Exploratory Data Analysis in R

Session 6
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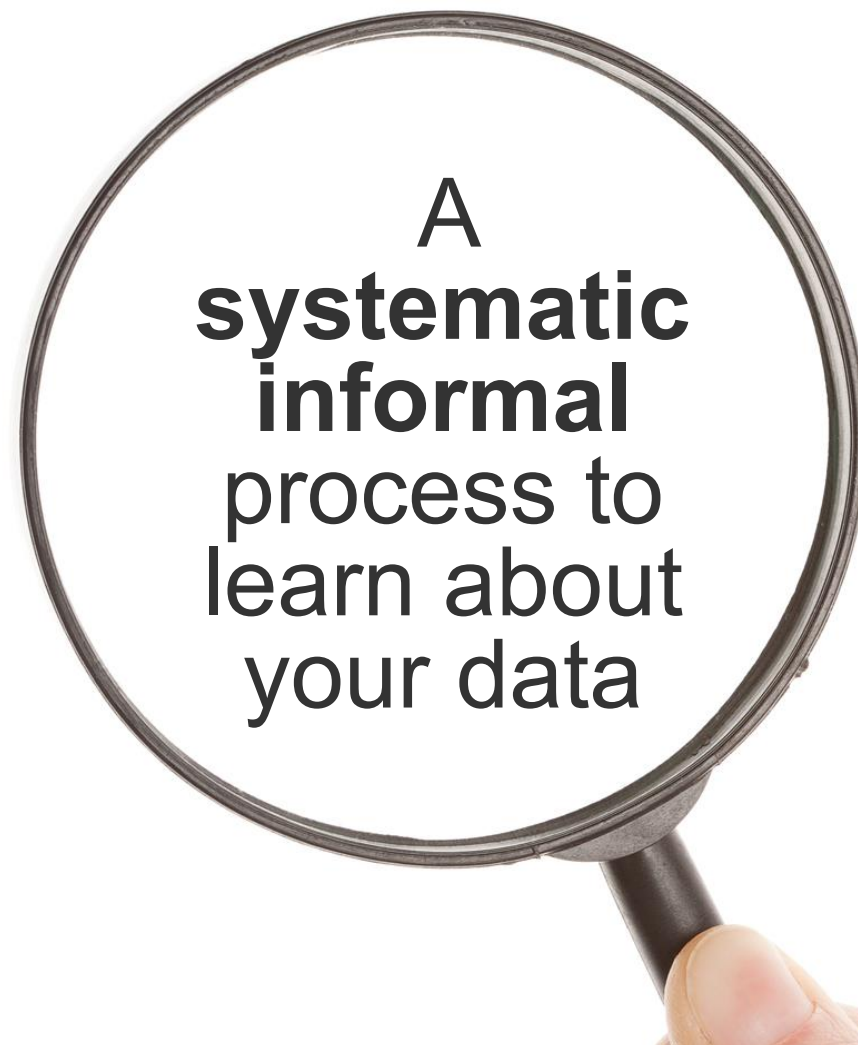Introduction to R Workshop
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Goals and Objectives

- Appreciate the role and process of exploratory data analysis (EDA) in understanding data
- Learn about MIMIC-III data set and its utility in learning to work with biomedical data
- Further reinforce the skills learned during the previous five sessions

What is EDA

Exploratory Data Analysis

A **systematic informal** process to learn about your data

Exploratory Data Analysis

 EDA is an iterative process in which we:

1. Generate questions about our data.

2. Search for answers by visualizing, transforming, and modelling our data.

3. Use what we learn to refine your questions and/or generate new questions.

Exploratory Data Analysis
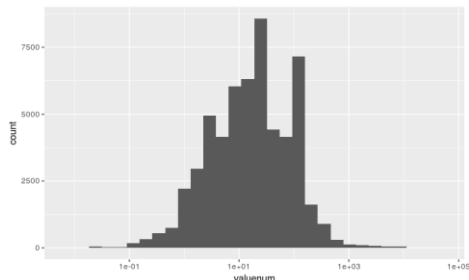
Two Fundamental Questions

