Exploring data using R

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Introduction to R

This chapter introduces readers to the basics of working with data in R. We will start with installing R in your computer and getting familiar with RStudio interface. These will be followed by the basics of handling data in R.

1.1 R and RStudio

1.1.1 Installation of R

- The latest version of R is R version 3.4.1 (2017-06-30), Single Candle.
- R is available for Windows, Mac OS and Linux.
- The installation files can be downloaded from https://cran.r-project.org/.
- Users can install different versions of R in a same machine or computer.
- There is no need to uninstall if you want to upgrade the currently installed R.

1.1.2 Starting R

Double click on R icon and you should get this

You should see an R console.

1.1.3 Installation of RStudio

RStudio installation files can be downloaded from http://www.rstudio.com/. First, make sure you have RStudio successfully installed.

1.1.3.1 Starting RStudio

You can double click on RStudio icon and you will see this:

1.1.3.2 Why RStudio?

- Working with R console is alright.
- But for many people, they prefer to communicate with R using a graphical user interface (GUI).

- RStudio is the popular GUI and intergrated development environment (IDE) for R.
- Other R IDE includes Microsoft R

Check this links for more info:

- 1. RStudio https://www.rstudio.com/
- 2. Microsoft R http://blog.revolutionanalytics.com/2016/01/microsoft-r-open.html

1.1.3.3 RStudio interface

You should be able to see 4 panes in the layout. You should see that

- 1. Console the lower left pane. It tells you about your R information.
- 2. Source the upper left pane. It shows the active files.
- 3. Environment and History the upper right pane. It shows the currently loaded data files and values, and command history.
- 4. Miscellaneous the lower right pane. It contains most important tabs, which are Files, Plots, Packages, Help and Viewer. It list file names, show plots, show packages, display help document and view outputs.

1.2 Working with packages

1.2.1 About packages

R uses packages to perform its tasks.

There are two common packages:

- 1. base packages
- 2. user-contributed packages
- The base packages come with the installation of R
- The base package provides basic but adequate functions to perform many standard data management, visualization and analysis.
- However, user needs to install user-contributed packages if they need to perform functions (tasks) not available in the base package
- User-contributed packages allow users to perform more advanced and more complicated functions
- There are more than 10200 packages as of March 2017

For a complete list of packages, see https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/

1.2.2 Package installation

You can install user-contributed packages through:

- 1. Internet (to cran)
- 2. Github packages
- 3. Local zip files

We will learn to install a few small packages.

Basically, a function to install a package will look like this

```
install.packages("package.name")
```

To install a package, saya car 1. put your cursor in the CONSOLE pane 2. type the codes below

```
install.packages("car")
```

3. press Ctrl + ENTER

1.2.3 Loading packages

Basically, to utilize a package, it has to be loaded using library() function,

```
library("package.name")
```

For example, we load the newly installed car package

```
library("haven")
```

1.3 Working directory

In general, R reads and saves data and other files into a working directory. Therefore, a user must create or specify the working directory to work with R. This is a good practice.

A working directory:

- 1. stores all the outputs such as the plots, html files, pdf files
- 2. contains your data

Creating a working directory is a simple BUT an important step.

Unfortunately, many users do not pay attention to this and forget to set it. So, remember, this is a very important step to work in R.

1.3.1 Setting a working directory

To set your working directory:

- 1. Go back to RStudio's Miscellaneous pane.
- 2. In the Files tab, click ...
- 3. Navigate to the folder containing your data or any folder you want to work in.
- 4. Click More
- 5. Click Set as working directory

or simply use setwd function to do so.

```
setwd("path to your folder")
```

for example in Windows

```
setwd("C:/myfolder")
```

or in Mac OS/Linux

```
setwd("~/myfolder")
```

1.4 Data management

This section is concerned with reading data from dataset and displaying data.

1.4.1 Reading data set

```
Easiest is to read .csv file,
```

```
read.csv("file.name")
```

For SPSS file, need foreign package,

```
library("foreign")
read.spss("file.name")
```

Can read data in table format from text file. From text file,

```
read.table("file.name", header = TRUE)
```

1.4.2 Viewing data set

Easy, just type the name,

data

Nicer, using View()

View(data)

Important tasks

```
dim(data)
str(data)
names(data)
```

1.5 More about data management

In this section, we will deal with more advanced data management (subsetting, recoding and creating new variables) and direct data entry (especially useful for tables).

- 1.5.1 Subsetting
- 1.5.2 Recoding
- 1.5.3 Creating new variables
- 1.5.4 Direct data entry

Textual

In this chapter, we will go through a number of R functions for basic statistics. The focus will be on the results that are presented in form of numbers in text or tables (textual). We will mostly use the builtin functions (from R standard library). Extra packages will be introduced whenever necessary.

2.1 Basic descriptive statistics

In this part, we are going to use the functions as applied to a variable. For this purpose, we are going to use builtin datasets in R. You can view the available datasets by

```
data()
```

We can view any dataset description by appending "?" to the dataset name. For example,

?chickwts

We will start by using chickwts dataset that contains both numerical (weight) and categorical (feed) variables. We can view the first six observations,

head(chickwts)

```
## weight feed
## 1 179 horsebean
## 2 160 horsebean
## 3 136 horsebean
## 4 227 horsebean
## 5 217 horsebean
## 6 168 horsebean
```

the last six observations,

10 CHAPTER 2. TEXTUAL tail(chickwts) weight feed ## 66 352 casein ## 67 359 casein ## 68 216 casein ## 69 222 casein ## 70 283 casein 332 casein ## 71 and the dimension of the data (row and column). dim(chickwts) ## [1] 71 2 Here we have 71 rows (71 subjects) and two columns (two variables). Next, view the names of the variables, names(chickwts) ## [1] "weight" "feed" and view the details of the data, str(chickwts) ## 'data.frame': 71 obs. of 2 variables: \$ weight: num 179 160 136 227 217 168 108 124 143 140 ... ## \$ feed : Factor w/ 6 levels "casein", "horsebean", ...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ... which shows that weight is a numerical variable and feed is a factor, i.e. a categorical variable. feed consists of six categories or levels. We can view the levels in feed, levels(chickwts\$feed)

```
## [1] "casein" "horsebean" "linseed" "meatmeal" "soybean" "sunflower"
```

2.1.1 Describing a numerical variable

A numberical variable is described by a number of descriptive statistics below.

To judge the central tendency of the weight variable, we obtain its mean,

```
mean(chickwts$weight)

## [1] 261.3099

and median,
```

```
median(chickwts$weight)
```

To judge its spread and variability, we can view its minimum, maximum and range

```
min(chickwts$weight)
```

```
## [1] 108
```

[1] 258

```
max(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 423
range(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 108 423
and obtain its standard deviation (SD)
sd(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 78.0737
variance,
var(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 6095.503
quantile,
quantile(chickwts$weight)
##
      0%
            25%
                  50%
                         75% 100%
## 108.0 204.5 258.0 323.5 423.0
and interquartile range (IQR)
IQR(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 119
There are nine types of quantile algorithms in R (for quantile and IQR), the default being type 7. You may
change this to type 6 (Minitab and SPSS),
quantile(chickwts$weight, type = 6)
##
     0%
              50% 75% 100%
         25%
    108
         203
               258
                   325 423
IQR(chickwts$weight, type = 6)
## [1] 122
In addition to SD and IQR, we can obtain its median absolute deviation (MAD),
mad(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 91.9212
It is actually simpler to obtain most these in a single command,
summary(chickwts$weight)
##
      Min. 1st Qu.
                     Median
                                Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                  Max.
              204.5
                      258.0
                               261.3
                                        323.5
                                                 423.0
even simpler, obtain all of the statistics using describe in the psych package
install.packages("psych")
library(psych)
describe(chickwts$weight)
```

```
## vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
## X1 1 71 261.31 78.07 258 261 91.92 108 423 315 -0.01 -0.97
## se
## X1 9.27
```

2.1.2 Describing a categorical variable

A categorical variable is described by its count, proportion and percentage by categories.

We obtain the count of the feed variable,

```
summary(chickwts$feed)
                                               soybean sunflower
##
      casein horsebean
                          linseed meatmeal
##
          12
                               12
                                          11
                                                     14
                                                                12
table(chickwts$feed)
##
##
      casein horsebean
                          linseed meatmeal
                                                soybean sunflower
##
          12
                     10
                               12
                                          11
                                                     14
                                                                12
both summary and table give the same result.
prop.table gives the proportion of the result from the count.
prop.table(table(chickwts$feed))
##
      casein horsebean
                          linseed meatmeal
                                                soybean sunflower
## 0.1690141 0.1408451 0.1690141 0.1549296 0.1971831 0.1690141
the result can be easily turned into percentage,
prop.table(table(chickwts$feed))*100
##
##
      casein horsebean
                          linseed
                                                soybean sunflower
                                    meatmeal
    16.90141 14.08451 16.90141
                                   15.49296 19.71831 16.90141
To view the count and the percentage together, we can use cbind,
cbind(n = table(chickwts$feed), "%" = prop.table(table(chickwts$feed))*100)
```

```
## casein 12 16.90141
## horsebean 10 14.08451
## linseed 12 16.90141
## meatmeal 11 15.49296
## soybean 14 19.71831
## sunflower 12 16.90141
```

We need the quotation marks " " around the percentage sign %, because % also serves as a mathematical operator in R.

