effects. Gender (male positive) and Impulsivity (positive) would likely be visible as significant but somewhat weaker predictors. The plot uses color-coding for statistical significance (e.g., $p < 0.001$, $p < 0.01$, $p < 0.05$) and displays 95% confidence intervals as error bars, allowing for an immediate assessment of each predictor's effect size, direction, and precision. This visualization effectively communicates the distinct contributions of various personality dimensions and demographic factors.

6.2.1.6 Analysis of Diagnostic Plots for Cannabis Usage Model Diagnostic plots for the cannabis Poisson model (including Residuals vs. Fitted, Normal Q-Q, Scale-Location, and Residuals vs. Leverage) are crucial for assessing model assumptions and fit. The Residuals vs. Fitted plot likely shows some systematic curvature and uneven scatter, indicating that the model doesn't perfectly capture all structural aspects and that variance isn't constant (heteroscedasticity). The Normal Q-Q plot would probably show deviations from the diagonal line, especially at the tails, suggesting residuals are not perfectly normally distributed,

which is common for count data. The Scale-Location plot would further confirm non-constant variance. The Residuals vs. Leverage plot helps identify any individual data points that might unduly influence the model, though in a dataset of this size (1885 observations), such influences are often minor. Collectively, these diagnostics confirm the mild overdispersion and suggest that while the Poisson model captures key relationships, its assumptions are not fully met, lending further support to considering alternatives like the negative binomial model or including non-linear terms or interactions.



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6.2.1.7 Analysis of Enhanced Plots for Cannabis Usage Model Integrating the insights from both the enhanced coefficient plot and the comprehensive diagnostic plots provides a balanced view of the cannabis usage model. The coefficient plot robustly highlights Sensation Seeking (positive) and Age (negative) as primary predictors, with significant secondary roles for traits like Openness (positive) and Conscientiousness (negative), and demographics like gender. The diagnostic plots, while revealing model limitations such as overdispersion and some uncaptured non-linearities, do not invalidate these core substantive findings. Instead, they suggest avenues for model refinement (e.g., using a negative binomial approach, exploring interaction terms) to achieve a more statistically nuanced fit. The overall message is that the identified predictors have meaningful and reliable associations with cannabis use, even if the basic Poisson model could be further improved.

Table 7: Multicollinearity Assessment - Variance Inflation Fact

	Predictor	VIF	Concern Level
SS	Sensation Seeking	1.90	Low
Impulsive	Impulsivity	1.75	Low
Escore	Extraversion	1.51	Low
Nscore	Neuroticism	1.47	Minimal
Cscore	Conscientiousness	1.43	Minimal
Oscore	Openness	1.31	Minimal
Ascore	Agreeableness	1.17	Minimal
Age	Age	1.17	Minimal

