

**BASIC ASSIGNMENT 8**  
**CORE METHODS IN EDUCATIONAL DATA MINING**  
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**DUE VIA ASSISTMENTS DECEMBER 7, 2020, 5PM, EASTERN STANDARD TIME**

In this assignment, we've taken the data from the forums of a previous iteration of the MOOC *Big Data and Education*, from week 1.

The data set for this assignment has four columns: the post ID, the poster's ID, the thread the post was in, and which post this post was a response to..

You can use any tool you want to complete this assignment. This includes Microsoft Excel, and statistical or data mining package you choose, and other tools available on the internet. (The hints will assume you are using Microsoft Excel).

Final note: If ASSISTments displays check marks and X's on the left panel of the assignment, or a performance bar on the bottom, don't worry. **It is OK to ask for hints and make errors. If you complete the assignment, you will receive full credit.**