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Introduction

This document is meant for students to get an introductory look at R (and how it compares to and differs from STATA), and to facilitate a transition for both students and instructors from STATA to R, using both the base R functions and the uwIntroStats package developed by Scott S. Emerson, M.D. Ph.D., Andrew J. Spieker, and Brian D. Williamson in the University of Washington Department of Biostatistics.

R is a functional language at the basic level, meaning that even the simple expression 3 + 5 is handed to a function called evaluate(), which then returns the result. Most objects and functions have a print function, so we can either print and display results or store them as an object. STATA, on the other hand, is a command style language. The user types in a command and the result is displayed. In this file we will present some of the useful R functions, but there are many more that we leave to the reader to go out and find. Also, even if we do present a function here, we will be doing so at the most basic level. Many of the functions have more capabilities than what we show.

Project Management

2.1 The Workspace

There are a few differences between R and STATA when it comes to data and project management. The first concept that we must cover is that of the workspace. In STATA, you are only allowed to read in one data set at a time. This data set is your entire workspace, and thus all functions and calls manipulate the data set. In R, however, the workspace consists of many different data sets, values, and functions. Any variable that is assigned a name becomes part of the workspace. Upon exit from R, the program asks the user if they wish to save the workspace. Saying yes saves all variables, functions, and data sets and then loads them back in to the workspace upon startup of the program the next time. It is generally good practice to save the workspace, especially if you know that you will continue to work with the same data next time.

To start, we will assume you are running R from the command line. Later on, if you wish, we will introduce a convenient graphical user interface. However, it is good to learn the basics from the command line and know what is happening behind the buttons in the GUI. Once you navigate to the correct directory for R (in a Windows machine this is generally in "C:\Program Files\R\R-version\bin" - substitute the version of R you downloaded for "version"), you simply type "R" and the program will start, displaying a screen similar to this:

```
R version 3.1.0 (2014-04-10) -- "Spring Dance"
Copyright (C) 2014 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: i386-w64-mingw32/i386 (32-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.
```

If you type 'q()', you are prompted to Save workspace image? [y/n/c]: , where 'y' is yes, 'n' is no, and 'c' is cancel. If you type 'y', then two files are created: a .Rhistory file and a .RData file. You can load the .RData file at the beginning of a session with the load() function, and it brings in all of your variables, data sets, and functions. The .Rhistory file saves all of your commands from the session. If you are working with a few different projects, it is a good idea to have a workspace for each of these projects. Then any one workspace doesn't get too cluttered.

2.2 Scripts

Scripts are useful files that can be run by R. A script file can be created in any directory on your computer. Then it can be "sourced", using the source() function (given the file path) to run all of the functions saved in the script file. A script is a useful place to write all of your function calls so that you can save them for later. For example, on a Windows computer, we could create a script file on the Desktop by using any text editor (Notepad or any other that you prefer) and saving the file with the .R extension, such as:

test_script.R

We can then load all of the functions and run all of the code saved in the script by opening R and typing (recall that our script file is located on the desktop)

source('C://Users//Brian Williamson//Desktop//test_script.R'')

2.3 Comments

Commenting your files is always a good idea. Comments provide information as to why you are using certain functions at certain times. The comment key in R is #. If you type this at any point on a line, the rest of the line will not be run by R.

Data

3.1 Data Types ('storage.mode')

A huge reason for using R at all is its data capabilities. There are many types of data in R, and thus it is important to know what kind of data you are dealing with at a given time. The "storage.mode()" function returns what type the data is. The basic data types are:

3.1.1 Numeric

Decimal values are numerics. Numeric is the default computational data type in R. Note for the curious: all real numbers in R are stored as "doubles", meaning that the IEEE floating point number is stored as a 64 bit word rather than a 32 bit word. There are two subtypes of numeric values. Most of the time there is no need to worry about the difference between them, but every once in a while you need to know which type you are dealing with.

Integer

A whole number.

Double

A real number (whole number plus fractional part).

3.1.2 Character

A character is an object which represents string values. For example, "3" is a character. To convert an object into a character, use the as.character() function.

3.1.3 Logical

TRUE and FALSE are the logical values in R, usually produced by comparisons. The standard logical

3.1.4 NA, NULL, Inf., and NaN

NA denotes a missing value in R. NA is a logical constant of length 1.

NULL is the null object in R. Functions and expressions whose values are undefined sometimes return NULL. If a NULL value is compared to another (for example, NULL == 0), then the result will be the expression logical(0). The length of the NULL object is 0.

Inf is returned by dividing any number besides 0 by 0.

NaN (not a number) is returned by the expression dividing 0 by 0.

0/0

[1] NaN

1/0

[1] Inf

3.1.5 Factor

A factor stores the nominal values of the data (starting with 1) in a vector, and stores the associated names of the data as a vector of character strings. A factor is created with the factor() function. For example, let's say that we have a vector with twenty 'male''s and twenty 'female''s. Then a factor would store this data as twenty 1s and twenty 2s, and would have a key telling us that 1 was male and 2 was female. For the really curious: factors are really data structures, since they are a vector with attributes.

3.2 Data Structures

There are a variety of data structures in R. They include vectors, matrices, arrays, data frames, lists, and factors.

3.2.1 Vectors

A vector is the most simple data structure in R. A vector stores any number of individual values, but they must be all of the same type. A vector is created with the c() function.

3.2.2 Matrices

A matrix is a table, is essentially a two-dimensional vector. All values in the matrix must be of the same data type, and a matrix must be rectangular - that is, each row must have the same number of columns as the others and each column must have the same number of rows as the others. A matrix is created with the matrix() function.

3.2.3 Arrays

An array is a high-dimensional matrix. An array is created with the array function.

3.2.4 Data frame

A data frame is a table, like a matrix. However, the columns in a data frame may have different data types. A data frame is created with the data.frame() function.

3.2.5 List

A list is an ordered collection of objects. The values in a list can be any data type or data structure, and they don't have to have the same size. A list is created with the list() function. A note for the curious: lists indirectly reference their values. They are stored in different places in memory as addresses. Lists are sometimes returned from functions.

3.3 Assigning a Value to a Variable

Let's say we want to creat a variable called junk. Then we must assign junk a value. Here we will assign it the number 1. Thus, we type

```
junk <- 1
```

And now any time that we wish to see what junk is, we type junk and get the output

junk

[1] 1

Any time we wish to assign a value to a variable, we use the "<-" function. This guarantees that we perform the correct assignment (some functions and packages were developed in a time where using "=" as assignment will not work correctly).

3.4 Returning a Value from a Data Structure

There are three main ways of accessing data in a data set. The main ways deal with data sets in vector or matrix form (similar syntax), list form, or data frame form.

3.4.1 The "[]" Operator

The first way we will cover is for vectors and matrices. Let's say we have a vector representing the numbers 1-10. This vector can be stored as

```
> test <- c(1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10)
```

Now if we wish to access the 6, we type

test[6]

Which returns

[1] 6

Recall that R is a functional language at its base. Thus, if we want to see the sixth value of test, we can type in any expression which will evaluate to 6. For example:

test[3+3]

[1] 6

Now, a vector is simply a matrix with one row. Thus let's consider a matrix with 735 rows and 30 columns (we will be using this matrix later as well) called mri. If we wish to access an entry in the matrix we type in the row and column of interest:

mri[1,1]

[1] 1

Which returns the value in row 1, column 1 as we requested.

3.4.2 The "\$" Operator

A data frame, as we discussed earlier, is a list of vectors. Let's use the mriTest data frame that we created earlier. Now we can access a value from the data frame either by the [rownum,colnum] or [rownum, "colname"] function or by the \$colname[rownum] function:

```
mriTest[1,1]
[1] 1
mriTest[1,"ptid"]
[1] 1
mriTest$ptid[1]
[1] 1
```

3.5 Indexing Values in a Data Structure

Sometimes, it is useful to access more than one value from a data structure.

