Study Design Continuous Assessment

Analysis of DkIT Student's Wellbeing Survey.



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Introduction

Wellbeing is defined as a person experiencing health and happiness. Many factors can affect a person's well-being, such as physical and mental health (Dolan, P., Peasgood, T. & White, M., 2008). Students' wellbeing is important as it affects the ability of students to develop their potential (education.ec.europa.eu, n.d.).

In this report, we are going to analyze the well-being of students at Dundalk Institute of Technology. We will create an online survey to collect data from students and analyze the data using R programming language to gain statistical insights and create a conclusion.

Research Area

As university students we chose to study the area of student wellbeing since it is a highly relevant and impactful phenomenon and since we are also affected by that as much as other students are, we were curious to discover more about this phenomenon that has been impacting us, our classmates and friends who are pursuing their bachelor's degree inside of DkIT. We agreed that physical and mental health should be included in our research since both of them matter equally, embracing both of them will give us the ability to have more insights about this study as both of them impact academic performance which is considered one of the most crucial parts of a student's degree.

Research Question

Our research question is "Do students in Dundalk Institute of Technology prioritize their wellbeing as in physical and mental health?"

We settled with this question since the well-being of students is not only about physical health as some people think but also about mental health, also understanding if students prioritize their mental and physical health or not will shed light on the difficulties students find in prioritizing their wellbeing not only but it will also shed light on how students that prioritize their well-being manage to do that. We decided to include DkIT's students in this research question only since they are the most accessible people for us and also because we are part of them, thus it will make us comprehend them better.

Preliminary Research and Hypothesis

We did some research that is related to our research questions to further understand the research topic.

1. <u>Prioritization of needs among students of the University of Medical Sciences: A needs assessment (Fattahi et al., 2020)</u>

This journal was created to assess the needs of students from the Iran University of Medical Sciences. The research was done by using qualitative methods and they did interviews for the survey type. Then they proceeded to use a simple random sampling to select people to complete the questionnaires.

The result and conclusion of this journal:

- a. The students prioritize their well-being first and ranked their educational needs as secondary.
- b. Gender is not a factor in the result of the survey.
- c. Marital status might be affecting the students' economic needs.
- d. The education system should take into consideration the physical needs of its students.

2. Young people's perceptions of mental and physical health in the context of general wellbeing (Singletary et al., 2014)

This report conducts a study to what is the perception of health from the perspective of young people. The research was done by using qualitative methods and they did anonymous questionnaires for the survey type. They also considered gender as a factor for this survey.

The result and conclusion:

- a. Most young people correlate wellbeing with only physical health and only a few think that mental health can affect their wellbeing.
- b. The gender does not impact the response as both genders answered similarly, but more girls included the social aspect of mental health.

From both of the research that we did, we decided that we hypothesize that DkIT students will prioritize their well-being, especially their physical health but also their mental health.

Survey

For our survey, we decided to conduct an online questionnaire survey which is Qualitative research, and we will use Google Forms since it is easily accessible and a user-friendly website for both survey creators and respondents. The responses are collected in real-time, and they are immediately available for analysis, it also provides a variety of question formats. Thus, we decided to use it for our survey.

The sampling method that we used is a mixture between Convenience and Snowball Sampling. We sent the survey link to our closest friends who are easily accessible to us and we asked them to send it to their friends to get more responses.

We divided our survey into three parts and each part has several questions: (See Appendix A)

- 1. We focused on obtaining the general information of the respondent such as Age, Course name, Type of the course (full-time/part-time), and their GPA for the last academic year.
- 2. For the second part of our survey, we focused on making physical health questions and it included questions such as Sleep hours per night, Smoking or vaping habits, drinking habits, physical activity, diet type, and overall physical health rating.
- 3. The third part of our survey focused on the respondent's mental health. It had questions such as how much students prioritize their mental health and manage stress in their daily lives, how often they feel depressed or sad, whether have they ever had thoughts of self-harm or suicide, and the rating of their mental health.

