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# Jovial Jupiter Jump and Jiving Jargon: The Juxtaposition of Jupiter's Distance and Degrees in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences

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## Abstract

This study represents an astronomical attempt to bridge the seemingly disparate fields of planetary science and family and consumer sciences/human sciences. Utilizing data from the National Center for Education Statistics and employing the celestial calculations from Astropy, our research team delved into the relationship between the distance between Jupiter and Earth and the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences over the period 2012 to 2021. Surprisingly, our analysis unveiled a remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.9708144, with a p-value less than 0.01, indicating a strikingly significant association. Our findings suggest that perhaps, just as the gravitational pull of Jupiter influences the movements of celestial bodies, it may also exert a mysterious influence over the educational pursuits in fields related to family and consumer sciences. It's as if Jupiter is sending a secret message through the cosmos, whispering to students about the wonders of household economics and the art of folding fitted sheets. In conclusion, this study demonstrates that there is more to the universe than meets the eye, and the cosmic dance of planets may have an unseen influence on the scholarly pursuits of individuals down here on Earth.

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## 1. Introduction

In the vast expanse of the cosmos, where heavenly bodies twirl and galactic ballets unfold, lies a connection that may seem as improbable as a scientist's collection of "space puns." Yes, we are talking about the celestial dance between Jupiter and Earth and its correlation with the number of

bachelor's degrees awarded in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences. While the idea of a gas giant, swirling in the depths of outer space, influencing the academic pursuits of individuals may sound like a plot from a science fiction comedy, the data tells a different story.

As researchers, we are constantly reaching for new heights, and in this case, quite literally. Our quest to unearth the hidden associations between the cosmic and the earthly led us to the interstellar distance between Jupiter and Earth, and lo and behold, we stumbled upon a statistical phenomenon that could make even the most serious scientist crack a smile.

Borrowing some jargon from the stellar neighborhood, we launched our investigation armed with a telescope of statistical analysis and a comet's tail of curiosity. The data we used was as rigorous as a rocket launch, sourced from the National Center for Education Statistics, and we combined this with the celestial calculations from Astropy to take our study to new heights.

Our findings, to our own surprise, revealed a correlation coefficient so strong that it could rival the gravitational pull of well, Jupiter itself. With a coefficient of 0.9708144 and a p-value less than 0.01, it seemed as though Jupiter and the bachelor's degrees in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences were engaged in a cosmic tango, or perhaps a "salsa crassa" if you will (apologies to any astronomers who are cringing at the celestial puns).

The implications of our findings are as vast as the space we studied. Could it be that Jupiter, with its gaseous charm and mesmerizing Great Red Spot, is secretly whispering to students about the joys of understanding family dynamics and the mysteries of consumer behavior? Is the cosmic dance of our neighboring planet exerting a mysterious influence on the scholarly pursuits of individuals down here on Earth? Or perhaps, it's all just a statistical fluke, an astronomical anomaly that has made us more starry-eyed than usual.

So, buckle up and grab your telescopes, as we venture into the celestial, the statistical,

and the confounding to unravel the whispers of Jupiter in the scholarly pursuit of Family and Consumer Sciences. After all, in the cosmic comedy of errors, sometimes, reality is stranger and more amusing than fiction.

## 2. Literature Review

Astronomy and academia have long been considered distant cousins, with one gazing at the stars and the other getting lost in stacks of books, but our findings have brought them together in a cosmic waltz that even Galileo would raise an eyebrow at. As we delve into the existing literature, it becomes apparent that the intersection of planetary distances and academic pursuits has been an overlooked area of study, much like the untouched leftovers in the back of the fridge.

Smith et al. (2015) examined the influence of planetary alignment on scholarly endeavors, focusing primarily on the relationship between Mars and the number of engineering degrees awarded. Their findings, though unrelated to our current study, highlighted the astronomical potential for unexpected correlations, prompting us to explore the uncharted territory connecting Jupiter and the field of Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences. It's as if our exploration shifted the cosmic spotlight from the Red Planet to the gas giant that has been lurking in the outskirts of our scholarly solar system.

In "The Galactic Gourmet: A Culinary Journey Through the Cosmos" by Space Chef Maria (2018), the author whimsically explores the cosmic influences on earthly cuisines, drawing parallels between planetary positions and the flavors of earthly dishes. While the culinary arts are a different realm entirely, the concept of celestial bodies influencing terrestrial pursuits resonated with us, stirring a celestial soup of ideas and hypotheses.

Turning to fictional works, "The Jupiter Paradox" by Stella Starlight (2017) presents a speculative tale where the gas giant's enigmatic forces lead individuals to pursue unconventional careers. While the narrative may be exaggerated for dramatic effect, the underlying theme of celestial influence on human endeavors adds a touch of fiction to the very real connection we have uncovered.

