# Getting Results with R

#### First import the mockdata:

And tell R to use this data as the default 'data frame' so you do not need to specify it in every command:

>attach(mockdata)

#### counting cases

First, count how many males and females were tested, using table:

```
>table(Sex)
Sex
F M
20 10
```

Report it like this, in the *Participants* section of the *Method*:

"We recruited 30 participants (20 females, 10 males)..."

### Descriptive statistics

Find out how old the participants were:

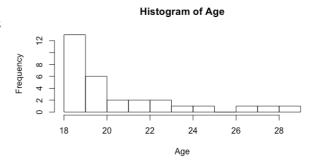
```
>library(psych) # a library that contains handy functions for psychology
>describe(Age)
  vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
X1 1 30 20.9 3.03 20 20.38 1.48 18 29 11 1.26 0.59 0.55

"... aged between 18 and 29 (M=20.9, SD=3.0)."
```

As long as the skew and kurtosis are less than ±2 the data can be treated as normally distributed, but that skew value is a bit high. Draw a histogram to check:

>hist(Age) # look in Plot window!

This shows why the skew value is so high, but luckily there is no need to do any parametric statistics on this demographic variable.



## Chi squared test of association – $\chi$ 2

table can make two-way tables too. For example, how many of each sex were tested by each experimenter:

```
> table(Sex,Experimenter)
   Experimenter
Sex JM LS MK
  F 6 6 8
  M 4 4 2
```

MK didn't seem to test as many men as the others – was this systematic, or just random variation?

Use a Chi Squared test to see if there is an association between Sex and Experimenter, and do so by sending it the results of this table command:

A warning message is also produced, because some of the 'expected' cell sizes are less than 5, but there is no association. There is no need to report this, but this is how a  $\chi 2$  test is reported:

"There was no difference in the proportion of men and women tested by each experimenter  $\chi^2$  (2, N=30)=1.20, p=.549."

#### Correlation

The participants have been measured three times, at a baseline session (Value1), after training (Value2) and at a follow-up session (Value3). These can be correlated a pair at a time like this:

```
> cor(Value1, Value2)
[1] 0.3078597
```

With more than two variables, a correlation matrix can be produced by using cor on a data frame or part of a data frame, e.g.,

#### A subset of a dataframe

A subset of a data frame is referred to by putting row and column indices in square brackets after the name of the data frame. Here mockdata[,6:8] selects all rows (as there is nothing before the comma) and columns 6 to 8 (inclusive). If the indices are not known, they can be found by combining the which and colnames functions, e.g.:

```
> which(colnames(mockdata)=="Value1")
[1] 6
```

These can be used directly in the cor command:

If the variables that are to be correlated are not adjacent, then this will not work, so a new data frame needs to be built that contains them:

The c() command joins together the values is encloses into a list which the [,] then uses to select the columns in the order specified. Here it selects the first column, then columns 6 to 8.

A limitation of cor is that it just gives the r value. The psych library contains a function corr.test (note that there are two rs in its name; there is another function cor.test).

```
> corr.test(myvals)
Call:corr.test(x = myvals)
Correlation matrix
        Subject Value1 Value2 Value3
Subject
           1.00
                 0.21
                         0.27
                                0.52
Value1
           0.21
                  1.00
                         0.31
                                 0.17
Value2
           0.27
                  0.31
                         1.00
                               -0.02
Value3
           0.52
                  0.17
                        -0.02
                                1.00
Sample Size
[1] 30
Probability values (Entries above the diagonal are adjusted for multiple tests.)
        Subject Value1 Value2 Value3
Subject
           0.00
                  0.79
                         0.63
                                 0.02
Value1
           0.26
                  0.00
                         0.49
                                0.79
Value2
           0.16
                  0.10
                         0.00
                                 0.90
                                0.00
Value3
           0.00
                  0.37
                         0.90
```

To see confidence intervals of the correlations, print with the short=FALSE option There is nothing much to report here, but this is how it might be reported:

```
"The three scores did not correlate with each other (Baseline, After testing: r(30) = .31, p=.49; After testing, Follow-up: r(30)=-.02, p=.90; Baseline, Follow-up: r(30)=.17, p=.79; p values adjusted for multiple comparisons)."
```

