Project: Analysis of Brazil's medical appointment dataset

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to analyze a medical appointment dataset. This dataset consists of information from 100k medical appointments in Brazil, mainly focusing on whe

The following questions will be explored:

- 1. What factors are important for us to know in order to predict if a patient will show up for their scheduled appointment?
- 2. What is the proportion of men & women who register for medical appointments?
- 3. Which neighbourhoods report the most medical problems?
- 4. Is aging correlated to medical problems such as hypertension, diabetes, etc.?

Dataset Details

Link: https://www.kaggle.com/joniarroba/noshowappointments

Characteristics:

- PatientId : Identification of a patient
- . AppointmentID: Identification of each appointment
- . Gender: Male or Female
- ScheduledDay: On what day the patient set up their appointment (will always be before or on the appointment day)
- AppointmentDay : The actual appointment date
- Age : How old is the patient.
- Neighbourhood : Location of the hospital
- Scholarship: indicates whether or not the patient is enrolled in Brasilian welfare program Bolsa Família.
- Hipertension: 1 for True and 0 for False
- Diabetes : True or False
- Alcoholism : True or False
- Handcap : True or False
- SMS_received : 1 or more messages sent to the patient.
- No-show : 'No' means patient showed up, and 'Yes' means they didn't show up

Import Statements

```
%matplotlib inline
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
# Customization of the seaborn graphs
sns.set(style="whitegrid", color_codes=True)
```

Data Wrangling

Loading CSV Data and initial cleaning

 $\mbox{\bf Note}:$ During loading itself, we are cleaning up the following aspects of the data :

- 1. Data types of the ID columns are set to string (e.g. 'PatientId' and 'AppointmentID' should be of type string)
- 2. Columns containing dates are parsed
- $3. \ \mbox{Boolean}$ fields are converted to bool type from the string values

```
def string_to_bool(value):
    '''Type converter for columns to map the value of '1' to boolean True'''
    return value == '1'

def no_show_to_bool(value):
    '''Type converter for columns to map the value of 'Yes' to boolean True'''
    return value == 'Yes'
```

```
PatientId
AppointmentID
Gender
ScheduledDay
AppointmentDay
                  datetime64[ns]
                            int64
Neighbourhood
Scholarship
Hipertension
Diabetes
Alcoholism
Handcap
SMS_received
No-show
dtype: object
```

Initial Sample data (first 5 rows)

а	appointment_data.head(5)													
	PatientId	AppointmentID	Gender	ScheduledDay	AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hipertension	Diabetes	Alcoho			
0	29872499824296	5642903	F	2016-04-29 18:38:08	2016-04-29	62	JARDIM DA PENHA	False	True	False	False			
1	558997776694438	5642503	М	2016-04-29 16:08:27	2016-04-29	56	JARDIM DA PENHA	False	False	False	False			
2	4262962299951	5642549	F	2016-04-29 16:19:04	2016-04-29	62	MATA DA PRAIA	False	False	False	False			
3	867951213174	5642828	F	2016-04-29 17:29:31	2016-04-29	8	PONTAL DE CAMBURI	False	False	False	False			
4	8841186448183	5642494	F	2016-04-29 16:07:23	2016-04-29	56	JARDIM DA PENHA	False	True	True	False			

Check for null values (i.e. NaN): There are no null values in the dataset as analyzed below:

```
appointment_data.isnull().any()

PatientId False
AppointmentID False
Gender False
ScheduledDay False
AppointmentDay
Age False
Neighbourhood False
Scholarship False
Hipertension False
Alcoholism False
Handcap False
Mo-show False
Mo-show
dtype: bool
```

Further cleaning

There are still some problems remaining in the dataset that need to be cleaned :

- 1. The columnns that have a typo in their names need to be renamed
- 2. The column 'Age' has erroneous values (negative age) and such rows need to be deleted
- 3. Additional derived columns need to be added for further analysis
- 4. Records having negative Gap Days (i.e. Appointment Date is before the Scheduled Date) need to be removed

The details are as follows :

1. Rename columns having typos

```
appointment_data.rename(columns={'PatientId':'PatientID', 'Hipertension':'Hypertension','Handcap':'Handicap'}, inplace = True)
```

2. Remove row(s) having negative age

```
print 'Initial row count : ', len(appointment_data.index)
appointment_data = appointment_data[appointment_data['Age'] >= 0]
```

```
print 'Final row count after cleaning negative age records : ', len(appointment_data.index)
```

```
Initial row count : 110527
Final row count after cleaning negative age records : 110526
```

