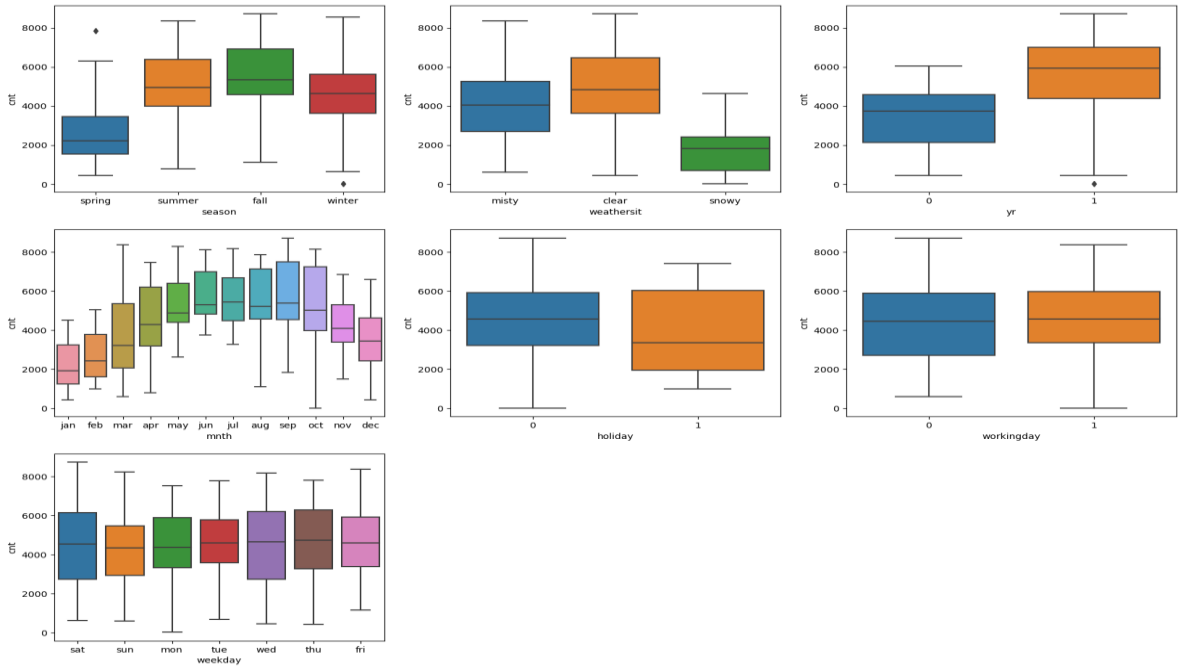
Assignment-based Subjective Questions

1. **From your analysis of the categorical variables from the dataset, what could you infer about their effect on the dependent variable? (3 marks)**

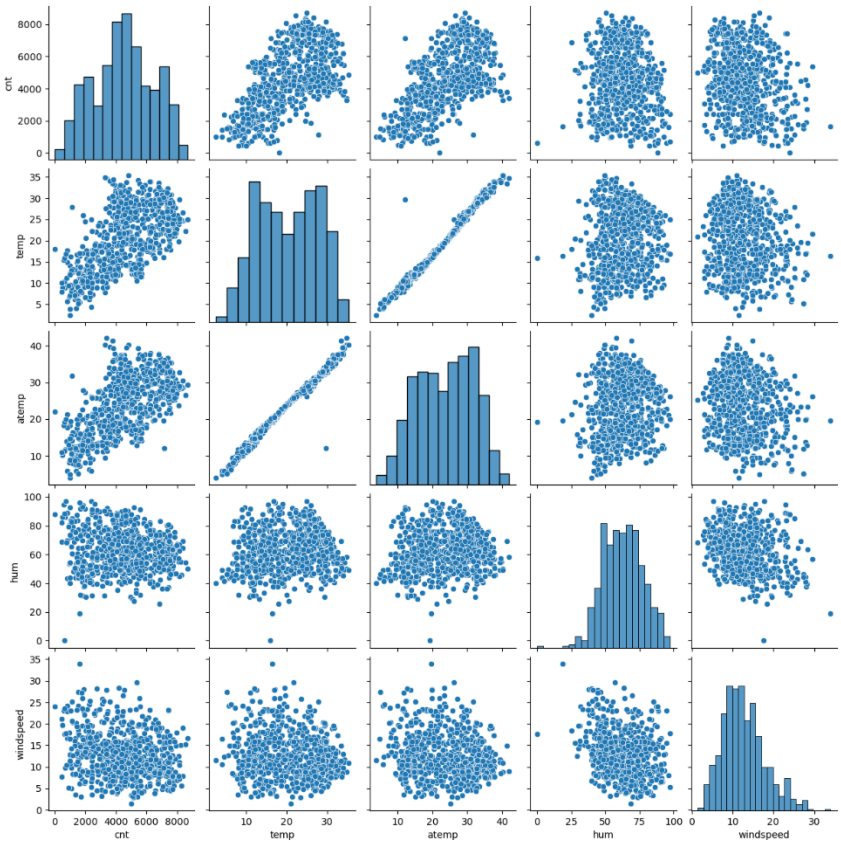
   There are a couple of categorical variables namely season, mnth, yr, weekday, working day and weathersit. These categorical variables have a major effect on the dependent variable 'cnt' as shown from the below plots.



