

# Exercise day 2

## Introduction to R for Basic Statistics

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### Exercise B: Reshaping data (Part II)

For this exercise we keep working with the data of Exercise of Day 1.

It is a subset of “follicle” data, collected from patients with cancer that had OTC (ovarian tissue cryopreservation). Follicles were cultured for 8 days and the diameter was collected every 2 days. The aim of the study was to compare the follicles growth among different treatment groups.

**Question 0** Load data into R (use the *read.csv* function). **Remark: Remember to set your working directory with *setwd()*, or to define the correct path for the data**

1. Consider Data set *follicle*.
2. Visualize the first lines of the data.
3. Print the summary of the data. Is there any missing values? If yes, how many at Day0 and how many at Day8?
4. How many follicles have been collected by patient? **Hint: use the function *table()* to check how many observations by patient**

#### Question 1

1. Calculate mean and standard deviation of the diameter at Day0 (Be careful, there are some missing!)
2. When we encounter into missing, we are often interested in the *complete case analysis* where we exclude patients with missing observations:
  - 2a. Use the *na.omit* function (excludes all rows that have at least one missing values)

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db.CC<-na.omit(NameofDataFrame)
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2b. check the dimension of the new data.frame

2c. Calculate mean and standard deviation of the diameter at Day0 from db.CC

2d. Compare results with the ones in point 1. Did something change? If yes, Why?

**Question 2** For each follicle the diameter was measured at day 0,2,4,6,8.

1. Are the data in a wide or long format?
2. Convert data from wide to long (or viceversa). **Hint: You can use the function *reshape***
3. How many rows would we expect for each patient? Is it correct? (You can use the command *table(db\$Patient)*)

**Question 3** We are interested in the follicle growth over time. We can calculate the diameter difference from time 0 at each time point:

1. Subset observations at Day 0. Create a data.frame from the subset with only columns *Number* and *diameter* .
2. Rename the variable of diameter into *diameter0*.
3. Merge this data.frame and the long format of your data set by *Number* (follicle ID).
4. Add to data.frame a new variable for the difference of diameter at each time point.

**Question 4** Descriptive at baseline (Day0). We want to create one data set with all characteristics of patients at baseline.

1. Merge the two data sets: long version from Question 3 and *patient* to have baseline characteristics in one data.frame
2. Check if the number of observation for each Patient is correct (use *table()*)
3. Print mean and standard deviation of diameter at Day0 by Disease (use *tapply()* or *aggregate()*)
4. Plot the histogram for the density of diameter at Day0 (use *hist(...,prob=TRUE)*)
5. Add to the data.frame a categorical variable for age considering the intervals: (19,30], (30,35], (35,40] (use the function *cut()*)
6. Create a Boxplot of diameter at Day 0 by Age category.

**Question 5** Descriptive at Day 8

1. Calculate the average difference in diameter after 8 days.
2. Add to the data.frame the log-transformed variable for the difference in diameter at day 8. (You can use the function *log()*)
3. Calculate mean and standard deviation for the log-transformed difference in diameter after 8 days in each treatment group.
4. Create a plot of the difference in diameter after 8 days :
  - defining the color by treatment group
  - specify one type of point with pch (you can choose)
  - precise as name of axis: x= " ", y=" log-difference diameter"
  - define the main title for the plot: "Day 8"
5. Create a boxplot for the difference in Diameter after 8 days by treatment group
  - specify three colors ( one for each treatment group)