

Plots/statistics for categorical and
quantitative data
and for loops

Overview

Very brief discussion of the OKCupid article

Statistics and plots for categorical data in R

Statistics and plots for quantitative data in R

For loops

Announcement: learning groups!

If you are interested in being part of a learning group, [please sign](#) up by midnight on Saturday.

- A link to sign up is on Canvas and was sent out as an announcement.

My office hours this Friday are cancelled. I will have office hours at 3pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Homework 1

Homework 1: [SDS230::download_homework\(1\)](#)

Due on Gradescope by 11pm on Sunday September 12th

- Instructions for how to submit homework on Gradescope are on Canvas
- Please mark all pages that answers correspond to on Gradescope

Be sure to also "show your work" by printing out any values you report

- Although don't print out hundreds of access pages of numbers

Ask/answer questions on Ed Discussions, but don't give away the solutions!

Discussion of OKCupid article

Break into pairs:

- Introduce yourself
- 2 minute discussion about what you found interesting about the article [The Big Lies People Tell in Online Dating](#)

The screenshot shows the OKCupid website interface. At the top, the OKCupid logo is on the left, and a navigation bar contains links for Messages, Matches, Connections, and Treasures. A user is logged in as 'BigDaddyC_taco', with a 'Sign out' button. The profile page for 'BigDaddyC_taco' is displayed, showing a profile picture, age (21), gender (M), orientation (Straight), and status (Single). The profile is marked as 'Online Now'. Below the profile picture are tabs for 'About', 'Photos', 'Questions', and 'Personality'. The 'About' tab is selected, showing a 'My self-summary' section where the user describes themselves as a young, ambitious, and outgoing individual who loves traveling and is a caring person. Below this is a 'What I'm doing with my life' section listing activities like working two marketing jobs, being a full-time student at DePaul University, volunteering, and writing a blog. To the right of the 'About' section is a 'My Details' table with various attributes.

My Details	
Last Online	Online now!
Ethnicity	Hispanic / Latin
Height	6' 0" (1.83m).
Body Type	Fit
Diet	Mostly anything
Smokes	No
Drinks	Rarely
Drugs	Never

Back to R: Data frames

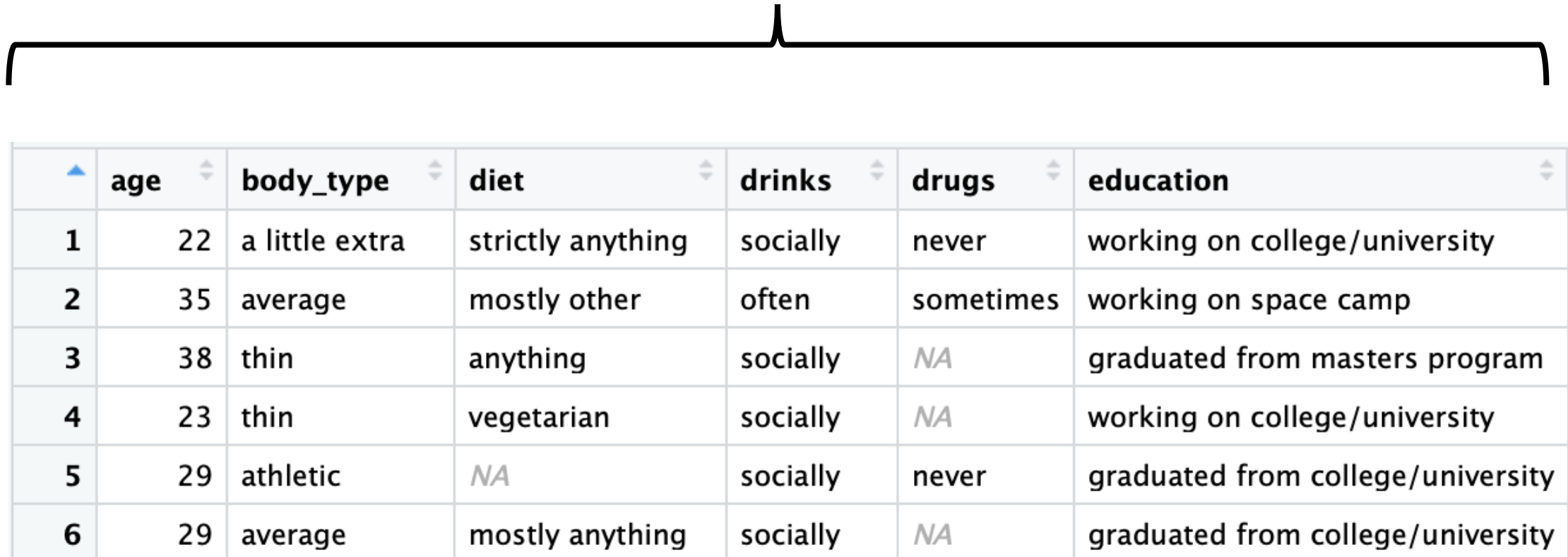
Data frames contain structured data

```
> library(SDS230)
> download_data("profiles_revised.csv") # only needs to be run once
> profiles <- read.csv("profiles_revised.csv")
> View(profiles) # the View() function only works in R Studio!
```

	age	body_type	diet	drinks	drugs	education
1	22	a little extra	strictly anything	socially	never	working on college/university
2	35	average	mostly other	often	sometimes	working on space camp
3	38	thin	anything	socially	NA	graduated from masters program
4	23	thin	vegetarian	socially	NA	working on college/university
5	29	athletic	NA	socially	never	graduated from college/university
6	29	average	mostly anything	socially	NA	graduated from college/university

Data Frames

Variables



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Cases

An Example Dataset

Quantitative Variable

Categorical Variable

Cases
(observational units)

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Data frames

We can extract the columns of a data frame as vector objects using the \$ symbol

```
> the_ages <- profiles$age
```

Can you get the `mean()` age of users in this data set?

```
> mean(the_ages)
```

Extracting rows from a data frame

We can extract rows from a data frame in a similar way as extracting values from a vector by using the square brackets

```
> profiles[1, ] # returns the first row of the data frame
```

```
> profiles[, 1] # returns the first column of the data
```

Note, the first column of the profiles data frame is the variable *age*, so we can also get the first column using:

```
> profiles$age # this is the same as profiles[, 1]
```

Extracting rows from a data frame

We can also create vectors of numbers or Booleans specifying which rows we want to extract from a data frame

```
# create a vector with the numbers 1, 10, 20
```

```
> my_vec <- c(1, 10, 20)
```

```
# use my_vec to get the 1st, 10th, and 20th row in profiles
```

```
> small_profiles <- profiles[my_vec, ]
```

```
> dim(small_profiles) # number of rows and columns in the data frame
```

Extracting rows from a data frame

Finally, we can also extract rows by creating a Boolean vector that is of the same length as the number of rows in the data frame

TRUE values will be extracted from the data frame while FALSE values will not

```
# create a vector of booleans
```

```
> my_bools <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)
```

```
# use the Boolean vector to get the 1st and 3rd row
```

```
> small_profiles[my_bools, ]
```

Questions?



