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1 Project Overview

This project has two parts that demonstrate the importance and value of data visualization techniques in the data analysis process. In the first part, you will use Python visualization libraries to systematically explore a selected dataset, starting from plots of single variables and building up to plots of multiple variables. In the second part, you will produce a short presentation that illustrates interesting properties, trends, and relationships that you discovered in your selected dataset. The primary method of conveying your findings will be through transforming your exploratory visualizations from the first part into polished, explanatory visualizations.

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Why this project?

Data visualization is an important skill that is used in many parts of the data analysis process. **Exploratory** data visualization generally occurs during and after the data wrangling process, and is the main method that you will use to understand the patterns and relationships present in your data. This understanding will help you approach any statistical analyses and will help you build conclusions and findings. This process might also illuminate additional data cleaning tasks to be performed.

Explanatory data visualization techniques are used after generating your findings, and are used to help communicate your results to others. Understanding design considerations will make sure that your message is clear and effective. In addition to being a good producer of visualizations, going through this project will also help you be a good consumer of visualizations that are presented to you by others.

For this project I choose to analyse the results of the OECD **Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)** in 2012.

From OECD website: PISA is an international study that was launched by the OECD in 1997, first administered in 2000 and now covers over 80 countries. Every 3 years the PISA survey provides comparative data on 15-year-olds' performance in reading, mathematics, and science. In addition, each cycle explores a distinct "innovative domain" such as Collaborative Problem Solving (PISA 2015) and Global Competence (PISA 2018). The results have informed education policy discussions at the national and global level since its inception.

https://www.oecd.org/pisa/aboutpisa/pisa-based-test-for-schools-faq.htm

The PISA goals are:

- Empower school leaders and teachers by providing them with evidence-based analysis of their students' performance.
- Measure students' knowledge, skills and competencies that will equip them for success in education and the world of work.
- Provide valuable information on the learning climate within a school, students' socioeconomic background and motivation for learning.
- Help schools measure a wider range of 21st century skills beyond maths, reading and science.
- Provide opportunities for global peer-learning among teachers and school leaders.

Based on the objectives of the PISA, using the data, the following questions can be answered:

- 1. What is students' performance at schools in different countries (including whether country is a OECD member).
- 2. What are the characteristics of students participated in PICA 2012:
- * gender,

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- * age,
- * whether a student passed the test in the country of birth or not,
- * international grade and grade compared to modal grade in country.
- 3. What's a relationship between students performance and highest parental education measured in years as well as mother's and father's highest schooling?
- 4. Whether there exist a correlation between family wealth (measured in the number of telephones, computers, etc.) and students performance?
- 5. How do student possessions such as own room and desk, etc. affect his/her performance?
- 6. Last but not least, whether total time learning and out of school lessons on math, science, and reading affect student performance?

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      Let's first drop unused columns that could slow down our work.
[5]: cols_to_keep = ['CNT', 'OECD', 'SCHOOLID', 'STIDSTD', 'AGE', 'STO4Q01',
     'ST11Q01', 'ST11Q02', 'ST11Q05', 'PARED', 'ST13Q01', 'ST17Q01', L
     \hookrightarrow 'ST27Q01', 'ST27Q02', 'ST27Q03',
                   'ST27Q04', 'ST27Q05', 'ST28Q01', 'ST26Q01', 'ST26Q02', 
     'ST55Q01', 'ST55Q02', 'ST55Q03', 'LMINS', 'SMINS', 'MMINS',
                   'PV1MATH', 'PV2MATH', 'PV3MATH', 'PV4MATH', 'PV5MATH',
     →'PV1SCIE', 'PV2SCIE', 'PV3SCIE',
                   'PV4SCIE', 'PV5SCIE', 'PV1READ', 'PV2READ', 'PV3READ',
    →'PV4READ', 'PV5READ']
   df = df[cols_to_keep]
   df.head(2)
[5]:
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        None
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              201-500 books
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                                        Yes
                                                Yes
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   1 I do not attend <out-of-school time lessons> i...
                                    ST55Q02 \
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   1 2 or more but less than 4 hours a week
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      We can look at meaning of columns using PISA dictionary data.
[6]: # Load in dict data
    dict_df = pd.read_csv(dict_path, header=None, names=['value', 'meaning'],__
     →skiprows=1, encoding='ISO-8859-1')
    dict_df.head()
[6]:
          value
                                                              meaning
            CNT
    0
                                            Country code 3-character
       SUBNATIO
                 Adjudicated sub-region code 7-digit code (3-di...
                 Stratum ID 7-character (cnt + region ID + orig...
        STRATUM
    3
           OECD
                                                         OECD country
             NC
                                        National Centre 6-digit Code
   dict_df[dict_df['value'].isin(df.columns)]
[7]:
            value
                                                                meaning
    0
              CNT
                                              Country code 3-character
    3
             OECD
                                                           OECD country
    5
                    School ID 7-digit (region ID + stratum ID + 3-...
         SCHOOLID
    6
          STIDSTD
                                                             Student ID
    7
          ST01Q01
                                                   International Grade
    11
          ST04Q01
                                                                 Gender
    20
          ST11Q01
                                                       At Home - Mother
    21
          ST11Q02
                                                       At Home - Father
    24
                                                At Home - Grandparents
          ST11Q05
    26
          ST13Q01
                                             Mother<Highest Schooling>
    32
          ST17Q01
                                             Father<Highest Schooling>
    38
          ST20Q01
                                Country of Birth International - Self
    43
          ST26Q01
                                                     Possessions - desk
    44
          ST26Q02
                                                Possessions - own room
    45
          ST26Q03
                                             Possessions - study place
    46
          ST26Q04
                                                Possessions - computer
    47
          ST26Q05
                                                Possessions - software
    48
          ST26Q06
                                                Possessions - Internet
    60
          ST27Q01
                                            How many - cellular phones
    61
          ST27Q02
                                                How many - televisions
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62
      ST27Q03
                                             How many - computers
      ST27Q04
63
                                                  How many - cars
      ST27Q05
                                  How many - rooms bath or shower
64
65
      ST28Q01
                                           How many books at home
136
      ST55Q01
                              Out of school lessons - <test lang>
137
      ST55Q02
                                  Out of school lessons - <maths>
138
      ST55Q03
                                Out of school lessons - <science>
410
          AGE
                                                    Age of student
411
        GRADE
                        Grade compared to modal grade in country
460
        LMINS
               Learning time (minutes per week) - <test lang...
466
                 Learning time (minutes per week) - <Mathematics>
        MMINS
472
        PARED
                              Highest parental education in years
476
        SMINS
                    Learning time (minutes per week) - <Science>
500
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                                 Plausible value 1 in mathematics
                                 Plausible value 2 in mathematics
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      PV2MATH
502
      PV3MATH
                                 Plausible value 3 in mathematics
503
                                 Plausible value 4 in mathematics
      PV4MATH
504
                                 Plausible value 5 in mathematics
      PV5MATH
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      PV1READ
                                     Plausible value 1 in reading
541
      PV2READ
                                     Plausible value 2 in reading
542
                                     Plausible value 3 in reading
      PV3READ
543
                                     Plausible value 4 in reading
      PV4READ
544
     PV5READ
                                     Plausible value 5 in reading
545
                                     Plausible value 1 in science
     PV1SCIE
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                                     Plausible value 2 in science
      PV2SCIE
547
      PV3SCIE
                                     Plausible value 3 in science
                                     Plausible value 4 in science
548
      PV4SCIE
549
      PV5SCIE
                                     Plausible value 5 in science
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1.1.1 General Properties

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[8]: print('Shape:', df.shape[0], 'rows and', df.shape[1], 'columns')
```

Shape: 485490 rows and 48 columns

There're 1471 schools with 33806 students in the dataset.

