World Happiness Report

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Introduction

The World Happiness Report is a landmark survey of the state of global happiness that ranks 156 countries by how happy their citizens perceive themselves to be. The rankings of World Happiness Report 2019 use data that come from the Gallup World Poll. The rankings are based on answers to the main life evaluation questions asked in the poll, with the best possible life being a 10, and the worst possible life being a 0. The rankings are from nationally representative samples, based entirely on the survey scores, using the Gallup weights to make the estimates representative.

The purpose of this notebook is to analyze the Happiness Score of the 156 Countries using 3 different clustering algorithms, namely: K-Means Clustering, Agglomerative Clustering and Affinity Propagation and also to predict the Happiness Score using Linear Regression Model.

Let's begin by loading the required libraries and frameworks:

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        import plotly.graph_objs as go
        from plotly.offline import download_plotlyjs, init_notebook_mode, plot, iplot
        init_notebook_mode(connected=True) #for maps
        import seaborn as sns
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #for graphics
        from scipy.stats import norm
        from scipy import stats
        from sklearn import preprocessing
        from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler # For scaling dataset
        from sklearn.preprocessing import normalize #For normalization
        from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
        #Clustering Models
        from sklearn.cluster import KMeans #Kmeans clustering
        import scipy.cluster.hierarchy as sch #Hierarchical clustering
        from sklearn.cluster import AgglomerativeClustering #Agglomerative Clustering
        from sklearn.cluster import AffinityPropagation #Affinity Propagation
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
        from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
        from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
        from sklearn.ensemble import ExtraTreesClassifier
        #Regression Models
        from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
        from sklearn.preprocessing import PolynomialFeatures
        from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge
        from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso
        from sklearn.linear_model import ElasticNet
        from sklearn import metrics
        from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
        from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
        from math import sqrt
        from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
```

Loading the dataset:

```
In [2]: df = pd.read_csv(r'C:\Users\benny\OneDrive\Desktop\Misc\RandC\Projects\World Happiness Report\2019.csv')
df.head(5) #Glimpse of the data
```

Out[2]:

| | Overall rank | Country or region | Score | GDP per capita | Social support | Healthy life expectancy | Freedom to make life choices | Generosity | Perceptions of corruption |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 0 | 1 | Finland | 7.769 | 1.340 | 1.587 | 0.986 | 0.596 | 0.153 | 0.393 |
| 1 | 2 | Denmark | 7.600 | 1.383 | 1.573 | 0.996 | 0.592 | 0.252 | 0.410 |
| 2 | 3 | Norway | 7.554 | 1.488 | 1.582 | 1.028 | 0.603 | 0.271 | 0.341 |
| 3 | 4 | Iceland | 7.494 | 1.380 | 1.624 | 1.026 | 0.591 | 0.354 | 0.118 |
| 4 | 5 | Netherlands | 7.488 | 1.396 | 1.522 | 0.999 | 0.557 | 0.322 | 0.298 |

Data Cleaning

The data seems to be relatively clean. However, notice that the column names are separated by a space. Let's replace the space by an underscore character:

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df.head()
Out[3]:
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In [3]: df.columns = df.columns.str.replace(' ', '_') #replacing column names containing spaces with _

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Netherlands 7.488

Statistical Summary

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In [4]: #statistical summary
df.describe()
Out[4]:
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| | Overall_rank | Score | GDP_per_capita | Social_support | Healthy_life_expectancy | Freedom_to_make_life_choices | Generosity | Perceptions_of_corruption |
|-------|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| count | 156.000000 | 156.000000 | 156.000000 | 156.000000 | 156.000000 | 156.000000 | 156.000000 | 156.000000 |
| mean | 78.500000 | 5.407096 | 0.905147 | 1.208814 | 0.725244 | 0.392571 | 0.184846 | 0.110603 |
| std | 45.177428 | 1.113120 | 0.398389 | 0.299191 | 0.242124 | 0.143289 | 0.095254 | 0.094538 |
| min | 1.000000 | 2.853000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| 25% | 39.750000 | 4.544500 | 0.602750 | 1.055750 | 0.547750 | 0.308000 | 0.108750 | 0.047000 |
| 50% | 78.500000 | 5.379500 | 0.960000 | 1.271500 | 0.789000 | 0.417000 | 0.177500 | 0.085500 |
| 75% | 117.250000 | 6.184500 | 1.232500 | 1.452500 | 0.881750 | 0.507250 | 0.248250 | 0.141250 |
| max | 156.000000 | 7.769000 | 1.684000 | 1.624000 | 1.141000 | 0.631000 | 0.566000 | 0.453000 |

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Generosity

Freedom_to_make_life_choices

Perceptions_of_corruption

Visualizing the data

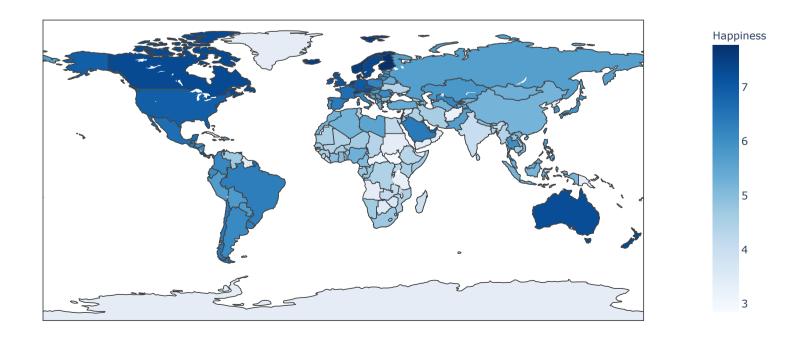
Using plotly to visualize the countries on a world map based on their respective scores:

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Happiness Index 2019



Correlation

Now lets take a look at how the variables correlate with each other using the correlation matrix.

