

1 MA 354: Data Analysis I – Fall 2019

2 Exam 1:

3 Instructions:

- 4 • You have 2 hours to complete this exam.
- 5 • If you can't complete something you want to do in R describe it so I can understand your thought
- 6 process and so that you can leave yourself a to do note for later.
- 7 • Take a deep breath. You're going to do well and the worst case is that it will be productive.
- 8 R/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Sweave notes – this should be all that you need.
- 9 • To run R and print the output.

```
<<>>=
      #Rcode goes here
      #Output is automatically printed in the .pdf
@
```

10 **Remark:** All R chunks must have no spaces preceding the <<>>= or @ syntax.

- 11 • Provide R code for plot and place the plot into our document.

```
<<plotName,eval=FALSE>>=
      #Rcode for plot
      #We will call this later so make sure it has a unique name
@
\begin{figure}[H]
  \centering
  <<fig=TRUE,echo=FALSE>>=
  library("graphics")
  <<plotName>>
  @
  \caption{Some information about our plot} \label{Fig:plot1}
\end{figure}
```

12 You can then reference a graph in latex using \ref{Fig:plot1}.

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- 14 • If you wanted a one line equation that is centered like this,

$$\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \epsilon$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= 90x^8(1-x) \\ &= 90x^8 - 90x^9 \end{aligned}$$

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\end{align*}
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**Help:** You can ask for information about any of the following functions that we've used by asking **R**. For example, if I wanted help with the `lm()` function I would run `?lm()` in the **R** console. Note that if you're asking a question about a function, its library must be loaded.

- Stock R functions

- `which()`
- `subset()`
- `summary()`
- `names()`
- `cumsum()`
- `apply()`
- `lapply()`
- `sapply()`
- `tapply()`
- `table()`
- `prop.table()`
- `pie()`
- `barplot()`
- `hist()`
- `density()`
- `boxplot()`
- `lines()`
- `points()`
- `jitter()`
- `legend()`
- `optim()`

- stringr Package

- `str_split()`

- extraDistr Package

- `dmnom()`

- nleqslv Package

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- ggplot2 Package Plotting

- `ggplot()`
- `geom_bar()`
- `coord_polar()`
- `geom_hline()`
- `geom_text()`
- `geom_histogram()`
- `geom_density()`
- `geom_freqpoly()`
- `geom_boxplot()`
- `geom_jitter()`

- `geom_violin()`

- `geom_point()`

- `geom_line()`

- `facet_grid()`

- `coord_flip()`

- `theme_bw()`

- `xlab()`

- `ylab()`

- `ggtitle()`

- Probability Distribution

- `dbinom()`

- `dhyper()`

- `dnbinom()`

- `dpois()`

- `dunif()`

- `dnorm()`

- `dlnorm()`

- `dchisq()`

- `dt()`

- `df()`

- grid.arrange Package

- `grid.arrange()`

- Bernoulli Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|p) &= p^x(1-p)^{1-x} I(x \in \{0, 1\}) & [\text{PMF}] \\ E(X) &= p & [\text{Expected Value}] \\ \text{var}(X) &= p(1-p) & [\text{Variance}] \end{aligned}$$

- Binomial Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|n, p) &= \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} I(x \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}) & [\text{PMF}] \\ E(X) &= np & [\text{Expected Value}] \\ \text{var}(X) &= np(1-p) & [\text{Variance}] \end{aligned}$$

- Hypergeometric Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|N, n, m, k) &= \frac{\binom{m}{x} \binom{n}{k-x}}{\binom{N}{k}} I(x \in \mathcal{X}) & [\text{PMF}] \\ E(X) &= \frac{km}{m+n} & [\text{Expected Value}] \\ \text{var}(X) &= \frac{km}{m+n} \frac{-n}{m+n} \frac{m+n-k}{m+n-1} & [\text{Variance}] \end{aligned}$$

- Negative Binomial Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|n, p) &= \binom{n+x-1}{x} p^n (1-p)^x I(x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}) & [\text{PMF}] \\ E(X) &= \frac{n(1-p)}{p} & [\text{Expected Value}] \\ \text{var}(X) &= \frac{n(1-p)}{p^2} & [\text{Variance}] \end{aligned}$$

- Poisson Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|\lambda) &= \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} I(x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}) & [\text{PMF}] \\ E(X) &= \lambda \\ \text{var}(X) &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

- Uniform Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|a, b) &= \frac{1}{b-a} I(x \in [a, b]) & [\text{PDF}] \\ E(X) &= \frac{a+b}{2} & [\text{Expected Value}] \\ \text{var}(X) &= \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} & [\text{Variance}] \end{aligned}$$

- Gaussian Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|\mu, \sigma) &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} I(x \in \mathbb{R}) & [\text{PDF}] \\ E(X) &= \mu & [\text{Expected Value}] \\ \text{var}(X) &= \sigma^2 & [\text{Variance}] \end{aligned}$$

- Log-Normal Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|\mu, \sigma) &= \frac{1}{x\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(\ln(x)-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} I(x \in (0, \infty)) & [\text{PDF}] \\ E(X) &= e^{\mu+\sigma^2/2} & [\text{Expected Value}] \\ \text{var}(X) &= e^{2\mu+2\sigma^2} e^{\sigma^2-1} & [\text{Variance}] \end{aligned}$$

- Chi-squared Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{v}{2}) 2^{v/2}} x^{\frac{v}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} & [\text{PDF}] \\ E(X) &= v & [\text{Expected Value}] \\ \text{var}(X) &= 2v & [\text{Variance}] \end{aligned}$$

- Student T distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_T(t) &= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{v+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\frac{v}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{2}\right)^{-(v+1)/2} & [\text{PDF}] \\ E(X) &= 0 & [\text{Expected Value for } v > 1] \\ \text{var}(X) &= \frac{v}{v-2} & [\text{Variance for } v > 2] \end{aligned}$$

- F distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_W(w) &= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{u+v}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{u}{2})\Gamma(\frac{v}{2})} \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)^{u/2} \frac{w^{\frac{u}{2}-1}}{[1 + (\frac{u}{v})w]^{(u+v)/2}} I(w > 0) & [\text{PDF}] \\ E(W) &= \frac{v}{v-2} & ([\text{Expected Value for } v > 2]) \\ \text{var}(W) &= \left(\frac{u-2}{u}\right) \left(\frac{v}{v+2}\right) & ([\text{Variance}]) \end{aligned}$$

## 1 In-exam Portion:

### Part I (20 points)

In Part I, I'm simply evaluating your engagement with the material. If you've worked through the material, there should be clear distinctions to make. I have provided as much room as I think is necessary to answer these questions. Take a minute to think or do some scratch work – your answer should fit in the space provided, only keep the important distinctions. I do not expect you to recite the formulas but to explain the procedures, their hypotheses, conclusions and/or their differences.

### Part II (50 points)

In Part II, you're completing a data analysis. In this analysis you should provide numerical and graphical summaries that provide information for the researcher related to their research question.

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1. The .Rnw and .pdf of your entire exam
2. A .pdf file just containing your data analysis with no identifying information (page 7 on)

## 2 Out-of-exam Portion:

### Part III (10 points)

Shortly after the exam, you will receive an email to anonymously review two exams. You should review their data analysis for completeness, correctness, and communication. You will type up **constructive** notes to make the response better. The idea is to provide guidance for what's needed for the full data analysis to be effectively communicated to where you can understand the logic and the conclusions made about the data analysis. The format is discussed below.

- Write a paragraph about the general pros and cons of the paper you're reviewing. There is something good about every paper – find it and discuss that part. Also provide, in broad strokes a **constructive** critique of the response.
- Provide a list of major issues.
- Provide a list of minor issue.
- Provide a list of typographical errors you've found while reading.
- Ensure to provide specific line item comments where applicable; e.g.,
  - On page 1, line 2, you appear to interpret the statistics incorrectly.
  - On page 2, line 4, you're missing a period at the end of the sentence.

### Part VI (20 points)

After you receive comments about your work, revisit your analysis from the exam. Write a final draft of your analysis and provide responses to reviewer comments.

- Write a revision of your original solution which incorporates comments made in the reviews you've received.
- Provide a list of responses to specific line item comments; e.g.,
  - On page 1, line 2, you appear to interpret the statistics incorrectly.  
**Response:** This was actually done correctly because I was treating the predictor as categorical and not continuous. I've added a sentence to make this distinction clear when fitting the model.
  - On page 2, line 4, you're missing a period at the end of the sentence.  
**Response:** Thank you for pointing this out; I've added the missing period to the end of the sentence.

**Part I – Use only the space provided to answer the following.**

1. Succinctly explain the difference between a barplot and a histogram.

**Solution:** A barplot is used for discrete data while a histogram is used for continuous data. It's important to note that discrete data can be shown in a barplot when there are 5 or fewer bars.

2. Succinctly describe the difference between a list and a data frame.

**Solution:** A list is an item of objects while a dataframe is a datatable where each column within the dataframe is like a list.

3. Succinctly describe the difference between a for and repeat loop.

**Solution:** A for loop requires you to specify an object to loop over and what you would like to do to each object. You typically indicate if you'd like to loop by object, index, etc. and over what set of data. A repeat loop takes an input object and a number of times to repeat the object, and outputs that object repeated x amount of times.

4. Succinctly describe the difference between a PDF, PMF, and CDF.

**Solution:** The difference between a PDF and a PMF is that PDF is used for continuous cases and a PMF is used for discrete cases. The difference between these two and the CDF is that the CDF outputs the area under a distribution curve ( $P \leq x$ ) while the PDF gives the curve and the PMF gives the probability at an exact point ( $P=x$ ).

5. Succinctly describe the difference between the binomial and negative binomial distributions.

**Solution:** A binomial distribution is concerned with the number of k successes in n trials while the negative binomial distribution is concerned with the number of failures needed to yield k successes.

6. Succinctly describe the difference between a method of moments estimator and maximum likelihood estimator.

**Solution:** A MOM estimator requires a large sample set, which yields a normal distribution. A MOM draws on the distribution through moments while a MLE estimator draws on the moments of the sample from a specified distribution.

## Part II

Suburban areas play an integral role in the development of sustainable cities; however, developers often do not consider sustainability in the construction of subdivisions and the subsequent adoption of homeowner's association (HOA) covenants. While there are multiple actions homeowners can take to contribute to personal sustainability on the plot-by-plot level, these actions are not always adopted or supported by greater neighborhood norms.

The current literature provides assessments of individual sustainability indicators at the homeowner and neighborhood level as well as multi-indicator sustainability assessments of cities and larger metropolitan areas but lacks such multi-indicator analyses at the homeowner and neighborhood level. This study assesses the relationship among multiple sustainability indicators of homeowner behavior including recycling habits, lawn care, tree planting, and home gardening, and compares these behaviors between neighborhoods with HOAs and those without. Data metrics were collected from twelve neighborhoods in Greenville, South Carolina through on-site observation, analysis of Google Earth images, and qualitative assessment of HOA covenants.

Use the data collected by the researcher to extract information required for their study. The data consist of 1,616 observations of homes in Greenville, SC and the seven variables recorded for each. Basic descriptions of the variables and other important information can be found below.

- **Neighborhood:** This reports which of the 12 neighborhoods in Greenville, SC each observed home is located. There are no missing values for this variable.
- **Lot Number:** This reports the lot number of the homes. There are no missing values for this variable.
- **HOA:** This reports whether or not the homes are part of a homeowners' association (1 = yes; 2 = no). There are no missing values for this variable.
- **Recycle:** This reports the recycling status of the homes (1 = both recycling bin and trash bin present at the home; 2 = only a trash bin was present). There are 274 missing values for this variable. These missing values correspond to neighborhoods with no curb side pick up (i.e., Brownstone, Edgewood, Glastonbury, and Fox Springs).
- **Lawn Care:** This represents a likert variable on a scale of 1 to 4 (1 = excellent; 2 = good; 3 = poor; 4 = none). This measure maps onto how artificially managed the lawn is where 1 means the lawns were highly artificially managed with presumed regular chemical application and 4 means the lawns were naturally managed (i.e., not managed at all). There are no missing values for this variable.
- **Trees:** This represents the number of trees in the front yard. There are 14 missing values for this variable.
- **Garden:** This represents whether a garden was present in the front or back of the homes (1 = yes; 2 = no). There are no missing values for this variable.

The data can be accessed in R as follows.

```
> dat.HOA<-read.table("https://cipolli.com/students/data/Exam1Data.txt",  
+                      header=T,sep=",")
```

### Solution:

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```

With this data we have multiple goals. The first is to help researchers compare sustainability behaviors between neighborhoods with HOAs and those without. The second is to do a multi-indicator analyses at the homeowner and neighborhood level. However, before we can move forward with our analyses, we need to have a representative sample.

I want to first clean the data by removing missing values. This includes clearing these missing values from "Trees". Removing these observations for tree data is important because tree observations can be seen as a continuous variable. Having missing observations could confuse our analysis.

```

> #creates a subset of the data
> #removes missing values from Trees
> dat.HOA1<-subset(dat.HOA,is.na(Trees)==FALSE,
+                 select=c(Neighborhood,Lot.Number,HOA,Recycle,LawnCare,Trees,Garden))

```

184     "Recycle" also has data that needs to be cleaned. Currently, neighborhoods without curbside pickup have  
 185     the values "NA". Since we may want to investigate the relationship between those homes with some curbside  
 186     pickup and those with no curbside pickup at all, we can create a data set that includes these values as a  
 187     characteristic we can analyze.

```

> for (i in 1:1602){ #for each obs in the dataset
+   if (is.na(dat.HOA1$Recycle[i])==TRUE){ #if Recycling is a missing var
+     dat.HOA1$Recycle[i]=0} #change missing var to zero
+ }

```

188     After doing this data cleaning, we can confirm that the updated dataframe has recycling variables where  
 189     observation that were once missing are now equal to zero, meaning that observation has no curbside pickup.

190     Now that we've cleaned our data, we can summarize it so that we can get a better understanding of the  
 191     problems at hand.

```

> #summarize data
> summary(dat.HOA1$HOA)

    Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
 1.000   1.000   1.000   1.341   2.000   2.000

```

192     The summary function is important because it allows us to have an understanding of how information  
 193     is weighted in the data set before proceeding with the analyses. This is especially important for the HOA  
 194     category, as we can see that because the median is 1 and the mean is 1.341, we can see that we have an  
 195     unequal amount of HOA and non HOA homes.

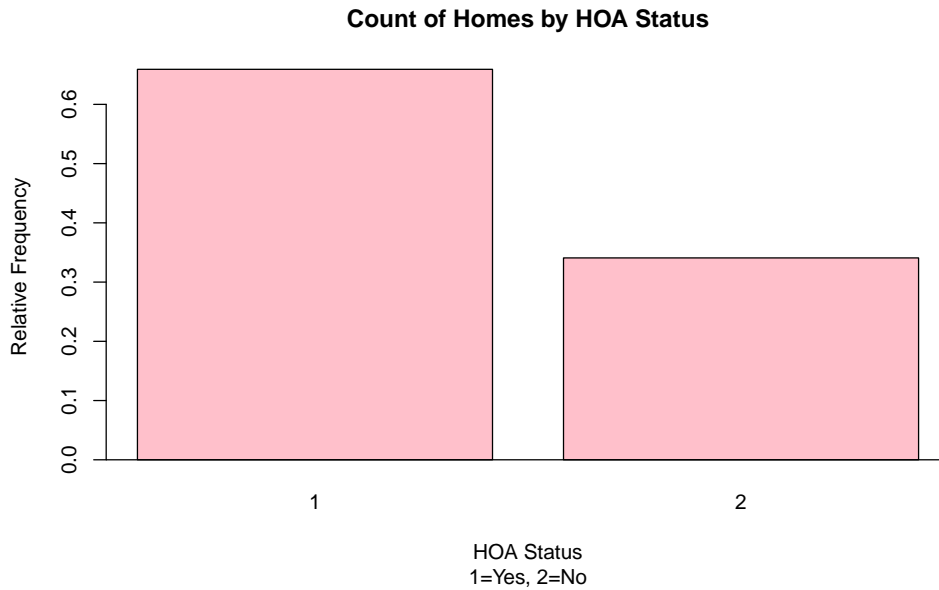
196     Let's look at a preliminary plot comparing neighborhoods with HOAs and those without.

```

> #install.packages("ggplot2")
> library(ggplot2)
> #install.packages("gridExtra")
> library(gridExtra)
> #citation(package = "ggplot2")
> #citation(package="gridExtra")

```

197     Wickham (2016) Auguie (2017)



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HOA Status of the Sample

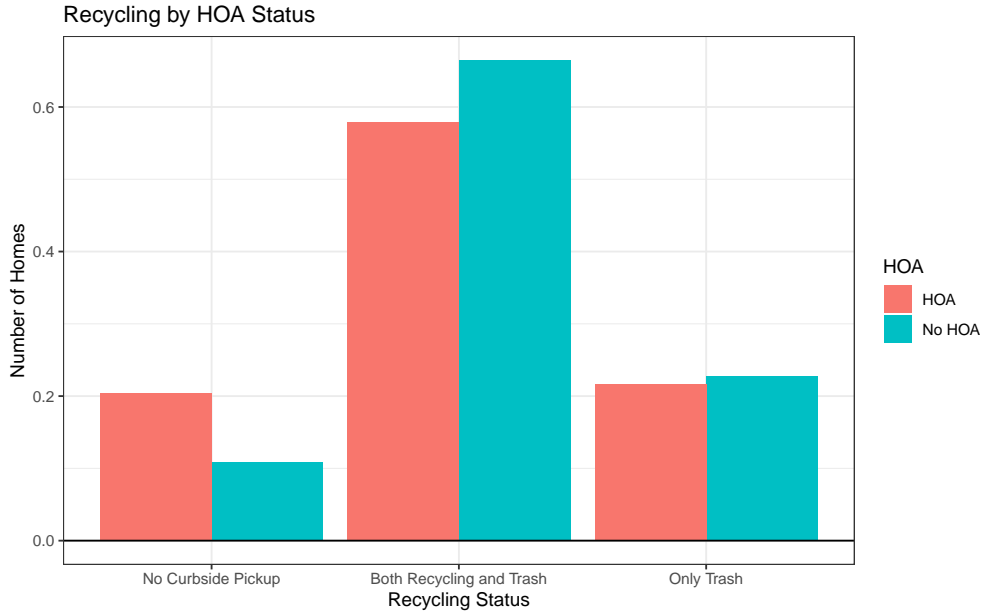
HOA Status	Frequency
Yes	0.659176
No	0.340824

200 There seems to be almost twice as many homes in our sample that are a part of an HOA association as  
 201 homes that are not a part of an HOA association. To be precise, 65.91 percent of homes in our sample are  
 202 HOA homes and 34.08 percent of homes in our sample are non HOA homes.

203 We should also look at these numbers in reference to different factors and compare breakdowns with  
 204 homes that are part of an HOA and those that are not.

205 These graphs provide a side-by-side comparisons of households in HOAs and households not in HOAs,  
 206 representing the relationships between these households' HOA statuses and multiple sustainability indicators.  
 207 These graphs all utilize relative frequencies to compare proportionally between HOA households and non  
 208 HOA households. As was illustrated by the previous graph, over 60 percent of the households in the sample  
 209 are in an HOA while about 30 percent of households in the sample are not in an HOA. This will be important  
 210 as we begin to analyze the homes by different factors.

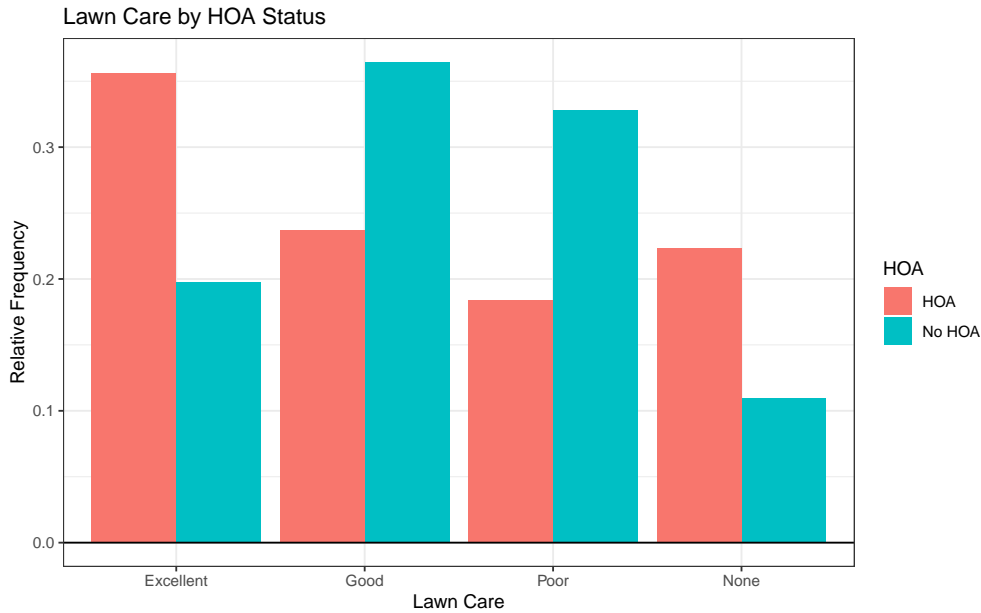




Recycling Status by HOA Status

HOA Status	Recycle Status	Frequency
HOA	No Curbside Pickup	0.2035985
HOA	Both Recycling and Trash	0.5795455
HOA	Only Trash	0.2168561
No HOA	No Curbside Pickup	0.1080586
No HOA	Both Recycling and Trash	0.6648352
No HOA	Only Trash	0.2271062

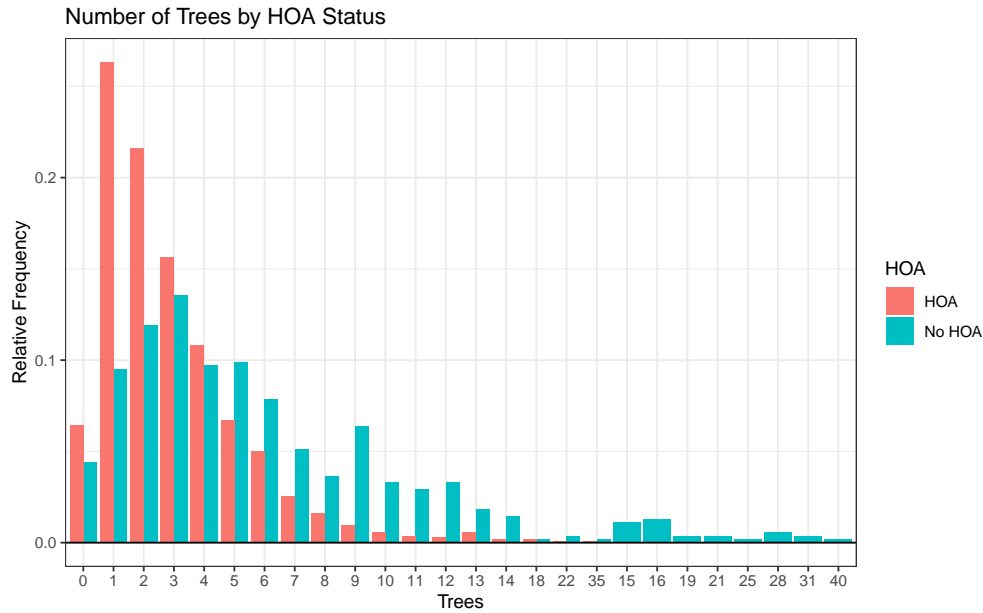
As we can see, regardless of HOA status homes the majority typically had both recycling and trash present. About 58 percent of HOA households and 66.5 percent of non HOA households had both trash and recycling pickup present. There were about the same proportion of homes that had only trash pickup for HOA and non HOA households (21.6 percent and 22.7 percent, respectively). About twice as many HOA households have no curbside pickup (20.4 percent) as non HOA households (10.8 percent). We can conclude from that that there is a higher proportion of non HOA homes to HOA homes that have either trash pickup or both recycling and trash pick up rather than no curbside pickup. This means that non HOA homes may be better for the environment compared to HOA homes in regards to recycling and waste management.



Lawn Care Status by HOA Status

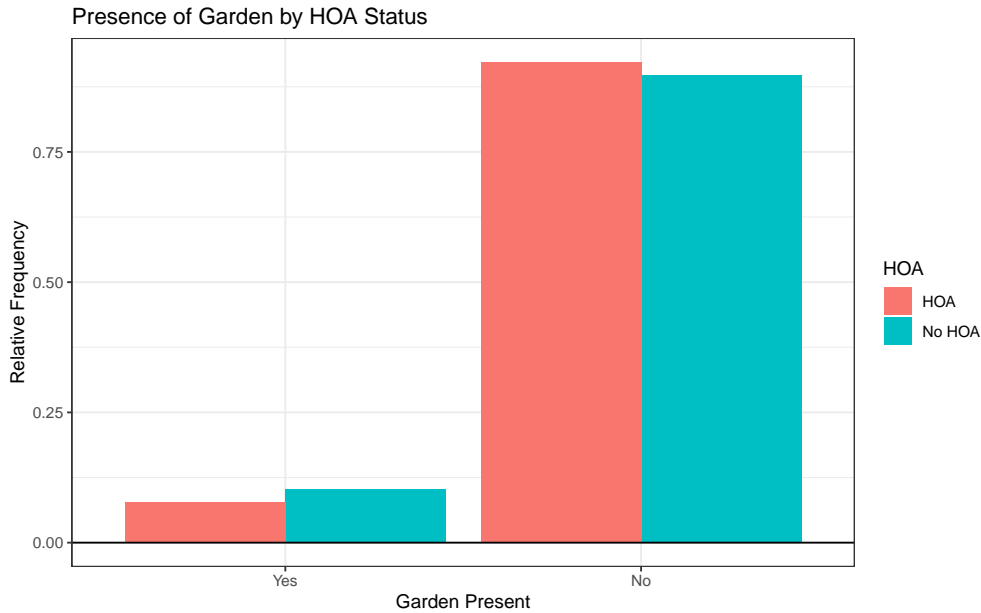
HOA Status	Lawn Care Status	Frequency
HOA	Excellent	0.3560606
HOA	Good	0.2367424
HOA	Poor	0.1837121
HOA	None	0.2234848
No HOA	Excellent	0.1978022
No HOA	Good	0.3644689
No HOA	Poor	0.3278388
No HOA	None	0.1098901

As you can see from the charts above, households in HOAs had a higher percent of excellent lawn care (35.6 percent) than households without HOAs (19.8 percent). From this, we can infer that these households with HOAs typically use more chemical application than those without HOAs, which is worse for the environment. We also see that the highest percentage of homes not in an HOA have good (36.4 percent) or poor (32.8 percent) lawn care relative to homes in HOAs (23.7 percent and 18.4 percent, respectively). There is a pattern where lawn care for homes in HOAs fall on the full range of lawn care while homes not in HOAs fall in the good and poor types of lawn care. How much more damaging non HOA homes are compared to HOA homes in regards to lawn care is hard to say from the graph alone, but we can see from the table that more HOA households had excellent or good lawn care (about 59 percent) compared to non HOA households (about 56 percent). Again though, lawn care status alone may not be enough to determine if HOA households or non HOA households are better or worse for the environment.



This figure illustrates the comparison between HOA homes and non HOA homes and the number of trees they have in their yard. It is important to note though that while most households in HOAs typically tend to have between 0 and 10 trees, it seems that households not in HOAs typically tend to have between 0 and 15 trees. In fact, about 62 percent of HOA homes have between 1 and 3 trees, where about half the proportion of non HOA homes (about 35 percent) have between 1 and 3 homes. The distribution of non HOA homes is less right skewed than the distribution of HOA homes, meaning a larger proportion of non HOA homes have more trees than HOA homes. From this, we can hypothesize that non HOA homes are more sustainable than HOA homes in the sense that non HOA homes have more trees planted than HOA homes, which is better for the environment.

HOA Status	Trees	Frequency
HOA	0	0.0643939394
HOA	1	0.2632575758
HOA	2	0.2159090909
HOA	3	0.1562500000
HOA	4	0.1079545455
HOA	5	0.0672348485
HOA	6	0.0501893939
HOA	7	0.0255681818
HOA	8	0.0160984848
HOA	9	0.0094696970
HOA	10	0.0056818182
HOA	11	0.0037878788
HOA	12	0.0028409091
HOA	13	0.0056818182
HOA	14	0.0018939394
HOA	18	0.0018939394
HOA	22	0.0009469697
HOA	35	0.0009469697
No HOA	0	0.0439560440
No HOA	1	0.0952380952
No HOA	2	0.1190476190
No HOA	3	0.1355311355
No HOA	4	0.0970695971
No HOA	5	0.0989010989
No HOA	6	0.0787545788
No HOA	7	0.0512820513
No HOA	8	0.0366300366
No HOA	9	0.0641025641
No HOA	10	0.0329670330
No HOA	11	0.0293040293
No HOA	12	0.0329670330
No HOA	13	0.0183150183
No HOA	14	0.0146520147
No HOA	15	0.0109890110
No HOA	16	0.0128205128
No HOA	18	0.0018315018
No HOA	19	0.0036630037
No HOA	21	0.0036630037
No HOA	22	0.0036630037
No HOA	25	0.0018315018
No HOA	28	0.0054945055
No HOA	31	0.0036630037
No HOA	35	0.0018315018
No HOA	40	0.0018315018



Garden Status by HOA Status

Garden	Frequency	HOA Status
Yes	0.07765152	HOA
No	0.92234848	HOA
Yes	0.10256410	No HOA
No	0.89743590	No HOA

Households in and not in HOAs tend to follow a similar pattern when it comes to gardens. Both tend to not have gardens present in the front or back of their homes. 92.2 percent of HOA homes and 89.7 percent of non HOA homes did not have gardens in the yards. Therefore, in terms of garden status, HOA homes and non HOA homes have a similar, negative effect on the environment by not having gardens.

After examining sustainability factors at the household level, we can see that according to the number of trees in a home's yard and recycling status are clear indicators that non HOA homes are more sustainable than HOA homes. As a reminder, non HOA homes had more trees in their yard and better access to recycling and trash pickup compared to non HOA homes. Garden status and lawn care status gave results that did not clearly identify if HOA or non HOA homes were more sustainable. This is due to the fact that HOA and non HOA homes followed the same pattern of garden status. This indeterminate result also occurs because while HOA homes typically had more excellent lawn care than non HOA homes, they also had more lawns with no care than non HOA homes. Without knowing how many/much chemicals were used for the different lawn statuses of "excellent", "good", and "poor", it is hard to determine the environmental effects of homes in each category.

Now that we've seen the general count of observations with and without HOA, we can begin to examine multi-indicator sustainability analyses at the neighborhood level. We can do this by recreating the graphs that we previously created for each neighborhood.

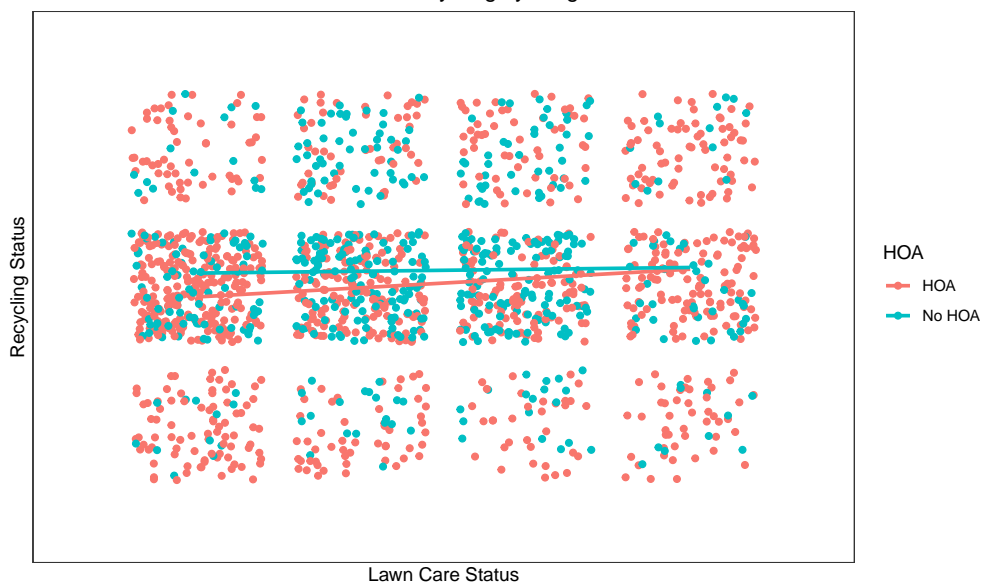
After looking at the data, we can split up neighborhoods by their HOA status.

Neighborhoods with HOAs are: Brownstone Crossing, Edgewood at Paris, Glastonbury Village, Half Mile Lake, Northcliff, Patridge Ridge

Neighborhoods without HOAs are: Buxton, Croftstone Acres, Fox Springs, Liberty Park, Timberlake, Windermere

273 If we were to proceed with this analysis, we would start by creating subsets of data for Neighborhoods  
274 that are HOA and non HOA, as we have already done for our previous analyses. From there, we could create  
275 6 plots, 1 for each correlation relationship for the 4 variables of recycling, lawn care, garden, and trees.  
276 These 6 relationships would be recycling and lawn care, recycling and garden, recycling and trees, lawn care  
277 and garden, lawn care and trees, and garden and trees. These 6 plots could be two-way scatter plots fitted  
278 with regression lines to show the relationship between the two variables. It is important to note that since we  
279 don't know if the data was randomly collected, we cannot assume causality. These plots could be shown at  
280 the neighborhood level to compare HOA neighborhoods to non HOA neighborhoods. For each relationship,  
281 there are two plots that are differentiated by their regression lines.

Correlation between Lawn Care and Recycling by Neighborhood



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```
> rlcy<-table(dat.HOA.y$Recycle,dat.HOA.y$LawnCare)
```

```
> rlcy
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	1	2	3	4
0	83	53	33	46
1	238	149	106	119
2	55	48	55	71

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> prop.table(rlcy)
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	1	2	3	4
0	0.07859848	0.05018939	0.03125000	0.04356061
1	0.22537879	0.14109848	0.10037879	0.11268939
2	0.05208333	0.04545455	0.05208333	0.06723485

```
> rlcn<-table(dat.HOA.n$Recycle,dat.HOA.n$LawnCare)
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> rlcn
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	1	2	3	4
0	12	19	18	10
1	81	128	117	37
2	15	52	44	13

```
> prop.table(rlcn)
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	1	2	3	4
0	0.02197802	0.03479853	0.03296703	0.01831502
1	0.14835165	0.23443223	0.21428571	0.06776557
2	0.02747253	0.09523810	0.08058608	0.02380952

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Recycling Status by Lawn Care Status for HOA

	None	Poor	Good	Excellent
No Trash Pickup	0.07859848	0.05018939	0.03125000	0.04356061
Trash and Recycling Pickup	0.22537879	0.14109848	0.10037879	0.11268939
Trash Pickup Only	0.05208333	0.04545455	0.05208333	0.06723485

## Recycling Status by Lawn Care Status for non HOA

	None	Poor	Good	Excellent
No Trash Pickup	0.02197802	0.03479853	0.03296703	0.01831502
Trash and Recycling Pickup	0.14835165	0.23443223	0.21428571	0.06776557
Trash Pickup Only	0.02747253	0.09523810	0.08058608	0.02380952

286 As we can see from the graph above, HOA neighborhoods tend to trend upwards more while non HOA  
287 neighborhoods tend to trend upwards and downwards. An upward trend indicates that as lawn care status  
288 improves (increasing chemical use), recycling and/or trash pickup becomes more likely for the neighborhood.  
289 A downward trend signals that as lawncare status improves, recycling and/or trash pickup becomes less  
290 likely for the neighborhood. This means that HOA neighborhoods may net out in terms of environmental  
291 sustainability. As lawn care status improves, meaning more chemicals are used on lawns which is bad for  
292 the environment, access to curbside pickup of trash and recycling becomes more likely which is good for the  
293 environment. Non HOA neighborhoods are have almost no relationship to lawncare status in this case. It is  
294 important to note that for some HOA neighborhoods, recycling status of no curbside pick had no relationship  
295 with lawn care status.

296 The tables can provide more insight into what exactly is going on in the relationship. About 60 percent  
297 of non HOA households have both Trash and Recycling Pickup and none, poor, or good lawn care. About  
298 46 percent of HOA households have both Trash and Recycling Pickup and none, poor, or good lawn care.  
299 This is important because it shoes that non HOA neighborhoods have a larger proportion of their homes  
300 following good sustainability trends compared to HOA neighborhoods.



Correlation between Garden Status and Recycling by Neighborhood



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> rgy<-table(dat.HOA.y$Recycle,dat.HOA.y$Garden)
> rgy
> prop.table(rgy)
> rgn<-table(dat.HOA.n$Recycle,dat.HOA.n$Garden)
> rgn
> prop.table(rgn)

```

Recycling Status by Garden Status for HOA

	Yes	No
No Trash Pickup	0.025568182	0.178030303
Trash and Recycling Pickup	0.045454545	0.534090909
Trash Pickup Only	0.006628788	0.210227273

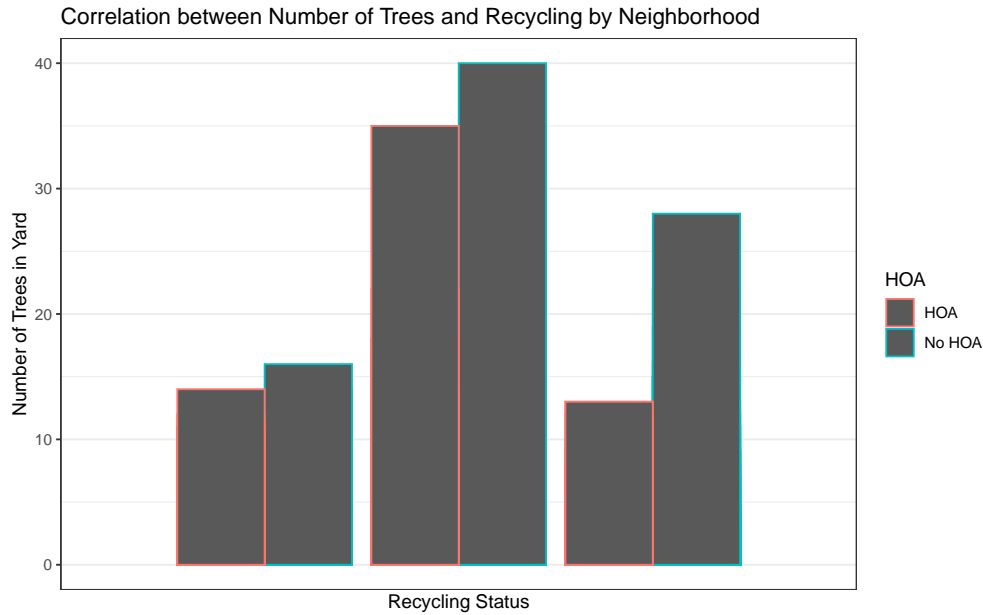
Recycling Status by Lawn Care Status for non HOA

	Yes	No
No Trash Pickup	0.01282051	0.09523810
Trash and Recycling Pickup	0.07509158	0.58974359
Trash Pickup Only	0.01465201	0.21245421

Examining the relationship between garden status and recycling status for HOA and non HOA neighborhoods, we can see that both kinds of neighborhoods following a similar trend. Neighborhoods with no gardens are more likely to have trash and/or recycling pickup. It is important to note that recycling status of no curbside pickup had no effect on some HOA neighborhoods' garden outcome. As we can see, overall HOA neighborhoods and non HOA neighborhoods had positive relationships between garden status and recycling status. This means that as the likelihood of gardens increased, recycling and/or trash pick up likelihood also increased. It is important to keep in mind though that HOA and non HOA households followed the same general trend of having no garden, so these graphs are not necessarily telling for differentiating between HOA and non HOA neighborhoods.

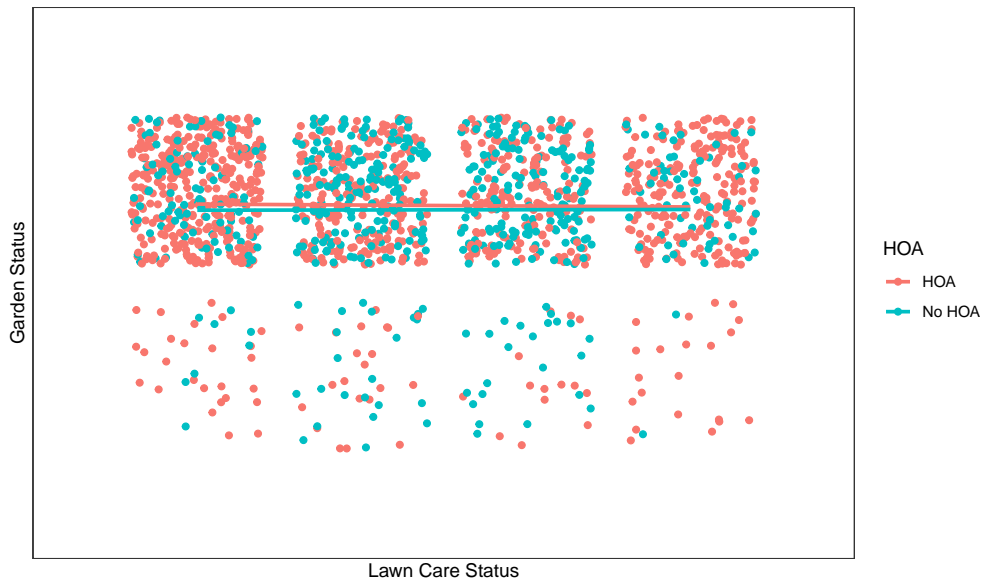
Examining the tables, we see that about 59 percent of non HOA homes had trash and recycling pickup and did not have a garden compared to 53 percent of HOA homes. After looking at the work that the researchers

316 have done so far, it is unclear whether having a garden is sustainable or not. However, we can conclude  
317 from our other data and relationships that we've examined so far that non HOA homes typically tend to  
318 have more sustainable practices. We can therefore hypothesize that gardens may indicate bad sustainability,  
319 although their effects are probably small. Especially since gardens can be organic or not, contain different  
320 kinds of plants that are better or worse for soil and can be watered at different frequencies, their net effects  
321 are probably hard to determine from visuals alone.



This graph illustrates that recycling and trash pickup is correlated with more trees for both HOA and non HOA neighborhoods, although non HOA neighborhoods have more trees generally. Not only that but there is a stronger relationship between trash pickup only and number of trees for non HOA households than HOA households. From this graph, we can posit that non HOA neighborhoods may be more sustainable than HOA neighborhoods because they have greater numbers of trees and instances of recycling and trash pickup or trash pickup only.

Correlation between Lawn Care and Garden Status by Neighborhood



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> lcgy<-table(dat.HOA.y$LawnCare,dat.HOA.y$Garden)
> lcgy
> prop.table(lcgy)
> lcgn<-table(dat.HOA.n$LawnCare,dat.HOA.n$Garden)
> lcgn
> prop.table(lcgn)
```

Lawn Care Status by Garden Status for HOA

	Yes	No
None	0.02462121	0.33143939
Poor	0.01988636	0.21685606
Good	0.01325758	0.17045455
Excellent	0.01988636	0.20359848

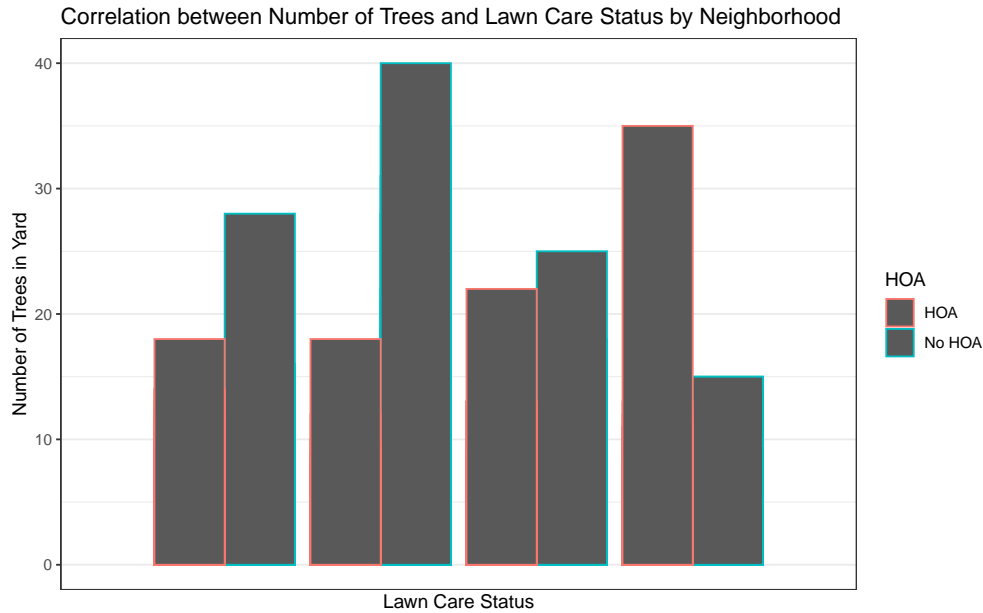
Lawn Care Status by Garden Status for non HOA

	Yes	No
None	0.014652015	0.183150183
Poor	0.042124542	0.322344322
Good	0.042124542	0.285714286
Excellent	0.003663004	0.106227106

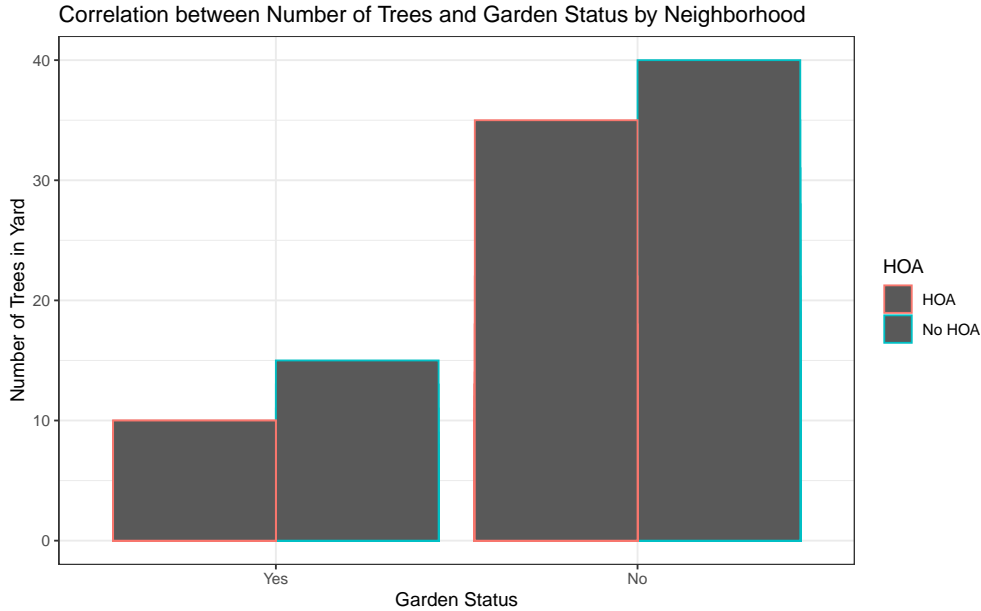
From the graph, it is clear that there is little relationship between lawn care status and garden status due to the horizontal regression line. HOA neighborhoods and non HOA neighborhoods have a very slightly negative relationship between increasing lawn care status and increasing the likelihood of having a garden. Determining whether HOA or non HOA neighborhoods are more sustainable is hard to say in this case.

The tables show us that 55 percent of non HOA neighborhoods had no or poor lawn care while 58 percent of HOA neighborhoods had no or poor lawn care. These statistics alone may not be enough to show that one neighborhood is more sustainable than the other for this relationship. We see that about 10.6 percent of non HOA neighborhoods had excellent lawn care while about 22 percent of HOA neighborhoods had excellent lawn care. This indicates more that HOA neighborhoods may be less sustainable than non HOA

neighborhoods because they use more chemicals for their lawn care. Again, since both HOA and non HOA neighborhoods have gardens around the same proportion, it is hard to compare these neighborhoods looking at both gardens status and lawn care status.



The graph above illustrates that non HOA neighborhoods are more sustainable than HOA neighborhoods because non HOA homes are more likely to have more trees and less lawn care compared to HOA neighborhoods. As we can see, the two kinds of neighborhoods follow different patterns. Non HOA neighborhoods follow a right skew pattern, where most observations have a lot of trees and little lawn care and then decrease the amount of trees they have as they increase their lawn care. HOA neighborhoods follow an increasing exponential pattern where none and poor lawn care statuses have fewer trees and as lawn care improves, the amount of trees seen on the property increases.



The graph above illustrates that regardless of garden status, non HOA neighborhoods have more trees than HOA neighborhoods. This is important because as we discussed previously, garden status can be ambiguous when trying to determine if neighborhoods are more or less sustainable. However, having more trees is more sustainable. If non HOA neighborhoods have more trees regardless of garden status, then they can be seen as more sustainable than HOA neighborhoods.

Overall, we can see that non HOA neighborhoods are more sustainable than HOA neighborhoods. While some factors such as gardens may be ambiguous in terms of their sustainability, our analysis shows that non HOA neighborhoods have more trees, less lawn care, and more trash and recycling pickup options than HOA homes. Our sample had more HOA observations than non HOA observations, so we compared these variables using relative frequency for comparing HOA statuses to the four variables of lawn care, recycling, garden status, and trees, as well as illustrating relative frequency through tables for discrete vs. discrete variables and graphs for discrete vs. continuous variables. This paper encourages future researchers to look into the sustainability of gardens and what specific factors can be used to tell what gardens may or may not be sustainable. This research is important for potential homebuyers looking to purchase a sustainable home as well as those who are environmentally conscious and may or may not live in an HOA neighborhood.

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