# Basic R Materials for 432 and 500

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#### 0.1 Load R packages

```
library(Hmisc)
library(Epi)
library(car)
library(naniar)
library(simputation)
library(broom)
library(magrittr); library(janitor); library(here)
library(tidyverse)

theme_set(theme_bw()) # I like the theme_bw() theme for my plots
```

#### 0.2 Read in Three Data Sets

```
dm401 <- read csv(here("data", "dm401.csv")) %>%
   type.convert() # converts characters to factors
Warning in type.convert.default(x[[i]], ...): 'as.is' should be specified by the
caller; using TRUE
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caller; using TRUE
demodata <- read csv(here("data", "demodata.csv")) %>%
    type.convert() # converts characters to factors
Warning in type.convert.default(x[[i]], ...): 'as.is' should be specified by the
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caller; using TRUE
sep <- read csv(here("data", "sep.csv")) %>%
    type.convert() # converts characters to factors
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caller; using TRUE
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caller; using TRUE
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caller; using TRUE
```

It is an odd feeling when you love what you do and everyone else seems to hate it. I get to peer into lists of numbers and tease out knowledge that can help people live longer, healthier lives. But if I tell friends I get a kick out of statistics, they inch away as if I have a communicable disease.

- Andrew Vickers What is a P Value, Anyway?

# 1 Some Opening Thoughts

My goals in this document are to help catalyze your efforts towards ...

- 1. Applying statistical methods in evaluating clinical or public health interventions without the use of a , emphasizing activities that might be plausible in a real research project
- 2. Using the R statistical programming language (free at cran.case.edu) and the R Studio interface (free at rstudio.com) and R Markdown to obtain statistical results for comparison and simple modeling given some data.

This material provides some insight into...

- Gathering, managing and describing data
- How to think about collecting some data
- How to get data into the infernal machine
- How to get some useful graphs/other stuff out of it
- How to fit multiple regression and logistic regression models in R

In fact, though, statistical thinking is about a lot more than this. At the very least, it's about

- planning the study,
- collecting then cleaning the data,
- analyzing the results,
- interpreting the analyses and
- presenting the study.

Statistics is far too important to be left to statisticians!

# 2 Getting R and R Studio onto your computer

See the software page on our web site for some detailed instructions on getting R and R Studio onto your computer. Some tips for using RStudio and, in particular, R Markdown are in the last section of this document.

# 3 Getting Data into R from Excel or another Software Package: The Fundamentals

The easiest way to get data from another software package into R is to save the file (from within the other software package) in a form that R can read. What you want is to end up with an Excel file that looks like this...

	Α	В	C	D	
1	Patient	Drug	Gender	Response	
2	MVV	Α	M	23	
3	П	В	F	15	
4	KH	В	M	18	
5	GC	Α	M	29	
6	DS	В	F	34	
7	HJ	В	F	15	
8	KM	Α	M	7	
9	RS	А	M	19	
10	DG	Α	F	22	
4.4					

The variable names are in the first row, and the data are in the remaining rows (2-10 in this small example). Categorical variables are most easily indicated by letters (drug A or B, for instance) while continuous variables, like response, are indicated by numbers. Leave missing cells blank or use the symbol NA, rather than indicating them with, say, -99.

Within Excel, this file can be saved as a .csv (comma-separated text file) or just as an Excel .XLS file, and then imported directly into R, via RStudio by clicking Import Dataset under the Workspace tab, then selecting From Text File. If you've saved the file in Excel as a .csv file, RStudio will generally make correct guesses about how to import the file. Once imported, you just need to save the workspace when you quit RStudio and you'll avoid the need to re-import.

## 4 Describing a Diabetes Pilot Study

Consider the dm401 data set, which provides (hypothetical) pilot demographic and clinical information for 146 continuity diabetic patients in a large metropolitan health system. The dm401.csv file's first ten observations are shown below.

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	- 1	J	K	L
1	pt.id	insurance	a1c	ldl	sbp	eyexm	pnvax	age	bmi	raceeth	female	smoking
2	1	Medicaid	6.1	124	160	no	no	66	46.9	Black	female	nonsmoker
3	2	Commercial	6.9	187	162	yes	yes	57	43	White	female	nonsmoker
4	3	Uninsured	8.9	113	158	no	no	54	37.3	White	female	nonsmoker
5	4	Uninsured	7.7	64	140	no	no	49	40.9	Black	female	nonsmoker
6	5	Uninsured	11	133	153	no	yes	52	32.2	Black	female	nonsmoker
7	6	Uninsured	9.6	156	100	no	no	39	39.8	White	female	nonsmoker
8	7	Uninsured	6.2	162	114	no	yes	51	36	Black	female	smoker
9	8	Uninsured	7.2	112	150	yes	no	51	40.2	Black	female	nonsmoker
10	9	Commercial	7.1	88	124	no	yes	68	28.3	White	female	smoker
11	10	Commercial	5.2	142	132	no	no	62	28.3	Black	female	nonsmoker

#### dm401

# A tibble: 146 x 12

	pt.id	insurance	a1c	ldl	sbp	eyexm	pnvax	age	bmi	raceeth	female
	<int></int>	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	1	Medicaid	6.1	124	160	no	no	66	46.9	Black	female
2	2	${\tt Commercial}$	6.9	187	162	yes	yes	57	43	White	female
3	3	Uninsured	8.9	113	158	no	no	54	37.3	White	${\tt female}$
4	4	Uninsured	7.7	64	140	no	no	49	40.9	Black	${\tt female}$
5	5	Uninsured	11.3	133	153	no	yes	52	32.2	Black	${\tt female}$
6	6	Uninsured	9.6	156	100	no	no	39	39.8	White	female
7	7	Uninsured	6.2	162	114	no	yes	51	36.0	Black	${\tt female}$
8	8	Uninsured	7.2	112	150	yes	no	51	40.2	Black	female
9	9	${\tt Commercial}$	7.1	88	124	no	yes	68	28.3	White	${\tt female}$
10	10	${\tt Commercial}$	5.2	142	132	no	no	62	28.3	Black	${\tt female}$
		1 400									

# ... with 136 more rows, and 1 more variable: smoking <chr>

## summary(dm401)

pt.id	insurance	a1c	ldl
Min. : 1.00	Length: 146	Min. : 4.700	Min. : 16
1st Qu.: 37.25	Class :character	1st Qu.: 6.125	1st Qu.: 91
Median : 73.50	Mode :character	Median : 7.100	Median :113
Mean : 73.50		Mean : 7.677	Mean :118
3rd Qu.:109.75		3rd Qu.: 8.400	3rd Qu.:141
Max. :146.00		Max. :15.400	Max. :218
sbp	eyexm	pnvax	age
sbp Min. : 84.0	eyexm Length:146	pnvax Length:146	age Min. :23.0
•	•	Length: 146	•
Min. : 84.0	Length: 146	Length:146 Class :character	Min. :23.0 1st Qu.:48.0
Min. : 84.0 1st Qu.:120.0	Length:146 Class :character	Length:146 Class :character	Min. :23.0 1st Qu.:48.0
Min.: 84.0 1st Qu.:120.0 Median:131.0	Length:146 Class :character	Length:146 Class :character	Min. :23.0 1st Qu.:48.0 Median :57.0

bmi	-	race	eth	fer	nale	${ t smoking}$		
Min. :	16.62	Length	:146	Length	n:146	Length	n:146	
1st Qu.:	28.48	Class	:character	Class	:character	Class	:character	
Median :	33.44	Mode	:character	Mode	:character	Mode	:character	
Mean :	34.13							
3rd Qu.:	38.71							
Max. :	65.77							

#### A Bare Bones Data Dictionary

All measures are as of the date of study entry. We have:

- insurance payer in four categories
- level of hemoglobin a1c
- 1dl cholesterol
- sbp is systolic blood pressure
- pnvax indicates a recorded pneumococcal vaccine at any time prior to study entry
- age is in years
- bmi is body mass index
- raceeth is race/ethnicity in three categories
- female indicates gender
- smoking status (self-report of non-smoker or current smoker at study entry)
- eyexm indicates whether an eye examination is recorded in the past 12 months.

#### str(dm401)

```
spec_tbl_df [146 x 12] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
          : int [1:146] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
$ pt.id
$ insurance: chr [1:146] "Medicaid" "Commercial" "Uninsured" "Uninsured" ...
$ a1c
          : num [1:146] 6.1 6.9 8.9 7.7 11.3 9.6 6.2 7.2 7.1 5.2 ...
$ 1d1
            : int [1:146] 124 187 113 64 133 156 162 112 88 142 ...
            : int [1:146] 160 162 158 140 153 100 114 150 124 132 ...
$ sbp
           : chr [1:146] "no" "yes" "no" "no" ...
$ eyexm
            : chr [1:146] "no" "yes" "no" "no" ...
$ pnvax
            : int [1:146] 66 57 54 49 52 39 51 51 68 62 ...
$ age
$ bmi
           : num [1:146] 46.9 43 37.3 40.9 32.2 ...
$ raceeth : chr [1:146] "Black" "White" "White" "Black" ...
$ female : chr [1:146] "female" "female" "female" "female" ...
$ smoking : chr [1:146] "nonsmoker" "nonsmoker" "nonsmoker" "nonsmoker" ...
- attr(*, "spec")=
  .. cols(
      pt.id = col double(),
      insurance = col_character(),
      a1c = col double(),
      ldl = col double(),
```

```
.. sbp = col_double(),
.. eyexm = col_character(),
.. pnvax = col_character(),
.. age = col_double(),
.. bmi = col_double(),
.. raceeth = col_character(),
.. female = col_character(),
.. smoking = col_character()
.. )
- attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
```

#### 4.1 Task 1: Cleaning the Data

We'll begin with some elementary cleaning. Is there any missingness in the data? Do we have any unrealistic values in the data elements? Do range checks pan out?

```
Hmisc::describe(dm401)
dm401
                  146 Observations
12 Variables
pt.id
                                              Gmd
                                                      . 05
      n missing distinct
                             Info
                                     Mean
                                                              . 10
    146
              0
                     146
                              1
                                     73.5
                                               49
                                                      8.25
                                                              15.50
                              .90
    .25
             .50
                     .75
                                      .95
  37.25
          73.50 109.75
                         131.50 138.75
                     4 5, highest: 142 143 144 145 146
insurance
      n missing distinct
    146
               0
Value
          Commercial Medicaid Medicare Uninsured
Frequency
                 39
                            25
                                      52
                                                30
Proportion
              0.267
                         0.171
                                   0.356
                                             0.205
a1c
                                                     . 05
      n missing distinct
                            Info
                                    Mean
                                              Gmd
                                                              . 10
    146
              0
                      62
                            0.999
                                    7.677
                                             2.28 5.400
                                                           5.550
    .25
             .50
                     .75
                              .90
                                      .95
  6.125
           7.100
                   8.400
                          11.000
                                   11.900
```

lowest: 4.7 4.8 5.2 5.3 5.4, highest: 13.0 13.7 14.0 14.4 15.4

ldl								
	_	distinct						
		83			42.5	64.5	77.0	
		.75						
91.0	113.0	141.0	170.0	186.5				
lowest :	16 32	39 51 58	, highest:	192 210	211 215	218		
sbp								
	•	distinct						
146	0	64	0.999	135.4	25.4	102.0	110.0	
		.75						
120.0	131.0	149.5	163.5	174.2				
lowest :	84 88	98 100 102	, highest:	184 185	186 202	213		
 eyexm								
-	missing	distinct						
146	0	2						
Value	no	VOS						
varue Frequency								
Proportio								
-								
pnvax		1:						
	•	distinct						
146	0	2						
Value	no	ves						
Frequency		v						
Proportio								
 age								
n n	missino	distinct	Tnfo	Mean	Gmd	.05	10	
146	•	54						
		.75			10.12	00.00	00.00	
		67.00						
lowest :	23 24 26	27 28, high	nest: 82 8	3 84 88 9	93			
 bmi								
n	missino	distinct	Tnfo	Mean	Gmd	.05	10	
146	0				8.557			
.25		.75		.95	2.001	_2.00	_5.50	
0								

```
28.48
           33.44
                    38.71 43.53
                                      47.16
lowest: 16.62 16.92 20.55 21.32 21.33, highest: 50.13 51.06 53.24 58.14 65.77
raceeth
      n missing distinct
     146
               0
                         3
Value
             Black Hispanic
                               White
                72
                                  64
Frequency
Proportion
             0.493
                      0.068
                               0.438
female
      n missing distinct
               0
Value
          female
Frequency
              82
                     64
Proportion 0.562 0.438
smoking
      n missing distinct
     146
               0
Value
          nonsmoker
                     smoker
Frequency
                106
                           40
              0.726
Proportion
                        0.274
```

## 4.2 Task 2: Is there an important difference in BMI by gender?

I'll start here by re-creating the **bootdif** function, useful for building bootstrap confidence intervals for the population mean difference using independent samples.

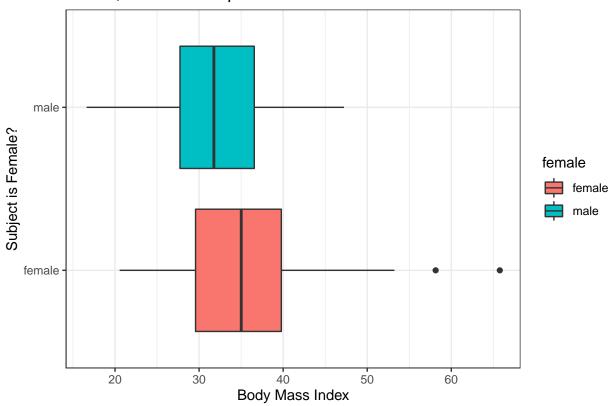
```
`bootdif` <-
function(y, g, conf.level=0.95, B.reps = 2000) {
    require(Hmisc)
    lowq = (1 - conf.level)/2
    g <- as.factor(g)
    a <- attr(smean.cl.boot(y[g==levels(g)[1]], B=B.reps, reps=TRUE), 'reps')
    b <- attr(smean.cl.boot(y[g==levels(g)[2]], B=B.reps, reps=TRUE), 'reps')
    meandif <- diff(tapply(y, g, mean, na.rm=TRUE))
    a.b <- quantile(b-a, c(lowq,1-lowq))
    res <- c(meandif, a.b)</pre>
```

```
names(res) <- c('Mean Difference',lowq, 1-lowq)
res
}</pre>
```

Let's consider a boxplot of the data.

```
ggplot(dm401, aes(x = female, y = bmi, fill = female)) +
   geom_boxplot() +
   coord_flip() +
   labs(x = "Subject is Female?",
        y = "Body Mass Index",
        title = "Task 2, dm401 Example")
```

#### Task 2, dm401 Example



Now, we'll run some numerical comparisons, to obtain uncertainty intervals for the difference in average BMI across the two groups...

```
dm401 %>% group_by(female) %>%
    summarize(n = n(), mean(bmi), median(bmi), sd(bmi))
```

```
2 male
            64
                      32.3
                                    31.8
                                               6.59
dm401 %$%
  mosaic::favstats(bmi ~ female)
Registered S3 method overwritten by 'mosaic':
  method
                                    from
  fortify.SpatialPolygonsDataFrame ggplot2
  female
           min
                    Q1 median
                                   QЗ
                                        max
                                                 mean
                                                            sd n missing
1 female 20.55 29.5800 35.015 39.7825 65.77 35.56866 8.319085 82
    male 16.62 27.7275 31.760 36.5650 47.24 32.29797 6.590426 64
                                                                        0
dm401 %$% t.test(bmi ~ female)
    Welch Two Sample t-test
data: bmi by female
t = 2.6506, df = 143.96, p-value = 0.008935
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group female and group male is
95 percent confidence interval:
0.8316821 5.7096975
sample estimates:
mean in group female
                       mean in group male
            35.56866
                                 32.29797
dm401 %$% bootdif(bmi, female)
                                           0.975
Mean Difference
                          0.025
     -3.2706898
                     -5.7610328
                                      -0.9808506
```

# 4.3 Task 3: Are the compliance measures (smoking status and eye exam) strongly correlated?

I'll start by re-creating the twobytwo function for performing detailed analyses of 2x2 tables.

```
twoby2(.Table)
}
dm401 %>%
  tabyl(smoking, eyexm)

smoking no yes
nonsmoker 73 33
  smoker 32 8

I'd rather change the ordering of the levels of those factors so that the table yielded Non-
```

I'd rather change the ordering of the levels of those factors so that the table yielded Non-Smokers with Eye Exams in the top left.

```
dm401 <- dm401 %>%
    mutate(eyexm = fct_relevel(eyexm, "yes", "no"))

dm401 %>%
    tabyl(smoking, eyexm)

smoking yes no
nonsmoker 33 73
```

That's better. Now we can use our twobytwo function if we like to obtain uncertainty intervals...

```
twobytwo(33, 73, 8, 32, "Non-Smoker", "Smoker", "Eye Exam", "No Eye Exam")
```

#### 2 by 2 table analysis:

smoker

\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outcome : Eye Exam

Comparing: Non-Smoker vs. Smoker

8 32

	Eye Exam	No Eye	Exam	P(Eye Exam)	95% conf.	interval
Non-Smoker	33		73	0.3113	0.2306	0.4054
Smoker	8		32	0.2000	0.1033	0.3517

95% conf. interval

Relative Risk: 1.5566 0.7875 3.0769 Sample Odds Ratio: 1.8082 0.7522 4.3467 Conditional MLE Odds Ratio: 1.8013 0.7122 5.0258 Probability difference: 0.1113 -0.0567 0.2446

Exact P-value: 0.2187 Asymptotic P-value: 0.1856

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Another option would be:

# dm401 %\$% table(smoking, eyexm) %>% Epi::twoby2()

#### 2 by 2 table analysis:

\_\_\_\_\_

Outcome : yes

Comparing: nonsmoker vs. smoker

yes no P(yes) 95% conf. interval nonsmoker 33 73 0.3113 0.2306 0.4054 smoker 8 32 0.2000 0.1033 0.3517

95% conf. interval

Relative Risk: 1.5566 0.7875 3.0769 Sample Odds Ratio: 1.8082 0.7522 4.3467 Conditional MLE Odds Ratio: 1.8013 0.7122 5.0258 Probability difference: 0.1113 -0.0567 0.2446

Exact P-value: 0.2187 Asymptotic P-value: 0.1856

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#### 4.4 Task 4: Is insurance status related to pneumovax?

#### dm401 %\$% table(insurance, pnvax)

pnvax

insurance no yes Commercial 14 25 Medicaid 11 14 Medicare 13 39 Uninsured 18 12

dm401 %\$% table(insurance, pnvax) %>% chisq.test()

Pearson's Chi-squared test

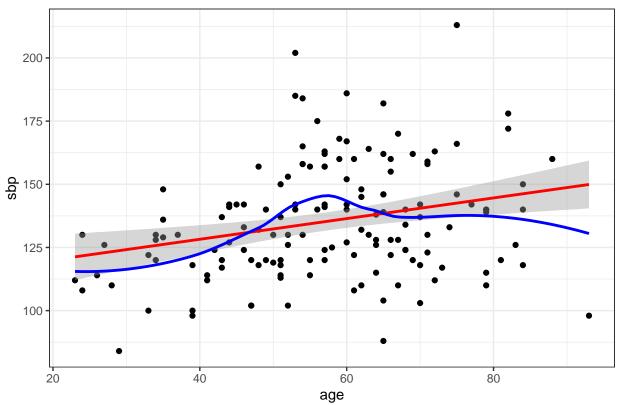
data:

X-squared = 10.304, df = 3, p-value = 0.01615

# 4.5 Task 5: Is systolic blood pressure related to age? Is this a linear relationship?

```
ggplot(dm401, aes(x = age, y = sbp)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_smooth(method = "lm", col = "red") +
    geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = FALSE, col = "blue") +
    labs(title = "Task 5, dm401 data")
```

#### Task 5, dm401 data



```
m5 <- lm(sbp ~ age, data = dm401)
summary(m5)</pre>
```

```
Call:
```

lm(formula = sbp ~ age, data = dm401)

#### Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -51.919 -14.205 -3.012 12.125 70.444

<sup>`</sup>geom\_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
`geom\_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

(Intercept) 111.8782 7.3519 15.218 < 2e-16 ***

age 0.4090 0.1241 3.296 0.00123 **

---

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 22 on 144 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.07015, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0637

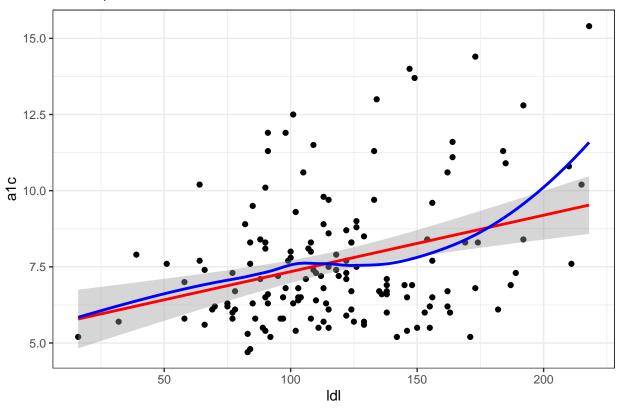
F-statistic: 10.86 on 1 and 144 DF, p-value: 0.001235
```

# 4.6 Task 6: Is hemoglobin A1c linearly related to LDL cholesterol (treating A1c as the outcome?)

```
ggplot(dm401, aes(x = ldl, y = a1c)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_smooth(method = "lm", col = "red") +
    geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = FALSE, col = "blue") +
    labs(title = "Task 6, dm401 data")
```

<sup>`</sup>geom\_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
`geom\_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'

Task 6, dm401 data



m6 <- lm(a1c ~ ldl, data = dm401)
summary(m6)</pre>

#### Call:

lm(formula = a1c ~ ldl, data = dm401)

#### Residuals:

#### Coefficients:

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 2.044 on 144 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.1061, Adjusted R-squared: 0.09986 F-statistic: 17.09 on 1 and 144 DF, p-value: 6.038e-05

4.7 Task 7: What can we say about the relationships of insurance and race (separately and together) on A1c? Should we consider collapsing the smallest "race/ethnicity" category?

```
summary(lm(a1c ~ insurance, data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ insurance, data = dm401)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.0865 -1.4606 -0.5865 0.8144 8.2205
Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                              0.33876 21.194
                                                <2e-16 ***
                  7.17949
insuranceMedicaid -0.07549
                              0.54201 -0.139
                                                0.8894
insuranceMedicare 0.70705
                              0.44814 1.578
                                                0.1168
insuranceUninsured 1.26051
                              0.51375 2.454
                                                0.0154 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.116 on 142 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.05587,
                              Adjusted R-squared:
F-statistic: 2.801 on 3 and 142 DF, p-value: 0.04219
summary(lm(a1c ~ raceeth, data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ raceeth, data = dm401)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.0653 -1.5078 -0.6153 0.7672 7.5347
Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                 7.8653
                            0.2536 31.017
                                             <2e-16 ***
raceethHispanic -1.0953
                            0.7261 - 1.508
                                              0.134
raceethWhite
                -0.2575
                            0.3696 - 0.697
                                              0.487
               0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Signif. codes:
Residual standard error: 2.152 on 143 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.01647,
                             Adjusted R-squared: 0.002712
```

```
F-statistic: 1.197 on 2 and 143 DF, p-value: 0.3051
summary(lm(a1c ~ insurance + raceeth, data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ insurance + raceeth, data = dm401)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                  Max
-3.1699 -1.4375 -0.5674 0.8287 8.0575
Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                    7.3425
                              0.4451 16.498
                                               <2e-16 ***
                              0.5691 -0.247
insuranceMedicaid
                   -0.1408
                                               0.8050
insuranceMedicare
                   0.6274
                              0.4604 1.363
                                               0.1751
insuranceUninsured
                            0.5401 2.196
                    1.1859
                                               0.0298 *
raceethHispanic
                   -0.9070
                             0.7243 - 1.252
                                               0.2125
raceethWhite
                   -0.1050
                             0.3887 -0.270
                                               0.7874
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.119 on 140 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.06636, Adjusted R-squared: 0.03302
F-statistic: 1.99 on 5 and 140 DF, p-value: 0.08371
dm401 %>% tabyl(raceeth)
 raceeth n
               percent
   Black 72 0.49315068
Hispanic 10 0.06849315
   White 64 0.43835616
summary(lm(a1c ~ raceeth=="White", data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ raceeth == "White", data = dm401)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                  Max
-2.9317 -1.5078 -0.5817 0.7493 7.6683
Coefficients:
                      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                                  0.2387 32.396
                                                 <2e-16 ***
                        7.7317
raceeth == "White"TRUE -0.1239
                                  0.3605 -0.344
                                                    0.732
```

```
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.161 on 144 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.0008197, Adjusted R-squared: -0.006119
F-statistic: 0.1181 on 1 and 144 DF, p-value: 0.7316
summary(lm(a1c ~ insurance + (raceeth=="White"), data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ insurance + (raceeth == "White"), data = dm401)
Residuals:
            10 Median
   Min
                           3Q
                                  Max
-3.0748 -1.4464 -0.5929 0.8032 8.2374
Coefficients:
                      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                      7.16257
                                0.42206 16.971 <2e-16 ***
                                                  0.9094
insuranceMedicaid
                      -0.06466
                                 0.56699 -0.114
                                         1.561 0.1207
insuranceMedicare
                      0.71226
                                 0.45625
                                0.53696 2.366 0.0193 *
insuranceUninsured
                       1.27066
raceeth == "White"TRUE 0.02537 0.37520 0.068 0.9462
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.123 on 141 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.0559, Adjusted R-squared: 0.02912
F-statistic: 2.087 on 4 and 141 DF, p-value: 0.08561
summary(lm(a1c ~ insurance * (raceeth=="White"), data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ insurance * (raceeth == "White"), data = dm401)
Residuals:
            1Q Median
                           3Q
                                  Max
-2.9875 -1.3792 -0.5643 0.8377 7.7692
Coefficients:
                                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                                         7.63077
                                                   0.59136 12.904
                                                                     <2e-16
                                                   0.76745 - 0.582
insuranceMedicaid
                                        -0.44656
                                                                     0.562
insuranceMedicare
                                         0.03352
                                                   0.71559 0.047
                                                                     0.963
                                                   0.74589 0.964
insuranceUninsured
                                         0.71923
                                                                     0.337
```

insuranceMedicaid:raceeth == "White"TRUE 0.34271

-0.67692

0.72427 -0.935

1.23351 0.278

0.352

0.782

raceeth == "White"TRUE

```
insuranceMedicare:raceeth == "White"TRUE
                                         1.15847
                                                    0.93614
                                                              1.237
                                                                       0.218
insuranceUninsured:raceeth == "White"TRUE 1.01442
                                                     1.13995
                                                              0.890
                                                                       0.375
(Intercept)
                                         ***
insuranceMedicaid
insuranceMedicare
insuranceUninsured
raceeth == "White"TRUE
insuranceMedicaid:raceeth == "White"TRUE
insuranceMedicare:raceeth == "White"TRUE
insuranceUninsured:raceeth == "White"TRUE
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.132 on 138 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.06797,
                              Adjusted R-squared: 0.0207
F-statistic: 1.438 on 7 and 138 DF, p-value: 0.195
```

# 4.8 Task 8: How does the impact of insurance (ignoring race/ethnicity) on A1c change if we adjust A1c for the effect of LDL?

```
summary(lm(a1c ~ insurance, data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ insurance, data = dm401)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                           3Q
                                  Max
-3.0865 -1.4606 -0.5865 0.8144 8.2205
Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                   7.17949
                             0.33876 21.194
                                              <2e-16 ***
insuranceMedicaid -0.07549
                             0.54201 -0.139
                                              0.8894
insuranceMedicare
                   0.70705
                             0.44814 1.578
                                              0.1168
insuranceUninsured 1.26051
                             0.51375 2.454
                                              0.0154 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.116 on 142 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.05587, Adjusted R-squared: 0.03593
F-statistic: 2.801 on 3 and 142 DF, p-value: 0.04219
```

```
summary(lm(a1c ~ insurance + ldl, data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ insurance + ldl, data = dm401)
Residuals:
   Min
            10 Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.6628 -1.3276 -0.5175 1.0413 6.4717
Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                       7.601 3.74e-12 ***
(Intercept)
                  4.853649
                             0.638552
insuranceMedicaid 0.265361 0.519004
                                       0.511 0.60995
insuranceMedicare 0.812967 0.424606 1.915 0.05756.
insuranceUninsured 1.375822 0.486694
                                       2.827 0.00538 **
                                       4.211 4.51e-05 ***
ldl
                  0.018691
                             0.004439
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.001 on 141 degrees of freedom
                              Adjusted R-squared: 0.1375
Multiple R-squared: 0.1613,
F-statistic: 6.781 on 4 and 141 DF, p-value: 5.075e-05
```

4.9 Task 9: Build a kitchen sink model to predict A1c using main effects of the other ten variables as predictors. Then use the step function to identify a subset model for further analysis.

```
summary(lm(a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + pnvax + age + bmi + raceeth + female +
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + pnvax + age +
   bmi + raceeth + female + smoking, data = dm401)
Residuals:
   Min
            10 Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.4919 -1.3185 -0.3683 0.9667 6.1744
Coefficients:
                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                   4.496817
                              1.624234
                                         2.769 0.00644 **
ldl
                   0.019038
                              0.004600 4.139 6.18e-05 ***
                   0.002440
                              0.008128 0.300 0.76445
sbp
                   0.242506
                              0.550909 0.440 0.66052
insuranceMedicaid
```

```
insuranceMedicare
                  0.853014
                             0.529003 1.612 0.10924
insuranceUninsured 1.307311
                             0.523294 2.498 0.01371 *
eyexmno
                  0.734565
                             0.381482 1.926 0.05631 .
pnvaxyes
                 -0.067423
                             0.369029 -0.183 0.85531
                             0.015826 -0.316 0.75246
age
                 -0.005002
                             0.023531 -0.099 0.92159
bmi
                 -0.002321
                 -1.220652
                             0.713643 -1.710 0.08953 .
raceethHispanic
raceethWhite
                             0.381686 -0.448 0.65506
                 -0.170904
femalemale
                 -0.060606
                             0.357401 -0.170 0.86561
                 0.196833
                             smokingsmoker
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.01 on 132 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2074,
                             Adjusted R-squared: 0.1293
F-statistic: 2.657 on 13 and 132 DF, p-value: 0.002467
step(lm(a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + pnvax + age + bmi + raceeth + female + smc
Start: AIC=217.2
a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + pnvax + age + bmi + raceeth +
   female + smoking
           Df Sum of Sq
                          RSS
                                 AIC
            1
                0.039 533.57 215.21
- bmi
- female
            1
                0.116 533.65 215.24
- pnvax
            1
                0.135 533.67 215.24
            1 0.364 533.90 215.30
- sbp
            1
                0.404 533.94 215.31
- age
- smoking
            1
                1.005 534.54 215.48
- raceeth
            2
                11.832 545.36 216.41
<none>
                       533.53 217.20
- eyexm
            1
                14.986 548.52 219.25
- insurance 3 31.254 564.79 219.51
                69.236 602.77 233.02
- ldl
            1
Step: AIC=215.21
a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + pnvax + age + raceeth +
   female + smoking
           Df Sum of Sq
                          RSS
                                 AIC
- female
            1
                 0.097 533.67 213.24
- pnvax
            1
                 0.143 533.72 213.25
            1
                 0.336 533.91 213.31
- sbp
            1
                0.379 533.95 213.32
- age
```

```
- smoking
         1 1.029 534.60 213.50
          2
               11.891 545.46 214.43
- raceeth
<none>
                       533.57 215.21
           1 15.312 548.88 217.34
- eyexm
- insurance 3 31.338 564.91 217.55
                69.206 602.78 231.02
- ldl
            1
Step: AIC=213.24
a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + pnvax + age + raceeth +
   smoking
           Df Sum of Sq
                          RSS
                                AIC
                0.137 533.81 211.28
- pnvax
           1
           1 0.358 534.03 211.34
- age
- sbp
          1
                0.369 534.04 211.34
- smoking 1
                0.994 534.66 211.51
- raceeth
                12.758 546.43 212.69
<none>
                       533.67 213.24
- eyexm 1 15.271 548.94 215.36
- insurance 3 31.272 564.94 215.56
           1 70.685 604.35 229.40
- ldl
Step: AIC=211.28
a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + age + raceeth + smoking
           Df Sum of Sq
                          RSS
                                AIC
           1
                0.428 534.23 209.40
- sbp
               0.428 534.23 209.40
           1
- age
          1
- smoking
                0.899 534.71 209.52
- raceeth 2 12.920 546.73 210.77
<none>
                       533.81 211.28
           1 15.641 549.45 213.50
- eyexm
- insurance 3
                32.521 566.33 213.91
- ldl
            1
                70.549 604.35 227.40
Step: AIC=209.4
a1c ~ ldl + insurance + eyexm + age + raceeth + smoking
           Df Sum of Sq
                          RSS
                                AIC
                0.272 534.51 207.47
           1
- age
                0.713 534.95 207.59
- smoking
           1
- raceeth
           2
               13.473 547.71 209.03
<none>
                       534.23 209.40
- eyexm 1 15.451 549.69 211.56
- insurance 3
                32.678 566.91 212.06
```

1 72.346 606.58 225.94 - ldl Step: AIC=207.47 a1c ~ ldl + insurance + eyexm + raceeth + smoking Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC 1 0.803 535.31 205.69 - smoking - raceeth 2 13.370 547.88 207.08 <none> 534.51 207.47 1 15.396 549.90 209.62 - eyexm - insurance 3 32.688 567.19 210.14 - ldl 1 72.277 606.78 223.99 Step: AIC=205.69 a1c ~ ldl + insurance + eyexm + raceeth Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC 2 14.241 549.55 205.52 - raceeth <none> 535.31 205.69 - eyexm 1 16.537 551.85 208.13 32.352 567.66 208.26 - insurance 3 - ldl 71.488 606.80 221.99 1 Step: AIC=205.52 a1c ~ ldl + insurance + eyexm Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC <none> 549.55 205.52 1 14.985 564.53 207.45 - eyexm 40.240 589.79 209.84 - insurance 3 - ldl 1 65.882 615.43 220.05 Call: lm(formula = a1c ~ ldl + insurance + eyexm, data = dm401) Coefficients:

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ldl

0.01806

eyexmno

0.71862

insuranceMedicaid

0.33631

insuranceMedicare

0.88307

(Intercept)

insuranceUninsured

4.36156

1.44008

4.10 Task 10: Does the smaller model produced by the stepwise analysis above look like a useful partition of the original set of predictors? Evaluate this by looking at significance tests, but also model summary statistics.

```
summary(lm(a1c ~ ldl + insurance + eyexm, data = dm401))
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ ldl + insurance + eyexm, data = dm401)
Residuals:
   Min
            10 Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.8507 -1.3427 -0.3116 0.9039 6.3838
Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                  4.361561 0.680584
                                        6.409 2.09e-09 ***
                  0.018055 0.004407
                                        4.097 7.06e-05 ***
ldl
insuranceMedicaid 0.336315 0.515177
                                        0.653 0.51495
insuranceMedicare 0.883068 0.421954
                                        2.093 0.03817 *
insuranceUninsured 1.440076 0.483024
                                        2.981 0.00339 **
                  0.718616  0.367802  1.954  0.05272 .
eyexmno
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.981 on 140 degrees of freedom
                               Adjusted R-squared: 0.1544
Multiple R-squared: 0.1836,
F-statistic: 6.297 on 5 and 140 DF, p-value: 2.659e-05
summary(lm(a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + pnvax + age + bmi + raceeth + female +
Call:
lm(formula = a1c ~ ldl + sbp + insurance + eyexm + pnvax + age +
   bmi + raceeth + female + smoking, data = dm401)
Residuals:
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.4919 -1.3185 -0.3683 0.9667 6.1744
Coefficients:
                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                   4.496817
                              1.624234
                                         2.769 0.00644 **
ldl
                   0.019038
                              0.004600 4.139 6.18e-05 ***
```

0.008128 0.300 0.76445

0.002440

sbp

```
insuranceMedicaid
                    0.242506
                               0.550909
                                           0.440
                                                  0.66052
insuranceMedicare
                    0.853014
                               0.529003
                                           1.612
                                                  0.10924
insuranceUninsured 1.307311
                               0.523294
                                           2.498
                                                  0.01371 *
evexmno
                    0.734565
                               0.381482
                                           1.926
                                                  0.05631
pnvaxyes
                   -0.067423
                               0.369029
                                         -0.183
                                                  0.85531
                                          -0.316
age
                   -0.005002
                               0.015826
                                                  0.75246
                                         -0.099
                                                  0.92159
bmi
                   -0.002321
                               0.023531
                                         -1.710
raceethHispanic
                   -1.220652
                               0.713643
                                                  0.08953 .
                                         -0.448
raceethWhite
                   -0.170904
                               0.381686
                                                  0.65506
                   -0.060606
                                         -0.170
femalemale
                               0.357401
                                                  0.86561
smokingsmoker
                    0.196833
                               0.394818
                                           0.499
                                                  0.61893
                0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Signif. codes:
```

226111 000021 0 01001 0101 0100 1 011

Residual standard error: 2.01 on 132 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.2074, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1293 F-statistic: 2.657 on 13 and 132 DF, p-value: 0.002467

# 5 The SEPSIS and Ibuprofen Study: A Logistic Regression Example

This example is drawn from Dupont WD Statistical Modeling for Biomedical Researchers, Cambridge University Press, 2002: 1st Edition, Exercise 4.25. The original study was Bernard GR et al. (1997) The effects of ibuprofen on the physiology and survival of patients with sepsis. The Ibuprofen in Sepsis Study Group. N Engl J Med 336: 912-918.

#### 5.1 The Data Set

We're going to look now at 30-day mortality in a sample of 350 septic patients as a function of

- receiving either ibuprofen or placebo treatment,
- their race (white or African-American),
- and their baseline APACHE (Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation) score.

APACHE score is a composite measure of the patient's degree of morbidity collected just prior to recruitment into the study, and is highly correlated with survival.

#### summary(sep)

pt	t.id	l	treatment	race	aŗ	pache
Min.	:	1.00	Length:350	Length: 350	Min.	: 0.00

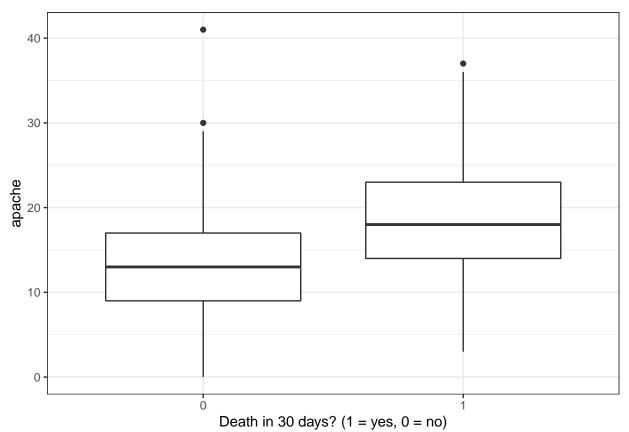
```
1st Qu.: 88.25
                  Class : character
                                      Class :character
                                                          1st Qu.:11.00
Median :175.50
                       :character
                                      Mode
                                            :character
                                                          Median :15.00
                  Mode
Mean
       :175.50
                                                          Mean
                                                                  :15.74
3rd Qu.:262.75
                                                          3rd Qu.:21.00
Max.
       :350.00
                                                          Max.
                                                                  :41.00
   death30d
Min.
       :0.0000
1st Qu.:0.0000
Median :0.0000
Mean
       :0.3914
3rd Qu.:1.0000
Max.
       :1.0000
```

Note that death30d = 0 if patient was alive 30 days after study entry, 1 if patient was dead 30 days after study entry.

We will estimate a **logistic regression model** to predict the probability of death at 30 days on the basis of these predictors. Overall, 39.14% were dead 30 days after study entry.

#### 5.2 Is Death Rate related to APACHE scores?

```
ggplot(sep, aes(x = factor(death30d), y = apache)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(x = "Death in 30 days? (1 = yes, 0 = no)")
```



plot1-1.pdf

sep %\$%
mosaic::favstats(apache ~ death30d)

```
death30d min Q1 median Q3 max mean sd n missing
1 0 0 9 13 17 41 13.64319 6.492696 213 0
2 1 3 14 18 23 37 19.00000 7.158911 137 0
```

It looks like higher APACHE scores (on average) are associated with 30-day mortality. Is this significant? Well, we could do a t test, or the regression equivalent, using APACHE as the outcome variable . . .

```
summary(lm(apache ~ death30d, data = sep))
```

#### Call:

lm(formula = apache ~ death30d, data = sep)

#### Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -16.0000 -4.6432 -0.6432 4.0000 27.3568

#### Coefficients:

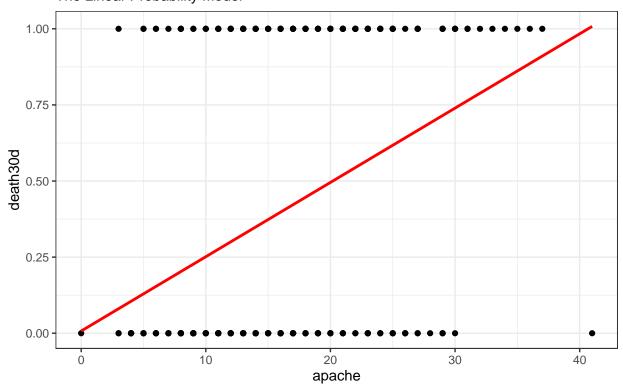
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 13.6432 0.4632 29.451 <2e-16 \*\*\*

```
death30d 5.3568 0.7404 7.235 3e-12 ***
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Residual standard error: 6.761 on 348 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.1307, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1282 F-statistic: 52.34 on 1 and 348 DF, p-value: 2.998e-12

But that's backwards: death at 30 days is the *outcome* here, not a predictor. We need a regression model that predicts the probability of death! But, as we can see in the plot below, a straight line regression model won't predict death30d from apache well at all.

### Predicting death30d using apache The Linear Probability Model



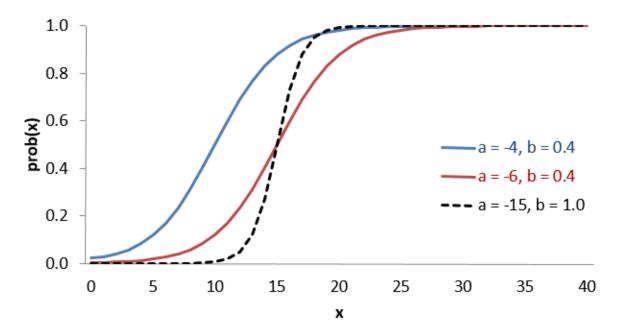
<sup>`</sup>geom\_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'

#### 5.3 The Logistic Regression Model

We will develop a logistic regression model to predict prob(x) = the probability that a patient with apache score x will die. In logistic regression, we fit probability functions of the form <math>prob(x) = exp[a + bx]/(1 + exp[a + bx]), where a and b are unknown parameters (regression coefficients) that we will estimate from the data. So we have the logistic probability function

$$prob(x) = \frac{exp[a+bx]}{1 + exp[a+bx]}$$

This describes a family of curves appropriate for estimating probabilities on a 0-1 scale...



- The two solid curves (in blue and red) have the same value of the b parameter, which gives identical slopes.
- The different values of the a parameter shift the red curve to the right of the blue curve.
- The slopes of these curves increase as b gets larger.
- The magnitude of b determined how quickly prob(x) rises from 0 to 1.
- For a given b, a controls where the 50% survival point is located.
- Specifically, when x = -a/b, it turns out that prob(x) = 0.5, so, for instance, in our blue curve, prob(x) = 0.5 when x = 4/.4 = 10.

We can represent the probabilities in terms of their log odds, using the **logit function**:

$$logit(prob(x)) = log \frac{(prob(x))}{(1 - prob(x))} = a + bx$$

which works from any prob(x) between 0 and 1, where a and b are the regression coefficients for R to estimate, and the right-hand side is called the **linear predictor**.

#### 5.4 Fitting a Logistic Regression Model

We wish to choose the best curve to fit our data. To do this, we inform R about our binary response variable (death30d, which is 1 for dead, 0 for alive), our predictor variable (apache score) and our desired regression function (the logit), as follows:

#### Call:

glm(formula = death30d ~ apache, family = binomial(), data = sep)

Deviance Residuals:

#### Coefficients:

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

```
Null deviance: 468.57 on 349 degrees of freedom Residual deviance: 420.90 on 348 degrees of freedom AIC: 424.9
```

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

The logistic regression procedure estimates the two key parameters of the logistic probability function.

- Our intercept a is estimated to be -2.27, and
- Our slope b for APACHE score is estimated to be 0.113, as can be seen in the coefficient estimates.

So the fitted prediction model for the probability of death by 30 days based on APACHE score is...

$$prob(x) = \frac{exp(a+bx)}{1 + exp(a+bx)} = \frac{exp(-2.27 + 0.113apache)}{1 + exp(-2.27 + 0.113apache)}$$

and we also know that the linear predictor is:

$$logit(prob(x)) = log \frac{prob(x)}{1 - prob(x)} = a + bx = -2.27 + 0.113apache.$$

# 5.5 Using the Fitted Logistic Regression Model To Make Predictions

We have 350 observations in the sep data, and five variables.

dim(sep)

[1] 350 5

The first patient in the data set, shown below, had an APACHE score of 27, and the second has a score of 14.

sep %>% slice(1:2)

While we know that patient 1 died, based on their APACHE score and our model, what was their estimated probability of 30-day mortality?

- The linear predictor for patient 1 must be -2.27 + 0.113(27), or 0.781.
- To get to a predicted probability, we'll need to exponentiate that result:

$$exp(-2.27 + 0.113(27)) = exp(.781)$$
 or 2.184

• And the logistic probabilty function yields:

$$prob(x) = \frac{exp(-2.27 + 0.113apache)}{1 + exp(-2.27 + 0.113apache)} = \frac{2.184}{1 + 2.184}$$

= 0.69

Similarly, the second patient has an APACHE score of 14. We can calculate their estimated 30-day mortality risk as follows:

- Linear predictor is -2.27 + 0.113(14) = -0.688
- Exponentiating, we get  $\exp(-0.688) = 0.5026$
- And so the probability of death by 30 days is 0.5026/(1+0.5026)=0.33

The good news is that R will calculate these probabilities for you.

fitted(sep\_m1)[1:2]

```
0.6861055 0.3347359
Or, we can use the augment function from the broom package to get even more information...
augment(sep_m1, type.predict = "response") %>% slice(1:2)
# A tibble: 2 x 8
  death30d apache .fitted .resid .std.resid
                                                 .hat .sigma
                                                               .cooksd
     <int> <int>
                                                       <dbl>
                     <dbl> <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
                                                                 <dbl>
               27
                     0.686 0.868
                                        0.873 0.0106
                                                        1.10 0.00249
1
         1
2
                                       -0.904 0.00349
         0
               14
                     0.335 - 0.903
                                                        1.10 0.000885
To get the linear predictions, we can use either:
augment(sep m1) %>% slice(1:2) # on linear scale
# A tibble: 2 x 8
  death30d apache .fitted .resid .std.resid
                                                 .hat .sigma
                                                               .cooksd
     <int> <int>
                     <dbl> <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
                                                <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                 <dbl>
1
         1
               27
                     0.782 0.868
                                        0.873 0.0106
                                                        1.10 0.00249
2
               14 -0.687 -0.903
                                      -0.904 0.00349
         0
                                                        1.10 0.000885
or
sep_m1$linear.predictors[1:2]
 0.7819742 -0.6868423
```

### 5.6 Interpreting the Logistic Regression Model Summary

Returning to our fitted model, we are left to interpret the remaining logistic regression output.

```
summary(sep_m1)
Call:
```

```
glm(formula = death30d ~ apache, family = binomial(), data = sep)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.2153 -0.9029 -0.6745 1.0867 2.0324

Coefficients:

---

```
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 468.57 on 349 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 420.90 on 348 degrees of freedom
```

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

AIC: 424.9

We interpret the coefficients in terms of log odds, or (after exponentiating) as odds ratios.

- For instance, an increase of 1 point in APACHE score is associated with an increase of 0.113 in the log odds of 30-day mortality.
- Or, we can exponentiate the coefficient (i.e. calculate exp[0.113] = 1.12) which is interpreted as the odds ratio comparing the odds of death for a patient with APACHE score = x + 1 to the odds of death for a patient with APACHE score = x.
- In general, exp(x) is the odds ratio for the outcome (here, death) associated with a one-unit increase in x.
- A property of logistic regression is that this ratio remains constant for all values of x. So in this case, an increase of one point in the APACHE score is associated with an increase by a factor of 1.12 in the odds of death.

Our p value is 2.39e-10 (or 2.39 x  $10^{-10}$ , i.e. a very, very small number) for APACHE, indicating (according, technically, to a Wald test) that the APACHE score has statistically significant predictive value (at usual  $\alpha$  levels) for 30-day mortality risk.

- As in simple linear regression, our null hypothesis here is that the predictor is of no help in predicting the outcome, and our alternative is that the predictor is of statistically significant help.
- Note that, as in simple linear regression, we generally don't interpret the p value associated with the intercept term, since we will by default include it in our logistic regression modeling.

# 5.7 The Analysis of Deviance

We'll skip the rest of the output here. To assess whether the model (overall) has a statistically significant effect, we can run an Analysis of Deviance table as follows (note that Anova must be capitalized here, and is part of the car library)...

```
sep_m1 %$% car::Anova(., type="II")
Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests)
Response: death30d
    LR Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
```

```
apache 47.668 1 5.048e-12 ***
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

This table provides a p value for the improvement in the deviance statistic due to the inclusion of apache score in the model, and is in that sense somewhat comparable to an overall ANOVA F test in linear regression. Here, again, the impact is statistically significant.

# 6 Logistic Regression with Multiple Predictors

Now, suppose we consider including additional information beyond the APACHE score, starting by including the treatment received by the patient. Does adding the treatment statistically significantly improve the quality of the predictions we make?

```
sep m2 <- glm(death30d ~ apache + treatment,</pre>
              family=binomial(), data = sep)
summary(sep m2)
Call:
glm(formula = death30d ~ apache + treatment, family = binomial(),
    data = sep)
Deviance Residuals:
   Min
              1Q
                   Median
                                3Q
                                        Max
-2.2869 -0.9085 -0.6627
                            1.1151
                                     2.0036
Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                 -2.43628
                             0.35187 -6.924 4.39e-12 ***
(Intercept)
                  0.11467
                                       6.379 1.78e-10 ***
                             0.01798
apache
                  0.27386
                             0.23693
                                       1.156
                                                 0.248
treatmentplacebo
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 468.57 on 349
                                   degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 419.56 on 347 degrees of freedom
AIC: 425.56
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
```

It looks like the main effect of treatment doesn't add statistically significant predictive value (Wald test p = 0.248) to the model with APACHE score. What is we add race as well?

```
sep m3 <- glm(death30d ~ apache + treatment + race,</pre>
              family=binomial(), data = sep)
summary(sep m3)
Call:
glm(formula = death30d ~ apache + treatment + race, family = binomial(),
    data = sep)
Deviance Residuals:
    Min
              1Q
                   Median
                                3Q
                                        Max
                 -0.6471
-2.3213 -0.9067
                                     2.0220
                            1.1045
Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                             0.41278 -5.468 4.56e-08 ***
(Intercept)
                 -2.25697
                             0.01826
                  0.11207
                                       6.138 8.36e-10 ***
apache
treatmentplacebo 0.28622
                             0.23773
                                       1.204
                                                0.229
                             0.25740 -0.812
                                                0.417
raceW
                 -0.20888
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 468.57 on 349 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 418.90 on 346 degrees of freedom
AIC: 426.9
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
```

# 6.1 Making Predictions

We can calculate the fitted probabilities or the linear predictors for the first two patients, using this model, as follows.

```
augment(sep_m3, type.predict = "response") %>% slice(1:2)
# A tibble: 2 x 10
 death30d apache treatment race .fitted .resid .std.resid
                                                               .hat .sigma
     <int>
           <int> <chr>
                            <chr>
                                    <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                    <dbl>
                                                      <dbl> <dbl>
1
         1
               27 placebo
                            W
                                    0.700 0.845
                                                      0.852 0.0166
                                                                     1.10
               14 ibuprofen AA
                                    0.334 - 0.902
                                                     -0.909 0.0139
                                                                     1.10
# ... with 1 more variable: .cooksd <dbl>
```

```
augment(sep m3) %>% slice(1:2) # on linear scale
# A tibble: 2 x 10
  death30d apache treatment race .fitted .resid .std.resid
                                                                .hat .sigma
     <int> <int> <chr>
                                            <dbl>
                             <chr>
                                     <dbl>
                                                        <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                                                      <dbl>
1
         1
               27 placebo
                                     0.846
                                            0.845
                                                        0.852 0.0166
                                                                       1.10
2
               14 ibuprofen AA
         0
                                    -0.688 -0.902
                                                      -0.909 0.0139
                                                                       1.10
# ... with 1 more variable: .cooksd <dbl>
```

We can also calculate the fitted probabilities and linear predictors associated with the first two patients, using the following.

# 7 The demodata Example: A Data Management Primer

I built a small data set (100 rows, and 18 columns) contained in the demodata.csv file. The purpose is to demonstrate ways of importing data of varying types into R in ways that are useful for doing the sorts of analyses you'll do in your projects.

```
str(demodata)
```

```
spec tbl df [100 x 18] (S3: spec tbl df/tbl df/tbl/data.frame)
$ Subject : int [1:100] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
          : int [1:100] 55 52 51 19 51 39 37 35 55 32 ...
$ age
$ test1
           : int [1:100] 36 59 30 80 73 45 32 -999 62 40 ...
         : int [1:100] 267 252 221 136 184 NA 134 166 227 154 ...
$ test2
$ test3
         : int [1:100] 27 NA 16 NA NA 30 NA 18 45 NA ...
          : chr [1:100] "Yes" "No" "Yes" "Yes" ...
$ histA
$ histB
         : int [1:100] 2 2 2 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 ...
$ histC
         : int [1:100] 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 ...
$ histD
         : int [1:100] 1 0 0 0 0 0 NA 1 0 1 ...
$ histE
          : int [1:100] 1 0 NA NA NA 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ histF
          : int [1:100] 1 0 1 99 0 77 1 0 0 0 ...
          : int [1:100] 4 4 1 3 1 2 3 4 3 2 ...
$ race
$ rating : chr [1:100] "Exc" "V Good" NA "Good" ...
 $ return : chr [1:100] "B" "C" "D" "A" ...
 $ rotation: chr [1:100] "X" "Y" "Y" "Z" ...
```

```
$ reason : chr [1:100] "expensive" "too busy" "high priced" "costly" ...
        : chr [1:100] "7/10/2011" "6/5/2013" "5/27/2013" "3/31/2012" ...
$ date1
          : int [1:100] 40734 41430 41421 40999 40948 41210 41210 41369 41040 40722 ...
- attr(*, "spec")=
 .. cols(
      Subject = col_double(),
      age = col_double(),
      test1 = col_double(),
 . .
      test2 = col_double(),
      test3 = col_double(),
      histA = col_character(),
      histB = col_double(),
      histC = col_double(),
 . .
      histD = col_double(),
      histE = col_double(),
      histF = col_double(),
      race = col_double(),
 . .
      rating = col_character(),
      return = col_character(),
 . .
      rotation = col_character(),
      reason = col_character(),
 . .
      date1 = col_character(),
      date2 = col_double()
- attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
```

# 7.1 A Quick Summary of the Data, as Initially Imported

summary(demodata) ## basic numerical summaries of the eighteen variables

```
Subject
                                      test1
                                                         test2
                       age
Min. : 1.00
                        :19.00
                                          :-999.00
                                                     Min.
                                                            :102.0
                 Min.
                                  Min.
1st Qu.: 25.75
                 1st Qu.:33.75
                                  1st Qu.:
                                            32.75
                                                     1st Qu.:162.0
Median : 50.50
                 Median :50.50
                                             48.00
                                                     Median :189.0
                                  Median :
       : 50.50
                 Mean
                         :48.23
                                  Mean
                                             18.25
                                                     Mean
                                                            :198.5
3rd Qu.: 75.25
                 3rd Qu.:60.25
                                  3rd Qu.:
                                             65.25
                                                     3rd Qu.:243.0
       :100.00
                         :75.00
                                             80.00
Max.
                 Max.
                                  Max.
                                                     Max.
                                                             :300.0
                                                     NA's
                                                             :5
                                        histB
    test3
                   histA
                                                        histC
Min.
       : 2.00
                Length: 100
                                    Min.
                                            :1.00
                                                    Min.
                                                           :0.00
1st Qu.:10.00
                Class :character
                                    1st Qu.:1.00
                                                    1st Qu.:0.00
Median :25.00
                Mode :character
                                    Median :2.00
                                                    Median:0.00
       :24.26
                                            :1.52
Mean
                                    Mean
                                                    Mean
                                                           :0.46
```

•	.:38.00				•	:2.00	•		
Max.	:48.00			Ma	х.	:2.00	Max.	:1.00	
NA's	:57								
his	stD	his	tE		hist	F	ra	ace	
Min.	:0.0000	Min.	:0.0000	Min	. :	0.00	Min.	:1.00	
1st Qu	.:0.0000	1st Qu.	:0.0000	1st	Qu.:	0.00	1st Qu	.:1.75	
Median	:1.0000	Median	:0.0000	Med:	ian :	1.00	Median	:3.00	
Mean	:0.5532	Mean	:0.4932	Mean	n :	7.93	Mean	:2.57	
3rd Qu	.:1.0000	3rd Qu.	:1.0000	3rd	Qu.:	1.00	3rd Qu	.:4.00	
Max.	:1.0000	Max.	:1.0000	Max	. :	99.00	Max.	:4.00	
NA's	:6	NA's	:27						
rat	ing	re	turn		ro	tation		rea	ason
Length	:100	Lengt	h:100		Leng	th:100		Length	n:100
Class	character:	Class	:charact	er	Clas	s :char	acter	${\tt Class}$	:character
Mode	:character	Mode	:charact	er	Mode	:char	acter	Mode	:character

date1 date2
Length:100 Min.:40541
Class:character 1st Qu.:40806
Mode:character Median:41040
Mean:41055
3rd Qu.:41247
Max.:41617

# 8 Recoding Continuous Variables, including Time-to-Event and Count Variables

Here are the first 10 rows of the first five variables in the demodata.csv file, as they appear in Excel.

A	Α	В	С	D	E
1	Subject	age	test1	test2	test3
2	1	55	36	267	27 '
3	2	52	59	252	I
4	3	51	30	221	16 '
5	4	19	80	136	,
6	5	51	73	184	,
7	6	39	45	NA	30 I
8	7	37	32	134	,
9	8	35	-999	166	18 '
10	9	55	62	227	45

Continuous variables are relatively easy to import into R.

• The age variable has no missing values, while test1, test2 and test3 each contain various ways of representing missing values, indicated by -999 for test1, by NA for test2 and by blank cells (which R converts to NAs) for test3.

When we import the demodata.csv file into R, we'll see from a summary of the first five columns in the data (those are the continuous variables here) that two of these approaches to coding missing data (NA and blanks) each work properly, while the use of -999 causes problems.

After initial import into R, here's what the same part of the demodata data frame looks like...

#### demodata

```
# A tibble: 100 x 18
   Subject
             age test1 test2 test3 histA histB histC histD histE histF
     <int>
              55
                                               2
                                                     0
 1
         1
                     36
                          267
                                 27 Yes
                                                            1
                                                                  1
                                                                        1
                                                                               4
 2
         2
                                               2
              52
                          252
                                 NA No
                                                     0
                                                            0
                                                                  0
                                                                        0
                                                                               4
                     59
 3
         3
                                 16 Yes
                                               2
                                                            0
              51
                     30
                          221
                                                     1
                                                                 NA
                                                                        1
                                                                               1
 4
         4
              19
                     80
                          136
                                 NA Yes
                                               1
                                                     0
                                                            0
                                                                 NA
                                                                       99
                                                                               3
         5
 5
              51
                     73
                                 NA Yes
                                               1
                                                     0
                                                            0
                                                                        0
                                                                               1
                          184
                                                                 NA
 6
         6
              39
                     45
                                 30 No
                                               1
                                                     1
                                                            0
                                                                  1
                                                                       77
                                                                               2
                           NA
         7
 7
              37
                     32
                          134
                                 NA Yes
                                               2
                                                     1
                                                                  1
                                                                               3
                                                           NA
                                                                        1
 8
                                               2
                                                                  1
                                                                               4
         8
              35
                   -999
                          166
                                 18 Yes
                                                     1
                                                            1
                                                                        0
 9
         9
                                               2
                                                     1
                                                                  1
                                                                        0
                                                                               3
              55
                     62
                          227
                                 45 No
                                                            0
              32
                     40
                                               2
                                                     0
                                                                        0
                                                                               2
10
        10
                          154
                                 NA Yes
                                                            1
                                                                  1
```

# ... with 90 more rows, and 6 more variables: rating <chr>, return <chr>,
# rotation <chr>, reason <chr>, date1 <chr>, date2 <int>

demodata %>% select(1:5) %>% summary()

Subject age test1 test2
Min.: 1.00 Min.: 19.00 Min.: -999.00 Min.: 102.0

```
1st Qu.: 25.75
                                              32.75
                  1st Qu.:33.75
                                   1st Qu.:
                                                       1st Qu.:162.0
Median : 50.50
                  Median :50.50
                                              48.00
                                                       Median :189.0
                                   Median:
Mean
       : 50.50
                          :48.23
                                              18.25
                                                               :198.5
                  Mean
                                   Mean
                                                       Mean
3rd Qu.: 75.25
                  3rd Qu.:60.25
                                   3rd Qu.:
                                              65.25
                                                       3rd Qu.:243.0
Max.
       :100.00
                  Max.
                          :75.00
                                   Max.
                                              80.00
                                                       Max.
                                                               :300.0
                                                       NA's
                                                               :5
```

#### test3

Min. : 2.00 1st Qu.:10.00 Median :25.00 Mean :24.26 3rd Qu.:38.00 Max. :48.00 NA's :57

#### ## summarizes the first five variables

In the test2 and test3 cases, we see that R correctly identifies the values NA (in the case of test2) and 'blank'' (in the case of test3') as indicating missingness.

But, for test1, we have a problem, in that R thinks that the code value -999 is in fact a legitimate value, rather than a placeholder indicating missingness, and includes those values of -999 when calculating the minimum and other summary statistics.

So, we need to fix test1 so that it treats the three -999s as missing values. To do this, try the following...

```
demodata <- demodata %>%
  mutate(test1 = na_if(test1, -999))

demodata %$% summary(test1)
```

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's 20.00 35.00 48.00 49.71 66.00 80.00 3
```

# 8.1 Imputing Values for the Missing Observations in Continuous Variables

This advice is strictly meant for building a propensity score model, and thus applies to 500 students. For those of you taking 500, here is one potential approach for imputing values for the missing observations in test1, test2 and test3. We'll attack this in a different way in 432. The na.pattern function is part of the Hmisc package.

```
demodata %>% select(test1, test2, test3) %>% na.pattern()
```

```
pattern 000 001 010 011 100 101
```

```
40 52 2 3 1 2
```

For test1 and test2, we have only 3 and 5 missing values, respectively, which is less than 10% of the data, and less than 20 observations that are missing in each column. Confronted with relatively modest missingness like this, under certain circumstances, like in your class project, I might recommend a simple imputation before including these as covariates in a propensity model.

One option would be to use the random hot deck imputation strategy as implemented in the simputation package to accomplish these simple imputations. Note that I'm using the set.seed() function here just to guarantee that if I rerun this Markdown file, I'll get the same imputed values.

```
set.seed(500001)

demodata_imp01 <- data.frame(demodata) %>%
    mutate(test1_imp = test1) %>%
    mutate(test2_imp = test2) %>%
    impute_rhd(., test1_imp ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
    impute_rhd(., test2_imp ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
    tbl_df()
```

```
Warning: `tbl_df()` was deprecated in dplyr 1.0.0. Please use `tibble::as_tibble()` instead.
```

This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.

Call `lifecycle::last\_lifecycle\_warnings()` to see where this warning was generated.

```
demodata_imp01 %>%
  select(test1, test1_imp, test2, test2_imp) %>% summary()
```

```
test1
                   test1 imp
                                       test2
                                                       test2 imp
                         :20.00
Min.
       :20.00
                 Min.
                                   Min.
                                           :102.0
                                                    Min.
                                                            :102.0
1st Qu.:35.00
                 1st Qu.:34.50
                                   1st Qu.:162.0
                                                     1st Qu.:162.0
                                   Median :189.0
Median :48.00
                 Median :48.00
                                                    Median :189.0
       :49.71
Mean
                 Mean
                         :49.25
                                   Mean
                                           :198.5
                                                    Mean
                                                            :198.1
                 3rd Qu.:65.25
3rd Qu.:66.00
                                   3rd Qu.:243.0
                                                    3rd Qu.:242.5
Max.
       :80.00
                         :80.00
                                           :300.0
                                                            :300.0
                 Max.
                                   Max.
                                                    Max.
NA's
       :3
                                   NA's
                                           :5
```

On the other hand, for test3, we have 57 missing out of 100 values in total. Since this is both more than 20 missing values, and more than 10% of our data set, my project-specific advice indicates that we should create two new variables:

- one to indicate missingness in test3, which I will call test3.NA and
- another where we impute the same (I'll use the median) value for each missing observation in test3, which I'll call test3\_i

```
set.seed(500001)
demodata imp01 <- demodata %>%
    mutate(test1 imp = test1,
           test2 imp = test2,
           test3 imp = test3,
           test3 NA =
             as.numeric(is.na(test3)),
           test3 imp =
             replace_na(test3_imp,
                        median(test3, na.rm = T))) %>%
  data.frame() %>%
    impute rhd(., test1 imp ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
    impute_rhd(., test2_imp ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
  tbl_df()
demodata imp01 %>%
  select(test1, test1 imp,
         test2, test2_imp,
         test3, test3 imp, test3 NA) %>% summary()
```

```
test1
                                      test2
                   test1 imp
                                                     test2 imp
Min.
       :20.00
                        :20.00
                                 Min.
                                         :102.0
                                                          :102.0
                Min.
                                                  Min.
1st Qu.:35.00
                1st Qu.:34.50
                                  1st Qu.:162.0
                                                  1st Qu.:162.0
Median :48.00
                Median :48.00
                                 Median :189.0
                                                  Median: 189.0
Mean
       :49.71
                Mean
                        :49.25
                                         :198.5
                                                  Mean
                                                          :198.1
                                  Mean
                                  3rd Qu.:243.0
                                                  3rd Qu.:242.5
3rd Qu.:66.00
                3rd Qu.:65.25
Max.
       :80.00
                        :80.00
                                         :300.0
                                                          :300.0
                Max.
                                 Max.
                                                  Max.
NA's
       :3
                                  NA's
                                         :5
    test3
                   test3 imp
                                     test3 NA
Min.
      : 2.00
                Min.
                        : 2.00
                                 Min.
                                         :0.00
1st Qu.:10.00
                1st Qu.:25.00
                                  1st Qu.:0.00
Median :25.00
                Median :25.00
                                 Median:1.00
Mean
       :24.26
                        :24.68
                                         :0.57
                Mean
                                 Mean
3rd Qu.:38.00
                3rd Qu.:25.00
                                  3rd Qu.:1.00
       :48.00
                        :48.00
Max.
                Max.
                                 Max.
                                         :1.00
NA's
       :57
```

As an alternative, we might consider imputing test3 more thoroughly, perhaps again with a hot deck...

```
set.seed(500002)

demodata_imp02 <- demodata %>%
    mutate(test1_imp = test1,
```

```
test2_imp = test2,
    test3_imp = test3,
    test3_NA =
        as.numeric(is.na(test3))) %>%

data.frame() %>%
    impute_rhd(., test1 ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
    impute_rhd(., test2 ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
    impute_rhd(., test3 ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
    tbl_df()

demodata_imp02 %>%
    select(test1, test1_imp, test2, test2_imp,
        test3, test3_imp, test3_NA) %>% summary()
```

```
test1
                                       test2
                                                      test2_imp
                   test1_imp
Min.
       :20.00
                         :20.00
                                  Min.
                                          :102.0
                                                            :102.0
                 Min.
                                                    Min.
1st Qu.:35.00
                 1st Qu.:35.00
                                   1st Qu.:161.8
                                                    1st Qu.:162.0
Median :49.00
                 Median :48.00
                                  Median :189.0
                                                    Median :189.0
Mean
       :49.71
                 Mean
                         :49.71
                                  Mean
                                          :198.2
                                                    Mean
                                                            :198.5
3rd Qu.:66.25
                 3rd Qu.:66.00
                                   3rd Qu.:244.5
                                                    3rd Qu.:243.0
       :80.00
                         :80.00
                                          :300.0
                                                            :300.0
Max.
                 Max.
                                  Max.
                                                    Max.
                 NA's
                         :3
                                                    NA's
                                                            :5
    test3
                   test3_imp
                                      test3 NA
Min.
       : 2.00
                 Min.
                         : 2.00
                                  Min.
                                          :0.00
1st Qu.: 7.00
                 1st Qu.:10.00
                                   1st Qu.:0.00
Median :25.00
                 Median :25.00
                                  Median:1.00
Mean
       :24.44
                 Mean
                         :24.26
                                          :0.57
                                  Mean
3rd Qu.:39.00
                 3rd Qu.:38.00
                                   3rd Qu.:1.00
       :48.00
                         :48.00
Max.
                 Max.
                                  Max.
                                          :1.00
                 NA's
                         :57
```

In a propensity score setting, we'd use the post-imputation values test1\_imp, test2\_imp, and test3\_imp along with test3\_NA in our propensity score model to represent the information, while leaving the original variables test1, test2 and test3 out of the model.

# 8.2 Creating a Binary Variable from a Continuous one

One more type of recoding is creating a binary or multi-categorical variable from a continuous one. For instance, we might create a binary variable that divides our patients into two groups, based on whether they were above or below the age of, say, 50. Here, I'll make the arbitrary choice to put those with ages equal to 50 into the "above' group.

```
demodata <- demodata %>%
  mutate(age_50plus = as.numeric(age >= 50))
```

```
demodata %$%
  mosaic::favstats(age ~ age 50plus) # sanity check on recoding
                   Q1 median Q3 max
  age 50plus min
                                          mean
                                                     sd
                                                        n missing
1
              19 28.0
                           33 42
                                  49 34.59184 8.746233 49
                                                                  0
2
              50 55.5
                           60 66 75 61.33333 7.325754 51
                                                                  0
Instead of a 1/0 variable for age_50plus we could instead create a factor called age_cat.
demodata <- demodata %>%
  mutate(age cat = fct recode(factor(age >= 50),
                                  Older = "TRUE",
                                  Below50 = "FALSE"))
demodata %$%
  mosaic::favstats(age ~ age_50plus) # sanity check on recoding
                   Q1 median Q3 max
  age_50plus min
                                          mean
                                                     sd
                                                         n missing
1
              19 28.0
                           33 42
                                  49 34.59184 8.746233 49
2
              50 55.5
                           60 66
                                  75 61.33333 7.325754 51
                                                                  0
```

### 8.3 Creating A 4-Category Variable from a Continuous one

Now, what if we wanted to create a four-category factor by age? One approach would be to use the cut2 function from the Hmisc library to select four groups of roughly equal size (these would be quartiles)...

```
demodata <- demodata %>%
  mutate(age_group = cut2(age, g = 4))

demodata %$%
  mosaic::favstats(age ~ age_group)
```

```
age group min Q1 median Q3 max mean
                                              sd n missing
1
    [19,34)
             19 24
                       28 31
                              33 27.28 4.286801 25
                                                          0
2
    [34,51)
             34 40
                       45 46
                              50 42.52 4.831494 25
                                                          0
                       56 58 60 55.64 2.782086 25
                                                          0
3
    [51,61)
             51 54
    [61,75]
                       67 72 75 67.48 5.058985 25
                                                          0
             61 64
```

Or, we could pre-specify that we want groups at Up to age 35, then 35 up to 50, and 50 up to 64 and finally 65 or older...

```
demodata <- demodata %>%
  mutate(age_grp = cut2(age, cuts = c(35, 50, 65)))
```

# demodata %\$% mosaic::favstats(age ~ age\_grp)

```
Q1 median Q3 max
                                                        n missing
  age_grp min
                                        mean
                                                    sd
1 [19,35)
           19 24.75
                         29 32
                                 34 28.00000 4.562326 28
2 [35,50)
           35 41.00
                         45 46
                                 49 43.38095 3.680709 21
                                                                 0
                                                                 0
3 [50,65)
           50 54.00
                                 64 57.38889 4.121565 36
                         58 61
                                75 70.80000 3.629246 15
                                                                 0
4 [65,75]
           65 68.50
                         71 74
```

By default, the results of applying the cut2 function is a single factor that divides the subjects into groups.

# 9 Recoding Binary Categorical Variables

Binary variables can come in many different forms. The easiest thing to deal with is a simple 1-0 numeric variable, where 1 indicates the presence of the characteristic and 0 its absence. But we can see lots of different options.

	F	G	Н	1	J	K
1	histA	histB	histC	histD	histE	histF
2	Yes	2	0	1	1	1
3	No	2	0	0	0	0
4	Yes	2	1	0		1
5	Yes	1	0	0		99
6	Yes	1	0	0		0
7	No	1	1	0	1	77
8	Yes	2	1	NA	1	1
9	Yes	2	1	1	1	0
10	No	2	1	0	1	0

- The histA variable has Yes and No values, histB has 1 for Yes and 2 for No, while histC is set up as we'd usually prefer.
- Then variables histD and histE have missing values represented by NAs and blanks, respectively (which will work smoothly)
- Yet histF has three kinds of missing values: 99 for missing, 88 for no response and 77 for "don't know.' We'll assume that all three possibilities should be treated as missing.

When we import the demodata.csv file into R, the NA and blanks approaches to coding missingness each work properly, but we still have work ahead.

```
demodata %>%
  select(histA:histF) %>%
  summary()
```

histA histB histC histD

```
Length: 100
                            :1.00
                                            :0.00
                                                             :0.0000
                    Min.
                                    Min.
                                                     Min.
Class : character
                    1st Qu.:1.00
                                    1st Qu.:0.00
                                                     1st Qu.:0.0000
Mode
      :character
                    Median:2.00
                                    Median:0.00
                                                     Median :1.0000
                    Mean
                            :1.52
                                    Mean
                                            :0.46
                                                     Mean
                                                             :0.5532
                    3rd Qu.:2.00
                                    3rd Qu.:1.00
                                                     3rd Qu.:1.0000
                            :2.00
                                            :1.00
                                                             :1.0000
                    Max.
                                    Max.
                                                     Max.
                                                     NA's
                                                             :6
    histE
                      histF
```

:0.0000 Min. : 0.00 Min. 1st Qu.:0.0000 1st Qu.: 0.00 Median :0.0000 Median: 1.00 Mean :0.4932 Mean : 7.93 3rd Qu.:1.0000 3rd Qu.: 1.00 Max. :1.0000 Max. :99.00 NA's :27

# 9.1 Creating Factors and 1-0 variables

Most of the time, we're going to want to create both a 1-0 (in standard epidemiological format) and a factor version of a binary variable. The 1-0 version is generally more useful for outcomes, exposures and covariates, but there are times when the factor version is also helpful. So, here's how I might do that.

### 9.1.1 Converting histA

```
demodata %>% tabyl(histA)
```

```
No 54 0.54
Yes 46 0.46
```

For histA, we already have a factor variable (Yes/No), but we need to get that into standard epidemiological format (with presence [i.e. Yes] first, and absence [No] second) and I'll label that histA.f, and then we'll also want a 1-0 numeric version, which I'll call histA, after I copy the original data to histA.original.

```
demodata <- demodata %>%
  mutate(histA_num = as.numeric(histA == "Yes"))

demodata %>% count(histA, histA_num)
```

```
1 No 0 54
2 Yes 1 46
```

### 9.1.2 Converting histB

```
demodata %>% tabyl(histB)
```

```
histB n percent
1 48 0.48
2 52 0.52
```

For histB, we already have a numeric variable, where 1 = Yes, and 2 = No, but we need to get that into 1-0 form, and also build a factor to describe the results in standard epidemiological format. To do so, use the following:

### 9.1.3 Converting histC

```
demodata %>% tabyl(histC)
```

```
histC n percent
0 54 0.54
1 46 0.46
```

For histC, we already have a numeric variable, where 1 = Yes, and 0 = No, so that's great, and all we need is to also build a factor to describe the results in standard epidemiological format. To do so, use the following:

```
No = "FALSE"))
demodata %>% count(histC_fac, histC)
# A tibble: 2 x 3
  histC fac histC
  <fct>
            <int> <int>
                 0
1 No
                      54
2 Yes
                 1
                      46
If for some reason we wanted to rearrange the levels of the factor to (Yes, No) instead of (No,
Yes) we would use fct_relevel to do so.
demodata <- demodata %>%
  mutate(histC fac = fct recode(factor(histC == "1"),
                                  Yes = "TRUE",
                                  No = "FALSE"),
         histC fac2 = fct relevel(histC fac, "Yes"))
demodata %>% tabyl(histC fac)
 histC fac n percent
        No 54
                  0.54
       Yes 46
                  0.46
```

```
histC_fac2 n percent
Yes 46 0.46
No 54 0.54
```

demodata %>% tabyl(histC\_fac2)

# 9.2 Dealing with Missingness in Binary Data

Now, we'll deal with missingness, in binary data, as shown in histD, histE and histF. Again, this advice is strictly meant for building a propensity score model, and thus applies only to students working on project or assignments for 500.

```
demodata %>% select(histD, histE, histF) %>% na.pattern()

pattern
000 010 100 110
70 24 3 3
```

### 9.2.1 Imputation for histD for building a propensity model.

```
demodata %>% tabyl(histD)
```

```
histD n percent valid_percent

0 42 0.42 0.4468085

1 52 0.52 0.5531915

NA 6 0.06 NA
```

In histD, we have a 1-0 numeric variable, and R recognizes 6 missing values. To use this as a covariate, we'll first impute (simply) the 6 missing values, since we have less than 20 missing values (and less than 10% of our data missing, for that matter.)

```
set.seed(500003)

demodata_imp03 <- demodata %>%
   mutate(histD_imp = histD) %>%
   data.frame() %>%
   impute_rhd(., histD_imp ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
   tbl_df()

demodata_imp03 %>% count(histD, histD_imp)
```

```
# A tibble: 4 x 3
  histD histD imp
  <int>
              <int> <int>
1
      0
                  0
                        42
2
      1
                  1
                        52
3
     NA
                  0
                         3
4
                         3
     NA
                  1
```

### 9.2.2 Working with histE

```
demodata %>% tabyl(histE)
```

```
histE n percent valid_percent

0 37 0.37 0.5068493

1 36 0.36 0.4931507

NA 27 0.27 NA
```

In histE, we again have a 1-0 numeric variable, and R has recognized 27 missing values. To use this as a covariate, we'll create both an indicator of missingness (called histE\_NA). Then, we'll create a factor called histE.f with three levels: Yes, No and Missing. Finally, we'll do a simple imputation of the same value for each of the 27 missing values.

demodata imp04 %>% count(histE orig, histE na, histE fac, histE imp)

```
# A tibble: 4 x 5
```

	histE_orig	$histE_na$	${\tt histE\_fac}$	${\tt histE\_imp}$	n
	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<fct></fct>	<int></int>	<int></int>
1	0	0	No	0	37
2	1	0	Yes	1	36
3	NA	1	Missing	0	18
4	NA	1	Missing	1	9

### 9.2.3 Working with histF

# demodata %>% tabyl(histF)

```
histF n percent
0 47 0.47
1 45 0.45
77 1 0.01
88 2 0.02
99 5 0.05
```

In histF, we again have a 1-0 numeric variable, but now we have codes 77, 88 and 99, all of which we'll take to mean missing values. So, we'll get R to recognize these values as missing in a new variable called histF\_fix. Then, to use this as a covariate, we'll do a simple imputation (since the missingness rate < 10% and there are less than 20 missing values) into a variable called histF\_imp. Then, we'll create a factor called histF\_fac with two levels: Yes and No, based on the imputed values in histF\_imp.

demodata\_imp05 %>% count(histF\_orig, histF\_fix, histF\_imp, histF\_fac)

0 No

1 Yes

#	A tibble:	7 x 5			
	histF_orig	$histF_fix$	${\tt histF\_imp}$	${\tt histF\_fac}$	n
	<int></int>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<fct></fct>	<int></int>
1	0	0	0	No	47
2	1	1	1	Yes	45
3	77	NA	1	Yes	1
4	88	NA	0	No	1
5	88	NA	1	Yes	1

NA

NA

6

7

99

99

# 10 Recoding Categorical Variables with More Than Two Categories

2

3

There are lots of things we might want to do with a multi-categorical variable, including rearranging its levels, create factors which are labeled properly and appear in a sensible order, create binary 1/0 variables for individual categories, deal with missingness sensibly, and collapse categories. In addition, a multi-categorical variable can be coded originally in several different forms.

	L	М	N	0	P
1	race	rating	return	rotation	reason
2	4	Exc	В	X	expensive
3	4	V Good	C	Y	too busy
4	1	NA	D	Y	high priced
5	3	Good	Α	Z	costly
6	1	Poor	Α	Unknown	no time
7	2	V Good	D	Z	too busy
8	3	Fair	С	X	no time
9	4	V Good	Α	Y	expensive
10	3	Good		Υ	high priced

We have five such variables here.

- race is coded as 1 = White, 2 = Black, 3 = Asian and 4 = All Other, with no missing values
- rating is either Exc, V Good, Good, Fair or Poor. There are 4 missing values, coded by NA.
- return is either A, B, C, or D. There are 26 missing values, coded in the .csv file by blanks
- rotation is either X, Y or Z. There are 4 missing values, coded in the .csv as "Unknown'.
- reason can take on 12 different values for primary reason why the subject did not go to the doctor. The reason variable has no missing values, but we might want to collapse the reasons into three groups, perhaps combining the several reasons pertaining to fear into one category, the reasons related to cost into another category, and reasons related to time into a third category.

```
demodata %>%
  select(race, rating, return, rotation, reason) %>%
  summary()
```

rac	ce	rat	ing	ret	turn	rota	ation
Min. :	1.00	Length	n:100	Lengtl	n:100	Length	n:100
1st Qu.:	1.75	Class	:character	Class	:character	Class	:character
Median :	3.00	Mode	:character	Mode	:character	Mode	:character
Mean :	2.57						
3rd Qu.:	4.00						
Max. :	4.00						
reaso	on						

Length: 100

Class : character
Mode : character

### 10.1 Working with race

race is coded as 1 = White, 2 = Black, 3 = Asian and 4 = Other, with no missing values...

```
demodata %>% tabyl(race)
```

```
race n percent
1 25 0.25
2 21 0.21
3 26 0.26
4 28 0.28
```

To use race as a covariate, we would want to create a factor...

Here's the sanity check...

```
demodata %>% tabyl(race, race_f)
```

```
race White Black Asian Other
   1
         25
                 0
   2
          0
                21
                        0
                               0
   3
          0
                 0
                       26
                               0
   4
          0
                 0
                        0
                              28
```

Also, we might need a series of indicator / dummy 1-0 numeric variables, one for each of the four categories of race, although we might only use three of them in modeling.

2	2 Black	0	1	0	0	21
3	3 Asian	0	0	1	0	26
4	4 Other	0	0	0	1	28

# 10.2 Working with rating

rating is either Exc, V Good, Good, Fair or Poor. There are 4 missing values, coded by NA.

### demodata %>% count(rating)

```
# A tibble: 6 x 2
rating n
<chr> <int>
1 Exc 7
Fair 9
Good 54
Poor 5
V Good 21
6 <NA>
4
```

That is a factor, but an annoyingly poor ordering of the variables. We could adjust that...

```
rating_f n percent valid_percent
     Exc 7
               0.07
                       0.07291667
  V Good 21
               0.21
                       0.21875000
    Good 54
               0.54
                       0.56250000
    Fair 9
               0.09
                       0.09375000
    Poor 5
               0.05
                       0.05208333
    <NA>
               0.04
                                NA
```

That's a much more meaningful ordering, but we still have four missing values. We could either impute (probably the better choice for your project) or create a new category for Missingness. Given that there are only 4 missing values (much less than 20) I would just impute, simply, as follows...

```
set.seed(500006)
demodata_imp06 <- demodata %>%
  mutate(rating_imp = rating_f) %>%
  data.frame() %>%
```

```
impute_rhd(., rating_imp ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
tbl_df()

demodata_imp06 %>% count(rating_f, rating_imp)
```

```
# A tibble: 7 x 3
  rating_f rating_imp
                            n
  <fct>
           <fct>
                       <int>
1 Exc
                            7
           Exc
2 V Good
           V Good
                          21
3 Good
           Good
                           54
4 Fair
           Fair
                            9
5 Poor
           Poor
                            5
                            3
6 <NA>
           Good
7 <NA>
           Poor
                            1
```

And, as before, we could then create a series of indicator variables to represent the various categories.

What if we wanted to compare those with Exc, V Good or Good results to those with Fair or Poor results, in a binary variable? To do that, we could use the following approach:

```
# A tibble: 5 x 3
  rating 10 rating imp
                             n
  <fct>
            <fct>
                        <int>
1 High
            Exc
                             7
2 High
            V Good
                            21
                            57
3 High
            Good
                             9
4 Low
            Fair
5 Low
            Poor
                             6
```

# 10.3 Working with return

return is either A, B, C, or D. There are 26 missing values, coded in the .csv file by blanks, which R recognizes as missing.

```
demodata %>% tabyl(return)
```

```
return n percent valid_percent
```

```
A 14 0.14 0.1891892
B 13 0.13 0.1756757
C 30 0.30 0.4054054
D 17 0.17 0.2297297
<NA> 26 0.26 NA
```

Imputing here can work as we've done in the past.

```
set.seed(500007)

demodata_imp07 <- demodata %>%
    mutate(return_imp = return) %>%
    data.frame() %>%
    impute_rhd(., return_imp ~ 1, pool="univariate") %>%
    tbl_df()

demodata_imp07 %>% count(return, return_imp)
```

```
# A tibble: 8 x 3
  return return_imp
  <chr> <chr>
                      <int>
1 A
         Α
                         14
2 B
         В
                         13
3 C
         C
                         30
4 D
         D
                         17
5 <NA>
         Α
                          6
6 <NA>
                          6
         В
7 <NA>
         C
                         11
8 <NA>
         D
                          3
```

Again, we could then create a series of indicator variables to represent the various categories, should we want them.

### 10.4 Working with rotation

rotation is either X, Y or Z. There are 4 missing values, coded in the .csv as "Unknown".

# demodata %>% tabyl(rotation)

```
rotation n percent
Unknown 4 0.04
X 23 0.23
Y 47 0.47
Z 26 0.26
```

First, we convert those to NAs, creating rotation\_fix and then we impute into rotation\_imp.

demodata imp08 %>% count(rotation orig, rotation fix, rotation imp)

```
# A tibble: 6 x 4
  rotation_orig rotation_fix rotation_imp
                                                 n
                               <chr>
  <chr>
                 <chr>
                                             <int>
                 <NA>
1 Unknown
                               X
                                                 1
2 Unknown
                 <NA>
                               Υ
                                                 1
3 Unknown
                 <NA>
                               Z
                                                 2
4 X
                 X
                               Х
                                                23
5 Y
                 Y
                               Y
                                                47
6 Z
                 Z
                               Z
                                                26
```

Once again, we could create indicator variables to represent the various categories, should we want them.

# 10.5 Working with reason

reason can take on 12 different values for primary reason why the subject did not go to the doctor.

### demodata %>% tabyl(reason)

```
reason n percent
   anxiety 5
                 0.05
    costly 7
                 0.07
  expensive 22
                 0.22
      fear 15
                 0.15
high priced 4
                 0.04
   no time 13
                 0.13
     panic 4
                 0.04
   swamped 6
                 0.06
                 0.08
   tied up 8
   too busy 7
                 0.07
    unease 4
                 0.04
                 0.05
     worry 5
```

The reason variable has no missing values, but we might want to collapse the reasons into three groups, perhaps combining the several reasons pertaining to fear into one category, the reasons related to cost into another category, and reasons related to time into a third category.

Suppose your desired combination was as follows:

Old Reason (12 categories)	New Reason (3 categories)
anxiety, fear, panic, unease, worry	fear
costly, expensive, high priced	$\cos t$
no time, swamped, tied up, too busy	time

So, we'll build a new factor that includes only our three new categories, again using fct\_collapse...

```
# A tibble: 12 x 3
   reason 3 reason
                             n
   <fct>
            <chr>
                         <int>
 1 fear
            anxiety
                             5
 2 fear
            fear
                             15
 3 fear
            panic
                              4
 4 fear
                              4
            unease
                             5
 5 fear
            worry
 6 cost
            costly
                             7
 7 cost
            expensive
                             22
8 cost
            high priced
                             4
 9 time
            no time
                             13
10 time
            swamped
                             6
11 time
            tied up
                             8
                             7
12 time
            too busy
```

### 11 Date Variables

If you've got a .csv file that was built in Excel, there are three likely data formats for dates that you'll see, as demonstrated in the date1 and date2 variables.

	Q	R
1	date1	date2
2	7/10/2011	40734
3	6/5/2013	41430
4	5/27/2013	41421
5	3/31/2012	40999
6	2/9/2012	40948
7	10/28/2012	41210
8	10/28/2012	41210
9	4/5/2013	41369
10	5/11/2012	41040

Neither import well into R through read csv.

- date1 produces an unordered factor, and
- date2 just produces a set of integers.

```
demodata %>% select(date1:date2) %>% str()
```

```
tibble [100 x 2] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
$ date1: chr [1:100] "7/10/2011" "6/5/2013" "5/27/2013" "3/31/2012" ...
$ date2: int [1:100] 40734 41430 41421 40999 40948 41210 41210 41369 41040 40722 ...
```

# 11.1 The date format in Excel yields date1

The date1 approach is obtained using the date format in Excel, and is fine for humans to read, even in R, but R still has no idea how to use it, interpreting it as a factor. The data are provided in month/day/4-digit year format. In order to get R to treat this as a date, we use the following...

```
demodata$date1.fix <- as.Date(demodata$date1, "%m/%d/%Y")</pre>
```

The command includes a capital Y since the data include all 4 digits of the year.

```
str(demodata$date1.fix)
```

```
Date[1:100], format: "2011-07-10" "2013-06-05" "2013-05-27" "2012-03-31" "2012-02-09" summary(demodata$date1.fix)
```

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. "2010-12-29" "2011-09-19" "2012-05-11" "2012-05-26" "2012-12-04" "2013-12-09"
```

### 11.2 The general format in Excel yields date2

For date2, which contains exactly the same data as date1, but using the general format in Excel, R just sees an integer. But what Excel is actually trying to represent is "days since 12/31/1899" so that 1 = January 1, 1900. This isn't too useful for a computer or a human, although you can at least calculate differences between two dates in terms of number of days with such an approach. Another problem is that Excel's function for doing this believes that 1900 was a leap year. So, to account for this, we use the following approach to build a date.

```
demodata$date2.fix <- as.Date(demodata$date2, origin="1899-12-30")
str(demodata$date2.fix)</pre>
```

```
Date[1:100], format: "2011-07-10" "2013-06-05" "2013-05-27" "2012-03-31" "2012-02-09" summary(demodata$date2.fix)
```

Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. "2010-12-29" "2011-09-19" "2012-05-11" "2012-05-26" "2012-12-04" "2013-12-09"

# 12 On Using RStudio and R Markdown

# 12.1 Use R Studio Projects Whenever You Can

- As the documentation suggests, RStudio Projects make it straightforward to divide your work into multiple contexts, each with their own working directory, workspace, history, and source documents.
- Open R Studio, and either start a new Project (using the File . . . New Project menu) or open an existing Project by clicking on the Open Project button at the top right of R Studio.

### 12.2 What is R Markdown?

R Markdown is the most useful tool I have. It is...

an authoring format that enables easy creation of dynamic documents, presentations, and reports from R. It combines the core syntax of markdown (an easy-to-write plain text format) with embedded R code chunks that are run so their output can be included in the final document. R Markdown documents are fully reproducible (they can be automatically regenerated whenever underlying R code or data changes).

Moving from simply writing scripts in R to Markdown files is a short step, and well worth the effort. Within R Studio, you can write R Markdown syntax, run it to see your results,

and then produce a final document which looks great, and is completely reproducible. This is a tool you will get a lot of use from in this course, and, I expect, in your future work.

### 12.2.1 Learning More about Writing Markdown Files

- 1. I encourage you to visit the help page linked to directly within R Studio, by clicking on the question mark box in R Studio that appears when you open a Markdown file.
- 2. To get started, try simply writing your report in plain text. Markdown syntax is used to describe how to format text in the final report, and to embed R code.
- 3. To learn more about writing Markdown files, you can look at the examples I'll provide in class (all of my presentations are built using Markdown).
- 4. R Studio provides cheat sheets that others have found to be very helpful. They have stuff for R Markdown (including a detailed reference guide), R Studio, Data Wrangling with dplyr and tidyr, Data Visualization, etc.

### 12.2.2 Creating an HTML, Word or PDF file

- 1. An R Markdown file is essentially a text document, with interspersed R code that lets you produce reports that combine narration with results, and that can be easily exported as an HTML, PDF or Word file.
  - Open a new R Markdown file (File ... New File ... R Markdown), or an existing one (File ... Open File), and indicate the desired output type.
  - R Markdown files use the .Rmd extension.
  - Assuming you have Microsoft Office installed on your computer, you should be immediately able to write a Markdown file and render it in either HTML or as a Word document, by creating a Markdown document and then clicking on the Knit HTML or Knit Word button at the top of R Studio.
  - In order to get Markdown to generate a PDF file directly (rather than Word or HTML) you'll want to download an installation of the TeX (TeX is pronounced "tech") software, which builds those relatively pretty documents. I use MacTeX on my Mac, and MikTeX on my PC. This also lets me include LaTeX and TeX commands directly within a Markdown file, which is something you might eventually want to do, and that I did to build this document.

### 12.2.3 Some Specific Tips

- 1. When using R Markdown, you need to be sure that Markdown is looking for your files in the proper directory. The easiest way for me to do this is to build a separate directory for each new analysis, and open up a new Project in that directory before developing your Markdown code.
  - The directory being used is almost inevitably the directory in which the Markdown file is stored by RStudio.

- The here package can be enormously helpful.
- 2. When writing code in Markdown, you need to name each chunk, and give each chunk a different name.
  - If you name something chunkname, then your next chunk of code needs to be named something different than chunkname, like chunk2, or whatever.
  - Good coding practice suggests the use of a name that describes what the chunk of code does. I encourage you to use the underscore to separate words, rather than spaces.
  - Putting a comma after a chunk name lets you, in addition to naming the chunk, specify commands (after the comma) to R Markdown about what you want it to do with the chunk. Here are a few useful commands, some of which also appear at http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring rcodechunks.html:
- {r chunk01, echo=FALSE} tells Markdown to execute your code, but simply write the result, rather than the code, into the results file.
- {r chunk01, eval=FALSE} tells Markdown to write the code into the results, but not execute the code.
- {r chunk01, message=FALSE} tells Markdown to not print any of the messages your code generates.
- {r chunk01, warning=FALSE} tells Markdown to not print any of the warnings your code generates.
- {r chunk01, fig.height=4, fig.width=6} tells Markdown to keep any figures produced by this chunk to a maximum of 4 inches high, and 6 inches wide. The default values depend on the type of output you are generating. You can use fig.height or fig.width alone if you want to keep the other value at its default.
- {r chunk01, fig.align=center} tells Markdown to align your figure in the center (other options are left or right.)
- {r chunk01, tidy=TRUE} tells Markdown to tidy up your code for presentation, so it will still print, but it will (perhaps) be a bit more organized.

Here's the default header information I use when writing materials for a PDF document with a table of contents...

```
title: "Basic R Materials for 432 and 500"
author: "Thomas E. Love"
date: "2022-01-06"
output:
   pdf_document:
     number_sections: yes
     toc: yes
     toc_depth: 3
fontsize: 12pt
geometry: margin=1in
```

To set up R Markdown so it doesn't add any comment symbols before the results, I follow that with this code chunk:

knitr::opts\_chunk\$set(comment=NA)

Then I load packages, and data. I usually load magrittr, here, janitor and the tidyverse at a minimum.

### 12.3 Session Information

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ellipsis\_0.3.2

evaluate 0.14

fastmap\_1.1.0

foreign 0.8-81

future 1.23.0

generics 0.1.1

ggridges\_0.5.3

ggformula 0.10.1

```
xfun::session_info()
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Platform: x86 64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 19043)
Locale:
  LC_COLLATE=English_United States.1252
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  LC_MONETARY=English_United States.1252
  LC NUMERIC=C
  LC_TIME=English_United States.1252
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survival_3.2-13	sys_3.4	terra_1.4.20
tibble 3.1.5	tidyr_1.1.4	tidyselect_1.1.1
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