Final Project

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Introduction

This project analyzes the "Higher Education Students Performance Evaluation" dataset to identify factors affecting academic performance. Various regression and classification methods will be applied. The main questions of interest are:

1. **What are the strongest predictors of cumulative GPA?**
2. **How do socio-economic factors influence student performance?**
3. **How do educational habits correlate with academic outcomes?**

```
# Load Libraries
library(tidyverse)
```

```
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ------------------------ tidyverse 2.0.0 --
v dplyr     1.1.4     v readr     2.1.5
v forcats   1.0.0     v stringr   1.5.1
v ggplot2   3.5.1     v tibble    3.2.1
v lubridate 1.9.3     v tidyr     1.3.1
v purrr     1.0.2
-- Conflicts ------------------------------------------ tidyverse_conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become errors
```

```
library(caret)
```

```
Loading required package: lattice

Attaching package: 'caret'

The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':

    lift
```

```
library(randomForest)
```

```
randomForest 4.7-1.2
Type rfNews() to see new features/changes/bug fixes.

Attaching package: 'randomForest'

The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
```

```
    combine

The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':

    margin
```

```
library(ggplot2)
library(corrplot)
```

```
corrplot 0.95 loaded
```

```
library(knitr)
library(pROC)
```

```
Type 'citation("pROC")' for a citation.

Attaching package: 'pROC'

The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

    cov, smooth, var
```

Load Data

```
# Load the dataset
data <- read.csv("Higher Education Students Performance Evaluation.csv")

# Remove unique identifier STUDENT.ID
data <- data %>% select(-STUDENT.ID)

# View the structure
str(data)
```

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'data.frame':   145 obs. of  32 variables:
 $ X1       : int  2 2 2 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 ...
 $ X2       : int  2 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 ...
 $ X3       : int  3 3 2 1 1 2 2 2 3 2 ...
 $ X4       : int  3 3 3 3 3 3 4 3 3 3 ...
 $ X5       : int  1 1 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 ...
 $ X6       : int  2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 ...
 $ X7       : int  2 2 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 1 ...
 $ X8       : int  1 1 2 2 3 2 1 2 1 3 ...
 $ X9       : int  1 1 4 1 1 1 1 2 1 4 ...
 $ X10      : int  1 1 2 2 4 1 3 3 3 2 ...
 $ X11      : int  1 2 2 1 3 3 1 4 2 1 ...
 $ X12      : int  2 3 2 2 3 3 3 3 4 2 ...
 $ X13      : int  3 2 2 5 2 2 1 1 2 3 ...
 $ X14      : int  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
 $ X15      : int  2 2 2 2 2 2 2 4 2 2 ...
 $ X16      : int  5 1 1 1 4 3 4 3 4 3 ...
 $ X17      : int  3 2 2 3 2 1 2 1 1 2 ...
 $ X18      : int  2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 ...
 $ X19      : int  2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 ...
 $ X20      : int  1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 ...
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$ X21      : int  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ X22      : int  1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 ...
$ X23      : int  1 1 1 1 2 1 1 3 1 1 ...
$ X24      : int  1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ X25      : int  3 3 2 3 2 1 3 3 3 2 ...
$ X26      : int  2 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 2 ...
$ X27      : int  1 3 1 2 2 1 3 2 2 2 ...
$ X28      : int  2 2 1 1 1 2 3 1 2 2 ...
$ X29      : int  1 2 2 3 2 4 4 1 4 1 ...
$ X30      : int  1 3 2 2 2 4 4 1 3 2 ...
$ COURSE.ID: int  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ GRADE    : int  1 1 1 1 1 2 5 2 5 0 ...
```

