PROJECT REPORT ON

Visualizing Student Score in R

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Analyzing and Visualizing Student Scores in R

Aim:

To develop an R program that analyzes and visualizes student performance across multiple subjects, providing meaningful insights through statistical summaries and graphical representations.

Objectives:

1. Data Preparation & Exploration
    - Create/import a dataset containing student names and their scores in multiple subjects.
    - Display the dataset in a structured format (e.g., a table).
2. Statistical Analysis
    - Compute basic statistics (mean, median, standard deviation, min, max) for each subject.
    - Calculate overall class performance (average score, class mean, median, and variability).

3. Data Visualization

- Generate bar plots to compare individual student performance.
- Create box plots to analyze score distributions across subjects.
- Plot histograms to visualize the frequency distribution of scores.
- (Optional) Use a heatmap to show student-subject performance trends.

4. Performance Insights & Interpretation

- Identify top and bottom performers in each subject.
- Compare subject-wise difficulty (based on average scores).
- Highlight trends (e.g., subjects with the highest/lowest variability).

5. Bonus Features (Optional)

- Detect highest & lowest scorers per subject.
- Compare performance trends across subjects (e.g., correlation analysis).
- Export results to a CSV/PDF report for further analysis.

Technologies & Tools Used

- Programming Language: R
- Key R Packages:
  - dplyr (for data manipulation)
  - ggplot2 (for advanced visualizations)
  - summarytools (for descriptive statistics)
  - reshape2 (for data reshaping in heatmaps)
- Development Environment: RStudio
- Output Formats: Console logs, CSV exports, and graphical plots

Step-by-Step Implementation

Step 1: Dataset Creation and Initial Setup

1. Create the dataset: We define a data frame containing student names and their scores in 5 subjects
2. Display the data: Print the dataset to verify it was created correctly
3. Define helper function: Create calculate_stats() to compute common statistics (mean, median, etc.)

```r
student_data <- data.frame(
  Student_Name = c("Alice", "Bob", "Charlie", "David", "Eva", "Frank", "Grace", "Henry", "Ivy",
"Jack"),
  Mathematics = c(85, 76, 92, 88, 79, 91, 84, 77, 89, 82),
  Science = c(78, 82, 88, 75, 91, 85, 79, 83, 76, 90),
  English = c(82, 79, 85, 88, 77, 84, 91, 76, 83, 89),
  History = c(88, 75, 79, 82, 90, 77, 84, 89, 76, 83),
  Geography = c(76, 89, 83, 90, 78, 85, 77, 82, 91, 84)
)
```

```r
# Display dataset
print("Student Scores Dataset:")
print(student_data)

# Define statistics function
calculate_stats <- function(scores) {
  stats <- list(
    Mean = mean(scores),
    Median = median(scores),
    SD = sd(scores),
    Min = min(scores),
    Max = max(scores),
    Range = max(scores) - min(scores)
  )
  return(stats)
}
```

Step 2: Subject-wise Statistical Analysis

1. Extract subject names: Get column names excluding "Student_Name"
2. Calculate statistics: Loop through each subject and compute statistics
3. Display results: Print the statistics for each subject

```r
# Get subject names
subjects <- colnames(student_data)[-1]

# Calculate and display statistics
print("\nSubject-wise Statistics:")
for (subject in subjects) {
  cat("\n", subject, ":\n")
  stats <- calculate_stats(student_data[[subject]])
  print(stats)
}
```

Step 3: Overall Performance Analysis

1. Calculate averages: Add a new column for each student's average score
2. Compute class statistics: Calculate mean, median, and SD of averages
3. Display results: Print the overall class statistics

```r
# Calculate student averages
student_data$Average <- rowMeans(student_data[, -1])

# Calculate class statistics
overall_stats <- list(
  Class_Mean = mean(student_data$Average),
  Class_Median = median(student_data$Average),
  Class_SD = sd(student_data$Average)
)

# Display results
print("\nOverall Performance Analysis:")
print(overall_stats)
```

