

# Are we happy with our life?



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## What makes us *Happy*?

- Money?
- Health?
- Alcohol?
- Safety?
- Education?
- Or ...?

*Happiness score:*

“Please imagine a ladder, with steps  
numbered from  
0 at the bottom to 10 at the top”

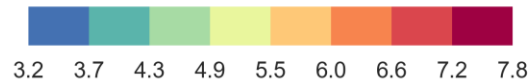
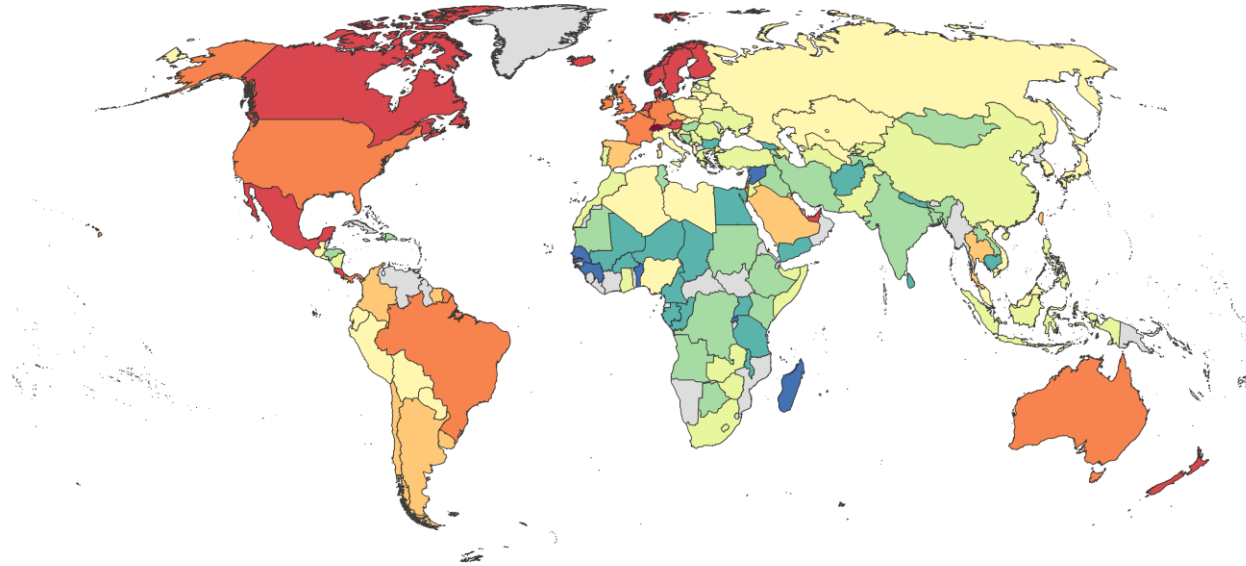
*Happy* > 5