```
In [7]: #correlation matrix
         X = df[['Score','GDP_per_capita','Social_support','Healthy_life_expectancy','Freedom_to_make_life_choices', 'Generosity','Perceptions_of_c
         orruption']] #Subsetting the data
         Y = X #Subsetting for future use
         cor = X.corr() #Calculate the correlation of the above variables
         cm=sns.heatmap(cor, cmap = 'Blues', square = True, annot = True) #Plot the correlation as heat map
         cm.set_xticklabels(cm.get_xticklabels(),
                   rotation=45,
              horizontalalignment='right')
Out[7]: [Text(0.5, 0, 'Score'),
          Text(1.5, 0, 'GDP per capita'),
          Text(2.5, 0, 'Social_support'),
          Text(3.5, 0, 'Healthy_life_expectancy'),
          Text(4.5, 0, 'Freedom_to_make_life_choices'),
          Text(5.5, 0, 'Generosity'),
          Text(6.5, 0, 'Perceptions_of_corruption')]
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              Perceptions of corruption
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The color palette on the side represents the amount of correlation among the variables. Darker the shade, stronger the correlation. We can see that happiness score is highly correlated with GDP per capita, Social Support and Healthy life expectancy. It is least correlated with Generosity.

Clustering

Clustering is the process of grouping together a set of objects in a way that objects in the same cluster are more similar to each other than to objects in other clusters. Clustering algorithms fall under the category of Unsupervised Learning Algorithms.

