Buzz vs. Bite

An Analysis of Alcohol Content and Bitterness in American Craft Beers

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Introduction

It goes without saying that entering the craft beer market, in pretty much any state, is a monstrous task. The explosion of micro-breweries has spread expeditiously in nearly every rapidly-growing urban environment. Luckily for you, the explosion is not in isolation. Demand has never been higher for unique and complex alcoholic libations. Where once the thought process was "the simpler the better," newer generations are constantly on the hunt for a drinking experience that fits their lifestyle and temperament. Although the market may seem saturated in many areas, it is, in reality, a rich field filled with almost never-ending demand ready to be tapped by the right combination of ingenuity, experimentation and a knowledge of what sells.

Purpose of this study

Purpose of this study * To organize and analyze a list of 2410 craft beers from the United States and a list of 558 breweries. * To help you identify trends within this data to help narrow your focus for production. Manufacturing a beer that will outsell your competitors is more than just a quality product, it's knowing what quality is proven to sell. * To provide you with a functional list of each beer's alcohol content, bitterness level, style and other information to help you decide which direction to take your production facilities and supply chain.

Loading required libraries

The following code loads useful libraries that aren't included in base R. The of these libraries come from the "tidyverse" including dplyr for manipulating dataframes, tidyr for making data tidy, knitr for creating reproducible documents ggplot2 for plots, maps for help with geographic plots, RColorBrewer for improved map graphics, summarytools for summarizing data, magrittr for better code, and gridExtra to assist with plots

```
## Loading required package: dplyr
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
## filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
## intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
## Loading required package: tidyr
## Loading required package: knitr
## Loading required package: ggplot2
## Loading required package: maps
## Loading required package: RColorBrewer
```

```
## Loading required package: summarytools
## Loading required package: magrittr
##
## Attaching package: 'magrittr'
## The following object is masked from 'package:tidyr':
##
## extract
## Loading required package: gridExtra
##
## Attaching package: 'gridExtra'
## ## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
## combine
```

Breweries Data

Import Breweries

In this section we load and begin cleaning the data in order to aid our exploratory analysis. Column names are set to lowercase for ease of reading and we begin to summarize the data.

```
#import breweries data
breweries_data <- read.csv("../data/Breweries.csv", header=TRUE)

colnames(breweries_data) %<>% tolower #lower case colnames

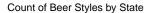
breweries_data %<>% rename(brewery_id = brew_id) #rename
```

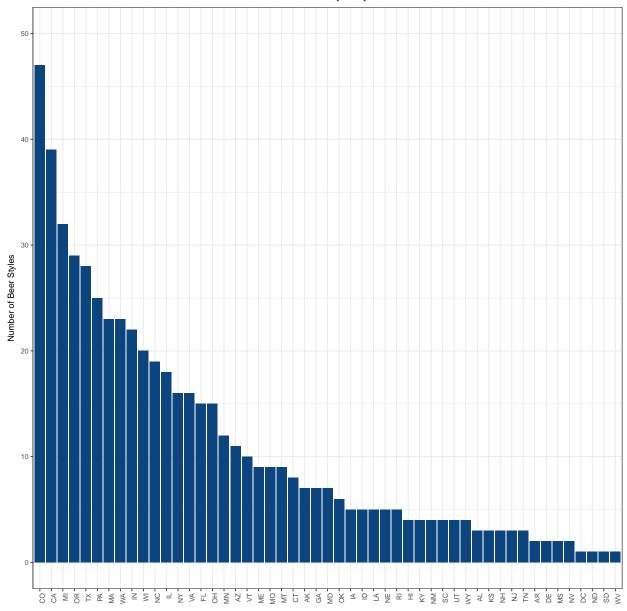
Inspect Raw Breweries Dataset

state	brewery_id
CO	47
CA	39
MI	32
OR	29
TX	28

```
# print bottom 5 states with the most breweries
kable(tail(brewery_summary_raw, 5), digits = 0)
```

state	brewery_id
NV	2
DC	1
ND	1
SD	1
WV	1





Clean Breweries Data

Before we can confidently proceed with our analysis it's important to ensure we have scrubbed the data, removed duplicates, and decide how we will deal with errors and missing values.

We start this process by removing punctuation and whitespace from columns. Humans are fallible and typos are easy to make. Without knowing the origin of the data in the files provided, its prudent to assume that mistakes have been made and take measures to correct them.

Remvoing punctuation allows us to mitigate the possibility of commas being erroneously typed as periods. "Detroit, MI", for example, would be identified as a different city than "Detroit. MI" Removing punctuation resolves this issue. Both city/state combinations simply become "Detroit MI."

Likewise, it's helpful to remove whitespace. Although whitespace can appear "invisible" to the human eye,

computers can "see" this space as if it were a number or a letter.

We use the apply function to make these changes to every row in the dataframe.

Removing duplicates is more of a challenge. Before we can remove duplicates we need to confirm whether or not two rows are the same. We identify duplicates by creating a unique key for each brewery that's a combination of the brewery ID, city, and state.

De-duplicating in this case is a multi-step process. We start by identifying brewery ids that show up more than once which indicate possible duplicates. Further investigation determines whether or not they are actually duplicates.

In addition to removing identifying and removing duplicates programatically, we also need to correct a few entries manually. There are some entries that are clearly mis-spelled and need to be addressed.

Once potential duplicates are identified and assigned temporary keys, they are evaluated apart from the main dataset and returned to the main dataset once duplicates have been removed.

