# **Using Latent Class Analysis to Standardize PISA Scores to Determine Differences between** Schools in Singapore

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## Agenda



Conclusion

## Background











### Ministry of Education

# "Every school a good school"

### "Singapore managed to achieve excellence without wide differences between children from wealthy and disadvantaged families."

- OECD education director Andreas Schleicher

Source: BBC

## **Background & Motivation**

well in the test

Are there differences across schools in Singapore? 2 Find out the contributing factors for schools who did 3

Identify **factors** that affect how well students do in Reading, Mathematics, Science and overall





### We seek to determine if there are differences between schools in Singapore based on their PISA performance





- 6115 Students
- 168 Public Schools
  - 5,825 Students (95%)
- 9 Private Schools
  - 290 Students (5%)



• 66 Booklets

Booklet ID	Reading	Math	Science
31 - 42	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$
43 - 54		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
55 - 66	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
67 - 78		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
79 - 90	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$
91 - 96			$\bigcirc$

Different total score for each booklet





## Latent Class Analysis (LCA)

- Statistical method for finding subtypes of related cases (latent classes)
- Common areas for the use of LCA are in health research, sociology, psychology, and education.

- 1. Filtering to Singapore data
- 2. Removing columns with no response or same value in all entries
- 3. Kept Scored and Coded responses from cognitive data

DS601Q02R Sustainable Fish Farming - Q02 (Raw Response)

CS601Q02S Sustainable Fish Farming - Q02 (Scored Response)

CS601Q02T Sustainable Fish Farming - Q02 (Timing)

CS601Q02A Sustainable Fish Farming - Q02 (Number of Actions)

#### 4. Adjust Scores

- 0 for no credit
- 0.5 for partial credit
- 1 for full credit
- 9999 for missing values

		0	00 - No credit
0	0 - No credit	11	11 - Partial credit
1	1 - Partial credit	12	12 - Partial credit
2	2 - Full credit	13	13 - Partial credit
6 / .R	Not Reached	21	21 - Full credit
7/1	Not Acallachia	22	22 - Full credit
//.N	Not Applicable	23	23 - Full credit
8 / .I	Invalid	96 / .R	Not Reached
9/.M	No Response	97 / .N	Not Applicable
SYSTEM MISSING	Missing	99 / .M	No Response
	-	SYSTEM MISSING	Missing

#### 5. Transposed Questions

	CNTSCHID	STRATUM	CNTSTUID	CBASCI	BOOKID	Question	Subject	N(0)	N(0.5)	N(1)	N(9999)
1	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	DR219Q01AC	R	0	0	1	0
2	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	DR219Q01BC	R	0	0	1	0
3	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	DR219Q01CC	R	0	0	1	0
4	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	DR219Q01DC	R	0	0	1	0
5	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	DR219Q01EC	R	0	0	1	0
6	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	DR219Q01C	R	0	0	1	0
7	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	DR219Q02C	R	0	0	1	0
8	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	CR067Q01S	R	0	0	1	0
9	70200001	SGP0203	70200112	4	31	DR067Q04C	R	0	0	1	0

• Removal of missing responses

#### 6. Bin Scoring Classifications

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		Questions	% of (0)	% of (0.5)	% of (1)	% of (9999)	% of (0) Binned	% of (0.5) Binned	% of (1) Binned	% of (9999) Binned
•	1	DR219Q01AC	5.12%	0.00%	87.65%	7.23%	0.00%-10.00%	0.00%-10.00%	80.00% — 90.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	2	DR219Q01BC	2.23%	0.00%	90.67%	7.10%	0.00%-10.00%	0.00%-10.00%	90.00%-100.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	3	DR219Q01CC	1.97%	0.00%	91.72%	6.31%	0.00%-10.00%	0.00%-10.00%	90.00%-100.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	4	DR219Q01DC	6.70%	0.00%	86.47%	6.83%	0.00%-10.00%	0.00%-10.00%	80.00%-90.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	5	DR219Q01EC	14.19%	0.00%	78.19%	7.000	10.00% 20.00%	-10.00%	70.00%-80.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	6	DR219Q01C	14.59%	0.00%	79.63%	5.			70.00%-80.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	7	DR219Q02C	14.06%	0.00%	81.60%	4.34%	10.00%-20.00%	0.00%-10.00%	80.00% - 90.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	8	CR067Q01S	10.51%	0.00%	89.09%	0.39%	10.00%-20.00%	0.00%-10.00%	80.00%-90.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	9	DR067Q04C	19.45%	33.51%	44.15%	2.89%	10.00%-20.00%	30.00%-40.00%	40.00%-50.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	10	DR067Q05C	20.76%	8.94%	66.75%	3.55%	20.00%-30.00%	0.00%-10.00%	60.00%-70.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	11	DR102Q04C	70.70%	0.00%	22.21%	7.10%	70.00%-80.00%	0.00%-10.00%	20.00%-30.00%	0.00%—10.00%
•	12	DR102Q05C	43.89%	0.00%	53.48%	2.63%	40.00% - 50.00%	0.00%-10.00%	50.00%-60.00%	0.00%—10.00%

• Assigning questions to bin based on performance



### 2 to 5 clusters to determine the best model fit

Latent Class Model	BIC statistic
2 Clusters	2990.5
3 Clusters	2927.15
4 Clusters	2921.4
5 Clusters	2954.2

### Easy, Medium, Hard Difficulty



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### 2 Profiling of Clusters

### Cluster 1:

- 60% to 80% of (1)
- 20% to 40% of (0)