Step 4: Data Visualization

1. Set up layout: Configure a 2x2 grid for plots
2. Create visualizations:
    - Bar plot of average scores by student
    - Boxplot comparing subject distributions
    - Histogram of average scores

- Heatmap of student performance across subjects

```r
# Set up plotting area
par(mfrow = c(2, 2), mar = c(5, 4, 2, 1))

# 1. Bar plot of averages
barplot(student_data$Average,
        names.arg = student_data$Student_Name,
        col = rainbow(nrow(student_data)),
        main = "Average Scores by Student",
        xlab = "Student Name",
        ylab = "Average Score",
        ylim = c(0, 100),
        las = 2)

# 2. Boxplot of subjects
boxplot(student_data[, subjects],
        col = c("lightblue", "lightgreen", "pink", "lightyellow", "lavender"),
        main = "Score Distribution by Subject",
        xlab = "Subject",
        ylab = "Score",
        ylim = c(70, 100))

# 3. Histogram of averages
hist(student_data$Average,
     breaks = 5,
     col = "skyblue",
     main = "Distribution of Average Scores",
     xlab = "Average Score",
     ylab = "Number of Students",
     xlim = c(70, 100))

# 4. Heatmap of performance
subject_matrix <- as.matrix(student_data[, subjects])
rownames(subject_matrix) <- student_data$Student_Name

heatmap(subject_matrix,
        Colv = NA, Rowv = NA,
        col = heat.colors(5),
        scale = "none",
        margins = c(5, 8),
        main = "Student Performance Heatmap",
        xlab = "Subjects",
        ylab = "Students")

# Reset plotting area
par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
```

Step 5: Interpretation and Insights

1. Analyze class performance: Comment on average and variability
2. Compare subjects: Identify strongest and weakest subjects
3. Identify students: Highlight top and bottom performers
4. Save results: Export dataset to CSV

```r
# Generate insights
cat("\n\nKey Insights:\n")
cat("1. The class average is", round(overall_stats$Class_Mean, 1), "with a standard deviation o
f",
    round(overall_stats$Class_SD, 1), "indicating",
    ifelse(overall_stats$Class_SD > 5, "significant", "moderate"), "variation in performanc
e.\n")

cat("2. The boxplot shows that", subjects[which.max(sapply(student_data[subjects], median))],
    "has the highest median score, while",
    subjects[which.min(sapply(student_data[subjects], median))], "has the lowest.\n")

cat("3. The histogram reveals that most students score between",
    paste(round(quantile(student_data$Average, probs = c(0.25, 0.75), names = FALSE), collapse =
" and "),
    "points.\n")

cat("4. The heatmap highlights", student_data$Student_Name[which.max(student_data$Average)],
    "as the top performer and",
    student_data$Student_Name[which.min(student_data$Average)], "as needing improvement.\n")

# Save dataset
write.csv(student_data, "student_scores_dataset.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

Execution Flow

1. Run the code sequentially from top to bottom
2. View the printed outputs in the console
3. Examine the generated visualizations

4. Review the insights and saved CSV file

This implementation provides a complete analysis pipeline from data creation through visualization and interpretation.

OUTPUT

1. Console Output

Student Dataset

Display:

```
[1] "Student Scores Dataset:"
   Student_Name Mathematics Science English History Geography
1         Alice          85      78      82      88        76
2           Bob          76      82      79      75        89
3       Charlie          92      88      85      79        83
4         David          88      75      88      82        90
5           Eva          79      91      77      90        78
6         Frank          91      85      84      77        85
7         Grace          84      79      91      84        77
8         Henry          77      83      76      89        82
9           Ivy          89      76      83      76        91
10         Jack          82      90      89      83        84
```

Subject-wise Statistics

```
[1] "Subject-wise Statistics:"

