Univariate EDA

R Handout

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Background

Karagas et al. (1996) conducted a pilot study to assess the utility of arsenic concentrations in the toenail as an indicator of ingestion of arsenic-containing water. They interviewed 21 individuals whose household drinking water supply was provided by a private (unregulated) well, including 10 individuals who lived in areas of New Hampshire where elevated water levels of arsenic had been reported previously. Each participant also provided a sample of water and toenail clippings.

The data are recorded in Arsenic.csv. Descriptions of the variables are below.

- age: Age (yrs) of person
- sex: Sex of person
- usedrink: How much (fraction of time) the well is used for drinking A=" $<\frac{1}{4}$ ", B=" $\approx \frac{1}{4}$ ", C=" $\approx \frac{1}{2}$ ", D=" $\approx \frac{3}{4}$ ", E=" $> \frac{3}{4}$ "
- usecook: How much (fraction of time) the well is used for cooking $-A="<\frac{1}{4}"$, $B="\approx\frac{1}{4}"$, $C="\approx\frac{1}{2}"$, $D="\approx\frac{3}{4}"$, $E=">\frac{3}{4}"$
- arswater: Arsenic in water (ppm)
- arsnails: Arsenic in toenails (ppm)

Getting the Data

```
age sex usedrink usecook arswater arsnails
         F
                  Ε
                          E 0.00087
                                         0.119
1
    44
         F
                  D
                                         0.118
2
    45
                          Ε
                             0.00021
3
    44
         М
                  Е
                          E 0.00000
                                        0.099
                  Ε
                          Ε
                             0.01650
                                         0.275
19
    42
         М
20
    62
         М
                  Ε
                          E 0.00012
                                        0.135
                  Ε
                             0.00410
    36
                                        0.175
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Univariate EDA – Categorical

```
> ( tbl.drink <- xtabs(~usedrink,data=ars) )</pre>
usedrink
A B C D E
   1 2 3 14
> percTable(tbl.drink,digits=1)
usedrink
                С
                            Е
    Α
          В
                      D
                                Sum
  4.8
        4.8
              9.5 14.3 66.7 100.1
> barplot(tbl.drink,xlab="Rating of Use for Drinking",ylab="Frequency",col="gray90")
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