

Test for Association Between a Categorical and Quantitative Variable

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Idea of ANOVA

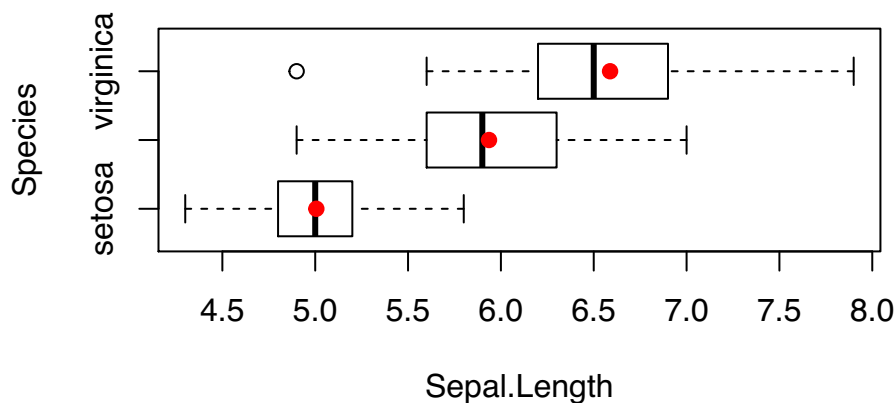
Consider the `iris` data set, for which a partial data table is given above. When we look `Sepal.Length` broken down by `Species`, we see that the samples have different means:

```
irisMeans <- mean(Sepal.Length ~ Species, data=iris)
irisMeans
```

```
##      setosa versicolor  virginica
##      5.006      5.936      6.588
```

Different sample means do not always lead to the conclusion that there are different population means. We might look at side-by-side boxplots to assist our intuition about whether the population means are different. What follows is a standard boxplot (the lines through the interior of the boxes give the locations of the three sample medians) enhanced by the inclusion of a solid red dot at the locations of the group means.

```
boxplot(Sepal.Length ~ Species, data=iris, horizontal=TRUE)
points(c(1,2,3) ~ value(irisMeans), pch=19, col="red")
```

