Descriptive and Predictive Data: Final Exam Report

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DATA LOADING AND UNDERSTANDING

```
# Load data
load("gamedata.Rdata")
# Rename the data frame as "df_Game" for name convention consistency
df_Game <- gamedata
rm(gamedata)
# Have a quick look at the data
head(df_Game)
     spending monthindex playerindex
                                                                type gender
                                        genre motivation
## 1 155.8784
                       1
                                         misc destruction individual female
## 2 161.9487
                                         misc destruction individual female
                       2
                                   1
                      3
## 3 109.9797
                                   1 strategy destruction individual female
## 4 134.9355
                       4
                                       puzzle destruction individual female
## 5 124.8536
                       5
                                       puzzle destruction individual female
## 6 146.0078
                       6
                                         misc destruction individual female
      income age dummydecember
## 1 1952.377 19
## 2 1772.635 19
## 3 1651.704 19
                              0
## 4 1911.066 19
                              0
## 5 1539.180 19
## 6 1667.979 19
```

QUESTION 1

```
# Print summary statistics of all variables in the dataset summary(df_Game)
```

```
## spending monthindex playerindex genre
## Min. : 0.0 Min. : 1.00 Min. : 1.0 misc :12686
## 1st Qu.:233.7 1st Qu.: 30.75 1st Qu.:125.8 platform : 8272
## Median :373.1 Median : 60.50 Median :250.5 puzzle :10676
```

```
:371.3
                    Mean
                           : 60.50
                                             :250.5
                                                      shooter
                                                                 : 7205
##
    Mean
                                      Mean
    3rd Qu.:503.6
                    3rd Qu.: 90.25
                                      3rd Qu.:375.2
##
                                                      simulation:11729
                                                      strategy: 9432
##
           :749.1
                    Max.
                           :120.00
                                     Max.
                                             :500.0
##
                                                                income
          motivation
                                 type
                                               gender
##
    competition:35400
                        individual:22680
                                            female:24000
                                                           Min.
                                                                   : 762
    destruction:24600
                                   :37320
                                            male :36000
##
                        social
                                                            1st Qu.:2098
                                                           Median:2722
##
##
                                                           Mean
                                                                   :2602
##
                                                            3rd Qu.:3066
##
                                                           Max.
                                                                   :4118
##
                    dummydecember
         age
           :18.00
                            :0.00000
##
    Min.
                    Min.
##
    1st Qu.:29.00
                    1st Qu.:0.00000
##
   Median :36.00
                    Median :0.00000
           :36.15
                           :0.08333
##
    Mean
                    Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:43.00
                    3rd Qu.:0.00000
           :55.00
    Max.
                    Max.
                           :1.00000
str(df_Game)
##
  'data.frame':
                    60000 obs. of 10 variables:
    $ spending
                   : num 156 162 110 135 125 ...
   $ monthindex
                          1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
##
                   : int
    $ playerindex : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
                   : Factor w/ 6 levels "misc", "platform",..: 1 1 6 3 3 1 1 1 3 1 ...
##
    $ genre
                   : Factor w/ 2 levels "competition",..: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
##
    $ motivation
##
    $ type
                   : Factor w/ 2 levels "individual", "social": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
    $ gender
                   : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
                          1952 1773 1652 1911 1539 ...
   $ income
##
    $ age
                          19 19 19 19 19 19 19 20 20 ...
                   : num
                          0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
##
    $ dummydecember: num
```

Comment: - There are 10 variables in this dataset of 60000 observations. - Categorical variables include: genre, motivation, type, gender, dummydecember. They have finite values. - Continuous variables include: spending, income. - Discrete variables are: monthindex, playerindex, age. Technically, if age takes any value (e.g., 15.78 years old), it is considered continuous. However, here age only takes integer values, so it is considered discrete variable. - The youngest person in the research period was 18 years old at the beginning, and the oldest turned 55 at the end. - 60% of the players are male and 40% are female, which is quite a balanced ratio.

```
# Convert categorical to factors
df_Game$dummydecember <- as.factor(df_Game$dummydecember)
df_Game$genre <- as.factor(df_Game$genre)
df_Game$motivation <- as.factor(df_Game$motivation)</pre>
```

```
# Check the types of variables again
str(df_Game)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 60000 obs. of 10 variables:
## $ spending : num 156 162 110 135 125 ...
## $ monthindex : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ playerindex : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

```
## $ genre : Factor w/ 6 levels "misc","platform",..: 1 1 6 3 3 1 1 1 3 1 ...
## $ motivation : Factor w/ 2 levels "competition",..: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ type : Factor w/ 2 levels "individual","social": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ gender : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ income : num 1952 1773 1652 1911 1539 ...
## $ age : num 19 19 19 19 19 19 20 20 ...
## $ dummydecember: Factor w/ 2 levels "O","1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

Comment: - Now each variable has been assigned to its correct data type.

```
# Check the number of gamers
length(unique(df_Game$playerindex))
```

[1] 500

Comment: There are 500 games in the dataset.

```
# Check the number of months
length(unique(df_Game$monthindex))
```

[1] 120

Comment: There are 120 months, corresponding to 10 years in the dataset.

QUESTION 2

2A

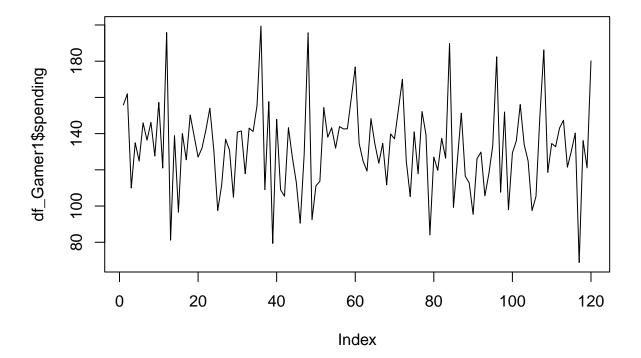
```
# Choose all time series data for gamer ID 1 [INCOME, SPENDING]
df_Gamer1 <- df_Game[which(df_Game$playerindex == 1), ]</pre>
```

```
# Print summary of the selected dataset
summary(df_Gamer1)
```

```
##
      spending
                     monthindex
                                     playerindex
                                                        genre
          : 68.8
                   Min. : 1.00
                                    Min.
                                          :1
                                                 misc
                                                           :32
   1st Qu.:117.8
                   1st Qu.: 30.75
                                    1st Qu.:1
                                                 platform: 9
## Median :133.6
                   Median : 60.50
                                    Median :1
                                                 puzzle
                                                           :23
                                         :1
##
  Mean
         :132.5
                   Mean : 60.50
                                    Mean
                                                 shooter
   3rd Qu.:143.5
                   3rd Qu.: 90.25
                                    3rd Qu.:1
                                                 simulation:32
          :199.4
##
   Max.
                   Max.
                          :120.00
                                    Max.
                                           :1
                                                 strategy :17
##
         motivation
                             type
                                         gender
                                                       income
                                                                      age
##
                     individual:120
                                                                        :19.00
  competition: 0
                                      female:120
                                                   Min.
                                                         :1096
                                                                 Min.
   destruction:120
                     social
                                      male: 0
                                                   1st Qu.:1773
                                                                 1st Qu.:21.00
##
                                                   Median:1988
                                                                 Median :24.00
##
                                                   Mean
                                                          :1963
                                                                 Mean
                                                                         :23.83
##
                                                   3rd Qu.:2146
                                                                  3rd Qu.:26.00
##
                                                   Max.
                                                         :2677
                                                                 Max.
                                                                        :29.00
```

```
## dummydecember
## 0:110
## 1: 10
##
##
##
```

```
# Plot the spending of this gamer over 10 years
plot(df_Gamer1$spending, type = "l")
```

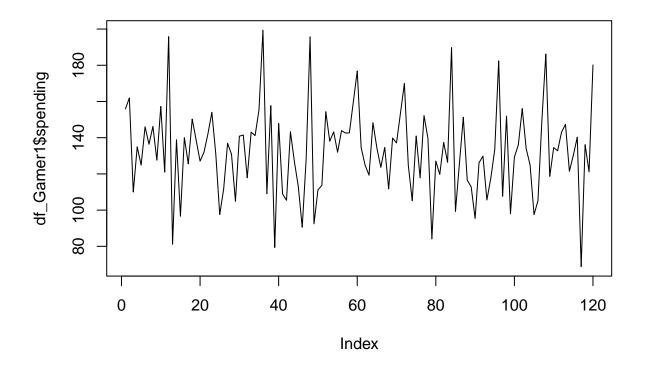


Comment on the characteristics of this gamer: - This player is a female, belonging to 40% female players in 500 players here. - She was 19 years old at the start of the research period and became 29 at the end. This means she was younger than an average player in this data set. - Motivation to play of this player was always for destruction, which is different from the majority of observations in the dataset who has competition motivation. - She never played any game of social type, which is unlike the majority of observations in the dataset who likes to play social games. - In terms of mean income, she earned 1963, 24.6% less than the average of all players (2602). - Regarding mean spending, she spent 132.5, 64.3% less than the average of all players (371.3). - Looking at the plot of spending, we can see the amount of money she spent on gaming fluctuated and did not stay the same for every month. It seemed to have a seasonality of 12 months.

```
# Step 1: Check the stationarity of the spending data for gamer 1
library(tseries)
## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'quantmod':
##
     method
##
     as.zoo.data.frame zoo
adf.test(df_Gamer1$spending)
##
   Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test
##
##
## data: df_Gamer1$spending
## Dickey-Fuller = -4.9002, Lag order = 4, p-value = 0.01
## alternative hypothesis: stationary
kpss.test(df_Gamer1$spending)
##
##
  KPSS Test for Level Stationarity
## data: df_Gamer1$spending
## KPSS Level = 0.088869, Truncation lag parameter = 4, p-value = 0.1
```

Comment: - We reject Null Hypothesis (H0: the time series is non-stationary) in Unit Root Test (ADF Test) because the p-value = 0.01 < 0.05. - Also, we cannot reject Null Hypothesis (H0: the time series is stationary) in KPSS Test as the p-value = 0.1 > 0.05. - Therefore, both of the tests support that the spending over time for gamer 1 is stationary over time.

