

5243 ADS – Project 5

Speed Dating Analysis :

Predicting the likelihood of having a follow-up date

Dataset Summary

Wave #	Date	Preference Scale	Variations	# Males	# Females
1	October 16 th '02	100 pt alloc.		10	10
2	October 23 rd '02	100 pt alloc.		16	19
3	November 12 th '02	100 pt alloc.		10	9
4	November 12 th '02	100 pt alloc.		18	18
5	November 20 th '02	100 pt alloc.	undergrads	10	10
6	March 26 th '03	1-10 scale		5	5
7	March 26 th '03	1-10 scale		16	16
8	April 2 nd '03	1-10 scale		10	10
9	April 2 nd '03	1-10 scale		20	20
10	September 24 th '03	100 pt alloc.		9	9
11	September 24 th '03	100 pt alloc.		21	21
12	October 7 th '03	100 pt alloc.	Budget: only allowed to yes to 50% of the people that met	14	15
13	October 8 th '03	100 pt alloc.	Different M.C.	9	10
14	October 8 th '03	100 pt alloc.	Different M.C.	18	20
15	February 24 th '04	100 pt alloc.		19	18
16	February 25 th '04	100 pt alloc.		8	6
17	February 25 th '04	100 pt alloc.		14	10
18	April 6 th '04	100 pt alloc.	brought a magazine	6	6
19	April 6 th '04	100 pt alloc.	brought a book	15	16
20	April 7 th '04	100 pt alloc.	brought a book	8	6
21	April 7 th '04	100 pt alloc.	brought a magazine	22	22

Feature Summary	
Category	Details
Participant Basics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participant's unique identifier (iid) - Demographic information: gender, age, race, educational background, and career intentions
Event Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The date and the method used for preference evaluation (100-point distribution or a 1-10 scale)
Mutual Ratings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants' ratings based on attractiveness, sincerity, and intelligence of their dates - How they believe they were rated by their counterparts.
Decisions and Preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether they want to meet each person again after each date and assess their own and their counterparts' preferences.
Post-Event Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants evaluate their satisfaction with the event, the number of dates, and the characteristics of the dates during and after the event.

Key Features of Interest

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'match' 1=yes, 0=no

'date 3':

Have you been on a date with any of your matches?

