Chapter 5. Exploring assumptions

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5.0. Importing libraries

5.1. What will this chapter tell me?

How can we turn the ugly data into a beautiful swan?

5.2. What are assumptions?

Different statistical models assume different things.

The assumptions need to be true when statistical models are going to reflect reality accurately.

5.3. Assumptions of parametric data

Parametric statistics are based on assumption about the distribution of population from which the sample was taken.

Nonparametric statistics are not based on assumptions, that is, the data can be collected from a sample that does not follow a specific distribution.

Parametric test requires data from one of the large catalogue of distributions that statisticians have described.

According to the **central limit theorem**, as samples get large, the sampling distribution has a normal distribution with a mean equal to the population mean.

Most parametric tests based on the normal distribution have four basic assumptions that must be met for the test to be accurate.

- 1) Normally distributed data
- 2) **Homogeneity of variance**: Variances should be the dame throughout the data.
- 3) Interval data: Data should be measured at least at the interval level.
- 4) **Independence** (This assumption is different depending on the test we're using)

5.4. Packages used in this chapter

car, ggplot2, pastecs, psych, Rcmdr

5.5. The assumption of normality

We assume that the sampling distribution is normally distributed, but we don't have access to this distribution.

Central limit theorem: If the sample data are approximately normal then the sampling distribution will be also normal.

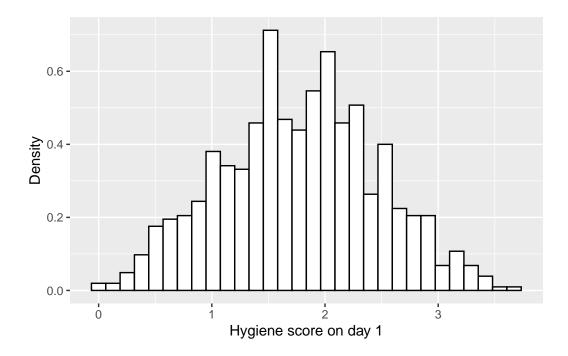
General linear models assume that errors in the model are normally distributed.

5.5.1. Oh no, it's that pesky frequency distribution again: checking normality visually

First, let's plot a histogram of **DownloadFestival.dat**:

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[`]stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

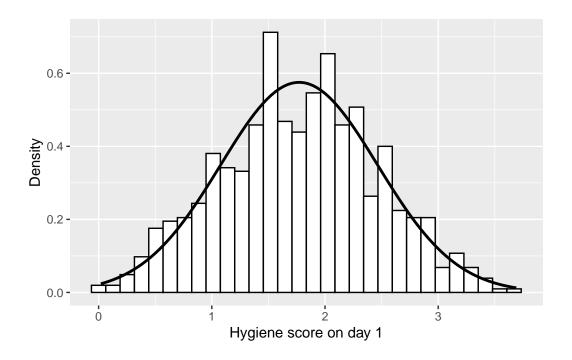


We can add a normal curve, and we need to tell ggplot2 what mean and SD we'd like on that curve.

The stat_function() command draws the normal curve using the function dnorm():

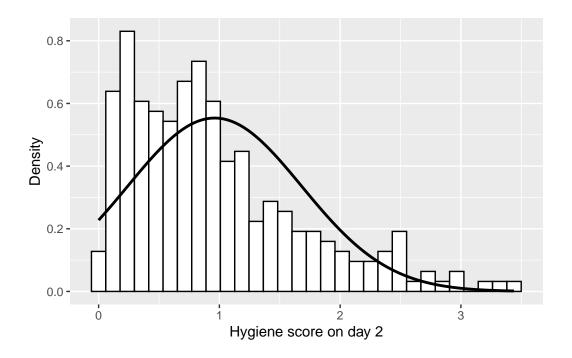
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[`]stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



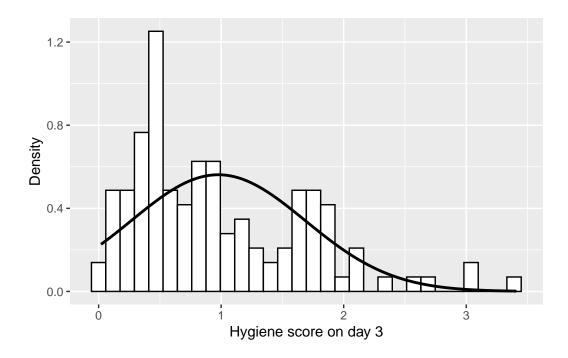
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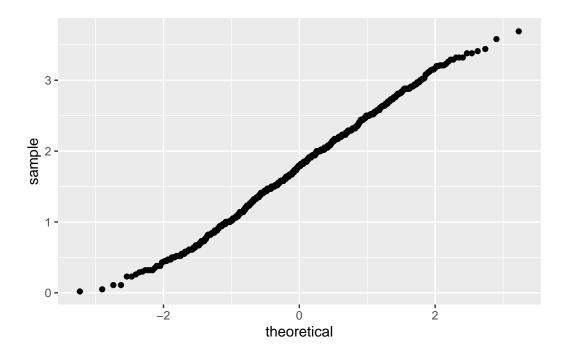
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Q-Q plot (quantile-quantile plot) is another useful graph that we can inspect to see if a distribution is normal. Q-Q plots the cumulative values we have in our data against the cumulative probability of a particular distribution. Each value is compared to the expected value that the score should have in a normal distribution and they are plotted against one another. The x axis of Q-Q plot represents the z-scores of each point:

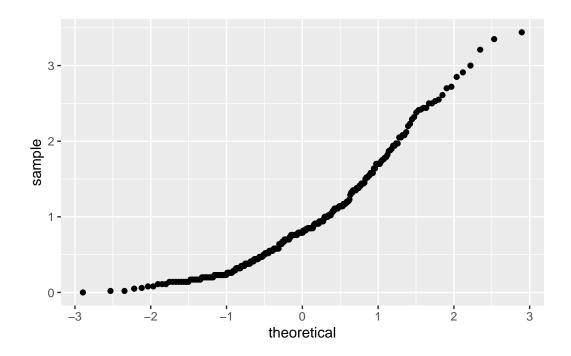
```
qqplot.day1 <- ggplot(data = dlf, aes(sample = day1)) +
    geom_qq()
qqplot.day1 # Updated code</pre>
```



For day 2 and day 3:

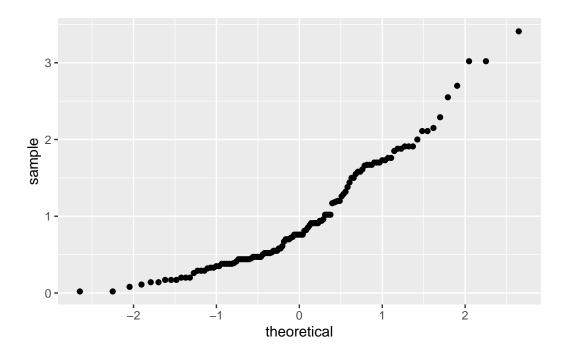
```
qqplot.day2 <- ggplot(data = dlf, aes(sample = day2)) +
    geom_qq()
qqplot.day2</pre>
```

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```
qqplot.day3 <- ggplot(data = dlf, aes(sample = day3)) +
    geom_qq()
qqplot.day3</pre>
```

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5.5.2. Quantifying normality with numbers

We can explore the distribution of the variables using the describe() function in the *psych* package, or the stat.desc() function of the *pastecs* package:

```
vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
X1 1 810 1.77 0.69 1.79 1.77 0.7 0.02 3.69 3.67 0 -0.42 0.02
stat.desc(dlf$day1, basic = FALSE, norm = TRUE)
```

SE.mean CI.mean.0.95 var median mean std.dev 1.79000000 1.77113580 0.02436847 0.04783289 0.48099624 0.69353892 coef.var skewness skew.2SE kurt.2SE normtest.W kurtosis 0.39157862 -0.00442835 -0.02577395 -0.42159405 -1.22838457 0.99591522 normtest.p 0.03198482

We can combine two or more variables by using cbind() function.

describe(cbind(dlf\$day1, dlf\$day2, dlf\$day3)) sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis vars n mean X1 1 810 1.77 0.69 1.79 1.77 0.70 0.02 3.69 3.67 0.00 -0.420.02X2 2 264 0.96 0.72 0.79 0.87 0.61 0.00 3.44 3.44 1.08 0.76 0.04 3 123 0.98 0.71 0.90 0.61 0.02 3.41 3.39 1.01 Х3 0.76 0.59 0.06 stat.desc(cbind(dlf\$day1, dlf\$day2, dlf\$day3), basic = FALSE, norm = TRUE) VЗ V1 V2 1.79000000 7.900000e-01 7.600000e-01 median mean 1.77113580 9.609091e-01 9.765041e-01 SE.mean 0.02436847 4.436095e-02 6.404352e-02 CI.mean.0.95 0.04783289 8.734781e-02 1.267805e-01 0.48099624 5.195239e-01 5.044934e-01 std.dev 0.69353892 7.207801e-01 7.102770e-01 0.39157862 7.501022e-01 7.273672e-01 coef.var -0.00442835 1.082811e+00 1.007813e+00 skewness skew.2SE -0.02577395 3.611574e+00 2.309035e+00 -0.42159405 7.554615e-01 5.945454e-01 kurtosis kurt.2SE -1.22838457 1.264508e+00 6.862946e-01 normtest.W 0.99591522 9.083191e-01 9.077516e-01 0.03198482 1.281630e-11 3.804486e-07 normtest.p # OR, describe(dlf[, c("day1", "day2", "day3")]) n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis 1 810 1.77 0.69 1.79 1.77 0.70 0.02 3.69 3.67 0.00

```
      day1
      1 810 1.77 0.69
      1.79
      1.77 0.70 0.02 3.69 3.67 0.00
      -0.42 0.02

      day2
      2 264 0.96 0.72
      0.79
      0.87 0.61 0.00 3.44 3.44 1.08
      0.76 0.04

      day3
      3 123 0.98 0.71
      0.76
      0.90 0.61 0.02 3.41 3.39 1.01
      0.59 0.06
```

```
stat.desc(dlf[, c("day1", "day2", "day3")], basic = FALSE, norm = TRUE)
```

day1day2day3median1.790000007.9000000e-017.600000e-01mean1.771135809.609091e-019.765041e-01

```
SE.mean
              0.02436847 4.436095e-02 6.404352e-02
             0.04783289 8.734781e-02 1.267805e-01
CI.mean.0.95
              0.48099624 5.195239e-01 5.044934e-01
var
              0.69353892 7.207801e-01 7.102770e-01
std.dev
              0.39157862 7.501022e-01 7.273672e-01
coef.var
             -0.00442835 1.082811e+00 1.007813e+00
skewness
skew.2SE
             -0.02577395 3.611574e+00 2.309035e+00
kurtosis
             -0.42159405 7.554615e-01 5.945454e-01
kurt.2SE
             -1.22838457 1.264508e+00 6.862946e-01
              0.99591522 9.083191e-01 9.077516e-01
normtest.W
normtest.p
              0.03198482 1.281630e-11 3.804486e-07
```

We can select rows and columns using [rows, colomns], therefore, dlf[, c("day1", "day2", "day3")] means from the dlf dataframe select all of the rows (because nothing is specified before the comma) and select the columns labelled day1, day2, day3.

If the skew divided by its standard error is greater than 2 then it is significant (at p< 0.05).

If we want to change our output's decimal places, we can use the round() function.

