Multiple Linear Regressions on World Happiness Score Yingyi Lin (Sunny)

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Abstract

The purpose of this project was to find out the determinant factors for happiness score in the World Happiness Report 2015. After obtaining raw data from the official website (World Happiness Report 2017, 2017), we observed linear relation between Happiness Score and almost all predictors, so we decided to apply multiple linear regression model. The first model from Akaike information criterion (AIC) test only had a few coefficients significant. In order to get a significant model with more significant coefficients, we developed our own regression model based on correlation. After dropping all the insignificant terms, we obtained a final model with six predictors. The final model passed all the assumptions. We used the final model to predict happiness score in 2016, and the model had good prediction performance. We concluded that emotional changes and feeling supportive affect the most on happiness.

Keywords: linear regression, happiness score, linear prediction

Introduction

Happiness is increasingly considered the proper measure of social progress and the goal of public policy (Helliwell, Layard and Sachs, 2017). The first World Happiness Report was published in 2012 (Helliwell et al, 2017). The Report published once a year containing many factors other than happiness score such as GDP, freedom, and age. In a recent speech, the head of the UN Development Program (UNDP) spoke against what she called the "tyranny of GDP", arguing that what matters is the quality of growth. "Paying more attention to happiness should be part of our efforts to achieve both human and sustainable development", she said (Helliwell et al, 2017). Since happiness is important to social progress, we decided to use the World Happiness Report as our study data. In this project, we will try to see if we can construct a regression model among the different reported factors and find out what affects happiness the most.

Materials and Methods

First, we obtained the raw data from Kaggle.com (World Happiness Report 2016, 2017). However, Kaggle.com doesn't provide any description or reference about the raw data. With a basic summary (See Appendix Figure 1), we found that some of the data ranges were strange. Life expectancy, which was supposed to be the age, had a range of 0 to 1.0252. Family, which we were not sure if it was the number of family member, had a range of 0 to 1.4022. Because the data was vague, we assumed that it has been modified and decided not to use it.

After researches, we obtained the original raw data and their corresponding description from the official website for the World Happiness Report (World Happiness Report 2017, 2017). The World Happiness Report 2015 ranked 143 countries by happiness score following with 8 factors. Happiness score was measured by the national average response to the question of life evaluations "Imagine a 10-step ladder. Top of ladder represents the best possible life for you, and the bottom of the ladder represents the worst. Which step of the ladder you personally feel you stand at this time?" (Helliwell, Huang, and Wang, 2017) Happiness score was also referenced as life ladder in a range of 0 to 10. GDP per capita was measured in log scale. Health (Life Expectancy) was the age. Social support, Freedom, and Government Trust were the national average response to different questions. Social support asked about "If you were in trouble, do you have relatives or friends you can count on to help you whenever you need them, or not?" Freedom was about "Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your freedom to choose what you do with your life?" Government Trust was the question "Is corruption widespread throughout the government or not?" Generosity was the residual of regressing national average of response to "Have you donated money to a charity in the past month?" Each of Positive affect and Negative affect were defined as the average of three negative affect measures. "Did you experience the

following feeling during a lot of the day? Happiness, laugh, and enjoyment were for positive affect. Sadness, worries, and anger were for the negative affect (Helliwell et al., 2017). From the summary (See Appendix Figure 2), all factors were in a reasonable range with a few not available values (NA).

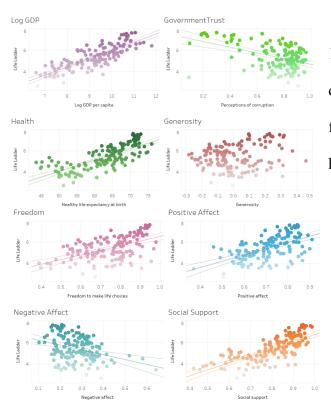


Figure A Scatter plot for Happiness Score vs. Predictors

After removing all the NA's, 124 out of 143 data were left. Since Happiness Score was our response variable, we decided to use the 8 factors as our predictor variables. First, we did histograms and boxplots for all predictors (See Appendix Figure 3). Government Trust had a few obvious outliers. Generosity and Negative Affect has one outlier. Second, we plot Happiness Score versus each predictor (See Figure A). The result showed that, Freedom, Positive Affect, Social Support, LogGDP, and Health showed a positive linear correlation.

