# Data Mining - Selection and Preparation of a Dataset

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#### Introduction

Obesity has emerged as a global health challenge with significant implications for public health. The prevalence of obesity has risen dramatically over the past few decades, leading to severe health consequences such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and various metabolic disorders. Understanding and addressing obesity is crucial for developing preventive measures and personalized intervention strategies. In the context of our research, we focus on the application area of health and well-being, where the accurate classification of obesity levels can facilitate early detection and targeted interventions. Obesity poses a significant challenge to public health, with its prevalence steadily increasing over the past few decades. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), obesity has more than doubled worldwide since 1980. In 2016, 39% of adults aged 18 years and over were overweight, and 13% were obese. These statistics underscore the urgency of addressing obesity through advanced analytical approaches to mitigate its impact on public health.

The primary objective of this research is to develop a robust and accurate classification model using a Neural Network algorithm for categorizing gender into different obesity levels. By employing this analysis, we seek to contribute to the field of health informatics and provide a valuable tool for healthcare professionals to identify and address obesity-related concerns promptly.

The selection of a Neural Network algorithm for the classification of obesity levels is motivated by its interpretability, simplicity, and efficiency in handling both categorical and numerical data. Neural networks provide a transparent and intuitive framework for decision-making, enabling healthcare professionals to understand the factors influencing the classification outcomes. Additionally, Neural networks are well-suited for handling complex relationships between input features and the target variable. Given the multi-faceted nature of obesity, where multiple factors contribute to its classification, the Neural Network approach allows us to capture non-linear interactions and hierarchies within the data.

#### **Data Selection**

The data contains numerical data and continuous data, so it can be used for analysis based on algorithms of classification, and prediction. The data consist of the estimation of obesity levels in people from the countries of Mexico, Peru and Colombia, with ages between 14 and 61 and diverse eating habits and physical condition, data was collected using a web platform with a survey where anonymous users answered each question, then the information was processed obtaining 17 attributes and 2111 records.

#### **Attribute Information:**

#### The attributes related with eating habits are:

FAVC: Frequent consumption of high caloric food, FCVC: Frequency of consumption of vegetables, NCP: Number of main meals, CAEC: Consumption of food between meals, CH20: Consumption of water daily, CALC: Consumption of alcohol.

## The attributes related with the physical condition are:

SCC: Calories consumption monitoring, FAF: Physical activity frequency, TUE: Time using technology devices, MTRANS: Transportation used.

#### Variables obtained:

Gender, Age, Height and Weight.

#### Obesity values are:

Underweight: Less than 18.5

Normal: 18.5 to 24.9 Overweight: 25.0 to 29.9. Obese Obesity I: 30.0 to 34.9 Obesity II: 35.0 to 39.9 Obesity III: Higher than 40.

#### **Exploratory Data Analysis**

Required libraries

```
library(DataExplorer)
library(tidyverse)
library(ggplot2)
library(tidyr)
library(viridis)
library(plotly)
library(PerformanceAnalytics)
library(factoextra)
library(nnet)
library(NeuralNetTools)
library(gmodels)
library(caret)
```

Using the 'str' function, it was observed that the variables in the dataset consist of characters and numeric.

## str(data)

```
## 'data.frame': 2111 obs. of 17 variables:
                                : chr "Female" "Female" "Male" "Male" ...
## $ Gender
## $ Age
                                  : num 21 21 23 27 22 29 23 22 24 22 ...
## $ Height
                                  : num 1.62 1.52 1.8 1.8 1.78 1.62 1.5 1.64 1.78 1.72 ...
## $ Weight
                                  : num 64 56 77 87 89.8 53 55 53 64 68 ...
## $ family_history_with_overweight: chr "yes" "yes" "yes" "no" ...
## $ FAVC : chr "no" "no" "no" "no" ...
## $ FCVC
                                 : num 2 3 2 3 2 2 3 2 3 2 ...
## $ NCP
                                 : num 3 3 3 3 1 3 3 3 3 3 ...
                                 : chr
## $ CAEC
                                         "Sometimes" "Sometimes" "Sometimes" ...
                                : chr "no" "yes" "no" "no" ...
## $ SMOKE
## $ CH2O
                                : num 2 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
                                : chr "no" "yes" "no" "no" ...
## $ SCC
                                 : num 0322001311...
## $ FAF
## $ TUE
                                 : num 1010000011...
## $ CALC
                                  : chr "no" "Sometimes" "Frequently" "Frequently" ...
## $ MTRANS
                                  : chr "Public_Transportation" "Public_Transportation" "Pu
blic_Transportation" "Walking" ...
## $ NObeyesdad
                                 : chr "Normal Weight" "Normal Weight" "Normal Weight" "Ov
erweight" ...
```

The 'summary' function was used to obtain the minimum and maximum, as well as measures of central tendency (mean, median) and spread (1st and 3rd quartiles) for each of these variables.