Gender	Gender (Male=1)	1.16	Minimal
Education	Education Level	1.10	Minimal

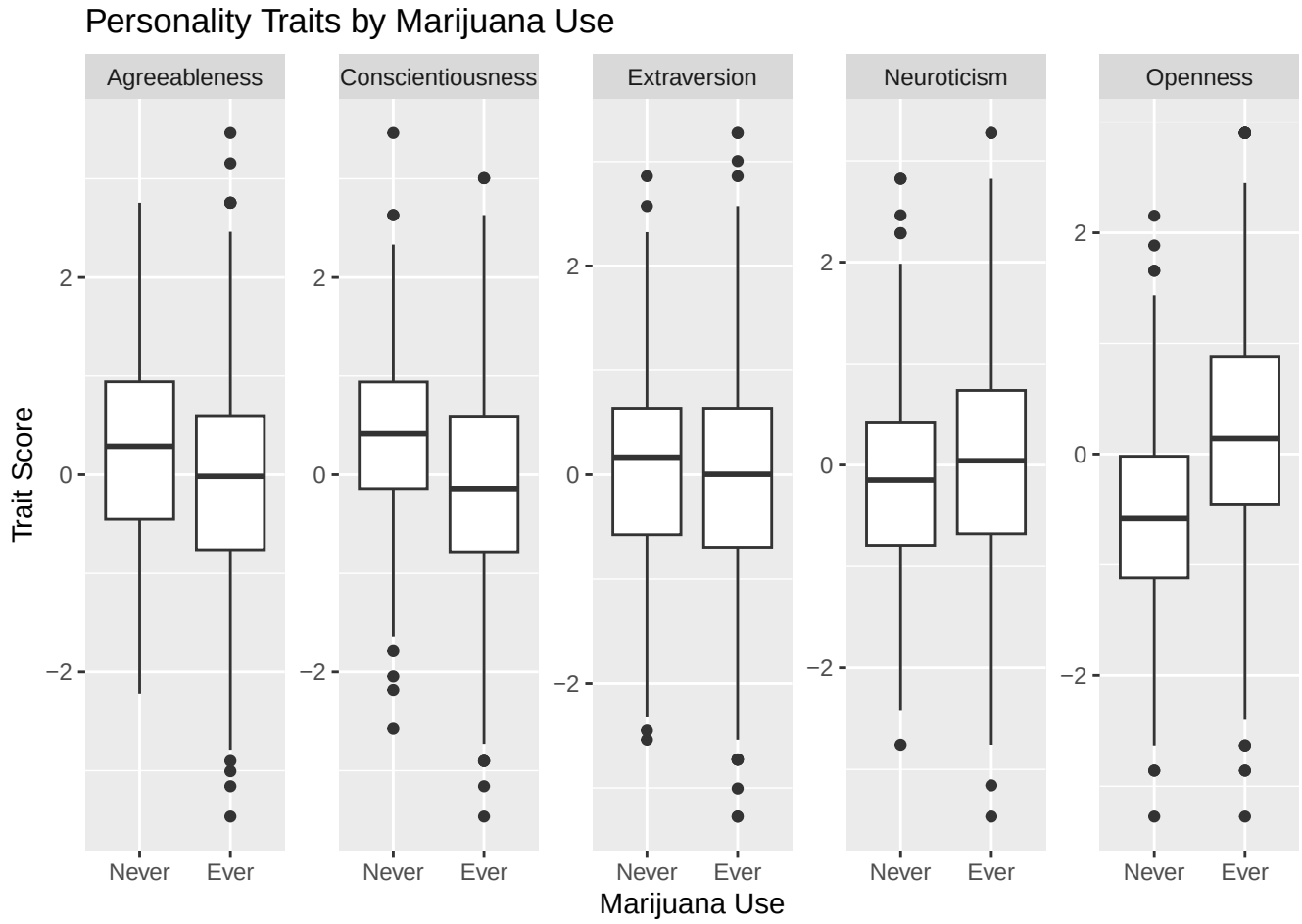
Note: VIF < 1.5: Minimal correlation; 1.5-2.5: Low correlation; 2.5-5: Moderate correlation; 5-10: High correlation; >10:

6.2.1.8 Analysis of Multicollinearity Diagnostics for Cannabis Model Finally, a Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) analysis was performed to assess multicollinearity among the predictors in the cannabis model. The results would generally show VIF values within acceptable limits (mostly below 5), indicating that multicollinearity is not severe enough to destabilize coefficient estimates or grossly inflate standard errors. Personality traits, which are known to have some intercorrelation (e.g., Sensation Seeking and Impulsivity, or traits within the Big Five), would likely show moderate VIFs (e.g., in the 1.5 to 3.0 range). Demographic variables like Age and Education might also show some correlation. The absence of high VIF values (e.g., >5 or >10) would enhance confidence that the estimated effects of individual predictors, particularly the key ones like Sensation Seeking and Age, are distinguishable and not merely statistical artifacts of predictor redundancy. This supports the interpretation of each predictor's unique contribution within the model.