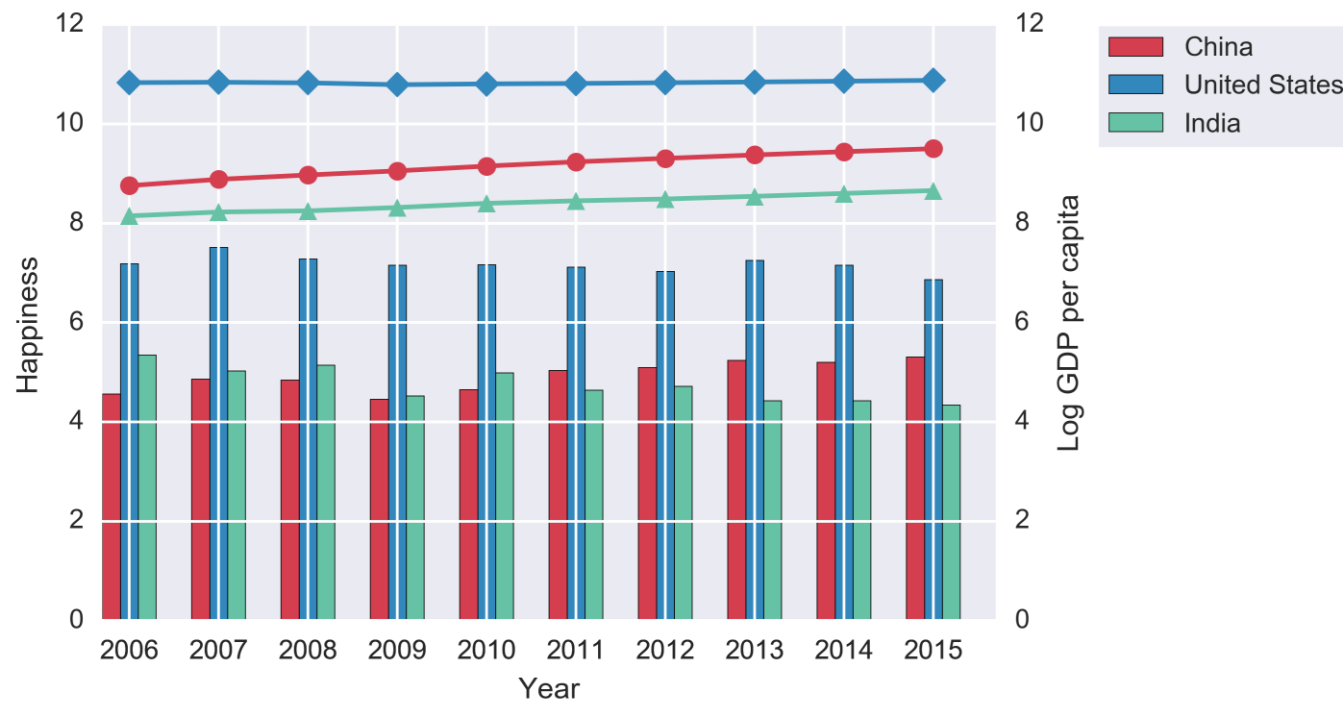
*Unhappy* ≤ 5



## Happiness Score of the world in 2012

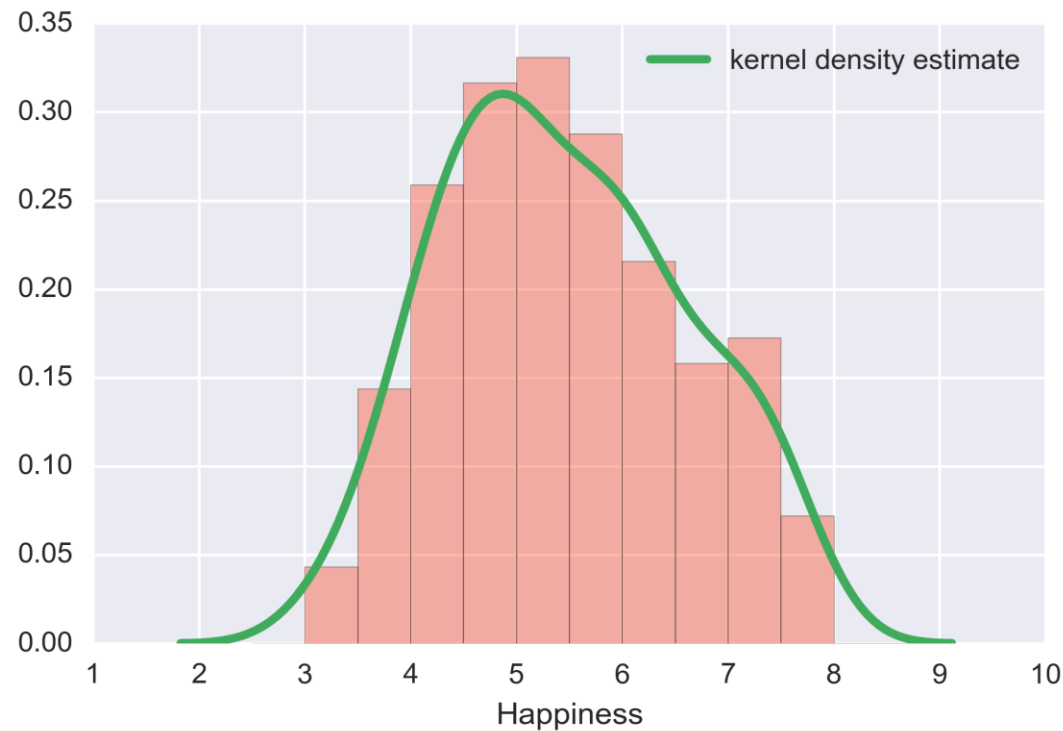


- Unevenly distribution of Happy score
- Highly related to the development level of the country
- Possible economic reason dependent!!



- Also time dependent
- Highly correlated to the value of GDP!!
- Different societies give the different Happiness score