```
summary(data)
```

```
       X1              X2              X3              X4              X5       
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.0   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000  
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.0   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:3.000   1st Qu.:1.000  
 Median :2.000   Median :2.0   Median :2.000   Median :3.000   Median :2.000  
 Mean   :1.621   Mean   :1.6   Mean   :1.945   Mean   :3.572   Mean   :1.662  
 3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:2.0   3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:2.000  
 Max.   :3.000   Max.   :2.0   Max.   :3.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :2.000  
       X6              X7              X8              X9              X10       
 Min.   :1.0   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000  
 1st Qu.:1.0   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000  
 Median :2.0   Median :2.000   Median :1.000   Median :1.000   Median :2.000  
 Mean   :1.6   Mean   :1.579   Mean   :1.628   Mean   :1.621   Mean   :1.731  
 3rd Qu.:2.0   3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:2.000  
 Max.   :2.0   Max.   :2.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :4.000   Max.   :4.000  
      X11             X12             X13             X14       
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000  
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:1.000  
 Median :2.000   Median :3.000   Median :3.000   Median :1.000  
 Mean   :2.283   Mean   :2.634   Mean   :2.807   Mean   :1.172  
 3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:1.000  
 Max.   :6.000   Max.   :6.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :3.000  
      X15             X16             X17             X18             X19       
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.0   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000  
 1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.0   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000  
 Median :2.000   Median :3.000   Median :2.0   Median :2.000   Median :2.000  
 Mean   :2.359   Mean   :2.807   Mean   :2.2   Mean   :1.945   Mean   :2.014  
 3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:3.0   3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:2.000  
 Max.   :5.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :5.0   Max.   :3.000   Max.   :3.000  
      X20             X21             X22             X23       
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000  
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000  
 Median :1.000   Median :1.000   Median :1.000   Median :1.000  
 Mean   :1.214   Mean   :1.207   Mean   :1.241   Mean   :1.338  
 3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.:2.000  
 Max.   :2.000   Max.   :3.000   Max.   :2.000   Max.   :3.000  
      X24             X25             X26             X27       
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000  
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000  
 Median :1.000   Median :3.000   Median :2.000   Median :2.000  
 Mean   :1.166   Mean   :2.545   Mean   :2.055   Mean   :2.393  
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 3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:3.000
 Max.   :3.000   Max.   :3.000   Max.   :3.000   Max.   :3.000
      X28             X29             X30          COURSE.ID
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:1.000
 Median :2.000   Median :3.000   Median :3.000   Median :3.000
 Mean   :1.807   Mean   :3.124   Mean   :2.724   Mean   :4.131
 3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:7.000
 Max.   :3.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :4.000   Max.   :9.000
     GRADE
 Min.   :0.000
 1st Qu.:1.000
 Median :3.000
 Mean   :3.228
 3rd Qu.:5.000
 Max.   :7.000
```

Data Cleaning

```r
# Check for missing values
sum(is.na(data))
```

```
[1] 0
```

```r
# Handle missing values
data <- data %>% mutate_if(is.numeric, ~ ifelse(is.na(.), median(., na.rm = TRUE), .))