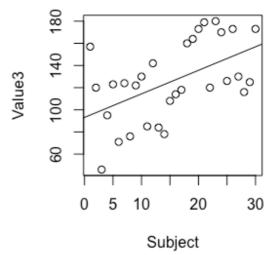
There is a presumably spurious correlation between the Subject and Value3:

"There was a correlation between Subject Code and participant's score at follow-up r(30)=.52, p=.02"

# Scatterplots and regression

To understand a correlation it is always a good idea to draw a scatterplot. The plot(x,y) command draws the scatterplot, and then the abline() command adds the regression line using the result of a simple linear regression command  $lm(y\sim x)$ . Note that the order of x and y are different in these two commands!

```
> plot(Subject, Value3)
> abline(lm(Value3 ~ Subject))
```



The full output from the lm() command looks like this:

```
> summary(lm(Value3 ~ Subject))
Call.
lm(formula = Value3 ~ Subject)
Residuals:
   Min
           1Q Median 3Q
                                  Max
-53.493 -27.454 1.567 24.302 61.759
Coefficients:
          Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 93.1149 11.7032 7.956 1.15e-08 ***
Subject 2.1259 0.6592 3.225 0.0032 **
Subject 2.1259
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 31.25 on 28 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2708,
                               Adjusted R-squared: 0.2448
F-statistic: 10.4 on 1 and 28 DF, p-value: 0.003197
```

To check that this is based on the same data as the correlation, the square root of the R<sup>2</sup> value should be .52

```
> sqrt(.2708)
[1] 0.5203845
```

The full regression equation statistics could be reported like this:

"A simple linear regression model showed that follow-up scores were predicted by Subject code, where Follow-up =  $93.11 + \text{Subject x } 2.13, R^2 = .27, F(1,28) = 10.4, p = .003$ ".

### Computing and Recoding variables

Existing variables may need to be combined for further analysis:

```
>mockdata$sumOfValues<-Value1 + Value2 + Value3
>mockdata$meanValue <- mockdata$sumOfValues / 3</pre>
```

Variables may need to be recoded from raw data into categories:

```
> mockdata$ValueGroup[mockdata$sumOfValues>0]<-"Low"
> mockdata$ValueGroup[mockdata$sumOfValues>250]<-"Medium"
> mockdata$ValueGroup[mockdata$sumOfValues>350]<-"High"
> describeBy(mockdata$sumOfValues,group=mockdata$ValueGroup,mat=TRUE,digits=1)

   item group1 vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
X11    1    High    1    8    395.9    36.6    394    395.9    51.1    358    444         86    0.2         -1.9    12.9
X12    2    Low    1    5    206.6    32.1    225    206.6    17.8    167    237    70    -0.3          -2.2    14.4
X13    3    Medium    1    17    312.0    25.3    319    313.1    26.7    260    347    87    -0.5          -0.9    6.1
```

"Participants were divided into groups based on their total score over the three sessions. The Low group (N=5) ranged from167 to 237 (M=207, SD=32), Medium (N=17) from 260 to 247 (M=312, SD=25), and High (N=8) from 358 to 444 (M=396, SD=37)."

Note that in these commands the data frame mockdata has been specified explicitly, so that the computed variables are added to it. Even if mockdata has previously been made the default data frame with an attach() command, the new columns can not yet be used without the data frame prefix. To make them available first detach() and then attach() again:

If you no longer need variables, they can be removed.

```
>mockdata<-mockdata[,1:8]</pre>
```

This will retain all rows, but only the first eight columns, deleting the three just computed.