1) Remove punctuation and trim whitespace

2) Configure column types

##

<fctr>

1 Blackrocks Brewery

```
breweries_data$name <- as.factor(breweries_data$name) # convert Name column to factor
breweries data$brewery id <- as.integer(breweries data$brewery id) # convert Brew ID to integer
```

3) Identify and capture potential duplicate records

```
# confirm Brew_ID + City + State is a unique key
breweries summary <-
  select(breweries_data, brewery_id, city, state, name) %>%
  group_by(name) %>%
  summarize_all(funs(
    count = n_distinct(brewery_id, city, state))) %>%
  select(name, brewery_id_count) %>% # select only Name and Brew_ID_count columns
  arrange(desc(brewery_id_count)) # sort by Brew_ID_count desc
# capture potential duplicates
breweries_dups <- filter(breweries_summary, brewery_id_count > 1) # if Brew_ID_count > 1 then there is
# rejoin potential dups to original dataset
breweries_dups <- select(breweries_dups %>% inner_join(breweries_data, by="name"), -ends_with("_count")
breweries_dups
## # A tibble: 14 x 4
##
     name
                              brewery_id city
                                                      state
```

<chr>>

ΜT

13 Marquette

<int> <chr>

```
## 2 Blackrocks Brewery
                                      96 Marguette
                                                      MA
## 3 Blue Mountain Brewery
                                     383 Afton
                                                      VΑ
                                     415 Arrington
## 4 Blue Mountain Brewery
                                                      VA
## 5 Lucette Brewing Company
                                     378 Menominee
                                                      WI
## 6 Lucette Brewing Company
                                     457 Menominie
                                                      WI
## 7 Oskar Blues Brewery
                                     167 Longmont
                                                      CO
## 8 Oskar Blues Brewery
                                     504 Lyons
                                                      CO
## 9 Otter Creek Brewing
                                     262 Waterbury
                                                      VT
## 10 Otter Creek Brewing
                                     276 Middlebury
                                                      VT
## 11 Sly Fox Brewing Company
                                     164 Phoenixville PA
## 12 Sly Fox Brewing Company
                                     372 Pottstown
                                                      PA
## 13 Summit Brewing Company
                                     59 St Paul
                                                      MN
## 14 Summit Brewing Company
                                     139 St Paul
                                                      MN
  4) Correct duplicates
       • City name "Menominie" misspelled as "Menominee"
# Fix Brew_ID=378, change City(Menominee -> Menominie)
breweries_dups <- breweries_dups %>%
     mutate(city=replace(city, brewery_id==378, "Menominie")) %>%
     as.data.frame()
* Marquette is not a city name in Massachusetts. Changed to Michigan based on other records existing for
# Fix Brew_ID=96, change State(MA -> MI)
breweries_dups <- breweries_dups %>%
     mutate(state=replace(state, brewery_id==96, "MI")) %>%
     as.data.frame()
* Merge duplicates into single records on name + city + state
# group corrected duplicates to
breweries_dups <- breweries_dups %>%
                  group_by(name, city, state) %>%
                  filter(n()>1)
* Create new brewery_id for corrected duplicates
# create surrogate keys for duplicates
breweries_sk <- breweries_dups %>%
                    group_by(name, city, state) %>%
                    summarize_all(funs(
                        brew sk = (sum(brewery id)*sum(brewery id)),
                        count = n()
                        )) %>%
                    ungroup() %>%
                    right_join(breweries_dups, by = c("name", "city", "state")) %>% # rejoin to dupes b
                    rename(old_brewery_id=brewery_id, new_brewery_id=brew_sk)
breweries_sk
## # A tibble: 6 x 6
##
    name
                             city
                                       state new_brewery_id count old_brewer~
##
     <fctr>
                             <chr>
                                                      <int> <int>
                                                                         <int>
                                       <chr>>
```

11881

11881

2

2

13

96

Marquette MI

Marquette MI

1 Blackrocks Brewery

2 Blackrocks Brewery

```
## 4 Lucette Brewing Company Menominie WI
                                            697225
                                                       2
                                                               457
## 5 Summit Brewing Company St Paul MN
                                             39204
                                                       2
                                                                59
## 6 Summit Brewing Company St Paul
                                                               139
                                 MN
                                              39204
                                                       2
* Update original breweries dataset with corrections and de-duped records
# create cleaned dataset
breweries_clean <- dplyr::bind_rows( # append rows of dataframes together
                      breweries_data %>%
                        filter(!brewery_id %in% breweries_sk$old_brewery_id), # remove duplicated r
                      breweries_sk %>%
                        rename(brewery_id=new_brewery_id) %% # rename new_brewery_id to brewery_id
                        select(-count, -old_brewery_id)) %>% # remove extra columns from brewery_sk
                      rename(brewery_name = name) %>% #change column name "name" to "brewery_name"
                      mutate(state = as.factor(state))
summarytools::dfSummary(breweries_clean)
## Data Frame Summary
## breweries_clean
## N: 558
## -----
## No Variable
               Stats / Values Freqs (% of Valid) Text Graph
mean (sd): 2959.57 (41747.55) 555 distinct val.
## 1
      brewery_id
                                                                                      558
##
      [integer]
                   min < med < max :
                                                                     :
                                                                                      (10
                    1 < 283.5 < 697225
##
                     IQR (CV) : 279.5 (14.11)
##
##
##
##
## 2
                     1. 10 Barrel Brewing Company
                                                 1 ( 0.2%)
                                                                     IIIIIIIIIIIIIII
      brewery_name
                                                                                      558
                     2. 18th Street Brewery
##
       [factor]
                                                   1 (0.2%)
                                                                                      (10
                     3. 2 Towns Ciderhouse
                                                  1 (0.2%)
##
##
                     4. 21st Amendment Brewery
                                                  1 (0.2%)
##
                     5. 3 Daughters Brewing
                                                  1 (0.2%)
##
                     6. 4 Hands Brewing Company
                                                  1 (0.2%)
                     7. 450 North Brewing Company
##
                                                  1 (0.2%)
##
                     8. 7 Seas Brewing Company
                                                  1 (0.2%)
                     9. 7venth Sun
                                                  1 (0.2%)
##
##
                     10. Abita Brewing Company
                                                 1 (0.2%)
##
                     [ 541 others ]
                                                   548 (98.6%)
##
                                                   17 (3.0%)
## 3
                     1. Portland
                                                                     IIIIIIIIIIIIIII
                                                                                      558
      city
                                                   9 (1.6%)
##
       [character]
                     2. Boulder
                                                                                      (10
                                                   9 (1.6%)
##
                     3. Chicago
##
                     4. Seattle
                                                  9 (1.6%)
                                                   8 (1.4%)
##
                     5. Austin
##
                     6. Denver
                                                   8 (1.4%)
##
                     7. San Diego
                                                  8 (1.4%)
##
                     8. Bend
                                                  6 (1.1%)
##
                     9. San Francisco
                                                   5 (0.9%)
##
                     10. Anchorage
                                                   4 (0.7%)
```