2. **Why is it important to use drop_first=True during dummy variable creation? (2 mark)**

   When we try to turn the categorical variables into dummy variables (binary columns), using **drop_first=True** matters. It is like avoiding two people saying the same thing i.e., it prevents repetition and makes our model better. Say we have got a categorical variable like colours whose values are: red, green, and blue. If we include all three as columns, it is like having too much of the same info, causing confusion. But with **drop_first=True**, we drop one colour (let's say red), and the model can figure it out from the other two. This helps to clean up the model and helps the model to work faster.

3. **Looking at the pair-plot among the numerical variables, which one has the highest correlation with the target variable? (1 mark)**



Among the numeric variables, 'temp' & 'atemp' are the variables which are highly correlated with the target variable 'cnt'.

4. **How did you validate the assumptions of Linear Regression after building the model on the training set? (3 marks)**

   Linear Regression models are validated based on Linearity b/w the variables, No auto-correlation, Normal distribution of errors (which are independent, having constant variance(Homoscedasticity) with mean zero, Multicollinearity, Overfitting & Feature selection.

5. **Based on the final model, which are the top 3 features contributing significantly towards explaining the demand of the shared bikes? (2 marks)**

   Top 3 features that has significant impact towards explaining the demand of the shared bikes are atemp, weather and season.

General Subjective Questions

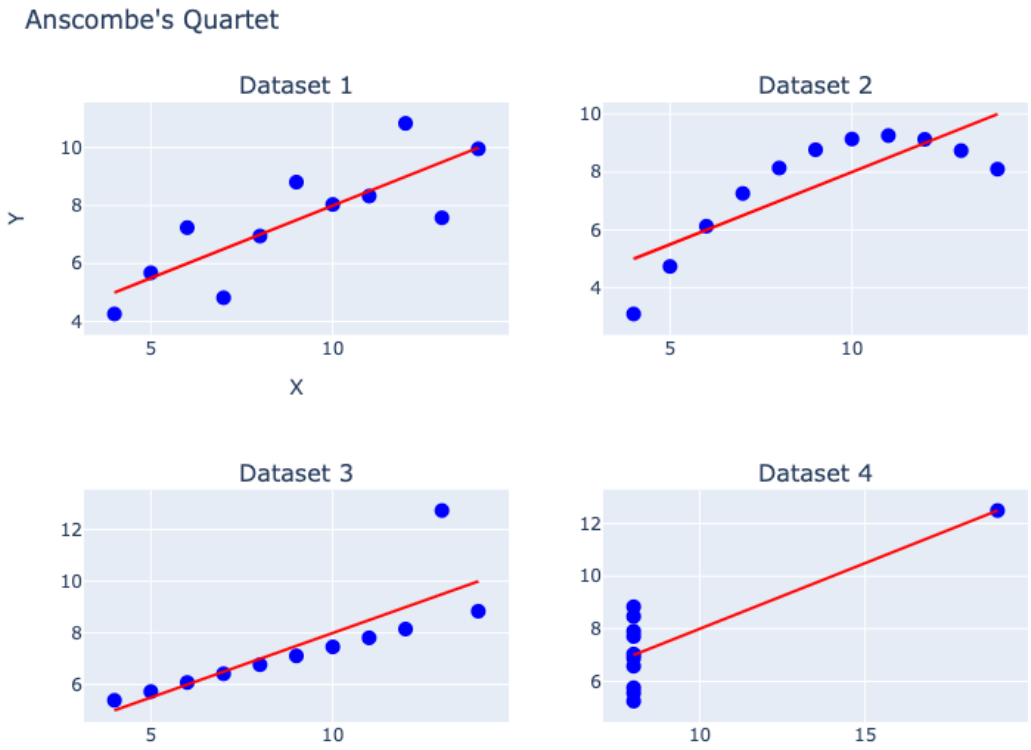
1. **Explain the linear regression algorithm in detail. (4 marks)**