Prior to clustering or applying any algorithm to data it is a good practice to scale and normalize the data. It helps handling disparities in units and during long processes it definitely helps speed up computation.

```
In [8]: | a = StandardScaler()
        a.fit_transform(X)
        normalize(X)
Out[8]: array([[0.9550195 , 0.16472212, 0.19508508, ..., 0.07326446, 0.01880782,
                0.04831029],
                [0.95207674, 0.17325291, 0.19705483, ..., 0.07416177, 0.03156886,
                0.05136203],
                [0.94878312, 0.18689294, 0.19869935, ..., 0.07573686, 0.03403763,
                0.04282963],
               [0.97442048, 0.10647742, 0.15728236, ..., 0.
                                                                    , 0.04806695,
                0.00760553]
               [0.9938098 , 0.00838114, 0.
                                                   , ..., 0.0725291 , 0.07575261,
                0.0112823 ],
                [0.96725314, 0.10374324, 0.19494236, ..., 0.0033903 , 0.0684841 ,
                0.03085175]])
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K-means Clustering

K-means clustering is a clustering algorithm that aims to partition n observations into k clusters.

There are 3 steps:

- 1. K initial "means" (centroids) are generated at random
- 2. K clusters are created by associating each observation with the nearest centroid
- 3. Determine the new cluster center by computing the average of the assigned points

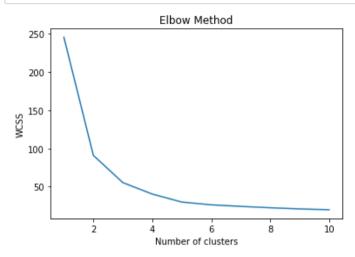
Steps 2 and 3 are repeated until none of the cluster assignments change.

Choosing the right number of clusters (Elbow Method)

If the line chart resembles an arm, then the "elbow" (the point of inflection on the curve) is a good indication that the underlying model fits best at that point. We graph the relationship between the number of clusters and Within Cluster Sum of Squares (WCSS). Then we select the number of clusters where the change in WCSS begins to level off.

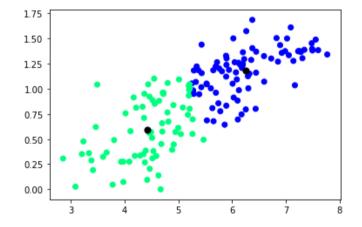
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In [9]: #Kmeans Clustering
#Elbow method to find the ideal number of clusters or k

wcss = []
for i in range(1, 11):
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=i, init='k-means++', max_iter=156, n_init=10, random_state=0)
    kmeans.fit(X)
    wcss.append(kmeans.inertia_)
plt.plot(range(1, 11), wcss)
plt.title('Elbow Method')
plt.xlabel('Number of clusters')
plt.ylabel('Number of clusters')
plt.ylabel('Wcss')
plt.show()
#Choose 2 as the ideal number of clusters as it is the elbow or when the angle begins to appear
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The graph exhibits an angle at the point '2'. Hence we will choose the number 2 as the number of clusters.

Out[11]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x1eee9efe448>



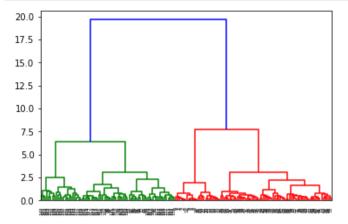
Agglomerative Hieracrchial clustering

Agglomerative clustering is the most common type of hierarchical clustering used to group objects in clusters based on their similarity. It's also known as AGNES (Agglomerative Nesting).

Agglomerative clustering works in a "bottom-up" manner. That is, each object is initially considered as a single-element cluster (leaf). At each step of the algorithm, the two clusters that are the most similar are combined into a new bigger cluster (nodes). Pairs of clusters are successively merged until all clusters have been merged into one big cluster containing all objects. The result is a tree-based representation of the objects, named dendrogram.

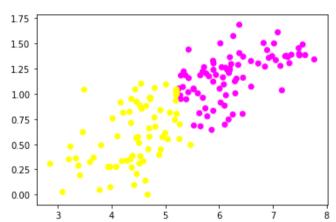
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In [12]: # create dendrogram
#n_clusters= 2, in hc = AgglomerativeClustering() to specify clusters manually otherwise the algorithm makes its own clusters
dendrogram = sch.dendrogram(sch.linkage(X, method='ward'))
# create clusters
Agc = AgglomerativeClustering(affinity = 'euclidean', linkage = 'ward')
# save clusters for chart
y_Agc = Agc.fit_predict(X)

Agglomerative_Clustering = pd.DataFrame(y_Agc)
Y.insert((Y.shape[1]),'Agglomerative',Agglomerative_Clustering)
```



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In [13]: #Plotting the clusters
plt.scatter(X.iloc[:, 0], X.iloc[:, 1], c=y_Agc, cmap = 'spring')
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Out[13]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x1eeeb634548>



Affinity Propagation

Affinity Propagation was first published in 2007 by Brendan Frey and Delbert Dueck in Science. In contrast to other traditional clustering methods, Affinity Propagation does not require you to specify the number of clusters.

