

Problem Set 1

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Question 1 (50 points): Education

A school counselor was curious about the average of IQ of the students in her school and took a random sample of 25 students' IQ scores. The following is the data set:

```
1 iqData <- c(105, 69, 86, 100, 82, 111, 104, 110, 87, 108, 87, 90, 94, 113,  
2           112, 98, 80, 97, 95, 111, 114, 89, 95, 126, 98)
```

1. Find a 90% confidence interval for the average student IQ in the school.

```
# calculate sample statistics  
# capture the number of observations  
n <- length(iqData)  
  
# calculate mean  
iqSum <- sum(iqData)           # sum of IQ scores  
iqMean <- iqSum / n           # mean IQ score for sample  
  
# calculate variance and standard deviation  
iqVar <- sum((iqData - iqMean)^2)/(n-1)  
iqSD <- sqrt(iqVar)
```

The code for the t-test at 90% is:

```
t.val <- qt(alphaVal/2, df = n-1, lower.tail = FALSE)

CI_lower <- iqMean - t.val * iqse
CI_upper <- iqMean + t.val * iqse
```

The result was:

Our Confidence interval for the IQ of the students in the sample is:

93.96 < mean IQ < 102.92

with a confidence level of 90%.¹

2. Next, the school counselor was curious whether the average student IQ in her school is higher than the average IQ score (100) among all the schools in the country. Using the same sample, conduct the appropriate hypothesis test with $\alpha = 0.05$.

- (a) The number of observations is 25, which isn't ideal for t-test statistics (we would prefer at least 30 observations).
- (b) H_0 : the average iq score in the sample is less than the population average ie $\mu_O \leq \mu$
- (c) H_a : the average iq score in the sample is less than or equal to the population average ie $\mu_O > \mu$
- (d) Calculate test statistic

$$TS = \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}$$

- (e) Calculate p-value

$$p = Pr(Z \leq -|\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_O}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}|)$$

- (f) if $p \leq \alpha = 0.05$, we reject the null hypothesis

Code

```
# Test our hypothesis
alphaVal <- 0.05
popMean <- 100
#get test statistic
testStatistic <- (iqMean - popMean) / iqse
```

¹A Z-test gave a 90% CI of $94.13 < \mu < 102.75$.

```
pValue <- pnorm(-abs(testStatistic))

# calculate t-test p-value
t_pValue <- pt(abs(testStatistic), df = n-1, lower.tail = FALSE)
```

Results p-value for normal distribution is 0.276

t	df	p-value
-0.5957439	24	0.2784617

The p-value is greater than 5%, so we cannot reject the null hypothesis. The data does not support the suggestion that the school IQ scores are greater than the population average.

Question 2 (50 points): Political Economy

Researchers are curious about what affects the amount of money communities spend on addressing homelessness. The following variables constitute our data set about social welfare expenditures in the USA.

State	<i>50 states in US</i>
Y	<i>per capita expenditure on shelters/housing assistance in state</i>
X1	<i>per capita personal income in state</i>
X2	<i>Number of residents per 100,000 that are "financially insecure" in state</i>
X3	<i>Number of people per thousand residing in urban areas in state</i>
Region	<i>1=Northeast, 2= North Central, 3= South, 4=West</i>

Explore the `expenditure` data set and import data into R.

- Please plot the relationships among Y , $X1$, $X2$, and $X3$? What are the correlations among them (you just need to describe the graph and the relationships among them)?
- Please plot the relationship between Y and $Region$? On average, which region has the highest per capita expenditure on housing assistance?
- Please plot the relationship between Y and $X1$? Describe this graph and the relationship. Reproduce the above graph including one more variable $Region$ and display different regions with different types of symbols and colors.