3.5.1 The "[]" operator

If we want to see the first five elements of the vector, we type

```
test[1:5]
```

which returns

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

Now recall the mri data set. If we wish to access the entire first row (a vector!) we type

```
mri[1,]
```

Which means that we are selecting the first row and all of the columns. The [row,column] format is followed for matrices. The output of this call is

```
ptid mridate age male race weight height packyrs yrsquit alcoh physact chf chd
   1 120791 72
                         2
                               173
                                      169
                                               54
                                                                    9.84
                                                                           0
stroke diabetes genhlth ldl alb crt plt sbp
                                                aai
                                                      fev dsst atrophy whgrd
                      3 135 3.7 1.4 275 139 1.0303 1.284
                                                                            2
numinf volinf obstime death
     1 7.4613
                 2110
```

3.5.2 Special Issues for Indexing a Matrix

However, when we are subscripting a matrix, we may wish to be sure what class our returned value is. For example, a test matrix

```
m <- matrix(rep(1, 30), nrow=3)</pre>
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10]
[1,]
                            1
                                  1
                                        1
                                               1
                                                     1
                                                           1
          1
                1
                      1
[2,]
                            1
                                  1
                                        1
                                               1
                                                     1
                                                           1
                                                                  1
          1
                1
                      1
                                                     1
[3,]
                1
                            1
                                  1
                                        1
                                               1
```

If we want the first row of the matrix, and want it to be a matrix, we will run into problems if we simply type m[1,].

```
m[1,]
[1] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

Notice that this returned a vector! If we want a matrix, we must type

```
m[1,,drop=FALSE]
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10]
[1,] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

Adding the drop=FALSE argument after our row and column specifications told R not to drop dimensions and create a vector.

3.5.3 The "\$" Operator

Let's use the mriTest data frame that we created earlier. Now we can access a column of the data frame either by the [,colnum] or [,"colname"] function or by the \$colname function, as we see here (we only get the first three rows to save paper):

```
mriTest[1:3,1]
[1] 1 2 3
mriTest[1:3,"ptid"]
[1] 1 2 3
mriTest$ptid[1:3]
[1] 1 2 3
```

Last, variables in matrices, lists, and data frames can both be accessed using the \$ operator. Create sampleList to have a vector of strings, a matrix, and a single number as follows:

```
sampleList <- list(c("One", "Two", "Three"), mri, 1)</pre>
```

Now we wish to name the elements of sampleList:

```
names(sampleList) <- c("strings", "matrix", "number")</pre>
```

Now we can access the vector of strings either with the [[1]] function or with the \$strings function, as we can see here:

```
sampleList[[1]]
[1] "One" "Two" "Three"
sampleList$strings
[1] "One" "Two" "Three"
```

3.5.4 The "[[]]" Operator

In a list, we use the [[]] operator to access elements of the list. For example, if sampleList is a list, then sampleList[[1]] returns the first element in sampleList. Each individual element in a list can be a different type. Thus we can have a list where the first element is a vector of strings, the second element is a matrix, and the third element is a single number.

3.6 Advanced Indexing

3.6.1 Indexing with a Vector

Say we wish to access columns 3, 5, and 30 from mri, along with the first five rows. Then we use a vector to access these columns:

```
mri[1:3, c(3,5,30)]
  age race death
1 72 2 0
2 81 2 0
3 90 2 0
```

We can accomplish the same thing by using the names of the columns, in mri[1:3, c("age", "race", "death")].

3.6.2 Indexing with a Negative Number

Recall our vector test, which has ten values. If we want all of the values of test but the first, rather than indexing with the sequence 2:10, we can simply write:

```
test[-1]
[1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

We can do the same thing in a matrix - if we write mri[-1,-1], R will print the whole matrix minus the first row and the first column.

3.6.3 Indexing using Logicals

Sometimes we wish to exclude values in the data based on some logical comparison. For example, in mri, we might to only see the values for females, or we wish to only see the values in test which are greater than 5. We accomplish this by using logical comparisons in our indexing. To get the values in test which are greater than 5, we type

```
test[test > 5]
[1] 6 7 8 9 10
```

To get only the females in mri (and all of the columns) we type mri[mri[, "male"] == 0,].

3.6.4 Indexing with a Matrix

If we have a matrix (say mri) and we wish to reference certain cells, we can use a matrix as a reference. The reference matrix has two columns, the first corresponding to the row of the cell in question and the second corresponding to the column of the cell in question. So if we are interested in seeing cells [1,1], [2,2], and [3,3], we create this matrix:

Notice that when we create a matrix, we can specify how many columns (or rows) we want with the ncol (nrow) argument, and we can specify how the matrix is filled in with the byrow argument. Now we use ref to reference these cells of mri

Notice that using ref has returned the same values as indexing each cell individually!

Data Input

4.1 Entering from the Keyboard

We can enter data from the keyboard as we have done before (for example test <- 1:10), or we can create a data frame or some other data structure and edit using R's built in spreadsheet editor.

```
# create a data frame
newdata <- matrix()
# bring up the spreadsheet editor and save changes into newdata
newdata <- edit(newdata)</pre>
```

4.2 Reading in Data from a File

Now we are ready to read in a data set. Since we can assign a value to a variable, assigning a data set to a variable is easy. For most purposes, the "read.table()" function is sufficient to read in data (most data is available in .txt format and for those in a .csv format, read.csv is very similar to read.table). The "read.table(filename, ...)" function can read in files from the internet or from your computer - you just have to give it the full path name (denoted by filename, and ... denotes any options you wish to specify). It is also important to view the text file with the data beforehand to determine if there are headers to include. For example, we can read in the 'mri' data set from Scott Emerson's webpage:

Where here we want to include headers, and the 'quote' option determines what character will give us a quote string. If we had the text file saved on the hard drive, rather than entering in the web address we would put the path name in quotation marks. Another useful method for reading in data is the "read.csv()" function, which follows a similar syntax. Also, if we wish to view the entire data set, use the View(dataname) function. This will pop up a new window with the data.

Manipulating Your Data

Before going into some of the more complex data manipulation tools, we will cover some simple functions which give a lot of information about our data. We also go into the difference between *element* by element - that is, the function is evaluated at each element in the data structure - and overall evaluation - that is, the function returns one value after running over the whole data structure. Sometimes it is necessary to keep track of which kind of evaluation a function is performing.

5.1 Element by element Evaluation

```
junk <- 1:10
```

Now junk is a vector containing the elements 1 through 10. If we want to find the value of each element in junk divided by 10, we simply type

```
junk/10
```

which returns

```
[1] 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0
```

This is an example of *element by element* evaluation. Multiplication is also an example of this type of evaluation.

5.2 Overall Evaluation

In order to illustrate *overall* evaluation, recall the junk vector. If we want to find the sum of the values, we type

```
sum(junk)
[1] 55
```

The sum function (with its basic syntax) evaluates over the whole data structure and returns a single number. Now if we had a matrix of values, say junk repeated multiple times. First we must introduce the rep() function, which repeats a value a user specified number of times. For example,

```
rep(5, 4)
[1] 5 5 5 5
```

Now we create the junk matrix, and then use the sum() function.

```
junkMatrix <- matrix(rep(junk, 3), byrow=TRUE, nrow=3)
sum(junkMatrix)
[1] 165</pre>
```

Notice that 165 is equal to three times the sum of junk. So sum() has worked over the entire matrix! If we want to only sum one row (or column), we must use a new function.

5.2.1 The apply() function

If we have a data structure with more than one dimension (say a matrix, which has dimension equal to two) we can specify which dimension we sum over by using the apply() function. This function takes as arguments first the data, then a dimension (or set of dimensions if it is higher than dimension two), and last a function. It then applies the function over the specified dimension in the data. Thus in our example, if we wanted the row sums, we would give apply() junkMatrix as the data, 1 as the dimension, and sum() as the function:

```
apply(junkMatrix, 1, sum)
[1] 55 55 55
```

5.3 Mean, standard deviation, exponentiation, square root, log, ^

The functions listed here are all very useful in describing and transforming data. They are also good examples of the two evaluation types. Both mean() and sd() are overall -

```
mean(junk)
[1] 5.5
sd(junk)
[1] 3.02765
```

The others are all *element by element*. The exp() function takes e (the mathematical constant, approximately equal (to three digits) to 2.72) to the power of each element:

```
exp(junk)
```

```
[1] 2.718282 7.389056 20.085537 54.598150 148.413159 403.428793 1096.633158 2980.957987 8103.083928 22026.465795
```

log is the natural log of each element. Square root, as you might expect, takes the square root of each element. Similarly, the ^function raises each element to the power specified. For example,

```
junk^2
[1] 1 4 9 16 25 36 49 64 81 100
```

5.4 Missing Data, Special Values, and Evaluation

Missing data (NA) and special values (NaN, Inf) will affect the evaluation of our functions. For example if we attach one of these to the end of junk, the is.na() function returns:

```
is.na(c(junk, NA))
```

- [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE is.na(c(junk, NaN))
- [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE is.na(c(junk, Inf))
 - [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE

Now, what if we want to calculate a mean? Simply asking for a mean of this vector returns

```
mean(c(junk, NA))
[1] NA
mean(c(junk, NaN))
[1] NaN
mean(c(junk, Inf))
[1] Inf
```

which we might expect. However, there is an argument to mean (and other functions) which allows us to remove the NA values when we evaluate the function. This is the na.rm argument. See how it performs:

```
mean(c(junk, NA), na.rm=TRUE)
[1] 5.5
mean(c(junk, NaN), na.rm=TRUE)
[1] 5.5
mean(c(junk, Inf), na.rm=TRUE)
[1] Inf
```

which is again what we expect. We must make sure in our calculations that Inf values are handled correctly (i.e. don't divide by zero!).

5.5 Manipulating Data in the Workspace

5.5.1 Adding Variables

As we have covered previously, to add a variable to the work space you simply use the \leftarrow assignment statement, for example

```
junk <- 1:10
```

5.5.2 Changing Variable Names

Say we create a variable in the workspace called junk.

