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Preface

This book contains R recipes for typical analyses done for medical research projects. The objectives of this book:

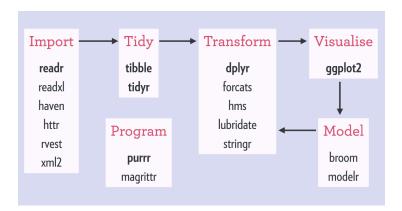
- Create Mock projects and analyze the data using R
- Give people code snippets that they can use for their own projects
- Show how the various packages and functions fit together
- Recommend key packages for summarizing data
- Provide links for further study
- Model best practices for coding
- Encourage the use of RStudio and R markdown

The assumption is that users will have some basic knowledge of R. Instead of re-creating introductory information or extended lists of options, we have chosen to provide one way of doing the analysis (with a perhaps a few more at the end of each scenario). Links are provided to other resources for more education.

0.1 Getting Started

- Although not required, we strongly encourage that users work through these examples using RStudio. RStudio is an integrated environment that includes an editor to write code, a console to execute code, a workspace to view objects in your session, a help window, and much more. Information on using RStudio can be found at https://moderndive.netlify.com/1-getting-started.html.
- Most of the functions used in this book are from base R or tidyverse packages (other packages will be described, when used, throughout this book). Direct links to packages used for each scenario are included at the end of the scenarios.
 - Tidyverse is a collection of packages designed to work together to solve data science problems. The figure below includes the stages of an analysis and the tidyverse packages developed for each stage.

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Core tidyverse packages can be loaded into your R session with library(tidyverse). The function tidyverse_packages() details what packages are in the tidyverse while the search() command shows what packages have been loaded. There are additional packages that are considered a part of the tidyverse that are not automatically loaded. Highlights of some of the key tidyverse packages are shown in the appendix.

```
> library(tidyverse) # load basic tidyverse packages
> search() # see what was loaded
 [1] ".GlobalEnv"
                                               "package:stringr"
                          "package:forcats"
 [4] "package:dplvr"
                          "package:purrr"
                                               "package:readr"
 [7] "package:tidyr"
                          "package:tibble"
                                               "package:ggplot2"
[10] "package:tidyverse"
                          "package:stats"
                                               "package:graphics"
                                               "package:datasets"
[13] "package:grDevices"
                          "package:utils"
[16] "package:methods"
                          "Autoloads"
                                               "package:base"
> tidyverse packages(include self = TRUE)
                                             # list all packages in tidyverse
 [1] "broom"
                                              "dbplyr"
                   "cli"
                                                            "dplyr"
                                "crayon"
 [6] "forcats"
                                "haven"
                                              "hms"
                                                            "httr"
                   "ggplot2"
[11] "jsonlite"
                   "lubridate"
                                "magrittr"
                                              "modelr"
                                                            "pillar"
                                "readxl"
[16]
    "purrr"
                   "readr"
                                              "reprex"
                                                            "rlang"
                                "stringr"
                                                            "tidyr"
[21] "rstudioapi" "rvest"
                                              "tibble"
[26] "xm12"
                   "tidyverse"
```

0.2 R markdown

R markdown (file extention .Rmd) is a simple way to integrate R output and text, then output as HTML, PDF, or Word. The syntax is pretty basic (e.g., a bulleted list is simply an astrix * followed by text). R markdown is much easier to compile and explore using RStudio, thought it can be run using R from a terminal window. There is a lot of documentation available on getting started with R Markdown including:

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- RStudio cheatsheets
- RStudio webinar archives

0.3 The Data

There are separate datasets used for each scenario. They are based on real data but certain variables are simulated or perturbed. Patient ID numbers have all been fabricated.

You can try the exercises out by first downloading the data to your home directory or read in the data from the Github page using the provided code. The exercises assume that you have the files in a subdirectory called "data" that is in the same directory as your programs.

0.4 Scenarios

Scenario 1: Getting Familiar with a New Project

- In this scenario, you are starting a new project and want to get familiar with the data. It covers:
 - Import Data
 - Explore Data + Identify and deal with strange values and duplicate observations + Generate summary statistics
 - Plot Data
 - Fit a simple model

Scenario 2: Modeling and Plotting with Cleaned Data

- In this scenario, you already cleaned your data but want to do more complex models and plots.
 - Deal with missing data
 - Plot Kaplan Meier & cumulative incidence curves
 - Run linear, logistic & Cox models

Scenario 3: Working with Multiple Observations per Subject

- In this scenario you will work with multiple observations per subject as is often found in longitudinal data.
 - Explore and clean baseline data
 - Using a cleaned version of the full dataset (up to 4 visits per subject),
 transform the data from 1 obs/subject to 1 obs/subject/visit.
 - Plot the data with separate lines for each subject
 - Fit linear models and linear mixed effects models

0.5 Finding help

There are several ways to find additional help.

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• Using the help function. These are to remind the user of the argument names, but are not extensive.

```
help(foo)  # brief help/syntax about function foo

?foo  # same thing

example(foo)  # show an example of function foo

apropos("foo")  # list all functions containing the string "foo"
```

• Vignettes. These generally provide more detailed examples if they are available.

Or search the web for "R vignette foo"

- Try one these sites
 - Quick-R
 - stack overflow
 - Statistical tools for high-throughput data analysis (STHDA)
 - Use package cheat sheets
 - RStudio Online Learning
- Google tips
 - Use key "R" words like ggplot: ggplot add horizontal line
 - Check the date of the posting, especially for code relating to the tidyverse. It is still relatively new and the coding has changed over time.

0.6 Disclosure

The solutions presented here are one way to do things (usually the "easy" way), and there was a lot of discussion about which was the "easy" way. Alternative solutions are presented in the appendix.

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Chapter 1

Scenario 1: Getting Familiar with a New Project

You're handed a new project to work on and the abstract deadline is next week. You need to get something out the door soon!

1.1 Your Mission

Import Data

• Read in the example dataset dat1.sas7bdat. What variables are in the data? Are they character, numeric, Date, or factor?

Explore Data

- Take a closer look at the data using basic summary statistics. Do you notice any strange values? If so, fix them. Are there any duplicate observations? If so, see whether you can delete any of them.
- Summarize age, gender, bmi, etc. by the treatment variable using parametric statistics. Do the summary statistics make sense for each variable? If not, modify the variables so that the default summaries are appropriate.
- Change the label for the variable age. Now change the table summary statistics to be non-parametric.
- How many people have the combinations of ps, sex, and treatment arm?
- Create a formula from a list of variables that can used in tableby (hint: try formulize)

Plot Data

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- Create a boxplot of bmi. Now create the boxplots stratified by the treatment arm. Modify the axis labels and add a title to your plot.
- Create a scatterplot of age versus another continuous variable. Now create the plot with separate colors for one of the group variables. Now make two scatterplots of age versus bmi with different colors indicating treatment.
- Create these same scatterplots, side-by-side, separately for males and females. How would you add a regression line to these plots? How about smoothers?

Basic Modeling

• Run a simple linear regression model predicting bmi with a covariate that is coded as 1/2. Now re-do it with the covariate coded as a factor. Did the answer change?

Data Import, revisited

• Read the data in from Excel and compare it with the version that came from SAS. What is different?

1.2 Implementation

1.2.1 Import Data

- Read in the example dataset dat1.sas7bdat.
- What variables are in the data? Are they character, numeric, Date, or factor?

When reading in SAS data you can use the read_sas() function that is found in the haven package. To make a package available simply use the library() function with the non-quoted name of the package. The read_sas() function works for the majority of SAS datasets. Other options are found at the end of this document in the rare situations where you need to use a different tool.

```
> # Before doing any work, you are strongly encouraged to set this option in each
> # of your programs (default for later versions of R)
> options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
>
> # various functions from the tidyverse package are used. You can safely ignore
> # the messages regarding conflicts for now
> library(tidyverse)
> # use the read_sas function found in the haven package
> library(haven)
> # the knitr package includes the kable function for simple nice tables
> library(knitr)
>
> # link to data on GitHub page if not already downloaded
> if (!file.exists("data/dat1.sas7bdat")) {
```

```
+ urlfile <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/bethatkinson/R_project_recipes/data/dat1.sas7
+ if (!dir.exists("data"))
+ dir.create("data")
+ download.file(urlfile, destfile = "data/dat1.sas7bdat")
+ }
> dat1 <- read_sas("data/dat1.sas7bdat")</pre>
```

Once we successfully import data into the current R session we should explore it a little bit. The names() function is a good first step as it displays all the column names of the data, and you can quickly check to see if your import went as expected.

• names() returns a character vector

To understand how many observations are in your data, we can use nrow() function. Similarly, we can also print the number of columns with ncol(). The function dim() returns both the number of rows and columns at once.

- nrow() and ncol() return integers
- dim() returns a vector (rows, columns)

```
> # how many rows and columns are in the dataset?
> nrow(dat1)
[1] 890
> ncol(dat1)
[1] 15
> dim(dat1)
[1] 890 15
```

Another really useful function to use to explore data is the str() or "structure" function. When we run it, we can see all of the column names like the names() function, but now we also see the type of each column as well as any attributes that a column has. The read_sas() function reads in the format and label metadata used in SAS datasets as R object attributes. It is worth noting that the str() function works on most R objects, not just data.frames.

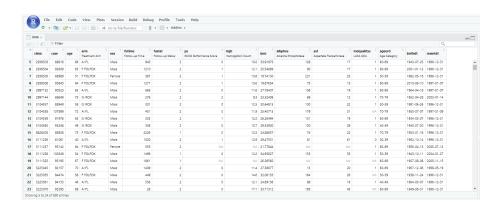
```
: chr [1:890] "F FOLFOX" "F FOLFOX" "F FOLFOX" "G IROX" ...
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "Treatment Arm"
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "$"
           : chr [1:890] "Male" "Female" "Female" "Female" ...
$ sex
..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "$"
           : num [1:890] 799 97 105 878 31 ...
$ futime
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "Follow-up Time"
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "BEST"
           : num [1:890] 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 ...
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "Follow-up Status"
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "STATF"
           : num [1:890] 0 1 1 0 2 NA 1 1 1 NA ...
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "ECOG Performance Score"
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "BEST"
            : num [1:890] 11.2 12.6 12.5 10.9 9.1 NA 10.5 10.8 13.4 NA ...
$ hgb
 ..- attr(*, "label") = chr "Hemoglobin Count"
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "BEST"
            : num [1:890] NA ...
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "BEST"
          : num [1:890] 102 272 169 247 304 NA 196 252 69 NA ...
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "Alkaline Phosphotase"
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "BEST"
           : num [1:890] 7 62 23 23 115 NA 39 77 13 NA ...
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "Aspartate Transaminase"
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "BEST"
$ mdqualitys: num [1:890] NA 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 NA 0 ...
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "LASA QOL"
 ..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "QOLF"
           : chr [1:890] "50-59" "60-69" "70-79" "50-59" ...
$ ageord
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "Age Category"
..- attr(*, "format.sas")= chr "$"
          : Date[1:890], format: "2007-03-01" "1850-01-01" ...
$ birthdt
$ resintdt : Date[1:890], format: "1997-01-01" "1997-01-01" ...
- attr(*, "label")= chr "DAT1
```

The function str() is what you get when you select the blue triangle next to the data name in the "Environment" panel on the right hand side of RStudio. The fact that Rstudio integrated str() into their IDE (Integrated development environment) really illustrates how useful they think it is.



The Rstudio IDE has a ton of really useful features that makes programming in R easier. Using the View() function within Rstudio will cause a new tab to open in the source panel with a view of your data. Hovering over the name of a column will cause the type of column to display. Any label attributes will be displayed in the view, and all columns in the view can be sorted.

> View(dat1)



Here is some simple code that prints out the variable names and their classes using the functions sapply() and class(). sapply is a function that looks at each element within a list (here, each variable) and runs the specified function (here, class()). Results are returned as a vector. Then, the knitr package includes the kable function which makes pretty default tables, especially for reports. In the output below, the class() function is returning the class of each variable. Typical R classes for variables in a dataset include: character, numeric, integer, Date, logical, factor. More information on classes and data types can be found in Hadley Wickham's book Advanced R.

```
> library(knitr)
> kable(data.frame(Type = sapply(X = dat1, FUN = class)))
```

	Type
id	numeric
age	numeric
arm	character
sex	character
futime	numeric
fustat	numeric
ps	numeric
hgb	numeric
bmi	numeric
alkphos	numeric
ast	numeric
mdqualitys	numeric
ageord	character
birthdt	Date
resintdt	Date

Other options to this exercise can be found at the end of this document.

1.2.2 Data Exploring

• Take a closer look at the data using basic summary statistics. Do you notice any strange values? If so, fix them.

