

Exercise 7.2 (Includes Assignment 5)

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Assignment 5

Set the working directory to the root of your DSC 520 directory

```
setwd("C:/Users/manzo/Documents/Bellevue/Classes/DSC 520/Personal GitHub/DSC520")
```

Load the data/r4ds/heights.csv

```
heights_df <- read.csv("data/r4ds/heights.csv")
```

Using cor() compute correclation coefficients for

height vs. earn

```
cor(heights_df$height, heights_df$earn)
```

```
## [1] 0.2418481
```

age vs. earn

```
cor(heights_df$age, heights_df$earn)
```

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ed vs. earn

```
cor(heights_df$ed, heights_df$earn)
```

```
## [1] 0.3399765
```

Spurious correlation - Compute the correlation between these variables

```
tech_spending <- c(18079, 18594, 19753, 20734, 20831, 23029, 23597, 23584, 25525, 27731, 29449)
suicides <- c(5427, 5688, 6198, 6462, 6635, 7336, 7248, 7491, 8161, 8578, 9000)
cor(tech_spending, suicides)
```

```
## [1] 0.9920817
```

Exercise 7.2.2

i. Use R to calculate the covariance of the Survey variables and provide an explanation of why you would use this calculation and what the results indicate.

```
cov(survey_df[, c(1, 2:4)])
```

```
##           TimeReading      TimeTV  Happiness      Gender
## TimeReading    3.05454545 -20.36363636 -10.350091 -0.08181818
## TimeTV         -20.36363636 174.09090909 114.377273  0.04545455
## Happiness     -10.35009091 114.37727273 185.451422  1.11663636
## Gender         -0.08181818  0.04545455  1.116636  0.27272727
```

Covariance is a statistical measure for determining if two variables are related to one another, in that as they each deviate from their means, their movement moves in the same direction (positive or negative). Significant findings:

1. As TimeReading increases, TimeTV and Happiness decrease
2. As TimeTV increases, Happiness increases
3. On average, Gender “1” reads less, watches more TV, and is happier than Gender “2”

ii. Examine the Survey data variables. What measurement is being used for the variables? Explain what effect changing the measurement being used for the variables would have on the covariance calculation. Would this be a problem? Explain and provide a better alternative if needed.

1. TimeReading & TimeTV appear to use the same time-based ratio units, perhaps hours. These two variables can be compared objectively.
2. Happiness appears to use a interval measurement based on an unknown attributes and calculations. Lacking standardization relative to the time variables, covariance statistics comparing happiness to time reading or time watching TV can obscure the magnitude of covariance returned due to lack or standardization between happiness and the time-based variables. This
3. Gender uses a nominal variable (1 or 0) to delineate between two different genders. Because the mean of the variable of the variable depends on the sum of the of the variables divided by overall count, the magnitude of covariance returned when comparing gender with the other variables depends on the ratio of 1s to 0s.
4. Likely the best way to improve upon the interpretability of the output would be to standardize the units of TimeReading, TimeTV, and Happiness based on the variables’ standard deviation to derive a correlation coefficient between +1 (perfect positive correlation) and -1 (perfect negative correlation).

iii. Choose the type of correlation test to perform, explain why you chose this test, and make a prediction if the test yields a positive or negative correlation?

I chose the Pearson test for correlation between the primary variables of interest, TimeReading and TimeTV, because both variables use ratio measures and normal distribution is assumed.

- Prediction: A strong negative correlation between the variables based on the results of the covariance statistic above (-20.36). Because a negative correlation is predicted, the “alternative” command will be employed.

```
cor.test(survey_df$TimeReading, survey_df$TimeTV, method = "pearson", alternative = "less")
```

```
##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: survey_df$TimeReading and survey_df$TimeTV
## t = -5.6457, df = 9, p-value = 0.0001577
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is less than 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -1.0000000 -0.6684786
## sample estimates:
## cor
## -0.8830677
```