697225

378

3 Lucette Brewing Company Menominie WI

```
##
                          [ 372 others ]
                                                               475 (85.5%)
##
## 4
        state
                          1. AK
                                                               7 (1.2%)
                                                                                                         558
                                                               3 (0.5%)
##
        [factor]
                          2. AL
                                                                                     Ι
                                                                                                         (10
##
                          3. AR
                                                               2 (0.4%)
                                                                                     IIIIIIIIIIIIII
                          4. AZ
                                                               11 ( 2.0%)
##
                          5. CA
                                                               39 (7.0%)
##
                          6. CO
                                                               47 (8.4%)
##
##
                          7. CT
                                                               8 (1.4%)
                          8. DC
##
                                                               1 (0.2%)
##
                          9. DE
                                                               2 (0.4%)
##
                          10. FL
                                                               15 ( 2.7%)
##
                          [ 41 others ]
                                                               423 (75.8%)
```

Clean Beer Data

A similar process is used to remove duplicates from the Beers dataset.

```
beer_data <- read.csv("../data/Beers.csv", header=TRUE)</pre>
head(beer data)
##
                    Name Beer_ID ABV IBU Brewery_id
## 1
                Pub Beer
                             1436 0.050
                                         NA
## 2
             Devil's Cup
                             2265 0.066
                                                    178
                                         NA
## 3 Rise of the Phoenix
                             2264 0.071
                                                    178
                                         NA
                             2263 0.090
## 4
                Sinister
                                         NA
                                                    178
## 5
           Sex and Candy
                             2262 0.075
                                         NA
                                                    178
## 6
            Black Exodus
                             2261 0.077
                                         NA
                                                    178
##
                               Style Ounces
## 1
                American Pale Lager
## 2
            American Pale Ale (APA)
                                         12
                        American IPA
## 3
                                         12
## 4 American Double / Imperial IPA
                                         12
                       American IPA
## 5
                                         12
## 6
                      Oatmeal Stout
                                         12
nrow(beer_data)
```

```
## [1] 2410
```

rename(beer_name = name) summarytools::dfSummary(beer_clean) ## Data Frame Summary ## beer_clean ## N: 2410 Stats / Values ## No Variable Fregs (% of Valid) Text Graph brewery_id mean (sd): 1488.62 (28425.37) 555 distinct val. min < med < max : ## [integer] ## 1 < 207 < 697225 ## IQR (CV) : 273.5 (19.1) ## ## ## IIIIIIIIIIIIIII ## 2 beer_name 1. #001 Golden Amber Lager 1 (0.0%) 2. #002 American I.P.A. 1 (0.0%) ## [factor] 3. #003 Brown & Robust Porter 1 (0.0%) ## 4. #004 Session I.P.A. ## 1 (0.0%) ## 5. #9 2 (0.1%) ## 6. 077XX 1 (0.0%) 7. 10 Degrees of Separation 1 (0.0%) ## ## 8. 10 Ton 1 (0.0%) ## 9. 113 IPA 1 (0.0%) ## 10. 11th Hour IPA 1 (0.0%) ## [2295 others] 2399 (96.0%) ## mean (sd): 1431.11 (752.46) 2410 distinct val. ## 3 beer_id min < med < max : :::::::: ## [integer] ## 1 < 1453.5 < 2692 IQR (CV) : 1267.5 (0.53) ## ## ::::::::::: ## : : : : : : : : : : ## ## 4 mean (sd) : 0.06 (0.01) 74 distinct val. abv [numeric] min < med < max : ## : : 0 < 0.06 < 0.13## IQR (CV) : 0.02 (0.23) ## : : : ## : : : ## :::::.. ## ## 5 mean (sd): 42.71 (25.95) 107 distinct val. ibu ## [integer] min < med < max : ## 4 < 35 < 138 : : IQR (CV) : 43 (0.61) ## . : : . ## : : : : : : . ## : : : : : : : : ## ## 6 style 5 (0.2%) 1. 2. Abbey Single Ale 2 (0.1%) ## [factor] IIIIIIIIIIIIII ## 3. Altbier 13 (0.5%)

```
##
                       4. American Adjunct Lager
                                                          18 (0.8%)
##
                       5. American Amber / Red Ale
                                                          133 (5.5%)
                                                          29 (1.2%)
##
                       6. American Amber / Red Lager
##
                       7. American Barleywine
                                                          3 (0.1%)
##
                       8. American Black Ale
                                                          36 (1.5%)
                       9. American Blonde Ale
                                                          108 (4.5%)
##
                       10. American Brown Ale
                                                          70 (2.9%)
##
                       [ 90 others ]
                                                          1993 (82.7%)
##
##
                       mean (sd) : 13.59 (2.35)
## 7
        ounces
                                                          8.4:
                                                                   1 (0.0%)
                                                                                   IIIIIIIIIIIIII
##
        [numeric]
                       min < med < max :
                                                          12: 1525 (63.3%)
                                                                                   IIIIIIII
                       8.4 < 12 < 32
                                                          16: 841 (34.9%)
##
                       IQR (CV) : 4 (0.17)
##
                                                          16.9 :
                                                                    1 (0.0%)
                                                          19.2 :
                                                                   15 ( 0.6%)
##
##
                                                          24:
                                                                 22 (0.9%)
##
                                                          32 :
                                                                  5 (0.2%)
```

To determine the number breweries in each state we simply count the number of times each state appears in the table.

The prominent brewing states with twenty or more breweries include: Colorado 47, California 39, Michigan 32, Oregon 29, Texas 28, Pennsylvania 25, Massachusetts 23, Washington 23, Indiana 22, Wisconsin 20.

These prominent brewing states are important to the beer market, because of their distinct beer types and styles that are produced in state and consumed nationally.