Negative Affect and Government Trust had a negative linear correlation. Generosity didn't show any obvious linear correlation. Based on the linear correlation, we decided to do a linear regression model.

First, we did the AIC test to obtain a model with the lowest AIC score. From the summary (See Appendix III AIC test), the AIC model was significant but with only three out of nine significant coefficients. Because we wanted a model with more significant coefficients, we decided to do another regression model based on correlation. The heat map (See Figure B)

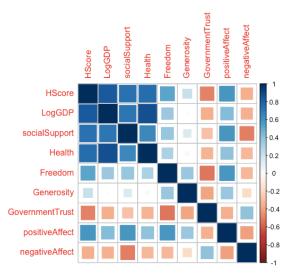


Figure B Correlation Heat Map between all factors

Happiness Score and predictors but also among predictor interactions, so we started from the additive linear model with all interaction terms. However, the model had similar performance as the AIC model.

We started to drop not significant interaction terms and do ANOVA test to see if the dropping was valid. Eventually, we obtained a significant model with all

coefficients significant (See Appendix IV Final Model). The final model was Happiness Score = LogGDP + Social Support + Health + Government Trust + Positive Affect + Negative Affect.

Results

We did six tests to diagnose our final model (See Appendix V Model Diagnosis). From the residual plot (See Appendix Figure 4), residuals were independent and normally distributed with equal variance. Shapiro test proved the residual normality. Both Breusch-Pagan test and Non-constant Variance Score Test concluded that residual had equal variance. Residual against predictor plots showed that all predictors fitted the null plot except Health (See Appendix Figure 5). Plots of data against model indicated model fitted the data very well (See Appendix Figure 6). Outlier test showed that our data had no significant outliers. From the qqPlot and influenceIndexPlot (See Appendix Figure 7 and 8), 14th and 96th data had the highest residuals and leverages, so they should have the largest influence among the data. The influencePlot proved our thought (See Appendix Figure 9). The 14th data was from Botswana, and the 96th data was from Rwanda. Overall, our final model passed all the assumptions and had very good fit to the data, so it was a good model.

In order to test model performance, we used the final model and 2015 data to predict the Happiness Score in 2016. Before prediction, we compared the Happiness Score between 2015 and 2016. In both world maps and box plots (See Figure C), there was no significance difference between two years, so we can use happiness score from 2015 to predict happiness score in 2016.

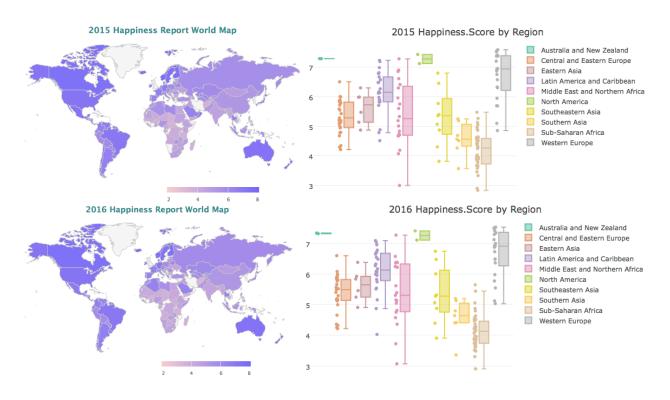


Figure C Happiness Score world map and box plot based on region

After prediction, we did summaries for the actual and predicted 2016 happiness score (See Appendix VI Linear Prediction). The actual minimum was 2.888, where the predicted minimum was 3.555. The actual maximum was 7.660, where the predicted maximum was 7.551. The prediction had a smaller range than the actual

