## 004 - Exploring Data - Part II

#### **EPIB 607**

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## Summarizing relationships between two variables

Approaches for summarizing relationships between two variables vary depending on variable types:

- Two numerical variables
- Two categorical variables
- One numerical variable and one categorical variable

#### Two numerical variables and the correlation coefficient

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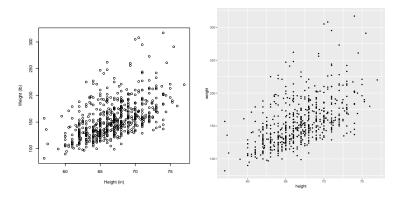
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## Scatterplots

```
library(ggplot2); library(oibiostat);
data(famuss)

plot(famuss$height, famuss$weight, xlab = "Height (in)", ylab = "Weight (lb)")

ggplot(data = famuss, mapping = aes(x = height, y = weight)) +
    geom_point(size = 0.8, pch = 21)
```



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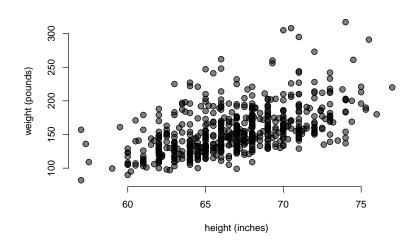
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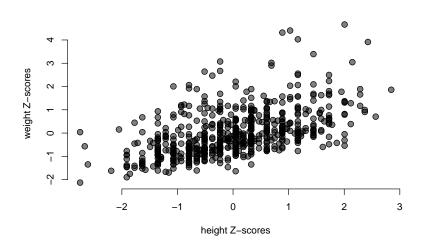
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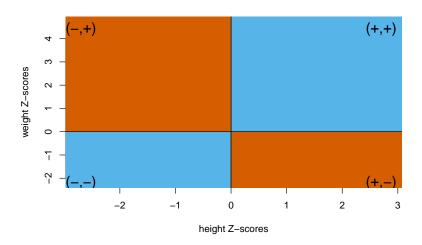
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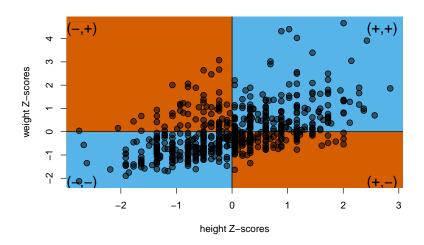
# Plot of Z-scores weight vs. Z-scores height in famuss dataset



# Partition the graph into four quadrants (x, y)



# Correlation depends on which quadrants the points are on



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- Since the formula for calculating the correlation coefficient standardizes the variables, changes in scale or units of measurement will not affect its value

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Consider that we can't have higher correlation than when we compare a list to itself (perfect correlation).

## Correlation and Simple linear Regression

• If we are predicting a random variable *Y* knowing the value of another variable *X* = *x* using a regression line, then the formula for the regression can be given by:

$$\left(\frac{Y-\bar{y}}{s_Y}\right) = r\left(\frac{x-\bar{x}}{s_X}\right) \tag{3}$$

This can be rewritten as:

$$Y = \bar{y} + r \left( \frac{x - \bar{x}}{s_X} \right) s_Y \tag{4}$$

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• Exercise: calculate the correlation coefficient from the regression coefficient for weight.

## Let's remind ourselves about random variability

- In many cases, we do not observe data for the entire population of interest but rather for a random sample.
- As with the mean and standard deviation, the sample correlation is the most commonly used estimator of the population correlation.
- This implies that the correlation we compute and use as a summary is a random variable.

### Let's remind ourselves about random variability

Lets create a pseudo population from the 595 observations by sampling with replacement, and calculate the correlation. Lets repeat this process 1000 times:

```
hist(R, breaks = 20, col = "lightblue", xlab = "correlation",
main = "Distribution of samples of size 595")
abline(v = mean(R), col = "red", lwd = 2)
abline(v = quantile(R, probs = c(0.025, 0.975)), col = "blue",
lty = 2, lwd = 2)
```

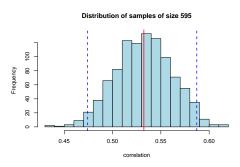
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## 2.5% 98%

## 0.47 0.59
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# Another example: NHANES<sup>2</sup>

- The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
  consists of a set of surveys and measurements conducted by the US
  CDC to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and children
  in the United States.
- The following example uses data from a sample of 500 adults (individuals ages 21 and older) from the NHANES dataset<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The sample is available as nhanes.samp.adult.500 in the R oibiostat package

<sup>2</sup> http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm

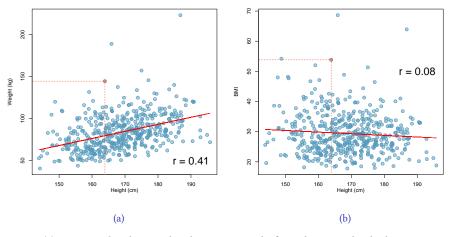


Figure: (a) A scatterplot showing height versus weight from the 500 individuals in the sample from NHANES. One participant 163.9 cm tall (about 5 ft, 4 in) and weighing 144.6 kg (about 319 lb) is highlighted. (b) A scatterplot showing height versus BMI from the 500 individuals in the sample from NHANES. The same individual highlighted in (a) is marked here, with BMI 53.83. Fitted regression lines are shown in red with correlation coefficient r. BMI = weight/height<sup>2</sup> ×703.

