Human happiness analysis (based on ESS data)

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Introduction

This report presents analysis of data from the European Social Survey (ESS) in terms of the impact of people from respondent's environment on his/her happiness level. For more details on ESS data check: http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/

ESS data analysis

Variables were selected in such a way that they were able to describe the respondent's social situation - the number of people close to him in his environment and his approach to people. The collection also included variables informing about the country of origin of parents. It is easy to say that people whose parents do not come from the current country of residence of the respondent may have greater difficulties in social interactions due to possible language barriers and cultural differences. It was recognized that these factors also influence the social status of the respondent.

```
ess <- read.dta("ESS8e01.dta")
myvars <- c("chldhhe", "dvrcdeva", "facntr", "happy", "hhmmb", "inprdsc",</pre>
                      "iprspot", "ipudrst", "jbspv", "lvgptnea", "mocntr",
"iphlppl", "iplylfr",
"rshpsts", "sclmeet")
mydata <- ess[myvars]</pre>
attach(mydata)
summary(mydata)
##
               chldhhe
                                   dvrcdeva
                                                         facntr
##
   Yes
                   :11671
                                        : 5936
                                                 Yes
                                                            :28327
                             Yes
                   :10907
                                        :28695
                                                            : 6291
##
    No
                             No
                                                 No
##
    Not applicable:12086
                             Refusal
                                       : 149
                                                 Refusal
                                                                22
##
    Refusal
                       93
                             Don't know:
                                                 Don't know:
                                                               148
##
    Don't know
                       14
                             No answer:
                                            8
                                                 No answer:
                                                                 9
    No answer
                                                 NA's
                       26
                             NA's
                                            40
                                                                40
##
    NA's
                       40
##
                 happy
                                  hhmmb
                                                    inprdsc
##
    8
                                     : 1.000
                                                4-6
                    :10297
                              Min.
                                                        :9555
##
    9
                    : 6612
                              1st Qu.: 2.000
                                                3
                                                        :8327
   7
                    : 6194
                              Median : 2.000
                                                2
                                                        :6748
##
  Extremely happy: 4076
                              Mean : 2.769
                                                1
                                                        :4841
```

```
##
    5
                    : 2673
                             3rd Qu.: 4.000
                                                7-9
                                                       :1976
##
    (Other)
                      4945
                                     :99,000
                                                (Other):3350
                             Max.
##
    NA's
                        40
                             NA's
                                     :40
                                                NA's
##
                  iphlppl
                                              iplylfr
##
                      :14659
                                Like me
    Like me
                                                  :15048
##
    Very much like me: 8983
                               Very much like me:12478
    Somewhat like me : 7192
                               Somewhat like me: 4646
##
    A little like me : 2583
                               A little like me: 1546
##
##
    Not like me
                         720
                               Not like me
                                                     459
##
                         660
                                (Other)
    (Other)
                                                     620
##
    NA's
                          40
                               NA's
                                                      40
                                                                      jbspv
##
                  iprspot
                                            ipudrst
                               Like me
##
    Like me
                      :8544
                                                 :15035
                                                          Yes
                                                                         : 9906
##
    Somewhat like me :8341
                               Somewhat like me : 7534
                                                          No
                                                                         :22512
    A little like me :6330
                              Very much like me: 7103
##
                                                          Not applicable: 2255
                               A little like me : 3125
                                                          Refusal
##
    Not like me
                                                                              75
                      :6190
    Very much like me:3329
                              Not like me
                                                 : 1209
                                                          Don't know
                                                                              35
##
##
    (Other)
                      :2063
                               (Other)
                                                    791
                                                          No answer
                                                                              14
##
    NA's
                         40
                              NA's
                                                     40
                                                          NA's
                                                                              40
##
                                    mocntr
               lvgptnea
##
    Yes
                   :10610
                            Yes
                                       :28701
##
    No
                   :20047
                            No
                                       : 6027
    Not applicable: 3904
##
                            Refusal
                                           17
                                           49
##
    Refusal
                      197
                            Don't know:
##
    Don't know
                       21
                            No answer:
                                            3
##
    No answer
                       18
                            NA's
                                           40
##
    NA's
                       40
##
                                                  rshpsts
##
    Legally married
                                                      :16229
    Not applicable
##
                                                      :14277
    Living with my partner - not legally recognised: 3253
##
##
    Living with my partner - legally recognised
                                                         651
    In a legally registered civil union
                                                         225
##
##
    (Other)
                                                         162
##
    NA's
                                                          40
##
                      sclmeet
##
    Several times a week: 9881
##
    Several times a month:7186
##
    Once a week
                          :6536
##
    Every day
                          :4723
##
    Once a month
                          :3427
##
    (Other)
                          :3044
##
    NA's
```

