

Unsupervised Machine Learning HW1

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Exploration & Computation

1.Dataset: Alcohol consumption and Happiness Scores by Countries

This dataset includes variables such as Country, Region, Hemisphere, Happiness Scores, Beer per Capital, Wine per Capital, GDP per Capital etc, collected from 122 countries in 2018. In this report, I am interested in visualizing how happiness is related to beer consumption among the countries across the world.

The below are some sample rows of the subdataset I am interested in:

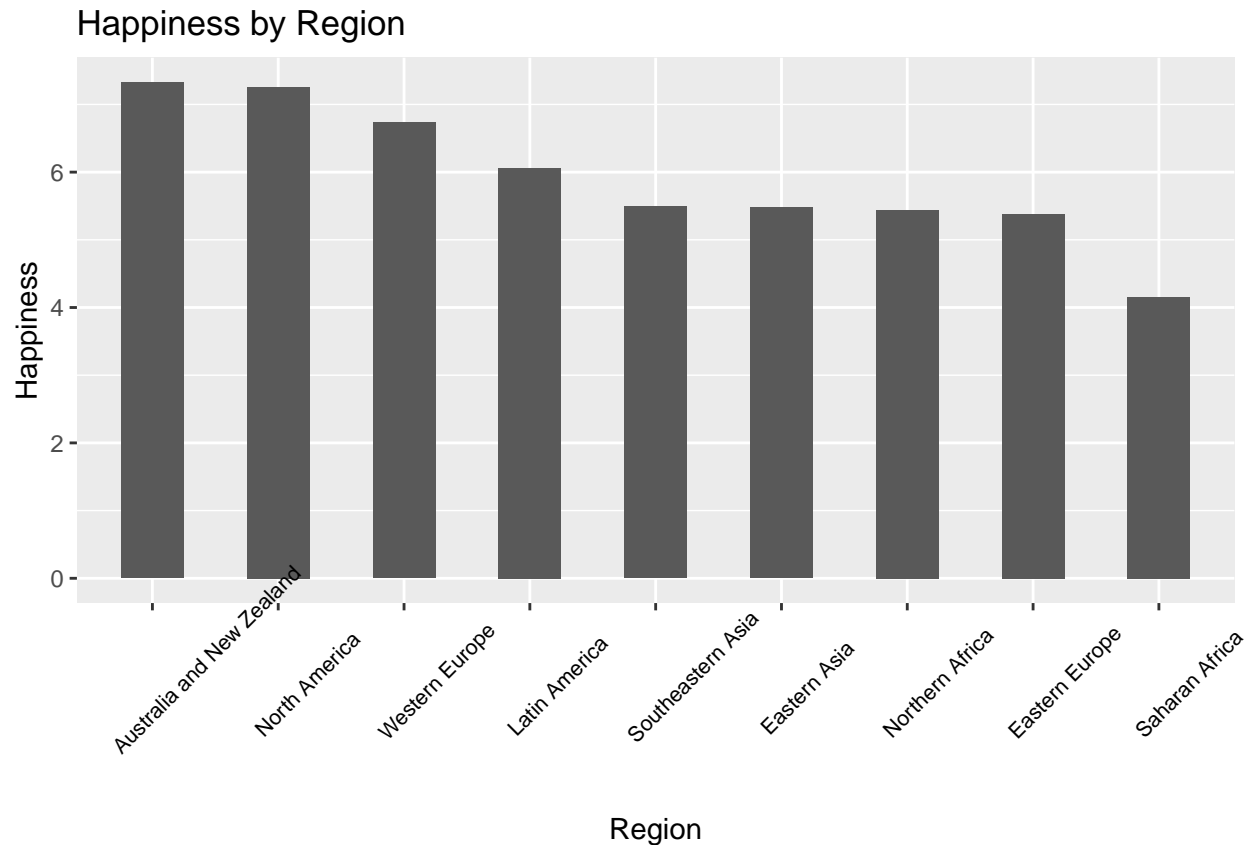
```
dataset <- data %>%
  dplyr::select(Country, Region, Hemisphere, HappinessScore, Beer_PerCapita)
sample_n(dataset, 5, replace = TRUE)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 5
##   Country Region      Hemisphere HappinessScore Beer_PerCapita
##   <chr>   <chr>         <chr>          <dbl>         <dbl>
## 1 Serbia Eastern Europe north           5.18           283
## 2 Chile  Latin America  south           6.70           130
## 3 Ukraine Eastern Europe north           4.32           206
## 4 Ireland Western Europe north           6.91           313
## 5 Benin  Saharan Africa north           3.48            34
```