Appendix - R code

```
1 #####
2 # Imelda Finn, 22334657
3 # POP77003 – Stats I
4 # clear global .envir, load libraries, set wd
5 #####
6
7 # remove objects
8 rm(list=ls())
9
10 # detach all libraries
11 detachAllPackages <- function() {
12   basic.packages <- c("package:stats", "package:graphics", "package:grDevices"
13     , "package:utils", "package:datasets", "package:methods", "package:base")
14   package.list <- search()[ifelse(unlist(gregexpr("package:", search()))==1,
15     TRUE, FALSE)]
16   package.list <- setdiff(package.list, basic.packages)
17   if (length(package.list)>0) for (package in package.list) detach(package,
18     character.only=TRUE)
19 }
20 detachAllPackages()
21
22 # load libraries
23 pkgTest <- function(pkg){
24   new.pkg <- pkg[!(pkg %in% installed.packages()[, "Package"])]
25   if (length(new.pkg))
26     install.packages(new.pkg, dependencies = TRUE)
27   supply(pkg, require, character.only = TRUE)
28 }
29
30 # load necessary packages
31 lapply(c("ggplot2", "stargazer", "tidyverse", "stringr"), pkgTest)
32
33 # set working directory to current parent folder
34 setwd(dirname(rstudioapi::getActiveDocumentContext()$path))
35
36 #####
37 # Problem 1
38 #####
39
40 # load data as vector – in .tex file – update if move from 38
41 iqData <- c(105, 69, 86, 100, 82, 111, 104, 110, 87, 108, 87, 90, 94, 113,
42   112, 98, 80, 97, 95, 111, 114, 89, 95, 126, 98)
43
44 ## Save our data to a .csv file in the data directory
45 write.csv(iqData,
46   file = "Data/iq.csv",
47   row.names = FALSE)
48
49 # Explore data
50 summary(iqData)
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48 str(iqData)
49 head(iqData)
50
51 # look at sampling from sample
52 meanIQ <- vector("double", length = 1000)
53 for (i in 1:1000) {
54   meanIQ[i] <- mean(sample(iqData, 25, replace=TRUE))
55 }
56 summary(meanIQ)
57 boxplot(meanIQ, iqData, xlab=c("averaged vs original sample"))
58
59
60 # Visually inspect the data
61 hist(iqData, breaks = 10, main = "Histogram of IQ", xlab = "IQ")
62
63 plot(density(iqData), main = "PDF of IQ", xlab = "IQ")
64
65 # Use a QQ plot to determine if our IQ variable is normally distributed
66 qqnorm(iqData)
67 qqline(iqData, distribution = qnorm)
68 # Sample values fall away from normal line at upper end
69
70 ##-----
71 # calculate sample statistics
72 # capture the number of observations
73 n <- length(iqData)
74
75 # calculate mean
76 iqSum <- sum(iqData)           # sum of IQ scores
77 iqMean <- iqSum / n           # mean IQ score for sample
78
79 # calculate variance and standard deviation
80 iqVar <- sum((iqData - iqMean)^2)/(n-1)
81 iqSD <- sqrt(iqVar)
82
83 iqse <- iqSD / sqrt(n)        # standard error of sample
84
85 ##-----
86 ## Confidence Intervals
87 # Calculate 90 percent confidence intervals using normal distribution
88 # assuming iqMean ~ N(mu, iqse)
89 alphaVal = 0.1
90 CI_lower <- qnorm(alphaVal/2, mean = iqMean, sd = iqse)
91
92 CI_upper <- qnorm(1-alphaVal/2, mean = iqMean, sd = iqse)
93
94 # output
95 cat(str_glue("{(1-alphaVal)*100}% Confidence Intervals, two-sided z-test"))
96 matrix(c(CI_lower, CI_upper), ncol = 2,
97        dimnames = list("", c("Lower", "Upper")))
98

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99 # Calculate 90 percent confidence intervals using t-test distribution
100 # degrees of freedom = n-1 = 24 - should be >30
101 t.val <- qt(alphaVal/2, df = n-1, lower.tail = FALSE)
102
103 CI_lower <- iqMean - t.val * iqse
104 CI_upper <- iqMean + t.val * iqse
105
106 # calculate using t-test
107 cat(str_glue("{(1-alphaVal)*100}% Confidence Intervals, two-sided t-test"))
108 matrix(c(CI_lower, CI_upper), ncol = 2,
109        dimnames = list("", c("Lower", "Upper")))
110
