SPSS ASSIGNMENT #4

50 points

Z scores and outliers

Z scores can be used to detect outliers. If any are detected, it is up to the researcher to decide whether to keep them or kick them out. An argument can be made for both decisions.



For this assignment, we will standardize the scores for touch, PSS total, MICRO optimism, MACRO optimism, ST daily ave., and perceived vitality. Instructions to calculate Z scores are provided in the SPSS applications at the end of chapter 5. To calculate the perceived vitality, use the SPSS calculator to find MEAN(PVS_1,PVS_2,PVS_3,PVS_4,PVS_5,PVS_6)

PART A

For each of the 6 variables above, compute the Z scores. Find the mean, standard deviation, and variance for each raw score distribution and its corresponding Z distribution.

Fill in the missing values in the table below. Remember – report to 2 decimal places (18 points, 1/2 point for each correct answer)

TOUCH	Mean	Standard deviation	Variance
Raw scores			
Z scores			

PSS TOTAL	Mean	Standard deviation	Variance
Raw scores			
Z scores			

MICRO optimism	Mean	Standard deviation	Variance
Raw scores			
Z scores			

MACRO optimism	Mean	Standard deviation	Variance
Raw scores			
Z scores			

ST DAILY AVE	Mean	Standard deviation	Variance
Raw scores			
Z scores			

PERCEIVED VITALITY	Mean	Standard deviation	Variance
Raw scores			
Z scores			

PART B

Create a "bar chart of frequencies" for the raw <u>and</u> Z scores for each of the 6 variables. You will need to copy and paste them into a word document, 2 graphs/page (see below). IMPORTANT: To more easily detect outliers in the assignment, also tell SPSS to "display frequency tables"



You will be asked to upload this 6-page document into Canvas (12 points + 2 points if arranged as shown above)

Using the criteria that if Z is greater than (i.e. beyond) +/- 2.58, were there any outliers within any of the 6 variables? If yes identify the variable(s) and the score(s) in their <u>raw score format</u>. If none, write none. (12 points)

	Outlier(s) in raw score format or "none"
ТОИСН	
PSS TOTAL	
MICRO OPTIMISM	
MACRO OPTIMISM	
ST_DAILY AVERAGE	
VITALITY	

For each of the 6 variables, compare the bar charts for the raw scores and Z scores. Hint – don't overthink. The next 3 questions are meant to be super easy! (6 points)

How does the shape of the raw score distributions and Z score distributions compare?

How do their y-axis compare?

How do their x-axis compare?

BONUS POINTS!

Copy and paste all relevant SPSS results tables into a single document (doc, docx, pdf). Hi-light those numbers you used in PART A of this assignment, and only those numbers. Upload this to Canvas. Do this correctly and receive **5 bonus points**.



ALL numbers in this assignment must be reported to 2 decimal places. Be absolutely certain you know how to round!