

Statistics

Introduction to R for Public Health Researchers

Statistics

Now we are going to cover how to perform a variety of basic statistical tests in R.

- Correlation
- T-tests/Rank-sum tests
- Linear Regression
- Logistic Regression
- Proportion tests
- Chi-squared
- Fisher's Exact Test

Note: We will be glossing over the statistical theory and “formulas” for these tests. There are plenty of resources online for learning more about these tests, as well as dedicated Biostatistics series at the School of Public Health

Correlation

`cor()` performs correlation in R

```
cor(x, y = NULL, use = "everything",  
    method = c("pearson", "kendall", "spearman"))
```

Like other functions, if there are NAs, you get NA as the result. But if you specify use only the complete observations, then it will give you correlation on the non-missing data.

```
library(readr)  
circ = read_csv("http://johnmuschelli.com/intro_to_r/data/Charm_City_Circulator")  
cor(circ$orangeAverage, circ$purpleAverage, use="complete.obs")
```

```
[1] 0.9195356
```

Correlation

You can also get the correlation between matrix columns

```
library(dplyr)
avgs = circ %>% select(ends_with("Average"))
avgs_cor = cor(avgs, use = "complete.obs")
signif(avgs_cor, 3)
```

	orangeAverage	purpleAverage	greenAverage	bannerAverage
orangeAverage	1.000	0.908	0.840	0.545
purpleAverage	0.908	1.000	0.867	0.521
greenAverage	0.840	0.867	1.000	0.453
bannerAverage	0.545	0.521	0.453	1.000

Correlation

You can also get the correlation between matrix columns

Or between columns of two matrices/dfs, column by column.

```
op = avgs %>% select(orangeAverage, purpleAverage)
gb = avgs %>% select(greenAverage, bannerAverage)
signif(cor(op, gb, use = "complete.obs"), 3)
```

	greenAverage	bannerAverage
orangeAverage	0.840	0.545
purpleAverage	0.867	0.521

Correlation

You can also use `cor.test()` to test for whether correlation is significant (ie non-zero). Note that linear regression may be better, especially if you want to regress out other confounders.

```
ct = cor.test(circ$orangeAverage, circ$purpleAverage,  
              use = "complete.obs")  
ct
```

Pearson's product-moment correlation

```
data:  circ$orangeAverage and circ$purpleAverage  
t = 73.656, df = 991, p-value < 2.2e-16  
alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0  
95 percent confidence interval:  
 0.9093438 0.9286245  
sample estimates:  
      cor  
0.9195356
```

Correlation

For many of these testing result objects, you can extract specific slots/results as numbers, as the `ct` object is just a list.

```
# str(ct)
names(ct)
```

```
[1] "statistic"  "parameter"  "p.value"    "estimate"   "null.value"
[6] "alternative" "method"     "data.name"  "conf.int"
```

```
ct$statistic
```

```
      t
73.65553
```

```
ct$p.value
```

```
[1] 0
```

Broom package

The `broom` package has a `tidy` function that puts most objects into `data.frames` so that they are easily manipulated:

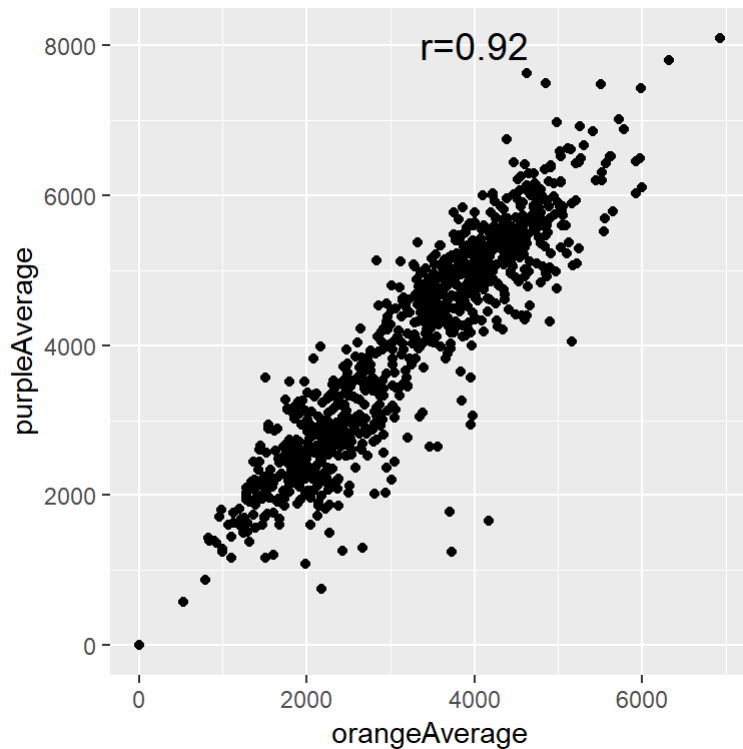
```
library(broom)
tidy_ct = tidy(ct)
tidy_ct
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 8
  estimate statistic p.value parameter conf.low conf.high method
  <dbl>      <dbl>   <dbl>      <int>    <dbl>    <dbl> <chr>
1    0.920      73.7     0         991    0.909    0.929 Pears~
# ... with 1 more variable: alternative <chr>
```


Correlation

Note that you can add the correlation to a plot, via the `annotate`

```
library(ggplot2)
txt = paste0("r=", signif(ct$estimate, 3))
q = ggplot(data = circ, x = orangeAverage, y = purpleAverage)
q + annotate("text", x = 4000, y = 8000, label = txt, size = 5)
```



T-tests

The T-test is performed using the `t.test()` function, which essentially tests for the difference in means of a variable between two groups.

In this syntax, `x` and `y` are the column of data for each group.

```
tt = t.test(circ$orangeAverage, circ$purpleAverage)
tt
```

Welch Two Sample t-test

```
data:  circ$orangeAverage and circ$purpleAverage
t = -17.076, df = 1984, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -1096.7602  -870.7867
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
 3033.161  4016.935
```

T-tests

Using `t.test` treats the data as independent. Realistically, this data should be treated as a paired t-test. The `paired = TRUE` argument to do a paired test

```
t.test(circ$orangeAverage, circ$purpleAverage, paired = TRUE)
```

Paired t-test

```
data:  circ$orangeAverage and circ$purpleAverage
t = -42.075, df = 992, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -799.783 -728.505
sample estimates:
mean of the differences
      -764.144
```

T-tests

`t.test` saves a lot of information: the difference in means `estimate`, confidence interval for the difference `conf.int`, the p-value `p.value`, etc.

```
names(tt)
```

```
[1] "statistic"  "parameter"  "p.value"    "conf.int"   "estimate"  
[6] "null.value" "stderr"     "alternative" "method"     "data.name"
```

T-tests

```
tidy(tt)
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 10
  estimate estimate1 estimate2 statistic  p.value parameter conf.low
    <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>    <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>
1   -984.     3033.     4017.    -17.1 4.20e-61    1984.    -1097.
# ... with 3 more variables: conf.high <dbl>, method <chr>,
#   alternative <chr>
```

T-tests

You can also use the 'formula' notation. In this syntax, it is $y \sim x$, where x is a factor with 2 levels or a binary variable and y is a vector of the same length.

```
library(tidyr)
long = circ %>%
  select(date, orangeAverage, purpleAverage) %>%
  gather(key = line, value = avg, -date)
tt = t.test(avg ~ line, data = long)
tidy(tt)
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 10
  estimate estimate1 estimate2 statistic  p.value parameter conf.low
  <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>    <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>
1   -984.      3033.      4017.      -17.1 4.20e-61     1984.     -1097.
# ... with 3 more variables: conf.high <dbl>, method <chr>,
#   alternative <chr>
```

