THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL BETWEEN ABERDEEN CITY AND ABERDEENSHIRE

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Aim of the report

The aim of the report is to find the difference between active travel to school between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire and explain every step in the health data science pipeline, from reading in the data to producing the visualization.

Load packages

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':
##
## last_plot

## The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
##
## filter

## The following object is masked from 'package:graphics':
##
## layout

library(ggplot2) # Plotting Multiple Charts and changing
# secondary axis to percentage
```

Read in the data

```
# Here read csv function is used to read the scotpho active travel.csv file.
active_travel <- read_csv("scotpho_active_travel.csv")</pre>
##
## -- Column specification -----
## cols(
##
     indicator = col_character(),
##
     area_name = col_character(),
    area_code = col_character(),
##
    area_type = col_character(),
##
##
    year = col_double(),
    period = col_character(),
##
##
    numerator = col_double(),
    measure = col double(),
##
##
    lower_confidence_interval = col_double(),
##
    upper_confidence_interval = col_double(),
##
     definition = col_character(),
##
    data_source = col_character()
## )
# To review the column specification and number of rows and cols.
glimpse(active_travel)
```

```
## Rows: 1,081
## Columns: 12
## $ indicator
                            <chr> "Active travel to work", "Active travel to w~
                            <chr> "Scotland", "NHS Ayrshire & Arran", "NHS Bor~
## $ area_name
## $ area_code
                            <chr> "S00000001", "S08000015", "S08000016", "S080~
                            <chr> "Scotland", "Health board", "Health board", ~
## $ area_type
                            <dbl> 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 20~
## $ year
                            <chr> "2007/2008 survey years", "2007/2008 survey \sim
## $ period
## $ numerator
                            <dbl> 14.2, 9.2, 16.8, 16.3, 9.6, 10.5, 15.8, 13.0~
## $ measure
```

```
## $ lower_confidence_interval <dbl> 13.4, 6.9, 10.9, 12.0, 7.2, 7.9, 13.6, 11.4,~
## $ upper_confidence_interval <dbl> 15.0, 11.5, 22.8, 20.6, 12.0, 13.2, 18.0, 14~
## $ definition
                               <chr> "Percentage", "Percentage", "Percentage", "P~
## $ data_source
                               <chr> "Scottish Household Survey (SHS)", "Scottish~
head(active_travel)
## # A tibble: 6 x 12
                               area_code area_type year period
                                                                  numerator measure
     indicator
                  area name
##
     <chr>>
                  <chr>
                               <chr>
                                         <chr>
                                                   <dbl> <chr>
                                                                       <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
## 1 Active trav~ Scotland
                               S00000001 Scotland
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                               14.2
## 2 Active trav~ NHS Ayrshir~ S08000015 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                                9.2
                                                                         NA
## 3 Active trav~ NHS Borders S08000016 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                               16.8
## 4 Active trav~ NHS Dumfrie~ S08000017 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                               16.3
## 5 Active trav~ NHS Fife
                               S08000029 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                                9.6
## 6 Active trav~ NHS Forth V~ S08000019 Health b~ 2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                                10.5
## # ... with 4 more variables: lower_confidence_interval <dbl>,
## # upper_confidence_interval <dbl>, definition <chr>, data_source <chr>
```

Inspect the data

#Review the values in the variables