#### summary(data)

```
##
                                         Height
                                                         Weight
      Gender
                           Age
                                                     Min. : 39.00
##
  Length:2111
                      Min. :14.00
                                     Min. :1.450
##
  Class :character
                      1st Qu.:19.95
                                     1st Qu.:1.630
                                                     1st Qu.: 65.47
                                     Median :1.700
  Mode :character
                                                     Median : 83.00
##
                      Median :22.78
                                                     Mean : 86.59
##
                      Mean :24.31
                                     Mean :1.702
##
                      3rd Qu.:26.00
                                     3rd Qu.:1.768
                                                     3rd Qu.:107.43
##
                      Max. :61.00
                                           :1.980
                                     Max.
                                                     Max. :173.00
  family_history_with_overweight
                                     FAVC
                                                         FCVC
##
                                 Length:2111
##
   Length:2111
                                                    Min. :1.000
                                                    1st Qu.:2.000
   Class :character
                                  Class :character
##
                                 Mode :character
   Mode :character
##
                                                    Median :2.386
##
                                                    Mean
                                                          :2.419
##
                                                    3rd Qu.:3.000
##
                                                    Max.
                                                           :3.000
        NCP
                       CAEC
                                        SMOKE
                                                             CH20
##
          :1.000
                   Length:2111
                                     Length:2111
                                                        Min.
##
   Min.
                                                               :1.000
   1st Qu.:2.659
                   Class :character
                                     Class :character
                                                        1st Qu.:1.585
##
   Median :3.000
                   Mode :character
                                     Mode :character
                                                        Median :2.000
##
##
   Mean
          :2.686
                                                        Mean :2.008
   3rd Qu.:3.000
                                                        3rd Qu.:2.477
##
##
          :4.000
                                                        Max. :3.000
  Max.
                                                           CALC
##
       SCC
                           FAF
                                           TUE
##
  Length:2111
                      Min. :0.0000
                                      Min.
                                             :0.0000
                                                       Length:2111
  Class :character
                      1st Qu.:0.1245
                                      1st Ou.:0.0000
                                                       Class :character
  Mode :character
                      Median :1.0000
                                      Median :0.6253
                                                       Mode :character
##
                      Mean :1.0103
                                      Mean :0.6579
##
                      3rd Qu.:1.6667
                                      3rd Qu.:1.0000
##
                      Max. :3.0000
                                      Max. :2.0000
##
      MTRANS
                       NObeyesdad
  Length:2111
                      Length:2111
  Class :character
                      Class :character
## Mode :character
                      Mode :character
```

Converting the character data types to categorical

```
data$Gender <- as.factor(data$Gender)
data$family_history_with_overweight <-
as.factor(data$family_history_with_overweight)
data$FAVC <- as.factor(data$FAVC)
data$CAEC <- as.factor(data$CAEC)
data$SMOKE <- as.factor(data$SMOKE)
data$SCC <- as.factor(data$SCC)
data$CALC <- as.factor(data$CALC)
data$MTRANS <- as.factor(data$MTRANS)
data$NObeyesdad <- as.factor(data$NObeyesdad)</pre>
```

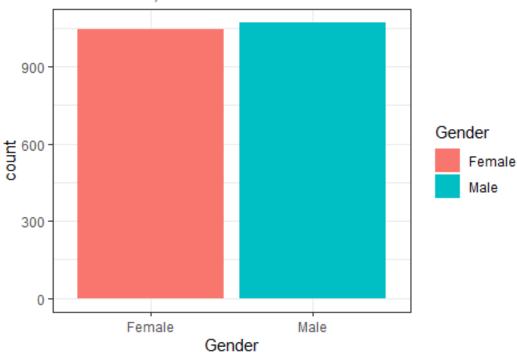
Changing Height metric from Meter to Centimeter by multiply the value with 100

```
data$Height <- data$Height *100</pre>
```

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=Gender, fill = Gender))+
   theme_bw()+
   geom_bar()+
labs(title = "Barplot of Gender", subtitle = "This plot shows the number of males and females.
In this dataset, there are 1043 Females and 1068 Males")
```

# **Barplot of Gender**

This plot shows the number of males and females. In this dataset, there are 1043 Females and 1068 Males



This dataset contains information on 1068 males(average height of approximately 176cm, average weight of 90.8kg) and 1043 females(average height of 164cm, average weight of 82.3kg). The average age of both males and females is approximately 24 years.