Recoding variables

The data was downloaded in .dta format and read using the "foreign" package. Except HHMMB variable, each of the variables had a "factor variable" format, so the program did not read them as numeric variables, and as variables with categories without a specific

order. In order to create a regression model, it was decided to recode each of the variables except HHMMB. The process was as follows:

```
mydata$hhmmb[mydata$hhmmb > 20] <- NA</pre>
happy2 <- as.factor(happy)</pre>
happy2 <- revalue(happy2, c("Extremely unhappy"=0))</pre>
happy2 <- revalue(happy2, c("Extremely happy"=10))</pre>
happy2 <- revalue(happy2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
happy2 <- revalue(happy2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
happy2 <- revalue(happy2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
happy2 <- as.numeric(levels(happy2))[happy2]</pre>
chldhhe2 <- as.factor(chldhhe)</pre>
chldhhe2 <- revalue(chldhhe2, c("Yes"=1))</pre>
chldhhe2 <- revalue(chldhhe2, c("No"=0))</pre>
chldhhe2 <- revalue(chldhhe2, c("Not applicable"=NA))</pre>
chldhhe2 <- revalue(chldhhe2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
chldhhe2 <- revalue(chldhhe2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
chldhhe2 <- revalue(chldhhe2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
chldhhe2 <-as.numeric(levels(chldhhe2))[chldhhe2]</pre>
jbspv2 <- as.factor(jbspv)</pre>
jbspv2 <- revalue(jbspv2, c("Yes"=1))</pre>
jbspv2 <- revalue(jbspv2, c("No"=0))</pre>
jbspv2 <- revalue(jbspv2, c("Not applicable"=NA))</pre>
jbspv2 <- revalue(jbspv2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
jbspv2 <- revalue(jbspv2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
jbspv2 <- revalue(jbspv2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
jbspv2 <-as.numeric(levels(jbspv2))[jbspv2]</pre>
lvgptnea2 <- as.factor(lvgptnea)</pre>
lvgptnea2 <- revalue(lvgptnea2, c("Yes"=1))</pre>
lvgptnea2 <- revalue(lvgptnea2, c("No"=0))</pre>
lvgptnea2 <- revalue(lvgptnea2, c("Not applicable"=NA))</pre>
lvgptnea2 <- revalue(lvgptnea2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
lvgptnea2 <- revalue(lvgptnea2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
lvgptnea2 <- revalue(lvgptnea2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
lvgptnea2 <-as.numeric(levels(lvgptnea2))[lvgptnea2]</pre>
dvrcdeva2 <- as.factor(dvrcdeva)</pre>
dvrcdeva2 <- revalue(dvrcdeva2, c("Yes"=1))</pre>
dvrcdeva2 <- revalue(dvrcdeva2, c("No"=0))</pre>
dvrcdeva2 <- revalue(dvrcdeva2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
dvrcdeva2 <- revalue(dvrcdeva2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
dvrcdeva2 <- revalue(dvrcdeva2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
dvrcdeva2 <- as.numeric(levels(dvrcdeva2))[dvrcdeva2]</pre>
```

```
facntr2 <- as.factor(facntr)</pre>
facntr2 <- revalue(facntr2, c("Yes"=1))</pre>
facntr2 <- revalue(facntr2, c("No"=0))</pre>
facntr2 <- revalue(facntr2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
facntr2 <- revalue(facntr2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
facntr2 <- revalue(facntr2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
facntr2 <- as.numeric(levels(facntr2))[facntr2]</pre>
mocntr2 <- as.factor(mocntr)</pre>
mocntr2 <- revalue(mocntr2, c("Yes"=1))</pre>
mocntr2 <- revalue(mocntr2, c("No"=0))</pre>
mocntr2 <- revalue(mocntr2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
mocntr2 <- revalue(mocntr2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
mocntr2 <- revalue(mocntr2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
mocntr2 <- as.numeric(levels(mocntr2))[mocntr2]</pre>
inprdsc2 <- as.factor(inprdsc)</pre>
inprdsc2 <- revalue(inprdsc2, c("None"=0))</pre>
inprdsc2 <- revalue(inprdsc2, c("4-6"=5))</pre>
inprdsc2 <- revalue(inprdsc2, c("7-9"=8))</pre>
inprdsc2 <- revalue(inprdsc2, c("10 or more"=10))</pre>
inprdsc2 <- revalue(inprdsc2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
inprdsc2 <- revalue(inprdsc2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
inprdsc2 <- revalue(inprdsc2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
inprdsc2 <- as.numeric(levels(inprdsc2))[inprdsc2]</pre>