```
[9]: df.SCHOOLID.nunique(), df.STIDSTD.nunique()
```

[9]: (1471, 33806)

Schools and students identifiers were loaded as integers first time, so their types were specified directly when loading data.

```
[10]: df.dtypes
[10]: CNT object
```

OECD object SCHOOLID object STIDSTD object

ACE	63 . 64
AGE	float64
ST04Q01	object
ST20Q01	object
ST01Q01	int64
GRADE	float64
ST11Q01	object
ST11Q02	object
ST11Q05	object
PARED	float64
ST13Q01	object
ST17Q01	object
ST27Q01	object
ST27Q02	object
ST27Q03	object
ST27Q04	object
ST27Q05	object
ST28Q01	object
ST26Q01	object
ST26Q02	object
ST26Q03	object
ST26Q04	object
ST26Q05	object
ST26Q06	object
ST55Q01	object
ST55Q02	object
ST55Q03	object
LMINS	float64
SMINS	float64
MMINS	float64
PV1MATH	float64
PV2MATH	float64
PV3MATH	float64
PV4MATH	float64
PV5MATH	float64
PV1SCIE	float64
PV2SCIE	float64
PV3SCIE	float64
PV4SCIE	float64
PV5SCIE	float64
PV1READ	float64
PV2READ	float64
PV3READ	float64
PV4READ	float64
PV5READ	float64
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dtype: object

```
[11]: # First, I think, "ST55Q.." clumns should be numeric
     df.ST55Q01.unique()
[11]: array([nan,
            'I do not attend <out-of-school time lessons> in this subject',
            'Less than 2 hours a week',
            '4 or more but less than 6 hours a week',
            '2 or more but less than 4 hours a week', '6 or more hours a week'],
           dtype=object)
       Most rows have some missing values.
[12]: df.info()
    <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
    RangeIndex: 485490 entries, 0 to 485489
    Data columns (total 48 columns):
    CNT
                 485490 non-null object
    OECD
                 485490 non-null object
                 485490 non-null object
    SCHOOLID
    STIDSTD
                 485490 non-null object
                 485374 non-null float64
    AGE
    ST04Q01
                 485490 non-null object
    ST20Q01
                 476363 non-null object
    ST01Q01
                 485490 non-null int64
                 484617 non-null float64
    GRADE
    ST11Q01
                 460559 non-null object
    ST11Q02
                 441036 non-null object
    ST11Q05
                 348180 non-null object
    PARED
                 473091 non-null float64
    ST13Q01
                 457979 non-null object
    ST17Q01
                 443261 non-null object
    ST27Q01
                 477079 non-null object
    ST27Q02
                 476548 non-null object
    ST27Q03
                 473459 non-null object
    ST27Q04
                 472499 non-null object
    ST27Q05
                 469643 non-null object
    ST28Q01
                 473765 non-null object
    ST26Q01
                 473079 non-null object
    ST26Q02
                 469693 non-null object
    ST26Q03
                 472020 non-null object
    ST26Q04
                 473877 non-null object
    ST26Q05
                 463178 non-null object
    ST26Q06
                 473182 non-null object
    ST55Q01
                 307761 non-null object
    ST55Q02
                 308171 non-null object
                 306090 non-null object
    ST55Q03
```

282866 non-null float64

LMINS

```
SMINS
                 270914 non-null float64
    MMINS
                 283303 non-null float64
    PV1MATH
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV2MATH
                 485490 non-null float64
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV3MATH
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV4MATH
    PV5MATH
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV1SCIE
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV2SCIE
                 485490 non-null float64
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV3SCIE
    PV4SCIE
                 485490 non-null float64
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV5SCIE
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV1READ
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV2READ
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV3READ
    PV4READ
                 485490 non-null float64
    PV5READ
                 485490 non-null float64
    dtypes: float64(21), int64(1), object(26)
    memory usage: 177.8+ MB
[13]: # Check missing data
     df_missing = df.isnull().sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
     df_missing[df_missing > 0] / df.shape[0]
[13]: SMINS
                0.441978
     LMINS
                0.417360
     MMINS
                0.416460
     ST55Q03
                0.369524
     ST55Q01
                0.366082
     ST55Q02
                0.365237
     ST11Q05
                0.282828
     ST11Q02
                0.091565
     ST17Q01
                0.086982
     ST13Q01
                0.056666
     ST11Q01
                0.051352
     ST26Q05
                0.045958
     ST27Q05
                0.032641
     ST26Q02
                0.032538
     ST26Q03
                0.027745
     ST27Q04
                0.026759
     ST26Q01
                0.025564
     PARED
                0.025539
     ST26Q06
                0.025352
     ST27Q03
                0.024781
     ST28Q01
                0.024151
     ST26Q04
                0.023920
     ST20Q01
                0.018800
```

```
ST27Q02
                 0.018419
     ST27Q01
                 0.017325
     GRADE
                 0.001798
     AGE
                 0.000239
     dtype: float64
[14]: df[['SMINS', 'LMINS', 'MMINS']].head(10)
[14]:
        SMINS
                LMINS
                       MMINS
     0
          NaN
                  NaN
                          NaN
     1
         90.0
                315.0
                       270.0
     2
                300.0
          NaN
                          NaN
     3
         90.0
                135.0
                       135.0
     4
          NaN
                  NaN
                          NaN
     5
          NaN
                  NaN
                          NaN
     6
         90.0
               135.0
                       225.0
     7
          NaN
                  NaN
                          NaN
     8
                  NaN
          NaN
                          NaN
        270.0
               240.0
                         90.0
```

Columns SMINS, LMINS, and MMINS (that's Learning time (minutes per week)) have more than 40% missing values. So, last 7th question could be modified as follows:

Whether absense of data about learning time on math, science, and reading, affect students performance? And if a student report info about total time learning, how these influence each grade in assessment?

The same could be applied to ST55Q03, ST55Q01, and ST55Q02 (Out of school lessons) because of high percent (about 36%) of missing values.

Finally, it's also more than a quater missig values in ST11Q05 column (At Home - Grandparents). He we can asume, NaN in ST11Q05 could be also considered as missing data.

```
[15]: df.ST11Q05.unique()
[15]: array([nan, 'No', 'Yes'], dtype=object)
```

In all other columns share of missing data isn't exceed than 10%. So, for explanatory data analysis, we could ignore this distortions, and drop missing values.

```
for column in df_missing.index:
    if column not in ('SMINS', 'LMINS', 'MMINS', 'ST55Q03', 'ST55Q01',
    'ST55Q02', 'ST11Q05'):
        df[column].fillna(df[column].mode()[0], inplace=True)

# Check NaN
df_missing = df.isnull().sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
df_missing[df_missing > 0] / df.shape[0]
```