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- Just because  $r \approx 0$  does not mean that that x and y are unrelated, merely that they are **uncorrelated**. That is, it is possible to construct examples where x and y have a strong functional relationship, but where r = 0.
- X, Y independent  $\Rightarrow r_{XY} = 0$
- $r_{XY} = 0 \not\Rightarrow X$ , Y are independent

## Anscombe's quartet<sup>3</sup>

library(datasets);data("anscombe")

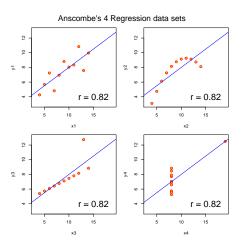
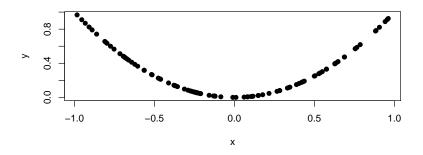


Figure: All four panels have the exact same linear correlation coefficient

 $<sup>{}^3\</sup>mathrm{Anscombe, Francis J. (1973). \ Graphs \ in \ statistical \ analysis. \ The \ American Statistician, 27, 17–21. \ doi: 10.2307/2682899.}$ 

# Zero linear correlation does not imply independence

```
set.seed(12)
x <- runif(100,-1,1)
y <- x^2
plot(x,y, pch = 19)</pre>
```



```
cor(x,y)
## [1] -0.023
```

Another	example of same	summary	statistics	but v	ery
different	relationships				

https://www.autodeskresearch.com/publications/samestats

## Transformations to improve linear fit

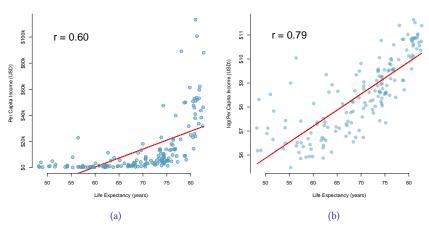


Figure: (a) per capita income vs. life expectancy (b) log per capita income vs. life expectancy. Fitted regression line in red with correlation coefficient r.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The World Development Indicators (WDI) is a database of country-level variables (i.e., indicators) recording outcomes for a variety of topics, including economics, health, mortality, fertility, and education

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- A nonparametric approach may be preferred if *y* or *x* are thought not to be Normally distributed

We can overcome these concerns using a correlation that is based on the ranks of the data, called **Spearman's rank correlation**.

# Spearman's rank correlation

This is most easily understood through the use of an example.

Suppose we want to examine the correlation between gestational age (GA) and birthweight (BW).

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Spearman's rank correlation is based on the squared differences in rank for each individual:

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Rank by BW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Rank by GA	3	4	1	2	5	7	8	6
Difference	-2	-2	2	2	0	-1	-1	2
Difference <sup>2</sup>	4	4	4	4	0	1	1	4

Then Spearman's rank correlation coefficient is computed to be

$$r_s = 1 - \frac{6\sum d^2}{n^3 - n}$$

In our example, this gives  $r_s = 0.738$ .

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Spearman's rank correlation is equivalent to calculating a Pearson's correlation on the ranks:

$$r = \text{Corr}(\text{Rank}_{GA}, \text{Rank}_{BW}) = 0.738$$

There is another rank correlation, Kendall's  $\tau$ , which we will again learn by example.

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First, we order the data according to one of the rankings (we chose to do so with birthweight).

Next, we sum the number of infants to the right of each cell with a **higher** ranking for the *other* variable (gestational age), and call this *P*:

$$P = 5 + 4 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 1 + 0 = 22$$

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We can perform hypothesis testing on Kendall's  $\tau$ ; the approximately Normal test statistic is

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In our example, if we wish to test  $H_0: \tau = 0$  vs.  $H_A: \tau \neq 0$ , this gives

$$z = \frac{2 \times P}{\sqrt{n(n-1)(2n+5)/18}}$$
$$= \frac{2 \times 22}{\sqrt{8 \times 7 \times 21/18}}$$
$$= 5.444$$

which yields a p-value of P(|Z|>5.444)<0.001, indicating that there is a statistically significant association as measured by Kendall's rank correlation between gestational age and birthweight.

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  handles it for you.

