Common R commands used in Data Analysis and Statistical Inference

Data Analysis and Statistical Inference

One numerical variable

Summary statistics

```
summary(x)
  # most summary statitstics at once

mean(x)
  # na.rm = TRUE to get rid of NA values

median(x)
  # na.rm = TRUE to get rid of NA values

sd(x)
  # na.rm = TRUE to get rid of NA values
```

Visualization

```
hist(x)
boxplot(x)
  # horizontal = TRUE for horizontal plot

qqnorm(x)
qqline(x)
  # for normal probability plot and straight line
```

One categorical variable

Summary statistics

```
table(x)
```

Visualization

```
barplot(table(x))
```

Two categorical variables

Summary statistics

```
table(x,y)
```

Visualization

```
barplot(table(x,y))
# beside = TRUE for side-by-side barplot
# legend = TRUE to include a color legend

mosaicplot(table(x,y))
```

One categorical and one numerical variable

```
y = numerical x = categorical
```

Summary statistics

```
by(y, x, summary)
  # summary by group

by(y, x, mean)
  # mean by group
  # na.rm = TRUE to get rid of NA values

by(y, x, sd)
  # sd by group
  # na.rm = TRUE to get rid of NA values
```

Visualization

```
boxplot(y ~ x)
```

inference function

Use the following command to load the inference function:

```
source("http://bit.ly/dasi_inference")
```

```
inference(y, x, est, type, method, null, alternative, success, order, conflevel, s
iglevel,
          nsim, eda plot, inf plot, sum stats)
 # y = response variable, categorical or numerical variable
 \# x = explanatory variable, categorical (optional)
  # est = parameter to estimate: "mean", "median", or "proportion"
 # type = "ci" for confidence interval, or "ht" for hypothesis test
 # method = "theoretical" for CLT based,
          or "simulation" for simulation based (randomizatio/bootstrapping)
 # null = (optional) null value for a hypothesis test,
          does not need to be defined for chi-square or ANOVA
 # alternative = (optional) direction of the alternative hypothesis:
          "less", "greater", or "twosided"
  # success = (optional) if the response variable is categorical,
          the name of the level that is defined as success
  # order = (optional) if the explanatory variable is defined,
          the order of levels of the explanatory variable in which to subtract gro
 # conflevel = (optional) for confidence intervals, default conflevel = 0.95
 # siglevel = (optional) for hypothesis testing, takes values between 0 and 1,
          default siglevel = 0.95
          (used only for ANOVA to determine if posttests are necessary)
 # boot method: (optional) set method for bootstrap interval:
          "perc" for percentile, or "se" for standard error
  # nsim = (optional) number of simulations, default nsim = 10000,
          decrease number of simulations if simulations take too long
  # seed = set a seed for simulations
  # useful for space savings:
     sum stats = (optional) TRUE/FALSE - print summary stats
     eda plot = (optional) TRUE/FALSE - print EDA plot
     inf plot = (optional) TRUE/FALSE - print inference plot
 # not of much use for regular user:
     simdist = (optional) TRUE/FALSE - return the simulation distribution
     inf lines = (optional) TRUE/FALSE - print lines on the inference plot
                  for ci bounds or p-value
```

Two numerical variables, Simple linear regression

Note: Out of scope for Project 1.

Summary statistics

```
cor(x,y)
  # use = "complete.obs" to get rid of NA values

slr = lm(y ~ x)
summary(slr)
  # linear model and the model output
```

```
plot(y ~ x)
```

Multiple linear regression

```
mlr = lm(y ~ x1 + x2 + ...)
summary(mlr)
# linear model and the model output
```

Regression diagnostics

```
# in the code below m is the regression model
plot(m$residuals ~ x)
  # residuals vs. an explanatory variable
plot(m$residuals ~ m$fitted)
  # residuals vs. fitted (predicted) values of y from the model
plot(m$residuals)
  # residuals vs. order of data collection
hist(m$residuals)
  # histogram of residuals
qqnorm(m$residuals)
qqline(m$residuals)
# normal probability plot of residuals
```

Subsetting

```
subset(dataname, !is.na(x))
  # the data set "dataname", but only cases for which x is not NA

subset(dataname, x == "levelA")
  # the data set "dataname", but only cases for which x is equal to "levelA"

x[!is.na(x)]
  # the variable x, but only cases for which x is not NA

y[!is.na(x)]
  # the variable y, but only cases for which x is not NA

x[x < 30]
  # the variable x, but only cases for which x is less than 30

x[x != "levelA"]
  # the variable x, but only cases for which x does not equal "levelA"

droplevels(x)
  # drops empty levels if you have removed all the cases from one level</pre>
```

Probability distributions

```
pnorm(q, mean, sd)
  # calculate area under the normal curve below q
  # for a normal distribution with given mean and sd

dnorm(x, mean, sd)
  # calculate the normal probability density at x (can be a vector)
  # for a normal distribution with given mean and sd,
  # useful for plotting a normal curve over a histogram

dbinom(x, size, prob)
  # calculate the probability for x successes in size trials,
  # where probability of success is prob
```

Plotting lines

```
abline(h = value)
  # add a horizontal line to an existing plot

abline(v = value)
  # add a vertical line to an existing plot

abline(lm(y~x))
  # overlays linear regression line on the scatterplot of y vs. x,
  # only works if plot(y ~ x) ran first
```

Sampling

```
sample(x, size, replace = FALSE)
# sample from x size number of elements without replacement (default)
# to sample with replacement replace = TRUE
```

Plotting options

These arguments can be passed to the <code>plot</code>, or <code>hist</code>, or other similar functions. To learn more about all plotting parameters, type <code>?par</code>.

```
main = "main title"
  # title of plot, to be placed in the top center

xlab = "x-axis label"
  # x-axis label

ylab = "y-axis label"
  # y-axis label

xlim = c(min,max)
  # x-axis limits

ylim = c(min,max)
  # y-axis limits
```