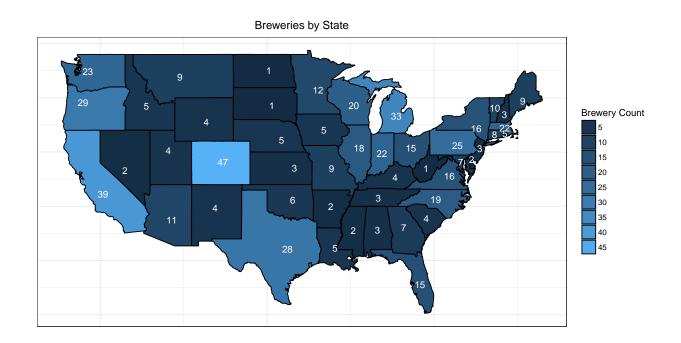
What kinds of beers and their characteristics will be of great interest for the analysis.

```
#TODO: break up chunk
state_ll <- read.csv(".../data/state_coords.csv") %>%
                    mutate(State = toupper(State)) %>%
                    rename(name = State, lat_center = Latitude, lon_center = Longitude)
states <- map_data("state") %>%
          mutate(region = toupper(region)) %>%
          rename(name=region) %>%
          select(long, lat, name, group)
# states %>% group_by(name) %>%
#
              summarise\_all(funs(n=n()))
#
states <- states %>%
          left_join(
            states %>%
            group_by(name) %>%
            summarise_all(funs(n=n())) %>%
            select(name, group_n) %>%
            distinct(name, .keep_all = TRUE)
```

```
breweries_by_state <- select(breweries_clean, brewery_id, state) %>%
 group_by(state) %>%
 left_join(state_ll, by=c("state" = "Abbr"))
# state_ll %>%
# inner_join(states)
summarytools::dfSummary(breweries_by_state, transpose = TRUE)
## Data Frame Summary
## breweries_by_state
## N: 51
## ------
     Variable Stats / Values
                                    Freqs (% of Valid) Text Graph
## No
state
                                            1 (2.0%)
                   1. AK
                                                             IIIIIIIIIIIIIII
                   2. AL
                                            1 (2.0%)
##
      [character]
##
                    3. AR
                                            1 (2.0%)
                    4. AZ
##
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
                                            1 (2.0%)
##
                    5. CA
                    6. CO
                                            1 (2.0%)
##
##
                    7. CT
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
##
                    8. DC
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
##
                    9. DE
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
                                            1 (2.0%)
##
                    10. FL
##
                    [ 41 others ]
                                           41 (80.4%)
##
                    mean (sd): 10.94 (10.63) 25 distinct val.
## 2
      brewery_count
##
      [integer]
                    min < med < max :</pre>
##
                    1 < 7 < 47
##
                    IQR (CV) : 12.5 (0.97)
##
##
                                                             :::::
##
## 3
                    1. ALABAMA
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
                                                             IIIIIIIIIIIIII
      name
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
                    2. ALASKA
##
      [character]
                    3. ARIZONA
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
##
##
                    4. ARKANSAS
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
                    5. CALIFORNIA
##
                                            1 (2.0%)
                    6. COLORADO
                                            1 ( 2.0%)
##
##
                    7. CONNECTICUT
                                           1 ( 2.0%)
                    8. DELAWARE
##
                                           1 ( 2.0%)
##
                    9. FLORIDA
                                           1 (2.0%)
##
                    10. GEORGIA
                                            1 (2.0%)
##
                    [ 40 others ]
                                            40 (80.0%)
```

```
## 4
       lat center
                         mean (sd) : 39.48 (6.13)
                                                        50 distinct val.
        [numeric]
##
                          min < med < max :
##
                          21.09 < 40 < 61.37
                                                                                    : :
##
                          IQR (CV): 7.52 (0.16)
                                                                                   . : :
##
                                                                                  : : :
##
                                                                               . . : : : :
##
## 5
       lon_center
                          mean (sd): -93.67 (19.34)
                                                         50 distinct val.
                          min < med < max :
##
        [numeric]
##
                          -157.5 < -89.65 < -69.38
                                                                                           : : :
                          IQR (CV) : 23.84 (-0.21)
##
                                                                                          : : :
##
                                                                                       : . : : :
##
                                                                                    ::::::
#map of breweries by state
#one to many join of breweries by state
breweries_geo <- breweries_by_state %>%
                  inner_join(states, by = c("name" = "name"))
# map chart of brweeries by state
ggplot((breweries_geo %>% arrange(desc(brewery_count))),
       aes(group = state, stat="identity")) +
  geom_polygon(aes(x = long,
                  y = lat,
                   group=group,
                   fill=brewery_count),
               color = "black") +
  geom_text(data = (breweries_by_state %>%
                   filter(!(state %in% c("AK", "DC", "HI")))), #filter to continental 50 states
            aes(x = lon_center,
                y = lat_center,
                label = as.character(brewery_count)),
            color = 'white'
  guides(fill=guide_legend(title= "Brewery Count")) +
  scale fill continuous(breaks = seq(0.50, by = 5)) +
  coord_fixed(1.3) + # fix lat/long display ratio
  ggtitle("Breweries by State") + # set plot title
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) + # center plot title
  theme(legend.position = "right",
        axis.title.x=element_blank(), # hide x axis title
       axis.text.x=element_blank(), # hide x axis text
       axis.ticks.x=element_blank(), # hide x axis ticks
       axis.title.y=element_blank(), # hide y axis title
       axis.text.y=element_blank(), # hide y axis text
       axis.ticks.y=element_blank()) # hide y axis ticks
```

##

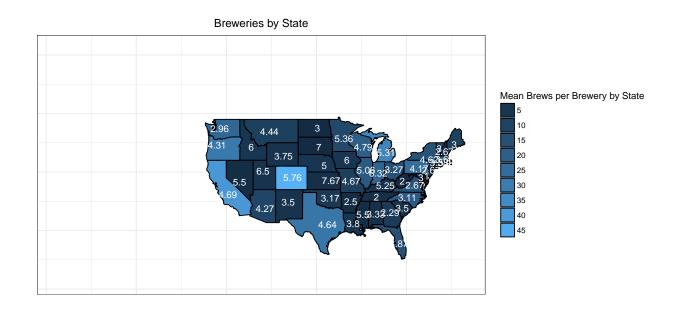


In data science, like in life, sometimes less is more. Instead of maintaining separate tables for breweries and beers, it's helpful to merge the two datasets into a single combined dataset.

We do this by joining the two tables by the Brew_ID variable to create a new object variable named merged_data, which allows us to view the desired characteristics of beers produced by the prominent breweries.

Those characteristics will be of high importance for the analysis of most deisired beers, and we can begin to get clues of the prominent beers when we programmatically arrange these data by the most frequent style name variable sorted by every brewery.

```
# merge beer and breweries
merged_data <- breweries_clean %>%
               full join(beer clean, by="brewery id")
x <- select(merged_data, brewery_name, state) %>%
    group_by(state) %>%
    summarise all(funs(brews=n(), breweries = n distinct(brewery name))) %>%
                  inner_join(state_ll, by = c("state" = "Abbr"))
#TODO: Plot -> brews by brewery
ggplot((breweries_geo %>% arrange(desc(brewery_count))),
       aes(group = state, stat="identity")) +
  geom_polygon(aes(x = long,
                   y = lat,
                   group=group,
                   fill=brewery_count),
               color = "black") +
  geom_text(data = x,
            aes(x = lon_center,
                y = lat_center,
                label = as.character(round((brews/breweries),2))),
            color = 'white'
            ) +
  guides(fill=guide_legend(title= "Mean Brews per Brewery by State")) +
  scale_fill_continuous(breaks = seq(0,50, by = 5)) +
  coord_fixed(1.3) + # fix lat/long display ratio
  ggtitle("Breweries by State") + # set plot title
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) + # center plot title
  theme(legend.position = "right",
        axis.title.x=element_blank(), # hide x axis title
        axis.text.x=element_blank(), # hide x axis text
       axis.ticks.x=element_blank(), # hide x axis ticks
        axis.title.y=element_blank(), # hide y axis title
       axis.text.y=element_blank(), # hide y axis text
       axis.ticks.y=element_blank()) # hide y axis ticks
```



#TODO: FILTER to contiguous 50 states

Question 3

Sometimes data are not available. This analysis is no exception. To better understand how our analysis could be impacted by missing values we first have to identify and county them.

These missing values would interfere with our analysis of center for the numeric variables and frequency of our factor and character variables. Once the missing values are removed, we can use the clean data to conduct the descriptive and quantitative analysis.

Below is a count missing values by variable.

```
# Number of nulls in each column
merged_data %>%
select_if(function(x) any(is.na(x))) %>%
summarise_all(funs(sum(is.na(.))))
```

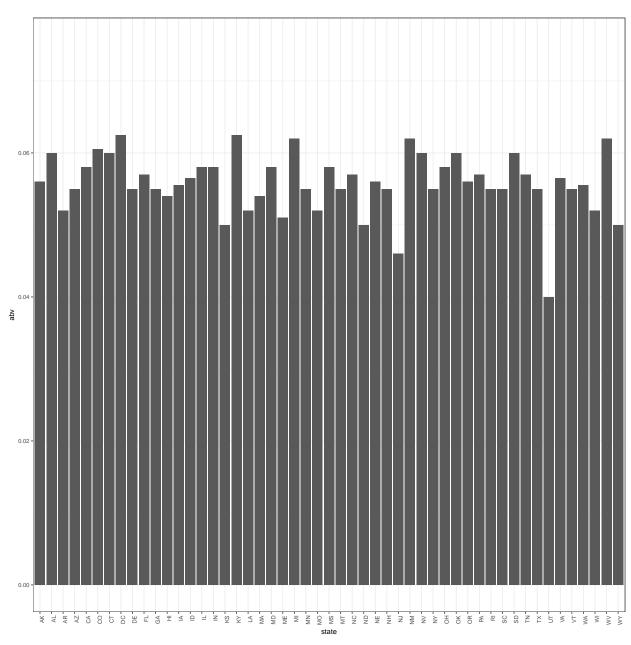
abv ibu ## 1 62 1012

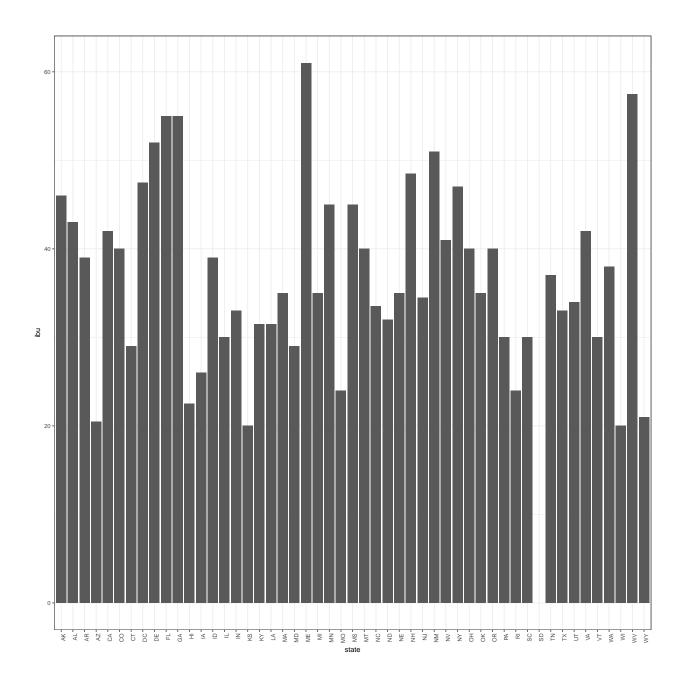
Question 4

Computing the median is straightforward. We simply merge all of the cleaned data by state, and calculate the median ABV and IBU for each state, which is summarized into a table and plotted as bar charts recording the median values across each state side by side.

This plot is benificial to the analysis, because it gives insight into the beer characteristics of the prominent brewing states and the other states with less than twenty breweries. The prominent brewing states all share high ABV and IBU values, which brings more evidence to investigate for the analysis.

Are high ABV and IBU values always a characteristic of highly demanded beers in the respective market? We will have to produce a plausable claim and conduct a hypothesis test of that claim after further investigation.





Before you can "push the limits" you have to know what the limits are. We want to determine which state has the most alcoholic beer and which state has the most bitter beer.

This is relatively simple. We can determine this visually using boxplots and confirm programmatically by sorting the tables in descending order based on the values of interest.

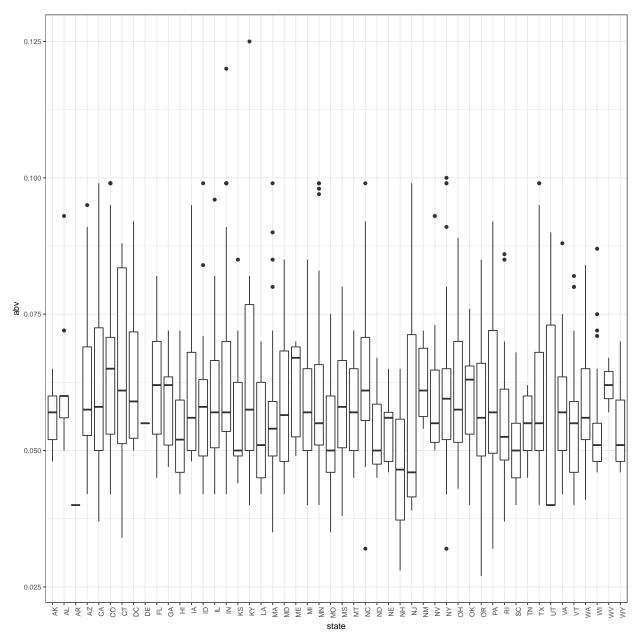
The state with the highest ABV value is Colorado with a 0.128 ABV value for the Lee Hill Series Vol. 5 - Belgian Style Quadrupel Ale beer that is a Quadrupel (Quad) style of beer brewed by the Upslope Brewing Company in Boulder, CO.