```
[16]: SMINS 0.441978

LMINS 0.417360

MMINS 0.416460

ST55Q03 0.369524
```

ST55Q01 0.366082 ST55Q02 0.365237 ST11Q05 0.282828 dtype: float64

[17]: # Check duplicated rows

df.duplicated().sum() # => there's no duplicated rows

[17]: 0

[18]: # Summary statistics of numeric columns

df.describe()

[18]:		AGE	ST01Q01	GRADE	PARED	\
	count	485490.000000	485490.000000	485490.000000	485490.000000	
	mean	15.784234	9.813323	-0.162671	12.969808	
	std	0.290203	3.734726	0.655005	3.358615	
	min	15.170000	7.000000	-3.000000	3.000000	
	25%	15.580000	9.000000	0.000000	12.000000	
	50%	15.750000	10.000000	0.000000	13.000000	
	75%	16.000000	10.000000	0.000000	16.000000	
	max	16.330000	96.000000	3.000000	18.000000	
		LMINS	SMINS	MMINS	PV1MATH	\
	count	282866.000000	270914.000000	283303.000000	485490.000000	
	mean	219.276636	211.122460	226.007056	469.621653	
	std	97.997730	131.368322	97.448421	103.265391	
	min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	19.792800	
	25%	165.000000	120.000000	180.000000	395.318600	
	50%	200.000000	180.000000	220.000000	466.201900	
	75%	250.000000	270.000000	250.000000	541.057800	
	max	2400.000000	2975.000000	3000.000000	962.229300	
		PV2MATH	PV3MATH	PV4MATH	PV5MATH	\
	count	485490.000000	485490.000000	485490.000000	485490.000000	
	mean	469.648358	469.648930	469.641832	469.695396	
	std	103.382077	103.407631	103.392286	103.419170	
	min	6.473000	42.226200	24.622200	37.085200	
	25%	395.318600	395.240700	395.396500	395.240700	
	50%	466.124000	466.201900	466.279800	466.435600	
	75%	541.447300	541.291500	541.447300	541.447300	
	max	957.010400	935.745400	943.456900	907.625800	
		PV1SCIE	PV2SCIE	PV3SCIE	PV4SCIE	\
	count	485490.000000	485490.000000	485490.000000	485490.00000	
	mean	475.769824	475.813674	475.851549	475.78524	
	std	101.464426	101.514649	101.495072	101.51220	

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8.42970
min
            2.648300
                            2.834800
                                           11.879900
25%
          404.457300
                          404.457300
                                          404.550500
                                                          404.45730
50%
          475.699400
                          475.606100
                                          475.699400
                                                          475.97910
75%
          547.780700
                          547.873900
                                          547.967200
                                                          547.78070
          903.338300
                          900.540800
                                          867.624000
                                                          926.55730
max
             PV5SCIE
                             PV1READ
                                             PV2READ
                                                             PV3READ
       485490.000000
                       485490.000000
                                       485490.000000
                                                       485490.000000
count
          475.820184
                          472.004640
                                          472.068052
                                                          472.022059
mean
std
          101.566347
                          102.505523
                                          102.626198
                                                          102.640489
min
           17.754600
                            0.083400
                                            0.703500
                                                            0.703500
25%
          404.457300
                          403.600700
                                          403.360100
                                                          403.360100
50%
          475.885900
                          475.455000
                                          475.535200
                                                          475.455000
75%
          547.780700
                          544.502500
                                          544.503500
                                                          544.503500
          880.958600
                          904.802600
                                          881.239200
                                                          884.447000
max
             PV4READ
                             PV5READ
count
       485490.000000
                       485490.000000
          471.926562
                          472.013506
mean
std
          102.576066
                          102.659989
min
            4.134400
                            2.307400
          403.354600
                          403.360100
25%
50%
          475.535200
                          475.535200
75%
          544.502500
                          544.503500
                          901.608600
max
          881.159000
```

Part I - Data Wrangling and Data Exploration

```
[19]: # Check values of object columns , and simplify where possible

cat_cols = df.select_dtypes(include='object').columns
cat_cols = cat_cols.drop(['SCHOOLID', 'STIDSTD', 'CNT'])
print('Number of string columns', cat_cols.shape[0])
cat_cols
```

Number of string columns 23

There's a lot of categories in CNT column (countries). Look at them seperately.

```
[20]: for column in cat_cols: print(column, df[column].nunique(), df[column].unique())
```

```
OECD 2 ['Non-OECD' 'OECD']
ST04Q01 2 ['Female' 'Male']
```

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ST20Q01 2 ['Country of test' 'Other country']
    ST11Q01 2 ['Yes' 'No']
    ST11Q02 2 ['Yes' 'No']
    ST11Q05 2 [nan 'No' 'Yes']
    ST13Q01 5 ['<ISCED level 3A> ' '<ISCED level 3B, 3C> '
     'She did not complete <ISCED level 1> ' '<ISCED level 2> '
     '<ISCED level 1> ']
    ST17Q01 5 ['<ISCED level 3A> ' '<ISCED level 3B, 3C> ' '<ISCED level 2> '
     'He did not complete <ISCED level 1> ' '<ISCED level 1> ']
    ST27Q01 4 ['Two' 'Three or more' 'One' 'None']
    ST27Q02 4 ['One' 'Three or more' 'Two' 'None']
    ST27Q03 4 ['None' 'Three or more' 'Two' 'One']
    ST27Q04 4 ['None' 'Two' 'One' 'Three or more']
    ST27Q05 4 ['None' 'Two' 'One' 'Three or more']
    ST28Q01 6 ['0-10 books ' '201-500 books ' 'More than 500 books' '11-25 books '
     '101-200 books ' '26-100 books ']
    ST26Q01 2 ['Yes' 'No']
    ST26Q02 2 ['No' 'Yes']
    ST26Q03 2 ['Yes' 'No']
    ST26Q04 2 ['No' 'Yes']
    ST26Q05 2 ['No' 'Yes']
    ST26Q06 2 ['No' 'Yes']
    ST55Q01 5 [nan 'I do not attend <out-of-school time lessons > in this subject'
     'Less than 2 hours a week' '4 or more but less than 6 hours a week'
     '2 or more but less than 4 hours a week' '6 or more hours a week']
    ST55Q02 5 [nan '2 or more but less than 4 hours a week'
     'I do not attend <out-of-school time lessons> in this subject'
     'Less than 2 hours a week' '6 or more hours a week'
     '4 or more but less than 6 hours a week']
    ST55Q03 5 [nan '2 or more but less than 4 hours a week'
     '4 or more but less than 6 hours a week' 'Less than 2 hours a week'
     'I do not attend <out-of-school time lessons> in this subject'
     '6 or more hours a week']
       For column "How many properties are at home?" replace "None" and NaN values with zeros.
[21]: cols with none = 'ST27Q01', 'ST27Q02', 'ST27Q03', 'ST27Q04', 'ST27Q05'
     for column in cols with none:
         df[column] = df[column].replace(['None', np.nan], 'Zero')
[22]: print('Number of unique countries', df['CNT'].nunique())
     df.CNT.unique()
    Number of unique countries 68
[22]: array(['Albania', 'United Arab Emirates', 'Argentina', 'Australia',
            'Austria', 'Belgium', 'Bulgaria', 'Brazil', 'Canada',
            'Switzerland', 'Chile', 'Colombia', 'Costa Rica', 'Czech Republic',
            'Germany', 'Denmark', 'Spain', 'Estonia', 'Finland', 'France',
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'United Kingdom', 'Greece', 'Hong Kong-China', 'Croatia',
'Hungary', 'Indonesia', 'Ireland', 'Iceland', 'Israel', 'Italy',
'Jordan', 'Japan', 'Kazakhstan', 'Korea', 'Liechtenstein',
'Lithuania', 'Luxembourg', 'Latvia', 'Macao-China', 'Mexico',
'Montenegro', 'Malaysia', 'Netherlands', 'Norway', 'New Zealand',
'Peru', 'Poland', 'Portugal', 'Qatar', 'China-Shanghai',
'Perm(Russian Federation)', 'Florida (USA)', 'Connecticut (USA)',
'Massachusetts (USA)', 'Romania', 'Russian Federation',
'Singapore', 'Serbia', 'Slovak Republic', 'Slovenia', 'Sweden',
'Chinese Taipei', 'Thailand', 'Tunisia', 'Turkey', 'Uruguay',
'United States of America', 'Vietnam'], dtype=object)
```

Some change could be made: 1. Hong Kong-China -> Hong Kong 2. China-Shanghai -> China 3. Perm(Russian Federation) -> Russian Federation (since Perm is just a city in RF) 4. Florida (USA) -> United States of America 5. Connecticut (USA) -> United States of America 6. Massachusetts (USA) -> United States of America 7. Chinese Taipei -> Taiwan 8. Macao-China -> Macao