```
group_by_all(active_travel)
## # A tibble: 1,081 x 12
## # Groups:
              indicator, area_name, area_code, area_type, year, period,
      numerator, measure, lower_confidence_interval, upper_confidence_interval,
       definition, data_source [1,081]
## #
##
      indicator
                 area_name
                               area_code area_type year period
                                                                numerator measure
##
      <chr>
                  <chr>>
                               <chr>
                                         <chr>
                                                   <dbl> <chr>
                                                                      <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                               S00000001 Scotland
                                                                               14.2
## 1 Active tra~ Scotland
                                                                         NA
   2 Active tra~ NHS Ayrshir~ S08000015 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                                9.2
## 3 Active tra~ NHS Borders S08000016 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                               16.8
## 4 Active tra~ NHS Dumfrie~ S08000017 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                               16.3
                               S08000029 Health b~
## 5 Active tra~ NHS Fife
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                                9.6
## 6 Active tra~ NHS Forth V~ S08000019 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                               10.5
                                                                         NΑ
## 7 Active tra~ NHS Grampian S08000020 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                               15.8
## 8 Active tra~ NHS Greater~ S08000031 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                               13
## 9 Active tra~ NHS Highland S08000022 Health b~
                                                    2007 2007/20~
                                                                         NA
                                                                               20.8
## 10 Active tra~ NHS Lanarks~ S08000032 Health b~ 2007 2007/20~
                                                                                7.7
                                                                         NA
## # ... with 1,071 more rows, and 4 more variables:
      lower_confidence_interval <dbl>, upper_confidence_interval <dbl>,
      definition <chr>, data_source <chr>
```

```
# Column name 'indicator' has two values 'Active travel to work' and 'Active travel to school' values.
# We will have to filter out 'Active travel to school'.
active_travel_school <- active_travel %>%
filter(indicator == "Active travel to school")
group_by_all(active_travel_school)
```

```
## # A tibble: 658 x 12
              indicator, area_name, area_code, area_type, year, period,
## # Groups:
      numerator, measure, lower confidence interval, upper confidence interval,
       definition, data_source [658]
## #
##
      indicator
                   area_name area_code area_type year period
                                                                 numerator measure
##
      <chr>
                             <chr>
                   <chr>>
                                        <chr>
                                                  <dbl> <chr>
                                                                     <dbl>
                                                                             <dbl>
## 1 Active trave~ Scotland S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2008 2008/09 ~
                                                                    203360
                                                                              52.2
## 2 Active trave~ Scotland S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2009 2009/10 ~
                                                                              50.1
                                                                    206758
## 3 Active trave~ Scotland S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2010 2010/11 ~
                                                                    215884
                                                                              49.8
                                                                              50.2
## 4 Active trave~ Scotland S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2011 2011/12 ~
                                                                    212713
## 5 Active trave~ Scotland S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2012 2012/13 ~
                                                                    225982
                                                                              50.4
## 6 Active trave~ Scotland
                             S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2013 2013/14 ~
                                                                              50.8
                                                                    234004
## 7 Active trave~ Scotland
                             S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2014 2014/15 ~
                                                                    244390
                                                                              51.1
## 8 Active trave~ Scotland
                                                                              50.4
                             S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2015 2015/16 ~
                                                                    237687
## 9 Active trave~ Scotland S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2016 2016/17 ~
                                                                    225427
                                                                              49.8
## 10 Active trave~ Scotland S00000001 Scotland
                                                  2017 2017/18 ~
                                                                    229645
                                                                              49.4
## # ... with 648 more rows, and 4 more variables:
      lower_confidence_interval <dbl>, upper_confidence_interval <dbl>,
## #
      definition <chr>, data_source <chr>
# Now, we have a total of 658 rows for 'Active travel to school' out of 1081 rows.
#Similarly, we will have to filter out area_name (Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire)
active_travel_school_Aberdeencity_Aberdeenshire <- active_travel_school %>%
filter(area_name %in% c("Aberdeen City", "Aberdeenshire"))
group by all(active travel school Aberdeencity Aberdeenshire)
## # A tibble: 28 x 12
## # Groups:
              indicator, area_name, area_code, area_type, year, period,
      numerator, measure, lower_confidence_interval, upper_confidence_interval,
## #
      definition, data_source [28]
##
      indicator
                  area_name area_code area_type
                                                   year period
                                                                 numerator measure
##
      <chr>
                   <chr>
                                                  <dbl> <chr>
                                                                      <dbl>
                                                                             <dbl>
                             <chr>>
                                        <chr>
## 1 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2008 2008/09~
                                                                     10748
                                                                              65.5
## 2 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                   2009 2009/10~
                                                                     10515
                                                                              64.6
## 3 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2010 2010/11~
                                                                      7284
                                                                              61.8
## 4 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2011 2011/12~
                                                                      8938
                                                                              62.0
## 5 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2012 2012/13~
                                                                      9279
                                                                              62.6
## 6 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                   2013 2013/14~
                                                                      7914
                                                                              59.3
## 7 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                   2014 2014/15~
                                                                      9680
                                                                              59.2
## 8 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                   2015 2015/16~
                                                                      9840
                                                                              57.6
## 9 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                                      9946
                                                                              59.6
                                                   2016 2016/17~
## 10 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2017 2017/18~
                                                                      10448
                                                                              59.4
## # ... with 18 more rows, and 4 more variables: lower_confidence_interval <dbl>,
      upper_confidence_interval <dbl>, definition <chr>, data_source <chr>
```

#28 rows have been filtered out of 658 rows. 14 rows for both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.

Prepare the data