Yes=1

No=2

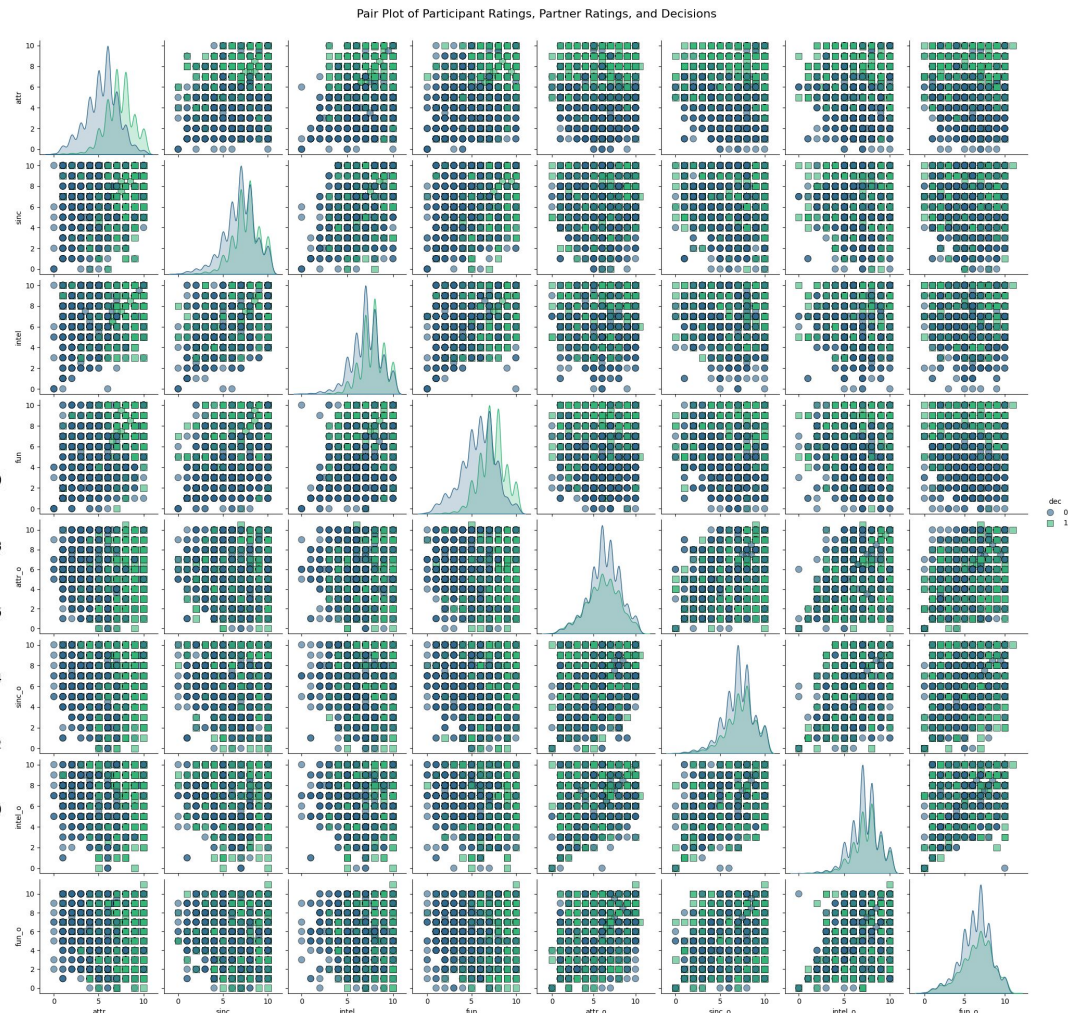
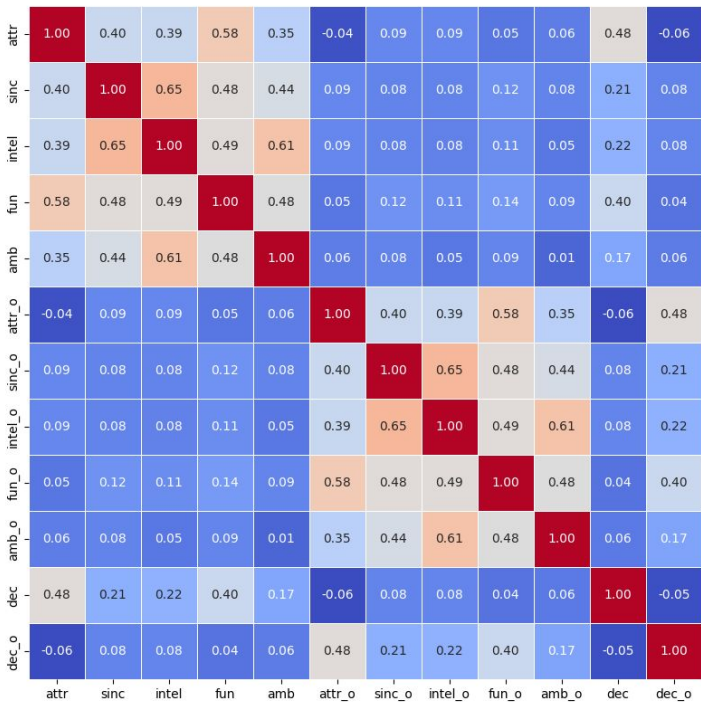
If you have been on at least one date, please answer the following:

'numdat 3':

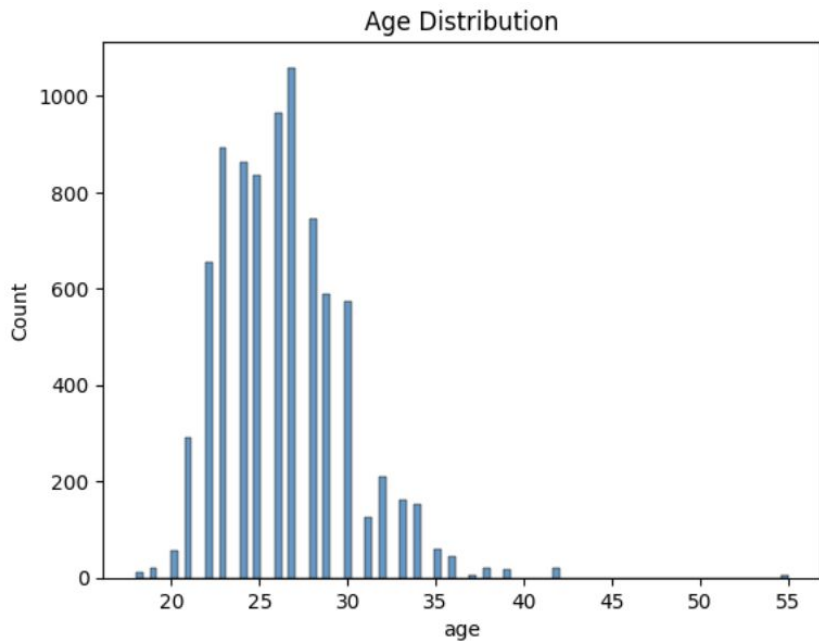
(a) How many of your matches have you been on a date with so far?