We did not use any sampling method since we only had 35 responses, but our response rate was 0.875 (87.5%) since we sent the survey to 40 students and 35 of them responded to it. For our data collection, we used the option of the CSV file that Google Forms provides to analyze our data since a CSV file makes it easier to access and use.

The time frame of the conduction of our data was a month since at first we did not have a lot of students to whom we could send the survey, but later we decided to use snowball sampling to get more responses since the convenience sampling was not enough.

Data Cleaning

The cleaning that we have done to our data is the following:

Column name	Cleaning made	
Age Column:	We replaced the question 'How old are you?' with 'Age' We considered '<18' as 17	
	We considered '18-25' as 22	
	We considered '25-35' as 30	
	We considered '>35' as 36	
Gender column:	We replaced the question 'What is your gender?' with 'Gender'	
	We considered 'Females' as F	
	We considered 'Males' as M	
	We considered 'Prefer not to say' as P	
Course column	We replaced the question 'In what field are you doing your	
	degree?' with 'Course'	
	We considered the Department of Business Studies a BS	
	We considered the Department of Computing Science and Mathematics as CSM We considered the Department of Creative Arts, Media, and Music as CAMM	
	We considered the Department of Electronic and Mechanical	
	Engineering as EME	
	We considered the Department of Engineering Trades and Civil	
	Engineering as ETCE	
	We considered the Department of Hospitality Studies as an HS	
	We considered the Department of Humanities as H	
	We considered Department of Life & Health Sciences as LHS	
	We considered the Department of Management and Financial	
	Studies as MFS	
	We considered the Department of Nursing, Midwifery & Early	
	Years as NMEY	

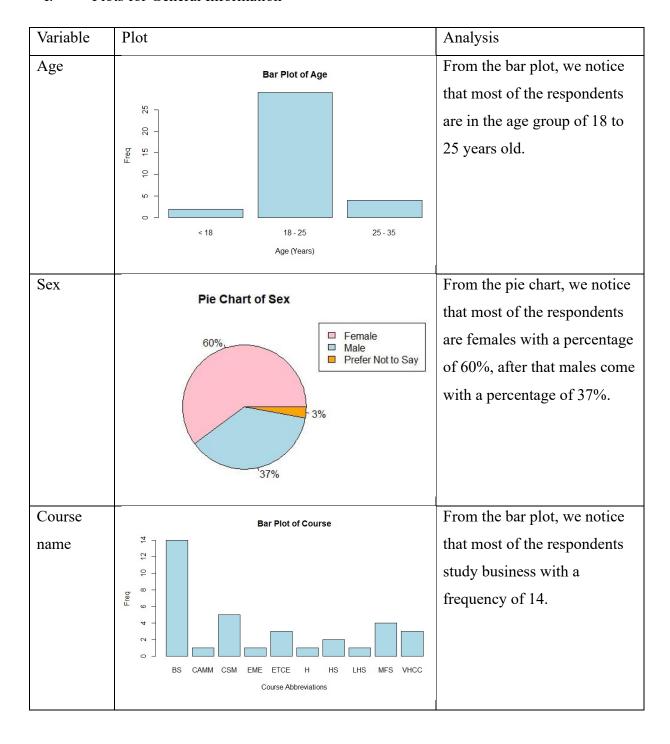
	We considered the Department of the Built Environment as BE	
	We considered the Department of Visual and Human-Centred	
	Computing as VHCC	
	We considered the Department of Agriculture, Food & Animal	
	Health as AFAH	
FT/PT column	We replaced the question 'Are you a full-time or a part-time	
	student' with 'FT/PT'	
	We considered 'full time' as 'FT'	
	We considered 'part-time' as 'PT'	
GPA column	We replaced the question 'What is your last year's GPA?' with	
	'GPA'	
	We considered '40-60' as '50'	
	We considered '60-80' as '70'	
	We considered 'More than 80' as '90'	
Sleep hours column:	We replaced the question 'How many hours of sleep do you get	
	usually per night?' with 'Sleep hours'.	
	We considered ',<4 hours' as '2 hours'	
	We considered '4-6hours' as '5 hours'	
	We considered '6-8hours' as '7 hours'	
	We considered '8-10hours' as '9 hours'	
Smoke/ vape column:	We replaced the question 'Do you smoke or vape?' with	
	'Smoke/vape'.	
Drink per week column:	week column: We replaced the question 'How often do you drink weekly?' with	
	'Drink per week'.	
	We considered '0 days' as '0 days'.	
	We considered '1-3 days' as '2 days'.	