iphlppl2 <- as.factor(iphlppl)</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("Very much like me"=5))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("Like me"=4))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("Somewhat like me"=3))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("A little like me"=2))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("Not like me"=1))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("Not like me at all"=0))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- revalue(iphlppl2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
iphlppl2 <- as.numeric(levels(iphlppl2))[iphlppl2]</pre>
iplylfr2 <- as.factor(iplylfr)</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("Very much like me"=5))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("Like me"=4))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("Somewhat like me"=3))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("A little like me"=2))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("Not like me"=1))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("Not like me at all"=0))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- revalue(iplylfr2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
iplylfr2 <- as.numeric(levels(iplylfr2))[iplylfr2]</pre>
```

```
iprspot2 <- as.factor(iprspot)</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("Very much like me"=5))</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("Like me"=4))</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("Somewhat like me"=3))</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("A little like me"=2))</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("Not like me"=1))</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("Not like me at all"=0))</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
iprspot2 <- revalue(iprspot2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
iprspot2 <- as.numeric(levels(iprspot2))[iprspot2]</pre>
ipudrst2 <- as.factor(ipudrst)</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("Very much like me"=5))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("Like me"=4))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("Somewhat like me"=3))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("A little like me"=2))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("Not like me"=1))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("Not like me at all"=0))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- revalue(ipudrst2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
ipudrst2 <- as.numeric(levels(ipudrst2))[ipudrst2]</pre>
sclmeet2 <- as.factor(sclmeet)</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Never"=0))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Less than once a month"=1))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Once a month"=2))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Several times a month"=3))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Once a week"=4))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Several times a week"=5))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Every day"=6))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Refusal"=NA))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("Don't know"=NA))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- revalue(sclmeet2, c("No answer"=NA))</pre>
sclmeet2 <- as.numeric(levels(sclmeet2))[sclmeet2]</pre>
mydata2 <- cbind.data.frame(chldhhe2, dvrcdeva2, facntr2, happy2, inprdsc2,
iphlppl2, iplylfr2, iprspot2, ipudrst2, jbspv2, lvgptnea2, mocntr2, sclmeet2,
hhmmb)
mydata2 <- rename(mydata2, c("chldhhe2"="chldhhe", "dvrcdeva2"="dvrcdeva",</pre>
"facntr2"="facntr", "happy2"="happy", "inprdsc2"="inprdsc",
"iphlppl2"="iphlppl", "iplylfr2"="iplylfr", "iprspot2"= "iprspot", "ipudrst2"="ipudrst", "jbspv2"="jbspv", "lvgptnea2"= "lvgptnea",
"mocntr2"="mocntr", "sclmeet2"="sclmeet"))
# mydata2- only numerical variables
```

In addition, for each response variable: "I don't know", the refusal or lack of answer were marked as "NA". The average percentage of NA's for one variable was:

```
mean(is.na(mydata2))
## [1] 0.0460594
```