2.Visual Technique: Bar plot and scatter plot

3.1 Bar plot showing happiness scores of each region of the world.

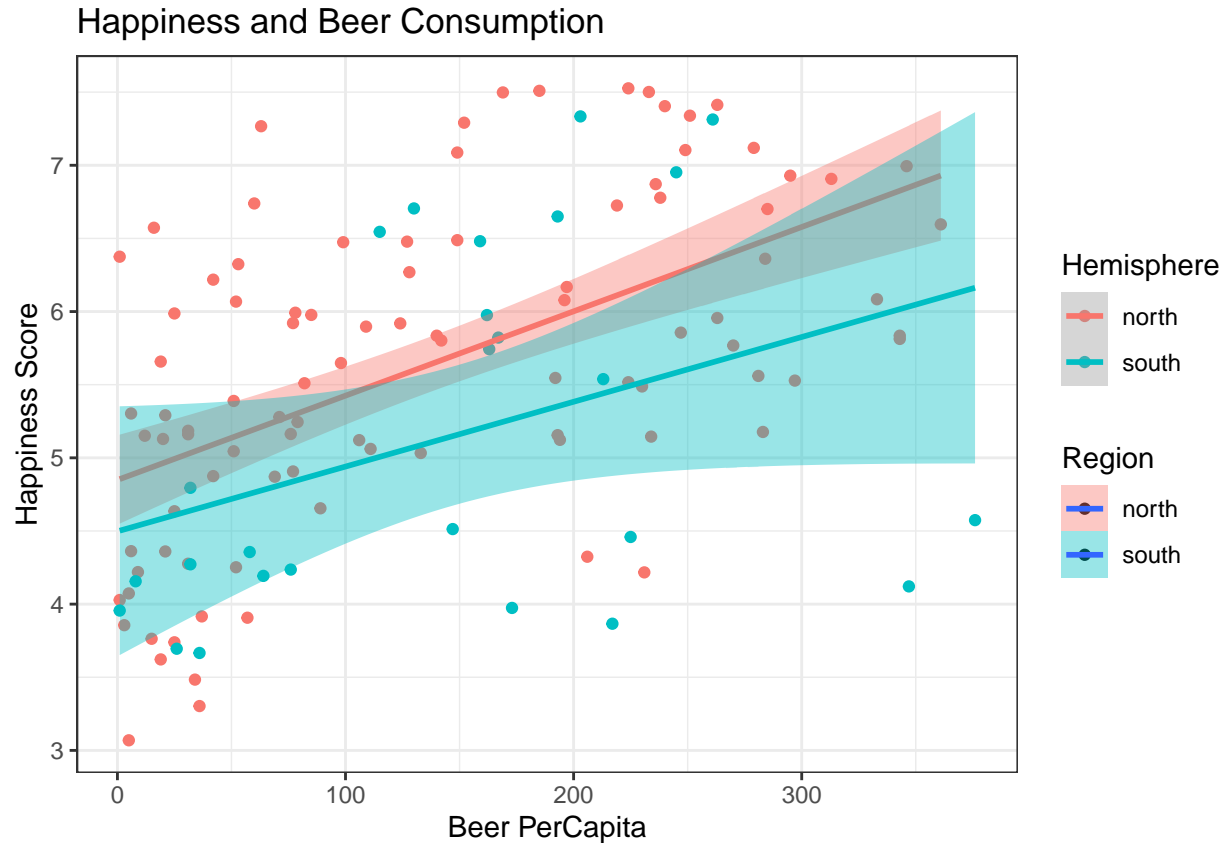
```
# Bar plot: Happiness by Region
dataset %>%
  group_by(Region) %>%
  summarize(mean_happiness = mean(HappinessScore, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  ggplot() +
  geom_bar(aes(x = reorder(Region, -mean_happiness), y =mean_happiness),
    stat = "identity", width = 0.5) +
  labs(x = "Region",
    y = "Happiness",
    title = "Happiness by Region") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(size = 8, color = "black",
    vjust = 0.5, hjust = 0.2, angle = 45))
```



From the bar plot, we could find that people living in Australia, New Zealand, North America, Western Europe have the highest happiness scores, while people living in Northern Africa, Eastern Europe, and Saharan Africa feel least happy. Also, the countries in the region that have relatively higher happiness scores are developed countries, and on the other side, countries with lower happiness scores are mostly the developing countries.