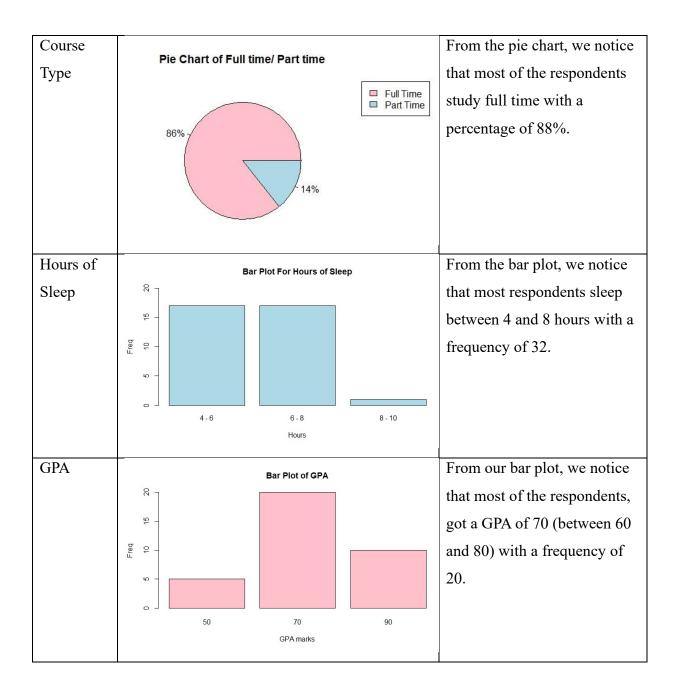
	We considered 'More than 3 days' as '4 days'.	
Exercise per week column:	We replaced the question 'How often do you exercise or engage	
	in physical activity each week?' with 'Exercise per week'.	
	We considered '0' as '0'	
	We considered '1 to 3 times' as '2 times'	
	We considered '3 to 5 times' as '4 times'	
	We considered 'More than 5 times' as '6 times'	
Diet satisfaction column	We replaced the question 'Are you satisfied with your current	
	diet and nutrition habits' with 'Diet satisfaction'	
Physical health rating	We replaced the question 'How would you rate your overall	
column	physical health in a scale of 1 to 5?' with 'Physical health rating'.	
Mental health prioritization	We replaced the question 'Do you prioritize mental health and	
column	stress management in your daily life?' with 'Mental health	
	prioritization'.	
Depression scale column	We replaced the question 'How often do you feel depressed in	
	your daily life?' with 'Depression scale.	
Suicidal thoughts column	We replaced the question Have you ever had thoughts of self-	
	harm or suicide?' with 'Suicidal thoughts'.	
Mental health rating column	We replaced the question 'How would you rate your current level	
	of mental health on a scale of 1 to 5?' with 'Mental health rating.	

