REGRESSION ANALYSIS PROJECT

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• Introduction:

This project primarily aims to predict a continuous dependent variable from a number of independent variables. It signifies the impact of each independent variable over the dependent variable and helps us to understand relationship between them.

Dataset:

The dataset used to understand Regression Analysis is Life Expectancy by GHO (Global Health Observatory). GHO is a data repository under WHO keeps track of the health status as well as many factors for various countries. This data was collected from WHO and United Nations website. The data consists of various factors or variables that has some relation with Life Expectancy. The data from year 2000-2015 for 193 countries is used for analysis.

• Regression Analysis on Dataset:

The Life Expectancy Dataset includes a total of 22 variables and approximately 3000 observations pertaining to several countries. The major focus for our regression analysis is the variable "Life Expectancy" i.e. the dependent variable. We have used Multiple Regression Analysis technique for our project as the dependent variable is analyzed over several independent variables.

The following image provides information about the structure of the dataset that is taken into consideration for regression analysis:

Initially we analyzed our dependent variable Life Expectancy over all the relevant independent variables like Adult Mortality, infant deaths, Alcohol, Hepatitis B, Measles, Polio, Diphtheria, HIV/AIDS, GDP, Population and Schooling (ignoring the extra variables like Country, Year etc.).

After analyzing our regression model, we eliminated few variables that had least significant impact on the dependent variable. We identified those variables by observing their p-values. Few variables like Alcohol, Hepatitis B, Measles, GDP, Population were having p-values greater than significant code value (α) 0.05. Hence, we refined and developed a new model after eliminating the above independent variables.

Finally, we predicted that our dependent variable "Life Expectancy" is significantly impacted by the independent variables Adult Mortality, Infant Deaths, Polio, Diphtheria, HIV/AIDS and Schooling.

The relationship between the independent and dependent variables is made clearer by the regression equation which is as follows:

Life Expectancy = 50.8276431 - 0.0197837(Adult Mortality) - 0.0023227(Infant Deaths) + 0.0269446(Polio) + 0.0338642(Diphtheria) - 0.5114234(HIV/AIDS) + 1.4692857(Schooling)

Conclusion: Life Expectancy can be marginally improved if there is a decrease in the rate of Adult Mortality, Infant Deaths and HIV/AIDS. Polio and Diphtheria vaccines are available thus they have significantly less impact on Life Expectancy. Also, improvement in Schooling (Knowledge) have provided a great positive impact on Life Expectancy of an individual.