```
## # A tibble: 2 × 5
     Gender `Gender Count` `Average Height` `Average Weight` `Average Age`
##
     <fct>
                      <int>
                                        <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
                                                                        <dbl>
                                                          82.3
                                                                         24.0
## 1 Female
                       1043
                                         164.
## 2 Male
                       1068
                                         176.
                                                          90.8
                                                                         24.6
```

287 out of 2111 individuals are Normal Weight, 141 of which are Females and 146 Males.

```
# Filter the dataset when Label = Normal Weight. Name this filtered data "Nor
mal Weight"
Normal_Weight<- data %>% filter(NObeyesdad=="Normal Weight")%>% drop_na()
Normal_Weight%>% group_by(Gender)%>% summarise("Gender Count"=n())
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
## Gender `Gender Count`
## <fct> <int>
## 1 Female 141
## 2 Male 146
```

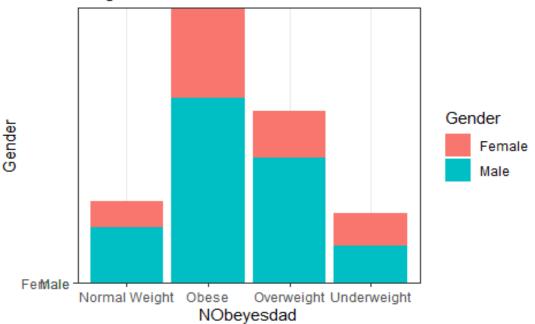
## **Classification of the Obesity Levels**

```
ggplot(data=data)+
   geom_col(mapping=aes(fill=Gender, x=NObeyesdad, y=Gender), position="stack"
)+
   theme_bw()+
labs(title="Gender vs. NObeyesdad", subtitle="This plot shows individuals, gr
ouped by Gender that fall under Normal Weight,
Obese, Overweight and Underweight.
A higher number of males fall under the Obese label")
```

# Gender vs. NObeyesdad

This plot shows individuals, grouped by Gender that fall under N Obese, Overweight and Underweight.

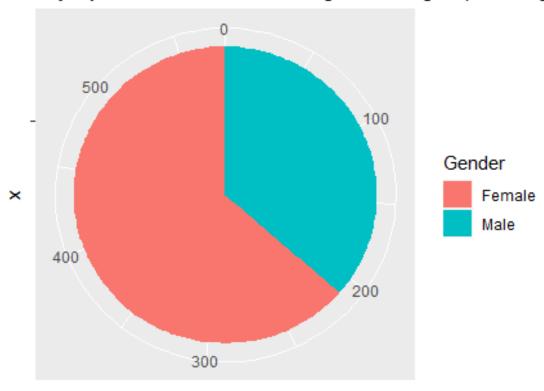
A higher number of males fall under the Obese label



```
Underweight<- data %>% filter(NObeyesdad=="Underweight")%>% drop_na()
Underweight_Gender_Percentage<- Underweight %>% group_by(Gender) %>%
  summarise("Gender_Percentage"=(n()*100)/47)
annotation <- data.frame(</pre>
  x = c(""),
  y = c(15,50),
  label = c(" ", " "))
ggplot(data=Underweight_Gender_Percentage)+
  geom_bar(mapping=aes(x="", y=Gender_Percentage,fill=Gender),
                           stat="identity",width=1)+
                 coord_polar("y", start=0)+
labs(title="Percentage plot of Underweight Individuals", subtitle= "Majority
of individuals are underweight with a higher percentage being females.")+
geom_text(data=annotation, aes( x=x, y=y, label=label),
            color="Black",
            size=5 , angle=0, fontface="bold" )
```

# Percentage plot of Underweight Individuals

Majority of individuals are underweight with a higher percentage be

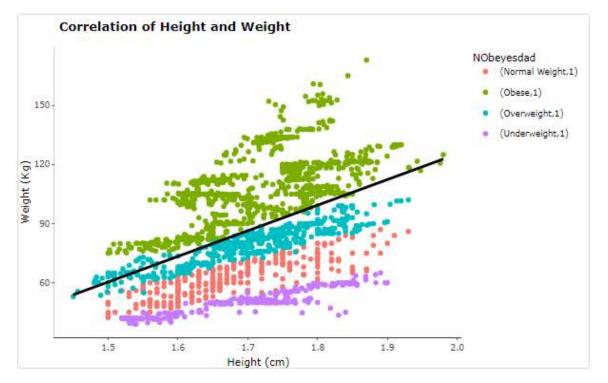


Gender\_Percentage

#### **Correlation Between Height and Weight in Type of Obesity**

It can be deduced from below that the correlation (0.46) between height and weight is weakly positive.

