Exercise 3

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For this exercise, you will not be working with a single dataset, but will instead practice new skills using both your NLSY data from last seminar, as well as online data concerning movies.

- 1. Revisit your NLSY97 dataset from last week
 - a. Create an indicator for sex using a vectorized conditional statement.
 - b. Recode the schooltype variable into text values, corresponding to:
 - "Public" if the value is 1
 - "Private, religious" if the value is 2
 - "Private, non-religious" if the value is 3
 - "Other" if the value is 4.
- 2. Load the IMDB Top 250 Movies
 - a. Scrape the data from the "Top 250 Movies as rated by IMDb users" from https://www.imdb.com/chart/top
 - b. Notice that IMDB scrapes the data in Swedish by fault. To get the data in English, use html_session() in place of read_html(), adding the option:

add_headers("Accept-Language"="en-US, en;q=0.5")

- You may need to load the httr package to use add_headers().
- c. Keep only the columns "Rank...Title" and "IMDb.Rating", suitably renaming them.
- d. Create a ranking variable by extracting the values that appear before the dot in the title column.
- e. Create a year variable, by extracting the numbers inside a parenthesis from the title column.
- f. Redefine the title variable by extracting the string information that appear after the dot in the title column.
- g. Trim the white space on both sides of the title.
- h. View data frame
- 3. Get the box office statistics for the top 500 all-time US box office earners
 - a. Using a loop, create a list of the top 500 box office hits taking advantage of the fact that each 100 movies is listed on the following pages:
 - https://www.boxofficemojo.com/alltime/domestic.htm?page=1
 - https://www.boxofficemojo.com/alltime/domestic.htm?page=2
 - https://www.boxofficemojo.com/alltime/domestic.htm?page=3
 - https://www.boxofficemojo.com/alltime/domestic.htm?page=4
 - https://www.boxofficemojo.com/alltime/domestic.htm?page=5
 - You may need to experiment with one of the pages first to ensure that you get the right dataframe from each iteration of the loop.
 - b. Form a single dataframe out of all the observations from the list you created.

- c. Ensure that the column names are correctly treated as column names and not as observations.
- d. Rename the Title and Lifetime earnings appropriately and keep only the title, studio, and gross earnings variables.
- e. View the box office earnings dataset

- 4. Create a dataset with both IMDB performance and earnings
 - a. Join the box office earnings and IMDB top 250 datasets, keeping all variables and only the observations that found in both datasets.
 - b. Remove the dollar sign and commas from the gross earnings variable.
 - c. Vectorize the as.numeric() function to convert the ranking, gross earnings, and year variables into numeric.
 - d. Create a new variable equal to the log of gross earnings
 - e. Write your own OLS function (producing coefficients) and use it to run a regression of log earnings on rating and year (with a constant).
 - In matrix notation, the formula for $\hat{\beta}_{OLS}$ is:

$$\hat{\beta}_{OLS} = (X'X)^{-1}(X'y)$$

- You will need some more matrix multiplication operators for this:
 - solve(A) yields the inverse of matrix A.
 - t(A) provides the transpose of matrix A.