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Correlation Matrix of Attributes and Decisions



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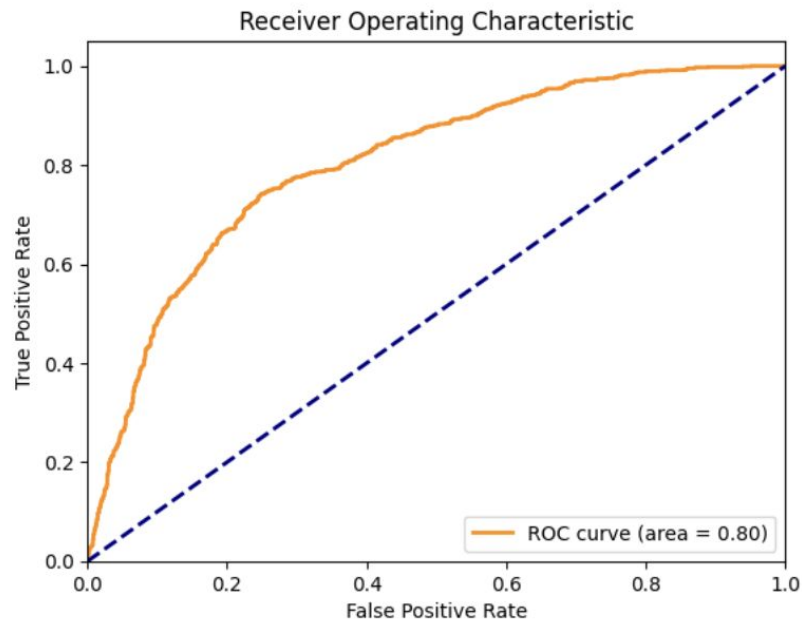
Accuracy: 0.7390612569610183

Confusion Matrix:

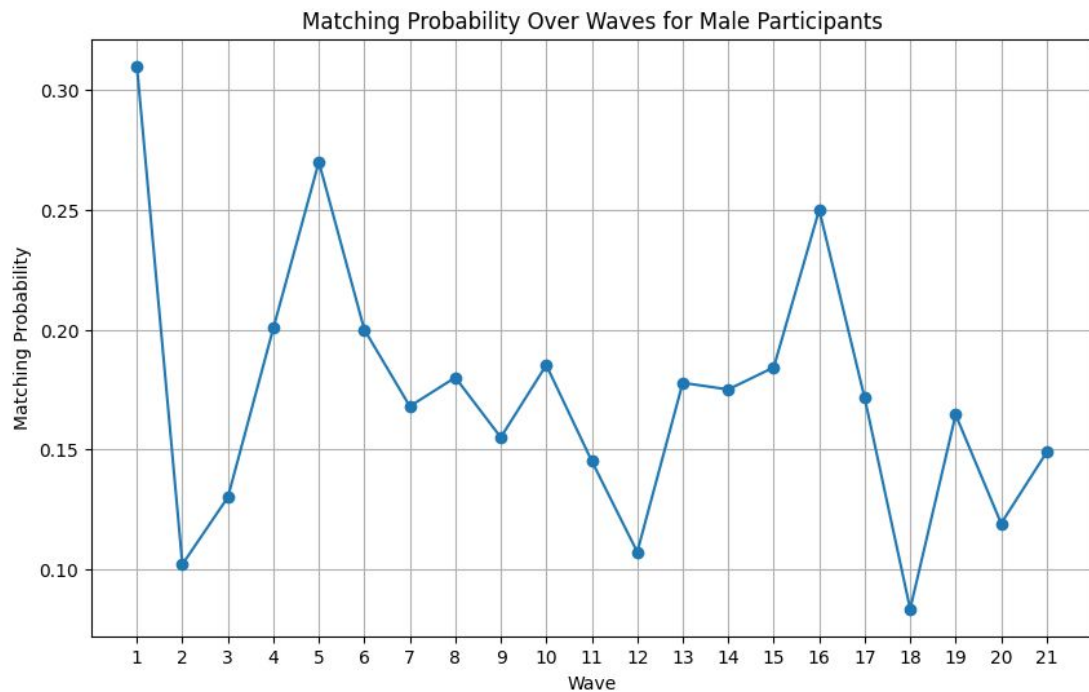
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[[1140  306]
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AUC-ROC: 0.8039007905056437