```
[23]: # Implement changes in NCT column
     df['CNT'] = (df['CNT'].replace('Hong Kong-China', 'Hong Kong')
                              .replace('China-Shanghai', 'China')
                              .replace('Perm(Russian Federation)', 'Russian,
      →Federation')
                              .replace('Florida (USA)', 'United States of America')
                              .replace('Connecticut (USA)', 'United States of_{\sqcup}
      →America')
                              .replace('Connecticut (USA)', 'United States of_{\sqcup}
      →America')
                              .replace('Massachusetts (USA)', 'United States of
      →America')
                              .replace('Chinese Taipei', 'Taiwan')
                              .replace('Macao-China', 'Macao'))
[24]: # Check changes
     print('Number of unique countries', df['CNT'].nunique())
     df['CNT'].unique()
```

Number of unique countries 64

```
'Malaysia', 'Netherlands', 'Norway', 'New Zealand', 'Peru',
            'Poland', 'Portugal', 'Qatar', 'China', 'Russian Federation',
            'United States of America', 'Romania', 'Singapore', 'Serbia',
            'Slovak Republic', 'Slovenia', 'Sweden', 'Taiwan', 'Thailand',
            'Tunisia', 'Turkey', 'Uruguay', 'Vietnam'], dtype=object)
       Finally, the independent variables "PV..." - plausible values in math, science, and reading -
    will be summed and diveded by 5 (number of column of each subject).
[25]: df['PV_MATH'] = (df.PV1MATH + df.PV2MATH + df.PV3MATH + df.PV4MATH + df.
      →PV5MATH) / 5
     df['PV_SCIE'] = (df.PV1SCIE + df.PV2SCIE + df.PV3SCIE + df.PV4SCIE + df.
      →PV5SCIE) / 5
     df['PV_READ'] = (df.PV1READ + df.PV2READ + df.PV3READ + df.PV4READ + df.
      →PV5READ) / 5
     df[['PV_MATH', 'PV_SCIE', 'PV_READ']].describe()
                  PV MATH
                                 PV SCIE
                                                 PV_READ
           485490.000000
                           485490.000000
                                          485490.000000
               469.651234
                              475.808094
                                              472.006964
               100.786610
                               97.998470
                                               98.863310
                54.767080
                               25.158540
                                                6.445400
               396.019620
                              405.762800
                                              405.044200
               465.734520
                              475.512860
                                              475.477980
               540.123060
                              546.381920
                                              542.831195
               903.107960
                              857.832900
                                              849.359740
[26]: # Drop initial "PV..." columns
     df.drop(['PV1MATH', 'PV2MATH', 'PV3MATH', 'PV4MATH', 'PV5MATH', 'PV1SCIE', 
      →'PV2SCIE', 'PV3SCIE', 'PV4SCIE',
              'PV5SCIE', 'PV1READ', 'PV2READ', 'PV3READ', 'PV4READ', 'PV5READ'],
      →axis=1, inplace=True)
       ## Part II - Explanatory Data Analysis
[27]: df.head(3)
            CNT
                     OECD SCHOOLID STIDSTD
                                               AGE ST04Q01
                                                                    ST20Q01 \
     O Albania Non-OECD 0000001
                                     00001
                                           16.17 Female Country of test
                                      00002 16.17
                                                            Country of test
     1 Albania
                 Non-OECD
                           0000001
                                                    Female
     2 Albania Non-OECD 0000001
                                     00003 15.58 Female Country of test
        ST01Q01 GRADE ST11Q01 ST11Q02 ST11Q05 PARED
                                                                      ST13Q01 \
             10
                   0.0
                           Yes
                                   Yes
                                                  12.0
                                            NaN
                                                            <ISCED level 3A>
```

[25]:

[27]:

0

1

2

10

0 <ISCED level 3A>

0.0

ST17Q01

-1.0

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

ST27Q01

Two

count

mean std

min 25%

50%

75%

max

 ${\tt NaN}$

No

16.0

ST27Q02

One

<ISCED level 3A>

Zero

ST27Q03 ST27Q04 \

Zero

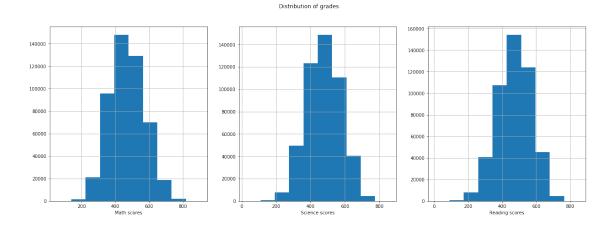
16.0 <ISCED level 3B, 3C>

```
<ISCED level 3A>
                                                                        Two
                      Three or more Three or more Three or more
2 <ISCED level 3A>
                      Three or more
                                                Two
                                                                Two
                                                                        One
  ST27Q05
                       ST28Q01 ST26Q01 ST26Q02 ST26Q03 ST26Q04 ST26Q05
     Zero
                   0-10 books
                                    Yes
                                             No
                                                    Yes
                                                              No
                                                                      No
0
1
      Two
                201-500 books
                                    Yes
                                            Yes
                                                    Yes
                                                             Yes
                                                                     Yes
2
           More than 500 books
      Two
                                    Yes
                                            Yes
                                                    Yes
                                                             Yes
                                                                      No
 ST26Q06
                                                       ST55Q01 \
0
      No
                                                           NaN
1
      Yes
           I do not attend <out-of-school time lessons> i...
2
      Yes
                                     Less than 2 hours a week
                                   ST55Q02 \
0
                                       NaN
1
  2 or more but less than 4 hours a week
2 2 or more but less than 4 hours a week
                                   ST55Q03
                                            LMINS
                                                   SMINS
                                                          MMINS
                                                                    PV_MATH
0
                                                                  366.18634
                                       NaN
                                              NaN
                                                     NaN
                                                             NaN
1 2 or more but less than 4 hours a week
                                            315.0
                                                    90.0
                                                           270.0
                                                                  470.56396
2 4 or more but less than 6 hours a week 300.0
                                                     NaN
                                                             NaN
                                                                  505.53824
     PV SCIE
                PV READ
 371.91348
              261.01424
1 478.12382
              384.68832
2 486.60946
              405.18154
```

1. What is students' performance at schools in different countries (including whether country is a OECD member).

```
[28]: base_color = sns.color_palette()[0]

[29]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))
    df['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0])
    df['PV_SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1])
    df['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2])
    ax[0].set_xlabel('Math scores')
    ax[1].set_xlabel('Science scores')
    ax[2].set_xlabel('Reading scores')
    plt.suptitle('Distribution of grades')
    plt.show()
```



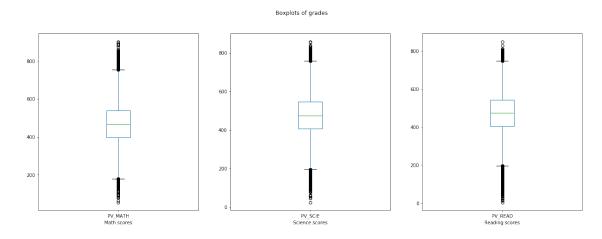
```
[30]: df['PV_MATH'].mean(), df['PV_SCIE'].mean(), df['PV_READ'].mean()
```

[30]: (469.65123385442615, 475.80809403002854, 472.0069640898506)

If we plot all the grades by subject, then scores in each subject looks normally distributed. Mean scores of science are about 3 points higher than average reading scores. In its turn, avearge reading scores are about 3 poits higher than avearge math scores. So scores in those 3 subjects are very similar.

So, let's look at their boxplots.

