

# Business Analytics - ETC3250 2018 - Lab 3 solutions

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## **Exercise 1**

Do the exercise 1 in chapter 2.4 of ISLR.

- (a) better performance
- (b) worse performance
- (c) better performance
- (d) worse performance

## **Exercise 2**

Do the exercise 5 in chapter 2.4 of ISLR.

Very flexible methods provide a better fit (with a lower bias), but can overfit the data and have a larger variance.

Less flexible methods typically have a small variance but a high bias.

Which one to choose between a more flexible or a less flexible approach? This depends on the underlying data generating process. If the true underlying function to estimate is linear for example, then a less flexible approach would be more appropriate. However, if it is highly nonlinear, then a more flexible approach would be needed.

## **Assignment - Question 1**

Do the exercise 2 in chapter 2.4 of ISLR.

- (a) regression and inference
- (b) classification and prediction
- (c) regression and prediction

## **Assignment - Question 2**

Do the exercise 6 in chapter 2.4 of ISLR.

A parametric approach makes assumptions about the form of the function  $f$ , but only needs to estimate a set of parameters. A non-parametric approach does not assume a functional form for  $f$  and allows the number of parameters to depend on the data, with a possibly infinite number of parameters.

A parametric approach simplifies the estimation of  $f$  and requires less observations than a non-parametric approach. However, if the assumed functional form is not valid, the parametric approach will provide a bad fit which will lead to bad predictions.

### Exercise 3

"Data was gathered from participants in experimental speed dating events from 2002-2004. During the events, the attendees would have a four minute "first date" with every other participant of the opposite sex. At the end of their four minutes, participants were asked if they would like to see their date again. They were also asked to rate their date on six attributes: Attractiveness, Sincerity, Intelligence, Fun, Ambition, and Shared Interests.

The dataset also includes questionnaire data gathered from participants at different points in the process. These fields include: demographics, dating habits, self-perception across key attributes, beliefs on what others find valuable in a mate, and lifestyle information."

- Read in the Speed Dating data (available at <http://github.com/bsouhaib/BA2017/blob/master/data/speed-dating-data.csv>)

```
library(readr)
library(dplyr)
library(plyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(gridExtra)

DT <- read_csv(url("https://github.com/bsouhaib/BA2018/raw/master/data/speed-dating-data.csv"))

DT <- DT %>% filter(wave %in% c(1:5, 10: 21))

# Recode Variable

# Method 1 : Recode Variable 'Gender'
DT$gender[which(DT$gender == 0)] <- "Female"
DT$gender[which(DT$gender == 1)] <- "Male"
DT$gender <- as.factor(DT$gender)

# Method 2 : Recode Variable 'Match'
DT$match <- as.factor(DT$match)
DT$match <- revalue(DT$match, c("0" = "No", "1" = "Yes"))
```

## Exploring Data

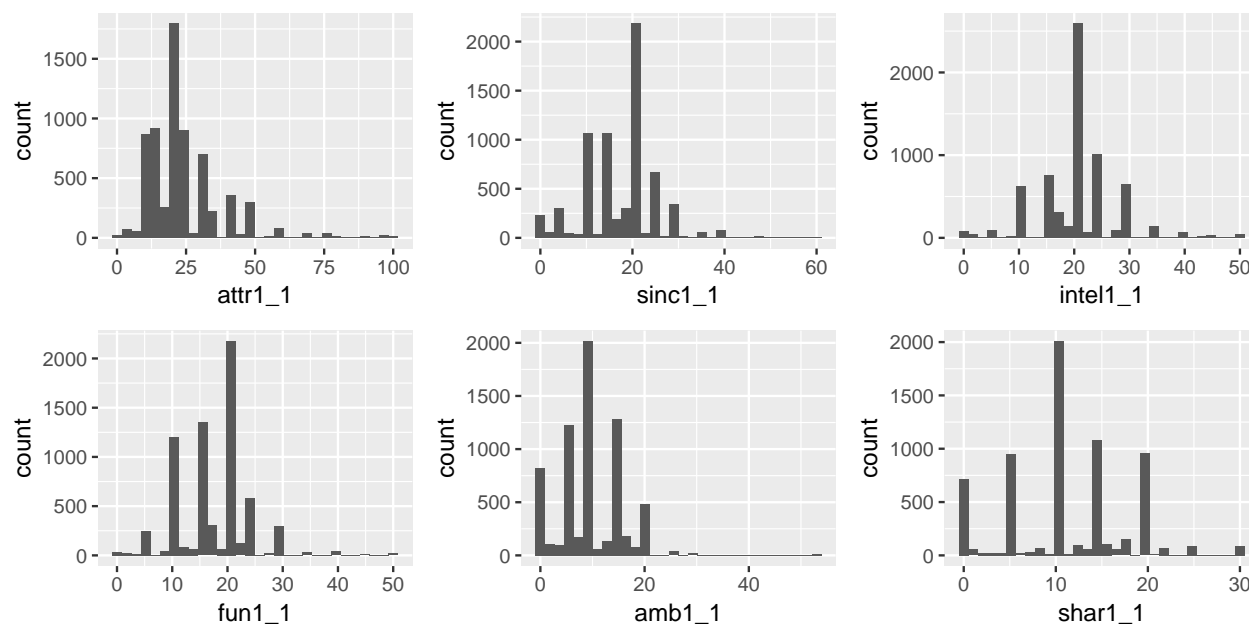
```
# glimpse(DT)
# dim(DT)
# head(DT)
# summary(DT)

# Tabulating Variable
table(Gender = DT$gender, Match = DT$match)
#           Match
# Gender      No  Yes
# Female 2841  562
# Male   2851  562
table(Gender = DT$gender, Same_Race = DT$samerace)
#           Same_Race
# Gender      0      1
# Female 2073 1330
```

```
# Male 2083 1330
table(Go_Out = DT$go_out, Match = DT$match)
# Match
# Go_Out No Yes
# 1 1793 442
# 2 1953 372
# 3 1296 217
# 4 333 51
# 5 135 14
# 6 86 13
# 7 36 1
table(Race = DT$race, Partner_Race = DT$race_o)
# Partner_Race
# Race 1 2 3 4 6
# 1 16 166 29 77 16
# 2 166 2156 304 894 228
# 3 29 304 44 143 43
# 4 77 894 143 406 115
# 6 16 228 43 115 38
```

