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Problem statement

Tinder's marketing team experiences a decline in the number of matches

Trying to understand factors that influences matches



# Dataset & Methodology

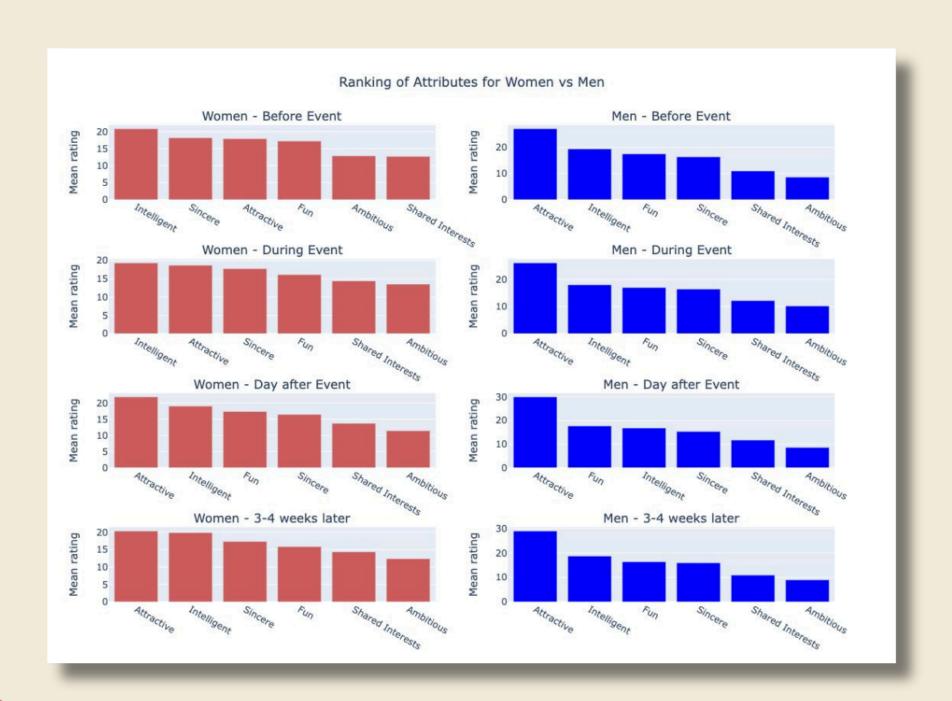
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# EXPERIMENTAL SPEED DATING EVENTS

- What are the least desirable attributes in a male partner? Does this differ for female partners?
- How important do people think attractiveness is in potential mate selection vs. its real impact?
- Are shared interests more important than a shared racial background?
- Can people accurately predict their own perceived value in the dating market?
- In terms of getting a second date, is it better to be someone's first speed date of the night or their last?



# IMPORTANCE OF ATTRIBUTES



#### For both Men & Women:

 Attractiveness appears as n1 attribute (after speed dating event for women) Then comes Intelligence, Fun and Sincerity Shared Interests and Ambition are the least desirable traits