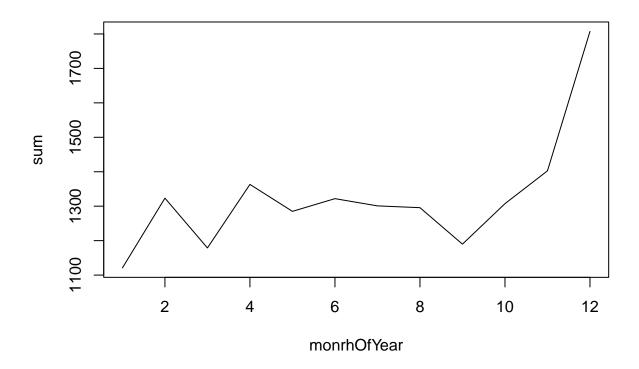
```
# Step 2: Check the seasonality
# Regarding time series properties of gamer 1's spending, initially, we will again look at the plot of
plot(df_Gamer1$spending, type = "l")
```



Comment: - By simply looking at this plot, I estimate that there can be seasonality of 12 months, but possibly no trend.

```
# To corroborate this estimation, I will plot the monthly means of spending of this player over 10 year
# Let's create month of year variable so that we can group by month of year later
library("dplyr")
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.1.2
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
df_Gamer1$monrhOfYear <- ifelse(as.numeric(df_Gamer1$monthindex) %% 12 != 0,</pre>
                                 as.numeric(df_Gamer1$monthindex) %% 12,
                                 12)
plot(df_Gamer1 %>%
```

```
group_by(monrhOfYear) %>%
  summarise(sum = sum(spending)),
type = "1")
```

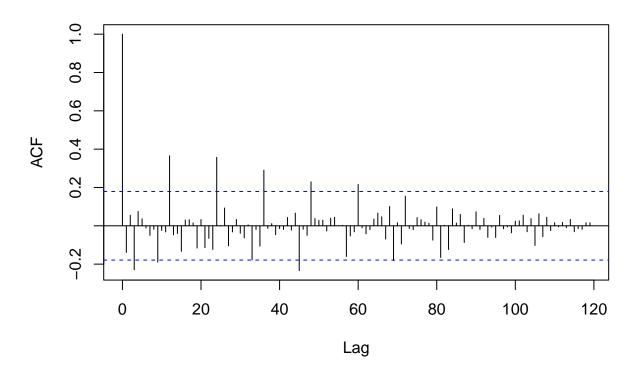


 ${\bf Comment:}$ - As seen from the graph, the average spending in month 12 of 10 years year is higher than the rest.

```
# However, additional statistical evidence must be exhibited.

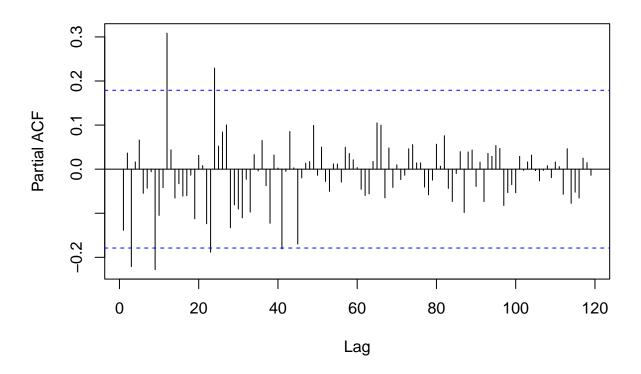
# Then I will look at ACF and PACF plots.
acf(df_Gamer1$spending, lag.max = 120)
```

Series df_Gamer1\$spending

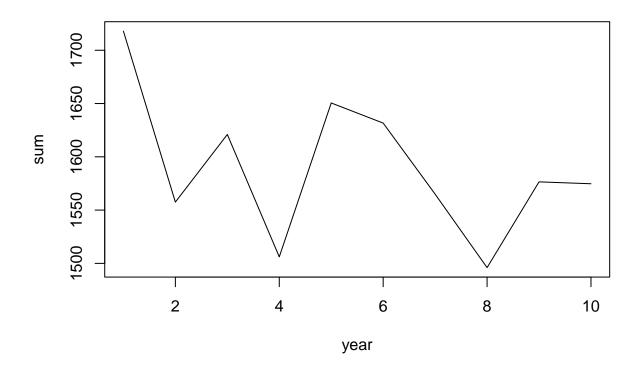


pacf(df_Gamer1\$spending, lag.max = 120)

Series df_Gamer1\$spending



Comment: - It is easy to see the existence of autocorrelation between lagged spendings here, illustrated by the lines passing the threshold. - From the ACF and PACF plots, it can be concluded there is a seasonality of 12 months in the spending of this gamer. - In details, the autocorrelation at lag 12 is significantly high and gradually geometrically decays at lag 24, 36, 48, 60, etc. Also, we have high partial autocorrelation at lag 12. - Therefore, it is likely that we have seasonal AR (ARIMA (0,0,0),(1,0,0)12) model for this spending of player 1.



Comment: - The spending decreased after 10 years, but there is no consistent downwards trend over time.

```
# Second, we can further check the trend by regression
model1 <- lm(df_Gamer1$spending ~ df_Gamer1$monthindex)
summary(model1)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = df_Gamer1$spending ~ df_Gamer1$monthindex)
##
##
  Residuals:
##
      Min
              1Q Median
                            3Q
                                  Max
   -61.49 -13.58
                   1.92
                        11.29
                                65.96
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
  (Intercept)
                        134.81928
                                     4.48627
                                              30.052
                                                        <2e-16 ***
  df_Gamer1$monthindex
                        -0.03877
                                     0.06435
                                              -0.603
                                                         0.548
##
##
                   0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Signif. codes:
## Residual standard error: 24.42 on 118 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.003067,
                                    Adjusted R-squared:
                                                          -0.005382
## F-statistic: 0.363 on 1 and 118 DF, p-value: 0.548
```

Comment: - As the impact of monthindex on spending is not statistically significant, there is no trend in the data for gamer 1.

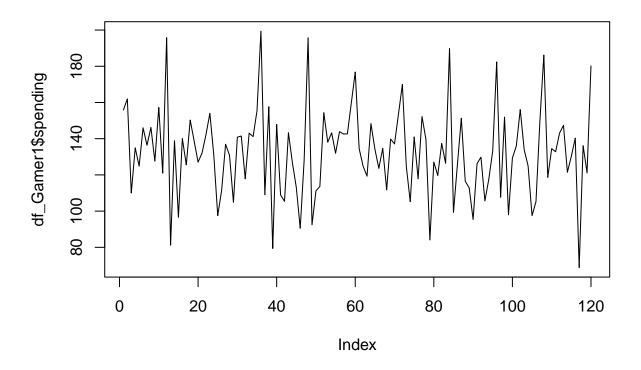
Print summary of the selected dataset summary(df_Gamer1)

```
##
       spending
                       monthindex
                                         playerindex
                                                              genre
##
            : 68.8
                             : 1.00
                                        Min.
                                                :1
                                                      misc
                                                                 :32
##
    1st Qu.:117.8
                     1st Qu.: 30.75
                                        1st Qu.:1
                                                                 : 9
                                                      platform
    Median :133.6
                     Median: 60.50
                                        Median:1
                                                                 :23
##
                                                      puzzle
##
    Mean
            :132.5
                     Mean
                             : 60.50
                                        Mean
                                                :1
                                                      shooter
                                                                 : 7
##
    3rd Qu.:143.5
                     3rd Qu.: 90.25
                                        3rd Qu.:1
                                                      simulation:32
            :199.4
##
    Max.
                     Max.
                             :120.00
                                        Max.
                                                :1
                                                      strategy
                                                                 :17
                                             gender
##
          motivation
                                type
                                                             income
                                                                              age
                        individual:120
##
    competition:
                                          female:120
                                                                :1096
                                                                                :19.00
                                                        Min.
                                                                         Min.
    destruction:120
                                                                         1st Qu.:21.00
##
                        social
                                          male: 0
                                                        1st Qu.:1773
##
                                                        Median:1988
                                                                         Median :24.00
##
                                                        Mean
                                                                :1963
                                                                         Mean
                                                                                 :23.83
##
                                                        3rd Qu.:2146
                                                                         3rd Qu.:26.00
##
                                                        Max.
                                                                :2677
                                                                         Max.
                                                                                :29.00
##
    dummydecember
                    monrhOfYear
                                          year
##
    0:110
                   Min.
                           : 1.00
                                     Min.
                                            : 1.0
##
    1: 10
                   1st Qu.: 3.75
                                     1st Qu.: 3.0
##
                   Median: 6.50
                                     Median: 5.5
##
                   Mean
                           : 6.50
                                     Mean
                                            : 5.5
##
                   3rd Qu.: 9.25
                                     3rd Qu.: 8.0
##
                   Max.
                           :12.00
                                     Max.
                                            :10.0
```

