$Part_I_{exploration}$

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1 Part I - Student Questionaire and Standardized Exam Results

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1.2 Introduction

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This dataset consists of demographic data and exam scores for students from around the world. Data includes information about immediate family members, socio-economic status, school attendance and performance, and exam scores.

1.3 Preliminary Wrangling

```
[1]: # import all packages and set plots to be embedded inline
     import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
[2]: sub_df = pd.read_csv('/Users/amand/WGU/Communicating Data Findings_A Doty_01.20.
      ⇔24/student_qqq_sub.csv')
     sub_df.head(4)
[2]:
                mother_edu
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                                    father_edu
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     0
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                                ISCED level 3A
                                                  26-100 books
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     1
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925.061

462.5305

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[3]: sub_df.shape
[3]: (1211, 13)
    sub_df.mother_edu.unique()
[4]: array(['ISCED level 3A', 'ISCED level 3B, 3C', 'ISCED level 2',
            'ISCED level 1', 'She did not complete ISCED level 1'],
           dtype=object)
    sub df.father edu.unique()
[5]: array(['ISCED level 3A', 'ISCED level 3B, 3C', 'ISCED level 2',
            'ISCED level 1', 'He did not complete ISCED level 1'],
           dtype=object)
    sub_df.qty_books.unique()
[6]: array(['26-100 books', '11-25 books', '201-500 books', '101-200 books',
            '0-10 books', 'More than 500 books'], dtype=object)
[7]: sub_df.outsider.unique()
[7]: array(['Strongly disagree', 'Disagree', 'Agree', 'Strongly agree'],
           dtype=object)
[8]: sub_df.tmins.unique()
[8]: array([1650, 1620, 1350, 1980, 2100, 1500, 1710, 1040, 2200, 1400, 1215,
            1800, 1540, 2500, 1530, 1395, 1575, 2400, 1200, 900, 1440, 1595,
            1485, 2115, 800, 1600, 1680, 2040, 2700, 540, 1750, 1625, 2145,
            1700, 1950, 1755, 1920, 2835, 550, 2720, 1305, 1640, 1960, 1925,
           2025, 1000, 2310, 1935, 1665, 2000, 2160, 720, 1280, 1160, 1260,
            2745, 2940, 1740, 1870, 1470, 2880, 1380, 2250, 2365, 3000, 1480,
            1050, 1300, 2450, 1560, 1850, 1100, 1760, 2430, 1520, 2275, 2900,
           2320, 1845, 1155, 2925, 1125, 1890, 1320, 1880, 2520, 2440, 855,
           1375, 1430, 2800, 425, 1690, 520, 2475, 1240, 2050, 2240, 2580,
           2170, 1900, 1720, 2750, 2385, 2640, 1250, 810, 675, 1875, 2460,
                 400, 2960, 2790, 2565, 2035, 1815, 2150, 600, 1705, 2340,
            1035, 450, 1550, 495, 990, 1170, 1860, 2360, 2550, 2080, 1360,
            2070, 2205, 1020, 1435, 960, 1080, 2655, 480, 340, 360, 945,
            840, 225, 2280, 1615, 2650, 2760, 1210, 1645, 1770,
                                                                   660, 2420,
            765, 2610, 2480, 2970, 1365, 1340, 2295, 2600, 825,
                                                                   210,
[9]: sub_df.repeated.unique()
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3 563.845 522.237

543.0410

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[9]: array(['No, never', 'Yes, once', 'Yes, twice or more'], dtype=object)
[10]: sub_df['tmins']=sub_df['tmins'].astype('int')
      sub_df['wealth']=sub_df['wealth'].astype('int')
      sub_df.info()
     <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
     RangeIndex: 1211 entries, 0 to 1210
     Data columns (total 13 columns):
      #
          Column
                        Non-Null Count Dtype
      0
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          mother_edu
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          pv1math
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      10 pv1read
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                        1211 non-null
      11 avg score
                        1211 non-null
                                        float64
      12 tot_score
                        1211 non-null
                                        float64
     dtypes: float64(4), int64(2), object(7)
     memory usage: 123.1+ KB
[11]: #creating summative columns to further assist in statistical visualizations.
      sub_df['avg_score']=sub_df[['pv1read','pv1math']].mean(axis=1)
      sub_df['tot_score']=sub_df[['pv1read','pv1math']].sum(axis=1)
      sub_df.info()
     <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
     RangeIndex: 1211 entries, 0 to 1210
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     dtypes: float64(4), int64(2), object(7)
     memory usage: 123.1+ KB
[12]: sub df.describe()
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      count
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                                         492.234095
                                                      484.017983
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                                          97.076571
                                                       98.277763
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                            -1.000000
                                         424.106000
                                                      413.819500
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      std
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              404.019000
      25%
              840.498500
      50%
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      75%
             1106.329500
      max
             1497.490000
[13]: # categorizing categorical data
      books=['0-10 books','11-25 books','26-100 books','101-200 books','201-500
       ⇒books','More than 500 books']
      book_classes=pd.CategoricalDtype(ordered=True, categories=books)
      sub_df['qty_books'] = sub_df['qty_books'].astype(book_classes)
      mo edu=['She did not complete ISCED level 1','ISCED level 1','ISCED level,
       →2', 'ISCED level 3A', 'ISCED level 3B, 3C']
      mo_classes=pd.CategoricalDtype(ordered=True, categories=mo_edu)
      sub_df['mother_edu'] = sub_df['mother_edu'].astype(mo_classes)
      min_read=['I do not read for enjoyment','30 minutes or less a day','More than_
       _{
m 0}30 minutes to less than 60 minutes a day','1 to 2 hours a day','More than 2_{
m L}
       ⇔hours a day']
      read_classes=pd.CategoricalDtype(ordered=True, categories=min_read)
      sub_df['time_reading'] = sub_df['time_reading'].astype(read_classes)
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8

wealth

1211 non-null

int64