3. Add additional derived columns

- 1. GapDays: This column (int64) denotes the interval (in days) between between the appointment day and the scheduled day.
- 2. MedicalCondition: This column (boolean) denotes whether or not the patient suffers from one of the four medical conditions Hypertension, Diabetes, Alcoholism, or Handica

```
appointment_data['GapDays'] = (appointment_data['AppointmentDay'].dt.date - appointment_data['ScheduledDay'].dt.date).dt.days
appointment_data['MedicalCondition'] = appointment_data['Hypertension'] | appointment_data['Diabetes'] | appointment_data['Alcoholism'] | appointment_data['Diabetes'] | appointment_data['Diabetes
```

4. Remove erroroneous 'GapDays' records

Appointment date cannot be before the schedule date. Hence, these records are removed.

The following are the erroneous records:

appointment_data[appointment_data['GapDays'] < 0]													
	PatientID	AppointmentID	Gender	ScheduledDay	AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism		
27033	7839272661752	5679978	М	2016-05-10 10:51:53	2016-05-09	38	RESISTÊNCIA	False	False	False	False		
55226	7896293967868	5715660	F	2016-05-18 14:50:41	2016-05-17	19	SANTO ANTÔNIO	False	False	False	False		
64175	24252258389979	5664962	F	2016-05-05 13:43:58	2016-05-04	22	CONSOLAÇÃO	False	False	False	False		
71533	998231581612122	5686628	F	2016-05-11 13:49:20	2016-05-05	81	SANTO ANTÔNIO	False	False	False	False		
72362	3787481966821	5655637	М	2016-05-04 06:50:57	2016-05-03	7	TABUAZEIRO	False	False	False	False		

```
# Remove the erroneous records
appointment_data = appointment_data[appointment_data['GapDays'] >= 0]
```

Final sample data after cleaning (first 6 rows)

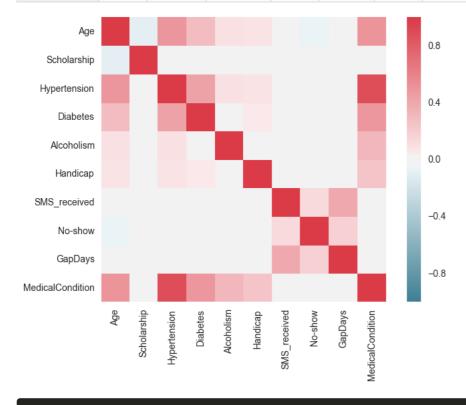
```
print appointment_data.dtypes
appointment_data.head(6)
```

```
PatientID
AppointmentID
Gender
                       datetime64[ns]
ScheduledDay
AppointmentDay
Age
Neighbourhood
                                 int64
Scholarship
Hypertension Diabetes
Alcoholism
Handicap
SMS_received
No-show
GapDays
MedicalCondition
                                 int64
```

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3	867951213174	5642828	F	2016-04-29 17:29:31	2016-04-29	8	PONTAL DE CAMBURI	False	False	False	False	F
4	8841186448183	5642494	F	2016-04-29 16:07:23	2016-04-29	56	JARDIM DA PENHA	False	True	True	False	F
5	95985133231274	5626772	F	2016-04-27 08:36:51	2016-04-29	76	REPÚBLICA	False	True	False	False	F

Exploratory Data Analysis

	Age	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handicap	SMS_received	No-show	GapDays	MedicalCondition
Age	1.000000	-0.092469	0.504599	0.292398	0.095811	0.081815	0.012629	-0.060320	0.034813	0.509312
Scholarship	-0.092469	1.000000	-0.019738	-0.024899	0.035019	-0.009139	0.001182	0.029166	-0.030435	-0.009966
Hypertension	0.504599	-0.019738	1.000000	0.433082	0.087967	0.081187	-0.006285	-0.035662	-0.017236	0.887052
Diabetes	0.292398	-0.024899	0.433082	1.000000	0.018471	0.054499	-0.014561	-0.015158	-0.027200	0.497951
Alcoholism	0.095811	0.035019	0.087967	0.018471	1.000000	0.003125	-0.026154	-0.000181	-0.038527	0.316864
Handicap	0.081815	-0.009139	0.081187	0.054499	0.003125	1.000000	-0.023890	-0.008017	-0.020314	0.245392
SMS_received	0.012629	0.001182	-0.006285	-0.014561	-0.026154	-0.023890	1.000000	0.126502	0.398128	-0.019694
No-show	-0.060320	0.029166	-0.035662	-0.015158	-0.000181	-0.008017	0.126502	1.000000	0.186320	-0.032401
GapDays	0.034813	-0.030435	-0.017236	-0.027200	-0.038527	-0.020314	0.398128	0.186320	1.000000	-0.033690
MedicalCondition	0.509312	-0.009966	0.887052	0.497951	0.316864	0.245392	-0.019694	-0.032401	-0.033690	1.000000



```
correlation_matrix['No-show'].drop('No-show').sort_values(ascending = False, inplace = False)
```

```
GapDays 0.186320

SMS_received 0.126502

Scholarship 0.029166

Alcoholism -0.000181

Handicap -0.008017

Diabetes -0.015158

MedicalCondition -0.032401

Hypertension -0.035662

Age -0.060320

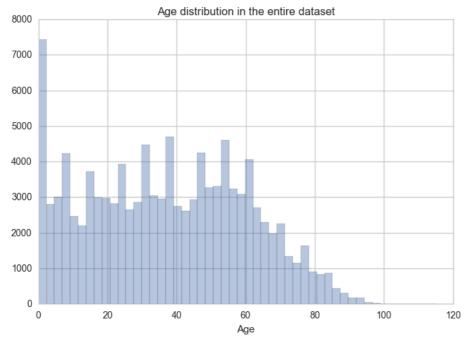
Name: No-show, dtype: float64
```