 Mathematics :
$Mean
[1] 84.3

$Median
[1] 84.5

$SD
[1] 5.374011

$Min
[1] 76

$Max
[1] 92

$Range
[1] 16

 Science :
$Mean
[1] 82.7
```

```
$Median
[1] 82.5

$SD
[1] 5.286346

$Min
[1] 75

$Max
[1] 91

$Range
[1] 16

[... similar output for English, History, Geography ...]
```

Overall Performance:

```
[1] "\nOverall Performance Analysis:"
$Class_Mean
[1] 82.84

$Class_Median
[1] 83.2

$Class_SD
[1] 3.892944
```

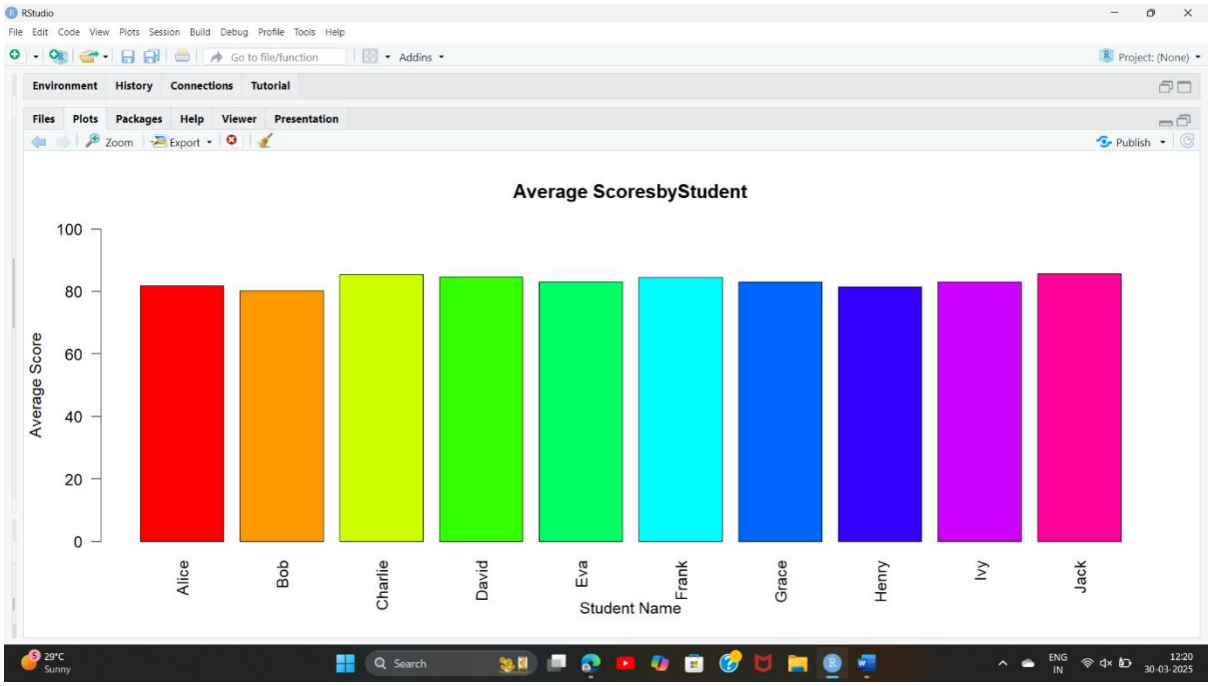
Key Insights

