# DS 6003 – Spark Assignment Charu Rawat Computing ID: cr4zy

## Motivation

Each year, over 3 million college applications are filed in the US by about 750,000 students, an average of 4 applications per student. Each of them comes with a certain element of randomness or chance. The intended meritocracy inherent in college admissions gives way to uncertainty, doubt, and anxiety, even for students with exceptional credentials. There are many factors that influence admission decisions. Using regression analysis on the given graduate admissions data can give us an idea as to the likelihood of a student getting admitted into a university given the strength of their profile. The predicted output can be helpful to students as it can give them a fair idea about their chances for admission to a particular university. My motivation for choosing this dataset was to primarily fulfil this objective. As a student who has gone through the rigors of the admissions process, I believe such an analysis can be very helpful in gauging expectations and also aid students in smartly planning the admission application process. The data was sourced from kaggle.com. Originally, this data was extracted from the applicant's database of UCLA. This dataset consists of multiple quantitative measures of a student's performance such as GRE

and TOEFL scores which are crucial in determining admissions into institutions.

# Process and Code Walkthrough

The pipeline for this analysis comprised of the following steps-

- Initializing the spark environment
- Reading the data from the csv into a spark dataframe
- Creating s3 bucket and dumping the data there
- Writing parquet to s3 bucket and moving the data
- Creating a dataframe from parquet
- Exploring the data
- Model building feature selection, vectorization
- Fitting a linear regression model
- Visualization of model fit
- Evaluation of predicted results

# Initializing the spark environment

## Import necessary modules/packages

```
In [1]: 1 import pyspark
           from os import listdir
from os.path import isfile, join
           4 import boto3
           5 import pandas as pd
           from sagemaker import get_execution_role from pyspark.sql.types import LongType, StringType, StructField, StructType, BooleanType, ArrayType, IntegerType
           8 import pyspark.sql.functions as sf
             Initialize the spark environment
   In [2]: 1 conf = pyspark.SparkConf().setAppName('odl').setMaster('local')
```

```
sc = pyspark.SparkContext(conf=conf)
         3 sqlc = pyspark.sql.SQLContext(sc)
Out[2]: SparkContext
        Spark UI
        Version
        v2.2.1
        Master
        local
        AppName
        Tho
```

Creating a folder in s3 bucket with the raw data dumped there and then reading the data into a dataframe

#### Read into spark dataframe from csv

Writing data to parquet and reading it into a dataframe which will be used for the analysis

#### Write parque to s3

#### Make dataframe from parquet

Exploring relationship between the variables

Building a model - features are selected and then the data is split into the training and testing set. Post that, vectorization is performed on the dataframe columns and a vectorassembler is used to rename the columns and divide into label and features

### Model Building

A linear regression model is fit on the dataframe. After obtaining a fit, we transform our test set to get predictions. A prediction column gets appended to the dataframe

```
Fitting a linear regression model

1. Train
2. Predict
3. Evaluate

In [18]:
1 from pyspark.ml.regression import LinearRegression, LinearRegressionModel
2 lr = LinearRegression()
4 lrModel = lr.fit(trainingDF)

In [19]:
1 trainingDF.take(5)

Out[19]: [Row(features=DenseVector([290.0, 100.0, 1.5, 2.0, 7.56]), label=0.47),
Row(features=DenseVector([290.0, 104.0, 2.0, 2.5, 7.46]), label=0.45),
Row(features=DenseVector([293.0, 97.0, 2.0, 4.0, 7.8]), label=0.46),
Row(features=DenseVector([294.0, 93.0, 1.5, 2.0, 7.36]), label=0.46),
Row(features=DenseVector([294.0, 95.0, 1.5, 1.5, 7.64]), label=0.49)]

In [20]:
1 # We are now going to transform our test set to get predictions.
2 # It will append a prediction column to testDF in the new dataframe predictionsAndLabelsDF.
3 predictionsAndLabelsDF = lrModel.transform(testDF)
4 print(predictionsAndLabelsDF.orderBy(predictionsAndLabelsDF.label.desc()))

DataFrame[features: vector, label: double, prediction: double]
```

Model is evaluated on certain measures like R2, RMSE etc using the RegressionEvaluator function

#### Model Evaluation

```
In [24]: from pyspark.ml.evaluation import RegressionEvaluator
eval = RegressionEvaluator()
print(eval.explainParams())

labelCol: label column name. (default: label)
metricName: metric name in evaluation - one of:
rmse - root mean squared error (default)
mse - mean squared error
r2 - r^2 metric
mae - mean absolute error. (default: rmse)
predictionCol: prediction column name. (default: prediction)

In [25]: type(eval)

Out[25]: pyspark.ml.evaluation.RegressionEvaluator

In [26]: print("RMSE: %g" % eval.setMetricName("rmse").evaluate(predictionsAndLabelsDF))
print("R-Square: %g" % eval.setMetricName("rg").evaluate(predictionsAndLabelsDF))

RMSE: 0.0643891
R-Square: 0.762574
Mean Square Error: 0.00414595
```

# Visualization

This is a plot of the residual's vs the fitted values which is ideally supposed to give us information regarding the validity of the linear assumption, variance of the error terms and point out outliers as well. In this plot, we don't see a uniform horizontal band of the residuals around 0 which could point towards the non-constant variance of the error terms. Significant outlier points are also visible from the pot. Overall, it suggests that improvements could further be made to the model.

# Residual vs Fitted Plot