# Convert categorical variables to factors
data <- data %>%
  mutate(across(where(is.character), as.factor))

# Verify cleaned data
summary(data)
```

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       X1              X2              X3              X4              X5
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.0   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.0   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:3.000   1st Qu.:1.000
 Median :2.000   Median :2.0   Median :2.000   Median :3.000   Median :2.000
 Mean   :1.621   Mean   :1.6   Mean   :1.945   Mean   :3.572   Mean   :1.662
 3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:2.0   3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:2.000
 Max.   :3.000   Max.   :2.0   Max.   :3.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :2.000
       X6              X7              X8              X9             X10
 Min.   :1.0   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000
 1st Qu.:1.0   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000
 Median :2.0   Median :2.000   Median :1.000   Median :1.000   Median :2.000
 Mean   :1.6   Mean   :1.579   Mean   :1.628   Mean   :1.621   Mean   :1.731
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 Max.   :2.0   Max.   :2.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :4.000   Max.   :4.000
      X11             X12             X13             X14
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:1.000
 Median :2.000   Median :3.000   Median :3.000   Median :1.000
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 Max.   :6.000   Max.   :6.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :3.000
      X15             X16             X17             X18             X19
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.0   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000
 1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.0   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000
 Median :2.000   Median :3.000   Median :2.0   Median :2.000   Median :2.000
 Mean   :2.359   Mean   :2.807   Mean   :2.2   Mean   :1.945   Mean   :2.014
 3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:3.0   3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:2.000
 Max.   :5.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :5.0   Max.   :3.000   Max.   :3.000
      X20             X21             X22             X23
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:1.000
 Median :1.000   Median :1.000   Median :1.000   Median :1.000
 Mean   :1.214   Mean   :1.207   Mean   :1.241   Mean   :1.338
 3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.:2.000
 Max.   :2.000   Max.   :3.000   Max.   :2.000   Max.   :3.000
      X24             X25             X26             X27
 Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :1.000
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000
 Median :1.000   Median :3.000   Median :2.000   Median :2.000
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      X28             X29             X30           COURSE.ID
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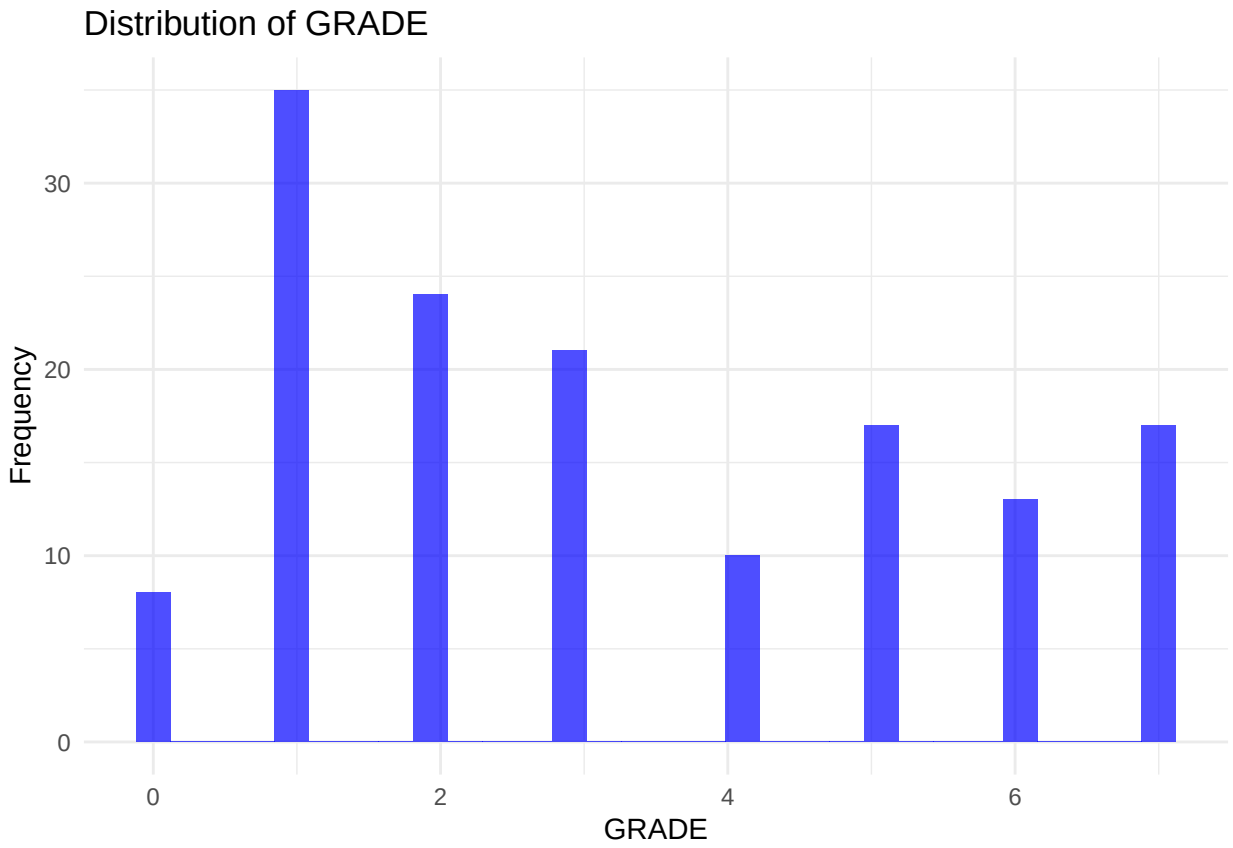
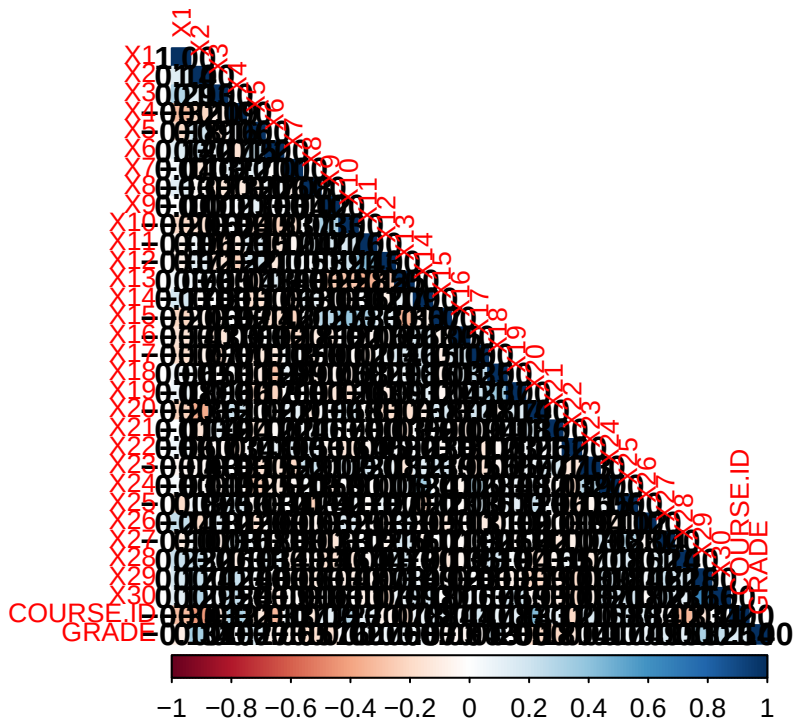
 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:1.000
 Median :2.000   Median :3.000   Median :3.000   Median :3.000
 Mean   :1.807   Mean   :3.124   Mean   :2.724   Mean   :4.131
 3rd Qu.:2.000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:7.000
 Max.   :3.000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :4.000   Max.   :9.000
     GRADE
 Min.   :0.000
 1st Qu.:1.000
 Median :3.000
 Mean   :3.228
 3rd Qu.:5.000
 Max.   :7.000
```