country	2015	predict	2016	lwr	upr
highest 5					
Norway	7.603434	7.200144	7.596332	6.972679	7.427608
Switzerland	7.572137	7.087648	7.45852	6.847388	7.327908
Denmark	7.514425	7.23128	7.557783	6.953652	7.508909
Iceland	7.498071	6.769302	7.510035	6.549294	6.989309
Finland	7.447926	7.028104	7.659843	6.769591	7.286617
lowest 5					
South Sudan	4.070771	4.007792	2.888112	3.627894	4.38769
Tanzania	3.660597	4.317762	2.902734	4.119763	4.515761
Rwanda	3.483109	5.011332	3.33299	4.613748	5.408915
Haiti	3.569762	3.711832	3.3523	3.505663	3.918002
Liberia	2.701591	3.835127	3.354676	3.463736	4.206518
random 5					
Benin	3.624664	3.811851	4.007358	3.513773	4.109929
Ecuador	5.964075	5.988053	6.115438	5.725991	6.250115
Indonesia	5.0428	5.559156	5.136325	5.324581	5.793731
Mali	4.582098	4.712025	4.016028	4.438352	4.985698
Philippines	5.547489	5.447496	5.430833	5.273677	5.621316

Figure D Actual and Predicted value for 15 countries

value. If we predict the lower ranking scores, we expect some higher prediction. If we predict the higher ranking scores, we expect some lower prediction. We observed fifteen predictions from

different rankings: the highest five, the lowest five, and the random five from the middle. Result matches our assumption (See Figure D). The scatter plot showed that predicted value and actual value are highly positive correlated (See Appendix Figure 11). Residuals of the predicted value had a small range and symmetric variance (See Appendix Figure 12). Mean absolute error (MAE), which takes the mean of the absolute value of the errors, was used to measure the model prediction performance. The MAE of our prediction was 0.4403506, which was about 10% of the prediction value range. Therefore, we consider the prediction had fairly good performance.

```
Call:
lm(formula = HScore ~ LogGDP + socialSupport + Health +
GovernmentTrust +
   positiveAffect + negativeAffect, data = happy15)
-1.55970 -0.36085 0.09505 0.35914 1.29705
Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                           0.65501 -3.748 0.000278 ***
(Intercept)
               -2.45501
                                     4.234 4.59e-05 ***
LogGDP
                0.38759
                           0.09154
                                     3.046 0.002862 **
socialSupport
                1.99124
                           0.65363
                                     1.998 0.048039 *
dealth
                 0.02391
                           0.01197
                                    -3.999 0.000112 ***
GovernmentTrust -1.10468
                           0.27626
                                     3.770 0.000257 ***
ositiveAffect
                2.23723
                           0.59340
negativeAffect
               1.49690
                           0.74937
                                     1.998 0.048086 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.5297 on 117 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.7976,
                               Adjusted R-squared: 0.7873
F-statistic: 76.87 on 6 and 117 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Figure E Summary of Final Regression Model

Recall the model summary, Positive

Affect had the highest coefficient 2.23723,
followed by Social Support, 1.99124, and

Negative Affect 1.49690. It indicated that feeling supportive and emotional changes play an important role in happiness. Before starting the project, we guessed GPD would be the determinant factor on Happiness Score.

Surprisingly, logGDP had a very small coefficient, 0.38759, which means economy is not so important for happiness. Age, referenced as Health, had the lowest coefficient, 0.02391, which is reasonable because logically happiness is not much affected by age. Government Trust had the only negative coefficient, -1.10468. If people think corruption is widespread throughout the government, certainly they will be less happy. To sum up, our final model fitted the data well and had good prediction performance. We conclude that Positive Affect, Negative Affect, and Social Support, predictors that involved emotion, are the determinant factor for Happiness Score.

Discussions

One interesting thing in our final model is that the Negative Affect had a negative coefficient, which means if you feel experience worry, sadness, and anger a lot of the day, you will feel more happy, which is illogical. It is possible that some of the dropped interaction terms are actually important for our model. However, we did ANOVA tests for the full and reduced model before we eliminated any terms. All the ANOVA tests indicated the dropping was valid. In our opinions, instead of analyzing predictors one by one, we should analyze the model as a whole and consider all predictors while interpreting the model.

Recall the scatter plots between Happiness Score and all predictors (See Figure A),

Negative Affect had a negative linear correlation with Happiness Score. However, the linear

correlation was mainly caused by the three data on the right bottom part. It is possible that

Negative Affect have no linear relation with Happiness Score, like Generosity. One improvement

will be doing transformation, such as quadratic or logarithmic, on Negative Affect and

Generosity before adding them to the linear model.

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Appendix

I. Data Collection and Preparation

