
The R EdSurvey Package

Analyzing NAEP and TIMSS Data Using R: Day 4

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Workshop Goal

Provide participants with an overview of the methods used to analyze national and international large-scale assessment data using the R package **EdSurvey**

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Outline of EdSurvey Workshop - Part 1

Data Analysis and Modeling

- Achievement-level analysis
- Gap analysis
- Doing your own analyses using NAEP/TIMSS data

Other Topics

- How to get NAEP Restricted-Use Data;
- NAEP funding streams and opportunities
- Challenges and opportunities in NAEP that NCES has identified as needing innovative research and applications

Concluding Remarks

Achievement Level Analysis

Achievement Level Analysis and Benchmark Analysis

- NAEP
 - Intended to measure to what extent students' achievement matches the expected achievement defined in the NAEP assessment frameworks
- TIMSS
 - Uses *international benchmarks* as defined in the TIMSS assessment frameworks
- Related Documentation - [Analyses-Using-Achievement-Levels-Based-on-Plausible-Values-NAEP-April-2017.pdf](#)

Achievement Level Analysis and Benchmark Analysis

- NAEP
 - Three levels - *Basic*, *Proficient*, and *Advanced* - are defined for each subject and each grade, with cut scores for each level determined through a standard-setting process.
- TIMSS
 - Four levels - *Low*, *Intermediate*, *High*, and *Advanced* - are defined for each subject and each grade, with cut scores for each level
- Standard-setting process presented in two ways
 - Discrete - percentage at an achievement level
 - Cumulative - percentage at or above an achievement level

Discrete vs. Cumulative - NAEP

- Discrete vs. Cumulative
 - Discrete: the percentage of students performing within each achievement level, counted separately from the other levels. These categories are the percentages of students scoring **below *Basic*, at *Basic*, at *Proficient*, and at *Advanced***. The percentages at all mutually exclusive achievement levels add up to 100 percent
 - Cumulative: the percentage of students performing at or above each achievement level. These categories are percentages of students scoring **below *Basic*, at or above *Basic*, at or above *Proficient*, and at *Advanced***. Except below Basic and at Advanced, the other two cumulative levels include students at the specific and all higher levels. Since they are not mutually exclusive, it is not meaningful to add all of these four percentages of cumulative achievement levels

Discrete vs. Cumulative - TIMSS

- Discrete vs. Cumulative
 - Discrete: the percentage of students performing within each benchmark, counted separately from the other levels. These categories are the percentages of students scoring **below *Low*, at *Low*, at *Intermediate*, at *High*, and at *Advanced***. The percentages at all mutually exclusive benchmarks add up to 100 percent
 - Cumulative: the percentage of students performing at or above each benchmark. These categories are percentages of students scoring **below *Low*, at or above *Low*, at or above *Intermediate*, at or above *High*, and at *Advanced***. Except **below *Low*** and **at *Advanced***, the other three cumulative levels include students at the specific and all higher levels. Since they are not mutually exclusive, it is not meaningful to add all of these four percentages of cumulative benchmarks

Loading NAEP and TIMSS

```
library(EdSurvey)
sdf <- readNAEP(system.file("extdata/data", "M36NT2PM.dat",
                           package="NAEPprimer"))

downloadTIMSS(years = c(2019), root = "C:/")

TIMSS19<- readTIMSS(paste0(edsurveyHome, "TIMSS/2019"),
                    countries = c("usa"), gradeLvl = "4")
```

Achievement Level Analysis

achievementLevels(): computes the percentages of students by achievement level (at or above the achievement level cut points). See details in **?achievementLevels**.

- Each NAEP data set coded with year's cut points
 - use **showCutPoints()** to print a summary

```
showCutPoints(sdf)
```

```
## Achievement Levels:  
##   Mathematics:  262, 299, 333
```

```
showCutPoints(TIMSS19)
```

```
## Achievement Levels:  
##   Low International Benchmark:  400  
##   Intermediate International Benchmark:  475  
##   High International Benchmark:  550  
##   Advanced International Benchmark:  625
```

Discrete vs Cumulative - NAEP

```
ach <- achievementLevels("composite", data = sdf,  
                          returnCumulative = TRUE)
```

```
ach
```

```
##  
## AchievementVars: composite  
##  
## Achievement Level Cutpoints:  
## 262 299 333  
##  
## Plausible values: 5  
## jrrIMax: 1  
## Weight variable: 'origwt'  
## Variance method: jackknife  
## JK replicates: 62  
## full data n: 17606  
## n used: 16915  
##  
##  
## Discrete  
## composite_Level      N      wtdN    Percent StandardError  
##      Below Basic 5731.2 5779.5052 34.132690      0.9744207
```