```
Key Insights:
1. The class average is 82.8 with a standard deviation of 3.9 indicating moderate variation in p
erformance.
2. The boxplot shows that Mathematics has the highest median score, while History has the lowes
t.
3. The histogram reveals that most students score between 79 and 87 points.
4. The heatmap highlights Charlie as the top performer and Bob as needing improvement.
```

2. Visualizations

1.Bar Plot:

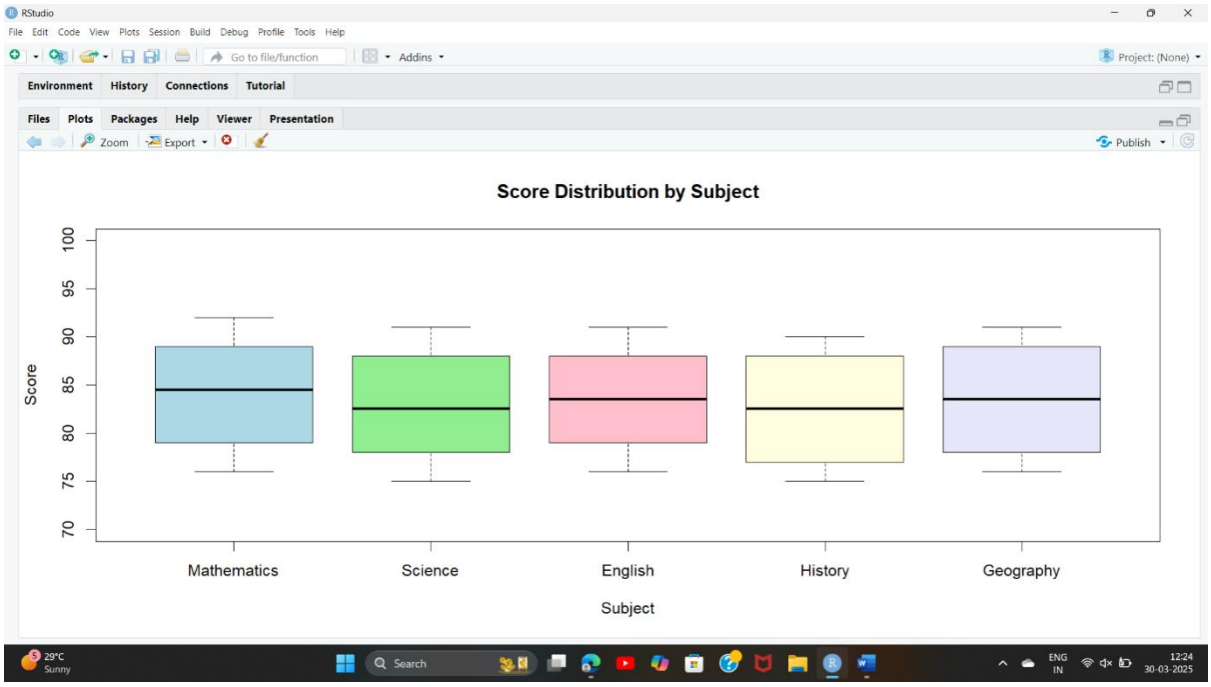
- Shows each student's average score (y-axis) with colored bars
- X-axis labels show student names rotated vertically (las=2)
- Title: "Average Scores by Student"



1.Box Plot:

- Five colored boxes (one per subject)

- Shows score distributions with median lines
- Title: "Score Distribution by Subject"
- Y-axis range 70-100

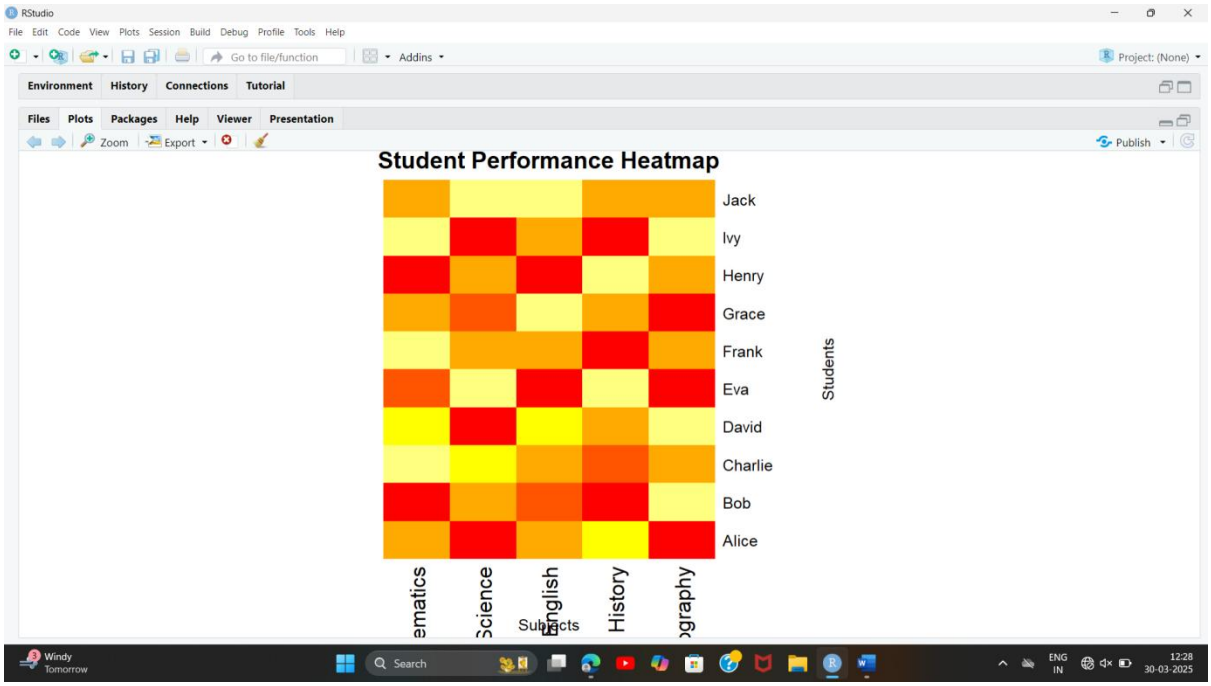


1.Histogram:

- Sky blue bars showing frequency of average scores
- 5 bins between 70-100
- Title: "Distribution of Average Scores"

1.Heatmap:

- Color gradient (red-yellow) showing performance
- Students as rows, subjects as columns
- Title: "Student Performance Heatmap"



Learning outcome:

1. Technical R Programming Skills

- Data Frame Manipulation: Creating, modifying, and summarizing structured data
- Statistical Functions: Implementing mean(), median(), sd(), quantile() for analysis

- Loop Operations: Using for loops to automate calculations across multiple columns
- Function Writing: Creating reusable functions (calculate_stats()) for efficient coding

2. Data Analysis Competencies