Categorical variables

What is a categorical variable?

- A: A categorical variable assigns each observation to one of k groups

Which variables in the profiles data frame are categorical?

- Is heights a categorical variable?

For categorical variables, we usually want to view:

- How many items are each category OR
- The proportion (or percentage) of items in each category

$$\text{Proportion in a category} = \frac{\text{number in that category}}{\text{total number}}$$

Categorical data

```
# Get information about drinking behavior
```

```
> drinking_vec <- profiles$drinks
```

```
# Create a table showing how often people drink
```

```
> drinks_table <- table(drinking_vec)
```

```
> drinks_table
```

Relative frequency table

We can create a relative frequency table using the function:

```
> prop.table(my_table)
```

Can you create a relative frequency table for the drinking behavior of the people in the okcupid data set?

```
> drinks_table <- table(profiles$drinks)
```

```
> prop.table(drinks_table)
```

What is the proper statistical notation for these values: \hat{p} or π ?

Bar plots

(pun intended?)

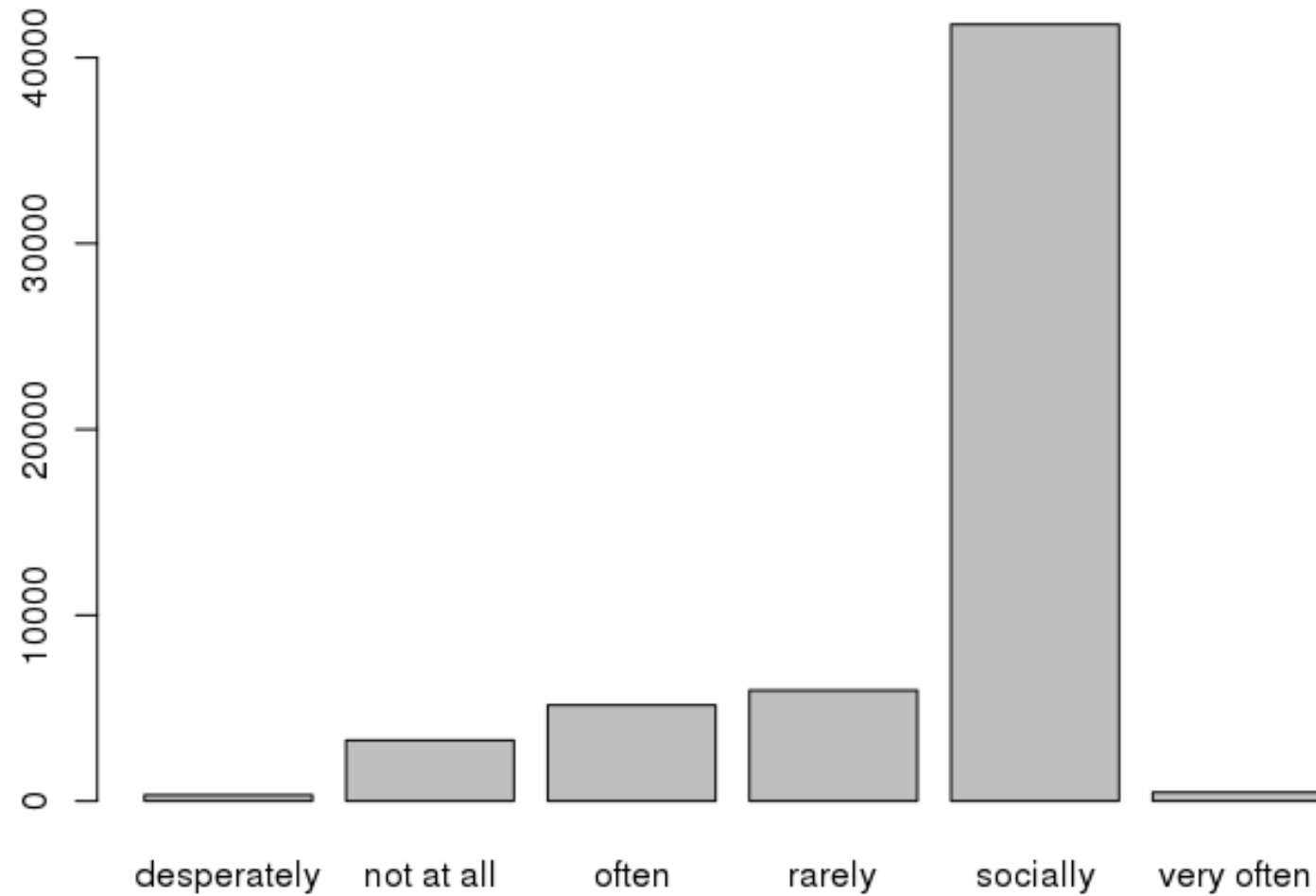
We can plot the number of items in each category using a bar plot

```
> barplot(my_table)
```

Can you create a bar plot for the drinking behavior of the people in the okcupid data set?

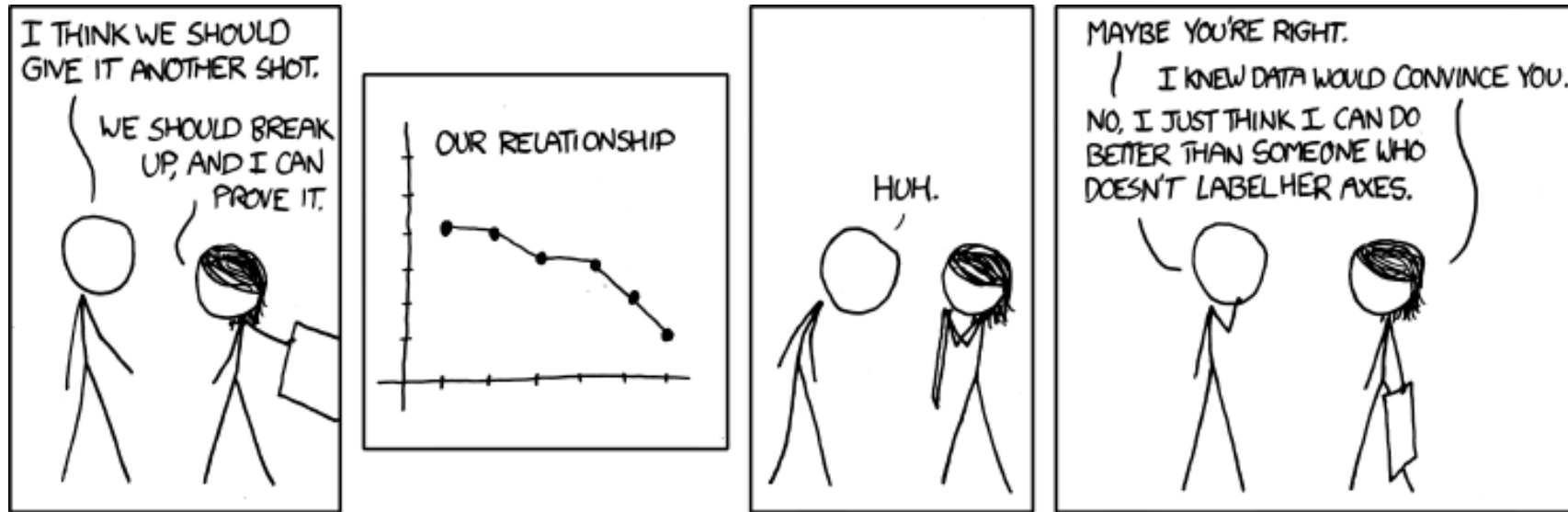
```
> drinks_table <- table(profiles$drinks)
```

```
> barplot(drinks_table)
```



What is wrong with this plot?