### Comparing two means from one group with a paired t test

When people have been measured twice on a variable, so they have a pair of measures, the means can be compared using a paired t test.

```
> t.test(Value1, Value2, paired=TRUE, var.equal = TRUE)
      Paired t-test
data: Value1 and Value2
t = -3.3941, df = 29, p-value = 0.002011
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-39.530416 -9.802918
sample estimates:
mean of the differences
            -24.66667
> describe(Value1)
  vars n mean
                 sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
> describe(Value2)
  vars n mean
                 sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
    1 30 107.7 33.49
                      101 107.33 43 43 165
                                             122 0.06
                                                        -1.06 6.11
   "Scores increased from 83.0 (34.2) at baseline to 107.7 (33.5) after training,
   t(29)=3.39, p=.002."
```

The minus sign before the t value can always be ignored as it simply depends on the order the variables are listed.

### Comparing two groups' means with a two sample t test

Where two groups have been measured on the same variable, their means can be compared using a two sample t test. First the data needs to be split into the two groups. This can be done by creating a data frame for each group, which is useful if more commands might need to be run on each group:

```
> control.df<-mockdata[Group=="control",]
> intervention.df<-mockdata[Group=="intervention",]</pre>
```

These commands will select all of the rows of mockdata where Group has the specified value, and copy them into the new data frames. Note that two equals signs are needed, and that there is nothing after the comma so that all columns (variables) are selected.

Having created the two separate sets of data, the t.test command can be used to refer to them explicitly using the dollar notation, which takes the format dataframe\$variable

This can also all be done within the t.test command if there is no need to retain the two groups' data for later use:

Here, creating the two subsets of data is helpful because it allows the group descriptives to be obtained easily:

```
> describe(control.df$Value1)
  vars n mean    sd median trimmed    mad min max range skew kurtosis    se
X1     1    15    82    38.97     73    80.92    54.86    29    149    120    0.16    -1.49    10.06
> describe(intervention.df$Value1)
  vars n mean    sd median trimmed    mad min max range skew kurtosis    se
X1     1    15    84.07    29.96     78     81    26.69    45    163     118    1.01     0.68    7.74
```

although this can also be done using this command:

```
> describeBy(Value1, group=Group)
```

```
"The control group (M=82.0, SD=39.0) and the intervention group (M=84.1, SD=30.0) did not differ at baseline t(28)=0.16, p=.872"
```

#### Oneway between-subjects Analysis of Variance

When there are more than two groups or levels of any factor, ANOVA is needed, not multiple t tests.

Test whether the three experimenters recruited people who were different at baseline.

```
One-way analysis of means

data: mockdata$Value1 and mockdata$Experimenter

F = 3.447, num df = 2, denom df = 27, p-value = 0.04643
```

> oneway.test(Value1 ~ Experimenter, var.equal = TRUE)

In the brackets, the formula <code>value1</code> ~ Experimenter makes <code>value1</code> the IV and Experimenter the DV. The <code>var.equal=TRUE</code> bit tells the analysis to assume that the SDs for each Experimenter are equivalent. There is a significant effect, reported like this:

"The participants recruited by each Experimenter did not all have the same means at baseline F(2,27)=3.45, p=.046."

MK is clearly higher than JM, but what about LS? Post hoct tests are needed to compare them, using Bonferroni correction because we are making three tests at once:

This handy command just gives the *p* values, not the t values. It could be reported like this, using the descriptives too:

"Two-tailed t tests with bonferroni correction indicated that MK's participants (M=101.3, SD=38.6) scored higher than JM's (M=64.2, SD=27.5) p=.042, and that LS's participants (M=83.6, SD=27.4) did not differ to MK's p=.664 or JM's p=.544."

#### aov - A more general ANOVA command

P value adjustment method: bonferroni

Another, more general way to do ANOVA is to use this function:

The F and p values are the same as in the oneway output, but here the results are being stored in an object called m instead of printing it right away because the output from aov is more complicated, and putting it into m allows other commands to be run as well, such as an effect size statistic and post hoc tests (the label 'm' is just a name; it could be called anything).

There are two values here: etasq (which is the variance explained by the effect) and the partial eta squared (which supposedly adjusts for the inclusion of multiple effects and

interactions in the model). As there is only one effect in this simple oneway anova, they are identical, and the write up would be:

"The participants recruited by each Experimenter did not all have the same means at baseline F(2,27)=3.45, p=.046,  $\eta^2=.20$ ."

