Tutorial 3: Comparisons and Inference

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Today's Agenda

- 1. Covariance
- 2. Correlation
- 3. Cross-tabs
- 4. Central Limit Theorem
- 5. t-tests
- 6. p-values

Question: sometimes R gives you output like this:

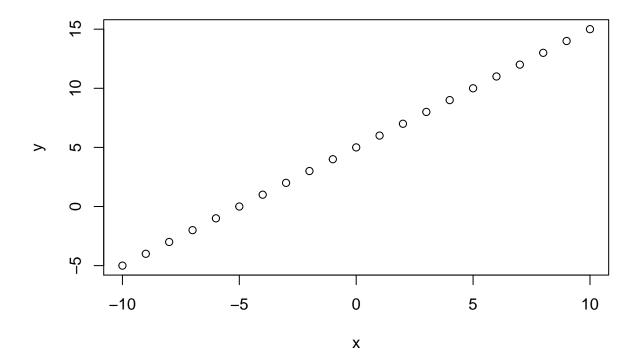
2.43e-05

What does this mean?

Topic 1: Covariance

Let us create two variables that are clearly linearly dependent on each other.

```
x=seq(-10,10)
y=(x+5)
plot(x,y)
```



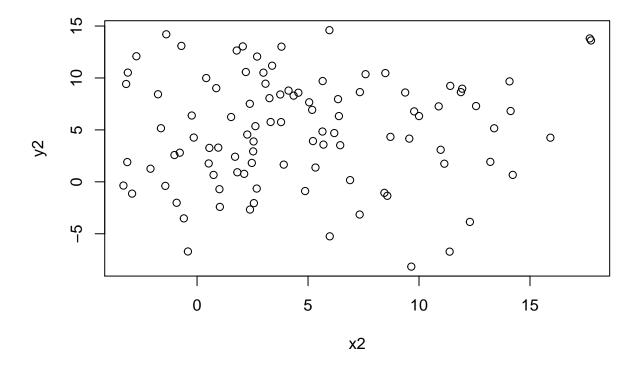
The covariance of these two variables is positive - as x increases so does y.

```
cov(x,y)
```

[1] 38.5

Let us create two variables that have no relationship to each other:

```
x2=rnorm(100,mean=5,sd=5)
y2=rnorm(100,mean=5,sd=5) # Both variables are just random drows from the normal distribution
plot(x2,y2)
```



The covariance should be close to zero - due to the randomness of the data it is most likely not exactly zero though.

```
cov(x2,y2)
```

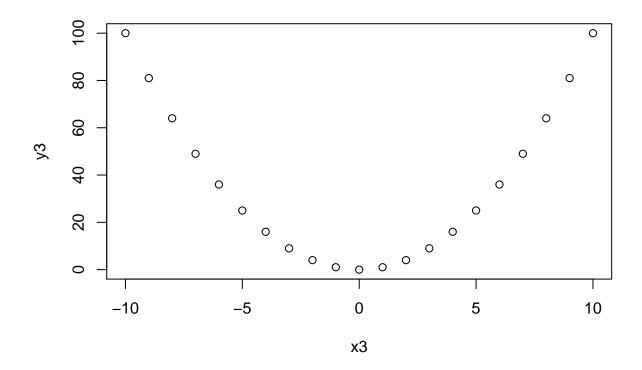
[1] 1.907246

Note that this means even variables that are completely random and not related to each other may produce a non-zero covariance. However, the E(Cov(x2,y2))=0, so the distribution of the covariance is centered on the value 0.

Independence implies that the expected value of the covariance is zero.

Does a covariance of zero imply independence?

```
x3=seq(-10,10)
y3=x3^2
plot(x3,y3)
```



As we can clearly see from the plot, there is a curvilinear relationship of the two variables - they are not independent.

cov(x3,y3)

[1] 0

The formula tells us that the covariance is zero. Why?

Covariance captures linear relationships.

When x3 is below its mean, the values of y3 vary in the exact same way as when x3 is above its mean.

The formula can't capture the curvilinear relationship because it looks at the variation of y3 relative to x3's deviation from its mean. y3 varies in the exact same way when x3 moves above and below its mean. Thus, there is no linear relationship that could be captured.