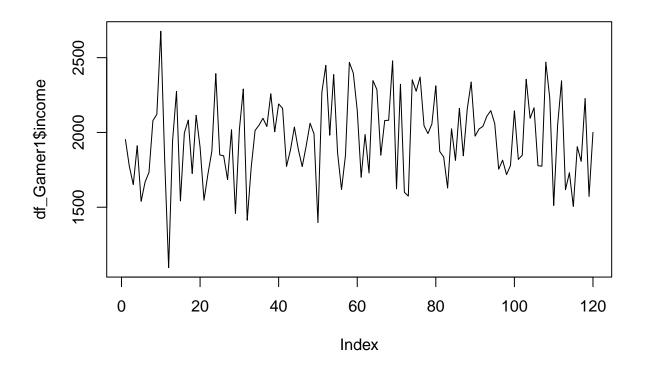
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Variables that change over time: spending, income, genre, age

```
# Plot each variable over time for gamer 1 (only changing variables)
plot(df_Gamer1$spending, type = "1")
```



plot(df_Gamer1\$income, type = "1")



```
plot(df_Gamer1$genre, type = "l")

## Warning in plot.window(xlim, ylim, log = log, ...): graphical parameter "type"

## is obsolete

## Warning in axis(if (horiz) 2 else 1, at = at.1, labels = names.arg, lty =

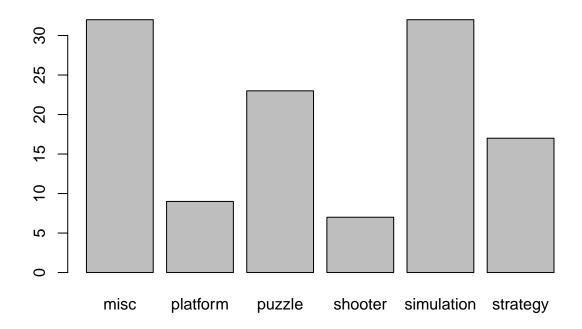
## axis.lty, : graphical parameter "type" is obsolete

## Warning in title(main = main, sub = sub, xlab = xlab, ylab = ylab, ...):

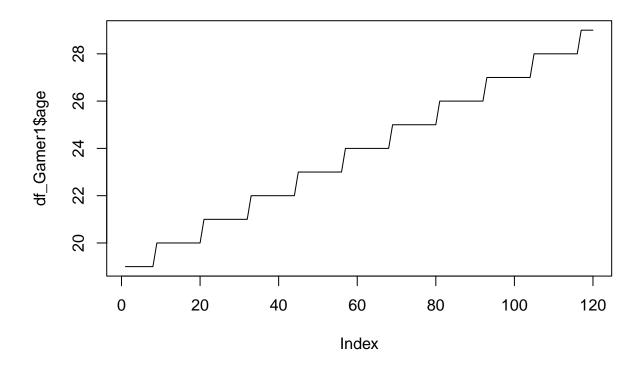
## graphical parameter "type" is obsolete

## Warning in axis(if (horiz) 1 else 2, cex.axis = cex.axis, ...): graphical

## parameter "type" is obsolete
```



plot(df_Gamer1\$age, type = "l")



2D

genrestrategy

103.866620

```
# Estimate a regression model
model2 <- lm(spending ~ income + genre + age + dummydecember - 1, data = df_Gamer1)</pre>
summary(model2)
##
##
  lm(formula = spending ~ income + genre + age + dummydecember -
##
       1, data = df_Gamer1)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q
                    Median
                                 3Q
                                        Max
  -36.800 -4.724
                    -0.821
                              5.826
                                    18.675
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                     0.012012
                                 0.003113
                                            3.859 0.000192 ***
## income
## genremisc
                   136.457504
                                 8.854042
                                           15.412 < 2e-16
                                                   < 2e-16 ***
## genreplatform
                    97.871283
                                 9.737207
                                           10.051
## genrepuzzle
                   119.938266
                                 9.111049
                                           13.164
                                                   < 2e-16 ***
                                 9.453856
                                            7.806 3.54e-12 ***
## genreshooter
                    73.797897
## genresimulation 127.647593
                                 9.155328
                                           13.942
                                                   < 2e-16 ***
```

9.137124

11.368 < 2e-16 ***

Comment: - Based on the results, there are 4 variables that statistically significantly explain the spending of gamer 1. - dummydecember has a positive effect on the spending with p-value < 0.05. In December, the player invested on average 51.64 higher than each of the other months, keeping other variables constant. - genre also has significant effects on the spending with p-value < 0.05. The player spends most when playing misc genre, followed by simulation, puzzle, strategy, platform, and finally shooter. - Income also has a positive effect on the spending although the magnitude is small (0.01) - Lastly, age has a negative effect at 0.05 significant level. - The Adjusted R-squared of the model is 0.8546, which means the model is able to explains 85.5% the variance of player 1's spending over 120 months.

2E

There are several disadvantages of an "average regression" instead of multi-level regression analysis.

- First, because we take average of every explanatory variables and also the explained variable, there will be information loss. For example, the increases and decreases in one variable after a period of all players can balance each others, resulting in an average variable that did not change much over time. Also here, we are interested in the effects of lagged spending variables, and we also see the seasonality in spending of gamer 1. But if we do use average spending of all players, it can be harder to detect them as there will be more noises, except for the case where all players share the same seasonality patterns.
- Second, without multi-level regression analysis, it is challenging to take into account the behaviors of some players. For example, here gamer 1 spent 63.4% less than the average. If it is smaller, the average regression will be leaned to the bigger variances in spending of other players with higher spending.
- Third, a disadvantage of this "average regression" is that you cannot use time-invariant variables to explain the spending. For example, the gender of the "average player" will be fixed over time, so it will not be included in an "average model". The average model will be for a fixed gender of "0.4 female, 0.6 male" and does not take into account possible effects of different genders on spendings. However, if we makes several typical profiles and run regression for each, we can compare and see the effects of these unique characteristics of a group on spending.
- Therefore, it is better to divide our players to several groups (typical profiles) based on genders, motivation, etc. then run different regression models for these groups.

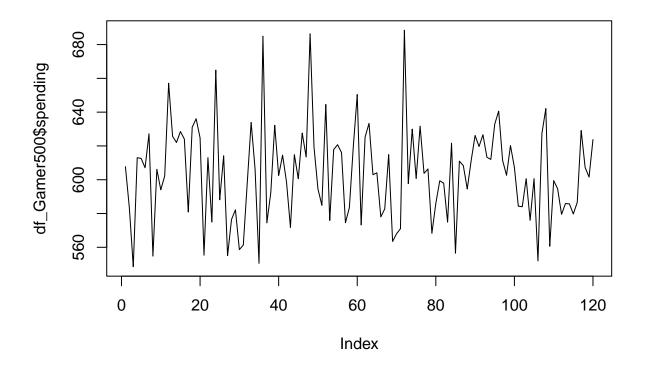
QUESTION 3

3A

```
# Choose time series data for gamer ID 500
df_Gamer500 <- df_Game[which(df_Game$playerindex == 500), ]
# Print summary of the selected dataset
summary(df_Gamer500)</pre>
```

```
genre
##
       spending
                       monthindex
                                        playerindex
##
    Min.
            :548.5
                             : 1.00
                                               :500
                                                                  :22
                     Min.
                                        Min.
                                                       misc
                                        1st Qu.:500
                                                       platform
##
    1st Qu.:583.5
                     1st Qu.: 30.75
                                                                  :17
    Median :603.9
                     Median : 60.50
                                        Median:500
                                                                  :21
##
                                                       puzzle
##
    Mean
            :603.8
                     Mean
                             : 60.50
                                        Mean
                                               :500
                                                       shooter
                                                                  :22
##
    3rd Qu.:621.7
                     3rd Qu.: 90.25
                                        3rd Qu.:500
                                                       simulation:20
##
    Max.
            :688.5
                     Max.
                             :120.00
                                        Max.
                                               :500
                                                       strategy
                                                                 :18
##
          motivation
                                type
                                             gender
                                                            income
                                                                              age
    competition:120
##
                        individual: 0
                                          female: 0
                                                        Min.
                                                                :2068
                                                                        Min.
                                                                                :42.00
                                  :120
    destruction: 0
                                                        1st Qu.:2795
                                                                        1st Qu.:44.00
##
                        social
                                          male :120
##
                                                        Median:2975
                                                                        Median :47.00
##
                                                        Mean
                                                                :2985
                                                                        Mean
                                                                                :46.92
##
                                                        3rd Qu.:3161
                                                                        3rd Qu.:49.00
##
                                                        Max.
                                                                :3869
                                                                        Max.
                                                                                :52.00
##
    dummydecember
##
    0:110
##
    1: 10
##
##
##
##
```

```
# Plot the spending of this gamer over 10 years
plot(df_Gamer500$spending, type = "l")
```



Comment on the characteristics of this gamer:

- This player is a male, one among 60% male players in 500 players here.
- He was 42 years old at the start of the research period and became 52 at the end. This means he was older than an average player in this data set.
- The motivation to play of this player was always for competition, which is similar to the majority of observations in the dataset.
- He always played games of social type, which is like the majority of observations in the dataset who likes to play social games.
- In terms of mean income, he earned 2985, 14.7% higher than the average of all players (2602).
- Regarding mean spending, he spent 603.8, 62.6% higher than the average of all players (371.3).
- Looking at the plot of spending, we can see the amount of money he spent on gaming fluctuated and did not stay the same for every month. There seems to be a seasonality of 12 months in his spending as well.
- Compared to player 1, player 500 had a completely opposite profile. He differs in gender, age cohort,
 has higher income, higher spending on game, plays different game type, and has different motivation
 to play.
- This is why basing the analysis on these two gamers is more beneficial.
- We can understand and determine which factors lead to changes in monthly spending on games for two different customer profiles instead of one, which gives us a bigger picture, better forecasting and more insights into what to do for each customer segment to boost spending.
- More importantly, by analyzing the 2 games, we can examine inter-dependency of their spendings and mutual effects of explanatory variables on the spendings at a given time. For example, there can be negative correlation between monthly spending of player 1 and player 500, which cannot be explored without analyzing the time series at the same time.

