Course Project Part 2

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Loading in Clean Data from Part 1

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In [22]: # from google.colab import drive
import pandas as pd
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
# drive.mount('/content/drive')

# julia file path
#colab_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/LID/CS_subset.csv'

# nikhil file path
colab_path = 'cleaned.csv'
#names_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/Code Shared/LID Project/CS_subset_dict.csv'
#pd.read_csv('u.item', sep='|', names=m_cols, encoding='latin-1')
cleaned = pd.read_csv(colab_path, encoding='latin-1')
#drive.mount('/content/drive')
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In [2]: ► cleaned

Out[2]:

	Unnamed: 0	INSTNM	CITY	STABBR	PREDDEG	CONTROL	SAT_AVG	UGDS	UGDS_WHITE	UGDS_BLACK		NPT4_PRIV	PCTPEI
0	0	Alabama A & M University	Normal	AL	3	1	823.0	4051.0	0.0279	0.9501		NaN	0.71
1	1	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	AL	3	1	1146.0	11200.0	0.5987	0.2590		NaN	0.35
2	2	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	AL	3	1	1180.0	5525.0	0.7012	0.1310		NaN	0.32
3	3	Alabama State University	Montgomery	AL	3	1	830.0	5354.0	0.0161	0.9285		NaN	0.82
4	4	The University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	AL	3	1	1171.0	28692.0	0.7865	0.1140		NaN	0.21
1722	1722	University of Phoenix- Augusta Campus	Augusta	GA	3	3	1050.0	735.0	0.1456	0.4830		17728.0	0.72
1723	1723	University of Phoenix- Chattanooga Campus	Chattanooga	TN	3	3	1050.0	408.0	0.3971	0.2426		18896.0	0.77
1724	1724	Argosy University- Phoenix Online Division	Phoenix	AZ	3	3	1050.0	8917.0	0.5140	0.3068	•••	31831.0	0.70
1725	1725	New Hope Christian College- Honolulu	Honolulu	н	3	2	1005.0	126.0	0.2143	0.0159	•••	14601.0	0.44
1726	1726	Strayer University- Global Region	Washington	DC	3	3	1050.0	1429.0	0.4269	0.3751		30704.0	0.62

1727 rows × 27 columns

```
In [3]: N # Splitting into train test split
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

# Establishing design matrix and potential responses
X = cleaned.drop(columns = ['Graduation Rate Over 50%', 'Median Salary 1+', 'STABBR_CONTROL', 'SAT_AVG_COMP','UGDS_NRA', '
# Making dummy variables for the states
encoded_states = pd.get_dummies(X.STABBR, prefix='STATE')
X = pd.concat([X, encoded_states], axis = 1).drop(columns = ['STABBR'])

y = cleaned[['Graduation Rate Over 50%', 'Median Salary 1+']]

# Splitting the data into a test and train set
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=0)
```

1 Inference on the outcome variables

(a) Estimate the mean of your continuous outcome variable. Estimate the mean of your binary outcome variable (i.e., the fraction of rows for which this variable is 1).

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In [4]: M means = y_train.describe().loc['mean',:].to_frame()
    variances = y_train.var().to_frame()
    stat=pd.concat([means,variances],axis=1).rename(columns = {0:'variance'})
    stat['variance'] = stat['variance']
    stat
Out[4]:
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 Graduation Rate Over 50%
 0.498914
 2.501800e-01

 Median Salary 1+
 41477.914555
 1.122361e+08

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In [5]:  M grad_mean = stat.loc['Graduation Rate Over 50%'][0]
    salary_mean = stat.loc['Median Salary 1+'][0]
    grad_std = np.sqrt(stat.loc['Graduation Rate Over 50%'][1])
    salary_std = np.sqrt(stat.loc['Median Salary 1+'][1])
    n = len(y_train)
```

(b) For both your continuous outcome variable and your binary outcome variable, construct a confidence interval around the mean. Explain any assumptions you made in constructing these intervals.

Confidence Interval for Binary Variable 'Graduation Rate over 50%'

Distribution of Median Salary from Sample