Exploration of the factors that may affect no-show rate

Exploration of Factor 1 : Age

```
# Plot the age distribution graph
sns.distplot(appointment_data['Age'], kde=False)
plt.title('Age distribution in the entire dataset')
plt.show()

print 'Overall Age Distribution statistics :'
appointment_data['Age'].describe()
```



```
Overall Age Distribution statistics :

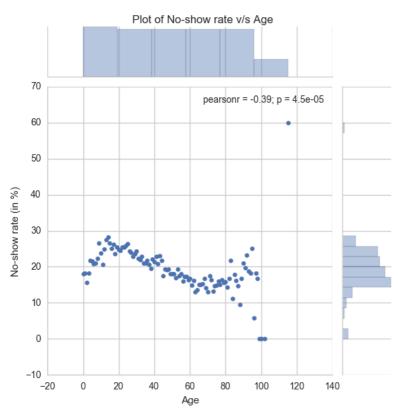
count 110521.000000
mean 37.089386
std 23.109885
min 0.000000
25% 18.000000
50% 37.000000
75% 55.000000
max 115.000000
Name: Age, dtype: float64
```

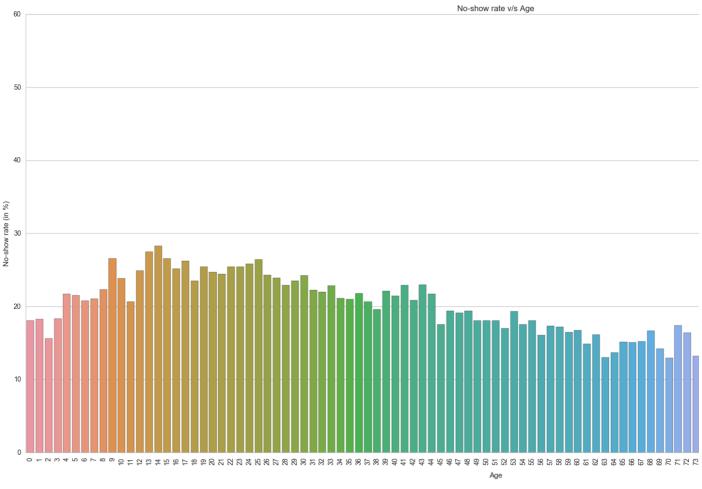
```
# Plot the no-show v/s age graphs
age_noshow_data = appointment_data.groupby('Age')['No-show'].mean() * 100

# Joint plot
grid = sns.jointplot(y=age_noshow_data, x=age_noshow_data.index)
plt.suptitle('Plot of No-show rate v/s Age', y=1)
grid.ax_joint.set_xlabel('Age')
grid.ax_joint.set_ylabel('No-show rate (in %)')

# Bar Plot
plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
ax = sns.barplot(x=age_noshow_data.index, y = age_noshow_data.values)
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=90)
plt.tight_layout()
ax.set(title = 'No-show rate v/s Age', xlabel='Age', ylabel='No-show rate (in %)')
plt.show()

# Show statistics for the above
print 'Statistics of the no-show rate distribution across ages'
print age_noshow_data.describe()
```



