

Final Project

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Intro

In this project I desire to create a fusion of the materials that we have been studying in this class and a pop culture reference.

In order to accomplish these goals, I will use the Death Star attack scene during the Battle of Yavin as seen in Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope. There are two scenarios I would like to demonstrate in using the events of this scene.

What

There are two scenarios (described below) I will use to demonstrate concepts that have been learned in this class, and may be used to teach other students.

Why

Using pop culture references has the positive impact of generating interest in materials that may be otherwise limited or strained at best. It also, has the positive impact of using a well know scenario or scene that allows for the concepts being taught to be more easily digested and understood.

How

Will be using RStudio as well as the learning from class in order to deconstruct the aforementioned scene and put it through data analysis.

Body

First, we as the audience have it described to us before the Death Star attack from Wedge Antilles that the shot required to destroy the Death Star is "...impossible! Even for a computer." to which Luke Skywalker replies "It's not impossible. I used to bullseye womp rats in my T-16 back home, they're not much bigger than two meters." After the battle Han Solo exclaims "Great shot, kid. That was one in a million!" What we can determine from these lines of dialogue is that while not impossible, the shot that Luke took to successfully destroy the Death Star was incredibly difficult and should be expected as an extremely rare event. Likely only possible due to Luke's use of the Force.

Second, I will demonstrate probabilities of survival by incorporating Bayes' Theorem and tree diagrams along the lines of the two squadrons that attacked the Death Star. Red Squadron was comprised strictly of X-Wings and Gold Squadron was comprised strictly of Y-Wings. Each squadron consists of 12 Starfighters

each. I will use this data and the occurrences of the battle in order to demonstrate several scenarios and the probabilities associated with them. I will also use RStudio to calculate and display findings.

In order to run this RMarkdown, the following files will need to be accessible:

DeathStarShot.csv

```
DeathStarShot <- read.csv("DeathStarShot.csv")
```

StarfighterSurvival.png

Topics From Class

R Studio Data Representation Data Analysis Geometric Distribution Binomial Distribution Negative Binomial Distribution Bernoulli Trials Probability Bayes' Theorem Tree Diagrams

Topic 1:

Here we will demonstrate R functions and means of analyzing data from the first scenario described.

First let us take a look at the data set demonstrating a “one in a million shot”.

Just kidding! This is a huge data set consisting of a million rows and we are not going to run this as a native visualization due to time this would take to run, as well as the amount of real estate it would take up on the subsequent PDF file.

Notice that while not overly complex, the table does express one million cells to demonstrate 999,999 misses and 1 successful hit. The 0's representing FALSE or in this case misses and the 1 representing TRUE, in this case a hit.

Here are a few different functions within R that can be used to analyse the data set:

This shows the dimensions of the data set:

```
dim(DeathStarShot)
```

```
## [1] 1000000      2
```

This shows us the amount of variables found within the data set:

```
length(names(DeathStarShot))
```

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

This shows us the range of the attempts that were made in the data set. In this scenario it is severely limited as we are simply looking for FALSE or TRUE statements:

```
range(DeathStarShot$Hit.or.Miss)
```

```
## [1] 0 1
```

Let's use coding in RStudio to confirm how many “hits” there are in the data set:

```
Hit <- 1 == DeathStarShot$Hit.or.Miss  
length(which(Hit))
```

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

Let us also use coding in RStudio to determine how many “misses” there are:

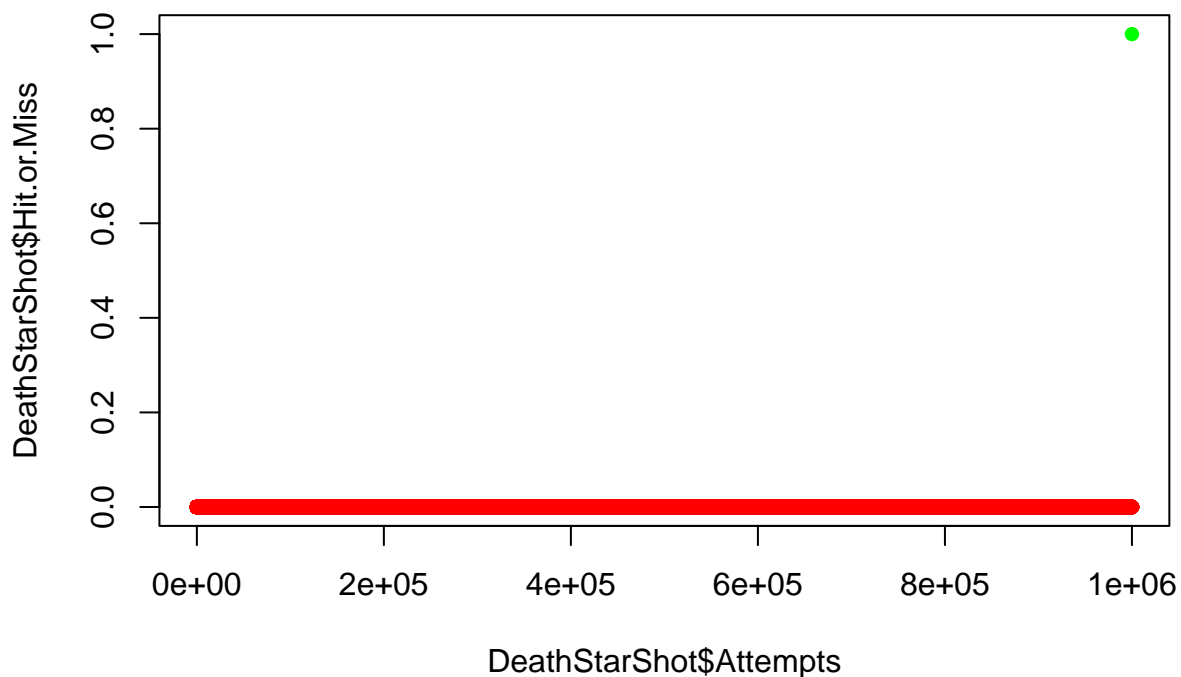
```
Miss <- 0 == DeathStarShot$Hit.or.Miss  
length(which(Miss))
```

```
## [1] 999999
```

Next, we will demonstrate this data visually with the tools R gives us.

Scatterplot representation:

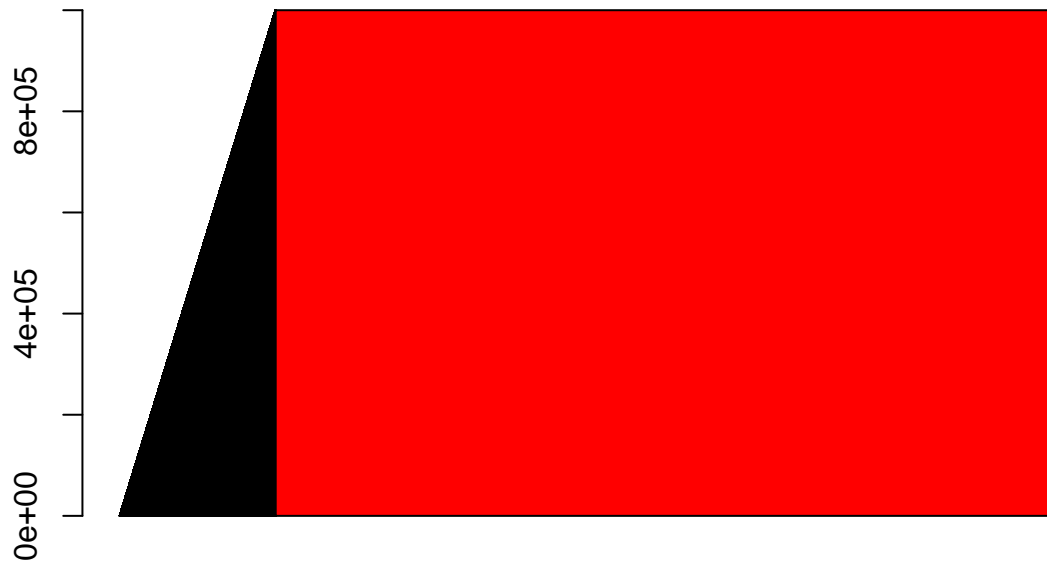
```
plot(DeathStarShot$Attempts, DeathStarShot$Hit.or.Miss, pch = 16, col = ifelse(DeathStarShot$Hit.or.Miss
```



Notice the graph only presents 0's and 1's due to our data set using 0's and 1's for FALSE and TRUE statements.

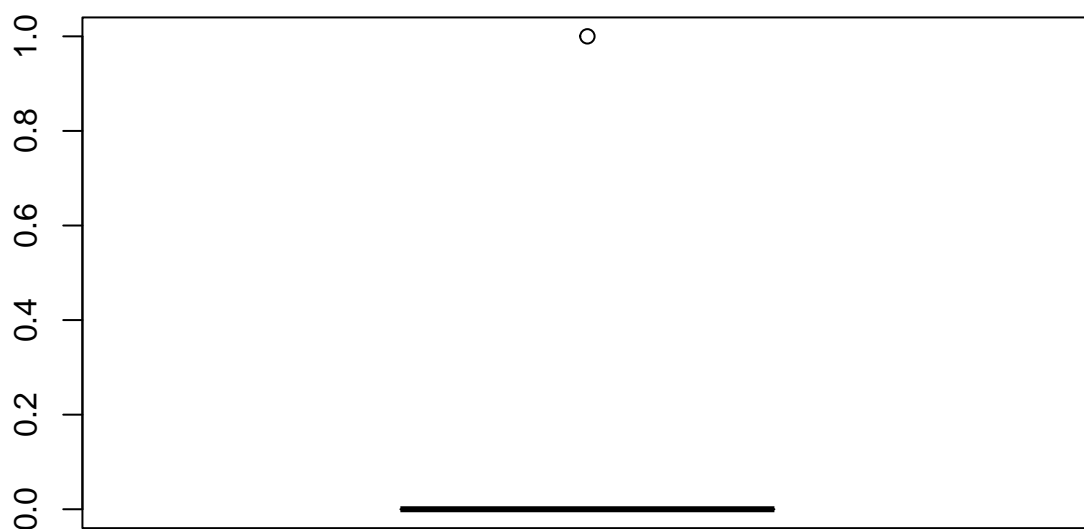
Barplot representation:

```
barplot(DeathStarShot$Attempts, DeathStarShot$Hit.or.Miss, col = ifelse(DeathStarShot$Hit.or.Miss < 0,
```



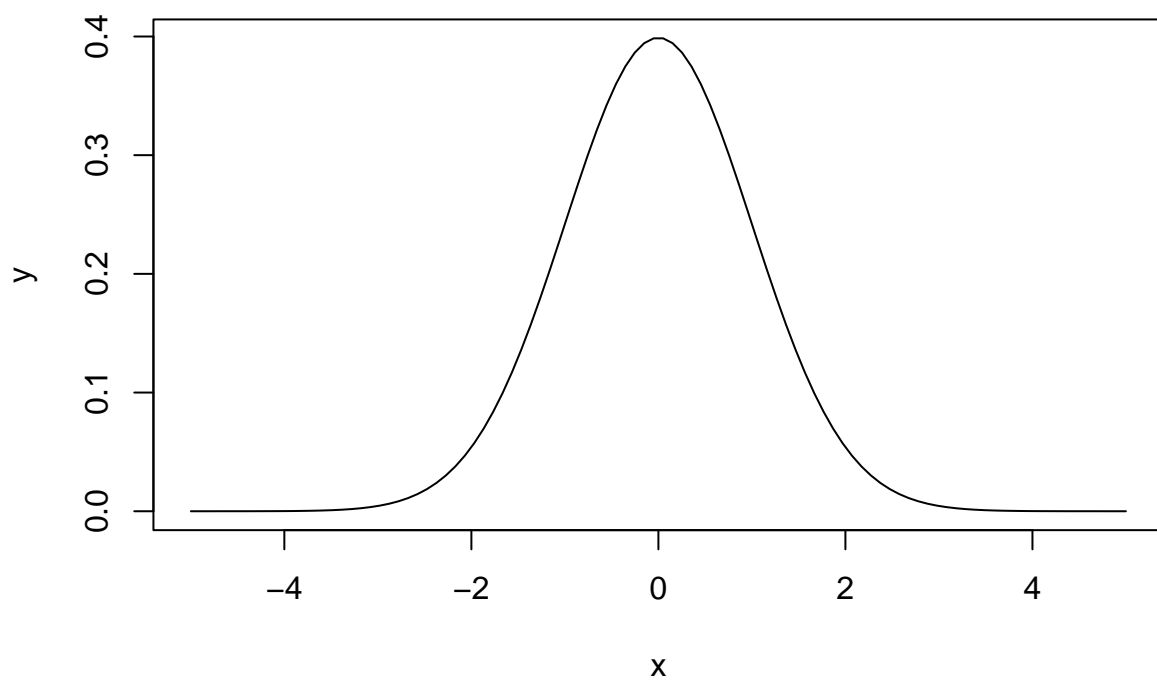
Boxplot representation:

```
boxplot(DeathStarShot$Hit.or.Miss)
```

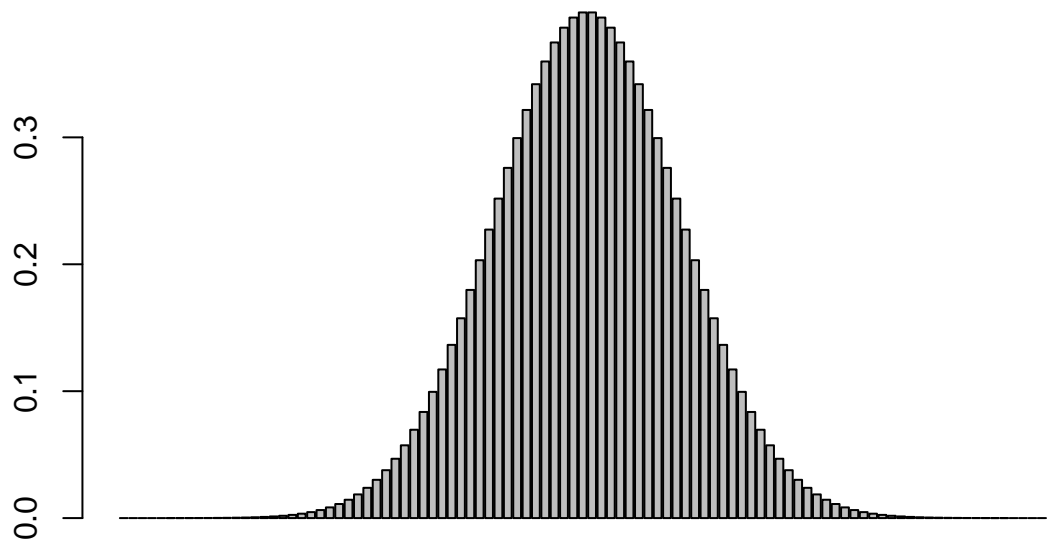


Because we are dealing with a “one in a million shot” scenario, this should immediately look odd compared to other data sets we have reviewed. For example here is a visualization of normal distribution, note the contrasts:

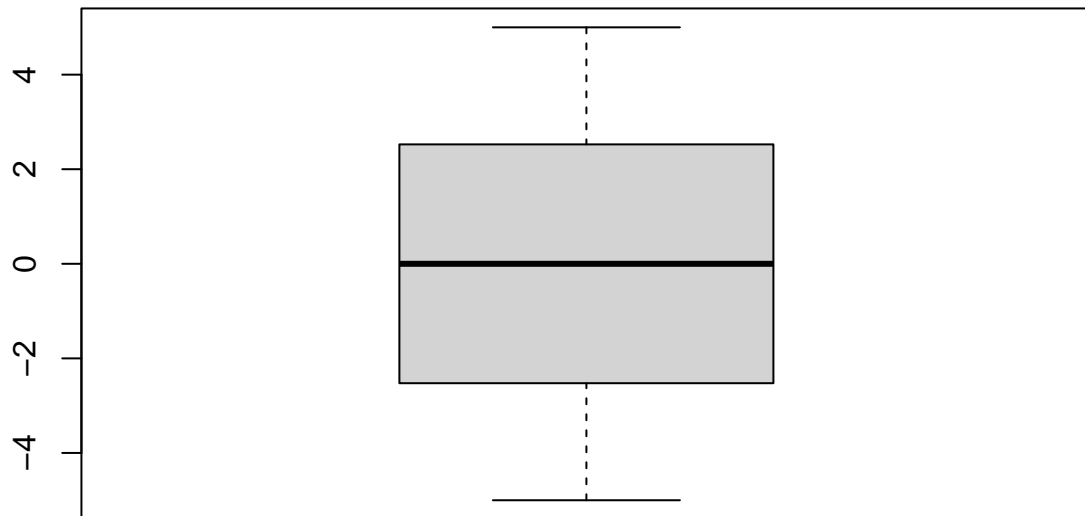
```
x <- seq(-5, 5, length = 100)
y <- dnorm(x)
plot(x, y, type = 'l')
```



```
barplot(y)
```



```
boxplot(x)
```



Topic 2:

In this next topic section let's explore concepts of geometric distribution and Bernoulli Trials:

First, calculate the probability of a “one in a million shot”.

```
Prob <- 1 / 1000000
Prob
```

```
## [1] 1e-06
```

In decimal form this is 0.000001. Which would then be 0.0001%

In the attack on the Death Star, there are three attempts to destroy the Death Star by shooting Proton Torpedoes down the exhaust port. First by Gold Leader, then Red Leader, and finally Red Five (Luke Skywalker).

What is the probability that Gold Leader (first attempt) successfully makes the shot?

```
dgeom(x = 1, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 9.99999e-07
```

In decimal form this is 0.000000999999. Which would then be 0.0000999999%

What is the probability that Red Leader (second attempt) successfully makes the shot?


```
dgeom(x = 2, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 9.99998e-07
```

In decimal form this is 0.000000999998. Which would then be 0.0000999998%

What is the probability that Red Five [Luke Skywalker] (third attempt) successfully makes the shot?

```
dgeom(x = 3, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 9.99997e-07
```

In decimal form this is 0.000000999997 Which would then be 0.0000999997%

We can see that with each attempt the probability does improve, however, it is only minutely, and it should be appreciated how insanely difficult the feat was.

How about we look at this another way. Examine the probability of experiencing a specified amount of failures or less before we have a our first success.

Gold Leader (first attempt)

```
pgeom(q = 1, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 1.999999e-06
```

The probability that the first shot would have been successful is 0.0001999999%

Red Leader (second attempt)

```
pgeom (q = 2, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 2.999997e-06
```

The probability that the shot would be successful in two or less shots is 0.0003999994%

Red Five [Luke Skywalker] (third attempt)

```
pgeom (q = 3, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 3.999994e-06
```

The probability that the shot would be successful in three or less shots is 0.0003999994%

Say we had the entire Rebel Fleet to make an attempt, what probability would we find? Remember there were two squadrons, making a total of 24 Starfighters.

```
pgeom (q = 24, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 2.49997e-05
```

The probability that the shot would be successful in 24 or less shots is 0.00249997%

Next, we will find the probability of having one successful hit with different trials on in this case, attempts:

Gold Leader

```
dbinom(x = 1, size = 1, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 1e-06
```

The probability of one success over one attempt is 0.0001%.

Red Leader

```
dbinom(x = 1, size = 2, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 1.999998e-06
```

The probability of one success over two attempts is 0.0001999998%.

Red Five (Luke Skywalker)

```
dbinom(x = 1, size = 3, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 2.999994e-06
```

The probability of one success over three attempts is 0.0002999994%.

Rebel Fleet

```
dbinom(x = 1, size = 24, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 2.399945e-05
```

The probability of one success over two attempts is 0.002399945%.

How many attempts (failures) would we need to try before we could expect a hit (success)?

Here we will run a test where we want to be 100% certain that the shot is successful:

```
qnbinom(1, size = 1, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] Inf
```

Notice that the answer is “Inf” or infinity. This is such a difficult shot that we are being told there would need to be an infinite amount of tries.

So we need to modify the test so that we modify our certainty from 100% to 99%:

```
qnbinom(.99, size = 1, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 4605167
```

Here we find that in order to be 99% certain that the first shot was a success, the pilot would need to make 4,605,167 attempts.

Let us modify this once more to modify our certainty level from 99% to 99.9%:

```
qnbinom(.999, size = 1, prob = 0.000001)
```

```
## [1] 6907751
```

Notice the change? The shot is so difficult that just the small change in our level of certainty of 99% to 99.9% increases the amount of attempts from 4,605,167 to 6,907,751. A pilot would need an additional 2,302,584 attempts.

Topic 3:

Here we will calculate the probabilities of survival through a few different exercises.

First, let us explore what the chances of survival were regardless of the class of Starfighter flown during the Battle of Yavin. Here is the data we will be using in the subsequent exercises:

	X-Wing	Y-Wing	Total
Shot Down	10	11	21
Survived	2	1	3
Total	12	12	24

There were a total of two squadrons, or 24 Starfighters as each squadron is made up of 12 Starfighters. Given that there were only three survivors between the Rebel squadrons we would calculate the probability of survival as:

```
Survival <- 3 / 24
```

```
Survival
```

```
## [1] 0.125
```

So we find that the probability of survival was 12.5%.

Next, let's compare the difference in probability of survival based upon the class of Starfighter that was being flown:

Of Red Squadron, there were only two survivors. So to calculate the probability of survival across the Rebel fleet we would do the following:

```
XWingSurvival <- 2 / 24
```

```
XWingSurvival
```

```
## [1] 0.08333333
```

So we find that the probability of surviving the Battle of Yavin while flying an X-Wing was 8.3%.

Of Gold Squadron, there was only one survivor:

```
YWingSurvival <- 1 / 24
```

```
YWingSurvival
```

```
## [1] 0.04166667
```

Therefore the probability of survival while flying a Y-Wing was 4.166667%.

Topic 4:

Let's look at this another way using a tree diagram while using the principles of Bayes' Theorem.

Here is how we find probability of being shot down in the Rebel fleet was the following:

```
ShotDown <- 21 / 24
```

```
ShotDown
```

```
## [1] 0.875
```

Probability of being shot down was 87.5%.

And how to find the probability of surviving:

```
Surviving <- 3 / 24
```

```
Surviving
```

```
## [1] 0.125
```

Probability of surviving was 12.5%

The probability of being shot down in Red Squadron was:

```
RedSqdSD <- 10 / 12
```

```
RedSqdSD
```

```
## [1] 0.8333333
```

Or 83.33333333%

The probability of being shot down in Gold Squadron was:

```
GoldSqdSD <- 11 / 12
```

```
GoldSqdSD
```

```
## [1] 0.9166667
```

Or 91.66667%

The probability of surviving in Red Squadron was:

```
RedSqdSur <- 2 / 12
RedSqdSur
```

```
## [1] 0.1666667
```

Or 16.66667%

The probability of surviving in Gold Squadron was:

```
GoldSqdSur <- 1 / 12
GoldSqdSur
```

```
## [1] 0.08333333
```

Or 8.333333%

Therefore, we can calculate the following probabilities via a tree diagram in R as such:

```
SDRedSqd <- ShotDown * RedSqdSD
SDGoldSqd <- ShotDown * GoldSqdSD
SurRedSqd <- Surviving * RedSqdSur
SurGoldSqd <- Surviving * GoldSqdSur
SDRedSqd
```

```
## [1] 0.7291667
```

```
SDGoldSqd
```

```
## [1] 0.8020833
```

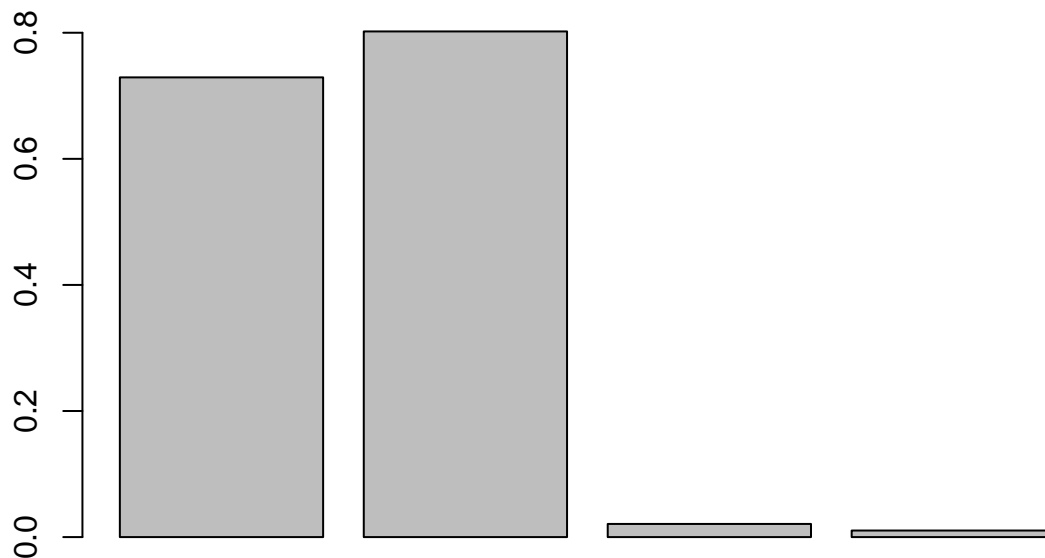
```
SurRedSqd
```

```
## [1] 0.02083333
```

```
SurGoldSqd
```

```
## [1] 0.01041667
```

```
Val1 <- c(SDRedSqd, SDGoldSqd, SurRedSqd, SurGoldSqd)
barplot(Val1)
```



This then allows us to answer the question of if a pilot survived the Battle of Yavin, what is the probability that they flew with Gold Squadron?

```
ProbSur <- SurRedSqd + SurGoldSqd

ProbYWingSur <- SurGoldSqd / ProbSur

1 - ProbYWingSur
```

```
## [1] 0.6666667
```

We find that the probability that the surviving pilot flew with Gold Squadron was 66.66667%

As another example, let us find if a pilot was shot down, what is the probability that they flew with Red Squadron?

```
ProbSD <- SDRedSqd + SDGoldSqd

ProbXWingSD <- SDRedSqd / ProbSD

1 - ProbXWingSD
```

```
## [1] 0.5238095
```

We find that the probability that the shot down pilot was with Red Squadron was 52.38095%

Conclusion

The goal of this project was to intersect two different worlds (data analysis and pop culture), to produce material that was interesting and hopefully amusing to the end user. Given the comments received for the feedback portion of this project I think that I have achieved that goal. This project also gave me the opportunity to put many of the topics learned in this class and apply them to an “extreme” situation to generate results unique results and cement my and others understandings of this subject.