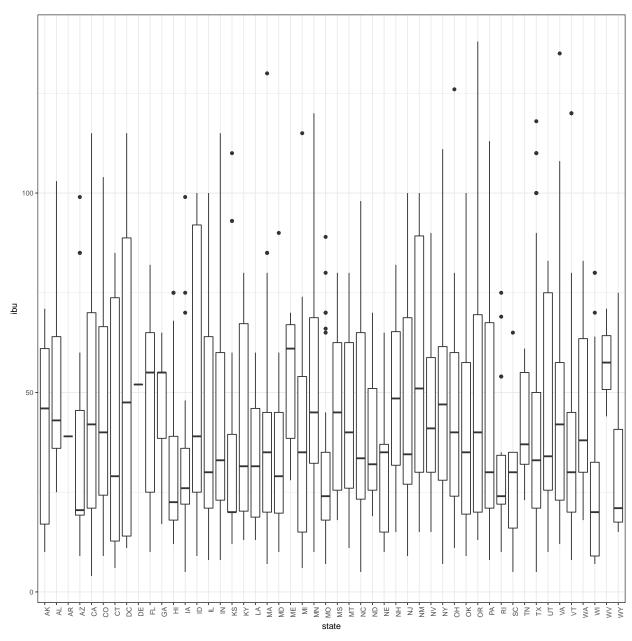
The state with the highest IBU value is Oregon with a 138 IBU value for the Bitter Bitch Imperial IPA beer that is a American Double / Imperial IPA style of beer brewed by the Astoria Brewing Company in Astoria,

OR.

The states with the highest ABV and IBU values are found to be comprised of a majority of the prominent brewing states including the folling values State(maxABV, maxIBU):

Colorado (.128, 104), California (.099, 115), Michigan (.099, 115), Oregon (.082, 138), Texas (.099, 118), Pennsylvania (.099, 113), Massachusetts (.099, 130), Washington (.084, 83), Indiana (.120, 115), Wisconsin (.099, 80).





A tibble: 1 x 2
Groups: state [1]
state abv
<fctr> <dbl>
1 CO 0.128

The amount of alcohol by volume ABV is a good representation of the beer market, where consumer demand is infered from the geographical spread and number of breweries produce a certain style of beer. The certain style of a beer is controlled in-part by the ABV content. From the ABV five number summary we can better describe the use of the ABV variable as a controlling factor in the consumer market of beer.

The minimum ABV value of 0.001 is represented only one style of beer -Low Alcohol Beer produced by 1 brewery in CA:1. From these data we can infer the lack of consumer demand by the geographical spread of the style and by the lack of 0.001 ABV variability.

The first quartile(Q1) is represented by beers with a 0.050 ABV value represented by the -American -IPA and -Ale styles of beer that ranges from 5-100 in IBU. There are 38 different styles of beers with this ABV, that are produced by 141 different breweries in 46 different states AK:3, AL:1, AR:1, AZ:3, CA:10, CO:12, CT:3, DC:1, FL:5, GA:1, HI:1, IA:3, ID:2, IL:4, IN:3, KS:2, KY:1, LA:3, MA:4, MD:2, ME:2, MI:8, MN:3, MO:3, MS:1, MT:3, NC:4, ND:1, NE:1, NH:1, NJ:1, NV:1, NY:1, OH:6, Ok:1, OR:8, PA:5, RI:1, SC:1, TN:1, TX:5, UT:2, VA:2, WA:2, WI:7, WY:2. The use of a 0.050 ABV for a beer will allow for a large amount of variation with respect to the IBU of a beer style. The use of an ABV of 0.050 with any IBU between 5-100 will likely be a higly demanded beer by the consumer market.

The median ABV value of 0.056 represents the -American Ale and -Pale Ale styles of beer that ranges from 4-70 in IBU. There are 21 different styles of beers with this ABV, that are produced by 49 different breweries in 25 different states AK:1, AL:1, CA:5, CO:6, FL:1, IA:1, ID:1, IL:2, IN:2, KS:1, MA:3, MI:4, MN:2, MO:1, MT:1, NC:1, NE:1, NH:1, NY:1, OR:1, PA:4, TX:3, VA:2, WA:1, WI:2.

The third quartile(Q3) is represented by beers with a 0.067 ABV value represented by the -IPA and -Ale styles of beer that ranges from 33-85 in IBU. There are 10 different styles of beers with this ABV, that are produced by 22 different breweries in 15 different states AZ:1, CA:2, CO:3, MA:1, ME:1, MI:4, MN:2, NC:1, ND:1, NY:1, OH:1, OR:4, PA:1, WA:1, WV:1.

The maximum ABV value of 0.128 is represented only one style of beer -Quadrupel (Quad) that is produce by 3 breweries from 3 different states CO:1, IN:1, MI:1, and we can infer the demand of the consumer as a moderate demand by the breweries producing these beer being spread out geographically across the nation even though the style variability is very-low for the 0.128 ABV.

Summarizing the statistics for ABV can be accomplished in a signle command.

```
#summaryize ABV

# tidy_summary <- tidy(summary(merged_data$ABV)) #For some reason this line wont knit</pre>
```

```
## Statistic abv
## 1 Min. 0.001
## 2 1st Qu. 0.050
## 3 Median 0.056
## 4 Mean 0.060
## 5 3rd Qu. 0.067
## 6 Max. 0.128
## 7 NA's 62.000
```

To determine the relationship between ABV and IBU it's helpful to see all values for both variables at the same time. This is most easily accomplished using a scatterplot.

Linear regression was used to model the relationship between ABV and IBU from a sample of cleaned data that was created in the previous questions above.

The equation:

```
y-intercept = IBU - slope * ABV
```

was used to plot thw linear model for the ABV and IBU data in this study.

With ABV on the x-axis and IBU on the y-axis, we start to see that there is a positive linear correlation between the ABV and IBU values, with R-squared = 0.44593.

R-squared is a statistical measure of how close the data are to the fitted regression line. It is also known as the coefficient of determination, and the definition of R-squared is fairly straight-forward; it is the percentage of the response variable variation that is explained by the linear model.

Since the creation, consumption, and distribution of beer by methods of breweries is a human behavior, it is very important to note that it is common for studies to measure R-squared values less than 0.50. The reason is , that human behavior is harder to predict with linear models.

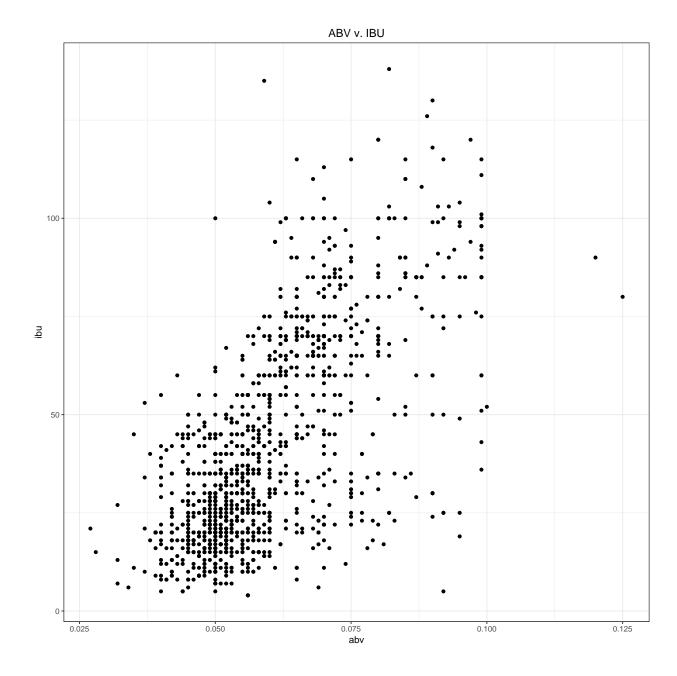
The outcome of our study measured an R-squared value of 0.44593 which is an awesome fit, and much better than we expected for this study to produce, since the study is based on the human behavior of beer consumption with respect to the variation of ABV and IBU across the United States of America.

Adding a trendline allows us to determine a formula that specifies this correlation. The regression is plotted and the results of the Spearman's Rank Correlation Test are in the following figures.

Spearman's Rank Correlation Results for rho

```
data: styles$ibu and styles$abv
S = 153570000, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true rho is not equal to 0</pre>
```

theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))

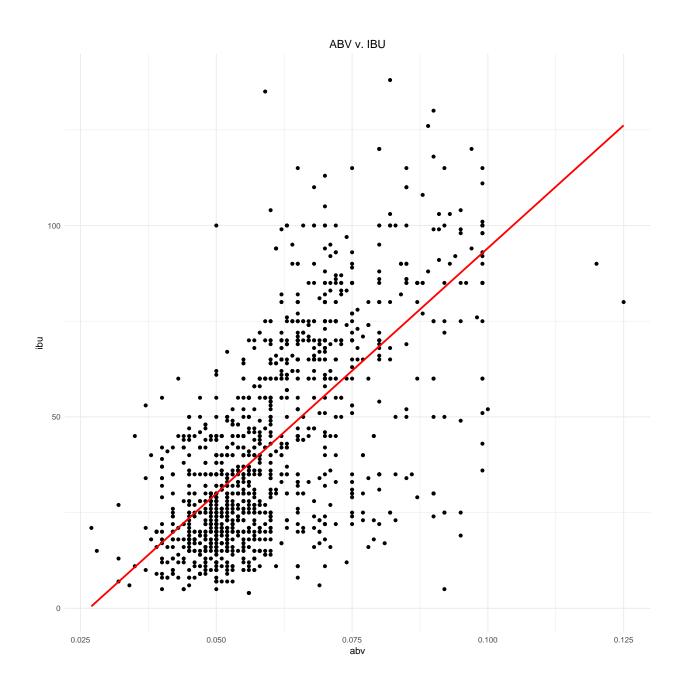


Analysis of ABV and IBU

- + More info on Spearman test: https://statistics.laerd.com/statistical-guides/spearmans-rank-order-corr
 - Problem: We wish to test if there is a monotonic association between the alochol by volume (ABV) and international bitterness unit (IBU) rating of beers selected from domestic craft breweries.
 - Hypotheses:
 - $H_o: \rho = 0 \\ H_A: \rho \neq 0$
 - Assumptions:
 - Continuity of data:/cmark

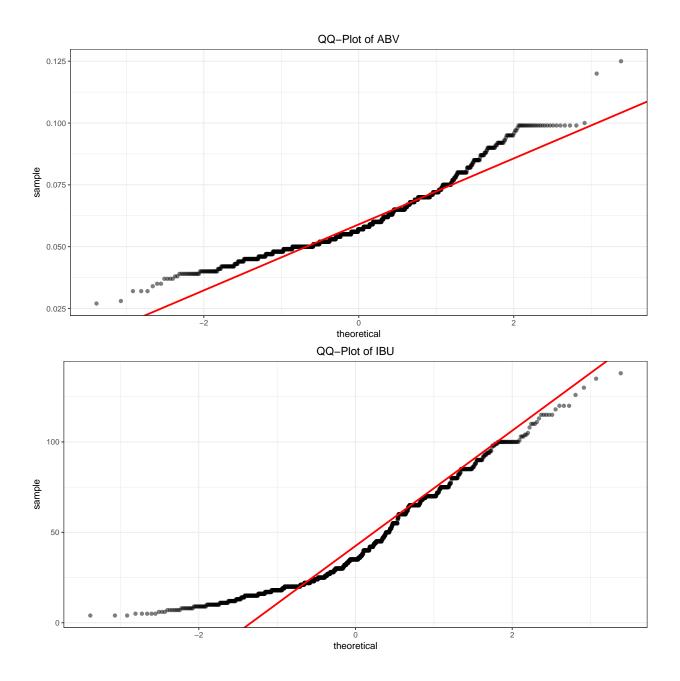
- − Paired observations:
- Data has linear relationship: \checkmark
- − No significant outliers: X
- Normality: ✗

```
#Scatter plot of ABV v IBU
ggplot(styles, aes(x=abv, y=ibu)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, color="red") +
  theme(legend.position="none") +
  ggtitle("ABV v. IBU") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```

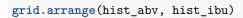


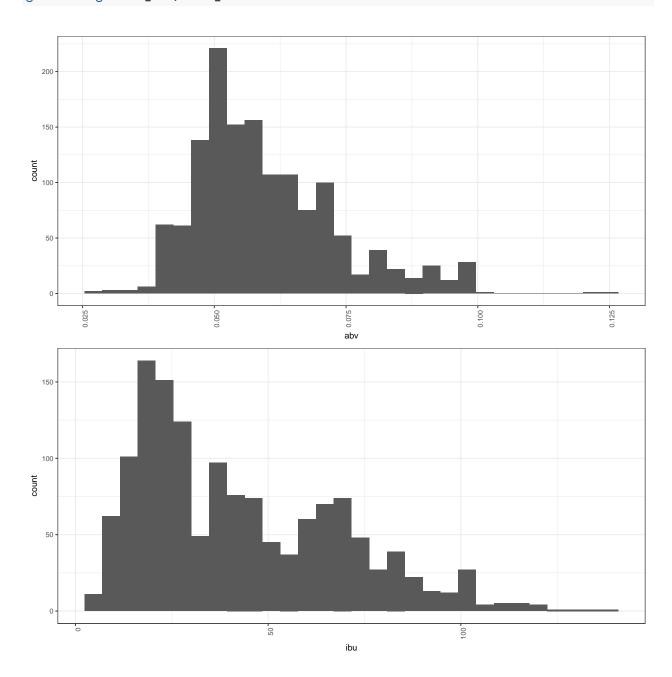
QQ-Plot - Check for Normality

