

WorksheetWeek3

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1 Data Transformation

This data set is from the same source as the College data in ISLR2. It has the US News data from ~1,300 US colleges, including admissions statistics, size, costs, and other aspects of the schools.

Data Description

Most variables are named in quite obvious ways. To save some space, here are descriptions for variables that are potentially unclear:

- FICE (Federal ID Number)
- Public/private indicator (public=1, private=2)
- Average Math SAT score
- Average Verbal SAT score
- Average Combined SAT score
- Average ACT score
- First quartile
- Math SAT
- Third quartile
- Math SAT
- First quartile
- Verbal SAT
- Third quartile
- Verbal SAT
- First quartile
- ACT
- Third quartile
- ACT
- Number of applications received
- Number of applicants accepted
- Number of new students enrolled
- Pct. new students from top 10% of H.S. class
- Pct. new students from top 25% of H.S. class
- Pct. of faculty with Ph.D.'s
- Pct. of faculty with terminal degree
- Student/faculty ratio
- Pct.alumni who donate
- Instructional expenditure per student

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[246]: import pandas as pd
import altair as alt
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings(
    "ignore",
    message=".*convert_dtype parameter is deprecated.*",
    category=FutureWarning
)
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[248]: dataurl = 'http://lib.stat.cmu.edu/datasets/colleges/usnews.data'
college = pd.read_csv(dataurl,
                      na_values='*',
                      names = ['FICE',
                               'College',
                               'State',
                               'Private',
                               'MathSAT',
                               'VerbalSAT',
                               'CombinedSAT',
                               'ACT',
                               'Q1Math',
                               'Q3Math',
                               'Q1Verbal',
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'Q3Verbal',
'Q1ACT',
'Q3ACT',
'Applied',
'Accepted',
'Enrolled',
'Top10HS',
'Top25HS',
'FullTimeUG',
'PartTimeUG',
'InStateTuition',
'OutOfStateTuition',
'RoomBoardCost',
'RoomCost',
'BoardCost',
'ExtraFees',
'BookFees',
'PersonalFees',
'PhDFaculty',
'TerminalFaculty',
'StuFacRatio',
'AlumniDonate',
'SpendPerStudent',
'GradRate'])

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1.0.1 Plot 1

Make a scatterplot (called plot1) of the in-state tuition costs vs out-of-state tuition for public institutions. Change the aspect ratio and domain of the plot so it shows the data most clearly, clipping outliers. Using `clip=True` as a parameter in `mark_*`() may be helpful.

Above it, plot a bar chart histogram of in-state tuition for public institutions (called plot2).

To the right, add another horizontal-bar histogram of out-of-state tuition for public institutions, each binned by \$1000 increments (called plot3).

Make sure the sizes of the plots correspond (e.g. your top histogram should be the same x-axis length as your scatter plot x-axis) and all plots displayed within the page.

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[250]: plot1 = alt.Chart(college).mark_circle(clip=True).encode(
    alt.X('InStateTuition:Q'),
    alt.Y('OutOfStateTuition:Q'))
.transform_filter('datum.Private == "1"')

plot2 = alt.Chart(college).mark_bar().encode(
    alt.X('InStateTuition:Q', bin=alt.BinParams(maxbins=20)),
    alt.Y('count()'))
.transform_filter('datum.Private == "1"')
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plot3= alt.Chart(college).mark_bar().encode(
    alt.X('count()'),
    alt.Y('OutOfStateTuition:Q', bin=alt.BinParams(maxbins=20))
).transform_filter('datum.Private == "1"')
plot2 & ( plot1 | plot3 ) #shows the position of the plot displayed

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[250]: alt.VConcatChart(...)

1.0.2 Plot 2

Create a new variable called AcceptRate to compute the acceptance rate based on the number of applications and acceptances.

Make a scatterplot of the percent of students in the top 10% of their high school class vs the acceptance rate. Color the points by the expenditure per student, then rescale the colorbar by including `scale=alt.Scale(type='log', scheme = 'redyellowgreen', nice = True` so the variation in expenditure is more clear.

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[256]: plot1 = alt.Chart(college).mark_circle(clip=True).transform_calculate(
    AcceptRate='datum.Accepted / datum.Applied'
).encode(
    alt.X('Top10HS:Q'),
    alt.Y('AcceptRate:Q'),
    alt.Color('SpendPerStudent:Q', scale=alt.Scale(type='log', scheme = redyellowgreen, nice = True))
)
plot1

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[256]: alt.Chart(...)

1.0.3 Plot 3

Calculate a new variable called Revenue, estimated using the in-state tuition, room and board costs, and full-time undergraduate population.

Make a heatmap where, by state, the total revenue is shown for different school sizes (binned). Filter out null values.

What question can this plot answer?

