Data Analytics II

QBS 103: Foundations of Data Science

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Lesson Objectives

At the end of this lecture you should be able to:

- 1. Calculate appropriate summary statistics for a data frame
- 2. Build a function to produce a "Table One"
- 3. Implement R script dependencies

Additional Resources

Creating formatted tables in markdown: https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/kableExtra/vignettes/awesome table in html.html

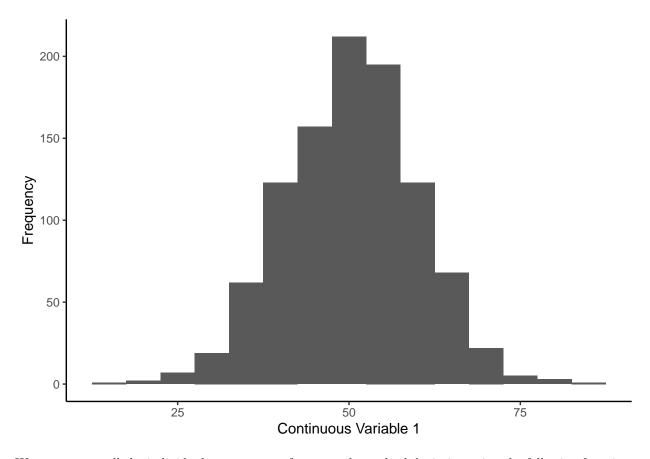
Identifying Appropriate Summary Statistics

First, lets generate some random data.

Continuous Variables

For normally distributed continuous variables, we report mean and standard deviation.

```
ggplot(data = randomData,aes(x = Cont1)) +
geom_histogram(binwidth = 5) +
labs(x = 'Continuous Variable 1',y = 'Frequency') +
theme_classic()
```



We can extract all the individual components of mean and standard deviation using the following functions.

```
# Mean
mean(randomData$Cont1)
```

[1] 50.34092

```
# Standard deviation
sd(randomData$Cont3)
```

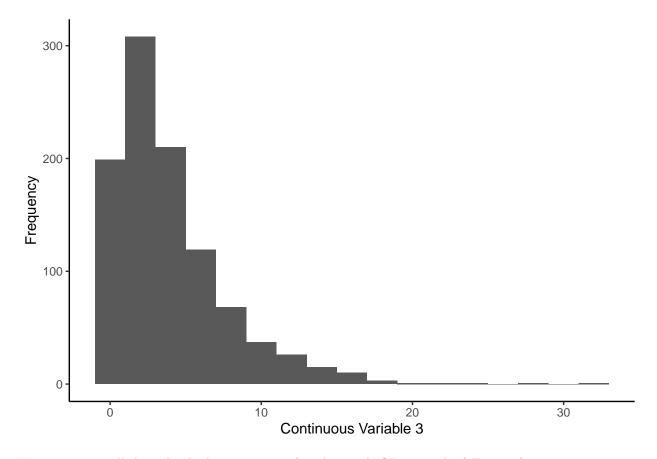
[1] 3.76435

We can then combine these values to make them nicely formatted.

[1] "Mean (sd): 50.34 (9.61)"

For non-normally distributed continuous variables, we report median and interquartile range (IQR).

```
ggplot(data = randomData,aes(x = Cont3)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 2) +
  labs(x = 'Continuous Variable 3',y = 'Frequency') +
  theme_classic()
```



We can extract all the individual components of median and IQR using the following functions.

```
# Median
median(randomData$Cont3)
## [1] 2.927949
# Quartile values
quantile(randomData$Cont3)
##
             0%
                                       50%
                                                     75%
                          25%
                                                                 100%
    0.001975371
                 1.293967997
                               2.927949040
                                            5.380989123 31.038499748
# IQR (Q3 - Q1)
IQR(randomData$Cont3)
## [1] 4.087021
```

We can string these values together as follows to print out a clean and easy to read summary.

Table 1: Table 1

Variable	n = 40
Age mean (sd)	35 (2)
Sex n (%)	
Female	10 (25.0)
Male	30 (75.0)

```
## [1] "Median [IQR]: 2.93 [1.29, 5.38]"
```

Categorical Variables

For categorical covariates, we typically report the count (n) and percentage of each level of that variable.

The "Table One"

In the epidemiology and data science communities, a table summarizing the demographics of a study population is typically referred to as a "table one". Such a table might look like this.

Refresher: Building a Function

To define a function in R, we use the following syntax:

```
# Define function to calculate mean (sd)
meanSD <- function(x) {
    # Calculate individual values
    myMean <- mean(x)
    mySD <- sd(x)</pre>
```

```
# Combine values
pasteO(round(myMean,digits = 2),' (',round(mySD,digits = 2),')')
}
meanSD(x = randomData$Cont1)
```

```
## [1] "50.34 (9.61)"
```

When we run a function, no intermediate values are saved. The only output from the function will be the final value you return.

We can also provide default values for terms in a function.

```
# Define a function to calculate a mean or a median
contSummary <- function(x,normal = T) {</pre>
  # Calculate mean (sd) if normally distributed (the default)
  if (normal == T) {
      # Calculate individual values
    myMean <- round(mean(x),2)</pre>
    mySD <- round(sd(x),2)</pre>
    # Combine values
    pasteO(myMean, ' (',mySD, ')')
  # Calculate median (IQR) if non-normally distributed
  else {
    # Calculate individual values
    myMedian <- round(median(x))</pre>
    myIQR1 <- round(quantile(x,1/4),digits = 2)</pre>
    myIQR2 \leftarrow round(quantile(x,3/4),digits = 2)
    # Combine values
    paste0(myMedian,' [',myIQR1,', ',myIQR2,']')
}
# Run function on normally distributed variable
contSummary(x = randomData$Cont1, normal = T)
## [1] "50.34 (9.61)"
```

```
# Run function on non-normally distributed variable
contSummary(x = randomData$Cont3,normal = F)
```

```
## [1] "3 [1.29, 5.38]"
```

If we don't specify the "normal" term which we set a default for, the function will assume that it is normally distributed.

```
contSummary(x = randomData$Cont1)
## [1] "50.34 (9.61)"
```

Table 2: Table 1

n = 1000
50.34 (9.61)
23.01 (1.96)
495 (49.5)
505 (50.5)
3 [1.29, 5.38]
745 (74.5)
255 (25.5)
352 (35.2)
491 (49.1)
157 (15.7)

```
contSummary(x = randomData$Cont3)
```

```
## [1] "3.98 (3.76)"
```

In Class Activity

Design your own function to build a table one. Users should input a data frame and how different variables should be treated (i.e. normally or non-normally distributed, categorical).

R Script Dependencies

When organizing your code, sometimes it may be easier to define a function that you will be using across multiple scripts and then call it independently. We can do this using the *source* function in base R.

The source function will run through an entire R script and you will see all the generated variables and functions appear in your current R Environment. So, if you have a file with your saved functions, you can just run that file rather than defining the function in each R script that you need it in.