1. What is the distribution of data in each of my variables

2. How do my variables relate with one another

How do we explore variation in data?
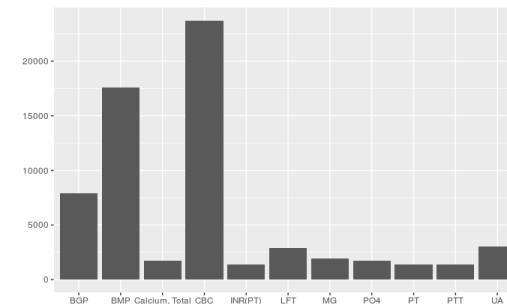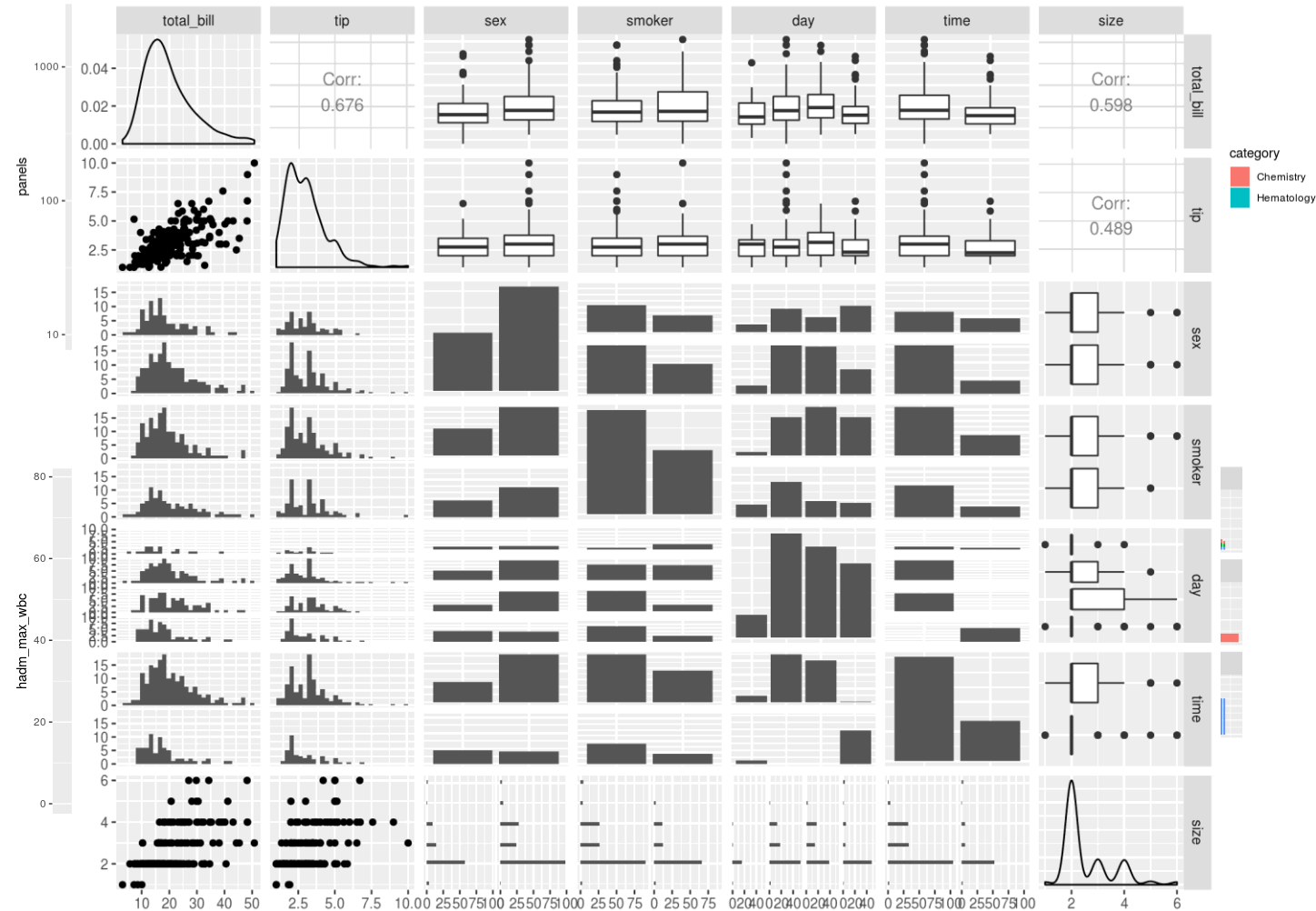
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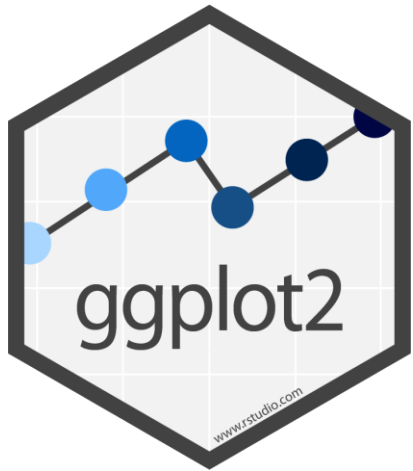Range, mean, median, mode