```
In [7]: ► %pylab
           %matplotlib inline
           %config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'
           import seaborn as sns
           sns.set()
           hist(y train['Median Salary 1+'])
           Using matplotlib backend: Qt5Agg
           Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib
   Out[7]: (array([ 36., 157., 549., 416., 177., 23., 15., 6., 1., 1.]),
            array([ 11800., 21680., 31560., 41440., 51320., 61200., 71080.,
                    80960., 90840., 100720., 110600.]),
            <BarContainer object of 10 artists>)
             500
             400
             300
             200
             100
```

95% Confidence Interval for Median Salary 1+ based on Student t-test

60000

80000

100000

40000

0

20000

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In [8]: N
    import scipy as sp
    import scipy.stats
    mu0 = 55260 # average salary out of college in 2020
    dataset = y_train['Median Salary 1+']
    tn = (dataset.mean()-mu0)*np.sqrt(n)/dataset.std(ddof=1)
    p = 2*(1-scipy.stats.t.cdf(abs(tn),n-1))
    print('p-val for mu0=%f is %f'%(mu0,p))
    ## t confidence intervals
    Q = sp.stats.t.ppf(1-.05/2,n-1)
    print('confidence interval: [%f, %f]'%(dataset.mean()-Q*dataset.std(ddof=1)/np.sqrt(n),dataset.mean()+Q*dataset.std(ddof=1)
```

p-val for mu0=55260.000000 is 0.000000 confidence interval: [40918.674178, 42037.154931]

Explain Assumptions

For the binary variable 'Graduating Rate over 50%' we are assuming comes from a Bernoulli distribution and used the bernoulli CI formula to get an interval from [0.473, 0.525].

For the continuous variable 'Median Salary 1+ After Graduation' we are assuming comes from a normal distribution and this is a safe assumption given our n is moderately large (1300+) by CLT. Therefore we can use the student t-test to quantify uncertainty in the mean. Our null hypothesis was that the median earnings is 55,260 from data in 2020. Under these assumptions this sample outputted a CI of [40918.67, 42037.15] median earnings.

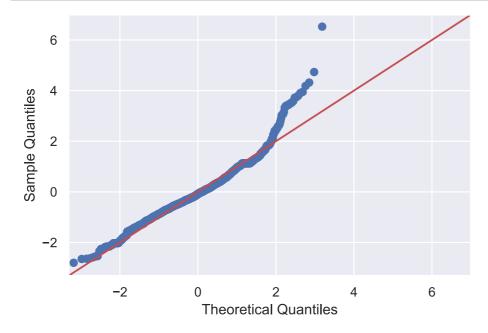
(c) Do you believe your confidence intervals are valid? Why or why not?

Our null hypothesis for the binary variable 'Graduating Rate over 50%' was that 50% of colleges have a graduating rate over 50%. Since our CI contains 0.5, this suggests that 95% of the time our CI will contain the true proportion of colleges with 'Graduating Rate over 50%'. This means our CI is valid and significant.

Our null hypothesis for the continuous variable 'Median Salary 1+ After Graduation' is that the median earnings is 55,260 from data in 2020. Since our CI does not contain 55,260, this suggest that our data underestimates the true median earnings of US graduates 95% of the time.

(d) For your continuous outcome variable, test for normality in two ways: (1) QQ plots, and (2) the K-S test. What can you conclude?

```
In [9]: ## qq plot
import statsmodels.api as sm
fig = sm.graphics.qqplot(dataset, sp.stats.norm, fit=True, line='45')
```



```
In [10]:  ## test normality
import statsmodels.stats.api as sms
print(sms.diagnostic.kstest_normal(dataset))

(0.06025284796347252, 0.00099999999999999999999999)
```

Conclusion on Normality Test

Since the data points on the QQ plot deviate from the red line and in the KS test we have a small p-value we reject the Ho hypothesis that the distribution from which this data came from is normal

(e) Choose a reasonable binary treatment variable.

