

**Module 2 R Practice Assignment: Air Quality Dataset**

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## Introduction

The provided “airquality” dataset consists of 153 rows and 6 columns (variables): Ozone (mean Ozone concentration), Solar.R (Solar radiation), Wind (average wind speed), Temp (maximum daily temperature), Month (Month of observation), and Day of the month.

## Descriptive Statistics

Table 1 provides a data summary by using the [skim] function. There are 37 and 7 missing values in the Ozone and Solar columns respectively. All 6 variables are in the numeric class. Therefore, I changed the

| Data Summary           |           | Values        |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Name                   |           | airquality    |
| Number of rows         |           | 153           |
| Number of columns      |           | 6             |
| Column type frequency: |           |               |
| numeric                |           | 6             |
| Group variables        |           | None          |
| Variable type: numeric |           |               |
| skim_variable          | n_missing | complete_rate |
| 1 Ozone                | 37        | 0.758         |
| 2 Solar.R              | 7         | 0.954         |
| 3 Wind                 | 0         | 1             |
| 4 Temp                 | 0         | 1             |
| 5 Month                | 0         | 1             |
| 6 Day                  | 0         | 1             |

Table 1: An overview of dataset using [skim] function.

Month and Date variables into a character type, and they should be factor variables as well.

Table 2 below presents another data overview by using the [describe] function, including all dataset parameters. We can see the skewness of the Ozone variable is 1.21 proving that it is significantly positively skewed.

I dropped NAs values in the dataset and then checked the correlation between 4 numeric variables. Also, I grouped the data by Month to see the number of

observations after cleaning. (Table 3 & 4)

|         | vars | n   | mean   | sd    | median | trimmed | mad   | min  | max   | range | skew  |
|---------|------|-----|--------|-------|--------|---------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ozone   | 1    | 116 | 42.13  | 32.99 | 31.5   | 37.80   | 25.95 | 1.0  | 168.0 | 167   | 1.21  |
| Solar.R | 2    | 146 | 185.93 | 90.06 | 205.0  | 190.34  | 98.59 | 7.0  | 334.0 | 327   | -0.42 |
| Wind    | 3    | 153 | 9.96   | 3.52  | 9.7    | 9.87    | 3.41  | 1.7  | 20.7  | 19    | 0.34  |
| Temp    | 4    | 153 | 77.88  | 9.47  | 79.0   | 78.28   | 8.90  | 56.0 | 97.0  | 41    | -0.37 |
| Month   | 5    | 153 | 6.99   | 1.42  | 7.0    | 6.99    | 1.48  | 5.0  | 9.0   | 4     | 0.00  |
| Day     | 6    | 153 | 15.80  | 8.86  | 16.0   | 15.80   | 11.86 | 1.0  | 31.0  | 30    | 0.00  |

Table 2: Another data summary using [describe] function.

|         | Ozone | Solar.R | Wind  | Temp  |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| Ozone   | 1.00  | 0.35    | -0.61 | 0.70  |
| Solar.R | 0.35  | 1.00    | -0.13 | 0.29  |
| Wind    | -0.61 | -0.13   | 1.00  | -0.50 |
| Temp    | 0.70  | 0.29    | -0.50 | 1.00  |

