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Problem Set 1+2 (15% + 15%)

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General Introduction

In this Problem Set, you will apply data science skills to wrangle and visualize the replication data of the following research article:

Cantú, F. (2019). The fingerprints of fraud: Evidence from Mexico's 1988 presidential election. *American Political Science Review*, 113(3), 710-726.

Requirements and Reminders

- You are required to use **RMarkdown** to compile your answer to this Problem Set.
- Two submissions are required (via Moodle)
 - A **.pdf** file rendered by **Rmarkdown** that contains all your answer.
 - A compressed (in **.zip** format) R project repo. The expectation is that the instructor can unzip, open the project file, knitr your **.Rmd** file, and obtain the exact same output as the submitted **.pdf** document.
- The Problem Set is worth 30 points in total, allocated across 7 tasks. The point distribution across tasks is specified in the title line of each task. Within each task, the points are evenly distributed across sub-tasks. Bonus points (+5% max.) will be awarded to recognize exceptional performance.
- Grading rubrics: Overall, your answer will be evaluated based on its quality in three dimensions
 - Correctness and beauty of your outputs
 - Style of your code
 - Insightfulness of your interpretation or discussion
- Unless otherwise specified, you are required to use functions from the **tidyverse** package to complete this assignments.
- For some tasks, there may be multiple ways to achieve the same desired outcomes. You are encouraged to explore multiple methods. If you perform a task using multiple methods, do show it in your submission. You may earn bonus points for it.
- You are encouraged to use Generative AI such as ChatGPT to assist with your work. However, you will need to acknowledge it properly and validate AI's outputs. You may attach selected chat history with the AI you use and describe how it helps you get the work done. Extra credit may be rewarded to recognize creative use of Generative AI.
- This Problem Set is an individual assignment. You are expected to complete it independently. Clarification questions are welcome. Discussions on concepts and techniques related to the Problem Set among peers is encouraged. However, without the instructor's consent, sharing (sending and requesting) code and text that complete the entirety of a task is prohibited. You are strongly encouraged to use *CampusWire* for clarification questions and discussions.

Background

In 1998, Mexico had a close presidential election. Irregularities were detected around the country during the voting process. For example, when 2% of the vote tallies had been counted, the preliminary results showed the PRI's imminent defeat in Mexico City metropolitan area and a very narrow vote margin between PRI and FDN. A few minutes later, the screens at the Ministry of Interior went blank, an event that electoral authorities justified as a technical problem caused by an overload on telephone lines. The vote count was therefore suspended for three days, despite the fact that opposition representatives found a computer in the basement that continued to receive electoral results. Three days later, the vote count resumed, and soon the official announced PRI's winning with 50.4% of the vote.

What happened on that night and the following days? Were there electoral fraud during the election? A political scientist, Francisco Cantú, unearths a promising dataset that could provide some clues. At the National Archive in Mexico City, Cantú discovered about 53,000 vote tally sheets. Using machine learning methods, he detected that a significant number of tally sheets were *altered*! In addition, he found evidence that the altered tally sheets were biased in favor of the incumbent party. In this Problem Set, you will use Cantú's replication dossier to replicate and extend his data work.

Please read Cantú (2019) for the full story. And see Figure 1 for a few examples of altered (fraudulent) tallies.

A

VOTACION RECIBIDA EN LA URNA (con número)	VOTOS ENCONTRADOS EN OTRAS URNAS (con número)	(con número)
131	131	
97	7	
138	138	
138	138	
138	138	

B

VOTACION RECIBIDA EN LA URNA (con número)	VOTOS ENCONTRADOS EN OTRAS URNAS (con número)	(con número)
23		
120		
121		
1		
10		
37		
1		
22		
2		
273		
14		
287		

C

VOTACION RECIBIDA EN LA URNA (con número)	VOTOS ENCONTRADOS EN OTRAS URNAS (con número)	(con número)
12		
1399		
20		
1		
2		
3		
1437		
1		
1438		

D

VOTACION RECIBIDA EN LA URNA (con número)	VOTOS ENCONTRADOS EN OTRAS URNAS (con número)	(con número)
359	359	
22	22	
381	381	
381	381	

Figure 1: Examples of altered tally sheets (reproducing Figure 1 of Cantú 2018)

Task 0. Loading required packages (3pt)

For Better organization, it is a good habit to load all required packages up front at the start of your document. Please load the all packages you use throughout the whole Problem Set here.

```
library(tidyverse)
library(sf)
```

Task 1. Clean machine classification results (3pt)

Cantú applies machine learning models to 55,334 images of tally sheets to detect signs of fraud (i.e., alteration). The machine learning model returns results recorded in a table. The information in this table is messy and requires data wrangling before we can use them.

Task 1.1. Load classified images of tally sheets

The path of the classified images of tally sheets is `data/classification.txt`. Your first task is loading these data onto R using a `tidyverse` function. Name it `d_tally`.

Note:

- Although the file extension of this dataset is `.txt`, you are recommended to use the `tidyverse` function we use for `.csv` files to read it.
- Unlike the data files we have read in class, this table has *no column names*. Look up the documentation and find a way to handle it.
- There will be three columns in this dataset, name them `name_image`, `label`, and `probability`.

Print your table to show your output.

```
d_tally <- read_csv("data/classification.txt", col_names = FALSE)
colnames(d_tally) <- c("name_image", "label", "probability")
print(d_tally)
```

```
## # A tibble: 55,334 x 3
##   name_image                                label probability
##   <chr>                                <chr> <chr>
## 1 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.10.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.99919599]]
## 2 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.17.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.95722806]]
## 3 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.25.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.57690716]]
## 4 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.31.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.96505082]]
## 5 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.38.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.86975688]]
## 6 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.45.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.78825063]]
## 7 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.52.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.96493018]]
## 8 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.59.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.68087846]]
## 9 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.06.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.99999994]]
## 10 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.15.jpg [[0]] [[ 0.64047635]]
## # i 55,324 more rows
```

Note 1. What are in this dataset?

Before you proceed, let me explain the meaning of the three variables.

- **name_image** contains the names of the tallies' image files (as you may infer from the .jpg file extensions. They contain information about the locations where each of the tally sheets are produced.
- **label** is a machine-predicted label indicating whether a tally is fraudulent or not. **label = 1** means the machine learning model has detected signs of fraud in the tally sheet. **label = 0** means the machine detects no sign of fraud in the tally sheet. In short, **label = 1** means fraud; **label = 0** means no fraud.
- **probability** indicates the machine's certainty about its predicted **label** (explained above). It ranges from 0 to 1, where higher values mean higher level of certainty.

Interpret **label** and **probability** carefully. Two examples can hopefully give you clues about their correct interpretation. In the first row, **label = 0** and **probability = 0.9991**. That means the machine thinks this tally sheet is NOT FRAUDULENT with a probability of 0.9991. Then, the probability that this tally sheet is fraudulent is $1 - 0.9991 = 0.0009$. Take another example, in the 11th row, **label = 1** and **probability = 0.935**. This means the machine thinks this tally sheet IS FRAUDULENT with a probability of 0.935. Then, the probability that it is NOT FRAUDULENT is $1 - 0.9354 = 0.0646$.

Task 1.2. Clean columns label and probability

As you have seen in the printed outputs, columns `label` and `probability` are read as `chr` variables when they are actually numbers. A close look at the data may tell you why — they are “wrapped” by some non-numeric characters. In this task, you will clean these two variables and make them valid numeric variables. You are required to use `tidyverse` operations to for this task. Show appropriate summary statistics of `label` and `probability` respectively after you have transformed them into numeric variables.

```
d_tally$label <- d_tally$label |>
  str_remove_all("\\[|\\]") |>
  as.numeric()
d_tally$probability <- d_tally$probability |>
  str_remove_all("\\[|\\]") |>
  as.numeric()
d_tally
```

```
## # A tibble: 55,334 x 3
##   name_image                label probability
##   <chr>                  <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.10.jpg      0      0.999
## 2 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.17.jpg      0      0.957
## 3 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.25.jpg      0      0.577
## 4 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.31.jpg      0      0.965
## 5 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.38.jpg      0      0.870
## 6 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.45.jpg      0      0.788
## 7 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.52.jpg      0      0.965
## 8 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.59.jpg      0      0.681
## 9 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.06.jpg      0      1.00
## 10 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.15.jpg      0      0.640
## # i 55,324 more rows
```

```
summary(d_tally$label)
```

```
##   Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
## 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.3623 1.0000 1.0000
```

```
summary(d_tally$probability)
```

```
##   Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
## 0.5000 0.8185 0.9710 0.8926 0.9996 1.0000
```

Task 1.3. Extract state and district information from name_image

As explained in the note, the column `name_image`, which has the names of tally sheets' images, contains information about locations where the tally sheets are produced. Specifically, the first two elements of these file names indicates the **states'** and districts' identifiers respectively, for example, `name_image = "Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.10.jpg"`. It means this tally sheet is produced in state **Aguascalientes**, district **I**. In this task, you are required to obtain this information. Specifically, create two columns named `state` and `district` as state and district identifiers respectively. You are required to use `tidyverse` functions to perform the task.

```
d_tally <- d_tally |> separate(name_image, into = c("state", "district"),
                              sep = "_", remove = FALSE)
d_tally
```

```
## # A tibble: 55,334 x 5
##   name_image                state    district label probability
##   <chr>                <chr>    <chr>    <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.10.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.999
## 2 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.17.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.957
## 3 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.25.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.577
## 4 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.31.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.965
## 5 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.38.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.870
## 6 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.45.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.788
## 7 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.52.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.965
## 8 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.59.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.681
## 9 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.06.jpg Aguascal~ I          0         1.00
## 10 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.15.jpg Aguascal~ I          0        0.640
## # i 55,324 more rows
```

Task 1.4. Re-code a state's name

One of the states (in the newly created column `state`) is coded as “Estado de Mexico.” The researchers decide that it should instead re-coded as “**Edomex**.” Please use a tidyverse function to perform this task.

Hint: Look up functions `ifelse` and `case_match`.

```
d_tally <- d_tally |> mutate(state = ifelse(state == "Estado de Mexico", "Edomex", state))
edomex <- d_tally |> filter(state == "Edomex")
edomex
```

```
## # A tibble: 4,244 x 5
##   name_image                state district label probability
##   <chr>                  <chr>   <chr>    <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0225_3.jpg Edomex I         0        0.950
## 2 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0226_3.jpg Edomex I         0        0.647
## 3 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0227_3.jpg Edomex I         0        0.980
## 4 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0228_3.jpg Edomex I         0        1.00
## 5 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0229_3.jpg Edomex I         0        0.977
## 6 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0230_3.jpg Edomex I         0        0.836
## 7 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0231_3.jpg Edomex I         0        0.999
## 8 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0232_3.jpg Edomex I         0        1.00
## 9 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0233_3.jpg Edomex I         1        0.778
## 10 Estado de Mexico_I_DSC_0234_3.jpg Edomex I         0        0.998
## # i 4,234 more rows
```


Task 1.5. Create a *probability of fraud* indicator

As explained in Note 1, we need to interpret `label` and `probability` with caution, as the meaning of `probability` is conditional on the value of `label`. To avoid confusion in the analysis, your next task is to create a column named `fraud_proba` which indicates the probability that a tally sheet is fraudulent. After you have created the column, drop the `label` and `probability` columns.

Hint: Look up the `ifelse` function and the `case_when` function (but you just need either one of them).

```
d_tally <- d_tally |>
  mutate(fraud_proba = ifelse(label == 1, probability, 1 - probability)) |>
  select(-label, -probability)
d_tally
```



```
## # A tibble: 55,334 x 4
##   name_image                state    district fraud_proba
##   <chr>                <chr>    <chr>      <dbl>
## 1 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.10.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.000804
## 2 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.17.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.0428
## 3 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.25.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.423
## 4 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.31.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.0349
## 5 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.38.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.130
## 6 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.45.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.212
## 7 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.52.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.0351
## 8 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.59.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.319
## 9 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.06.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.0000000600
## 10 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.15.jpg Aguascalientes I      0.360
## # i 55,324 more rows
```

Task 1.6. Create a binary *fraud* indicator

In this task, you will create a binary indicator called `fraud_bin` indicating whether a tally sheet is fraudulent. Following the researcher's rule, we consider a tally sheet fraudulent only when the machine thinks it is at least 2/3 likely to be fraudulent. That is, `fraud_bin` is set to `TRUE` when `fraud_proba` is greater to 2/3 and is `FALSE` otherwise.

```
d_tally <- d_tally |>
  mutate(fraud_bin = ifelse(fraud_proba > 2/3, TRUE, FALSE))
d_tally
```

```
## # A tibble: 55,334 x 5
##   name_image                state district fraud_proba fraud_bin
##   <chr>                  <chr> <chr>          <dbl> <lgl>
## 1 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.10.jpg Agua~ I           8.04e-4 FALSE
## 2 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.17.jpg Agua~ I           4.28e-2 FALSE
## 3 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.25.jpg Agua~ I           4.23e-1 FALSE
## 4 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.31.jpg Agua~ I           3.49e-2 FALSE
## 5 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.38.jpg Agua~ I           1.30e-1 FALSE
## 6 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.45.jpg Agua~ I           2.12e-1 FALSE
## 7 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.52.jpg Agua~ I           3.51e-2 FALSE
## 8 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.59.jpg Agua~ I           3.19e-1 FALSE
## 9 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.06.jpg Agua~ I           6.00e-8 FALSE
## 10 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.15.jpg Agua~ I           3.60e-1 FALSE
## # i 55,324 more rows
```

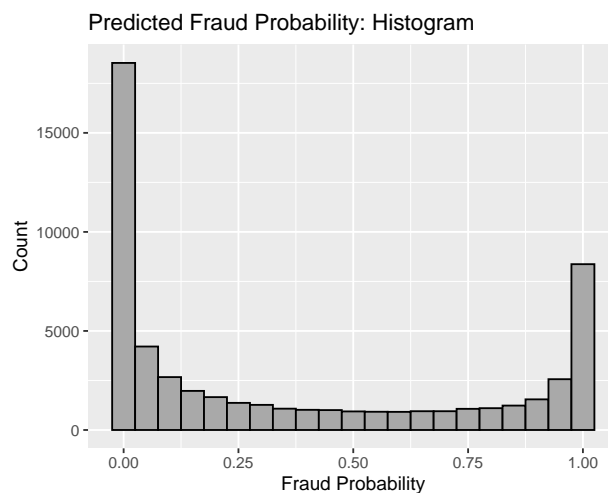
Task 2. Visualize machine classification results (3pt)

In this section, you will visualize the `tally` dataset that you have cleaned in Task 1. Unless otherwise specified, you are required to use the `ggplot` packages to perform all the tasks.