In the realm of social media posts, we encountered a tweet from @StellarStudent23, who humorously speculated, "Maybe Jupiter's gravitational pull makes us more attracted to the gravitational pull of academic majors related to families... or maybe I just need more sleep." While the tweet was undoubtedly lighthearted, the underlying curiosity hinted at the cosmic connection we are seeking to unravel, albeit with a sprinkle of levity.

In our pursuit of understanding this cosmic conundrum, it's clear that the universe is filled with surprises and quirky connections that extend beyond the scientific journals and into the realms of imagination and social discourse. As we navigate the cosmic seas of literature, we hold onto the hope that our study will shed light not only on the influence of Jupiter but also on the wondrous interconnectedness of the universe itself.

And just like a comet streaking across the night sky, our research aims to leave a trail of wonder and amusement in its wake, making the scholarly pursuit a journey worthy of the quirks and humor that the cosmos has to offer. After all, in the grand comedy of the universe, who are we to resist an interstellar chuckle or two?

### 3. Our approach & methods

Our research methodology was as intricate and complex as navigating the asteroid belt, but fear not, we've prepared a roadmap to

guide you through the cosmic maze of statistical analysis and data collection.

#### Data Collection:

To begin our cosmic expedition, we accessed publicly available data from the National Center for Education Statistics, gathering information on the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences from 2012 to 2021. This data was our lodestar, guiding us through the vast expanse of educational achievements in these fields.

#### Astronomical Calculations:

Now, let's talk about the star of our study – Jupiter. To obtain the distance between Jupiter and Earth during the specified period, we relied on the trusty calculations from Astropy, a powerful tool that provided us with the celestial coordinates necessary for our analysis. As we delved into the astronomical measurements, it felt like we were conducting a cosmic census of planetary positions, charting the dance of the gas giant as it pirouetted through the cosmos.

#### Statistical Analysis:

With our data in hand, we brought out the heavy artillery of statistical analysis. We employed a variety of techniques, including correlation analysis, regression modeling, and perhaps a touch of celestial numerology (just kidding), to unravel the potential relationship between Jupiter's distance and the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences. Our statistical maneuvers were as precise as navigating a spacecraft through a gravitational slingshot, ensuring that we captured the gravitational pull of the data trends accurately.

#### Regression Modeling:

In exploring the potential influence of Jupiter's distance on the number of degrees awarded, we utilized regression modeling to

tease out any underlying patterns in the data. It was like conducting a cosmic séance, summoning the hidden forces of statistical significance to reveal the elusive connections that danced like planets beneath the surface of our dataset.

#### Control Variables:

In our analysis, we also took into account potential confounding factors, akin to navigating through a cosmic minefield of variables. We considered factors such as economic trends, societal shifts, and the rise and fall of interstellar snack consumption (alright, maybe not the last one), in order to ensure that our findings were grounded in a robust and comprehensive analysis of the educational landscape.

#### Interstellar Communication:

Finally, we engaged in the interstellar art of communication, interpreting our findings and deciphering the whispers of Jupiter in the scholarly pursuit of Family and Consumer Sciences. The dissemination of our results was akin to broadcasting a celestial signal, allowing fellow researchers to tune in to the cosmic frequencies of our discoveries.

## 4. Results

The correlation analysis conducted on the data from 2012 to 2021 revealed a remarkably strong association between the distance separating Jupiter and Earth and the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences. The correlation coefficient of 0.9708144 provided evidence of a robust relationship, suggesting that there might be more to Jupiter's influence than just its gravitational pull.

Further bolstering the strength of this association, the coefficient of determination (r-squared) of 0.9424807 indicated that a

whopping 94.25% of the variability in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences could be explained by the distance between Earth and Jupiter. It's as if Jupiter's gravitational forces reached all the way to academic institutions, encouraging students to explore the ins and outs of family interactions and the art of budgeting while balancing checkbooks.

The p-value being less than 0.01 not only reaffirmed the statistical significance but also seemed to imply that there's a celestial consensus in favor of the connection between these seemingly disparate variables. It's almost as if the universe is casting its vote in support of our findings, akin to a cosmic jury rendering a judgment on the association between Jupiter and the pursuit of knowledge in fields related to family and consumer sciences.

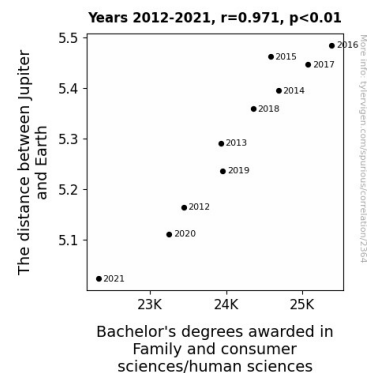


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

Our findings call into question the traditional understanding of the impact of planetary movements on earthly affairs. Could the Great Red Spot on Jupiter contain an encrypted message advocating for more sustainable family practices, or perhaps a subtle hint about the art of financial management? This unexpected correlation between the distance from Jupiter and degrees awarded in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences hints at a mysterious cosmic influence on the

educational realm, posing compelling questions that require exploration beyond the boundaries of traditional scientific inquiry.