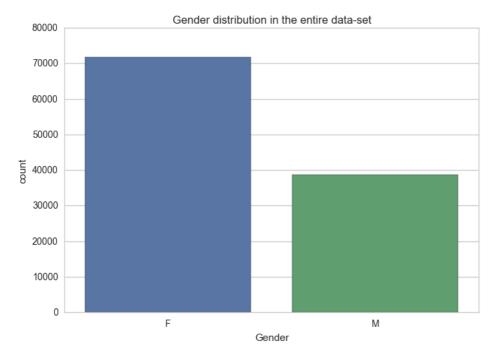


```
Statistics of the no-show rate distribution across ages
count 103.000000
mean 19.268425
std 6.703958
min 0.000000
25% 16.156191
50% 18.867925
75% 22.858630
max 60.000000
Name: No-show, dtype: float64
```

- Overall, the distribution of age-groups in the data-set is positively skewed. In other words, there is less data available in the data-set for the higher age groups(70+), which is ϵ
- There seems to be a relatively higher rate of no-show between the ages of 12-25.
- Also, in the higher age groups (90+) it seems that there is again an increase of no-show. However, there are relatively very few records in this age group (which is expected).
- The lowest no-show rates are in the group of 60-80 year olds.

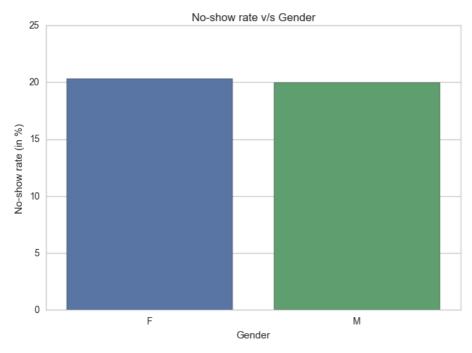
Exploration of Factor 2 : Gender

```
# Plot the Gender distribution graph
sns.countplot(appointment_data['Gender'])
plt.title('Gender distribution in the entire data-set')
plt.show()
appointment_data.groupby('Gender').count()
```



	PatientID	AppointmentID	ScheduledDay	AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handicap	SM
Gender												
F	71836	71836	71836	71836	71836	71836	71836	71836	71836	71836	71836	718
М	38685	38685	38685	38685	38685	38685	38685	38685	38685	38685	38685	386

```
# Plot the no-show v/s Gender graph
gender_noshow_data = appointment_data.groupby('Gender')['No-show'].mean() * 100.0
ax = sns.barplot(x=gender_noshow_data.index, y = gender_noshow_data)
ax.set(title = 'No-show rate v/s Gender', xlabel='Gender', ylabel='No-show rate (in %)')
plt.show()
# Show statistics for the above
print 'Statistics of the no-show rate distribution across Genders'
print gender_noshow_data.describe()
```



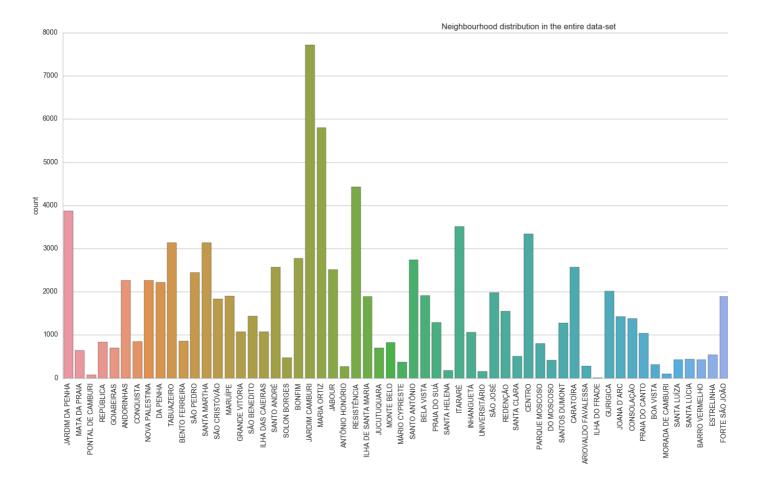
```
Statistics of the no-show rate distribution across Genders count 2.000000 mean 20.137677 std 0.245884 min 19.963810 25% 20.050743 50% 20.137677 75% 20.224610 max 20.311543 Name: No-show, dtype: float64
```

Observations for the 'Gender' factor :

- Overall, there are 1.85 times more female applicants than male applicants, which is quite surprising.
- There doesn't seem to be much of a difference in the no-show rate with respect to gender (less than half a percent).

