

Homework 4 Solutions

1. Write a function that reports the mean, median, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum values for a generic numeric vector, `x`. You can use the base functions.
 - Make sure the function can handle missing data. Embed a message that reports if any missing data were removed.
 - If the vector fed to the function is non-numeric, coerce it to be so, and embed a message stating that coercion occurred.
 - Make the class of the output `smry`.
 - Round the output to 3 decimal places.

```
smry <- function(x) {
  if(is.numeric(x) == FALSE) {
    warning("Vector coerced to numeric")
  }

  mn <- mean(as.numeric(x), na.rm = TRUE)
  md <- median(as.numeric(x), na.rm = TRUE)
  stDev <- sd(as.numeric(x), na.rm = TRUE)
  minm <- min(as.numeric(x), na.rm = TRUE)
  maxm <- max(as.numeric(x), na.rm = TRUE)

  if(length(x) != length(na.omit(x))) {
    warning("Missing data removed")
  }

  stats <- c(mn, md, stDev, minm, maxm)
  names(stats) <- c("Mean", "Median", "Standard Deviation", "Minimum",
    "Maximum")

  return(structure(round(stats, 3), class = "smry"))
}
```

2. Load the `ratebeer_beerjobber.txt` dataset, and apply the function to each of the final five columns. Bind these results together into a single data frame or matrix, with the row names indicating the variable.

```
setwd("/Users/Daniel/Dropbox/Teaching/CourseR/")
beer <- read.delim("./data/ratebeer_beerjobber.txt")
head(beer)
```

```
##              name              brewer
## 1      Abbey Monks Ale Abbey Beverage Company
## 2      Abbey Monks Tripel Abbey Beverage Company
## 3      Abbey Monks Wit  Abbey Beverage Company
## 4 Alameda Barn Owl Imperial Brown Ale    Alameda Brewing Co.
## 5      Alameda Black Bear XX Stout    Alameda Brewing Co.
## 6      Alameda El Torero Organic IPA    Alameda Brewing Co.
##              style abv ratings score.overall score.by.style
## 1      Belgian Ale 5.2      96              50              49
```

```
## 2          Abbey Tripel 8.0      3      NA      NA
## 3 Belgian White (Witbier) 5.1    46     23     19
## 4          Brown Ale 7.9      13     74     81
## 5          Foreign Stout 6.8    172    94     76
## 6      India Pale Ale (IPA) 7.2    56     74     43
```

```
Style <- smry(beer$style)
```

```
## Warning in smry(beer$style): Vector coerced to numeric
```

```
ABV <- smry(beer$abv)
Ratings <- smry(beer$ratings)
Overall_Score <- smry(beer$score.overall)
```

```
## Warning in smry(beer$score.overall): Missing data removed
```

```
Style_Score <- smry(beer$score.by.style)
```