Discrete vs Cumulative - NAEP

- To get only discrete or only cumulative summary tables

```
ach$discrete  
ach$cumulative
```

- You can identify your cut-points

```
achievementLevels("composite", data = sdf,  
                  returnCumulative = TRUE,  
                  cutpoints = c(250,300,350))
```

Discrete vs Cumulative - TIMSS

- We can summarize similar tables for TIMSS

```
achievementLevels("mmat", data = TIMSS19, returnCumulative = TRUE)
```

```
##  
## AchievementVars: mmat  
##  
## Achievement Level Cutpoints:  
## 400 475 550 625  
##  
## Plausible values: 5  
## jrrIMax: 1  
## Weight variable: 'totwgt'  
## Variance method: jackknife  
## JK replicates: 150  
## full data n: 10115  
## n used: 8776  
##  
##  
## Discrete
```

	mmat_Level	N	wtdN	Percent	StandardError
##	Below Low International Benchmark	628.0	257375.1	6.835698	0.5524873
##	At Low International Benchmark	1511.6	624576.3	16.588297	0.7504469
##	At Intermediate International Benchmark	2704.4	1151681.9	30.587841	0.6580029
##	At High International Benchmark	2732.8	1207739.0	32.076676	1.0201220
##	At Advanced International Benchmark	1199.2	523790.1	13.911488	0.7492847

Additional Covariates

- A covariate can be added

```
ach1 <- achievementLevels(c("composite", "dsex"), data = sdf)
ach1$discrete
```

##	composite_Level	dsex	N	wtdN	Percent	StandardError
## 1	Below Basic	Male	2880.8	2865.6455	16.923973	0.5590578
## 2	At Basic	Male	3266.2	3236.4034	19.113601	0.4993938
## 3	At Proficient	Male	1877.2	1910.7861	11.284749	0.4091708
## 4	At Advanced	Male	461.8	499.1392	2.947824	0.2579418
## 5	Below Basic	Female	2850.4	2913.8597	17.208717	0.6094830
## 6	At Basic	Female	3429.4	3343.8146	19.747951	0.4428114
## 7	At Proficient	Female	1788.8	1783.9704	10.535800	0.4126107
## 8	At Advanced	Female	360.4	378.8444	2.237385	0.1944887

Aggregate by Additional Covariates

- Aggregate by selected characteristics
 - the percentage distribution of students by achievement levels (**discrete** or **cumulative**) and selected characteristics (specified in `aggregateBy`)

```
ach2 <- achievementLevels(c("composite", "dsex"),  
                           aggregateBy = "dsex", data = sdf)
```

```
ach2$discrete
```

##	composite_Level	dsex	N	wtdN	Percent	StandardError
## 1	Below Basic	Male	2880.8	2865.6455	33.666050	1.0951825
## 2	At Basic	Male	3266.2	3236.4034	38.021772	0.9537470
## 3	At Proficient	Male	1877.2	1910.7861	22.448213	0.7257305
## 4	At Advanced	Male	461.8	499.1392	5.863965	0.5081607
## 5	Below Basic	Female	2850.4	2913.8597	34.604399	1.1154848
## 6	At Basic	Female	3429.4	3343.8146	39.710456	0.8650729
## 7	At Proficient	Female	1788.8	1783.9704	21.186066	0.8148916
## 8	At Advanced	Female	360.4	378.8444	4.499079	0.3888590

Aggregate by Subject Scale

- Aggregate by a subject scale or subscale
 - the percentage distribution of students by selected characteristics *within* a specific achievement level.

```
ach3 <- achievementLevels(c("composite", "dsex"),  
                           aggregateBy = "composite", data = sdf)  
ach3$discrete
```