```
[31]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))
df['PV_MATH'].plot(kind='box', ax=ax[0])
df['PV_SCIE'].plot(kind='box', ax=ax[1])
df['PV_READ'].plot(kind='box', ax=ax[2])
ax[0].set_xlabel('Math scores')
ax[1].set_xlabel('Science scores')
ax[2].set_xlabel('Reading scores')
plt.suptitle('Boxplots of grades')
plt.show()
```



In general, there're outliers in every Series of scores. Moreover, math scores have approximately equal tails of outliers, but science and reading scores have outliers with lower scores more, than outliers with higher scores. let's go deepper, and look at students perormance in the context of countries, OECD membership, and other columns.

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[32]: df_plot1 = df.groupby('CNT').agg({'PV_MATH': 'mean', 'PV_SCIE': 'mean', \square 'PV_READ': 'mean', 'STIDSTD': 'nunique'})

print('Shape', df_plot1.shape)
df_plot1.head()
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Shape (64, 4)

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[32]:
                  PV_MATH
                              PV_SCIE
                                          PV_READ
                                                   STIDSTD
    CNT
    Albania
               394.878912 398.916529
                                       396.250245
                                                      4743
    Argentina 395.635711 410.478404 403.596060
                                                      5908
    Australia 493.268939 511.638212 501.056931
                                                     14481
    Austria
               507.778785 508.036810 491.485551
                                                      4755
    Belgium
               519.668410 510.302595 512.281728
                                                      8597
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df_plot1[['PV_MATH']].sort_values('PV_MATH').iloc[-15:].plot.

⇒barh(figsize=(21,7), width=.9, legend=False,

⇒cmap='Blues_r')

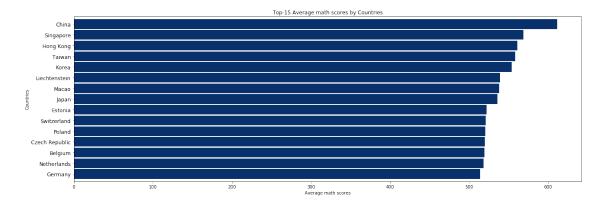
plt.yticks(fontsize=12)

plt.xlabel('Average math scores')

plt.ylabel('Countries')

plt.title('Top-15 Average math scores by Countries')

plt.show()
```



```
[34]: df[df.CNT == 'China'].PV_MATH.mean(), df[df.CNT == 'Peru'].PV_MATH.mean()
[34]: (611.4389329882152, 367.8596761126761)
```

Except Liechtenstein which is on the 6th position, on average, students from Asia countries receive the highest scores on math. China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea are in Top-5. Macao and Japan follow immediately behind Liechtenstein.

Chinese students receive on average 611 points. In comparison, in Peru average math scores are equal 368. This's 1.7 times less than in China.

```
df_plot1[['PV_SCIE']].sort_values('PV_SCIE').iloc[-15:].plot.

→barh(figsize=(21,7), width=.9, legend=False,

→cmap='Blues_r')

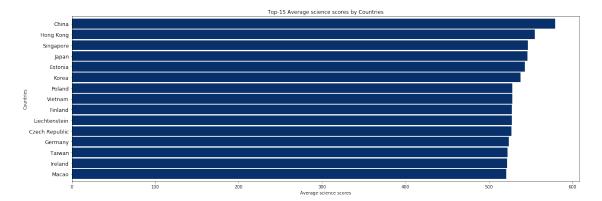
plt.yticks(fontsize=12)

plt.xlabel('Average science scores')

plt.ylabel('Countries')

plt.title('Top-15 Average science scores by Countries')

plt.show()
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```
[36]: (df[df.CNT == 'China'].PV_SCIE.mean(), df[df.CNT == 'Hong Kong'].PV_SCIE.mean(), df[df.CNT == 'Singapore'].PV_SCIE.mean())
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[36]: (579.5565404481328, 554.9864334004274, 546.8229195961078)

Average science scores are less than math scores by about 6 points. And this is becoming noticeable for countries with the highest average scores in science. China, Gang Kong and Singapore are also in the Top-3 with an average score of 547 to 579. For China, this difference is 32 points or 5.2%.

```
[37]: df_plot1[['PV_READ']].sort_values('PV_READ').iloc[-15:].plot.

⇒barh(figsize=(21,7), width=.9, legend=False,

⇒cmap='Blues_r')

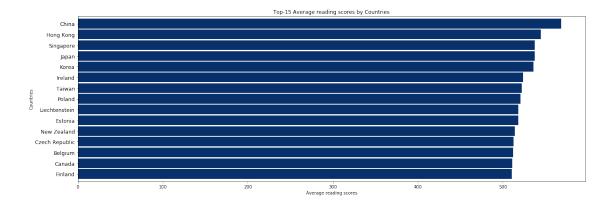
plt.yticks(fontsize=12)

plt.xlabel('Average reading scores')

plt.ylabel('Countries')

plt.title('Top-15 Average reading scores by Countries')

plt.show()
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[38]: df[df.CNT == 'China'].PV_READ.mean()
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[38]: 568.6292328568668

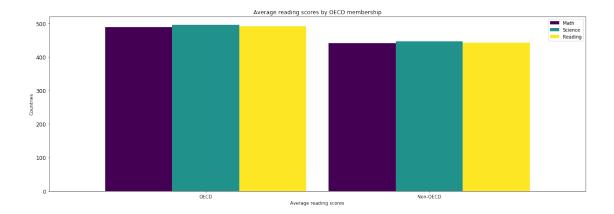
For average reading scores, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Korea and Taiwan continue to be the leaders with a maximum average of 569 points for China. This average score is the lowest for China in three subjects, possibly also because English is not a native language for a large population of the country.

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[39]: df_plot2 = df.groupby('OECD').agg({'PV_MATH': 'mean', 'PV_SCIE': 'mean', \

→'PV_READ': 'mean', 'STIDSTD': 'nunique'})

print(df_plot2)
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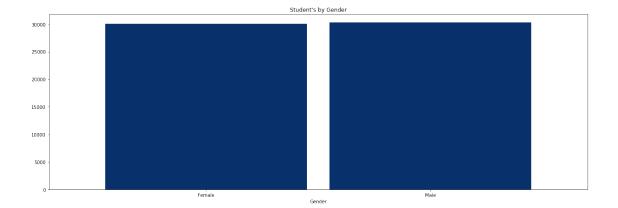
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PV_MATH PV_SCIE PV_READ STIDSTD OECD
Non-OECD 440.509684 446.101570 442.803610 19204
OECD 488.401237 494.921608 490.796733 33806
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The difference is noticeable in all three subjects at once: average scores in mathematics, science and reading are higher in OSCE countries than in non-OSCE countries. The difference is about 48 points for each subject.

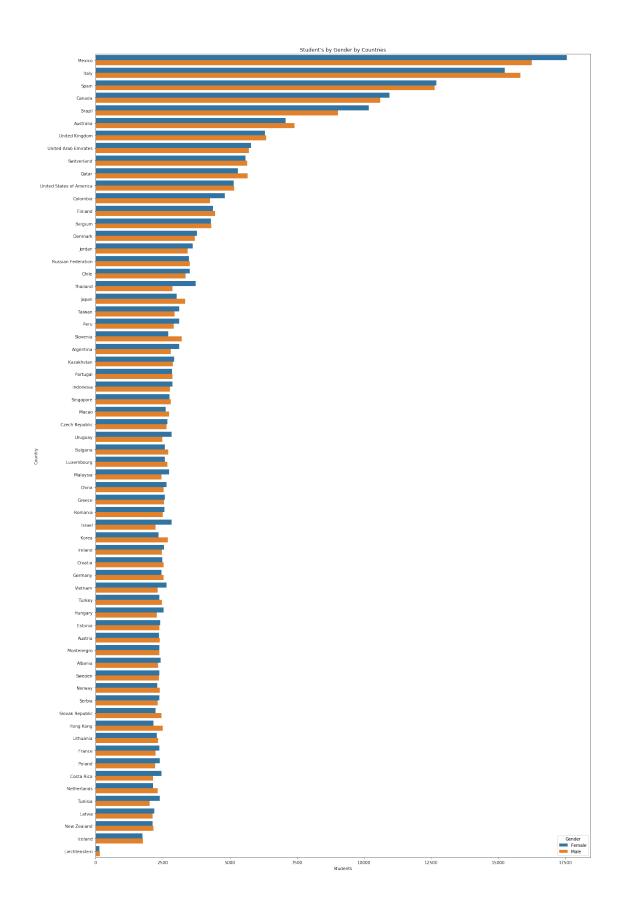
2. What are the characteristics of students participated in PICA 2012:

- gender,
- age,
- whether a student passed the test in the country of birth or not,
- international grade and grade compared to modal grade in country.