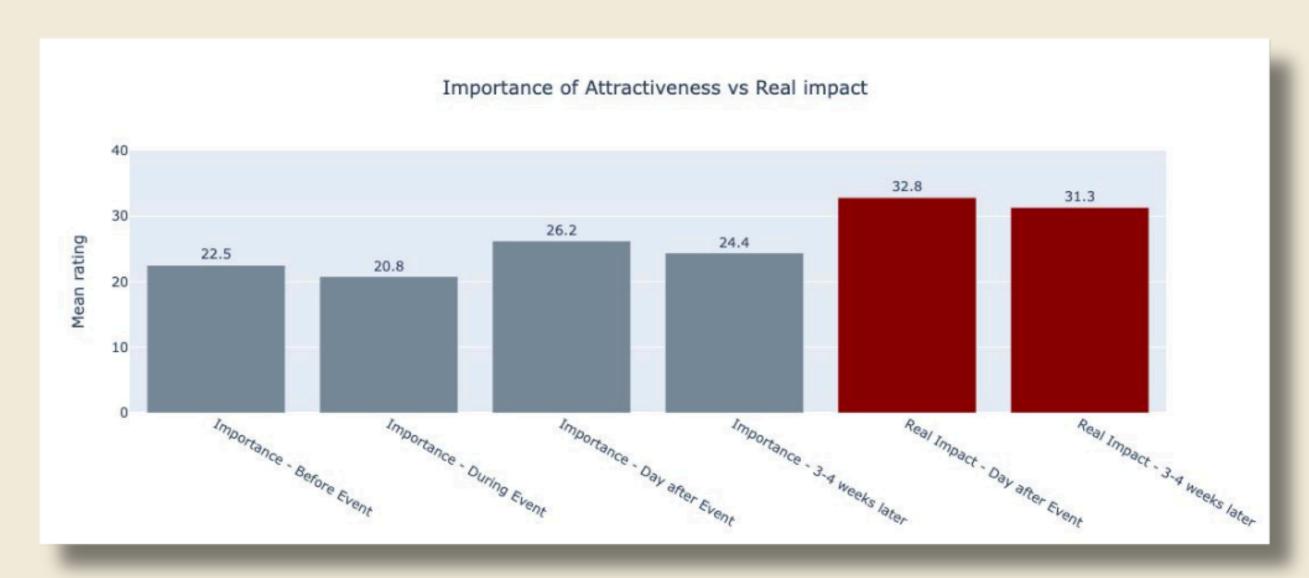
#### For Men:

 Clear preference for Attractiveness over other attributes (9.6pts higher on average than attribute n2)

#### For Women:

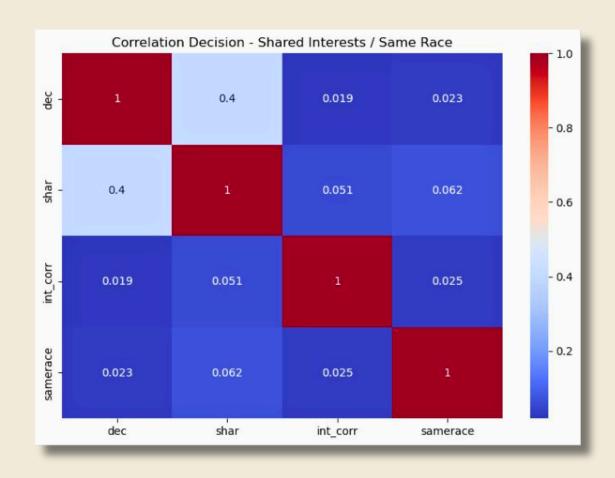
• More balanced preference across all attributes

### 2. Attractiveness: Importance vs Real Impact

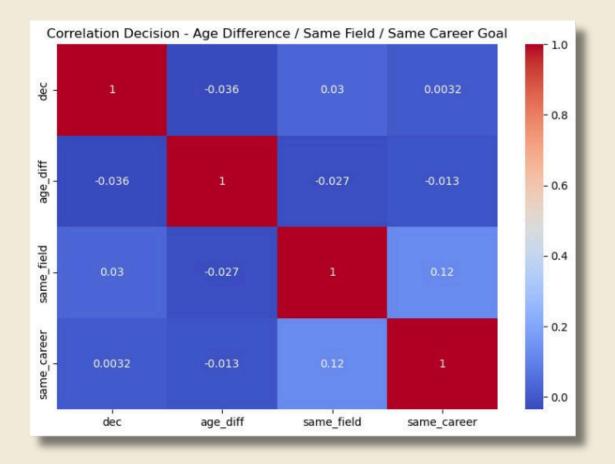


- Attractiveness has more impact on partner selection during speed dating event than importance given to this attribute
- Maybe due to the difficulty of evaluating the other attributes (Intelligence, Sincerity..) in a 4-min speed date / similar difficulty on a dating app