##	composite_Level	dsex	N	wtdN	Percent	StandardError
## 1	Below Basic	Male	2880.8	2865.6455	49.58289	0.9486797
## 2	At Basic	Male	3266.2	3236.4034	49.18383	0.8020508
## 3	At Proficient	Male	1877.2	1910.7861	51.71616	1.1913055
## 4	At Advanced	Male	461.8	499.1392	56.85063	2.0076502
## 5	Below Basic	Female	2850.4	2913.8597	50.41711	0.9486797
## 6	At Basic	Female	3429.4	3343.8146	50.81617	0.8020508
## 7	At Proficient	Female	1788.8	1783.9704	48.28384	1.1913055
## 8	At Advanced	Female	360.4	378.8444	43.14937	2.0076502

Aggregate by a Variable Combination

- Aggregate by more than one variable
 - **iep** Student classified as having a disability

```
dsex_iep <- achievementLevels(c("composite", "dsex", "iep"),  
                              aggregateBy = c("dsex", "iep"),  
                              data = sdf)
```

- Divides into number of **dsex** levels times number of **iep** levels, where each category adds up to 100 across achievement levels.

```
searchSDF("dsex", data = sdf, levels = TRUE)  
searchSDF("iep", data = sdf, levels = TRUE)
```

Aggregate by a Variable Combination

dsex_iiep\$discrete

##	composite_Level	dsex	iiep	N	wtdN	Percent	StandardError
## 1	Below Basic	Male	Yes	810.2	753.47862	66.4635116	2.0061208
## 2	At Basic	Male	Yes	281.6	282.52828	24.9215056	2.0783210
## 3	At Proficient	Male	Yes	72.8	85.69544	7.5590995	1.4614600
## 4	At Advanced	Male	Yes	9.4	11.97026	1.0558833	0.7673700
## 5	Below Basic	Female	Yes	471.2	465.33346	76.4954517	2.9245271
## 6	At Basic	Female	Yes	108.8	106.71734	17.5430994	2.0864253
## 7	At Proficient	Female	Yes	31.2	34.36986	5.6500084	1.6430596
## 8	At Advanced	Female	Yes	2.8	1.89454	0.3114405	0.2601418
## 9	Below Basic	Male	No	2067.6	2111.69806	28.6261355	1.0630715
## 10	At Basic	Male	No	2982.6	2952.86086	40.0289211	1.0125447
## 11	At Proficient	Male	No	1804.4	1825.09062	24.7408909	0.7840337
## 12	At Advanced	Male	No	452.4	487.16896	6.6040524	0.5558956
## 13	Below Basic	Female	No	2379.0	2448.49754	31.3451478	1.2051321
## 14	At Basic	Female	No	3318.8	3236.55190	41.4336531	0.9207178
## 15	At Proficient	Female	No	1757.4	1749.56228	22.3975264	0.8954779
## 16	At Advanced	Female	No	356.8	376.79678	4.8236727	0.4233201

Summary

- Two methods to calculate percentages
 - **discrete** - percentage at an achievement level
 - **cumulative** - percentage at or above an achievement level
- You can use Covariates in one of two ways
 - the percentage distribution of students by selected characteristics *within* a specific achievement level. (`aggregateBy` includes a subject scale or subscale)
 - the percentage distribution of students by achievement levels and selected characteristics (specified in `aggregateBy`)
- See the cut points with `showCutPoints()`

Self-Reflection - achievementLevels

Ask yourself: Use EdSurvey functions to create a summary table using `achievementLevels()` with these parameters:

```
# for reference  
help(package = "EdSurvey")  
searchSDF("text", sdf)  
levelsSDF("myvar", sdf)
```

- `composite` math performance across a variable
- aggregated by language other than English spoken in home
- the percentage of students performing **at or above** each achievement level

Self-Reflection - achievementLevels

Scenario Result:

```
exerciseAL <- achievementLevels(c("composite", "b018201"), aggregateBy = c(
                                data = sdf, returnCumulative = TRUE)
exerciseAL$cumulative
```