```
raw <- read.csv("2015.csv")
summary(raw)</pre>
```

```
Country
                                        Region
                                               Happiness.Rank
                                                              Happiness.Score
Afghanistan: 1
              Sub-Saharan Africa
                                          :40
                                               Min. : 1.00 Min. :2.839
                                          :29
Albania : 1 Central and Eastern Europe
                                               1st Qu.: 40.25 1st Qu.:4.526
              Latin America and Caribbean
                                          :22
                                               Median: 79.50 Median: 5.232
Alg sample2.pdf 1
         . 1 Western Europe
                                               Mean : 79.49 Mean :5.376
Angota
                                          :21
Argentina : 1 Middle East and Northern Africa:20
                                               3rd Qu.:118.75
                                                              3rd Qu.:6.244
Armenia
       : 1 Southeastern Asia
                                          : 9
                                              Max. :158.00 Max. :7.587
(Other)
         :152 (Other)
                                          :17
Standard.Error Economy..GDP.per.Capita. Family
                                                   Health..Life.Expectancy.
Min. :0.01848 Min. :0.0000 Min. :0.0000 Min.
                                                        :0.0000
                                 1st Qu.:0.8568 1st Qu.:0.4392
1st Qu.:0.03727 1st Qu.:0.5458
Median :0.04394 Median :0.9102
                                   Median :1.0295 Median :0.6967
                                   Mean :0.9910 Mean :0.6303
Mean :0.04788 Mean :0.8461
3rd Qu.:0.05230 3rd Qu.:1.1584
                                     3rd Qu.:1.2144 3rd Qu.:0.8110
Max. :0.13693 Max. :1.6904
                                     Max. :1.4022 Max. :1.0252
              Trust..Government.Corruption. Generosity
                                                       Dystopia.Residual
  Freedom
Min. :0.0000 Min. :0.00000
                                      Min. :0.0000
                                                       Min.
                                                            :0.3286
1st Qu.:0.3283 1st Qu.:0.06168
                                        1st Qu.:0.1506 1st Qu.:1.7594
Median :0.4355 Median :0.10722
                                        Median :0.2161 Median :2.0954
Mean :0.4286 Mean :0.14342
                                        Mean :0.2373
                                                       Mean :2.0990
3rd Qu.:0.5491 3rd Qu.:0.18025
                                        3rd Qu.:0.3099
                                                       3rd Qu.:2.4624
Max.
    :0.6697
              Max.
                    :0.55191
                                        Max.
                                              :0.7959
                                                       Max.
                                                            :3.6021
```

Figure 1 Summary of Kaggle.com raw data