111 # t-test results in (slightly) wider confidence interval
112
113 # Check our working
114 #t.test(iqData, conf.level = 1-alphaVal, alternative = "two.sided")
115
116 cat("Our Confidence interval for the IQ of the students in the sample is: ")
117 cat(str_glue(" {round(CI_lower,2)} < mean IQ < {round(CI_upper,2)} "))
118 cat(str_glue("with a confidence level of {(1-alphaVal)*100}%"))
119
120
121 ##-----
122 ## Hypothesis Testing
123 # Wrangling our data
124 class(iqData) # What class of vector is our IQ variable? - numeric
125
126 # Hypothesis test:
127 # H0 : average IQ of students in school is less than or equal to national
    average
128 # Ha : average IQ of students in school is greater than national average
129
130 # alpha = 0.05, 1-tail test, single population
131
132 # don't have variance of population, only have mean to compare against
133
134 # Test our hypothesis
135 alphaVal <- 0.05
136 popMean <- 100
137 #get test statistic
138 testStatistic <- (iqMean - popMean) / iqse
139
140 pValue <- pnorm(-abs(testStatistic))
141
142 # calculate t-test p-value
143 t_pValue <- pt(abs(testStatistic), df = n-1, lower.tail = FALSE)
144
145 matrix(c(testStatistic, n-1, t_pValue), ncol = 3,
146        dimnames = list("", c("t", "df", "p-value")))
147 cat(str_glue("p-value for normal distribution is {round(pValue,3)}"))
148

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149
150 t.test( iqData ,
151         mu = 100, # population mean
152         var.equal = TRUE, # The default is FALSE – don't have var for popn
153         alternative = "less", # H0: sample mean > population mean
154         conf.level = .95) #
155
156
157 # How do we interpret the output?
158 # for confidence level of 95%, we cannot reject the hypothesis (p-value >
    alpha)
159
160
161 #####
162 # Problem 2
163 #####
164 # function to save output to a file that you can read in later to your docs
165 output_stargazer <- function(outputFile, appendVal=TRUE, ...) {
166   output <- capture.output(stargazer(...))
167   cat(paste(output, collapse = "\n"), "\n", file=outputFile, append=appendVal)
168 }
169
170 # read in expenditure data
171 expenditure <- read.table("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ASDS-TCD/StatsI_
    Fall2022/main/datasets/expenditure.txt", header=T)
172 #expenditure <- read.table(".././datasets/expenditure.txt", header=T)
173
174 # State 50 states in US
175 #Y per capita expenditure on shelters/housing assistance in state
176 #X1 per capita personal income in state
177 #X2 Number of residents per 100,000 that are "financially insecure" in state
178 #X3 Number of people per thousand residing in urban areas in state
179 #Region 1=Northeast, 2= North Central, 3= South, 4=West
180 data_headers <- c("State", "$ExpenditurePC", "$IncomePC", "FInsecureResidents"
    ,
181                   "UrbanResidents", "Region")
182 regions <- c("Northeast", "North Central", "South", "West")
183 names(expenditure)
184 #colnames(expenditure) <- data_headers
185
186 # Inspect the data
187 head(expenditure)
188 str(expenditure)
189 summary(expenditure)
190
191 #investigate spending on Housing assistance
192
193 # Visualise
194 hist(expenditure$Y,
195       #breaks = 12,
196       main = "Histogram of spending on HA ",

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197     xlab = "$, per capita"
198 )
199
200 plot(density(expenditure$Y),
201       main = "PDF of spending on HA ",
202       xlab = "$, per capita"
203 )
204
205 pairs(~Y + X1 + X2 + X3, expenditure)
206
207 qqnorm(expenditure$Y)
208 qqline(expenditure$Y,
209         distribution = qnorm)
210
211
212 # create plots of Y and Xn
213 onefile <- TRUE
214 #pdf( file = if(onefile) "expenditure_plots.pdf" else "expenditure_plots%03d.
