## Relevant R commands

**Building a raw data set with rbind()** and data.frame(). Sometimes we are given summarized data in a contingency table, and it would be convenient to have the data as a raw data set. Consider the information form Table 2.11, p. 57. The combination of do() with data.frame()

```
do(8) * data.frame(smokingStatus = "smoker", pregnant = "yes")
  smokingStatus pregnant .row .index
1
         smoker
                     yes
2
                                     2
         smoker
                             1
                      ves
3
         smoker
                                    3
                      ves
                             1
4
         smoker
                             1
                                    4
                      yes
5
         smoker
                      yes
                             1
                                    5
6
         smoker
                             1
                                    6
                      yes
7
                                    7
         smoker
                     yes
                             1
8
         smoker
                                     8
                             1
                     yes
```

generates a data frame with 2 columns called smokingStatus" and pregnant, and 8 rows as shown. We can generate a raw data set corresponding to Table 2.11 by using similar commands for the four cells of the table and binding them together using rbind():

```
rawDataForTable2.11 <- rbind(
    do(38) * data.frame(smokingStatus = "smoker", pregnant = "yes"),
    do(206) * data.frame(smokingStatus = "nonsmoker", pregnant = "yes"),
    do(97) * data.frame(smokingStatus = "smoker", pregnant = "no"),
    do(337) * data.frame(smokingStatus = "nonsmoker", pregnant = "no")
)</pre>
```

A contingency table built from this raw data should match Table 2.11.

You may have the column totals, too, if you add margins:

**Getting prop() command to focus on the right value**. Now that we have a raw data frame corresponding to Table 2.11, we might want to apply the prop() command to it.

This command appears to have chosen for itself what value of the variable pregnant to count. The 0.2814815 is the proportion, among all smokers in our sample, who *are* pregnant (have the value "yes" in the pregnant column). If we want to focus on those who have the value "no", we can use the success switch:

Caution: You should take note of what difference it makes to place the variables in the other order:

```
tally(~smokingStatus | pregnant, data=rawDataForTable2.11)
prop(~smokingStatus | pregnant, data=rawDataForTable2.11)
```

## **Computing differences with diff()**. As we saw above, the command

computes, separately for the two values of smokingStatus, the sample proportion of women who are pregnant. Assuming these are the proportions we want, we may want to subtract them to obtain a point estimate. We can use the diff() command on the results from above:

```
diff(prop(~pregnant | smokingStatus, data=rawDataForTable2.11))
prop_yes.nonsmoker
     0.09789237
```

Notice that the result is obtained by subtracting the proportion on the left from the proportion on the right. That may, indeed, be precisely what we want. If, however, that is  $\hat{p}_2 - \hat{p}_1$ , and we wanted  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$ , we only need to multiply the result by (-1), which amounts to adding a minus sign:

**Using resample() with a grouping variable**. Take note of the effect of the extra gropus=smokingStatus on the results for these commands:

```
tally(~pregnant | smokingStatus, data=resample(rawDataForTable2.11), margins=T)
tally(~pregnant | smokingStatus, data=resample(rawDataForTable2.11, groups=smokingStatus), margins=T)
```

## An example bootstrapping on $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$

Do take the time to check that

```
n_1p_1 \ge 10, n_1(1-p_1) \ge 10, n_2p_2 \ge 10, n_2(1-p_2) \ge 10.
```

The raw data for Table 2.9, "Smoking Habits by Gender", can be built using rbind() and data.frame() commands as described above. But it already exists as two columns, Smoke and Sex in the Lock 5 data frame **StudentSurvey**.

```
tally(~Smoke | Sex, data=StudentSurvey)

Sex
Smoke Female Male
No    153    166
Yes    16    27
```

Our point estimate for the difference  $p_M - p_F$  of proportion of smokers amongst male and female populations is

```
diff(prop(~Smoke | Sex, data=StudentSurvey, success="Yes"))
prop_Yes.Male
    0.04522182
```

We generate many bootstrap statistics using

```
manyDiffsOfProps <- do(5000) * diff(prop(~Smoke | Sex,
    data=resample(StudentSurvey, groups=Sex), success="Yes"))
head(manyDiffsOfProps)

prop_Yes.Male
1    0.03335684
2    0.09626882
3    0.05040316
4    0.03191587
5    0.08517031
6    0.03338750</pre>
```

and use it to find the approximate standard error

```
se <- sd(~prop_Yes.Male, data=manyDiffsOfProps)
se
[1] 0.03340241</pre>
```

so a 95% bootstrap confidence interval is

```
0.0452 \pm 2(0.0334), or [-0.022, 0.112].
```

## An example bootstrapping on $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$

The book, as well as notes found here

https://rstudio.calvin.edu:3939/content/54/#section-bootstrapping-a-difference-across-groups, carry out an example of using bootstrapping to generate a confidence interval for  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ , where Populations 1 and 2 are females and males, and the quantitative variable is number of hours spent exercising per week. The relevant data comes from columns Exercise (response variable) and Gender (explanatory variable) in the Lock 5 data frame ExerciseHours.

Here, my aim is to explain very little but give the basic commands that lead to the result.

We obatin the point estimate  $\bar{x}_M - \bar{x}_F$ :

```
ptEst <- diff( mean( ~Exercise | Gender, data=ExerciseHours ) )
ptEst

M
3</pre>
```

Next we generate a bootstrap distribution:

We obtain the approximate standard error from this

```
stdEr <- sd(~M, data=manyDiffsSampleMean)
stdEr

[1] 2.340221</pre>
```

Then a 95% confidence interval for the difference  $\mu_M - \mu_F$  is

```
3 \pm 2(2.340), or [-1.68, 7.68]
```