```
library(readx1)
happy15_original = read_excel("2015.xlsx")
#str(happy15_original)

happy15_ml = happy15_original[,c(1,5:13)]
colnames(happy15_ml) <- c("Region","HScore", "LogGDP", "socialSupport", "Heal th", "Freedom", "Generosity", "GovernmentTrust", "positiveAffect", "negativeAffect")
happy15_ml = na.exclude(happy15_ml)
happy15 = happy15_ml[,-c(1)]
summary(happy15)</pre>
```

HScore	LogGDP	socialSupport	Health	Freedom
Min. :2.702	Min. : 6.602	Min. :0.4344	Min. :43.57	Min. :0.3889
1st Qu.:4.614	1st Qu.: 8.414	1st Qu.:0.7289	1st Qu.:57.27	1st Qu.:0.6548
Median :5.344	Median : 9.467	Median :0.8255	Median :64.53	Median :0.7745
Mean :5.404	Mean : 9.261	Mean :0.7982	Mean :62.76	Mean :0.7485
3rd Qu.:6.279	3rd Qu.:10.194	3rd Qu.:0.9004	3rd Qu.:68.49	3rd Qu.:0.8511
Max. :7.603	Max. :11.815	Max. :0.9873	Max. :76.04	Max. :0.9799
	NA's :7	NA's :1	NA's :1	NA's :4
Generosity	GovernmentTru	st positiveAffec	t negativeAff	ect
Min. :-0.2794	4 Min. :0.094	6 Min. :0.369	4 Min. :0.10	035
1st Qu.:-0.0996	0 1st Qu.:0.672	3 1st Qu.:0.625	4 1st Qu.:0.2	145
Median :-0.0164	0 Median:0.810	0 Median :0.713	9 Median :0.27	745
Mean : 0.0103	1 Mean :0.736	8 Mean :0.709	3 Mean :0.27	787
3rd Qu.: 0.1019	1 3rd Qu.:0.862	5 3rd Qu.:0.800	3 3rd Qu.:0.33	317
Max. : 0.4579	3 Max. :0.961	.7 Max. :0.910	5 Max. :0.64	426
NA's :10	NA's :11	NA's :1	NA's :1	

Figure 2 Summary of official raw data

II. Investigate for predictor variables

```
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
boxplot(happy15$LogGDP, xlab = "LogGDP")
hist(happy15$LogGDP, xlab = "LogGDP",main ="")
boxplot(happy15$socialSupport, xlab = "socialSupport")
hist(happy15$socialSupport, xlab = "socialSupport", main ="")
boxplot(happy15$Health, xlab = "Health")
hist(happy15$Health, xlab = "Health", main ="")
boxplot(happy15$Freedom, xlab = "Freedom")
hist(happy15$Freedom, xlab = "Freedom", main ="")
boxplot(happy15$GovernmentTrust, xlab = "GovernmentTrust")
hist(happy15$GovernmentTrust, xlab = "GovernmentTrust", main ="")
boxplot(happy15$Generosity, xlab = "Generosity")
hist(happy15$Generosity, xlab = "Generosity", main ="")
boxplot(happy15$positiveAffect, xlab = "positiveAffect")
hist(happy15$positiveAffect, xlab = "positiveAffect",main ="")
boxplot(happy15$negativeAffect,xlab="negativeAffect")
hist(happy15$negativeAffect,xlab = "negativeAffect",main ="")
```

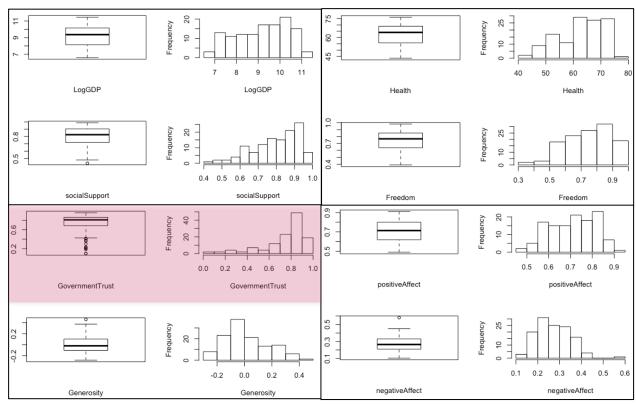


Figure 3 Histograms and boxplots between Happiness Score and all predictors

III. AIC test

