1. A graph of a bar graph

   Description automatically generated Create a histogram of total\_points for all countries. Describe the distribution of total\_points. Is there a skew, if so, what is it and what does it mean?

The data is right-skewed meaning that the values are clustered around the smaller values for total\_points, so it is more common for nations to do poorly in Olympic rowing than well.

R KEY:

medals\_hist <- medals\_df |> filter(total\_points >= 5) |> arrange(desc(total\_points))

ggplot(medals\_df, aes(x = total\_points)) + geom\_histogram(fill = "lightblue", colour = "black", bins = 20) + theme\_minimal() + labs(title = "Histogram of total\_points for all countries in all events")

1. Using <rowing_medals.csv>, obtain the summary statistics for total\_points and fill them in below.

**Minimum**: 1.00 **Lower Quartile:** 6.00 **Median**: 15.00 **Mean**: 38.15

**Upper Quartile**: 57.00 **Maximum:** 187.00

R KEY:

summary(medals\_df$total\_points)

1. Determine whether or not the total\_points for the UK is an outlier. Use calculations to justify your answer.

An outlier

IQR = Q3-Q1 = 57-6 = 51

1.5\*IQR = 1.5\*51 = 76.5

Q3 +1.5\* IQR = 57 + 76.5 = 133.5

154 > 133.5

R KEY:

medals\_df |> filter(NOC == "GBR")

1. Create a barplot of NOC ranked by total\_medals to showcase the distribution of medals per nation. Based on this plot would it be fair to assume that economic welfare is a confounding variable in Olympic rowing medals? Explain why or why not.

A graph of a bar chart

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Based on this graph it would not be fair to assume that economic welfare is a confounding variable in predicting nations’ performance in Olympic rowing. If there was a GDP variable it may be easier to assess this.

R KEY:

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sum\_medals <- medals\_df |> group\_by(NOC) |> summarise(total\_medals = sum(total\_medals))

medals\_reordered <- sum\_medals |> mutate(NOC = fct\_reorder(NOC, total\_medals))

ggplot(data = medals\_reordered, aes(x = NOC, y = total\_medals)) + geom\_col(fill = "lightblue", colour = "grey") + coord\_flip() + theme\_minimal() + labs(title = "Barplot of NOC ranked by total\_medals")

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1. What could be a reason for the distribution of medals and points being so heavily skewed towards certain nations winning more than others?

Rowing shells (boats) are expensive, meaning rowing is a sport that requires a great deal of funding. Some nations make funding rowing a priority while others do not. This can also ultimately come down to which countries are wealthier in general than others.

1. There is a lot of debate about how to best weigh the points for the different types of medals. Read [this link](https://www.topendsports.com/events/summer/medal-tally/rankings-weighted.htm) about different medal point weighing and decide on a method you think would be best. How would the new method alter the data?

Open ended, no right or wrong answer, credit for answering.

1. Using the total\_gold, total\_silver, and total\_bronze variables, create a new total\_points variable based on your idea for medal scaling. Create a histogram of the total\_points with this new variable and comment on the skew.

Open ended, no right or wrong answer, credit for answering, so long as the data makes sense and there are no errors.