### Medium Difficulty

Transposed Pa	rameter Estimat	es			
Column	Category	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3	
% of (0) Binned	0.00%-10.00%	0.0003	0.1493	0.0004	
% of (0) Binned	10.00% - 20.00%	0.0687	0.4064	0.0008	
% of (0) Binned	20.00% - 30.00%	0.4151	0.0003	0.0320	
% of (0) Binned	30.00%-40.00%	0.5145	0.0008	0.0320	
% of (0) Binned	40.00% - 50.00%	0.0004	0.4419	0.0913	
% of (0) Binned	50.00% - 60.00%	0.0003	0.0004	0.3687	
% of (0) Binned	60.00% - 70.00%	0.0003	0.0003	0.3478	
% of (0) Binned	70.00% - 80.00%	0.0003	0.0003	0.0951	
% of (0) Binned	80.00% - 90.00%	0.0003	0.0003	0.0320	
% of (0.5) Binned	0.00%-10.00%	0.9740	0.9637	0.8628	
% of (0.5) Binned	10.00% - 20.00%	0.0244	0.0101	0.0401	
% of (0.5) Binned	20.00% - 30.00%	0.0005	0.0088	0.0533	
% of (0.5) Binned	30.00%-40.00%	0.0005	0.0086	0.0431	
% of (0.5) Binned	40.00% - 50.00%	0.0005	0.0088	0.0007	
% of (1) Binned	0.00%-10.00%	0.0003	0.0003	0.0319	
% of (1) Binned	10.00% - 20.00%	0.0003	0.0003	0.0950	
% of (1) Binned	20.00% - 30.00%	0.0003	0.0003	0.1793	
% of (1) Binned	30.00%-40.00%	0.0003	0.0101	0.3247	
% of (1) Binned	40.00% - 50.00%	0.0003	0.0761	0.3671	
% of (1) Binned	50.00% - 60.00%	0.1160	0.3886	0.0005	
% of (1) Binned	60.00% - 70.00%	0.5225	0.0003	0.0004	
% of (1) Binned	70.00% - 80.00%	0.3596	0.0021	0.0004	
% of (1) Binned	80.00% - 90.00%	0.0003	0.4058	0.0004	
% of (1) Binned	90.00% - 100.00%	0.0003	0.1161	0.0004	
% of (9999) Binned	0.00%-10.00%	0.9757	0.9986	0.9141	
% of (9999) Binned	10.00% - 20.00%	0.0243	0.0014	0.0859	



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### 2 Profiling of Clusters

### Cluster 2:

- 80% to 100% of (1)
- 0% to 20% of (0)

### Easy Difficulty

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### 2 Profiling of Clusters Cluster 3:

- 0% to 50% of (1)
- 40% to 90% of (0)
- 10% to 50% of (0.5)

### Hard Difficulty

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### 1 Adjust weight of questions

- Most likely cluster is derived based on the column with the highest probability.
- Adjustment of question's weight and calculation of total score for every student

Prob in			Most Likely
Medium	Prob in Easy	Prob in Hard	Cluster
8.2362003e-7	0.9999973249	1.8515159e-6	Easy
2.7115109e-6	0.9999889343	8.3541687e-6	Easy
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8.2362003e-7	0.9999973249	1.8515159e-6	Easy
0.0000500252	0.9999309148	0.0000190599	Easy
0.0000500252	0.9999309148	0.0000190599	Easy
0.0000394369	0.999941914	0.0000186491	Easy
0.0000394369	0.999941914	0.0000186491	Easy
0.9866573206	0.0013065138	0.0120361656	Medium
0.9942583343	0.0057390453	2.6203851e-6	Medium
4.864051e-6	5.9006039e-6	0.9999892353	Hard
0.9999262397	5.7220175e-7	0.0000731881	Medium
0.0000394369	0.999941914	0.0000186491	Easy
1.3304652e-6	1.6132772e-6	0.9999970563	Hard
0.9999428389	1.3412866e-6	0.0000558198	Medium
0.9999262397	5.7220175e-7	0.0000731881	Medium



### 2 Data Exploration

- Mean score for all schools – 51.28%
- Middle 50% had a range score of 41.23% to 58.39%



Δ	Quantiles							
	100.0%	maximum	82.8971%					
	99.5%		82.8971%					
	97.5%		78.8448%					
	90.0%		72.2012%					
	75.0%	quartile	58.3913%					
	50.0%	median	49.2170%					
	25.0%	quartile	41.2267%					
	10.0%		36.5593%					
	2.5%		29.7756%					
	0.5%		15.7393%					
	0.0%	minimum	15.7393%					
Δ	💌 Sun	nmary S	tatistics					
	Mean		0.5128268					
	Std Dev		0.1313274					
	Std Err N	/lean	0.0098712					
	Upper 9	5% Mean	0.5323079					
	Lower 9	5% Mean	0.4933457					
	N		177					



School ID ordered by Standardized Scoring (ascending)



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### 3 Analysis of Variance



⊿ Analysis of Variance							
Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio	Prob > F		
Public or Private	1	0.51273	0.512735	11.1130	0.0009*		
Error	6113	282.04463	0.046138				
C. Total	6114	282.55736					

Significant Difference between the performance of public and private schools



## Through our analysis of the 2015 PISA global education survey, there is indeed a difference between Schools in Singapore based on their performance.

The factors affecting the performances of schools and students will be discussed in the next 2 sessions.

- 1. An Analysis of Singapore's School Performance in the PISA Global Education Survey
- 2. Using Partition Models to Identify Key Differences between Top Performing and Poor Performing Students