## *Happiness score distribution*

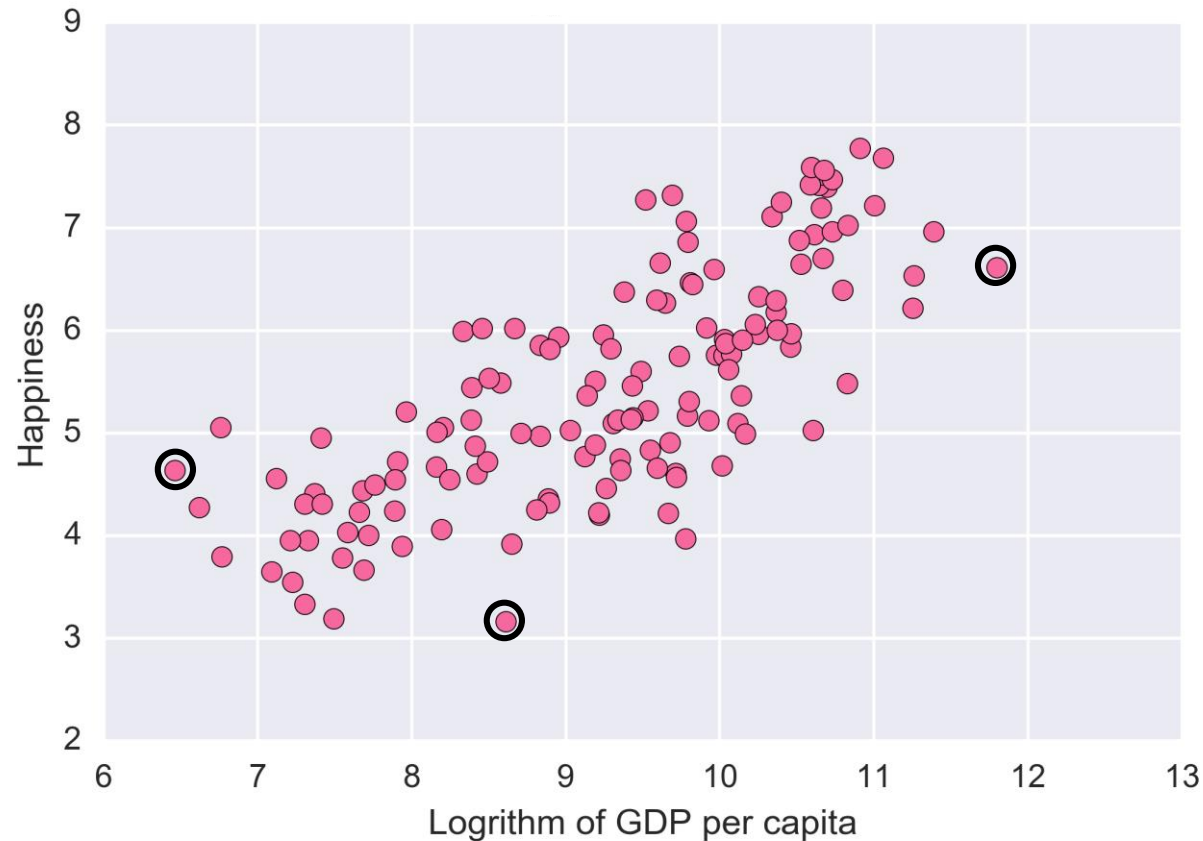


- Nearly normal distribution of Happiness score
- The average of Happiness score is little higher than the median value
- It is a sociology problem!



## Happiness VS GDP

- Strongly correlated to each other!
- Three 'abnormal' countries indicates different relationship
- Need more features to refine the model!!





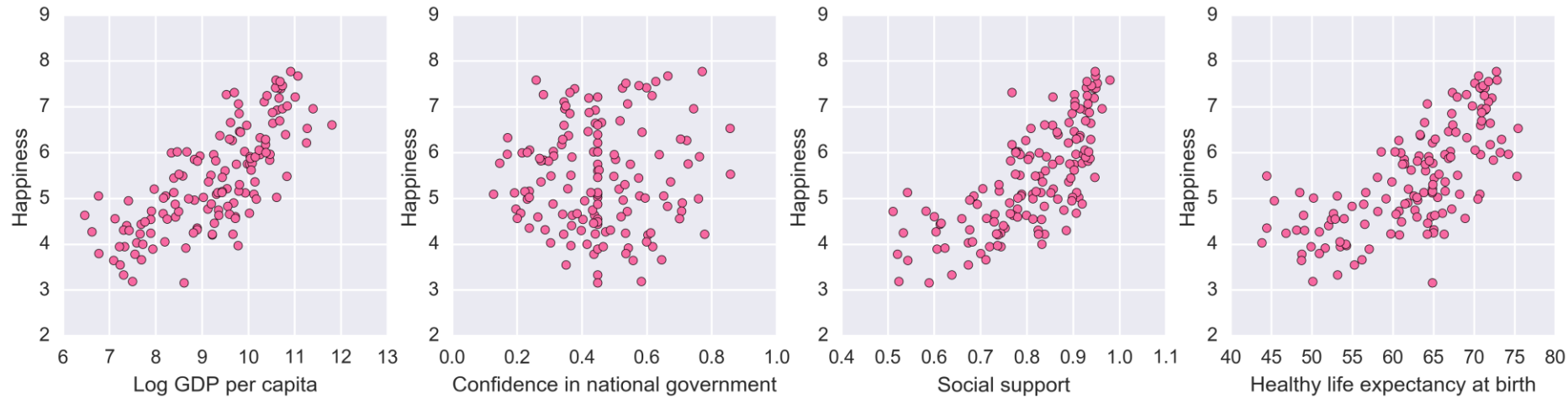
## Happiness VS Alcohol consumption

- Almost no correlation between
- Indicates Alcohol is not a good feature!!
- Need more features to refine the model!!





*More features' correlation are on the way!!*

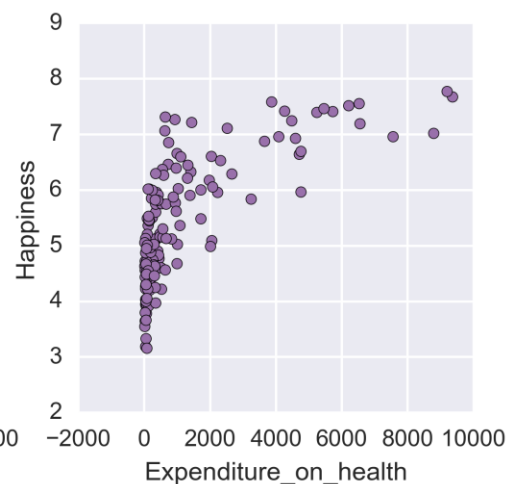
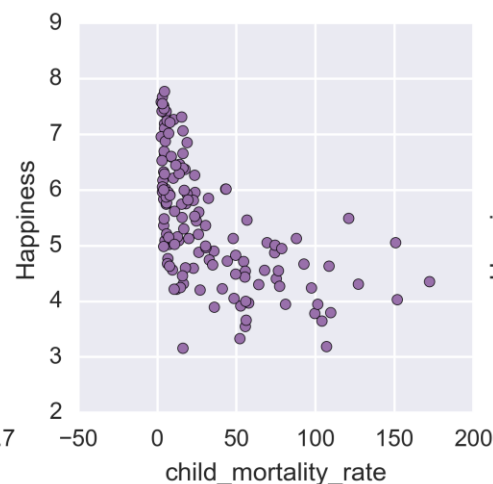
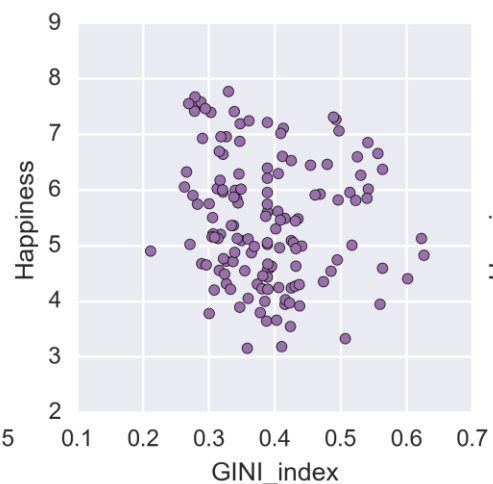
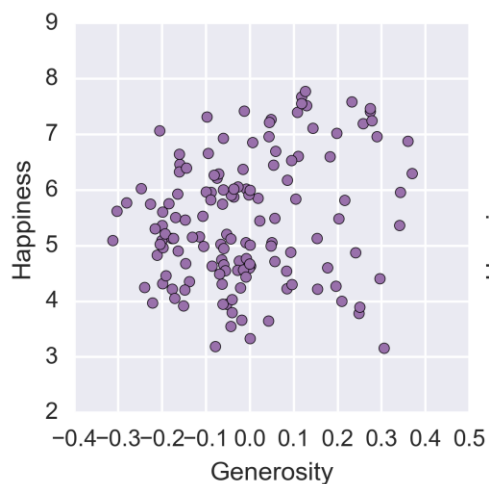