iv-1. Perform a correlation analysis of all variables.

```
rcorr(as.matrix(survey_df[, c("TimeReading", "TimeTV", "Happiness", "Gender"))))
```

```
##           TimeReading TimeTV Happiness Gender
## TimeReading      1.00  -0.88    -0.43  -0.09
## TimeTV          -0.88   1.00     0.64   0.01
## Happiness       -0.43   0.64     1.00   0.16
## Gender          -0.09   0.01     0.16   1.00
##
## n= 11
##
## P
##           TimeReading TimeTV Happiness Gender
## TimeReading      0.0003 0.1813    0.7932
## TimeTV          0.0003      0.0352    0.9846
## Happiness      0.1813      0.0352    0.6448
## Gender          0.7932      0.9846 0.6448
```

iv-2. Perform a correlation analysis of a single correlation between a pair of the variables.

```
cor.test(survey_df$TimeTV, survey_df$Happiness, method = "pearson")
```

```
##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: survey_df$TimeTV and survey_df$Happiness
## t = 2.4761, df = 9, p-value = 0.03521
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  0.05934031 0.89476238
## sample estimates:
##      cor
## 0.636556
```

iv-3. Repeat your correlation test in step 2 but set the confidence interval at 99%.

```
cor.test(survey_df$TimeTV, survey_df$Happiness, method = "pearson", conf.level = 0.99)
```

```
##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: survey_df$TimeTV and survey_df$Happiness
## t = 2.4761, df = 9, p-value = 0.03521
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 99 percent confidence interval:
## -0.1570212 0.9306275
## sample estimates:
##      cor
## 0.636556
```

iv-4. Describe what the calculations in the correlation matrix suggest about the relationship between the variables. Be specific with your explanation.

Based on P-values less than 0.05 one can conclude with at least 95% confidence that a negative correlation between TimeReading and TimeTV is expected to be replactable. The same is true of the positive correlation between TimeTV and Happiness, albeit with less confidence than between TimeReading and TimeTV. Conversely, given their high P-values, correlations between TimeReading and Happiness (negative), TimeReading and Gender (negative), TimeTV and Gender (positive), and Happiness and Gender (positive) cannot be reasonably expected to be replactable.

v. Calculate the correlation coefficient and the coefficient of determination, describe what you conclude about the results.

```
cor(survey_df) # correlation coefficient
```

```
##           TimeReading      TimeTV  Happiness      Gender
## TimeReading  1.00000000 -0.883067681 -0.4348663 -0.089642146
## TimeTV      -0.88306768  1.000000000  0.6365560  0.006596673
## Happiness   -0.43486633  0.636555986  1.0000000  0.157011838
## Gender      -0.08964215  0.006596673  0.1570118  1.000000000
```

```
cor(survey_df)^2 # coefficient of determination
```

```
##           TimeReading      TimeTV  Happiness      Gender
## TimeReading  1.000000000  0.7798085292  0.18910873  0.0080357143
## TimeTV      0.779808529  1.0000000000  0.40520352  0.0000435161
## Happiness   0.189108726  0.4052035234  1.00000000  0.0246527174
## Gender      0.008035714  0.0000435161  0.02465272  1.0000000000
```

The negative correlation between TimeReading and TimeTV has a strong fit with nearly 78% of the variance of each variable being explained by variance of the other. Additionally, despite a low P-value (0.035) for the TimeTV/Happiness correlation noted above, the low R-squared value (0.405) between the two variables indicates a weak fit with a majority of variance within each variable not explainable by variance within the other.

vi. Based on your analysis can you say that watching more TV caused students to read less? Explain.

No. While the negative correlation between TimeReading and TimeTV is strong, this correlation alone does not infer causation. For instance, there might exist other ways students spend their time other than watching TV not captured by the survey that resulted in less time spent reading. Perhaps the programming available on TV at the time of the survey appealed to some students more than others; this might change week-to-week or month-to-month. Perhaps the time spent reading was higher for those with heavy course loads at the time of the survey. There negative correlation between time spending reading and watching TV is real, but causation has not been proved.

vii. Pick three variables and perform a partial correlation, documenting which variable you are “controlling”. Explain how this changes your interpretation and explanation of the results.

```
pc <- pcor(c("TimeTV", "TimeReading", "Happiness"), var(survey_df))
pc # R
```

```
## [1] -0.872945
```

```
pc^2 # R-squared
```

```
## [1] 0.762033
```

```
pcor.test(pc, 1, 11)
```

```
## $tval
## [1] -5.061434
##
## $df
## [1] 8
##
## $pvalue
## [1] 0.0009753126
```