We want to study its effect on the continuous outcome variable. What is the mean outcome when the binary treatment variable is 0 and 1, respectively? Use the Student's t-test to give a 95% confidence interval for the difference in these mean outcomes. Choose a test statistic and use a permutation test to report a p-value for the hypothesis that this binary treatment variable has a non-zero effect on the outcome. Explain how you chose the test statistic. What

can you conclude based on the obtained p-value? Note: If you do not have a suitable choice of a binary treatment variable in your dataset, create your own from a continuous treatment variable (for example, 1 if your continuous treatment variable exceeds a fixed threshold, and 0 otherwise).

Choosing a Binary Treatment Variable

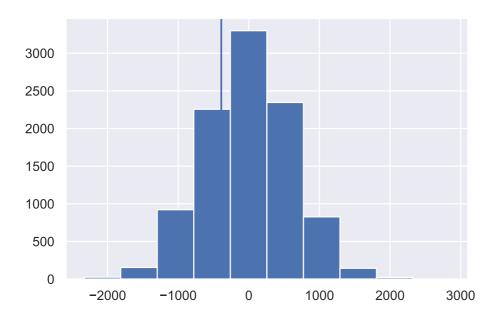
We decided to partition the data based on if the school is Private (True-1) or Public (False-0)

Private School Average Median Earnings 41620.2913631633/ Public School Average Medain Earnings 41152.142857142855

Perform Student T Test on Difference of Means for this Binary Treatment

```
In [12]: # T test (assume equal variance)
             # T test
             cm = sms.CompareMeans(
                 sms.DescrStatsW(df['Median Salary 1+'][df['School Type']==1]),
                 sms.DescrStatsW(df['Median Salary 1+'][df['School Type']==0])
             print('95pct t-test CI (equal vars):', cm.tconfint_diff())
             print('95pct t-test CI (Welch\'s):', cm.tconfint diff(usevar='unequal'))
             cm.summary()
             95pct t-test CI (equal vars): (-747.6839277627469, 1683.9809398037787)
             95pct t-test CI (Welch's): (-595.9837765966345, 1532.2807886376663)
    Out[12]:
             Test for equality of means
                           coef std err
                                                     T0.025
                                                             0.975]
              subset #1 468.1485 619.790 0.755 0.450 -747.684 1683.981
```

permutation pval = 0.5237476252374762



What can you conclude based on the obtained p-value?

Based on the student t-test we obtained a p-value of 0.450 which is larger than our alpha 0.05 indicating that the mean difference (Private - Public Earnings) between private and public median earnings is not significant. We fail to reject the null hypothesis that the median earning difference is 0. Our CI for the t-test is (-747.68, 1683.98) saying that 95% of time the median earning difference is -747 to 1683 dollars and the interval also contains 0 reinforcing our hypothesis test. When assuming non-equal variance we get a similar CI (-595.98, 1532.28) by the Welches t-test.

Based on the permutation test we shuffled the public private treatment and measure the difference in median earnings. Since the p-value for our experiment is 0.523 which is greater than 0.05 we fail to reject the null hypothesis that the public and private earnings come from the same distribution. We do not have sufficient evidence that they come from different distributions (see histogram above).

(f) Can you interpret your answer to part (e) causally? Why or why not?

No because we didnt assume ignorability in the dataset. There could be unexplained reasons why median earnings are the same between public and private schools in the US.

2 Investigating relationships

(a) For each treatment variable, run a simple regression against your outcome variables and report p-values for the slopes. What do you observe? Compare your results to question 2(g) from mini-project: part 1. Do higher estimated correlations always correspond to smaller p-values?