Exploratory Data Analysis

```r
# Visualization: Distribution of GRADE
ggplot(data, aes(x = GRADE)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "blue", alpha = 0.7) +
  theme_minimal() +
  labs(title = "Distribution of GRADE", x = "GRADE", y = "Frequency")
```




```r
# Correlation matrix for numeric variables
numeric_vars <- select_if(data, is.numeric)
cor_matrix <- cor(numeric_vars, use = "complete.obs")
corrplot(cor_matrix, method = "color", type = "lower", tl.cex = 0.8, addCoef.col = "black")
```



Statistical Modeling

Regression for GPA Prediction

Linear Regression

```
# Splitting data into training and testing
set.seed(123)
trainIndex <- createDataPartition(data$GRADE, p = .7,
                                  list = FALSE, times = 1)
trainData <- data[trainIndex, ]
testData <- data[-trainIndex, ]

# Fit Linear Regression Model
lm_model <- lm(GRADE ~ ., data = trainData)
summary(lm_model)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = GRADE ~ ., data = trainData)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
-3.2078 -0.8826 -0.0585  0.9428  3.4648

Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -5.399157   3.150972  -1.713  0.09099 .
X1          -0.699799   0.390544  -1.792  0.07742 .
X2           1.390917   0.465976   2.985  0.00389 **
X3           0.968918   0.378175   2.562  0.01253 *
X4          -0.165518   0.264615  -0.626  0.53364
X5           0.846460   0.477094   1.774  0.08032 .
X6           0.519467   0.433686   1.198  0.23498
X7           0.072001   0.401176   0.179  0.85808
X8          -0.146868   0.187665  -0.783  0.43646
X9          -0.437953   0.183133  -2.391  0.01943 *
X10          0.367415   0.285309   1.288  0.20200
X11         -0.118673   0.187293  -0.634  0.52836
X12          0.101137   0.197233   0.513  0.60970
X13         -0.009734   0.170364  -0.057  0.95459
X14         -0.027447   0.499736  -0.055  0.95635
X15         -0.067615   0.283507  -0.238  0.81218
X16         -0.131789   0.143726  -0.917  0.36227
X17         -0.153549   0.245008  -0.627  0.53286
X18          0.874168   0.365338   2.393  0.01937 *
X19          0.159478   0.369476   0.432  0.66732
X20         -1.190553   0.555962  -2.141  0.03567 *
X21         -0.366160   0.324160  -1.130  0.26246
X22          0.181210   0.490069   0.370  0.71266
X23         -0.195922   0.339417  -0.577  0.56561
X24          0.816868   0.532569   1.534  0.12952
X25         -0.332077   0.397612  -0.835  0.40642
X26          0.521635   0.330740   1.577  0.11920
```

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X27          0.309222   0.332751   0.929  0.35589
X28         -0.034398   0.265725  -0.129  0.89737
X29          0.594671   0.217730   2.731  0.00795 **
X30          0.037120   0.309434   0.120  0.90485
COURSE.ID    0.285467   0.086541   3.299  0.00152 **
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.672 on 71 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.5984,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.4231
F-statistic: 3.413 on 31 and 71 DF,  p-value: 9.954e-06
```