```
day1 day2 day3
median
              1.790 0.790 0.760
              1.771 0.961 0.977
mean
SE.mean
              0.024 0.044 0.064
CI.mean.0.95
              0.048 0.087 0.127
              0.481 0.520 0.504
var
std.dev
              0.694 0.721 0.710
              0.392 0.750 0.727
coef.var
             -0.004 1.083 1.008
skewness
skew.2SE
             -0.026 3.612 2.309
kurtosis
             -0.422 0.755 0.595
kurt.2SE
             -1.228 1.265 0.686
              0.996 0.908 0.908
normtest.W
              0.032 0.000 0.000
normtest.p
```

5.5.3. Exploring groups of data

5.5.3.1. Running the analysis for all data

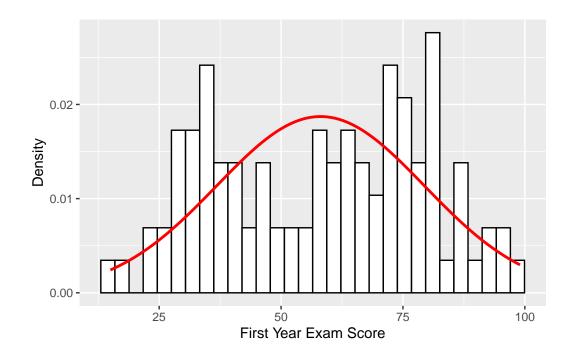
RExam.dat contains data regarding students' performance on an R exam. There are four variables measured: **exam, computer, lecture** and **numeracy**. A variable **uni** indicates whether the student attended Sussex university of Duncetown university.

Let's open the file and set the variable uni to be a factor by executing:

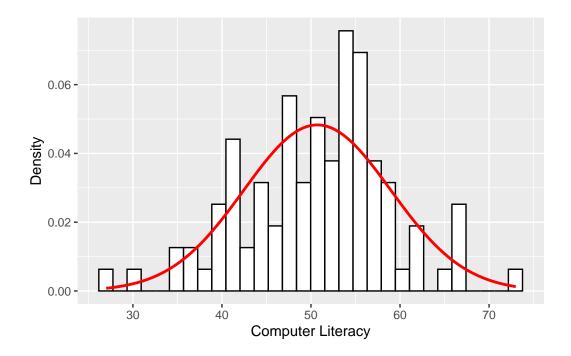
SELF-TEST

	exam	computer	lectures	numeracy
median	60.000	51.500	62.000	4.000
mean	58.100	50.710	59.765	4.850
SE.mean	2.132	0.826	2.168	0.271
${\tt CI.mean.0.95}$	4.229	1.639	4.303	0.537
var	454.354	68.228	470.230	7.321
std.dev	21.316	8.260	21.685	2.706
coef.var	0.367	0.163	0.363	0.558
skewness	-0.104	-0.169	-0.410	0.933
skew.2SE	-0.215	-0.350	-0.849	1.932
kurtosis	-1.148	0.221	-0.285	0.763
kurt.2SE	-1.200	0.231	-0.298	0.798
normtest.W	0.961	0.987	0.977	0.924
normtest.p	0.005	0.441	0.077	0.000

`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

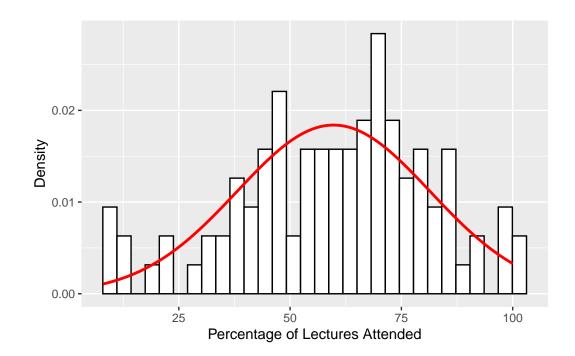


`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

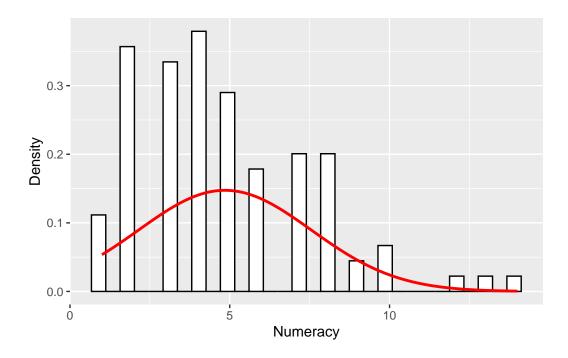


```
colour = "red",
size = 1
)
hlectures
```

`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



The exam scores' distribution is quite not normal; it looks bimodal (two peaks).

by (data = rexam\$exam, INDICES = rexam\$uni, FUN = describe)

The bimodal distribution of R exam scores instantly indicates a trend that students are typically either very good at statistics or struggle with it.

5.5.3.2. Running the analysis for different groups

If we want to obtain separate descriptive statistics for each of the universities, we can use the by() function. We can simply enter the name of our dataframe or variables that we'd like to analyse, we can specify a variable by which we want to split the output (in this case, it's uni). We then tell it which function we want to apply to the data:

```
rexam$uni: Duncetown University
                    sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
   vars n
           mean
      1 50 40.18 12.59
                                                                   -0.72 1.78
Х1
                            38
                                 39.85 12.6 15
                                                 66
                                                       51 0.29
rexam$uni: Sussex University
           mean
                    sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
Х1
      1 50 76.02 10.21
                            75
                                  75.7 8.9
                                            56
                                                99
                                                      43 0.26
                                                                  -0.461.44
```

We can do the same thing by executing:

rexam\$uni: Duncetown University

```
by(data = rexam$exam, INDICES = rexam$uni, FUN = stat.desc)
```

nbr.val	nbr.null	nbr.na	min	max	range
50.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	15.0000000	66.0000000	51.0000000
sum	median	mean	SE.mean	CI.mean.0.95	var
2009.0000000	38.0000000	40.1800000	1.7803210	3.5776890	158.4771429
std.dev	coef.var				
12.5887705	0.3133094				
rexam\$uni: Su	ssex Universi	ty			
nbr.val	nbr.null	nbr.na	min	max	rango
	nor .nurr	nor .na	111 111	lilax	range
50.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	56.0000000	99.0000000	43.0000000
50.0000000 sum			56.0000000		•
	0.0000000	0.0000000	56.0000000	99.0000000	43.0000000
sum	0.0000000 median	0.0000000 mean	56.0000000 SE.mean	99.0000000 CI.mean.0.95	43.0000000 var

by(rexam\$exam, rexam\$uni, describe) and by(rexam\$exam, rexam\$uni, stat.desc have the same effect as those above.

We can also include any options for the function we're using by adding them in at the end. For example:

```
by(rexam$exam, rexam$uni, stat.desc, basic = FALSE, norm = TRUE)
```

rexam\$uni: Duncetown University median mean SE.mean CI.mean.0.95 std.dev var 1.7803210 38.0000000 40.1800000 3.5776890 158.4771429 12.5887705 coef.var skewness skew.2SE kurtosis kurt.2SE normtest.W 0.3133094 0.2906760 0.4317816 -0.7230849 -0.5462122 0.9721662 normtest.p 0.2828984 rexam\$uni: Sussex University median mean SE.mean CI.mean.0.95 var std.dev 75.0000000 76.0200000 2.9002348 104.1424490 1.4432079 10.2050208 coef.var skewness skew.2SE kurtosis kurt.2SE normtest.W 0.1342413 0.2559866 0.3802527 -0.4609644 -0.3482086 0.9837115

```
normtest.p 0.7151182
```

If we want descriptive statistics for multiple variables, then we can use cbind() to include them within the by() function:

```
by(rexam[, c("exam", "numeracy")],
    rexam$uni,
    stat.desc,
    basic = FALSE,
    norm = TRUE
    )
```

rexam\$uni: Duncetown University

```
exam
                         numeracy
median
            38.0000000 4.00000000
            40.1800000 4.12000000
mean
        1.7803210 0.29226770
SE.mean
CI.mean.0.95 3.5776890 0.58733393
          158.4771429 4.27102041
var
std.dev 12.5887705 2.06664472
coef.var
            0.3133094 0.50161280
skewness
             0.2906760 0.48165960
skew.2SE
             0.4317816 0.71547621
kurtosis
            -0.7230849 -0.65166313
           -0.5462122 -0.49226083
kurt.2SE
normtest.W
             0.9721662 0.94081692
             0.2828984 0.01451518
normtest.p
```

rexam\$uni: Sussex University

	exam	numeracy
median	75.0000000	5.000000000
mean	76.0200000	5.580000000
SE.mean	1.4432079	0.434332704
CI.mean.0.95	2.9002348	0.872824247
var	104.1424490	9.432244898
std.dev	10.2050208	3.071196004
coef.var	0.1342413	0.550393549
skewness	0.2559866	0.746369109
skew.2SE	0.3802527	1.108686183
kurtosis	-0.4609644	-0.006440059
kurt.2SE	-0.3482086	-0.004864766

```
normtest.W 0.9837115 0.932346126
normtest.p 0.7151182 0.006786803
```

Now, let's look at the histograms. We can create plots for different groups by using the subset() function:

```
dunceData <- subset(rexam, rexam$uni == "Duncetown University")
sussexData <- subset(rexam, rexam$uni == "Sussex University")
dunceData</pre>
```

	exam	computer	lectures	numeracy		uni
1	18	54	75.0	7	Duncetown	University
2	30	47	8.5	1	Duncetown	University
3	40	58	69.5	6	Duncetown	University
4	30	37	67.0	6	Duncetown	University
5	40	53	44.5	2	Duncetown	University
6	15	48	76.5	8	Duncetown	University
7	36	49	70.0	3	Duncetown	University
8	40	49	18.5	7	Duncetown	University
9	63	45	43.5	4	Duncetown	University
10	31	62	100.0	6	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
11	22	67	48.0	3	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
12	47	62	10.5	3	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
13	38	38	57.5	1	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
14	34	37	61.5	8	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
15	54	54	54.0	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
16	35	48	71.0	5	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
17	33	48	14.0	9	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
18	38	42	55.5	3	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
19	29	57	72.5	2	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
20	36	55	38.0	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
21	59	41	40.0	1	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
22	31	42	85.5	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
23	34	48	52.0	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
24	28	44	8.0	3	Duncetown	University
25	50	42	62.5	6	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$
26	59	42	70.5	3	Duncetown	University
27	33	40	98.0	4	Duncetown	University
28	57	52	34.5	2		University
29	25	56	62.5	3	Duncetown	University
30	53	54	91.5	2		${\tt University}$
31	65	52	97.5	7	${\tt Duncetown}$	${\tt University}$

32	47	55	31.5	2	Duncetown	University
33	28	61	80.5	7	Duncetown	University
34	43	56	66.5	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
35	47	52	57.5	2	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
36	60	49	67.0	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
37	45	43	48.5	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
38	22	51	61.0	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
39	39	49	76.0	3	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
40	43	56	30.5	2	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
41	66	41	45.0	2	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
42	36	67	21.5	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
43	26	35	72.5	5	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
44	58	49	66.0	8	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
45	53	62	90.5	6	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
46	37	66	48.5	4	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
47	48	48	62.0	3	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
48	32	46	49.0	1	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
49	42	46	60.0	5	${\tt Duncetown}$	University
50	34	58	21.0	5	${\tt Duncetown}$	University

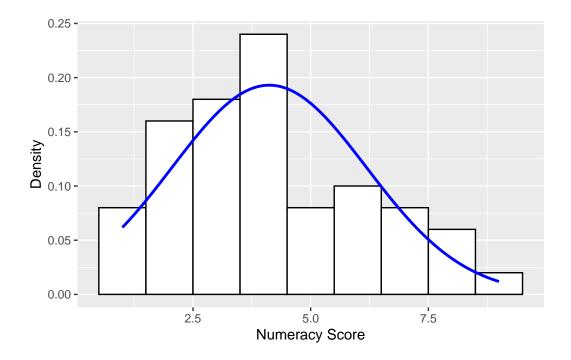
sussexData

	exam	${\tt computer}$	lectures	${\tt numeracy}$		uni
51	56	30	84.5	7	Sussex	University
52	76	48	51.0	8	Sussex	University
53	72	54	58.5	5	Sussex	University
54	77	44	42.0	6	Sussex	University
55	77	54	65.5	9	Sussex	University
56	66	58	56.0	7	Sussex	University
57	62	59	71.5	2	Sussex	University
58	86	54	48.5	5	Sussex	University
59	97	35	84.5	5	Sussex	University
60	72	56	47.5	2	Sussex	University
61	69	53	54.0	3	Sussex	University
62	87	56	70.5	6	Sussex	University
63	88	65	73.0	5	Sussex	University
64	72	50	79.0	12	Sussex	University
65	75	39	82.5	8	Sussex	University
66	74	40	74.5	3	Sussex	University
67	68	50	85.0	2	Sussex	University
68	81	57	69.5	10	Sussex	University
69	77	39	42.0	7	Sussex	University

70	71	41	43.0	8	Sussex	University
71	60	48	46.5	6	Sussex	University
72	74	46	36.5	8	Sussex	University
73	80	54	72.5	4	Sussex	University
74	68	55	62.0	4	Sussex	University
75	64	27	81.5	5	Sussex	University
76	94	57	100.0	13	Sussex	University
77	65	73	27.0	14	Sussex	University
78	72	54	59.5	2	Sussex	University
79	75	54	75.0	3	Sussex	University
80	92	50	34.0	2	Sussex	University
81	89	56	78.0	4	Sussex	University
82	83	57	80.5	5	Sussex	University
83	80	54	84.0	2	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
84	95	55	37.5	4	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
85	99	54	57.0	3	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
86	80	52	66.0	8	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
87	81	67	59.0	10	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
88	75	44	68.5	5	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
89	78	57	88.5	3	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
90	65	54	55.0	8	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
91	80	51	86.0	5	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
92	86	55	68.5	10	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
93	73	51	64.0	7	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
94	81	45	12.5	1	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
95	69	59	52.5	7	Sussex	University
96	60	43	37.0	5	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
97	69	57	46.0	2	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
98	71	50	97.5	2	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
99	82	50	70.5	4	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$
100	58	47	78.0	3	${\tt Sussex}$	${\tt University}$

These commands each create a new data frame that is based on a subset of the *rexam* data frame. We need to be careful that the term we specify to select cases exactly matches the labelling in the dataset otherwise we'll end up with an empty dataset.

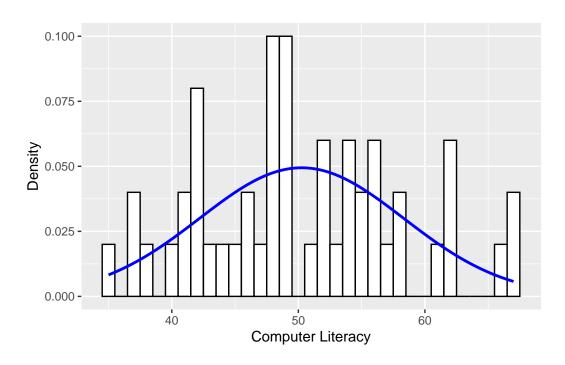
Having created our separate dataframes, we can generate histograms using the same commands as before, but specifying the dataframe for the subset of data:



We can see that for exam marks the distributions are both fairly normal. This is because the two samples are combined and these two normal distributions created a bimodal one at the previous figure.

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```
hist.computer.duncetown <- ggplot(dunceData, aes(computer)) +
   geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..),</pre>
```



5.6. Testing whether a distribution is normal

The **Shapiro-Wilk** test compares the scores in the sample to a normally distributed set of scores with the same mean and standard deviation. If the test is significant (p < .05), then the distribution in question is significantly different from a normal distribution.

5.6.1. Doing the Shapiro-Wilk test in R

```
shapiro.test() function tests the variables for normality:
```

```
shapiro.test(rexam$exam)

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

data: rexam$exam

W = 0.96131, p-value = 0.004991

shapiro.test(rexam$numeracy)

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

data: rexam$numeracy

W = 0.92439, p-value = 2.424e-05
```

Although the distributions seemed quite normal, the Shapiro-Wilk tests was highly significant, indicating that both distributions are not normal. The value of W corresponds to the value of P0 and the p-value corresponds to P1 from the stat.desc function.

We can adjust shapiro.test to by() function we came across earlier, using it instead of FUN:

rexam\$uni: Duncetown University Shapiro-Wilk normality test data: dd[x,] W = 0.94082, p-value = 0.01452 -----rexam\$uni: Sussex University Shapiro-Wilk normality test data: dd[x,]

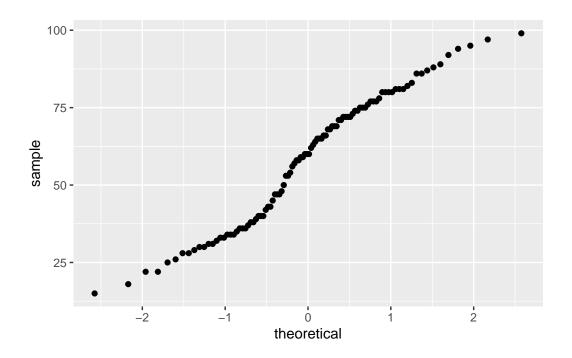
by(rexam\$numeracy, rexam\$uni, shapiro.test)

This result shows that the percentages on the R exam are indeed normal within the two groups.

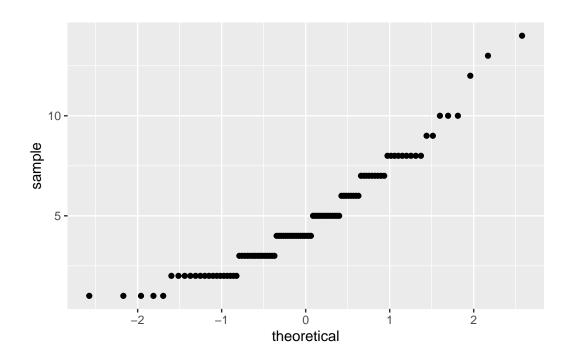
We can also draw Q-Q plots for the variables to help us to interpret the results of the Shapiro-Wilk test.

```
ggplot(data = rexam, aes(sample = exam)) +
  geom_qq()
```

W = 0.93235, p-value = 0.006787



```
ggplot(data = rexam, aes(sample = numeracy)) +
  geom_qq()
```



If the data are normally distributed (Numeracy), then the observed values should fall exactly along a straight line.

5.6.2. Reporting the Shapiro-Wilk test

"The percentage on the R exam, W = 0.96, p = 0.005, and the numeracy scores, W = 0.92, p < .001, were both significantly non-normal."

5.7. Testing for homogeneity of variance

The homogeneity of variance: Although the means increase, the spread of scores is the same at each level of the concert variable.

The heterogeneity of variance: At some levels of the variable the variance of scores is different than other levels.

5.7.1. Levene's test

Levene's test tests the null hypothesis that the variances in different groups are equal. If Levene's test is significant at p<= .05 then we can conclude that the null hypothesis is incorrect and that the variances are significantly different.

5.7.1.1. Levene's test with R Commander

Data -> Import data -> from text file, clipboard, or URL ..., and then select the file $\mathbf{RExam.dat}$

We need to convert **uni** to a factor because at the moment it is simply 0s and 1s so \mathbf{R} doesn't know that it's a factor.

Data -> Manage variables in active data set -> Convert numeric variables to factors

Statistics -> Variances -> Levene's test, and select a grouping variable, which is **uni** here. For the centring, the median tends to be more accurate and is the default.

5.7.1.2. Levene's test with R

To use Levene's test, we use the leveneTest() function from the *car* package. This function takes the general form: leveneTest(outcome variable, group, center = median/mean). The outcome variable is what we want to test the variances. The grouping variable must be a factor:

5.7.1.3. Levene's test output

The result is non-significant for the \mathbf{R} exam scores. This indicates that the variances are not significantly different. However, for the numeracy scores, Levene's test is significant, indicating that the variances are significantly different.

5.7.2. Reporting Levene's test

For the percentage on the **R** exam, the variances were similar for Duncetown and Sussex University students, F(1, 98) = 2.09, ns, but for numeracy scores the variances were significantly different in the two groups, F(1, 98) = 5.37, p = .023

5.7.3. Hartley's F_max: the variance ratio

As with the Shapiro-Wilk test, when the sample size is large, small differences in group variances can produce a Levene's test that is significant. We can double check by looking at Hartley's F_max, which is the ratio of the variances between the group with the biggest variance and the group with the smallest variance.

5.8. Correcting problems in the data

What can we do about outliers and heterogeneity of variance?

5.8.1. Dealing with outliers

There are three main options dealing with outliers

- 1. Remove the case: If we have a good reason to believe that a case is not from the population that we intended to sample, we can delete that case.
- 2. Transform the data: The skew occurred by the outlier can be reduced by applying transformations to the data.
- 3. Change the score: If transformation fails, we can consider replacing the score. There are three options: The next highest score plus one, Convert back from a z-score, and The mean plus two standard deviations.

5.8.2. Dealing with non-normality and unequal variances

5.8.2.1. Transforming data

The idea behind transformations is that we do something to every score to correct for distributional problems, outliers or unequal variances. Transforming the data won't change the relationships between variables, but it does change the differences between different variables. If we are looking at differences within variables, then we need to transform all levels of those variables.

Data transformations and their uses

- Log transformation: It reduces positive skew by squashing the right tail of the distribution. We need to set all numbers positive because we can't take the log of zero or negative numbers.
- Square root transformation: It brings any large scores closer to the center, rather like the log transformation.
- Reciprocal transformation: It reduces the impact of large scores, but it reverses the scores.
- Reverse score transformations: Any one of the above transformations can be used to correct negatively skewed data, but first we have to reverse the scores. To do this, we can subtract each score from the highest score obtained.

We need to know whether the statistical models we apply perform better on transformed data than they do when applied to data that violate the assumption that the transformation corrects. If a statistical model is still accurate even when its assumptions are broken it is said to be a **robust test**.

5.8.2.2. Choosing a transformation

We have to decide which transformation is best by trial and error.

5.8.3. Transforming the data using R

5.8.3.1. Computing new variables

Addition: We can add two variables together, or add a constant to our variables.

Subtraction: We can subtract one variable from another.

Multiply: We can multiply two variables together, or multiply a variable by any number.

Exponentiation: We can raise the preceding term by the power of the succeeding term.

Less than: It gives the answer TRUE (or 1) or FALSE (or 0)

Double equals: It creates a variable **male** in the *dlf* dataframe that contains the value TRUE if the variable **gender** was the word 'Male'

```
# Addition
dlf$day1PlusDay2 <- dlf$day1 + dlf$day2
# Subtraction
dlf$day2MinusDay1 <- dlf$day2 - dlf$day1
# Multiply
dlf$day2Times5 <- dlf$day1 * 5
# Exponentiation
dlf$day2Squared <- dlf$day2 ^ 2
# Less than
dlf$day1LessThenOne <- dlf$day1 < 1
dlf$day1LessThenOne</pre>
```

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```
# Double equals ("!=" for "Not equal to")
dlf$male <- dlf$gender == "Male"
dlf$male</pre>
```

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[805] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE

rowMeans(cbind(dlf\$day1, dlf\$day2, dlf\$day3), na.rm = TRUE): Mean for a row
rowSums(``cbind(dlf\$day1, dlf\$day2, dlf\$day3), na.rm = TRUE``): Sums for a row
na.rm = TRUE tells R to exclude missing values from the calculation.

sqrt(dlf\$day2): Produces a column containing the sqrt of each value in the column labelled day2.

abs(dlf\$day1): Produces a variable that contains the absolute value of the values in the column labelled day1.

is.na(dlf\$day1): If a variable is missing, the case will be assigned TRUE (or 1); if the case is not missing, the case will be assigned FALSE (or 0):

```
dlf$missingDay2 <- is.na(dlf$day2)
dlf$missingDay2</pre>
```

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[805] TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE

```
sum(dlf$missingDay2)
[1] 546

mean(is.na(dlf$day2))
[1] 0.6740741
```

mean(is.na(dlf\$day2)) tells us that the mean is 0.674, so 67.4% of people are missing a hygiene score on day2.

5.8.3.2. The log transformation in R

To transform the variable **day1**, and create a new variable **logday1**, we execute this command:

```
dlf$logday1 <- log(dlf$day1)</pre>
```

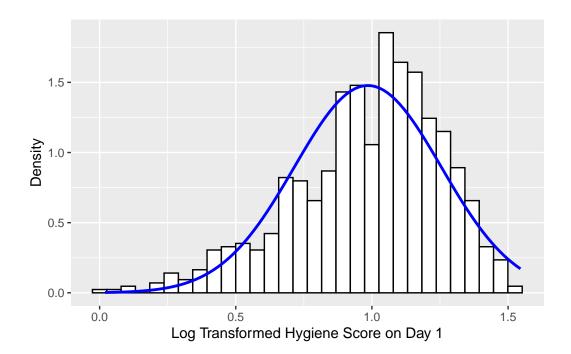
For the day2 hygiene scores there is a value of 0 in the original data, so we can't transform it by taking log. To overcome this, we should add a constant to our original scores before we take the log of those scores:

```
dlf$logday1 <- log(dlf$day1 + 1)</pre>
```

The advantage of adding 1 is that the logarithm of 1 is equal to 0, so people who scored a zero before the transformation score a zero after the transformation.

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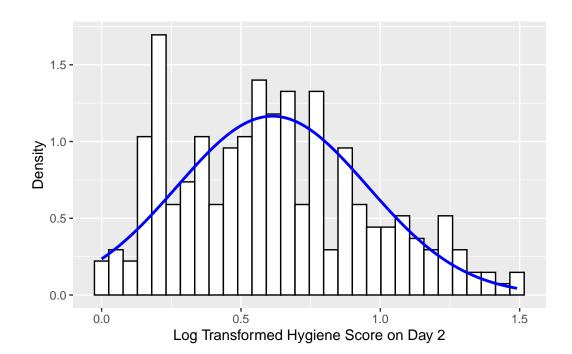
`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



```
colour = "blue", size = 1
)
hist.logday2
```

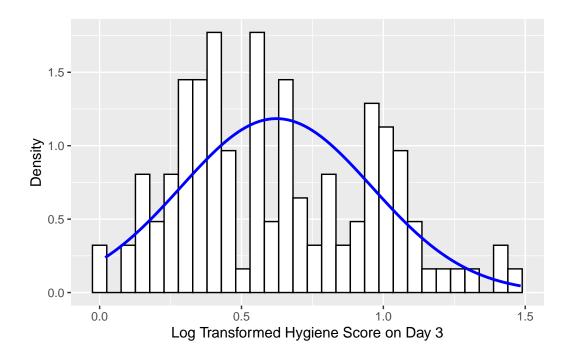
`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

Warning: Removed 546 rows containing non-finite values (`stat_bin()`).



`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

Warning: Removed 687 rows containing non-finite values (`stat_bin()`).

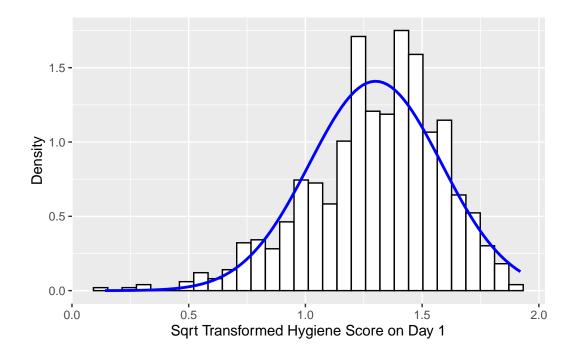


5.8.3.3. The square root transformation in R

To do a square root transformation, we can execute dlf\$sqrtday1 <- sqrt(dlf\$day1).

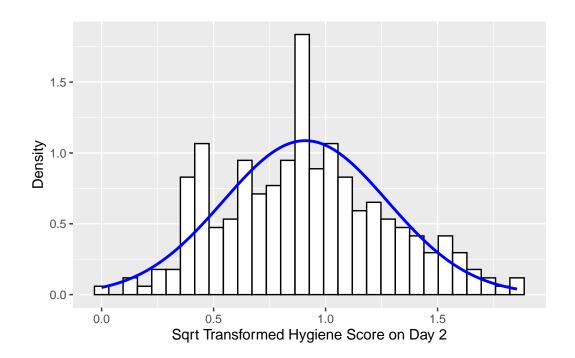
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`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



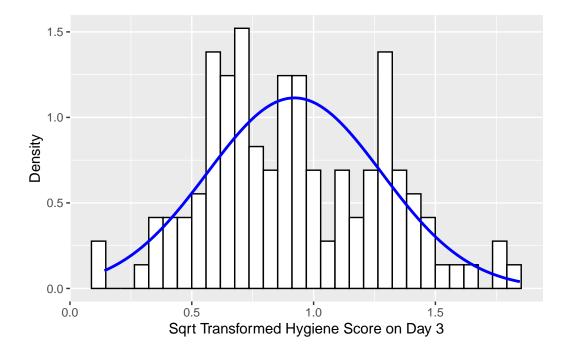
`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

Warning: Removed 546 rows containing non-finite values (`stat_bin()`).



`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

Warning: Removed 687 rows containing non-finite values (`stat_bin()`).



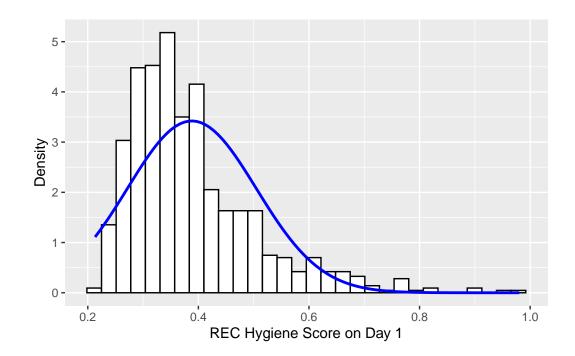
5.8.3.4. The reciprocal transformation in R

To do a reciprocal transformation, we use '1/variable'. However, if the data contain a zero value, we can add a constant to our variable and then divide it.

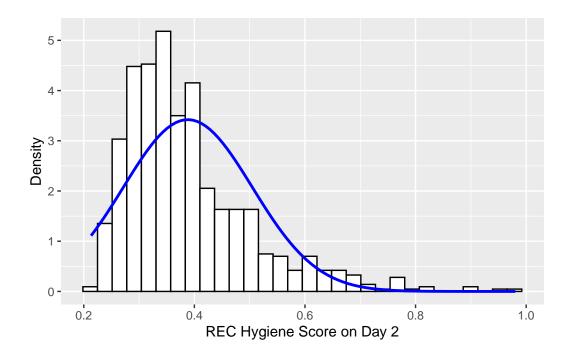
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```
)
hist.recday1
```

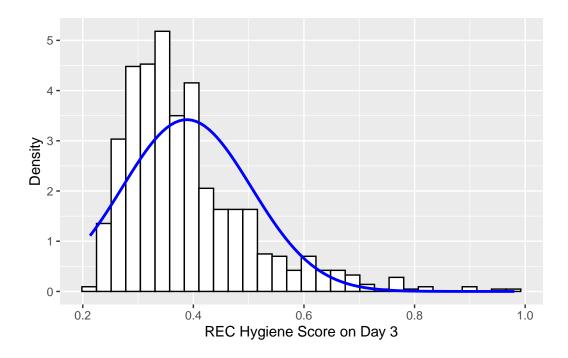
`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



5.8.3.5. The ifelse() function in R

The *ifelse()* function is used to create a new variable, or change an old variable, depending on some other values. This function needs three arguments: a conditional argument to test, what to do if the test is true, and what to do if the test is false.