```
obesity cor <- data %>%
  select(c(NObeyesdad, Height, Weight))
plotob_cor <- ggplot(data = obesity_cor, mapping = aes(x = Height, y = Weight</pre>
 col = NObeyesdad))+
  geom point(aes(col = NObeyesdad))+
  geom_smooth(method=lm , color="black", se=FALSE, formula = y~x) +
  scale_fill_viridis(discrete = T, option = "C") +
  labs(title = list(text = paste0('Correlation of Height and Weight')),
    x = "Height (cm)",
    y = "Weight (Kg)"
  theme(legend.title = element_blank(),
        plot.title = element_text(face = "bold"),
        panel.background = element rect(fill = "#ffffff"),
        axis.line.y = element_line(colour = "grey"),
        axis.line.x = element_line())
ggplotly(plotob cor, tooltip = "text")
```

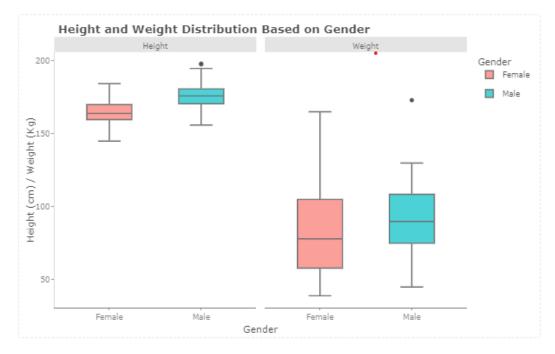


```
ob_corr <- cor(obesity_cor$Height, obesity_cor$Weight)
ob_corr</pre>
```

#### Height and Weight Distribution based on Gender

The box plots show the distribution of Height and Weight based on Gender wise. The plots highlight that the median height of females in the sample is significantly lower than that of males, with a few of males surpassing 1.98 meters (outliers). In terms of their weights, though, the difference is not as significant. While, one individual with a weight of more than 165 kg is considered an outlier.

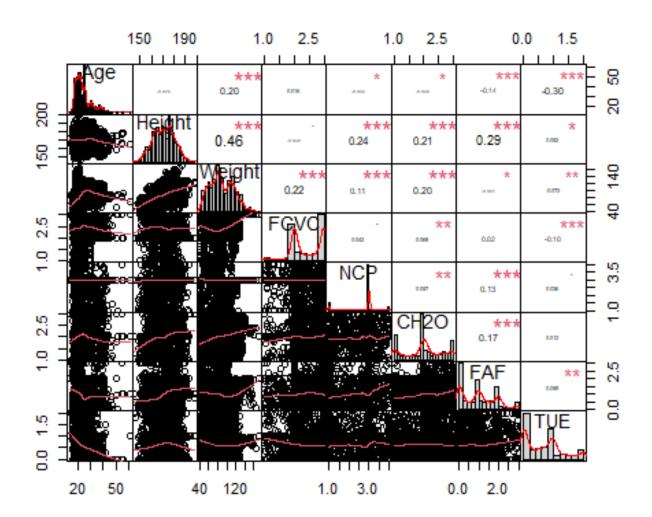
```
height_weight <- data %>%
  select(c(Gender, Height, Weight))
height weight <- pivot_longer(data = height_weight,
                           cols = c("Height","Weight"),
                           names to = "variabel")
plothw <- ggplot(data = height_weight, mapping = aes(x = Gender, y = value))+</pre>
  geom_boxplot(aes(fill=Gender), position = "dodge")+
  facet_wrap(vars(variabel)) + #memisahkan plot berdasarkan variable paramete
  labs(title = list(text = paste0('Height and Weight Distribution Based on Ge
nder')),
    x = "Gender",
    y = "Height (cm) / Weight (Kg)"
  theme(legend.title = element blank(),
        plot.title = element_text(face = "bold"),
        panel.background = element_rect(fill = "#ffffff"),
        axis.line.y = element line(colour = "grey"),
        axis.line.x = element line())
ggplotly(plothw, tooltip = "text")
```



#### **Correlation Between the Numeric Variables**

No record of very strong correlation between the numeric variables

chart.Correlation(data[,c(2,3,4,7,8,11,13,14)],histogram=TRUE, col="grey10",
pch=1, main="Correlation")

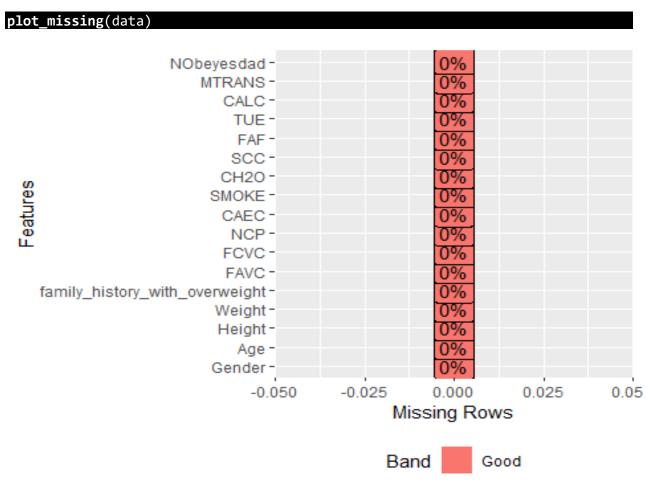


#### **Preprocessing**

We have six levels of obesity in the dataset, while there can be only four, hence, they are Underweight, Normal, Overweight and Obese. No spelling errors in the dataset.

# **Missing Values**

There are no records of missing data, NA, in the dataset as shown below



#### **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) can lead to the following issues when dealing with an excessive number of variables:

Increased computer throughput, resulting in computational challenges. Complications in visualizing complex data. Reduced efficiency due to the inclusion of variables that do not contribute to the analysis. Difficulty in interpreting data due to its increased complexity.

PCA employs standardized data to mitigate the impact of scale differences and prevent data distortion.

