# Project 1 SAT & ACT Analysis

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#### **ACT & SAT Testing**

In this project, we use codes to plot and identify the key questions by comparing ACT & SAT data set.

- What to be study and learn from ACT & SAT test data of year 2017 & 2018?
- Recommendation on how to improve the SAT participation rate?

#### Data That We Reviewed...

The data reviewed from SAT and ACT datasets for all US states from 2017 and 2018:

- ACT Participation Rates
- ACT English Scores
- ACT Maths Scores
- ACT Reading
- ACT Science
- ACT Composite Scores

- SAT Participation Rates
- SAT Evidence-based
   Reading & Writing Scores
- SAT Maths Scores
- ACT Total Scores

#### The Data is Messy! Clean Up Data

The data were come from different sources so we before we start analysis the data, data study and cleaning is important!

- Check the format consistency
- Remove the values which is not in use
- Remove empty cells / row / colums
- Combining datasets
- Check for error in values
- Filter the errors and do data cleaning
- Amend the error and start analysis!

#### Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Once the data cleaning process done, now let's start analyze the datas!

- ACT vs SAT Scores within states
- Participation rates vs scores
- Changes in scores and rates
- Year 2017 vs 2018 performance for each subject
- Participation rates of Year 2017 vs 2018'

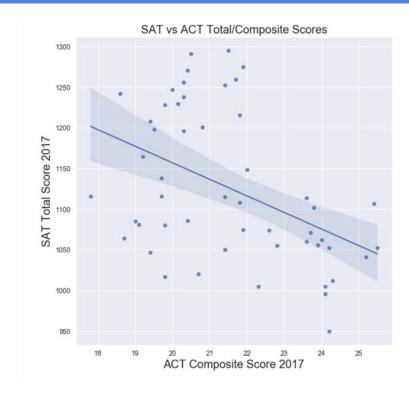
Then we can start to plot graphs to visualize our datasets!

## Observations From ACT & SAT Data Visualization

#### **ACT & SAT Test Scores**

By comparing both ACT and SAT test scores we can identify particular states student performance. Each data hold a relationship with each other. As example, the higher score in one test, the average score for the other will tend to be lower.

The relationship can be seen in the regressed linear line on the scatter plot of comparison ACT composite score and SAT total scores in year 2017.



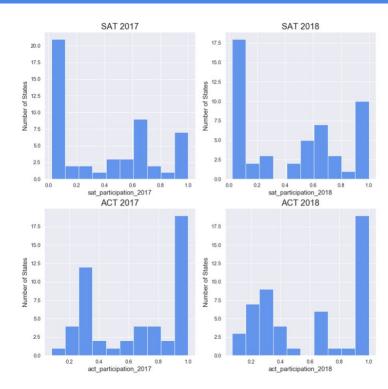
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#### **Participation Rates**

There is contrast between the ACT and SAT participation rates among each states.

ACT seems more popular than SAT as we can see obvius skewness to the right in 90% - 100% participation due to the change of policy of college admissions.

Increased to 6 to 10 states in a year of 100% participation rate

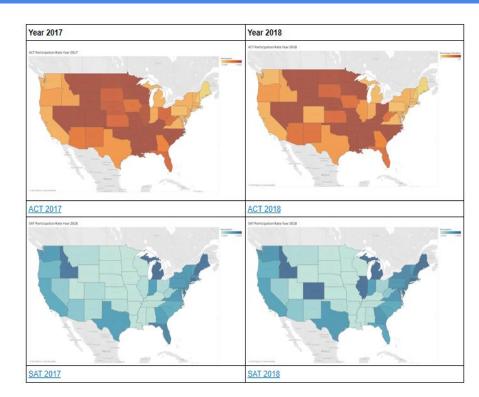


### Observations From ACT & SAT Data Visualization

#### **Participation Rates**

By comparing the map which indicate the darkest orange color indicate the 100% participation rate of ACT test while darkest blue indicate the 100% participation rate of SAT test.

The ACT is more concentrated in central of US while SAT is popular in coastal states,



#### Conclusions & Recommendations

#### Recommendation

- Target the states which yet to review local college admission provider policies
- Lower the test entry cost to reduce the low income family burden
- Create workshops and seminar to increase student interest on the test
- Showcase the improvement of the test
- Engaging local department of education to offer discounted price to needed student

#### Conclusion

- Additional data of headcount of the student in respective states
- Having university admission criteria of each state which lead to spike or nosediving of the participation of the test

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