- A: the axes are not labeled!!!



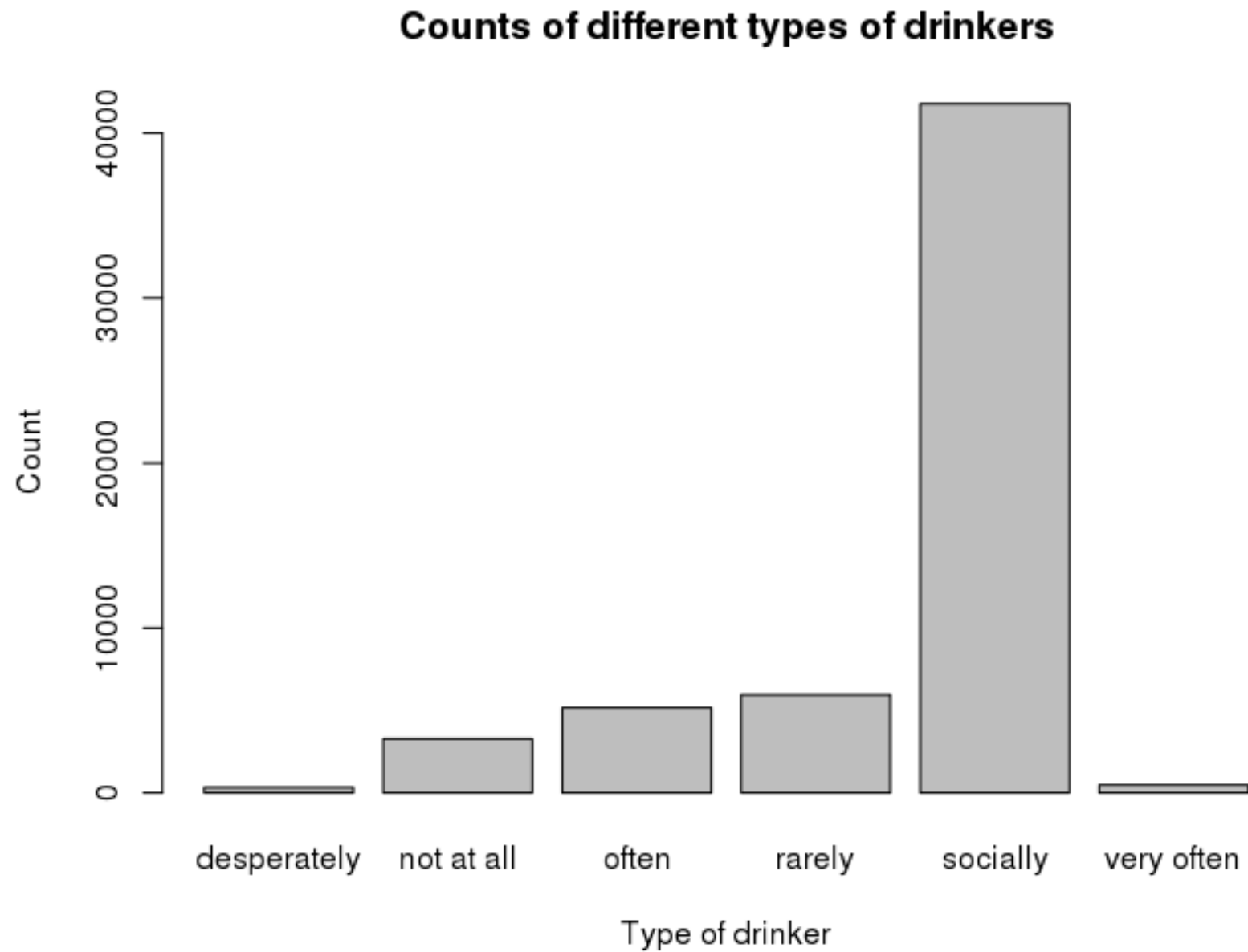
If you don't want exes, label you axes!

Details matter!

Can you figure out how to label the axes?

- A: ? barplot
- A: xlab and ylab!

```
> barplot(drinks_table,  
          ylab = "Count",  
          xlab = "Type of drinker",  
          main = "Counts of different types of drinkers")
```

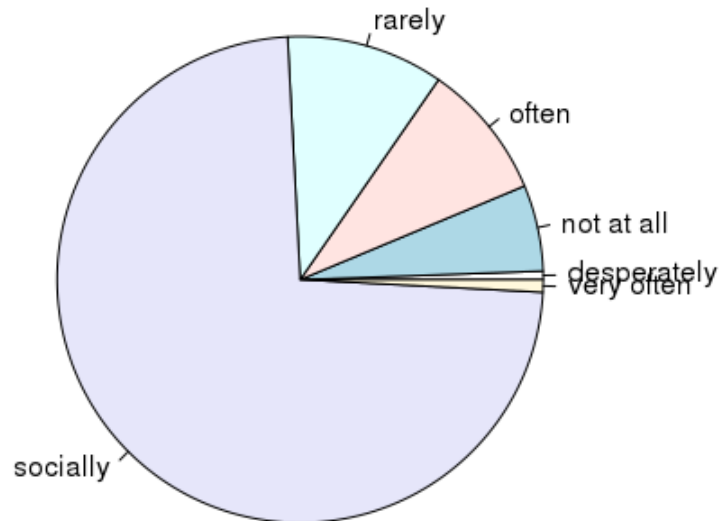


So much better!!!

Pie charts

We can also use the `pie()` function to create pie charts

> `pie(drinks_table)`



World's Most Accurate Pie Chart



Which is best: bar plots or pie charts?

```
> barplot(table(profiles$sex, useNA = "always"))
```

```
> pie(table(profiles$sex, useNA = "always"))
```

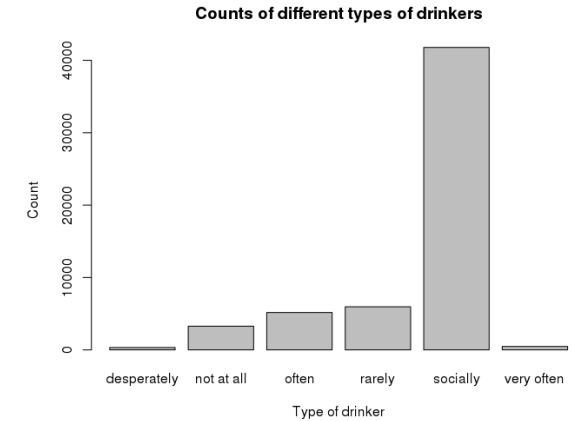
**BE
BEST**

Q1: Is one better than the other?