```
junk <- 1:10
```

Now, in the interest of being clear with what our variables contain, we wish to give the contents of junk a more appropriate name - like oneToTen. To change the name we simply type

```
oneToTen <- junk
```

This copies all of the contents of junk into our new variable, oneToTen.

5.5.3 Changing Data Types

junk is a vector. What if, for example, we are using a function that requires a matrix? We must change the data structure of junk from a vector to a matrix. If we want a single column matrix, this is accomplished with the as.matrix() function, as follows

```
junk <- as.matrix(junk)</pre>
```

If we want a single row matrix, we must use the matrix(junk, nrow=1, byrow=TRUE) function - specifying that we want R to fill in the matrix by row first and then by column.

5.6 Manipulating Data in a Data Frame (or Matrix)

5.6.1 Adding Variables

In the mri dataset, say we wanted to convert physact from kilocalories to calories. We can create a new variable for this, called calPhysAct. Assume that we have attached the mri data set. Now we have some choices of where to store this new variable. If we simply type

```
calPhysAct <- 1000*physact
```

we will create a variable in the workspace called calPhysAct. However, this variable will not be part of the mri data set. If we wish to make it part of the data set, we type

```
mri$calPhysAct <- 1000*physact
```

Now if we want to access calPhysAct by name like we can access physact, we must attach the data set again. We use the same functions to add a variable to a data frame.

5.6.2 Changing Variable Names

Say that we read in the data set mri, but we want to change the name of stroke, one of the variables, to hadStroke. We first make a test data set called mriTest to store this while we make sure the name is correct, then find which column is the stroke column, and then change the name:

```
names(mri)
 [1] "ptid"
                              "age"
                                          "male"
                  "mridate"
                                                       "race"
                                                                   "weight"
                                                                               "height"
                              "alcoh"
                                                                   "chd"
                                                                               "stroke"
 [8] "packyrs"
                  "yrsquit"
                                          "physact"
                                                       "chf"
                                          "alb"
[15] "diabetes"
                 "genhlth"
                              "ldl"
                                                       "crt"
                                                                   "plt"
                                                                               "sbp"
[22] "aai"
                  "fev"
                              "dsst"
                                          "atrophy"
                                                       "whgrd"
                                                                   "numinf"
                                                                               "volinf"
[29] "obstime"
                  "death"
mriTest <- mri
names(mriTest)[14] <- "hadStroke"</pre>
names(mriTest)
 [1] "ptid"
                                "age"
                                                           "race"
                   "mridate"
                                              "male"
                                                                         "weight"
 [7] "height"
                   "packyrs"
                                "yrsquit"
                                              "alcoh"
                                                           "physact"
                                                                         "chf"
                                                           "ld1"
[13] "chd"
                   "hadStroke" "diabetes"
                                              "genhlth"
                                                                         "alb"
[19] "crt"
                   "plt"
                                "sbp"
                                              "aai"
                                                           "fev"
                                                                         "dsst"
[25] "atrophy"
                   "whgrd"
                                "numinf"
                                              "volinf"
                                                           "obstime"
                                                                         "death"
```

5.6.3 Changing Data Types

Notice that if we type storage.mode(mri) we learn that mri is a matrix. What if we wanted mri to be a data frame? Data frames are a special concept in R. A data frame is essentially a list of vectors, which all must be the same length. It is similar to a matrix, but there are some functions which require the data to be a data frame. If we wish to change mri to be a data frame, we type

```
mriTest <- as.data.frame(mri)</pre>
```

Now we have a data frame. If we wanted to change it back, we could say

```
mriTest <- as.matrix(mriTest)</pre>
```

We can also do this with individual columns of the data frame. For instance,

```
mriTest$male <- as.factor(mriTest$male)</pre>
```

5.6.4 Attaching a Data Set (Data Frame)

We have the mri data set, but typing out mri[,1] or mri[,"ptid"] is too time consuming for every time we want to access the patient id vector. Similarly, typing out mriTest\$ptid is far too much. If we want to save ourselves some time, we can use the attach function to simply type the variable names and use them. However, if we bring in a data set with similar names later on and attach it, we will lose the ability to refer to the original data set. Thus good data management means that when we are done with a data set, we will use the detach function. For example,

```
attach(mri)
ptid[1:3]
[1] 1 2 3
detach(mri)
```

5.6.5 Attaching with the Same Name

Let's say that we have attached the mri data set. If we update mri and wish to attach it again, we will get a message similar to the following:

```
attach(mri)
The following objects are masked from mri (position 3):
    aai, age, alb, alcoh, atrophy, chd, chf, crt, death, diabetes, dsst, fev,
    genhlth, height, ldl, male, mridate, numinf, obstime, packyrs, physact, plt,
    ptid, race, sbp, stroke, volinf, weight, whgrd, yrsquit
```

This means that if we refer to one of the names in the list, we are referring to these columns of our new updated mri. There are ways to look up the values in the old mri, but those are out of the scope of this document.

5.6.6 Missing Data

In STATA, missing data is coded as a ".". In R, missing values are treated as NA. To test if there are missing values, use the is.na() function. When reading in data, be careful of missing values. Sometimes they may not be coded in a way that R will know to code them as NA. Thus, look at the data first! If there are odd codings, use the na.strings option in the read.table() function to set which other strings should be treated as NA.

Packages

A package is a suite of functions and methods developed for download and use by anyone who has R. The base package includes many useful functions, but often these aren't enough. Other people - the original developers of R, and other dedicated users - have developed packages which contain useful functions. For instance, the stats package contains many useful functions for ANOVA and linear models (we will cover these later, don't worry). In order to download a package, type install.packages("packagename"). Then you may be prompted to enter the CRAN mirror closest to you - this simply tells R where to download the package files from. Once the package has been downloaded, use the library(packagename) function to load the package. A package must be loaded only once per R session; however, when you re-open R, you will need to reload the package. Each package has documentation online.

6.1 Function Help

Recall that R is a functional language. What do we do if we don't know exactly what a function does? We can either look up the function online (there is documentation for each function in R available online) or we can type the request into R itself. Say we want to know more about the read.table() function. Then we simply type ?read.table(), and the documentation will be brought up for us.

However, there are many parts of the help file which are cryptic or the beginning user will not understand. That is okay! Many times, the user doesn't need to understand all of the arguments or even all of the output of a function in order to get what is necessary for the task at hand. For example, consider the mean function that we covered above. Type

?mean

A screen similar to the one presented here will load:

Notice the ellipsis (...) after the comma in the Usage section. The ellipsis means that other arguments can be passed to the function. For example, the na.rm argument we covered earlier. However, there are other arguments that we will not cover, and therefore it is best to take on faith that the ellipsis argument will handle whatever it needs to.

mean {base} R Documentation

Arithmetic Mean

Description

Generic function for the (trimmed) arithmetic mean.

Usage

```
mean(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An R object. Currently there are methods for numeric/logical vectors and <u>date</u>, <u>date-time</u> and <u>time interval</u> objects. Complex vectors are allowed for trim = 0, only.
- trim the fraction (0 to 0.5) of observations to be trimmed from each end of x before the mean is computed. Values of trim outside that range are taken as the nearest endpoint.
- na.rm a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds.
- ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

If trim is zero (the default), the arithmetic mean of the values in x is computed, as a numeric or complex vector of length one. If x is not logical (coerced to numeric), numeric (including integer) or complex, NA real is returned, with a warning.

Descriptive Statistics

Thus far, all we have covered are functions relating to data and data manipulation. However, R also has many powerful functions for doing statistics. Many of these must be downloaded from packages.

7.1 Simple Descriptives

To find the mean or the median, we simply type mean(data) or median(data). Many of the other simple functions (sum - compute a sum, dim - return the dimensions of an object) operate in a similar way.

