

1st capstone project

SPEED DATING DATASET

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- 1) Summary statistics for overall data and by gender:
 - for both men and women the attribute 'intelligence' has the highest mean and median
 - Attribute 'attractive' has higher mean for men than for women
 - Attribute 'ambitious' has higher mean for women than for men
- 2) Correlation between attribute ratings given by each participant to their partners (continuous from 0 to 10) and how much they like the partners (ordinal from 1 to 10):
 - Attractive and like: r = 0.132
 - Sincere and like: r = -0.159
 - Intelligent and like: r = -0.260
 - Fun and like: r = 0.197
 - Ambitious and like: r = -0.174
 - Shared interests and like: 0.2322 (higher positive correlation)

These correlations may indicate that the attributes that most impact whether a participant likes their partner are shared interests, fun and attractive.

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- 3) Correlation between median of attribute ratings given by each participant to their partners (continuous from 0 to 10) at each like level (ordinal from 1 to 10):
 - Attractive median and like: r = 0.534
 - Sincere median and like: r = -0.502
 - Intelligent median and like: r = -0.656
 - Fun median and like: r = 0.505
 - Ambitious median and like: r = -0.337
 - Shared interest median and like: r = 0.850

Without considering the decision for a second date, the correlation above shows a stronger correlation for shared interests, fun and attractive.

It shows a negative correlation for sincere, intelligent and ambitious. It may indicate that these attributes are not correctly perceived in a speed dating (5 min), may be interpreted as "trying too hard" to be sincere, intelligent or ambitious.

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- 4) Correlation between median of attribute ratings given by each participant to their partners (continuous from 0 to 10) at each like level (ordinal from 1 to 10) for partners that said yes to a 2nd date:
 - Attractive median and like: r = 0.553
 - Sincere median and like: r = -0.759
 - Intelligent median and like: r = -0.923
 - Fun median and like: r = 0.097
 - Ambitious median and like: r = -0.607
 - Shared interest median and like: r = 0.887

For participants that decided on a 2nd date, there is a strong correlation for shared interests and attractive. Fun correlation is weak for participants who decided on a 2nd date.

- 5) Distance between what is important for each partner at sign up:
 - When there is match (both participants said yes to a 2nd date), the distance between how important is an attribute for them is smaller than when there is not a match.
 - It may indicate that participants that said yes to a second date are more similar in what they value than participants who say no to a 2nd date.