##	composite_Level	b018201	N	wtdN	Percent	StandardError
## 1	Below Basic	Never	2881.2	2741.81706	29.967754	1.1059320
## 2	At or Above Basic	Never	6642.8	6407.40734	70.032246	1.1059320
## 3	At or Above Proficient	Never	2726.0	2694.99580	29.456003	0.9354285
## 4	At Advanced	Never	490.6	522.99356	5.716261	0.5301935
## 5	Below Basic	Once in a while	992.8	993.62918	29.841115	1.2790694
## 6	At or Above Basic	Once in a while	2335.2	2336.10292	70.158885	1.2790694
## 7	At or Above Proficient	Once in a while	1024.8	1037.94788	31.172114	1.4081560
## 8	At Advanced	Once in a while	205.4	218.33310	6.557077	0.7432284
## 9	Below Basic	Half the time	495.4	594.63374	41.495053	2.0402629
## 10	At or Above Basic	Half the time	682.6	838.38946	58.504947	2.0402629
## 11	At or Above Proficient	Half the time	247.6	334.71472	23.357244	2.0037955
## 12	At Advanced	Half the time	51.2	69.94572	4.880990	0.9963799
## 13	Below Basic	All or most of time	1006.0	1225.65906	46.291461	1.6649333
## 14	At or Above Basic	All or most of time	1127.0	1422.04104	53.708539	1.6649333
## 15	At or Above Proficient	All or most of time	341.0	455.24954	17.194151	1.4260673
## 16	At Advanced	All or most of time	47.4	59.51578	2.247829	0.5702864

Gap Analysis: Estimating the Difference in Two Statistics

Gap Analysis

gap() : estimate the difference in a statistic for two groups in the population. A gap occurs when one group outperforms another group and the difference in the two statistics are statistically significant.

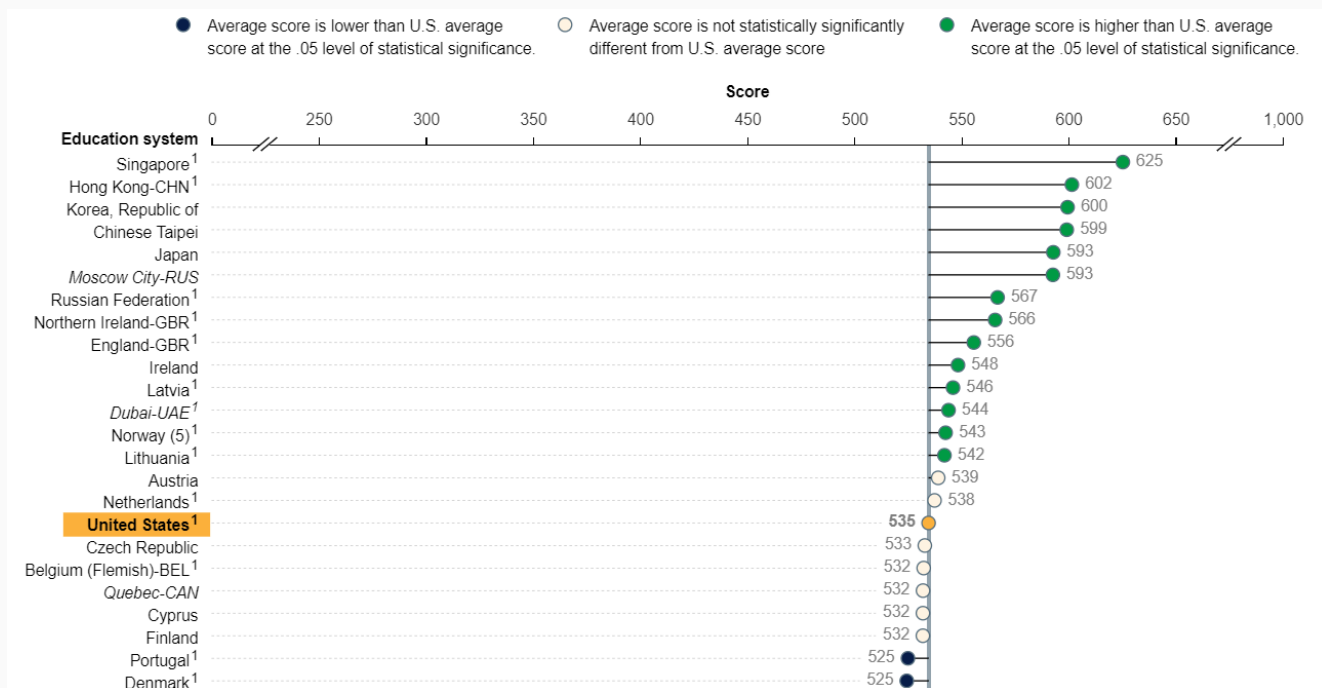
- Statistics can be any of
 - mean scores
 - student group percentages
 - achievement level percentages
 - percentiles
- Variance estimation

$$Var(\theta_A - \theta_B) = Var(\theta_A) + Var(\theta_B) - 2Cov(\theta_A, \theta_B)$$