```
data_pca <- transform(data[, -1])</pre>
data pca <- data pca[, -4]
data_pca <- data_pca[, -4]</pre>
data pca <- data pca[, -6]
data_pca <- data_pca[, -6]</pre>
data_pca <- data_pca[, -7]</pre>
data pca <- data pca[, -9]
data_pca <- data_pca[, -9]</pre>
data_pca <- data_pca[, -9]</pre>
data pca
##
                              Weight
                                                     NCP
                                                             CH20
                                                                                 TUE
                    Height
                                          FCVC
                                                                        FAF
             Age
        21.00000 162.0000 64.00000 2.000000 3.000000 2.000000 0.000000 1.000000
## 1
```

In the results of PCA, the cumulative proportion from PC1 to PC6 is about 87.3% (above 85%). It means that PC1~PC6 can explain 87% of the whole data.

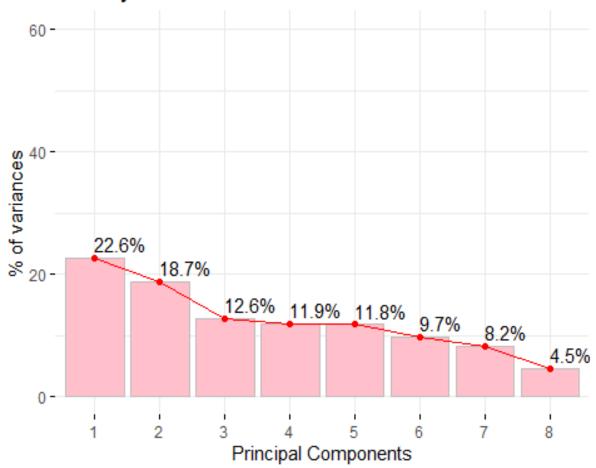
```
all_pca <- prcomp(data_pca, cor=TRUE, scale = TRUE)
summary(all_pca)
```