- GDP per capita
- Confidence in national government
- Social support
- Healthy life expectancy at birth





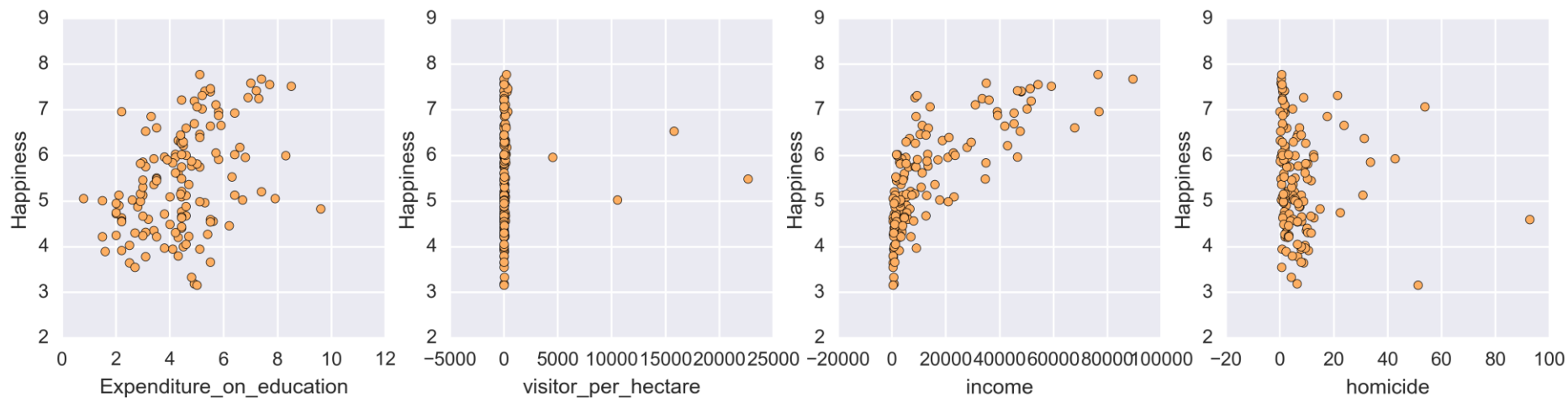
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- Generosity
- GINI index
- Child mortality rate
- Expenditure on health



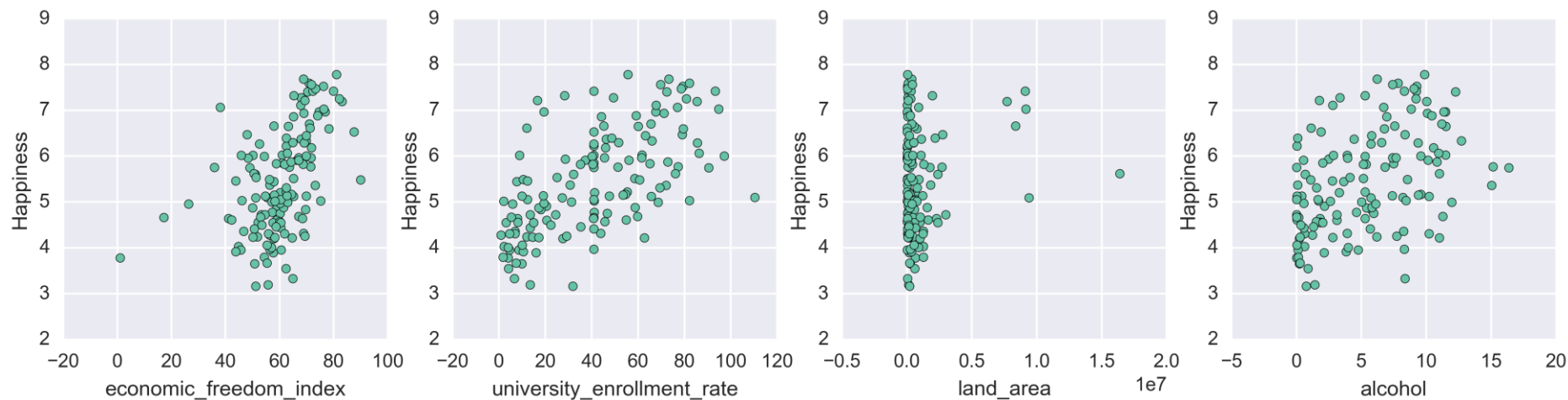
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- Expenditure on education
- Visitor per hectare
- Income
- homicide