Histograms

Categorical

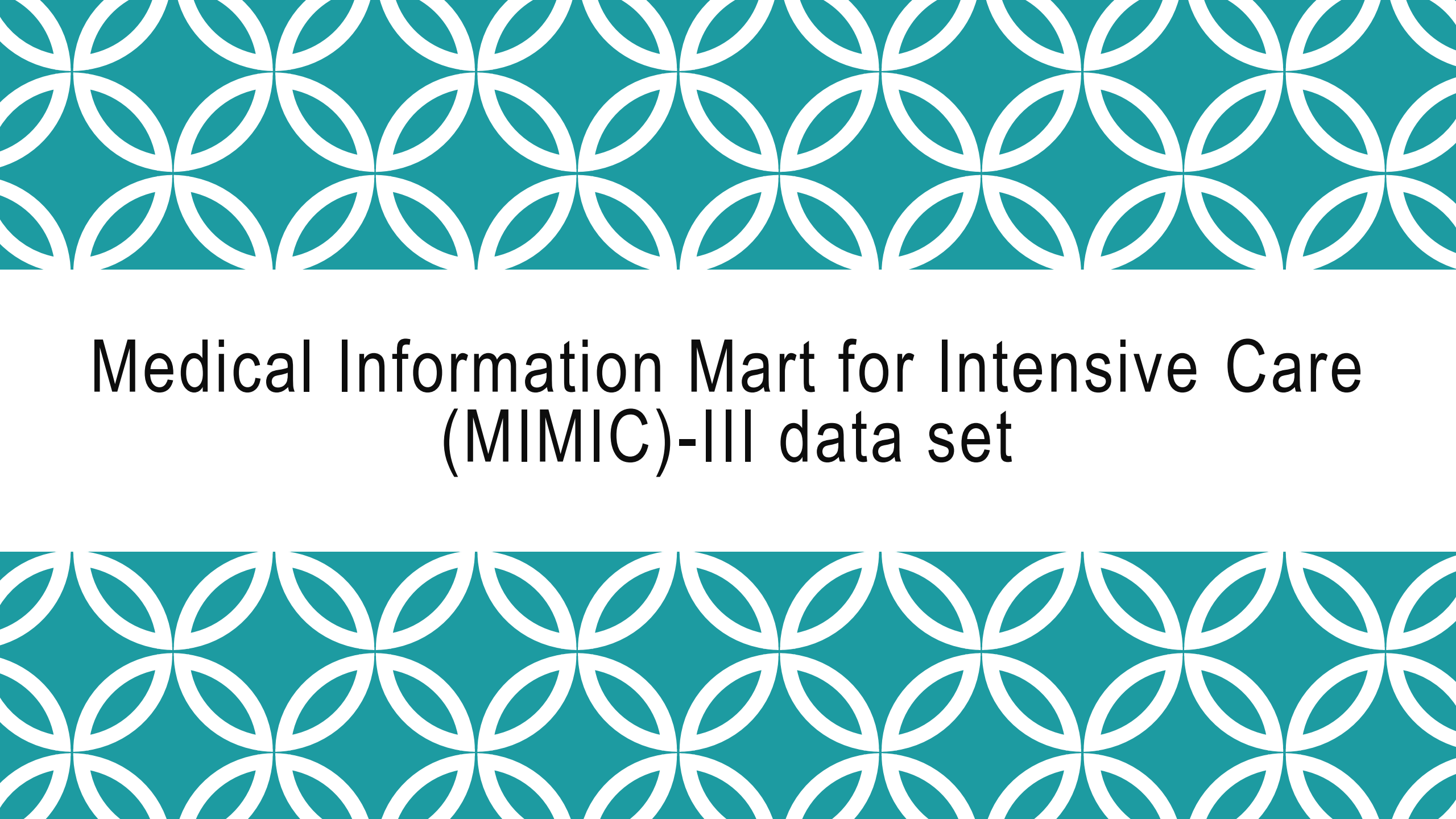Frequency (counts, percent)

Bar chart

How do we explore COvariation in data?