```
# from 1 to all interactions
null <- lm(happy15$HScore~1,data = happy15)</pre>
full <- lm(happy15$HScore~.^2,data = happy15)</pre>
step(null,scope = list(lower = null,upper =full),direction = 'forward')
## Step: AIC=-161.75
## happy15$HScore ~ LogGDP + positiveAffect + socialSupport + Freedom +
       Health + LogGDP:positiveAffect + positiveAffect:Health +
##
       socialSupport:Freedom
##
##
                                 Df Sum of Sq
                                                 RSS
                                                        AIC
## <none>
                                              29.098 -161.75
## + socialSupport:Health
                                1 0.170539 28.927 -160.48
## + GovernmentTrust
                                 1 0.151178 28.947 -160.40
## + negativeAffect
                                1 0.136559 28.961 -160.34
## + Health:Freedom
                                1 0.096428 29.001 -160.16
                        1 0.06/653 29.030 -160.04
1 0.029401 29.068 -159.88
## + Generosity
## + LogGDP:Freedom
## + socialSupport:positiveAffect 1 0.021775 29.076 -159.85
## + LogGDP:socialSupport
                           1 0.011135 29.087 -159.80
## Call:
## lm(formula = happy15$HScore ~ LogGDP + positiveAffect + socialSupport +
       Freedom + Health + LogGDP:positiveAffect + positiveAffect:Health +
##
##
       socialSupport:Freedom, data = happy15)
##
## Coefficients:
##
            (Intercept)
                                        LogGDP
                                                      positiveAffect
##
                10.4284
                                        0.6727
                                                            -14.6097
##
          socialSupport
                                       Freedom
                                                              Health
##
                -1.3937
                                       -2.4232
                                                             -0.1935
## LogGDP:positiveAffect positiveAffect:Health socialSupport:Freedom
##
                -0.4283
                                        0.3198
                                                              4.4371
# Lowest AIC model
happy15 lmAIC = lm(HScore ~ LogGDP + positiveAffect + socialSupport + Freedom
 + Health + LogGDP*positiveAffect + positiveAffect*Health + socialSupport*Fre
edom,data = happy15)
summary(happy15 lmAIC)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = HScore ~ LogGDP + positiveAffect + socialSupport +
       Freedom + Health + LogGDP * positiveAffect + positiveAffect *
##
##
       Health + socialSupport * Freedom, data = happy15)
```

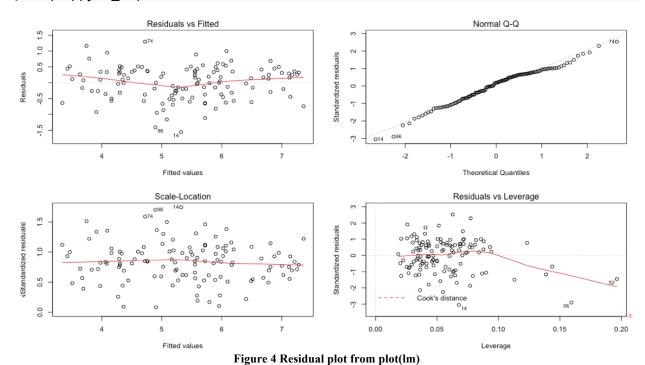
```
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                 1Q Median
                                  3Q
                                          Max
## -1.53348 -0.27262 0.06489 0.32905 1.35479
##
## Coefficients:
##
                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                        10.42839 3.12462 3.337 0.00114 **
## LogGDP
                        ## positiveAffect
## socialSupport
                        -2.42319 2.29986 -1.054 0.29426
-0.19350 0.09901 -1.954 0.05308.
## Freedom
## Health
## LogGDP:positiveAffect -0.42835 0.88762 -0.483 0.63031 ## positiveAffect:Health 0.31979 0.14257 2.243 0.02681 *
## socialSupport:Freedom 4.43709 2.87369 1.544 0.12533
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.503 on 115 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.8207, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8082
## F-statistic: 65.78 on 8 and 115 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