2.2 More on descriptive statistics

Just now, we viewed all the statistics as applied to a variable. In this part, we are going to view the statistics on a number of variables. This includes viewing a group of numerical variables or categorical variables, or a mixture of numerical and categorical variables. This is relevant in a sense that, most of the time, we want to view everything in one go (e.g. the statistics of all items in a questionnaire), compare the means of several groups and obtain cross-tabulation of categorical variables.

2.2.1 Describing numerical variables

Let us use women dataset,

weight

-1.344.00

```
head(women)
##
     height weight
## 1
         58
               115
## 2
         59
               117
## 3
         60
               120
## 4
         61
               123
## 5
         62
               126
## 6
         63
               129
names (women)
## [1] "height" "weight"
str(women)
## 'data.frame':
                     15 obs. of 2 variables:
   $ height: num 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 ...
    $ weight: num 115 117 120 123 126 129 132 135 139 142 ...
which consists of weight and height numerical variables.
The variables can be easily viewed together by summary,
summary(women)
##
        height
                        weight
##
   Min.
           :58.0
                   Min.
                           :115.0
   1st Qu.:61.5
                   1st Qu.:124.5
##
  Median:65.0
                   Median :135.0
##
   Mean
           :65.0
                           :136.7
                   Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:68.5
                   3rd Qu.:148.0
   Max.
           :72.0
                           :164.0
##
                   Max.
even better using describe (psych),
describe (women)
##
          vars n
                    mean
                             sd median trimmed
                                                  mad min max range skew
                                    65
                                          65.00 5.93 58 72
                                                                  14 0.00
## height
             1 15 65.00 4.47
             2 15 136.73 15.50
                                   135 136.31 17.79 115 164
                                                                  49 0.23
## weight
##
          kurtosis
                      se
## height
             -1.44 1.15
```

2.2.2 Describing categorical variables

```
Let us use infert dataset,
head(infert)
##
     education age parity induced case spontaneous stratum pooled.stratum
## 1
        0-5vrs 26
                        6
                                1
                                                  2
        0-5yrs 42
## 2
                        1
                                1
                                     1
                                                  0
                                                          2
                                                                         1
## 3
       0-5vrs 39
                        6
                                2
                                     1
                                                  0
                                                          3
                                                                         4
                        4
                                2
                                     1
                                                  0
                                                          4
                                                                         2
## 4
       0-5yrs 34
                        3
## 5
       6-11yrs 35
                                1
                                     1
                                                  1
                                                          5
                                                                        32
       6-11yrs 36
                                2
                                                          6
                                                                        36
## 6
                                     1
                                                  1
names(infert)
## [1] "education"
                        "age"
                                          "parity"
                                                           "induced"
## [5] "case"
                        "spontaneous"
                                          "stratum"
                                                           "pooled.stratum"
str(infert)
## 'data.frame':
                    248 obs. of 8 variables:
## $ education
                    : Factor w/ 3 levels "0-5yrs", "6-11yrs", ...: 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
                    : num 26 42 39 34 35 36 23 32 21 28 ...
## $ age
## $ parity
                    : num 6 1 6 4 3 4 1 2 1 2 ...
                           1 1 2 2 1 2 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ induced
                    : num
                           1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ case
                    : num
## $ spontaneous : num 2 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 ...
                    : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ stratum
## $ pooled.stratum: num 3 1 4 2 32 36 6 22 5 19 ...
We notice that induced, case and spontaneous are not yet set as categorical variables, thus we need to
factor the variables. We view the value labels in the dataset description,
?infert
We label the values in the variables according to the description as
infert$induced = factor(infert$induced, levels = 0:2, labels = c("0", "1", "2 or more"))
infert$case = factor(infert$case, levels = 0:1, labels = c("control", "case"))
infert$spontaneous = factor(infert$spontaneous, levels = 0:2, labels = c("0", "1", "2 or more"))
str(infert)
## 'data.frame':
                    248 obs. of 8 variables:
##
   $ education : Factor w/ 3 levels "0-5yrs", "6-11yrs",..: 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
                   : num 26 42 39 34 35 36 23 32 21 28 ...
## $ age
                   : num 6 1 6 4 3 4 1 2 1 2 ...
## $ parity
                    : Factor w/ 3 levels "0","1","2 or more": 2 2 3 3 2 3 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ induced
## $ case
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "control", "case": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ spontaneous
                  : Factor w/ 3 levels "0","1","2 or more": 3 1 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 ...
                    : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ stratum
## $ pooled.stratum: num 3 1 4 2 32 36 6 22 5 19 ...
and we now all these variables are turned into factors.
Again, the variables can be easily viewed together by summary,
summary(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")])
```

education induced case spontaneous

```
## 0-5yrs: 12 0 :143 control:165 0 :141
## 6-11yrs:120 1 : 68 case : 83 1 : 71
## 12+ yrs:116 2 or more: 37 2 or more: 36
```

We do not use table here in form of table(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")]) because table used in this form will give us 3-way cross-tabulation instead of count per categories. Cross-tabulation of categorical variables will be covered later.

