

MATH IS FUN IF YOU ANALYZE IT RIGHT!

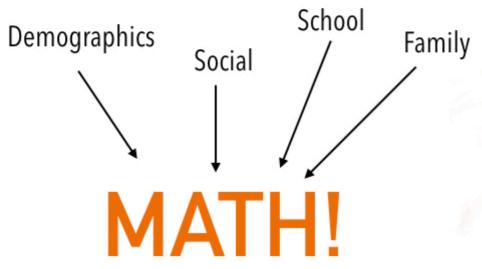
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OUR DATA SET



Student achievement in secondary education of two Portuguese schools

- November 2014
- School reports and questionnaires
- 395 observations and 33 variables



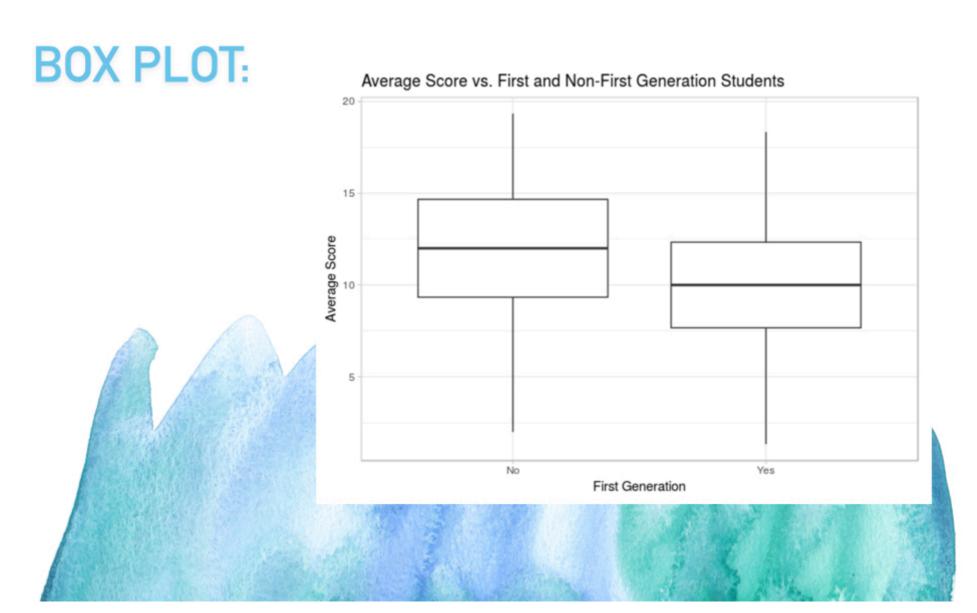




Research Question:

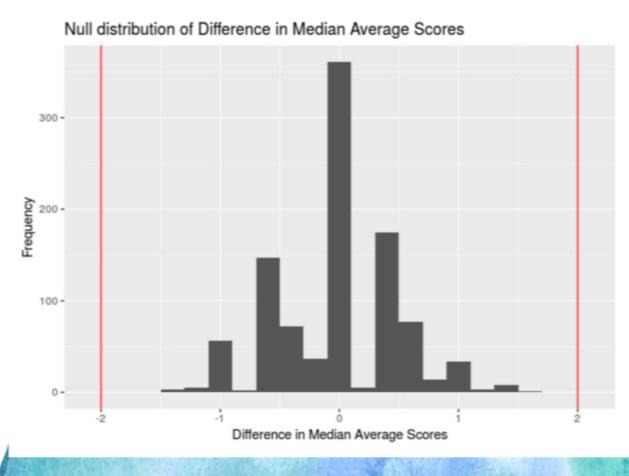
Is there a statistically significant math score difference between first and non-first generation students? If so, we want to find out what are the variables that affect math scores in each group, in order to determine which factors we need to address to reduce the difference in math scores between first and non-first generation students.

Is there a difference in grades between first and non-first generation students?



Is there a statistically significant difference in grades between first and non-first generation students?

BOOTSTRAP:



How certain are we of the difference between first and non-first generation students' grades?

CONFIDENCE INTERVAL (95%):

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Which variables affect the math scores of each group?

FIRST GENERATION

NON-FIRST GENERATION

- Past Class Failures
- O Gender
- Study time
- Going out
- Address (urban or rural)
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Higher education
- O Absences
- Workday alcohol consumption

- Past Class Failures
- O Mother's job
- Father's job
- Pursuing higher education
- O School
- Workday alcohol consumption
- O Internet access
- Travel time