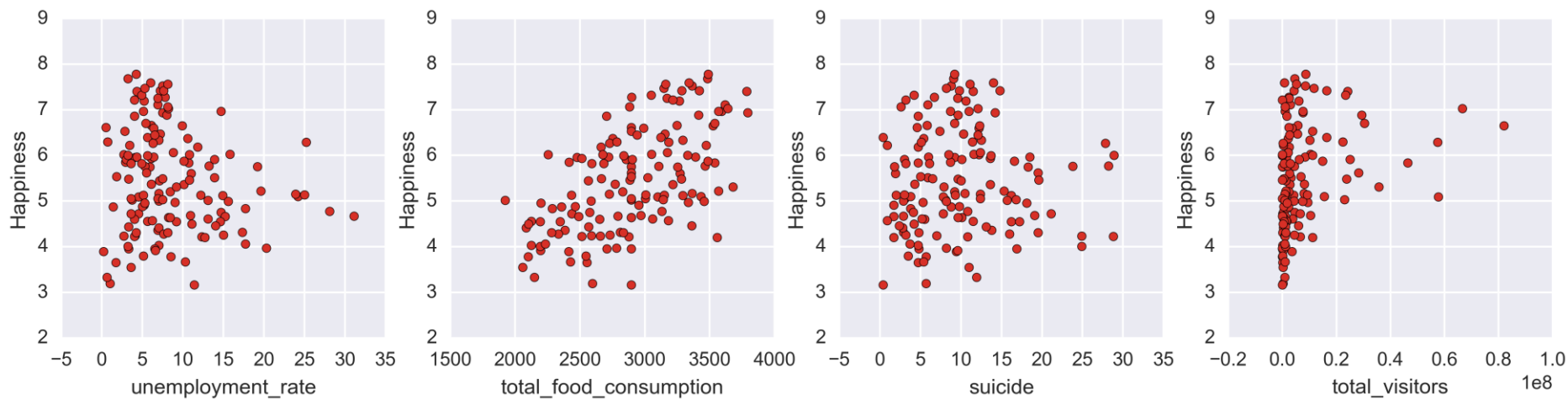
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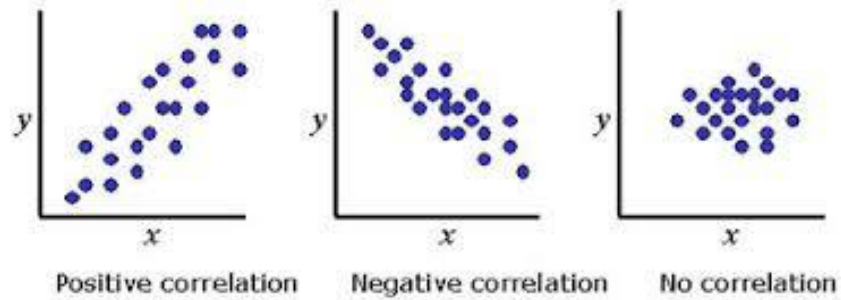
- Economic freedom index
- University enrollment rate
- Land area
- alcohol