Task 2.1. Visualize distribution of `fraud_proba`

How is the predicted probability of fraud (`fraud_proba`) distributed? Use two methods to visualize the distribution. Remember to add informative labels to the figure. Describe the plot with a few sentences.

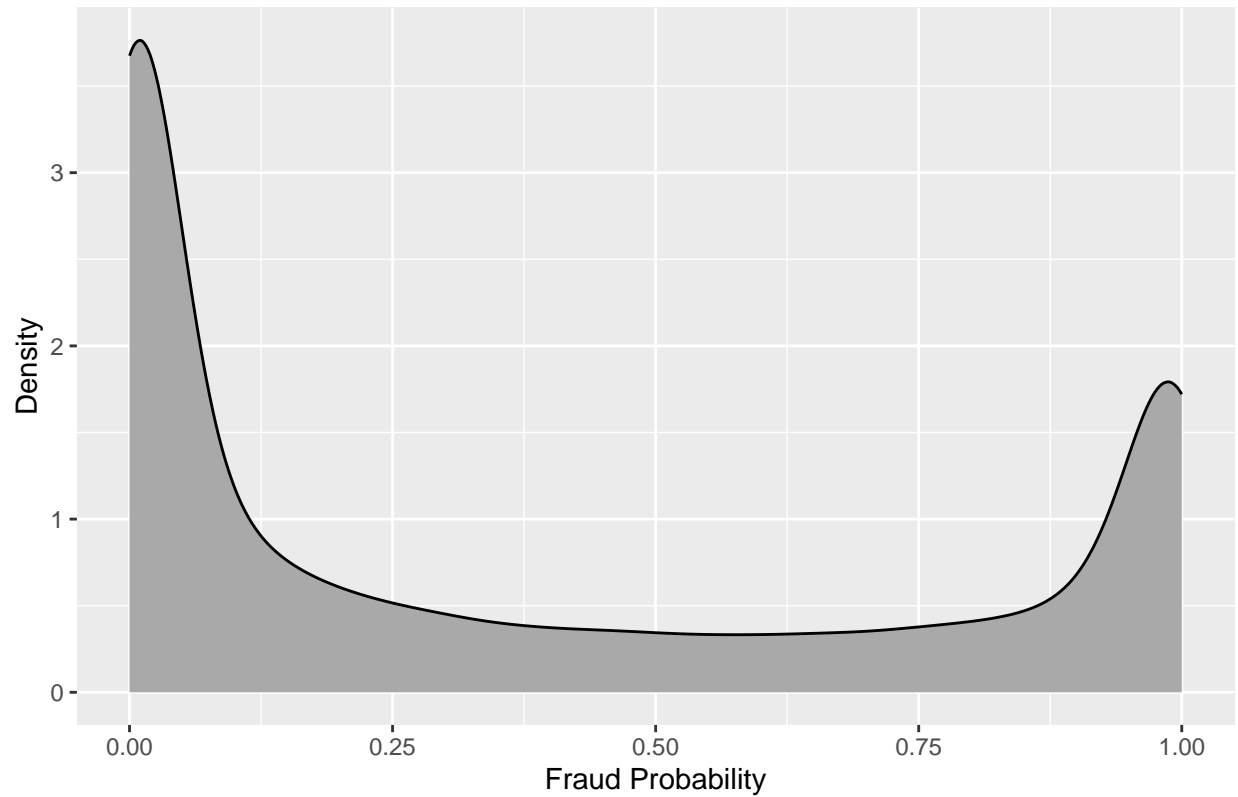
```
ggplot(d_tally, aes(x = fraud_proba)) +  
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 0.05, fill = "darkgray", color = "black") +  
  labs(title = "Predicted Fraud Probability: Histogram",  
        x = "Fraud Probability",  
        y = "Count")
```



The “Histogram of Predicted Fraud Probability” exhibits a U-shaped distribution with concentrations of values at two distinct areas - $P(\text{fraud}) = 0$ (low probability of fraud) and $P(\text{fraud}) = 1$ (high probability of fraud). Compared to the “ $P(\text{fraud}) = 1$ ” bin, the “ $P(\text{fraud}) = 0$ ” bin is higher, indicating a higher frequency of $P(\text{fraud}) = 0$ predictions.

```
ggplot(d_tally, aes(x = fraud_proba)) +  
  geom_density(fill = "darkgray") +  
  labs(title = "Predicted Fraud Probability: Density Plot",  
        x = "Fraud Probability",  
        y = "Density")
```

Predicted Fraud Probability: Density Plot

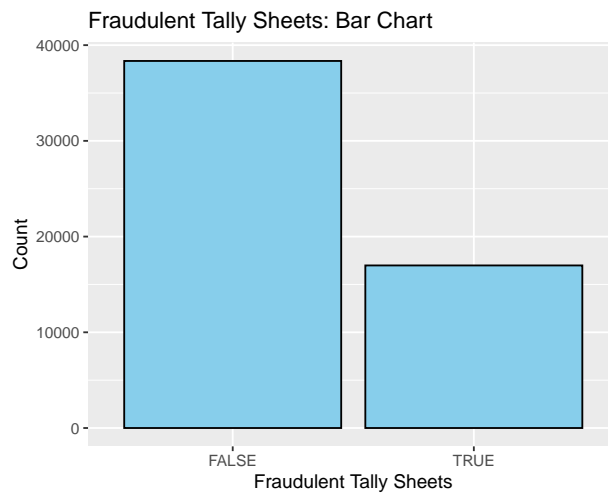


The “Density Plot of Predicted Fraud Probability” exhibits a similar U-shaped distribution with “Histogram of Predicted Fraud Probability”. It also has a concentration of values at two distinct areas - $P(\text{fraud}) = 0$ (low probability of fraud) and $P(\text{fraud}) = 1$ (high probability of fraud). In comparison, the “ $P(\text{fraud}) = 0$ ” peak is higher than the “ $P(\text{fraud}) = 1$ ” peak, indicating higher frequency in $P(\text{fraud}) = 0$ predictions.

Task 2.2. Visualize distribution of fraud_bin

How many tally sheets are fraudulent and how many are not? We may answer this question by visualizing the binary indicator of tally-level states of fraud. Use at least two methods to visualize the distribution of `fraud_bin`. Remember to add informative labels to the figure. Describe your plots with a few sentences.

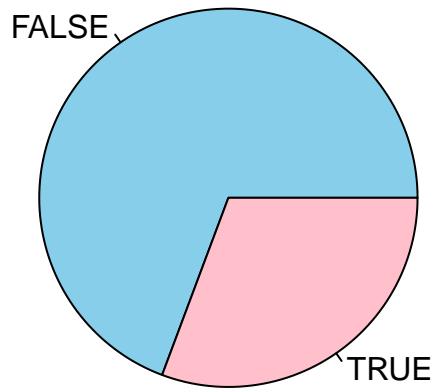
```
ggplot(d_tally, aes(x = fraud_bin)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "skyblue", color = "black") +  
  labs(title = "Fraudulent Tally Sheets: Bar Chart",  
        x = "Fraudulent Tally Sheets",  
        y = "Count")
```



Based on the “Fraudulent Tally Sheets: Bar Chart”, the ‘FALSE’ bar is nearly twice the size of the ‘TRUE’ bar. According to the researcher’s rule, this suggests that a substantial majority of the tally sheets are not deemed fraudulent.

```
pie_table <- table(d_tally$fraud_bin)  
pie(pie_table,  
    main = "Fraudulent Tally Sheets: Pie Chart",  
    col = c("skyblue", "pink"))
```

Fraudulent Tally Sheets: Pie Chart



In the “Fraudulent Tally Sheets: Pie Chart”, the ‘FALSE’ sector of the pie is close to $2/3$ of the whole area and the ‘TRUE’ sector of the pie is close to $1/3$ of the pie, indicating (similar to the bar chart) a significant majority of the tally sheets are deemed not fraudulent according to the researcher’s rule.

Task 2.3. Summarize prevalence of fraud by state

Next, we will examine the between-state variation with regards to the prevalence of election fraud. In this task, you will create a new object that contains two state-level indicators regarding the prevalence of election fraud: The count of fraudulent tallies and the proportion of fraudulent tallies.

```
state_fraud <- d_tally |>
  group_by(state) |>
  summarise(n_fraud = sum(fraud_bin),
            prop_fraud = mean(fraud_bin))
state_fraud
```

```
## # A tibble: 32 x 3
##   state                n_fraud prop_fraud
##   <chr>                <int>     <dbl>
## 1 Aguascalientes         71     0.176
## 2 Baja California       311     0.231
## 3 Baja California Sur    79     0.191
## 4 Campeche              146     0.386
## 5 Chiapas               629     0.456
## 6 Chihuahua             398     0.214
## 7 Coahuila              444     0.378
## 8 Colima                 51     0.168
## 9 Distrito Federal      236     0.0310
## 10 Durango              376     0.278
## # i 22 more rows
```

count of fraudulent tallies = `n_fraud`

proportion of fraudulent tallies = `prop_fraud`

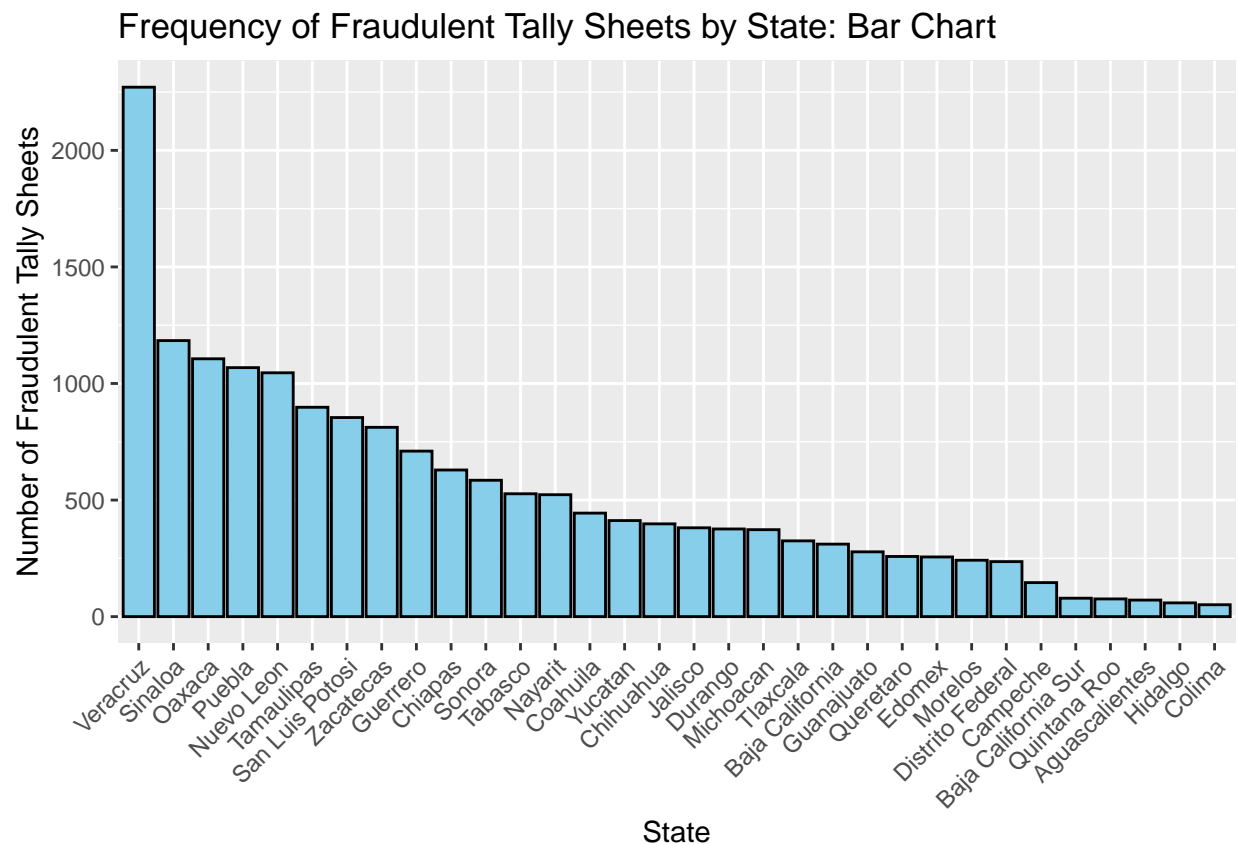
new object containing $\hat{}$: `state_fraud`

Task 2.4. Visualize frequencies of fraud by state

Using the new data frame created in Task 2.3, please visualize the *frequencies* of fraudulent tallies of every state. Describe the key takeaway from the visualization with a few sentences.