IV. Final Model

```
happy15 lm5 = lm(HScore~LogGDP+socialSupport+Health+GovernmentTrust+positiveA
ffect+negativeAffect,data = happy15)
summary(happy15_lm5)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = HScore ~ LogGDP + socialSupport + Health + GovernmentTrust +
      positiveAffect + negativeAffect, data = happy15)
##
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                 10 Median
                                  30
                                          Max
## -1.55970 -0.36085 0.09505 0.35914 1.29705
##
## Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                             0.65501 -3.748 0.000278 ***
                  -2.45501
## LogGDP
                             0.09154 4.234 4.59e-05 ***
                  0.38759
## socialSupport 1.99124 0.65363 3.046 0.002862 **
## Health
                   0.02391
                             0.01197 1.998 0.048039 *
                             0.27626 -3.999 0.000112 ***
## GovernmentTrust -1.10468
## positiveAffect 2.23723 0.59340 3.770 0.000257 ***
## negativeAffect 1.49690
                             0.74937 1.998 0.048086 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.5297 on 117 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7976, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7873
## F-statistic: 76.87 on 6 and 117 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

V. Model Diagnosis

plot residuals plot(happy15_lm)



normality test for residual => REJECT normality of error variance shapiro.test(happy15_lm\$residuals) ## ## Shapiro-Wilk normality test ## ## data: happy15_lm\$residuals ## W = 0.98205, p-value = 0.09871 # Breush-Pagan test & non Consistent variance => REJECT means equal variance library(lmtest) bptest(happy15_lm) ## studentized Breusch-Pagan test ## ## ## data: happy15 lm ## BP = 3.7111, df = 6, p-value = 0.7157 ncvTest(happy15_lm) ## Non-constant Variance Score Test ## Variance formula: ~ fitted.values ## Chisquare = 1.420122 Df = 1 p = 0.2333834

residual plot library(car) residualPlots(happy15_lm)

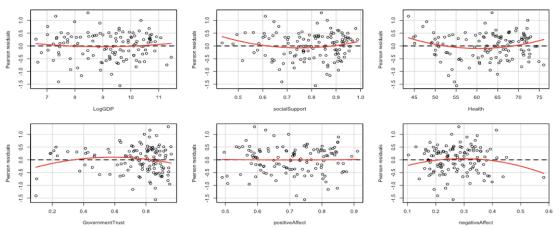


Figure 5 Residual vs. Predictor plots from residualPlots(lm)

```
Test stat Pr(>|t|)
##
                                 0.459
## LogGDP
                        0.743
## socialSupport
                                 0.077
                        1.783
## Health
                        2.210
                                 0.029
## GovernmentTrust
                                 0.109
                       -1.616
## positiveAffect
                       0.098
                                 0.922
## negativeAffect
                       -1.470
                                 0.144
## Tukey test
                                 0.009
                        2.618
```

marginal model plots
marginalModelPlots(happy15_lm)

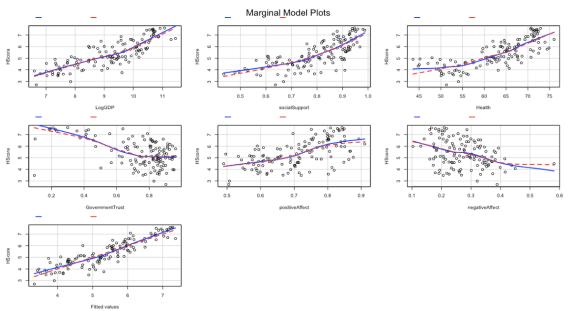


Figure 6 Data vs. Model Plots from marginalModelPlots(lm)

