Initiation to R Software

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Problem Set III

1) Import and export data

- a) Create an ASCII file (a text file with tabulation separator) with 4 columns (3 numeric, 1 character) and 5 observations. Give the columns names in the first row. Save this file in the working directory.
- b) Import this file in R, in an object of type data.frame. Print the content of the object, check rows/columns names (name(), dimnames(), colnames(), rownames()).
- c) Choose rows names.
- d) Add a column whose values indicate if values in the third columns are greater than 10 (1 if > 10, 0 elsewhere).
- e) Export the new data.frame to the working directory in a text file, with space separator, without rows/columns names.

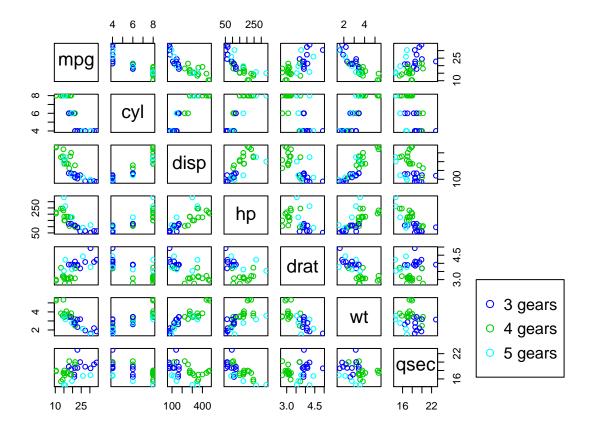
2) Probability distributions

- a) Compute the probability that a random variable X following a binomial distribution $\mathcal{B}(10, \frac{1}{3})$ takes the value 0, 1, 2, ..., 10, i.e P(X = k).
- b) Compute the probability that a random variable X following a binomial distribution $\mathcal{B}(10, \frac{1}{3})$ takes values less than or equal to 10 and greater than 5, i.e $P(5 < X \le 10)$.
- c) Compute the value x for which $P(X \le x) = 0.97$, where X follows a normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$.
- d) Compute the quantile of order 2% of a Student's distribution with 5 degrees of freedom ($\sqcup (5)$).

3) Descriptive statistics

Load the *mtcars* dataset from the package base, and print its content. Below is a statistica summary of the dataset and a plot of pairs of continuous variables.

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: 52.0
                            :4.000
                                             : 71.1
##
    Min.
           :10.40
                     Min.
                                      Min.
                                                       Min.
##
    1st Qu.:15.43
                     1st Qu.:4.000
                                      1st Qu.:120.8
                                                       1st Qu.: 96.5
##
    Median :19.20
                     Median :6.000
                                      Median :196.3
                                                       Median :123.0
                                            :230.7
##
    Mean
           :20.09
                     Mean
                           :6.188
                                      Mean
                                                       Mean
                                                             :146.7
    3rd Qu.:22.80
                     3rd Qu.:8.000
                                      3rd Qu.:326.0
                                                       3rd Qu.:180.0
                            :8.000
                                              :472.0
##
           :33.90
                                                               :335.0
    Max.
                     Max.
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         drat
##
    Min.
           :2.760
                     Min.
                            :1.513
                                      Min.
                                              :14.50
                                                       Min.
                                                              :0.0000
    1st Qu.:3.080
                     1st Qu.:2.581
                                      1st Qu.:16.89
                                                       1st Qu.:0.0000
##
    Median :3.695
                     Median :3.325
                                      Median :17.71
                                                       Median :0.0000
##
           :3.597
                     Mean
                            :3.217
                                             :17.85
                                                              :0.4375
    Mean
                                      Mean
                                                       Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:3.920
                     3rd Qu.:3.610
                                      3rd Qu.:18.90
                                                       3rd Qu.:1.0000
##
    Max.
           :4.930
                     Max.
                            :5.424
                                      Max.
                                              :22.90
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    Min.
           :0.0000
                      Min.
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                                              :1.000
                      1st Qu.:3.000
##
    1st Qu.:0.0000
                                       1st Qu.:2.000
    Median :0.0000
                      Median :4.000
##
                                       Median :2.000
##
    Mean
           :0.4062
                      Mean
                             :3.688
                                       Mean
                                              :2.812
   3rd Qu.:1.0000
                      3rd Qu.:4.000
                                       3rd Qu.:4.000
   Max.
           :1.0000
                      Max.
                             :5.000
                                       {\tt Max.}
                                              :8.000
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- a) For continuous variables you can have a statistical summary computing standard empirical estimations: mean, variance, first and third quartiles and median. Compute these estimators on *mtcars* columns that correspond to continuous variables (use summary()). Plot the corresponding histograms/boxplots (use hist() and boxplot()). Comment.
- b) Identify the variables for which the assumption of normality is plausible (use qqnorm() and qqline()).
- c) Evaluate the possible correlations between these variables (use cor()).
- d) For discrete variables, provide a table of counts (use table()) and a graphical representation of this table (barplot(table()). Comment.

4) Generate random samples, empirical mean and variance

- a) Generate 100 samples of size 100 from a normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(3,1)$. For each sample, compute the mean and the empirical variance (use apply(), replicate()).
- b) Compute the mean and variance of the two series.
- c) Plot on the same figure the histogram of relative counts with a kernel estimation of the means series.
- d) Re-run for 100, 500, 1000 samples. What do you observe?
- e) Comment the results.

5) Random sampling

- a) Simulate 25 draws of a coin.
- b) Test the following commands:
- urn = c(rep("red"", 8), rep("blue", 4), rep("yellow", 3)); sample(urn, 6, replace = F)
- plot(0:10, dbinom(0:10, size = 10, prob = .25), type="h", lwd = 30, col = "gray", main="Binomial distribution; n=10; p=0.25")

- curve(dnorm(x), from = -3, to = 3)
- curve(pnorm(x, mean = 10, sd = 2),from = 4,to = 16)