Number of female students is little more (by 0.6%) than number of male students. Let's look at gender by countries.

The largest number of students are in Mexico, Italy, Spain, Canada and Brazil. Except for Italy, the number of the females is greater than that of the male. In Brazil, there are 8% fewer males than females. The number of students in Mexico is 1.8 times higher than in Brazil, which is in 5th place, the number of males is 2.8 times less and the number of females is 2.7.

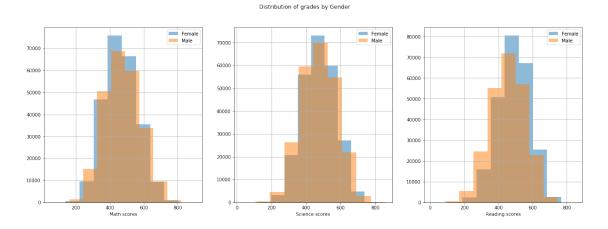


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[43]:
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))
    df[df.ST04Q01 == 'Female']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='Female')
    df[df.ST04Q01 == 'Male']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='Male')
    ax[0].set_xlabel('Math scores')
    ax[0].legend()

df[df.ST04Q01 == 'Female']['PV_SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1], alpha=.5, label='Female')
    df[df.ST04Q01 == 'Male']['PV_SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1], alpha=.5, label='Male')
    ax[1].set_xlabel('Science scores')
    ax[1].legend()

df[df.ST04Q01 == 'Female']['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, label='Female')
    df[df.ST04Q01 == 'Male']['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, label='Male')
    ax[2].set_xlabel('Reading scores')
    ax[2].legend()

plt.suptitle('Distribution of grades by Gender')
    plt.show()
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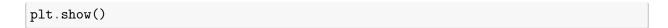
Distriution of males and females math and science score are distributed approximately normal. However, there's slight difference of reading scores: female have aslightly higher grades than males.

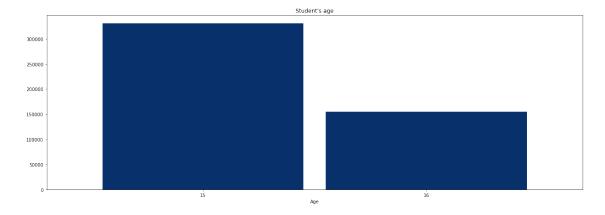
Since student age is between 15 and 16 year old, and number of students who are 15 years old are twice larger than students who are 16 years old, there would be interesting to compare whether there's some biases due to the different age.

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[44]: df.AGE.astype(int).value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar(figsize=(21,7), width=.

→9, legend=False,

→cmap='Blues_r', rot=0)
plt.xlabel('Age')
plt.title('Student\'s age')
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Distribution of scores of students from 15 and 16 years old groups is distributed normally, and I think, there's no significant difference between these students.

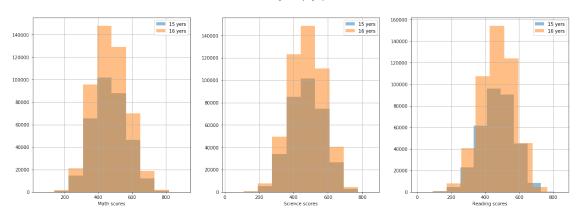
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[45]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))
    df[df.AGE < 16]['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='15 yers')
    df[df.AGE > 15]['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='16 yers')
    ax[0].set_xlabel('Math scores')
    ax[0].legend()

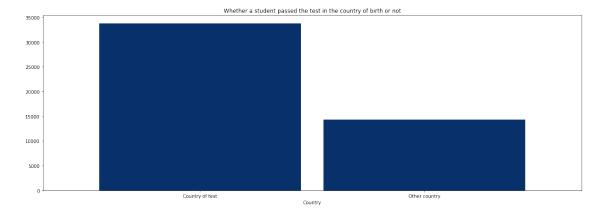
    df[df.AGE < 16]['PV_SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1], alpha=.5, label='15 yers')
    df[df.AGE > 15]['PV_SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1], alpha=.5, label='16 yers')
    ax[1].set_xlabel('Science scores')
    ax[1].legend()

    df[df.AGE < 16]['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, label='15 yers')
    df[df.AGE > 15]['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, label='16 yers')
    ax[2].set_xlabel('Reading scores')
    ax[2].legend()

    plt.suptitle('Distribution of grades by Age (year old)')
    plt.show()
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Distribution of grades by Age (year old)





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[52]: # Whether a student passed the test in the country of birth or not

fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))

df[df.ST20Q01 == 'Country of test']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, □

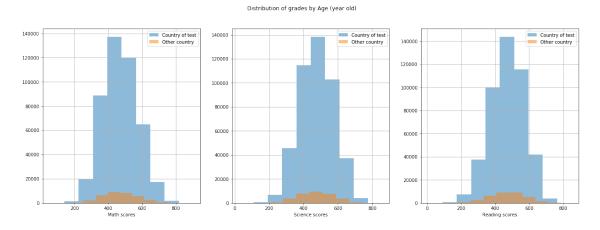
→label='Country of test')

df[df.ST20Q01 == 'Other country']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, □

→label='Other country')

ax[0].set_xlabel('Math scores')

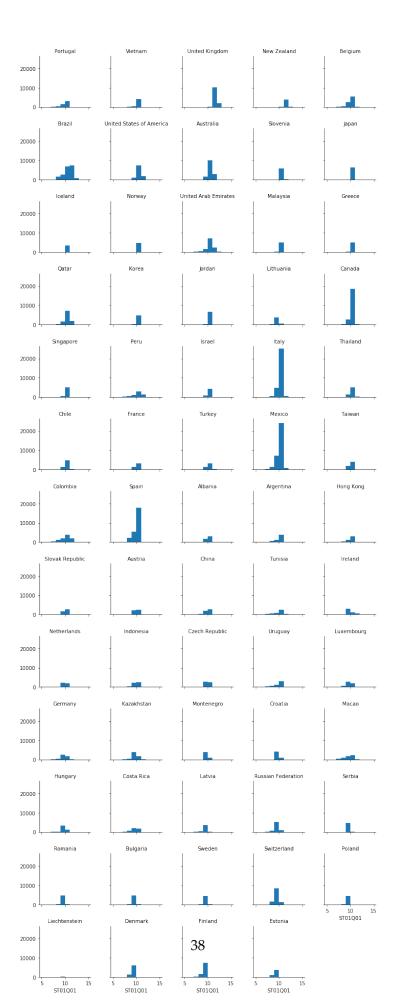
ax[0].legend()
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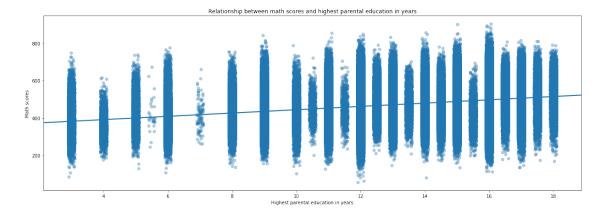
An average international grade of students is 9.8 points, and on the same time, the mean grade compared to modal grade in country is equal -0.16 points.