Exploration of Factor 3: Neighbourhood location

```
# Plot the Neighbourhood distribution graph
plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
ax = sns.countplot(appointment_data['Neighbourhood'])
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=90)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.title('Neighbourhood distribution in the entire data-set')
plt.show()
```



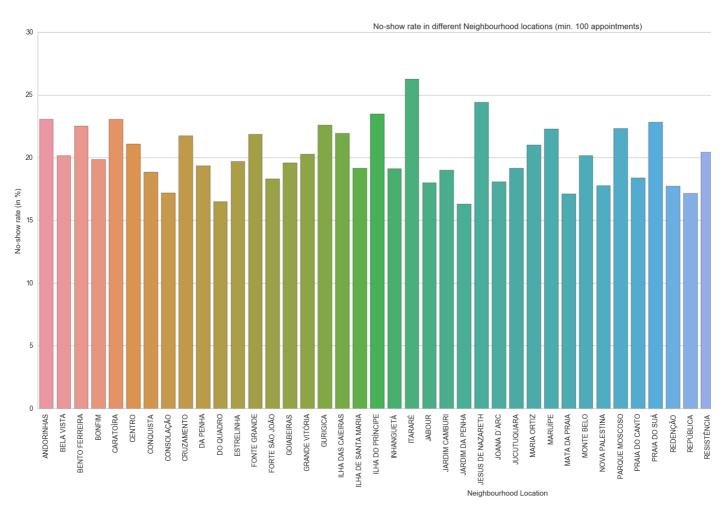
Neighbourhood

```
# Plot the No-show v/s Neighbourhood graph

neighbourhood_noshow_data = appointment_data.groupby('Neighbourhood')['No-show'].mean() * 100.0

# Filter the neighbourhood outliers: the no. of appointments coming from there should be at least 100
neighbourhood_noshow_data = neighbourhood_noshow_data[appointment_data.groupby('Neighbourhood')['No-show'].sum() >= 100]
plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
ax = sns.barplot(x=neighbourhood_noshow_data.index, y = neighbourhood_noshow_data.values, orient = 'v')
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=90)
plt.tight_layout()
ax.set(title = 'No-show rate in different Neighbourhood locations (min. 100 appointments)', xlabel='Neighbourhood Location', ylabel='No-show rplt.show()

# Show statistics for the above
print 'Statistics of the no-show rate distribution across Neighbourhood locations (min. 100 appointments)'
print neighbourhood_noshow_data.describe()
```



```
Statistics of the no-show rate distribution across Neighbourhood locations (min. 100 appointments)

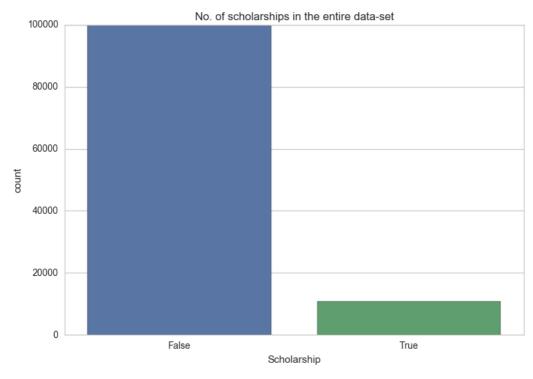
count 54.000000
mean 20.424881
std 2.831800
min 15.841584
25% 18.326799
50% 20.040373
75% 21.918459
max 28.918495
Name: No-show, dtype: float64
```

Observations for the 'Neighbourhood' factor :

- Overall, there is a big variation in the appointment applications from different neighbourhoods. The majority of applications come from places like Jardim Camburi, Maria Ortiz neighbourhoods from where very few people apply for appointments.
- In the no-show distribution in different neighbourhoods, there are only 2 records for 'ILHAS OCEÃ,NICAS DE TRINDADE' and both are no-show. Hence, the percentage is ab neighbourhoods have been filtered (with minimum no. of appointments set to 100) before plotting the graph.
- Essentially, some neighbourhoods seem to have a much larger no-show rate than average. A possible reason could be that these regions are farther away from the hospital,