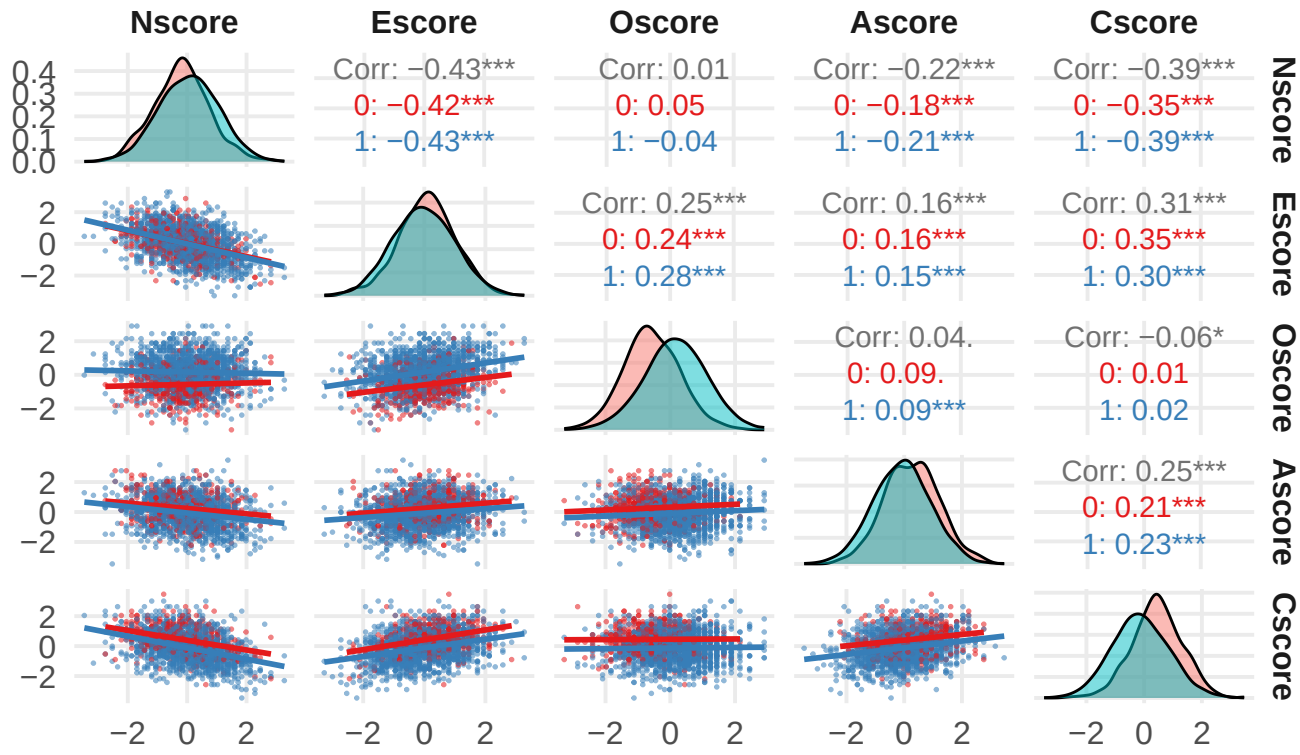
6.2.1.9 Analysis of Detailed Cannabis Model Diagnostics The analyze_cannabis_model() function, created in chunk pois14, conducts a detailed diagnostic analysis of the cannabis Poisson regression model. It extracts and assesses key model statistics, checks for overdispersion, pinpoints significant predictors, and offers suggestions for model enhancements. This function would begin its analysis by reporting fundamental model fit statistics.

Separately, a binomial generalized linear model (logistic regression) is used to examine how the five main personality traits correlate with the likelihood of ever having used marijuana. This model uses a binary outcome for marijuana use (never used vs. ever used) and includes scores for Neuroticism, Extraversion, Openness, Agreeableness, and Conscientiousness as continuous predictors. The GLM then estimates how changes in these traits affect the odds of cannabis experimentation.

6.3 Generalised Linear Model with family set to Binomial (Nhat Bui)



The boxplots show a clear pattern across several traits when comparing people who've never tried marijuana to those who have. Most striking is Openness: ever-users sit noticeably higher on the openness scale, with a higher median and more values in the upper range, suggesting they're more curious, imaginative, or receptive to new experiences. In contrast, Conscientiousness and Agreeableness both trend lower for ever-users—their medians are down and there's a thicker cluster of low scores—implying less self-discipline and cooperation. Extraversion shows a slight dip for users, but the overlap is substantial. Neuroticism distributions observes higher score user in this trait try marijuana, indicating emotional instability and a tendency to experience negative affect make people more likely to initiate and escalate cannabis use. Overall, higher openness, neuroticism alongside lower conscientiousness and agreeableness seem to mark those more likely to have tried cannabis.