Feel free to try alternative approach(es) to make your visualization nicer and more informative.

```
ggplot(state_fraud, aes(x = reorder(state, -n_fraud), y = n_fraud)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "skyblue", color = "black") +  
  labs(title = "Frequency of Fraudulent Tally Sheets by State: Bar Chart",  
        x = "State",  
        y = "Number of Fraudulent Tally Sheets") +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
```



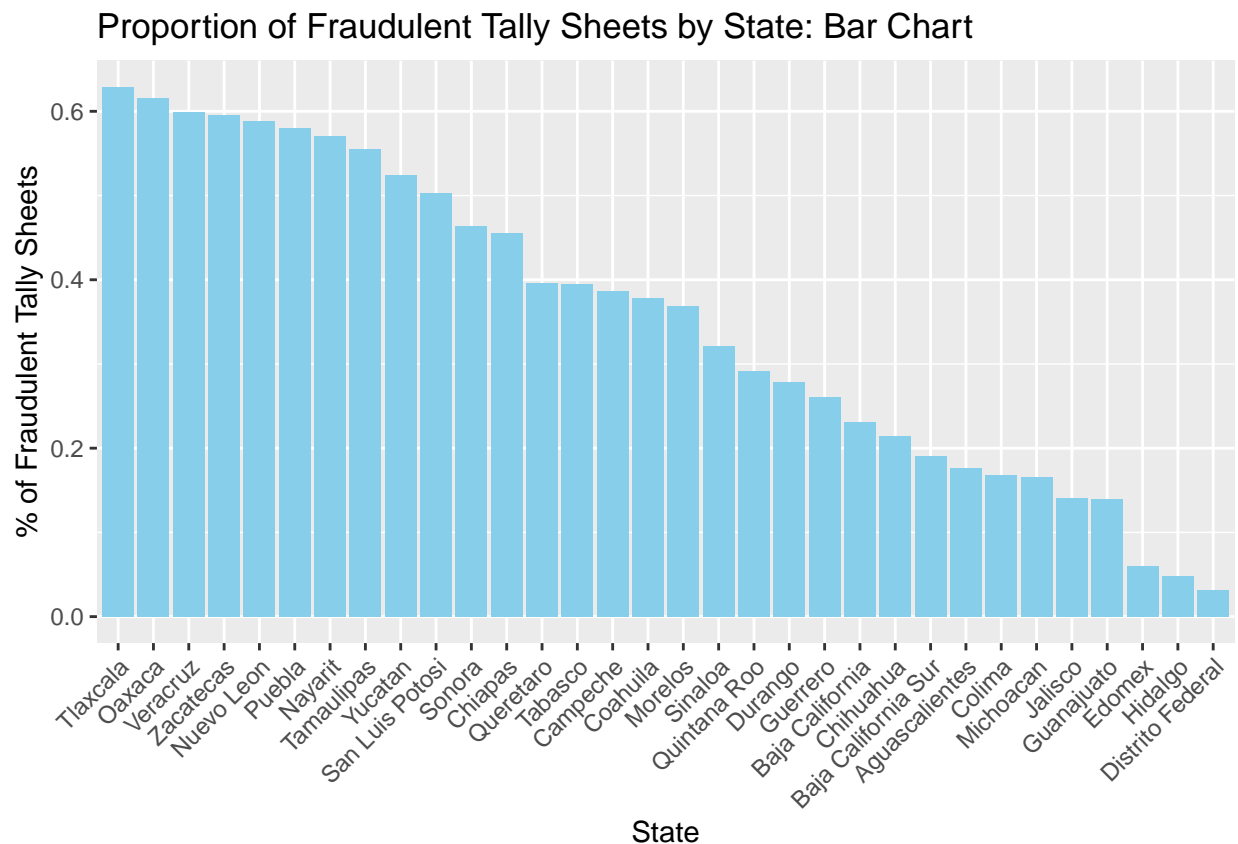
“Frequency of Fraudulent Tally Sheets by State: Bar Chart” provides a clear visualisation of the distribution of fraudulent tally sheets across different states. ‘Veracruz’ has the highest count of fraudulent tally sheets whilst ‘Colima’ has the lowest count of fraudulent tally sheets. Compared to ‘Sinaloa’, the second highest in the frequency of fraudulent tally sheets, ‘Veracruz’ has almost twice as much fraudulent tally sheets.

Task 2.5. Visualize proportions of fraud by state

Using the new data frame created in Task 2.3, please visualize the *proportion of* fraudulent tallies of every state. Describe the key takeaway from the visualization with a few sentences.

Feel free to try alternative approach(es) to make your visualization nicer and more informative.

```
ggplot(state_fraud, aes(x = reorder(state, -prop_fraud), y = prop_fraud)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "skyblue") +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)) +  
  labs(title = "Proportion of Fraudulent Tally Sheets by State: Bar Chart",  
        x = "State",  
        y = "% of Fraudulent Tally Sheets")
```

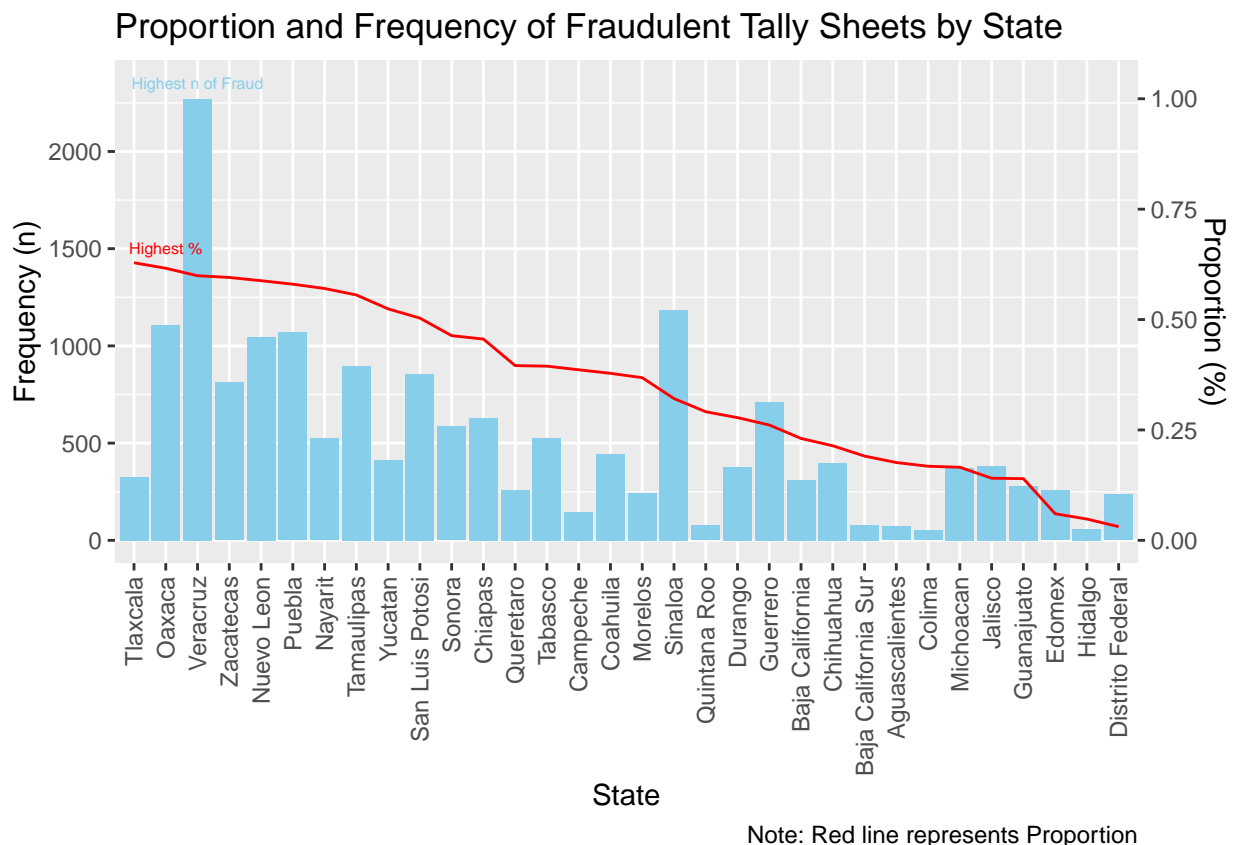


The “Proportion of Fraudulent Tally Sheets by State: Bar Chart” visualises the proportion of fraudulent tally sheets across different states. ‘Tlaxcala’ has the highest proportion of fraudulent tallies, indicating that fraud might be more prevalent in that state. On the other hand, ‘Distrito Federal’ has the lowest proportion of fraudulent tallies, indicating lower fraud prevalence.

Task 2.6. Visualize both proportions & frequencies of fraud by state

Create data visualization to show BOTH the *proportions* and *frequencies* of fraudulent tally sheets by state in one figure. Include annotations to highlight states with the highest level of fraud. Add informative labels to the figure. Describe the takeaways from the figure with a few sentences.

```
state_fraud |>
  arrange(desc(prop_fraud)) |>
  mutate(state = factor(state, levels = state)) |>
  ggplot(aes(x = state)) +
  geom_bar(aes(y = n_fraud), stat = "identity", fill = "skyblue") +
  geom_line(aes(y = prop_fraud * max(n_fraud), group = 1), color = "red") +
  scale_y_continuous(sec.axis = sec_axis(~./max(state_fraud$n_fraud), name = "Proportion (%)")) +
  labs(title = "Proportion and Frequency of Fraudulent Tally Sheets by State",
       x = "State",
       y = "Frequency (n)",
       caption = "Note: Red line represents Proportion") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 0.5, hjust=1)) +
  annotate("text", x = "Oaxaca", y = 1500, label = "Highest %", color = "red", size = 2) +
  annotate("text", x = "Veracruz", y = 2350, label = "Highest n of Fraud", color = "skyblue", size = 2)
```



The figure “Proportion and Frequency of Fraudulent Tally Sheets by State” displays both the proportion and frequency of fraudulent tally sheets by state. ‘Tlaxcala’ has the highest proportion of fraud and ‘Distrito Federal’ has the lowest proportion of fraud, as indicated by the red line. However, ‘Veracruz’ has the highest frequency of fraudulent tally sheets, represented by the tallest skyblue bar. Conversely, ‘Colima’ has the lowest number of fraudulent tally sheets, represented by the shortest skyblue bar. The figure suggests a

varying distribution of fraud across states and moderate correlation between frequency and proportion of fraudulent tally sheets.

Task 3. Clean vote return data (3pt)

Your next task is to clean a different dataset from the researchers' replication dossier. Its path is `data/Mexican_Election_Fraud/dataverse/VoteReturns.csv`. This dataset contains information about vote returns recorded in every tally sheet. This dataset is essential for the replication of Figure 4 in the research article.

Task 3.1. Load vote return data

Load the dataset onto your R environment. Name this dataset `d_return`. Show summary statistics of this dataset and describe the takeaways using a few sentences.

```
d_return <- read_csv('data/VoteReturns.csv')
d_return
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,499 x 91
##   foto seccion casilla dtto   dto municipio edo   entidad pagina   p1   p2
##   <chr> <chr>   <chr> <chr> <dbl> <chr>   <chr> <chr>   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 2014-- 83      83      I      1 AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGS      127  108  333
## 2 2014-- 1       84      <NA>    1 AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUASC~  128  919  453
## 3 2014-- 85      85      1      1 AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUASC~  129  795  264
## 4 2014-- 45     45-A    1      1 AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUA      130  767  450
## 5 2014-- 86      86      1      1 AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS     131 1243  578
## 6 2014-- 87      87      1      1 <NA>     Agua~ 1      132  718  333
## 7 2014-- 1       87-A    7      1 AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS     133  710  299
## 8 2014-- 88      88      1      1 AGUAS     Agua~ AGUAS     134    0    0
## 9 2014-- 89      89      1      1 AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS     135  764    8
## 10 2014-- 89     89-A    7      1 AGUSCALI~ Agua~ 1      136  759  256
## # i 53,489 more rows
## # i 80 more variables: p3 <dbl>, p4 <dbl>, p5 <dbl>, pan <dbl>, pri <dbl>,
## #   pps <dbl>, psm <dbl>, pms <dbl>, pfcrn <dbl>, prt <dbl>, parm <dbl>,
## #   noregis <dbl>, nombrenore <chr>, otros <dbl>, otroscan <chr>, pan2 <dbl>,
## #   pri2 <dbl>, pps2 <dbl>, psm2 <dbl>, pms2 <dbl>, pfcrn2 <dbl>, prt2 <dbl>,
## #   parm2 <dbl>, noregis2 <dbl>, otro2 <dbl>, pan3 <dbl>, pri3 <dbl>,
## #   pps3 <dbl>, psm3 <dbl>, pms3 <dbl>, pfcrn3 <dbl>, prt3 <dbl>, ...
```

```
summary(d_return)
```

```
##      foto      seccion      casilla      dtto
## Length:53499 Length:53499 Length:53499 Length:53499
## Class :character Class :character Class :character Class :character
## Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character
##
##
##
##      dto      municipio      edo      entidad
## Min.   : 1.000 Length:53499 Length:53499 Length:53499
## 1st Qu.: 3.000 Class :character Class :character Class :character
## Median : 6.000 Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character
## Mean   : 8.704
## 3rd Qu.: 10.000
```

```

## Max. :341.000
## NA's :4
##      pagina      p1      p2      p3
## Min. : 1 Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0.0
## 1st Qu.: 45 1st Qu.: 250.0 1st Qu.: 67.0 1st Qu.: 98.0
## Median : 92 Median : 530.0 Median : 245.0 Median : 233.0
## Mean : 104 Mean : 671.9 Mean : 343.3 Mean : 319.3
## 3rd Qu.: 146 3rd Qu.: 941.5 3rd Qu.: 482.0 3rd Qu.: 442.0
## Max. :2020 Max. :364105.0 Max. :48225.0 Max. :9127.0
## NA's :39 NA's :1
##      p4      p5      pan      pri
## Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0.00 Min. : 0.00 Min. : 0.0
## 1st Qu.: 73.0 1st Qu.: 0.00 1st Qu.: 2.00 1st Qu.: 52.0
## Median : 222.0 Median : 13.00 Median : 18.00 Median : 107.0
## Mean : 369.7 Mean : 29.36 Mean : 56.88 Mean : 162.7
## 3rd Qu.: 464.0 3rd Qu.: 36.00 3rd Qu.: 72.00 3rd Qu.: 195.0
## Max. :21265.0 Max. :6650.00 Max. :4436.00 Max. :6080.0
##
##      pps      psm      pms      pfcrn
## Min. : 0.00 Min. : 0.000 Min. : 0.00 Min. : 0.00
## 1st Qu.: 0.00 1st Qu.: 0.000 1st Qu.: 0.00 1st Qu.: 0.00
## Median : 9.00 Median : 1.000 Median : 2.00 Median : 11.00
## Mean : 35.04 Mean : 3.637 Mean : 12.19 Mean : 34.17
## 3rd Qu.: 47.00 3rd Qu.: 3.000 3rd Qu.: 13.00 3rd Qu.: 45.00
## Max. :1056.00 Max. :1802.000 Max. :5511.00 Max. :1011.00
##
##      prt      parm      noregis      nombrenore
## Min. : 0.000 Min. : 0.00 Min. : 0.0000 Length:53499
## 1st Qu.: 0.000 1st Qu.: 0.00 1st Qu.: 0.0000 Class :character
## Median : 0.000 Median : 5.00 Median : 0.0000 Mode :character
## Mean : 1.912 Mean : 20.44 Mean : 0.8175
## 3rd Qu.: 1.000 3rd Qu.: 23.00 3rd Qu.: 0.0000
## Max. :592.000 Max. :1170.00 Max. :1604.0000
## NA's :1
##      otros      otroscan      pan2      pri2
## Min. : 0.00 Length:53499 Min. : 0.000 Min. : 0.00
## 1st Qu.: 0.00 Class :character 1st Qu.: 0.000 1st Qu.: 0.00
## Median : 0.00 Mode :character Median : 0.000 Median : 0.00
## Mean : 3.17 Mean : 1.475 Mean : 3.94
## 3rd Qu.: 0.00 3rd Qu.: 0.000 3rd Qu.: 0.00
## Max. :1734.00 Max. :1239.000 Max. :2651.00
## NA's :4
##      pps2      psm2      pms2      pfcrn2
## Min. : 0.0000 Min. : 0.000 Min. : 0.0000 Min. : 0.0000
## 1st Qu.: 0.0000 1st Qu.: 0.000 1st Qu.: 0.0000 1st Qu.: 0.0000
## Median : 0.0000 Median : 0.000 Median : 0.0000 Median : 0.0000
## Mean : 0.7557 Mean : 0.116 Mean : 0.3039 Mean : 0.7968
## 3rd Qu.: 0.0000 3rd Qu.: 0.000 3rd Qu.: 0.0000 3rd Qu.: 0.0000
## Max. :680.0000 Max. :429.000 Max. :427.0000 Max. :1319.0000
##
##      prt2      parm2      noregis2      otro2
## Min. : 0.000 Min. : 0.0000 Min. : 0.00000 Min. : 0.000000
## 1st Qu.: 0.000 1st Qu.: 0.0000 1st Qu.: 0.00000 1st Qu.: 0.000000
## Median : 0.000 Median : 0.0000 Median : 0.00000 Median : 0.000000

```

```

## Mean      : 0.073      Mean      : 0.5122      Mean      : 0.01837      Mean      : 0.002935
## 3rd Qu.: 0.000      3rd Qu.: 0.0000      3rd Qu.: 0.00000      3rd Qu.: 0.000000
## Max.      :429.000      Max.      :429.0000      Max.      :259.00000      Max.      :26.000000
##
##          pan3          pri3          pps3          psm3
## Min.      : 0.00      Min.      : 0.0      Min.      : 0.00      Min.      : 0.000
## 1st Qu.: 0.00      1st Qu.: 0.0      1st Qu.: 0.00      1st Qu.: 0.000
## Median : 0.00      Median : 32.0      Median : 0.00      Median : 0.000
## Mean      : 39.36      Mean      : 93.5      Mean      : 22.08      Mean      : 2.094
## 3rd Qu.: 45.00      3rd Qu.: 127.0      3rd Qu.: 21.00      3rd Qu.: 1.000
## Max.      :2194.00      Max.      :6080.0      Max.      :921.00      Max.      :856.000
##
##          NA's :1          NA's :2
##          pms3          pfcrn3          prt3          parm3
## Min.      : 0.000      Min.      : 0.00      Min.      : 0.000      Min.      : 0.00
## 1st Qu.: 0.000      1st Qu.: 0.00      1st Qu.: 0.000      1st Qu.: 0.00
## Median : 0.000      Median : 0.00      Median : 0.000      Median : 0.00
## Mean      : 7.803      Mean      : 21.63      Mean      : 1.077      Mean      : 12.68
## 3rd Qu.: 5.000      3rd Qu.: 23.00      3rd Qu.: 1.000      3rd Qu.: 11.00
## Max.      :8932.000      Max.      :992.00      Max.      :413.000      Max.      :1170.00
##
##          NA's :1          NA's :1
##          noregis3          otro3          suma          nulos
## Min.      : 0.0000      Min.      : 0.0000      Min.      : 0.0      Min.      : 0.00
## 1st Qu.: 0.0000      1st Qu.: 0.0000      1st Qu.: 82.0      1st Qu.: 0.00
## Median : 0.0000      Median : 0.0000      Median : 217.0      Median : 3.00
## Mean      : 0.3498      Mean      : 0.3016      Mean      : 296.4      Mean      : 21.93
## 3rd Qu.: 0.0000      3rd Qu.: 0.0000      3rd Qu.: 420.0      3rd Qu.: 11.00
## Max.      :747.0000      Max.      :1353.0000      Max.      :9962.0      Max.      :8770.00
##
##          NA's :1          NA's :1          NA's :1
##          total          suma1          nulos1          total1
## Min.      : 0.0      Min.      : 0.000      Min.      : 0.000      Min.      : 0.000
## 1st Qu.: 90.0      1st Qu.: 0.000      1st Qu.: 0.000      1st Qu.: 0.000
## Median : 229.0      Median : 0.000      Median : 0.000      Median : 0.000
## Mean      : 315.7      Mean      : 4.865      Mean      : 0.635      Mean      : 7.175
## 3rd Qu.: 440.0      3rd Qu.: 0.000      3rd Qu.: 0.000      3rd Qu.: 0.000
## Max.      :16811.0      Max.      :3333.000      Max.      :1600.000      Max.      :2787.000
##
##          NA's :1          NA's :2          NA's :2          NA's :2
##          suma2          nulos2          total2          inciden
## Min.      : 0.0      Min.      : 0.00      Min.      : 0.0      Length:53499
## 1st Qu.: 0.0      1st Qu.: 0.00      1st Qu.: 0.0      Class :character
## Median : 0.0      Median : 0.00      Median : 0.0      Mode :character
## Mean      : 176.9      Mean      : 11.38      Mean      : 192.6
## 3rd Qu.: 280.0      3rd Qu.: 5.00      3rd Qu.: 299.0
## Max.      :7633.0      Max.      :7734.00      Max.      :9855.0
##
##          NA's :2          NA's :2          NA's :2
## representante_pan representante_pri representante_pps representante_pms
## Length:53499      Length:53499      Length:53499      Length:53499
## Class :character      Class :character      Class :character      Class :character
## Mode :character      Mode :character      Mode :character      Mode :character
##
##
##
##
## representante_psm representante_pfcrn representante_prt representante_parm
## Length:53499      Length:53499      Length:53499      Length:53499

```

```

## Class :character   Class :character   Class :character   Class :character
## Mode  :character   Mode  :character   Mode  :character   Mode  :character
##
##
##
##
## protesta_pan        protesta_pri        protesta_pps        protesta_pms
## Length:53499        Length:53499        Length:53499        Length:53499
## Class :character    Class :character    Class :character    Class :character
## Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Mode  :character
##
##
##
##
## protesta_psm        protesta_pfcrn        protesta_prt        protesta_parm
## Length:53499        Length:53499        Length:53499        Length:53499
## Class :character    Class :character    Class :character    Class :character
## Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Mode  :character
##
##
##
##
## protesta_otro        presidente        secretario        primer
## Length:53499        Length:53499        Length:53499        Length:53499
## Class :character    Class :character    Class :character    Class :character
## Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Mode  :character
##
##
##
##
## segundo            observa            var79            salinas
## Length:53499        Length:53499        Min.   : 1.0      Min.   : 0.0
## Class :character    Class :character    1st Qu.: 1.0      1st Qu.: 63.0
## Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Median : 1.0      Median : 115.0
##                               Mean  : 131.2      Mean  : 174.4
##                               3rd Qu.: 2.0      3rd Qu.: 206.0
##                               Max.   :9999.0      Max.   :6080.0
##                               NA's   :53422
##
## clouthier            ibarra            castillo            ppsccs
## Min.   : 0.00        Min.   : 0.000      Min.   : 0        Min.   : 0.00
## 1st Qu.: 3.00        1st Qu.: 0.000      1st Qu.: 0        1st Qu.: 1.00
## Median : 23.00       Median : 0.000      Median : 1        Median : 12.00
## Mean   : 61.37       Mean   : 2.185      Mean   : 4        Mean   : 37.67
## 3rd Qu.: 78.00       3rd Qu.: 2.000      3rd Qu.: 3        3rd Qu.: 51.00
## Max.   :4436.00      Max.   :592.000      Max.   :1802      Max.   :1056.00
##
##
## pfcrcs              parmcscs              nrccs              noregcs
## Min.   : 0.00        Min.   : 0.00        Min.   :0.000000    Min.   : 0.0000
## 1st Qu.: 1.00        1st Qu.: 0.00        1st Qu.:0.000000    1st Qu.: 0.0000
## Median : 14.00       Median : 6.00        Median :0.000000    Median : 0.0000
## Mean   : 36.85       Mean   : 21.98       Mean   :0.006654    Mean   : 0.1439
## 3rd Qu.: 48.00       3rd Qu.: 25.00      3rd Qu.:0.000000    3rd Qu.: 0.0000
## Max.   :1319.00      Max.   :1170.00      Max.   :1.000000    Max.   :1125.0000
##
##

```

```
##      occs      otrosccs      cardenas
## Min.   :0.0000  Min.    :  0.000  Min.    :  0.00
## 1st Qu.:1.0000  1st Qu.:  0.000  1st Qu.: 10.00
## Median :1.0000  Median :  0.000  Median : 53.00
## Mean   :0.9942  Mean    :  3.106  Mean    : 99.75
## 3rd Qu.:1.0000  3rd Qu.:  0.000  3rd Qu.: 141.00
## Max.    :1.0000  Max.    :1734.000  Max.    :2280.00
##
```

`d_return` is a dataset that consists of 91 columns/variables and 53,498 row entries.

`d_return` also seems to have a mix of character and numeric variables for vote returns. Some variables have NA values and others have a wide range of values. For instance, the 'pri3' column ranges from 0 to 6080. Some variables like 'protesta_pan', 'protesta_pri', and 'protesta_pps' seem to be character variables, possibly indicating some sort of categorization of vote returns.

Note 2. What are in this dataset?

This table contains a lot of different variables. The researcher offers no comprehensive documentation to tell us what every column means. For the sake of this problem set, you only need to know the meanings of the following columns:

- `foto` is an identifier of the images of tally sheets in this dataset. We will need it to merge this dataset with the `d_tally` data.
- `edo` contains the names of states.
- `dto` contains the names of districts (in Arabic numbers).
- `salinas`, `clouthier`, and `ibarra` contain the counts of votes (as recorded in the tally sheets) for presidential candidates Salinas (PRI), Cardenas (FDN), and Clouthier (PAN). In addition, the summation of all three makes the total number of **presidential votes**.
- `total` contains the total number of **legislative votes**.

Task 3.2. Recode names of states

A state whose name is Chihuahua is mislabelled as Chihuhua. A state whose name is currently Edomex needs to be recoded to Estado de Mexico. Please re-code the names of these two states accordingly.

```
d_return <- d_return |>
  mutate(edo = ifelse(edo == "Chihuhua", "Chihuahua",
                      ifelse(edo == "Edomex", "Estado de Mexico", edo)))
chihuahua <- d_return |> filter(edo == "Chihuahua") |> select(edo)
edm <- d_return |> filter(edo == "Estado de Mexico") |> select(edo)
chihuahua
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,791 x 1
##   edo
##   <chr>
## 1 Chihuahua
## 2 Chihuahua
## 3 Chihuahua
## 4 Chihuahua
## 5 Chihuahua
## 6 Chihuahua
## 7 Chihuahua
## 8 Chihuahua
## 9 Chihuahua
## 10 Chihuahua
## # i 1,781 more rows
```

```
edm
```

```
## # A tibble: 4,235 x 1
##   edo
##   <chr>
## 1 Estado de Mexico
## 2 Estado de Mexico
## 3 Estado de Mexico
## 4 Estado de Mexico
## 5 Estado de Mexico
## 6 Estado de Mexico
## 7 Estado de Mexico
## 8 Estado de Mexico
## 9 Estado de Mexico
## 10 Estado de Mexico
## # i 4,225 more rows
```

Task 3.3. Recode districts' identifiers

Compare how districts' identifiers are recorded differently in the tally (`d_tally`) from vote return (`d_return`) datasets. Specifically, in the `d_tally` dataset, `district` contains Roman numbers while in the `d_return` dataset, `dto` contains Arabic numbers. Recode districts' identifiers in the `d_return` dataset to match those in the `d_tally` dataset. To complete this task, first summarize the values of the two district identifier columns in the two datasets respectively to verify the above claim. Then do the requested conversion.

```
unique_districts_d_tally <- unique(d_tally$district)

unique_districts_d_return <- unique(d_return$dto)

print(unique_districts_d_tally)
```

```
## [1] "I"      "II"     "III"    "IV"     "V"      "VI"     "IX"
## [8] "VII"    "VIII"   "X"      "XI"     "XII"    "XIII"   "XIV"
## [15] "XIX"    "XL"     "XV"     "XVI"    "XVII"   "XVIII"  "XX"
## [22] "XXI"    "XXII"   "XXIII"  "XXIV"   "XXIX"   "XXV"    "XXVI"
## [29] "XXVII"  "XXVIII" "XXX"    "XXXI"   "XXXII"  "XXXIII" "XXXIV"
## [36] "XXXIX"  "XXXV"   "XXXVI"  "XXXVII" "XXXVIII"
```

```
summary(unique_districts_d_tally)
```

```
##      Length      Class      Mode
##          40 character character
```

```
print(unique_districts_d_return)
```

```
## [1]  1  2  5  6  3  4  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
## [20] 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38
## [39] 39 40 NA 341
```

```
summary(unique_districts_d_return)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.    NA's
##      1.00  11.00   21.00   28.32  31.00  341.00      1
```

The summary statistics confirm that the claim is true.

```
d_return <- d_return |>
  mutate(dto = ifelse(dto > 0, as.character(as.roman(dto)), dto))
d_return
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,499 x 91
##   foto seccion casilla dtto  dto  municipio edo  entidad pagina  p1  p2
##   <chr> <chr>   <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>    <chr> <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 2014-- 83      83     I     I     AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGS      127  108  333
## 2 2014-- 1       84    <NA>  I     AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUASC~  128  919  453
## 3 2014-- 85      85     1     I     AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUASC~  129  795  264
## 4 2014-- 45     45-A   1     I     AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUA    130  767  450
```

```
## 5 2014-- 86      86      1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS      131 1243 578
## 6 2014-- 87      87      1      I      <NA>      Agua~ 1      132 718 333
## 7 2014-- 1       87-A    7      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS      133 710 299
## 8 2014-- 88      88      1      I      AGUAS      Agua~ AGUAS      134 0 0
## 9 2014-- 89      89      1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS      135 764 8
## 10 2014-- 89     89-A    7      I      AGUSCALI~ Agua~ 1      136 759 256
## # i 53,489 more rows
## # i 80 more variables: p3 <dbl>, p4 <dbl>, p5 <dbl>, pan <dbl>, pri <dbl>,
## #   pps <dbl>, psm <dbl>, pms <dbl>, pfcrn <dbl>, prt <dbl>, parm <dbl>,
## #   noregis <dbl>, nombrenore <chr>, otros <dbl>, otroscan <chr>, pan2 <dbl>,
## #   pri2 <dbl>, pps2 <dbl>, psm2 <dbl>, pms2 <dbl>, pfcrn2 <dbl>, prt2 <dbl>,
## #   parm2 <dbl>, noregis2 <dbl>, otro2 <dbl>, pan3 <dbl>, pri3 <dbl>,
## #   pps3 <dbl>, psm3 <dbl>, pms3 <dbl>, pfcrn3 <dbl>, prt3 <dbl>, ...
```

```
unique(d_return$dto)
```

```
## [1] "I"      "II"     "V"      "VI"     "III"    "IV"     "VII"
## [8] "VIII"   "IX"     "X"      "XI"     "XII"    "XIII"   "XIV"
## [15] "XV"     "XVI"    "XVII"   "XVIII"  "XIX"    "XX"     "XXI"
## [22] "XXII"   "XXIII"  "XXIV"   "XXV"    "XXVI"   "XXVII"  "XXVIII"
## [29] "XXIX"   "XXX"    "XXXI"   "XXXII"  "XXXIII" "XXXIV"  "XXXV"
## [36] "XXXVI"  "XXXVII" "XXXVIII" "XXXIX"  "XL"     NA        "CCCXLI"
```

dto districts are now in Roman numbers

Task 3.4. Create a name_image identifier for the d_return dataset

In the `d_return` dataset, create a column named `name_image` as the first column. The column concatenate values in the three columns: `edo`, `dto`, and `foto` with an underscore `_` as separators.

```
d_return <- d_return |>
  mutate(name_image = paste(edo, dto, foto, sep = "_"))
d_return |>
  select(name_image, edo, dto, foto)
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,499 x 4
##   name_image          edo      dto foto
##   <chr>          <chr>    <chr> <chr>
## 1 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.04.JPG Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 2 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.10 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 3 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.17 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 4 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.25 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 5 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.31 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 6 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.38 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 7 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.45 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 8 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.52 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 9 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.00.59 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## 10 Aguascalientes_I_2014-05-26 00.01.06 Aguascalientes I 2014-05-26 00.~
## # i 53,489 more rows
```

Task 3.5. Wrangle the name_image column in two datasets

As a final step before merging `d_return` and `d_tally`, you are required to perform the following data wrangling. For the `name_image` column in BOTH `d_return` and `d_tally`:

- Convert all characters to lower case.
- Remove ending substring `.jpg`.

```
d_return <- d_return |>
  mutate(name_image = tolower(name_image)) |>
  mutate(name_image = str_remove_all(name_image, ".jpg"))
d_return

## # A tibble: 53,499 x 92
##   foto seccion casilla dtto dto municipio edo entidad pagina p1 p2
##   <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 2014-- 83      83      I      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGS      127 108 333
## 2 2014-- 1       84      <NA>    I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUASC~ 128 919 453
## 3 2014-- 85      85      1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUASC~ 129 795 264
## 4 2014-- 45      45-A    1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUA    130 767 450
## 5 2014-- 86      86      1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS    131 1243 578
## 6 2014-- 87      87      1      I      <NA>      Agua~ 1      132 718 333
## 7 2014-- 1       87-A    7      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS    133 710 299
## 8 2014-- 88      88      1      I      AGUAS      Agua~ AGUAS    134 0 0
## 9 2014-- 89      89      1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS    135 764 8
## 10 2014-- 89      89-A    7      I      AGUSCALI~ Agua~ 1      136 759 256
## # i 53,489 more rows
## # i 81 more variables: p3 <dbl>, p4 <dbl>, p5 <dbl>, pan <dbl>, pri <dbl>,
## # pps <dbl>, psm <dbl>, pms <dbl>, pfcrrn <dbl>, prt <dbl>, parm <dbl>,
## # noregis <dbl>, nombrenore <chr>, otros <dbl>, otroscan <chr>, pan2 <dbl>,
## # pri2 <dbl>, pps2 <dbl>, psm2 <dbl>, pms2 <dbl>, pfcrrn2 <dbl>, prt2 <dbl>,
## # parm2 <dbl>, noregis2 <dbl>, otro2 <dbl>, pan3 <dbl>, pri3 <dbl>,
## # pps3 <dbl>, psm3 <dbl>, pms3 <dbl>, pfcrrn3 <dbl>, prt3 <dbl>, ...

d_tally <- d_tally |>
  mutate(name_image = tolower(name_image)) |>
  mutate(name_image = str_remove_all(name_image, ".jpg"))
d_tally

## # A tibble: 55,334 x 5
##   name_image state district fraud_proba fraud_bin
##   <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <lgl>
## 1 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.00.10 Aguascal~ I      8.04e-4 FALSE
## 2 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.00.17 Aguascal~ I      4.28e-2 FALSE
## 3 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.00.25 Aguascal~ I      4.23e-1 FALSE
## 4 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.00.31 Aguascal~ I      3.49e-2 FALSE
## 5 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.00.38 Aguascal~ I      1.30e-1 FALSE
## 6 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.00.45 Aguascal~ I      2.12e-1 FALSE
## 7 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.00.52 Aguascal~ I      3.51e-2 FALSE
## 8 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.00.59 Aguascal~ I      3.19e-1 FALSE
## 9 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.01.06 Aguascal~ I      6.00e-8 FALSE
## 10 aguascalientes_i_2014-05-26 00.01.15 Aguascal~ I      3.60e-1 FALSE
## # i 55,324 more rows
```

Task 3.6 Join classification results and vote returns

After you have successfully completed all the previous steps, join `d_return` and `d_tally` by column `name_image`. This task contains two part. First, use appropriate `tidyverse` functions to answer the following questions:

- How many rows are in `d_return` but not in `d_tally`? Which states and districts are they from?
- How many rows are in `d_tally` but not in `d_return`? Which states and districts are they from?

```
# d_return: Renaming 'edo' to 'state', 'dto' to 'district'
d_return <- d_return |>
  rename(
    state = edo,
    district = dto
  )
d_return
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,499 x 92
##   foto      seccion casilla dtto  district municipio state entidad pagina  p1
##   <chr>    <chr>    <chr> <chr> <chr>    <chr>    <chr> <chr>    <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 2014-05-- 83      83      I      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGS      127  108
## 2 2014-05-- 1        84    <NA>    I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUASC~  128  919
## 3 2014-05-- 85      85      1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUASC~  129  795
## 4 2014-05-- 45      45-A    1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUA    130  767
## 5 2014-05-- 86      86      1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS    131 1243
## 6 2014-05-- 87      87      1      I      <NA>      Agua~ 1      132  718
## 7 2014-05-- 1        87-A    7      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS    133  710
## 8 2014-05-- 88      88      1      I      AGUAS      Agua~ AGUAS    134    0
## 9 2014-05-- 89      89      1      I      AGUASCAL~ Agua~ AGUAS    135  764
## 10 2014-05-- 89      89-A    7      I      AGUSCALI~ Agua~ 1      136  759
## # i 53,489 more rows
## # i 82 more variables: p2 <dbl>, p3 <dbl>, p4 <dbl>, p5 <dbl>, pan <dbl>,
## #   pri <dbl>, pps <dbl>, psm <dbl>, pms <dbl>, pfcrn <dbl>, prt <dbl>,
## #   parm <dbl>, noregis <dbl>, nombrenore <chr>, otros <dbl>, otroscan <chr>,
## #   pan2 <dbl>, pri2 <dbl>, pps2 <dbl>, psm2 <dbl>, pms2 <dbl>, pfcrn2 <dbl>,
## #   prt2 <dbl>, parm2 <dbl>, noregis2 <dbl>, otro2 <dbl>, pan3 <dbl>,
## #   pri3 <dbl>, pps3 <dbl>, psm3 <dbl>, pms3 <dbl>, pfcrn3 <dbl>, ...
```

Rows in `d_return` but not in `d_tally`

```
d_return_not_in_d_tally <- d_return |>
  anti_join(d_tally, by = "name_image")

# count of rows
count_d_return_not_in_d_tally <- nrow(d_return_not_in_d_tally)
count_d_return_not_in_d_tally
```

```
## [1] 210
```

Which states and districts are in the rows in `d_return` but not in `d_tally`?

```
states_districts_d_return_not_in_d_tally <- d_return_not_in_d_tally |>
  distinct(state, district)
states_districts_d_return_not_in_d_tally
```

```
## # A tibble: 139 x 2
##   state      district
##   <chr>      <chr>
## 1 Aguascalientes I
## 2 Aguascalientes V
## 3 Aguascalientes VI
## 4 Baja California Sur II
## 5 Campeche I
## 6 Chiapas I
## 7 Chiapas II
## 8 Chiapas III
## 9 Chiapas V
## 10 Chiapas VI
## # i 129 more rows
```

Rows in d_tally but not in d_return

```
d_tally_not_in_d_return <- d_tally |>
  anti_join(d_return, by = "name_image")

# count of rows
count_d_tally_not_in_d_return <- nrow(d_tally_not_in_d_return)
count_d_tally_not_in_d_return
```

```
## [1] 2368
```

Which states and districts are in the rows in d_tally but not in d_return?

```
states_districts_d_tally_not_in_d_return <- d_tally_not_in_d_return |>
  distinct(state, district)
states_districts_d_tally_not_in_d_return
```

```
## # A tibble: 240 x 2
##   state      district
##   <chr>      <chr>
## 1 Aguascalientes I
## 2 Aguascalientes II
## 3 Baja California Sur I
## 4 Baja California Sur II
## 5 Baja California II
## 6 Baja California III
## 7 Baja California IV
## 8 Baja California VI
## 9 Campeche I
## 10 Campeche II
## # i 230 more rows
```


Second, create a dataset call `d` by joining `d_return` and `d_tally` by column `name_image`. `d` contains rows whose identifiers appear in *both* datasets and columns from *both* datasets.

```
d <- d_tally |>
  inner_join(d_return, by = c("name_image", "state", "district"))
d
```

```
## # A tibble: 49,076 x 94
##   name_image    state district fraud_proba fraud_bin foto  seccion casilla dtto
##   <chr>        <chr> <chr>      <dbl> <lgl>    <chr> <chr>   <chr>   <chr>
## 1 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        8.04e-4 FALSE  2014~ 1      84      <NA>
## 2 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        4.28e-2 FALSE  2014~ 85     85      1
## 3 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        4.23e-1 FALSE  2014~ 45     45-A    1
## 4 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        3.49e-2 FALSE  2014~ 86     86      1
## 5 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        1.30e-1 FALSE  2014~ 87     87      1
## 6 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        2.12e-1 FALSE  2014~ 1      87-A    7
## 7 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        3.51e-2 FALSE  2014~ 88     88      1
## 8 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        3.19e-1 FALSE  2014~ 89     89      1
## 9 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        6.00e-8 FALSE  2014~ 89     89-A    7
## 10 aguascalien~ Agua~ I        3.60e-1 FALSE  2014~ 89     89-B    7
## # i 49,066 more rows
## # i 85 more variables: municipio <chr>, entidad <chr>, pagina <dbl>, p1 <dbl>,
## #   p2 <dbl>, p3 <dbl>, p4 <dbl>, p5 <dbl>, pan <dbl>, pri <dbl>, pps <dbl>,
## #   psm <dbl>, pms <dbl>, pfcrn <dbl>, prt <dbl>, parm <dbl>, noregis <dbl>,
## #   nombrenore <chr>, otros <dbl>, otroscan <chr>, pan2 <dbl>, pri2 <dbl>,
## #   pps2 <dbl>, psm2 <dbl>, pms2 <dbl>, pfcrn2 <dbl>, prt2 <dbl>, parm2 <dbl>,
## #   noregis2 <dbl>, otro2 <dbl>, pan3 <dbl>, pri3 <dbl>, pps3 <dbl>, ...
```

Task 4. Visualize distributions of fraudulent tallies across candidates (6pt)

In this task, you will visualize the distributions of fraudulent tally sheets across three presidential candidates: **Sarinas (PRI)**, **Cardenas (FDN)**, and **Clouthier (PAN)**. The desired output of is reproducing and extending Figure 4 in the research article (Cantu 2019, pp. 720).

Task 4.1. Calculate vote proportions of Salinas, Clouthier, and Cardenas

Before getting to the visualization, you should first calculate the proportion of votes (among all) received by the three candidates of interest. As additional background information, there are two more presidential candidates in this election, whose votes received are recorded in `ibarra` and `castillo` respectively. Please perform the tasks in the following two steps on the `d` dataset:

- Create a new column named `total_president` as an indicator of the total number of votes of the 5 presidential candidates.
- Create three columns `salinas_prop`, `cardenas_prop`, and `clouthier_prop` that indicate the proportions of the votes these three candidates receive respectively.

```
d <- d |> mutate (total_president = salinas + cardenas + clouthier + ibarra + castillo)
d |> select(salinas, cardenas, clouthier, ibarra, castillo, total_president)
```

```
## # A tibble: 49,076 x 6
##   salinas cardenas clouthier ibarra castillo total_president
##   <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>  <dbl>    <dbl>        <dbl>
## 1     167      48      263      0        5          483
## 2     165      36      306      2       11          520
## 3      88      28      192      1        1          310
## 4     173      43      432      1        2          651
## 5     145      34      181      1        6          367
## 6     170      42      170      1        4          387
## 7     347     118      324      1       13          803
## 8     216      68      429      3        9          725
## 9     117      15       91      1        2          226
## 10    150      38      200      3        8          399
## # i 49,066 more rows
```

```
d <- d |> mutate (salinas_prop = salinas/total_president,
                  cardenas_prop = cardenas/total_president,
                  clouthier_prop = clouthier/total_president)
d |> select(salinas, salinas_prop, cardenas, cardenas_prop, clouthier, clouthier_prop, total_president)
```

```
## # A tibble: 49,076 x 7
##   salinas salinas_prop cardenas cardenas_prop clouthier clouthier_prop
##   <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1     167      0.346      48      0.0994     263      0.545
## 2     165      0.317      36      0.0692     306      0.588
## 3      88      0.284      28      0.0903     192      0.619
## 4     173      0.266      43      0.0661     432      0.664
## 5     145      0.395      34      0.0926     181      0.493
## 6     170      0.439      42      0.109      170      0.439
## 7     347      0.432     118      0.147      324      0.403
```

```
## 8      216      0.298      68      0.0938      429      0.592
## 9      117      0.518      15      0.0664      91      0.403
## 10     150      0.376      38      0.0952     200      0.501
## # i 49,066 more rows
## # i 1 more variable: total_president <dbl>
```

Task 4.2. Replicate Figure 4

Based on all the previous step, reproduce Figure 4 in Cantu (2019, pp. 720).

```
d_long <- d |>
  pivot_longer(cols = ends_with("_prop"),
               names_to = "Candidate",
               values_to = "Vote_Share")

d_long$Candidate <- sub("_prop", "", d_long$Candidate)
d_long$Candidate <- factor(d_long$Candidate,
                          levels = c("salinas", "cardenas", "clouthier"))

d_long <- d_long |>
  mutate(Candidate = recode(Candidate,
                            "salinas" = "Salinas (PRI)",
                            "cardenas" = "Cardenas (FDN)",
                            "clouthier" = "Clouthier (PAN)"
                          )

ggplot(d_long, aes(x = Vote_Share, fill = fraud_bin)) +
  geom_density(data = subset(d_long, fraud_bin == 'TRUE'),
              colour = "orange",
              linetype = "dashed", alpha = 0.6) +
  geom_density(data = subset(d_long, fraud_bin == 'FALSE'),
              colour = "skyblue",
              alpha = 0.6) +
  facet_wrap(~Candidate, scales = "free",
            ncol = 1,
            strip.position = "right") +
  labs(x = "Vote Share", y = "Density",
       title = "Distribution of Vote Shares for Each of the Candidates, Mexico, 1988",
       fill = "") +
  theme_bw() +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("TRUE" = "orange", "FALSE" = "skyblue"),
                   labels = c("Tallies\nidentified with\nalterations",
                              "Tallies\nidentified with\nno alterations"),
                   breaks = c("TRUE", "FALSE"),
                   guide = guide_legend(override.aes = list(linetype = c("dashed", "solid"),
                                                                color = c("orange", "skyblue"))))
  )
```

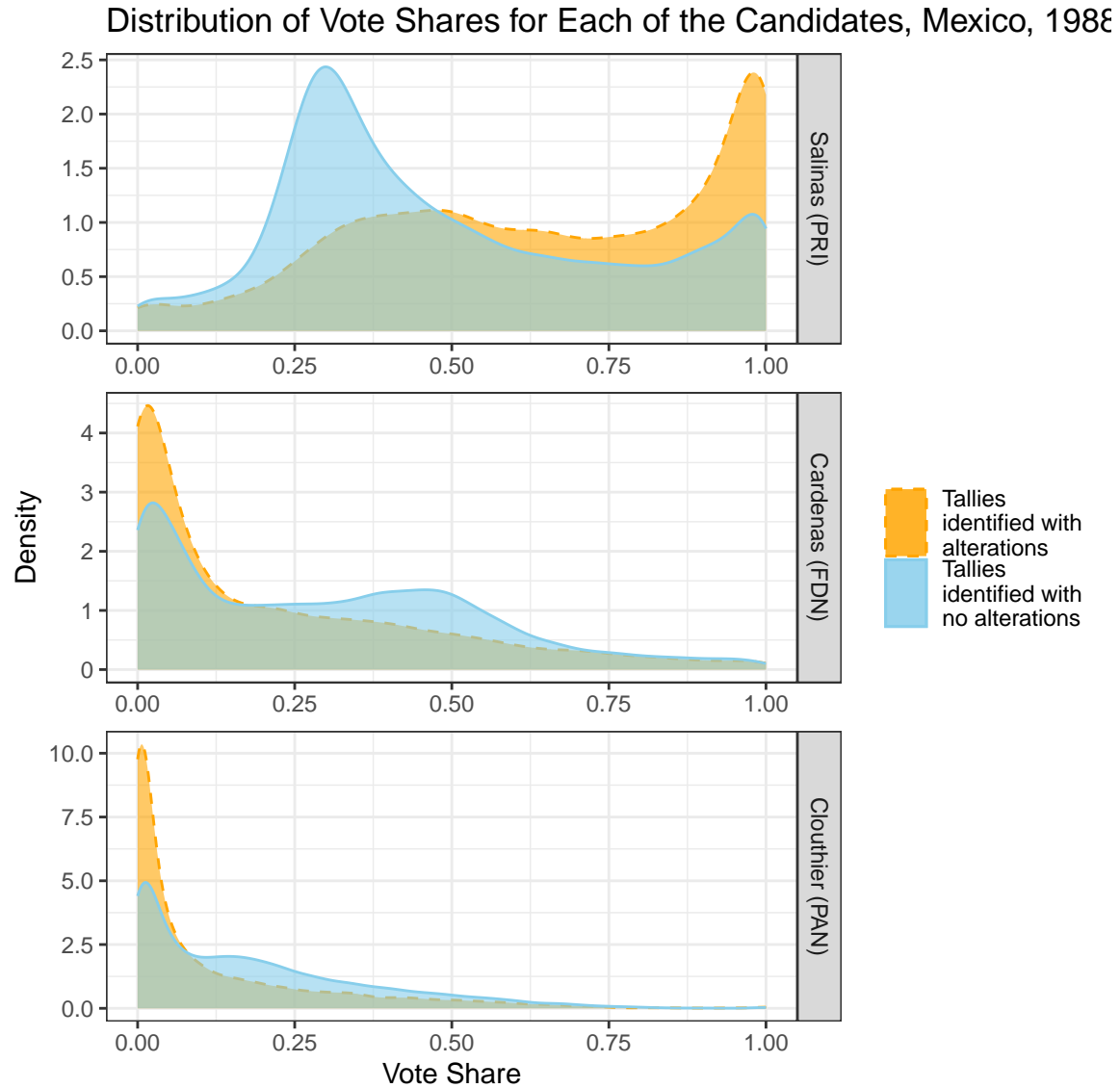


Figure 2: Distribution of Vote Shares for Each of the Candidates. Mexico, 1988

Note: Your performance in this task will be mainly evaluated based on your output's similarity with the original figure. Pay attention to the details. For your reference, below is a version created by the instructor.

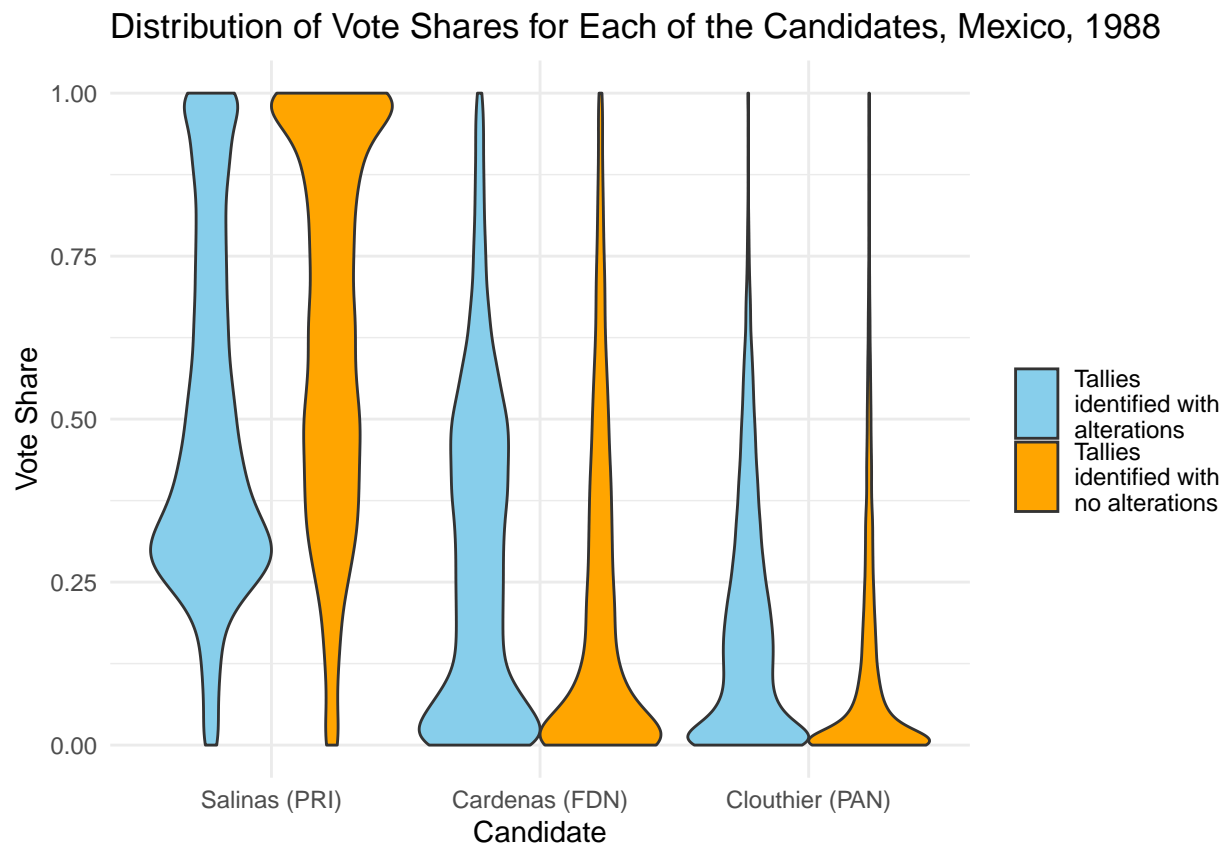
Task 4.3. Discuss and extend the reproduced figure

Referring to your reproduced figures and the research articles, in what way is the researcher's argument supported by this figure? Make an alternative visualization design that can substantiate and even augment the current argument. After you have shown your alternative design, in a few sentences, describe how your design provides visual aid as effectively as or more effectively than the original figure.

Note: Feel free to make *multiple* alternative designs to earn bonus credits. However, please be selective. Only a design with major differences from the existing ones can be counted as an alternative design.

My reproduced figure supports the researcher's claim of deliberate fraud by showing notable differences in vote share distributions between 'clean' and 'altered' tallies. Salinas' vote shares in 'altered' tallies exceed those in 'clean' ones, often showing nearly unanimous support. Opposition candidates Cardenas and Clouthier have noticeably lower vote shares in 'altered' tallies compared to 'clean' ones. This data suggests fraud was likely committed by inflating votes in PRI strongholds.

```
ggplot(d_long, aes(x = Candidate, y = Vote_Share, fill = fraud_bin)) +  
  geom_violin(scale = "width") +  
  labs(x = "Candidate", y = "Vote Share",  
       title = "Distribution of Vote Shares for Each of the Candidates, Mexico, 1988",  
       fill = "") +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("TRUE" = "orange", "FALSE" = "skyblue"),  
                   labels = c("Tallies\nidentified with\nalterations",  
                              "Tallies\nidentified with\nno alterations"))  
)
```



A violin plot was chosen as it could provide a better visualization of this data as it combines a box plot and a density plot. It not only shows the median and interquartile ranges like a box plot but also displays the probability density of the data at different vote share values, similar to a histogram or a density plot. In the case of vote shares for each candidate, a violin plot clearly displays the distribution shape, central tendency, and dispersion of vote shares in both ‘clean’ and ‘altered’ tallies side by side. It highlights the bimodality in the vote shares of opposition candidates in the ‘clean’ tallies and the shift towards higher vote shares for Salinas in the ‘altered’ tallies. The violin plot effectively illustrates the researcher’s claims about vote inflation for Salinas and vote deflation for the opposition candidates Cardenas and Clouthier.

Task 5. Visualize the discrepancies between presidential and legislative Votes (6pt)

In this task, you will visualize the differences between the number of presidential votes across tallies. The desired output of is reproducing and extending Figure 5 in the research article (Cantu 2019, pp. 720).

Task 5.1. Get district-level discrepancies and fraud data

As you might have noticed in the caption of Figure 5 in Cantu (2019, pp. 720), the visualized data are aggregated to the *district* level. In contrast, the unit of analysis in the dataset we are working with, *d*, is *tally*. As a result, the first step of this task is to aggregate the data. Specifically, please aggregate *d* into a new data frame named `sum_fraud_by_district`, which contains the following columns:

- `state`: Names of states
- `district`: Names of districts
- `vote_president`: Total numbers of presidential votes
- `vote_legislature`: Total numbers of legislative votes
- `vote_diff`: Total number of presidential votes minus total number of legislative votes
- `prop_fraud`: Proportions of fraudulent tallies (hint: using `fraud_bin`)

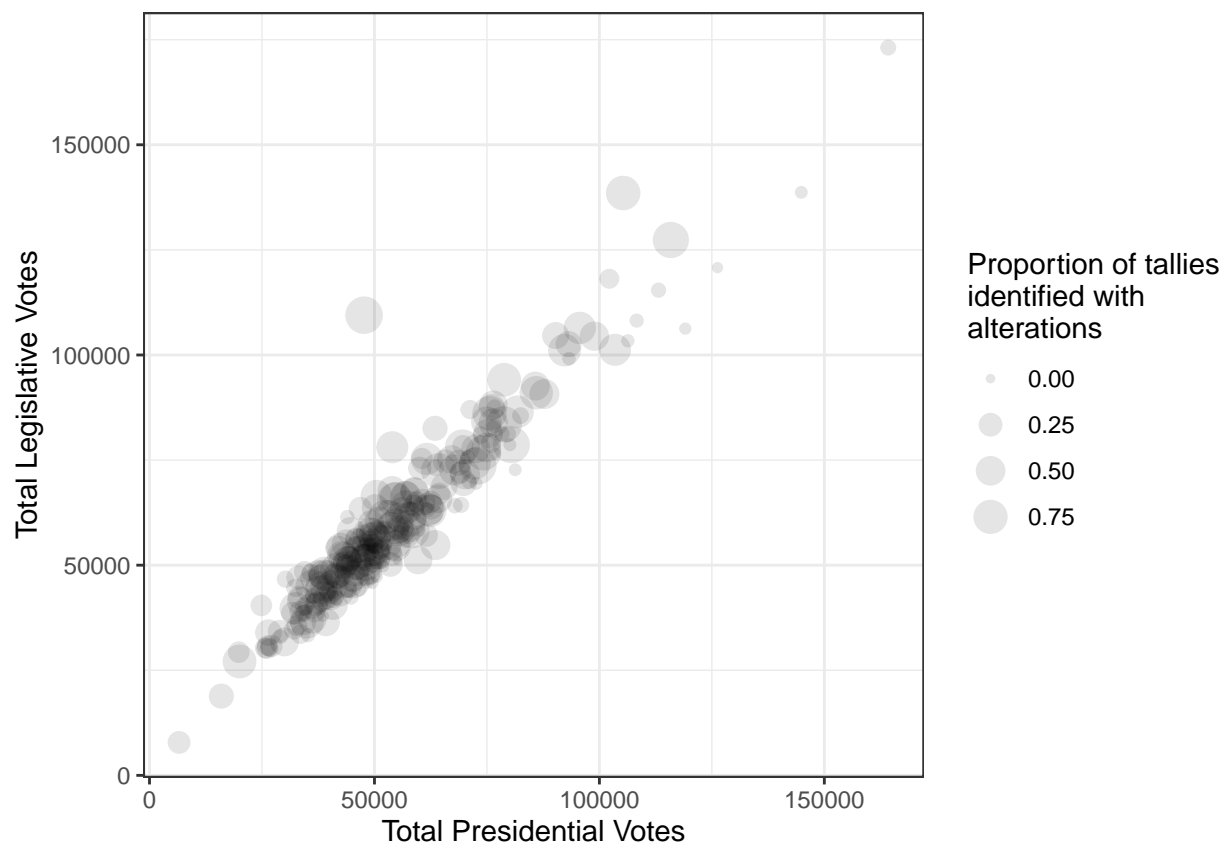
```
sum_fraud_by_district <- d |>
  group_by(state, district) |>
  summarise(
    vote_president = sum(total_president),
    vote_legislature = sum(total),
    vote_diff = sum(total_president) - sum(total),
    prop_fraud = mean(fraud_bin)
  )
sum_fraud_by_district
```

```
## # A tibble: 266 x 6
## # Groups:   state [31]
##   state      district vote_president vote_legislature vote_diff prop_fraud
##   <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>          <dbl>      <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 Aguascalientes I          118139          102213      15926    0.135
## 2 Aguascalientes II         58722           55271       3451    0.215
## 3 Baja California I           75385          60550      14835    0.171
## 4 Baja California II          44630          32429      12201    0.0960
## 5 Baja California III          79072          75940       3132    0.132
## 6 Baja California IV         104627          90270      14357    0.375
## 7 Baja California V           55792          48971       6821    0.152
## 8 Baja California VI          64986          60596       4390    0.368
## 9 Baja California~ I           52226          47569       4657    0.259
## 10 Baja Californi~ II          30405          26641       3764    0.0933
## # i 256 more rows
```


Task 5.2. Replicate Figure 5

Based on all the previous step, reproduce Figure 5 in Cantu (2019, pp. 720).

```
ggplot(sum_fraud_by_district, aes(x = vote_legislature,  
                                y = vote_president,  
                                size = prop_fraud)) +  
  geom_point(alpha = 0.1) +  
  scale_size_continuous(range = c(1, 6),  
                        name = "Proportion of tallies\nidentified with\nalterations") +  
  labs(x = "Total Presidential Votes",  
       y = "Total Legislative Votes") +  
  theme_bw()
```



Note 1: Your performance in this task will be mainly evaluated based on your output's similarity with the original figure. Pay attention to the details.

Note 2: The instructor has detected some differences between the above figure with Figure 5 on the published article. Please use the instructor's version as your main benchmark.

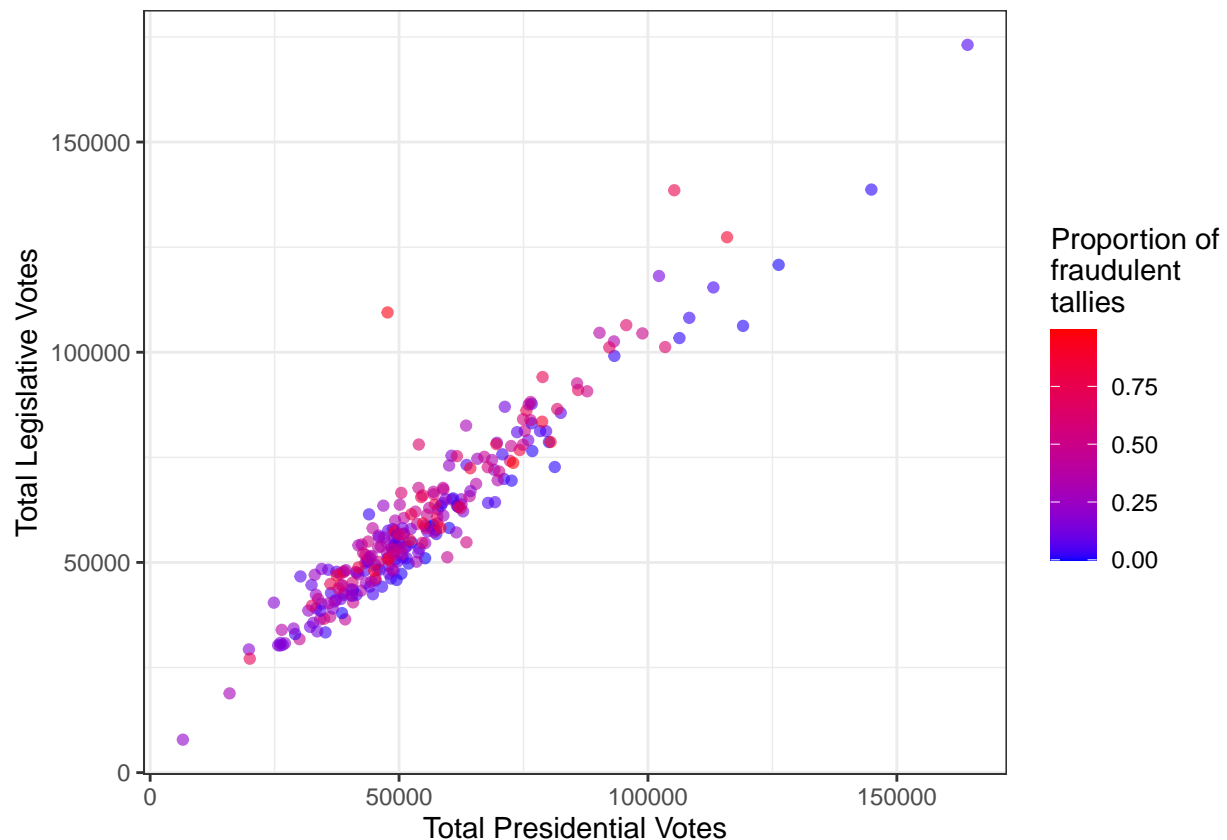
Task 5.3. Discuss and extend the reproduced figure

Referring to your reproduced figures and the research articles, in what way is the researcher's argument supported by this figure? Make an alternative visualization design that can substantiate and even augment the current argument. After you have shown your alternative design, in a few sentences, describe how your design provides visual aid as effectively as or more effectively than the original figure.

Note: Feel free to make *multiple* alternative designs to earn bonus credits. However, please be selective. Only a design with major differences from the existing ones can be counted as an alternative design.