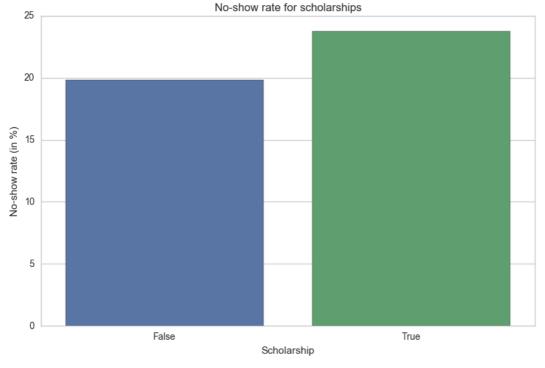
Exploration of Factor 4: Scholarship

```
# Plot the Scholarship distribution graph
ax = sns.countplot(appointment_data['Scholarship'])
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels())
plt.tight_layout()
plt.title('No. of scholarships in the entire data-set')
plt.show()
```



```
# Plot the No show rate v/s Scholarship graph
scholarship_noshow_data = appointment_data.groupby('Scholarship')['No-show'].mean() * 100.0
ax = sns.barplot(x=scholarship_noshow_data.index, y = scholarship_noshow_data.values, orient = 'v')
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels())
plt.tight_layout()
ax.set(title = 'No-show rate for scholarships', xlabel='Scholarship', ylabel='No-show rate (in %)')
plt.show()

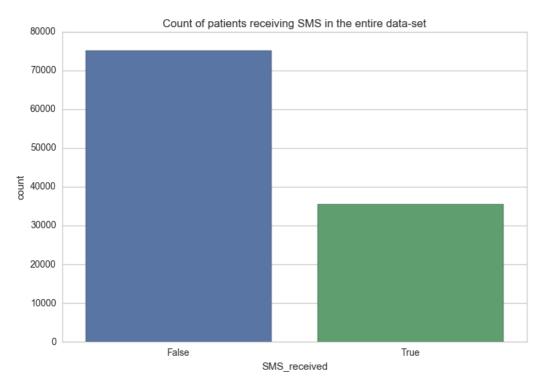
# Show statistics for the above
print 'Statistics of the no-show rate distribution for scholarships'
print scholarship_noshow_data.describe()
```



- Overall, there are 10 times as many patients who haven't got a scholarship compared to those who have. This seems to be normal.
- In the no-show distribution, surprisingly, people who have a scholarship have a higher no-show rate than those who don't (23.74% vs 19.8%).

Exploration of Factor 5: SMS received by patients

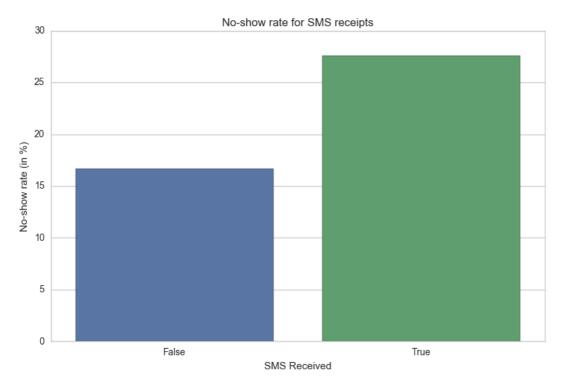
```
# Plot the SMS received distribution graph
ax = sns.countplot(appointment_data['SMS_received'])
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels())
plt.tight_layout()
plt.title('Count of patients receiving SMS in the entire data-set')
plt.show()
```



```
# Plot the No-show rate v/s SMS received graph

sms_noshow_data = appointment_data.groupby('SMS_received')['No-show'].mean() * 100.0
ax = sns.barplot(x=sms_noshow_data.index, y = sms_noshow_data.values, orient = 'v')
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels())
plt.tight_layout()
ax.set(title = 'No-show rate for SMS receipts', xlabel='SMS Received', ylabel='No-show rate (in %)')
plt.show()

# Show statistics for the above
print 'Statistics of the no-show rate distribution for SMS receipts'
print sms_noshow_data.describe()
```



```
Statistics of the no-show rate distribution for SMS receipts

count 2.000000
mean 22.136264
std 7.690890
min 16.697984
25% 19.417124
56% 22.136264
75% 24.855405
max 27.574545
Name: No-show, dtype: float64
```

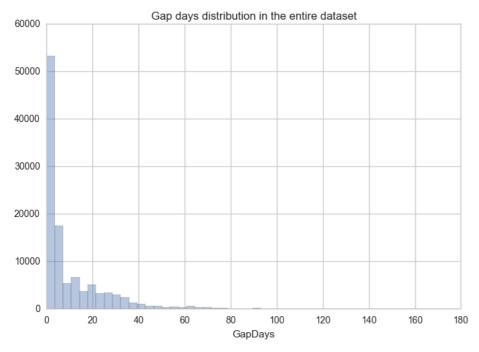
Observations for the 'SMS Received' factor:

- Overall, there are twice as many patients who haven't received an SMS compared to those who have.
- Very surprisingly, sending an SMS doesn't seem to influence patients to show up for the appointment. In fact, no-show rates are much higher when patients receive SMS (27.1)

Exploration of Factor 6: Gaps in days between Appointment Day and Scheduled Day

```
# Plot the Gap days distribution graph
sns.distplot(appointment_data['GapDays'], kde=False)
plt.title('Gap days distribution in the entire dataset')
plt.show()

print 'Overall Gap Days distribution statistics'
appointment_data['GapDays'].describe()
```