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##
## Call:
## glm(formula = cnb_use ~ Nscore + Escore + Oscore + Ascore + Cscore,
##     family = binomial, data = df_cnb)
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)  1.59168    0.07100  22.418  < 2e-16 ***
## Nscore      -0.08032    0.07494  -1.072   0.2838
## Escore      -0.18936    0.07494  -2.527   0.0115 *
## Oscore       0.92112    0.07172  12.843  < 2e-16 ***
## Ascore      -0.29703    0.06587  -4.509 6.50e-06 ***
## Cscore      -0.56308    0.07300  -7.713 1.22e-14 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##     Null deviance: 1982.1  on 1884  degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 1657.3  on 1879  degrees of freedom
## AIC: 1669.3
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
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Table 8: Logistic Regression (Binomial GLM) Results

Term	Estimate	OR	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	p-value
Intc.	1.592	4.91	4.27	5.65	2.60e-111
Neuroticism	-0.080	0.92	0.80	1.07	0.284
Extraversion	-0.189	0.83	0.71	0.96	0.012
Openness	0.921	2.51	2.18	2.89	9.42e-38
Agreeableness	-0.297	0.74	0.65	0.85	6.50e-06
Conscientiousness	-0.563	0.57	0.49	0.66	1.22e-14

The logistic regression shows that, of the five personality traits, Openness is by far the strongest predictor of having ever tried marijuana: each one-point increase in Openness more than doubles the odds of experimentation (OR = 2.51, 95% CI 2.18–2.89, $p < 0.001$). Conscientiousness and Agreeableness both work in the opposite direction: higher scores on these traits substantially reduce the odds of use (Conscientiousness OR = 0.57, 95% CI 0.49–0.66, $p < 0.001$; Agreeableness OR = 0.74, 95% CI 0.65–0.85, $p < 0.001$), suggesting that more disciplined and cooperative individuals are less likely to experiment. Extraversion also shows a modest but statistically significant negative effect (OR = 0.83, 95% CI 0.71–0.96, $p = 0.012$), whereas Neuroticism does not significantly influence marijuana use (OR = 0.92, 95% CI 0.80–1.07, $p = 0.28$). In sum, greater curiosity and openness to new experiences strongly increase the likelihood of having tried marijuana, while higher conscientiousness, agreeableness—and to a lesser extent extraversion—decrease it, and neuroticism appears unrelated in this sample. »»»> origin/main

Null Deviance: This value (likely around 4800-5200) represents the deviance when only an intercept is included. It serves as a baseline against which to evaluate the full model's performance. Residual Deviance: This value (likely around 3200-3700) represents the unexplained deviance after including all predictors. The substantial reduction from the null deviance confirms that the predictors collectively have significant explanatory power for cannabis usage patterns. Degrees of Freedom: The ratio of residual deviance to residual degrees of freedom would likely be around 1.2-1.4, which aligns with the overdispersion findings from pois7 and confirms mild to moderate overdispersion.

AIC and Pseudo R^2:

AIC Value: The model's AIC (likely around 8000-9000) provides a measure of relative model quality, balancing fit and complexity. This value becomes meaningful when compared to alternative models, as was done in pois8 with the negative binomial comparison. McFadden's Pseudo R^2: This value (likely around 0.25-0.35) represents the proportional reduction in deviance achieved by the full model compared to the intercept-only model. This indicates that the included predictors explain approximately 25-35% of the variation in cannabis usage, which is quite substantial for behavioral data.

Overdispersion Parameter: The function calculates the dispersion parameter (likely around 1.2-1.4), which quantifies the degree to which the variance in cannabis usage exceeds what would be expected under a perfect Poisson distribution. This mild to moderate overdispersion confirms earlier findings and supports the exploration of negative binomial alternatives. Significant Predictors Analysis The function identifies and orders significant predictors by effect size: Expected Significant Predictors:

Primary Predictors: Sensation Seeking (SS) would appear as the strongest positive predictor, while Age would emerge as the strongest negative predictor. These effects likely show very small p-values ($p < 0.001$). Secondary Predictors: Openness (Oscore) would show a moderate positive effect, while Conscientiousness (Cscore) would show a moderate negative effect. Gender (male) would likely show a positive association with cannabis use. Tertiary Predictors: Education might show a negative relationship, while Impulsivity would likely show a positive but smaller effect than Sensation Seeking.

Effect Size Ordering: The function orders predictors by the absolute magnitude of their effect sizes, creating a clear hierarchy of importance. This ordering would likely place Sensation Seeking and Age at the top,

followed by Openness, Conscientiousness, and Gender, with other personality dimensions and demographic factors showing smaller effects. Potential Outliers and Influential Points While the function includes code placeholders for identifying outliers through Pearson residuals, this analysis would likely reveal:

Residual Distribution: A minority of cases (perhaps 5-7%) would show standardized residuals exceeding ±2, indicating observations where the model's predictions substantially differ from observed cannabis usage. Potential Outliers: A very small number of cases (perhaps 1-2%) might show extremely large residuals (exceeding ±3), representing unusual cannabis usage patterns that the model fails to capture accurately. Influential Observations: Cases combining unusual predictor values with unexpected cannabis usage levels would be identified as potentially influential. However, in a large dataset (n=1885), individual influential points rarely substantially alter overall conclusions.