### Post hoc tests

You can also ask for Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference posthoc test if you need to make unplanned comparisons between more than two levels of a between-subject factor:

As with the Bonferroni t tests, MK and JM's groups differ. Write this up like this:

```
"Tukey's HSD tests conducted post hic indicated that MK's participants (M=101.3, SD=38.6) scored higher than JM's (M=64.2, SD=27.5) p=.036, and that LS's participants (M=83.6, SD=27.4) did not differ to MK's p=.434 or JM's p=.369."
```

These p values are lower than those from the pairwise t tests, because Tukey's HSD is a more sensitive test.

#### Two-between ANOVA

The formula in any can be extended to add in multiple between-subject factors, for example, testing Experimenter and Group at the same time, using the following 'star' notation to request the main effects and all interactions:

"At baseline, there were no differences between the experimenter's groups  $F(2,24=3.14, p=.061, \eta_p^2=.21 \text{ or between the conditions } F(1,24)=0.03, p=.866, \eta_p^2=.00$ , and there was no interaction of experimenter and condition  $F(2,24)=0.29, p=.745, \eta_p^2=.02$ "

The same approach works for more than two between-subject factors, but repeated measures designs with within-subject factors requires more work. The data needs to be reshaped.

### Reorganising data (Wide to Long)

In mockdata, people were measured three times: Value1 at baseline, Value2 at the end of training, and Value3 in a follow-up session some weeks later. The data file includes all three measurements for each participant on a single line, as is convenient for data entry. This is called WIDE format.

To see the first few rows, use the head command:

```
> head(mockdata)
# A tibble: 6 \times 8
                                 Group Value1 Value2 Value3
 Subject Experimenter Age Sex
   <dbl>
              <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                                 <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                          32
1
      3
                 JM 18 M control
                                                 99
                                                        46
2
      6
                  LS
                        19
                              F control
                                           34
                                                 120
                                                        71
3
      8
                  LS
                        20
                              M control
                                           60
                                                 91
                                                        76
                  MK
                             F control
                                         149
                                                        78
4
      14
                        18
                                                 131
5
      13
                  MK
                        18
                             F control
                                          73
                                                 8.0
                                                        84
      11
                  MK
                        20
                              F control
                                          130
                                                 145
                                                        85
6
```

This is nice and compact, but many analyses in R require LONG format, where a single column contains all of the measurements, and another column says which time they are from.

This is how to turn a wide data set into a long one:

```
>library(reshape2) # contains the reshaping commands
>longdata<-melt(data=mockdata, measure.vars = c("Value1","Value2","Value3"))</pre>
```

This creates a new dataset called longdata. The c(...) lists the three variables that are all the same measure taken at different times. This is how the new file looks:

```
> head(longdata)
 Subject Experimenter Age Sex
                                Group variable value
       3
1
                   JM 18
                          M control Value1
                                                  32
                           F control
                                        Value1
                                                  34
2
       6
                   LS
                       19
3
       8
                   LS
                       20
                            M control
                                        Value1
                                                  60
                   MK 18
                           F control
                                                149
      14
                                        Value1
5
      13
                   MK
                      18
                            F control
                                       Value1
                                                  7.3
                   MK 20
                            F control
                                       Value1
6
      11
                                                 130
```

The level names are now in the column variable, and the actual values are in the column value

Finally, make this the new default data frame:

```
>detach(mockdata)
>attach(longdata)
```

# Renaming levels in a factor and creating factors from variables

The variable names that are now in <code>variable</code> are not very meaningful. They can be changed to more meaningful labels, but as variable is a factor, the <code>levels()</code> command needs to be used:

```
> levels(variable)[levels(variable)=="Value1"]<-"Baseline"</pre>
> levels(variable)[levels(variable)=="Value2"]<-"After Testing"</pre>
> levels(variable)[levels(variable)=="Value3"]<-"Follow-up"</pre>
> head(longdata)
  Subject Experimenter Age Sex Group variable value
        1
                    JM 19 F control Baseline
2
        2
                     JM 18 F control Baseline
                                                      63
                     JM 18  M control Baseline
JM 21  F control Baseline
                                                      32
3
        3
4
        4
                                                       29
                             F control Baseline
                     JM 22
                                                      58
5
        5
                     LS 19
                             F control Baseline
```

One more thing to do: an integer has been used for the Subject number, and this variable needs to be turned into a factor before use in a repeated measures design:

```
> longdata$SubF<-as.factor(Subject)</pre>
```

This adds a new column to the data where each subject number is now the level of a subffactor.