To obtain the proportion and percentage results, we have to use lapply,

```
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")],
       function(x) summary(x)/length(x))
## $education
##
      0-5yrs
               6-11yrs
                         12+ yrs
## 0.0483871 0.4838710 0.4677419
##
## $induced
          0
                     1 2 or more
## 0.5766129 0.2741935 0.1491935
##
## $case
    control
                  case
## 0.6653226 0.3346774
##
## $spontaneous
           0
                     1 2 or more
## 0.5685484 0.2862903 0.1451613
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")],
       function(x) summary(x)/length(x)*100)
## $education
    0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
   4.83871 48.38710 46.77419
##
##
## $induced
##
                     1 2 or more
##
   57.66129 27.41935 14.91935
##
## $case
##
   control
## 66.53226 33.46774
##
## $spontaneous
##
           0
                     1 2 or more
   56.85484 28.62903 14.51613
```

because we need lappy to obtain the values for each of the variables. lappy goes through each variable and performs this particular part,

```
function(x) summary(x)/length(x)
```

function(x) is needed to specify some extra operations to any basic function in R, in our case summary(x) divided by length(x), in which the summary results (the counts) are divided by the number of subjects (length(x) gives us the "length" of our dataset).

Now, since we already learned about lapply, we may also obtain the same results by using summary (within

\$case

```
lapply), table and prop.table.
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")], summary)
## $education
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
      12 120 116
##
## $induced
               1 2 or more
    0
        143
                68 37
##
##
## $case
## control
            case
   165
##
            83
##
## $spontaneous
##
         0
                  1 2 or more
        141
##
                  71 36
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")], table)
## $education
##
  0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
      12 120 116
##
## $induced
##
            1 2 or more
68 37
##
        0
        143
##
##
## $case
##
## control
          case
      165
             83
##
##
## $spontaneous
##
##
          0
                  1 2 or more
        141
                  71
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")],
      function(x) prop.table(table(x)))
## $education
## x
     0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 0.0483871 0.4838710 0.4677419
##
## $induced
## x
             1 2 or more
## 0.5766129 0.2741935 0.1491935
```

```
## x
##
    control
                  case
## 0.6653226 0.3346774
##
## $spontaneous
## x
                     1 2 or more
##
## 0.5685484 0.2862903 0.1451613
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")],
       function(x) prop.table(table(x))*100)
## $education
## x
##
    0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
   4.83871 48.38710 46.77419
##
## $induced
## x
##
           0
                     1 2 or more
   57.66129 27.41935 14.91935
##
##
## $case
## x
##
  control
                case
## 66.53226 33.46774
##
## $spontaneous
## x
##
           0
                     1 2 or more
   56.85484 28.62903 14.51613
```

Notice here, whenever we do not need to specify extra operations on a basic function, e.g. summary and table, all we need to write after the comma in lapply is the basic function without function(x) and (x).

2.2.3 Describing the variables together

We intentionally went through the descriptive statistics of a variable, followed by a number of variables of the same type. This will give you the basics in dealing with the variables. Most commonly, the variables are described by groups or in form cross-tabulated counts/percentages.

2.2.3.1 By groups

To obtain all the descriptive statistics by group, we can use by with the relevant functions. Let say we want to obtain the statistics by case and control (case). We start with numerical variables

```
by(infert[c("age", "parity")], infert$case, summary)
## infert$case: control
##
        age
                       parity
##
         :21.00
                  Min. :1.000
   Min.
##
  1st Qu.:28.00
                  1st Qu.:1.000
  Median :31.00
                 Median :2.000
         :31.49
## Mean
                 Mean
                        :2.085
```

```
3rd Qu.:35.00 3rd Qu.:3.000
## Max. :44.00 Max. :6.000
## infert$case: case
##
       age
                   parity
##
  Min. :21.00 Min. :1.000
  1st Qu.:28.00 1st Qu.:1.000
## Median :31.00 Median :2.000
## Mean :31.53 Mean :2.108
## 3rd Qu.:35.50 3rd Qu.:3.000
## Max.
        :44.00 Max. :6.000
by(infert[c("age", "parity")], infert$case, describe)
## infert$case: control
        vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
         1 165 31.49 5.25 31 31.34 5.93 21 44
                                                   23 0.23
         2 165 2.08 1.24
                           2
                               1.88 1.48
                                          1 6
                                                    5 1.32
##
         se
## age
        0.41
## parity 0.10
## -----
## infert$case: case
                     sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
        vars n mean
         1 83 31.53 5.28 31 31.39 5.93 21 44
                                                  23 0.21
                                                           -0.77
## parity
         2 83 2.11 1.28 2 1.90 1.48
                                          1
                                             6
                                                5 1.32
                                                            1.34
##
          se
        0.58
## age
## parity 0.14
We can also use describeBy, which is an the extension of describe in the psych package.
describeBy(infert[c("age", "parity")], group = infert$case)
##
  Descriptive statistics by group
## group: control
##
        vars n mean
                      sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
         1 165 31.49 5.25 31 31.34 5.93 21 44
                                                   23 0.23
## parity
         2 165 2.08 1.24
                           2 1.88 1.48
                                          1 6
                                                   5 1.32
                                                             1.42
##
## age
        0.41
## parity 0.10
## -----
## group: case
       vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
         1 83 31.53 5.28 31 31.39 5.93 21 44 23 0.21
         2 83 2.11 1.28 2 1.90 1.48 1 6 5 1.32
## parity
                                                           1.34
##
          se
        0.58
## age
## parity 0.14
```

which gives us an identical result.

If you want to obtain results using the basic functions (i.e. mean, median, quantile, IQR and mad), you need to use lappy within by, because they could not handle many variables, for example for mean and IQR,

```
by(infert[c("age", "parity")], infert$case, function(x) lapply(x, mean))
## infert$case: control
## $age
## [1] 31.49091
##
## $parity
## [1] 2.084848
## -----
## infert$case: case
## $age
## [1] 31.53012
##
## $parity
## [1] 2.108434
by(infert[c("age", "parity")], infert$case, function(x) lapply(x, IQR))
## infert$case: control
## $age
## [1] 7
##
## $parity
## [1] 2
##
## -----
## infert$case: case
## $age
## [1] 7.5
##
## $parity
## [1] 2
For categorical variables, using summary
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case, summary)
## infert$case: control
spontaneous ## 6-11yrs:80 1 :45 1 ## 12+ ---
   education induced
                             spontaneous
## 12+ yrs:77 2 or more:24 2 or more: 12
## -----
## infert$case: case
## education induced
                             spontaneous
## 0-5yrs : 4 0
                   :47 0
                                 :28
## 6-11yrs:40 1
                      :23
                          1
                                  :31
## 12+ yrs:39 2 or more:13 2 or more:24
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, function(x) summary(x)/length(x)))
## infert$case: control
## $education
##
     0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
```

```
## 0.04848485 0.48484848 0.46666667
##
## $induced
## 0 1 2 or more
## 0.5818182 0.2727273 0.1454545
## $spontaneous
## 0 1 2 or more
## 0.68484848 0.24242424 0.07272727
## infert$case: case
## $education
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 0.04819277 0.48192771 0.46987952
##
## $induced
## 0 1 2 or more
## 0.5662651 0.2771084 0.1566265
## $spontaneous
## 0 1 2 or more
## 0.3373494 0.3734940 0.2891566
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
function(x) lapply(x, function(x) summary(x)/length(x)*100))
## infert$case: control
## $education
   0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 4.848485 48.484848 46.666667
##
## $induced
## 0 1 2 or more
## 58.18182 27.27273 14.54545
##
## $spontaneous
## 0 1 2 or more
## 68.484848 24.242424 7.272727
##
## infert$case: case
## $education
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 4.819277 48.192771 46.987952
##
## $induced
## 0 1 2 or more
## 56.62651 27.71084 15.66265
##
## $spontaneous
## 0 1 2 or more
## 33.73494 37.34940 28.91566
or by using table
```

```
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, table))
## infert$case: control
## $education
##
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
       8 80 77
##
## $induced
##
##
         0
                 1 2 or more
##
         96
                 45
                          24
##
## $spontaneous
##
        0
                  1 2 or more
##
        113
                  40 12
##
## infert$case: case
## $education
##
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
       4
             40 39
##
## $induced
##
##
         0
                  1 2 or more
##
         47
                  23
                           13
##
## $spontaneous
         0
##
                  1 2 or more
##
         28
                  31
                           24
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, function(x) prop.table(table(x))))
## infert$case: control
## $education
## x
##
      0-5yrs
             6-11yrs
                        12+ yrs
## 0.04848485 0.48484848 0.46666667
##
## $induced
## x
        0
              1 2 or more
## 0.5818182 0.2727273 0.1454545
## $spontaneous
## x
          0 1 2 or more
##
## 0.68484848 0.24242424 0.07272727
```

```
## -----
## infert$case: case
## $education
##
     0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 0.04819277 0.48192771 0.46987952
## $induced
## x
       0 1 2 or more
## 0.5662651 0.2771084 0.1566265
## $spontaneous
## x
##
         0 1 2 or more
## 0.3373494 0.3734940 0.2891566
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, function(x) prop.table(table(x))*100))
## infert$case: control
## $education
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 4.848485 48.484848 46.666667
##
## $induced
## x
       0
           1 2 or more
## 58.18182 27.27273 14.54545
##
## $spontaneous
## x
     0 1 2 or more
## 68.484848 24.242424 7.272727
## -----
## infert$case: case
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## $induced
## x
      0
            1 2 or more
## 56.62651 27.71084 15.66265
## $spontaneous
## x
           1 2 or more
##
## 33.73494 37.34940 28.91566
```

Please note that simply replacing table for summary as in by(infert[c("education", "induced",

"spontaneous")], infert\$case, table) will not work as intended. education will be nested in induced, which is nested in spontaneous, listed by case instead. And yes, to obtain the proportions and percentages, it gets slightly more complicated as we have to specify function twice in by.