```
outsider=['Strongly disagree','Disagree','Agree','Strongly agree']
out_classes=pd.CategoricalDtype(ordered=True, categories=outsider)
sub_df['outsider'] = sub_df['outsider'].astype(out_classes)

belong=['Strongly disagree','Disagree','Agree','Strongly agree']
belong_classes=pd.CategoricalDtype(ordered=True, categories=belong)
sub_df['belong'] = sub_df['belong'].astype(belong_classes)
```

```
[14]: sub_df.to_csv('/Users/amand/WGU/Communicating Data Findings_A Doty_01.20.24/

student_qqq_sub.csv', index=False)
```

1.3.1 What is the structure of your dataset?

The base dataset is very large, with over 600,000 entries and 1100 columns. To make calculations and visualizations quicker and require less operating power, I took a subset of the dataset consisting of 1000 random entries and narrowed the columns down to those I am interested in studying (see below for details). I created two summary columns, avg_score (the average of the math and reading scores) and tot_score (the sum of the math and reading scores) to help with statistical analysis of the overall performance on the exams.

1.3.2 What is/are the main feature(s) of interest in your dataset?

I am interested in the role home life, socioeconomic status, and self-esteem have on student performance. I selected columns that deal with parent education, the number of books in the home, amount of time reading, emotions and belonging, and performance.

1.4 Univariate Exploration

```
[15]: def plot_hist (df, X, bins=30, plt_title='none'):
    # this function plots histograms using the given parameters
    # it prevents repetitive code and saves time

#inputs:
    ### df: dataframe to plot
    ### x: column name from which to gather data
    ### bins: number of bins in the histogram
    ### plt_title: the title of the figure

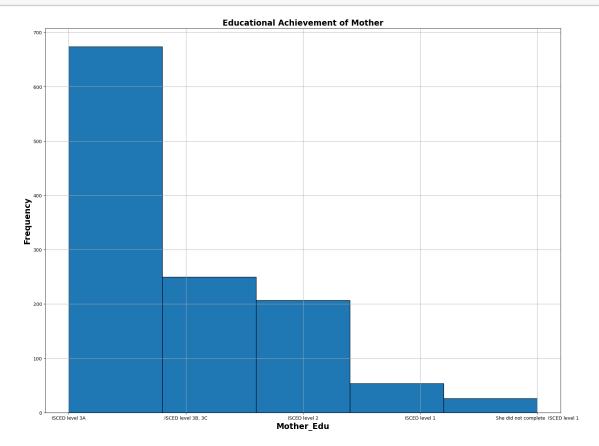
#output: a plotted histogram with the given parameters

df[X].hist(bins=bins,grid=True, edgecolor='black', color='tab:blue',u
    figsize = [20,15])
    plt.title(plt_title, weight='bold',size='xx-large')
    plt.xlabel(X.title(), weight = 'bold', size='xx-large')
    plt.ylabel('Frequency',weight='bold', size='xx-large')
```

1.5 Parental Education Distributions

1.5.1 Mother's Educational Background

Question What is the distribution of the highest level of education for the mothers in the dataset?

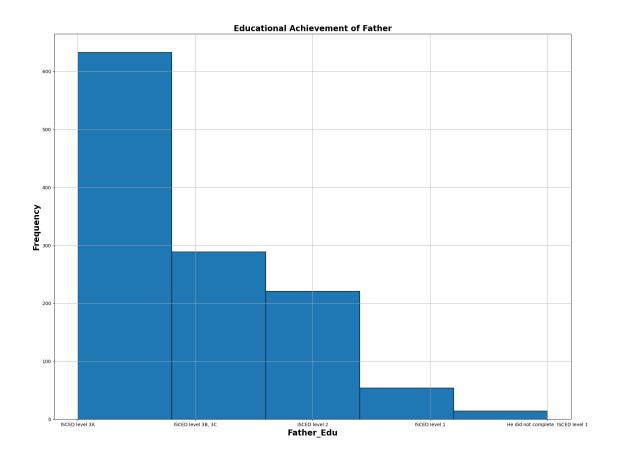


Answer Most mothers, over 50%, have graduated from secondary education (ISCED level 3A is roughly equivalent to a high school senior). Over 70% have a high school diploma or post-secondary education degree.

1.5.2 Father's educational background

Question

What is the distribution of fathers who have secondary or post-secondary education?



Once again, the majority of fathers, over 50%, have at least a high school diploma, and roughly 75% have a high school diploma or higher.

1.6 Parental education take aways

The vast majority of parents in this sample have at least a high-school level education. I am curious to see if students who have parents who completed high school or beyond score better overall on the exams.

1.7 Socio-Economic Factors

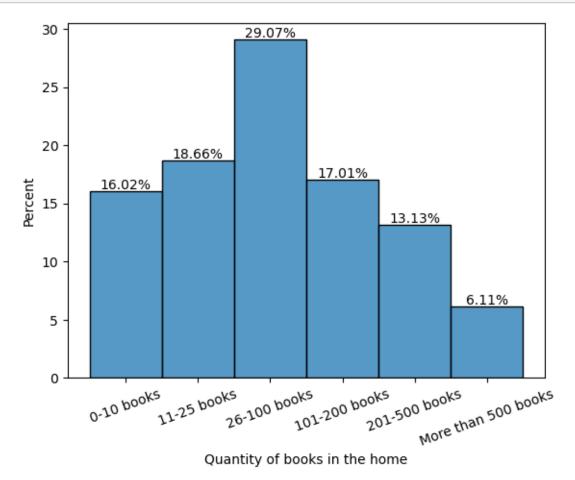
1.7.1 Availability of books in the home

Question

How many students have access to multiple books at home? Books are a luxury item that can point to socio-economic status, but access to books and reading material in the home is also a proven indicator of educational performance.