7.2 Other Descriptives and the uwIntroStats package

For some complex descriptive statistics, as well as some statistical tests and plotting, we will turn to the uwIntroStats package. Developed by Scott S. Emerson, M.D., Ph.D., Andrew J. Spieker, and Brian D. Williamson at the University of Washington, this package seeks to facilitate an easy switch from STATA to R. The functions follow a similar syntax to STATA, and simplify the work of finding some output in R by placing it all in an easy to manage result. However, some of the functions presented come from other R packages (including the base R package).

7.3 Summarize vs descrip()

Quick view of functions:

STATA R (base) R uwIntroStats

summarize summary(), mean(), sd(), var() descrip()

In STATA, a simple summary of the data may be obtained by the summarize command. In R, we have a few different options. In the base package, we can get a good summary of the data by using the summary() function. We can also get simple descriptive statistics using the mean(), sd(), var() and other functions. Or, using the uwIntroStats package, we will use the descrip() function. Details can be found in the documentation for the package.

Now, for example, we have a data on FEV1 - the volume of air that can be forcibly blown out in one second, after full inspiration - in a clinical trial. This data can be found in the BIOST 511 webpage. Here we illustrate the difference between the STATA and R output:

STATA Code and Output

- * Read in data set * use "https://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dta"
- * Create the table * summarize
- * STATA Output: *

Variable 0		ean Std. De		Max
Y1 5 Y0 5	20 1.546 20 1.521 20 .4961	.643410 327 .598011	.31 .8 .33	3.75 3.68

R Code and Output

```
#- Read in data set -#
clin.trial <- read.table("http://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dat", sep="")
names(clin.trial) <- c("Y1", "Y0", "T")
attach(clin.trial)</pre>
```

#- Create the table -#
descrip(clin.trial)

#- R Output -#

	N	Msng	Mean	Std Dev	Min	25%	Mdn	75%	Max
Y1:	520	0	1.546	0.6434	0.3100	1.060	1.430	1.943	3.750
YO:	520	0	1.521	0.5980	0.3300	1.088	1.420	1.910	3.680
Т:	520	0	0.4962	0.5005	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.000	1.000

Chi-square Test

(Quick view of functions:									
	STATA	R (base)	${ m R}$ uwIntroStats							
	tabulate	<pre>chisq.test()</pre>	tabulate()							
	cc									
	cs									

The base R function chisq.test performs the chi-squared test on tables, matrices, and vectors. However, in order to calculate Odds Ratios, Risk Ratios, or other statistics (for example the likelihood ratio, Mantel-Haenszel statistic, and others) you must use other functions developed for different R packages and piece the information together. In our package, the tabulate() function has options for all of these statistics and more. Also, it calculates stratified values if requested. Similar functionality is seen in the STATA command tabulate, or cc and cs (for case control and cohort studies, respectively). We show a few examples to illustrate the performance of the two functions:

Example 1:

Data: mri.

Goal: Perform a chi-squared test of stroke vs race.

STATA Code and Output

- * First create csv in Excel using "http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt" *
 * Read in the data *
 import delimited "sample_folder/mri.csv"
- * Perform chi-squared test * tabulate stroke race, chi2

	1	ra	ıce		
stroke	1	2	3	4	Total
	+				+
0	l 493	93	39	11	l 636
1	21	1	2	0	1 24
2	J 58	10	6	1	l 75
	+				+
Total	572	104	47	12	l 735

Pearson chi2(6) = 3.1066 Pr = 0.795

R Code and Output

```
#- If not already done, load the necessary libraries -#
library(survival)
library(Exact)
library(plyr)
#- Read in the data -#
mri <- read.table("http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt", header=TRUE, quote="\"")</pre>
attach(mri)
#- create the table -#
tabulate(stroke, race)
#- Output -#
Call:
tabulate(stroke, race)
          race.1 race.2 race.3 race.4 race.ALL
stroke.0
                93 39 11
          21
                         2
                                0
                                      24
stroke.1
                  1
stroke.2
          58
                 10
                         6
                                1
                                      75
               104
stroke.ALL 572
                        47
                               12
                                     735
          Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI p-value Warnings
Chi-squared
                         3.1066
                                        6
                                                  0.79536
```

Example 2:

Data: mri.

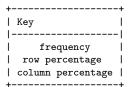
Goal: Perform a chi-squared test of stroke vs race, with row and column percentages displayed.

STATA Code and Output

- * First create csv in Excel using "http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt" *
- * Read in the data *

 ${\tt import\ delimited\ "sample_folder/mri.csv"}$

* Perform chi-squared test * tabulate stroke race male, row column chi2



	race							
stroke	1	1 2 3 4						
0	493 77.52 86.19	93 14.62 89.42	39 6.13 82.98	11 1.73 91.67				
1	21 87.50 3.67	1 4.17 0.96	2 8.33 4.26	0.00 0.00 0.00				
2	58 77.33 10.14	10 13.33 9.62	6 8.00 12.77	1 1.33 8.33				
Total	572 77.82 100.00	104 14.15 100.00	47 6.39 100.00	12 1.63 100.00	100.00			

Pearson chi2(6) = 3.1066 Pr = 0.795

R Code and Output

```
#- Read in the data -#
mri <- read.table("http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt", header=TRUE, quote="\"")</pre>
attach(mri)
#- create the table -#
tabulate(stroke, race, stat="@count@ @row%@ @col%@")
tabulate(stroke, race, stat = "@count@ @row%@ @col%@")
                            race.2
          race.1
                                              race.3
                                                                race.4
          493 77.5% 86.2% 93 14.6% 89.4% 39 6.1% 83.0% 11 1.7% 91.7% 636 100.0% 86.5%
stroke.0
           21 87.5% 3.7% 1 4.2% 1.0%
58 77.3% 10.1% 10 13.3% 9.6%
stroke.1
                                               2
                                                   8.3%
                                                          4.3%
                                                                 0
                                                                     0.0%
                                                                            0.0% 24 100.0%
stroke.2
                                               6
                                                   8.0% 12.8%
                                                                 1
                                                                     1.3%
                                                                            8.3% 75 100.0% 10.2%
stroke.ALL 572 77.8% 100.0% 104 14.1% 100.0% 47 6.4% 100.0% 12
                                                                     1.6% 100.0% 735 100.0% 100.0%
           Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI p-value Warnings
                                                   0.79536
Chi-squared
                          3.1066
                                         6
```

Example 3:

Data: mri.

Goal: Perform a chi-squared test of stroke vs race, with the likelihood ratio rest and exact test displayed.

STATA Code and Output

```
* First create csv in Excel using "http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt" *
* Read in the data *
import delimited "sample_folder/mri.csv"

* Perform chi-squared test *
tabulate stroke race, chi2 lrchi2 exact

Enumerating sample-space combinations:
stage 4: enumerations = 1
stage 3: enumerations = 5
stage 2: enumerations = 63
stage 1: enumerations = 0

| race
| race
| stroke | 1 2 3 4 | Total
```

```
0 |
               493
                           93
                                       39
                                                  11 l
                                                              636
                                        2
               21
                                                   0 |
    1 I
                           1
                                                               24
                           10
                                        6
                                                               75
    2 |
               58
                                                   1 |
Total |
              572
                          104
                                       47
                                                  12 |
                                                              735
```

```
Pearson chi2(6) = 3.1066 Pr = 0.795
likelihood-ratio chi2(6) = 4.1111 Pr = 0.662
Fisher's exact = 0.793
```

R Code and Output

```
#- Read in the data -#
mri <- read.table("http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt", header=TRUE, quote="\"")
attach(mri)
#- create the table -#
tabulate(stroke, race, tests=c("lrchisq", "fisher"))</pre>
```

Call: tabulate(stroke, race, tests = c("lrchisq", "fisher")) race.1 race.2 race.3 race.4 race.ALL stroke.0 493 93 39 11 636 2 21 0 1 stroke.1 24 stroke.2 58 10 6 1 75 104 47 12 735 stroke.ALL 572 Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI p-value Warnings Chi-squared 3.1066 6 0.79536 LR Chi-squared 4.1111 6 0.66164 Fisher's Exact Test 0.79349

Example 4:

Data: mri.

Goal: Perform a chi-squared test of diabetes vs male by race, ratios displayed and the Mantel-Haenszel statistic.

STATA Code and Output

```
* First create csv in Excel using "http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt" *
* Read in the data *
import delimited "sample_folder/mri.csv"
```

* Perform chi-squared test * cc diabetes male, by(race)

race	l OR	[95% Conf.	=	M-H Weight	
1 2 3 4	1.9152 3.284211 2.631579	1.045652 .978571 .1255083 .2483932	3.587491 12.68598 161.3361	8.741259 1.826923 .4042553 0	(exact)
Crude M-H combined	2.233841	1.333028 1.358842	3.814119 3.660624		(exact)

Test of homogeneity (Tarone) chi2(3) = 1.33 Pr>chi2 = 0.7223

Test that combined OR = 1:

Mantel-Haenszel chi2(1) = 10.40Pr>chi2 = 0.0013

R Code and Output

```
#- Read in the data -#
mri <- read.table("http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt", header=TRUE, quote="\"")</pre>
attach(mri)
#- create the table -#
{\tt tabulate(diabetes, male, race, dispRatios=TRUE, tests=c("lrchisq", "mh"))}
Call:
tabulate(diabetes, male, race, dispRatios = TRUE, tests = c("lrchisq",
    "mh"))
race.1:
            male.0 male.1 male.ALL
            266
                 250 516
diabetes.0
diabetes.1
             20
                    36
                           56
diabetes.ALL 286 286 572
                                                                p-value Warnings
              Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI
Chi-squared
                              5.0676
                                            1
                                                                 0.024378
                                                                0.023489
LR Chi-squared
                              5.132
                                             1
```

```
Mantel-Haenzsel 2.2303
                                9.6447
                                                1 [1.36,3.66]
                                                                    0.001899
Odds Ratio
                1.9152
                                                   [1.0796, 3.3976]
Risk Ratio
                1.8
                                                   [1.0686, 3.0321]
race.2 :
             male.0 male.1 male.ALL
diabetes.0
              48
                     38
                             86
diabetes.1
                      13
                             18
               5
{\tt diabetes.ALL}
              53
                      51
                            104
                Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI
                                                                    p-value Warnings
Chi-squared
                                4.6816
                                                1
                                                                    0.030487
LR Chi-squared
                                4.8099
                                                                    0.028296
                                                1
Mantel-Haenzsel 2.2303
                                                   [1.36,3.66]
                                9.6447
                                                                    0.001899
Odds Ratio
                                                   [1.0761, 10.023]
                3.2842
                                                   [1.0376, 7.0362]
Risk Ratio
                2.702
race.3:
             male.0 male.1 male.ALL
diabetes.0
              25
                     19
                             44
diabetes.1
               1
                      2
                              3
{\tt diabetes.ALL}
              26
                      21
                             47
                Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI
                                                                      p-value Warnings
Chi-squared
                                0.62669
                                                                      0.42857
                                0.62761
                                                                      0.42823
LR Chi-squared
                                                1
Mantel-Haenzsel 2.2303
                                9.6447
                                                   [1.36,3.66]
                                                                      0.001899
Odds Ratio
                2.6316
                                                   [0.22181, 31.221]
Risk Ratio
                2.4762
                                                   [0.24078, 25.466]
race.4 :
             male.0 male.1 male.ALL
diabetes.0
               4
                      6
                             10
diabetes.1
                      2
                              2
               0
diabetes.ALL
                      8
                             12
                Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI
                                                               p-value Warnings
Chi-squared
                                1.2
                                                1
                                                               0.27332
LR Chi-squared
                                                               0.17778
                                1.8161
                                                1
Mantel-Haenzsel 2.2303
                                9.6447
                                                   [1.36,3.66] 0.001899
Odds Ratio
                Inf
                                                   [NaN, Inf]
Risk Ratio
                Inf
                                                   [NaN, Inf]
race.ALL:
             male.0 male.1 male.ALL
                            656
diabetes.0
             343
                    313
diabetes.1
              26
                     53
                             79
diabetes.ALL 369
                     366
                            735
                                                                    p-value
                Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI
                                                                               Warnings
                                10.588
                                                                    0.0011384
Chi-squared
                                               1
LR Chi-squared
                                10.777
                                                                    0.0010279
                                                1
                                                                    0.001899
Mantel-Haenzsel 2.2303
                                9.6447
                                                   [1.36,3.66]
Odds Ratio
                2.2338
                                                   [1.3635, 3.6597]
Risk Ratio
                2.0552
                                                   [1.3151, 3.2118]
 Overall:
                 Test Statistic df p-value
                                 5 0.0004874
Chi-squared
                 22.164
Likelihood Ratio 23.162
                                 5 0.00031429
```

Example 5:

Data: mri.

Goal: Perform a chi-squared test of diabetes vs male, with Fisher's Exact test and Barnard's Unconditional Exact test displayed.

STATA Code and Output

- * First create csv in Excel using "http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt" *
- * Read in the data *

import delimited "sample_folder/mri.csv"

* Perform chi-squared test * tabulate diabetes male, chi2 exact

diabetes		male 0	1	 -	Total
0	 -	343 26	313 53		656 79
Total	1	369	366	Ī	735

Pearson chi2(1) = 10.5877 Pr = 0.001Fisher's exact = 0.0011-sided Fisher's exact = 0.001

R Code and Output

```
#- Read in the data -#
 mri <- read.table("http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt", header=TRUE, quote="\"")</pre>
 attach(mri)
 #- create the table -#
 tabulate(diabetes, male, tests=c("fisher", "uWald", "uScore"))
 tabulate(diabetes, male, tests = c("fisher", "uWald", "uScore"))
             male.0 male.1 male.ALL
 diabetes.0
             343
                    313
                          656
 diabetes.1
              26
                    53
                           79
 diabetes.ALL 369
                    366
                          735
                                Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI p-value Warnings
 Chi-squared
                                               10.588
                                                            1
                                                                      0.0011384
                                                                      0.0012349
 Fisher's Exact Test
 Unconditional Exact Test (Wald)
                                               3.4384
                                                                       0.13524
                                                                       0.0052114
 Unconditional Exact Test (Score)
                                               3.2539
Example 6:
Data: mri Goal: Print stratified vs overall chi-squared test for stroke vs race by male, with row/-
column/total percentages calculated.
R Code and Output
#- Read in the data -#
mri <- read.table("http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt", header=TRUE, quote="\"")</pre>
attach(mri)
#- Create the stratified table -#
tabulate(stroke, race, male, stat="@count@ @row%@ @col%@ @tot%@")
tabulate(stroke, race, male, stat = "@count@ @row%@ @col%@ @tot%@")
 male.0:
          race.1
                                  race.2
                                                          race.3
                                                                                  race.4
          255 77.3% 89.2% 34.7% 50 15.2% 94.3%
                                                     6.8% 21 6.4% 80.8%
                                                                             2.9% 4 1.2% 100.0%
                                                                                                     0.5%
stroke.0
stroke.1
           13 86.7%
                      4.5%
                            1.8%
                                   0
                                       0.0%
                                              0.0%
                                                     0.0%
                                                           2 13.3%
                                                                      7.7%
                                                                             0.3%
                                                                                   0
                                                                                       0.0%
                                                                                             0.0%
                                                                                                     0.0%
                            2.4%
                                                          3 12.5% 11.5%
           18 75.0% 6.3%
                                                                                             0.0%
stroke.2
                                   3 12.5% 5.7%
                                                     0.4%
                                                                             0.4%
                                                                                   0
                                                                                       0.0%
                                                                                                     0.0%
stroke.ALL 286 77.5% 100.0% 38.9% 53 14.4% 100.0%
                                                     7.2% 26 7.0% 100.0%
                                                                             3.5%
                                                                                      1.1% 100.0%
                                                                                                     0.5%
          race.ALL
         330 100.0% 89.4% 44.9%
stroke.0
           15 100.0%
                      4.1%
           24 100.0% 6.5%
stroke.2
                            3.3%
stroke.ALL 369 100.0% 100.0% 50.2%
           Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI p-value Warnings
                         5.085
                                        6
                                                 0.53296
Chi-squared
 male.1:
          race.1
                                  race.2
                                                          race.3
                                                                                  race.4
          238 77.8% 83.2% 32.4% 43 14.1% 84.3%
                                                     5.9% 18 5.9% 85.7%
                                                                             2.4%
                                                                                  7
stroke.0
                                                                                       2.3% 87.5%
                                                                                                     1.0%
                            1.1% 1 11.1% 2.0%
5.4% 7 13.7% 13.7%
stroke.1
           8 88.9% 2.8%
                                                     0.1% 0
                                                                0.0%
                                                                     0.0%
                                                                             0.0%
                                                                                   0
                                                                                       0.0%
                                                                                             0.0%
                                                                                                     0.0%
           40 78.4% 14.0%
                                                     1.0%
                                                            3
                                                                5.9% 14.3%
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                             6.9%
stroke.ALL 366 100.0% 100.0% 49.8%
           Point Estimate Test Statistic df 95% CI p-value Warnings
                         0.94735
Chi-squared
                                                 0.98753
 male.ALL:
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race.3

race.4

race.2

race.1

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stroke.ALL 572 77.8% 100.0% 77.8% 104 14.1% 100.0% 14.1% 47 6.4% 100.0% 6.4% 12 1.6% 100.0% 1.6%
                   race.ALL

      stroke.0
      636 100.0%
      86.5%
      86.5%

      stroke.1
      24 100.0%
      3.3%
      3.3%

      stroke.2
      75 100.0%
      10.2%
      10.2%

stroke.ALL 735 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%
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Chi-squared
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  Overall:
                         Test Statistic df p-value
Chi-squared 9.1389 18 0.95644
#- Create the overall table -#
tabulate(stroke, race, male, stratified=FALSE, stat="@count@ @row%@ @col%@ @tot%@")
Call:
tabulate(stroke, race, male, stratified = FALSE, stat = "@count@ @row%@ @col%@ @tot%@")
  male.0:
                       race.1
                                                                               race.2
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                                                                                                                                                21 2.86% 2.86% 2.86%
stroke.0 255 34.7% 34.7% 34.7% 50 6.8% 6.8% 6.8%

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stroke.1
stroke.2
stroke.ALL 4 0.544% 0.544% 0.544% 369 50.2% 50.2% 50.2%
  male.1:
race.1 race.2 stroke.0 238 32.4% 32.4% 32.4% 43 5.85% 5.85% 5.85%
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stroke.1
stroke.2 1 0.136% 0.136% 0.136% 51 6.94% 6.94% 6.94% stroke.ALL 8 1.09% 1.09% 1.09% 366 49.8% 49.8% 49.8%
  male.ALL:
                     race.1
                                                                               race.2
                                                                                                                                             race.3
stroke.0 493 67.1% 67.1% 67.1% 93 12.7% 12.7% 12.7% 39 5.31% 5.31% 5.31%

      stroke.1
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      0.136%
      0.136%
      0.136%
      2
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      0.272%
      0.272%

      stroke.2
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      7.89%
      10
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      1.36%
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stroke.0
stroke.1
stroke.2
stroke.ALL 12 1.63% 1.63% 1.63% 735 100% 100% 100%
  Overall:
```