- Related Documentation - [EdSurvey-Gap.pdf](#)
- Related Documentation - [EdSurvey-TIMSS.pdf](#)

Typical Gap Comparisons

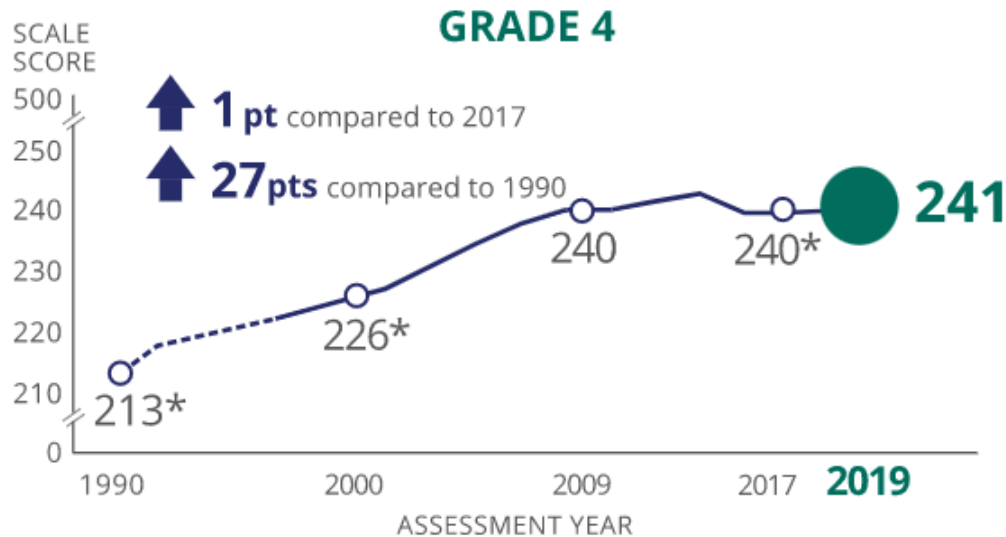
- Comparisons of different groups/jurisdictions within years
 - Female in 2019 to Male in 2019
 - USA in 2019 to Singapore in 2019
 - USA in 2019 to the international average in 2019 (part/whole)



Typical Gap Comparisons (cont.)

- Comparisons of the same group/jurisdiction between years
 - Female in 2019 to Female in 2017
 - USA in 2019 to USA in 2017

Trend in NAEP mathematics average scores, by grade



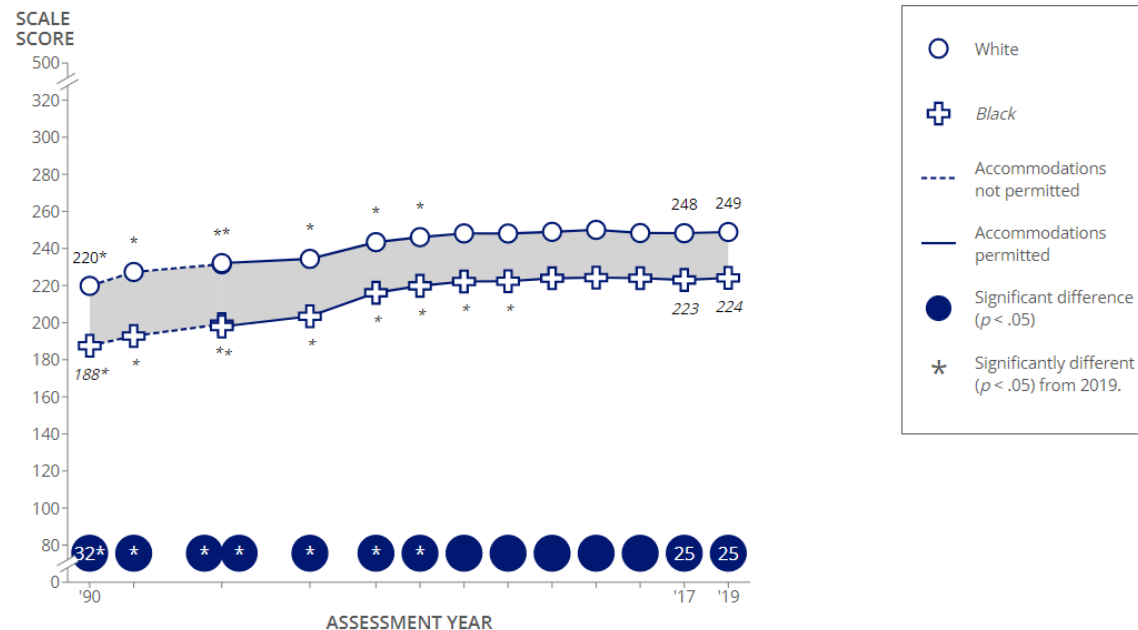
Source: **NAEP Math Report 2019**

Typical Gap Comparisons (cont.)