There are a number of different tools that are available to explore a new dataset. The package summarytools includes the function dfSummary() which provides basic summaries of all of the variables in a dataset. When the summary is written directly to a file, it also provides nice graphical summaries of each variable.

1.2.3 Data Frame Summary

1.2.3.1 dat1

Dimensions: 890 x 15

Duplicates: 0

No	Variable Label	Stats / Values	Freqs (% of Valid)	Valid	Missing
1	id [numeric]	Mean (sd): 91495.3 (5017.7) min < med < max: 76170 < 91912.5 < 112263 IQR (CV): 4245 (0.1)	889 distinct values	890 (100%)	0 (0%)
2	age [numeric]	Mean (sd): 60.2 (11.3) min < med < max: 27 < 61 < 88 IQR (CV): 16 (0.2)	59 distinct values	890 (100%)	0 (0%)
3	arm Treatment [character]Arm	1. Á IFL 2. F FOLFOX 3. G IROX	303 (34.0%) 299 (33.6%) 288 (32.4%)	890 (100%)	0 (0%)
4	sex [character]	 1. 2 2. F 3. Female 4. Male 	2 (0.2%) 2 (0.2%) 347 (39.0%) 539 (60.6%)	890 (100%)	0 (0%)
5	futime Follow-up [numeric] Time	Mean (sd): 635.3 (487.8) min < med < max: 9 < 516.5 < 2472 IQR (CV): 546.2 (0.8)	666 distinct values	890 (100%)	0 (0%)
6	fustat Follow-up [numeric] Status	Min: 1 Mean: 1.9 Max: 2	1:68 (7.6%) 2:822 (92.4%)	890 (100%)	0 (0%)

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— No	Variable	Label	Stats / Values	Freqs (% of Valid)	Valid	Missing
7	ps [numeric]	ECOG Performance Score	Mean (sd): 0.5 (0.6) min < med < max: 0 < 0 < 2 IQR (CV): 1 (1.1)	0: 403 (52.3%) 1: 324 (42.1%) 2: 43 (5.6%)	770 (86.52%	120)(13.48%)
8	hgb [numeric]	Hemoglobin Count	Mean (sd): 12.4 (1.7) min < med < max: 9 < 12.2 < 18.2 IQR (CV): 2.5 (0.1)	84 distinct values	770 (86.52%	120 (13.48%)
9	bmi [numeric]		Mean (sd): 27.1 (5.6) min < med < max: 3.1 < 26.3 < 60.2 IQR (CV): 6.3 (0.2)	828 distinct values	871 (97.87%	19 (2.13%)
10	alkphos [numeric]	Alkaline Phosphotase	Mean (sd): 173.8 (135.7) min < med < max: 7 < 125 < 1014 IQR (CV): 126.8 (0.8)	307 distinct values	770 (86.52%	120 (13.48%)
11	ast [numeric]	Aspartate Transaminase	Mean (sd): 36.5 (27.1) min < med < max: 7 < 27 < 205 IQR (CV): 22.8	114 distinct values	770 (86.52%	120 (13.48%)
12	mdqualit [numeric]	yŁASA QOL	(0.7) Min: 0 Mean: 0.9 Max: 1	0:85 (10.7%) 1:707 (89.3%)	792 (88.99%	98 (11.01%)

No	Variable	Label	Stats / Values	Freqs (% of Valid)	Valid	Missing
13	ageord [characte	Age Category r]	1. 20-29 2. 30-39 3. 40-49 4. 50-59 5. 60-69 6. 70-79 7. 80-89	12 (1.4%) 40 (4.5%) 117 (13.2%) 256 (28.8%) 288 (32.4%) 162 (18.2%) 15 (1.7%)	890 (100%)	0 (0%)
14	birthdt [Date]		min: 1850-01-01 med: 1966-09-22 max: 2015-04-06 range: 165y 3m	638 distinct values	890 (100%)	0 (0%)
15	resintdt [Date]		min: 1996-12-31 med: 1997-01-01 max: 2014-02-19 range: 17y 1m 19d	50 distinct values	812 (91.24%	78 5)(8.76%)

```
> # Save the results to an external file (includes plots!)
> print(dfSummary(dat1), file = "dat1.html")
Warning in png(png_loc <- tempfile(fileext = ".png"), width = 150 *</pre>
graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''
Warning in png(png_loc <- tempfile(fileext = ".png"), width = 150 *</pre>
graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''
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graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''
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graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''
Warning in png(png loc <- tempfile(fileext = ".png"), width = 150 *
graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''
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graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''

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graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''

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graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''

Warning in png(png_loc <- tempfile(fileext = ".png"), width = 150 *
graph.magnif, : unable to open connection to X11 display ''

Switching method to 'browser'
Output file written: /home/atkinson/education/R project_recipes/dat1.html</pre>
```

See the external file version.

Another option is to use the tableby() function that is available in the Mayo package arsenal. Tableby is a fantastic function for quick summaries for data exploration or reporting "table 1" describing the cohort. This function allows you to summarize the data stratified by some "by" variable or overall without any stratification. The code ~ sex + arm + age + bmi is a formula. If you wanted to stratify by a variable you would list the stratification variable on the left hand side of the ~. The tableby function does all the calculations, but it doesn't create the information in a nice format. The summary() function pulls everything together into a nice table. Note that when you type summary here you are actually using summary.tableby(). This is important when looking for help with summarizing the tableby output.

If you want to look at the summary in your console window, you might want to use summary(tab1, text=T). In order for the table to look nice within an R markdown (knitr) report, you just need to specify results="asis" when creating the r chunk. This changes the layout slightly (compresses it) and bolds the variable names.

```
> library(arsenal)
> tab1 <- tableby(~sex + arm + age + bmi, data = dat1)
> class(tab1)

[1] "tableby" "arsenal_table"
> summary(tab1, title = "Baseline and patient characteristics")
```

Table 1.2: Baseline and patient characteristics

	Overall (N=890)
sex	
2	2(0.2%)
\mathbf{F}	2(0.2%)
Female	347 (39.0%)
Male	539 (60.6%)
Treatment Arm	
A IFL	303 (34.0%)
F FOLFOX	299 (33.6%)
G IROX	288 (32.4%)
age	
Mean (SD)	60.152 (11.342)
Range	27.000 - 88.000
bmi	
N-Miss	19
Mean (SD)	27.106 (5.620)
Range	3.060 - 60.243

If you want to examine every variable in dat you can use the shortcut ..

```
> tab1 <- tableby(~., data = dat1)</pre>
```

Based on these summaries, it appears that sex was not coded correctly and needs to be fixed. Our investigator confirms that 2 is supposed to be female. To correct this, we will pull out all the values in the variable sex within the dat1 dataset that are equal to 2 or F (dat1\$sex[dat1\$sex %in% c('2','F')]) and assign those values to be equal to "Female" (<- 'Female').

```
> table(dat1$sex)

2    F Female Male
2    2    347    539
>
> # For those observations that are 2 or F, change them to Female
> dat1$sex[dat1$sex %in% c("2", "F")] <- "Female"
> table(dat1$sex)
Female Male
351    539
```

One of the tricky functions in R for SAS programmers is the ifelse() function which differs from if() {} else {}. Suppose that you believe that all observations over a certain cutoff are errors and you want to set them equal to missing.

The code below uses ifelse. The first argument creates a logical True/False variable. For those observations where the "test" is TRUE, use the value in the "yes" field and for those observations where the "test" is FALSE, use the value in the "no" field.

```
> ast <- dat1$ast
> summary(ast)
   Min. 1st Qu. Median
                          Mean 3rd Qu.
                                          Max.
                                                  NA's
                         36.46
                                  42.75
         20.00
                27.00
                                       205.00
                                                   120
> ast2 <- ifelse(test = ast > 45, yes = NA, no = ast)
> summary(ast2)
   Min. 1st Qu.
                Median
                          Mean 3rd Qu.
                                          Max.
                                                  NA's
                                 31.00
  7.00 19.00
                24.00
                         25.21
                                          45.00
                                                   286
```

If instead I was creating a loop and I had one logical value, then I would do something like the following using if() else().

```
> group <- "A IFL"
>
> if (group == "A IFL") {
+    summary(ast)
+ } else {
+    summary(ast2)
+ }

Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's
7.00 20.00 27.00 36.46 42.75 205.00 120
```

An alternative to ifelse is the case_when() function in the dplyr package. It is particularly useful when you have multiple nested "ifelse" statements. For instance, this is another alternative for fixing the code for sex.

```
> dat1$sex <- case_when(dat1$sex == 2 ~ "Female", dat1$sex == "F" ~ "Female", TRUE ~
+ dat1$sex)</pre>
```

• Oops, there is a duplicate observation in the data. Confirm the data is the same for all the variables and remove one of the duplicates.

Mistakes in data entry occur all the time. It is wise to check for duplicate records and/or more than one record per unique patient. There are a few different tools that can be used to check for duplicate observations including the functions duplicated() and dplyr::distinct().

```
> # count how many times each id appears in dat1
> table(table(dat1$id))

1  2
888  1
>
```

```
> # This next line of code first identifies which ids are duplicated:
> # 'duplicated(dat1$id)' Then, it selects those ids from 'dat1$id' and returns
> # only one instance of each duplicated ids using 'unique()'.
>
> tmp <- unique(dat1$id[duplicated(dat1$id)])
>
> # which rows have a duplicate?
> dup.rows <- which(dat1$id %in% tmp)
>
> # show a portion of the data with the duplicates - which version do you keep?
> # the kable function is available in the knitr package
> kable(dat1[dup.rows, c("id", "age", "arm", "sex", "bmi")])
```

id	age	arm	sex	bmi
101106	79	F FOLFOX	Female	3.059935
101106	79	F FOLFOX	Female	30.599346

This same code can be run using the following dplyr commands. It also illustrates the use of "piping", which is what the 3 character string %>% is called. Basically, it allows you to combine a bunch of commands together without having to save out temporary datasets. The filter command keeps only those observations where the condition is true. The select function keeps only certain variables.

```
> # Using dplyr code this would be
> dat1 %% filter(id %in% tmp) %>% select(id, age, arm, sex, bmi) %>% kable()
```

id	age	arm	sex	bmi
101106	79	F FOLFOX	Female	3.059935
101106	79	F FOLFOX	Female	30.599346

Now check to see if the observations are a complete duplicate or not.

[1] 890 15

• Summarize age, gender, bmi, ... by the treatment variable using parametric statistics

Again, this is an instance where tableby produces a nice table. Here the variable arm is listed on the left-hand side of the formula. The option pfootnote=TRUE indicates that the summary table should show a footnote indicating what test was run.

	A IFL	F FOLFOX	G IROX	р
	(N=303)	(N=299)	(N=288)	value
age				0.585^{1}
Mean (SD)	59.696 (11.365)	60.652 (11.422)	60.111 (11.253)	
Range	27.000 - 88.000	27.000 - 88.000	28.000 - 84.000	
sex				0.175^{2}
Female	107 (35.3%)	127 (42.5%)	117 (40.6%)	
Male	196 (64.7%)	172(57.5%)	171(59.4%)	
ECOG	, ,	,	,	0.781^{1}
Performance				
Score				
N-Miss	45	39	36	
Mean (SD)	0.512(0.600)	0.538 (0.598)	0.548 (0.607)	
Range	0.000 - 2.000	0.000 - 2.000	0.000 - 2.000	
bmi				0.745^{1}
N-Miss	6	9	4	
Mean (SD)	27.278 (5.493)	27.112 (5.499)	26.920 (5.883)	
Range	14.053 - 53.008	3.060 - 49.130	16.071 - 60.243	
Alkaline				0.707^{1}
Phosphotase				
N-Miss	45	39	36	
Mean (SD)	170.612	171.377	179.663	
	(124.842)	(133.671)	(148.110)	
Range	13.000 -	18.000 -	7.000 - 982.000	
	858.000	1014.000		
LASA QOL				0.937^{1}
N-Miss	31	35	32	
Mean (SD)	0.890(0.314)	0.890(0.313)	0.898(0.303)	
Range	0.000 - 1.000	0.000 - 1.000	0.000 - 1.000	
Age Category				0.994^{2}
20-29	3(1.0%)	4(1.3%)	5 (1.7%)	
30-39	15(5.0%)	12(4.0%)	13(4.5%)	

	A IFL	F FOLFOX	G IROX	p
	(N=303)	(N=299)	(N=288)	value
40-49	46 (15.2%)	36 (12.0%)	35 (12.2%)	
50-59	85 (28.1%)	89 (29.8%)	82 (28.5%)	
60-69	98 (32.3%)	96 (32.1%)	94 (32.6%)	
70-79	52 (17.2%)	56 (18.7%)	54 (18.8%)	
80-89	4 (1.3%)	6 (2.0%)	5 (1.7%)	
$\mathbf{birthdt}$, ,	, ,	, ,	0.653^{3}
Median	1966-10-09	1969-01-01	1964-10-02	
Range	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	
	2015-04-06	2013-11-03	2014-01-01	

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- Do the summary statistics make sense for each variable? If not, modify them so that the default summaries fit the data.

These are the variables that are not creating the correct summaries

- LASA QOL (mdqualitys)
 - Range of values from 0-1
- ECOG Performance Score (ps)
 - Range of values from 0 2
 - 0 = Asymptomatic, 1 = Symptomatic but ambulatory, 2 = Symptomatic, $<\!50\%$ in bed during the day
- Age group (ageord)
 - Age groups, character strings (20-29, ... 80-89)

The variables mdqualitys and ps should not be treated as numeric values and summaries for ageord should recognize that 20-29 is less than 30-39 (hence the use of the "ordered" function instead of "factor").

· Change the label for the variables age and bmi

When reading data in from SAS, variable labels are retained and stored in the attribute of the variable. Usually in R, when a data.frame is subsetted these labels disappear. Therefore it is useful to keep a separate object storing the variables and their labels. If you have attached the package arsenal we have modified this behavior so labels do not disappear.

You can assign columns metadata, like a label, that describes them using attributes. If you want to modify/add a specific label, there are a couple of ways to do that. The function tableby will look for label attributes and will automatically use them in the summaries. Another way to modify/add is using the attr() function.

```
> # The labels() function in arsenal shows all labels of a data frame
> labels(dat2)$bmi

NULL
> labels(dat2)$bmi <- "Body Mass Index"
>
> # Modify the actual attribute for the variable
> attr(dat2$age, "label")

NULL
> attr(dat2$age, "label") <- "Age at baseline"</pre>
```

More information about labels can be found in the arsenal vignette on that topic.

 Now change the summary statistics to be non-parametric in the table.

Using the function tableby.control() you can define which summary statistics and tests you want to appear for each type of variable (look at the help page of tableby.control, try ?tableby.control for more details).

```
> # change summary statistics to be non-parametric by using numeric.stats in
> # tableby.control also, revise the number of decimal places, remove chi-squared
> # correction create a tableby.control object to use later
> mycontrol <- tableby.control(numeric.stats = c("Nmiss", "medianq1q3"), digits = 1,
+ chisq.correct = FALSE)
> tab2 <- tableby(arm ~ age + sex + ps + bmi + alkphos + mdqualitys + ageord + birthdt
+ data = dat2, control = mycontrol)
> summary(tab2, pfootnote = TRUE)
```

	A IFL (N=303)	F FOLFOX (N=299)	G IROX (N=288)	Total (N=890)	p value
Age at	, ,	, ,	, ,		0.585^{1}
baseline					0.000
Median (Q1,	61.0 (53.0,	61.0 (52.5,	61.0 (53.0,	61.0 (53.0,	
Q3)	68.0)	69.0)	68.2)	69.0)	
sex	3313)	3313)	00)	3313)	0.175^{2}
Female	107 (35.3%)	127 (42.5%)	117 (40.6%)	351 (39.4%)	
Male	196 (64.7%)	172 (57.5%)	171 (59.4%)	539 (60.6%)	
ps	(' ' ' ' ' '	()	()	(' ' ' ' ' '	0.780^{3}
N-Miss	45	39	36	120	
0	140 (54.3%)	134 (51.5%)	129 (51.2%)	403 (52.3%)	
1	104 (40.3%)	112 (43.1%)	108 (42.9%)	324 (42.1%)	
2	14 (5.4%)	14 (5.4%)	15 (6.0%)	43 (5.6%)	
Body Mass					0.745^{1}
Index					
N-Miss	6	9	4	19	
Median (Q1,	26.3 (23.6,	26.5 (23.7,	25.8 (23.0,	26.3 (23.5,	
Q3)	30.1)	29.7)	29.2)	29.8)	
Alkaline					0.707^{1}
Phosphotase					
N-Miss	45	39	36	120	
Median (Q1,	128.0 (83.2,	122.0 (87.8,	122.0 (87.8,	125.0 (86.0,	
Q3)	212.8)	207.5)	219.8)	212.8)	
${f mdqualitys}$					0.936^{2}
N-Miss	31	35	32	98	
Deficient	$30 \ (11.0\%)$	29 (11.0%)	$26 \ (10.2\%)$	$85 \ (10.7\%)$	
Not Deficient	242 (89.0%)	235~(89.0%)	230~(89.8%)	707~(89.3%)	
ageord					0.637^3
20-29	3(1.0%)	4 (1.3%)	5~(1.7%)	$12 \ (1.3\%)$	
30-39	15 (5.0%)	12 (4.0%)	13~(4.5%)	$40 \ (4.5\%)$	
40-49	$46 \ (15.2\%)$	$36 \ (12.0\%)$	$35 \ (12.2\%)$	$117 \ (13.1\%)$	
50-59	85 (28.1%)	89 (29.8%)	$82\ (28.5\%)$	256 (28.8%)	
60-69	98 (32.3%)	96 (32.1%)	94 (32.6%)	288 (32.4%)	
70-79	52 (17.2%)	56 (18.7%)	54 (18.8%)	162 (18.2%)	
80-89	4 (1.3%)	6 (2.0%)	5 (1.7%)	$15 \ (1.7\%)$	
birthdt	4000 :				0.653^{4}
Median	1966-10-09	1969-01-01	1964-10-02	1966-09-22	
Range	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	
	2015-04-06	2013-11-03	2014-01-01	2015-04-06	

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We can see that Age Group, ECOG Performance Score, and LASA QOL are now summarized appropriately and the default tests have changed for these variables. Also, the labels for BMI and age have changed.

Another way to add labels is to use the labelTranslations option within summary.tableby(). Here this example assumes that you have a list describing the variable labels (see the example at the end of the document for details on how to create the vlabels list).

```
> # Use labelTranslations to add labels, ignore warning
> summary(tab2, labelTranslations = vlabels, pfootnote)
```

• Run the table separately for males only (subsetting on the fly instead of creating separate datasets). In your report, add some text describing how many males and how many females you have.

```
> tab2_males <- tableby(arm ~ age + ps + bmi + alkphos + mdqualitys + ageord + birthdt
+ data = dat2, control = mycontrol, subset = sex == "Male")
> summary(tab2_males, pfootnote = TRUE, title = "Males only")
```

Table 1.5: Males only

	A IFL	F FOLFOX	G IROX	Total	p
	(N=196)	(N=172)	(N=171)	(N=539)	value
Age at					0.717^{1}
baseline					
Median (Q1,	61.0 (53.8,	61.0 (53.0,	62.0 (53.5,	61.0 (53.0,	
Q3)	68.0)	69.0)	69.5)	69.0)	
\mathbf{ps}					0.508^{2}
N-Miss	32	16	24	72	
0	94 (57.3%)	80 (51.3%)	79 (53.7%)	253~(54.2%)	
1	64 (39.0%)	68 (43.6%)	61~(41.5%)	193 (41.3%)	
2	6 (3.7%)	8 (5.1%)	7(4.8%)	21~(4.5%)	
Body Mass					0.872^{1}
Index					
N-Miss	4	5	3	12	
Median $(Q1,$	26.8 (24.3,	26.7 (24.1,	26.3 (24.0,	26.5 (24.1,	
Q3)	30.0)	30.0)	29.2)	29.9)	
Alkaline					0.763^{1}
Phosphotase					
N-Miss	32	16	24	72	
Median $(Q1,$	125.0 (82.0,	123.5 (89.0,	111.0 (87.0,	122.0 (86.0,	
Q3)	205.2)	195.2)	196.5)	199.5)	
mdqualitys					0.861^{3}
N-Miss	17	19	19	55	
Deficient	$21\ (11.7\%)$	17 (11.1%)	15~(9.9%)	53 (11.0%)	
Not Deficient	158 (88.3%)	136 (88.9%)	137 (90.1%)	431 (89.0%)	

	A IFL	F FOLFOX	G IROX	Total	<u>р</u>
	(N=196)	(N=172)	(N=171)	(N=539)	value
ageord					0.602^{2}
20-29	2(1.0%)	2(1.2%)	1~(0.6%)	5~(0.9%)	
30-39	8 (4.1%)	7(4.1%)	8(4.7%)	$23 \ (4.3\%)$	
40-49	29 (14.8%)	25~(14.5%)	$20\ (11.7\%)$	74 (13.7%)	
50-59	58 (29.6%)	48~(27.9%)	49~(28.7%)	155 (28.8%)	
60-69	63 (32.1%)	56 (32.6%)	54 (31.6%)	173 (32.1%)	
70-79	33 (16.8%)	29 (16.9%)	35~(20.5%)	97 (18.0%)	
80-89	3(1.5%)	5 (2.9%)	4(2.3%)	12(2.2%)	
birthdt					0.042^4
Median	1969-01-01	1972 - 02 - 07	1965-01-01	1969-01-01	
Range	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	
	2015-04-06	2013-11-03	2014-01-01	2015-04-06	

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The study sample consists of 890 observations, of which 539 are men and 351 are women.

• How many people have the combinations of ps, sex, and treatment arm?

The freqlist() function, also available in the arsenal package, provides summaries similar to what you might get with proc freq; table a*b*c / list in SAS. The sparse option shows all combinations.

> summary(freqlist(~ps + sex + arm, data = dat2, sparse = TRUE))

ps	sex	Treatment Arm	Freq	Cumulative Freq	Percent	Cumulative Percent
0	Female	A IFL	46	46	5.17	5.17
		F FOLFOX	54	100	6.07	11.24
		G IROX	50	150	5.62	16.85
	Male	A IFL	94	244	10.56	27.42
		F FOLFOX	80	324	8.99	36.40
		G IROX	79	403	8.88	45.28
1	Female	A IFL	40	443	4.49	49.78
		F FOLFOX	44	487	4.94	54.72
		G IROX	47	534	5.28	60.00

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ps	sex	Treatment Arm	Freq	Cumulative Freq	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Male	A IFL	64	598	7.19	67.19
		F FOLFOX	68	666	7.64	74.83
		G IROX	61	727	6.85	81.69
2	Female	A IFL	8	735	0.90	82.58
		F FOLFOX	6	741	0.67	83.26
		G IROX	8	749	0.90	84.16
	Male	A IFL	6	755	0.67	84.83
		F FOLFOX	8	763	0.90	85.73
		G IROX	7	770	0.79	86.52
NA	Female	A IFL	13	783	1.46	87.98
		F FOLFOX	23	806	2.58	90.56
		G IROX	12	818	1.35	91.91
	Male	A IFL	32	850	3.60	95.51
		F FOLFOX	16	866	1.80	97.30
		G IROX	24	890	2.70	100.00

Many times we are interested in the frequency of certain combinations of variables. The code below illustrates the power of the <code>group_by()</code> and <code>count()</code> available in the <code>dplyr</code> package. This is a handy way to do several commands together. In this example, the code reads as:

- use the dataset dat2
- stratify the data by a combination of sex, arm, and ps
- count how many rows there are in each strata
- print out the results using the kable() function
- > dat2 %>% group_by(sex, arm, ps) %>% count() %>% kable()

sex	arm	ps	n
Female	A IFL	0	46
Female	A IFL	1	40
Female	A IFL	2	8
Female	A IFL	NA	13
Female	F FOLFOX	0	54
Female	F FOLFOX	1	44
Female	F FOLFOX	2	6
Female	F FOLFOX	NA	23
Female	G IROX	0	50
Female	G IROX	1	47
Female	G IROX	2	8
Female	G IROX	NA	12
Male	A IFL	0	94
Male	A IFL	1	64
Male	A IFL	2	6
Male	A IFL	NA	32
Male	F FOLFOX	0	80
Male	F FOLFOX	1	68
Male	F FOLFOX	2	8
Male	F FOLFOX	NA	16
Male	G IROX	0	79
Male	G IROX	1	61
Male	G IROX	2	7
Male	G IROX	NA	24

• Fancier: create a formula from a list of variables that can used in tableby (hint: explore formulize)

The arsenal package has the function formulize() which allows you to create a formula and use it repeatedly. This can be especially helpful when you have a list of variables that you want to loop over or summarize in different ways.

```
> labvars <- c("hgb", "alkphos", "ast")
> myform <- formulize("sex", labvars)
> myform
```

 $sex \sim hgb \,+\, alkphos \,+\, ast$

> summary(tableby(myform, data = dat2))

	Female (N=351)	Male (N=539)	Total (N=890)	p value
Hemoglobin Count				< 0.001
N-Miss	48	72	120	
Mean (SD)	11.956 (1.446)	$12.620\ (1.796)$	12.359 (1.698)	
Range	9.000 - 17.900	9.000 - 18.200	9.000 - 18.200	

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	Female (N=351)	Male (N=539)	Total (N=890)	p value
Alkaline Phosphotase				0.342
N-Miss	48	72	120	
Mean (SD)	179.607 (131.827)	170.086 (138.099)	173.832 (135.659)	
Range	7.000 - 771.000	13.000 - 1014.000	7.000 - 1014.000	
Aspartate Transaminase				0.406
N-Miss	48	72	120	
Mean (SD)	37.475 (28.437)	35.809 (26.288)	$36.465\ (27.148)$	
Range	10.000 - 178.000	7.000 - 205.000	7.000 - 205.000	

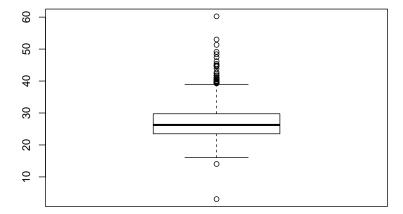
Other options to this exercise can be found at the end of this document.

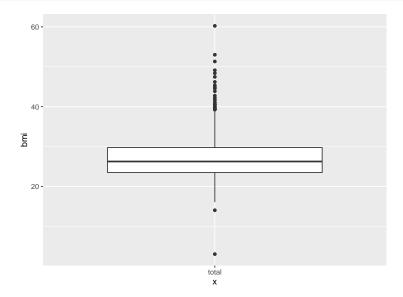
1.2.4 Plotting

There are three main plotting systems in R: basic, ggplot2, and lattice. It is useful to know at least the basic and ggplot2 approaches to plotting because sometimes one tool is better than the other. The examples below include both basic and ggplot2 code so that you can compare the results. There are two basic and fundamental parts of a ggplot call: the aes() function, which defines the plots aesthetics, and a call to a geom_*() function. Basically the aes() function defines the variables to be used on the x and y axes (and optionally a group variable). The geom_*() functions will define what type of plot to use (boxplot, scatterplot, etc.).

1.2.4.1 Boxplots

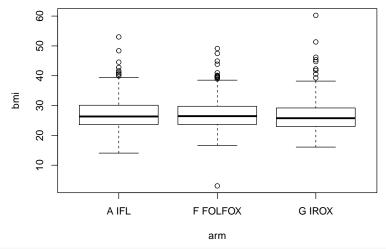
- · Create a boxplot of bmi
- > # code using basic R
- > boxplot(dat2\$bmi)





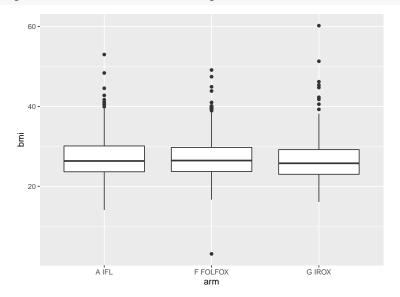
• Now create the boxplots stratified by the treatment arm

```
> # code using basic R
> boxplot(bmi ~ arm, data = dat2)
```



```
> # code using ggplot
```

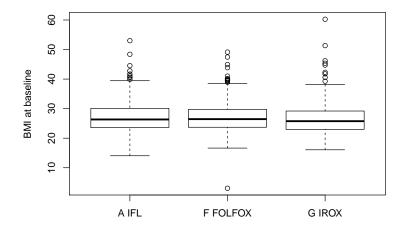
```
> ggplot(dat2, aes(x = arm, y = bmi)) + geom_boxplot()
Warning: Removed 19 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).
```



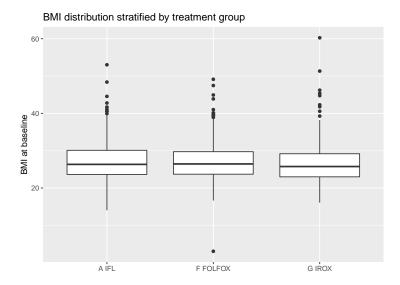
• Modify the axis labels and add a title to your plot.

```
> # code using basic R
> boxplot(bmi ~ arm, data = dat2, xlab = " ", ylab = "BMI at baseline", main = "BMI die")
```

BMI distribution stratified by treatment group



Warning: Removed 19 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).

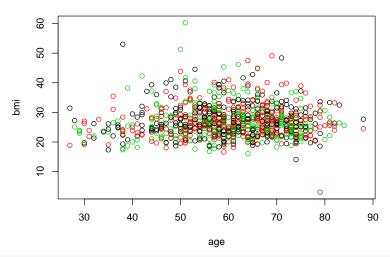


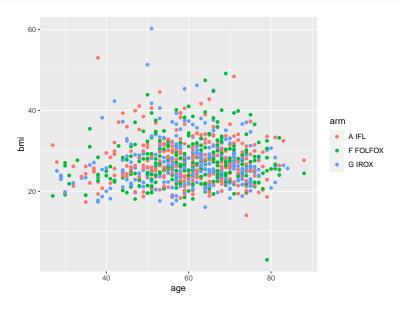
1.2.4.2 Scatterplots

• Now make two scatterplots of age versus bmi with different colors indicating treatment

The call to as.numeric(as.factor(arm)) turns the levels of arm to a factor which is essentially a numeric variables with formats. The call to as.numeric then changes the factor to a number, and the numbers correspond to different colors (1=black, 2=red, 3=green, 4=blue, 5=lightblue, 6=pink, 7=yellow, 8=gray).

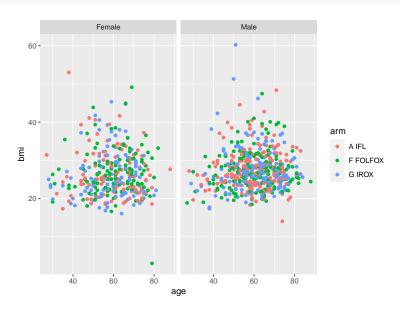
```
> # code using basic R
> plot(bmi ~ age, data = dat2, col = as.numeric(as.factor(arm)))
```





• Create these same scatterplots, side-by-side, separately for males and females

main = "Males") **Females** Males 9 20 20 40 4 30 bmi bm. 20 30 10 20 90 30 50 70 30 50 70 90 age age > par(mfrow = c(1, 1)) > # code using ggplot > ggplot(dat2, aes(age, bmi, color = arm)) + geom_point() + facet_grid(~sex) Warning: Removed 19 rows containing missing values (geom_point).

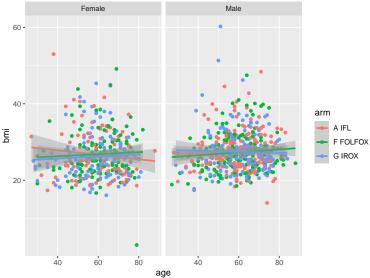


• Fancier: How would you add a regression line to these plots? How about smoothers?

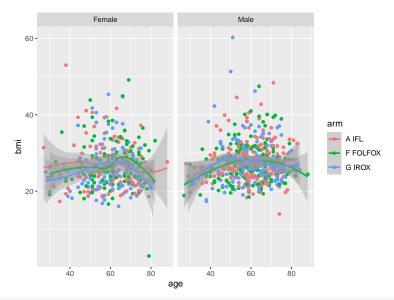
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The code using base R graphics can be found further down at the end of this document.

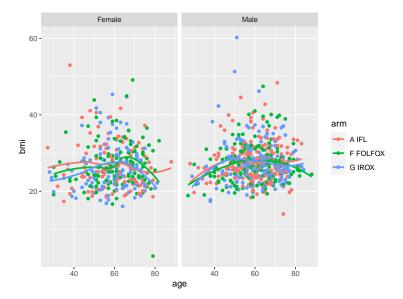
```
> # code using ggplot -- Regression lines
> ggplot(dat2, aes(age, bmi, color = arm)) + geom_point() + facet_grid(~sex) + geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
Warning: Removed 19 rows containing non-finite values (stat_smooth).
Warning: Removed 19 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```



```
> # -- Smoothers
> ggplot(dat2, aes(age, bmi, color = arm)) + geom_point() + facet_grid(~sex) + geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula 'y ~ x'
Warning: Removed 19 rows containing non-finite values (stat_smooth).
Warning: Removed 19 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```

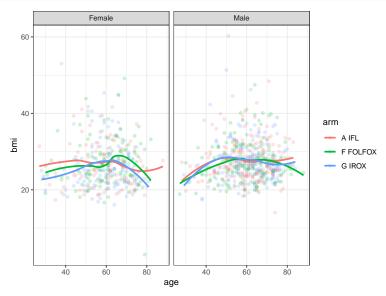


Warning: Removed 19 rows containing missing values (geom_point).



There are many formating options for ggplot including theme_bw and the package [ggthemes[(https://rdrr.io/cran/ggthemes/)] which includes extra

themes, geoms, and scales for ggplot2. Below, see how the plot has changed by just indicating the plotting theme. Another addition is the alpha term which lightens the points (default=1).



1.2.5 Basic Modeling

• Run a simple linear regression model predicting bmi with a covariate that is coded as 1/2. Now re-do it with the covariate coded as a factor. Did the answer change?

First create a numeric version of sex with the values 1 and 2 (for illustration purposes only). This can be done by changing the variable **sex** from character to a factor, then changing the factor to numeric.

```
> # Create a version of sex that is coded 1/2
> dat2$sex.f <- factor(dat2$sex)
> dat2$sex12 <- as.numeric(dat2$sex.f)
>
> table(dat2$sex12, dat2$sex.f)

Female Male
1  351  0
2  0  539
```

Next, fit a linear regression model using the function lm(). The lm() function uses two main arguments - a formula and a dataset.

```
> # Fit a linear regression model using the the two different versions of sex
> fit1 <- lm(bmi ~ sex12, data = dat2)
> fit2 <- lm(bmi ~ sex.f, data = dat2)</pre>
```

There are a number of extractor functions for models, meaning that they can be used to extract information from a model. One example is coef() which extracts the coefficients.

The summary() function shown below is actually using summary.lm().

```
> # Look at a standard model summary
> summary(fit1)
Call:
lm(formula = bmi ~ sex12, data = dat2)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-23.515 -3.610 -1.038
                         2.769 32.790
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 25.6961 0.6521 39.40
                                         <2e-16 ***
sex12
             0.8784
                        0.3887
                                  2.26
                                         0.0241 *
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
Residual standard error: 5.607 on 869 degrees of freedom
  (19 observations deleted due to missingness)
Multiple R-squared: 0.005844, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0047
F-statistic: 5.108 on 1 and 869 DF, p-value: 0.02406
```

Other options to this exercise can be found at the end of this document.

1.2.6 Data Import, revisited

• Now read the data in from Excel. What is different about the datasets?

Using the readxl package we are able to read in Excel data using the read_xls() function.

```
> # Clean copy of SAS data
> library(haven)
> sas_dat1 <- read_sas("data/dat1.sas7bdat")
>
> # Use the readxl package to read in Excel data
> library(readxl)
>
> if (!file.exists("data/dat1.xls")) {
+ urlfile <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/bethatkinson/R_project_recipes/dat.
+ if (!dir.exists("data"))
+ dir.create("data")
+ download.file(urlfile, destfile = "data/dat1.xls")
+ }
> excel_dat1 <- read_excel("data/dat1.xls")</pre>
```

The arsenal package has a function called compared () which is similar to Proc Compare in SAS. It compares two data frame objects and reports any differences.

```
> # Compare data.frames dat1 and excel_dat1 using comparedf
> tmp <- comparedf(sas_dat1, excel_dat1)
>
> # Brief overview of differences
> print(tmp)
```

Compare Object

Function Call: $comparedf(x = sas_dat1, y = excel_dat1)$

Shared: 8 non-by variables and 889 observations. Not shared: 14 variables and 1 observations.

Differences found in 8/8 variables compared. 8 variables compared have non-identical attributes.

```
> # More detailed summary of differences
> summary(tmp)
```

Table 1.8: Summary of data.frames

version	arg	ncol	nrow
X	sas_dat1	15	890
У	$excel_dat1$	15	889

Table 1.9: Summary of overall comparison

statistic	value
Number of by-variables	0
Number of non-by variables in common	8
Number of variables compared	8
Number of variables in x but not y	7
Number of variables in y but not x	7
Number of variables compared with some values unequal	8
Number of variables compared with all values equal	0
Number of observations in common	889
Number of observations in x but not y	1
Number of observations in y but not x	0
Number of observations with some compared variables unequal	889
Number of observations with all compared variables equal	0
Number of values unequal	6236

Table 1.10: Variables not shared

version	variable	position	class
x	futime	5	numeric
X	fustat	6	numeric
X	alkphos	10	numeric
X	mdqualitys	12	numeric
X	ageord	13	character
X	birthdt	14	Date
X	resintdt	15	Date
У	fu.time	5	numeric
У	fu.stat	6	numeric
У	alk.phos	10	numeric
у	mdquality.s	12	numeric
У	age.ord	13	character
у	birth.dt	14	character
у	resint.dt	15	character

Table 1.11: Other variables not compared

No other variables not compared

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Table 1.12: Observations not shared

version	row.names	observation
x	890	890

Table 1.13: Differences detected by variable

var.x	var.y	n	NAs
id	id	888	0
age	age	866	0
arm	arm	889	0
sex	sex	441	0
ps	$_{\mathrm{ps}}$	543	210
hgb	hgb	862	210
bmi	$_{ m bmi}$	885	32
ast	ast	862	210

Table 1.14: Differences detected (6186 not shown)

var.x	var.y	row.names	values.x	values.y	row.x	row.y
id	id	1	84681	90523	1	1
id	id	2	89253	89582	2	2
id	id	3	89499	91375	3	3
id	id	4	90166	94287	4	4
id	id	5	90291	95327	5	5
id	id	6	91450	91923	6	6
id	id	7	91486	93176	7	7
id	id	8	91504	91724	8	8
id	id	9	91724	92965	9	9
id	id	10	92079	92389	10	10
age	age	1	57	65	1	1
age	age	3	75	62	3	3
age	age	4	54	53	4	4
age	age	5	71	52	5	5
age	age	6	71	51	6	6
age	age	7	66	31	7	7
age	age	8	56	50	8	8
age	age	9	50	68	9	9
age	age	10	43	58	10	10
age	age	11	51	43	11	11
arm	arm	1	F FOLFOX	A: IFL	1	1
arm	arm	2	F FOLFOX	F: FOLFOX	2	2

var.x	var.y	row. names	values.x	values.y	row.x	row.y
arm	arm	3	F FOLFOX	A: IFL	3	3
arm	arm	4	G IROX	F: FOLFOX	4	4
arm	arm	5	A IFL	F: FOLFOX	5	5
arm	arm	6	F FOLFOX	G: IROX	6	6
arm	arm	7	A IFL	F: FOLFOX	7	7
arm	arm	8	A IFL	G: IROX	8	8
arm	arm	9	G IROX	F: FOLFOX	9	9
arm	arm	10	A IFL	A: IFL	10	10
sex	sex	4	Female	Male	4	4
sex	sex	6	Female	Male	6	6
sex	sex	7	Male	Female	7	7
sex	sex	11	Female	Male	11	11
sex	sex	15	Female	Male	15	15
sex	sex	17	Male	Female	17	17
sex	sex	19	Female	Male	19	19
sex	sex	20	Female	Male	20	20
sex	sex	22	Female	Male	22	22
sex	sex	23	Female	Male	23	23
ps	ps	2	1	0	2	2
ps	ps	5	2	1	5	5
ps	ps	6	NA	1	6	6
ps	ps	9	1	0	9	9
ps	ps	11	0	NA	11	11
ps	ps	16	0	1	16	16
ps	ps	17	1	0	17	17
ps	ps	18	1	NA	18	18
ps	ps	19	1	0	19	19
ps	ps	20	0	1	20	20

Table 1.15: Non-identical attributes

var.x	var.y	name
id	id	format.sas
age	age	format.sas
arm	arm	format.sas
arm	arm	label
sex	sex	format.sas
ps	ps	format.sas
ps	ps	label
hgb	hgb	format.sas
hgb	hgb	label
bmi	$\overline{\mathrm{bmi}}$	format.sas
ast	ast	format.sas

var.x	var.y	name
ast	ast	label

Compare Object

Function Call: comparedf(x = sas_dat1, y = excel_dat1, by = "id")

Shared: 7 non-by variables and 890 observations. Not shared: 14 variables and 0 observations.

Differences found in 2/7 variables compared. 8 variables compared have non-identical attributes.

```
> summary(tmp2)
```

Table 1.16: Summary of data.frames

version	arg	ncol	nrow
x	sas_dat1	15	890
У	$excel_dat1$	15	889

Table 1.17: Summary of overall comparison

statistic	value
Number of by-variables	1
Number of non-by variables in common	7
Number of variables compared	7
Number of variables in x but not y	7
Number of variables in y but not x	7
Number of variables compared with some values unequal	2
Number of variables compared with all values equal	5
Number of observations in common	890
Number of observations in x but not y	0
Number of observations in y but not x	0
Number of observations with some compared variables unequal	890
Number of observations with all compared variables equal	0
Number of values unequal	891

Table 1.18: Variables not shared

version	variable	position	class
x	futime	5	numeric
X	fustat	6	numeric
X	alkphos	10	$\operatorname{numeric}$
X	mdqualitys	12	$\operatorname{numeric}$
X	ageord	13	character
X	birthdt	14	Date
X	resintdt	15	Date
У	fu.time	5	numeric
У	fu.stat	6	numeric
у	alk.phos	10	numeric
У	mdquality.s	12	numeric
У	age.ord	13	character
У	birth.dt	14	character
У	resint.dt	15	character

Table 1.19: Other variables not compared

No other variables not compared

Table 1.20: Observations not shared

No observations not shared

Table 1.21: Differences detected by variable

var.x	var.y	n	NAs
age	age	0	0
arm	arm	890	0
sex	sex	0	0
ps	ps	0	0
hgb	hgb	0	0
bmi	$_{ m bmi}$	1	0
ast	ast	0	0

Table 1.22: Differences detected (880 not shown)

var.x	var.y	id	values.x	values.y	row.x	row.y
arm	arm	76170	A IFL	A: IFL	241	691
arm	arm	76240	A IFL	A: IFL	72	269
arm	arm	76431	A IFL	A: IFL	350	175
arm	arm	76712	A IFL	A: IFL	397	355
arm	arm	76780	A IFL	A: IFL	645	525
arm	arm	77066	A IFL	A: IFL	487	216
arm	arm	77316	A IFL	A: IFL	809	113
arm	arm	77355	A IFL	A: IFL	678	830
arm	arm	77591	A IFL	A: IFL	786	217
arm	arm	77851	A IFL	A: IFL	576	799
bmi	bmi	101106	3.059935	30.59935	20	490

Table 1.23: Non-identical attributes

var.x	var.y	name
id	id	format.sas
age	age	format.sas
arm	arm	format.sas
arm	arm	label
sex	sex	format.sas
ps	ps	format.sas
ps	ps	label
hgb	hgb	format.sas
hgb	hgb	label
bmi	bmi	format.sas
ast	ast	format.sas
ast	ast	label

One of the big differences appears to be that the Excel data has periods in the variable names whereas the SAS data does not. The following code replaces "." and substitutes in blanks "" to the column names.

```
> ## We could do it ourselves names(excel_dat1) <- make.names(names(excel_dat1),
> ## allow_=FALSE)
>
> ## or we could let comparedf() do it.
> summary(comparedf(x = sas_dat1, y = excel_dat1, by = "id", tol.vars = "."))
Table: (\#tab:unnamed-chunk-29)Summary of data.frames
```

K V	sas_dat1	15 t1 15	890 889			
	011001_uu		000			
Cable: (\	#tab:unna	med-chunk-	29)Summary	of overal	l comparison	
statistic	:					val
umber of	by-varia	bles				
	•	ariables i				
		s compared				
		s in x but s in y but	•			
		•	with some	values un	equal	
		-	with all v		-	
		ions in co				8
		ions in x	•			
		ions in y		od variab	les unequal	8
			all compare			
	values u		all compare		ob 04mm	8
:	#tab:unna	 	29)Variable	s not sha	red	
Table: (\ var.x			29)Other va		ot compared	
	14		birth.dt		character	
oirthdt				4.5		
oirthdt cesintdt		Date	resint.dt	15	character	

:	
No observations not shared	

Table: (\#tab:unnamed-chunk-29)Differences detected by variable

var.x	var.y	n	NAs
age	age	0	0
arm	arm	890	0
sex	sex	0	0
futime	fu.time	0	0
fustat	fu.stat	0	0
ps	ps	0	0
hgb	hgb	0	0
bmi	bmi	1	0
alkphos	alk.phos	0	0
ast	ast	0	0
mdqualitys	mdquality.s	0	0
ageord	age.ord	0	0

Table: (\#tab:unnamed-chunk-29)Differences detected (880 not shown)

var.x	var.y	id	values.x	values.y	row.x	row.y
arm	arm	76170	A IFL	A: IFL	241	691
arm	arm	76240	A IFL	A: IFL	72	269
arm	arm	76431	A IFL	A: IFL	350	175
arm	arm	76712	A IFL	A: IFL	397	355
arm	arm	76780	A IFL	A: IFL	645	525
arm	arm	77066	A IFL	A: IFL	487	216
arm	arm	77316	A IFL	A: IFL	809	113
arm	arm	77355	A IFL	A: IFL	678	830
arm	arm	77591	A IFL	A: IFL	786	217
arm	arm	77851	A IFL	A: IFL	576	799
bmi	bmi	101106	3.059935	30.59935	20	490

Table: $(\t tab: unnamed-chunk-29) \t Non-identical attributes$

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var.x	var.y	name
id	id	format.sas
age	age	format.sas
arm	arm	format.sas
arm	arm	label
sex	sex	format.sas
futime	fu.time	format.sas
futime	fu.time	label
fustat	fu.stat	format.sas
fustat	fu.stat	label
ps	ps	format.sas
ps	ps	label
hgb	hgb	format.sas
hgb	hgb	label
bmi	bmi	format.sas
alkphos	alk.phos	format.sas
alkphos	alk.phos	label
ast	ast	format.sas
ast	ast	label
mdqualitys	mdquality.s	format.sas
mdqualitys	mdquality.s	label
	age.ord	
ageord	age.ord	label
birthdt	birth.dt	class
birthdt	birth.dt	format.sas
resintdt	resint.dt	class
resintdt	resint.dt	format.sas

1.3 Resources

1.3.1 Technical details

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When asking for help it is often useful to specify which version of R and which version of the packages you are using.

```
> # Grab session info
> sessionInfo()
R version 3.6.2 (2019-12-12)
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
Running under: CentOS Linux 7 (Core)

Matrix products: default
BLAS: /usr/lib64/libblas.so.3.4.2
```

```
LAPACK: /usr/lib64/liblapack.so.3.4.2
locale:
 [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8
                                LC_NUMERIC=C
 [3] LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8
                                LC_COLLATE=C
 [5] LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8
                                LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
 [7] LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8
                                LC NAME=C
 [9] LC_ADDRESS=C
                                LC TELEPHONE=C
[11] LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
attached base packages:
[1] stats
              graphics grDevices utils
                                             datasets methods
                                                                 base
other attached packages:
 [1] readxl_1.3.1
                        arsenal_3.4.0.9000 summarytools_0.9.6 knitr_1.29
 [5] haven_2.2.0
                        forcats_0.5.0
                                            stringr_1.4.0
                                                               dplyr_1.0.0
 [9] purrr_0.3.4
                        readr_1.3.1
                                            tidyr_1.1.0
                                                               tibble_3.0.1
[13] ggplot2_3.3.2
                        tidyverse_1.3.0
loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
 [1] httr_1.4.1
                        jsonlite_1.7.0
                                            splines_3.6.2
                                                               modelr_0.1.6
 [5] assertthat_0.2.1
                        highr_0.8
                                            stats4_3.6.2
                                                               pander_0.6.4
 [9] coin 1.3-1
                        cellranger_1.1.0
                                            yaml_2.2.1
                                                               pillar_1.4.4
[13] backports_1.1.6
                        lattice_0.20-40
                                           glue_1.4.1
                                                               digest_0.6.25
[17] pryr_0.1.4
                        checkmate_2.0.0
                                            rvest_0.3.5
                                                               sandwich_2.5-1
[21] colorspace_1.4-1
                        htmltools_0.5.0
                                           Matrix_1.2-18
                                                               plyr_1.8.6
[25] pkgconfig_2.0.3
                        broom_0.5.6
                                            magick_2.4.0
                                                               bookdown_0.18
[29] mvtnorm 1.1-0
                        scales_1.1.0
                                           mgcv_1.8-31
                                                               farver_2.0.3
[33] generics 0.0.2
                        ellipsis 0.3.1
                                            TH.data 1.0-10
                                                               withr 2.1.2
[37] cli_2.0.2
                        survival_3.2-5
                                           magrittr_1.5
                                                               crayon_1.3.4
[41] evaluate 0.14
                        fs 1.3.2
                                            fansi_0.4.1
                                                               MASS 7.3-51.5
[45] nlme_3.1-145
                        xm12_1.3.2
                                                               tools_3.6.2
                                            rapportools_1.0
[49] hms_0.5.3
                        multcomp_1.4-12
                                            formatR_1.7
                                                               lifecycle_0.2.0
[53] matrixStats_0.56.0 munsell_0.5.0
                                            reprex_0.3.0
                                                               compiler_3.6.2
[57] rlang_0.4.7
                        grid_3.6.2
                                                               labeling_0.3
                                            rstudioapi_0.11
[61] tcltk_3.6.2
                        base64enc_0.1-3
                                            rmarkdown_2.1
                                                               gtable_0.3.0
[65] codetools_0.2-16
                        DBI_1.1.0
                                            R6_2.4.1
                                                               zoo_1.8-7
[69] lubridate_1.7.4
                        libcoin_1.0-5
                                           modeltools_0.2-23
                                                               stringi_1.4.6
[73] parallel_3.6.2
                        Rcpp_1.0.4
                                            vctrs_0.3.2
                                                               dbplyr_1.4.2
[77] tidyselect_1.1.0
                        xfun 0.15
```

1.3.2 Example of a real program

• scenario1-regular-program.Rmd

1.3.3 Packages used

- tidyverse
 - haven
 - dplyr
 - ggplot2
 - readxl
- summary tools
 - summarytools with rmarkdown
- arsenal

1.4 Optional ways to code

1.4.1 Data Import

1.4.1.1 Read in data

Here is a slightly fancier way of reading in the data. It pastes together the data directory and the dataset name. Also, instead of first calling library(haven) the code uses the package name (haven) then two colons (::) to indicate the function to be used from within that package.

```
> # Alternative for reading in SAS data - paste together your directory path and
> # your dataset name - instead of using library to load the haven package, use the
> # package name with two :: to indicate that you want to use the read_sas function
> # available in the haven package
>
> datadir <- "data/"
> dat1 <- haven::read_sas(paste0(datadir, "dat1.sas7bdat"))</pre>
```

You can also import SAS data using the sas.get function found in the Hmisc package. As is true with read_sas() it works for most, but not all, SAS datasets. One of the downsides of sas.get() is that you must be working on a system where SAS is installed, whereas read_sas() is based on reverse engineering of the .sas7bdat file format and can be used anywhere.

```
> # Alternative tool for reading in SAS data
> library(Hmisc)
>
> # Note that for sas.get you specify the directory and data file separately
> dat1 <- sas.get(libraryName = datadir, member = "dat1")</pre>
```

Although not necessary in this particular example, sometimes you may want to change underscores to dots and upper-case letters to lower-case letters. The function sas.get() automatically does this.

```
> # change the variable names so that underscores are not allowed also change mixed
> # case names to all lowercase
```

```
> names(sas_dat1) <- tolower(make.names(names(excel_dat1), allow_ = FALSE))</pre>
```

1.4.1.2 Create dataset with variable labels

Sometimes it is helpful to have a dataset containing variable names and labels.

```
> # Grab labels from SAS dataset and create a dataframe of labels These can be used
> # for tableby and plotting
> # vlabels <- unlist(sapply(dat1, FUN=function(x) attr(x, 'label')))
> vlabels <- unlist(labels(dat1))
> tmp1 <- data.frame(vars = names(vlabels), labels = vlabels) # data for vars with la
> tmp2 <- data.frame(vars = names(dat1)) # data for vars with no existing labels
> labeldata <- merge(tmp1, tmp2, all = T, by = "vars")</pre>
> # add in some new labels
> # 1) identify which variables you want to relabel and which column they are in
> # Look at what is returned from the match function.
> ok <- match(c("id", "age", "sex", "bmi", "birthdt", "resintdt"), labeldata$vars)
> # 2) for those locations, add in new labels
> labeldata$labels[ok] <- c("ID", "Age", "Sex", "BMI", "Birthdate", "ResInt Date")
> # These next two lines create a list called vlabels and sets things up so that
> # the variable labels can be accessed by their variable names. For example
> # vlabels$birthdt or vlabels[['birthdt']] will return 'Birthdate'
> vlabels <- as.list(labeldata$labels)</pre>
> names(vlabels) <- labeldata$vars</pre>
> # Remove some attributes from variables in data frame - when applied in a loop
> # like this you need to use attr(dat1[[vname]]) instead of attr(dat1[,vname])
> for (vname in names(dat1)) {
      attr(dat1[[vname]], "format.sas") <- NULL</pre>
+ }
```

1.4.1.3 Tibble versus data.frame objects

To see what type of object the function read_sas creates, we can use the class function.

```
> class(dat1)
[1] "tbl_df" "tbl" "data.frame"
```

Here we see that the function returns 3 values.

- data.frame indicates that dat1 is a data frame.
- tbl_df and tbl indicates that dat1 is a tibble which is essentially just a
 fancy data.frame. Because these are listed first, functionality related to
 those classes will be used first.

Some people like the tibble default and others do not. If you want to remove the tibble class, you can do the following using as.data.frame(). Try some of the exercises using dat1 versus dat1b to see how they differ.

```
> # Create dataframe instead of tibble
> dat1b <- as.data.frame(dat1)</pre>
> class(dat1b)
[1] "data.frame"
> # Alternatives for viewing the data
> dat1
# A tibble: 890 x 15
                             futime fustat
                                                     hgb
                                                            bmi alkphos
            age arm
                       sex
                                                ps
   <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                              <dbl>
                                      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                                                                  <dbl> <dbl>
 1 84681
             57 F FO~ Male
                                799
                                          2
                                                 0
                                                    11.2
                                                             NA
                                                                     102
 2 89253
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# ... with 880 more rows, and 4 more variables: mdqualitys <dbl>, ageord <chr>,
    birthdt <date>, resintdt <date>
> dat1b
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15 92886 47
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16 92965 68 F FOLFOX
                       Male
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17 93976
         63
              G IROX
                       Male
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                                       2 1 12.3
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18 99485 69 F FOLFOX
                       Male
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19 105271 50
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21 79795
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22 92121 64
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26 91647 38
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27 93491 53
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                                      2 0 13.1 17.614513
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28 101512 57
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29 92030 38
              G IROX
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30 92054 47 F FOLFOX Female 1946
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31 93374 61 F FOLFOX Female
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32 101202 41
               G IROX Female
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           1 50-59 1850-01-01 1997-01-01
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           0 60-69 1985-11-07 2012-12-20
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          1 30-39 1919-09-20 1997-01-01
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          1 40-49 1968-12-31 1997-01-01
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          1 60-69 1922-08-06 2012-12-20
          NA 40-49 1960-10-10 1997-01-01
32
33
           1 60-69 1961-07-29 1997-01-01
[ reached 'max' / getOption("max.print") -- omitted 857 rows ]
> # look at the beginning and end of the data
> head(dat1)
# A tibble: 6 x 15
    id age arm
                                                  bmi alkphos ast
                  sex futime fustat ps hgb
  <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
1 84681 57 F FO~ Male
                         799 2 0 11.2
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2 89253 64 F FO~ Fema~
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                                       1 12.6
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                                     1 12.5
0 10.9
3 89499 75 F FO~ Fema~
                          105
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4 90166
        54 G IR~ Fema~ 878
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5 90291 71 A IFL Male 31
                                                   NA
                                                        304 115
6 91450 71 F FO~ Fema~ 1046 1 NA NA
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                                                         NA
# ... with 4 more variables: mdqualitys <dbl>, ageord <chr>, birthdt <date>,
# resintdt <date>
> head(dat1b)
               arm sex futime fustat ps hgb bmi alkphos ast mdqualitys
    id age
1 84681 57 F FOLFOX Male 799 2 0 11.2 NA
                                                     102 7 NA
2 89253 64 F FOLFOX Female 97
                                   2 1 12.6 NA
                                                     272 62
3 89499 75 F FOLFOX Female 105
                                   2 1 12.5 NA
                                                    169 23
4 90166 54 G IROX Female 878
                                   2 0 10.9 NA
                                                    247 23
5 90291 71
                                    2 2 9.1 NA
            A IFL Male 31
                                                    304 115
6 91450 71 F FOLFOX Female 1046
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2 60-69 1850-01-01 1997-01-01
3 70-79 1921-01-01 2012-06-19
4 50-59 1850-01-01 1997-01-01
5 70-79 1911-11-11 1997-01-01
6 70-79 1960-01-01
> tail(dat1b)
                arm sex futime fustat ps hgb
                                                   bmi alkphos ast
      id age
885 89665 64 F FOLFOX Male 1097 2 NA NA 47.45809
                                                         NA NA
886 92645 71 A IFL Male 1948 1 0 13.4 48.38404
887 94378 69 F FOLFOX Female 992 2 1 10.9 49.12978
888 95155 50 G IROX Male 752 2 1 14.4 51.32413
889 91494 38 A IFL Female 412 2 1 10.1 53.00776
                                                             56 25
                                                         499 66
                                                           89 31
                                                          94 178
```

```
890 91923 51
                G IROX
                         Male
                                        2 1 11.9 60.24257
                                                                 163 58
   mdqualitys ageord
                         birthdt
                                   resintdt
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                60-69 1972-02-02 1997-01-01
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               70-79 1968-05-05 2012-11-21
               60-69 1942-04-03 2012-12-20
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888
            NA
               40-49 1970-07-16 1997-01-01
889
                30-39 1972-06-02 1997-01-01
890
               50-59 1949-12-31 1997-01-01
> # What differs when you use dat1 and dat1b? Which do you like better?
```

1.4.2 Data Exploring

• Take a closer look at the data using basic summary statistics. Do you notice any strange values? If so, fix them.

We can change the variable types using the dplyr package and mutate_at(). We will not include id in the tables since they are unique identifiers. The code shown below makes all of these variables factors instead of numeric variables.

```
> library(dplyr)
> cols <- vars("id", "fustat", "ps", "mdqualitys")
> new_dat <- dat1 %>% mutate_at(cols, ~factor(.))
```

Here is another use of tableby to explore the data, removing the variable id on-the-fly using the select() function.

```
> summary(tableby(~., data = subset(dat1, select = -id)), title = "Baseline and patien"
```

Table 1.24: Baseline and patient characteristics

	Overall (N=890)
age	
Mean (SD)	60.152 (11.342)
Range	27.000 - 88.000
Treatment Arm	
${ m A~IFL}$	303 (34.0%)
F FOLFOX	299 (33.6%)
G IROX	288 (32.4%)
sex	, ,
2	2(0.2%)
F	2(0.2%)
Female	347 (39.0%)
Male	539 (60.6%)
Follow-up Time	` ,
Mean (SD)	$635.284 \ (487.802)$

	Overall (N=890)
Range	9.000 - 2472.000
Follow-up Status	
Mean (SD)	$1.924 \ (0.266)$
Range	1.000 - 2.000
ECOG Performance Score	
N-Miss	120
Mean (SD)	0.532 (0.601)
Range	0.000 - 2.000
Hemoglobin Count	
N-Miss	120
Mean (SD)	12.359 (1.698)
Range	9.000 - 18.200
bmi	
N-Miss	19
Mean (SD)	27.106 (5.620)
Range	3.060 - 60.243
Alkaline Phosphotase	
N-Miss	120
Mean (SD)	173.832 (135.659)
Range	7.000 - 1014.000
Aspartate Transaminase	
N-Miss	120
Mean (SD)	36.465 (27.148)
Range	7.000 - 205.000
LASA QOL	
N-Miss	98
Mean (SD)	$0.893 \ (0.310)$
Range	0.000 - 1.000
Age Category	
20-29	$12\ (1.3\%)$
30-39	$40 \ (4.5\%)$
40-49	$117 \ (13.1\%)$
50-59	256~(28.8%)
60-69	$288 \ (32.4\%)$
70-79	162~(18.2%)
80-89	15 (1.7%)
birthdt	
Median	1966-09-22
Range	1850-01-01 - 2015-04-06
$\operatorname{resintdt}$	
N-Miss	78
Median	1997-01-01
Range	1996-12-31 - 2014-02-19

How many missing values are there? Here are a couple of ways to explore this looking at missingness by subject and by variable.

The key to both approaches is to use the is.na() function which returns a logical (T/F) depending on whether there is a missing value in a given position.