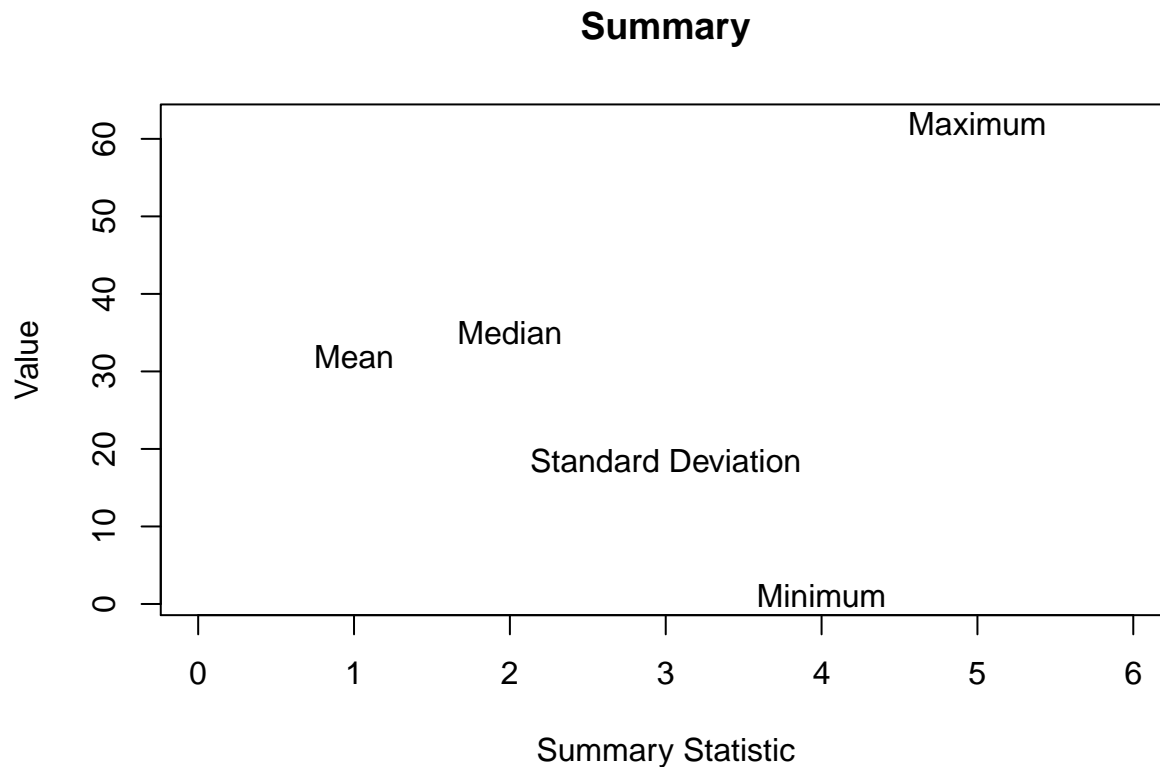
```
## Warning in smry(beer$score.by.style): Missing data removed
```

```
rbind(Style, ABV, Ratings, Overall_Score, Style_Score)
```

```
##           Mean Median Standard Deviation Minimum Maximum
## Style      31.863   35.0          18.532         1     62.0
## ABV         5.900    5.9           2.202         0     12.8
## Ratings    113.605   60.5          148.885         0    1116.0
## Overall_Score 65.850   71.0           24.224         0    100.0
## Style_Score  60.872   62.0           26.877         0    100.0
```

3. Produce a default plot for objects of class `smry`. The x-axis should be 1:5, and rather than points, place text that states the summary statistic.

```
plot.smry <- function(ob) {
  plot(1:5, seq(ob["Minimum"], ob["Maximum"], length.out = 5),
       type = "n",
       xlab = "Summary Statistic",
       ylab = "Value",
       main = "Summary",
       xlim = c(0, 6))
  text(1:5, ob, names(ob))
}
plot(Style)
```



4. Write a function to calculate the median of a generic vector, `x`. Compare the results of your function to the base call. Again make sure the function can handle missing data, and embed a warning if missing data are removed.

```
med <- function(x) {
  if(any(is.na(x))) {
    warning("Missing data removed")
    x <- na.omit(x)
  }

  ordered <- x[order(x)]

  if((length(ordered) %% 2) == 1) {
    return(ordered[ceiling(length(ordered)/2)])
  }

  if((length(ordered) %% 2) == 0) {
    return(mean(c(
      ordered[length(ordered)/2],
      ordered[(length(ordered)/2) + 1]
    )))
  }
}

median(beer$score.overall, na.rm = TRUE); med(beer$score.overall)
```

```
## [1] 71
```

```
## Warning in med(beer$score.overall): Missing data removed
```

```
## [1] 71
```

```
median(beer$abv, na.rm = TRUE); med(beer$abv)
```

```
## [1] 5.9
```

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```

```
median(c(1:12, NA, NA), na.rm = TRUE); med(c(1:12, NA, NA))
```

```
## [1] 6.5
```

```
## Warning in med(c(1:12, NA, NA)): Missing data removed
```

```
## [1] 6.5
```

```
median(1:13); med(1:13)
```

```
## [1] 7
```

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```

5. Write a function that takes a generic numeric vector, `x`, and produces a plot of the histogram with the density overlayed. Make sure the y-axis still refers to frequencies, rather than densities. Make the function generic enough that other arguments can be passed to `plot()`. Use the function to produce a plot of `abv`, with the line color changed, and modified x-axis label and title.

```
histDens <- function(x, lineCol, ...) {  
  x <- as.numeric(x)  
  hist(x,  
    probability = TRUE,  
    axes = FALSE,  
    main = "",  
    xlab = "",  
    ylab = "")  
  
  lines(density(x, na.rm = TRUE),  
    col = as.character(lineCol),  
    lty = 3,  
    lwd = 3)  
  
  par(new = TRUE)  
  hist(x, ...)  
}  
histDens(beer$abv, lineCol = "blue",  
  main = "Alcohol by Volume",  
  xlab = "ABV")
```

Alcohol by Volumne