- Comparisons of the gap of different groups/jurisdictions between years
 - The BW gap in USA in 2019 compared to the gap in USA in 2017
 - The difference between USA and Canada in 2019, compared to the same gap in 2015

FIGURE | Trend in fourth-grade NAEP mathematics average scores and score gaps, by race/ethnicity

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Within Year Comparisons

Comparison between students groups

- **groupA**: defines a condition to subset data
 - `dsex %in% "Male"`
- **groupB**: defines a condition to subset data to compare to **groupA**
 - `dsex %in% "Female"`

```
mathGap <- gap(variable = "composite", data = sdf,  
               groupA = dsex %in% "Male", groupB = dsex %in% "Female")
```

Within Year Comparisons (cont.)

- Mean score results returned with `mathGap$results`

```
mathGap$results
```

```
## estimateA estimateAse estimateB estimateBse diffAB covAB diffABse diffABpValue dofAB
## 1 276.7235 0.8207151 275.0458 0.9402535 1.677756 0.5676583 0.6498719 0.01259479 53.70969
```

- `estimateA/estimateB` - Value of estimate
- `estimateAse/estimateBse` - Standard error of estimates
- `diffAB/diffABse` - Difference between estimateA and estimateB and standard error of the difference in group estimates
- `covAB` - The covariance used in calculating diffABse
- `diffABpValue` - The p-value associated with the t-test used for the hypothesis test that diffAB is zero
- `dofAB` - The degrees of freedom used in calculating diffABpValue

Within Year Comparisons (cont.)

- Percentage results returned with `mathGap$percentage`

```
mathGap$percentage
```

```
##      pctA      pctAse      pctB      pctBse      diffAB      covAB diffABse diffABpValue      dofAB
## 1 50.27015 0.5016796 49.72985 0.5016796 0.5402935 -0.2516824 1.003359      0.5924778 53.45667
```

Same as `mathGap$results` except:

- `pctA/pctB` - The percent of respondents in groups
- `pctAse/pctBse` - Standard errors of the percent of respondents in groups

Within Year, Benchamrks/Achievement levels

Comparison by achievement level

```
mathGap2 <- gap(variable = "composite", data = sdf,  
               groupA = dsex %in% "Male", groupB = dsex %in% "Female",  
               achievementLevel = c("Basic", "Proficient", "Advanced"))
```

```
mathGap2$results
```

##	achievementLevel	estimateA	estimateAse	estimateB	estimateBse	diffAB	covAB	diffABse	diffABpValue	dofAB
## 1	At or Above Basic	66.333950	1.0951825	65.395601	1.115485	0.9383491	0.6757857	1.0450644	0.373988103	45.35383
## 2	At or Above Proficient	28.312178	0.8635866	25.685145	1.007338	2.6270329	0.4581070	0.9188566	0.005776729	62.16756
## 3	At Advanced	5.863965	0.5081607	4.499079	0.388859	1.3648866	0.1156585	0.4220445	0.002272814	45.59694

Within Year, Percentiles

Comparison by percentile

```
mathGap3 <- gap(variable = "composite", data = sdf,  
               groupA = dsex %in% "Male", groupB = dsex %in% "Female",  
               percentiles = c(25, 50, 75))
```

```
mathGap3$results
```

##	percentiles	estimateA	estimateAse	estimateB	estimateBse	diffAB	covAB	diffABse	diffABpValue	dofAB
## 1	25	252.6120	1.1653238	251.2700	1.167151	1.341967	0.6013256	1.2318965	0.28215615	42.37247
## 2	50	278.0204	0.8174635	276.9481	1.055243	1.072283	0.4379389	0.9517912	0.26406360	64.87830
## 3	75	302.4865	0.8225389	299.7701	1.283120	2.716347	0.4558281	1.1879866	0.02572763	60.68734

