

Part 1: Use the Alzheimer's Data (RM_xsect.csv) to complete the work below:

- (1) Read data into R for analysis.
- (2) Create a factor variables for the following variables. Be sure to include labels for the categories. [hint: use the data dictionary to determine appropriate labels]
 - a. CERAD Score (ceradsc)
 - b. BRAAK Score (braaksc)
- (3) Is there an association between (a) CERAD score and sex and (b) BRAAK score and sex? Compare the results.
- (4) Now we will explore the relationship between pathologically determined AD diagnosis (pathoAD) and sex
 - a. Is there an association?
 - b. Who is more likely to have a pathological diagnosis of AD (pathoAD), men or women?
 - c. What is the risk of a pathological diagnosis of AD (pathoAD) for men vs. women (hint: RR (95%CI)? Interpret that measure.
- (5) Now let's explore the relationship between clinically determined AD diagnosis (cad) and sex
 - a. Is there an association?
 - b. Who is more likely to have a clinical diagnosis of AD, men or women?
 - c. What is the risk of clinically diagnosed AD for men vs. women (hint: RR (95%CI)? Interpret that measure.
- (6) Cad is based on clinical observation of a patient whereas pathoAD is based on looking at the brain post-mortem. Using that information, speculate on the difference in the results in parts 5 and 6.

Part B: Use the Alzheimer's Data (RM_xsect.csv) to complete the work below:

- (7) Read data into R for analysis.
- (8) Create the following categorical variables (note: the first 2 you created in a previous exercise)
 - a. "global_lv" global cognition at last visit.
 - i. 1: [min to Q1),
 - ii. 2: [Q1 to median),
 - iii. 3: [median to Q3),
 - iv. 4: [Q3 to max).
 - b. Education as described below
 - i. 0 if education level is: High School (HS) or less education (education <= 12 years),
 - ii. 1 if education level is: University and more education (education > 12 years).
 - c. "global_bl" global cognition at baseline
 - i. 1: [min to Q1),
 - ii. 2: [Q1 to median),
 - iii. 3: [median to Q3),
 - iv. 4: [Q3 to max).
- (9) Is there an association between global cognition **at last visit** (**global_lv** categories) and education categories?
- (10) Is there an association between global cognition **at baseline visit** (**global_bl** categories) and education categories?
- (11) What do the results from part 3 & 4 tell you about the association between cognition and education?