

Homework Assignment 1 PSTAT 131

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##  
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'  
  
## The following object is masked from 'package:MASS':  
##  
##     select  
  
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':  
##  
##     filter, lag  
  
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':  
##  
##     intersect, setdiff, setequal, union  
  
algae <- read.table("algaeBloom.txt", col.names=  
    c('season', 'size', 'speed', 'mxPH', 'mnO2', 'Cl', 'NO3', 'NH4',  
      'oP04', 'P04', 'Chla', 'a1', 'a2', 'a3', 'a4', 'a5', 'a6', 'a7'),  
    na = "XXXXXXX")  
glimpse(algae)  
  
## Rows: 200  
## Columns: 18  
## $ season <chr> "winter", "spring", "autumn", "spring", "autumn", "winter", "su~  
## $ size   <chr> "small", "small", "small", "small", "small", "small", ~  
## $ speed  <chr> "medium", "medium", "medium", "medium", "medium", "high", "high~  
## $ mxPH   <dbl> 8.00, 8.35, 8.10, 8.07, 8.06, 8.25, 8.15, 8.05, 8.70, 7.93, 7.7~  
## $ mnO2   <dbl> 9.8, 8.0, 11.4, 4.8, 9.0, 13.1, 10.3, 10.6, 3.4, 9.9, 10.2, 11.~  
## $ Cl     <dbl> 60.80, 57.75, 40.02, 77.36, 55.35, 65.75, 73.25, 59.07, 21.95, ~  
## $ NO3    <dbl> 6.238, 1.288, 5.330, 2.302, 10.416, 9.248, 1.535, 4.990, 0.886,~  
## $ NH4    <dbl> 578.00, 370.00, 346.67, 98.18, 233.70, 430.00, 110.00, 205.67, ~  
## $ oP04   <dbl> 105.00, 428.75, 125.67, 61.18, 58.22, 18.25, 61.25, 44.67, 36.3~  
## $ P04    <dbl> 170.00, 558.75, 187.06, 138.70, 97.58, 56.67, 111.75, 77.43, 71~  
## $ Chla   <dbl> 50.000, 1.300, 15.600, 1.400, 10.500, 28.400, 3.200, 6.900, 5.5~  
## $ a1     <dbl> 0.0, 1.4, 3.3, 3.1, 9.2, 15.1, 2.4, 18.2, 25.4, 17.0, 16.6, 32.~  
## $ a2     <dbl> 0.0, 7.6, 53.6, 41.0, 2.9, 14.6, 1.2, 1.6, 5.4, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, ~  
## $ a3     <dbl> 0.0, 4.8, 1.9, 18.9, 7.5, 1.4, 3.2, 0.0, 2.5, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 2.~  
## $ a4     <dbl> 0.0, 1.9, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 3.9, 0.0, 0.0, 2.9, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0~  
## $ a5     <dbl> 34.2, 6.7, 0.0, 1.4, 7.5, 22.5, 5.8, 5.5, 0.0, 0.0, 1.2, 0.0, 1~  
## $ a6     <dbl> 8.3, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 4.1, 12.6, 6.8, 8.7, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0~  
## $ a7     <dbl> 0.0, 2.1, 9.7, 1.4, 1.0, 2.9, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.7, 6.0, 1.5, 2.1~
```

1. Descriptive summary statistics

(a)

```
algae %>%
  group_by(season) %>%
  summarize(n = n())

## # A tibble: 4 x 2
##   season     n
##   <chr>   <int>
## 1 autumn    40
## 2 spring    53
## 3 summer    45
## 4 winter    62
```

(b)

```
c(Missing_Vals = sum(is.na(algae)))

## Missing_Vals
##             33

chemicals <- c("mxPH", "mnO2", "Cl", "NO3", "NH4", "oPO4", "PO4", "Chla")

mean_and_var <- function(x) {
  mean_x <- mean(x, na.rm = T)
  var_x <- var(x, na.rm = T)

  return(c(Mean = mean_x, Variance = var_x))
}

sapply(algae[, chemicals], mean_and_var)

##          mxPH mnO2      Cl    NO3      NH4      oPO4      PO4    Chla
## Mean     8.012 9.118  43.64  3.282  501.3  73.59  137.9 13.97
## Variance 0.358 5.718 2193.17 14.262 3851584.7 8305.85 16639.4 420.08
```

The means and the variances differ significantly between chemicals. Where mxPH and mnO2 have small variances and NH4, PO4, and oPO4 have massive ones.

(c)

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median_and_MAD <- function(x) {
  median_x <- median(x, na.rm = T)
  MAD_x <- median(abs(x - median_x), na.rm = T)
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    return(c(median = median_x, MAD = MAD_x))
}

sapply(algae[, chemicals], median_and_MAD)

##          mxPH   mnO2      Cl      NO3      NH4      oPO4      P04     Chla
## median  8.06  9.800  32.73  2.675 103.17  40.15 103.3  5.475
## MAD     0.34  1.385  22.43  1.465  75.29  29.71  82.5  4.500

```

Comparing the mean and the median we can see that the means are typically higher than the medians. Additionally they medians and MAD's for the chemicals appear to be more calm suggesting that there are outliers in the observations. The only chemicals where this isn't the case are from mxPH and mnO2 where their means and medians are close along with not having extreme variances.

2. Data visualization

(a)

The distribution is heavily skewed right for NH4

(b)

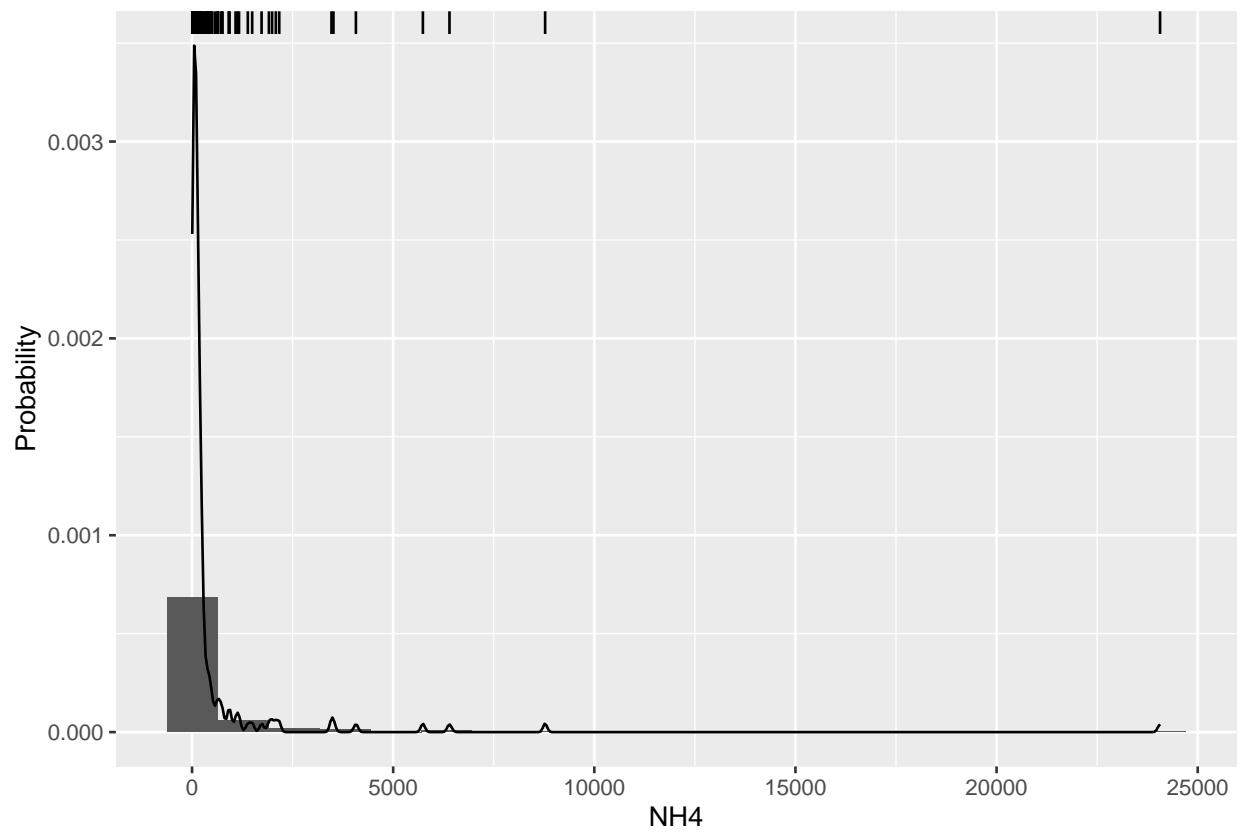
```

algaeBloom<-alga
algaeBloom <- na.omit(algaeBloom)
algaeBloom$NH4 <- as.numeric(algaeBloom$NH4)

ggplot(algaeBloom, aes(x = NH4)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), bins = 20) +
  labs(
    x="NH4",
    y="Probability",
    title="Histogram of NH4"
  ) +
  geom_density() +
  geom_rug(sides='t')

```

Histogram of NH4



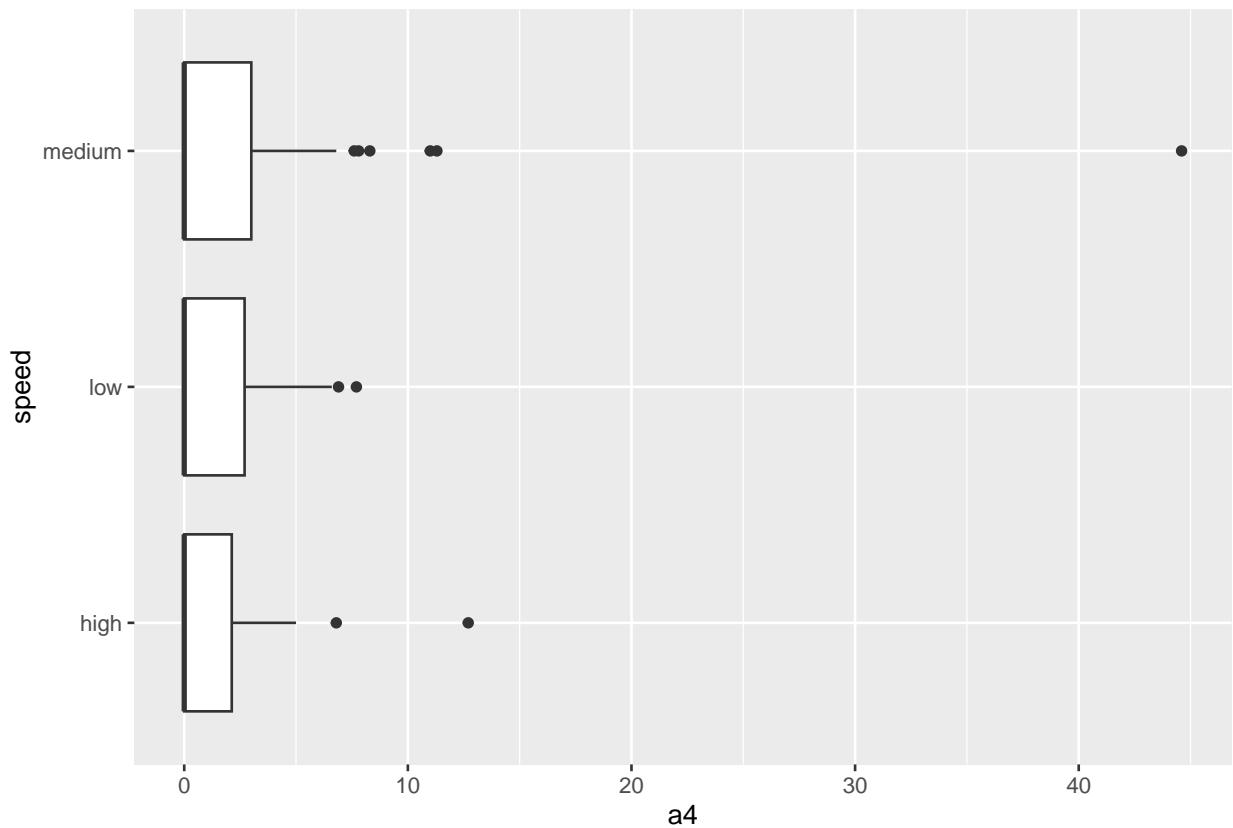
(c)

The box plots for all three speeds are skewed right.

```
a4_speed <- algaeBloom %>%
  select(a4, speed) %>%
  group_by(speed)

ggplot(a4_speed, aes(x=a4, y=speed)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(
    title="A conditioned Boxplot of Algal a4"
  )
```

A conditioned Boxplot of Algal a4



3. Dealing with missing values

(a)

```
sum(!complete.cases(algae))

## [1] 16

sapply(algae, function(x) sum(length(which(is.na(x)))))

##   season    size   speed   mxPH   mnO2     C1    NO3   NH4   oPO4   PO4   Chla 
##      0       0       0       1       2      10      2      2      2      2      12
```

	season	size	speed	mxPH	mnO2	C1	NO3	NH4	oPO4	PO4	Chla
##	0	0	0	1	2	10	2	2	2	2	12
##	a1	a2	a3	a4	a5	a6	a7				
##	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				

(b)

```
algae.del <- algae %>%
  filter(complete.cases(.))

nrow(algae.del)
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## [1] 184
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4.

(a)

The reducible error terms are

$$Var(\hat{f}(x_0)) + [Bias(\hat{f}(x_0))]^2$$

and the irreducible error term is

$$Var(\epsilon)$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} &= E[(f(x_0) + \epsilon - \hat{f}(x_0))^2] \\ &= E[(f(x_0) - \hat{f}(x_0))^2] + 2E[\epsilon(f(x_0) - \hat{f}(x_0))] + E[\epsilon^2] \\ &= E[(f(x_0) - \hat{f}(x_0))^2] + E[\epsilon^2] \\ &= Var(\hat{f}(x_0)) + [Bias(\hat{f}(x_0))]^2 + Var(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Since $Var(\hat{f}(x_0)) + [Bias(\hat{f}(x_0))]^2 \geq 0$ that means $E[(f(x_0) - \hat{f}(x_0))^2] \geq Var(\epsilon)$.