

Summarization and Bivariate Analysis

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0.1 Recap

Last week: Data Management and Manipulation

Today: Basic Descriptive Analysis

0.2 Understanding Your Data

- You must understand your data before you can perform an analysis
- Often, the data arrangement determines the analysis plan
- Poor preparation leads to wasted time

0.3 Simple Data Analysis



0.4 Packages

- gmodels
- stats
- gtsummary
- e1071
- ggplot2
- car

0.5 Special Function for NA

To identify missing values, R typically does not interpret `variable == NA` properly.

In order to identify NA values, the function is `is.na(variable)`.

To identify *present* values (i.e. non-NA values), you have to use the *NOT* operator `!`.

```
!is.na(variable)
```

0.6 MIMIC Data Usage

```
df.dxwide <- df.dx %>%  
  pivot_wider(  
    id_cols = c(subject_id, stay_id),  
    names_from = seq_num,  
    values_from = c(icd_code, icd_version, icd_title)  
  )  
  
df.ed <- df.ed %>% mutate(hlos = outtime-intime)  
  
df.ed <- df.ed %>% mutate(across(c("gender", "race"), as.factor))  
  
df.triage <- df.triage %>% mutate(fever = if_else(temperature >= 100.4, 1, 0))
```

0.7 Categorical Data

- Usually represented as frequencies and percentages
- Chi-square tests used to evaluate two categorical variables
- Fisher's exact tests for small sample sizes
- Any number of categories can be evaluated

0.8 Basic Code

0.8.1 Frequencies Crosstab and Chi-square Test

```
library(stats)  
library(gmodels)  
  
crosstab1 <- table(df$var1, df$var2, useNA = "ifany")  
  
CrossTable(crosstab1)
```

```
chisq.test(df$var1, df$var2, correct=FALSE)
```

- `var1` and `var2` should be categorical variables. `var1` will be the *rows* and `var2` will be the *columns* of the table
- `useNA = "ifany"` will add missing values to the frequency table if they exist. Other options include "no" and "always"
- `correct = FALSE` applies a continuity correction for use when a categorical variable was derived from a continuous variable

0.9 Example w/ MIMIC Data

```
# Dichotomizing Race to White/Non-White
df.ed <- df.ed %>%
  mutate(race_white = case_when(
    race == "WHITE" ~ 1,
    race == "WHITE - BRAZILIAN" ~ 1,
    race == "WHITE - OTHER EUROPEAN" ~ 1,
    .default = 0
  ))

library(stats)
library(gmodels)

table(df.ed$race_white, df.ed$gender, useNA = "ifany")
```

	F	M
0	64	16
1	58	84

```
chisq.test(df.ed$race_white, df.ed$gender, correct=FALSE)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: df.ed\$race_white and df.ed\$gender
X-squared = 31.692, df = 1, p-value = 1.807e-08

Note: A warning will be given when cell sizes are small but the analysis will proceed nonetheless.

0.10 CrossTable Command from library(gmodels)

```
library(gmodels)

CrossTable(x, y, ...)
```

`x` refers to your row object

`y` refers to your column object

By default, `CrossTable` will only output frequencies and percentages.

To perform a statistical analysis, you must specify:

- `chisq = TRUE` for standard chi-square test
- `fisher = TRUE` for Fisher's exact test – for low cell sizes
- `mcnemar = TRUE` for paired data

0.11 CrossTable Example

```
library(gmodels)

