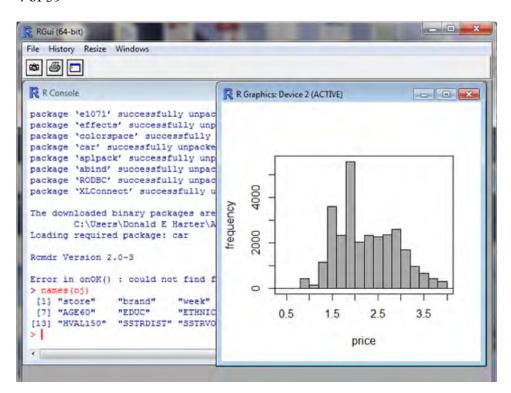
Overview of R

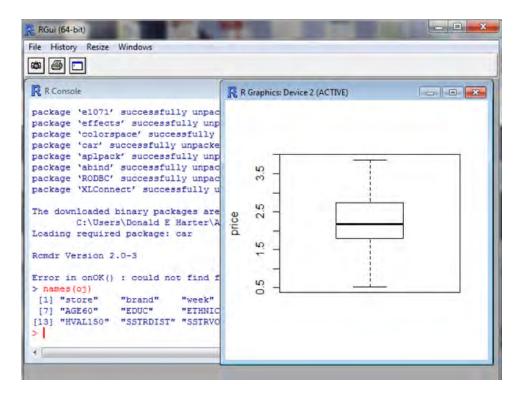
- Over the past decade, companies have been using a variety of statistical packages, including SPSS, SAS, Minitab, Stata, and others.
- Recently, companies have begun to migrate to a powerful statistical and data mining package called **R**.
- R is an open source software.
 - Free
 - Cost of other packages has driven new users to R.
- R is a language, but we will mostly operate it using a graphical user interface.

Visualization

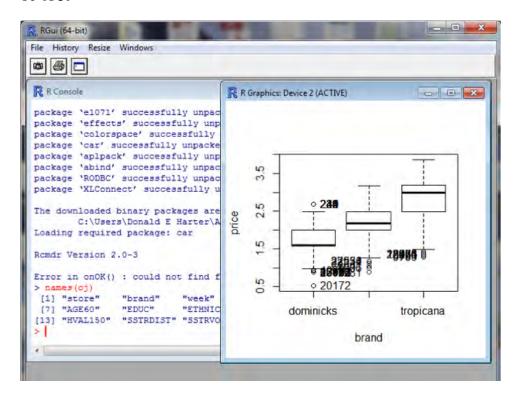
- R has the ability to generate histograms, boxplots, scatterplots, and XY plots similar to Excel.
- Graphs from R can differentiate by brand, product category, or other variable.
 - Gives greater insight into patterns

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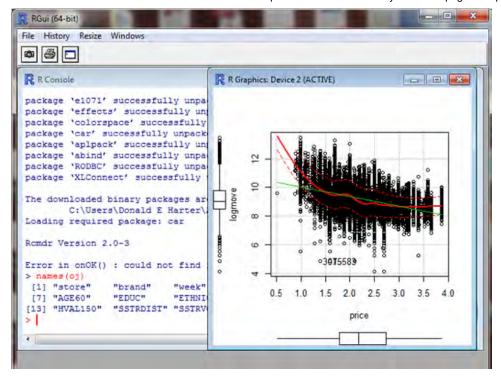
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Histograms and Boxplots

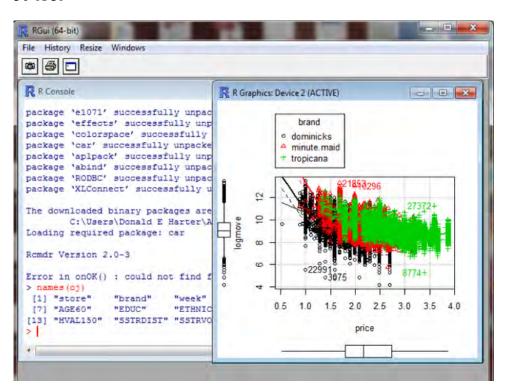
- Histograms show frequency of data within intervals or bins
 - Easy to develop in Excel or R.
- Boxplots identify:
 - Maximum and minimum—whiskers
 - 25%-ile and 75%-ile—box
 - Median—center bar
- Boxplots in R can also differentiate by brands.



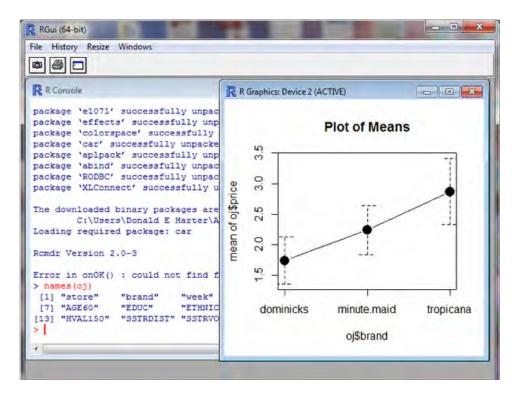
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Scatterplots

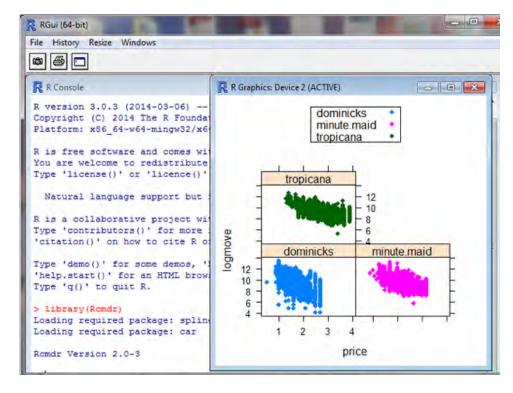
- Scatterplots offer not only trend line, but price by price.
- From example:
 - Solid red line—average sales by price
 - o Green line—trend line
 - Dotted red line—standard deviation
- Scatterplots of log sales by price can also be categorized by brand.



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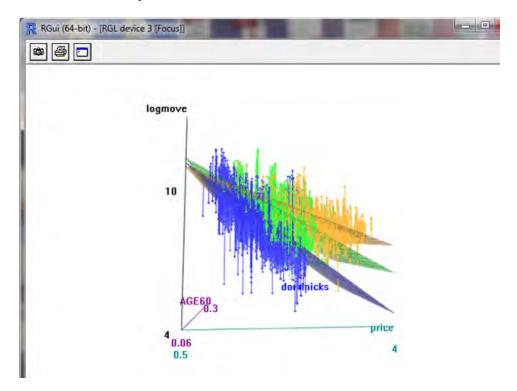
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Plot of Means and XY Plots

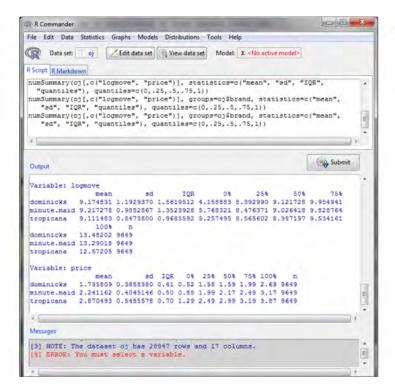
- **Plot of means** is where the average price by brand is plotted.
- XY plots display the effect of price on sales per brand by separating and placing plots next to each other.



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3-D Visualization

- R can perform more sophisticated 3-D graphing than Excel.
 - Plot the planes—helps find patterns
 - Rotate the graphs—offers different senses of parameters.
- 3-D allows you to see regression lines and planes to identify patterns.



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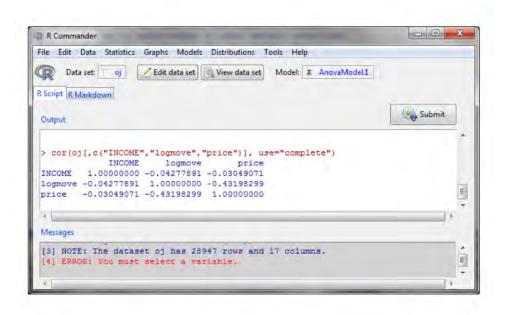
Statistical Summaries

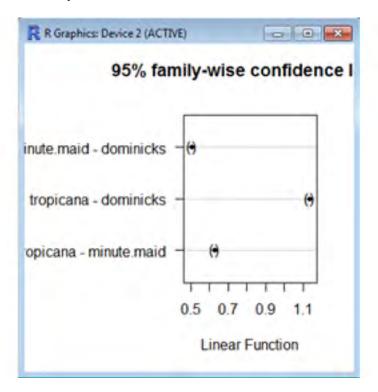
- Similar to Excel, R can calculate descriptive statistics.
- R has the additional ability to calculate descriptive statistics by brand.
- Stratify and characterize data while performing analysis.

Correlations

- Measure how two variables are related
- Positively correlated: one variable increases, the other one also increases
- Negatively correlated: one variable increases, the other one decreases

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Analysis of Variance

- Store managers want to compare product placement positions, sales, and prices of different products or brands.
- Analysis of variance (ANOVA) is used to compare the averages for different categories or brands.
- ANOVA calculates the average of each item, combines with standard deviation/variance, and determines if they are statistically different from one another.
- ANOVA is a valuable technique for product placement.



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Regression

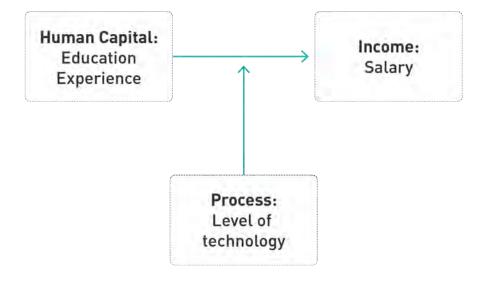
- R can perform linear regression.
 - Output is similar to Excel's multivariate regression output
- Analysis produces coefficients, statistical significance, and R-squared values.
 - Sets foundation to view more complex regressions



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Regression with Dummy Variables

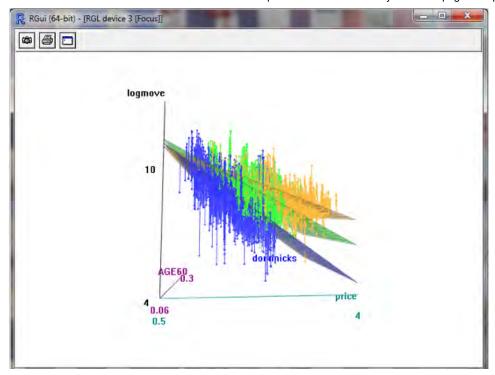
- Dummy variables change the intercept of some items to be different from others.
 - E.g., one brand will always be higher in sales than another
 - Reflected in different intercepts or heights of the regression line
- This allows you to look at price differentiation in different product markets.



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Regression with Moderating Effects

- Dummy variables can only change the intercepts.
- Moderating effects allow the slope of the line to change.
 - Recognizes that two variables might interact, magnifying their effects
- Education and experience both have a positive effect on income.
 - When an experienced, educated professional learns technology, the technology is the moderating effect.
- Moderating effect: An interaction of variables that leverage each other
- The moderating effect acts as a catalyst to accelerate the effect of certain variables.



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