```
[18]: ax = sns.histplot(data=sub_df, x='qty_books', stat='percent');
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plt.xticks(rotation=20)
plt.xlabel('Quantity of books in the home')
ax.bar_label(ax.containers[0], fmt='%.2f%%');
```



Roughly 36% of students estimate that they have over 100 books at home. Most students estimate that they have 100 or fewer, with 16% stating they have ten or fewer. I would hypothesize that students who have fewer books at home read less and score lower on the exams, especially the reading exam.

1.8 School behavior

1.8.1 Repeating grades

Question

I would like to know how many students have repeated a grade.

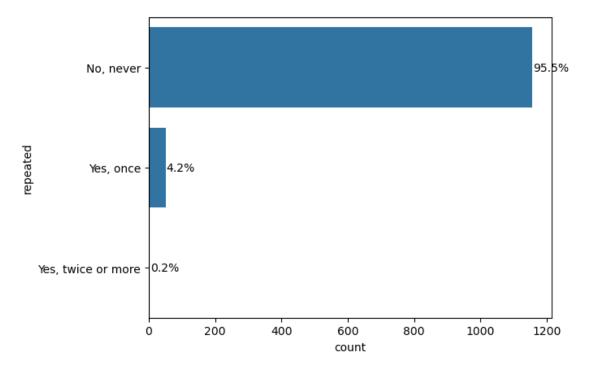
```
[19]: order = sub_df['repeated'].value_counts().index

repeat_counts = sub_df['repeated'].value_counts()

total_count = repeat_counts.sum()

sns.countplot(data=sub_df, y='repeated', color='tab:blue', order=order)

for i, count in enumerate(repeat_counts):
    # Convert count into a percentage, and then into string
    pct_string = f'{100*count/total_count:.1f}%'
    plt.text(count+1, i, pct_string, va='center')
```



The vast majority of students have not repeated a grade. Since there is such a large difference between the responses, it might be worth breaking this column down to research further if repeating a grade has an effect on student exam scores.

1.9 Exam Scores

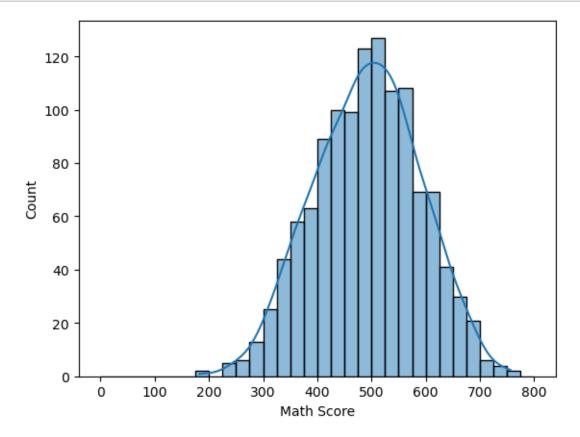
Question

What is the breakdown of exam scores?

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[20]: sub_df['pv1math'].value_counts()
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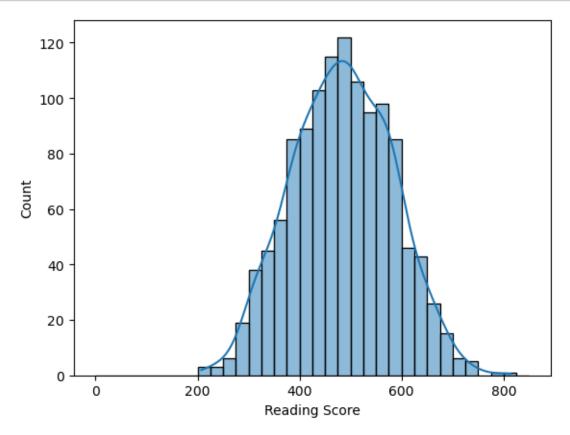
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[20]: 440.681
                  2
      565.576
                  2
      697.233
                  1
      550.702
                  1
      453.040
                  1
      585.091
                  1
      499.467
      517.514
                  1
      686.818
                  1
      594.942
                  1
      Name: pv1math, Length: 1209, dtype: int64
```

```
[21]: bins=np.arange(0, sub_df['pv1math'].max()+50, 25)
sns.histplot(data=sub_df, x='pv1math', bins=bins, stat='count', kde=True)
plt.xlabel('Math Score');
```



```
[22]: bins=np.arange(0, sub_df['pv1read'].max()+50, 25)
```

```
sns.histplot(data=sub_df, x='pv1read', bins=bins, stat='count', kde=True)
plt.xlabel('Reading Score');
```

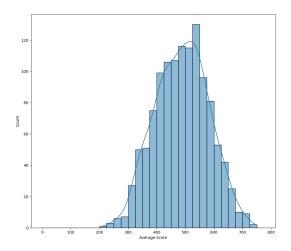


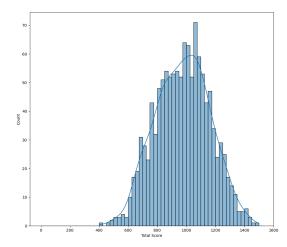
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[23]: bins1=np.arange(0, sub_df['avg_score'].max()+50, 25)
bins2=np.arange(0, sub_df['tot_score'].max()+50, 25)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(25,10))

sns.histplot(data=sub_df, x='avg_score', bins=bins1, kde=True, ax=ax[0])
ax[0].set_xlabel('Average Score');