3B

```
# First, we need to check stationarity conditions for both 2 time series.
# Because VAR is an extension of AR model which also requires stationarity conditions.
# As we already check it for gamer 1, now we will check the stationarity of the spending data for gamer
adf.test(df Gamer500$spending)
##
##
   Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test
##
## data: df Gamer500$spending
## Dickey-Fuller = -4.4699, Lag order = 4, p-value = 0.01
## alternative hypothesis: stationary
kpss.test(df_Gamer500$spending)
##
   KPSS Test for Level Stationarity
##
##
## data: df Gamer500$spending
## KPSS Level = 0.057396, Truncation lag parameter = 4, p-value = 0.1
```

Comment: - We reject Null Hypothesis in Unit Root Test (ADF) as the p-value = 0.01 < 0.05(H0: the time series is non-stationary). - Also, we cannot reject Null Hypothesis in KPSS Test as the p-value = 0.1 > 0.05 (H0: the time series is stationary). - Therefore, both of the tests support that the spending over time for gamer 500 is stationary.

• In conclusion, we do not need differencing calculation to apply VAR for these time series

```
\# Second, estimate VAR(1) for the spendings of 2 gamers without explanatory variables
# Create a data frame that has variables of 2 gamers over time
df_2gamers <- df_Gamer1 %>%
  inner_join(df_Gamer500, by = "monthindex", suffix = c("1", "500"))
colnames(df_2gamers) [which(names(df_2gamers) == "dummydecember1")] <- "dummydecember"</pre>
# Make it time series data frame
ts_2gamers <- ts(df_2gamers)</pre>
library(vars)
## Warning: package 'vars' was built under R version 4.1.3
## Loading required package: MASS
##
## Attaching package: 'MASS'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       select
## Loading required package: strucchange
## Warning: package 'strucchange' was built under R version 4.1.3
## Loading required package: zoo
## Warning: package 'zoo' was built under R version 4.1.2
##
## Attaching package: 'zoo'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       as.Date, as.Date.numeric
## Loading required package: sandwich
## Warning: package 'sandwich' was built under R version 4.1.3
## Loading required package: urca
```

```
## Warning: package 'urca' was built under R version 4.1.3
## Loading required package: lmtest
## Warning: package 'lmtest' was built under R version 4.1.3
# VAR(1) model without any explanatory variables:
# The reason "none" is chosen instead of "const" is because "const" leads to very negative r-square.
model3 <- VAR(ts_2gamers[, c("spending1", "spending500")], p=1, type="none")</pre>
summary(model3)
##
## VAR Estimation Results:
## ==========
## Endogenous variables: spending1, spending500
## Deterministic variables: none
## Sample size: 119
## Log Likelihood: -1153.148
## Roots of the characteristic polynomial:
## 0.998 0.1002
## Call:
## VAR(y = ts_2gamers[, c("spending1", "spending500")], p = 1, type = "none")
##
##
## Estimation results for equation spending1:
## spending1 = spending1.11 + spending500.11
##
##
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                 -0.09890
                             0.10284 -0.962
                                                0.338
## spending1.11
## spending500.11 0.23998
                              0.02284 10.505
                                                <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 26.14 on 117 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.9629, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9622
## F-statistic: 1517 on 2 and 117 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
##
## Estimation results for equation spending500:
## spending500 = spending1.11 + spending500.11
##
##
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## spending1.11
                 0.005988
                            0.161169
                                      0.037
                                                  0.97
## spending500.11 0.996657
                            0.035800 27.839
                                                <2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
##
## Residual standard error: 40.96 on 117 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.9955, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9954
```

```
## F-statistic: 1.29e+04 on 2 and 117 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
##
##
## Covariance matrix of residuals:
               spending1 spending500
##
## spending1
                   682.8
                                  468
## spending500
                   468.0
                                 1676
##
## Correlation matrix of residuals:
               spending1 spending500
                  1.0000
                               0.4376
## spending1
                               1.0000
## spending500
                  0.4376
```

Comment on the estimation results:

- Lagged (1) spending of gamer 500 plays an important role in predicting both players' spending at time
- Lagged (1) spending of gamer 500 has a statistically significant (p-value ~ 0) positive correlation with spending of gamer 1 at time t, with a fair estimate (0.24).
- However, lagged (1) spending of gamer 1 cannot help predict her spending at time t.
- Adjusted R-Square of the model is 0.9622, which is very high.
- Lagged (1) spending of gamer 500 has a statistically significant (p-value ~ 0) positive correlation with his spending at time t, with a very big estimate (0.997).
- Lagged (1) spending of gamer 1 cannot help predict the spending of gamer 500 at time t.
- Adjusted R-Square of the model is 0.9954, which is very high.