2.2.3.2 Simple cross-tabulation

As long as the categorical variables are already factored properly, there should not be a problem to obtain the cross-tabulation tables. For example between education and case,

```
table(infert$education, infert$case)
```

```
## control case
## 0-5yrs 8 4
## 6-11yrs 80 40
## 12+ yrs 77 39
```

We may also include row and column headers, just like cbind,

```
table(education = infert$education, case = infert$case)
```

```
## case
## education control case
## 0-5yrs 8 4
## 6-11yrs 80 40
## 12+ yrs 77 39
```

Since we are familiar with the powerful lappy, we can use it to get cross-tabulation of all of the factors with case status,

```
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], function(x) table(x, infert$case))
```

```
## $education
##
## x
              control case
##
     0-5yrs
                     8
##
     6-11yrs
                    80
                         40
##
     12+ yrs
                    77
                         39
##
## $induced
##
## x
                control case
##
                      96
                           47
     0
##
     1
                      45
                           23
                      24
##
     2 or more
                           13
##
## $spontaneous
##
## x
                control case
##
     0
                     113
                           28
                      40
                           31
##
     1
     2 or more
                      12
                           24
```

We may also view subgroup counts (nesting). Here, the cross-tabulation of education and case is nested within induced

```
table(infert$education, infert$case, infert$induced)
```

```
, , = 0
##
##
##
##
            control case
##
    0-5yrs
                 4
##
    6-11yrs
                 57
                      21
##
    12+ yrs
                 35
                      26
##
   , , = 1
##
##
##
##
            control case
##
    0-5yrs
                 0
##
    6-11yrs
                 16
                      11
##
    12+ yrs
                 29
                      10
##
##
   , , = 2 \text{ or more}
##
##
##
            control case
##
    0-5yrs
                  4
##
    6-11yrs
                  7
    12+ yrs
##
                 13
                       3
which will look nicer if we apply by
by(infert[c("education", "case")], infert$induced, table)
## infert$induced: 0
##
           case
## education control case
##
    0-5yrs 4
                 57
                      21
##
    6-11yrs
##
    12+ yrs
                 35
                      26
## ----
## infert$induced: 1
##
           case
## education control case
##
    0-5yrs
                 0
##
    6-11yrs
                 16
                      11
##
    12+ yrs
                 29
                      10
## -----
## infert$induced: 2 or more
           case
## education control case
```

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12+ yrs 13

0-5yrs

6-11yrs

7

8

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##

##

##

In this chapter, we learned about how to handle numerical and categorical variables and obtain the basic and relevant statistics. In the next chapter, we are going to learn about how to explore the variables in visually in form of the relevant graphs and plots.

Graphical

[Summary of chapter here]

In graphing or plotting data, you must ask yourselves these:

- 1. Which variable do you want to plot?
- 2. What is the type of that variable? Factor? Numerical?
- 3. Are you going to plot another variable together?

3.1 Preliminaries

3.1.1 Reading dataset

We will use qol.sav dataset in this chapter. Create an object namely dataSPSS to the data read into R.

```
library(foreign)
dataSPSS<-read.spss('qol.sav', to.data.frame = TRUE)</pre>
```

3.1.2 Describing data

Let us examine the data

```
str(dataSPSS)
```

```
## 'data.frame':
                    365 obs. of 13 variables:
   $ id
              : num 308 335 94 329 350 22 171 274 332 147 ...
               : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 1 2 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 2 ...
##
##
              : num 55 41 50 47 67 57 60 54 60 45 ...
   $ age
   $ tahundx : num 14 4 5 10 13 4 4 15 13 3 ...
               : Factor w/ 4 levels "diet only", "OHA and diet only", ...: 3 4 2 4 4 2 2 2 4 2 ...
##
              : Factor w/ 2 levels "\"group A\"",..: 2 2 1 2 2 1 1 1 2 1 ...
   $ complica : Factor w/ 2 levels "no", "yes": 2 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 1 ...
               : num 8.1 8 7.5 9.4 11.7 8.1 7.5 9.2 NA NA ...
##
  $ fbs
               : num 6.9 4.8 8 3.6 12.5 8.5 NA NA NA NA ...
##
   $ rbs
               : num 16.7 7.4 13.2 7.4 NA 7.8 9.4 7.8 NA 12.4 ...
## $ tg_total : num 0.92 1.66 0.74 0.94 3.01 1.3 NA 1.9 NA NA ...
## $ choleste : num 7.09 2.91 5.94 3.27 7.1 3.54 NA 5.7 NA NA ...
## $ ADDQSCORE: num 0 -0.222 -0.333 -0.36 -0.44 ...
```

```
## - attr(*, "variable.labels")= Named chr "id_no" "sex" "" "" ...
## ..- attr(*, "names")= chr "id" "sex" "age" "tahundx" ...
## - attr(*, "codepage")= int 65001
```

Now, let us summarize our data

summary(dataSPSS)

```
##
          id
                        sex
                                                    tahundx
                                      age
##
                                                       : 1.000
         : 1.0
                    female:153
                                 Min.
                                      :21.00
                                                 Min.
   1st Qu.:126.0
                                 1st Qu.:47.00
                                                 1st Qu.: 4.000
                   male :212
##
   Median :227.0
                                 Median :53.00
                                                 Median : 7.000
##
   Mean
         :221.5
                                 Mean
                                       :52.75
                                                 Mean
                                                        : 8.795
##
   3rd Qu.:325.0
                                 3rd Qu.:59.00
                                                 3rd Qu.:12.000
##
  Max.
           :416.0
                                 Max.
                                        :80.00
                                                        :38.000
                                                 Max.
##
##
                                                complica
                        t.x
                                      group
                                                              hba1c
##
  diet only
                         : 10
                                "group A":248
                                                no :225
                                                          Min.
                                                                 : 4.100
   OHA and diet only
                                "group B":117
                                                          1st Qu.: 7.500
##
                         :238
                                                yes:140
##
   insulin and diet only: 26
                                                          Median : 9.050
##
   all
                         : 91
                                                          Mean
                                                                 : 9.301
##
                                                          3rd Qu.:10.775
##
                                                          Max.
                                                                 :19.900
##
                                                          NA's
                                                                 :111
##
        fbs
                          rbs
                                         tg_total
                                                         choleste
                    Min. : 3.900
   Min. : 2.700
                                      Min. :0.380
                                                      Min.
                                                             : 2.020
   1st Qu.: 5.700
                     1st Qu.: 7.925
                                      1st Qu.:1.125
                                                      1st Qu.: 4.308
##
   Median : 8.000
                     Median :11.300
                                      Median :1.570
##
                                                      Median : 5.210
##
   Mean
         : 9.003
                     Mean
                          :12.045
                                      Mean :2.002
                                                      Mean
                                                            : 5.437
   3rd Qu.:11.900
                     3rd Qu.:15.000
                                      3rd Qu.:2.385
                                                      3rd Qu.: 6.423
                     Max.
                           :31.500
                                      Max.
                                                      Max.
##
   Max.
           :29.200
                                             :8.020
                                                             :13.100
           :178
##
   NA's
                     NA's
                            :83
                                      NA's
                                             :191
                                                      NA's
                                                             :181
     ADDQSCORE
##
##
   Min.
           :-9.000
##
   1st Qu.:-5.590
## Median :-3.944
## Mean :-4.179
##
  3rd Qu.:-2.556
## Max. : 0.000
##
```

3.2 One variable

3.2.1 One variable: A categorical or factor variable

We can create a simple barchart

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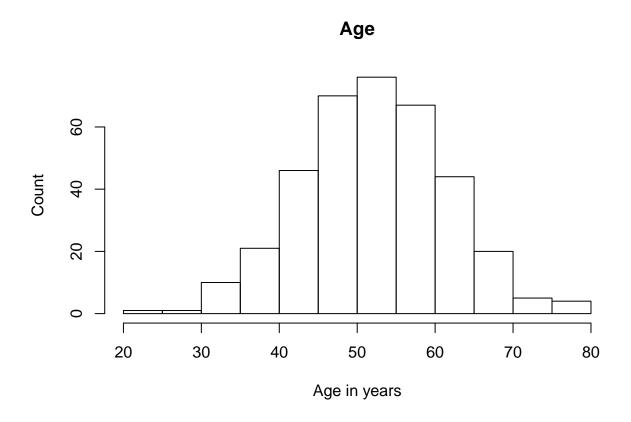




3.2.2 One variable: A numerical variable

Histogram

```
hist(dataSPSS$age, main = 'Age',
     xlab='Age in years',
     ylab='Count')
```



3.3 Two variables

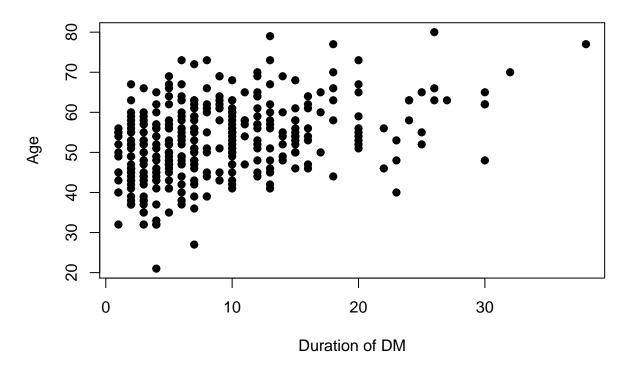
3.3.1 Two variables: A numerical with another numerical variable