Each data point sends messages to all other points informing its targets of each target's relative attractiveness to the sender. Each target then responds to all senders with a reply informing each sender of its availability to associate with the sender, given the attractiveness of the messages that it has received from all other senders. Senders reply to the targets with messages informing each target of the target's revised relative attractiveness to the sender, given the availability messages it has received from all targets. The message-passing procedure proceeds until a consensus is reached. Once the sender is associated with one of its targets, that target becomes the point's exemplar. All points with the same exemplar are placed in the same cluster.

```
In [14]: af = AffinityPropagation()
clusters=af.fit_predict(X)
plt.scatter(X.iloc[:,0], X.iloc[:,1], c=clusters, cmap='rainbow') #This clustering method created 7 clusters based on its understanding of
the data

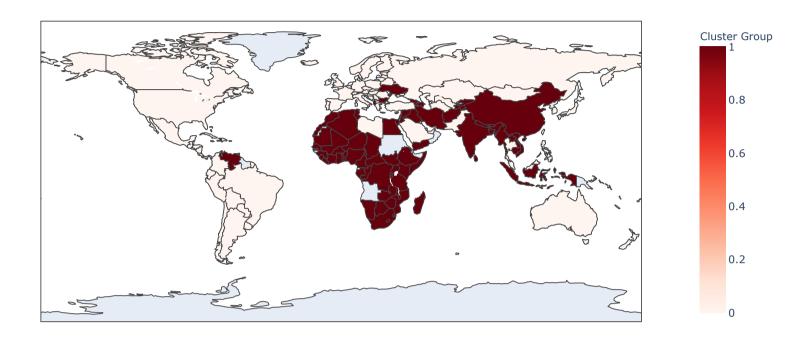
Affinity_Propagation = pd.DataFrame(clusters)
Y.insert((Y.shape[1]), 'Affinity_Propagation', Affinity_Propagation)
```

Now that we have seen how the different clustering algorithms have clustered the data, let's visualize them on a map to better understand the grouping of all the countries.

Visualizing Clusters

K-means

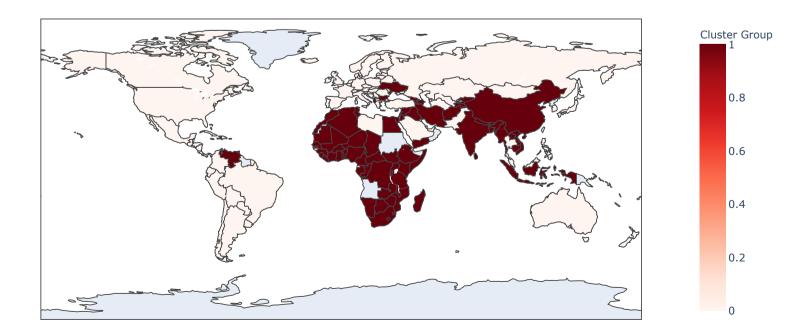
Clustering of Countries based on K-Means



The K-means clustering algorithm has clustered the countries into two groups. Countries with a lower Happiness Score have a darker shade of red as compared to countries with a better Happiness Score.

Agglomerative Clustering

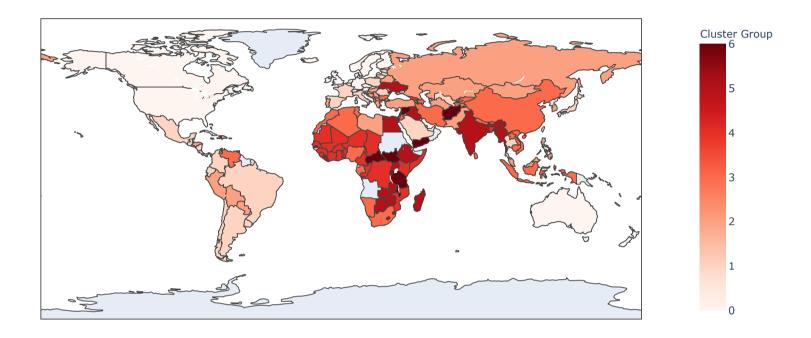
Clustering of Countries based on Agglomerative Clustering



Similar to the K-means Clustering Algorithm, the Agglomerative Heirarchial Clustering Algorithm has clustered the countries into two groups. Countries with a lower Happiness Score have a darker shade of red as compared to countries with a better Happiness Score.