```
#filter out column: area_name (Aberdeen city)
travel_school_Aberdeencity <- active_travel_school %>%
filter(area_name == "Aberdeen City")
group_by_all(travel_school_Aberdeencity)
## # A tibble: 14 x 12
               indicator, area_name, area_code, area_type, year, period,
## # Groups:
      numerator, measure, lower_confidence_interval, upper_confidence_interval,
## #
       definition, data_source [14]
##
      indicator
                   area_name area_code area_type
                                                    year period
                                                                  numerator measure
##
      <chr>
                   <chr>>
                              <chr>>
                                        <chr>>
                                                   <dbl> <chr>
                                                                      <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
## 1 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2008 2008/09~
                                                                      10748
                                                                               65.5
## 2 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2009 2009/10~
                                                                      10515
                                                                               64.6
## 3 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                                               61.8
                                                    2010 2010/11~
                                                                       7284
## 4 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                    2011 2011/12~
                                                                       8938
                                                                               62.0
## 5 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2012 2012/13~
                                                                       9279
                                                                               62.6
## 6 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2013 2013/14~
                                                                       7914
                                                                               59.3
## 7 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                    2014 2014/15~
                                                                       9680
                                                                               59.2
## 8 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                    2015 2015/16~
                                                                       9840
                                                                               57.6
## 9 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                                       9946
                                                                               59.6
                                                    2016 2016/17~
## 10 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                                               59.4
                                                    2017 2017/18~
                                                                      10448
## 11 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                                               58.5
                                                    2018 2018/19~
                                                                      10051
## 12 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~
                                                    2019 2019/20~
                                                                      10046
                                                                               57.2
## 13 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2020 2020/21~
                                                                               61.2
                                                                       9812
## 14 Active trav~ Aberdeen ~ S12000033 Council a~ 2021 2021/22~
                                                                      10239
                                                                               60.7
## # ... with 4 more variables: lower_confidence_interval <dbl>,
      upper_confidence_interval <dbl>, definition <chr>, data_source <chr>
#14 rows of Aberdeen City have been filtered out of 658 rows.
#filter out column: area_name (Aberdeenshire)
travel school Aberdeenshire <- active travel school %>%
filter(area_name == "Aberdeenshire")
group_by_all(travel_school_Aberdeenshire)
## # A tibble: 14 x 12
## # Groups:
               indicator, area_name, area_code, area_type, year, period,
      numerator, measure, lower_confidence_interval, upper_confidence_interval,
## #
       definition, data_source [14]
##
      indicator
                   area_name area_code area_type
                                                    year period
                                                                  numerator measure
##
      <chr>
                   <chr>
                              <chr>>
                                        <chr>
                                                   <dbl> <chr>
                                                                      <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
  1 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~
                                                    2008 2008/09~
                                                                      13357
                                                                               46.3
##
   2 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~
                                                    2009 2009/10~
                                                                      12165
                                                                               45.0
   3 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~
                                                    2010 2010/11~
                                                                      13370
                                                                               45.9
  4 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~
                                                    2011 2011/12~
                                                                               46.7
                                                                      13581
## 5 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~
                                                    2012 2012/13~
                                                                      12373
                                                                               47.7
   6 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~
                                                    2013 2013/14~
                                                                      14269
                                                                               47.9
## 7 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~
                                                    2014 2014/15~
                                                                      14601
                                                                               46.6
## 8 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~ 2015 2015/16~
                                                                               45.0
                                                                      13993
## 9 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~ 2016 2016/17~
                                                                               47.3