Q2: Can you figure out how to add colors to these plots?

Removing social drinkers

Social drinkers are dominating our plot 😞



We can get rid of social drinkers by only plotting counts less than 10,000

```
> nonsocial_inds <- drinks_table < 10000  
> nonsocial_drinks_table <- drinks_table[nonsocial_inds]  
> barplot(nonsocial_drinks_table)
```


It's a Match!



You and Booze have liked each other.

Questions?



Quantitative data

Quantitative data: statistics

There are several statistics that describe the central tendency of quantitative data?

- The mean: `mean()`
- The median: `median()`

Which of these measures is robust to outliers?

Can you calculate the mean and median of OkCupid user's heights?

What went wrong?

`mean(v, na.rm = TRUE)`

What is the proper statistical notation for the mean of OkCupid user's heights:
 \bar{x} or μ ?

Quantitative data: Visualizing heights

Q: How can we visualize the heights in the profiles data frame?

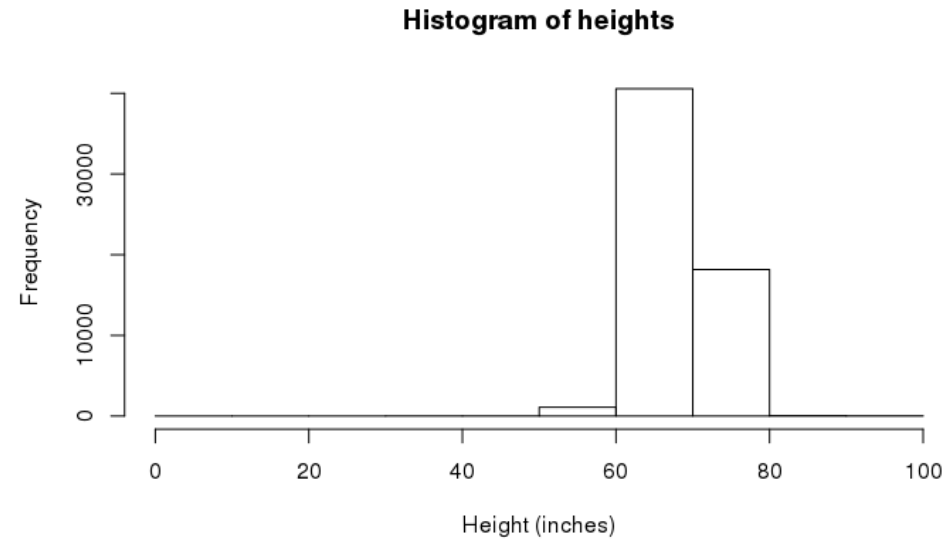
A: Histograms!

A: Boxplots

A: Many other options too

Histograms of heights

Height (inches)	Frequency Count
(0-10]	6
(10-20]	0
(20-30]	1
(30-40]	13
(40-50]	9
(50-60]	1097
(60-70]	40575
(70-80]	18164
(80-90]	50
>90	28



Visualizing heights

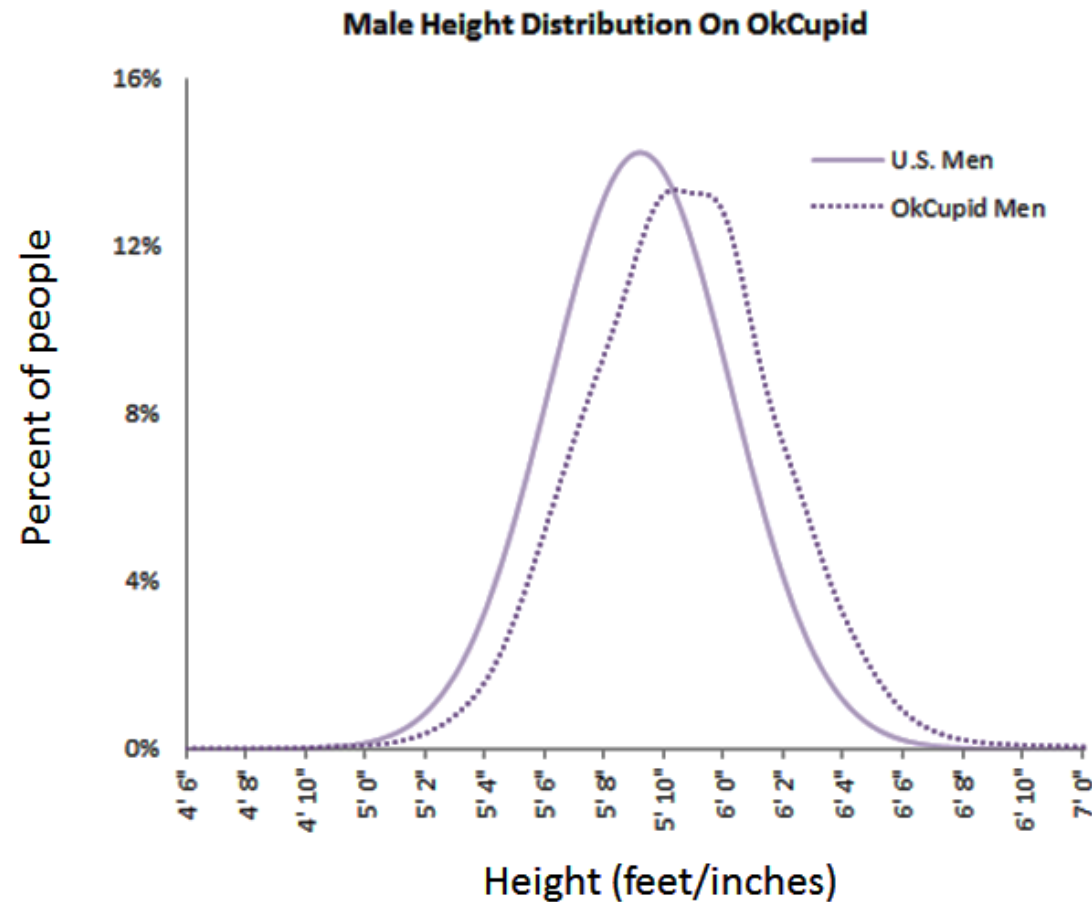
We can create histograms in R using the `hist()` function

Can you create a histogram of heights?