Controlling for Happiness shows a purer, less noisy correlation relationship between TimeReading and TimeTV. Though previous results suggested the variances between TimeReading/Happiness (negative; $R^2 = 0.189$) and TimeTV/Happiness (positive, $R^2 = 0.405$) might be of some significance, the impact of Happiness on the correlation between TimeReading and TimeTV is largely negligible. With a >99% level of confidence, based on the P and T values, with Happiness controlled the changes in the correlation coefficient and the coefficient of determination between TimeReading and TimeTV are respectively 0.01 and 0.018. That said, one might reason a student's Happiness may be a response variable relative to TimeReading and TimeTV, but Happiness itself does little to impact the relationship between TimeReading and TimeTV.

ASSIGNMENT 5 CODE

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# Date: 2021-05-02

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heights_df <- read.csv("data/r4ds/heights.csv")

## Using `cor()` compute correclation coefficients for
## height vs. earn
cor(heights_df$height, heights_df$earn)
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## Spurious correlation
## The following is data on US spending on science, space, and technology in millions of
today's dollars
## and Suicides by hanging strangulation and suffocation for the years 1999 to 2009
## Compute the correlation between these variables
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ASSIGNMENT 5 CONSOLE OUTPUT

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> # Date: 2021-05-02
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EXERCISE 7.2 R MARKDOWN CODE

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title: "Exercise 7.2 (Includes Assignment 5)"
author: "John Manzo"
date: May 2nd 2021
output:

  pdf_document: default
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```{R}
setwd("C:/Users/manzo/Documents/Bellevue/Classes/DSC 520/Personal GitHub/DSC520")
```

```{R setup, include=FALSE, echo=FALSE}
require("knitr")
opts_knit$set(root.dir = "C:/Users/manzo/Documents/Bellevue/Classes/DSC 520/Personal
GitHub/DSC520")
```

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cor(tech_spending, suicides)
```

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# Exercize 7.2.2
```{R, echo=FALSE}
survey_df <- read.csv("assignment05/student-survey.csv")
```

## i. Use R to calculate the covariance of the Survey variables and provide an explanation of
why you would use this calculation and what the results indicate.
```

```
```{R}
cov(survey_df[, c(1, 2:4)])
```
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```
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```
```

iv-1. Perform a correlation analysis of all variables.

```
```{R, echo=FALSE, include=FALSE}
library(Hmisc)
```


```
```{R}
rcorr(as.matrix(survey_df[, c("TimeReading", "TimeTV", "Happiness", "Gender"))))
```
```


```

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```

## iv-2. Perform a correlation analysis of a single correlation between a pair of the
variables.
```{R}
cor.test(survey_df$TimeTV, survey_df$Happiness, method = "pearson")
```

## iv-3. Repeat your correlation test in step 2 but set the confidence interval at 99%.
```{R}
cor.test(survey_df$TimeTV, survey_df$Happiness, method = "pearson", conf.level = 0.99)
```

## iv-4. Describe what the calculations in the correlation matrix suggest about the
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```{R}
cor(survey_df) # correlation coefficient
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survey. There negative correlation between time spending reading and watching TV is real, but
causation has not been proved.

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## vii. Pick three variables and perform a partial correlation, documenting which variable you
are "controlling". Explain how this changes your interpretation and explanation of the
results.
```{R, include=FALSE, echo=FALSE}
library(ggm)
```

```{R}
pc <- pcor(c("TimeTV", "TimeReading", "Happiness"), var(survey_df))
pc # R
pc^2 # R-squared
pcor.test(pc, 1, 11)
```

```

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EXERCISE 7.2 R MARKDOWN OUTPUT

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| processing file: execize_7.2_ManzoJohn.Rmd | |
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output file: execize_7.2_ManzoJohn.knit.md

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library\4.0\rmarkdown\rmarkdown\lua\pagebreak.lua" --lua-filter
"C:\Users\manzo\Documents\R\win-library\4.0\rmarkdown\rmarkdown\lua\latex-div.lua" --self-
contained --highlight-style tango --pdf-engine pdflatex --variable graphics --variable
"geometry:margin=1in"
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Output created: execize_7.2_ManzoJohn.pdf