Wilcoxon Rank-Sum Tests

Nonparametric analog to t-test (testing medians):

```
tidy(wilcox.test(avg ~ line, data = long))
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 4  
  statistic p.value method alternative  
    <dbl>    <dbl> <chr>      <chr>  
1  336714. 4.56e-58 Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity co~ two.sided
```

Lab Part 1

[Website](#)

Linear Regression

Now we will briefly cover linear regression. I will use a little notation here so some of the commands are easier to put in the proper context. $y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + \varepsilon_i$ where:

- y_i is the outcome for person i
- α is the intercept
- β is the slope
- x_i is the predictor for person i
- ε_i is the residual variation for person i

Linear Regression

The R version of the regression model is:

$$y \sim x$$

where:

- y is your outcome
- x is/are your predictor(s)

Linear Regression

For a linear regression, when the predictor is binary this is the same as a t-test:

```
fit = lm(avg ~ line, data = long)
fit
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = avg ~ line, data = long)
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	linepurpleAverage
3033.2	983.8

'(Intercept)' is α

'linepurpleAverage' is β

Linear Regression

The `summary` command gets all the additional information (p-values, t-statistics, r-square) that you usually want from a regression.

```
sfit = summary(fit)
print(sfit)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = avg ~ line, data = long)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-4016.9	-1121.2	64.3	1060.8	4072.6

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3033.16	38.99	77.79	<2e-16 ***
linepurpleAverage	983.77	57.09	17.23	<2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1314 on 2127 degrees of freedom
(163 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-squared: 0.1225, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1221

F-statistic: 296.9 on 1 and 2127 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Linear Regression

The coefficients from a `summary` are the coefficients, standard errors, t-statistics, and p-values for all the estimates.

```
names(sfit)
```

```
[1] "call"           "terms"           "residuals"       "coefficients"
[5] "aliased"        "sigma"           "df"              "r.squared"
[9] "adj.r.squared"  "fstatistic"      "cov.unscaled"    "na.action"
```

```
sfit$coef
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3033.1611	38.98983	77.79365	0.000000e+00
linepurpleAverage	983.7735	57.09059	17.23180	2.163655e-62

Linear Regression

We can `tidy` linear models as well and it gives us all of this in one::

```
tidy(fit)
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 5
```

	term <chr>	estimate <dbl>	std.error <dbl>	statistic <dbl>	p.value <dbl>
1	(Intercept)	3033.	39.0	77.8	0.
2	linepurpleAverage	984.	57.1	17.2	2.16e-62

Using Cars Data

```
http_data_dir = "http://johnmuschelli.com/intro_to_r/data/"
cars = read_csv(
  paste0(http_data_dir, "kaggleCarAuction.csv"),
  col_types = cols(VehBCost = col_double()))
head(cars)
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 34
  RefId IsBadBuy PurchDate Auction VehYear VehicleAge Make Model Trim
  <dbl>   <dbl>   <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>      <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1     1     0 12/7/2009 ADESA      2006         3 MAZDA MAZD~ i
2     2     0 12/7/2009 ADESA      2004         5 DODGE 1500~ ST
3     3     0 12/7/2009 ADESA      2005         4 DODGE STRA~ SXT
4     4     0 12/7/2009 ADESA      2004         5 DODGE NEON  SXT
5     5     0 12/7/2009 ADESA      2005         4 FORD  FOCUS  ZX3
6     6     0 12/7/2009 ADESA      2004         5 MITS~ GALA~ ES
# ... with 25 more variables: SubModel <chr>, Color <chr>,
# Transmission <chr>, WheelTypeID <chr>, WheelType <chr>, VehOdo <dbl>,
# Nationality <chr>, Size <chr>, TopThreeAmericanName <chr>,
# MMRAcquisitionAuctionAveragePrice <chr>,
# MMRAcquisitionAuctionCleanPrice <chr>,
# MMRAcquisitionRetailAveragePrice <chr>,
# MMRAcquisitonRetailCleanPrice <chr>,
# MMRCurrentAuctionAveragePrice <chr>,
# MMRCurrentAuctionCleanPrice <chr>, MMRCurrentRetailAveragePrice <chr>,
# MMRCurrentRetailCleanPrice <chr>, PRIMEUNIT <chr>, AUCGUART <chr>,
# BYRNO <dbl>, VNZIP1 <dbl>, VNST <chr>, VehBCost <dbl>,
# IsOnlineSale <dbl>, WarrantyCost <dbl>
```

Linear Regression

We'll look at vehicle odometer value by vehicle age:

```
fit = lm(VehOdo~VehicleAge, data = cars)
print(fit)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = VehOdo ~ VehicleAge, data = cars)
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	VehicleAge
60127	2723

Linear Regression

Note that you can have more than 1 predictor in regression models. The interpretation for each slope is change in the predictor corresponding to a one-unit change in the outcome, holding all other predictors constant.

```
fit2 = lm(VehOdo ~ IsBadBuy + VehicleAge, data = cars)
summary(fit2)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = VehOdo ~ IsBadBuy + VehicleAge, data = cars)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-70856	-9490	1390	10311	41193

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	60141.77	134.75	446.33	<2e-16 ***
IsBadBuy	1329.00	157.84	8.42	<2e-16 ***
VehicleAge	2680.33	30.27	88.53	<2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 13810 on 72980 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.1031, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1031

F-statistic: 4196 on 2 and 72980 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Linear Regression: Interactions

The * does interactions:

```
fit3 = lm(VehOdo ~ IsBadBuy * VehicleAge, data = cars)
summary(fit3)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = VehOdo ~ IsBadBuy * VehicleAge, data = cars)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-70857	-9490	1391	10311	41193

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	60139.70	143.23	419.872	< 2e-16	***
IsBadBuy	1347.28	456.23	2.953	0.00315	**
VehicleAge	2680.84	32.54	82.380	< 2e-16	***
IsBadBuy:VehicleAge	-3.79	88.74	-0.043	0.96594	

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 13810 on 72979 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.1031, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1031

F-statistic: 2798 on 3 and 72979 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Linear Regression: Interactions

You can take out main effects with minus

```
fit4 = lm(VehOdo ~ IsBadBuy * VehicleAge -IsBadBuy , data = cars)
summary(fit4)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = VehOdo ~ IsBadBuy * VehicleAge - IsBadBuy, data = cars)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-70822	-9493	1389	10311	41172

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	60272.49	136.00	443.184	< 2e-16	***
VehicleAge	2652.94	31.14	85.186	< 2e-16	***
IsBadBuy:VehicleAge	242.08	30.70	7.885	3.19e-15	***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 13810 on 72980 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.103, Adjusted R-squared: 0.103

F-statistic: 4192 on 2 and 72980 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Linear Regression

Factors get special treatment in regression models - lowest level of the factor is the comparison group, and all other factors are relative to its values.

```
fit3 = lm(VehOdo ~ factor(TopThreeAmericanName), data = cars)
summary(fit3)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = VehOdo ~ factor(TopThreeAmericanName), data = cars)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-71947	-9634	1532	10472	45936

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	68248.48	92.98	733.984	< 2e-16	***
factor(TopThreeAmericanName) FORD	8523.49	158.35	53.828	< 2e-16	***
factor(TopThreeAmericanName) GM	4952.18	128.99	38.393	< 2e-16	***
factor(TopThreeAmericanName) NULL	-2004.68	6361.60	-0.315	0.752670	
factor(TopThreeAmericanName) OTHER	584.87	159.92	3.657	0.000255	***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 14220 on 72978 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.04822, Adjusted R-squared: 0.04817

F-statistic: 924.3 on 4 and 72978 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Logistic Regression and GLMs