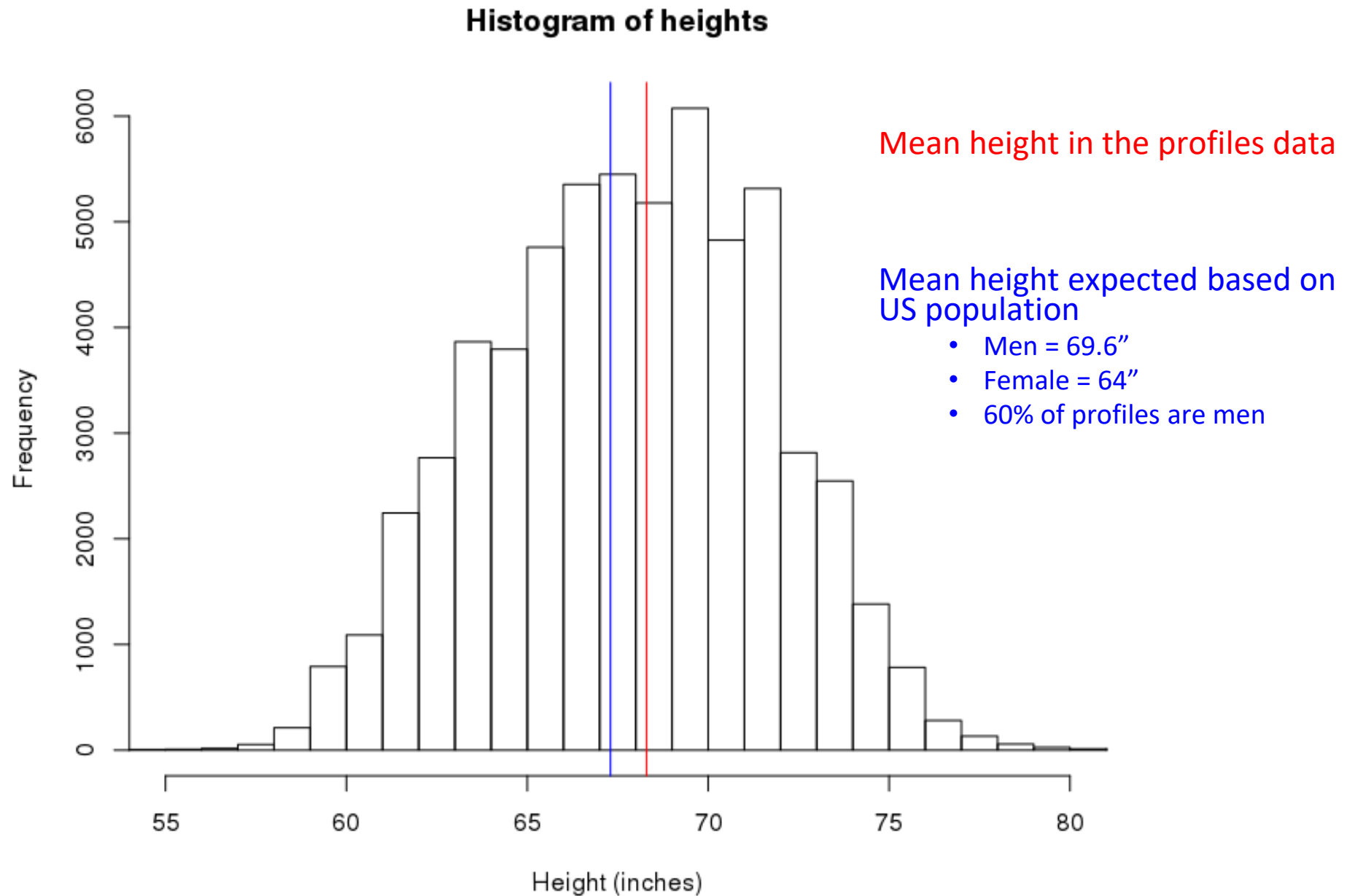
```
> hist(profiles$height)
```

```
> hist(profiles$height, breaks = 50)
```

OkCupid users are taller than the average person



Can we see this in the profiles data?