Data Analysis

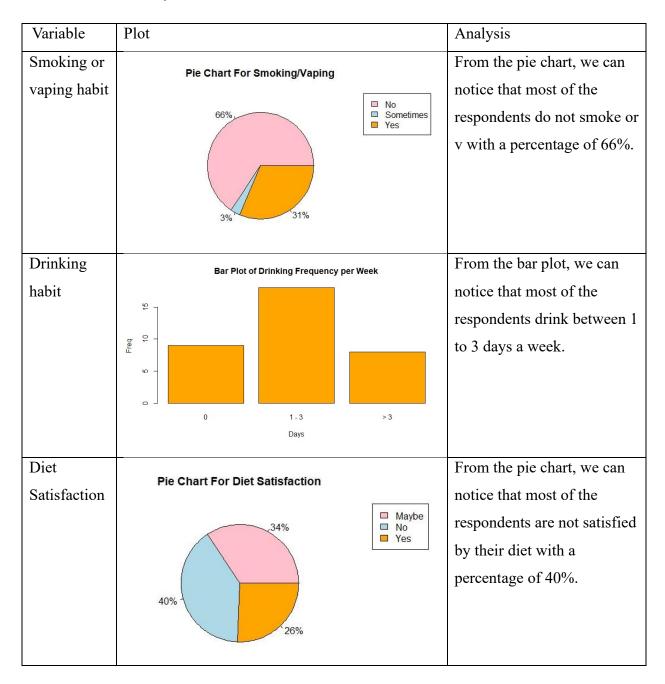
We used R programming language to create plots for the variables in the survey. (See Appendix B)

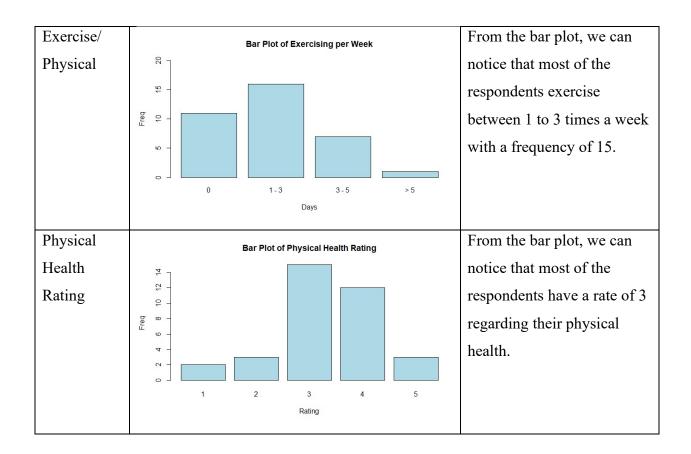
I. Plots for General Information





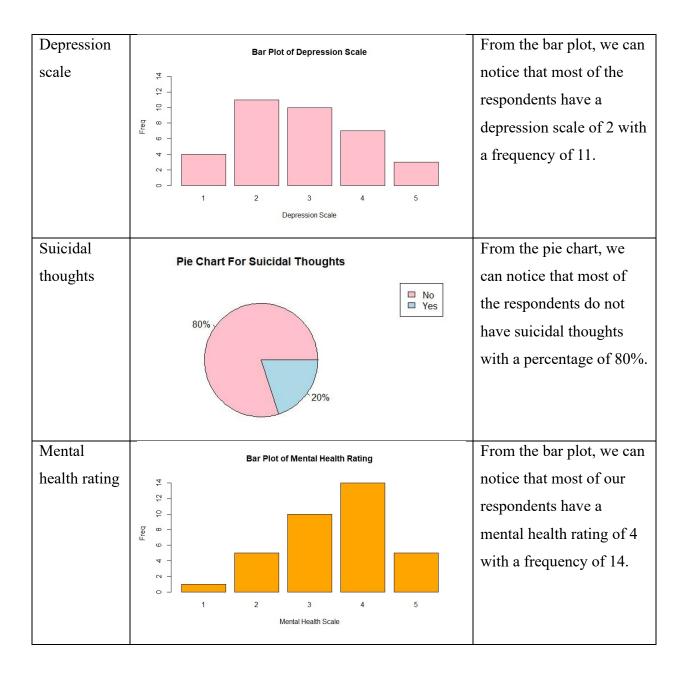
II. Plot for Physical Health Sector





III. Plots for the Mental Health Sector

Variable	Plot	Analysis
Mental health prioritization	Pie Chart For Mental Health Prioritization Maybe No Yes	From the pie chart, we can notice that most of the respondents prioritize their mental health with a percentage of 49%



Hypothesis Testing

We did a single and multiple regression test for the Physical and Mental health sectors to see what are the factors that affect each of them.