For example, to remove the outliers in the **day1** hygiene score:

```
[1] 2.64 0.97 0.84 3.03 0.88 0.85 1.56 3.02 2.29 1.11 2.17 0.82 1.41 1.76 1.38 [16] 2.79 1.50 1.91 2.32 2.05 2.17 2.05 1.61 1.66 2.30 2.76 1.44 1.06 3.23 0.97 [31] 2.57 0.26 0.47 1.73 1.94 1.91 2.08 1.91 1.42 1.50 0.11 1.67 2.08 2.05 2.00 [46] 1.52 1.58 1.28 1.88 1.32 2.09 2.00 2.64 0.85 2.47 1.79 1.64 1.32 2.97 1.44 [61] 2.02 1.79 1.34 2.29 1.66 0.60 1.76 1.50 2.08 1.00 1.73 1.05 2.81 1.52 1.47 [76] 2.64 2.20 0.55 2.29 2.00 2.23 2.45 1.20 2.91 1.14 1.88 0.94 1.85 2.58 0.61 [91] 0.70 1.38 1.94 2.29 1.59 2.46 1.67 2.02 1.50 2.70 1.61 2.29 0.97 1.85 2.76 [106] 1.64 1.17 1.57 2.23 2.05 2.05 2.94 2.39 1.94 2.12 1.11 0.97 1.35 2.81 2.50 [121] 1.87 1.33 1.26 1.44 0.55 1.75 2.08 0.85 2.52 3.00 1.41 1.08 1.20 1.94 2.26 [136] 1.41 2.50 2.17 1.82 1.44 1.66 1.82 1.26 2.67 1.47 1.84 2.58 1.73 1.23 2.32 [151] 2.67 1.02 1.66 1.88 1.91 1.64 1.34 1.85 2.08 1.02 1.79 1.94 3.26 1.14 1.50
```

```
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This command creates a new variable called **day1NoOutlier** which takes the value NA if **day1** is greater than 4, but is the value of day1 if day1 is less than 4.

The rowSums() and rowMeans() functions allow us to choose what to do with missing data, by using the na.rm option, which asks 'should missing values (na) be removed (rm)?'.

To obtain the mean hygiene score across three days, removing anyone with any missing values, we would use:

dlf\$meanHygiene <- rowMeans(cbind(dlf\$day1, dlf\$day2, dlf\$day3))
dlf\$meanHygiene</pre>

[1]	1.8666667	0.8900000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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[43]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.6000000	NA
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[64]	NA	NA	NA	0.9366667	NA	NA	NA
[71]	NA						
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[85]	NA						
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[106]	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.9266667	NA	NA
[113]	NA						
[120]	NA						
[127]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.3600000
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[141]	NA						
[148]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.1600000	NA
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[162]	NA	2.3000000	0.6100000	0.8600000	NA	NA	NA
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[197]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.2733333	NA
[204]	NA						
[211]	NA						

[040]	NT A	NT A	NT A	NT A	NT A	NT A	BT A
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			2.2133333	NA	NA 0.7300000		NA MA
[274]	NA 0 4766667					NA 1.3133333	NA MA
	0.4766667		NA	NA			NA NA
[288]	NA	NA		1.1566667		NA	NA NA
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	0.8366667		1.2200000	NA	NA	NA	NA
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	1.0333333	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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[806]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		

But, a lot of people would be missing. If we want to use everyone who had at least one score for the three days, we can add na.rm = TRUE:

dlf\$meanHygiene <- rowMeans(cbind(dlf\$day1, dlf\$day2, dlf\$day3), na.rm = TRUE)
dlf\$meanHygiene</pre>

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[806] 1.9250000 2.0250000 1.4700000 1.2800000 1.2600000
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If we don't mind if people were missing one or two scores, but we do not want to calculate a mean for people who only had one score, we can use the is.na() function first:

```
dlf$daysMissing <- rowSums(cbind(is.na(dlf$day1),</pre>
   is.na(dlf$day2),
   is.na(dlf$day3)
   )
dlf$daysMissing
[519] 2 2 1 2 2 0 2 2 1 0 2 2 0 1 2 2 1 1 1 2 2 0 2 2 0 0 0 1 2 2 1 2 2 1 2 0 2
```

We also can use the ifelse() function to calculate values only for those people who have a score on at least two days:

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NA 0.84 3.03
                            NA 0.85 1.56 3.02 2.29
                                                      NA 2.17
  Г1]
                                                              NA 1.41
                                                                                NΑ
 [16] 2.79 1.50
                  NA 2.32 2.05
                               NA 2.05 1.61
                                                 NA 2.30 2.76 1.44 1.06 3.23
                                                                                NA
 [31]
       NA 0.26 0.47 1.73
                            NA 1.91
                                      NA 1.91 1.42 1.50 0.11 1.67 2.08 2.05 2.00
 [46] 1.52 1.58
                  NA 1.88 1.32 2.09 2.00 2.64
                                                 NA
                                                      NA 1.79 1.64 1.32 2.97
                       NA 1.66 0.60
 [61] 2.02 1.79 1.34
                                                                NA 2.81 1.52 1.47
                                      NA 1.50
                                                 NA
                                                      NA 1.73
 [76] 2.64
                  NA 2.29 2.00 2.23 2.45 1.20
                                                 NA
                                                      NA 1.88 0.94 1.85 2.58 0.61
             NA
 [91] 0.70 1.38 1.94 2.29 1.59 2.46
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                                                      NA 1.61 2.29
[106] 1.64 1.17 1.57 2.23
                            NA 2.05 2.94 2.39 1.94 2.12 1.11 0.97 1.35
                                                                          NA 2.50
[121] 1.87 1.33 1.26 1.44 0.55 1.75 2.08 0.85 2.52 3.00 1.41 1.08
                                                                     NA
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[136] 1.41 2.50 2.17
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[151] 2.67 1.02
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[166] 2.03 2.24 1.11 2.21 1.94 2.41 0.88
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[181] 0.88 2.20 2.17 2.32 1.64 3.00
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[196] 2.47 2.29 1.00 1.58 2.44 0.83
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[211] 2.00 1.32 3.14 1.44
                            NA
                                 NA 1.94 2.91 1.85 1.70 2.23 1.11 1.47 2.20 1.82
[226] 1.42 2.44 2.66 1.52
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                                                                     NA 1.41 1.79
[241]
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                  NA 2.00 0.76 2.20
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[256] 1.47 2.50 2.26 2.81 1.87 2.00
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[271] 3.02 1.02 2.88 1.54 1.64
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[301] 2.02
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[316]
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[376] 2.79
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[391] 2.35 1.70 3.09 1.52 0.35 2.70 1.64 0.82 2.73 2.23 1.06
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[406] 1.44 2.88
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[481] 1.61
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[496]
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5.8.4. When it all goes horribly wrong

If transformations don't work, there are some other options.

The first is to use a test that does not rely on the assumption of normally distributed data.

Another approach is to use robust methods.

- **Trimmed mean** is simply a mean based on the distribution of scores after some percentage of scores has been removed from each extreme of the distribution.
- M-estimator determines the optimal amount of trimming necessary to give a robust estimation, rather than the researcher deciding before the analysis how much of the data to trim.

Trimmed mean and M-estimator produces accurate results even when the distribution is not symmetrical, because by trimming the ends of the distribution we remove outliers and skew.

The second general procedure is the **bootstrap**. Lack of normality prevents us from knowing the shape of the sampling distribution unless we have big samples. In bootstrapping, the sample data are treated as a population from which smaller samples (= bootstrap samples) are taken. The statistic interest is calculated in each sample, and by taking many samples the sampling distribution can be estimated. The SE of the statistic is estimated from the SD of this sampling distribution created from the bootstrap samples.