3.2 Scatter plot showing the relationship between beer consumption and happiness scores, by hemisphere.

```
# Scatter plot: Beer Consumption and Happiness Score
ggplot(dataset, aes(x = Beer_PerCapita, y = HappinessScore,
                    fill = Hemisphere, color = Hemisphere)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = lm) +
  labs(x = "Beer PerCapita",
       y = "Happiness Score",
       title = "Happiness and Beer Consumption", fill = "Region") +
  theme_bw()
```



From the figure, we can see that happiness are generally positively related with beer consumption, more beer consumption per capital, the happiness score of the country is higher. Also, the happiness scores of the countries in north hemisphere is higher than the countries in the south, but the trend of beer consumption on happiness is similar.

4. Central tendency and variation of the data

```
## Skim summary statistics
## n obs: 122
## n variables: 5
## group variables: Hemisphere
##
## -- Variable type:character -----
## Hemisphere variable missing complete n min max empty n_unique
## north Country 0 96 96 4 22 0 96
## north Region 0 96 96 12 17 0 8
## south Country 0 26 26 4 15 0 26
## south Region 0 26 26 13 25 0 3
##
## -- Variable type:numeric -----
## Hemisphere variable missing complete n mean sd p0 p25
## north Beer_PerCapita 0 96 96 134.94 106.31 1 36.75
## north HappinessScore 0 96 96 5.63 1.11 3.07 5.04
## south Beer_PerCapita 0 26 26 147.27 100.51 1 59.5
## south HappinessScore 0 26 26 5.15 1.23 3.67 4.17
## p50 p75 p100 hist
## 107.5 231.5 361 <U+2587><U+2585><U+2582><U+2582><U+2583><U+2583><U+2582><U+2582>
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5.65 6.47 7.53 <U+2582><U+2583><U+2583><U+2587><U+2586><U+2587><U+2585><U+2586>