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[259]: import altair as alt
import pandas as pd

heatmap = (
    alt.Chart(college)
    .transform_filter(
        "(datum.State != null) && "
        "(datum.InStateTuition != null) && "
        "(datum.RoomCost != null) && "
        "(datum.BoardCost != null) &&"

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        "(datum.FullTimeUG != null)"
    )
    .transform_calculate(
        Revenue="((datum.InStateTuition) + (datum.RoomCost) + (datum.
        ↵BoardCost)) * (datum.FullTimeUG)"
    )
    .mark_bar()
    .encode(
        x=alt.X("State:N",sort=alt.Sort(field="sum(Revenue)",□
        ↵order="descending"),title="State"),
        y=alt.Y("FullTimeUG:Q", bin=alt.Bin(step=5000),title="School size"),
        color=alt.Color("sum(Revenue):Q",title="Total revenue",scale=alt.
        ↵Scale(scheme="blues")),
        tooltip=[
            alt.Tooltip("State:N"),
            alt.Tooltip("FullTimeUG:Q", title="Size bin (upper)"),
            alt.Tooltip("sum(Revenue):Q", title="Total revenue")
        ],
    )
    .properties(width=900, height=420, title="Estimated Total Revenue by State□
    ↵and School Size")
)
heatmap

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[259]: alt.Chart(...)

This plot helps identify which states generate the highest total estimated revenue from tuition and room & board, and whether that revenue mainly comes from large or small schools. It reveals how the financial scale of higher education systems varies across states.

1.0.4 Plot 4

Make a scatterplot the graduation rate vs student to faculty ratio (specifying `scale` may be useful here) for public and private. Note that we have a graduation rate higher than 100%... Change the domain so we only see reasonable values ranging 0-100 (using `clip=True` as a parameter in `mark_*`() may be helpful here). Color the points by public/private and [choose two new colors](#) from the default and the examples from class.

Then, beside it, make the same plot with a new goal: showing Seattle U, encoding with both size and color. Make all of the points a consistent circle of light gray color (both public and private) except for Seattle U, which should be large and a salient color from the [official SU branding guidelines](#).

Place the legend for each above the respective plots. Make sure to label your axes and legend clearly.

[263]: color1 = (
 alt.Chart(college)
 .transform_filter(
 "(datum.GradRate != null) && (datum.StuFacRatio != null)"

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)
.transform_calculate(
    PublicPrivate="datum.Private === 2 ? 'Private' : 'Public'"
)
.mark_circle(clip=True)
.encode(
    x=alt.X(
        "StuFacRatio:Q",
        title="Student-to-Faculty Ratio"
    ),
    y=alt.Y(
        "GradRate:Q",
        scale=alt.Scale(domain=[0, 100], nice=False),
        title="Graduation Rate (%)"
    ),
    color=alt.Color(
        "PublicPrivate:N",
        scale=alt.Scale(domain=["Public", "Private"], range=["#4169e1", ↴
"cd5c5c"]),
        title="Institution Type",
        legend=alt.Legend(orient="top")
    ),
    tooltip=[
        "College:N", "State:N", "PublicPrivate:N",
        alt.Tooltip("GradRate:Q", title="Grad Rate (%")),
        alt.Tooltip("StuFacRatio:Q", title="Stu-Fac Ratio")
    ],
    size=alt.value(60)
)
.properties(
    width=380,
    height=320,
    title="Graduation Rate vs Student-Faculty Ratio (Public vs Private)"
)
)

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[265]: color2 = (
    alt.Chart(college)
    .transform_filter(
        "(datum.GradRate != null) && (datum.StuFacRatio != null)"
    )
    .transform_calculate(
        PublicPrivate="datum.Private === 2 ? 'Private' : 'Public'",
        Highlight="datum.College === 'Seattle University' ? 'SeattleUniversity' : 'Other Schools'"
    )
    .mark_circle(clip=True)

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.encode(
    x=alt.X(
        "StuFacRatio:Q",
        title="Student-to-Faculty Ratio"
    ),
    y=alt.Y(
        "GradRate:Q",
        scale=alt.Scale(domain=[0, 100], nice=False),
        title="Graduation Rate (%)"
    ),
    color=alt.Color(
        "Highlight:N",
        scale=alt.Scale(domain=["Other Schools", "Seattle University"],  

        range=["#D3D3D3", "#AA0000"]),
        title="Highlight",
        legend=alt.Legend(orient="top")
    ),
    size=alt.condition(
        alt.datum.Highlight == "Seattle University",
        alt.value(220),
        alt.value(60)
    ),
    tooltip=[
        "College:N", "State:N",
        alt.Tooltip("GradRate:Q", title="Grad Rate (%")),
        alt.Tooltip("StuFacRatio:Q", title="Stu-Fac Ratio")
    ],
),
.properties(
    width=380,
    height=320,
    title="Seattle University"
)
)
)

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[267]: alt.hconcat(color1, color2).resolve_scale(color='independent')

[267]: alt.HConcatChart(...)

[]: