Explore and summarize data using R

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Data exploration

- · Except when a full census is taken, we collect data on a sample a population.
- · Data we collect can either be categorical or continous
- · Then you can derive new variables using mutate

How can you summarize data?

- · Summary statistics, also known as descriptive statistics, is the first step in the analysis of data.
- · For a continuous variable you can summarize by
 - Measures of central tendency: Mean, Median, Mode
 - Measures of dispersion: variance, SD, mad, min, max, IQR
- · We mostly report an *Measures of central tendency* with its associated *Measures of dispersion*
- · For categorical variables you can do a count or frequency
 - proportions or percentages of the total number of individuals

Summary statistics for continuous {mean,sd}

- The *mean* or the *average* is the sum total of all the data point values of a numerical variable divided by the total number of data point values.
- In R we use the function mean () is used to calculate the mean

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \tag{1}$$

```
x <- c(10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)
mean(x)
y <- c(10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, NA)
mean(y)
```

· With missing values you have to exclude them in the calculation

[1] 12.5

```
y <- c(10, 11, 12,13,14,15 ,NA)
## with missing it returns an error
mean(y)

## [1] NA

## exclude missing values her
mean(y , na.rm=T)</pre>
```

- · variance is the average difference between each value and the mean.
- The **standard deviation** is the square root of the **variance**
- · The SD is what is mostly reported

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$
 (2)

- · Why sd and not variance?
- · In R we use the function sd() is used to calculate the mean

```
x \leftarrow c(10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)
sd(x)
y \leftarrow c(10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, NA)
sd(y, na.rm=T)
```

Summary statistics for continuous {median,min,max,mad}

- The _max__ and the **min** are the minimum and maximum values of a given variable respectively
- In R we use the function mix() and max() to find the minimum and maximum value.

```
x <- c(10, 11, 12,13,14,15)
min(x)
max(x)
y <- c(10, 11, 12,13,14,15, NA)
min(y, na.rm=T)
max(y, na.rm=T)</pre>
```

· The **median** is the midway value; half of the distribution lies below the **median** and half above it

$$ar{x} = rac{n+1}{2}th$$
 value of ordered values (3)

- The median is great for values that are not symmetric around the mean. For normally distributed values the median will be equal to mean.
- · NB: A histogram can help in checking the distribution
- In R we use the function median () is used to calculate the median

```
x <- c(10, 11, 12,13,14,15)
median(x)
y <- c(10, 11, 12,13,14,15 ,NA)
median(y , na.rm=T)</pre>
```

 \cdot However for the below vector a mean would be a misrepresentation so we would report median

```
z <- c(10, 11, 12,13,14,15,NA,100,200)
mean(z , na.rm=T)
median(z, na.rm=T)</pre>
```

- · SD rely on the mean value to compute the average distance of scores away from the center
 - The squared differences are used, thus SD is sensitive to outliers
- · MAD is a resistant measure of variability
 - Relies on the median as the estimate of the center of the distribution
 - Relies on the absolute difference rather than the squared difference
- · MAD is the median of the absolute deviations from the median

$$\mathrm{MAD} = \mathrm{median}(|X_i - \mathrm{median}(X)|)$$

· In R we use the function mad () is used to calculate the mad

z <- c(10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, NA, 100, 200)mad(z , na.rm=T)

Vectors are not giving lets use a dataframe!!

- · For the examples here I will use the cleaned data set
- · Lets I want to calculate a measure of central tendency
 - 1. Check the distribution then decide
 - 2. Check if there is any missing values
 - 3. Calculate the measure

Mean of age

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
  summarise(mean = mean(age, na.rm = T))
```

Mean and SD of age

Median, mad, min and max

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
  summarise(n=n(),
    median = median(age, na.rm = T) ,
    mad = mad(age,na.rm=T) ,
    min = min(age, na.rm=T) ,
    max = max(age, na.rm=T) )
```

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
  summarise(n=n(),
    median = median(age, na.rm = T) ,
    mad = mad(age,na.rm=T) ,
    min = min(age, na.rm=T) ,
    max = max(age, na.rm=T) ,
    ## what is IQR
    #difference between the third and the first quartile values.
    IQR = IQR(age, na.rm=T))
```

Summary statistics by groups

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
  group_by(gender) %>%
  summarise(n=n(),
    median = median(age, na.rm = T) ,
    mad = mad(age,na.rm=T) ,
    min = min(age, na.rm=T) ,
    max = max(age, na.rm=T) ,
    mean = mean(age, na.rm=T) ,
    sd = sd(age,na.rm=T))
```