```r
# Predict and evaluate
lm_pred <- predict(lm_model, testData)
lm_mse <- mean((lm_pred - testData$GRADE)^2)
lm_mse
```

```
[1] 4.239975
```

Random Forest Regression

```r
# Fit Random Forest Model
rf_model <- randomForest(GRADE ~ ., data = trainData, importance = TRUE)
print(rf_model)
```

```
Call:
 randomForest(formula = GRADE ~ ., data = trainData, importance = TRUE)
               Type of random forest: regression
                     Number of trees: 500
No. of variables tried at each split: 10

          Mean of squared residuals: 2.526541
                    % Var explained: 47.36
```

```r
# Feature importance
importance(rf_model)
```

```
             %IncMSE IncNodePurity
X1         2.0355624     7.360921
X2        10.8900407    29.470092
X3         5.2194934    12.385905
X4         6.2140547    23.765276
X5         2.2936204     3.682504
X6         2.6901366     8.648696
X7         1.4405730     4.500391
X8        -0.3067764    11.891818
X9        -1.8690973     8.312399
X10        0.6053980     9.268852
X11        0.7933477     9.850380
X12       -2.1276832     9.154041
X13        1.4486533    11.129733
X14       -0.5615455     4.466190
X15       -1.9593688     3.951578
X16       -2.1329517    11.354305
X17        2.3873420    11.756543
```

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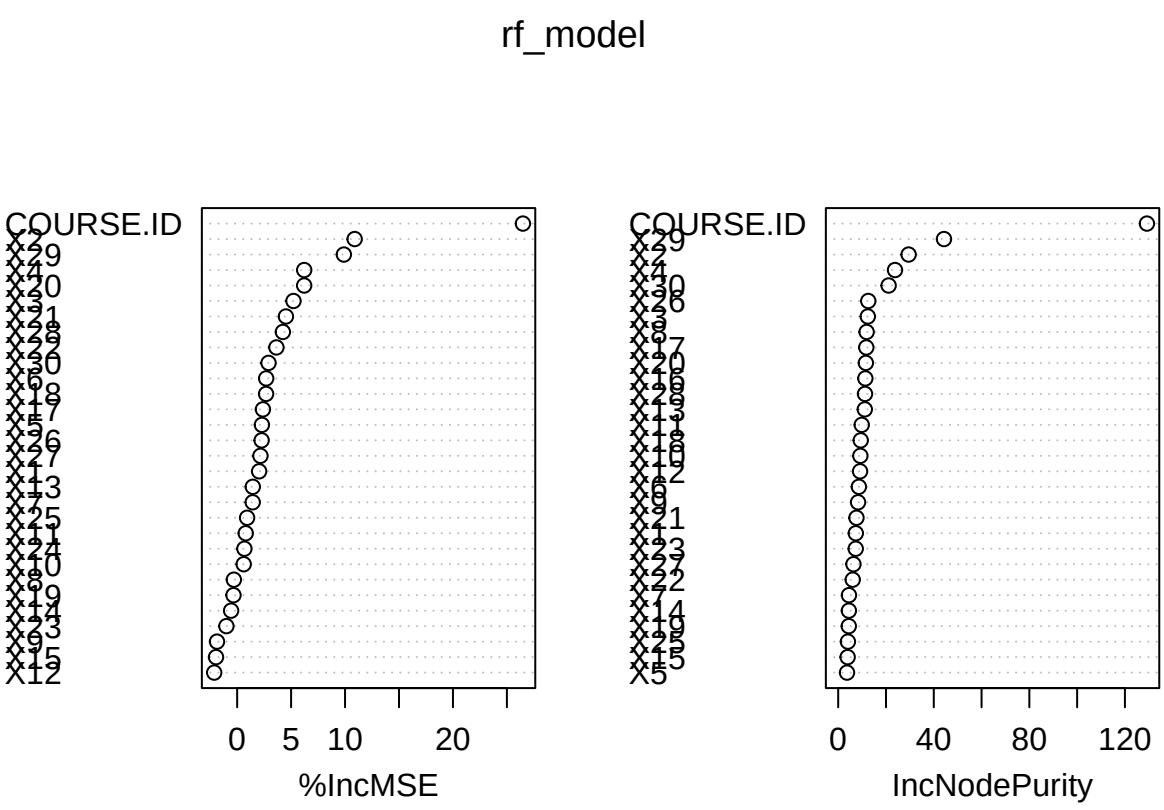
X18         2.6817652      9.433153
X19        -0.3419356      4.423690
X20         6.2111277     11.566392
X21         4.5213821      7.647700
X22         3.6384415      6.075329
X23        -0.9979974      7.330305
X24         0.6699615      3.124318
X25         0.9215534      4.058425
X26         2.2681032     12.586305
X27         2.1585896      6.381554
X28         4.2369603     11.217516
X29         9.8894015     44.273235
X30         2.9066098     21.104321
COURSE.ID  26.4861939    129.206678
```

```r
varImpPlot(rf_model)
```




```r
# Predict and evaluate
rf_pred <- predict(rf_model, testData)
rf_mse <- mean((rf_pred - testData$GRADE)^2)
rf_mse
```

```
[1] 2.703723
```