EDA as Data QC

Investigate:
- Missing data
- Outliers
- Logical discrepancies

Medical Information Mart for Intensive Care (MIMIC)-III data set

MIMIC Data set

- MIMIC–III is a widely-used, freely available biomedical dataset

- Developed by the MIT Lab for Computational Physiology

- Deidentified health data associated with >40,000 critical care patients

- Includes demographics, vital signs, laboratory tests, medications, free text notes and more

- Details are available at https://mimic.physionet.org/

Hospital

ICU

MICU   SICU   CCU   CSRU   NICU

Bedside monitoring
• Vital signs
• Waveforms
• Trends
• Alarms

Chart
• Fluids
• Medications
• Progress notes

Tests
• Laboratory
• Microbiology

Orders
• Provider order entry (POE)

Billing
• ICD9
• DRG
• Procedures (CPT)

Demographics
• Admission/discharge dates
• Date of birth/death
• Religion/ethnicity/marital status

Notes and reports
• Discharge summaries
• Radiology (X-ray, CT, MRI, Ultrasound)
• Cardiology (ECHO, ECG)

External

Social Security Death Index

Data archive

De-identification

Date shifting

Format conversion

MIMIC-III Database

User feedback and corrections

MIMIC Data Access

- Course in protecting human research participants including HIPAA requirements.

- Data use agreement
  - outlines appropriate data usage
  - security standards
  - forbids efforts to identify individual patients

Common uses for MIMIC

- Educational coursework
  - medical analytics courses

- Research
  - machine learning approaches for prediction of patient outcomes
  - semantic analysis of unstructured patient note

- Datathons

EDA Exercise

EDA exercise outline

For each exercise:
- Explicit task description
- Use functions to complete the task
- Question-set based on your findings

EDA exercise outline

Exercise 0

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Use the code block below to run `library()` on "tidyverse"

03:00

Exercise 1

Use the read_csv() function to read mimic.csv into a

new data frame called "mimic"

Explore the data frame using some of the tools

we've learned today (summary(), head())

05:00

1. How many rows are in the data frame?
2. How many columns are in the data frame?
3. What does each row in the data frame represent?
4. How many columns contain information about the patient's admission and how many relate to the test order?

Exercise 2

- Use `filter()` to find the rows that have NA in the valuenum column

- Use `select()` to narrow down to just the "panel_test", "test_name", "component", "value" and "valuenum" columns

- Use `arrange()` to order the data frame by "value" and "component" columns

```
mimic %>%
    filter(is.na(valuenum) %>%
    select(panel_test, component,
                    value, valuenum) %>%
    arrange(value,component)
```

1. What is the difference between the "value" and "valuenum" columns?
2. What kind of result values in the data set appear in the "value" column but are NA in the "valuenum" column?

Exercise 3

- Use group_by() and summarize() to get a sense for the counts of data in some of the columns with categorical data
- Use n() and n_distinct inside of the summarize() function to count the rows and distinct values in each categorical variable

10:00

```
mimic %>%
    group_by(religion) %>%
    summarise(d_pt =  n_distinct(subject_id))
```

1. How many distinct patients and admissions are in the data frame?
2. How many different panel tests and components are in the data frame?
3. What is the most common religion for patients in the data frame?
4. *Challenge Question* What is the most commonly ordered test in the data set?

Exercise 4

- Use ggplot() to assess the distribution of charttime and valuenum

- Try different scales to visualize the laboratory results

- Use the fill aesthetic to parse out the contribution of different categorical variables, such as category or fluid types, to the distribution of laboratory values

10:00

```
ggplot(mimic)+
  geom_histogram(aes(valuenum,fill=category))+
  scale_x_log10()
```

1. What do you notice about the pattern of charttimes and valuenums in the data frame?
2. Are there differences between the distribution of results for "Chemistry" and "Hematology" test categorys?
3. Are there outlier categories with only a few results?
4. *Challenge Question* Can you estimate what the reference range is for the "Hemoglobin"?

Show and Tell 1 – What about NAs?

- Missing data (NA) is important to be aware of because its presence may indicate a problem with the data or may influence the statistics and conclusions we make

```
mimic %>%
    mutate_all(is.na) %>%
    summarise_all(sum) %>%
    arrange(desc(value))
```

Show and Tell 2 – Characters in numeric data

- Analyzing laboratory data can be challenging for several reasons
- One reason is that numeric data can often be stored as characters

```
mimic %>%
    filter(str_detect(value,">|<")) %>%
    mutate(valuenum =
        ifelse(str_detect(value,">|<"),
            parse_number(value),
            valuenum)) %>%
    select(test_name, component, value,
valuenum)
```

Show and Tell 3 – Working With Dates

- Medical data is inherently temporal in nature
- R has several packages that help in dealing with datetime based data

```
library(lubridate)
mimic %>%
    mutate(charthour = hour(charttime)) %>%
    filter(!category %in%
            c("HEMATOLOGY","CHEMISTRY")) %>%
    distinct(curr_service, category, charttime,
            charthour, hadm_id, panel_test) %>%
ggplot(aes(x=charthour,fill=category))+
    geom_bar()+
    facet_wrap(~curr_service, scales = "free_y")
```