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In [14]: ▶ import statsmodels.stats.api as sms
            import statsmodels.api as sm
            import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
topfeatures = ['SAT AVG', 'UGDS ASIAN', 'RET FT4', 'Tuition', 'UGDS 2MOR']
            df = df.rename(columns={"Median Salary 1+": 'Salary', 'Graduation Rate Over 50%':'GraduationRate'})
In [16]: | pvals = []
            for feature in topfeatures:
              formula = 'Salary ~ ' + feature
              lm = smf.ols(formula, data=df).fit()
              print(feature, 'pvalue', lm.pvalues[1])
              pvals.append([feature, lm.pvalues[1]])
            pvals.sort(key=lambda x:x[1])
            SAT AVG pvalue 2.336278151351445e-90
            UGDS ASIAN pvalue 4.546258422106182e-71
            RET FT4 pvalue 6.077665228951959e-50
            Tuition pvalue 1.35643608674303e-33
            UGDS_2MOR pvalue 6.831902577305884e-12
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Yes from part 2G we had the top 5 correlated covariates as 'SAT_AVG', 'UGDS_ASIAN', 'RET_FT4', 'Tuition', 'UGDS_2MOR'. When finding the p-value, the order stays the same in lowest p-value and significance.

(b) Fit a linear regression model with all treatment variables against your continuous outcome variable.

Out[17]: OLS Regression Results

Dep. Variable: Salary R-squared: 0.482 Model: OLS Adj. R-squared: 0.479 Method: Least Squares F-statistic: 127.6 **Date:** Thu, 17 Mar 2022 **Prob (F-statistic):** 7.24e-188 Time: 12:43:32 Log-Likelihood: -14304.

 No. Observations:
 1381
 AIC: 2.863e+04

 Df Residuals:
 1370
 BIC: 2.869e+04

Df Model: 10

Covariance Type: nonrobust

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
Intercept	2.727e+04	3175.276	8.590	0.000	2.1e+04	3.35e+04	
SAT_AVG	24.6568	2.439	10.109	0.000	19.872	29.442	
UGDS_ASIAN	6.354e+04	4429.004	14.346	0.000	5.48e+04	7.22e+04	
RET_FT4	-9057.2612	1992.767	-4.545	0.000	-1.3e+04	-5148.055	
Tuition	-0.0069	0.037	-0.190	0.849	-0.079	0.065	
UGDS_2MOR	-1.928e+04	9987.602	-1.930	0.054	-3.89e+04	314.577	
PCTPELL	-3.506e+04	2110.760	-16.610	0.000	-3.92e+04	-3.09e+04	
UGDS_BLACK	8856.9704	1402.541	6.315	0.000	6105.609	1.16e+04	
PCTFLOAN	8618.3923	1581.864	5.448	0.000	5515.254	1.17e+04	
UGDS_HISP	5506.3415	1653.432	3.330	0.001	2262.808	8749.875	
UGDS_AIAN	-3943.8268	5490.186	-0.718	0.473	-1.47e+04	6826.254	

 Omnibus:
 280.865
 Durbin-Watson:
 1.987

 Prob(Omnibus):
 0.000
 Jarque-Bera (JB):
 1007.346

Skew: 0.962 **Prob(JB):** 1.81e-219

Kurtosis: 6.716 **Cond. No.** 9.94e+05

Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

[2] The condition number is large, 9.94e+05. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

(b) Fit a logistic regression model with all treatment variables against your binary outcome variable.

1381

Optimization terminated successfully.

Current function value: 0.314476

Iterations 8

Dep. Variable: GraduationRate No. Observations:

Out[18]: Logit Regression Results

Mode	el:	Logit	Df R	esidual	s:	1370		
Metho	d:	MLE		Df Mode	l:	10		
Dat	e: Thu, 17	Mar 2022	Pseud	lo R-squ	.: 0.5	0.5463		
Tim	e:	12:43:32	Log-Li	kelihood	d: -43	-434.29		
converge	d:	True		LL-Nul	l: -95	-957.23		
Covariance Typ	e: r	nonrobust	LLR p-value: 2.433e-218					
	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]		
Intercept	-19.2186	1.742	-11.030	0.000	-22.634	-15.804		
SAT_AVG	0.0078	0.001	5.459	0.000	0.005	0.011		
UGDS_ASIAN	0.5519	1.960	0.282	0.778	-3.290	4.394		
RET_FT4	15.1648	1.309	11.585	0.000	12.599	17.730		
Tuition	5.839e-05	1.61e-05	3.621	0.000	2.68e-05	9e-05		
UGDS_2MOR	-14.0397	4.678	-3.001	0.003	-23.209	-4.871		
PCTPELL	-4.9628	0.884	-5.611	0.000	-6.696	-3.229		
UGDS_BLACK	-1.4259	0.772	-1.846	0.065	-2.940	0.088		
PCTFLOAN	2.7849	0.687	4.054	0.000	1.439	4.131		
UGDS_HISP	-2.2521	0.878	-2.566	0.010	-3.973	-0.532		