sns.histplot(data=sub_df, x='tot_score', bins=bins2, kde=True, ax=ax[1])
ax[1].set_xlabel('Total Score');
```





The scores on the exam mostly follow a normal curve, which is unsurprising. It does appear that math scores are slightly higher on average than reading scores, but it is not likely statistically significant.

1.9.1 Discuss the distribution(s) of your variable(s) of interest. Were there any unusual points? Did you need to perform any transformations?

I was slightly surprised at the level of education recorded for parents involved in the exams. I did not perform any transformations as there is not a ton of quantitative data, and the quantitative data that is available is relatively normal.

1.9.2 Of the features you investigated, were there any unusual distributions? Did you perform any operations on the data to tidy, adjust, or change the form of the data? If so, why did you do this?

I created two summary columns of exam scores, one for the average of the two exams and one for the total of the two exams. I ordered the values of several columns (mother_edu, father_edu, qty_books, time_reading) to ensure sequential visualizations.

1.10 Bivariate Exploration

1.11 School behavior

1.11.1 class time and exam score

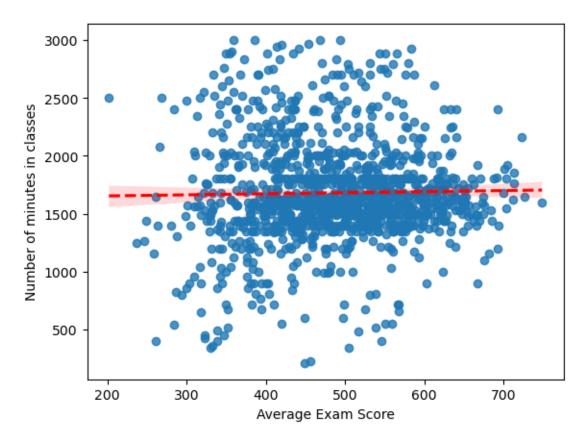
Question

Does more time in class mean a higher score on the exams?

```
[24]: sns.regplot(data=sub_df, y='tmins',x='avg_score',line_kws=dict(color='r', u color=tr'));
```

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plt.ylabel('Number of minutes in classes')
plt.xlabel('Average Exam Score')
```

[24]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Average Exam Score')



There does not appear to be. much of a correlation between time in class and exam scores.

1.12 Socio-econic status

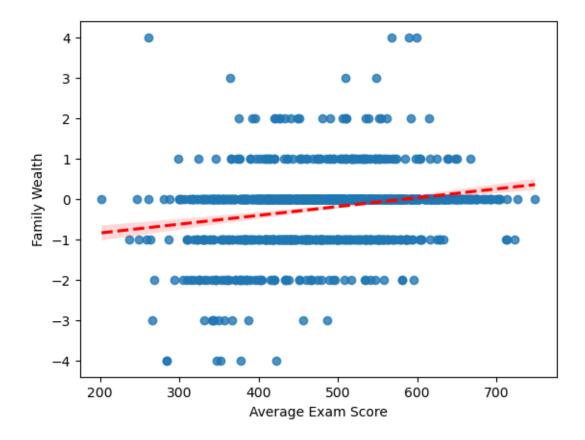
Question

Is there a correlation between family wealth and exam scores?

```
[25]: sns.regplot(data=sub_df, y='wealth',x='avg_score',line_kws=dict(color='r',uslinestyle='--'));

plt.ylabel('Family Wealth')
plt.xlabel('Average Exam Score')
```

[25]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Average Exam Score')

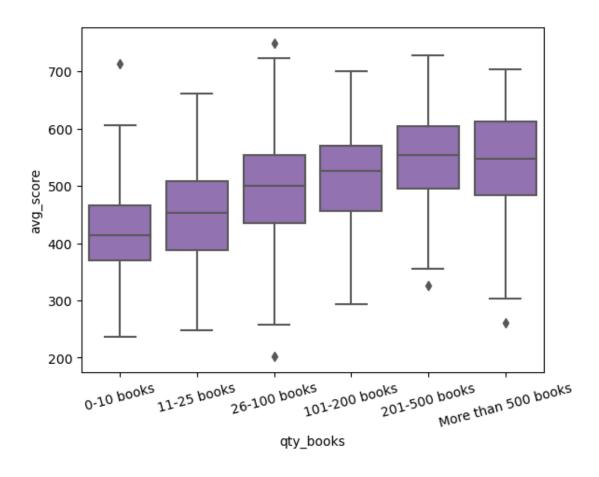


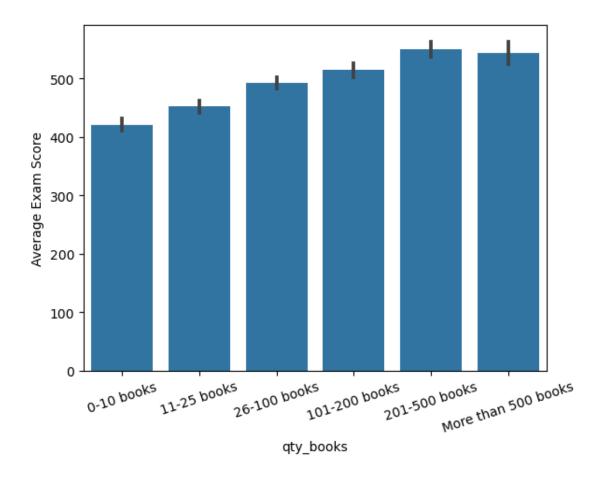
There is a slight positive correlation between wealth and exam scores. It would be valuable to see what other factors could contribute to the correlation.