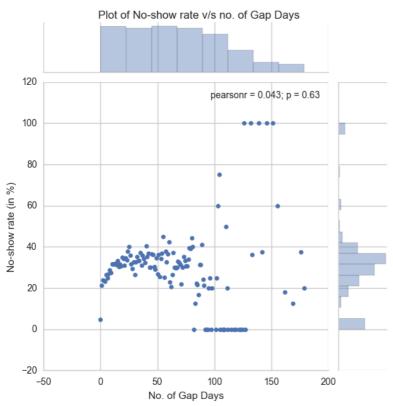
```
Overall Gap Days distribution statistics
         110521.000000
count
              10.184345
mean
std
              15.255153
min
25%
              0.000000
               0.000000
50%
              4.000000
75%
              15.000000
max
             179.000000
Name: GapDays, dtype: float64
```

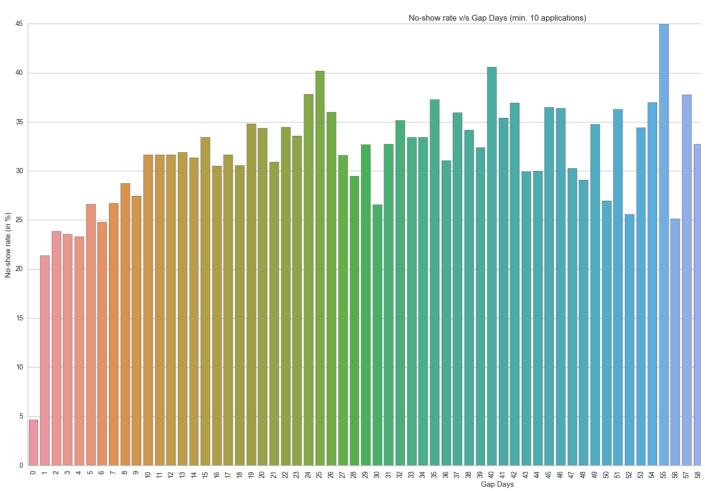
```
# Plot the No-show rate v/s Gap Days graph
gapdays_noshow_data = appointment_data.groupby('GapDays')['No-show'].mean() * 100.0

# Joint plot
grid = sns.jointplot(y=gapdays_noshow_data, x=gapdays_noshow_data.index)
plt.suptitle('Plot of No-show rate v/s no. of Gap Days', y=1)
grid.ax_joint.set_vlabel('No. of Gap Days')
grid.ax_joint.set_vlabel('No-show rate (in %)')

# Bar Plot with filtered data (no. of applications >= 10 for that gap day)
filtered_gapdays_noshow_data = gapdays_noshow_data[appointment_data.groupby('GapDays')['No-show'].sum() >= 10]
plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
ax = sns.barplot(x=filtered_gapdays_noshow_data.index, y = filtered_gapdays_noshow_data.values)
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=90)
plt.tight_layout()
ax.set(title = 'No-show rate v/s Gap Days (min. 10 applications)', xlabel='Gap Days', ylabel='No-show rate (in %)')
plt.show()

# Show statistics for the above
```





```
Statistics of the no-show rate distribution for Gap Days (min. 10 applications)

count 82.000000

mean 31.209141

std 5.893434

min 4.647062

25% 28.812985

50% 31.624451

75% 34.758142
```

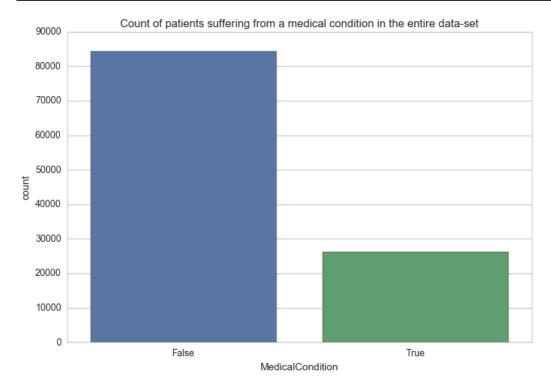
```
max 44.954128
Name: No-show, dtype: float64
```

Observations for the 'Gap Days' factor :

- The overall distribution of Gap Days in the data-set is positively skewed. It ranges from 0 to 179 days.
- The no-show rate is lowest when the gap days is 0, i.e. when appointment day is same as scheduled day.
- When there is a greater gap, the no-show rate tends to increase.