First, use a dplyr approach. The summarize_all() function is handy in that it says do "this" to each variable. Here, the "this" says apply is.na(), then take the mean value, multiply that by 100, and round the result so that there are 2 decimal points. Take all these new values and make them into a data frame.

```
> # Look at the missing rates for each variable using a dplyr approach
> library(dplyr)
> dat1 %>% summarize_all(funs(round(100 * mean(is.na(.)), 2))) %>% as.data.frame
Warning: `funs()` is deprecated as of dplyr 0.8.0.
Please use a list of either functions or lambdas:
  # Simple named list:
 list(mean = mean, median = median)
  # Auto named with `tibble::lst()`:
 tibble::1st(mean, median)
  # Using lambdas
 list(~ mean(., trim = .2), ~ median(., na.rm = TRUE))
This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
Call `lifecycle::last_warnings()` to see where this warning was generated.
  id age arm sex futime fustat
                                 ps
                                      hgb bmi alkphos
                                                         ast mdqualitys ageord
 0 0 0
                            0 13.48 13.48 2.13
                                                 13.48 13.48
                                                                  11.01
              0
 birthdt resintdt
1 0 8.76
```

This is a base R approach using the function colMeans(). In this approach, is.na() is applied to the whole dataset resulting in a dataframe of T/F. For each column, take the mean using colMeans, then multiply by 100 and round the results. This same logic is then used looking at the rows instead of the columns to look at the missing rates for each subject.

```
> # Create a dataset with T/F indicating if there is a missing value Take the mean
> # of each column
> round(100 * colMeans(is.na(dat1)), 2)
                                                 futime
                                                            fustat
        id
                  age
                             arm
                                         sex
                                                                            ps
                                                                         13.48
      0.00
                 0.00
                            0.00
                                        0.00
                                                   0.00
                                                              0.00
       hgb
                  bmi
                         alkphos
                                         ast mdqualitys
                                                             ageord
                                                                       birthdt
                 2.13
                           13.48
                                                  11.01
                                                                          0.00
     13.48
                                       13.48
                                                              0.00
 resintdt
      8.76
```

```
> # Look at the missing rates for each subject
> tmp <- round(100 * rowMeans(is.na(dat1)), 2)
> summary(tmp)
   Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
   0.000   0.000   0.000   5.057   6.670   40.000
>
> # percentage of subjects missing at least 25% of variables
> 100 * mean(tmp >= 25)
[1] 13.48315
```

We want to look at the data by gender. But wait, the variable "sex" needs to be cleaned up.

There are a few ways to do this, gsub, ifelse, case_when, others? Here is how to do it with case_when(), another function available in the dplyr package.

```
> library(dplyr)
>
> dat1$sex <- case_when(dat1$sex == 2 ~ "Female", dat1$sex == "F" ~ "Female", TRUE ~
+    dat1$sex)
> table(dat1$sex)

Female Male
    351    539
```

Here is another solution for cleaning up variables using the forcats package.

And yet another solution using fct_collapse() and mutate().

> dat1 <- mutate(dat1, ps = factor(ps, levels = 0:2, labels = c("PS=0", "PS=1", "PS=2")),

Table 1.25: Duplicate Records

id	age	arm	sex	bmi

```
+ mdqualitys = factor(mdqualitys, levels = 0:1, labels = c("No", "Yes")), fustat =
+ levels = 1:2, labels = c("Event", "Censor")))
```

• Oops, there is a duplicate observation in the data. Confirm the data is the same for all the variables and remove one of the duplicates.

Here is a fancy table showing which line in the data is completely duplicated, however this won't work if some of the variables are duplicated and some are not.

```
> kable(dat1[duplicated(dat1), ] %>% select("id", "age", "arm", "sex", "bmi"), caption
```

Here is another option for creating a version of the dataset without duplicates using the dplyr package.

```
> # Remove exact duplicates
> dat2 <- dplyr::distinct(dat1)
> dim(dat2)
[1] 890 15
```

• Do the summary statistics make sense for each variable? If not, modify them so that the default summaries fit the data.

Here is some code to assign labels to variables so that they are more presentable in tables using labels() and upData() from the Hmisc package.

```
format.pval, units
> new_dat <- dat1 %>% upData(labels = unlist(labels(dat1)))
Input object size: 99976 bytes; 15 variables 890 observations
New object size: 83968 bytes; 15 variables 890 observations
> label(new_dat$bmi) <- "Body Mass Index"</pre>
```

• Fancier: create a formula from a list of variables that can used in tableby (hint: formulize)

- > # Default report I'm going to use the same formula many times, so let's define it
- > # once LHS=Arm, RHS=all other variables except id exclude RHS identifies
- > # variables to leave out from right hand side (as indices)
- > excludeRHS <- which(names(dat1) %in% c("id", "arm"))
- > tableformula <- formulize(y = "arm", x = names(dat1[, -excludeRHS]))</pre>
- > t1 <- tableby(tableformula, data = dat1, total = FALSE)</pre>
- > summary(t1)

	A IFL	F FOLFOX	G IROX	p
	(N=303)	(N=299)	(N=288)	value
age				0.585
Mean (SD)	59.696 (11.365)	60.652 (11.422)	60.111 (11.253)	
Range	27.000 - 88.000	27.000 - 88.000	28.000 - 84.000	
sex				0.175
Female	107 (35.3%)	127 (42.5%)	117 (40.6%)	
Male	196 (64.7%)	172 (57.5%)	171 (59.4%)	
Follow-up				<
Time				0.001
Mean (SD)	528.201	760.264	618.191	
	(411.359)	(555.458)	(458.231)	
Range	9.000 -	19.000 -	17.000 -	
	2170.000	2472.000	2118.000	
fustat				<
				0.001
Event	10 (3.3%)	$36 \ (12.0\%)$	$22 \ (7.6\%)$	
Censor	293~(96.7%)	263~(88.0%)	266 (92.4%)	
\mathbf{ps}				0.956
N-Miss	45	39	36	
PS=0	140 (54.3%)	134~(51.5%)	129~(51.2%)	
PS=1	$104 \ (40.3\%)$	112 (43.1%)	108 (42.9%)	
PS=2	14 (5.4%)	14 (5.4%)	15~(6.0%)	
Hemoglobin				0.213
Count				
N-Miss	45	39	36	
Mean (SD)	$12.232\ (1.653)$	$12.494 \ (1.760)$	$12.350 \ (1.674)$	
Range	9.060 - 17.300	9.070 - 18.200	9.000 - 17.000	
bmi				0.745

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	A IFL (N=303)	F FOLFOX (N=299)	G IROX (N=288)	p value
N-Miss	6	9	4	
Mean (SD)	27.278(5.493)	27.112(5.499)	26.920 (5.883)	
Range	14.053 - 53.008	3.060 - 49.130	16.071 - 60.243	
Alkaline				0.707
Phosphotase				
N-Miss	45	39	36	
Mean (SD)	170.612	171.377	179.663	
	(124.842)	(133.671)	(148.110)	
Range	13.000 -	18.000 -	7.000 - 982.000	
	858.000	1014.000		
Aspartate				0.903
Transaminase				
N-Miss	45	39	36	
Mean (SD)	36.310 (26.455)	37.062 (28.716)	36.008 (26.266)	
Range	11.000 -	7.000 - 174.000	10.000 -	
	205.000		176.000	
${f mdqualitys}$				0.936
N-Miss	31	35	32	
No	$30 \ (11.0\%)$	29 (11.0%)	$26 \ (10.2\%)$	
Yes	242 (89.0%)	235~(89.0%)	230~(89.8%)	
Age Category				0.994
20-29	3(1.0%)	4 (1.3%)	5(1.7%)	
30-39	15 (5.0%)	12 (4.0%)	13~(4.5%)	
40-49	$46 \ (15.2\%)$	$36 \ (12.0\%)$	35 (12.2%)	
50-59	85~(28.1%)	89 (29.8%)	$82\ (28.5\%)$	
60-69	98 (32.3%)	96 (32.1%)	94 (32.6%)	
70-79	52 (17.2%)	$56 \ (18.7\%)$	$54 \ (18.8\%)$	
80-89	4 (1.3%)	6(2.0%)	5(1.7%)	
$\mathbf{birthdt}$				0.653
Median	1966-10-09	1969-01-01	1964-10-02	
Range	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	1850-01-01 -	
	2015-04-06	2013-11-03	2014-01-01	
$\operatorname{resintdt}$				0.807
N-Miss	18	37	23	
Median	1997-01-01	1997-01-01	1997-01-01	
Range	1996-12-31 -	1996-12-31 -	1996-12-31 -	
	2014-02-19	2013-11-01	2013-12-17	

Instead of using formulize() you can paste together your own formula.

```
> var <- c("futime", "fustat", "ps", "hgb", "bmi")
> select_few <- paste(var, collapse = "+")
> summary(tableby(as.formula(paste("arm ~ ", select_few)), data = dat2), title = "Base."
```

Table 1.27: Baseline and patient characteristics by Treatment Arm

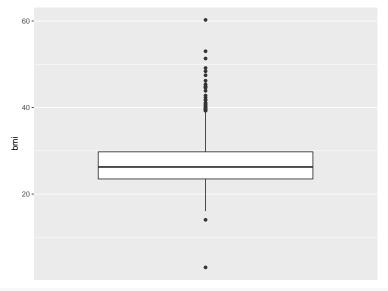
		F			
	A IFL	FOLFOX	G IROX	Total	р
	(N=303)	(N=299)	(N=288)	(N=890)	value
Follow-up					<
Time					0.001
Mean (SD)	528.201	760.264	618.191	635.284	
	(411.359)	(555.458)	(458.231)	(487.802)	
Range	9.000 -	19.000 -	17.000 -	9.000 -	
	2170.000	2472.000	2118.000	2472.000	
fustat					0.00:
Event	10 (3.3%)	36 (12.0%)	22 (7.6%)	68 (7.6%)	0.001
Censor	$\frac{10}{293}$	263	266	822	
Censor	(96.7%)			-	
T . G	(96.7%)	(88.0%)	(92.4%)	(92.4%)	0.956
ps N-Miss	45	20	26	120	0.950
	45 140	39 134	$\frac{36}{129}$	403	
PS=0					
DC 1	(54.3%)	(51.5%)	(51.2%)	(52.3%)	
PS=1	104	112	108	324	
DC 0	(40.3%)	(43.1%)	(42.9%)	(42.1%)	
PS=2	14 (5.4%)	14 (5.4%)	15 (6.0%)	$43 \ (5.6\%)$	0.016
Hemoglobin					0.213
Count	45	20	26	100	
N-Miss	45	39	36	120	
Mean (SD)	12.232	12.494	12.350	12.359	
D	(1.653)	(1.760)	(1.674)	(1.698)	
Range	9.060 -	9.070 -	9.000 -	9.000 -	
	17.300	18.200	17.000	18.200	0 = 45
bmi				4.0	0.745
N-Miss	6	9	4	19	
Mean (SD)	27.278	27.112	26.920	27.106	
_	(5.493)	(5.499)	(5.883)	(5.620)	
Range	14.053 -	3.060 -	16.071 -	3.060 -	
	53.008	49.130	60.243	60.243	

1.4.3 Plotting

Here are some alternatives for creating the boxplots using ggplot.

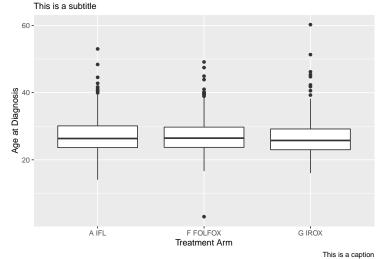
```
> dat2 %>% ggplot(aes(x = factor(0), y = bmi)) + geom_boxplot() + scale_x_discrete(breaks = NULL)
+ xlab(NULL)
Warning: Removed 19 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).
```

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```
> ## geom_boxplot for boxplots by categorical
> dat2 %>% ggplot(aes(x = arm, y = bmi)) + geom_boxplot() + labs(x = "Treatment Arm",
+ y = "Age at Diagnosis", title = "Age with Treatment Group", subtitle = "This is a caption = "This is a caption")
Warning: Removed 19 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).
```

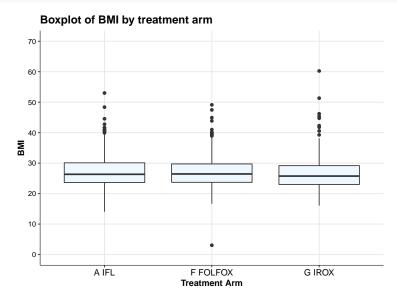
Age with Treatment Group



```
> # this shows a different coloring scheme (theme_bw)
> ggplot(dat2, aes(y = bmi, x = arm)) + geom_boxplot(fill = "aliceblue") + theme_bw()
```

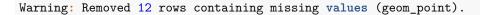
```
# ggtitle("Boxplot of BMI by treatment arm") + scale_y_continuous(name = "BMI",
# breaks = seq(0, 70, 10), limits = c(0, 70)) + scale_x_discrete(name = "Treatment Arm") +
# theme(panel.grid.major = element_line(colour = "#e8e5e5"), panel.grid.minor = element_blank
# panel.border = element_blank(), panel.background = element_blank(), plot.title = element
# face = "bold"), axis.title = element_text(face = "bold"), axis.text.x = element_text
# size = 11), axis.text.y = element_text(colour = "black", size = 9), axis.line = element_text
# colour = "black"))
```

Warning: Removed 19 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



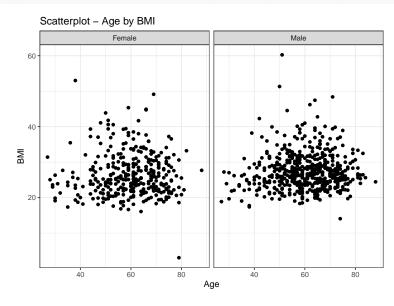
• Now make two scatterplots side-by-side, split by sex

In addition to facet_grid() and facet_wrap() there is the grid.arrange() function which allows you to plot multiple figures on one page.





> ggplot(dat2, aes(x = age, y = bmi)) + geom_point() + theme_bw() + theme() + ggtitle(
+ labs(x = vlabels\$age, y = vlabels\$bmi) + facet_grid(. ~ sex)
Warning: Removed 19 rows containing missing values (geom_point).



• Fancier: How would you add a regression line to these plots? How about smoothers?

There are other packages that can do some of this work, but essentially this is

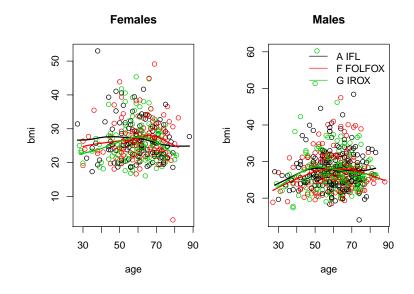
how you would create these plots using base R graphics.