Affinity Propagation

Clustering of Countries based on Affinity Propagation

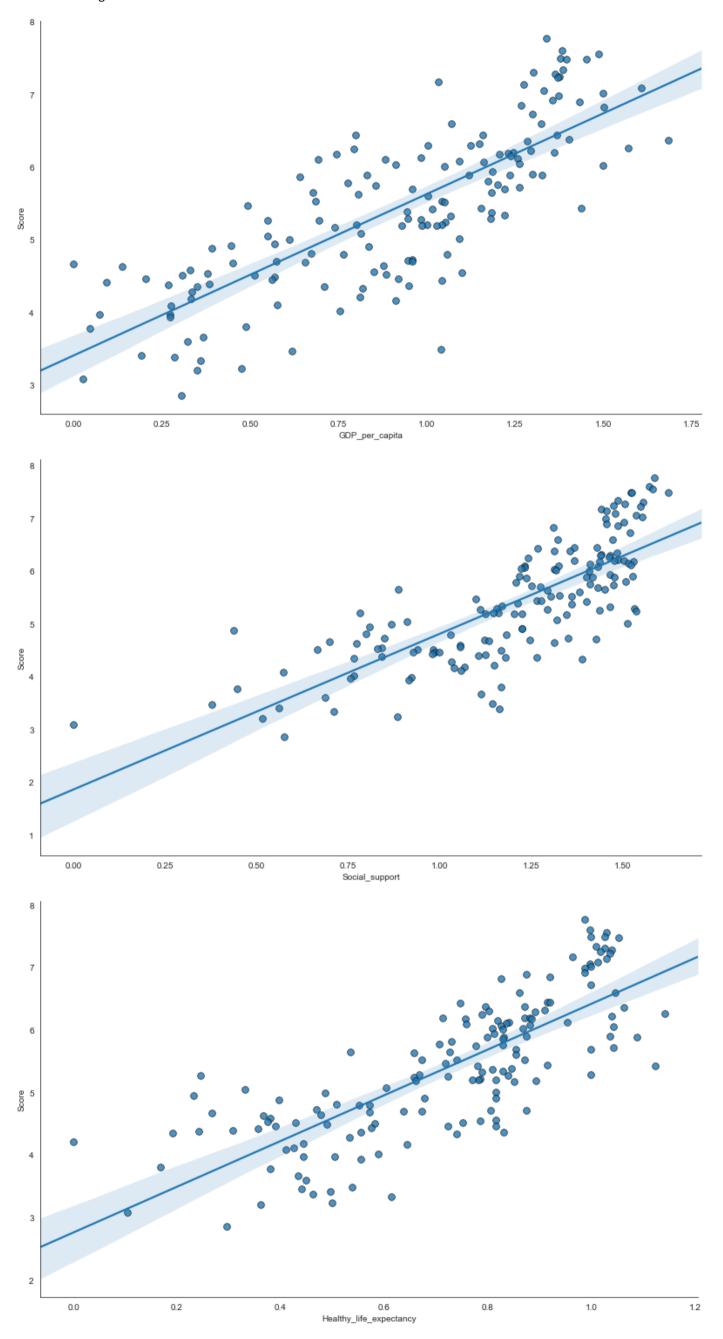


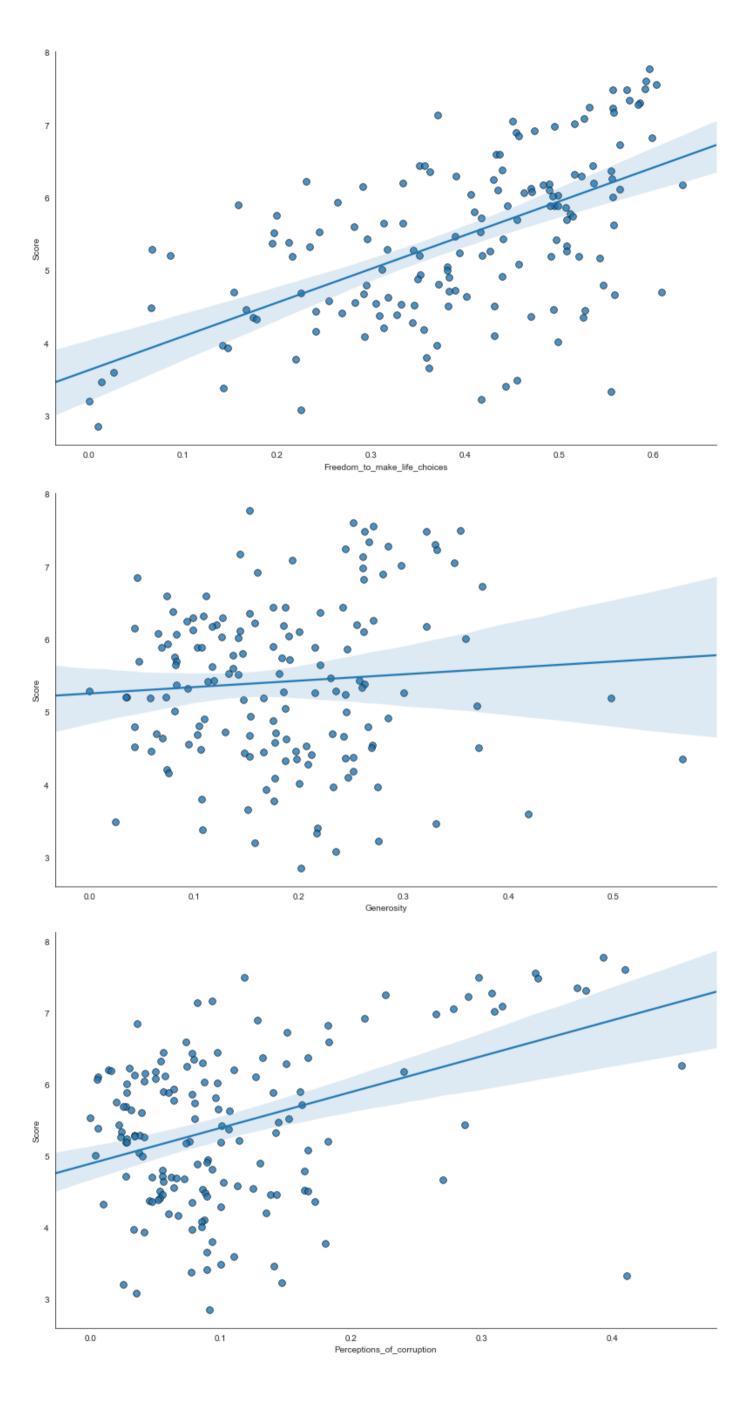
The Affinity Propagation Clustering Algorithm has clustered the countries into 7 groups as opposed to the other two clustering algorithms.

Predicting the Happiness Score

We will try to predict the Happiness Score of the Countries using a Linear Regression Model. The visualizations below depict how the variables relate to the Happiness Score.

```
In [18]: sns.set_style("white")
        sns.lmplot(x="GDP_per_capita", y="Score", data = Y,
                         height=7, aspect=1.6, robust=True, palette='tab10',
                         scatter_kws=dict(s=60, linewidths=.7, edgecolors='black'))
        sns.lmplot(x="Social_support", y="Score", data = Y,
                         height=7, aspect=1.6, robust=True, palette='tab10',
       scatter_kws=dict(s=60, linewidths=.7, edgecolors='black'))
       sns.lmplot(x="Freedom_to_make_life_choices", y="Score", data = Y,