Test Statistic df p-value Chi-squared 9.1389 18 0.95644

Plots

9.1 Boxplots

Quick view of functions:

STATA R (base) R uwIntroStats

graph box boxplot() bplot()

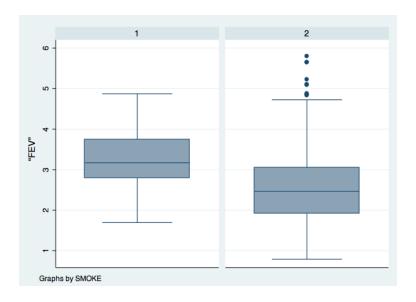
Boxplots can be quite controversial as a descriptive plot of the data. Firstly, the population quartiles are most often not the parameters of interest and so the box plot may not provide meaningful insight in answering a scientific question. The definition of an 'outlier" as defined by lying $1.5 \times$ the interquartile range away is indeed arbitrary; we don't have a good sense of what would be a better replacement. With that said, our new R function - bplot() - has many of the the normal capabilities of the default boxplot function (boxplot()), but it is straightforward to: 1) add jittered data to the plot and 2) overlay information about the sample mean and standard deviation. We use the FEV data set as an example.

STATA Code and Output

```
* Read in data set *
use "https://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dta"

* Box Plot *
graph box fev, by(smoke) ytitle(FEV)

* STATA Output: *
```



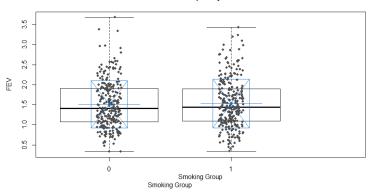
R Code and Output

```
#- Read in data set -#
fev <- read.table("http://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dat", sep="")
attach(fev)

#- Box Plot -#
bplot(y = FEV, x = SMOKE, xlab = "Smoking Group", ylab = "FEV")

#- R Output -#</pre>
```

Stratified Boxplot by: SMOKE



9.2 Histograms

Quick view of functions:

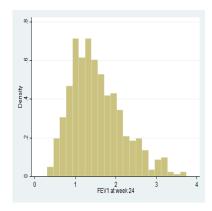
STATA R (base)

histogram hist()

The syntax for histograms is very similar between STATA and the base R package. However, in R, we must label the axes. Thus we use the ylab and xlab arguments to apply a y and x-axis label to the plot. The breaks command allows us to enter the number of bins we want displayed on the histogram.

STATA Code and Output

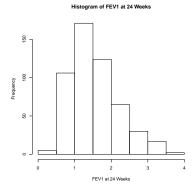
- * Read in data set * use "https://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dta"
- * Create a histogram * histogram Y1
- * STATA Output: *



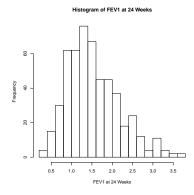
* Save the graph * graph export "test directory\example1.png"

R Code and Output

```
#- Read in data set -#
clin.trial <- read.table("http://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dat", sep="")
names(clin.trial) <- c("Y1", "Y0", "T")
attach(clin.trial)
#- Create a histogram -#
hist(Y1, ylab="Frequency", xlab="FEV1 at 24 Weeks", main="Histogram of FEV1 at 24 Weeks")
#- R Output -#</pre>
```



```
#- Save the graph -#
pdf(file="testdirectory/example1.pdf")
> hist(Y1, ylab="Frequency", xlab="FEV1 at 24 Weeks", main="Histogram of FEV1 at 24 Weeks")
> dev.off()
#- Version with 22 bins -#
hist(Y1, ylab="Frequency", xlab="FEV1 at 24 Weeks", main="Histogram of FEV1 at 24 Weeks", breaks=22)
```



```
#- Save the graph -#
pdf(file="testdirectory/example1.pdf")
hist(Y1, ylab="Frequency", xlab="FEV1 at 24 Weeks", main="Histogram of FEV1 at 24 Weeks", breaks=22)
dev.off()
```

9.3 Scatterplots

Quick view of functions:

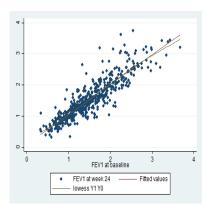
STATA R (base) R uwIntroStats

scatter plot() scatter()

The base R version of the scatterplot takes an x and a y variable (which must be of the same length) and plots the points as specified by these coordinates. If you wish to have least squares lines or other additions to the plot, you must use the abline() function. The STATA version of scatterplot and the R version (in our package) of scatterplot are very similar. The syntax in each is y-variable followed by x-variable, followed by any arguments. However, in our version there are some extra arguments that need to be added to the function call in order to get exactly what we want.

STATA Code and Output

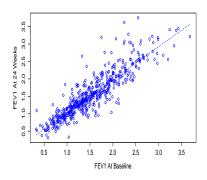
- * Read in data set * use "https://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dta"
- * Create a scatterplot with lowess curves and least squares fitted regression lines * scatter Y1 Y0 $\mid\mid$ lfit Y1 Y0 $\mid\mid$ lowess Y1 Y0
- * STATA Output: *



* Save the graph * graph export "test directory\example1.png"

R Code and Output

- #- Read in data set -#
 clin.trial <- read.table("http://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dat", sep="")
 names(clin.trial) <- c("Y1", "Y0", "T")
 attach(clin.trial)</pre>
- #- Create a scatterplot with lowess curves and least squares fitted regression lines -#
 scatter(Y1, Y0, ylab="FEV1 At 24 Weeks", xlab="FEV1 at Baseline")
- #- R Output -#



#- Save the graph -#
pdf(file="test directory\example1.pdf")
scatter(Y1, Y0, ylab="FEV1 At 24 Weeks", xlab="FEV1 at Baseline")
dev.off()

Correlations

Quick view of functions:

```
STATA R (base) R uwIntroStats

correlate cor() - correlation correlate()

cov() - covariance
```

In STATA, the command to compute a correlation matrix is **correlate**. In our package, the function called is **correlate()** and it follows much of the same syntax. The basic function takes in an arbitrary number of variables and returns the correlation matrix, calculating Pearson's correlation coefficient. Note that STATA will not display one of the diagonal elements since the two values are the same, while R does display it.