The multiple regression test is a part of the t-test as we will check the t-value of each test. (See Appendix C)

A. Physical Health

From the regression test, we first use the full model by adding all variables that we think might affect the physical health of students. The summary of the full model states that the only significant variable is the Exercise (with p-value = 8.94e-07 < 0.05). We did the added variable test to check if there are variables that do not affect Physical Health by looking at the plot and if there is no slope present by the blue line, it means that the variable is not significant and should be removed.

Considering the p-value from the multiple linear regression, we decided to use the Exercise variable only making it a single linear regression model for Physical Health. We did some tests using the AIC and BIC to check which of the models is preferred, the full model or the single model (reduced model). From AIC and BIC testing, we choose the smaller value as the preferred model and both AIC and BIC testing show that the single linear regression (reduced model) is preferred as it has a smaller value.

So we conclude that the variable that is affecting Physical Health the most is the amount of days of exercising.

B. Mental Health

From the regression test, we first use the full model by adding all variables that we think might affect the mental health of students. The summary of the full model states that the only significant variable is the Depression Scale (the p-value is the smallest among all other variables). We did the added variable test to check if there are variables that do not affect Mental Health by looking at the plot and if there is no slope present by the blue line, it means that the variable is not significant and should be removed.

Considering the p-value from the multiple linear regression, we decided to use the Depression scale variable only making it a single linear regression model for Mental Health.

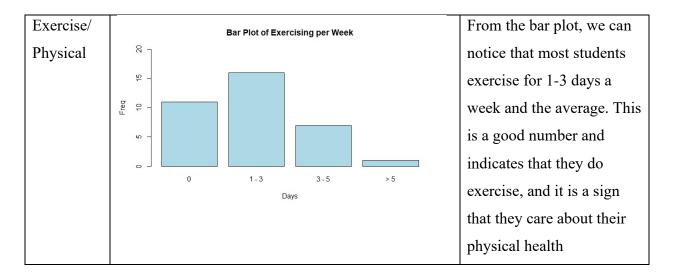
We did two tests using the AIC and BIC to check which of the models is preferred, the full model or the single model (reduced model). From AIC and BIC testing, we choose the smaller value as the preferred model and both AIC and BIC testing show that the single linear regression (reduced model) is preferred as it has a smaller value.

So we conclude that the variable that is affecting Mental Health the most is the scale of

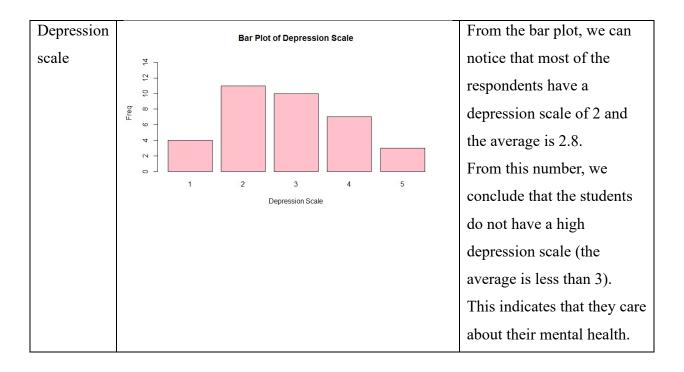
So we conclude that the variable that is affecting Mental Health the most is the scale of depression of the respondents.

To answer our hypothesis of "Do students in DkIT prioritize their well-being (physical and mental health)?", we are going to look at the plot of the Exercise and Depression scale in addition to our multiple linear regression.

From the plot of Exercise per week:



From the plot of Depression Scale:



Conclusion

From the hypothesis testing section, we conclude that the students from Dundalk Institute of Technology do prioritize their physical and mental health which also indicates that they prioritize their wellbeing.