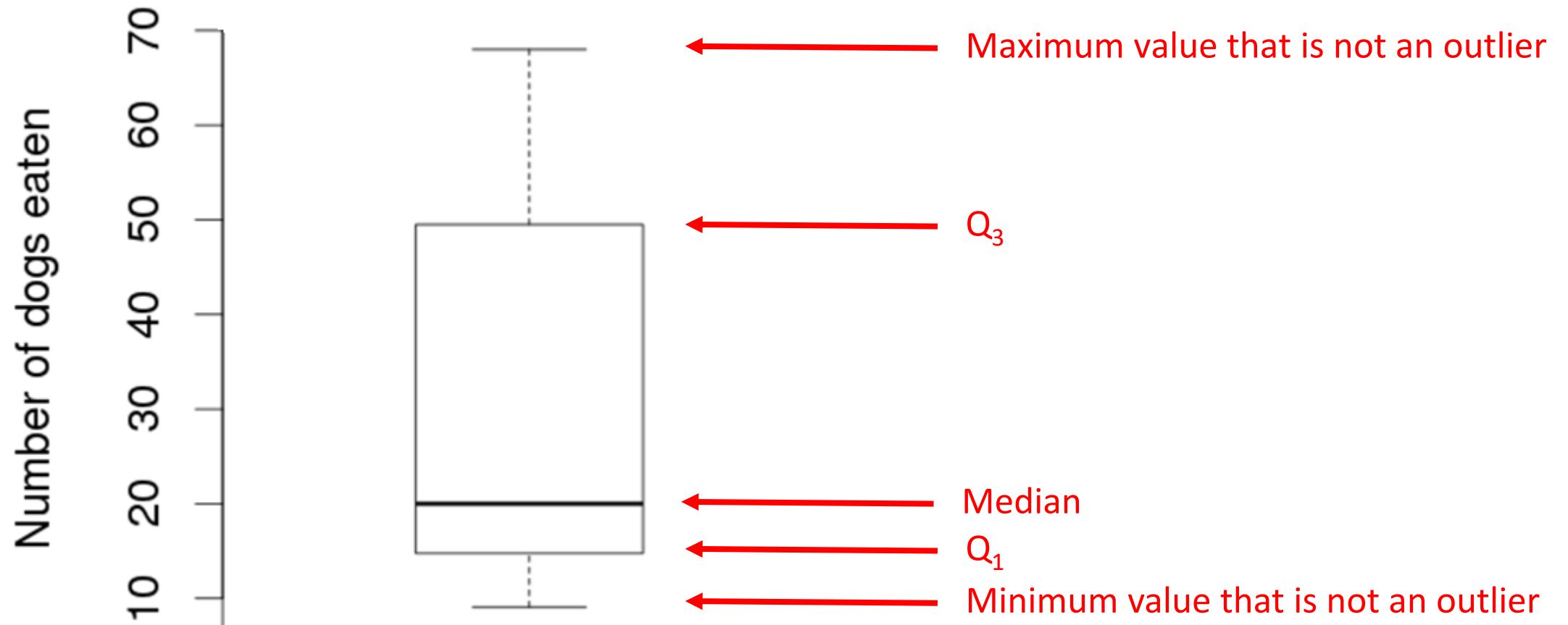
`abline()` adds lines to plots

Has Categorical Data



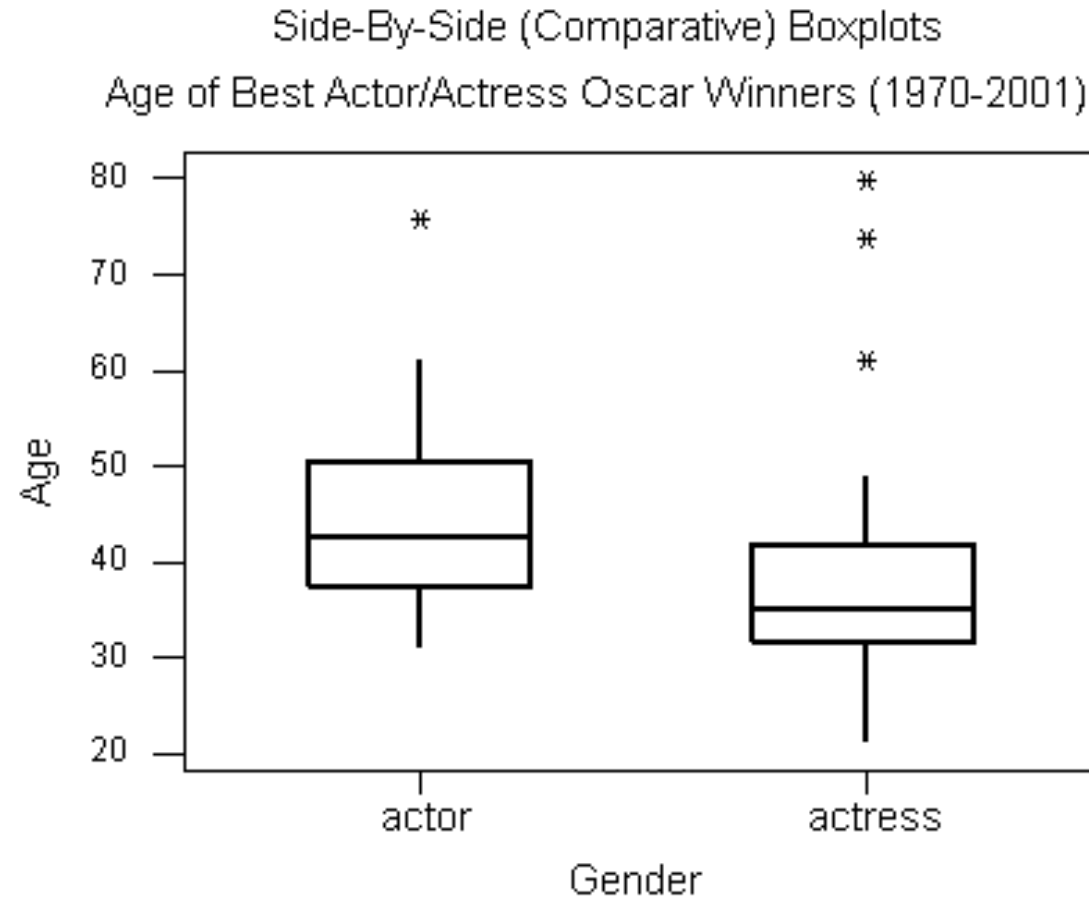
Uses Histogram

Box plots can also visualize quantitative data



R: `boxplot(v)`

Side-by-side boxplots



Useful for comparing distributions!

- What does the figure above show?

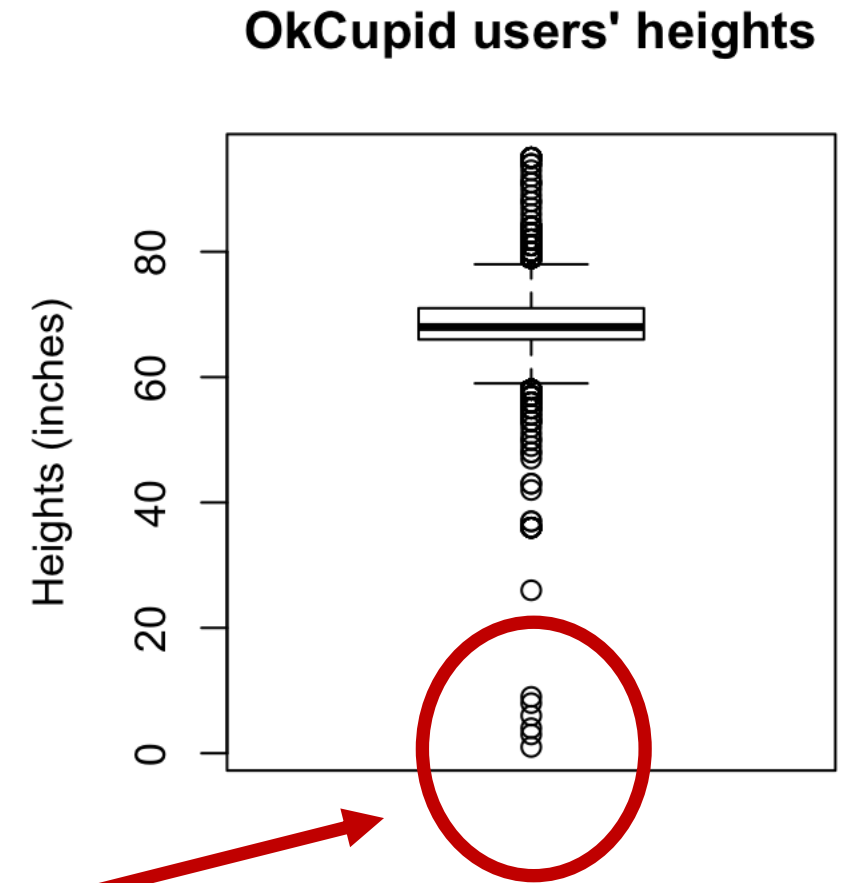
Outliers

Outliers on boxplots are values that are more than $1.5 * IQR$

What should we do if we have outliers?

Investigate!

- If there are due to an error, remove them



People under 20'' tall?

