HUDM6122 Homework_01

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Exercise 1.1

First, I made a xlsx. version of `Table 1.1` to let R read it directly using the package 'readxl". This table is in 10x7 size. The first column is just the index of each observation, so I drop it here. Finally this dataset is in 9x7 size.

One should notice that the **sex**, **depression**, and **health** are categorical variables. The Pearson Correlation Coefficient is used for continuous rather than categorical variables. Therefore, when calculate the correlation matrix we should drop the categorical ones.

Note, there are some parameters need to be set. Since the original dataset contains missing value, I construct the correlation matrix based on all complete observations.

```
> library(readxl)
> table_11 <- read_excel("table_1.1.xlsx")
> my_data <- table_11[,c(2:7)]
> # drop the discrete vars and use only the complete observations
> my_data_cor <- round(cor(my_data[,c(2,3,6)], use = "complete"),2)
> # the output is rounded in two decimals.
> my_data_cor
         age    IQ weight
age     1.00 -0.15  -0.12
IQ     -0.15  1.00   0.75
weight -0.12  0.75   1.00
```