Topic 2: Correlation

As you've learned in the lecture, the problem with covariance is that it is not to scale. It doesn't really tell us that much about how much variables vary with each other because it doesn't account for their individual variation magnitudes. However, correlation standardizes covariance by the standard deviation of the two variables. The result is that the measure of correlation is bound between -1 and 1.

```
cor(x,y) ### Why does this produce "1". What is the meaning of this value?
## [1] 1
How about x2 and y2 that are completely random?
cor(x2,y2) # The correlation is extremely close to zero, indicating that there is no systematic linear
## [1] 0.07205036
Does correlation capture non-linear relationships equally well?
Correlation is a mathematical concept. We cannot find the correlation between a numeric and a character
vector.
y4=rep(c("a","b","c"),7)
y4
  [1] "a" "b" "c" "a" "b"
## [18] "c" "a" "b" "c"
is.numeric(y4) # Checks whether y4 is numeric and returns the argument FALSE.
## [1] FALSE
cor(x,y4) # Gives us the error message "y must be numeric".
## Error in cor(x, y4): 'y' must be numeric
Interestingly, however, R allows us to find the correlation between a numeric and a logical vector, although a
logical vector is not numeric.
y5=rep(c(T,F,F),7)
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is.numeric(y5) # Checks whether y5 is numeric and returns the argument FALSE.
## [1] FALSE
class(y5) # Returns the class of the vector.
## [1] "logical"
```

```
cor(x,y5) # Returns a value.
```

```
## [1] -0.1167748
```

How do we have to think about this?

Assume that T=1 and F=0.

```
y6=rep(c(1,0,0),7) cor(x,y6) # Returns the same value as above, meaning that R views T=1 and F=0
```

```
## [1] -0.1167748
```

Topic 3: Cross-tabs

R has several built-in datasets, let's have a look at them.

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library(datasets)
data(occupationalStatus)
occupationalStatus
```

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CrossTable(occupationalStatus)

According to the documentation this is "Cross-classification of a sample of British males according to each subject's occupational status and his father's occupational status."

The source is a journal article from 1979: "Goodman, L. A. (1979) Simple Models for the Analysis of Association in Cross-Classifications having Ordered Categories."

Let us assume that 1 is a low occupational status and 8 is a high occupational status (it might be the opposite). Is there a relationship between the status of the father and the son?

Before using the command below, use install.packages("gmodels").

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library(gmodels)
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How can we interpret this table?

Topic 4: Central Limit Theorem

The Central Limit Theorem says that if we have infinitely many draws of the same size from a specific distribution, the mean of this distribution will be approximately normally distributed.

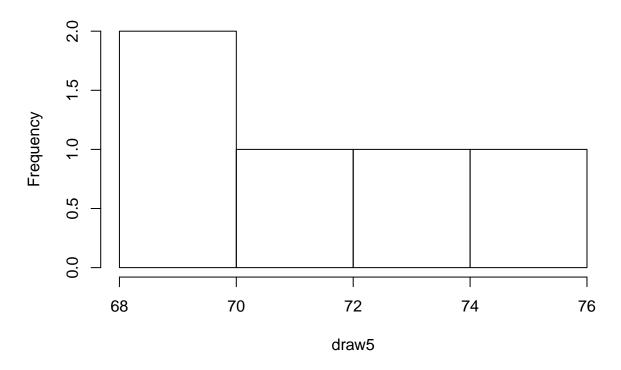
Let us illustrate this with a simple example of the binomial distribution.

```
draw1=rbinom(1,size=100,p=0.67)
draw1
```

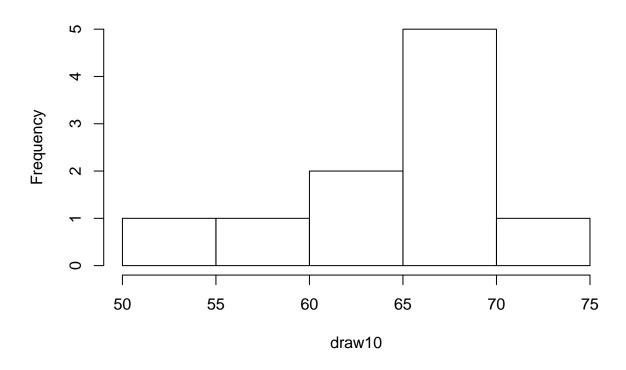
[1] 60

##

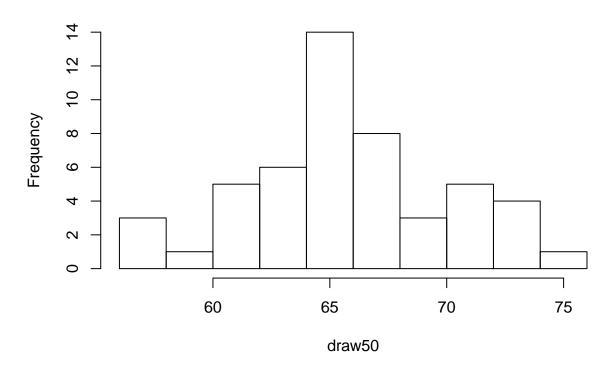
```
draw5=rbinom(5,size=100,p=0.67)
hist(draw5)
```



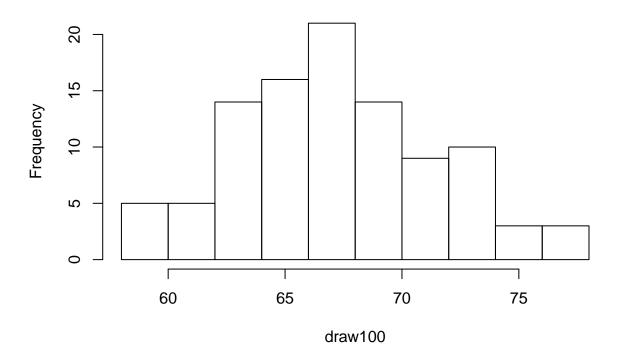
draw10=rbinom(10,size=100,p=0.67)
hist(draw10)



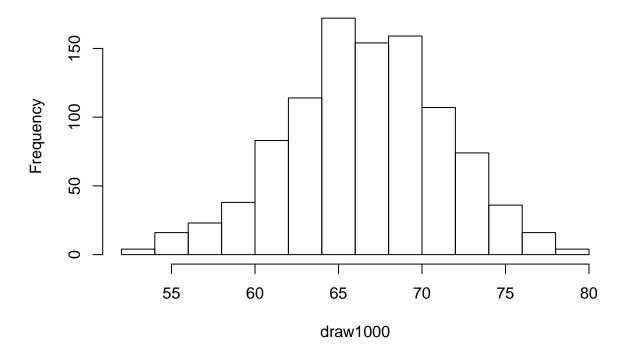
draw50=rbinom(50,size=100,p=0.67)
hist(draw50)



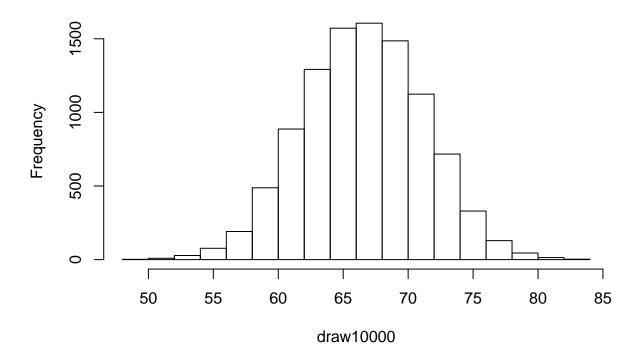
draw100=rbinom(100,size=100,p=0.67)
hist(draw100)



draw1000=rbinom(1000,size=100,p=0.67)
hist(draw1000)



draw10000=rbinom(10000,size=100,p=0.67)
hist(draw10000) # This really looks like a normal distribution

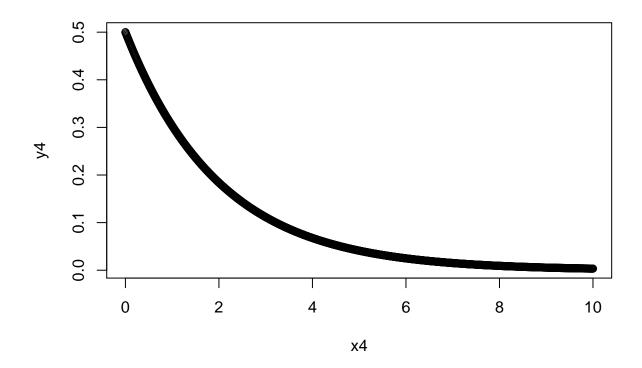


Note that this is true for any distribution, even those that are NOT normally distributed themselves (the distribution of a binomial looks similar to a normal distribution for large N).

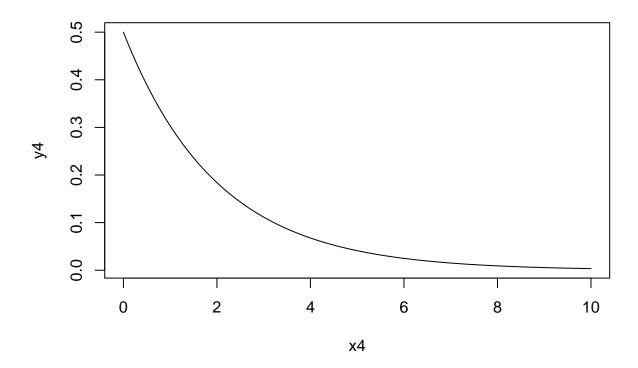
Let's try a similar example with an exponential distribution. The exponential distribution doesn't look like a normal distribution.

How does an exponential distribution look like?

```
x4=seq(0,10,by=0.01)
y4=dexp(x4, rate=0.5) # Returns the density
plot(x4,y4) # This doesn't look nice
```



plot(x4,y4, type="l") # Use type="l" for a line plot



We can also use the ggplot2 package to make it look even nicer.

Use the command install.packages("ggplot2") before you run this code.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.2.2
```

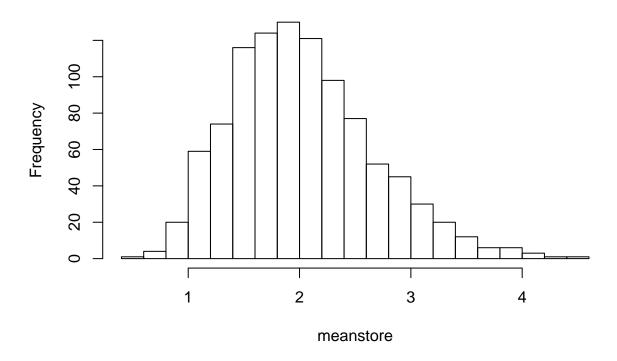
```
plot1=qplot(x4,y4) # Now that looks even nicer
```

Recall: The Central Limit Theorem states that if we have multiple samples of the same size, their mean will be approximately normally distributed.

So, what happens if we draw 1000 times 10 samples from this distribution, how will their mean be distributed?

```
meanstore=rep(0,1000)
for (i in 1:1000){
  expdraw=rexp(10, rate=0.5)
  meanstore[i]=mean(expdraw)
}
hist(meanstore, breaks=20) # It is approximately normally distributed, as predicted by the CLT.
```

Histogram of meanstore



Topic 5: t-tests

t-tests allow us to either compare the mean of two populations or to compare the mean of one population against a theoretical example

Let us create two sets of numbers that come from normal distributions with different means.

```
vec1=rnorm(30,mean=2,sd=1)
vec2=rnorm(30,mean=3,sd=1)
```

The t-test allows us to find out the likelihood that these two come from the same distribution:

```
t.test(vec1,vec2)
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: vec1 and vec2
## t = -4.2275, df = 53.789, p-value = 9.213e-05
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -1.5184384 -0.5414579
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
## 2.114976 3.144925
```

What does this t-value mean? What does this p-value mean?

We can also compare a single sample against a mean that we define to be our H0.

```
t.test(vec1,mu=2)
```

```
##
## One Sample t-test
##
## data: vec1
## t = 0.58996, df = 29, p-value = 0.5598
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 2
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 1.716384 2.513569
## sample estimates:
## mean of x
## 2.114976
```

What does this t-value mean? What does this p-value mean?

Topic 6: p-values

Typically, a p-value is related to a type-1 error rate (alpha) that we define in advance. Type-1 errors refer to the incorrect rejection of a true null hypothesis. Often we want alpha to be smaller than 0.05.

Typically, our null hypothesis (H0) is that there is no relationship between two variables.

The p-value is the probability that we get data with evidence that is such strong AGAINST H0 if H0 was true. Think about what this means. If we define a threshold of p to be p < 0.05, then we have a type-1 error rate of alpha = 0.05.

Let's load another R dataset that can illustrate this. The "airquality" dataset. According to the documentation, this is "Daily air quality measurements in New York, May to September 1973."

More details can be found here:

```
data(airquality)
airquality
```

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                   201
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## 144
                                        9
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                                64
## 145
                         9.2
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                                            22
           23
                    14
                                71
## 146
           36
                   139 10.3
                                81
                                        9
                                            23
## 147
            7
                    49 10.3
                                69
                                        9
                                            24
## 148
                    20 16.6
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           14
                                        9
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## 149
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                   193
                        6.9
                                70
                                        9
## 150
                   145 13.2
                                77
                                        9
                                            27
## 151
                   191 14.3
                                75
                                        9
                                            28
           14
## 152
           18
                   131
                        8.0
                                76
                                        9
                                            29
## 153
           20
                   223 11.5
                                68
                                        9
                                            30
```

summary (airquality) # Use this command if you don't want to see the whole dataset but just a summary of

```
##
        Ozone
                          Solar.R
                                              Wind
                                                                Temp
##
    Min.
           : 1.00
                      Min.
                              : 7.0
                                        Min.
                                                : 1.700
                                                          Min.
                                                                  :56.00
    1st Qu.: 18.00
                                        1st Qu.: 7.400
##
                       1st Qu.:115.8
                                                           1st Qu.:72.00
                                                          Median :79.00
##
    Median : 31.50
                      Median :205.0
                                        Median : 9.700
##
    Mean
            : 42.13
                      Mean
                              :185.9
                                        Mean
                                                : 9.958
                                                           Mean
                                                                  :77.88
                                                           3rd Qu.:85.00
##
    3rd Qu.: 63.25
                       3rd Qu.:258.8
                                        3rd Qu.:11.500
##
    Max.
            :168.00
                      Max.
                              :334.0
                                        Max.
                                                :20.700
                                                           Max.
                                                                   :97.00
                      NA's
##
    NA's
            :37
                              :7
##
        Month
                           Day
##
    Min.
            :5.000
                     Min.
                             : 1.0
##
    1st Qu.:6.000
                     1st Qu.: 8.0
##
    Median :7.000
                     Median:16.0
    Mean
            :6.993
                     Mean
                             :15.8
##
    3rd Qu.:8.000
                     3rd Qu.:23.0
##
    Max.
            :9.000
                             :31.0
                     Max.
##
```

Our question is: is there a linear relationship between the Ozone measures and the Solar.R measures?

Let us use linear regression to answer this question:

```
lm1=lm(Ozone ~ Solar.R, data=airquality)
```

The summary of this linear regression will return a t-value and a p-value for the intercept and all coefficients.

summary(lm1)

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Ozone ~ Solar.R, data = airquality)
##
## Residuals:
##
                   Median
                                30
       Min
                1Q
  -48.292 -21.361
                    -8.864
                            16.373 119.136
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                           6.74790
                                     2.756 0.006856 **
## (Intercept) 18.59873
                                     3.880 0.000179 ***
## Solar.R
                0.12717
                           0.03278
                  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
##
## Residual standard error: 31.33 on 109 degrees of freedom
     (42 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1213, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1133
## F-statistic: 15.05 on 1 and 109 DF, p-value: 0.0001793
```

The last column Pr(>|t|) is the p-value of the t-test. How do we interpret this finding?

The probability to find this data if H0 is true (i.e. there is no relationship between Ozone and Solar.R) is 0.1%. This is strong evidence against H0. Therefore we reject H0 under p < 0.001. Please pay close attention to the difference between percent (0-100) and proportions (0-1).

How would we interpret the finding with respect to the linear relationship between the two variables? The interpretation would look like this:

There is a positive linear relationship between Ozone and Solar.R. For a 1-point increase in Solar.R, we would expect a 0.13 increase in Ozone (in a multivariate model we would have to add: "holding all other variables constant"). The associated t-value is 3.880. This t-value implies a p-value of 0.0002. This p < 0.001 corresponds to a type-1 error rate of alpha < 0.001, meaning that the relationship is significant at all common levels of statistical significance.

Note that there are four important levels of statistical significane:

 $p \le 0.001$, corresponds to a type-1 error rate (alpha) of 0.001 $p \le 0.01$, corresponds to a tye-1 error rate (alpha) of 0.01 $p \le 0.05$, corresponds to a type-1 error rate (alpha) of 0.05 $p \le 0.1$, corresponds to a type-1 error rate (alpha) of 0.1

If a coefficient has a p-value of p < 0.001, the linear relationship is significant at all common levels of statistical significance.

Note: If you have a linear regression with multiple independent variables, then the code you need to use looks like the following:

```
lm(y \sim x1 + x2 + x3)
```