

Question 1

You are an analyst in the customer experience department of a public agency that is funding four organisations. Each organisation offers three different services run by three different departments (i.e., each department is responsible for one service). Assume that department 1 in each organisation offers the same service. This makes comparing the relative performance of each organisation's "department 1" meaningful. This is true for the other two departments.

Your agency contracted an external market research firm to conduct a survey of the users of these three services across the four organisations. At the end of the data collection period, a total of 4,858 users completed the survey.

Figure 1 shows the first few rows of the dataset you received from the market research firm.

org	dept	urgency	subsidy	age	org_date	gender	coordinated	similarity_to_ideal	willingness_to_recommend
Org A	Dept 1	999	2	22	20689	1	4	8	2
Org A	Dept 1	999	1	68	20689	1	4	3	1
Org A	Dept 1	999	2	59	20689	1	4	8	4
Org A	Dept 1	999	2	51	20689	1	4	8	3
Org A	Dept 1	999	2	64	20689	2	4	8	3
Org A	Dept 1	999	1	26	20689	1	4	9	3
Org A	Dept 1	999	1	63	20689	2	3	7	3
Org A	Dept 1	999	1	26	20689	1	4	8	3
Org A	Dept 1	999	2	39	20689	1	4	8	3
Org A	Dept 1	999	2	50	20689	1	4	9	4

Figure 1: The first few rows of the raw dataset from the market research firm.

A data dictionary describing the values of each variable is shown in Table 1 below.

Variable Name	
org	Description: <i>Name of organisation</i> Valid Values: 'Org A' ... 'Org D'
dept	Description: <i>Name of department</i> Valid Values: 'Dept 1' ... 'Dept 3'
urgency	Description: <i>Priority level (P1 = highest, P4 = lowest, PX = special)</i> Valid Values: 1=P1; 2=P2; 3=P3; 4=P4; 5=PX; 999=NA
subsidy	Description: <i>Whether cost of service for a particular user was subsidised</i> Valid Values: 1=Y; 2=N
age	Description: <i>Age (in years)</i> Valid Values: Any integer greater than zero

org_date	Description: <i>Number of days since 9 Aug 1965</i> Valid Values: Any integer greater than zero
gender	Description: <i>Gender</i> Valid Values: 1=M; 2=F
coordinated	Description: <i>How coordinated the different parts of the organisation are</i> Valid Values: 1=Never; 2=Sometimes; 3=Usually; 4=Always; 5=Unsure
similarity_to_ideal	Description: <i>How similar the user's experience of the department is to the user's imagined ideal</i> Valid Values: 0-10; 11=Unsure; 999=NA
willingness_to_recommend	Description: <i>Would the user say positive things about the organisation</i> Valid Values: 1=Definitely No; 2=Probably No; 3=Probably Yes; 4=Definitely Yes; 5=Unsure; 999=NA

Table 1: A data dictionary describing the values for each variable in the dataset.

- (a) Import the dataset (TMA_data.sql) into your MySQL server.

Create a new table named TMA_data_labelled that is based on the TMA_data table you imported, but with the numeric values replaced with their corresponding text labels.

In addition to replacing the numeric values with their corresponding text labels, you will also be required to convert the org_date variable into a calendar date variable named caldate that uses the MySQL DATE type (e.g., 2022-04-01 instead of 20689). So in the new table, you should have a caldate column instead of the org_date column.

If necessary, use ALTER TABLE to modify the data type (and not the data values) for each field in the TMA_data_labelled table to save storage space while not losing any information. Include a screen capture of the result of running the “DESCRIBE TMA_data_labelled;” MySQL statement.

The first few rows of your new table should look similar to the screenshot in Figure 2.

(80 marks)

org	dept	urgency	subsidy	age	caldate	gender	coordinated	similarity_to_ideal	willingness_to_recommend
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	N	22	2022-04-01	M	Always	8	Probably No
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	Y	68	2022-04-01	M	Always	3	Definitely No
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	N	59	2022-04-01	M	Always	8	Definitely Yes
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	N	51	2022-04-01	M	Always	8	Probably Yes
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	N	64	2022-04-01	F	Always	8	Probably Yes
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	Y	26	2022-04-01	M	Always	9	Probably Yes
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	Y	63	2022-04-01	F	Usually	7	Probably Yes
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	Y	26	2022-04-01	M	Always	8	Probably Yes
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	N	39	2022-04-01	M	Always	8	Probably Yes
Org A	Dept 1	NULL	N	50	2022-04-01	M	Always	9	Definitely Yes

Figure 2: The first few rows of the TMA_data_labelled table.

- (b) Use appropriate MySQL statements (e.g., SELECT ... GROUP BY ...) to generate two (2) summary tables that help explain the relationship amongst the variables in the survey. Each summary table should be accompanied with a short sentence that explains what you would like the reader to learn from the table.

(20 marks)

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