*More features' correlation are on the way!!*



- Unemployment rate
- Total food consumption
- suicide
- Total visitors



## Correlation:

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

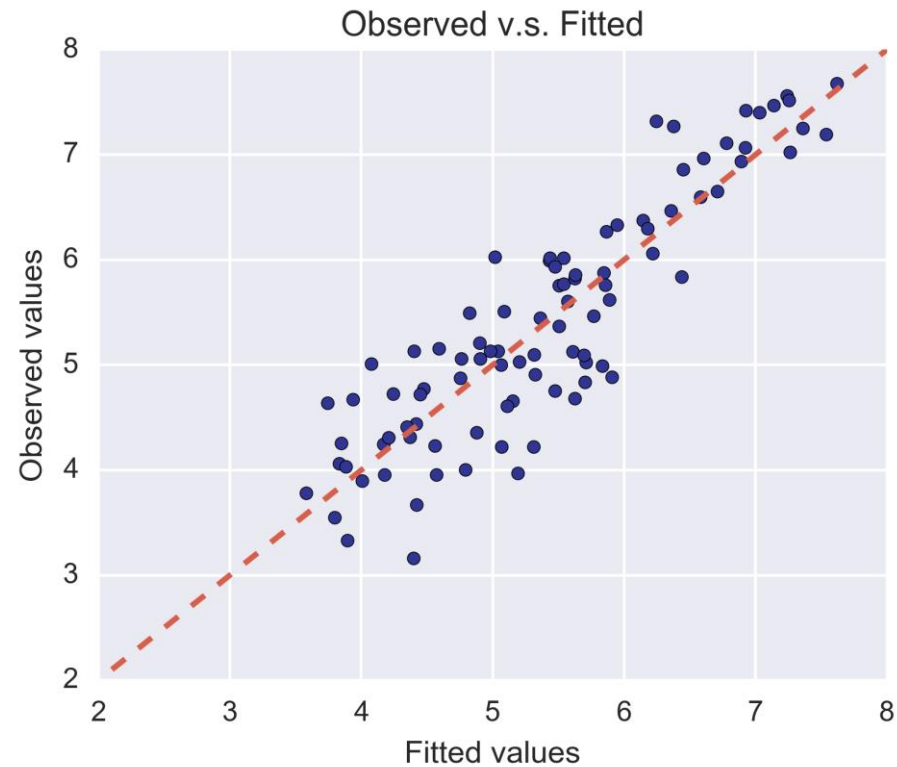
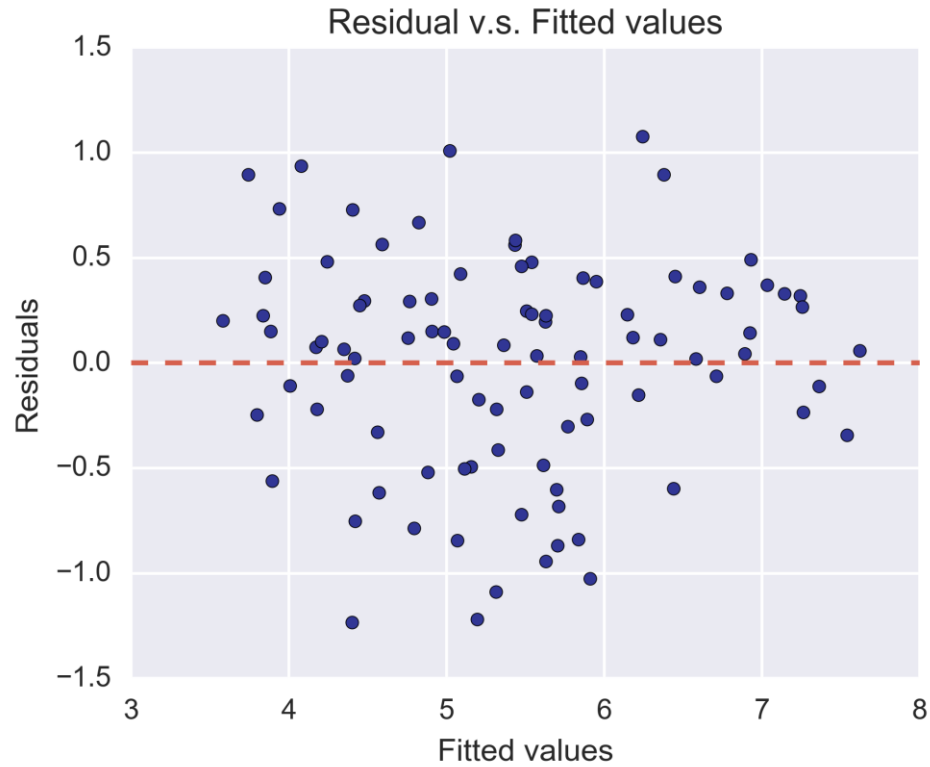
	Happiness
Happiness	1.000000
Log GDP per capita	0.753528
Confidence in national government	0.026958
Social support	0.723328
Healthy life expectancy at birth	0.699890
Generosity	0.215839
GINIindex	-0.124207
Expenditure_on_education	0.419676
homicide	-0.094060
economic_freedom_index	0.502716
university_enrollment_rate	0.617572
alcohol	0.443823
unemployment_rate	-0.126270
total_food_consumption	0.592544
suicide	0.036321
total_visitors	0.295438
log_child_mortality_rate	-0.696524
log_Expenditure_on_health	0.810017
log_income	0.806295
log_visitor_per_hectare	0.353837

# Finalized Linear Regression Model

Dep. Variable:	Happiness	R-squared:	0.796
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.774
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	35.96
Date:	Sun, 16 Apr 2017	Prob (F-statistic):	4.98e-25
Time:	16:17:47	Log-Likelihood:	-69.374
No. Observations:	93	AIC:	158.7
Df Residuals:	83	BIC:	184.1
Df Model:	9		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[95.0% Conf. Int.]
const	-6.7844	1.888	-3.594	0.001	-10.539 -3.029
log_income	0.5534	0.083	6.703	0.000	0.389 0.718
unemployment_rate	-0.0358	0.011	-3.364	0.001	-0.057 -0.015
Social support	2.2938	0.696	3.297	0.001	0.910 3.677
Expenditure_on_education	0.0873	0.038	2.315	0.023	0.012 0.162
homicide	0.0104	0.006	1.776	0.079	-0.001 0.022
Healthy life expectancy at birth	0.0709	0.019	3.775	0.000	0.034 0.108
log_visitor_per_hectare	-0.0589	0.033	-1.772	0.080	-0.125 0.007
log_child_mortality_rate	0.4218	0.165	2.554	0.012	0.093 0.750
Generosity	0.6279	0.400	1.568	0.121	-0.169 1.424

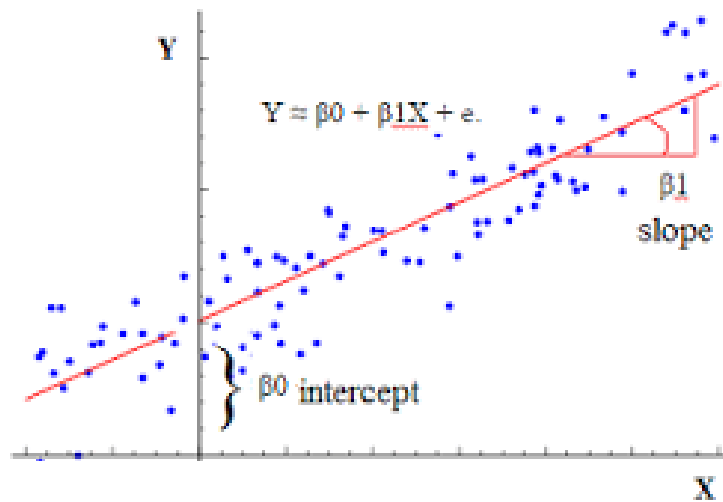
- A selected model with relative high R-squared value
- Features with high impact on the model prediction
- Unexpected feature selection with logarithm scale