9.765 -2.069 0.039 -39.339 -1.062

UGDS AIAN -20.2007

(c) For your linear regression model, look at which coefficients are significant in the output accordingto StatsModels. Describe what statistical significance means for these coefficients. Do you believe the results? Why or why not? Compare your results to part (a). Are there variables that now appear more or less relevant?

Explanation

For the linear regression model SAT_AVG, UGDS_ASIAN, RET_FT4, UGDS_BLACK, PCTFLOAN, UGDS_HISP, and PCTPELL are significant because their p-values are less than 0.05 indicating that they did not come from the distribution of the null hypothesis. This means that one unit change in the variable will yield the coefficient value change in median earnings. For example, a one unit increase in SAT_AVG will increase median earnings by 24 dollars. We do not believe all of these results make sense. For example, a one unit change in retention percentage decreases the median earnings by about 9000 dollars. Comparing our results to part a, tuition and undergrad percentage of 2 or more races was not found significant this time when adding more covariates. SAT average and undergrad asian percentage were still the most relevant variables while retention rate is not relevant anymore because it's coefficient is abnormal.

(d) Comment on potential problems with your analysis on multiple hypothesis testing. Suggest how applying the Bonferroni correction would change your interpretation of significant coefficients.

Since we are doing multiple hypothesis testing simultaneously, the more likely erroneous inferences become. Typically we would need a stricter significance level. The Holm-Bonferroni correction controls the family-wise error rate by adjusting the rejection criteria for each of the individual hypotheses.

(e) For the relationships that you found significant in part (c), would you be willing to interpret them as causal relationships? If not, why not? What other covariates do you think might be confounding your ability to infer causal relationships? Are there variables you would like to remove from the regression, e.g., post-treatment variables? Do your best in including or excluding variables to arrive at the most causally sound conclusions. Explain your thought process – what did you do and why?

For the relationships we found significant we would not interpret them as casual because we are not comparing like to like schools based on the difficulty to get in. SAT average and percentage of asian students are confounding variables that are colinear to median earings. To combat this collinearity, we stratified schools by their sat average and then ran the OLS with asian percentage to get the true causal relatinships between asian percentage and median earnings (about 8000 dollars). We excluded the other variables because they were erroneous.

Ignorability to interpret causal relationship with Median Earnings when conditioning on SAT_AVG

In [20]: **№** %pylab %matplotlib inline %config InlineBackend.figure format = 'svg' import seaborn as sns # Stratifying data into high and low sat ava high sat = df[df.SAT AVG > 1100] low sat = df[df.SAT AVG <= 1100] # running ols with high sat ava topfeatures = ['UGDS ASIAN'] formula = 'Salary ~' + "+".join(topfeatures) lm = smf.ols(formula, data=high_sat).fit() lm.pvalues = lm.pvalues[lm.pvalues < 0.05]</pre> sigOLS = list(lm.pvalues.index) lm.summary() Using matplotlib backend: Qt5Agg Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib Out[20]: OLS Regression Results Dep. Variable: Salary 0.248 R-squared: Model: OLS Adj. R-squared: 0.246 Method: Least Squares F-statistic: 116.4