## Data Wrangling

```
p1 <- ggplot(aes(attr1_1), data = DT) + geom_histogram()
p2 <- ggplot(aes(sinc1_1), data = DT) + geom_histogram()
p3 <- ggplot(aes(intel1_1), data = DT) + geom_histogram()
p4 <- ggplot(aes(fun1_1), data = DT) + geom_histogram()
p5 <- ggplot(aes(amb1_1), data = DT) + geom_histogram()
p6 <- ggplot(aes(shar1_1), data = DT) + geom_histogram()
grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6, nrow = 2, ncol = 3) #put multiple plots together using grid.arrange
```



- Confirm the number of males and females in each wave given in the documentation is correct

```

aggregate(id ~ gender + wave , DT, function(x) length(unique(x)))
#   gender wave id
# 1 Female   1 10
# 2 Male    1 10
# 3 Female   2 19
# 4 Male    2 16
# 5 Female   3 10
# 6 Male    3 10
# 7 Female   4 18
# 8 Male    4 18
# 9 Female   5 9
# 10 Male    5 10
# 11 Female  10 9
# 12 Male   10 9
# 13 Female  11 21
# 14 Male   11 21
# 15 Female  12 14
# 16 Male   12 14
# 17 Female  13 10
# 18 Male   13 9
# 19 Female  14 20
# 20 Male   14 18
# 21 Female  15 18
# 22 Male   15 19
# 23 Female  16 6
# 24 Male   16 8
# 25 Female  17 10
# 26 Male   17 14
# 27 Female  18 6
# 28 Male   18 6
# 29 Female  19 15
# 30 Male   19 15
# 31 Female  20 6
# 32 Male   20 7
# 33 Female  21 22
# 34 Male   21 22

```

- How many people have participated to the speed dating experiment?

```

length(unique(DT$id))
# [1] 449

```

- How many dates each peron has participated to? Compute a summary of these numbers.

```

DT %>% select(wave, iid, order) %>%
  group_by(wave, iid) %>%
  tally(order)
# # A tibble: 449 x 3
# # Groups:   wave [?]
#   wave iid    n
#   <int> <int> <int>
# 1     1     1  55
# 2     1     2  55
# 3     1     3  55

```

```
# 4      1      4      55
# 5      1      5      55
# 6      1      6      55
# 7      1      7      55
# 8      1      8      55
# 9      1      9      55
# 10     1     10     55
# # ... with 439 more rows

DT %>%
  select(wave,iid,order) %>%
  group_by(wave,iid) %>%
  summarise(m=mean(order,na.rm=TRUE), s=sd(order,na.rm=TRUE))
#           m           s
# 1 8.919308 5.496369
```