Generalized Linear Models (GLMs) allow for fitting regressions for non-continuous/normal outcomes. The `glm` has similar syntax to the `lm` command. Logistic regression is one example.

```
glmfit = glm(IsBadBuy ~ VehOdo + VehicleAge, data=cars, family = binomial())
summary(glmfit)
```

```
Call:
glm(formula = IsBadBuy ~ VehOdo + VehicleAge, family = binomial(),
    data = cars)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.9943	-0.5481	-0.4534	-0.3783	2.6318

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
(Intercept)	-3.778e+00	6.381e-02	-59.211	<2e-16 ***
VehOdo	8.341e-06	8.526e-07	9.783	<2e-16 ***
VehicleAge	2.681e-01	6.772e-03	39.589	<2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 54421 on 72982 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 52346 on 72980 degrees of freedom
AIC: 52352

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5

Tidying GLMs

```
tidy(glmfit, conf.int = TRUE)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 7
```

	term <chr>	estimate <dbl>	std.error <dbl>	statistic <dbl>	p.value <dbl>	conf.low <dbl>	conf.high <dbl>
1	(Intercep~	-3.78	6.38e-2	-59.2	0.	-3.90e+0	-3.65e+0
2	VehOdo	0.00000834	8.53e-7	9.78	1.33e-22	6.67e-6	1.00e-5
3	VehicleAge	0.268	6.77e-3	39.6	0.	2.55e-1	2.81e-1

Tidying GLMs

```
tidy(glmfit, conf.int = TRUE, exponentiate = TRUE)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 7
  term      estimate std.error statistic  p.value conf.low conf.high
<chr>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
1 (Intercept) 0.0229 0.0638     -59.2    0.      0.0202 0.0259
2 VehOdo      1.00 0.0000000853      9.78 1.33e-22 1.00    1.00
3 VehicleAge  1.31 0.00677      39.6    0.      1.29    1.32
```

Logistic Regression

Note the coefficients are on the original scale, we must exponentiate them for odds ratios:

```
exp(coef(glmfit))
```

(Intercept)	VehOdo	VehicleAge
0.02286316	1.00000834	1.30748911

Chi-squared tests

`chisq.test()` performs chi-squared contingency table tests and goodness-of-fit tests.

```
chisq.test(x, y = NULL, correct = TRUE,  
           p = rep(1/length(x), length(x)), rescale.p = FALSE,  
           simulate.p.value = FALSE, B = 2000)
```

```
tab = table(cars$IsBadBuy, cars$IsOnlineSale)  
tab
```

	0	1
0	62375	1632
1	8763	213

Chi-squared tests

You can also pass in a table object (such as `tab` here)

```
cq = chisq.test(tab)
cq
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

```
data:  tab
X-squared = 0.92735, df = 1, p-value = 0.3356
```

```
names(cq)
```

```
[1] "statistic" "parameter" "p.value"    "method"    "data.name" "observed"
[7] "expected"  "residuals" "stdres"
```

```
cq$p.value
```

```
[1] 0.3355516
```

Chi-squared tests

Note that does the same test as `prop.test`, for a 2x2 table (`prop.test` not relevant for greater than 2x2).

```
chisq.test(tab)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

```
data:  tab
X-squared = 0.92735, df = 1, p-value = 0.3356
```

```
prop.test(tab)
```

2-sample test for equality of proportions with continuity correction

```
data:  tab
X-squared = 0.92735, df = 1, p-value = 0.3356
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
95 percent confidence interval:
 -0.005208049  0.001673519
sample estimates:
   prop 1    prop 2 
0.9745028 0.9762701
```

Fisher's Exact test

`fisher.test()` performs contingency table test using the hypogeometric distribution (used for small sample sizes).