Date: Thu, 17 Mar 2022 Prob (F-statistic): 1.20e-23 Time: 12:43:33 Log-Likelihood: -3774.7 No. Observations: 355 AIC: 7553. **Df Residuals:** 353 BIC: 7561. Df Model: 1 **Covariance Type:** nonrobust coef std err t P>|t| [0.025 0.975] **Intercept** 4.365e+04 734.415 59.439 0.000 4.22e+04 4.51e+04 **UGDS_ASIAN** 7.945e+04 7363.658 10.790 0.000 6.5e+04 9.39e+04 **Omnibus:** 73.216 **Durbin-Watson:** 2.145

232.279

Prob(Omnibus): 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB):

Skew: 0.908 **Prob(JB):** 3.64e-51

Kurtosis: 6.522 **Cond. No.** 13.8

Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

(f) Repeat parts (c) and (e) for your logistic regression model.

For your logistic regression model, look at which coefficients are significant in the output according to StatsModels. Describe what statistical significance means for these coefficients. Do you believe the results? Why or why not? Compare your results to part (a). Are there variables that now appear more or less relevant?

For the logit regression model 'SAT_AVG', 'RET_FT4', 'Tuition', 'UGDS_2MOR', 'PCTPELL', 'PCTFLOAN', 'UGDS_HISP', 'UGDS_AIAN are significant because their p-values are less than 0.05 indicating that they did not come from the distribution of the null hypothesis. This means that one unit change in the variable will yield the log odds ratio of graduation rate. For example, a one unit increase in SAT_AVG will increase coefficient for graduation rate by e^(.0078) 1.0 which indicates a 0% increase in odds of higher graduation rate. We do not believe all of these results make sense. Comparing our results to part a, undergraduate asian percentage was not found significant. Undergraduate black percentage was one of the most relevant variables because the odds ratio suggest the graduation rate is decreased by 80% while retention rate is not relevant anymore because it's odds ratio is 3,269,017 and abnormal.

For the relationships that you found significant in part (c), would you be willing to interpret them as causal relationships? If not, why not? What other covariates do you think might be confounding your ability to infer causal relationships? Are there variables you would like to remove from the regression, e.g., post-treatment variables? Do your best in including or excluding variables to arrive at the most causally sound conclusions. Explain your thought process – what did you do and why?

For the relationships we found significant we would not interpret them as casual because we are not comparing like to like school demographics. Student Loan percentage and percentage of black students are confounding variables that are colinear to graduation rate. To combat this collinearity, we stratified schools by their percentage of black of students and then ran the logistic regression with percentage of student loans to get the true causal relatinships between percentage of student loans and the odds graduation rate decreased by 78%. This causal relationship shows systemic bias in the education system.

Ignorability to interpret causal relationship of Graduation Rate when conditioning on Percentage of UGDS_BLACK

```
# Stratifying data into high and low sat ava
In [21]:
             high blackPct = df[df.UGDS BLACK > 0.5]
             low blackPct = df[df.UGDS BLACK <= 0.5]</pre>
             topfeatures = ['PCTFLOAN']
             formula = 'GraduationRate~' + "+".join(topfeatures)
             lm logistic = smf.logit(formula, data=df).fit()
             lm_logistic.pvalues = lm_logistic.pvalues[lm_logistic.pvalues < 0.05]</pre>
             sigLog = list(lm_logistic.pvalues.index)
             lm_logistic.summary()
             Optimization terminated successfully.
                       Current function value: 0.683995
                       Iterations 4
   Out[21]:
             Logit Regression Results
                 Dep. Variable:
                               GraduationRate No. Observations:
                                                                1381
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Model: Logit **Df Residuals:** 1379 Method: MLE Df Model: 1 **Date:** Thu, 17 Mar 2022 Pseudo R-squ.: 0.01320 Time: 12:43:33 Log-Likelihood: -944.60 converged: True LL-Null: -957.23 **Covariance Type: LLR p-value:** 4.982e-07 nonrobust

 coef
 std err
 z
 P>|z|
 [0.025
 0.975]

 Intercept
 0.9374
 0.198
 4.723
 0.000
 0.548
 1.326

 PCTFLOAN
 -1.5414
 0.312
 -4.945
 0.000
 -2.152
 -0.930