Between Datasets Comparisons

Workflow for conducting between datasets comparisons, including between years or between jurisdictions/educational system comparisons:

- Load the data into R
 - Rename variables or recode values for consistency across datasets
 - Create an `edsurvey.data.frame.list` with all the datafiles in it
 - Recode the variable values as necessary
 - Run your analysis
-
- Related Documentation - [EdSurvey-Trend.pdf](#)
 - Related Documentation - [EdSurvey-TIMSS.pdf](#)

Between Year Comparisons

- Download your TIMSS datasets

```
downloadTIMSS(year=c(2019, 2015, 2011), root = "C:/")
```

- Read in datasets from multiple years

```
TIMSS11<- readTIMSS("C:/TIMSS/2011",  
                    countries = c("usa"), gradeLvl = "4")  
TIMSS15<- readTIMSS("C:/TIMSS/2015",  
                    countries = c("usa"), gradeLvl = "4")  
TIMSS19<- readTIMSS("C:/TIMSS/2019",  
                    countries = c("usa"), gradeLvl = "4")
```

This operation takes several minutes to run the first time and then runs nearly instantly after that. Subsequent calls to `readTIMSS` are stored on the user's drive for easy access.

Between Year Comparisons (cont.)

- Combine data from each year into an `edsurvey.data.frame.list` and assign a label to each year.

```
trend <- edsurvey.data.frame.list(list(TIMSS19, TIMSS15, TIMSS11),  
                                  labels=c("TIMSS 2019", "TIMSS 2015", "TIMSS 2011"))
```

Between Year Comparisons (cont.)

- Check for data consistency across datasets.

```
#check the consistency of the gender variable
```

```
searchSDF("itsex", trend, level=TRUE)
```

##	variableName	Labels	Levels	TIMSS 2019	TIMSS 2015	TIMSS 2011
## 1	itsex	*SEX OF STUDENTS*	1. GIRL; 2. BOY; 9. OMITTED OR INVALID			*
## 2	itsex	Sex of Students	1. FEMALE; 2. MALE; 9. OMITTED OR INVALID	*	*	

- Recode or rename if inconsistencies identified.

```
TIMSS11_recode <- recode.sdf(TIMSS11,  
                             recode = list(itsex = list(from = "GIRL",  
                                                         to = "FEMALE"),  
                             itsex = list(from = "BOY",  
                                           to = "MALE")))
```

- Update the trend datasets

```
trend2 <- edsurvey.data.frame.list(list(TIMSS19, TIMSS15, TIMSS11_recode),  
                                   labels=c("TIMSS 2019", "TIMSS 2015", "TIMSS 2011"))
```

Between Year Comparisons (cont.)

- Run gap analysis between years

```
mathGap4 <- gap(variable = 'mmat', data = trend2)
mathGap4$results
```

##	labels	estimateA	estimateAse	diffAA	covAA	diffAAse	diffAApValue	dofAA	sameSurvey
## 1	TIMSS 2019	534.7324	2.550249	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
## 2	TIMSS 2015	539.1556	2.231920	-4.423178	0	3.388988	0.19303604	250.3516	FALSE
## 3	TIMSS 2011	540.6493	1.816651	-5.916884	0	3.131133	0.05996098	248.8887	FALSE

- **estimateA** - Value of estimate for each year
- **estimateAse** - Standard error of estimates for each year
- **diffAA** and **diffAAse** - Difference between two years and standard error of the difference.
- **covAA** - The covariance used in calculating diffAAse
- **diffAApValue** - The p-value associated with the t-test used for the hypothesis test that diffAA is zero
- **dofAA** - The degrees of freedom used in calculating diffABpValue

Between Year Comparisons (cont.)

- Change the reference group
 - By default, the `gap` function treats the first data in an `edsurvey.data.frame.list` as the reference data.
 - We can use the `referenceDataIndex` argument to change the reference to another data. For example, set `referenceDataIndex` argument = 2 to make the second data as the reference data.

```
mathGap5 <- gap(variable = 'mmat', data = trend,  
                referenceDataIndex = 2)
```

```
mathGap5$results
```

##	labels	estimateA	estimateAse	diffAA	covAA	diffAAse	diffAApValue	dofAA	sameSurvey
## 1	TIMSS 2019	534.7324	2.550249	4.423178	0	3.388988	0.1930360	250.3516	FALSE
## 2	TIMSS 2015	539.1556	2.231920	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
## 3	TIMSS 2011	540.6493	1.816651	-1.493707	0	2.877792	0.6042789	208.5829	FALSE