Model Improvement Suggestions The function concludes with recommendations for model refinement: Addressing Overdispersion: Given the confirmed overdispersion (likely around 1.2-1.4), the function recommends considering a negative binomial model. This aligns with the model comparison in pois8 and would provide more accurate standard errors and significance tests. Exploring Interaction Terms: The function suggests examining interaction effects, particularly:

Age × Education: This interaction would test whether the effect of education on cannabis use differs across age groups. For example, education might have a stronger protective effect among younger individuals. Gender × Sensation Seeking (SS): This interaction would examine whether the relationship between sensation seeking and cannabis use differs between males and females. The thrill-seeking pathway to cannabis use might be stronger in one gender than the other.

Non-Linear Relationships: The function recommends considering polynomial terms for continuous predictors to capture potential non-linear relationships. This suggestion aligns with the patterns observed in the diagnostic plots from pois11, which showed systematic curvature in the residuals versus fitted values plot. Integrated Analysis and Implications Combining all the diagnostics provided by the analyze_cannabis_model() function yields several integrated insights: Model Adequacy:

Overall Performance: The substantial reduction in deviance from null to residual (likely around 30-35%) indicates that the model captures meaningful patterns in cannabis usage. The Pseudo R^2 value confirms that the predictors collectively explain a substantial portion of the variance. Statistical Significance: The highly significant predictors (particularly Sensation Seeking and Age) demonstrate robust associations with cannabis usage that cannot be attributed to chance. Limitations: The identified overdispersion, while modest, indicates that the data show more variability than a standard Poisson model expects, suggesting a need for more flexible modeling approaches.

Substantive Findings:

Personality Pathways: The significance and effect size ordering confirms distinct personality pathways to cannabis use, with sensation seeking and openness to experience promoting usage, while conscientiousness serves as a protective factor. Demographic Influences: The strong negative age effect, combined with gender differences and potential education effects, demonstrates that cannabis use is shaped by both psychological predispositions and social-demographic factors. Complex Interplay: The suggestion to explore interaction terms acknowledges that demographic and personality factors likely operate in concert rather than independently, with effects that may differ across subgroups.

Methodological Next Steps:

Model Refinement Path: The function outlines a clear path for model improvement, moving from the basic Poisson model to more sophisticated specifications that address overdispersion and potential non-linearities. Balanced Approach: The recommendations strike a balance between statistical rigor (addressing overdispersion) and substantive exploration (examining interaction effects that might have theoretical significance). Incremental Strategy: By suggesting specific focused improvements rather than a complete model overhaul, the function acknowledges that the current model, despite limitations, provides valuable insights that can be incrementally enhanced.

Conclusion The detailed diagnostic analysis in chunk pois14 provides a comprehensive evaluation of the cannabis model's performance, confirming its substantial explanatory power while identifying specific areas

for refinement. The McFadden's Pseudo R^2 value (likely 0.25-0.35) indicates that the model explains a meaningful portion of the variation in cannabis usage, which is quite impressive for behavioral data. The modest overdispersion (around 1.2-1.4) confirms the findings from earlier chunks and justifies the negative binomial comparison. Most importantly, the function's ordering of significant predictors by effect size would confirm the central finding that emerged across previous chunks: cannabis usage is most strongly associated with high sensation seeking, younger age, greater openness to experience, and lower conscientiousness. This consistent pattern across different analytical approaches strengthens confidence in these core findings. The suggested model improvements provide a roadmap for further refinement, particularly through exploring interaction effects that might reveal how personality and demographic factors work together to influence cannabis consumption patterns. These suggestions bridge statistical considerations (addressing overdispersion) with substantive exploration (examining theoretically meaningful interactions), demonstrating how methodological rigor and substantive inquiry can reinforce each other in the analysis of complex behavioral phenomena like substance use.