CrossTable(df.ed$race_white, df.ed$gender, chisq = TRUE)
```

Cell Contents	

	N
Chi-square contribution	
	N / Row Total
	N / Col Total
	N / Table Total

Total Observations in Table: 222

df.ed\$race_white	df.ed\$gender		Row Total
	F	M	
0	64	16	80
	9.131	11.140	
	0.800	0.200	0.360
	0.525	0.160	
	0.288	0.072	
1	58	84	142
	5.144	6.276	
	0.408	0.592	0.640
	0.475	0.840	
	0.261	0.378	
Column Total	122	100	222
	0.550	0.450	

Statistics for All Table Factors

Pearson's Chi-squared test

Chi^2 = 31.69161 d.f. = 1 p = 1.807007e-08

Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

Chi^2 = 30.12962 d.f. = 1 p = 4.041116e-08

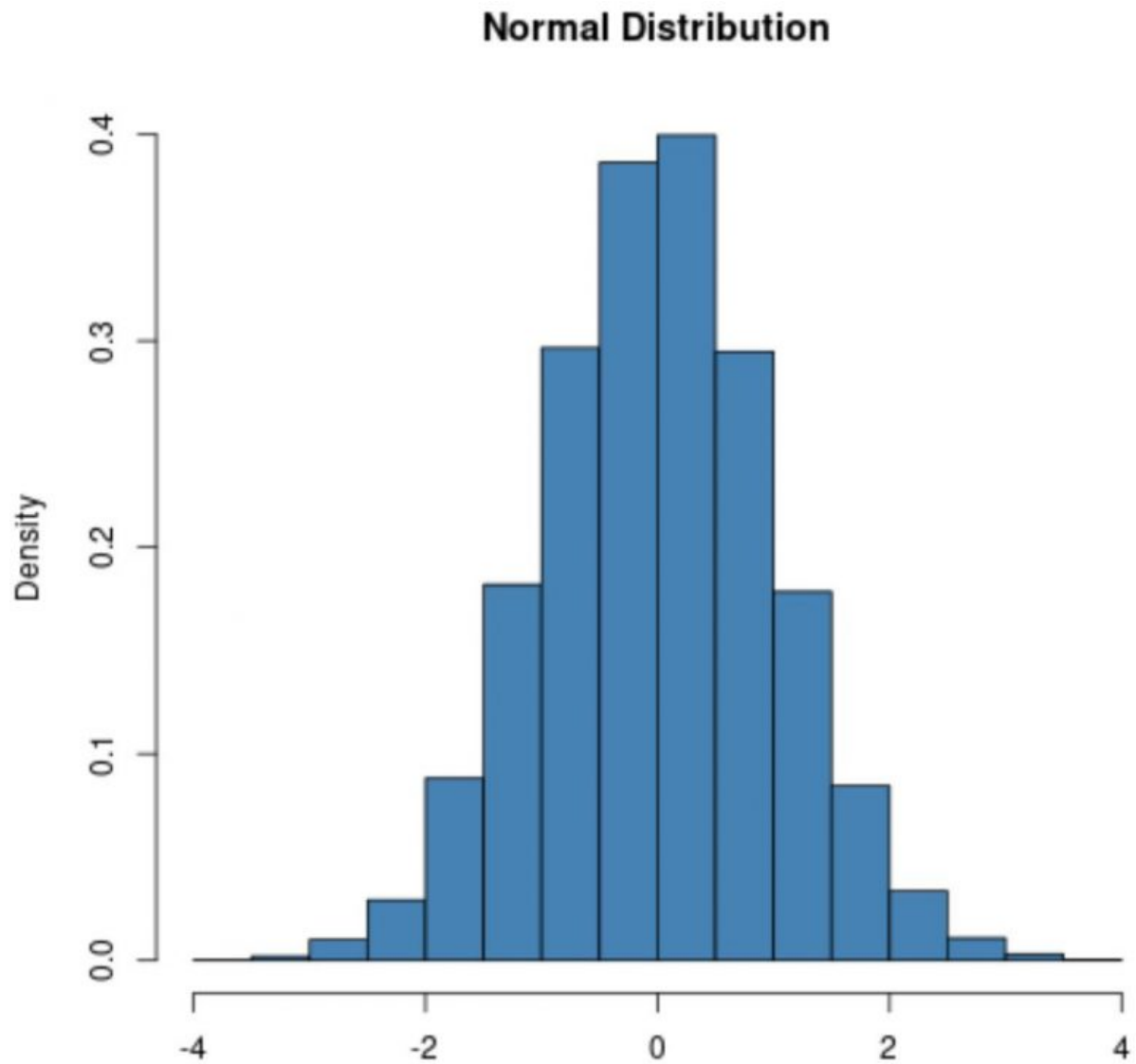
0.12 Bivariate Data Analysis With Continuous Variables

Dependent Variable = Continuous

- Independent Variable = Continuous
- Pearson correlation

- Spearman correlation
- Independent Variable = Categorical
- t-test
- ANOVA
- Mann-Whitney U (Rank Sum)
- Kruskal-Wallis Test

0.13 Behold, the Distribution!



Distributional assumptions of normality must be evaluated!

1 Basic Analysis

1.1 Single Variable Univariate Statistics

Using `tidyverse` and the `summarise()` command, we can output summary statistics of continuous variables