Comparisons of the Gap Between Years

- Gap results

```
trendGap <- gap(variable = "mmat",  
               data = trend2,  
               groupA = itsex %in% "MALE",  
               groupB = itsex %in% "FEMALE")
```

```
trendGap$results
```

```
##      labels estimateA estimateAse estimateB estimateBse      diffAB      covAB diffABse diffABpValue      dofAB      diffAA covAA  
## 1 TIMSS 2019  540.1785    2.902865  529.0473    2.969877 11.131165  4.638792  2.822980 1.763565e-04  76.77150         NA      NA  
## 2 TIMSS 2015  542.6617    2.501978  535.7482    2.312608  6.913450  4.068738  1.862948  3.199990e-04 114.68273 -2.483171      0  
## 3 TIMSS 2011  545.0321    1.888004  536.3852    2.091729  8.646838  2.586252  1.663546  1.459974e-06  81.63345 -4.853573      0  
##      diffAAse diffAApValue      dofAA      diffBB covBB      diffBBse      diffBBpValue      dofBB      diffABAB covABAB      diffABABse      diffABABpValue  
## 1         NA         NA         NA         NA      NA         NA         NA         NA         NA         NA         NA         NA  
## 2 3.832300    0.5181810 127.0670 -6.700886      0 3.764084    0.07620343 261.0728 4.217715      0    3.382276    0.2144723  
## 3 3.462829    0.1639786 104.9637 -7.337900      0 3.632561    0.04456383 225.2671 2.484327      0    3.276675    0.4497654  
##      dofABAB sameSurvey  
## 1         NA         NA  
## 2 140.3769      FALSE  
## 3 125.1551      FALSE
```

Gap Analysis - Summary

Analyses:

- mean scores
- student group percentages
- achievement level percentages
- percentiles

Comparison Types:

- within year
 - between variable levels (uses `edsurvey.data.frame`)
 - between education systems (uses `edsurvey.data.frame.list`)
- between years (uses `edsurvey.data.frame.list`)

Think Pair Share - Gap Analysis

A. Select Your Own Variables: Use EdSurvey functions to select variables of interest to calculate between education systems results using `gap`

```
# for reference  
help(package = "EdSurvey")  
searchSDF("text", sdf)  
levelsSDF("myvar", sdf)
```

B. Replicate This Scenario: Use EdSurvey functions to calculate between year results using `gap` with these parameters:

- overall TIMSS 2019 4th grade math performance
- across three education systems (e.g., usa, fin, hkg)
- between-country comparison by gender (itsex %in% "MALE and itsex %in% "FEMALE")

Think Pair Share - Gap Analysis

Scenario Result:

- Reading multiple datasets and combine them into an `edsurvey.data.frame.list`.

```
TIMSS19USA<- readTIMSS(path = "C:/TIMSS/2019/", countries = c("usa"), grade  
TIMSS19FIN<- readTIMSS(path = "C:/TIMSS/2019/", countries = c("fin"), grade  
TIMSS19HKG<- readTIMSS(path = "C:/TIMSS/2019/", countries = c("hkg"), grade
```

- Form an "edsurvey.data.frame.list"

```
trend3 <- edsurvey.data.frame.list(list(TIMSS19USA, TIMSS19FIN, TIMSS19HKG)
```

Think Pair Share - Gap Analysis (cont.)

- Gap results

```
trendGap <- gap(variable = "mmat",  
               data = trend3,  
               groupA = itsex %in% "MALE",  
               groupB = itsex %in% "FEMALE")  
trendGap$results
```

Wrap Up

Learning EdSurvey

- Reading vignettes provided in training materials

```
vignette("introduction", package="EdSurvey")
```

There are additional functions that we couldn't cover!

gap() #gap analysis

cor.sdf() # Bivariate correlations using "Pearson", "Spearman", "polychoric"

edsurveyTable2pdf() # creating production ready summary tables

cbind(), rbind(), append(), merge() # useful functions in processing data

- R help

```
help(package = "EdSurvey")
```

- [EdSurvey Website](#)
- [EdSurvey Github](#)
- [NAEP Data Training workshop](#)

Under development

- Package is still under development
 - Subsequent releases of the EdSurvey package will provide additional functionality
- Your feedback is important to us!

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