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# QUALITY OF LIFE & MONEY

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# TOPIC & QUESTIONS

“Relationship between quality of life and economic disparity in different geographical locations”

- Is there a difference between rich people and poor people, between undeveloped and developed countries, regarding quality of life?
- If so, what are the relationships and how big is the difference?





# PROBLEM DEFINITION

## QUESTIONS IMPORTANCE

01

Detect the significance of disparity & economy's impact

02

## DIFFICULTIES

Need to define certain variables

03

## EXISTING WORKS

Similar to the questions, but different focus

04

## DATA

7th wave of World Value Survey Database





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# DEFINING VARIABLES



QUALITY OF LIFE



RICH/POOR



UN/DEVELOPMENT





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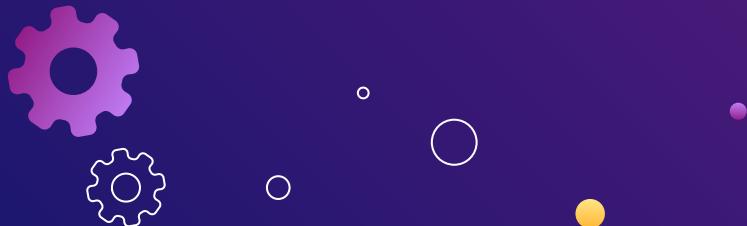
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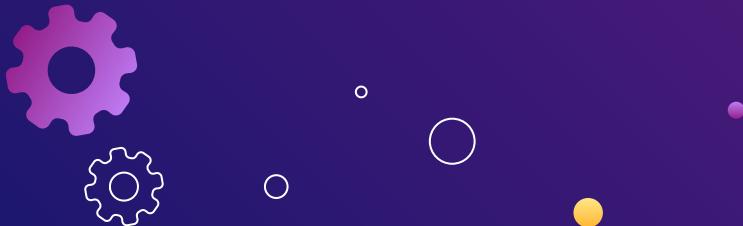
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cleanData$qol <- cleanData$happiness + cleanData$srh +
  cleanData$freedom + cleanData$satisfaction + cleanData$finance
```





# RICH/POOR



Income data in the survey

(SHOW CARD 30)

Q288. On this card is an income scale on which 1 indicates the lowest income group and 10 the highest income group in your country. We would like to know in what group your household is. Please, specify the appropriate number, counting all wages, salaries, pensions and other incomes that come in. (Code one number):

Lowest group      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10      Highest group

\*\*Assumption:

- No middle class
- Rich & Poor can be divided cleanly in half

```
#Separate people into rich and poor categories  
poorDataset = subset(cleanData, income <= 5)  
richDataset = subset(cleanData, income >= 6)
```





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# UN/DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY



GDP of 2021

\*from the World Bank

```
countrylist <- c(Armenia, Bolivia, Brazil, Myanmar, Canada, Chile, China, Taiwan, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Jordan, Kenya, South Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Macau SAR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Egypt, UK, US, Uruguay, Venezuela, Northern Ireland)
```

```
gdp <- c(3.33, 487.2, 1553, 416.3, 13.86, 40.41, 1609, 65.09, 1988, 317.1, 17730, 774.73, 314.5, 28.41, 281.8, 106.2, 111.3, 4260, 214.9, 85.99, 369.2, 1186, 359.7, 207.9, 4941, 197.1, 45.74, 110.3, 1811, 8.543, 23.13, 42.82, 30.12, 373, 5.406, 1273, 15.29, 142.9, 1013, 249.9, 14.01, 440.8, 348.3, 223.2, 394.1, 106.5, 284.1, 1779, 63.08, 397, 116.5, 366.1, 28.37, 8.746, 505.9, 46.69, 819, 200.1, 404.1, 3131, 23320, 59.32, 482.4, 60.6)
```

#billion USD





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# PREPARATION

## GROUP BY COUNTRY

To find difference in QoL  
within each country

## RICH/POOR PEOPLE

Separated people in the  
same country into two groups

## AVG QOL

Found the average value  
of QoL for each group

## DIFF IN QOL

Found  
 $QoL(\text{rich}) - QoL(\text{poor})$

## RICH/POOR COUNTRIES

Separated countries into  
four groups

## AVG DIFF QOL

Found the average value  
of *difference* in QoL for  
each group of countries