Temporal Analysis



Methodologies

Logistic: Baseline Model

Random Forest: Random Forest is chosen for its proficiency in handling complex datasets with many features, capable of capturing non-linear relationships. The ensemble approach, combining multiple decision trees, reduces the risk of overfitting and provides a more generalized model. Random Forest can effectively handle imbalanced datasets, which is common in long-term outcome predictions where one result (like no follow-up date) may dominate.

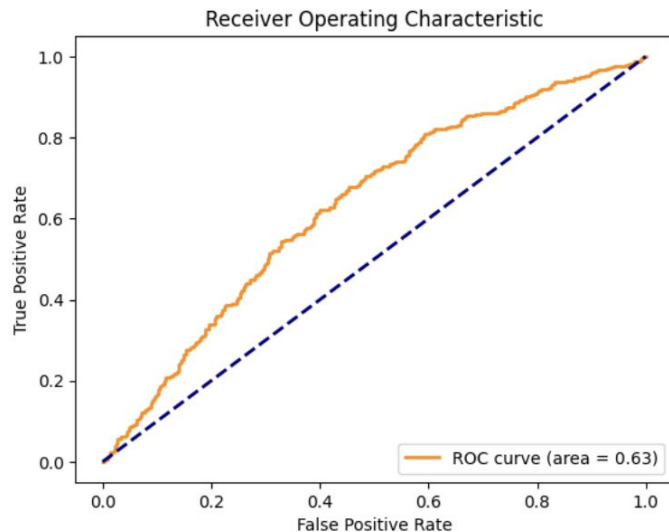
→ Targeted analysis for 'date_3' (whether there was a follow up date)

XGBoost: XGBoost is chosen to build a model using the provided features and evaluates its accuracy on the test data. XGBoost has many parameters that can be tuned for better performance, but this code uses default parameters for simplicity.

Predicting the likelihood of having a follow-up date – Results

Logistic

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.73	0.58	0.65	622
1.0	0.46	0.63	0.53	353
accuracy			0.60	975
macro avg	0.60	0.60	0.59	975
weighted avg	0.63	0.60	0.60	975

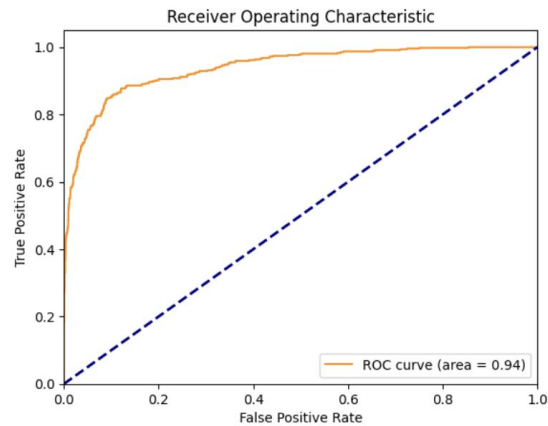


Random Forest

Confusion Matrix:
[[2040 9]
 [261 204]]

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.89	1.00	0.94	2049
1.0	0.96	0.44	0.60	465
accuracy			0.89	2514
macro avg	0.92	0.72	0.77	2514
weighted avg	0.90	0.89	0.88	2514



The model achieves an overall accuracy of 89.26%, which is excellent but may be somewhat inflated due to class imbalance.

Targeted analysis on where there was a follow-up date

Gradient Boosting

Based on the logistic and Random Forest model, we built an XGBoost model to predict whether there was a follow up date.