                                                                      14244
```

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## 10 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~ 2017 2017/18~
                                                                       13627
                                                                               43.8
## 11 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~ 2018 2018/19~
                                                                               45.8
                                                                      14172
## 12 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~ 2019 2019/20~
                                                                      14001
                                                                               46.2
## 13 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~ 2020 2020/21~
                                                                                49.7
                                                                       14682
## 14 Active trav~ Aberdeens~ S12000034 Council a~ 2021 2021/22~
                                                                      13681
                                                                                48.2
## # ... with 4 more variables: lower confidence interval <dbl>,
       upper confidence interval <dbl>, definition <chr>, data source <chr>
#14 rows of Aberdeenshire have been filtered out of 658 rows.
#join both dataset
Aberdeencity_aberdeenshire_dataset<-full_join(travel_school_Aberdeencity, travel_school_Aberdeenshire,
by = "year")
# Here by default suffix are added in the new variables
# for example: .x added with Aberdeen City and .y added with Aberdeenshire variables
select_dataset= Aberdeencity_aberdeenshire_dataset %>%
select('indicator.x', 'year', 'numerator.x', 'numerator.y', 'measure.x', 'measure.y') %>%
mutate(numerator_diff=numerator.x-numerator.y, measure_diff=measure.x-measure.y )
# mutate function has been used to create two new variables 'numberator diff' and 'measure diff'
head(select dataset)
## # A tibble: 6 x 8
##
                    year numerator.x numerator.y measure.x measure.y numerator_diff
     indicator.x
##
     <chr>>
                   <dbl>
                               <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                                                               <dbl>
## 1 Active trave~ 2008
                               10748
                                           13357
                                                      65.5
                                                                46.3
                                                                               -2609
## 2 Active trave~ 2009
                               10515
                                           12165
                                                      64.6
                                                                45.0
                                                                              -1650
## 3 Active trave~ 2010
                                7284
                                                                45.9
                                                                              -6086
                                           13370
                                                      61.8
## 4 Active trave~ 2011
                                8938
                                           13581
                                                      62.0
                                                                46.7
                                                                               -4643
## 5 Active trave~ 2012
                                9279
                                           12373
                                                      62.6
                                                                47.7
                                                                              -3094
## 6 Active trave~ 2013
                                7914
                                           14269
                                                      59.3
                                                                47.9
                                                                               -6355
## # ... with 1 more variable: measure_diff <dbl>
group_by_all(select_dataset)
## # A tibble: 14 x 8
              indicator.x, year, numerator.x, numerator.y, measure.x, measure.y,
## # Groups:
## #
       numerator_diff, measure_diff [14]
##
      indicator.x year numerator.x numerator.y measure.x measure.y numerator_diff
##
      <chr>
                   <dbl>
                               <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                                                               <dbl>
## 1 Active trav~
                    2008
                               10748
                                                                               -2609
                                           13357
                                                      65.5
                                                                46.3
## 2 Active trav~
                    2009
                               10515
                                           12165
                                                      64.6
                                                                45.0
                                                                               -1650
## 3 Active trav~
                    2010
                                7284
                                           13370
                                                      61.8
                                                                45.9
                                                                               -6086
                                                      62.0
                                                                               -4643
## 4 Active trav~
                    2011
                                8938
                                           13581
                                                                46.7
## 5 Active trav~
                    2012
                                9279
                                           12373
                                                      62.6
                                                                47.7
                                                                               -3094
## 6 Active trav~ 2013
                                7914
                                           14269
                                                      59.3
                                                                47.9
                                                                              -6355
## 7 Active trav~ 2014
                                9680
                                           14601
                                                      59.2
                                                                46.6
                                                                              -4921
## 8 Active trav~
                                                      57.6
                    2015
                                9840
                                           13993
                                                                45.0
                                                                              -4153
## 9 Active trav~
                    2016
                                9946
                                           14244
                                                      59.6
                                                                47.3
                                                                               -4298
```