```
> # code using basic R -- Regression lines
> par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
> plot(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Female", ], col = as.numeric(as.factor(arm)),
      main = "Females")
> abline(lm(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Female" & dat2$arm == "A IFL", ]),
      col = 1
> abline(lm(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Female" & dat2$arm == "F FOLFOX", ]),
> abline(lm(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Female" & dat2$arm == "G IROX", ]),
      col = 3)
> plot(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Male", ], col = as.numeric(as.factor(arm)),
      main = "Males")
> abline(lm(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Male" & dat2$arm == "A IFL", ]), col = 1)
> abline(lm(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Male" & dat2$arm == "F FOLFOX", ]),
      col = 2)
> abline(lm(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Male" & dat2$arm == "G IROX", ]), col = 3)
> legend("topright", legend = c("A IFL", "F FOLFOX", "G IROX"), col = 1:3, lty = 1,
      bty = "n")
```

Females Males 9 - A IFL 50 F FOLFOX **G IROX** 20 4 40 30 bmi bmi 30 20 10 20 30 50 70 90 30 50 70 90 age age

```
> par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
>
> # -- Smoothers
> par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
> # females
> plot(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Female", ], col = as.numeric(as.factor(arm)),
+ main = "Females")
```

```
> tmp <- na.omit(dat2[which(dat2$sex == "Female" & dat2$arm == "A IFL"), c("bmi", "age</pre>
> lines(with(tmp, smooth.spline(bmi ~ age, spar = 0.8)), col = 1, lwd = 2)
> tmp <- na.omit(dat2[which(dat2$sex == "Female" & dat2$arm == "F FOLFOX"), c("bmi",
      "age")])
> lines(with(tmp, smooth.spline(bmi ~ age, spar = 0.8)), col = 2, lwd = 2)
 tmp <- na.omit(dat2[which(dat2$sex == "Female" & dat2$arm == "G IROX"), c("bmi",</pre>
      "age")])
> lines(with(tmp, smooth.spline(bmi ~ age, spar = 0.8)), col = 3, lwd = 2)
> # males
> plot(bmi ~ age, data = dat2[dat2$sex == "Male", ], col = as.numeric(as.factor(arm)),
      main = "Males")
> tmp <- na.omit(dat2[which(dat2$sex == "Male" & dat2$arm == "A IFL"), c("bmi", "age")</pre>
> lines(with(tmp, smooth.spline(bmi ~ age, spar = 0.8)), col = 1, lwd = 2)
> tmp <- na.omit(dat2[which(dat2$sex == "Male" & dat2$arm == "F FOLFOX"), c("bmi",
      "age")])
> lines(with(tmp, smooth.spline(bmi ~ age, spar = 0.8)), col = 2, lwd = 2)
> tmp <- na.omit(dat2[which(dat2$sex == "Male" & dat2$arm == "G IROX"), c("bmi", "age"
> lines(with(tmp, smooth.spline(bmi ~ age, spar = 0.8)), col = 3, lwd = 2)
> # legend
> legend("topright", legend = c("A IFL", "F FOLFOX", "G IROX"), col = 1:3, lty = 1,
      bty = "n")
```



```
> par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
```

1.4.4 Basic Modeling

There is a lot of information stored in a model object and broom doesn't work for all types of models. Sometimes you need to save the results from the summary of a fit which gives you different information than the fit itself.

```
> # What is stored in the lm object?
> names(fit1)
 [1] "coefficients" "residuals"
                                      "effects"
                                                      "rank"
 [5] "fitted.values" "assign"
                                      "gr"
                                                      "df.residual"
                    "xlevels"
 [9] "na.action"
                                      "call"
                                                      "terms"
[13] "model"
> # Now create a summary.lm object and see what is stored there
> tmp <- summary(fit1)</pre>
> names(tmp)
 [1] "call"
                                      "residuals"
                                                       "coefficients"
                     "terms"
                                      "df"
 [5] "aliased"
                     "sigma"
                                                      "r.squared"
 [9] "adj.r.squared" "fstatistic"
                                      "cov.unscaled"
                                                      "na.action"
> # Look at the model coefficients and p-values
> tmp$coefficients
              Estimate Std. Error
                                                  Pr(>|t|)
                                     t value
(Intercept) 25.6960705 0.6521116 39.404408 1.354488e-195
             0.8783982   0.3886608   2.260064   2.406410e-02
> class(tmp$coefficients)
[1] "matrix"
```

1.4.5 Data Import, revisited

There are other packages that also read in Excel data including openxlsx and gdata. The package xlsx causes problems within RStudio and so users are strongly encouraged to no longer use that particular package. Note that openxlsx will only open newer .xlsx files. All three functions have slightly different options so if you need to do something fancy with Excel, it is worth looking more closely at the help pages.

```
> # gdata
> v1 <- gdata::read.xls(xls = "data/dat1.xls", sheet = 1)
>
> # readxl
> v2 <- readxl::read_excel(path = "data/dat1.xls", sheet = 1)
>
> # openxlsx, cannot real .xls - only .xlsx v3 <-</pre>
```

```
> # openxlsx::read.xlsx(xlsxFile='data/dat1.xls', sheet=1)
```

One of the differences between reading in SAS and Excel is that Excel doesn't have the concept of variable labels.

```
> # Does the excel file have any variable labels?
> head(labels(excel_dat1))
$id
NULL
$age
NULL
$arm
NULL
$sex
NULL
$fu.time
NULL
$fu.stat
NULL
> head(labels(sas_dat1))
$id
NULL
$age
NULL
$arm
[1] "Treatment Arm"
$sex
NULL
$fu.time
[1] "Follow-up Time"
$fu.stat
[1] "Follow-up Status"
```

Chapter 2

Appendix

2.1 Appendix 1: tidyverse package overviews

2.1.1 dplyr

The package dplyr focuses on transforming and summarizing tabular data with rows and columns. The package contains a set of functions (or "verbs") that perform common data manipulation operations such as filtering for rows, selecting specific columns, re-ordering rows, adding new columns and summarizing data. In addition, dplyr contains a useful function to perform another common task which is the "split-apply-combine" concept.

Important dplyr verbs to remember:

- select(): select certain columns (fields/variables) of your dataset
- filter(): select specific rows (observations) of your dataset
- arrange(): sort specified columns in ascending (default) or descending order
- mutate(): add new columns or change existing ones
- summarise(): summarise values
- group_by(): allows for group operations in the "split-apply-combine" concept
- rename(): change column names for variables
- distinct(): get unique values of specified variable set

Pipe operator: %>%

• dplyr imports this operator from another package (magrittr). This operator allows you to pipe the output from one function to the input of another function. Instead of nesting functions (reading from the inside to the outside), the idea of of piping is to read the functions from left to right.

Further examples are found at this dplyr tutorial.

2.1.2 tidyr

The package tidyr focuses on transposing data, changing from a "wide" format to a "long" format.

Important tidyr verbs to remember:

- pivot_longer() takes multiple columns, and gathers them into key-value pairs: it makes "wide" data longer (function used to be called gather)
- pivot_wider() takes two columns (key & value) and spreads in to multiple columns, it makes "long" data wider (function used to be called spread)
- separate() splits a single column into multiple columns
- unite() combines multiple columns into a single column

Further examples are found at this data wrangling site.

2.1.3 lubridate

Historically dates have been challenging in R. The package lubridate helps with this and includes some basic date manipulation functions.

- year(), month(), day(): extract year, month, day
- hour(), minute(), second(): extract hour, minute, second from a date-time variable
- date(): extract date from datetime variable
- mdy(): create date from text string

```
> library(lubridate)
> mdy("July 4th, 2000")
[1] "2000-07-04"
> mdy("7/4/2000")
[1] "2000-07-04"
```

2.1.4 ggplot2

The package ggplot focuses on displaying data graphically. It is based on the grammer of graphics (Wilkinson, 2005)

What Is The Grammar Of Graphics?

The basic idea: independently specify plot building blocks and combine them to create just about any kind of graphical display you want. Building blocks of a graph include:

- data where is the data located
- aesthetic mapping what are your x, y, and grouping variables?
- geometric object what type of plot do you want to create

- statistical transformations log transform (or others)?
- scales
- coordinate system
- position adjustments
- faceting creating separate figures "by" some value, but using the same scale, variables, labels, etc.
- themes color schemes used for plots, such as background color, axis defaults
 - theme_gray() (default)
 - theme bw()
 - theme_classc()

Geometic Objects

Geometric objects are the actual marks we put on a plot. Examples include:

- points (geom_point, for scatter plots, dot plots, etc)
- lines (geom line, for time series, trend lines, etc)
- boxplot (geom_boxplot, for boxplots)

A plot must have at least one geom; there is no upper limit. You can add a geom to a plot using the + operator

You can get a list of available geometric objects using the code below. There are also lots of examples of different types of plots available on the web (just include ggplot in your search).

```
help.search("geom_", package = "ggplot2")
```

Try working through this R graphics tutorial to learn more.

2.2 Appendix 2: R for SAS programmers

If you tend to "think SAS", then making the switch to R can be challenging. A couple book that might help include:

- SAS and R: Data Management, Statistical Analysis, and Graphics by Kleinman and Horton
- R for SAS and SPSS Users by Robert Muenchen

Below are a few select tasks and the packages/functions that handle those tasks.

Table 2.1: Reading and Writing files

task	package	function
read SAS dataset	haven	read_sas()
read csv dataset	readr	read_csv()
read excel file	readxl	read_excel()
read in multiple files	rlocal	read.all()
write csv file	readr	write_csv()
write excel file	openxlsx	write.xlsx()
write object to Word/HTML/PDF	arsenal	<pre>write2word(), write2html(), write2pdf()</pre>
write text to file	base	sink()
print pretty markdown table	knitr	kable()

Table 2.2: Manipulating data

task	package	function
summarize dataset	summarytools	dfSummary()
create data from m, d, y	arsenal	mdy.Date()
compare 2 datasets	arsenal	comparedf()
transpose data	tidyr	gather() and spread()
create categorical data from continuous	base	cut()
X in ('a','b','c')	base	%in%, match()
X NOT in ('a','b','c')	arsenal	%nin%
concatenate strings	base	paste0()

Table 2.3: Modeling and Statistical Tests

task	package	function
table 1, unpaired data	arsenal	tableby()
table 1, paired data	arsenal	paired()
correlations	stats	cor.test()
partial correlations	ppcor	pcor.test()
binomial CI	rlocal	cibinom()
poisson CI	survival	cipoisson()
t-tests	stats	t.test()
Wilcoxon/Kolmogorov-Smirnov test	stats	wilcox.test(), ks.test()
linear regression	stats	lm()
logistic regression	stats	glm(, family=binomial)
poisson regression	stats	glm(, family=poisson)
negative binomial regression	MASS	glm.nb()
cox regression	survival	coxph()
quantile regression	quantreg	rq()
robust regression	MASS	rlm()
generalized additive regression	gam	gam()
create table from multiple models	arsenal	modelsum()
linear mixed effects (random slope) model	nlme	lme()
person-years analysis	survival	pyears()
incidence rates	rlocal	poprates()