```
df.ed %>%  
  summarise(  
    obs      = n(),  
    min      = min(hlos),  
    max      = max(hlos),  
    mean     = mean(hlos),  
    sd       = sd(hlos),  
    median   = median(hlos),  
    p25      = quantile(hlos, probs = 0.25),  
    p75      = quantile(hlos, probs = 0.75)  
  )
```

	obs	min	max	mean	sd	median	p25
1	222	4 mins	4460 mins	485.7803 mins	509.7573	350.5 mins	253.25 mins
							p75
1	526.0875						mins

1.2 Tidyverse Scoped Verbs

Tidyverse can incorporate “scoped verbs” to operate on multiple variables in one block of code. These include `across()`, `pick()`, and a modified `summarise_all()` to apply a function across a selection/all variables in a data frame.

```
df.ed %>%  
  select(hlos) %>%  
  summarise_all(list(  
    n = length,  
    min = min,  
    max = max,  
    mean = mean,  
    sd = sd,  
    median = median,  
    p25 = ~quantile(., probs = 0.25),  
    p75 = ~quantile(., probs = 0.75)  
  ))
```

	n	min	max	mean	sd	median	p25
1	222	4 mins	4460 mins	485.7803 mins	509.7573	350.5 mins	253.25 mins
							p75
1	526.0875	mins					

Note that the `quantile` call is a function that can be used for any value, so it requires a `~` operator to tag it as a function. This comes from the `purrr` package within `tidyverse` that contains additional programming shorthand tools.

1.3 Many univariates at once

```
df.ed %>%
  select(hlos, intime, outtime) %>%
  summarise_all(list(
    n = length,
    min = min,
    max = max,
    mean = mean,
    sd = sd,
    median = median,
    p25 = ~quantile(., probs = 0.25),
    p75 = ~quantile(., probs = 0.75)
  ))
```

	hlos_n	intime_n	outtime_n	hlos_min	intime_min	outtime_min
1	222	222	222	4 mins	2112-09-17 18:46:00	2112-09-17 19:50:00
	hlos_max	intime_max	outtime_max	hlos_mean		
1	4460 mins	2201-10-30 10:48:00	2201-10-30 12:25:00	485.7803 mins		
	intime_mean	outtime_mean	hlos_sd	intime_sd	outtime_sd	
1	2157-09-10 17:55:54	2157-09-11 02:01:41	509.7573	700146546	700150031	
	hlos_median	intime_median	outtime_median	hlos_p25		
1	350.5 mins	2150-03-08 17:20:00	2150-03-08 23:59:54	253.25 mins		
	intime_p25	outtime_p25	hlos_p75	intime_p75		
1	2142-05-15 16:41:45	2142-05-15 23:50:30	526.0875 mins	2177-11-24 14:14:00		
	outtime_p75					
1	2177-11-24 19:51:10					

Note: `summarise` and `summarise_all` will not work if missing values are present. A straight `tidyverse` solution requires advanced programming.

Characteristic	N = 222 ^I
temperature	98.10 (97.60, 98.50)
Unknown	26
heartrate	90 (77, 104)
Unknown	24
resprate	18 (16, 18)
Unknown	23
o2sat	98 (97, 100)
Unknown	24
sbp	136 (116, 155)
Unknown	23
dbp	72 (62, 83)
Unknown	23

^IMedian (Q1, Q3)

1.4 gtsummary for quick statistics

```
library(gtsummary)