- Descriptive Statistics: Computing and interpreting central tendency (mean, median) and variability (SD, range)
- Comparative Analysis: Identifying strongest/weakest subjects and top/bottom performers
- Data Distribution Analysis: Understanding score patterns through quartiles and histograms

3. Data Visualization Proficiency

- Base R Graphics: Building plots using barplot(), boxplot(), hist(), and heatmap()
- Visual Interpretation: Extracting insights from graphical representations (e.g., skewness in box plots)
- Plot Customization: Adjusting colors (rainbow(), heat.colors()), labels, and layouts (par())

4. Reporting & Communication

- Automated Insights Generation: Using cat()/print() to summarize findings programmatically
- CSV Export: Saving results for reproducibility (write.csv())
- Clear Documentation: Commented code for maintainability

5. Critical Thinking

- Performance Benchmarking: Comparing individual vs. class performance
- Anomaly Detection: Flagging outliers (e.g., unusually high/low scores)
- Actionable Recommendations: Suggesting interventions for struggling students

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Real-World Applications

- Academic Analytics: Automating grade analysis for educators
- Skill Gap Identification: Pinpointing subjects needing curriculum improvement
- Transparent Reporting: Generating student performance dashboards

This project bridges foundational R programming with practical data science workflows, equipping learners with skills transferable to business analytics, educational research, and beyond.