Question

Is there a correlation between the number of books in the home and exam score?

```
[26]: ax1=sns.boxplot(data=sub_df, x='qty_books',y='avg_score', color='tab:purple')
    plt.xticks(rotation=15)
    plt.ylim(ax1.get_ylim());
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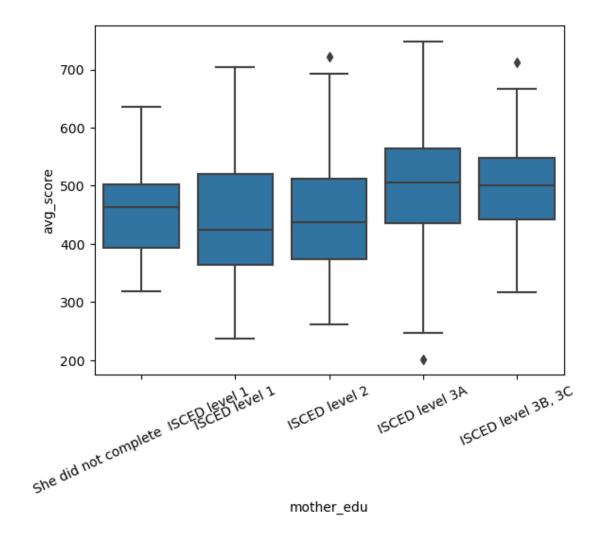
There is a positive correlation between the number of books in the home and the average exam score. It would be valuable to determine if there could be other causes of this correlation, like overall family wealth, or time spent reading.

1.13 Parents' education

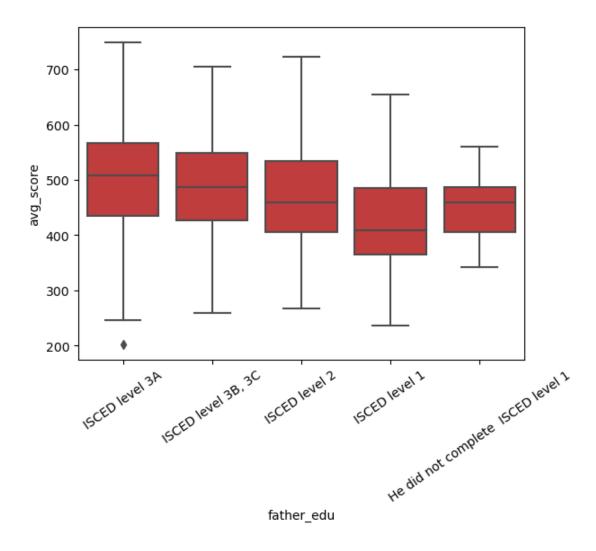
Question

Is there a correlation between parents' education and exam scores?

```
[28]: ax1=sns.boxplot(data=sub_df, x='mother_edu',y='avg_score', color='tab:blue')
plt.xticks(rotation=25)
plt.ylim(ax1.get_ylim());
```



```
[29]: ax1=sns.boxplot(data=sub_df, x='father_edu',y='avg_score', color='tab:red')
plt.xticks(rotation=35)
plt.ylim(ax1.get_ylim());
```



There does appear to be a positive correlation between the level of education of household parents and exam scores of students. It would be interesting to see if parents with higher education also earn more, which has already shown a positive correlation to exam scores.

1.13.1 Deeper Dives

Question

Does the presence of more books in the home increase reading time?

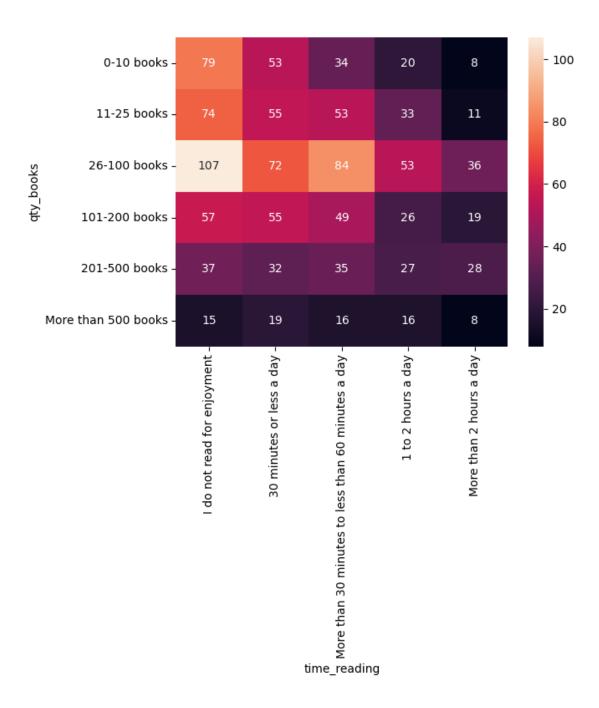
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[30]: # Use group_by() and size() to get the number of books and each combination of the two variable levels as a pandas Series

bk_counts = sub_df.groupby(['avg_score', 'qty_books']).size()
bk_counts
```

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[30]: avg_score qty_books
      202.0095
                 0-10 books
                                        0
                 11-25 books
                                        0
                 26-100 books
                                         1
                 101-200 books
                 201-500 books
                                         0
      748.7450
                 11-25 books
                                         0
                 26-100 books
                                         1
                 101-200 books
                                         0
                 201-500 books
                                         0
                 More than 500 books
      Length: 7260, dtype: int64
[31]: bk_counts = bk_counts.reset_index(name='count')
[32]: bk_counts = bk_counts.pivot(index='qty_books', columns='avg_score',_

yalues='count')
[33]: bk_counts = sub_df.groupby(['qty_books', 'time_reading']).size()
      bk_counts
                           time_reading
[33]: qty_books
      0-10 books
                           I do not read for enjoyment
                                                                                    79
                           30 minutes or less a day
                                                                                    53
                           More than 30 minutes to less than 60 minutes a day
                                                                                    34
                           1 to 2 hours a day
                                                                                    20
                           More than 2 hours a day
                                                                                     8
      11-25 books
                           I do not read for enjoyment
                                                                                    74
                           30 minutes or less a day
                                                                                    55
                           More than 30 minutes to less than 60 minutes a day
                                                                                    53
                           1 to 2 hours a day
                                                                                    33
                           More than 2 hours a day
                                                                                    11
      26-100 books
                           I do not read for enjoyment
                                                                                   107
                           30 minutes or less a day
                                                                                    72
                           More than 30 minutes to less than 60 minutes a day
                                                                                    84
                           1 to 2 hours a day
                                                                                    53
                           More than 2 hours a day
                                                                                    36
      101-200 books
                           I do not read for enjoyment
                                                                                    57
                           30 minutes or less a day
                                                                                    55
                           More than 30 minutes to less than 60 minutes a day
                                                                                    49
                           1 to 2 hours a day
                                                                                    26
                           More than 2 hours a day
                                                                                    19
      201-500 books
                           I do not read for enjoyment
                                                                                    37
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```