STATA Code and Output

```
##### ALL DATA
  ## Estimated Correlation Coefficients
    Y1:
           Y0:
    1.0000 0.8932
YO:
     0.8932 1.0000
```

Pairwise Correlations 10.1

The command to compute pairwise correlations in STATA is pwcorr. In R, using our package, you simply add the use="pairwise.complete.obs" argument in the correlate() function. If you are using the base R functions, the arguments are the same. If "pairwise.complete.obs" is entered, then the pairwise correlations are computed using all cases that are not missing data. In the examples presented below, there will be no difference between using pairwise correlation and standard correlation coefficients.

```
STATA Code and Output
* Read in data set *
use "https://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dta"
* Calculate the pairwise correlation matrix between Y1 and Y0 *
pwcorr Y1 Y0
* STATA Output: *
            -
         Y1 | 1.0000
         YO | 0.8932 1.0000
R Code and Output
#- Read in data set -#
clin.trial <- read.table("http://courses.washington.edu/b511/Data/FEV1ClinTrial.dat", sep="")</pre>
names(clin.trial) <- c("Y1", "Y0", "T")</pre>
attach(clin.trial)
#- Calculate the pairwise correlation matrix -#
```

Tabled correlation statistics by strata Call: correlate(Y1, Y0, use = "pairwise.complete.obs")

correlate(Y1, Y0, use="pairwise.complete.obs")

Method: Pearson Data : Pairwise Complete - NaN denotes strata with no observations - NA arises from missing data

ALL DATA

#- R Output -#

Estimated Correlation Coefficients

Y1: Y0: Y1: 1.0000 0.8932 Y0: 0.8932 1.0000

Cumulative Distribution Functions

Say we calculate a test statistic (z-score, t-statistic, chi-squared statistic) and want to find the p-value. Recall that for a p-value we want to find the probability of values at least as extreme as our value. Thus in STATA, if we have a z-score of 1, the correct command is display 1-normprob(1). In R, the function is 1-pnorm(1). Similar functions - p followed by the name of the distribution - can be found for many of the probability distributions.

STATA Code and Output

```
* Calculate the p-value for a z-score of 1 * display normprob(1) \,
```

* STATA Output: * .15865525

R Code and Output

```
#- Calculate the p-value -#
1-pnorm(1)
```

#- R Output -#
[1] 0.1586553

One-Sample Inference

12.1 The one-sample t-test

Quick view of functions:

STATA R (base) R uwIntroStats

ttest t.test() ttesti()

ttesti ttesti()

R has a default function called t.test which performs a one-sample t-test. The information printed by this default function is not presented in a way that is as clear as that provided by STATA. As part of our package, we provide a t-test function called ttest, which prints a summary comparable in style to that provided by STATA. We also have added on the capability to do tests on geometric means, and to stratify the analysis on given variables.

STATA also has an option to run an "immediate" t-test, given counts and the sample means and standard deviations. We have implemented a similar function in R. The command in STATA is ttesti, and our function is called ttesti().

As an example, we consider the WCGS data below and test the hypothesis that that the mean weight in the sampled population is equal to 169 lbs against the (two-sided) alternative that the mean weight is not equal to 169 lbs. STATA provides inference for each one-sided hypothesis. In R, the default is a two-sided test if none is specified by the user, but one may specify the test type with the argument test.type by providing either "less" or "greater" instead of "two-sided".

STATA Code and Output

```
Ho: mean = 169 degrees of freedom = 3153
```

```
#- Read in the data -#
setwd("~/Desktop")
WCGS <- read.csv("WCGS.csv")</pre>
#- Attaching the data -#
attach(WCGS)
#- Perform a one-sample t-test on weight -#
ttest(weight, null.hypoth = 169)
#- R Output -#
Call:
ttest(var1 = weight, null.hypoth = 169)
One-sample t-test :
Summary:
Variable Obs Missing Mean Std. Err. Std. Dev.
  weight 3154
                0 170 0.376 21.1 [169, 171]
Ho: mean = 169;
Ha: mean != 169
t = 2.539 , df = 3153
Pr(|T| > t) = 0.0111667
```

Two-Sample Inference

13.1 The two-sample t-test

Just as the ttest command in STATA is equipped to handle both one- and two-sample inference, the ttest (and t.test) function in R can be used for the two-sample t-test. By default, this function performs a t-test which allows for the possibility that the groups have unequal variances (provided it is not a matched-pairs test, for which that is not an option). This is different from the default in STATA which is to presume that the two groups have equal variances. We consider an example from the WCGS data set.

STATA Code and Output

```
* Read in the data * use ".../shoulder_wide.dta"
```

* Perform a two-sample t-test on SBP by dibpat * ttest sbp, by(dibpat) unequal

* STATA Output: *

Two-sample t test with unequal variances

			Std. Err.			-
B3,B4 A1,A2	1565 1589	127.4658 129.7823		14.42583 15.68942	126.7505 129.0102	128.1811 130.5543
combined	3154	128.6328	.269188	15.11773	128.105	129.1606
diff		-2.316438			-3.368466	-1.26441
	mean(B3,E	34) - mean(A1	,A2)			= -4.3173
Ha: dif: Pr(T < t) =		Pr(Ha: diff != T > t) =			iff > 0) = 1.0000

```
#- Read in the data -#
setwd("~/Desktop")
WCGS <- read.csv("WCGS.csv")</pre>
```

```
#- Attaching the data -#
attach(WCGS)
#- Perform a two- sample t-test on pain (matched) -#
ttest(sbp, by = dibpat)
#- R Output -#
Call:
ttest(var1 = sbp, by = dibpat)
Two-sample t-test allowing for unequal variances :
Summary:
  Group Obs Missing Mean Std. Err. Std. Dev. 95% CI
dibpat = A1,A2 1589 0 129.78 0.394 15.7 [129.01, 130.55]
   dibpat = B3,B4 1565
                            0 127.47
                                          0.365
                                                      14.4 [126.75, 128.18]
      Difference 3154
                           0 2.32 0.537
                                                      <NA>
                                                             [1.26, 3.37]
Ho: difference in means = 0 ;
Ha: difference in means != 0
t = 4.317 , df = 3137
Pr(|T| > t) = 1.62861e-05
```

Linear Regression

```
Quick view of functions:

STATA R (base) R uwIntroStats

regress lm() regress()
```

In both STATA and our regression function in R, the syntax is dependent variable (y) followed by independent variable (x). The correct STATA command is regress, while the function in R is regress() (or reg()). However, we must specify some of the arguments to regress() before we use it. First is the fnctl argument. This allows the user to specify the desired summary measure of the distribution - acceptable choices are "mean", "geometric mean", "odds", "rate", and "hazard". Next, the dependent variable is entered. Last, the independent variables are entered (in vector, matrix, or list of variables). If the reg() function is called, then no functional needs to be entered. It will perform regression on the mean by default.

Also, the regress() function relies on the sandwich package to compute robust standard errors (requested by default), so install and load it if you do not already have it loaded.

STATA Code and Output

```
* Read in the data *
import delimited "http://www.emersonstatistics.com/datasets/mri.txt", delimiters("whitespace", collapse)
* Edit the data if necessary *
* Perform the regression *
regress stroke race male
* STATA Output: *
     Source |
                                                 Number of obs =
                                                 F(2, 732) =
                                                                  4.23
                         2 1.61442156
      Model | 3.22884311
                                                            = 0.0150
                                                 Prob > F
                                                             = 0.0114
   Residual | 279.57932
                         732 .381938962
                                                 R-squared
                                                 Adj R-squared = 0.0087
      Total | 282.808163 734 .385297225
                                                 Root MSE
                                                                .61801
     stroke | Coef. Std. Err. t P>|t| [95% Conf. Interval]
      race | -.0014108 .0342548 -0.04 0.967
                                                 -.0686601
                                                  .0430442
                                                               .2220571
       male | .1325506 .0455919 2.91 0.004
      _cons | .1725898 .0554123
                                   3.11 0.002
                                                   .0638039
                                                               .2813758
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Naive SE	Robust SE	95%L	95%H	F stat	df	Pr(>F)
[1] Intercept	0.1726	0.05541	0.05248	0.06956	0.2756	10.81	1	0.0011
[2] race	-1.411e-03	0.03425	0.03484	-0.06981	0.06699	0.00	1	0.9677
[3] male	0.1326	0.04559	0.04565	0.04293	0.2222	8.43	1	0.0038

Residual standard error: 0.618 on 732 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.01142, Adjusted R-squared: 0.008716 F-statistic: 4.217 on 2 and 732 DF, p-value: 0.0151

Regression on Functionals other than the Mean

Quick view of functions:

STATA	R (base)	${ m R}$ uwIntroStats
regress	lm()	regress()

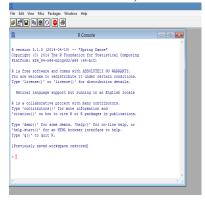
The functionals listed above are listed above regress on the functional listed in the name of the function. They produce similar output to those in the previous chapter.

Graphical User Interfaces

Often, it is more convenient to use a graphical user interface (GUI) rather than use R from the command line. STATA comes pre-loaded with a GUI, and R does too. Typing functions in the GUI is exactly the same as typing in the command line, but the GUI presents everything in a way that is easier to understand and follow. GUIs also provide buttons and tabs that do some useful tasks for the user.

16.1 The Basic R GUI

When you install R, it will usually ask to install a shortcut for R on your desktop. If you use the R application this way (or from the Start menu for Windows users or from the Applications folder for Macintosh users) the basic R GUI will open up. It looks something like this:



The tabs at the top all have fairly self explanatory functions, from creating and saving scripts to loading packages. The scripts and any plots that are generated appear in the grey space in the GUI window. The main console opens up and is titled "R Console".

16.2 RStudio

There are many other GUIs for R, but a very intuitive one is called RStudio. It can be downloaded from www.rstudio.com for free. Before you download RStudio, you must have a version of R downloaded already. You must tell RStudio when you are initially setting it up which version of R to look to. RStudio has all of the same functionality as the basic R GUI, but adds nice features such as the "Import Dataset" button which, given the path to a file on your computer or on the internet, downloads and formats the data for you.

Examples from Lectures

17.1 BIOST 511 (Taught by David Yanez, Autumn 2013)

17.1.1 Variance and Standard Deviation - Slide 51