```
## Importance of components:
                             PC1
                                    PC2
                                           PC3
                                                   PC4
                                                          PC5
                                                                  PC6
##
                                                                          PC7
                          1.3461 1.2217 1.0058 0.9751 0.9699 0.87965 0.80967
## Standard deviation
## Proportion of Variance 0.2265 0.1866 0.1265 0.1189 0.1176 0.09672 0.08195
## Cumulative Proportion 0.2265 0.4131 0.5395 0.6584 0.7760 0.87268 0.95463
##
                              PC8
## Standard deviation
                          0.60246
## Proportion of Variance 0.04537
## Cumulative Proportion 1.00000
```

# Screeplot

The percentage of variability explained by the principal components can be ascertained through screeplot. Line lies at point PC6.

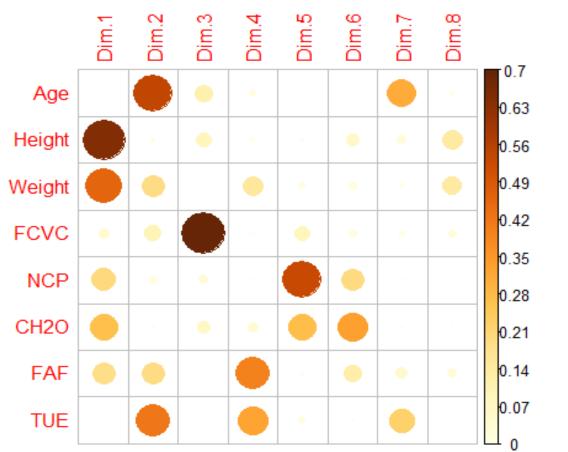
# Obesity All Variances - PCA



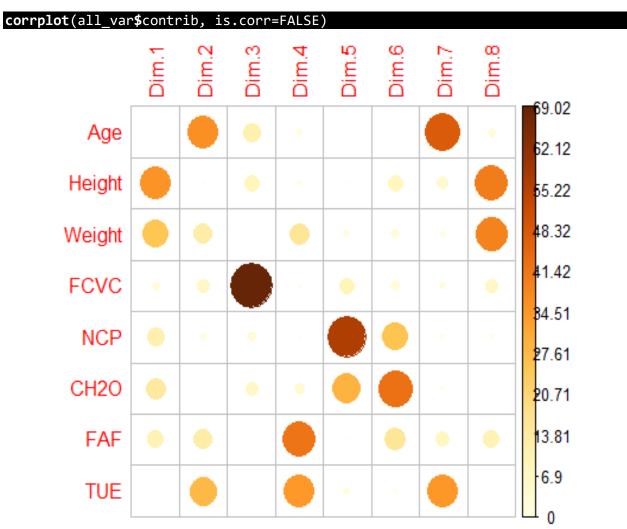
#### The PCA Variables

# Quality of representation of PCA Correlation between variables and PCA





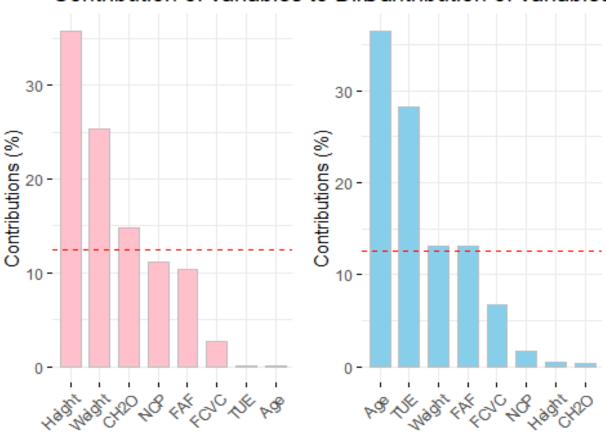
 $Contributions\ of\ variables\ to\ PCA\ To\ highlight\ the\ most\ contributing\ variables\ for\ each\ component$ 



#### Contributions of variables to PC1 & PC2