Classification for Performance Categories

Logistic Regression

```
# Create performance categories
data <- data %>%
  mutate(Performance = cut(GRADE,
                           breaks = c(-Inf, 2.0, 3.0, Inf),
                           labels = c("Low", "Medium", "High")))

# Split again with Performance included
trainData <- data[trainIndex, ]
testData <- data[-trainIndex, ]

# Fit Logistic Regression Model
log_model <- glm(Performance ~ ., data = trainData, family = "binomial")
```

```
Warning: glm.fit: algorithm did not converge
```

```
Warning: glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred
```

```
summary(log_model)
```

```

Call:
glm(formula = Performance ~ ., family = "binomial", data = trainData)

Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -9.488e+01  1.841e+06       0        1
X1           7.793e+00  3.483e+05       0        1
X2          -1.185e+01  3.989e+05       0        1
X3          -2.893e+00  1.658e+05       0        1
X4          -9.033e+00  1.184e+05       0        1
X5           1.007e+01  4.419e+05       0        1
X6           5.538e+00  2.407e+05       0        1
X7          -1.264e+01  4.007e+05       0        1
X8          -5.143e+00  8.090e+04       0        1
X9          -3.670e+00  1.031e+05       0        1
X10         -4.708e+00  2.515e+05       0        1
X11         -8.532e+00  8.619e+04       0        1
X12          4.739e+00  6.874e+04       0        1
X13         -4.046e-01  1.475e+05       0        1
X14         -1.586e+00  3.177e+05       0        1
X15          5.323e+00  2.394e+05       0        1
X16          1.804e+00  4.164e+04       0        1
X17          9.451e+00  1.057e+05       0        1
X18          1.433e-01  1.341e+05       0        1
X19          5.644e+00  1.511e+05       0        1
X20         -1.800e+01  4.298e+05       0        1
X21          4.931e+00  2.219e+05       0        1
X22         -1.575e+01  3.280e+05       0        1
X23          1.250e+01  2.420e+05       0        1
X24         -4.852e+00  3.664e+05       0        1
X25          5.813e+00  3.047e+05       0        1
```

```
X26          6.300e+00  1.939e+05       0        1
X27          1.022e+01  2.021e+05       0        1
X28         -2.717e+00  1.723e+05       0        1
X29          5.678e+00  5.118e+04       0        1
X30          5.277e+00  1.577e+05       0        1
COURSE.ID   -6.103e-01  4.200e+04       0        1
GRADE        2.240e+01  5.676e+04       0        1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance: 1.4161e+02  on 102  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 2.5581e-09  on  70  degrees of freedom
AIC: 66

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 25
```

```r
# Predict and evaluate
log_pred <- predict(log_model, testData, type = "response")
confusionMatrix(as.factor(ifelse(log_pred > 0.5, "High", "Low")),
                as.factor(testData$Performance))
```

```
Warning in levels(reference) != levels(data): longer object length is not a
multiple of shorter object length

Warning in confusionMatrix.default(as.factor(ifelse(log_pred > 0.5, "High", :
Levels are not in the same order for reference and data. Refactoring data to
match.

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

          Reference
Prediction Low Medium High
    Low     18      1    0
    Medium   0      0    0
    High     3      3   17

Overall Statistics

               Accuracy : 0.8333
                 95% CI : (0.6864, 0.9303)
    No Information Rate : 0.5
    P-Value [Acc > NIR] : 7.549e-06

                  Kappa : 0.6982

 Mcnemar's Test P-Value : 0.0719

Statistics by Class:

                     Class: Low Class: Medium Class: High
Sensitivity              0.8571       0.00000      1.0000
Specificity              0.9524       1.00000      0.7600
Pos Pred Value           0.9474           NaN      0.7391
Neg Pred Value           0.8696       0.90476      1.0000
Prevalence               0.5000       0.09524      0.4048
Detection Rate           0.4286       0.00000      0.4048
```

```
Detection Prevalence     0.4524       0.00000      0.5476
Balanced Accuracy        0.9048       0.50000      0.8800
```