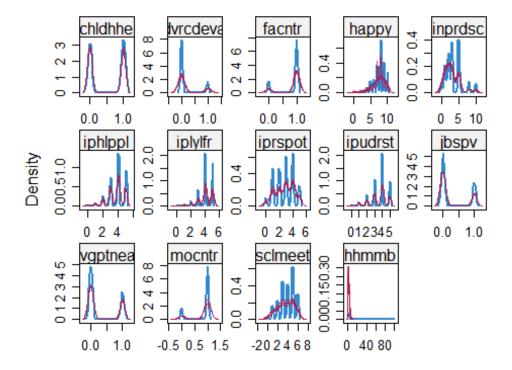
Replacing missing values

Therefore, it was decided to replace the gaps with the values calculated by PMM. Predictive Mean Matching (PMM) is a semiparametric data imputation method. It is similar to the regression method, with the difference that for each missing value it randomly assigns a value from the set of observed values whose predicted values are the closest to the predicted value for the missing value from the simulated regression model. The PMM method ensures that the imputed values are reliable; it may be more appropriate than the regression method if the assumption of a normal distribution is violated.

```
imputed_Data <- mice(mydata2, m=5, maxit = 20, method = 'pmm') # method</pre>
predictive mean matching; Bodner (2008) and White et al (2011) %NA=imputation
number(m)- here: 5
summary(imputed_Data)
## Multiply imputed data set
## Call:
## mice(data = mydata2, m = 5, method = "pmm", maxit = 20)
## Number of multiple imputations:
   Missing cells per column:
    chldhhe dvrcdeva
##
                         facntr
                                            inprdsc
                                                      iphlppl
                                                                iplylfr
                                                                          iprspot
                                    happy
                   206
                             219
##
      12259
                                      189
                                                 340
                                                           538
                                                                     540
                                                                               685
    ipudrst
##
                jbspv lvgptnea
                                   mocntr
                                            sclmeet
                                                        hhmmb
##
        573
                 2419
                           4180
                                      109
                                                 167
                                                            40
## Imputation methods:
    chldhhe dvrcdeva
                                            inprdsc
                                                                iplylfr
##
                         facntr
                                    happy
                                                      iphlppl
                                                                          iprspot
##
       "pmm"
                "pmm"
                           "pmm"
                                    "pmm"
                                               "pmm"
                                                         "mmg"
                                                                   "pmm"
                                                                             "pmm"
                                                        hhmmb
##
    ipudrst
                ibspv lvgptnea
                                   mocntr
                                            sclmeet
##
      "pmm"
                "pmm"
                           "pmm"
                                     "pmm"
                                              "pmm"
                                                         "pmm"
   VisitSequence:
##
    chldhhe dvrcdeva
##
                         facntr
                                    happy
                                            inprdsc
                                                      iphlppl
                                                                iplylfr
                                                                          iprspot
##
                     2
                               3
                                         4
                                                   5
                                                             6
                                                                       7
                                                                                 8
           1
##
    ipudrst
                jbspv lvgptnea
                                   mocntr
                                            sclmeet
                                                        hhmmb
##
                    10
                              11
                                        12
                                                  13
                                                            14
## PredictorMatrix:
##
             chldhhe dvrcdeva facntr happy inprdsc iphlppl iplylfr iprspot
## chldhhe
                    0
                              1
                                     1
                                            1
                                                     1
                                                              1
                                                                       1
                                                                                1
## dvrcdeva
                    1
                             0
                                      1
                                            1
                                                     1
                                                              1
                                                                       1
                                                                                1
                    1
                             1
                                     0
                                                                                1
## facntr
                                            1
                                                     1
                                                              1
                                                                       1
                    1
                             1
                                     1
                                            0
                                                     1
                                                              1
                                                                       1
                                                                                1
## happy
                                                                       1
## inprdsc
                    1
                             1
                                     1
                                            1
                                                     0
                                                              1
                                                                                1
                    1
                             1
                                     1
                                            1
                                                                                1
## iphlppl
                                                     1
                                                              0
                                                                       1
## iplylfr
                    1
                             1
                                     1
                                            1
                                                     1
                                                              1
                                                                       0
                                                                                1
## iprspot
                    1
                              1
                                      1
                                            1
                                                     1
                                                              1
                                                                       1
                                                                                0
## ipudrst
                    1
                                            1
                                                                                1
```