 ## 160.5 210.5 376 <U+2587><U+2583><U+2582><U+2587><U+2587><U+2582><U+2581><U+2582>
 ## 4.54 6.35 7.33 <U+2586><U+2587><U+2581><U+2581><U+2583><U+2581><U+2583><U+2583>

5. Describe the numeric output in substantive terms

The data reveals that the average happiness score of the north hemisphere (5.63) is a bit higher than south (5.15), and the countries in the north have smaller variations. However, the beer consumption per capital in the north (134.94) is lower than in the south (147.27), and north hemisphere has larger variations.

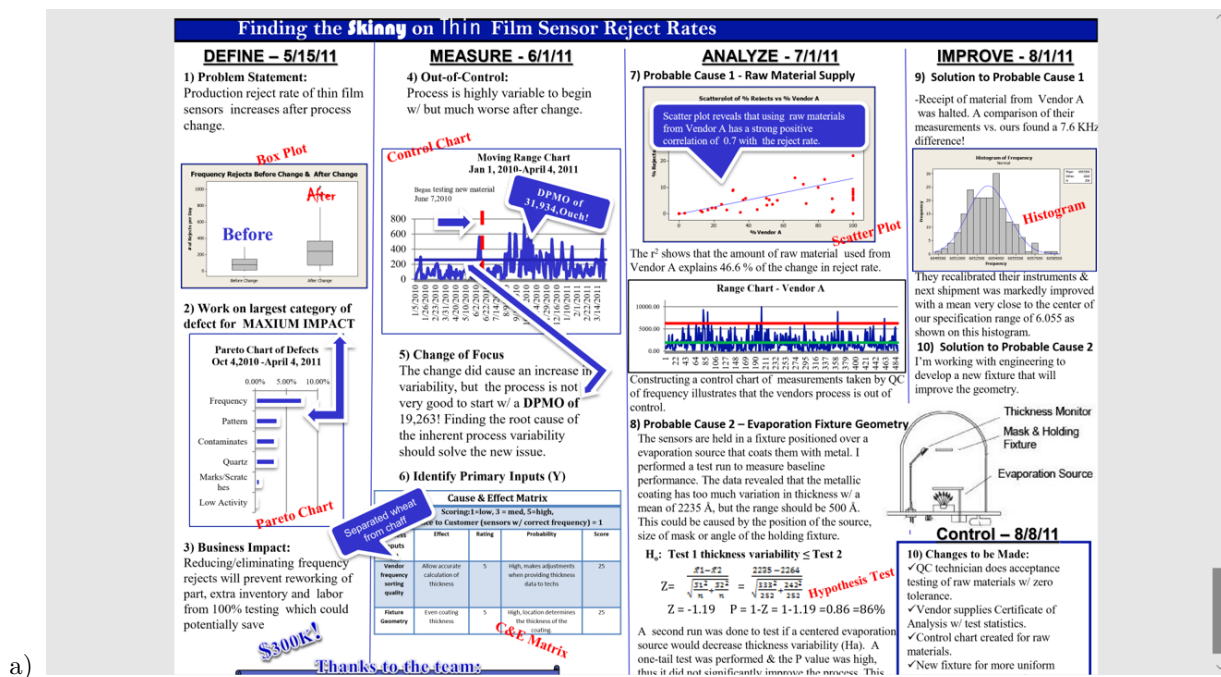
This summary data gives us overall picture of the happiness scores and the beer consumption in north and south hemisphere, it's easy to make the comparison among the groups. Also, according to the distributions of the data, I found that the happiness scores of the countries in the north hemisphere is close the normal distribution, but for the countries in the south hemisphere, the happiness scores are more divergent, some countries have really low scores while other countries have very high happiness scores (countries like Australia). This distribution reveals that the gap between the levels of happiness of the countries in the south hemisphere is much larger than north.

Critical Thinking

1. Describe the different information contained in/revealed by visual versus numeric exploratory data analysis.