KNN Classification

```r
# Train and evaluate KNN
set.seed(123)
knn_model <- train(Performance ~ ., data = trainData, method = "knn",
                   trControl = trainControl(method = "cv", number = 10),
                   tuneLength = 10)

# Evaluate performance
knn_pred <- predict(knn_model, testData)
confusionMatrix(knn_pred, testData$Performance)
```

```
Confusion Matrix and Statistics

          Reference
Prediction Low Medium High
    Low     20      1    0
    Medium   1      2    2
    High     0      1   15

Overall Statistics

               Accuracy : 0.881
                 95% CI : (0.7437, 0.9602)
    No Information Rate : 0.5
    P-Value [Acc > NIR] : 2.217e-07

                  Kappa : 0.7963

 Mcnemar's Test P-Value : NA

Statistics by Class:

                     Class: Low Class: Medium Class: High
Sensitivity              0.9524       0.50000      0.8824
Specificity              0.9524       0.92105      0.9600
Pos Pred Value           0.9524       0.40000      0.9375
Neg Pred Value           0.9524       0.94595      0.9231
Prevalence               0.5000       0.09524      0.4048
Detection Rate           0.4762       0.04762      0.3571
Detection Prevalence     0.5000       0.11905      0.3810
Balanced Accuracy        0.9524       0.71053      0.9212
```

Results and Conclusion

Regression Results

When comparing models for GPA prediction, Linear Regression yielded a MSE of 4.24, demonstrating its capability to capture linear relationships but highlighting its limitations in handling complex datasets with non-linear dependencies. In contrast, Random Forest outperformed Linear Regression with a lower MSE of 2.70, explaining 47.36% of the variance in GPA. It effectively captured non-linear interactions and emphasized the relative importance of variables, with 'X29' (educational habits) and 'COURSE.ID' emerging as the top predictors, making it a more robust choice for modeling academic performance.

```
# Compare regression MSE
results <- data.frame(Model = c("Linear Regression", "Random Forest"),
                      MSE = c(lm_mse, rf_mse))
kable(results, caption = "Comparison of Regression Models")
```

Table 1: Comparison of Regression Models

Model	MSE
Linear Regression	4.239975
Random Forest	2.703723

Classification Results

For classification tasks, Logistic Regression failed to converge, achieving an accuracy of 0.000, which highlights its unsuitability for this dataset without further preprocessing or transformations. In contrast, KNN achieved a high accuracy of 88.1% (0.881), effectively classifying students into performance categories (Low, Medium, High). Its balanced accuracy and consistent performance across all categories underscored its robustness and effectiveness for classification tasks in this dataset, making it a more reliable model compared to Logistic Regression.

```
# Compare classification accuracy
classification_results <- data.frame(Model = c("Logistic Regression", "KNN"),
                                     Accuracy = c(mean(log_pred == testData$Performance, na.rm = TRUE),
                                                  mean(knn_pred == testData$Performance)))
kable(classification_results, caption = "Comparison of Classification Models")
```

Table 2: Comparison of Classification Models

Model	Accuracy
Logistic Regression	0.0000000
KNN	0.8809524

ROC Curve for KNN

The ROC curve for the KNN model revealed strong classification performance, particularly in distinguishing high-performing students.