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More than 2 hours a day
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     More than 500 books I do not read for enjoyment
                                                                                  15
                           30 minutes or less a day
                                                                                  19
                           More than 30 minutes to less than 60 minutes a day
                                                                                  16
                           1 to 2 hours a day
                                                                                  16
                           More than 2 hours a day
                                                                                   8
      dtype: int64
[34]: bk_counts = bk_counts.reset_index(name='count')
     bk_counts = bk_counts.pivot(index='qty_books', columns='time_reading',__
       ⇔values='count')
[35]: sns.heatmap(bk_counts, annot=True, fmt='d')
[35]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='time_reading', ylabel='qty_books'>
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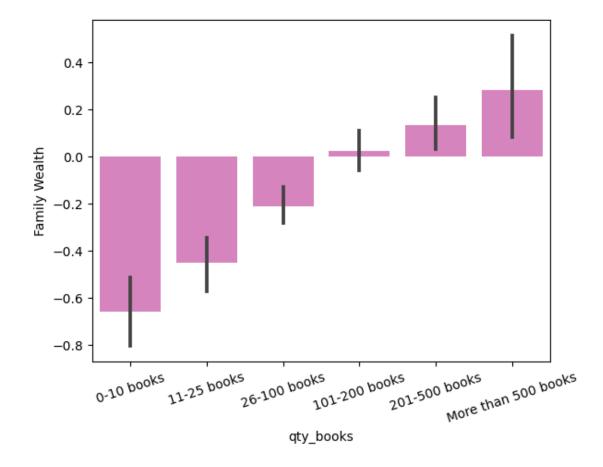


Most students do not read for enjoyment, regardless of the number of books they have. However, those who do read outside of school tend to have access to more books at home.

Question

Is there a correlation between family wealth and the number of books in the home?

[36]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Family Wealth')



There is a definite positive correlation between family wealth and the number of books in the home. This is not wholely surprising as books are a luxury item.

Question

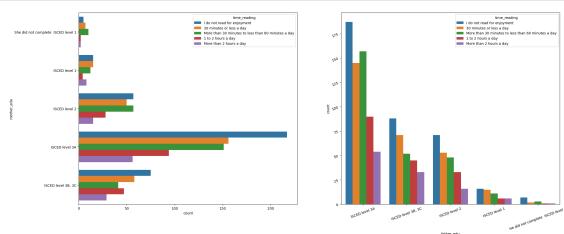
Does the education level of parents correlate to reading outside of school?

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[37]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(25,10))

#left plot - mother edu and time reading
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sns.countplot(data=sub_df, y='mother_edu', hue='time_reading',ax=ax[0])
plt.yticks(rotation=20);

#right plot - father edu and time reading
sns.countplot(data=sub_df, x='father_edu',hue='time_reading',ax=ax[1])
plt.xticks(rotation=20);
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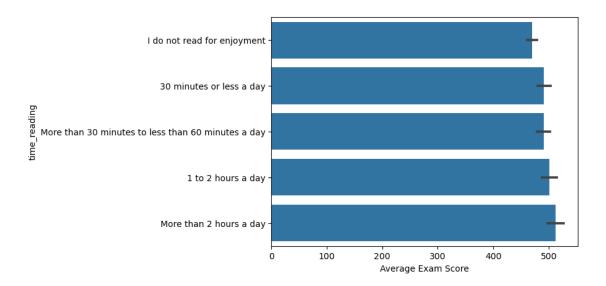


It is interesting that each category of education follow roughly the same shape (most do not read, then read for less than 30 minutes, and so on), except for students whose mother did not complete elementary school. Those students are more likely to read for somewhere between 30 minutes and an hour a day.

Question

Does time spent reading correlate with exam scores?

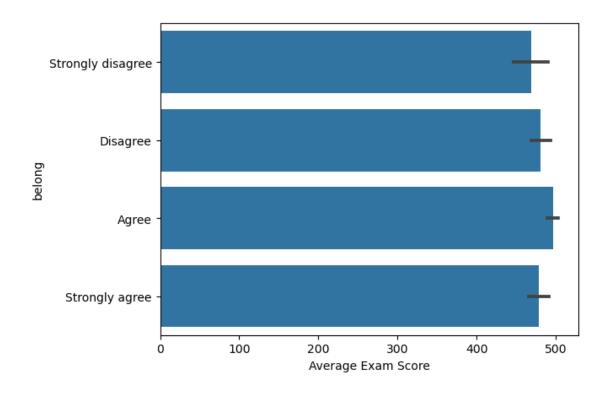
[38]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Average Exam Score')

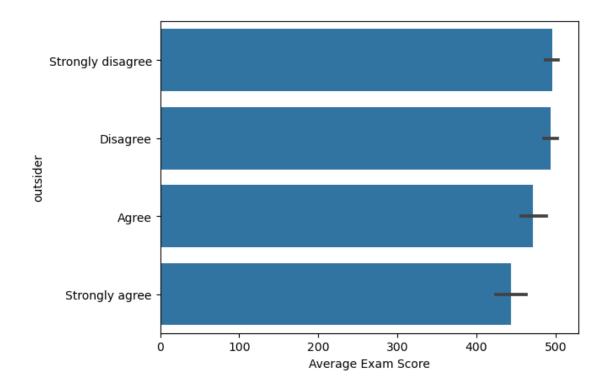


There is a slight positive correlation between time spent reading and average exam scores, but not likely enough of one to be statistically significant.