Among all 64 countries represented in the dataset, students from Canada, Italy, Mexico, and Spain have the highest average international rate.

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col_order = group_order)
g.map(plt.hist, 'ST01Q01', bins = np.arange(5, 15+1, 1))
g.set_titles('{col_name}')
plt.show()
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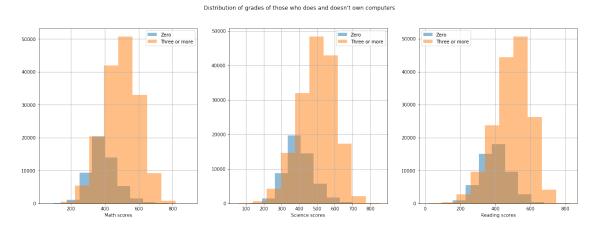


3. What's a relationship between students performance and highest parental education measured in years as well as mother's and father's highest schooling?



There exist a positive weak relationship between highest parental education in years and students math scores. To check whether this relationship is significant, linear regression can be fitted to determine if increase in parental education affects increases students math scores.

4. Whether there exist a correlation between family wealth (measured in the number of telephones, computers, etc.) and students performance?

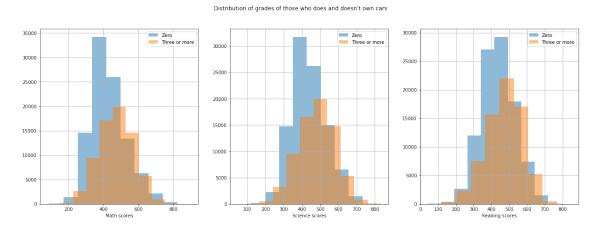


More than half of all students don't have a computer at all. Therefore, we can observe, that distribution of score of those students who doesn't have a computer is skewed to the right for two subjects - mathematics and science.

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[57]: # How many - cars (here we'll look at 2 extreme - no car vs. 3 or more cars)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))
df[df.ST27Q04 == 'Zero']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='Zero')
df[df.ST27Q04 == 'Three or more']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, \_\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\
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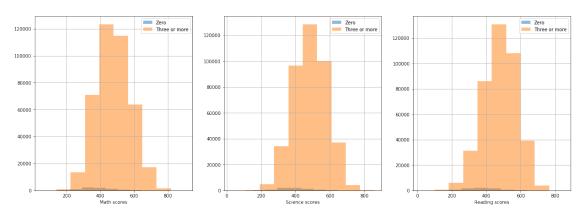
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df[df.ST27Q04 == 'Zero']['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, label='Zero')
df[df.ST27Q04 == 'Three or more']['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, \_\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\te\
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A half of all students don't have a car in family. And we can observe, that distribution of score of those students who has no car in the family is skewed to the right for all 3 subjects - math, science, and reading.

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[59]: # How many - cellular phones (here we'll look at 2 extreme - no cellular phone
      \rightarrow vs. 3 or more cellular phones)
     fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))
     df[df.ST27Q01 == 'Zero']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='Zero')
     df[df.ST27Q01 == 'Three or more']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5,__
      →label='Three or more')
     ax[0].set xlabel('Math scores')
     ax[0].legend()
     df[df.ST27Q01 == 'Zero']['PV SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1], alpha=.5, label='Zero')
     df[df.ST27Q01 == 'Three or more']['PV_SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1], alpha=.5,__
      →label='Three or more')
     ax[1].set_xlabel('Science scores')
     ax[1].legend()
     df[df.ST27Q01 == 'Zero']['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, label='Zero')
     df[df.ST27Q01 == 'Three or more']['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, ___
      →label='Three or more')
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Distribution of grades of those who does and doesn't own cellular phones

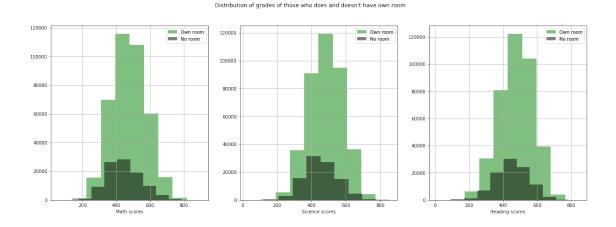


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[107]: df [df.ST27Q01 == 'Zero'].shape[0] / df.shape[0]
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[107]: 0.014589383921399

Almost every student in the dataset has at least one cellular phone. And it is almost impossible to determine what the distribution of grades looks like for those students who do not have a cell phone, since the number of such guys in the dataset is very small (about 1.5%).

5. How do student possessions such as own room and desk, etc. affect his/her performance?

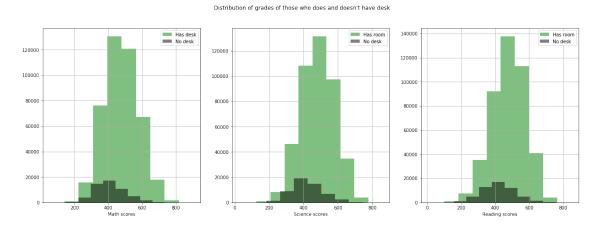


About a quater of students doesn't have their own rooms. This affects their preparation to the exam. And as the result, the distribution of math and science scores of those students who don't have their own room is skewed to the right

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[97]: # Possessions - has desk

fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))
df[df.ST26Q01 == 'Yes']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='Has desk', u color='green')
df[df.ST26Q01 == 'No']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='No desk', u color='black')
ax[0].set_xlabel('Math scores')
ax[0].legend()

df[df.ST26Q01 == 'Yes']['PV_SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1], alpha=.5, label='Has room', u color='green')
df[df.ST26Q01 == 'No']['PV_SCIE'].hist(ax=ax[1], alpha=.5, label='No desk', u color='black')
ax[1].set_xlabel('Science scores')
ax[1].legend()
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[112]: df[df.ST26Q01 == 'No'].shape[0] / df.shape[0]
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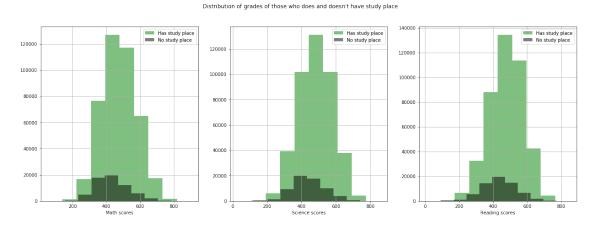
[112]: 0.11132258130960473

11.1% of students don't have a desk, therefore, on average their math and science scores are lower than scores of students who has a table. Both, the distribution of reading scores of those who have and who doesn't have a desk ia normally distributed without any skewednes.

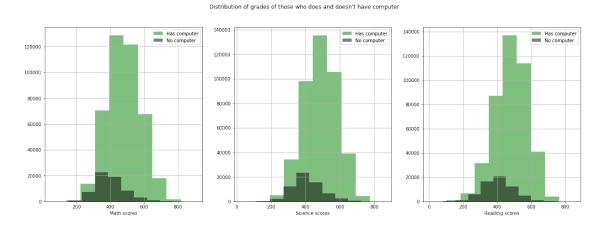
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[99]: # Possessions - has study place

fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=3, figsize=(21,7))

df[df.ST26Q03 == 'Yes']['PV_MATH'].hist(ax=ax[0], alpha=.5, label='Has study_\_\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text
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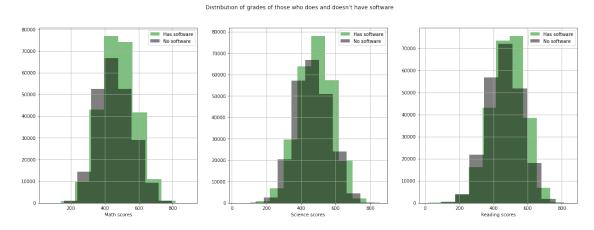
It's really difficult to prepare to the assessment if you dont have study place at home. As a result the distribution of scores of those students who don't have a study place on average receive lower scores on math and science.