```
p1 <- fviz_contrib(all_pca, choice="var", axes=1, fill="pink", color="grey",
top=10)
p2 <- fviz_contrib(all_pca, choice="var", axes=2, fill="skyblue", color="grey
", top=10)
grid.arrange(p1,p2,ncol=2)</pre>
```

# Contribution of variables to Dir@dntribution of variables

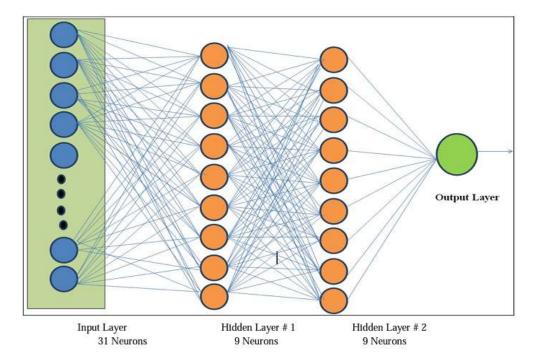


#### **Algorithm Intuition**

#### **Neural Network**

Neural networks (NN), a branch of machine learning also known as artificial neural networks (ANN), are computational models—essentially algorithms. These networks possess a remarkable capacity to derive meaning from imprecise or complex data, uncovering intricate patterns and identifying trends that may elude human comprehension or other conventional computer techniques. Neural networks have revolutionized our daily lives in numerous ways, exemplified by their integration into ridesharing apps, Gmail's intelligent email sorting, and product recommendations on platforms like Amazon.

One of the most groundbreaking features of neural networks is their ability to learn autonomously. These characteristic parallels the human brain, which comprises neurons—the fundamental units for transmitting information in both biological brains and neural networks. Alex Cardinell, Founder and CEO of Cortx, an artificial intelligence company specializing in natural language processing solutions, including an automated grammar correction application called Perfect Tense, points out, Human brains and artificial neural networks share similarities in their learning processes. In both cases, neurons continuously adjust their responses based on stimuli. When a task is executed correctly, neurons receive positive feedback and become more likely to trigger in similar future instances. Conversely, if neurons receive negative feedback, they learn to be less likely to trigger in subsequent instances. The whole of neurons in the input layer of the NN is equal to the number of characteristics in the dataset in its architecture. The hidden layer is another network component, with the number of hidden layers being counted as one layer. The NN architecture is illustrated below.



## **Data Splitting**

## Splitting the data set into Train and Test

A 60/40 train/test split is used to divide the dataset samples into training and testing sets. The rationale behind using this train/test split is due to the fact this is the more commonly used train/test split in machine learning.

```
index <- sample(2, nrow(data), replace=TRUE, prob = c(0.60, 0.40))
traindata <- data[index==1, ]
testdata <- data[index==2, ]</pre>
```

#### **Model Fitting**

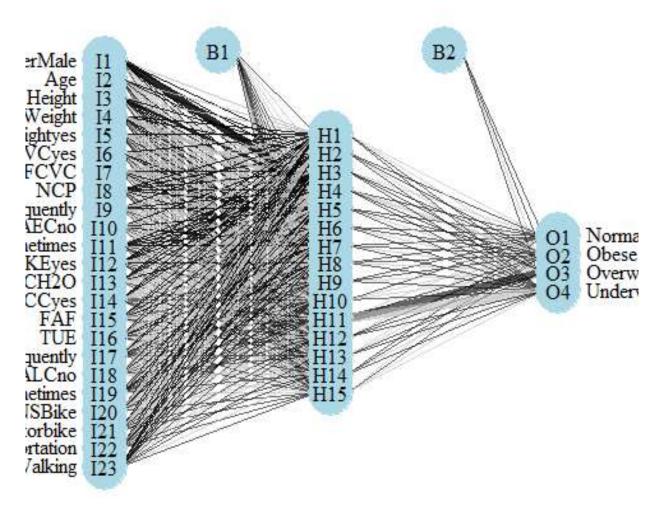
#### **Obesity Classification using Neural Network**

The numerical variables were fed into the machine learning model. The choice of machine learning classifiers is very important and plays an important role in classifying the output classes. A well-known machine learning classifier is implemented to investigate which classifier performs the best in classifying the different obesity levels. Thw classifier used is artificial neural network (ANN)

```
model_nnet <- nnet(NObeyesdad ~ ., data = traindata, size=15, rang = 1, decay
= 8e-4, maxit = 200)</pre>
```