Summary stats using the rstatix package

· A friendly approach and it is tidyverse and piping friendly

2 wt kg 6474 -11 111 54 25 52.7 18.6 0.231 0.453

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
  filter(gender!="") %>%
  group_by(gender) %>%
  rstatix::get_summary_stats(age, wt_kg , type = "common") %>%
  flextable::flextable() %>%
  theme_apa()
```

gender	variable	n	min	max	median	iqr	mean	sd	se	ci
f	age	3,080.00	0.00	52.00	11.00	14.00	12.73	9.62	0.17	0.34
f	wt_kg	3,080.00	-11.00	97.00	47.00	22.00	45.87	16.88	0.30	0.60
m	age	3,087.00	0.00	84.00	17.00	20.00	19.57	14.27	0.26	0.50
m	wt_kg	3,087.00	7.00	111.00	63.00	20.00	59.61	17.67	0.32	0.62

Summary of categorical variables

- · For categorical variables you can do a count or frequency
 - proportions or percentages of the total number of individuals
- The n(), count, tally() functions are utilized to count for categorical variables

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
count(gender)
```

```
## gender n
## 1 307
## 2 f 3080
## 3 m 3087
```

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
  group_by(gender) %>%
  tally()
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
## gender n
## 

## 1 "" 307
## 2 "f" 3080
## 3 "m" 3087
```

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
  group_by(gender) %>%
  summarise(n=n())

## # A tibble: 3 × 2
## gender n
```

<chr> <int>

2 "f" 3080 ## 3 "m" 3087

307

1 ""

1 ""

307 0.0474 4.74

2 "f" 3080 0.476 47.6 ## 3 "m" 3087 0.477 47.7

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
 group_by(gender) %>%
 tabyl(cough)
## cough n percent
## 250 0.0386160
## no 858 0.1325301
## yes 5366 0.8288539
hospital_df_merged %>%
 group_by(gender) %>%
 tabyl(cough) %>%
 adorn_pct_formatting()
   cough n percent
##
         250 3.9%
## no 858 13.3%
## yes 5366 82.9%
```

Apply reshape in summary

17.9

14.4

12.6

11.8

12.9

18.5

20.1

19.5

39

258127

428

2525

113

391

2583

"no"

"yes"

"no"

"yes"

"no"

"yes"

11 11

11 11

2 ""

3 ""

4 "f"

5 "f"

6 "f"

7 "m"

8 "m"

9 "m"

```
tbl1 <- hospital_df_merged %>%
   group_by(gender,cough) %>%
summarise(n=n() , mean_age=mean(age,na.rm=T))
tbl1

## # A tibble: 9 × 4
## # Groups: gender [3]
## gender cough  n mean_age
## <chr> <chr< <chr> <chr< <chr> <chr< <chr> <chr< <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr< <chr> <chr
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 7
## cough n_ n_f n_m mean_age_ mean_age_f mean_age_m
## cchr> <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <2bl> <2b
```

gtsummary package

```
##gtsummary package
hospital_df_merged %>%
  select(gender, outcome) %>%  # keep variables of interest
tbl_summary(by = outcome)
```

Characteristic	****, N = 1,459 ¹	Death , N = 2,849 ¹	Recover , N = 2,166 ¹
gender			
	80 (5.5%)	140 (4.9%)	87 (4.0%)
f	697 (48%)	1,339 (47%)	1,044 (48%)
m	682 (47%)	1,370 (48%)	1,035 (48%)
¹ n (%)			

Comparison of means

- · In a study of the determinants of weight, we may wish to compare the mean weight of individuals that had a cough and those that did not.
- Compares only 2 ggroups
- ullet In general we compare the mean of $x_coughed$ and $x_{!coughed}$
- Ttest is used to compare means: However take note of these assumptions Independence of observations - Normality of observations - Homogeneity of variances

```
hospital df merged <- hospital df merged %>%
   filter(case id!="") %>%
 filter(gender!="")
t.test(data=hospital df merged ,
      wt kg ~ gender)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: wt kg by gender
## t = -31.216, df = 6153.1, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group f and group m is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -14.59925 -12.87397
## sample estimates:
## mean in group f mean in group m
##
      45.86948
                         59.60609
```

A clean output

```
df test <- hospital df merged %>% filter(cough!="")
t.test(data=df test ,
      wt kg ~ cough)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: wt kg by cough
## t = -1.5934, df = 1078.8, p-value = 0.1114
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group no and group yes is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -2.5481709 0.2642594
## sample estimates:
## mean in group no mean in group yes
##
          51.82418
                     52.96613
```

gtsummary package

```
hospital_df_merged %>%
  filter(cough!="") %>%  ## remove missing cough
  select(wt_kg, cough) %>%  # keep variables of interest
  tbl_summary(  # produce summary table
    statistic = wt_kg ~ "{mean} ({sd})", # specify what statistics to show
    by = cough) %>%  # specify the grouping variable
  add_p(wt_kg ~ "t.test")  # specify what tests to perform
```

Characteristic	no , N = 819 ¹	yes , N = 5,108 ¹	p-value ²		
wt_kg	52 (19)	53 (19)	0.11		
¹ Mean (SD)					
² Welch Two Sample t-test					

Comparison of proportions