Course Capstone Project

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Introduction

The data set that we will analyze is the opening response time (ms) of an electromechanical valve. The valve controls the flow of several fluids where the opening and closing is actuated by a solenoid. The shutoff seal is an elastomer that is attached to the end of the solenoid plunger. In this project, we will determine how the seal vintage, fluid and applied coil voltage affects the valve's opening response time.

Exploratory Data Analysis

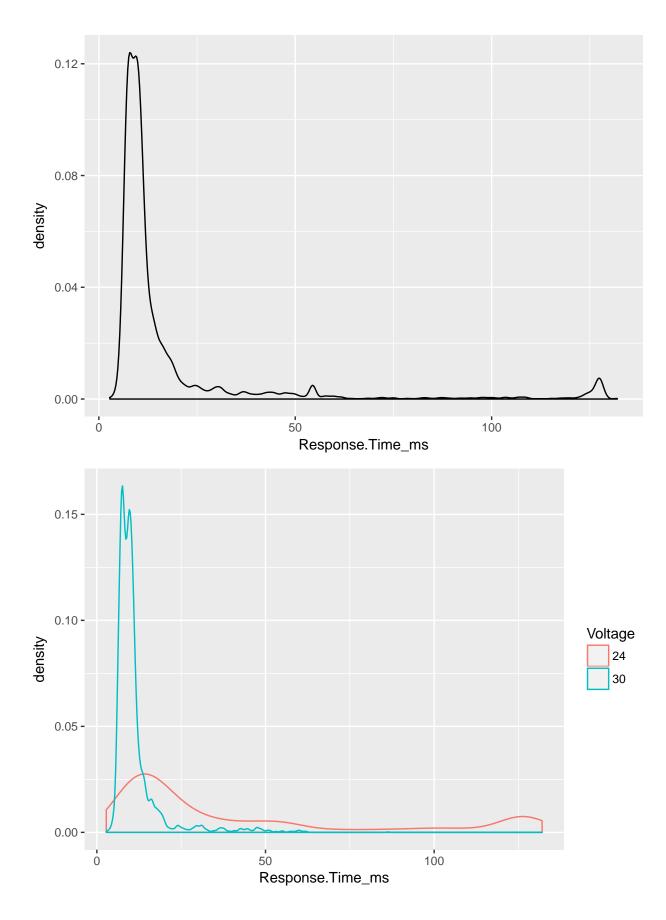
The summary of the data set is

```
Valve.Rev
               Fluid
                        Time.Between.Actuations_hr Plunger.Age Coil.Age
##
    New:2082
               A: 845
                        Min.
                                   0.0
                                                     New:2692
                                                                 New:2722
               B: 400
                                                     Old:2508
                                                                 01d:2478
    Old:3118
                         1st Qu.:
                                   0.0
##
               C: 378
                        Median: 24.0
               D: 479
                                : 32.5
##
                        Mean
##
               E:1059
                         3rd Qu.: 24.0
##
               F:2039
                        Max.
                                :336.0
##
    Voltage
              Seal.Type Seal.Age
                                    Response.Time_ms
##
    24:1099
              A:5080
                        New:2922
                                    Min.
                                           : 2.80
##
    30:4101
              B: 120
                         Old:2278
                                    1st Qu.: 8.00
##
                                    Median : 10.00
                                    Mean
##
                                           : 17.64
##
                                    3rd Qu.: 14.40
##
                                    Max.
                                           :132.00
   'data.frame':
                    5200 obs. of
                                   9 variables:
##
##
    $ Valve.Rev
                                 : Factor w/ 2 levels "New", "Old": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
                                 : Factor w/ 6 levels "A", "B", "C", "D", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
    $ Fluid
    $ Time.Between.Actuations_hr: int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
                                 : Factor w/ 2 levels "New", "Old": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
##
    $ Plunger.Age
##
    $ Coil.Age
                                 : Factor w/ 2 levels "New", "Old": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
                                 : Factor w/ 2 levels "24", "30": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
##
    $ Voltage
##
    $ Seal.Type
                                 : Factor w/ 2 levels "A", "B": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                                 : Factor w/ 2 levels "New", "Old": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
##
    $ Seal.Age
    $ Response.Time_ms
                                 : num 36 44.2 47.4 42.6 55 47.6 43.2 55 48.4 48 ...
```

where Valve. Rev indicates the revision of the valve design, Fluid indicates the different fluids as masked factors, Time. Between. Actuations_hr indicates the time between valve actuations in hours, *. Age indicates the age of the indicated component, voltage is the applied DC solenoid coil voltage, Seal. Type indicates the types of seal materials as masked factors, and Response. Time_ms is the time to open the valve in ms.

Plots

In the interest of report length, we show the following two density plots that illustrate the distribution of response time, overall and grouped by voltage, respectively. Additionally, box plots of response time versus the other variables would show how response time varies due to the other variables in the data set.



Modeling

Here we will fit a Bayesian linear regression model with interactions.