### Repeated Measures ANOVA

> summary(m)

With long format data, a simple oneway repeated measures ANOVA can be done using the aov command. Unlike the between-subjects designs, the Error term now needs to be added explicitly.

```
> m<-aov(value ~ variable + Error(SubF/variable))</pre>
```

The Error term is telling aov that each level of SubF was measured at each level of variable.

```
Error: SubF

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Residuals 29 44954 1550

Error: SubF:variable

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

variable 2 27976 13988 13.77 1.28e-05 ***

Residuals 58 58935 1016

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

(NB: The etasquared and TukeyHSD commands do not work with repeated measures designs.)

```
"A repeated measures ANOVA showed a significant effect of time F(2,58)=13.8, p<.001"
```

This isn't very informative as it just shows that the means differ, not whether they go up or down.

If Subject had not been turned into the factor SubF, this is what happens:

This non-significant F is because the integer values of Subject are treated as meaningful values of Subjectness, as if participant 24 were twice as much a Subject than participant 12. This is clearly nonsense. Please do remember to make sure any Subject variable is being treated as a factor.

#### Building a table of means and SDs

To understand what the statistically significant value of F in the oneway repeated measures analysis means, you need some descriptive statistics.

The aggregate function computes means and SDs, and its results can be combined into a table, with new column headings, and numbers rounded off sensibly.

```
> tab1<-aggregate(data=longdata, value ~ variable, mean)</pre>
```

This makes a table of means of value, split by variable.

Relabel the value column M to show it holds means

```
> colnames(tab1)[2]="M"
```

The [2] makes the command affect the second column of the table.

Add another column called SD by using aggregate again to get standard deviations, and asking for the second column of the results by putting [2] afterwards.

Five decimal places is messy, so round columns 2 and 3 of this table to one decimal place:

The [,2:3] means the rounding is applied to all rows (the row numbers to operate on are listed before the comma; leaving it blank means all of them) of columns two to three (so 2:5 would affect columns 2 to 5, if they all existed).

These descriptives can help improve the reporting of the repeated measures ANOVA:

"A repeated measures ANOVA showed that scores increased over time F(2,58)=13.8, p<.001, from M=83.0 (SD=34.2) at baseline, to M=107.7 (SD=33.5) at the end of training, rising to M=126.1 (SD=36.0) at follow-up."

#### Mixed measures ANOVA

As well as the within-subject factor, there is a between subject factor.

Again, aov can model this:

```
> m<-aov(value ~ variable * Group + Error(SubF/variable))</pre>
> summary(m)
Error: SubF
       Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
Group 1 8841 8841 6.854 0.0141 *
Residuals 28 36114 1290
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Error: SubF:variable
         Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                         Pr(>F)
              2 27976 13988 15.100 5.69e-06 ***
variable
variable:Group 2
                   7058
                          3529
                                  3.809
                                         0.0281 *
Residuals 56 51877
                            926
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

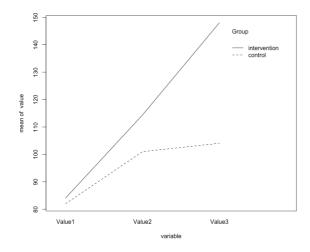
"A mixed measures ANOVA with one within-subject factor (time: baseline, after-training, follow-up) and one between subjects factor (condition: control, intervention) showed that overall the intervention group (M=115.5, SD=39.4) scored higher than the controls (M=95.7, SD=35.3) F(1,28)=6.85, p=.014; that scores increased over time (baseline: M=83.0, SD=34.17; after training: M=107.7, SD=33.5); follow-up: M=126.1, SD=36.0) F(2,56)=15.1, p<.001, and that there was an interaction of time and condition F(2,56)=3.81, p=.028, with the intervention group's scores increasing more over time than the control group's scores (see Figure 1)."