                         height=7, aspect=1.6, robust=True, palette='tab10',
                         scatter_kws=dict(s=60, linewidths=.7, edgecolors='black'))
       scatter_kws=dict(s=60, linewidths=.7, edgecolors='black'))
        sns.lmplot(x="Perceptions_of_corruption", y="Score", data = Y,
                         height=7, aspect=1.6, robust=True, palette='tab10',
                         scatter_kws=dict(s=60, linewidths=.7, edgecolors='black'))
        #plt.setp(axes, yticks=[])
        #plt.tight_layout()
```







Linear Regression

Linear regression performs the task of predicting a dependent variable value (y) based on a given independent variable (x). This regression technique finds a linear relationship between x (input) and y (output).

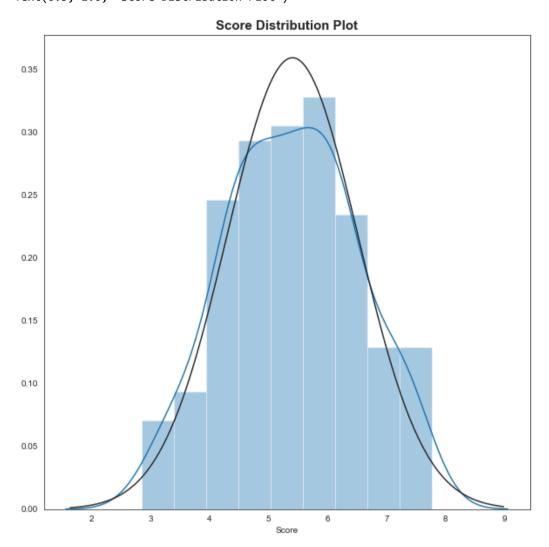
We will be using GDP per capita, Social support and Healthy life expectancy for prediction as they were most correlated to the Happiness Score. The dependent variable is Happiness Score, and the independent variables are GDP per capita, Social support and Healthy life expectancy.

