

UBC Salaries: Exploratory Analysis of Gender

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Aim

This document explores The University of British Columbia (UBC) faculty salaries based on guessed gender.

Data

Salary data was sourced from (University of British Columbia 2020). To access individual financial reports, click on the yearly links under the header **Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**.

Gender data was inferred using first names of staff members. In order to guess gender, I used baby name datasets Sharma (n.d.).

Methods

The Python programming language (Van Rossum and Drake 2009) was used to perform this analysis.

Data collection

As mentioned earlier, for UBC salary data, I used the PDF salary information that UBC releases every year (University of British Columbia 2020). The following steps were taken to collect the data.

- Use the `requests` package to access the UBC Financial Reports [webpage](#).
- Extract links to annual salary PDFs by locating the “Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)” section on the webpage and parsing the links.
- If there are any links (and associated PDFs) for which we have not already collected salary data, extract the text from the PDF using the package `pypdf`.
- Open the stored salary data dictionary
- Add the new salary text data to the salary data dictionary

The code does not necessarily follow the order described above.

An excerpt of the raw salary data is below.

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Kolhatkar, Ashra 79,036 550 Kolhatkar, Varada 88,579 - Kolind, Shannon H 108,817
```

Data cleaning

In this section, the following steps are taken to clean the salary data:

- Remove special characters from text. For example, §.
- Removes unnecessary text content. For example, the “[Auditor’s] Qualified Opinion”.
- Uses regex to process the raw text data into a structured DataFrame with columns: `Name`, `Remuneration`, `Expenses`.
- Splits the `Name` column into first and last names.
- Converts salary values to a numeric data type.
- Shortens first and last name to allow for easier name matching between years. For example, someone’s name in 2020 could be “Bob M Sherbert” and in 2021 their name could be “Bob-M Sherbert”. This name would be shortened to Bob Sherbert to avoid mismatching.
- Concatenate dataframes from all years together.

Table 1 shows an excerpt of the cleaned salary data.

Table 1: Clean UBC Salary Data

	Last_Name	First_Name	Remuneration	Expenses	Year
0	Aamodt	Tor	193153	5597.0	2023

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	Last_Name	First_Name	Remuneration	Expenses	Year
1	Abanto	Arlen	107723	393.0	2023
2	Abbassi	Arash	109136	82.0	2023
3	Abdalkhani	Arman	101829	NaN	2023
4	Abdi	Ali	238203	2981.0	2023

Results

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