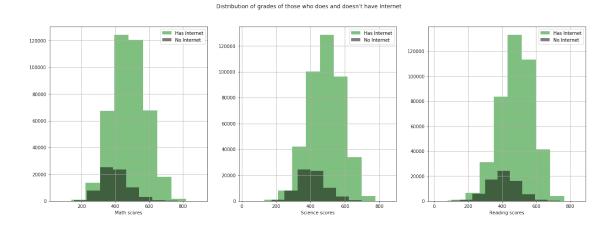
Absense of computer significantly complicates the preparation not only for the exam, but also for the homework. Because for example, not all students have large-screen tablets or smartphones that can partially replace a computer. As a result, the distribution of math scores is significantly skewed to the right. Distributions of reading and science scores are also slightly skewed to theright.

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df[df.ST26Q05 == 'Yes']['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, label='Has_\[ \infty \software', color='green')
df[df.ST26Q05 == 'No']['PV_READ'].hist(ax=ax[2], alpha=.5, label='No software', \[ \infty \softon \color='black')
ax[2].set_xlabel('Reading scores')
ax[2].legend()

plt.suptitle('Distribution of grades of those who does and doesn\'t have_\[ \infty \software')
plt.show()
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I can assume that the lack of software does not affect the distribution of grades in any way, since not all students pay money for software, thus, the lack of a computer worsens the average grade for the test more significantly.

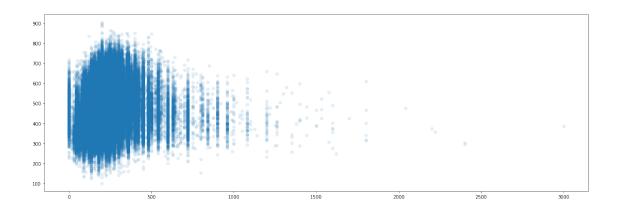


The lack of the Internet affects the distribution of grades in mathematics and science, since the process of obtaining the necessary information is either very slow or not at all. But it is worth noting that the presence of the Internet affects the distribution of reading grades in such a way that for those students who have the Internet, the opportunity to obtain additional information leads to a distortion of the distribution of grades to the left.

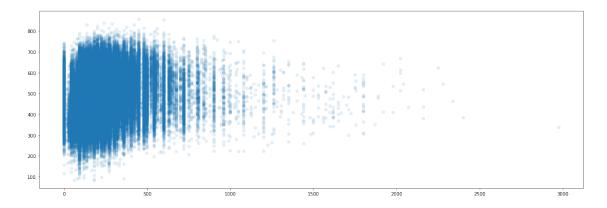
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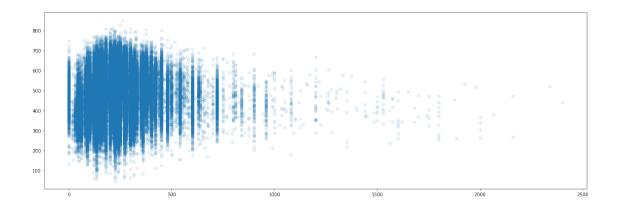
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Part III - Conclusions

1. What is students' performance at schools in different countries (including whether country is a OECD member) If we plot all the grades by subject, then scores in each subject looks normally distributed. Mean scores of science are about 3 points higher than average reading scores. In its turn, avearge reading scores are about 3 poits higher than avearge math scores. So scores in those 3 subjects are very similar.

So, let's look at their boxplots.

In general, there're outliers in every Series of scores. Moreover, math scores have approximately equal tails of outliers, but science and reading scores have outliers with lower scores more, than outliers with higher scores. let's go deepper, and look at students perormance in the context of countries, OECD membership, and other columns.

Except Liechtenstein which is on the 6th position, on average, students from Asia countries receive the highest scores on math. China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea are in Top-5. Macao and Japan follow immediately behind Liechtenstein.

Chinese students receive on average 611 points. In comparison, in Peru average math scores are equal 368. This's 1.7 times less than in China.

Average science scores are less than math scores by about 6 points. And this is becoming

noticeable for countries with the highest average scores in science. China, Gang Kong and Singapore are also in the Top-3 with an average score of 547 to 579. For China, this difference is 32 points or 5.2%.

For average reading scores, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Korea and Taiwan continue to be the leaders with a maximum average of 569 points for China. This average score is the lowest for China in three subjects, possibly also because English is not a native language for a large population of the country.

The difference is noticeable in all three subjects at once: average scores in mathematics, science and reading are higher in OSCE countries than in non-OSCE countries. The difference is about 48 points for each subject.

2. What are the characteristics of students participated in PICA 2012:

• gender:

Number of female students is little more (by 0.6%) than number of male students. Let's look at gender by countries. The largest number of students are in Mexico, Italy, Spain, Canada and Brazil. Except for Italy, the number of the females is greater than that of the male. In Brazil, there are 8% fewer males than females. The number of students in Mexico is 1.8 times higher than in Brazil, which is in 5th place, the number of males is 2.8 times less and the number of females is 2.7.

Distriution of males and females math and science score are distributed approximately normal. However, there's slight difference of reading scores: female have aslightly higher grades than males.

• age:

Since student age is between 15 and 16 year old, and number of students who are 15 years old are twice larger than students who are 16 years old, there would be interesting to compare whether there's some biases due to the different age.

Distribution of scores of students from 15 and 16 years old groups is distributed normally, and I think, there's no significant difference between these students.

- international grade and grade compared to modal grade in country:
 - An average international grade of students is 9.8 points, and on the same time, the mean grade compared to modal grade in country is equal -0.16 points.
 - Among all 64 countries represented in the dataset, students from Canada, Italy, Mexico, and Spain have the highest average international rate.
- 3. What's a relationship between students performance and highest parental education measured in years as well as mother's and father's highest schooling?
 - There exist a positive weak relationship between highest parental education in years and students math scores. To check whether this relationship is significant, linear regression can be fitted to determine if increase in parental education affects increases students math scores.
- 4. Whether there exist a correlation between family wealth (measured in the number of telephones, computers, etc.) and students performance?
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A half of all students don't have a car in family. And we can observe, that distribution of score of those students who has no car in the family is skewed to the right for all 3 subjects math, science, and reading.

Almost every student in the dataset has at least one cellular phone. And it is almost impossible to determine what the distribution of grades looks like for those students who do not have a cell phone, since the number of such guys in the dataset is very small (about 1.5%).

5. How do student possessions such as own room and desk, etc. affect his/her performance? About a quater of students doesn't have their own rooms. This affects their preparation to the exam. And as the result, the distribution of math and science scores of those students who don't have their own room is skewed to the right

11.1% of students don't have a desk, therefore, on average their math and science scores are lower than scores of students who has a table. Both, the distribution of reading scores of those who have and who doesn't have a desk ia normally distributed without any skewednes.

It's really difficult to prepare to the assessment if you dont have study place at home. As a result the distribution of scores of those students who don't have a study place on average receive lower scores on math and science.

Absense of computer significantly complicates the preparation not only for the exam, but also for the homework. Because for example, not all students have large-screen tablets or smartphones that can partially replace a computer. As a result, the distribution of math scores is significantly skewed to the right. Distributions of reading and science scores are also slightly skewed to theright.

I can assume that the lack of software does not affect the distribution of grades in any way, since not all students pay money for software, thus, the lack of a computer worsens the average grade for the test more significantly.

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