```
fisher.test(x, y = NULL, workspace = 200000, hybrid = FALSE,  
            control = list(), or = 1, alternative = "two.sided",  
            conf.int = TRUE, conf.level = 0.95,  
            simulate.p.value = FALSE, B = 2000)
```

```
fisher.test(tab)
```

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

```
data:  tab  
p-value = 0.3324  
alternative hypothesis: true odds ratio is not equal to 1  
95 percent confidence interval:  
 0.8001727 1.0742114  
sample estimates:  
odds ratio  
 0.9289923
```

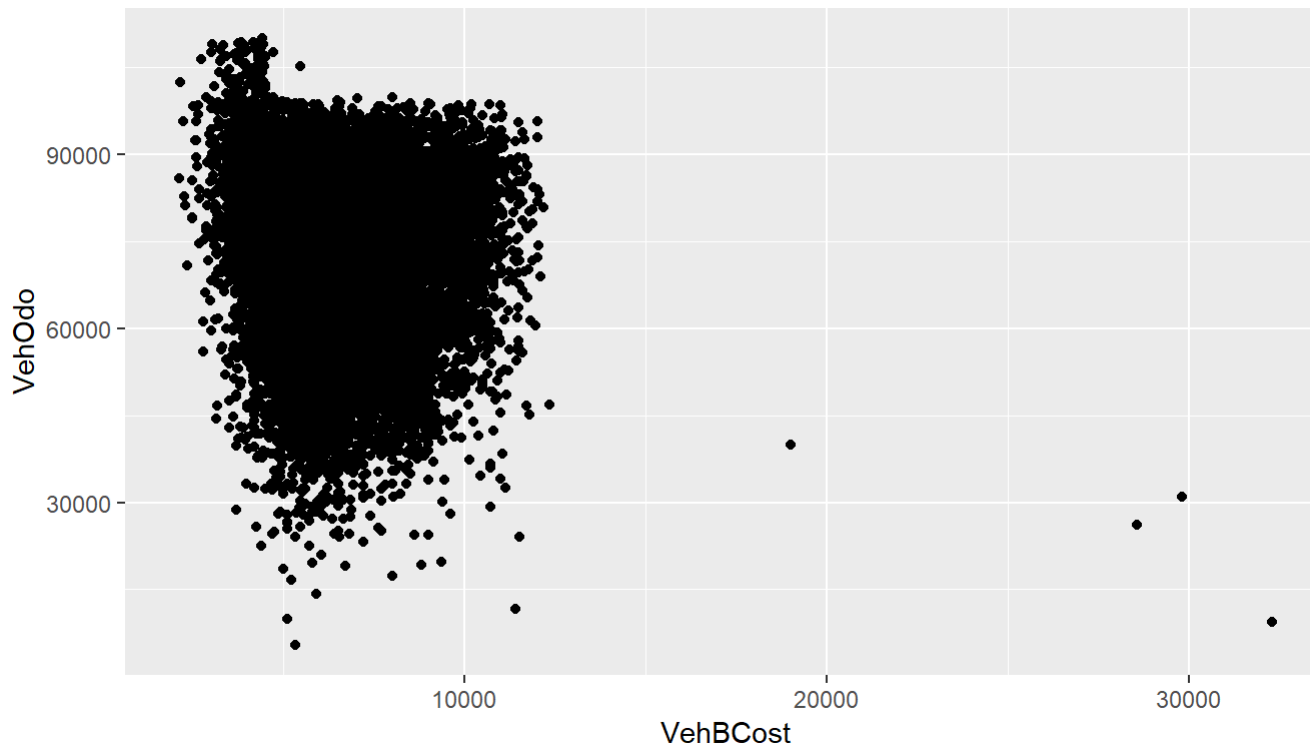
Lab Part 2

[Website](#)

Sampling

Also, if you want to only plot a subset of the data (for speed/time or overplotting)

```
samp.cars = sample_n(cars, size = 10000)
samp.cars = sample_frac(cars, size = 0.2)
ggplot(aes(x = VehBCost, y = VehOdo),
       data = samp.cars) + geom_point()
```



Lab Part 3

[Website](#)