Exploration of Factor 7: Medical condition

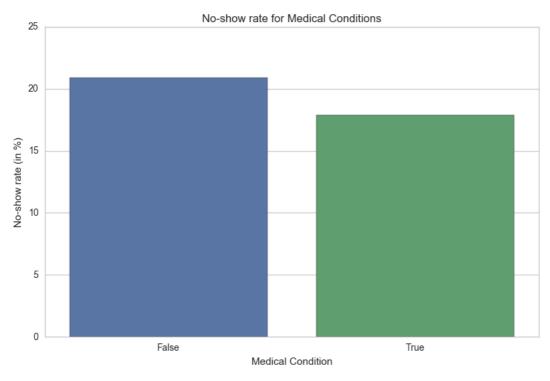
```
# Plot the Medical Condition distribution graph
ax = sns.countplot(appointment_data['MedicalCondition'])
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels())
plt.tight_layout()
plt.title('Count of patients suffering from a medical condition in the entire data-set')
plt.show()
```



```
# Plot the No-show rate v/s Medical Condition graph

medcond_noshow_data = appointment_data.groupby('MedicalCondition')['No-show'].mean() * 100.0
ax = sns.barplot(x=medcond_noshow_data.index, y = medcond_noshow_data.values, orient = 'v')
ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels())
plt.tight_layout()
ax.set(title = 'No-show rate for Medical Conditions', xlabel='Medical Condition', ylabel='No-show rate (in %)')
plt.show()

# Show statistics for the above
print 'Statistics of the no-show rate distribution for Medical Conditions'
print medcond_noshow_data.describe()
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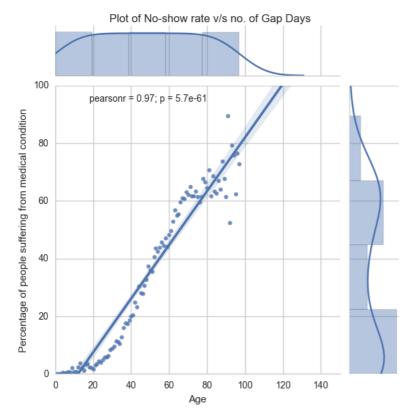
Observations for the 'Medical Condition' factor :

- Overall, there are thrice as many patients who don't seem to have any medical condition compared to those who have.
- There is only a 3% increase in no-show rates when patients do not suffer from any of the medical conditions.

Exploration of how aging affects medical problems

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medcond_age_data = appointment_data.groupby('Age')['MedicalCondition'].mean() * 100.0
# Filter outliers : ignore ages having appointment count of at least 10
medcond_age_data = medcond_age_data[appointment_data.groupby('Age')['AppointmentID'].count() >= 10]
# Joint plot
grid = sns.jointplot(y=medcond_age_data, x=medcond_age_data.index, kind = 'reg')
plt.suptitle('Plot of No-show rate v/s no. of Gap Days', y=1)
grid.ax_joint.set_xlabel('Age')
grid.ax_joint.set_xlabel('Percentage of people suffering from medical condition')
sns.plt.ylim(0, 100)
sns.plt.xlim(0, None)
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(0, 150.0)
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Observation: There is a very strong correlation between age and medical conditions (hypertension, diabetes, alcoholism and handicap).

Exploration of the most 'unhealthy' neighbourhoods

appointment_data.groupby('Neighbourhood')['AppointmentID'].count().sort_values(ascending=False).head(5)

Neighbourhood

JARDIM CAMBURI 7717

MARIA ORTIZ 5805

RESISTÊNCIA 4430

JARDIM DA PENHA 3877

ITARARÉ 3514

Name: AppointmentID, dtype: int64

Conclusions

The analysis of medical appointments dataset obtained from Brazilian Hospitals has revealed some very interesting points:

1. Factors that can be useful for prediction of showing up for medical appointments

- The most important factors are Gap Days (interval between scheduled date and appointment date), Age and Neighbourhood location.
- Gender and medical condition of the patient do not seem to be very useful for use as factors for prediction.
- Scholarships and SMS received surprisingly appear to be counterproductive in reducing no-shows. Hospitals may consider further analysis with some controlled experiment

Of course, these results are based only on correlations and this does not imply causation. There could be hidden/lurking variables in the data-set and it requires controlled experin

${\bf 2}$. Proportion of men & women who register for medical appointments

Very surprisingly, there are almost twice as many female patients compared to male patients.

3. 'Unhealthy' neighbourhoods

The top 5 most 'unhealthy' neighbourhoods are : Jardim Camburi, Maria Ortiz, Resistência, Jardim Da Penha, and Itararé.

4. Correlation of aging with medical problems

There is a very strong correlation between age and medical problems such as Diabetes, Hypertension, Alcoholism, etc.