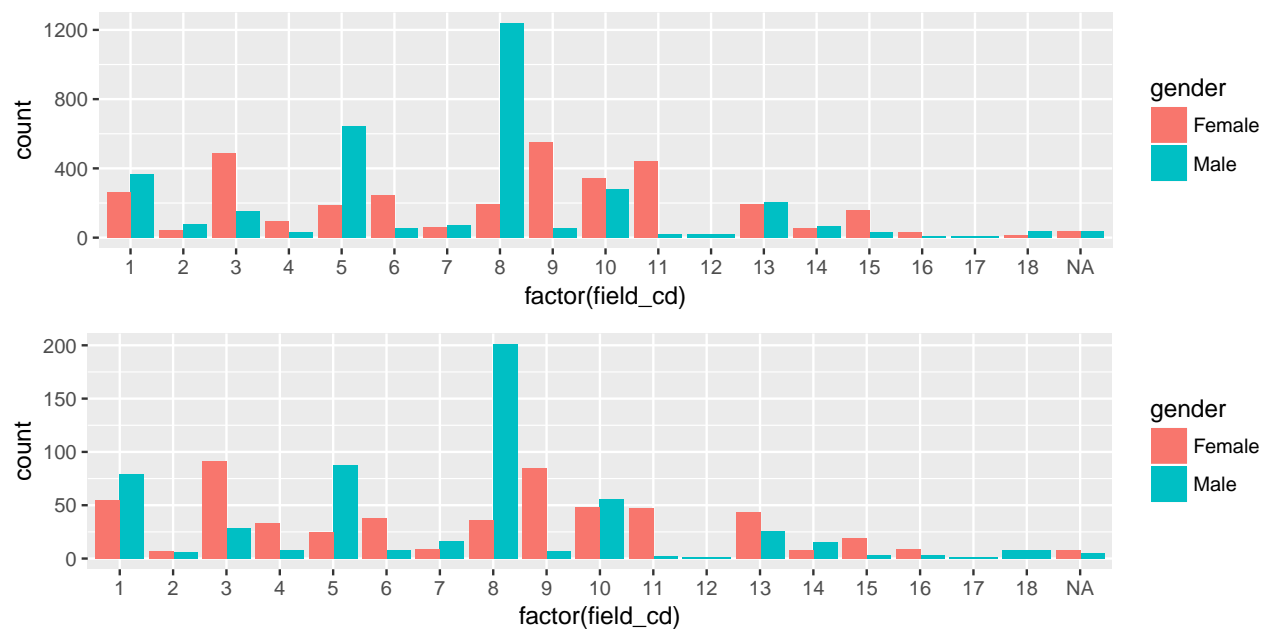
- Use the function `ggplot` in package `ggplot2` to visualize ten variables you think are important in dating.

## Visualization

```
## Field of Study , Gender
p1 <- ggplot(data = DT,aes(x = factor(field_cd), fill = gender))+
  geom_bar(stat="count", position = position_dodge())

p2 <- ggplot(data = subset(DT, as.character(DT$match) == "Yes"), aes(x = factor(field_cd), fill = gender),
  geom_bar(stat = "count", position = position_dodge())

grid.arrange(p1, p2, nrow=2, ncol=1)
```



```
## Frequency of Going Out, Gender, Race
p1 <- ggplot(data = subset(DT, as.character(DT$match) == "Yes"),
```

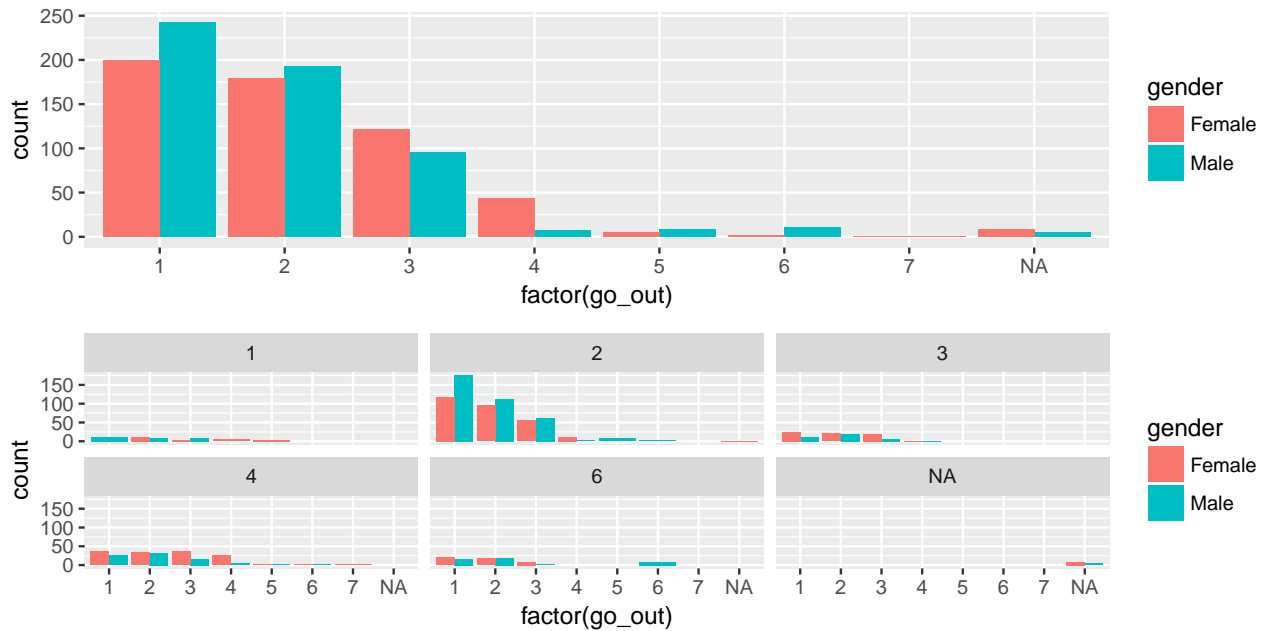
```

    aes(x = factor(go_out), fill = gender)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "count", position = position_dodge())

p2 <- ggplot(data = subset(DT, as.character(DT$match) == "Yes"),
    aes(x = factor(go_out), fill = gender)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "count", position = position_dodge()) +
  facet_wrap(~ race)

grid.arrange(p1, p2, nrow = 2, ncol = 1)