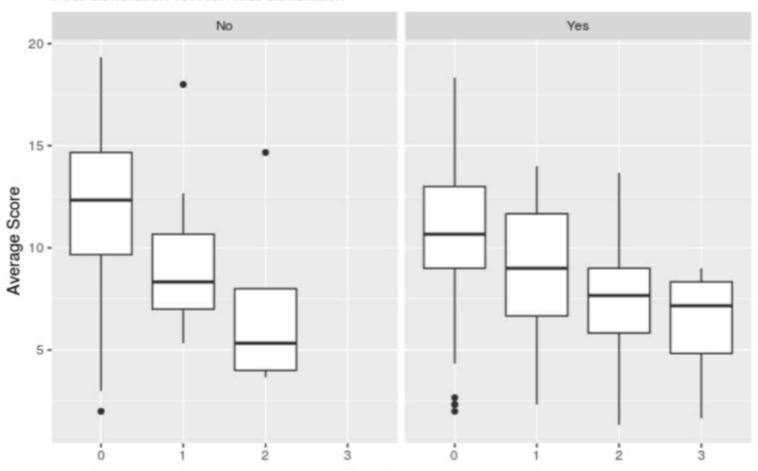






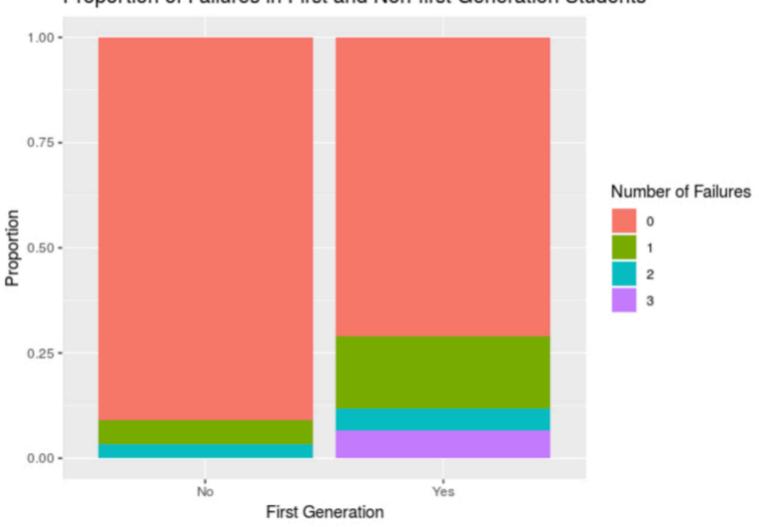
Relationship Between Average Scores and Numbers of Past Failures

First Generation vs. Non-first Generation

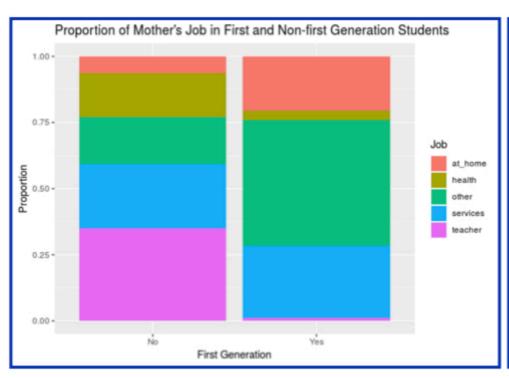


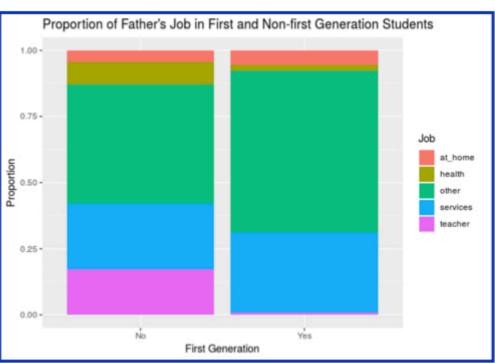


Proportion of Failures in First and Non-first Generation Students



PARENTS' JOBS



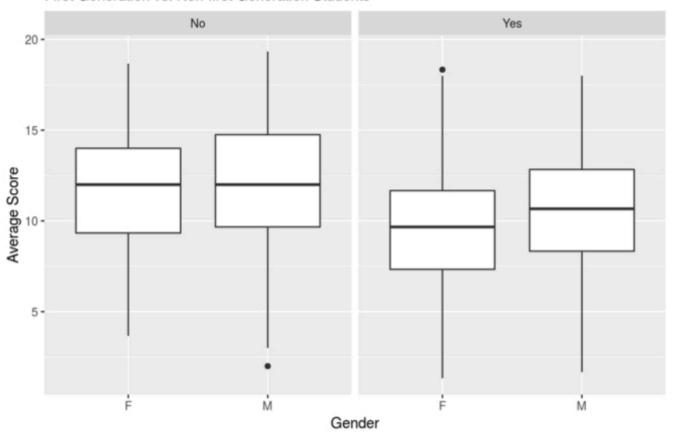


- 1. Non-first generation students: Parents as "Teachers"
- 2. Non-first generation students: Mothers in healthcare

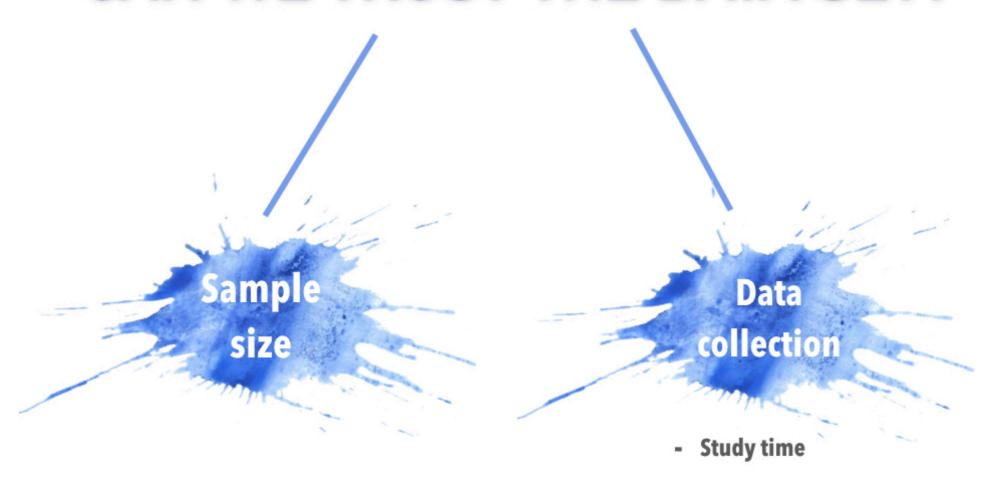


GENDER

Relationship Between Average Scores and Gender First Generation vs. Non-first Generation Students



CAN WE TRUST THE DATA SET?



FURTHER RESEARCH...

- Failures
- Parent's jobs

- 3 Gender
- 4 Going out