215       pdf")
216 #pdf("plot_example.pdf" )
217
218 ggplot(expenditure) +
219   geom_point(aes( Y, X1), colour = "blue") +
220   geom_smooth(aes( Y, X1))
221
222 ggplot(expenditure) +
223   geom_point(aes( Y, X2), colour = "blue") +
224   geom_smooth(aes( Y, X2))
225
226 ggplot(expenditure) +
227   geom_point(aes( Y, X3), colour = "blue", ) +
228   geom_smooth(aes( Y, X3), colour = "red")
229
230 ggplot(expenditure) +
231   geom_point(aes( STATE, Y), colour = "green") +
232   geom_point(aes( STATE, X1), colour = "blue")
233
234 ggplot(expenditure) +
235   geom_point(aes( STATE, X1/Y), colour = "green")
236
237
238 ggplot(expenditure) +
239   geom_point(aes( Y, X1), colour = "blue")
240
241 ggplot(expenditure) +
242   geom_point(aes( Y, X2), colour = "green")
243
244 ggplot(expenditure) +
245   geom_point(aes( Y, X3)) +
246   geom_smooth(aes( Y, X3))

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247
248 #main = "Income per capita vs spending on HA "
249 ggplot(expenditure) +
250   geom_point(aes( Y, X1), colour = "blue") +
251   geom_smooth(aes( Y, X1))
252
253 #dev.off() # close pdf file
254
255
256 # regional expenditure on housing assistance
257
258 ggplot(expenditure) +
259   geom_point(aes( Y, X2, colour = factor(Region))) +
260   geom_smooth(aes( Y, X2))
261 #logarithmic scale
262
263 #factor(expenditure$Region) <- regions
264 ggplot(expenditure) +
265   geom_point(aes( Region, Y, colours = factor(Region)))
266 # more spread in r4, least in r2
267
268 # can see eg that no crossover in interquartile ranges
269 boxplot(expenditure$Y ~ expenditure$Region, # here we use formula notation to
        group
270         main = "Boxplot of per capita spending on HA by Region",
271         names=regions,
272         ylab = "$",
273         xlab = "")
274
275
276 regional_mean_table <-expenditure %>% # Tidyverse method for grouping
277   group_by(Region) %>%
278   summarise(mean = mean(Y))
279
280 regional_mean_table <- cbind(regional_mean_table, regions)
281
282 output_stargazer("regional_means.tex", appendVal = FALSE, regional_mean_table
        [, -1]) # file fragment
283
284 ggplot(re_means) +
285   geom_point(aes(regions, mean, colour = regions), size=3)
286
287 # West region has highest per capita mean expenditure on housing assistance
288
289 #-----
290 # look at income vs expenditure on HA, by region
291 #factor(expenditure$Region) <- regions
292 ggplot(expenditure) +
293   geom_point(aes( Y, X1)) +
294   geom_smooth(aes(Y, X1))
295

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296 ggplot(expenditure) +
297   geom_point(aes( Y, X1, colour= regions[Region], shape= regions[Region]))
298
299 ggplot(expenditure) +
300   geom_point(aes( Y, X1, colour= regions[Region], shape= regions[Region])) +
301   geom_smooth(aes(Y, X1))
302
303 ggplot(expenditure) +
304   geom_point(aes( Y, X1, colour= factor(Region), shape= factor(Region))) +
305   geom_smooth(aes( Y, X1, colour = factor(Region)))
306
307
308
309
310 ggplot(data = expenditure) +
311   geom_point(mapping = aes(x = Y, y = X1)) +
312   facet_wrap(~ Region, nrow = 2)
313
314
315 ## try - todo
316 mat <- as.matrix(with(expenditure, table(Y, Region)))
317
318
319 barplot(height = mat,
320         beside = TRUE,
321         legend.text = TRUE,
322         args.legend = list(x = "topleft",
323                           cex = 0.4,
324                           box.col = "white"))
325
326
327 # run an example regression, to show how to save table
328
329
330 lm(Y~X1, data=expenditure)
331 lm(Y~X2, data=expenditure)
332 lm(Y~X3, data=expenditure)
333
334 # execute function and check ls() to make sure it worked
335 ls()

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