3C

##

```
# VAR(1) with explanatory variables:
# We will include genre1, genre500, income1, income500, age1, age500, dummydecember
model5 <- VAR(ts_2gamers[, c("spending1", "spending500", "genre1", "genre500", "income1",</pre>
                             "income500", "age1", "age500", "dummydecember")], p=1, type="none")
summary(model5)
##
## VAR Estimation Results:
## =========
## Endogenous variables: spending1, spending500, genre1, genre500, income1, income500, age1, age500, du
## Deterministic variables: none
## Sample size: 119
## Log Likelihood: -3198.342
## Roots of the characteristic polynomial:
## 1.001 0.9783 0.2993 0.2993 0.2281 0.1772 0.1772 0.09365 0.04576
## Call:
## VAR(y = ts_2gamers[, c("spending1", "spending500", "genre1",
       "genre500", "income1", "income500", "age1", "age500", "dummydecember")],
```

```
p = 1, type = "none")
##
##
##
## Estimation results for equation spending1:
## spending1 = spending1.l1 + spending500.l1 + genre1.l1 + genre500.l1 + income1.l1 + income500.l1 + ag
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## spending1.11
                    0.177623
                              0.124608
                                       1.425 0.15686
## spending500.11
                    0.074063
                              0.098684
                                       0.751 0.45455
## genre1.11
                    2.032616 1.311661 1.550 0.12410
## genre500.11
                              1.354739 -1.826 0.07058
                   -2.473642
## income1.11
                   -0.005208
                             0.007974 -0.653 0.51503
## income500.11
                              0.007306 -0.906 0.36670
                   -0.006622
## age1.11
                   -5.766838
                              2.961451
                                       -1.947 0.05405
## age500.11
                    5.848224
                              2.636587
                                        2.218 0.02860 *
## dummydecember.l1 -38.377065 12.418822 -3.090 0.00253 **
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 23.73 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.9712, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9689
## F-statistic: 412.4 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
## Estimation results for equation spending500:
## spending500 = spending1.11 + spending500.11 + genre1.11 + genre500.11 + income1.11 + income500.11 +
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## spending1.11
                    0.194183
                             0.155400
                                       1.250
                                               0.2141
## spending500.11
                    0.109438
                              0.123070
                                       0.889
                                               0.3758
## genre1.11
                                       0.321
                    0.525117
                              1.635782
                                               0.7488
## genre500.11
                   -3.391547
                              1.689506 -2.007
                                               0.0472
## income1.11
                    0.001292 0.009944
                                       0.130
                                               0.8969
## income500.11
                    0.000948
                              0.009111
                                       0.104
                                                0.9173
## age1.11
                  -23.161980
                              3.693248 -6.271 7.21e-09 ***
                             3.288107
                                       7.135 1.09e-10 ***
## age500.11
                   23.460232
## dummydecember.l1 -29.863804 15.487607 -1.928
                                              0.0564 .
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##
## Residual standard error: 29.6 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.9978, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9976
## F-statistic: 5503 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
## Estimation results for equation genre1:
## ==============
## genre1 = spending1.11 + spending500.11 + genre1.11 + genre500.11 + income1.11 + income500.11 + age1.
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
```

```
## spending1.11
                   -0.0118164 0.0094543 -1.250
                                                  0.2140
                                                  0.5816
## spending500.11
                   -0.0041387 0.0074874 -0.553
## genre1.11
                   -0.2209388 0.0995192 -2.220
                                                  0.0285 *
## genre500.11
                   -0.0442445 0.1027877 -0.430
                                                  0.6677
## income1.11
                    0.0010713 0.0006050
                                          1.771
                                                  0.0794
## income500.11
                    0.0002631 0.0005543
                                          0.475
                                                  0.6360
                                        -0.010
## age1.11
                   -0.0022819 0.2246933
                                                  0.9919
## age500.11
                    0.0850464 0.2000449
                                          0.425
                                                  0.6716
## dummydecember.l1 1.4619645 0.9422495
                                          1.552
                                                 0.1236
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##
## Residual standard error: 1.801 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.8017, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7854
## F-statistic: 49.4 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
##
## Estimation results for equation genre500:
## ===============
## genre500 = spending1.11 + spending500.11 + genre1.11 + genre500.11 + income1.11 + income500.11 + age
                     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
                   -3.350e-03 9.004e-03 -0.372
## spending1.11
                                                  0.7105
## spending500.11
                    5.254e-03 7.131e-03
                                         0.737
                                                  0.4628
## genre1.11
                   -6.796e-03 9.478e-02 -0.072
                                                 0.9430
## genre500.11
                    4.582e-02 9.789e-02
                                         0.468
                                                 0.6407
## income1.11
                    3.166e-05 5.761e-04
                                         0.055
                                                 0.9563
## income500.11
                                         1.894
                    9.998e-04 5.279e-04
                                                  0.0609
## age1.11
                    9.624e-02 2.140e-01
                                         0.450
                                                  0.6538
## age500.11
                   -8.333e-02 1.905e-01 -0.437
                                                  0.6627
## dummydecember.l1 -7.875e-01 8.973e-01 -0.878
                                                  0.3821
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##
## Residual standard error: 1.715 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.8156, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8005
## F-statistic: 54.06 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
##
## Estimation results for equation income1:
## ===============
## income1 = spending1.l1 + spending500.l1 + genre1.l1 + genre500.l1 + income1.l1 + income500.l1 + age1
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                    -0.96451
## spending1.11
                               1.47394 -0.654 0.51424
## spending500.11
                    -0.30938
                               1.16730 -0.265 0.79148
## genre1.11
                   -30.64128
                             15.51517
                                        -1.975 0.05078
## genre500.11
                   -17.25369
                              16.02473
                                        -1.077 0.28397
                                         0.293 0.76970
## income1.11
                     0.02768
                               0.09432
## income500.11
                     0.06222
                             0.08642
                                         0.720 0.47308
## age1.11
                   -71.20789 35.02995 -2.033 0.04448 *
## age500.11
                    84.16506 31.18724
                                         2.699 0.00806 **
```

```
## dummydecember.l1 -47.19896 146.89781 -0.321 0.74859
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 280.7 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.9815, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9799
## F-statistic: 647.2 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
##
## Estimation results for equation income500:
## income500 = spending1.11 + spending500.11 + genre1.11 + genre500.11 + income1.11 + income500.11 + ag
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## spending1.11
                     0.54693 1.60565
                                        0.341 0.7340
                                        1.837
## spending500.11
                     2.33643
                               1.27160
                                               0.0689 .
## genre1.11
                   -14.96476 16.90156 -0.885 0.3779
## genre500.11
                                        0.066 0.9477
                     1.14667
                             17.45665
## income1.11
                    -0.04687
                               0.10275 - 0.456
                                               0.6492
                                        2.180 0.0314 *
## income500.11
                    0.20521
                              0.09414
## age1.11
                   -51.99843 38.16012 -1.363 0.1758
                    54.70516 33.97404
                                        1.610 0.1102
## age500.11
## dummydecember.11 -274.93040 160.02417 -1.718 0.0886 .
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 305.8 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.9904, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9896
## F-statistic: 1263 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
##
## Estimation results for equation age1:
## =============
## age1 = spending1.11 + spending500.11 + genre1.11 + genre500.11 + income1.11 + income500.11 + age1.11
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## spending1.11
                  -1.727e-03 1.406e-03 -1.228 0.221936
## spending500.11 -2.707e-03 1.113e-03 -2.431 0.016660 *
## genre1.11
                -1.625e-02 1.480e-02 -1.098 0.274544
## genre500.11
                  1.370e-02 1.528e-02
                                        0.896 0.372077
## income1.11
                  -5.192e-05 8.995e-05 -0.577 0.564999
## income500.11
                  -8.212e-05 8.242e-05 -0.996 0.321251
## age1.11
                   8.831e-01 3.341e-02 26.433 < 2e-16 ***
                  1.055e-01 2.974e-02
                                        3.547 0.000573 ***
## age500.11
## dummydecember.l1 1.289e-01 1.401e-01
                                       0.920 0.359583
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.2677 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.9999, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9999
## F-statistic: 1.067e+05 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
##
##
## Estimation results for equation age500:
## =============
## age500 = spending1.11 + spending500.11 + genre1.11 + genre500.11 + income1.11 + income500.11 + age1.
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## spending1.11
                    1.126e-03 1.491e-03
                                         0.755
                                                  0.452
## spending500.11
                   -2.427e-04 1.181e-03 -0.206
                                                  0.838
## genre1.11
                    1.566e-02 1.569e-02
                                        0.998
                                                  0.321
## genre500.11
                   -5.172e-03 1.621e-02 -0.319
                                                  0.750
## income1.11
                                         0.356
                    3.394e-05 9.541e-05
                                                  0.723
                                                0.246
## income500.11
                   1.019e-04 8.742e-05
                                         1.166
## age1.11
                    2.633e-03 3.544e-02
                                        0.074
                                                  0.941
                    9.946e-01 3.155e-02 31.527
## age500.11
                                                 <2e-16 ***
## dummydecember.l1 -1.257e-01 1.486e-01
                                        -0.846
                                                  0.399
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##
## Residual standard error: 0.284 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared:
                         1, Adjusted R-squared:
## F-statistic: 3.629e+05 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
##
## Estimation results for equation dummydecember:
## dummydecember = spending1.11 + spending500.11 + genre1.11 + genre500.11 + income1.11 + income500.11
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## spending1.11
                    3.675e-03 1.460e-03
                                          2.517
                                                 0.0133 *
## spending500.11
                    2.774e-04 1.156e-03
                                         0.240
                                                 0.8108
## genre1.11
                    8.912e-03 1.537e-02
                                         0.580
                                                 0.5631
                   -2.298e-02 1.587e-02 -1.448
## genre500.11
                                                 0.1505
## income1.11
                   -5.308e-05 9.342e-05
                                         -0.568
                                                 0.5710
                                        -0.264
## income500.11
                   -2.259e-05 8.559e-05
                                                 0.7924
## age1.11
                   -2.016e-02 3.470e-02 -0.581
                                                 0.5625
## age500.11
                   3.095e-02 3.089e-02
                                         1.002
                                                 0.3185
## dummydecember.11 -2.973e-01 1.455e-01 -2.044
                                                 0.0434 *
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##
## Residual standard error: 0.278 on 110 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.9429, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9383
## F-statistic: 201.9 on 9 and 110 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
##
##
## Covariance matrix of residuals:
##
                spending1 spending500
                                                            income1 income500
                                         genre1
                                                genre500
## spending1
                 563.1660
                            167.2333 -13.822597
                                                 3.53694
                                                           829.1204
                                                                       40.062
## spending500
                 167.2333
                            875.8774 -7.136110 -12.29541
                                                           367.6223 1909.439
## genre1
                 -13.8226
                             -7.1361
                                       3.241984 0.09370
                                                           -78.2469
                                                                       29.778
```

```
## genre500
                     3.5369
                               -12.2954
                                           0.093696
                                                      2.94035
                                                                  -2.9582
                                                                             -24.966
  income1
##
                  829.1204
                               367.6223 -78.246904
                                                     -2.95817 78796.9781
                                                                           3219.488
                    40.0622
   income500
                              1909.4390
                                          29.777967 -24.96585
                                                                3219.4880 93508.225
                    -1.6652
                                -2.3094
                                                     -0.02000
                                                                  -6.3952
                                                                              -8.869
##
   age1
                                           0.036813
##
   age500
                    -0.4125
                                 -0.3163
                                          -0.007877
                                                      0.07537
                                                                  -0.3107
                                                                              -4.647
   dummydecember
                     4.0148
                                                     -0.02333
                                                                  -0.2489
                                                                               8.268
##
                                 4.5815
                                          -0.047616
##
                       age1
                               age500 dummydecember
## spending1
                  -1.665198 -0.412529
                                            4.014831
   spending500
                  -2.309383 -0.316255
                                            4.581457
##
   genre1
                  0.036813 -0.007877
                                           -0.047616
##
   genre500
                  -0.019997
                             0.075370
                                           -0.023331
##
   income1
                  -6.395192 -0.310702
                                           -0.248858
##
   income500
                  -8.868867 -4.647186
                                            8.268484
##
   age1
                  0.071665 -0.006824
                                           -0.009019
   age500
                  -0.006824 0.080632
                                           -0.008481
   dummydecember -0.009019 -0.008481
                                            0.077301
##
##
   Correlation matrix of residuals:
##
                                                               income1 income500
                  spending1 spending500
                                           genre1
                                                   genre500
## spending1
                   1.000000
                                0.23811 -0.32349
                                                   0.086918
                                                              0.124464
                                                                        0.005521
##
   spending500
                  0.238113
                                1.00000 -0.13392 -0.242282
                                                              0.044251
                                                                        0.210989
  genre1
                  -0.323494
                                                   0.030347 -0.154813
                               -0.13392
                                          1.00000
  genre500
                                                   1.000000 -0.006146 -0.047613
##
                  0.086918
                               -0.24228
                                          0.03035
                  0.124464
##
   income1
                                0.04425 -0.15481 -0.006146
                                                              1.000000
                                                                        0.037507
  income500
                  0.005521
                                0.21099
                                         0.05408 -0.047613
                                                              0.037507
                                                                        1.000000
  age1
                  -0.262116
                               -0.29149
                                         0.07637 -0.043562 -0.085103 -0.108340
   age500
                  -0.061218
                               -0.03763 -0.01541 0.154790 -0.003898 -0.053519
##
##
   dummydecember
                  0.608495
                                0.55679 -0.09512 -0.048937 -0.003189
                                                                       0.097254
                              age500 dummydecember
##
                      age1
## spending1
                  -0.26212 -0.061218
                                           0.608495
   spending500
                  -0.29149 -0.037632
                                           0.556788
##
   genre1
                  0.07637 -0.015407
                                          -0.095115
   genre500
                  -0.04356 0.154790
                                          -0.048937
   income1
                  -0.08510 -0.003898
                                          -0.003189
   income500
                  -0.10834 -0.053519
                                           0.097254
##
  age1
                   1.00000 -0.089764
                                          -0.121180
## age500
                  -0.08976 1.000000
                                          -0.107418
## dummydecember -0.12118 -0.107418
                                           1.000000
```

Comment: - Lagged (1) age of gamer 500 plays an important role in predicting both players' spending at time t. It has positive influence on the spendings of gamer 1 and gamer 500. One unit change of it is associated with 23.46 change in spending of player 500 at significant level of 0.001, keeping other variables constant. One unit change of it is associated with 5.85 change in spending of player 1 at significant level of 0.05, keeping other variables constant. - Also, lagged (1) age of gamer 1 is negatively related to spending of gamer 500, at significant level of 0.001, with an estimate of -23.16. - For spending of player 500, his genre of games is negatively correlated with his spending, with an estimate of -3.39, at significant level of 0.05. - More importantly, lagged (1) spending of each gamer is not statistically associated with both players' spending at time t anymore. - Adjusted R-Square of the 2 models for spending 1 and spending 500 are 0.9689 and 0.9976, which are very high.

```
# To compare this model to the one in question 3B, we will use BIC.
BIC(model3)
```

```
BIC(model5)
```

```
## [1] 6783.792
```

Comment: - VAR(1) model in question 3B uses fewer parameters to explain the changes in spending of 2 players, but still has high adjusted R-Square, so it has lower BIC. Therefore, it fits the data better.