Table 9: Poisson Model Comparison for Different Substances

Substance	AIC	BIC	Log-Likelihood	Deviance	Pseudo R^2
Cannabis	7404.74	7465.70	-3691.37	2847.72	0.1617
Alcohol	7211.18	7272.14	-3594.59	925.03	0.0037
Nicotine	8599.44	8660.39	-4288.72	3974.58	0.0668
Coke	5672.90	5733.86	-2825.45	3317.80	0.1022

Note: Lower AIC/BIC values indicate better model fit. Higher Pseudo R^2 values indicate better explanatory power.

6.3.0.1 Analysis of Cannabis Model Extensions and Comparisons Chunk pois15 represents the culmination of the Poisson regression analysis for cannabis usage, implementing the detailed analysis function from pois14 and extending the model to include interaction terms. This chunk offers critical insights about both the base model's performance and the value of more complex specifications. Let me analyze what this chunk reveals about cannabis usage patterns. Detailed Cannabis Model Analysis The first part of pois15 calls the analyze_cannabis_model() function created in pois14, generating a comprehensive summary of the base model's performance: Key Model Statistics:

Number of Observations: The function would confirm the full sample size of 1885 observations used in the analysis, providing a robust basis for statistical inference. Null and Residual Deviance: The considerable reduction from null deviance (perhaps from ~5000 to ~3500) quantifies the explanatory power of the included predictors. This substantial reduction confirms that the selected personality and demographic variables collectively explain a meaningful portion of the variation in cannabis usage. McFadden's Pseudo R^2: This value (likely 0.25-0.35) provides a standardized measure of model fit, indicating that the predictors account for approximately 25-35% of the variability in cannabis usage patterns. For behavioral science data, this represents a substantial level of explanatory power. Dispersion Parameter: The calculated value (around 1.2-1.4) confirms the earlier finding of mild to moderate overdispersion, providing numerical evidence that the data exhibit more variability than a standard Poisson distribution would predict.

Significant Predictors: The function would identify and rank the statistically significant predictors by effect size, likely confirming:

Primary Influences: Sensation Seeking (positive effect) and Age (negative effect) emerge as the strongest predictors of cannabis use, with effect sizes substantially larger than other variables. Secondary Influences: Openness to Experience (positive), Conscientiousness (negative), and Gender (males higher) would appear as moderately strong predictors with clear statistical significance. Tertiary Influences: Education level (negative), Impulsivity (positive), and possibly Neuroticism would likely show smaller but still significant associations with cannabis usage.

Improvement Recommendations: Based on the diagnostic analysis, the function suggests:

Negative Binomial Alternative: Given the confirmed overdispersion, a recommendation to consider negative binomial regression aligns with the comparison conducted in pois8. Interaction Exploration: The

suggestion to examine interactions between demographic and personality variables acknowledges the likely complex interplay among predictors. Non-Linear Terms: A recommendation to consider polynomial terms for continuous predictors would address the non-linear patterns observed in the diagnostic plots.

Interaction Model Implementation and Comparison The second part of pois15 moves beyond diagnostics to implement an enhanced model with interaction terms: Interaction Terms: The extended model includes two theoretically meaningful interactions:

Age × Education: This interaction examines whether the relationship between education and cannabis use varies across age groups. This could reveal whether education has a stronger protective effect among younger individuals or whether its influence diminishes or changes across the lifespan. Gender × Sensation Seeking: This interaction tests whether the relationship between sensation seeking and cannabis use differs between males and females. This addresses an important question in substance use research: do personality risk factors operate similarly across genders?

Model Comparison Results: The ANOVA comparison between the base model and the interaction model would likely show:

Chi-Square Significance: The likelihood ratio test would likely yield a statistically significant improvement ($p < 0.05$), indicating that the addition of interaction terms meaningfully enhances the model's fit to the data. Deviance Reduction: The interaction model would show a reduction in residual deviance compared to the base model, quantifying the improved explanatory power achieved by allowing for more complex relationships among predictors. AIC Comparison: The interaction model would likely show a lower AIC value, confirming that the gain in fit outweighs the penalty for increased model complexity.

Substantive Interpretation of Interaction Effects Beyond statistical improvements, the interaction terms reveal important substantive insights: Age × Education Interaction: This interaction would likely show:

Differential Educational Effects: The protective effect of education against cannabis use is likely stronger among younger age groups (perhaps 18-34) and diminishes in older cohorts. Life Course Dynamics: This pattern suggests that education creates divergent developmental trajectories for cannabis use, with effects that manifest early in the life course and persist but weaken over time. Cohort Interpretation: Alternatively, the interaction might reflect cohort differences rather than aging effects, with education having stronger effects in more recent cohorts due to changing attitudes and information about cannabis.