```



### Assignment - Question 3

Write code to answer the following questions:

1. What are the least desirable attributes in a male partner? Does this differ for female partners?

```

#we select only waves 1-5 and 10-21
for(g in c(0, 1)){
  DTg <- filter(DT, gender == g)
  dataset <- select(DTg, c("attr1_1", "sinc1_1", "intell1_1", "fun1_1", "amb1_1", "shar1_1")) %>% remove_missing()
  res <- colnames(dataset)[which.min(apply(dataset, 2, mean))]
  print(res)
}
# character(0)
# character(0)
# For both for males and females, being ambitious is the least desirable attribute

```

2. How important do people think attractiveness is in potential mate selection vs. its real impact?

```

dataset <- select(DT, c("attr1_1", "attr7_2", "iid")) %>% remove_missing()
think_attract <- dataset %>% group_by(iid) %>% summarize(m = mean(attr1_1, na.rm = T))
think_attract_avg <- mean(think_attract$m, na.rm = T)
real_attract <- dataset %>% group_by(iid) %>% summarize(m=mean(as.numeric(attr7_2, na.rm = T)))

```

```
real_attract_avg <- mean(real_attract$m, na.rm = T)
# Attractiveness has more effect in mate selection than what people think.
```

3. Are shared interests more important than a shared racial background?

```
dataset <- select(DT, c("match", "samerace", "int_corr")) %>% remove_missing
dataset_match <- dataset %>% filter(match == 1)
shared_race <- dataset_match %>% filter(samerace == 1) %>% nrow
shared_race_percentage <- shared_race/nrow(dataset_match)
shared_interest <- dataset_match %>% summarise(m = mean(int_corr)) %>% .$m
shared_interest_ratio <- (shared_interest - mean(dataset$int_corr))/mean(dataset$int_corr)
# In about half of the match cases, people are from similar races.
# Correlation of shared interest for match cases is just about 10%.
# higher than total average of shared interest correlation.
# Similar race has more effect on matching people than shared interest.
```

4. Can people accurately predict their own perceived value in the dating market?

```
dataset <- select(DT, c("attr5_1", "sinc5_1", "intel5_1", "fun5_1", "amb5_1",
                        "attr_o", "sinc_o", "intel_o", "fun_o", "amb_o", "iid")) %>% remove_missing

dataset_diff <- dataset %>% group_by(iid) %>% transmute(att = attr5_1 - attr_o, sinc = sinc5_1 - sinc_o)

apply(dataset_diff[, -1], 2, mean)
#      att      sinc      intel      fun      amb
# 0.8050940 0.8215984 0.9756622 1.0622595 0.9163459

# All values are positive. This shows that people perceive themselves higher than reality.
```

5. In terms of getting a second date, is it better to be someone's first speed date of the night or their last?

```
dataset <- select(DT, c("order", "pid", "round", "dec_o")) %>% remove_missing %>% group_by(pid)
first_order <- dataset %>% subset(order==1) %>% summarise(sum=sum(dec_o))
last_order <- dataset %>% subset(order==round) %>% summarise(sum=sum(dec_o))

sum(first_order$sum[last_order$pid %in% first_order$pid])
# [1] 0
sum(last_order$sum[last_order$pid %in% first_order$pid])
# [1] 0

# Being someone's first speed date seems to have a better chance of getting another date compared to be
```

6. Write two other interesting observations using this data set.