```
Data: Two samples - 20, 23, 34, 26, 30, 22, 40, 38, 37 30, 29, 30, 31, 32, 30, 28, 30, 30
```

Goal: Obtain measures of spread (variance and standard deviation) and a stem and leaf plot.

STATA Code and Output

```
* Type in the data *
generate var1 = 20 in 1
replace var1 = 23 in 2
replace var1 = 34 in 3
replace var1 = 26 in 4
replace var1 = 30 in 5
replace var1 = 22 in 6
replace var1 = 40 in 7
replace var1 = 38 in 8
replace var1 = 37 in 9
generate var2 = 30 in 1
replace var2 = 29 in 2
replace var2 = 30 in 3
replace var2 = 31 in 4
replace var2 = 32 in 5
replace var2 = 30 in 6
replace var2 = 28 in 7
replace var2 = 30 in 8
replace var2 = 30 in 9
rename var1 sample1
rename var2 sample2
```

* Get the variance and standard deviation * summarize sample1, detail summarize sample2, detail

* STATA Output: *

sample1

	Percentiles	Smallest		
1	, 20	20		
5	6 20	22		
10	, 20	23	Obs	9
25	6 23	26	Sum of Wgt.	9

50%	30		Mean	30
		Largest	Std. Dev.	7.566373
75%	37	34		
90%	40	37	Variance	57.25
95%	40	38	Skewness	0
99%	40	40	Kurtosis	1.437587

sample2

	Percentiles	Smallest		
1%	28	28		
5%	28	29		
10%	28	30	Obs	9
25%	30	30	Sum of Wgt.	9
50%	30		Mean	30
		Largest	Std. Dev.	1.118034
75%	30	30		
90%	32	30	Variance	1.25
95%	32	31	Skewness	0
99%	32	32	Kurtosis	3.06

R Code and Output

```
#- Type in the data -#
sample1 <- c(20, 23, 34, 26, 30, 22, 40, 38, 37)
sample2 \leftarrow c(30, 29, 30, 31, 32, 30, 28, 30, 30)
#- Get variance and standard deviation -#
descrip(sample1)
#- sd is 4th column of matrix, variance is sd^2 -#
(descrip(sample1)[,4])^2
descrip(sample2)
(descrip(sample2)[,4])^2
#- R Output -#
                                                                           75%
           N
                                 Std Dev
                 Msng Mean
                                            Min
                                                       25%
                                                                 Mdn
                                                                                     Max
sample1:
                     0 30.00
                                   7.566
                                             20.00
                                                      23.000000
                                                                  30.00
                                                                            37.00
                                                                                       40.00
[1] 57.25
                                 Std Dev
                                                       25%
                                                                            75%
                 Msng Mean
                                            Min
                                                                 Mdn
                                                                                     Max
sample2:
                     0 30.00
                                   1.118
                                             28.00
                                                      30.000000
                                                                  30.00
                                                                            30.00
                                                                                      32.00
[1] 1.25
```

17.1.2 Calculating Quantiles and Percentiles - Slide 53

Data: ages, 20, 23, 34, 26, 30, 22, 40, 38, 37

Goal: Calculate 25th and 75th percentile

STATA Code and Output

```
* Type in the data *
generate var1 = 20 in 1
replace var1 = 23 in 2
replace var1 = 34 in 3
replace var1 = 26 in 4
replace var1 = 30 in 5
replace var1 = 22 in 6
replace var1 = 40 in 7
replace var1 = 38 in 8
replace var1 = 37 in 9
rename var1 age
```

* Get centiles *

centile age, centile(25 50 75)

* STATA Output: *

Variable	0bs	Percentile	Centile		Interp Interval]
age	9	25	22.5	20	32.45832*
ļ		50	30	22.07778	37.92222
1		75	37.5	27.54168	40*

R Code and Output

#- Read in the data -#
age <- c(20, 23, 34, 26, 30, 22, 40, 38, 37)</pre>

#- Get centiles (25, 50, 75) -# descrip(age)

#- R Output -#
N Msng Mean Std Dev Min 25% Mdn 75% Max
age: 9 0 30.00 7.566 20.00 23.000000 30.00 37.00 40.00

17.1.3 2x2 Table - Slide 110

Data: Pauling (1971) Vitamin C data

Goal: Determine if there is an association between treatment and disease.

STATA Code and Output

* Run case-control chi-squared test * cci 17 122 31 109

* STATA Output: *

	Exposed	Unexposed	l T	otal	Proportion Exposed	
Cases Controls	17 31	122 109		139 140	0.1223 0.2214	
Total	48	231	-+ 	279	0.1720	
	 Point 	estimate	 [95 -+	% Conf.	Interval]	
Odds ratio Prev. frac. ex. Prev. frac. pop	.51	399524 .00476 .29391		07003 55902	.9744098 .7592997	
•	+	chi2(1) =	4.81	Pr>chi	2 = 0.0283	

R Code and Output

#- Set data -#
vitaminC <- c(rep(1, 17), rep(0, 122))
placebo <- c(rep(1, 31), rep(0, 109))
#- Run case-control chi-squared -#
tabulate(vitaminC, placebo, dispRatios=TRUE)
#- R Output -#</pre>

17.1.4 Next Example

Data:

Goal:

STATA Code and Output

- * Type in the data *
- * STATA Output: *

R Code and Output

- #- Read in the data -#
- #- R Output -#

17.2 BIOST 514/517 (Taught by Katie Kerr, Autumn 2013)

Basic Summary Statistics - Lecture 04

STATA Command	Syntax	Description
describe	describe varlist	type of variable; value labels
inspect	inspect $varlist$	crude hist; msg; integer; counts sign
summarize	summarize varlist, format	non msg, mean, sd, min, max
summarize	summarize varlist, detail format	plus quantiles, skewness, kurtosis
means	means $varlist$	artith., geom., harm. means, nonmsg, CI
centile	centile $varlist$, $cen(x, y)$	table of requested quant., CI
tabstat	tabstat <i>varlist</i> , stat(n mean sd	table of relevant stats for var
	$\min p25 \mod p75 \max)$	
tabulate	tabulate var	frequency for variables

R Command	Syntax	Description
descrip	descrip $varlist$	descriptive statistics of the variables entered
		if requested, displays count of msng, mean, geom mean, sd, min, max, quantiles, CI, frequency

Procedures:

- 1. Dichotomizing data STATA
 - generate x = 0
 - replace x = 1 if $y \ge 5$
- 2. Dichotomizing data R
 - x <- ifelse(y \geq 5, 1, 0)

- 3. Computing the mode (discrete) STATA
 - ullet table var
 - Examine output for highest frequency
- 4. Computing the mode (discrete) R
 - table(var)
 - Examine output for highest frequency
- 5. Computing the mode (continuous) STATA
 - ullet kdensity var, g(x d)
- 6. Computing the mode (continuous) R
 - x <- density(var) plot(x)
 - Examine plot for highest frequency

17.3 Autumn 2014

More examples from lecture (BIOST 511 taught by Lurdes Inoue and BIOST 514/517 taught by Katie Kerr, Autumn 2014) can be found on www.emersonstatistics.com.