##	jbspv	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
##	lvgptnea	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
##	mocntr	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
##	sclmeet	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
##	hhmmb	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
##		ipudrst	jbspv	lvgp	tnea mo	cntr so	:lmeet h	hmmb			
##	chldhhe	1	1		1	1	1	1			
##	dvrcdeva	1	1		1	1	1	1			
##	facntr	1	1		1	1	1	1			
##	happy	1	1		1	1	1	1			
##	inprdsc	1	1		1	1	1	1			
##	iphlppl	1	1		1	1	1	1			
##	iplylfr	1	1		1	1	1	1			
##	iprspot	1	1		1	1	1	1			
##	ipudrst	0	1		1	1	1	1			
##	jbspv	1	0		1	1	1	1			
##	lvgptnea	1	1		0	1	1	1			
##	mocntr	1	1		1	0	1	1			
##	sclmeet	1	1		1	1	0	1			
##	hhmmb	1	1		1	1	1	0			
##	Random ge	nerator	seed \	/alue	: NA						
<pre>densityplot(imputed_Data)</pre>											

In the below chart, the results of each of the imputed sets were marked with maroon color. As one can see, each of the datasets is very similar to each other, which means that one can choose any of the new datasets received. It was decided to choose No. 2.

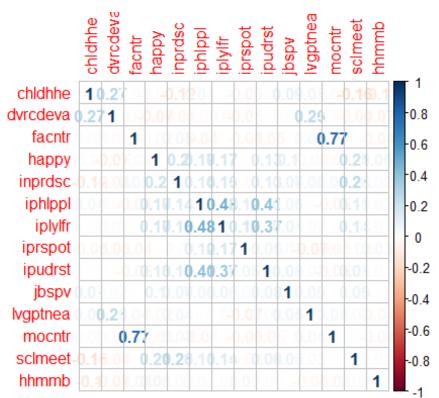


```
completedata <- complete(imputed_Data,2)
detach(mydata)
attach(mydata2)</pre>
```

Collinearity

After processing the set and solving the problem of data gaps, the collinearity analysis of variables was started. For this purpose, a correlation diagram of each of the variables was made using the corrplot () function from the corr package. The graph shows the values of Pearson coefficients:

```
# collinearity
newdatacor = cor(completedata[1:14], method= "pearson")
corrplot(newdatacor, method = "number")
```



The above graph shows a strong correlation between MOCNTR and FACNTR variables, that is the mother and father's country of origin. It was decided to take into account the interaction between these variables by creating a new variable PARNTR = MOCNTR * FACNTR

```
parntr<- mocntr*facntr
completedata <- mutate(completedata, parntr= mocntr*facntr)

corrvars <- names(completedata) %in% c("mocntr", "facntr")
regressiondata <- completedata[!corrvars]</pre>
```