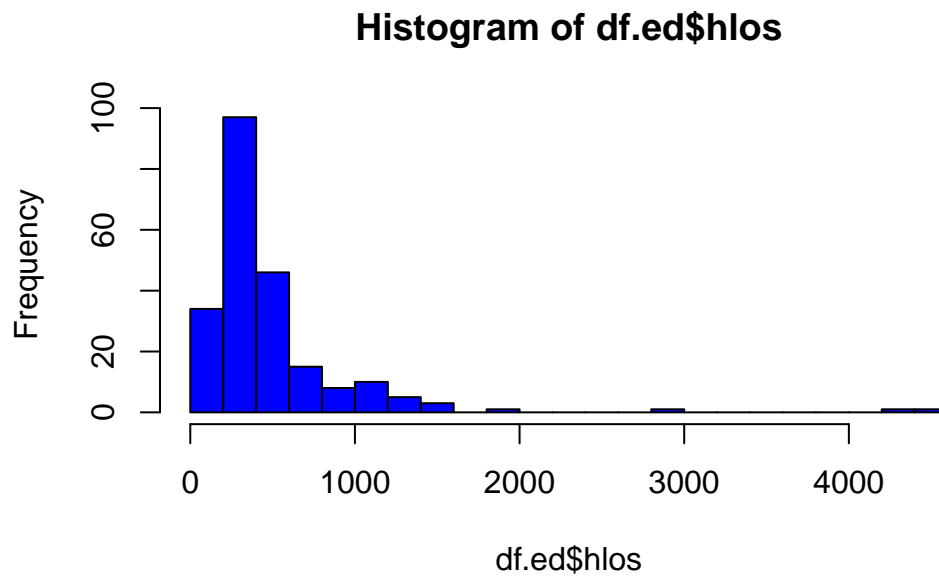
df.triage %>%
  select(temperature:dbp) %>%
  tbl_summary()
```

2 Checking Normality Visually

2.1 via Histograms

```
df.ed$hlos <- as.numeric(df.ed$hlos)

hist(df.ed$hlos, col = "blue", breaks = 30)
```



Widely used method

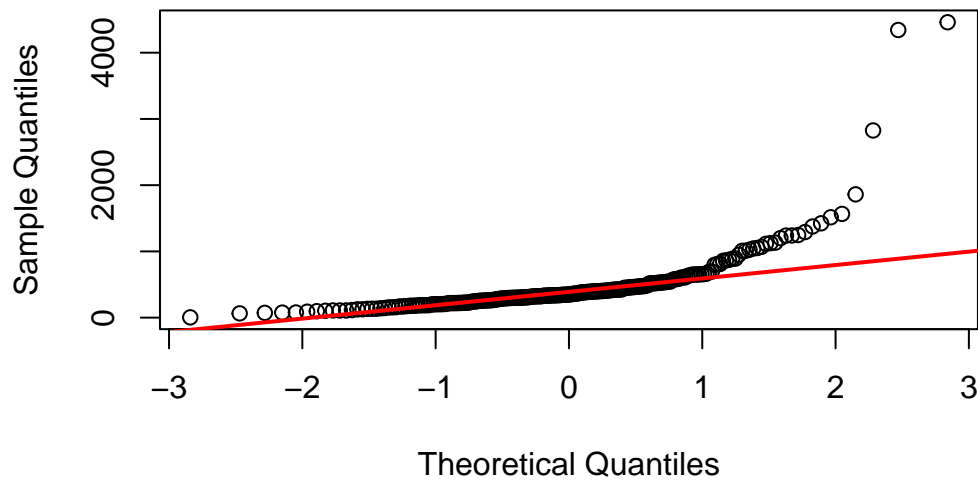
If the histogram is bell-shaped and symmetrical, it suggests normality

Dependent on the number of bins (breaks) and can be subjective

2.2 via Q-Q plots

```
qqnorm(df.ed$hlos, pch = 1, main = "Quantile-Quantile Plot of HLOS")  
qqline(df.ed$hlos, col = "red", lwd = 2)
```

Quantile–Quantile Plot of HLOS



Points should fall close to a straight diagonal line

Deviations from the line suggest departures from normality

- Points curving upwards: skewed to the right (positive skew)
- Points curving downwards: skewed to the left (negative skew)
- Points spread out more than the line: flatter than normal distribution
- Points bunched together closer than the line: heavier tails than normal distribution

3 Checking Normality Numerically

3.1 Shapiro-Wilk

```
library(stats)

swt <- shapiro.test(df.ed$hlos)
print(swt)
```

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: df.ed$hlos  
W = 0.56083, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

Good for smaller samples

A p-value greater than 0.05 indicates that the data does not deviate significantly from the normal distribution

3.2 Kolmogorov-Smirnov

```
library(stats)  
  
kst <- ks.test(df.ed$hlos, "pnorm")
```

Warning in ks.test.default(df.ed\$hlos, "pnorm"): ties should not be present for the one-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