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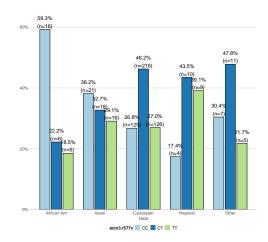
A contingency table summarizes data for two categorical variables:

```
tab1 <- table(famuss$race.
            famuss$actn3.r577x)
tab1
##
##
               CC CT
                      TT
    African Am 16 6
##
               21 18 16
##
    Asian
    Caucasian 125 216 126
##
    Hispanic 4 10 9
    Other
                7 11 5
##
addmargins(tab1)
##
##
                     TT Sum
##
    African Am 16 6 5
                          27
##
    Asian
               21 18 16 55
    Caucasian 125 216 126 467
    Hispanic 4 10
                         23
##
##
    Other
              7 11 5 23
              173 261 161 595
##
    Sum
```

## Conditional distribution of genotype given race

The distributions we create this way are called **conditional distributions**, because they show the distribution of one variable for just those cases that satisfy a condition on another variable

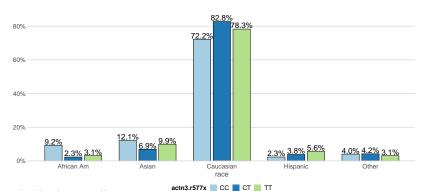
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addmargins(
  prop.table(tab1, margin = 1)
##
##
##
    African Am 0.59 0.22 0.19 1.00
                0.38 0.33 0.29 1.00
    Asian
    Caucasian 0.27 0.46 0.27 1.00
    Hispanic
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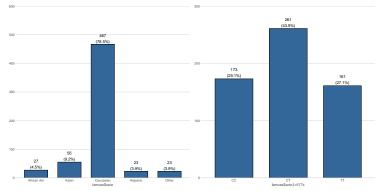
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## ## CC CT TT Sum
## African Am 0.092 0.023 0.031 0.147
## Asiam 0.121 0.069 0.099 0.290
## Gaucasiam 0.723 0.828 0.783 2.333
## Hispanic 0.023 0.023 0.036 0.117
## Other 0.040 0.042 0.031 0.114
## Sum 1.000 1.000 1.000 3.000
```

```
sjPlot::plot_xtab(famuss$race, famuss$actn3.r577x, margin = "col", show.total = F, show.n = F)
```



# Marginal distributions of race and genotype

Given a contingency table, the frequency distribution of one of the variables is called its **marginal distribution**.

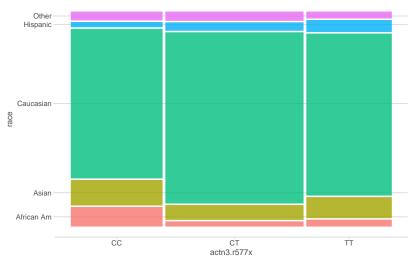


# Mosaic plots

- A mosaic plot is a graphical display that allows you to examine the relationship among two or more categorical variables.
- The mosaic plot starts as a square with length one. The square is divided first into horizontal bars whose widths are proportional to the probabilities associated with the first categorical variable.
- Then each bar is split vertically into bars that are proportional to the conditional probabilities of the second categorical variable. Additional splits can be made if wanted using a third, fourth variable, etc.

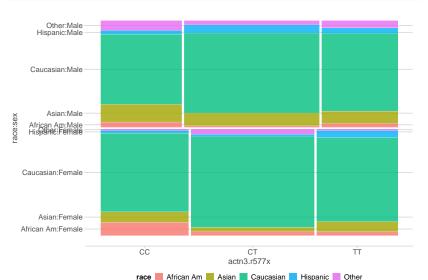
## Mosaic plots - race and genotype

```
# devtools::install qithub("haleyjeppson/qqmosaic")
pacman::p load(ggmosaic)
ggplot(data = famuss) +
  geom_mosaic(aes(x = product(race, actn3.r577x),
                  fill = race))
```



## Mosaic plots - race, genotype and sex

```
ggplot(data = famuss) +
geom_mosaic(aes(x = product(race, actn3.r577x),
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    divider = mosaic("v"))
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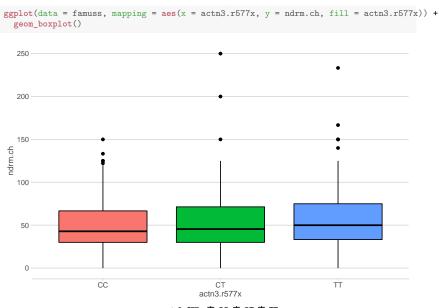
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- <u>FAMuSS</u> was designed to study the relationship between genotype at the location r577x in the gene ACTN3 and muscle strength.
- Muscle strength was assessed by the percent change in non-dominant arm strength after resistance training (ndrm.ch).
- What visualization would be a good choice to make this comparison?

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#### Correlations

```
cor(famuss$actn3.r577x, famuss$ndrm.ch)
## Error in cor(famuss$actn3.r577x, famuss$ndrm.ch): 'x' must be numeric
cor(as.numeric(famuss$actn3.r577x), famuss$ndrm.ch, method = "pearson")
## [1] 0.1
cor(as.numeric(famuss$actn3.r577x), famuss$ndrm.ch, method = "kendall")
## [1] 0.077
cor(as.numeric(famuss$actn3.r577x), famuss$ndrm.ch, method = "spearman")
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- Bar plots, contingency tables, mosaic plots are useful summaries of categorical data

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- See https://www.r-graph-gallery.com/ and https://www.data-to-viz.com/ for a collection of graphical displays

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#### Session Info

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LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libopenblasp-r0.3.10.so
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                                                      datasets methods
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