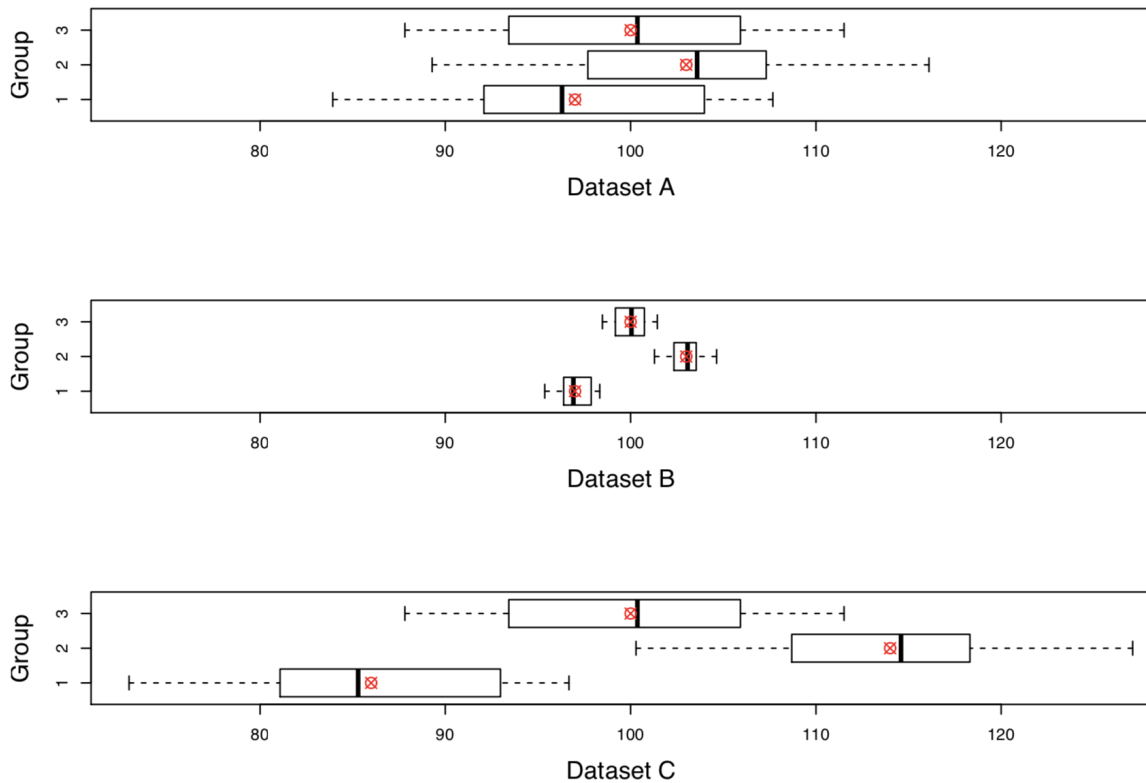


How does this plot add or detract from the evidence that the population means are not all the same across the three species? What is our basis for comparison? Consider this figure from the Lock 5 text. In particular, start by focusing on Dataset A, the first set of side-by-side boxplots. As with my boxplots above, there are boxplots for each of three “species”, enhanced with a red mark is placed at the location of the sample means. In truth, this is made-up data to illustrate a point. We see the three sample means are not all the same (not vertically aligned), but are they far enough apart to provide convincing evidence that the corresponding population means are not all the same?

But compare with the three boxplots of Dataset B. Those have means in the exact same locations as the three means of Dataset A, yet somehow, it seems like the boxplots for Dataset B are more convincing of a difference in underlying population means than the boxplots for Dataset A. Why? Because the boxplots

r for the three species in Dataset A are more spread out, overlapping more than occurs with the boxplots for Dataset B.

Now compare the three boxplots for Dataset A with those for Dataset C. The boxplot for Group 1 in Dataset C has exactly the same *range* (length between ends of the whiskers) and *IQR* (width of box) as for Group 1 in Dataset A. The same sort of consistency in range and IQR has been maintained for Groups 2 and 3 (only speaking about Datasets A and C here). Yet it seems that the boxplots for Dataset C are more convincing as evidence that group population means are different than the boxplots of A.



In this module we consider bivariate data where the explanatory variable is categorical with k distinct values (but, unlike the 2-sample mean tests of Chapter 6, we do not require $k = 2$), and the response variable is quantitative. For the iris data, the categorical variable is **Species** and has three values (corresponding to the three boxplots), and the response variable is **Sepal.Length**. Our main focus is a test with null hypothesis that all population means are equal

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_k,$$

and the alternative hypothesis is that at least one of the population means is different from another.

Given the intuition arising from the side-by-side boxplots above, we must

- have a dataset which is comprised of independent random samples from each group,
- produce a test statistic that takes into account both
- how different the individual means are, and
- the spread of individual samples.

This is the idea of 1-way ANOVA (ANalysis Of VAriance).

The F -statistic

First, some symbol definitions. In our dataset we have k different groups/species/populations, and the categorical explanatory variable identifies the group to which each case belongs. We can take group sample means of the quantitative response variable, means we refer to as \bar{x}_i . That is, \bar{x}_1 is the average response value for cases in Group 1, \bar{x}_2 is the average response value for cases in Group 2, and so on. In R, a command like

```
mean( responseVar ~ explanatoryVar, data=dataset )
```

would give us $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_k$ all at once.

We could also treat the dataset as a single whole, not distinguishing between individual groups/populations, and calculate the grand mean \bar{x} . The corresponding command might be something like

```
mean( ~ responseVar, data=dataset )
```

Along with symbols $\bar{x}, \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_k$ we use n_i to denote the size of the sample from Group i , and s_i to denote the standard deviation of the sample from Group i . (This sort of notation was employed in 2-sample mean problems found in Section 6.12 of the Lock 5 text.)

After viewing some side-by-side boxplots in the previous section, we stated some criteria for a test statistic. The quantities we consider next are for the purpose of constructing a test statistic that meets these criteria. First, we have the quantity SSG that helps to measure *between-group-variability*:

$$SSG = \sum n_i(\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})^2.$$

Here the SS stands for “sum of squares”. Another quantity, SSE ,

$$SSE = \sum (x - \bar{x}_i)^2,$$

helps to measure *within-group-variability*. Yet another sum of squares, SST ,

$$SST = \sum (x - \bar{x})^2,$$

helps to measure *total variability*.