For this model, we defined 'date_3' as the objective feature.

XGBoost Model Accuracy: 91.85%

Which attribute has the highest influence on male's matching?

Determine which among race, age, field of study, and career has the highest influence on male's matching

- Use **logistic regression coefficients** as a measure of importance

Logistic Regression Coefficients:

race: -0.08577945974160506
age: -0.023590073654463153
field: 0.0001337497171754053
career: -0.00020745809551590854

The feature with the highest coefficient: race (-0.08577945974160506)

- How?

First, fit a logistic regression model to predict match outcomes for males using race, age, field of study, and career as independent variables.

Then extract the coefficients of the logistic regression model.

Lastly analyze the magnitudes of the coefficients to determine which variable has the highest influence on match outcomes for males.

Results & Conclusion

- field_cd: field coded

1= Law

2= Math

3= Social Science, Psychologist

4= Medical Science, Pharmaceuticals

5= Engineering

6= English/Creative Writing/ Journalism

7= History/Religion/Philosophy

8= Business/Econ/Finance

9= Education, Academia

10= Biological Sciences/Chemistry/Physics

11= Social Work

12= Undergrad/undecided

13=Political Science/International Affairs

14=Film

15=Fine Arts/Arts Administration

16=Languages

17=Architecture

18=Other

- career_c: career coded

1= Lawyer

2= Academic/Research

3= Psychologist

4= Doctor/Medicine

5=Engineer

6= Creative Arts/Entertainment

7= Banking/Consulting/Finance/Marketing/Business

8= Real Estate

9= International/Humanitarian Affairs

10= Undecided

11=Social Work

12=Speech Pathology

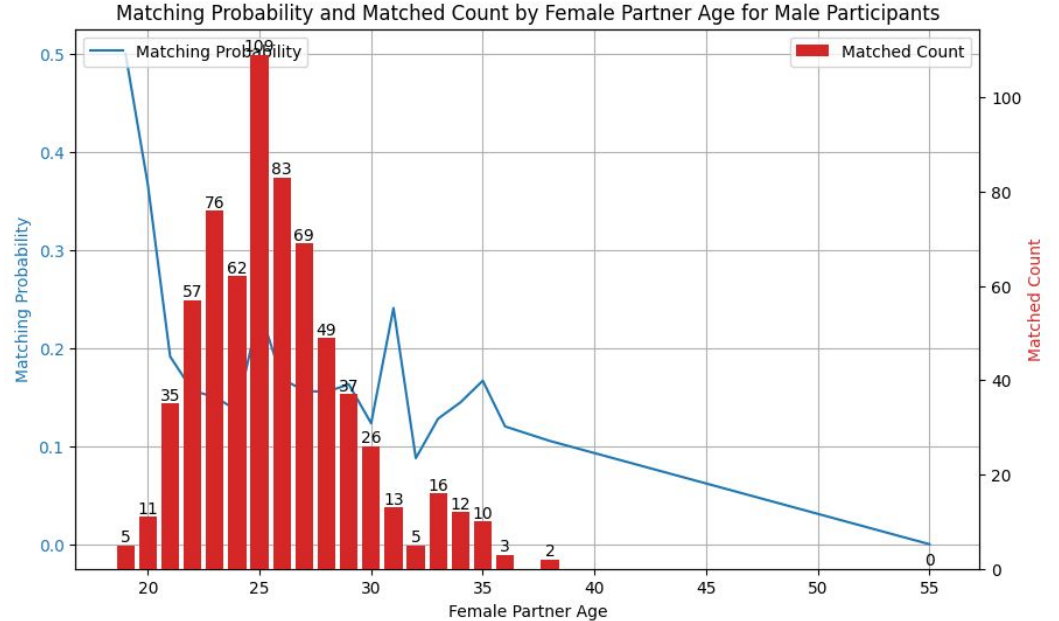
13=Politics

14=Pro sports/Athletics

15=Other

16=Journalism

17=Architecture



Percentage of matches where male and partner were the same race: 41.01449275362319

Most frequently matched age of male's partner: 25.0

Most frequently matched field code: 8.0

Most frequently matched career code: 7.0

Percentage of matches where female and partner were the same race: 41.01449275362319

Most frequently matched age of female's partner: 27.0

Most frequently matched field code: 3.0

Most frequently matched career code: 2.0