My reproduced figure supports the researcher's claim that the classification of tallies reveals inconsistencies in election results, such as discrepancies in the number of votes for presidential and legislative elections in 1988. Notably, districts with large discrepancies, like Puebla's sixth and eighth districts, had high rates of altered tallies (63% and 70% respectively) suggesting potential election irregularities.

```
ggplot(sum_fraud_by_district, aes(x = vote_legislature,
                                  y = vote_president,
                                  color = prop_fraud)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.6) +
  scale_color_gradient(low = "blue",
                      high = "red",
                      name = "Proportion of\nfraudulent\ntallies") +
  labs(x = "Total Presidential Votes",
       y = "Total Legislative Votes") +
  theme_bw()
```



This plot visualises the relationship between presidential and legislative votes per district similar to the original figure, but, highlights fraudulent tallies with colour. The colour coding and transparency allow for

quick pattern identification and detection of anomalies. This plot is a more effective visual aid than the original, simplifying the understanding of vote counts and fraudulent tallies.

Task 6. Visualize the spatial distribution of fraud (6pt)

In this final task, you will visualize the spatial distribution of electoral fraud in Mexico. The desired output of is reproducing and extending Figure 3 in the research article (Cantu 2019, pp. 720).

Note 3. Load map data

As you may recall, map data can be stored and shared in **two** ways. The simpler format is a table where each row has information of a point that “carves” the boundary of a geographic unit (a Mexican state in our case). In this type of map data, a geographic unit is represented by multiple rows. Alternatively, a map can be represented by a more complicated and more powerful format, where each geographic unit (a Mexican state in our case) is represented by an element of a **geometry** column. For this task, I provide you with a state-level map of Mexico represented by both formats respectively.

Below the instructor provide you with the code to load the maps stored under the two formats respectively. Please run them before starting to work on your task.

```
# IMPORTANT: Remove eval=FALSE above when you start this part!

# Load map (simple)
map_mex <- read_csv("data/map_mexico/map_mexico.csv")

# Load map (sf): You need to install and load library "sf" in advance
map_mex_sf <- st_read("data/map_mexico/shapefile/gadm36_MEX_1.shp")
map_mex_sf <- st_simplify(map_mex_sf, dTolerance = 100)
```

Bonus question: Explain the operations on `map_mex_sf` in the instructor’s code above.

```
# read the shape file using `st_read()`
map_mex_sf <- st_read("data/map_mexico/shapefile/gadm36_MEX_1.shp")
# simplify the geometry of the shape file,
#all points in the original geometry <100 is removed.
#reduces complexity of the shape file.
map_mex_sf <- st_simplify(map_mex_sf, dTolerance = 100)
```

Note: The map (sf) data we use are from https://gadm.org/download_country_v3.html.

Task 6.1. Reproduce Figure 3 with map_mex

In this task, you are required to reproduce Figure 3 with the map_mex data.

Note:

- Your performance in this task will be mainly evaluated based on your output's similarity with the original figure. Pay attention to the details. For your reference, below is a version created by the instructor.
- Hint: Check the states' names in the map data and the electoral fraud data. Recode them if necessary.

```
setdiff(map_mex$state_name, state_fraud$state) #in map_mex but not in state
```

```
## [1] "Ciudad de México" "México"          "Michoacán"        "Nuevo León"
## [5] "Querétaro"        "San Luis Potosí"   "Yucatán"
```

```
setdiff(state_fraud$state, map_mex$state_name) # in state but not in map_mex
```

```
## [1] "Distrito Federal" "Edomex"          "Michoacan"        "Nuevo Leon"
## [5] "Queretaro"        "San Luis Potosi" "Yucatan"
```

```
c(setdiff(map_mex$state_name, state_fraud$state), setdiff(state_fraud$state, map_mex$state_name))
```

```
## [1] "Ciudad de México" "México"          "Michoacán"        "Nuevo León"
## [5] "Querétaro"        "San Luis Potosí" "Yucatán"          "Distrito Federal"
## [9] "Edomex"           "Michoacan"       "Nuevo Leon"       "Queretaro"
## [13] "San Luis Potosi" "Yucatan"
```

```
state_fraud <- state_fraud |> mutate(state = recode(state,
  "Michoacan" = "Michoacán",
  "Nuevo Leon" = "Nuevo León",
  "Queretaro" = "Querétaro",
  "San Luis Potosi" = "San Luis Potosí",
  "Yucatan" = "Yucatán",
  "Distrito Federal" = "Ciudad de México",
  "Edomex" = "México"
))
state_fraud <- state_fraud |>
  rename(state_name = state)

mex_merged <- left_join(map_mex, state_fraud, by = "state_name")

ggplot(mex_merged, aes(long, lat, group = group)) +
  geom_polygon(aes(fill = prop_fraud), color = "black", size = 0.2) +
  scale_fill_gradient(name = "Proportion\nof altered\ntallies", low = "white", high = "black") +
  labs(x = "", y = "") +
  theme(panel.background = element_blank(),
    panel.grid = element_blank(),
    axis.text = element_blank(),
    axis.line = element_blank(),
```

```

axis.ticks = element_blank(),
legend.position = c(0, 0),
legend.justification = c(0, 0),
legend.key.size = unit(1.5, "lines")
)

```

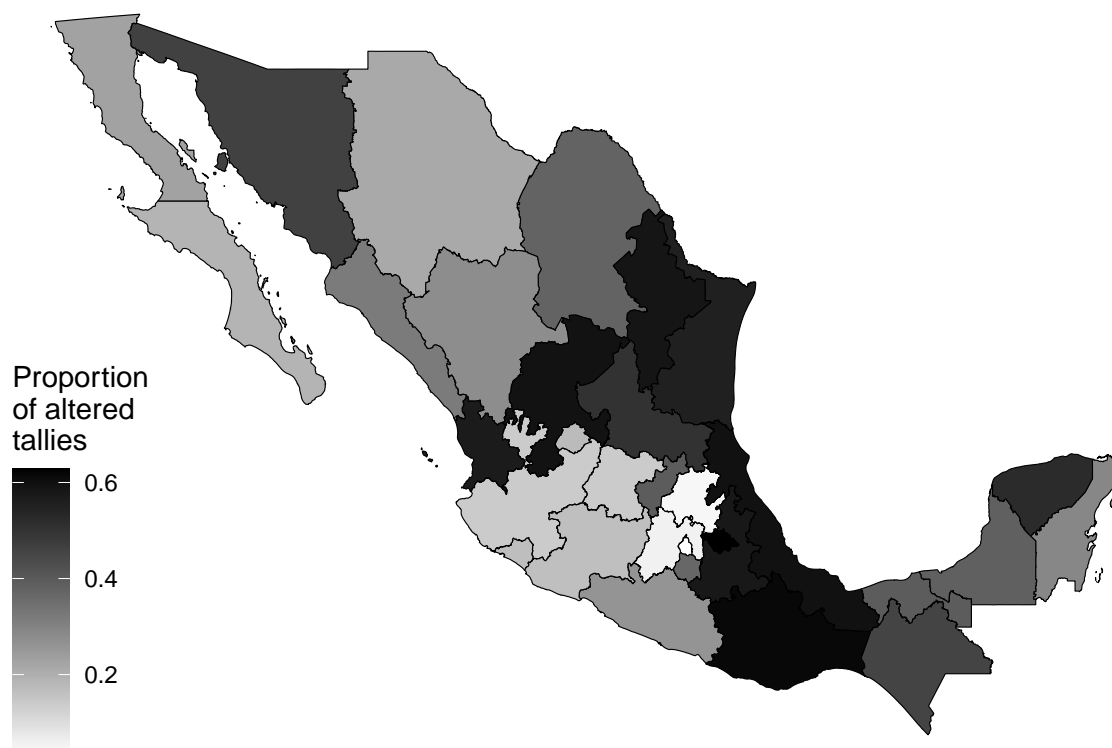


Figure 4: Rates of Tallies Classified as Altered by State

Task 6.2. Reproduce Figure 3 with map_mex_sf

In this task, you are required to reproduce Figure 3 with the map_mex data.

Note:

- Your performance in this task will be mainly evaluated based on your output's similarity with the original figure. Pay attention to the details. For your reference, below is a version created by the instructor.
- Hint: Check the states' names in the map data and the electoral fraud data. Recode them if necessary.

```
setdiff(map_mex_sf$NAME_1, state_fraud$state_name) #in map_mex_sf but not in state
```

```
## [1] "Distrito Federal"
```

```
setdiff(state_fraud$state_name, map_mex_sf$NAME_1) # in state but not in map_mex_sf
```

```
## [1] "Ciudad de México"
```

```
c(setdiff(map_mex_sf$NAME_1, state_fraud$state_name), setdiff(state_fraud$state_name, map_mex_sf$NAME_1))
```

```
## [1] "Distrito Federal" "Ciudad de México"
```

```
map_mex_sf <- map_mex_sf |> mutate(NAME_1 = recode(NAME_1,  
  "Distrito Federal" = "Ciudad de México"))  
map_mex_sf <- map_mex_sf |>  
  rename(state_name = NAME_1)  
  
mex_merged2 <- left_join(map_mex_sf, state_fraud, by = "state_name")  
  
mex_merged2 |>  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_sf(aes(fill = prop_fraud*100)) +  
  scale_fill_gradient(name = "Proportion\nof altered\ntallies", low = "white", high = "black") +  
  theme(panel.background = element_blank(),  
    panel.grid = element_blank(),  
    axis.text = element_blank(),  
    axis.line = element_blank(),  
    axis.ticks = element_blank(),  
    legend.position = c(0, 0),  
    legend.justification = c(0, 0),  
    legend.key.size = unit(0.8, "lines"))
```



Figure 5: Rates of Tallies Classified as Altered by State

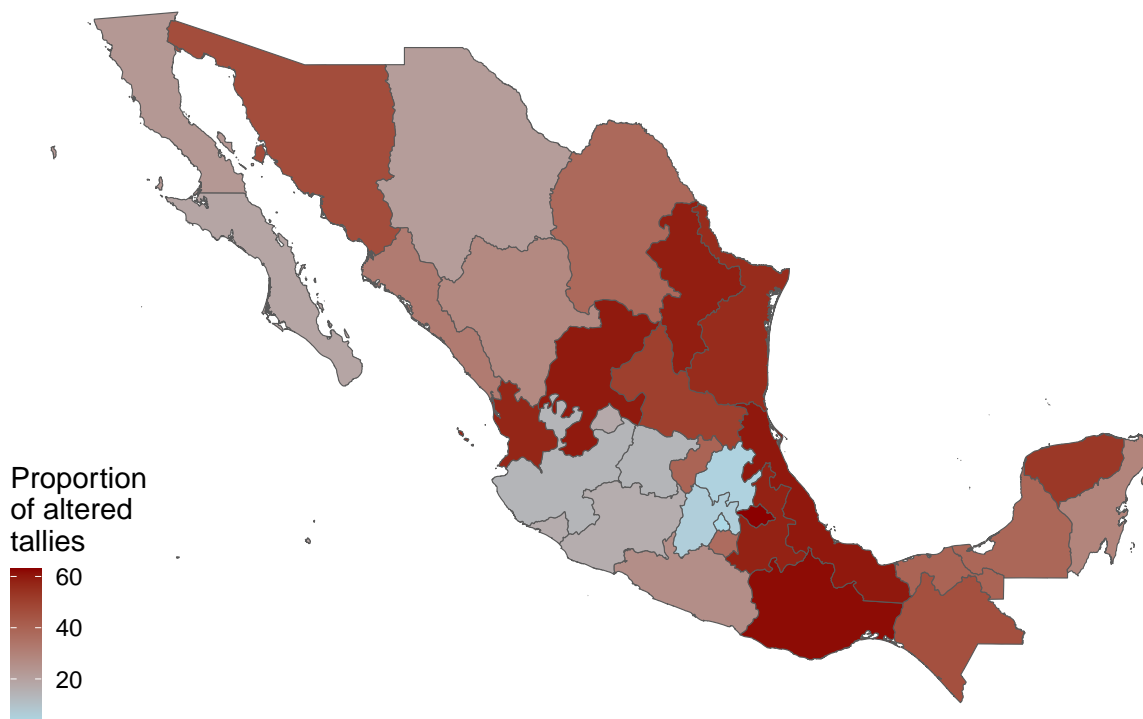
Task 6.3. Discuss and extend the reproduced figures

Referring to your reproduced figures and the research articles, in what way is the researcher's argument supported by this figure? Make an alternative visualization design that can substantiate and even augment the current argument. After you have shown your alternative design, in a few sentences, describe how your design provides visual aid as effectively as or more effectively than the original figure.

Note: Feel free to make *multiple* alternative designs to earn bonus credits. However, please be selective. Only a design with major differences from the existing ones can be counted as an alternative design.

The researcher's argument that most of the tallies with alterations are located in the south of the country is supported by the reproduced figure, where areas with a higher proportion of altered tallies are coloured darker. This visual representation effectively shows the geographical distribution of altered tallies, corroborating the researcher's claim. Moreover, the range of alteration rates from less than 3% in Mexico City to 66% in Tlaxcala provides further evidence supporting the argument.

```
mex_merged2 |>
  ggplot() +
  geom_sf(aes(fill = prop_fraud*100)) +
  scale_fill_gradient(name = "Proportion\nof altered\ntallies",
                     low = "lightblue",
                     high = "darkred") +
  theme(panel.background = element_blank(),
        panel.grid = element_blank(),
        axis.text = element_blank(),
        axis.line = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank(),
        legend.position = c(0, 0),
        legend.justification = c(0, 0),
        legend.key.size = unit(0.8, "lines"))
```



This design uses a colour gradient to represent the proportion of altered tallies, making it easy to visually distinguish areas with higher rates of fraud. The gradient scale ranges from light blue (low proportion of altered tallies) to dark red (high proportion), providing a clear visual indicator of fraud intensity.