13627

14172

14001

59.4

58.5

57.2

43.8

45.8

46.2

-3179

-4121

-3955

10 Active trav~

11 Active trav~ 2018

12 Active trav~ 2019

2017

10448

10051

10046

```
## 13 Active trav~ 2020
                               9812
                                          14682
                                                     61.2
                                                               49.7
                                                                             -4870
                                                     60.7
## 14 Active trav~ 2021
                              10239
                                          13681
                                                               48.2
                                                                             -3442
## # ... with 1 more variable: measure_diff <dbl>
# 'select_dataset' has multiple variables so to verify data more precisely
# we have to again select only three variables.
# select year, numerator_diff and measure_diff
travel_diff <- select_dataset %>%
select(year, numerator_diff, measure_diff) %>%
group_by(year)
group_by_all(travel_diff)
## # A tibble: 14 x 3
## # Groups:
              year, numerator_diff, measure_diff [14]
      year numerator_diff measure_diff
##
##
      <dbl>
                    <dbl>
                                  <dbl>
## 1 2008
                    -2609
                                  19.3
## 2 2009
                    -1650
                                  19.6
## 3 2010
                                  15.9
                    -6086
## 4 2011
                    -4643
                                  15.3
## 5 2012
                    -3094
                                  14.9
## 6 2013
                    -6355
                                  11.4
## 7 2014
                    -4921
                                  12.6
## 8 2015
                                  12.6
                    -4153
## 9 2016
                    -4298
                                  12.3
## 10 2017
                    -3179
                                  15.6
## 11 2018
                    -4121
                                  12.6
## 12 2019
                    -3955
                                  11.0
## 13 2020
                    -4870
                                  11.5
## 14 2021
                     -3442
                                  12.6
```

Build data visualisation

```
# Scatter plot - The difference between active travel to school between
# Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire
p<- travel_diff %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = year, y = measure_diff)) +
    geom_point()+
    geom_smooth(se = TRUE) +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(2008, 2021, by=2)) +
    ylab("Measure difference (%)") +  # label y-axis
    ggtitle("Diff. between Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire") +
    theme_bw()+
    theme(plot.background = element_rect(fill = "green"))

ggplotly(p, tooltip = c("x","y"))
```