This time the means and SDs came from describeBy commands, part of the psych library – in R there are always lots of ways of doing things. The mat and digits parameters simplify the output by producing a 'matrix' instead of listing everything, and only giving two decimal places:

#### Plotting an interaction chart

A really quick way to see what is happening in a two-way interaction is this:

>interaction.plot(variable,Group,value)

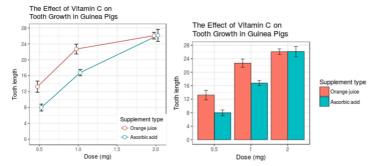


Both groups improve over time, but while the intervention group keep on improving after training, the control group level off. This graph is not good enough for a Results section, though. It also needs to have error bars showing 95% confidence intervals, or standard errors of each mean. These need to be computed and put into a table.

For full details on how to do this, visit:

http://www.cookbook-r.com/Graphs/Plotting means and error bars (ggplot2)

where functions and code can be copied to produce graphs like these:

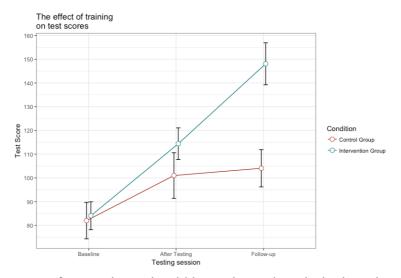


Using the longdata data frame and the summarySEwithin functions provided on that page, this command produces the required table of descriptive statistics:

```
> wc.df<-summarySEwithin(longdata,
                         measurevar = "value"
                         withinvars = "variable",
                         betweenvars= "Group",
                         idvar=
                                      "Subject",
                         na.rm=FALSE, conf.interval = .95)
Automatically converting the following non-factors to factors: Group
> wc.df
                   variable N
                                    value value norm
         Group
                                                           sd
                                                                    se
       control After Testing 15 101.00000
                                          110.91111 37.30264 9.631501 20.65752
1
                                           91.91111 29.65254 7.656252 16.42103
                                82.00000
2
       control
                   Baseline 15
                   Follow-up 15 104.06667
                                           113.97778 30.39301 7.847441 16.83109
       control
4 intervention After Testing 15 114.40000
                                           104.48889 25.89478 6.686004 14.34005
                                            74.15556 22.76258 5.877272 12.60550
 intervention
                    Baseline 15
                                84.06667
                   Follow-up 15 148.06667 138.15556 34.27920 8.850851 18.98319
6 intervention
```

The following code will then produce an appropriate graph, with standard error bars – the red text shows where variable names or values need to be customised:

```
library(ggplot2)
pd <- position dodge(0.1) # move series .05 to the left and right to avoid overlap
ggplot(wc.df, aes(x=variable, y=value, colour=Group, group=Group)) +
    geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=value-se, ymax=value+se), colour="black", width=.1, position=pd) +
    geom_line(position=pd) +
    geom_point(position=pd, size=3, shape=21, fill="white") + # 21 is filled circle
    xlab("Testing session") +
    ylab("Test Score") +
    1=40) +
                                             # Use darker colours, lightness=40
    ggtitle("The effect of training\non test scores") + #\n to force a line-break
    #expand_limits(y=0) +
                                              # Uncomment this line to expand y range
    scale_y_continuous(breaks=0:20*10) +
                                              # Set y-axis tick every 10 units (max 20 ticks)
    theme_bw() +
    theme(legend.justification=c(1,0),
          legend.position=c(1,0))
                                             # Position legend in bottom right
```



Note that for strict APA format there should be no legend, with the lines being defined in the caption e.g.

Figure 1: Both groups' test scores improved following training, but the intervention group's scores (blue line) continued to improve over the follow-up interval, while the control group's scores (red line) did not. Error bars show one standard error (within subject).

Cronbach's alpha

**Exploratory Factor Analysis** 

Confirmatory Factor Analysis