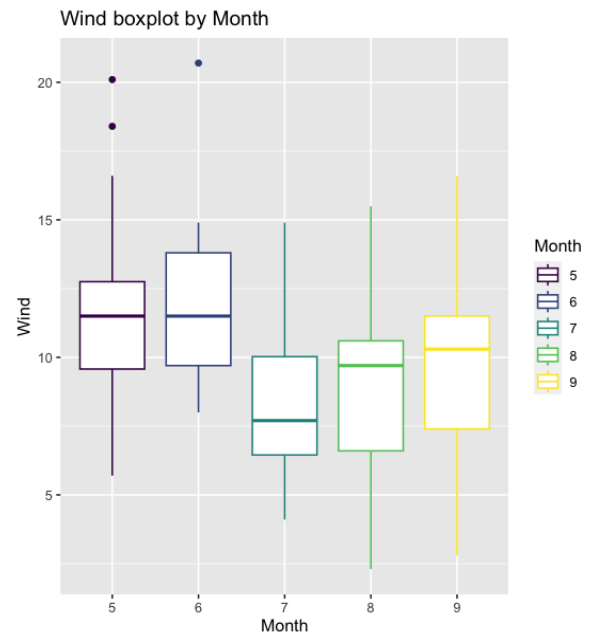
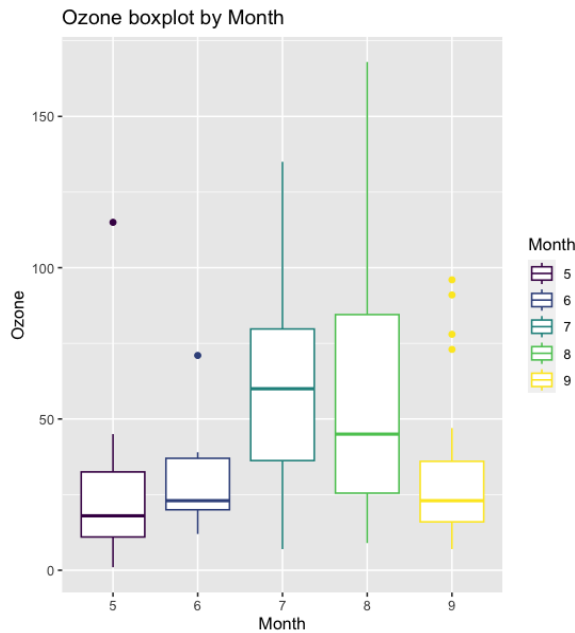
Table 3: Correlation between variables

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> table(df$Month)

5  6  7  8  9
24 9 26 23 29
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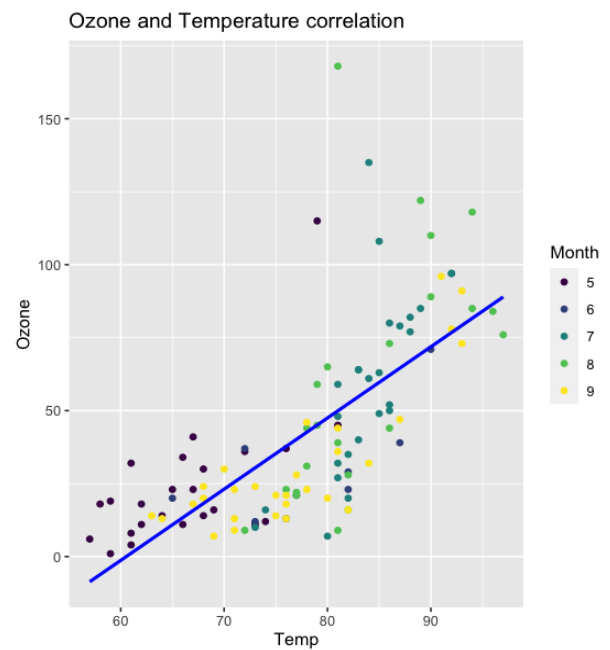
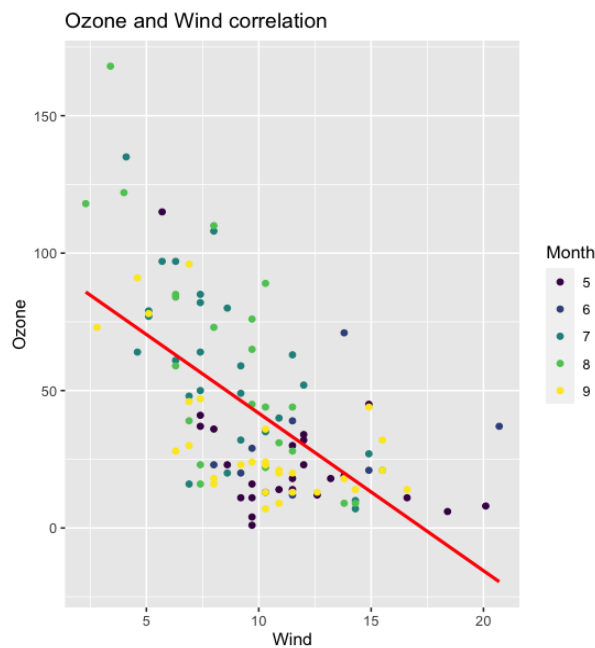
Table 4: Data grouped by Month after cleaning

## Visualizations and Analysis



The ozone boxplot by month shows several outliers mostly in September, and the largest IQR in August.

The wind boxplot by month illustrates the close similarity of IQR in all 5 months and the lowest median wind value in July.



There is a strong negative correlation between Ozone concentration and average wind speed, meanwhile, the Ozone index has a strong positive relationship with the daily temperature over these months.