Example. Say the sampled values for Groups 1, 2 and 3 are as follows:

- Group 1: 15, 18, 17
- Group 2: 14, 11, 13
- Group 3: 16, 17, 19, 17

Starting with the grand mean, its value is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{10}(15 + 18 + 17 + 14 + 11 + 13 + 16 + 17 + 19 + 17) = 15.7.$$

Next, the mean \bar{x}_1 for Group 1 is

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{1}{3}(15 + 18 + 17) = 16.667,$$

with the result that Group 1 contributes

$$(15 - 16.667)^2 + (18 - 16.667)^2 + (17 - 16.667)^2 = 4.667 \text{ to } SSE \quad \text{and} \quad 3(16.667 - 15.7)^2 = 2.805 \text{ to } SSG.$$

Similarly, for Group 2,

$$\bar{x}_2 = \frac{1}{3}(14 + 11 + 13) = 12.667,$$

so it contributes

$$(14-12.667)^2+(11-12.667)^2+(13-12.667)^2 = 4.667 \text{ to } SSE \quad \text{and} \quad 3(12.667-15.7)^2 = 27.597 \text{ to } SSG.$$

Finally, for Group 3,

$$\bar{x}_3 = \frac{1}{4}(16 + 17 + 19 + 17) = 17.25.$$

so Group 3 contributes

$$(16-17.25)^2+(17-17.25)^2+(19-17.25)^2+(17-17.25)^2 = 4.75 \text{ to } SSE \quad \text{and} \quad 4(17.25-15.7)^2 = 9.61 \text{ to } SSG.$$

We get SSE and SSG by summing the individual contributions to each:

$$SSE = 4.667 + 4.667 + 4.75 = 14.084, \quad \text{and}$$

$$SSG = 2.805 + 27.597 + 9.61 = 40.012.$$

The total sum-of-squares is

$$(15-15.7)^2+(18-15.7)^2+(17-15.7)^2+(14-15.7)^2+(11-15.7)^2+(13-15.7)^2+(16-15.7)^2+(17-15.7)^2+(19-15.7)^2+(17-15.7)^2$$

Notice that

$$SST = 54.1 \quad \text{and} \quad SSG + SSE = 40.012 + 14.084 = 54.096$$

are nearly equal, and would be exactly the same but for rounding off during computation.

Our test statistic will be a ratio of between-group-variability and within-group-variability. However, a simple ratio of SSG to SSE would not quite be comparing apples to apples, so to speak. When, in Chapter 2, we introduced the formula for sample *variance*, it was

$$\frac{1}{n-1} \sum (x - \bar{x})^2.$$

The variance contains a sum-of-squares, tempered (divided) by its degrees of freedom. Similarly, we consider a truer measure of variability between groups to be

$$MSG = \frac{SSG}{k-1},$$

and the measure of variability within groups to be

$$MSE = \frac{SSE}{n-k}.$$

The test statistic, called F , is the ratio

$$F = \frac{MSG}{MSE}.$$

The results of the various calculations are usually arranged in an **ANOVA table**.

Source	df	SS	MS	F-stat	P-value
Groups/Factors	$df_1 = k - 1$	$SSG = \sum n_i(\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})^2$	$MSG = \frac{SSG}{k-1}$	$F = \frac{MSG}{MSE}$	P
Residuals/Errors	$df_2 = n - k$	$SSE = \sum (x - \bar{x}_i)^2$	$MSE = \frac{SSE}{n-k}$		
Total	$n - 1$	$SST = \sum (x - \bar{x})^2$			

Exercise

Try your hand at complete a partial 1-way ANOVA table at this richland.edu link

Computations in R

The computations above are tedious to do by hand, particularly when sample sizes are larger. R can be made to do them for you. We get an ANOVA table involving response variable `Sepal.Length` and explanatory variable `Species` in the `iris` dataset by entering

```
anova( lm( Sepal.Length ~ Species, data=iris ) )

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: Sepal.Length
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## Species    2  63.212   31.606   119.26 < 2.2e-16 ***
## Residuals 147  38.956    0.265
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Note that it only gives the first two rows, not the last (“Total”) row.

With a couple extra keystrokes at the end, we can home in on the entries in the `df` column