3D

```
For Granger causality, we will examine significant variables in question 3B and 3C
# For model in question 3B
causality(model3, cause = "spending500")$Granger
##
##
   Granger causality HO: spending500 do not Granger-cause spending1
##
## data: VAR object model3
## F-Test = 110.36, df1 = 1, df2 = 234, p-value < 2.2e-16
Comment: p-value \sim 0 < 0.05 -> We reject H0. We conclude that spending 500 Granger-causes spending 1.
# For model in question 3C
causality(model5, cause = "dummydecember")$Granger
##
   Granger causality HO: dummydecember do not Granger-cause spending1
##
   spending500 genre1 genre500 income1 income500 age1 age500
## data: VAR object model5
## F-Test = 1.974, df1 = 8, df2 = 990, p-value = 0.04664
causality(model5, cause = "age1")$Granger
##
##
   Granger causality HO: age1 do not Granger-cause spending1 spending500
   genre1 genre500 income1 income500 age500 dummydecember
## data: VAR object model5
## F-Test = 8.5756, df1 = 8, df2 = 990, p-value = 2.4e-11
causality(model5, cause = "age500")$Granger
##
   Granger causality HO: age500 do not Granger-cause spending1
## spending500 genre1 genre500 income1 income500 age1 dummydecember
## data: VAR object model5
## F-Test = 18.524, df1 = 8, df2 = 990, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

```
causality(model5, cause = "genre500")$Granger
```

```
##
## Granger causality H0: genre500 do not Granger-cause spending1
## spending500 genre1 income1 income500 age1 age500 dummydecember
##
## data: VAR object model5
## F-Test = 1.1669, df1 = 8, df2 = 990, p-value = 0.3161
```

Comment: - For dummy december, p-value = 0.047 < 0.05. We reject H0. We conclude that dummy december Granger-causes the changes of the other variables. - For age 1, p-value $\sim 0 < 0.05$. We reject H0. We conclude that age 1 Granger-causes the changes of the other variables. - For age 500, p-value $\sim 0 < 0.05$. We reject H0. We conclude that age 500 Granger-causes the changes of the other variables. - For genre 500, p-value = 0.3161 > 0.05. We cannot reject H0. We conclude that genre does not Granger-cause the changes of the other variables.

```
# To see if these gamers potentially belong to a gamer group where they play the same games
# We can apply Chi Square test
chisq.test(df_2gamers$genre1, df_2gamers$genre500, correct = FALSE)

## Warning in chisq.test(df_2gamers$genre1, df_2gamers$genre500, correct = FALSE):
## Chi-squared approximation may be incorrect

##
## Pearson's Chi-squared test
##
## data: df_2gamers$genre1 and df_2gamers$genre500
## X-squared = 38.441, df = 25, p-value = 0.04187
```

Comment: Because p-value is 0.0419 < 0.05, so we reject null hypothesis (The two variables are independent). We conclude that the 2 genres of games that player1 and player500 play are related to each other. They belong to the same group in terms of this.

3E

- The number of parameters to be estimated in model3 (question 3B) (lag 1, without intercept, without explanatory variables, without error terms) is: 2*2 = 4 (parameters).
- The number of parameters to be estimated in model5 (question 3C) (lag 1, without intercept, with explanatory variables, without error terms) is: 9*9 = 81 (parameters).

3F

Pros and cons of selecting 2 gamers as representative gamers in a VAR model instead of analyzing 500 gamers at the same time in a VAR model.

Pro: - 2 players belong to the same group where they play the same game patterns over time. Therefore, the spending of player 1 and spending of player 500 can be dependent on each other. This is not the case for all 500 players. So if we include all of them, we will likely have more noises. - It is less likely to be overfitting and less likely to suffer from the curse of dimensionality. When we include 500 players, we will have (4*500+1)*(4*500+1) = 4004001 parameters (lag 1 for spending, income, genre, age, dummydecember,

without intercept). It is a rule of thumb that require minimum 10 observations per predictor, which is minimum number of 4004001*10 = 40040010 observations. Meanwhile, we only have 60000 observations for 500 players. - It is easier and more intuitive for interpretation than for 500 variables. - It is simpler for estimation. - It will require faster runtime.

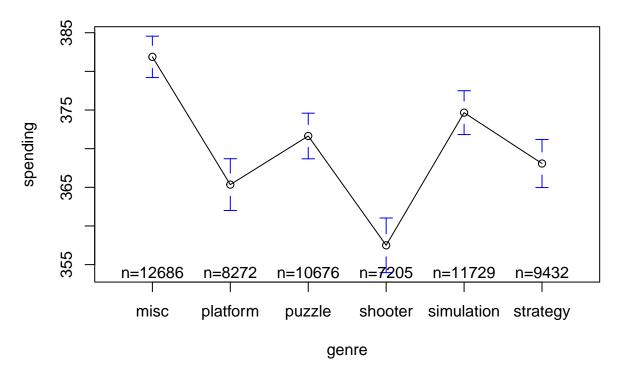
Cons: - It does not take into account the effects of possible other players' spendings and explantory variables. It is high chance that the spending of player 1 does not just depend on player 500, also on some of the others of the same group.

QUESTION 4

4A

```
library(plm)
## Warning: package 'plm' was built under R version 4.1.3
##
## Attaching package: 'plm'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       between, lag, lead
library(graphics)
library(gplots)
## Warning: package 'gplots' was built under R version 4.1.3
## Attaching package: 'gplots'
## The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       lowess
# create panel data index, make it a panel data frame
pn_Game <- pdata.frame(df_Game, index = c("playerindex", "monthindex"))</pre>
# Plot the spending data with respect to genres
plotmeans(spending ~ genre, data=pn_Game, main = "Heterogeineity across genres")
```

Heterogeineity across genres



Comment: Spending differs between the genre of games that are played. It is on average the highest for misc genre, followed by simulation, puzzle, platform, strategy and finally shooter.

4B