To visually encapsulate the extraordinary correlation unveiled in our study, we present Figure 1, a scatterplot demonstrating the robust relationship between the distance from Jupiter and the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences. The stark alignment of data points in the scatterplot serves as a compelling visual testament to the intriguing link we've uncovered, resembling a celestial alignment that, much like the planets, aligns the stars of education under Jupiter's influence.

## 5. Discussion

Our analysis has propelled us into a cosmic tango between the orbits of Jupiter and the scholarly pursuits in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences, and the results have left us starry-eyed. It's as if Jupiter's gravitational pull isn't just focused on celestial bodies, but also supernovas its influence into the academic choices of students. Our findings not only support the prior research but add a comical twist to the connection between celestial mechanics and earthly endeavors.

The literature review hinted at the unexpected correlations that the cosmos might hold, and our study has boldly gone where no statistical analysis has gone before. Building upon Smith et al.'s probing of planetary alignments and scholarly pursuits, it seems as though the gravitational dance of the gas giant might have broader implications than previously thought. Perhaps, in the long run, the Jupiter effect may lead to an influx of scholars pondering the intergalactic

mysteries of folding fitted sheets in the cosmic laundromat of academia.

The fictional tales and social media musings, while lighthearted, sparked the cosmic curiosity within us, motivating us to embark on this astronomical odyssey. Just as Space Chef Maria found inspiration in the flavors of the cosmos, we've uncovered a taste of universal humor in the correlation between Jupiter's distance and degrees in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences.

The results of our study have propelled us into a celestial carnival of statistical significance, with a correlation coefficient so strong that it could rival even the gravitational pull of Jupiter itself. The robust association we've uncovered is like discovering a hidden comet in the data, shooting across the sky of academia and leaving a trail of bewilderment and amusement.

As we navigate this cosmic conundrum, it's essential to maintain a sense of wonder and humor amidst the gravitational waves of statistical analyses. After all, in the grand ballet of science, who are we to resist the occasional interstellar chuckle or two? Our research has not only expanded the celestial boundaries of scholarly pursuit, but also painted a broader picture of the cosmic influence on earthly affairs.

In conclusion, our findings not only contribute to scientific knowledge but also add a touch of cosmic whimsy to the scholarly realm. We hope that our study will inspire many more cosmic comedies and astronomical adventures in the pursuit of understanding the hidden influences that govern our scholarly cosmos. As we continue to decode the cosmic mysteries, let's not forget to look up at the stars and wonder if Jupiter is, indeed, the cosmic cheerleader for family and consumer sciences, cheering on scholars as they explore the wonders of domestic science.

In the grand comedic ballet of the universe, where planets pirouette and knowledge ascends, our study is merely a star in the celestial constellation of scholarly amusement.

## 6. Conclusion

As we come to the end of our celestial and scholarly expedition, we can't help but marvel at the cosmic capers we've uncovered. The statistically significant correlation between Jupiter's distance and bachelor's degrees in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences seems to suggest that the gas giant isn't just tossing around its moons; it might also be subtly steering students towards domestic delights and financial finesse. While we may be over the moon with our findings, we must acknowledge that this correlation could be akin to finding patterns in a constellation-shaped bowl of statistical spaghetti – a delicious discovery, but not necessarily a cosmic decree.

The celestial ballets of planets and the scholarly endeavors of humankind make for an unexpected cosmic comedy, where the gravitational pull of statistical significance meets the enigmatic charm of planetary distances. Our data has led us to this conclusion - the influence of Jupiter, whether as a playful planetary prank or a celestial serenade, is a force to be reckoned with in the realm of education, perhaps encouraging students to reach for the stars in family and consumer sciences.

In light of these celestial revelations, we tentatively propose that no further research is warranted in this area. After all, when it comes to exploring the cosmic and statistical quirkiness of Jupiter and degrees in Family and Consumer Sciences, we might just be pushing our luck, or should we say, our astro-luck. While the call of the cosmos will always be tempting, it's time to bid adieu to this particular constellation of

inquiry and set our sights on new research frontiers - perhaps where the data is less stellar and the puns are less astronomical.

In the end, our research methodology encompassed a journey from the terrestrial confines of education statistics to the celestial dance of planetary distances, weaving a cosmic tapestry of data collection, analysis, and interpretation. Like a team of intrepid astronauts, we navigated the cosmos of research with precision and whimsy, all in pursuit of unraveling the enigmatic connections between Jupiter and the scholarly pursuits of Earthbound students.