```
anova( lm( Sepal.Length ~ Species, data=iris ) )$D
```

```
## [1] 2 147
```

the MS column

```
anova( lm( Sepal.Length ~ Species, data=iris ) )$M
```

```
## [1] 31.6060667 0.2650082
```

or the F column (try it both with and without the “[1]”)

```
anova( lm( Sepal.Length ~ Species, data=iris ) )$F[1]
```

```
## [1] 119.2645
```

Randomization

To select a randomization sample using physical objects is very similar to the it was described for 2-sample mean procedures. Our null hypothesis suggests we view the variables as independent. So, we might put slips in one bag containing all the response values, and slips indicating the categorical value, one per case, in another. Then we draw one slip out of each bag, and use the slip with the categorical value to assign a group to the reponse value. This sampling is done without replacement, and we have our full randomization sample when the bags are empty.

To illustrate, we look at the count of `Ants` attracted/counted on a sandwich as it relates to the filling in the sandwich.

```
head(SandwichAnts)
```

```
##   Butter      Filling      Bread Ants Order
## 1    no      Vegemite      Rye   18    10
## 2    no Peanut Butter      Rye   43    26
```

```
## 3    no Ham & Pickles      Rye  44    39
## 4    no      Vegemite Wholemeal 29    25
## 5    no Peanut Butter Wholemeal 59    35
## 6    no Ham & Pickles Wholemeal 34     1
```

```
mean( Ants ~ Filling, data=SandwichAnts )
```

```
## Ham & Pickles Peanut Butter      Vegemite
##      49.25      34.00      30.75
```

We get our test statistic with

```
anova( lm( Ants ~ Filling, data=SandwichAnts ) )$F[1]
anova( lm( Ants ~ Filling, data=SandwichAnts ) )$F[1]
```

generates F stat
of original data

We will locate 5.627 on the approximate null distribution. To simulate it via randomization, we reuse the data, breaking breaking associations between variables (as asserted in the null hypothesis) with the use of `shuffle()`.

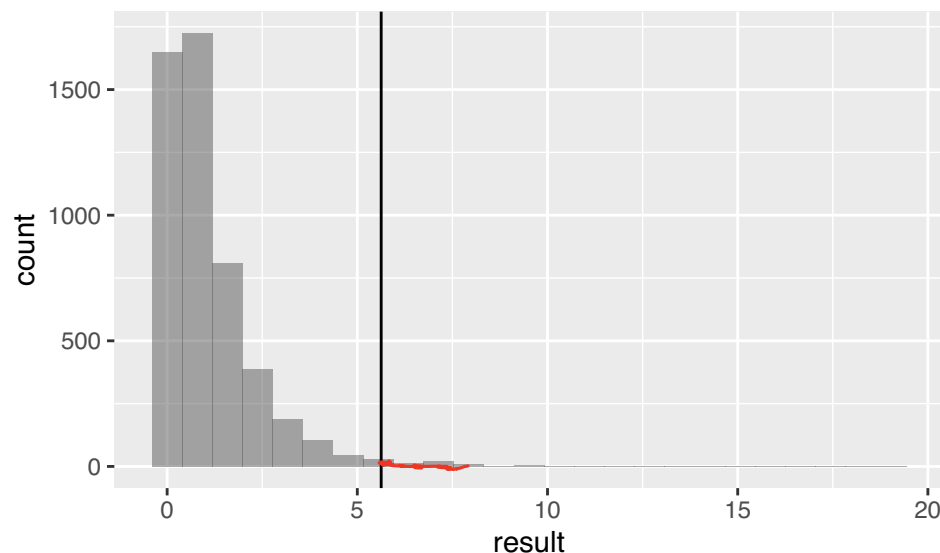
```
manyFs <- do(5000) * anova( lm( Ants ~ shuffle(Filling), data=SandwichAnts ) )$F[1]
head(manyFs)
```