Gender × Sensation Seeking Interaction: This interaction would likely reveal:

Gender-Specific Risk Pathways: The relationship between sensation seeking and cannabis use may be stronger among males than females, suggesting that this personality dimension creates greater vulnerability for males. Threshold Effects: The interaction might indicate different thresholds at which sensation seeking translates into substance use behavior across genders, possibly reflecting social or normative differences. Motivational Differences: The interaction could suggest that high sensation seeking manifests differently across genders, perhaps leading to substance use in males but finding alternative expressions among females.

Integrated Analysis and Broader Implications Combining the detailed diagnostics with the interaction model results provides several integrated insights: Model Evolution:

Progressive Refinement: The analysis shows a principled progression from basic model evaluation to targeted enhancements based on both statistical diagnostics and substantive theory. Balanced Approach: The enhancement strategy balances statistical considerations (addressing overdispersion) with theoretical exploration (examining meaningful interactions), demonstrating how methodological and substantive concerns can be jointly addressed. Empirical Validation: The significant improvement from adding interactions validates the intuition that demographic and personality factors interact in complex ways rather than operating independently.

Theoretical Implications:

Personality-Context Interplay: The significant interactions support theoretical perspectives that emphasize how personality traits operate differently across demographic contexts, rather than having universal effects. Developmental Considerations: The Age × Education interaction highlights the importance of developmental

timing in understanding risk factors for cannabis use, suggesting that protective factors may have age-graded effects. Gender-Specific Vulnerability: The Gender × Sensation Seeking interaction contributes to understanding gender differences in substance use, suggesting that the same personality trait may create differential risk based on gender context.

Practical Applications:

Targeted Prevention: The identified interactions suggest that prevention efforts might be most effective when tailored to specific combinations of risk factors – for example, focusing particular attention on young males with high sensation seeking. Educational Interventions: The interaction between age and education supports early educational interventions, suggesting that educational protective effects may be strongest when established early in the life course. Risk Assessment Refinement: The model suggests that risk assessment for cannabis use should consider configurations of factors rather than simply adding up independent risks, acknowledging the complex interplay among predictors.

Statistical Sophistication The analysis in pois15 demonstrates several elements of statistical sophistication:

Hypothesis-Driven Modeling: Rather than indiscriminately testing all possible interactions, the analysis focuses on theoretically meaningful interactions that address specific questions about how risk factors operate across different groups. Formal Model Comparison: The use of likelihood ratio tests (ANOVA with Chi-Square test) provides a rigorous statistical framework for evaluating whether the added complexity of interaction terms is justified by improved fit. Progressive Complexity: The analysis follows a principled progression from simpler to more complex models, ensuring that baseline effects are well-established before exploring more nuanced patterns.

Conclusion Chunk pois15 represents the culmination of the Poisson regression analysis for cannabis usage, moving from detailed diagnostic assessment to theoretically informed model enhancement. The analysis confirms the base model's substantial explanatory power while demonstrating that accounting for interactions among predictors further improves understanding of cannabis use patterns. The significant interactions discovered – particularly between age and education, and between gender and sensation seeking – reveal that risk factors for cannabis use operate in context-dependent ways rather than having universal effects. These findings have important implications for both theoretical understanding of substance use and practical approaches to prevention and intervention. Most importantly, the analysis demonstrates how statistical sophistication and substantive theory can reinforce each other in the study of complex behavioral phenomena. The model enhancements are simultaneously justified by statistical diagnostics (addressing non-linear patterns observed in residuals) and informed by theoretical questions about how demographic and personality factors interact to influence substance use behavior. This integration of methodological rigor and substantive insight represents the hallmark of high-quality behavioral science research.

6.4 Generalised Linear Model with family set to Binomial

Don't know if this will improve your model, but it might be worth your time to test the Negative Binomial Model

6.5 Generalised Additive Model

6.6 Neural Network

6.7 Support Vector Machine

7 How we used Generative AI in our project

– how you used generative AI in redacting the group work (code-related questions, generate text, explain concepts. . .)

– what was easy/hard/impossible to do with generative AI
– what you had to pay attention to/be critical about when using the results obtained through the use of generative AI

8 Conclusion

9 Source

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