   Linear regression is a form of predictive modeling technique which tells us the relationship between the dependent (target variable) and independent variables (predictors). Since linear regression shows the linear relationship, which means, it finds how the value of the dependent variable is changing according to the value of the independent variable. If there is a single input variable (x), such linear regression is called simple

linear regression. And if there is more than one input variable, such linear regression is called multiple linear regression. The linear regression model gives a sloped straight line describing the relationship within the variables. A regression line can be a Positive Linear Relationship or a Negative Linear Relationship. The goal of the linear regression algorithm is to get the best values for a0 and a1 to find the best fit line and the best fit line should have the least error. In Linear Regression, RFE / Mean Squared Error (MSE) / cost function is used, which helps to figure out the best possible values for a0 and a1, which provides the best fit line for the data points.

2. **Explain the Anscombe's quartet in detail. (3 marks)**

Anscombe's Quartet can be defined as a group of four data sets which are nearly identical in simple descriptive statistics, but there are some peculiarities in the dataset that fools the regression model if built. They have very different distributions and appear differently when plotted on scatter plots. It was constructed to illustrate the importance of plotting the graphs before analyzing and model building, and the effect of other observations on statistical properties. There are these four data set plots which have nearly same statistical observations, which provides same statistical information that involves variance, and mean of all x,y points in all four datasets.



3. **What is Pearson's R? (3 marks)**

In Statistics, the Pearson's Correlation Coefficient is also referred to as Pearson's r, the Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient (PPMCC), or bivariate correlation. It is a statistic that measures the linear correlation between two variables.

$$r = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

Where,

r = Pearson Correlation Coefficient

x_i = x variable samples y_i = y variable sample

$\bar{x}$ = mean of values in x variable $\bar{y}$ = mean of values in y variable

4. What is scaling? Why is scaling performed? What is the difference between normalized scaling and standardized scaling? (3 marks)

Scaling is the transforming of data so that it fits within a specific scale. It is one type of data pre-processing step where we will fit data in specific scale and speed up the calculations in an algorithm. Collected data contains features varying in magnitudes, units and range. If scaling is not performed than algorithm tends to weigh high values magnitudes and ignore other parameters which will result in incorrect modeling.
Difference between Normalizing Scaling and Standardize Scaling:

- In normalized scaling minimum and maximum value of features being used whereas in standardize scaling, mean and standard deviation is used for scaling.
- Normalized scaling is used when features are of different scales whereas standardized scaling is used to ensure zero mean and unit standard deviation.
- Normalized scaling scales values between (0,1) or (-1,1) whereas standardized scaling is not having or is not bounded in a certain range.
- Normalized scaling is affected by outliers whereas standardized scaling is not having any effect by outliers.
- Normalized scaling is used when we don't know about the distribution whereas standardized scaling is used when distribution is normal.
- Normalized scaling is called as scaling normalization whereas standardized scaling is called as Z Score Normalization.

5. You might have observed that sometimes the value of VIF is infinite. Why does this happen? (3 marks)

VIF(Variance Inflation Factor) basically helps explain the relationship of one independent variable with all the other independent variables. The formulation of VIF is given below:
A VIF value of greater than 10 is definitely high,
A VIF of greater than 5 should also not be ignored and inspected appropriately.
A very high VIF value shows a perfect correlation between two independent variables. In the case of perfect correlation, we get R2 =1, which lead to 1/(1-R2) infinity.
To solve this problem we need to drop one of the variables from the dataset which is causing this perfect multicollinearity.

6. What is a Q-Q plot? Explain the use and importance of a Q-Q plot in linear regression. (3 marks)

Q–Q plot is a probability plot, which is a graphical method for comparing two probability distributions by plotting their quantiles against each other. Quantile-Quantile (Q-Q) plot, is a graphical tool to help us assess if a set of data possibly came from some theoretical distribution such as a Normal, exponential or Uniform

distribution. QQ plot can also be used to determine whether or not two distributions are similar or not. If they are quite similar you can expect the QQ plot to be more linear. The linearity assumption can best be tested with scatter plots. Secondly, the linear regression analysis requires all variables to be multivariate normal. This assumption can best be checked with a histogram or a Q-Q-Plot.

Importance of QQ Plot in Linear Regression :

In Linear Regression when we have a train and test dataset then we can create Q-Q plot by which we can confirm that both the data train and test data set are from the population with the same distribution or not.

Advantages:

- It can be used with sample size also
- Many distributional aspects like shifts in location, shifts in scale, changes in symmetry, and the presence of outliers can all be detected from this plot

Q-Q plot use on two datasets to check

- If both datasets came from population with common distribution
- If both datasets have common location and common scale
- If both datasets have similar type of distribution shape
- If both datasets have tail behaviour