# 3. Other factors: interests, race, age, field, career

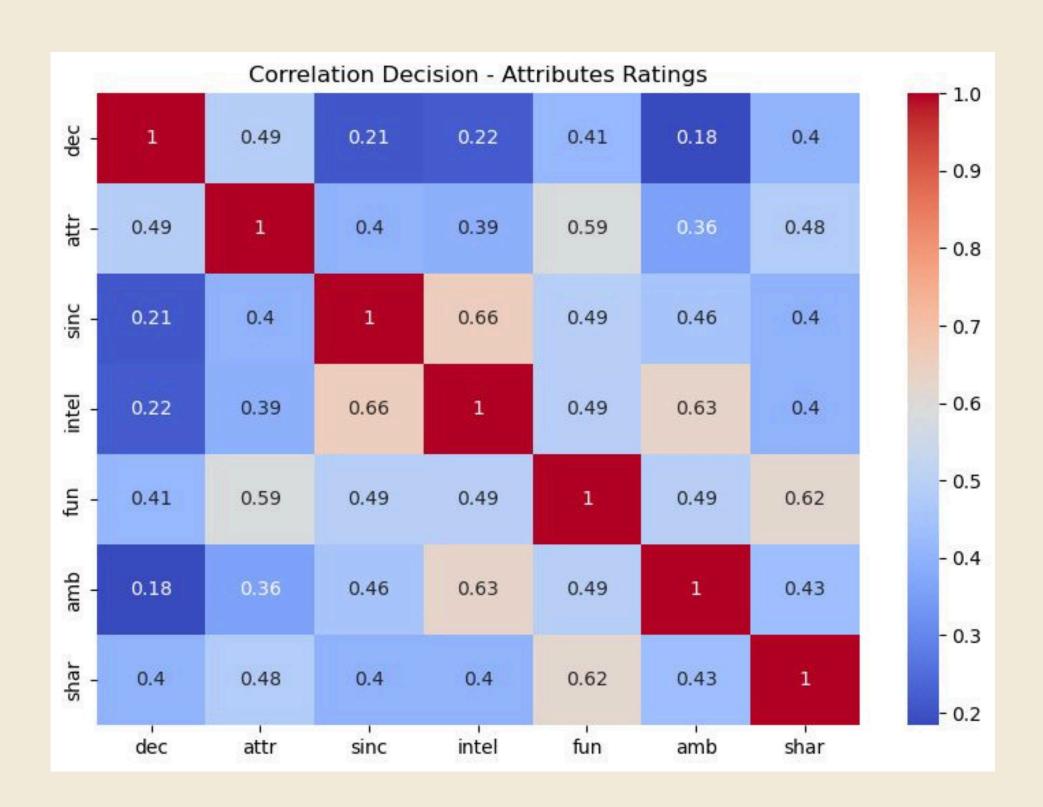


- Positive correlation between participant's decision and rating given to partner for "shared interests"
- No correlation between decision and same race



 No correlation between participant's decision and age difference, same field and same career goal

# 4. Decision vs Attributes Ratings



- As seen before, attractivity and shared interests play an important role in the decision
- Also, the fun attribute seems important for the participants for their decision (coeff 0.41)

# 5. Perceived Value vs Rating by Partner



• On average, the ratings received by partners are lower than participants' self-perceived values across all survey times. Hence, participants tend to overestimate their value in the dating market.

### 6. Decision for first vs last date



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### 7. Recommendations for the dating app

Encourage users to upload several pictures of themselves (min. required) Highlight attractiveness Enable filters to increase attractiveness Increase audience of profiles shows to users despite Broaden the audience different age, race, field of study or job Encourage users to input their interests and show them Leverage shared interests profiles with shared interests Promote the fun traits of users with fun-related prompts Promote fun Allow uploads of video or voice message where users could show their fun personalities Display profiles in order of Users seem more likely to swipe right for the first profile they see when they open the app than the last one relevance