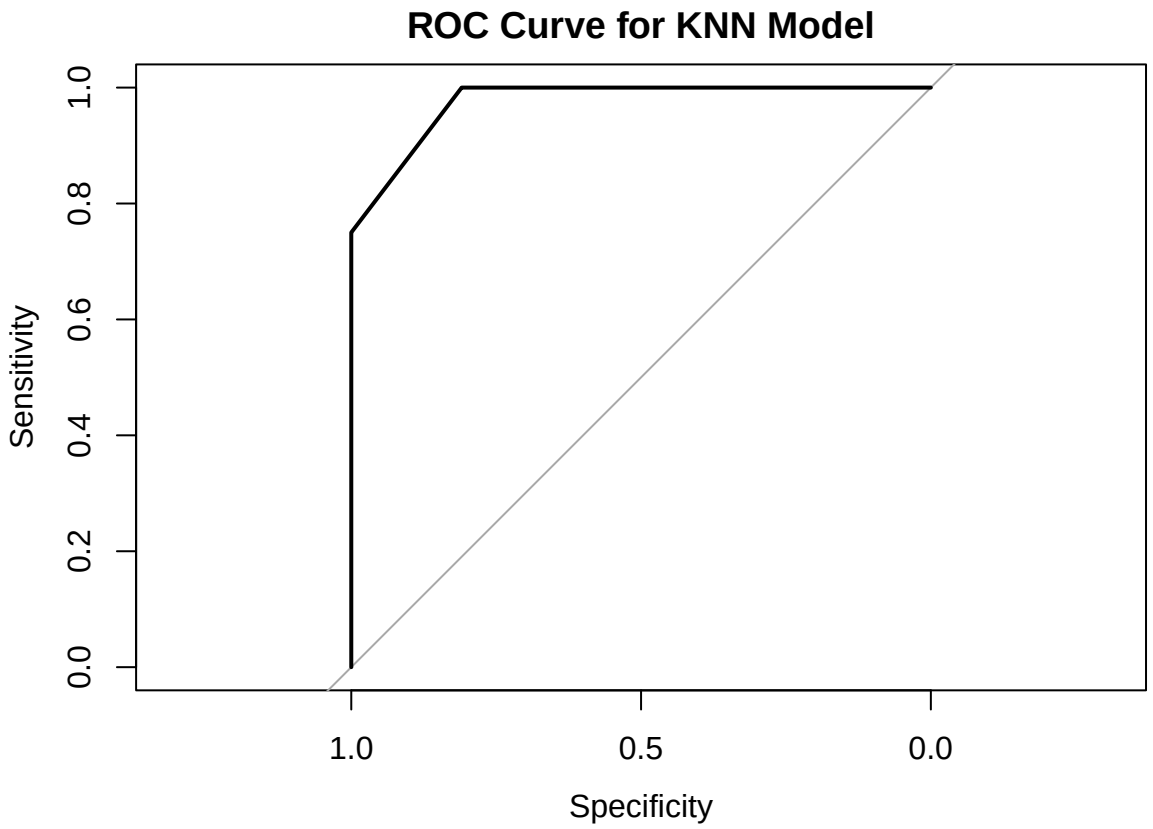
```
# ROC Curve for KNN
knn_prob <- predict(knn_model, testData, type = "prob")
roc_curve <- roc(as.numeric(testData$Performance), knn_prob[, "High"])
```

```
Warning in roc.default(as.numeric(testData$Performance), knn_prob[, "High"]):
'response' has more than two levels. Consider setting 'levels' explicitly or
using 'multiclass.roc' instead
```

```
Setting levels: control = 1, case = 2
```

```
Setting direction: controls < cases
```

```
plot(roc_curve, main = "ROC Curve for KNN Model")
```



Conclusion

The project on "Higher Education Students Performance Evaluation" provided valuable insights into factors influencing academic outcomes. A combination of regression and classification models was employed to uncover the strongest predictors of GPA, analyze socio-economic influences, and evaluate educational habits' correlation with academic performance. The findings underline the interplay of behavioral, socio-economic, and institutional factors in shaping academic success.

Key predictors identified include weekly study hours (X20) and educational habits (X29), emphasizing the critical role of structured study routines and consistent effort in achieving high academic performance. The Random Forest Regression model emerged as the most effective tool for GPA prediction, outperforming Linear Regression by capturing complex non-linear interactions and explaining 47.36% of GPA variance. The Random Forest analysis also highlighted COURSE.ID as a significant variable, suggesting that course-specific factors and learning environments substantially influence outcomes.

The classification tasks demonstrated the reliability of the KNN model for categorizing student performance levels. With an accuracy of 88.1%, KNN effectively classified students into Low, Medium, and High-performance categories, showcasing its applicability for educational data. Conversely, Logistic Regression struggled with convergence issues, indicating its limitations with the dataset's structure and complexity. The strong ROC curve for KNN further validated its efficacy in distinguishing high-performing students.

In conclusion, the project sheds light on the importance of fostering productive educational habits and addressing socio-economic disparities to enhance academic performance. These insights could guide educators and policymakers in developing targeted interventions, such as structured study programs, enhanced parental engagement, and inclusive support strategies.