- No correlation between Residual and fitted values. A good sign to show our model prediction ability
- Almost perfect alignment between True and fitted value. But a little high variance

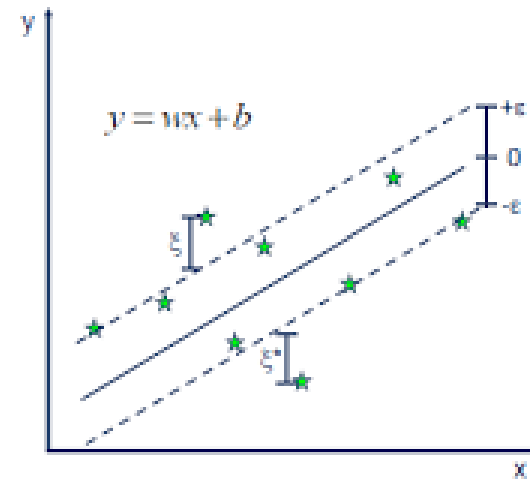
# Comparison between different machine learning algorithms

## Linear Regression



VS

## Support vector machine



• Minimize:

$$\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N (\xi_i + \xi_i^*)$$

• Constraints:

$$y_i - wx_i - b \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i$$

$$wx_i + b - y_i \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i^*$$

$$\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0$$



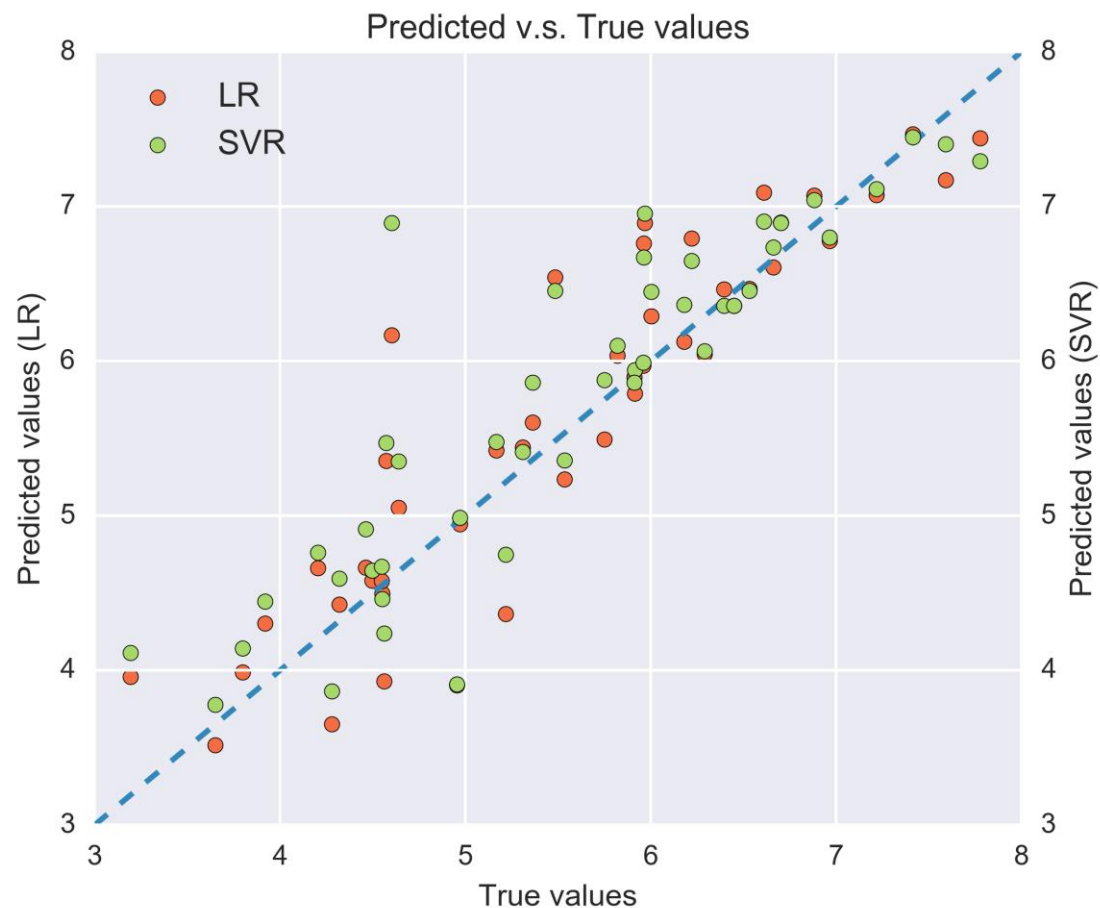
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The SSR score of the two different models:

$LR : 0.24$

$SVR : 0.30$

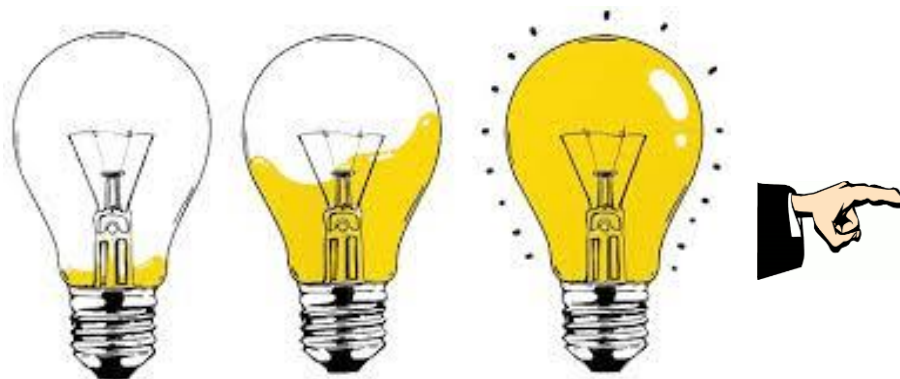
The smaller the number, the better the fitting results.





## Conclusion

- Happiness score depends on many different features, a complicated problem
- Happiness score is strongly correlated to economic and sociology reasons
- Features selection is necessary
- Both linear regression and SVM could give us a reasonable results. The difference is not significant



[My GitHub for  
detailed  
explanation!!](#)

# References and the source of data

Related data set: There are some available data set online that might be useful for our investigation.

1. <http://worldhappiness.report/>
2. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross\\_National\\_Happiness](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross_National_Happiness) (This is not the dataset, it is the definition of happiness)
3. <http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/CC>
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<b>Dep. Variable:</b>	Happiness	<b>R-squared:</b>	0.823
<b>Model:</b>	OLS	<b>Adj. R-squared:</b>	0.777
<b>Method:</b>	Least Squares	<b>F-statistic:</b>	17.85
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 16 Apr 2017	<b>Prob (F-statistic):</b>	3.25e-20
<b>Time:</b>	15:44:35	<b>Log-Likelihood:</b>	-62.785
<b>No. Observations:</b>	93	<b>AIC:</b>	165.6
<b>Df Residuals:</b>	73	<b>BIC:</b>	216.2
<b>Df Model:</b>	19		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[95.0% Conf. Int.]
const	-4.9718	2.307	-2.155	0.034	-9.570 -0.373
Log GDP per capita	-0.6589	0.230	-2.862	0.005	-1.118 -0.200
Confidence in national government	-0.2248	0.423	-0.531	0.597	-1.069 0.619
Social support	2.2444	0.735	3.052	0.003	0.779 3.710
Healthy life expectancy at birth	0.0818	0.024	3.426	0.001	0.034 0.129
Generosity	0.5245	0.431	1.218	0.227	-0.334 1.383
GINIindex	-0.4077	0.921	-0.443	0.659	-2.242 1.427
Expenditureoneducation	0.0644	0.041	1.562	0.123	-0.018 0.147
homicide	0.0153	0.007	2.142	0.036	0.001 0.030
economic_freedom_index	-0.0002	0.007	-0.038	0.970	-0.013 0.013
university_enrollment_rate	-0.0042	0.004	-0.979	0.331	-0.013 0.004
alcohol	-0.0131	0.026	-0.500	0.619	-0.065 0.039
unemployment_rate	-0.0373	0.012	-3.145	0.002	-0.061 -0.014
total_food_consumption	3.492e-05	0.000	0.140	0.889	-0.000 0.001
suicide	-0.0034	0.011	-0.308	0.759	-0.025 0.018
total_visitors	-5.459e-09	4.91e-09	-1.112	0.270	-1.52e-08 4.32e-09
log_child_mortality_rate	0.3882	0.207	1.878	0.064	-0.024 0.800
log_Expenditure_on_health	0.0700	0.193	0.362	0.719	-0.316 0.456
log_income	1.0103	0.253	4.000	0.000	0.507 1.514
log_visitor_per_hectare	-0.0653	0.037	-1.766	0.082	-0.139 0.008

<b>Dep. Variable:</b>	Happiness	<b>R-squared:</b>	0.819
<b>Model:</b>	OLS	<b>Adj. R-squared:</b>	0.792
<b>Method:</b>	Least Squares	<b>F-statistic:</b>	30.21
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<b>Time:</b>	15:58:08	<b>Log-Likelihood:</b>	-63.735
<b>No. Observations:</b>	93	<b>AIC:</b>	153.5
<b>Df Residuals:</b>	80	<b>BIC:</b>	186.4
<b>Df Model:</b>	12		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[95.0% Conf. Int.]
const	-4.6345	2.046	-2.266	0.026	-8.706 -0.563
log_income	1.0261	0.172	5.960	0.000	0.684 1.369
unemployment_rate	-0.0349	0.010	-3.370	0.001	-0.056 -0.014
Social support	2.1549	0.684	3.149	0.002	0.793 3.517
alcohol	-0.0189	0.021	-0.883	0.380	-0.062 0.024
Expenditure_on_education	0.0638	0.037	1.724	0.089	-0.010 0.137
homicide	0.0141	0.006	2.440	0.017	0.003 0.026
Log GDP per capita	-0.6272	0.211	-2.977	0.004	-1.046 -0.208
Healthy life expectancy at birth	0.0734	0.020	3.665	0.000	0.034 0.113
log_visitor_per_hectare	-0.0614	0.032	-1.908	0.060	-0.125 0.003
log_child_mortality_rate	0.3434	0.173	1.984	0.051	-0.001 0.688
Generosity	0.5359	0.395	1.357	0.179	-0.250 1.322
total_visitors	-4.687e-09	4.47e-09	-1.049	0.297	-1.36e-08 4.2e-09