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using method = 'loess' and formula 'y ~ x'
```



Fig. 1: The difference between active travel to school between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Explaination of the above graph

Process:

In this graph, scatter plot has selected to display the difference between active travel to school between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. The duration of data presented in the above graph is from 2008 to 2021 (14 years). The first step was to filter out the 'Active travel to school' from 'Indicator' column and then 'Aberdeen city' and 'Aberdeenshire' from 'area_name' column. As a result, there were 28 rows returned for both 'Aberdeen city' and 'Aberdeenshire'.

Afterthat, two new datasets were created; One for Aberdeen City and other for Aberdeenshire to perform the full join and align the columns horizontally. Then the difference between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire was checked. To know the difference, there were two columns namely; numerator and measure were selected. Numerator is the total number of people actively traveled to Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire and measure is the calculation given in the percentage form. Then, there were two new columns created; numerator_diff (numerator.AberdeenCity - numerator.Aberdeenshire) and measure_diff (measure.AberdeenCity - measure.Aberdeenshire). It was found the 'numerator_diff' has negative values (like: -2609, -1650, -6086, -4643, -3094, -6355, -4921, -4153, -4298, -3179, -4121, -3955, -4870 and -3442). The numerators of Aberdeenshire were higher than Aberdeen City but 'measure_diff' (%) was calculated well like: (19.27, 19.62, 15.93, 15.33, 14.92, 11.4, 12.58, 12.62, 12.26, 15.55, 12.61, 10.99, 11.51 and 12.55). Due to the negative values in 'numerator_diff' column, only 'measure_diff' column has been taken to visualize the difference between active travel to school between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.

Output:

In the above graph, x-axis has year column from 2008 to 2011 and y-axis have 'measure_diff' column in percentage. The difference in the 'measure' column shows the interesting pattern through out the year. Initially, the 'measure' difference was 19.3% aprox. in 2008 and since then the downfall pattern was noted until year 2013 (11.4% aprox). After that, it shows the stable pattern until 2021 (12.5% aprox.) with the fluctuation of 1.5% except in 2017 (15.5% aprox) high value. The graph shows there is still a difference of 12% aprox. between active travel to school between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. In term of numerator, there is a difference of 3442 active travels to school between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. There is a slight increase noted in year 2017 (15.5%) which needs to be further investigation whether it is due to the backlog entries, data error or due to any specific event.

What is the data source? What are the data limitations?

The given dataset (scotpho_active_travel.csv), with data from the Scottish Public Health Observatory on active travel to school and work. The source of data is 'Hands Up Scotland Survey (HUSS), Sustrans (Official statistic)'.

There are some limitations in this dataset. It has limited variables to go through in more details. The variable 'measure' given in the percentage and the denominator for this calculation is not mentioned. Numerator is given but the definition for the same is missing. Confidence intervals (lower/upper) are missing.

What are the strengths and limitations of the approach you took for your visualisation?

Strengths -

- 1. The data is precise, consistent and easy to analyse. It has few variables and most of them are self explanatory. The column 'measure' is given in the percentage.
- 2. The finding of this study is generalized and a representative of the sample population. This data has 14 years of measures of active travel to school between Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire. So, it is easier to find the difference between Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire[i].
- 3. I tried a best approach to visualize the data, put numerator difference in bar chart and measure difference in line graph to display on secondary axis but the numerators of Aberdeen City are greater than Aberdeenshire and difference calculated (numerator_diff new variable) in negative values. Whereas, the difference of measure variable (measure_diff new variable) is calculated in positive. So, It doesn't look good to display both new variables (numerator_diff (-Ve values) and measure_diff(+ve values) in one graph. One indicator will show above the zero line and other below zero. Therefore, I decided to keep only 'measure_diff' variable in a scatter chart.

Limitation-

1. Although, the column (measure) is given in the percentage but the method of the calculation is not known. It could have produced more useful information if denominator was given. 2. The data has limited number of variables so it is difficult to produce complex analysis. 3. The difference between Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire is calculated in percentage (column name: measure). The other related columns such as: denominator or gender are not available which limits the detailed analysis.

What would you do to ensure your analysis is reproducible?

I would like to mention some important points to ensure the analysis is reproducible. 1. In this analysis, the entire process has documented including data sources, steps taken and choices made. 2. All the codes and narration are given in a R Markdown file so that it can be easily accessible and available for next level of analysis. 3. The date and version control are in place to track the changes and ensure consistency over time. 4. Provided clear instruction on the data science steps such as: import the data, inspect the data, data preparation and data visualization. 5. Followed best practices and standards to maintain readability and consistency in the database[ii]. 6. The R Markdown file has been shared on Github to safe storage and accessible for others to reproduce the analysis. All the codes are well labeled. 7. I have been using R 3.6.3 version for this data analysis and R Markdown file to store the data analysis steps and necessary documentation.

In summary, there are three steps taken to ensure the data analysis is reproducible [iii]:

- #1. Before data analysis- Data safely stored in multiple locations and can be taken in portable format, data formatted appropriately for analysis.
- #2. During data analysis- The code is clean and thoroughly commented. Software version and computing environments been documented.
- #3. After data analysis The instruction will be given to locate the data file, meta data and codes on Github. Here is Github link to access the data and R Markdown file https://github.com/awan90/Intro_HDS_project

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