Linear regression

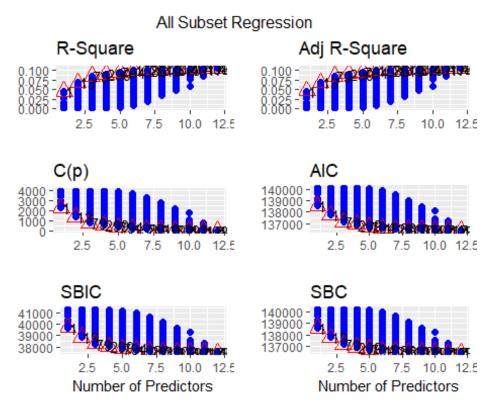
The results of linear regression with the inclusion of each of the explanatory variables were as follows:

```
# linear regression
lm.happy <- lm(happy~., data=regressiondata)</pre>
summary(lm.happy)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = happy ~ ., data = regressiondata)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
                10 Median
                                3Q
                                      Max
## -8.6174 -0.8196 0.2261
                           1.1374 4.7206
##
## Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept) 5.145131
                          0.057360 89.699 < 2e-16 ***
## chldhhe
                0.129081
                          0.019594
                                      6.588 4.53e-11 ***
## dvrcdeva
                          0.026159 -11.469 < 2e-16 ***
               -0.300032
                          0.004118 23.964
## inprdsc
               0.098674
                                            < 2e-16 ***
                          0.010897 12.095 < 2e-16 ***
## iphlppl
               0.131803
                          0.011786 13.793 < 2e-16 ***
## iplylfr
               0.162561
                          0.006874 -5.709 1.14e-08 ***
## iprspot
               -0.039246
## ipudrst
               0.058844
                          0.009738
                                    6.043 1.53e-09 ***
## jbspv
               0.272131
                          0.020225 13.455 < 2e-16 ***
## lvgptnea
               -0.097564
                          0.020026
                                    -4.872 1.11e-06 ***
## sclmeet
               0.186905
                          0.006440 29.021 < 2e-16 ***
## hhmmb
               0.021528
                          0.002362
                                    9.113 < 2e-16 ***
## parntr
               -0.080274
                          0.022590 -3.554 0.000381 ***
## ---
                  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
## Residual standard error: 1.713 on 34824 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1048, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1045
## F-statistic: 339.8 on 12 and 34824 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
AIC(lm.happy)
## [1] 136372.8
```

Each of the variables turned out to be statistically significant at the confidence level of 95%. The R^2 value was only 12%. A small R^2 value does not mean that the model is not matched. A literal interpretation of this coefficient is as follows: the model explains the variance of the HAPPY variable in 12%. Therefore, one can deduct that the human environment influences happiness level of a person by 12%. It should be borne in mind that there are many factors influencing human happiness in a more direct way, e.g. income level, age, health or place of residence. The value of the F statistic is 390 and AIC-135844. These

statistics become useful when comparing with other models. Very small p-value means that at least one of the explanatory variables is statistically significant. As each variable turned out to be statistically significant, it is not necessary to create a model with a selection strategy.

```
k <- ols_all_subset(lm.happy)
plot(k)</pre>
```

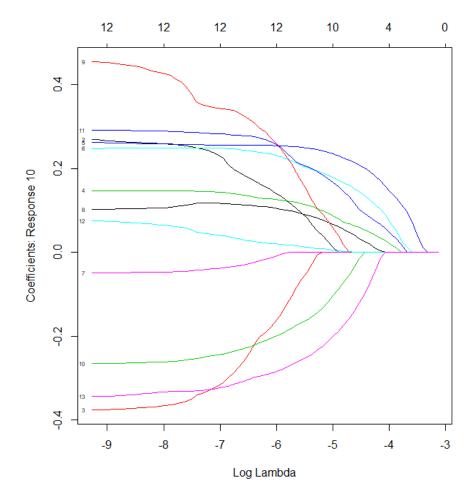


The above plot shows how the model was seeking for optimum.

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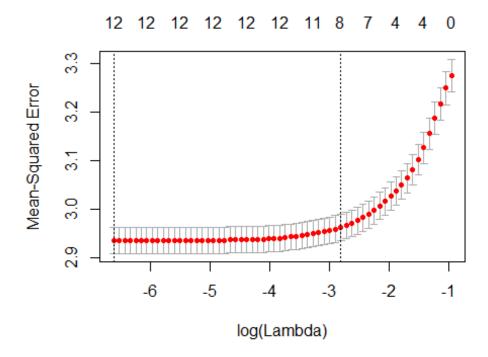
The second method used to detect dependences of explanatory variables with the variable HAPPY was LASSO regression. LASSO is a method of variable selection for statistical models. The LASSO method imposes a constraint on the sum of the absolute values of the model parameters, the sum must be less than the fixed value (upper limit).

```
# LASSO
x <- model.matrix(happy~., -1, data = regressiondata)
y <- regressiondata$happy
fit.lasso <- glmnet(x, y, family="multinomial")
plot(fit.lasso, xvar="lambda", label=TRUE)</pre>
```