```
geom_abline(slope = slope, intercept = y_int, colour ='red', size = 1) +
              ggtitle("QQ-Plot of IBU") +
              theme_bw() +
              theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
#calulate line fit
y <- quantile((styles$abv %>% na.omit()), c(0.25, 0.75))
x \leftarrow qnorm(c(0.25, 0.75))
slope <- diff(y)/diff(x)</pre>
y_{int} \leftarrow y[1] - slope * x[1]
qq_abv <- ggplot(styles, aes(sample = styles$abv)) +</pre>
            geom_qq(shape = 16, size = 2, alpha = 0.5) +
            geom_abline(slope = slope, intercept = y_int, colour = 'red', size = 1) +
            ggtitle("QQ-Plot of ABV") +
            theme_bw() +
            theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
grid.arrange(qq_abv, qq_ibu)
```



Histogram - Check for Normality





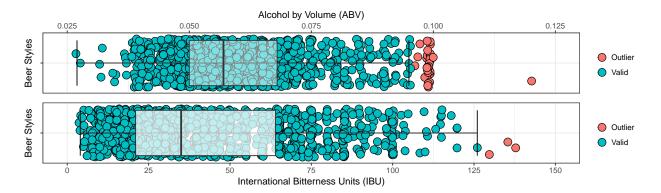
Boxplot - Check for Outliers

```
# Boxplots of IBU and ABV

ibu_outliers <- boxplot(styles$ibu, plot = FALSE)[["out"]]

abv_outliers <- boxplot(styles$abv, plot = FALSE)[["out"]]</pre>
```

```
x<-boxplot(styles$ibu, plot = FALSE)</pre>
bp_abv <- ggplot((styles %>% drop_na(abv)), aes(x="", y=abv)) +
      geom_point(aes(fill = ifelse((abv %in% abv_outliers),"Outlier","Valid")),
                 size = 4,
                 shape = 21,
                 position = position_jitter())+
      stat boxplot(geom ='errorbar') +
      geom_boxplot(alpha=.5,
                   outlier.shape = NA) +
      guides(fill=guide_legend(title= NULL)) +
      xlab("Beer Styles") +
      ylab("Alcohol by Volume (ABV)") +
      scale_y_continuous(position = "right",
                         breaks = c(.025, .05, .075, .1, .125),
                         limits = c(0.025, .125)) +
      coord_flip()
bp_ibu <- ggplot((styles %>% drop_na(ibu)), aes(x="", y=ibu)) +
      geom point(aes(fill = ifelse((ibu %in% ibu outliers), "Outlier", "Valid")),
                 size = 4,
                 shape = 21,
                 position = position_jitter())+
      stat_boxplot(geom ='errorbar') +
      geom_boxplot(alpha = .75,
                   outlier.shape = NA) +
      guides(fill=guide_legend(title= NULL)) +
      xlab("Beer Styles") +
      ylab("International Bitterness Units (IBU)") +
      scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(0, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150),
                         limits = c(0, 150) +
      coord_flip()
grid.arrange(bp_abv, bp_ibu)
```



• Due to the lack of normality of the IBU variable and the presence of outliers in both variables, we will use the Spearman Rank-Correlation test as an alternative to the preferred Pearson Correlation.

Significance Testing: Spearman Rank-Order Correlation

```
+ More info on Spearman test: https://statistics.laerd.com/statistical-guides/spearmans-rank-order-corr
  • Hypotheses:
       - H_0: \rho = 0
       - H_A: \rho \neq 0
# Significance test
spear_test_result <- cor.test(styles$ibu, styles$abv, method = "spearman", conf.level = .05, exact=FALS</pre>
spear_test_result
##
##
    Spearman's rank correlation rho
##
## data: styles$ibu and styles$abv
## S = 153570000, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true rho is not equal to 0
## sample estimates:
##
         rho
## 0.6677798
r_sq <- spear_test_result[["estimate"]][["rho"]]^2 # capture r-squared
r_sq
## [1] 0.4459299
```

Conclusion

There is strong evidence that the ABV and IBU are positively associated (p-value < 0.001 from a Spearman Rank-Order Correlation). At a 95% confidence level, the IBU rating accounts for 44.59% of the variation in the ABV. While IBU and ABV certainly have a correlation, the correlation is weak ($r^2 = 0.45$). Thus, we reject the null hypothesis that IBU rating and ABV are un-corrolated across the beer styles in our sample. Beer styles were not randomly assigned to any treatment and we do not know if the beer data were randomly selected, so we must limit our results to indicating an association between IBU rating an ABV. No causality or inferences to larger populations can be drawn.

Appendex

Session Info

```
sessionInfo()
```

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## Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 16299)
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## [3] LC_MONETARY=English_United States.1252
## [4] LC_NUMERIC=C
```

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                                                                    base
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