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Appendix

Appendix A

https://forms.gle/K2L24kub9ZQfU9Y98

Appendix B

The code for the plots (R programming):

```
data = read.csv("D:\\Kaylee\\Kuliah\\Study Design\\data.csv")
data
###
age.freq = table(data\$Age)
barplot(age.freq, main = "Bar Plot of Age", names.arg = c(< 18', 18 - 25', 25 - 35'), ylab = 'Freq',
xlab = 'Age (Years)', col = "lightblue")
sex.freq = table(data\$Sex)
percent.labels <- round(100*sex.freq/sum(sex.freq))
pie.labels <- paste(percent.labels, "%", sep = "")
pie(table(data$Sex), main = "Pie Chart of Sex",labels =pie.labels,col =c("pink",
"lightblue", 'orange'))
legend("topright", legend = c("Female", "Male", 'Prefer Not to Say'), fill = c("pink",
"lightblue", 'orange'))
course.freq = table(data$Course)
barplot(course.freq, main = "Bar Plot of Course", ylab = 'Freq', xlab = 'Course Abbreviations',
col = "lightblue")
ftpt.freq = table(data$FT...PT)
percent.labels <- round(100*ftpt.freq/sum(ftpt.freq))</pre>
pie.labels <- paste(percent.labels, "%", sep = "")
pie(ftpt.freq, main = "Pie Chart of Full time/ Part time", labels = pie.labels,col =c("pink",
```

```
"lightblue"))
legend("topright", legend = c("Full Time", "Part Time"), fill = c("pink", "lightblue"))
GPA.freq = table(data\$GPA)
barplot(GPA.freq, main = "Bar Plot of GPA", ylab = 'Freq', xlab = 'GPA marks', col = "pink")
sleep.freq = table(data$Sleep..hrs.)
barplot(sleep.freq, main = "Bar Plot For Hours of Sleep", names.arg = c('4 - 6', '6 - 8', '8 - 10'),
     ylim = c(0,20), ylab = 'Freq', xlab = 'Hours', col = "lightblue")
smoke.freq = table(data$Smoke...Vape)
percent.labels <- round(100*smoke.freq/sum(smoke.freq))
pie.labels <- paste(percent.labels, "%", sep = "")
pie(smoke.freq, main = "Pie Chart For Smoking/Vaping", labels = pie.labels, col = c("pink",
"lightblue", 'orange'))
legend("topright", legend = c("No", "Sometimes", "Yes"), fill = c("pink", "lightblue", 'orange'))
drink.freq = table(data$Drink.per.week..days.)
barplot(drink.freq, main = "Bar Plot of Drinking Frequency per Week", names.arg = c ('0','1 -
3', > 3'), ylab = 'Freq', xlab = 'Days', col = "orange")
exercise.freq = table(data$Exercise.per.week..days.)
barplot(exercise.freq, main = "Bar Plot of Exercising per Week", names.arg = c ('0','1 - 3','3 -
5', 5'), y \lim = c(0.20), y \lim = 'Freq', x \lim = 'Days', col = "lightblue")
diet.freq = table(data$Diet.Satisfaction)
percent.labels <- round(100*diet.freq/sum(diet.freq))
pie.labels <- paste(percent.labels, "%", sep = "")
pie(diet.freq, main = "Pie Chart For Diet Satisfaction", labels = pie.labels, col = c("pink",
"lightblue", 'orange'))
legend("topright", legend = c("Maybe", 'No', "Yes"), fill = c("pink", "lightblue", 'orange'))
```