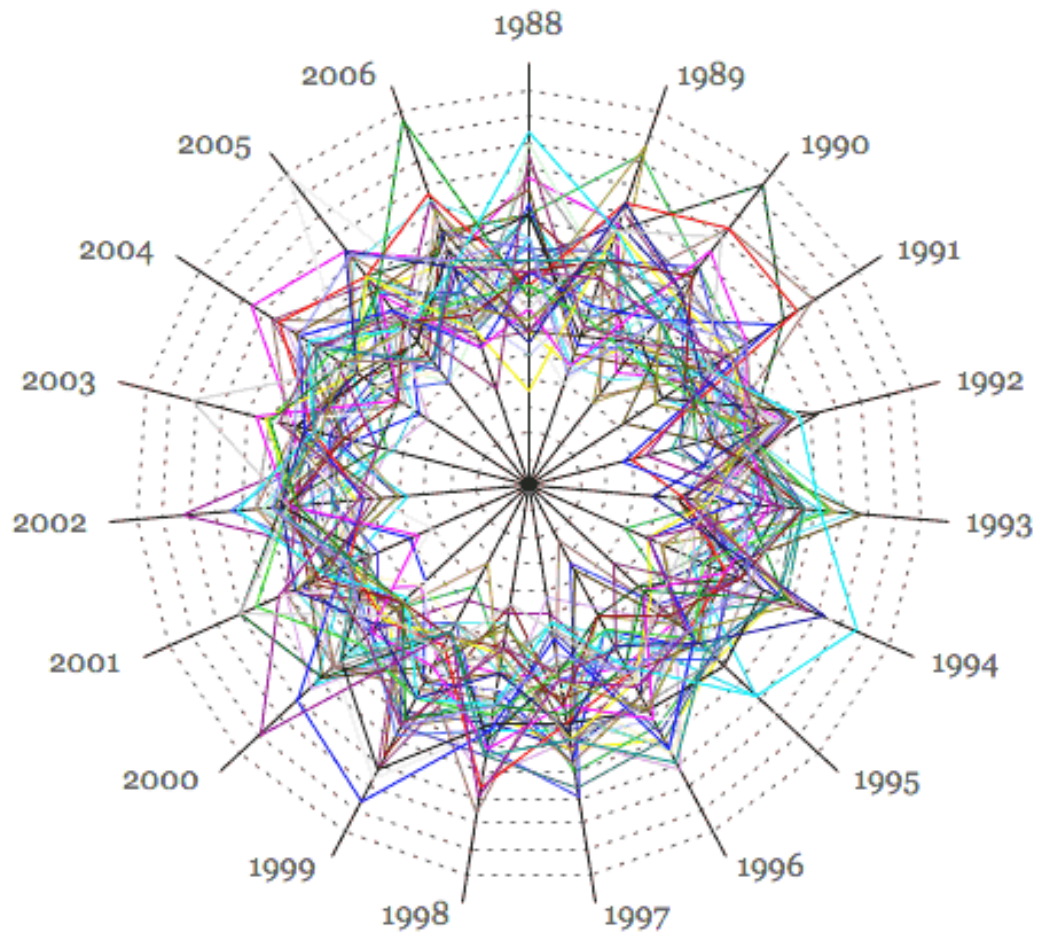
Visual exploratory data analysis provides us with more direct sense of the data, easier for us to detect patterns, structure and trends. Also human brain are usually more sensitive to the visual patterns, it make the complicated dataset easier and faster for the human brain to process and understand. Numeric exploratory data analysis is more rational, it provides a more specific result, and also can reveal more accurate internal relationships with the variables, which maybe hard to observe from the visual patterns.

2. Find (and include) two examples of “bad” visualizations and tell me precisely why they’re bad.



This figure contains too much information in one graph and it's too complicated for human brain to process and get the information it wants to convey. Also, some of the labels are overlapping and cover the original information. Overall, it's too crowded, not organized, and inefficient to process.

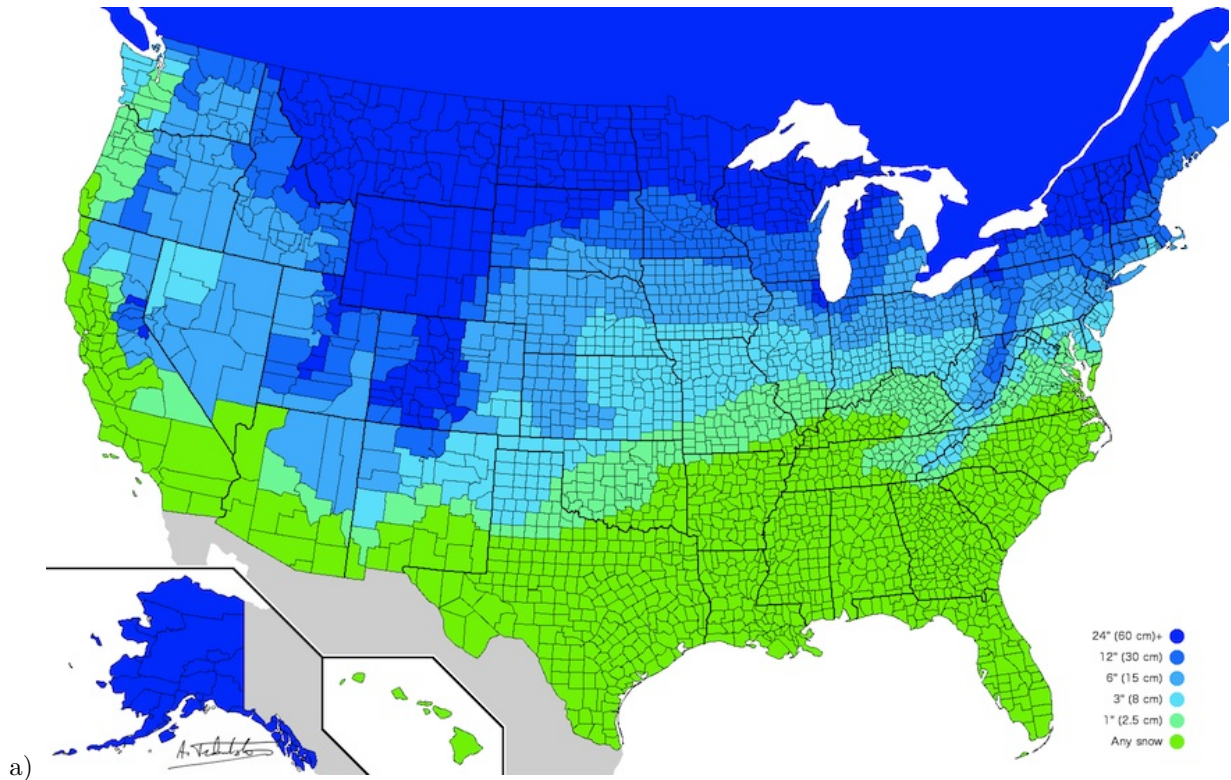
Lotto numbers, like a star



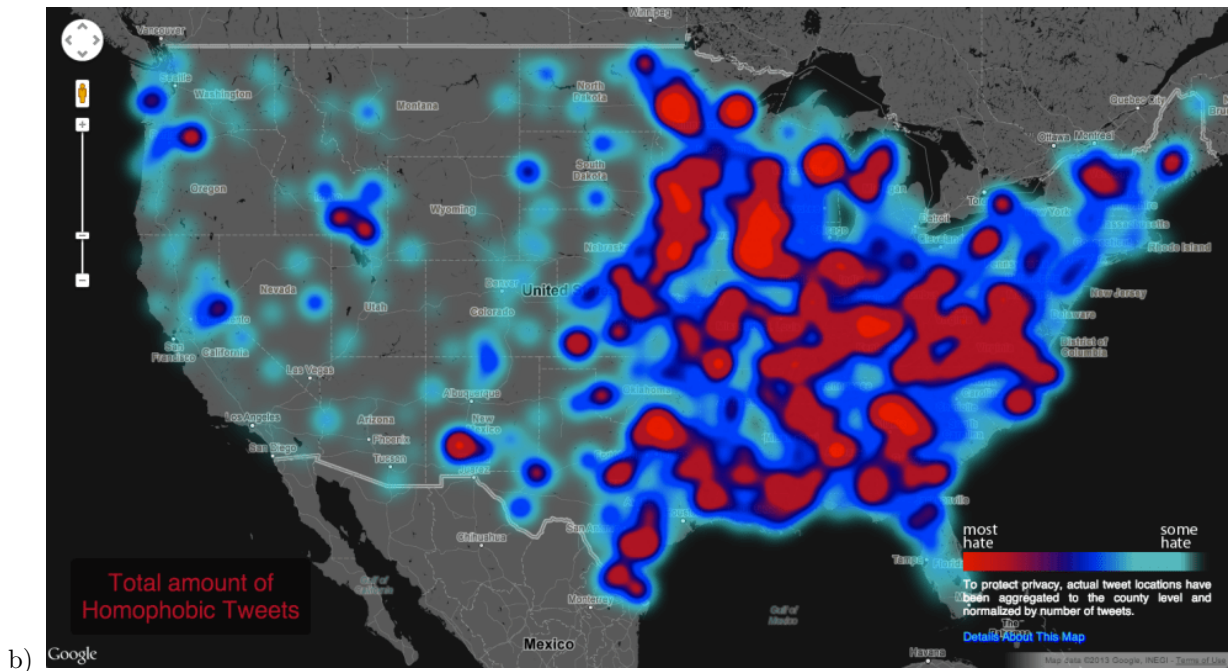
b)

The title of this figure doesn't say anything about what this figure means. There are too many colorful lines overlapping together that readers are hard to tell where each line goes. Also, there is no label showing the meaning of each color. The graph is overall very confusing.

3. Find (and include) two examples of “good” visualizations and tell me precisely why they’re good.



This figure is trying to show the average amount of snowfall it typically takes to cancel school in different regions in US. The color and the label of this figure are very helpful for readers to understand the information. Also, visualizing the information on the map is very convenient for readers to match to the specific location.



This picture is showing the geography of tweets that are against gays, races and the disabled. Using the heatmap to present the degree of hate in each region of the country is very clear, readers could the information

at the first glance.

4. When might we use EDA and why/how does it help the research process?

EDA is very helpful at the very beginning of the analysis of the unfamiliar dataset, because it can offer researcher a general sense of the pattern and the structure of the data, what kind of research question the given dataset could answer and what is the best methods to use for later analysis. EDA is also useful in other stages of the research, which could help researchers to find “out of box” insights.

5. What did John Tukey mean by “confirmatory” versus “exploratory”? Give me an example for each.

According to John Tukey, confirmatory analysis is using statistical methods to test the hypothesis. An example is that given the hypothesis that beer consumption would increase happiness, then use the statistical tool to analyse the collected data to verify whether the hypothesis is acceptable.

Exploratory analysis is that given a dataset, explore the answerable research question of the dataset or generate hypothesis from the data. For example, using the visualization tools such as bar plot, scatter plot to explore the relationships of the datapoints.