```
# qqPlot
qqPlot(happy15_lm, id.n = 2)
```

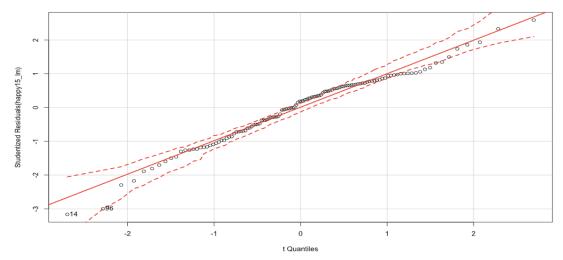


Figure 7 Highest Residual Plot from qqPlot(lm)

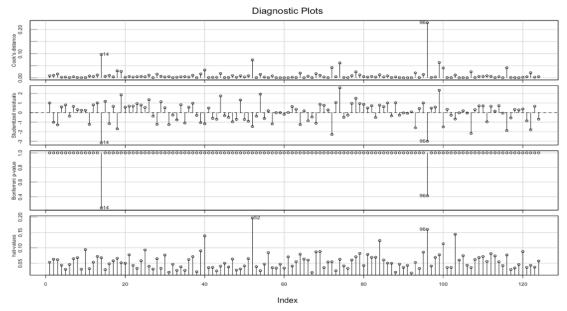


Figure 8 Highest Leverage Plots from influenceIndexPlot(lm)

influencePlot influencePlot(happy15_lm)

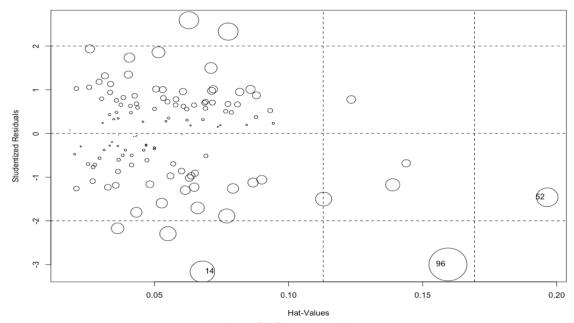


Figure 9 influencePlot(lm)

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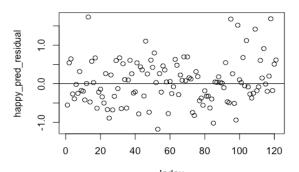
## 14 -3.164906 0.06788099 0.09675164

## 52 -1.460571 0.19646950 0.07379954

## 96 -2.997443 0.15944620 0.22791958
```

VI. Linear Prediction

```
happy_pred_linear <- predict(happy15_lm,happy16_ml)</pre>
happy_pred_residual = happy_pred_linear-happy16_ml$HScore
summary(happy_pred_linear)
##
                    Median
                               Mean 3rd Qu.
      Min. 1st Qu.
                                                Max.
     3.555
             4.726
                     5.439
                              5.434
                                      6.059
##
                                              7.551
summary(happy16_ml$HScore)
##
      Min. 1st Qu.
                    Median
                               Mean 3rd Qu.
                                               Max.
##
     2.888
             4.472
                     5.386
                              5.385
                                      6.118
                                              7.660
summary(happy pred residual)
       Min. 1st Qu.
                       Median
                                         3rd Qu.
                                                      Max.
                                   Mean
## -1.18200 -0.32200
                      0.02940
                                0.04935
                                         0.42280
                                                  1.73200
plot(happy_pred_linear, happy16_ml$HScore)
abline(0,1)
plot(happy_pred_residual)
abline(0,0)
```





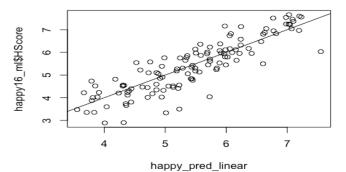


Figure 11 Residuals Plot from Prediction 2016

```
# Mean Absolute Error
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```
MAE <- function(actual,predicted) {mean(abs(actual-predicted))}
MAE(happy16_ml$HScore, happy_pred_linear)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 0.4403506
```