Outliers

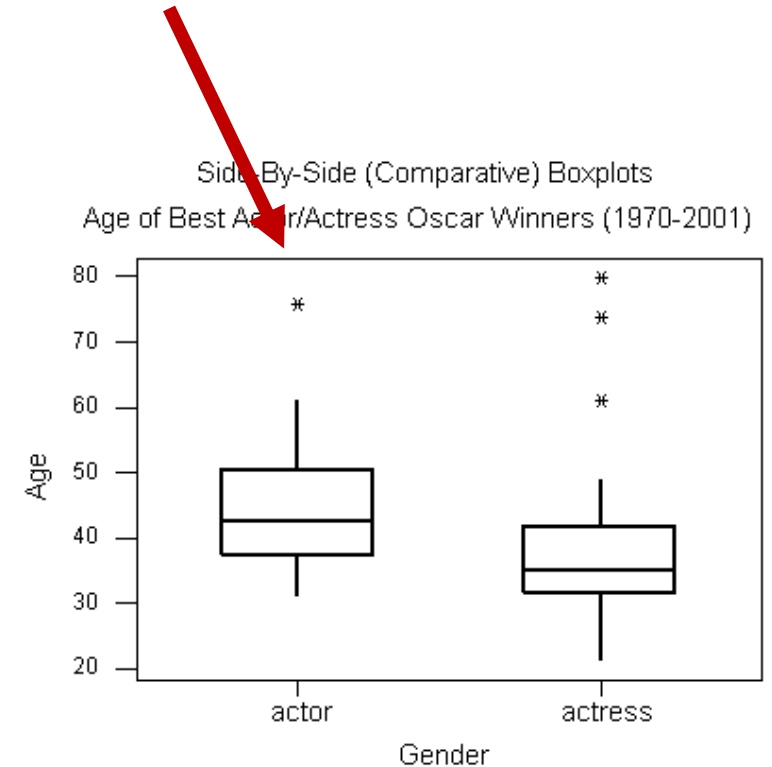
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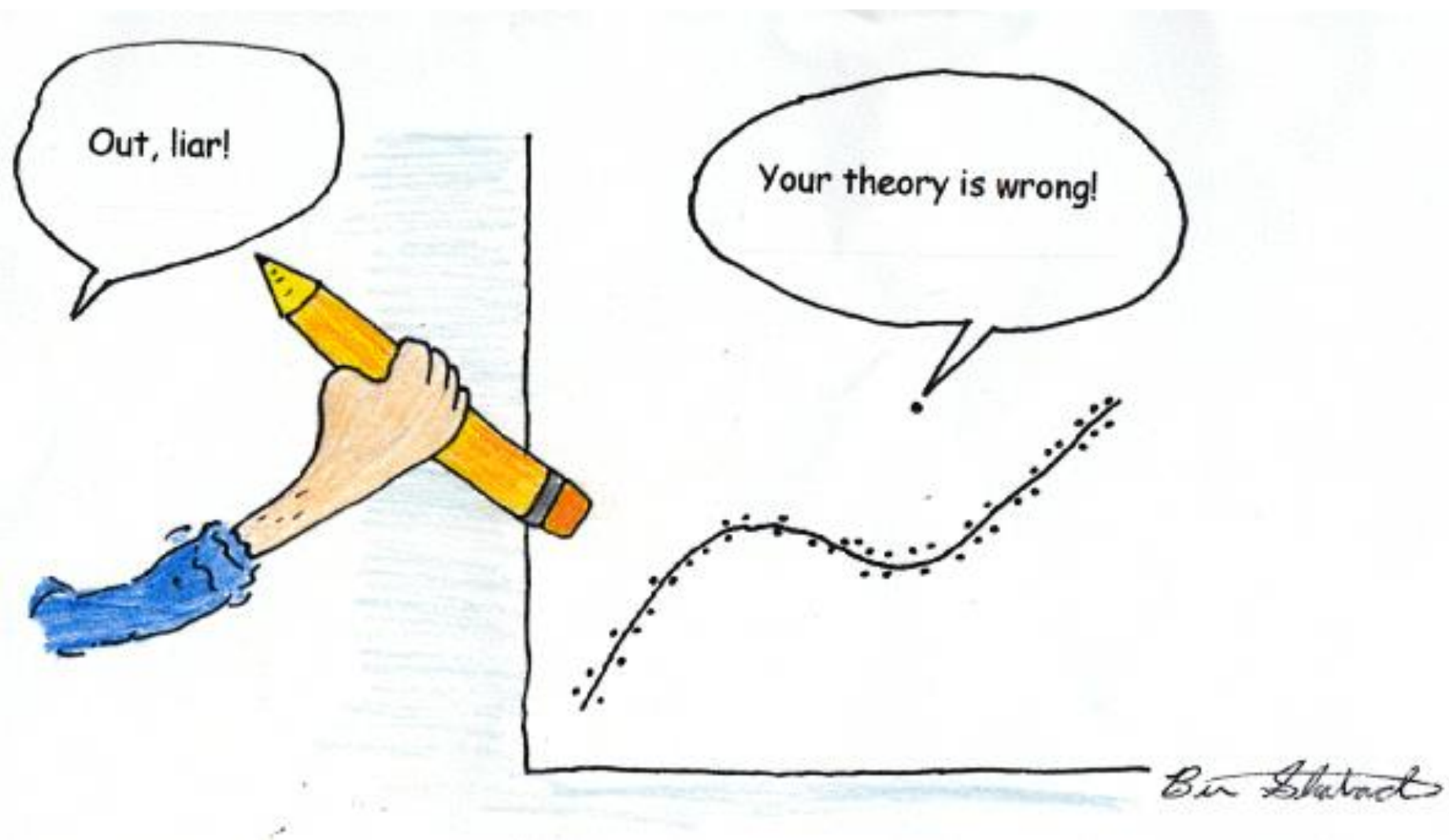
What should we do if we have outliers?

Investigate:

- If there are due to an error, remove them
- **If not, need to account for them**

Who is this actor?





Questions?



CitiBike data

Let's look at the bike share data from NYC

```
> load('daily_bike_totals.rda')
```



CitiBike analysis

What does each case correspond to?

We can use the `dim()` function to get how many cases and variables there are

- How many are there?