```
## # weights: 424
## initial value 2495.858569
## iter 10 value 1075.078740
## iter 20 value 866.988095
## iter 30 value 814.640830
## iter 40 value 812.659188
## iter 50 value 811.275568
## iter 60 value 547.133508
## iter 70 value 466.826987
## iter 80 value 382.994563
## iter 90 value 364.986935
## iter 100 value 361.176133
## iter 110 value 350.145225
## iter 120 value 346.736428
## iter 130 value 336.161362
## iter 140 value 330.976204
## iter 150 value 323.903893
## iter 160 value 316.425693
## iter 170 value 302.553769
## iter 180 value 217.952875
## iter 190 value 181.674827
## iter 200 value 155.234909
## final value 155.234909
## stopped after 200 iterations
```

#### **Neural Network Algorithm for Type of Obesity**



#### **Prediction and Model Evaluation**

#### pred\_nnet <- predict(model\_nnet, testdata,type = c("class"))</pre>

After experimenting with the selected parameters in the training process and system testing, the accuracy level of the model is 96%, and the error is 4% i.e 96% of the test values are correctly classified, and misclassification rate is around 4%. The rate at which there was no information, i.e., "No Information Rate" is 45%.

#### **Confusion matrix and Model Properties**

The confusion matrix, which is often used to evaluate the performance of a classification model is provided below. In a confusion matrix, the rows represent the predicted classes, while the columns represent the actual classes or categories. Each cell in the matrix represents the number of observations that fall into a particular combination of actual and predicted obesity types.

		Predicted classes			
Classified as		Normal weight	Obese	Overweight	Underweight
Actual classes	Normal weight	113	0	1	2
	Obese	0	388	18	0
	Overweight	5	8	205	0
	Underweight	9	0	0	113

In this case, the model correctly classified 113 persons to have normal weight (True Positives), 388 to be obesed (True Negatives), with no false positive errors and negative errors.

```
pred = factor(pred_nnet, levels = c('Normal Weight', 'Obese', 'Overweight', '
Underweight'))
cm_nnet <- confusionMatrix(pred, testdata$NObeyesdad, positive = 'Normal Weig
ht')
cm_nnet</pre>
```

```
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
##
##
                  Reference
                  Normal Weight Obese Overweight Underweight
## Prediction
##
    Normal Weight
                            113
                                   0
                                               1
                                                            2
                                   388
##
    Obese
                              0
                                               18
                                                            0
    Overweight
                              5
##
                                    8
                                              205
                                                            0
##
    Underweight
                                                0
                                                          113
##
## Overall Statistics
##
##
                 Accuracy : 0.9501
##
                    95% CI: (0.9334, 0.9637)
##
       No Information Rate: 0.4594
##
       P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16
##
##
                     Kappa: 0.9266
##
   Mcnemar's Test P-Value : NA
##
##
```

```
## Statistics by Class:
##
##
                        Class: Normal Weight Class: Obese Class: Overweight
                                       0.8898
## Sensitivity
                                                    0.9798
                                                                       0.9152
                                       0.9959
## Specificity
                                                    0.9614
                                                                       0.9796
## Pos Pred Value
                                       0.9741
                                                    0.9557
                                                                       0.9404
## Neg Pred Value
                                       0.9812
                                                    0.9825
                                                                       0.9705
## Prevalence
                                                    0.4594
                                       0.1473
                                                                       0.2599
## Detection Rate
                                       0.1311
                                                    0.4501
                                                                       0.2378
## Detection Prevalence
                                       0.1346
                                                    0.4710
                                                                       0.2529
## Balanced Accuracy
                                       0.9428
                                                    0.9706
                                                                       0.9474
##
                        Class: Underweight
## Sensitivity
                                     0.9826
## Specificity
                                     0.9880
## Pos Pred Value
                                     0.9262
## Neg Pred Value
                                     0.9973
## Prevalence
                                     0.1334
## Detection Rate
                                     0.1311
## Detection Prevalence
                                     0.1415
## Balanced Accuracy
                                     0.9853
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#### Conclusion

Obesity is a serious health condition and can have severe consequences for health. It is increasing all over the world due to urbanization, economic development, and lifestyle changes and is considered an epidemic health problem. Therefore, it is vital to track the dietary habits and activity profiles of obese individuals to improve their quality of life and well-being. This study utilized a real-life dataset comprising various features related to dietary habits, physical conditions, activity profiles, and lifestyles.

In this study, we developed a neural network-based classification model for the pre diction of obesity levels based on physical activity levels and eating habits. The results shows that the prevalence of overweight and obesity is generally exceptionally high when compare to normal and underweight. Also, the reason why eating habits can lead to being obese or overweight may be that diets contain more and more high-calorie and, at the same time, high-fat foods, leading to a significant accumulation of fat in the body.

The proposed model was found to successfully obtain correct results that might decrease human mistakes in the diagnosis process and reduce the cost of cancer diagnosis. The approach presented in this study achieved an accuracy of 94%. The use of multiple NN models in a meta-learning framework allowed for better generalization and improved accuracy, particularly in detecting malignant tumors. The approach in medical imaging datasets could be extended to other types of cancer or medical conditions. The model produced by NN is more and it has the potential to make essential advancements in breast cancer prediction. Based on these findings, we can infer that machine learning techniques can automatically detect the disease with high accuracy.