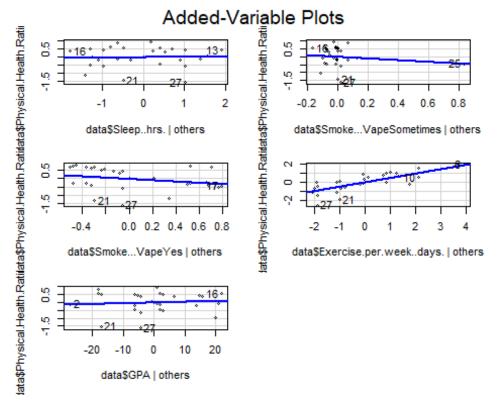
```
physical.freq = table(data$Physical.Health.Rating)
barplot(physical.freq, main = "Bar Plot of Physical Health Rating", ylab = 'Freq', xlab = 'Rating',
col = "lightblue")
mental.freq = table(data$Mental.Health.Prioritization)
percent.labels <- round(100*mental.freq/sum(mental.freq))
pie.labels <- paste(percent.labels, "%", sep = "")
pie(mental.freq, main = "Pie Chart For Mental Health Prioritization", labels = pie.labels, col
=c("pink", "lightblue", 'orange'))
legend("topright", legend = c("Maybe", 'No', "Yes"), fill = c("pink", "lightblue", 'orange'))
depression.freq = table(data$Depression.Scale)
barplot(depression.freq, main = "Bar Plot of Depression Scale", ylim = c(0,15), ylab = 'Freq', xlab
= 'Depression Scale', col = "pink")
suicide.freq = table(data$Suicide.Thoughts)
percent.labels <- round(100*suicide.freg/sum(suicide.freg))
pie.labels <- paste(percent.labels, "%", sep = "")
pie(suicide.freq, main = "Pie Chart For Suicidal Thoughts", labels = pie.labels, col = c("pink",
"lightblue"))
legend("topright", legend = c('No', "Yes"), fill = c("pink", "lightblue"))
mental.freq = table(data$Mental.Health.Rating)
barplot(mental.freq, main = "Bar Plot of Mental Health Rating", ylim = c(0,15), ylab = 'Freq',
xlab = 'Mental Health Scale', col = "orange")
```

Appendix C

```
Loading the data
data = read.csv("D:\\Kaylee\\Kuliah\\Study Design\\data.csv")
#data
```

Testing the model for Physical Health

```
library(car)
#creating the full model
physical model=1m(data$Physical.Health.Rating~data$Sleep..hrs.+data$Smoke...V
ape+
     data$Exercise.per.week..days.+data$GPA)
summary(physical model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$Physical.Health.Rating ~ data$Sleep..hrs. +
       data$Smoke...Vape + data$Exercise.per.week..days. + data$GPA)
##
## Residuals:
                      Median
                                           Max
        Min
                  10
                                   30
##
## -1.60118 -0.44470 0.02124 0.47005 0.94620
## Coefficients:
##
                                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                 2.004459
                                            0.819041
                                                       2.447
                                                               0.0207 *
## data$Sleep..hrs.
                                                       0.349
                                 0.039654
                                            0.113734
                                                               0.7299
## data$Smoke...VapeSometimes
                                 -0.535886
                                            0.714461 -0.750
                                                               0.4593
## data$Smoke...VapeYes
                                 -0.376890
                                            0.256799 -1.468
                                                               0.1530
## data$Exercise.per.week..days. 0.461414
                                            0.074287
                                                       6.211 8.94e-07 ***
## data$GPA
                                 0.004559
                                            0.009394
                                                       0.485
                                                               0.6311
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.6533 on 29 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.6076, Adjusted R-squared:
## F-statistic: 8.981 on 5 and 29 DF, p-value: 3.042e-05
#checking the added variable plot
avPlots(physical model)
```



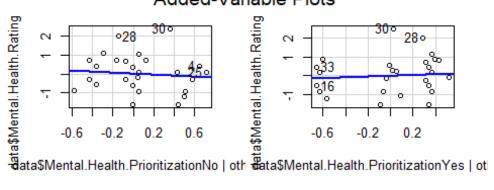
```
#Not satisfied with the added variable plot, so proceed with reduced model (s
ingle linear model)
slm=lm(data$Physical.Health.Rating~
         data$Exercise.per.week..days.)
summary(slm)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$Physical.Health.Rating ~ data$Exercise.per.week..days.)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
## -1.4687 -0.3655 -0.2624 0.6345 0.7376
##
## Coefficients:
##
                                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                  2.46867
                                             0.17095
                                                     14.441 8.05e-16 ***
## data$Exercise.per.week..days.
                                  0.44843
                                             0.06946
                                                       6.456 2.54e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.6499 on 33 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.5581, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5447
## F-statistic: 41.68 on 1 and 33 DF, p-value: 2.538e-07
#Checking the AIC and BIC
AIC(physical_model,slm)
```