Each curve represents the ratio in the model. The X axis is a lambda function, the penalty parameter. The y-axis gives the value of the coefficient. The graph shows how the coefficients "enter the model" (become non-zero) when the lambda changes. The graph shows that the most deviated or influential variables are variables 3 and 9, i.e. INPRDSC and LVGPTNEA, respectively.

```
cv.lasso <- cv.glmnet(x, y)
plot(cv.lasso)</pre>
```



```
coef(cv.lasso)
## 14 x 1 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
## (Intercept)
                5.542279819
## (Intercept)
## chldhhe
## dvrcdeva
               -0.137458686
## inprdsc
                0.081984429
## iphlppl
                0.111959303
## iplylfr
                0.127206143
## iprspot
## ipudrst
                0.031807680
## jbspv
                0.164841256
## lvgptnea
## sclmeet
                0.157661214
## hhmmb
                0.006490678
## parntr
```

After using the LASSO method, the following explanatory variables remained in the model: DVRCDEVA, INPRDSC, IPHLPPL, IPLYLFR, IPUDRST, JBSPV, SCLMEET, HHMMB. Then another linear regression model was built using these variables. The results of the second linear regression model were as follows:

```
# linear regression No. 2
lm.happy2 <- lm(happy~dvrcdeva+ inprdsc+ iphlppl+ iplylfr+ ipudrst+</pre>
                 jbspv+ sclmeet+ hhmmb, data=regressiondata)
summary(lm.happy2)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = happy ~ dvrcdeva + inprdsc + iphlppl + iplylfr +
      ipudrst + jbspv + sclmeet + hhmmb, data = regressiondata)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               10 Median
                              30
                                     Max
## -8.6258 -0.8206 0.2254 1.1398 4.8125
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 5.055155 0.050902 99.311 < 2e-16 ***
## dvrcdeva -0.279314 0.024467 -11.416 < 2e-16 ***
## inprdsc
              0.095772  0.004100  23.361  < 2e-16 ***
## iphlppl
              0.135398
                         0.010876 12.450 < 2e-16 ***
              0.151995
                         0.011672 13.022 < 2e-16 ***
## iplylfr
## ipudrst
             0.060231
                         0.009740 6.184 6.32e-10 ***
               0.278239
                         0.020132 13.821 < 2e-16 ***
## jbspv
               ## sclmeet
## hhmmb
               0.020373    0.002355    8.651 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
                 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
## Residual standard error: 1.715 on 34828 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1019, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1017
## F-statistic: 494.2 on 8 and 34828 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
AIC(lm.happy2)
## [1] 136476.8
```

As one can see, each variable is statistically significant, even at the 99% significance level. Unfortunately, R² has remained low and the result of the AIC-136476.7 criterion is almost the same as in the first model.

Conclusions

From the perspective of interpersonal interactions, the following variables influence the human level of happiness:

- free expression: 5.05. This means that with all other parameters equal to 0, the level of happiness would be 5.05 on a scale of 0-10,
- DVRCDEVA: -0.28. This means that those who divorce are 28% happier than those without divorce,

- INPRDSC: 0.096. A clear interpretation is complicated by the uneven scale of this variable. However, it can be stated that if the respondent has one more person for intimate confessions, his happiness level should increase by about 9%,
- IPHLPPL: 0.13. People who are 1/6 more empathetic, are 13% happier,
- \bullet IPLYLFR: 0.15. It can be deduced from this value that with the increase in human loyalty by 1/6, its happiness level increases by 13%,
- IPUDRST: 0.07. People for whom the understanding of other people is 1/6 more important- are 7% happier,
- JBSPV: 0.29. People who are responsible for managing other people are 29% happier,
- SCLMEET: 0.18. People who meet with family or friends 1/7 more often are 18% happier,
- HHMMB: 0.02. People who live with 1 more person in the household are 2% happier than those with 1 person less,

All the above variables are statistically significant, so it is reasonable to draw conclusions from their coefficients. However, the R^2 coefficient is only 10%, so the whole model explains the variance of the HAPPY variable only in 10%. Thus, it can be concluded that social interactions are an important factor affecting the well-being of a person, but certainly not the only one and not even the key one.