```
data <- read_dta("Downloads/WVS_Cross-National_Wave_7_Stata_v5_0.dta", encoding="latin1")
newdata <- dplyr::select(data, 'B_COUNTRY', 'Q288', 'Q46', 'Q47', 'Q48', 'Q49', 'Q50')
newdata <- rename(newdata, 'country_code' = 'B_COUNTRY', 'income' = 'Q288', 'happiness' =
poorCountry$Diff_QoL <- as.numeric(c
mean(poorCountry$Diff_QoL)
richCountry$Diff_QoL <- as.numeric(richCountry$Diff_QoL)
mean(richCountry$Diff_QoL)
m finalData = data.frame(Countries = c(0, 1, 2, 3), Nation_Diff_QoL = c(1.483091, 1.414541, 1.592648, 1.553694))
m
midhighCountry$Diff_QoL <- as.numeric(midhighCountry$Diff_QoL)
mean(midhighCountry$Diff_QoL)
countries <- (unique(poorDataset$country_code))
countries_qol <- countries_qol[order(gdp),]
countries_qol = data.frame("Country", "Diff_QoL")
for(i in countries) {
  tmp <- subset(poorDataset, country_code == i)
  tmp_2 <- subset(richDataset, country_code == i)
  countries_qol[nrow(countries_qol) + 1,] = c(i, mean(tmp_2$qol))
}
```

library(multcomp)  
library(car)  
library(psych)  
library(moments)  
library(nortest)  
library(dplyr)  
library(tidyverse)



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# SPEARMAN TEST

Purpose:

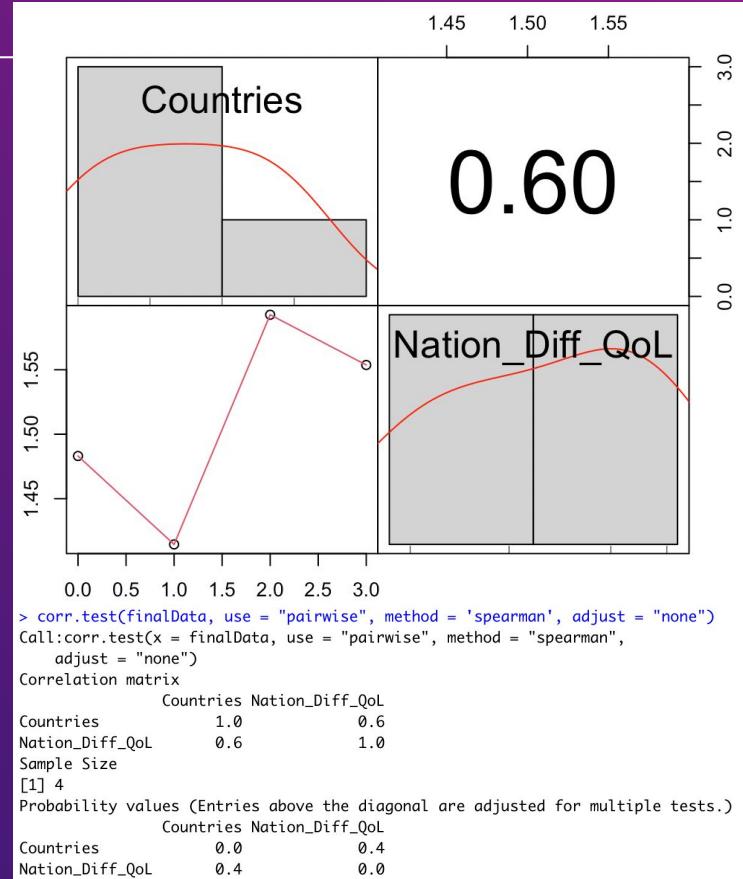
- Measures the degree of association between two variables

Variables:

- Rich/poor countries – ordinal (technically nominal)
- Diff in QoL – continuous

Hypothesis:

- Null: There is no association between the development of a country and the difference in quality of life from economic disparity
- Alternative: There is an association between ~





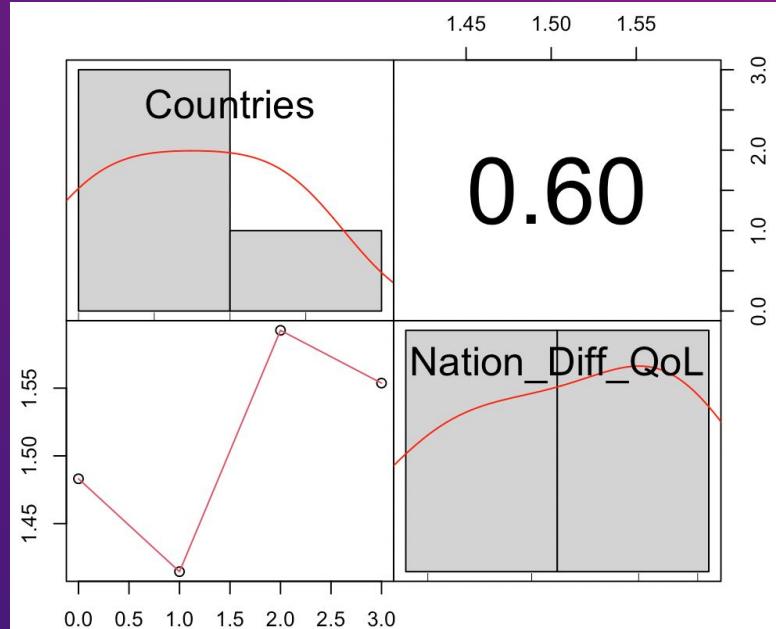
# INTERPRETATION

Spearman correlation coefficient = 0.6, which can be considered moderately~strongly associated positively.

- 0 = Rich, 3 = Poor country
- Generally, decrease in development associates to increase in QoL gap

## EXPLANATION

- ex. Third World countries
- Wider wealth inequality
- Less middle ground in economy





# PROBLEMS

## SELF-RATED QUESTIONNAIRE

01



- subjective, is biased
- could improve by objective measures
- lead to invasion of privacy



## ASSUMPTIONS & REALITY

02

- assumed unrealistic - situation
- neglected real - economical factors



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# CONCLUSION

- There is a difference regarding quality of life
- Two variables in the questions are strongly associated
- Larger gap in difference in quality of life when the country is underdeveloped

## FUTURE WORK/DIRECTIONS

- Improve or solve the problems mentioned
  - Could be used to further analyze the impact of economic disparity and nationwide development
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