Question

How does a sense of belonging (or lack there of) at school affect exam scores?





There does appear to be a correlation between feeling like they belong at school and a better exam score, and the opposite is true of feeling like an outsider at school. Though the scores seem close, there is enough of a difference between the highest scoring bars and the lowest scoring bars to potentially be significant.

1.13.2 Talk about some of the relationships you observed in this part of the investigation. How did the feature(s) of interest vary with other features in the dataset?

Wealth does interact with exam scores, both in general family wealth and factors of wealth, such as the number of books in the home. Another possible indicator of exam scores is a sense of belonging at school. For me, though, the most interesting finding is that students whose mother did not finish elementary school are more likely than other students to read for pleasure. That could be an interesting research project worth further study.

1.14 Multivariate Exploration

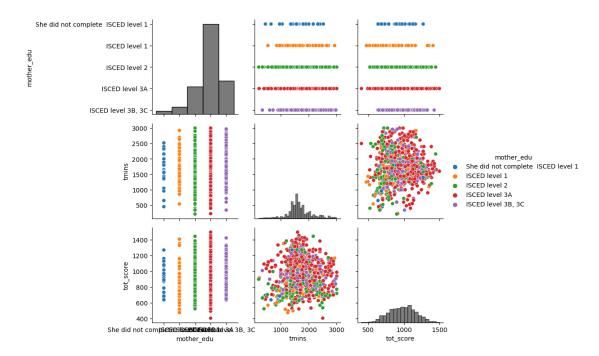
1.14.1 The effect of parental education level and classroom minutes on exam score Question

Do these variables (parental education, classroom minutes) have a discernable affect on each other and/or overall exam score?

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[41]: variables = ["mother_edu", "tmins", "tot_score"]

g = sns.PairGrid(sub_df, hue="mother_edu", vars=variables);
g.map_diag(sns.histplot, hue=None, color=".3");
g.map_offdiag(sns.scatterplot);
g.add_legend()
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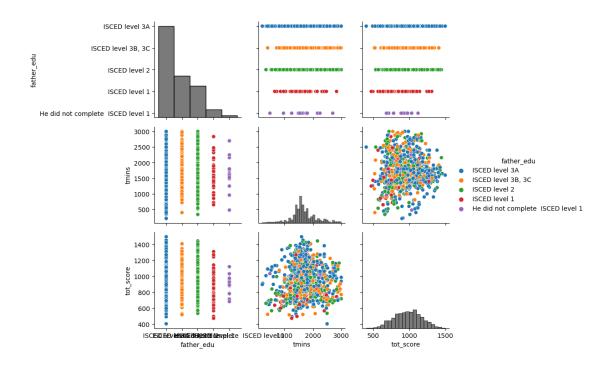
[41]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x7f7fc87c2dc0>



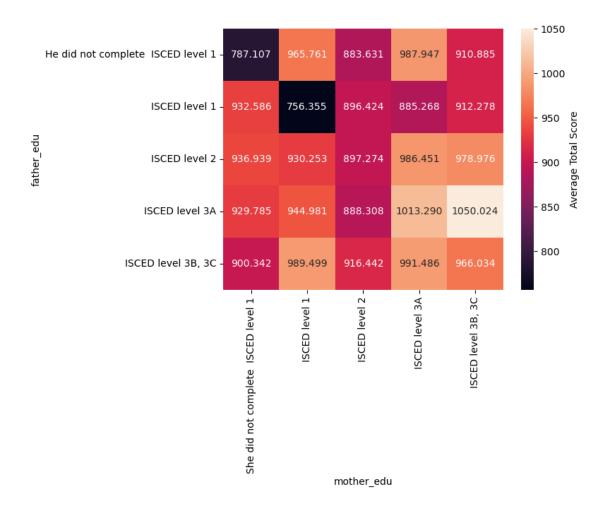
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[43]: variables = ["father_edu", "tmins", "tot_score"]