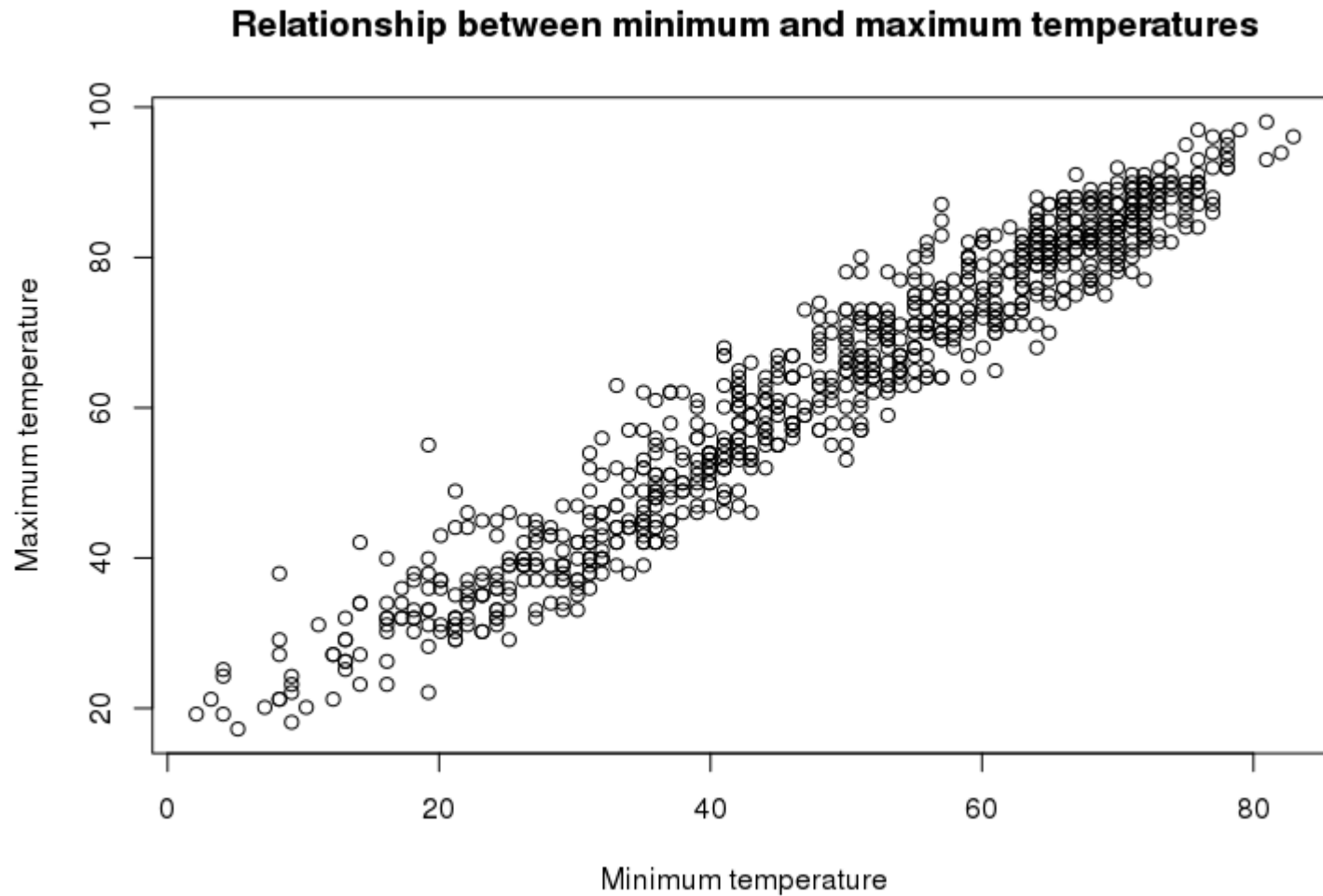
Scatter plots

We can use the `plot(x, y)` function to create scatter plots

Can you create a scatter plot of the relationship between the minimum and maximum temperatures?

```
> plot(bike_daily_data$min_temperature,  
       bike_daily_data$max_temperature,  
       xlab = "Minimum temperature",  
       ylab = "Maximum temperature",  
       main = "Relationship between min and temp")
```

Scatter plots



Plotting time series

We can use the `plot(x, y)` function to plot time series

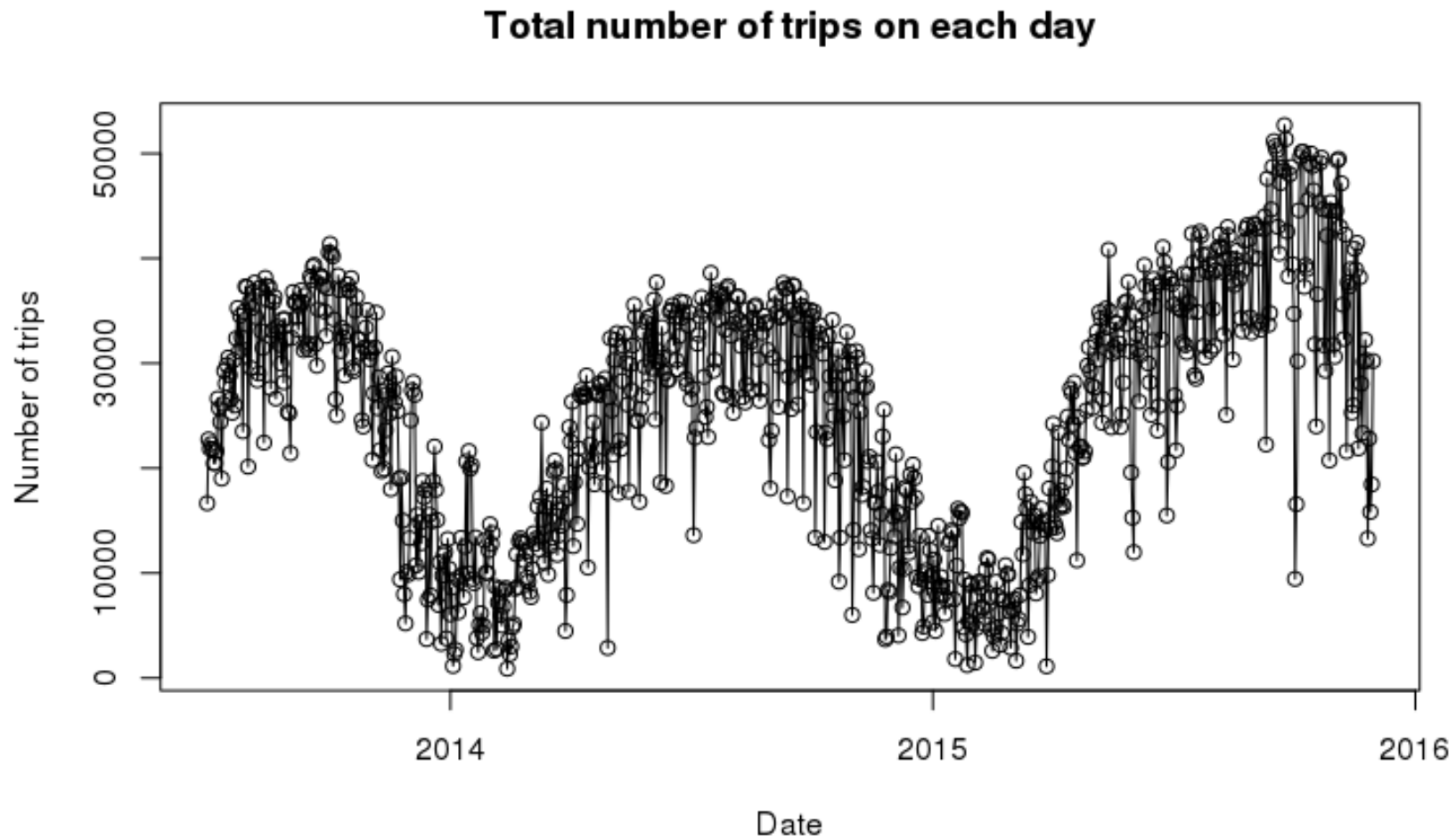
we can connect the points in a plot using

> `plot(x, y, type = 'l')` # connected points

> `plot(x, y, type = 'o')` # both points and dots

```
> plot(bike_daily_data$date, bike_daily_data$trips,  
      type = 'o',  
      xlab = "Date",  
      ylab = "Number of trips",  
      main = "Total number of trips on each day")
```

Plotting time series



For loops

For loops are useful when you want to repeat a piece of code many times under similar conditions

The syntax for a for loop is:

```
for (i in 1:100) {
```

```
    # do something
```

```
}
```



This is repeated 100 times
i is incremented by 1 each time

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