```
# Individual fixed effects model
modelFixed1 <- plm(spending ~ income + genre +</pre>
                                                 age + dummydecember + motivation + type + gender
                   , data = pn_Game,
                     model = "within", effect = "individual")
print(summary(fixef(modelFixed1)))
##
        Estimate Std. Error t-value Pr(>|t|)
## 1
       123.62175
                    1.00633 122.844 < 2.2e-16 ***
## 2
       380.06264
                    1.08797 349.330 < 2.2e-16 ***
## 3
       375.85181
                    1.08582 346.146 < 2.2e-16 ***
## 4
       385.27524
                    1.10049 350.094 < 2.2e-16 ***
                    1.01828 492.931 < 2.2e-16 ***
## 5
       501.94376
## 6
       393.20750
                    1.09434 359.310 < 2.2e-16 ***
## 7
        72.23850
                    1.03632 69.707 < 2.2e-16 ***
## 8
       183.10010
                    1.05778 173.098 < 2.2e-16 ***
## 9
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## 10
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## 11
       417.26601
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       343.42209
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## 12
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## 22
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## 23
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                                             8.4364 < 2.2e-16 ***
## dummydecember1 5.0264e+01 1.4712e-01 341.6602 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Total Sum of Squares:
                           38087000
## Residual Sum of Squares: 5887900
                  0.84541
## R-Squared:
## Adj. R-Squared: 0.84409
## F-statistic: 40667.3 on 8 and 59492 DF, p-value: < 2.22e-16
```

Comment: - Fixed effects of all variables are all significantly different from 0 because the F-test is significant with p-value = 2.22e-16, lower than 0.05. - All individuals have different intercepts.

Now, let us go further and isolate the effects of monthindex on spending.

Estimate Std. Error t-value Pr(>|t|)

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## 1
        -3.6653
                     8.2182 -0.4460
                                        0.6556
## 2
                     8.1690 -0.2411
        -1.9698
                                        0.8095
        -1.7299
## 3
                     8.1891 -0.2112
                                        0.8327
## 4
        -1.5103
                     8.1944 -0.1843
                                        0.8538
## 5
        -2.0730
                     8.1799 -0.2534
                                        0.7999
## 6
                     8.2032 -0.2976
        -2.4412
                                        0.7660
        -1.7812
                     8.2183 -0.2167
## 7
                                        0.8284
## 8
        -1.5385
                     8.2126 -0.1873
                                        0.8514
## 9
        -1.7120
                     8.2066 -0.2086
                                        0.8348
## 10
        -2.3095
                     8.2008 -0.2816
                                        0.7782
## 11
        -2.6924
                     8.2348 -0.3270
                                         0.7437
        47.7788
                     8.1841 5.8380 5.311e-09
## 12
## 13
        -1.9393
                     8.1891 -0.2368
                                        0.8128
## 14
        -1.5969
                     8.2192 -0.1943
                                        0.8460
## 15
        -2.0352
                     8.2115 -0.2479
                                        0.8043
## 16
        -1.9890
                     8.1996 -0.2426
                                        0.8083
## 17
        -2.4211
                     8.2004 -0.2952
                                        0.7678
## 18
        -1.9393
                     8.2078 -0.2363
                                        0.8132
## 19
                     8.2230 -0.3295
        -2.7096
                                        0.7418
## 20
        -3.0845
                     8.2321 -0.3747
                                        0.7079
## 21
        -2.3053
                     8.2275 -0.2802
                                        0.7793
## 22
        -2.2749
                     8.2384 -0.2761
                                        0.7824
## 23
        -2.5651
                     8.2093 -0.3125
                                         0.7547
        46.8237
                     8.1975 5.7119 1.122e-08 ***
## 24
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        -1.5168
                     8.2346 -0.1842
                                        0.8539
## 26
        -3.1399
                     8.2377 -0.3812
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  27
        -2.9102
                     8.2270 -0.3537
                                        0.7235
## 28
        -2.9532
                     8.2192 -0.3593
                                        0.7194
## 29
        -3.7484
                     8.2535 -0.4542
                                        0.6497
## 30
        -3.1193
                     8.2368 -0.3787
                                        0.7049
## 31
        -3.7329
                     8.2364 -0.4532
                                        0.6504
## 32
        -3.4930
                     8.2223 -0.4248
                                        0.6710
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  33
        -3.7037
                     8.2641 -0.4482
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        -2.7590
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   35
        -3.9902
                     8.2396 -0.4843
                                         0.6282
## 36
                     8.2606 5.7351 9.790e-09 ***
        47.3756
## 37
        -2.1196
                     8.2526 -0.2568
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## 38
        -3.1019
                     8.2588 -0.3756
                                        0.7072
## 39
        -2.0707
                     8.2561 -0.2508
                                        0.8020
        -3.6821
                     8.2353 -0.4471
                                        0.6548
## 40
        -3.4411
                     8.2604 -0.4166
                                        0.6770
## 41
## 42
        -3.2493
                     8.2475 -0.3940
                                        0.6936
## 43
        -3.5788
                     8.2607 -0.4332
                                        0.6648
## 44
        -2.7136
                     8.2783 -0.3278
                                        0.7431
        -3.0761
## 45
                     8.2856 -0.3713
                                        0.7104
                     8.2787 -0.5220
## 46
        -4.3211
                                        0.6017
## 47
        -3.4054
                     8.2626 -0.4121
                                        0.6802
## 48
        46.2557
                     8.3001 5.5729 2.516e-08 ***
## 49
        -3.5604
                     8.2695 -0.4305
                                        0.6668
## 50
        -4.3411
                     8.2812 -0.5242
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## 51
        -3.5517
                     8.2929 -0.4283
                                        0.6684
## 52
        -4.4804
                     8.2790 -0.5412
                                        0.5884
## 53
        -4.4599
                     8.2742 -0.5390
                                        0.5899
## 54
        -4.0215
                     8.2777 -0.4858
                                        0.6271
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## 55
        -4.0694
                     8.2924 -0.4907
                                        0.6236
## 56
        -4.5406
                     8.2688 -0.5491
                                        0.5829
        -3.3875
## 57
                     8.2847 -0.4089
                                        0.6826
        -4.3980
                     8.2885 -0.5306
                                         0.5957
## 58
## 59
        -3.7453
                     8.2784 -0.4524
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## 60
        46.6732
                     8.3246 5.6066 2.072e-08 ***
                     8.2917 -0.5183
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        -4.2976
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## 62
        -4.5051
                     8.2965 -0.5430
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## 63
        -4.3530
                     8.3348 -0.5223
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## 64
        -4.0860
                     8.3123 -0.4916
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## 65
        -3.6896
                     8.3231 -0.4433
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        -3.8148
## 66
                     8.3231 -0.4583
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  67
        -5.0707
                     8.3210 -0.6094
                                        0.5423
## 68
        -5.1890
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                                        0.5334
## 69
        -4.3777
                     8.3326 -0.5254
                                        0.5993
## 70
        -4.7553
                     8.3427 -0.5700
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## 71
        -3.5961
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## 72
        45.9785
                     8.3254 5.5227 3.352e-08 ***
        -4.4700
## 73
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        -5.2559
                     8.3400 -0.6302
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## 79
        -5.5197
                     8.3393 -0.6619
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## 80
        -5.2033
                     8.3401 -0.6239
                                        0.5327
## 81
        -4.8395
                     8.3327 -0.5808
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## 82
        -5.2647
                     8.3585 -0.6299
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## 83
                                         0.5799
        -4.6148
                     8.3375 -0.5535
## 84
        44.6912
                     8.3502 5.3521 8.724e-08 ***
## 85
        -5.1763
                     8.3482 -0.6201
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## 86
        -5.3357
                     8.3631 -0.6380
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## 87
        -4.5400
                     8.3776 -0.5419
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        -5.8708
## 88
                     8.3656 -0.7018
                                        0.4828
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  89
        -5.6715
                     8.3619 -0.6783
                                        0.4976
## 90
        -5.8818
                     8.3554 -0.7039
                                        0.4815
## 91
        -5.7346
                     8.3608 -0.6859
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## 92
        -5.7310
                     8.3559 -0.6859
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## 93
        -5.6966
                     8.3727 -0.6804
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        -6.0167
## 94
                     8.3667 -0.7191
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        -5.2213
## 95
                     8.3635 -0.6243
                                         0.5324
## 96
        44.0030
                     8.3749 5.2542
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  97
        -4.6855
                     8.3881 -0.5586
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## 98
        -5.4917
                     8.3789 -0.6554
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        -5.6111
                     8.3902 -0.6688
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## 101
        -5.2345
                     8.3621 -0.6260
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## 102
        -5.2696
                     8.3928 -0.6279
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## 103
        -6.5162
                     8.3928 -0.7764
                                        0.4375
## 104
        -6.2764
                     8.3656 -0.7503
                                        0.4531
## 105
        -6.2754
                     8.4018 -0.7469
                                        0.4551
## 106
        -6.0316
                     8.3897 -0.7189
                                        0.4722
## 107
        -6.2004
                     8.4145 -0.7369
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        44.3403
                     8.4130 5.2705 1.366e-07 ***
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## 109 -5.7466
                    8.3895 -0.6850
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                    8.4103 -0.8034
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## 112
       -6.0731
                    8.4292 -0.7205
                                      0.4712
## 113
       -6.7860
                    8.4163 -0.8063
                                      0.4201
       -6.4908
                    8.4005 -0.7727
## 114
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       -6.6028
                    8.4132 -0.7848
## 115
                                      0.4326
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## 116
                    8.4102 -0.7764
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                    8.4094 -0.7603
## 117
        -6.3940
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## 118
       -6.6868
                    8.4164 -0.7945
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## 119
       -5.7514
                    8.4091 -0.6839
                                      0.4940
## 120
       44.5399
                    8.3974 5.3040 1.137e-07 ***
## ---
                   0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '. ' 0.1 ' 1
## Signif. codes:
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Comment: - We can see that monthindex 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, 108, 120 are significant at 0.001 level, which mean spending across individuals are higher than usual.

4C

- Similar to model in question 2, all the coefficients in model 4B are also statistically significant.
- Compared to the model in question 2, the estimates here show some differences, for example the estimate for age. Here is more generalized, and are the remainders after considering the dummy variable for each individual. The older the player is, the more he/she spends on gaming. In question 2, the model is only applied to player 1, so the older the player 1, the less she spends on gaming. The estimates differ in terms of interpretation.
- The first advantage of this panel data model to the representative individual model is that we can use this to predict spending for every single player rather than just the first player.
- Also, we can see 2 different types of effects: common effects shared between all players of explanatory variables on spending, and individual effects for each players.
- Last, we can also include variables like motivation, type of game, etc. in panel data model easier, which might not be the case for individual. For example, for player 1, we cannot include motivation, type, and gender because these variables are fixed for that player.

4D

```
##
       model = "random", random.method = "amemiya")
##
## Balanced Panel: n = 500, T = 120, N = 60000
##
## Effects:
##
                             std.dev share
                       var
                               9.948 0.004
## idiosyncratic
                    98.957
## individual
                 23419.228
                             153.033 0.996
## theta: 0.9941
##
## Residuals:
##
         Min.
                 1st Qu.
                             Median
                                       3rd Qu.
                                                     Max.
                                      6.718881 38.983415
  -41.311763 -6.704957
                         -0.024554
##
## Coefficients:
##
                            Estimate Std. Error
                                                   z-value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)
                          3.4476e+02 1.6161e+01
                                                   21.3336 < 2.2e-16 ***
## income
                          9.7145e-03 1.3611e-04
                                                   71.3740 < 2.2e-16 ***
                         -4.0124e+01 1.4262e-01 -281.3389 < 2.2e-16 ***
## genreplatform
## genrepuzzle
                         -1.9964e+01
                                     1.3136e-01 -151.9805 < 2.2e-16 ***
## genreshooter
                         -6.0030e+01 1.5073e-01 -398.2572 < 2.2e-16 ***
## genresimulation
                         -9.8394e+00 1.2787e-01
                                                 -76.9472 < 2.2e-16 ***
                         -3.0073e+01 1.3649e-01 -220.3271 < 2.2e-16 ***
## genrestrategy
                                                    8.4492 < 2.2e-16 ***
## age
                          1.1837e-01 1.4010e-02
## dummydecember1
                          5.0264e+01 1.4707e-01
                                                  341.7686 < 2.2e-16 ***
## motivationdestruction -4.2773e+01 1.5817e+01
                                                   -2.7043 0.0068451 **
                         -1.0460e+01 1.6060e+01
                                                   -0.6513 0.5148405
## typesocial
## gendermale
                          6.6256e+01 1.7748e+01
                                                    3.7332 0.0001891 ***
##
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
## Total Sum of Squares:
                            38136000
## Residual Sum of Squares: 5933200
## R-Squared:
                   0.84442
## Adj. R-Squared: 0.84439
## Chisq: 325587 on 11 DF, p-value: < 2.22e-16
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ranef(modelRandom1)