```
##      result
## 1 0.12527566
## 2 1.12868989
## 3 0.10847965
## 4 0.36864480
## 5 0.95850357
## 6 0.02175374
```

| time → | randomized F-stat.

Now display

```
gf_histogram( ~ result, data=manyFs ) %>% gf_vline(xintercept = ~5.627)
```



As with χ^2 tests, all F tests are 1-sided, right-tailed. The approximate P -value is

```
nrow( filter(manyFs, result >= 5.626 ) ) / 5000
```

```
## [1] 0.0136
```

Obtaining a P -value from a theoretical F distribution

With χ^2 tests (goodness-of-fit, test for association) there we learned conditions under which you can obtain the approximate P -value from a theoretical chi-square distribution, thereby bypassing the need for a randomization distribution. The same can be said for obtaining a P -value in 1-way ANOVA: once you have your test F -statistic, df_1 , and df_2 from the sampled data, you can obtain the approximate P -value using a theoretical F -distribution, under these (sufficient) conditions:

Criteria
allowing
use of
pf()

- Your data represents an amalgam of independent random samples from the various populations (one population for each value of the explanatory variable),
- Within each of these populations, the distribution of the response variable is normal (or the sample size n_i from Group i is large enough, say 30 or more, though fewer is allowable if Group i appears to be symmetric without outliers), and
- The variances in each population is the same. (In practice, we find the sample standard deviations broken down by group, and check that the ratio of largest to smallest is no bigger than 2.) ✓

When these conditions are met, it is OK to use a theoretical F distribution. Compare randomization and F distributions using this app, and see how well these assumptions predict close alignment between the two.

Example 8.5 (p. 500 from the textbook): The example has us focus on the categorical variable **Award** and quantitative variable **Pulse**. Let's look at various statistics displayed by `favstats()` broken down by **Award**:

```
favstats(Pulse ~ Award, data=StudentSurvey)
```

##	Award	min	Q1	median	Q3	max	mean	sd	n	missing
## 1	Academy	42	64.5	71	76	95	70.51613	12.35818	31	0
## 2	Nobel	40	65.0	72	80	130	72.21477	13.09093	149	0
## 3	Olympic	35	60.0	68	74	96	67.25275	10.97067	182	0

Rule of thumb 6

$$\frac{13.091}{10.971} < 2$$

We see the variable **Award** has $k = 3$ values (so we are considering 3 populations). The null hypothesis, informally stated as “the two variables are independent”, is

$$H_0: \mu_A = \mu_N = \mu_O,$$

where μ_A represents the mean pulse rate among students who would prefer an Academy Award, μ_N represents the mean pulse rate among students who would prefer a Nobel Prize, and μ_O represents the mean pulse rate among students who would prefer an Olympic medal. Note the samples from these three populations are of size

$$n_A = 31, \quad n_N = 149, \quad \text{and} \quad n_O = 182,$$

all over 30, and the ratio of largest to smallest sample standard deviation

$$\frac{13.091}{10.971} \doteq 1.19$$

is safely smaller than 2. We can find the degrees of freedom:

$$df_1 = k - 1 = 2, \quad \text{and} \quad df_2 = n - k = (31 + 149 + 182) - 3 = 359.$$

And, we can use this command to calculate the F -statistic (our *test statistic*):

```
anova(lm(Pulse ~ Award, data=StudentSurvey))$F[1]
```

```
## [1] 7.103915
```

Finally, the P -value is the area in the F distribution above this test statistic using the `pf()` command with the inputs as just found:

```
1 - pf(7.1039, df1=2, df2=359)
```

```
## [1] 0.0009425421
```

Get P-value using: $1 - pf(7.1039, df1 = 2, df2 = 359)$

Of course, there is a way to get RStudio to do it all for you. Just leave off the part at the end that requests the F -statistic:

```
anova( lm( Pulse ~ Award, data=StudentSurvey ) )
```

← Always gets its P -value using $pf()$ (a theoretical F distribution)

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: Pulse
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## Award      2   2047  1023.62   7.1039 0.0009425 ***
## Residuals 359   51729   144.09
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

— reject that mean pulse (μ) is equal for all 3 populations

Example: Textbook Costs

The Lock 5 dataset **TextbookCosts** contains cost information for textbooks coming from four different disciplines.

```
head(TextbookCosts)
```

```
##           Field Books Cost
## 1 SocialScience      3   77
## 2 NaturalScience     2  231
## 3 NaturalScience     1  189
## 4 SocialScience      6   85
## 5 NaturalScience     1  113
## 6 Humanities        9  132
```

In all 10 courses from each of the separate disciplines was sampled. In R we have seen the following command can be used to generate the ANOVA table.

```
anova( lm( Cost ~ Field, data=TextbookCosts ) )
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: Cost
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## Field      3  30848   10283   4.0547 0.01397 *
## Residuals 36  91294    2536
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = \mu_4$$

Trustworthy? Are conditions met?

Since there are four different Fields represented, we should not be surprised that $df_1 = 4 - 1 = 3$. And, with 10 courses per field, the full dataset has 40 cases, which explains why $df_2 = 40 - 4 = 36$. Were we to do the other calculations, SSG , SSE , MSG , MSE and F by hand, they would match what appears in the output above. (Can you locate each of those?) The only number we might be more cautious to believe is the P -value. This R command always displays a P -value taken from a theoretical F -distribution, in this case the same result we would obtain using the command

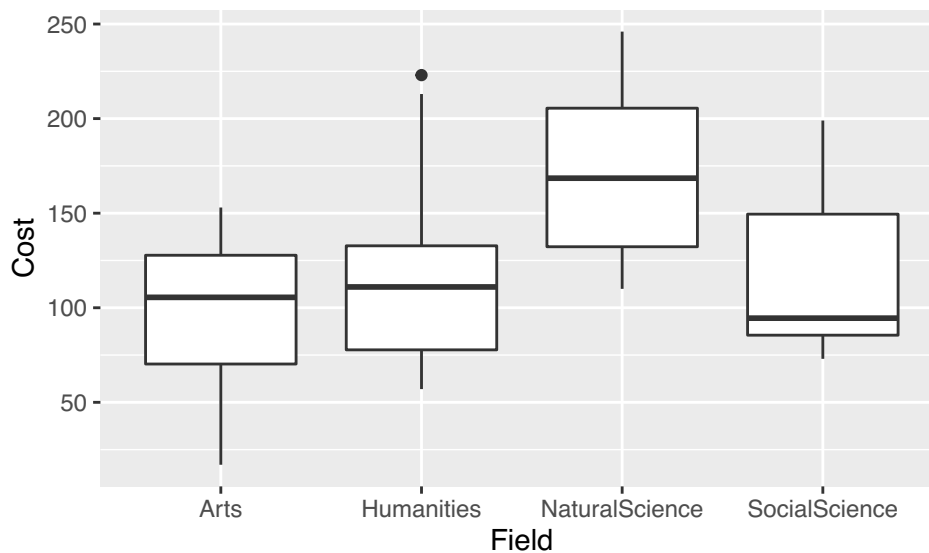
```
1 - pf(4.055, df1 = 3, df2 = 36)
```

```
## [1] 0.01396561
```

But is it reasonable to obtain our P -value this way? Look back at the conditions stated near the start of the last section. Are they met?

- The textbook (pp. 515-516) tells us the samples of courses were all taken at the same college, nothing more. So these probably cannot be considered random samples from the populations of all Arts (resp. Humanities, NaturalScience, SocialScience) courses throughout the country, but perhaps they can for the courses in those disciplines at this college. It is likely reasonable to assume that book prices and samples, within the more limited scope of the one college, are independent.
- We can look at plots of `Cost` broken down by `Field` in an attempt to verify normality, but there are so few data points, it is difficult to get any degree of surety from the data itself. (Perhaps from past experience?) In looking at side-by-side boxplots such as those displayed here, the textbook (p. 516) declares “All four samples are relatively symmetric, have no outliers, and appear to have about the same variability,” words used to justify that we are “close enough” on this condition. Do you agree?

```
gf_boxplot( Cost ~ Field, data=TextbookCosts )
```



- We look at the various sample standard deviations

```
sd( Cost ~ Field, data=TextbookCosts )
```

```
##           Arts      Humanities NaturalScience  SocialScience
##      44.94738      58.14551      48.49238      48.89910
```

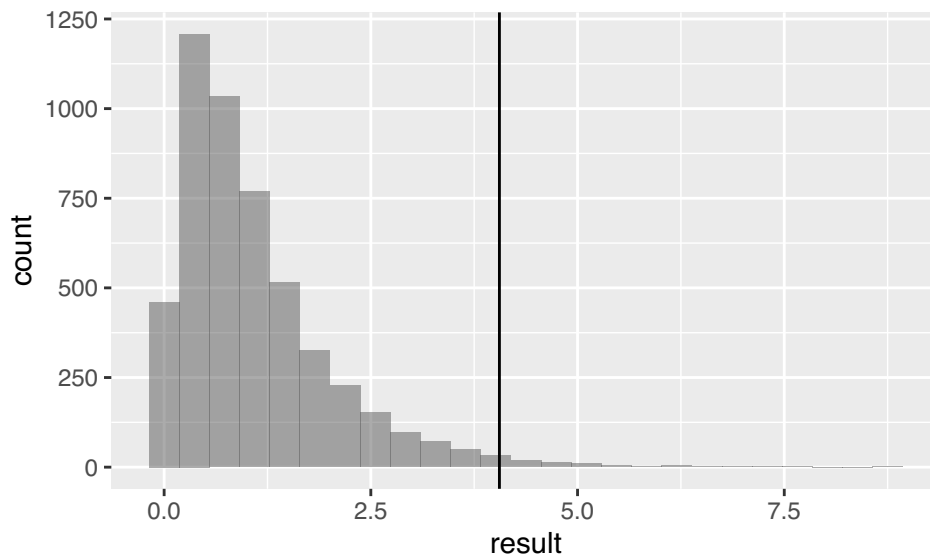
(Note that `favstats()` could also have been used here, but gives extra information we do not need right now.) The ratio of largest-sd-to-smallest is

$$\frac{58.1455}{44.9474} \doteq 1.294,$$

well below 2.

Nevertheless, if we feel unsure, we can employ randomization to find an approximate P -value instead.

```
manyFs <- do(5000) * anova( lm( Cost ~ shuffle(Field), data=TextbookCosts ) )$F[1]
gf_histogram( ~result, data=manyFs ) %>% gf_vline( xintercept= ~ 4.055)
```



```
nrow( filter( manyFs, result > 4.054 ) ) / 5000
```

```
## [1] 0.0148
```

— P-value from randomization

This P -value is quite similar to the one arising from the theoretical F distribution.

You rejected the null hypothesis, what now?

Recall that the null hypothesis is

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_k,$$

and if we rejected it, it is in favor of the alternative, that at least two population means are different. The natural follow-up question is, “which ones?” The cautions discussed in Section 8.2, beginning with “Lots of Pairwise Comparisons”, mirror those discussed in Section 4.5, p. 289, “The Problem of Multiple Testing.” It is right for us to conduct the blanket test of 1-way ANOVA before charging into pairwise comparisons, but even after we have decided the null hypothesis above is to be rejected, we should proceed sensibly.

R offers a sensible approach to pairwise comparisons in the `TukeyHSD()` command. We apply it (note it uses another command, `aov()`, as an intermediary) to the textbook data above.

```
TukeyHSD( aov( Cost ~ Field, data=TextbookCosts ) )
```

```
## Tukey multiple comparisons of means
## 95% family-wise confidence level
##
## Fit: aov(formula = Cost ~ Field, data = TextbookCosts)
##
## $Field
##
```

	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
## Humanities-Arts	25.7	-34.95384	86.353844	0.6669143
## NaturalScience-Arts	76.2	15.54616	136.853844	0.0090147
## SocialScience-Arts	23.7	-36.95384	84.353844	0.7201024
## NaturalScience-Humanities	50.5	-10.15384	111.153844	0.1312366
## SocialScience-Humanities	-2.0	-62.65384	58.653844	0.9997441
## SocialScience-NaturalScience	-52.5	-113.15384	8.153844	0.1097759

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cannot reject that $\mu_{Hum.} = \mu_{Arts}$

$P\text{-value} = 0.01$

Find sig. evidence to conclude $\mu_{NS} \neq \mu_{Arts}$

