

Further Statistical Analysis using R

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Introduction

In this practical, we will use several 'read-life' datasets to demonstrate some of the concepts you have seen in the lectures. We will guide you through how to analyse these datasets in R and the kinds of questions you should be asking yourself when faced with similar data. As this is not a course in using R, we will provide the R code that you will need. However, it is up to you to think carefully about the assumptions of a statistics tests and interpret the results that R gives

The data you need for this practical are available as a zip file. Please download this zip file and extract to a directory on your laptop. You will then need to tell RStudio where to find these files by setting your *working directory*

Session -> Set Working Directory -> Choose Directory

One-Way ANOVA

The data for this exercise are to be found in `amess.csv`. The data are the red cell folate levels in three groups of cardiac bypass patients given different levels of nitrous oxide (N₂O) and oxygen (O₂) ventilation. [There is a reference to the source of this data in Altman, Practical Statistics for Medical Research, p. 208.]

The treatments are

- i) 50% N₂O and 50% O₂ continuously for 24 hours
- ii) 50% N₂O and 50% O₂ during the operation
- iii) No N₂O but 35-50% O₂ continuously for 24 hours

1. Import the file `amess.csv` into R. Verify that the dimensions of the object that R creates are correct.

```
amess <- read.csv("amess.csv")
dim(amess)
```

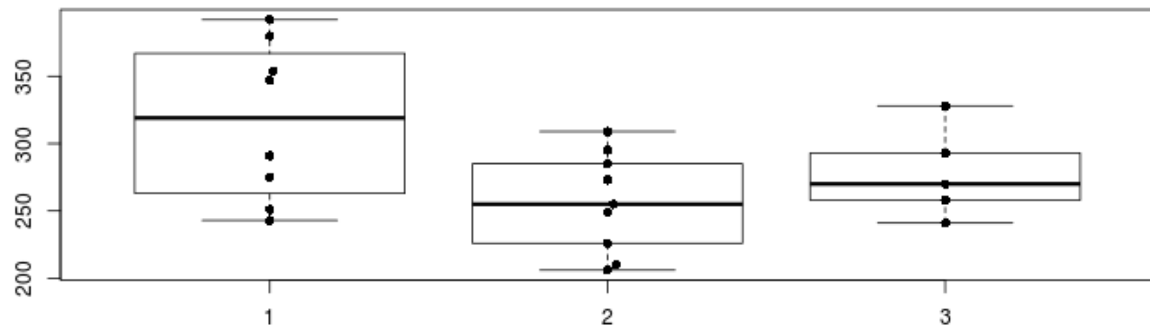
```
## [1] 22  2
```

NOTE: You can use the `View` function in RStudio to bring-up a display of the object you have created

2. Draw boxplots of the data. Does it look as though the assumptions for ANOVA are satisfied?

NOTE: It is often useful to overlay individual points on the boxplot

```
library(beeswarm)
boxplot(folate~treatmnt, data=amess)
beeswarm(folate~treatmnt, data=amess, add=TRUE, pch=16)
```



3. Perform t-tests for each of the three pair-wise comparisons. Make note of the t-test statistics obtained. Which groups, if any, differ from one another?

If you have not performed a t test in R before, you may wish to consult the help page for `t.test`; `?t.test`.

```
t.test(folate~ treatmnt,data=amess[amess$treatmnt !=3,])
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: folate by treatmnt
## t = 2.4901, df = 11.579, p-value = 0.02906
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 7.310453 113.050658
## sample estimates:
## mean in group 1 mean in group 2
## 316.6250 256.4444
```

```
t.test(folate~treatmnt,data=amess[amess$treatmnt !=2,])
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: folate by treatmnt
## t = 1.5048, df = 10.985, p-value = 0.1606
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -17.87994 95.12994
## sample estimates:
## mean in group 1 mean in group 3
## 316.625 278.000
```

```
t.test(folate~treatmnt,data=amess[amess$treatmnt !=3,])
```

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```

4. Perform an analysis of variance on the data. Why is this a more valid analysis? Interpret the output.

```
mod <- aov(folate~factor(treatmnt),data=amess)
mod
```

```
## Call:
## aov(formula = folate ~ factor(treatmnt), data = amess)
##
## Terms:
## factor(treatmnt) Residuals
## Sum of Squares 15515.77 39716.10
## Deg. of Freedom 2 19
##
## Residual standard error: 45.72003
## Estimated effects may be unbalanced
```

```
summary(aov(mod))
```

```
## Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## factor(treatmnt) 2 15516 7758 3.711 0.0436 *
## Residuals 19 39716 2090
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

5. Choose any pair of treatments and repeat the ANOVA for just these two treatments. Compare the test statistic value to the results of the t-test from question 3. What do you notice?

```
subset <- amess[amess$treatmnt != 3,]
t.test(folate~treatmnt,data=subset)
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: folate by treatmnt
## t = 2.4901, df = 11.579, p-value = 0.02906
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
```

```
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##      7.310453 113.050658
## sample estimates:
## mean in group 1 mean in group 2
##      316.6250      256.4444
```

6. If the assumptions for ANOVA don't hold, then there are non-parametric alternatives available.

- If the assumption of normality doesn't hold then we might look at the Kruskal-Wallis test.
- If the assumption of equal variances doesn't hold then we might use the median test.

Perform these tests. Do they give the same answer as ANOVA? If not, why not? How important were the assumptions?

```
kruskal.test(folate~factor(treatmnt),data=amess)
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: folate by factor(treatmnt)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 4.1852, df = 2, p-value = 0.1234
```

```
library(RVAideMemoire)
mood.medtest(folate~factor(treatmnt),data=amess)
```

```
##
## Mood's median test
##
## data: folate by factor(treatmnt)
## p-value = 0.2332
```

7. Use a *post-hoc* test to compute p-value for all pairwise contrasts. Unlike the t-tests performed in Question 3, the p-values returned are adjusted for multiple testing. Two functions for doing such tests in R are `TukeyHSD` and `pairwise.t.test`. Help for both these functions is available through RStudio; `?TukeyHSD`, `?pairwise.t.test`

```
TukeyHSD(mod)
```

```
## Tukey multiple comparisons of means
## 95% family-wise confidence level
##
## Fit: aov(formula = folate ~ factor(treatmnt), data = amess)
##
## $`factor(treatmnt)`
##      diff      lwr      upr    p adj
## 2-1 -60.18056 -116.61904 -3.74207 0.0354792
## 3-1 -38.62500 -104.84037 27.59037 0.3214767
## 3-2 21.55556 -43.22951 86.34062 0.6802018
```

```
pairwise.t.test(amesse$folate, amesse$treatmnt)
```

```
##
## Pairwise comparisons using t tests with pooled SD
##
## data: amesse$folate and amesse$treatmnt
##
##      1      2
## 2 0.042 -
## 3 0.310 0.408
##
## P value adjustment method: holm
```

Other Non-Parametric tests

The file `treatments.txt` records measurements from five subjects undergoing a treatment course.

1. Import these data into R

```
treatments <- read.delim("treatments.txt")
```

2. Choose an appropriate method to test the effect of treatment

```
friedman.test(as.matrix(treatments[, -1]))
```

```
##
## Friedman rank sum test
##
## data: as.matrix(treatments[, -1])
## Friedman chi-squared = 13.08, df = 3, p-value = 0.004467
```

The file `genotypes.txt` contains measurements from a gene expression study. For each patient in the study, their genotype for a particular gene was recorded.

2. Import the file `genotypes.txt` into R

```
gtypes <- read.delim("genotypes.txt")
gtypes
```

```
##      AA      AB      BB
## 1 2.513047 6.328862      NA
## 2 6.168767 5.607576 7.639488
## 3 3.184589 8.269598 6.795799
## 4 7.889960 4.271390 7.188640
## 5 5.146395 6.282917 7.482058
## 6      NA 7.274772 7.934725
## 7      NA 7.184816 9.208339
```

3. Transform the data into two columns; one to indicate the genotype of the individual and the second for the gene expression level.

```
library(tidyr)
gtypes <- gather(gtypes)
gtypes$key <- rep(c(1,2,3),each=7)
```

4. Use an appropriate method to test the association between gene expression and genotype

```
library(clinfun)
jonckheere.test(gtypes$value,gtypes$key)
```

```
##
## Jonckheere-Terpstra test
##
## data:
## JT = 86, p-value = 0.007535
## alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```

Breast Cancer Incidence

The file `globalBreastCancerRisk.csv` gives the number of new cases of Breast Cancer (per population of 10,000) in various countries around the world, along with various health and lifestyle risk factors. These data were collected from the [gapminder](#) resource ¹. Let's suppose we are initially interested in whether the number of breast cancer cases is significantly different in different regions of the world.

1. Read these data into R

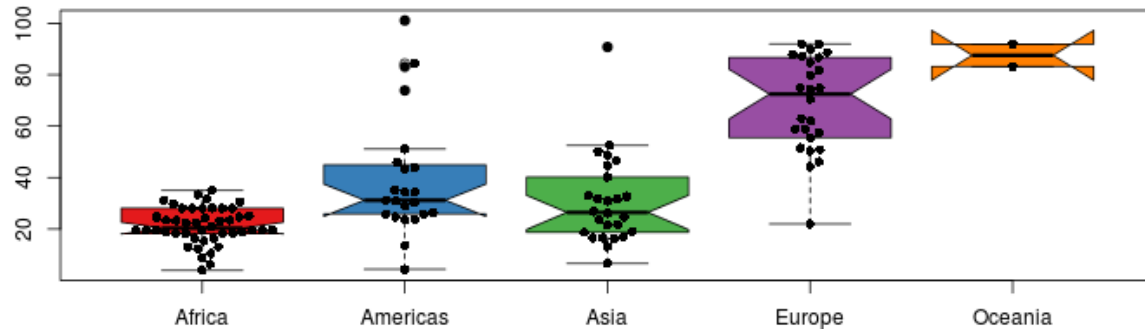
```
bcStats <- read.csv("globalBreastCancerRisk.csv")
head(bcStats)
```

```
##      country continent year lifeExp      pop  gdpPercap
## 1 Afghanistan      Asia 2002  42.129 25268405   726.7341
## 2  Albania      Europe 2002  75.651  3508512  4604.2117
## 3  Algeria      Africa 2002  70.994 31287142  5288.0404
## 4  Angola      Africa 2002  41.003 10866106  2773.2873
## 5  Argentina  Americas 2002  74.340 38331121  8797.6407
## 6  Australia   Oceania 2002  80.370 19546792 30687.7547
##      NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002 AlcoholConsumption BloodPressure
## 1                                26.8                0.02      124.2085
## 2                                57.4                6.68      129.0609
## 3                                23.5                0.96      130.4024
## 4                                23.1                5.40      129.9282
## 5                                73.9               10.00      119.6538
## 6                                83.2               10.02      120.5113
##      BodyMassIndex Cholesterol Smoking
## 1      20.65274      4.295170      NA
## 2      25.27082      4.918646      4.0
## 3      25.69948      4.848951      0.3
## 4      22.26093      4.499115      NA
## 5      26.70460      5.143871     25.4
## 6      26.25957      5.326858     21.8
```

¹Similar data are also detailed in a blog post at: <http://www.analyticsforfun.com/2014/06/performing-anova-test-in-r-results-and.html>

- Visualise the distribution of breast cancer incidence in each continent. Include a way of identifying how many observations belong to each group (continent)

```
library(RColorBrewer)
library(beeswarm)
boxplot(NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002~continent,data=bcStats,col=brewer.pal(5,"Set1"),notch=TRUE)
beeswarm(NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002~continent,data=bcStats,add=TRUE,pch=16)
```



```
bcStats.clean <- bcStats[bcStats$continent != "Oceania",]
```

- Would a parametric, or non-parametric, approach be suitable for this analysis? Use the result from a `bartlett.test` to support your answer. Proceed with your chosen approach to test the hypothesis that breast cancer incidence is different across the globe.

```
bartlett.test(NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002~continent,data=bcStats.clean)
```

```
##
## Bartlett test of homogeneity of variances
##
## data: NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002 by continent
## Bartlett's K-squared = 48.26, df = 3, p-value = 1.875e-10
```

```
kruskal.test(NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002~continent,data=bcStats.clean)
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002 by continent
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 59.896, df = 3, p-value = 6.185e-13
```

- In a manner similar to the *One-Way ANOVA* example, we can apply multiple-testing correction to all pairwise contrasts and assess which individual contrasts are significant. Which pairs of continents have significantly different breast cancer incidence rates to each other?

```
pairwise.wilcox.test(bcStats.clean$NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002,bcStats.clean$continent)
```

```
##  
## Pairwise comparisons using Wilcoxon rank sum test  
##  
## data: bcStats.clean$NewCasesOfBreastCancerIn2002 and bcStats.clean$continent  
##  
##      Africa Americas Asia  
## Americas 5.4e-05 -      -  
## Asia      0.04232 0.14359 -  
## Europe    8.8e-11 0.00016 7.9e-07  
##  
## P value adjustment method: holm
```