Verifying the normal distribution of the data:

```
In [20]: #Model Prediction
model = df[['GDP_per_capita','Social_support','Healthy_life_expectancy','Score']] #Subsetting the data

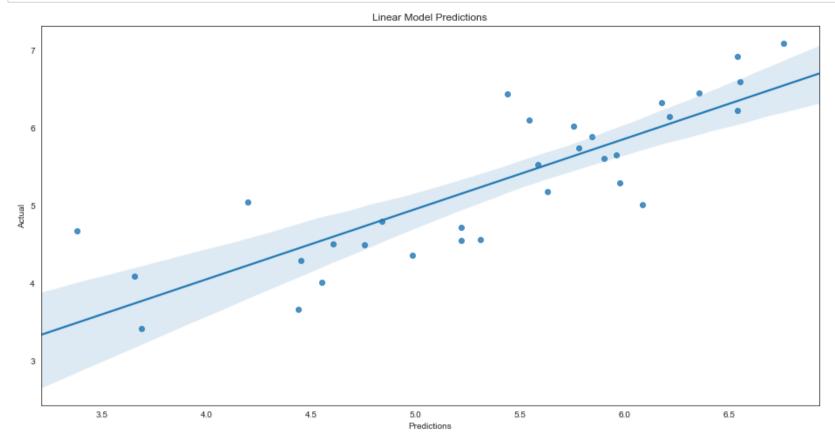
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
sns.distplot(Y['Score'], fit = norm)
plt.title("Score Distribution Plot",size=15, weight='bold')
```

Out[20]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Score Distribution Plot')



The data appears to be normally distributed so we proceed with model building. First, X and Y are initialised and then we split the data into training set and test set - 80% of the data is used as the training set and 20% of the data is used as the test set. The linear model is trained using the training data set and the test data is used to predict the Happiness Score.

```
In [26]: #Plotting the linear regression model
    plt.figure(figsize=(16,8))
    sns.regplot(y_pred,y_test)
    plt.xlabel('Predictions')
    plt.ylabel('Actual')
    plt.title("Linear Model Predictions")
    plt.grid(False)
    plt.show()
```



Most of the data points appear to be close to the regression line indicating a good fit. Let's verify the fit of our linear model using some important validation scores:

Mean Absolute Error (MAE): MAE measures the average magnitude of the errors in a set of predictions, without considering their direction. It's the average over the test sample of the absolute differences between prediction and actual observation where all individual differences have equal weight.

A small MAE suggests the model is great at prediction, while a large MAE suggests that your model may have trouble in certain areas.

R-squared (R^2): R squared is a statistical measure of how close the data is to the fitted regression line. It is also known as the coefficient of determination, or the coefficient of multiple determination for multiple regression.

If it's a 1, the model 100% predicts the data variance; if it's a 0, the model predicts none of the variance. In general, the higher the R-squared, the better the model fits your data. Best possible score is 1.0 and it can be negative (because the model can be arbitrarily worse).

```
In [27]: print('Mean Absolute Error:', metrics.mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred))
    print('Mean Squared Error:', metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
    print('Root Mean Squared Error:', np.sqrt(metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)))
    print('R Squared:', r2_score(y_test,y_pred))
Mean Absolute Error: 0.42076848587845006
```

Mean Squared Error: 0.28451515023094487 Root Mean Squared Error: 0.5333996158893863

R Squared: 0.6919342297680194

The R squared value is closer to 1 suggesting our model has a fairly good fit.

Conclusion

This notebook explores Clustering algorithms - K-Means Clustering, Agglomerative Clustering and Affinity Propagation as applied to the Happiness Score of 156 Countries and Regression Model - Linear Regression to predict the Happiness Score. PCR, PLS, ridge, lasso and elastic net regression models can also be used to predict the Happiness Score.