We will use scatterplot to plot

```
plot(dataSPSS$tahundx, dataSPSS$age,
    main = 'Duration having DM VS age',
    xlab = 'Duration of DM', ylab = 'Age',
    pch = 19)
```

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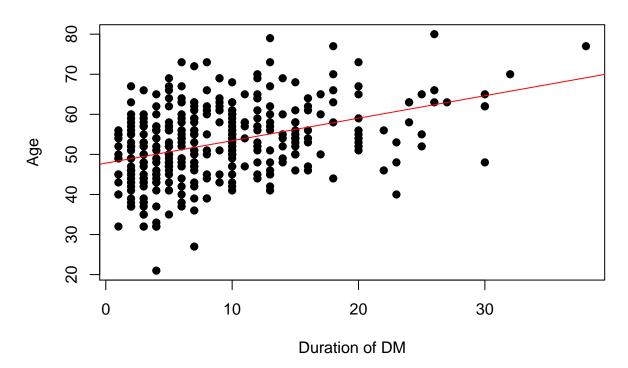
Duration having DM VS age



Let us make a fit line

```
plot(dataSPSS$tahundx, dataSPSS$age,
    main = 'Duration having DM VS age',
    xlab = 'Duration of DM', ylab = 'Age',
    pch = 19)
abline(lm(dataSPSS$age~dataSPSS$tahundx), col = 'red')
```

Duration having DM VS age

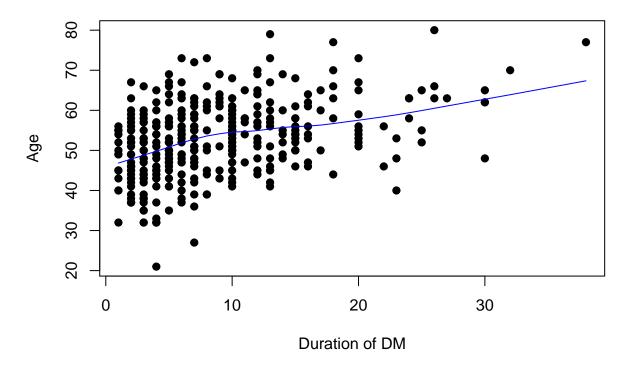


and a lowess $\,$

```
plot(dataSPSS$tahundx, dataSPSS$age,
    main = 'Duration having DM VS age',
    xlab = 'Duration of DM', ylab = 'Age',
    pch = 19)
lines(lowess(dataSPSS$tahundx,dataSPSS$age), col = 'blue')
```

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Duration having DM VS age

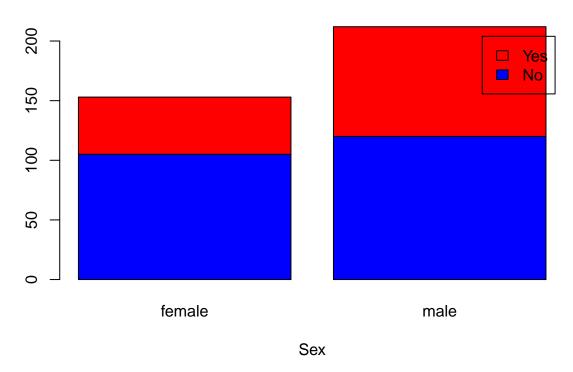


3.3.2 Two variables: A categorical variable with a categorical variable

Now, we will plot 2 categorical variables simultanenously. First, we will use stacked barchart

```
compl.sex<-table(dataSPSS$complica,dataSPSS$sex)
compl.sex</pre>
```

Complications by sex

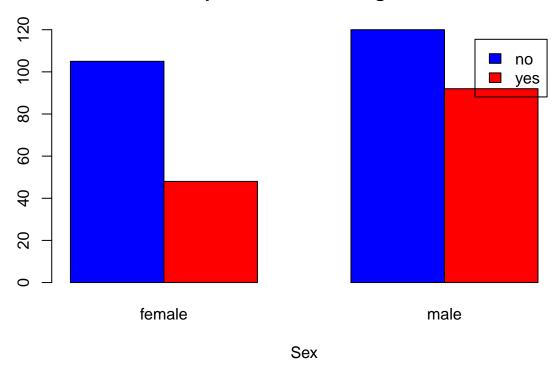


Next, we will use grouped barchart

```
compl.sex
```

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Complications according to sex



3.4 Summary

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Reporting results

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- 5.1 What we have learned so far
- 5.2 Some important packages

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