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Comment: - In the case of 4B, we are accounting for fixed effects (or spending independent of time), while the model here is accounting for random effects (including time). - All individuals have different intercepts. - Effects of all variables here are all significantly different from 0 because the F-test is significant with p-value = 2.22e-16, lower than 0.0. However, looking at the p-value of typesocial, it is not significant as it is 0.5, larger than 0.05. - The random effects model here has "type", "motivation" and "gender" as explantory variables in addition to variables in the fixed effects model. - The adjusted R-square in both models are approximately the same.

```
# Use a Hausman test to test whether the additional exogeneity assumption is violated.
# HO : Both fixed and random effects models can be used.
# (the exogeneity assumption in the random effects model is not violated).
# HA : One of the models is inconsistent.
# (the random effects model is inconsistent, since the fixed effects model does not have the exogeneity assumption).

phtest(modelFixed1, modelRandom1)

##
## Hausman Test
##
## data: spending ~ income + genre + age + dummydecember + motivation + ...
## chisq = 0.092273, df = 8, p-value = 1
## alternative hypothesis: one model is inconsistent
```

Comment: - As the p-value is 1, higher than 0.05, we accept the H0. - The exogeneity assumption in the random effects model is not violated. The random effects model is consistent and can be used.

4F

There is an unaccounted property in the panel data estimation compared to the models in previous questions. It lacks lagged dependent and independent variables in the model. This can cause bias, because it does not really consider the impacts of lagged values on the values at time t.

QUESTION 5

5A

```
# Create binary series
df Game$largeSpending <- ifelse(df Game$spending > 450, 1, 0)
# Select the player with the equal number of high and low monthly spendings
# So that we have balanced category for dependent variable
library(dplyr)
df_Count <- df_Game %>%
  group_by(playerindex) %>%
  summarize(sum = sum(largeSpending))
df Count %>% filter(sum == 60)
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
     playerindex
                   SIIM
           <int> <dbl>
##
## 1
             121
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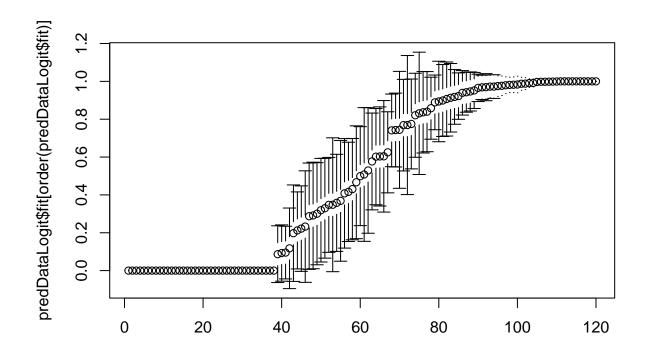
We can choose player 121 as a representative player because that player has 60 months with high spendings and 60 months with low spendings.

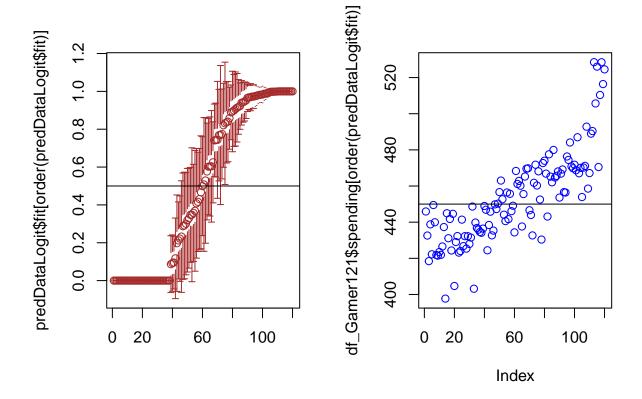
```
# Create data frame for player 121
df_Gamer121 <- df_Game[which(df_Game$playerindex == 121), ]</pre>
df_Gamer121$largeSpending <- as.factor(df_Gamer121$largeSpending)</pre>
# Find starting points
beta0 <- lm(df_Gamer121$largeSpending ~ df_Gamer121$income + df_Gamer121$genre +
              df_Gamer121$dummydecember + df_Gamer121$age - 1)$coef
beta0
##
            df_Gamer121$income
                                      df_Gamer121$genremisc
##
                  0.0002343855
                                               0.9126565283
                                    df_Gamer121$genrepuzzle
##
     df_Gamer121$genreplatform
##
                  0.0898715988
                                               0.3842677041
##
      df_Gamer121$genreshooter df_Gamer121$genresimulation
                  0.0783118974
##
                                               0.6973421550
                                df_Gamer121$dummydecember1
##
     df_Gamer121$genrestrategy
                  0.0449112421
                                               0.3816111603
##
##
               df_Gamer121$age
                  0.0171573070
##
# Use the glm function to estimate the logit model
modelLogit <- glm(largeSpending ~ income + genre + dummydecember + age - 1,
                  family=binomial(link='logit'), start = beta0, data = df_Gamer121)
logLik(modelLogit)
## 'log Lik.' -27.36017 (df=9)
modelLogit$coefficients
##
            income
                         genremisc
                                      genreplatform
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                                                                       -35.764655659
##
       0.003603852
                     -11.885204779
                                      -36.171255056
                                                      -16.259706991
## genresimulation
                     genrestrategy
                                    dummydecember1
                                                                 age
     -14.429018601
                     -37.020777556
                                       38.358595175
                                                        0.280187048
##
summary(modelLogit)
##
## Call:
  glm(formula = largeSpending ~ income + genre + dummydecember +
       age - 1, family = binomial(link = "logit"), data = df_Gamer121,
##
##
       start = beta0)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##
        Min
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                         Median
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## -2.17824 -0.00006
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                                 0.25609
                                             1.55050
##
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## Coefficients:
##
                     Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                    3.604e-03 1.461e-03
## income
                                           2.467
## genremisc
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                               5.487e+00
                                          -2.166
                                                  0.03030 *
## genreplatform
                   -3.617e+01
                               4.438e+03
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## genrepuzzle
                   -1.626e+01 5.832e+00
                                          -2.788
                                                  0.00530 **
## genreshooter
                   -3.576e+01
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                                          -0.003
                                                  0.99742
  genresimulation -1.443e+01
                               5.496e+00
                                          -2.625
                                                  0.00865 **
   genrestrategy
                   -3.702e+01
                               3.339e+03
                                          -0.011
                                                  0.99115
## dummydecember1
                    3.836e+01
                               5.852e+03
                                           0.007
                                                  0.99477
## age
                    2.802e-01
                               1.352e-01
                                           2.072
                                                  0.03824 *
##
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
   (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##
##
       Null deviance: 166.36
                              on 120
                                      degrees of freedom
  Residual deviance: 54.72
                              on 111
                                      degrees of freedom
  AIC: 72.72
##
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 19
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Comment: - The variables in the model have statistically significant impacts on predicting the binary spending are income and age. Because we only have several few significant levels of genres, we cannot conclude that there is significant impact of different genres in predicting the binary spending here. - Income is associated with higher log odds of large spending (gamer's success). This is in line with question 2, where the higher the income is, the higher the monthly spending on game of player1 is, keeping others unchanged. - The effects of age here is positive. The older the player is, the higher the log odds that she/he spends more than 450 per month. This is only in line with player500, but different from the player1 in question 3. - Among the genres of games played, misc leads to higher log odds of large spending than simulation, followed by puzzle. Compared to player1 in question2, the impacts of these 3 genres are similar, playing misc is associated with higher spending than simulation, then puzzle. - Interestingly, the monthly spending in December does not lead to higher log odds of large spending compared to other months, keeping others constant. This is not in line with the results in question 2, where December is positively associated with spending. This may result from the choice of threshold at 450, which is not yet a good cut off for player121 to differentiate between high spending in December versus other months.

5C





Comment: As can be seen in the graphs, the probabilities estimated are mostly accurate. The higher the probabilities are corresponding to the higher spendings.

5D

- Although the logit model gives us the log odds which are nice to obtain, the choice of threshold can make the model biased to an extent.
- Compare to the results in question 4, here we also obtain the positive effects of income and positive effects of age on spending. However, we do not see the impacts of genre and dummydecember. This can result from the fact that the dependent variable is in binary form with a threshold of spending at 450.
- For example, dummydecember increases spending, but it is not necessarily more likely to upscale the spending from below threshold to pass the threshold compared to other months.
- The same logic can be applied to genre. Compared to question 2, where we also apply modelling for one player, but in that case, the dependent variable is continuous, so the effect can be more easily detected than this binary outcome.
- Also, the lagged variables are not included in this model. Including lagged spending can increase the accuracy and fitness of the model.