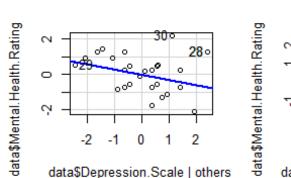
```
##
                  df
                         AIC
## physical_model 7 76.94270
## slm
                   3 73.10179
BIC(physical model,slm)
##
                  df
                          BIC
## physical_model 7 87.83014
## slm
                   3 77.76783
#both AIC and BIC prefer the reduced model
```

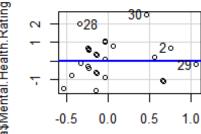
Testing the model for Mental Health

```
#creating the full model
mental_model=lm(data$Mental.Health.Rating~data$Mental.Health.Prioritization+d
ata$Depression.Scale+data$Suicide.Thoughts)
summary(mental model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$Mental.Health.Rating ~ data$Mental.Health.Prioritization
+
##
       data$Depression.Scale + data$Suicide.Thoughts)
##
## Residuals:
                      Median
       Min
                 1Q
                                    3Q
                                            Max
## -1.62245 -0.65274 0.08222 0.59765 2.49813
##
## Coefficients:
##
                                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                        4.27370
                                                    0.49775
                                                              8.586 1.4e-09
## (Intercept)
## data$Mental.Health.PrioritizationNo -0.26602
                                                    0.47713 -0.558
                                                                      0.5813
## data$Mental.Health.PrioritizationYes 0.23475
                                                    0.38963
                                                             0.603
                                                                      0.5514
## data$Depression.Scale
                                        -0.29534
                                                    0.15688 -1.883
                                                                      0.0695.
## data$Suicide.ThoughtsYes
                                        -0.02914
                                                    0.44313 -0.066
                                                                      0.9480
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.9713 on 30 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1853, Adjusted R-squared: 0.07667
## F-statistic: 1.706 on 4 and 30 DF, p-value: 0.1748
#checking the added variable plot
avPlots(mental model)
```

Added-Variable Plots







data\$Suicide.ThoughtsYes | others

```
#Not satisfied with the added variable, proceed with the reduced model withou
t Suicide
reduced_model = lm(data$Mental.Health.Rating~data$Depression.Scale)
summary(reduced_model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$Mental.Health.Rating ~ data$Depression.Scale)
##
## Residuals:
##
                  1Q
                       Median
                                    3Q
                                            Max
##
  -1.75731 -0.59593 -0.09276 0.57179
                                        2.24269
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                              10.290 7.87e-12 ***
## (Intercept)
                           4.4346
                                      0.4310
                                                       0.0237 *
## data$Depression.Scale -0.3355
                                      0.1414
                                              -2.372
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.9484 on 33 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1457, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1198
## F-statistic: 5.626 on 1 and 33 DF, p-value: 0.02368
#Checking the AIC and BIC
AIC(mental model, reduced model)
```

```
## df AIC
## mental_model 6 103.89518
## reduced_model 3 99.55784

BIC(mental_model,reduced_model)

## df BIC
## mental_model 6 113.2273
## reduced_model 3 104.2239

#Both AIC and BIC prefer a reduced model
```

Appendix D:

Research Area: Israa and Kaylee

Research Question: Israa and Kaylee

Preliminary Research and Hypothesis: Kaylee

Survey: Israa

Data Cleaning: Israa and Kaylee Data Analysis: Israa and Kaylee

Hypothesis Testing: Israa and Kaylee