g = sns.PairGrid(sub_df, hue="father_edu", vars=variables)
g.map_diag(sns.histplot, hue=None, color=".3")
g.map_offdiag(sns.scatterplot)
g.add_legend()
```

[43]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x7f7fb8942ee0>



[44]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='mother_edu', ylabel='father_edu'>



There does appear to be a positive correlation between the academic achievement of parents and their student's exam scores.

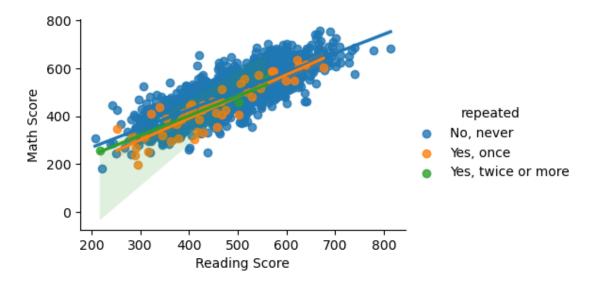
1.14.2 the affect of repeating on reading and math scores

Question

Do students who repeat grades struggle on reading and math as compared to those who do not?

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plt.ylabel('Math Score')
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[45]: Text(56.84903549382716, 0.5, 'Math Score')



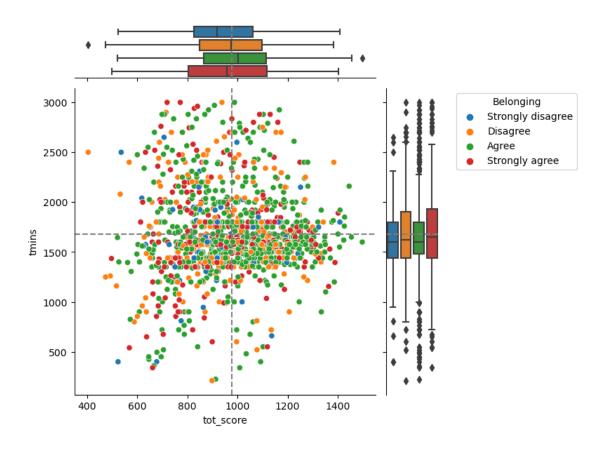
Answer

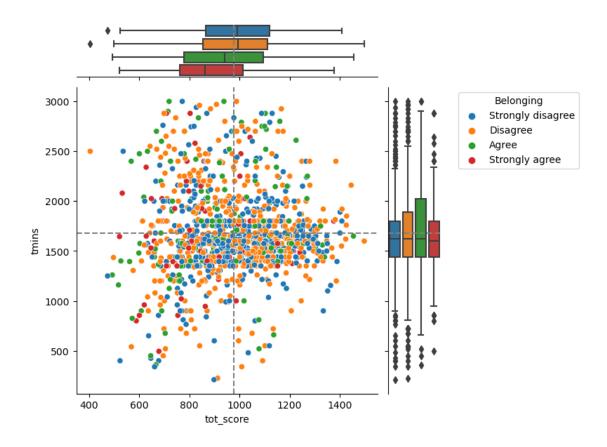
Though few students have repeated a grade, it does appear that those who have repeated score worse on the exams than students who have not.

1.14.3 Sense of belonging and exam performance

Question

Do students who feel like they belong at school attend classes more regularly and/or do better on exams?





Students who feel like they belong at school, overall, score better on the exams than students who do not feel like they belong. The students who feel like they belong also appear to spend more time in school.

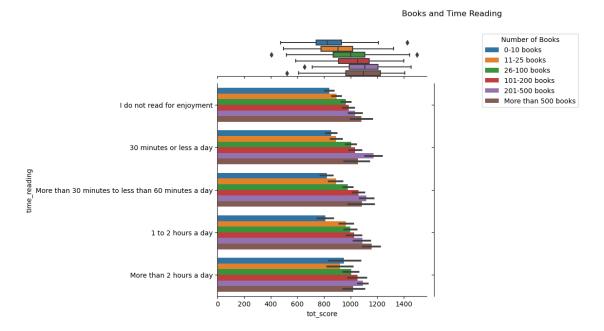
1.14.4 time reading, books at home, and exam scores

Question

Is there a relationship between the number of books in the home and the amount of time a student spends reading? Is there a relationship between those variables and exam scores?

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[48]: g = sns.JointGrid(data=sub_df, x="tot_score", y="time_reading", \( \text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\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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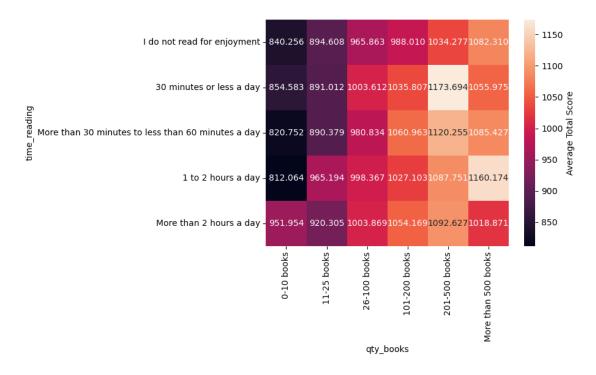
plt.title('Books and Time Reading',y=1.0,pad=100.0);



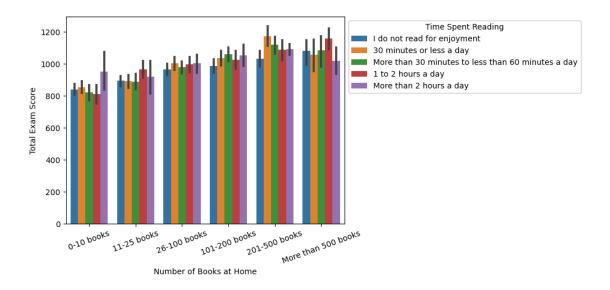
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[49]: bk_counts = sub_df.groupby(['qty_books', 'time_reading']).size()
      bk_counts = bk_counts.reset_index(name='count')
      bk_counts = bk_counts.pivot(index='qty_books', columns='time_reading',__
       ⇔values='count')
      bk_counts
[49]: time_reading
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More than 500 books
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[50]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='qty_books', ylabel='time_reading'>



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[51]: ax = sns.barplot(data=sub_df, x='qty_books', y='tot_score', hue='time_reading')
ax.legend(loc='best', ncol=1, framealpha=1, title='Time Spent_
Reading',bbox_to_anchor=(1, 1));
plt.xlabel('Number of Books at Home');
plt.xticks(rotation=20);
plt.ylabel('Total Exam Score');
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It does appear that students who own more books are more likely to read outside of school, and students who read outside of school tend to score higher on the exams.

1.14.5 Talk about some of the relationships you observed in this part of the investigation. Were there features that strengthened each other in terms of looking at your feature(s) of interest?

Overall, the higher the sense of belonging, the more time a student spends in school. There is also a positive correlation in the relationship between the education level of parents and total exam scores, as well as time spent reading and exam scores when wealth factors like the number of books in the home are factored in to the analysis.

1.14.6 Were there any interesting or surprising interactions between features?

It does not appear that students who feel like outsiders differ much in attendance, except for the min and max levels. The quartiles and means are about the same across the variable.

1.15 Conclusions

It appears the factors that have the largest impact on exam scores are parent education and a sense of belonging at school.

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