```
print(kst)
```

Asymptotic one-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

```
data: df.ed$hlos  
D = 0.99997, p-value < 2.2e-16  
alternative hypothesis: two-sided
```

Good for larger samples

A p-value greater than 0.05 indicates that the data does not deviate significantly from the normal distribution

3.3 Skewness & Kurtosis

```
library(e1071)  
  
skewness <- skewness(df.ed$hlos)  
kurtosis <- kurtosis(df.ed$hlos)  
  
print(c("Skewness:", skewness, "Kurtosis:", kurtosis))
```

```
[1] "Skewness:"          "4.81774459323537" "Kurtosis:"          "31.1513455581506"
```

Kind of arbitrary, but these assess the asymmetry and tail heaviness of a distribution

Skewness:

- Absolute values close to 0 suggest symmetry
- Positive values indicate a right-skewed distribution
- Negative values indicate a left-skewed distribution

Kurtosis:

- A value of 3 indicates a normal distribution
- Values greater than 3 indicate heavier tails (leptokurtic)
- Values less than 3 indicate lighter tails (platykurtic)

4 Bivariate Analyses

4.1 Two continuous variables (1 dependent, 1 independent)

4.2 Scatter Plots

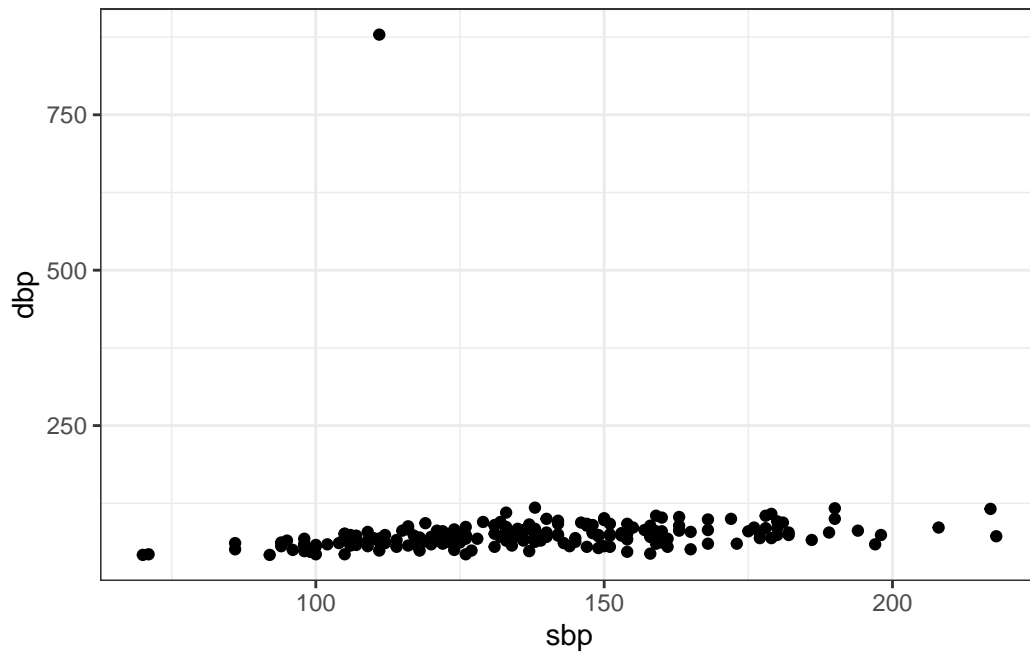
Two-variable scatterplots can be generated with `ggplot2` within the `tidyverse`

This is a highly customizable package that will be discussed in more detail later.

```
library(ggplot2)

# Simple Plots
ggplot(df.triage, aes(sbp, dbp)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw()
```

Warning: Removed 23 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range (``geom_point()``).

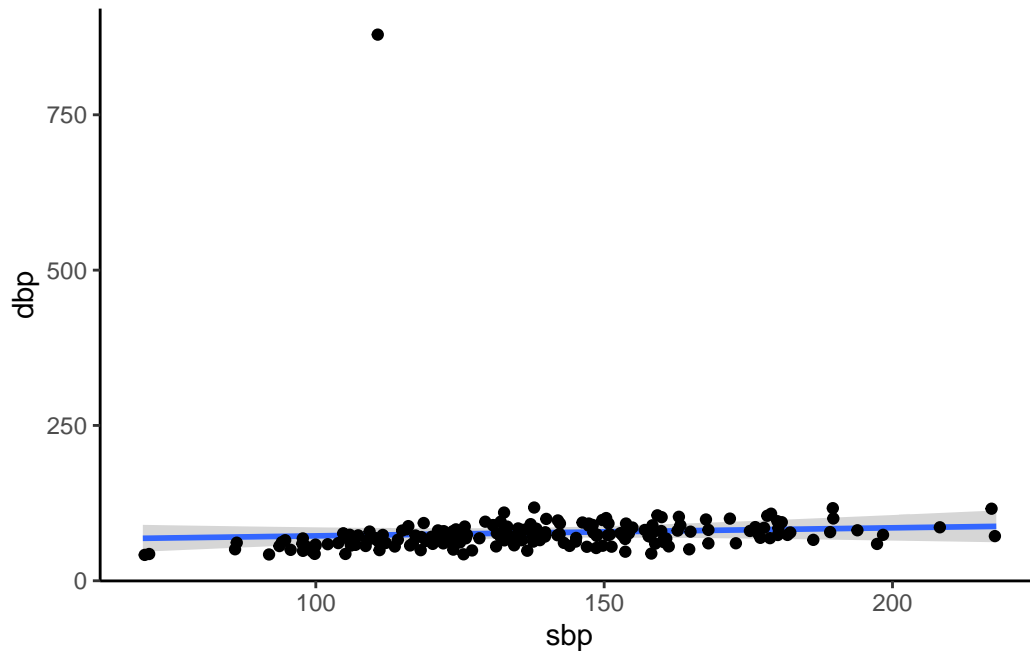


```
# With Regression Lines
ggplot(df.triage, aes(sbp, dbp)) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm") +
  geom_jitter() +
  theme_classic()
```

``geom_smooth()`` using formula = 'y ~ x'

Warning: Removed 23 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range
(``stat_smooth()``).

Removed 23 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
(``geom_point()``).



4.3 Pearson Correlation

```
# Calculate correlations
cor.test(df.triage$temperature, df.triage$sbp, method = "pearson")
```

Pearson's product-moment correlation

```
data: df.triage$temperature and df.triage$sbp
t = -0.22879, df = 194, p-value = 0.8193
alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -0.1562168  0.1240144
sample estimates:
      cor
-0.01642376
```

```
cor.test(~ temperature + sbp, data = df.triage, method = "pearson")
```

Pearson's product-moment correlation

```
data: temperature and sbp
t = -0.22879, df = 194, p-value = 0.8193
alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -0.1562168  0.1240144
sample estimates:
      cor
-0.01642376
```

the parametric method

The correlation_coefficient value will be between -1 and 1. - 1: Perfect positive correlation (variables increase/decrease together). - 0: No linear correlation (no relationship between variables). - -1: Perfect negative correlation (variables increase/decrease in opposite directions).

Correlation strength: - 0.0 to 0.2: Very weak or negligible - 0.2 to 0.4: Weak - 0.4 to 0.6: Moderate - 0.6 to 0.8: Strong - 0.8 to 1.0: Very strong

The p-value indicates the probability of observing the correlation by chance. Smaller p-values (usually < 0.05) suggest a statistically significant correlation.

4.4 Spearman Correlation

```
# Calculate correlations
cor.test(df.triage$temperature, df.triage$sbp, method = "spearman")
```

```
Warning in cor.test.default(df.triage$temperature, df.triage$sbp, method =
"spearman"): Cannot compute exact p-value with ties
```

Spearman's rank correlation rho

```
data: df.triage$temperature and df.triage$sbp
S = 1158513, p-value = 0.2847
alternative hypothesis: true rho is not equal to 0
sample estimates:
      rho
0.07680128
```

```
cor.test(~ temperature + sbp, data = df.triage, method = "spearman")
```

Warning in cor.test.default(x = mf[[1L]], y = mf[[2L]], ...): Cannot compute exact p-value with ties

Spearman's rank correlation rho

