Basics of Data Analysis, Research Design and R:Lecture

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Learn to Explore Data alongwith fundamentals of quantitative reasoning and logic

Simply focussing statistics and techniques: Miss the forest for the trees

Introduction to Data and exploring it with R

thinking clearly with data is very important, once thinking is focused, techniques will follow

Learning R for making sense of data: real data based case studies

Exploring WHO, Gapminder, cia_factbook/UN-voting data sets

Most politicians facing scandals win reelection

Correlation doesn't imply causation

Correlation: description, forecasting

Counterfactuals, Causal Inference



Learning R and Quarto

R: not only a statistical language but all documentation under one R

Beautiful reports/slides/pptx, pdf documents, CV, research paper... in R

Exploratory Data Analysis to make sense of data

Shallow men believe in luck, believe in circumstances. Strong men believe in cause and effect.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, The Conduct of Life



Basics of data visualization under ggplot2

- Exploratory Data Analysis: nycflights, bikes, cia, tax...
- Probability Theory, Lab based on Kobe's golden hand
- Probability Distributions, Sampling Distributions, CLT
- Random and non-random sampling procedures
- p-value, p-hacking, p-screening, publication bias
- Statistical modeling: Linear Regression modeling (Simple and Multiple)

Manual table

The randomized controlled double-blind experiment

The NFIP study

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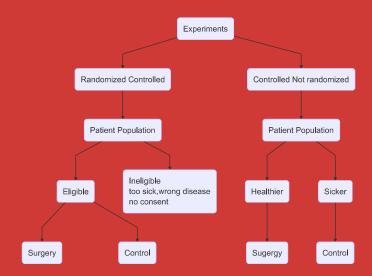


Table 3. Randomized controlled experiments vs. controlled experiments that not randomized: three-year survival rates in studies of the portacaval shunt. (Percentage are rounded)

Table 4. A Study of studies. Four therapies evaluated by RCTs and trials using historical controls. Conclusions of the study are summarized as positive about value of the therapy (+), or negative (-).

Table 5: Randomized controlled experiments vs. studies with historical controls: three-year survival rates for surgery patients and controls in trials of cornonary by surgery. Randomized trials differ from historical controls.

Observartional Studies

Controlled studies not the same as observational

 observations studies: its the subjects who assign themselves to different groups: the investigator watch just what happens

[Controlled: investigator decides who to be in control group and who to will be in treatment group]

Control has two senses

- a control is a subject who did not get the treatment:
- a controlled experiment is a study where the investigators decides who will be in the treatment group and who will not.

Smoking and lungs cancer

Main issue: was the control group really similar to the treatment group- apart from the exposure of interest?

Statisticians talk about controlling for confounding factors in an observational studies. This is a third word of the use control.



Examples
The Clofibrate trial
Pellagara
Cervical cancer and cicumcision
Ultrasound and low birthweight
The Samaritan and suicide

Data Tables

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