```
data: temperature and sbp
S = 1158513, p-value = 0.2847
alternative hypothesis: true rho is not equal to 0
sample estimates:
      rho
0.07680128
```

The non-parametric method

It is suitable for measuring associations between variables measured on an ordinal scale (e.g., rankings, grades, levels).

It reflects the strength and direction of monotonic relationships, even if they are not perfectly linear.

Rho values range from -1 (perfect negative correlation) to 1 (perfect positive correlation), with 0 indicating no correlation.

the p-value indicates the statistical significance of the correlation

4.5 Two variables (1 continuous dependent, 1 categorical independent)

4.6 Summary Statistics

gtsummary will provide the easiest and fastest method for quick bivariate statistics

```
library(gtsummary)

df <- left_join(df.ed, df.triage, by = "stay_id")

df %>%
  select(race_white, temperature:dbp) %>%
  tbl_summary(by = "race_white")
```

Characteristic	0 N = 80 ¹	1 N = 142 ¹
temperature	98.00 (97.40, 98.20)	98.20 (97.70, 98.70)
Unknown	13	13
heartrate	84 (72, 96)	96 (80, 106)
Unknown	11	13
resprate	18 (16, 18)	18 (16, 20)
Unknown	11	12
o2sat	99 (97, 100)	98 (96, 99)
Unknown	11	13
sbp	142 (121, 163)	133 (116, 151)
Unknown	11	12
dbp	74 (61, 82)	72 (62, 83)
Unknown	11	12

¹Median (Q1, Q3)

4.7 One-sample T-Test

```
oneSamp.res <- t.test(df$age, mu = 75)
oneSamp.res
```

4.8 Two Samples

Equality of Variances - Levene's Test

```
library(car)

lev.res1 <- leveneTest(age ~ inptDeath, data = df)
lev.res1

lev.res2 <- leveneTest(age ~ gender, data = df)
lev.res2
```

4.9 T-test for two groups

```
age.ttest.res <- t.test(age ~ inptDeath, data = df)
age.ttest.res
gend.ttest.res <- t.test(age ~ gender, data = df)
gend.ttest.res
```

4.10 Two-samples T-test

Requiring two separate dataframes with the same variables.

4.10.1 Unpaired Equal Variance

```
# subset to get our "two samples"
df.white <- subset(df, race_white == 1)
df.nonwhite <- subset(df, race_white == 0)

# Welch's T-Test, equal variance assumed
twoSampEq.res <- t.test(df.white$hlos, df.nonwhite$hlos, paired = FALSE)
twoSampEq.res
```

Welch Two Sample t-test

```
data: df.white$hlos and df.nonwhite$hlos
t = -1.0625, df = 131.26, p-value = 0.29
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -233.30843  70.25974
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
 456.4021  537.9265
```

4.10.2 Unpaired Unequal Variance

```
# Welch's T-Test, unequal variance
twoSampUnEq.res <- t.test(df.white$hlos, df.nonwhite$hlos, paired = FALSE, var.equal = FALSE)
twoSampUnEq.res
```

Welch Two Sample t-test

```
data: df.white$hlos and df.nonwhite$hlos
t = -1.0625, df = 131.26, p-value = 0.29
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -233.30843  70.25974
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
 456.4021  537.9265
```

4.11 Paired t-test

Requiring one data frame with two columns to be compared.

```
# Paired t-test
paired.res <- t.test(df$baselineMeasure, df$followupMeasure, paired = TRUE)
paired.res
```

5 Analysis of Continuous Data w/ Polychotomous Categorical

5.1 ANOVA

5.2 Equality of Variance Test

```
# Bartlett's Test
age.bartl.res <- bartlett.test(age ~ admission_type, data = df)
age.bartl.res
```

age is set as the “dependent variable” and is continuous

admission_type is the “independent variable” and is categorical w/ more than 2 categories.

5.3 One-way ANOVA

```
one.way <- aov(hlos ~ admission_type, data = df)
summary(one.way)
head(one.way)
```

5.4 Two-way ANOVA [Multivariate!]

```
two.way <- aov(hlos ~ admission_type + race, data = df)
summary(two.way)
```

5.5 Test of Medians

```
# Mann-Whitney U / Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test
# two groups
wilcox <- wilcox.test(hlos ~ race, data = df)
wilcox

# Kruskal-Wallis Test
# more than two groups
krusk <- kruskal.test(hlos ~ admission_type, data = df)
krusk
```