The Vermont Lottery

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

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```
df1 %>% ggplot(aes(x = ticketNum, y = ExpVal)) + geom_point(aes(color = factor(X7777))) simSapphire7Game <- function(){ tickets <- createSapphire7Tickets() nTickets <- length(tickets)
```

loser <- NULL seven <- NULL fifteen <- NULL twenty_five <- NULL seventy <- NULL seven_hundred <- NULL thousand <- NULL seven_777 <- NULL expVal <- NULL

for (i in 1:nTickets){ print(i) tickets <- tickets [-1] loser[i] <- sum(tickets == 0) seven [i] <- sum(tickets == 7) fifteen [i] <- sum(tickets == 15) twenty_five [i] <- sum(tickets == 25) seventy [i] <- sum(tickets == 70) seven_hundred [i] <- sum(tickets == 700) thousand [i] <- sum(tickets == 1000) seven_777 [i] <- sum(tickets == 7777) expVal [i] <- mean(tickets)) } simData <- data.frame(Losers = loser, 7 = seven, 15 = fifteen, 25 = twenty_five, 70 = seventy, 700 = seven_hundred, 1000 = thousand, 7777 = seven_777, ExpVal = expVal, ticketNum = 1:nTickets) return(simData) }

2 Introduction

Alex is very good with Github.

You can label chapter and section titles using {#label} after them, e.g., we can reference Chapter 2. If you do not manually label them, there will be automatic labels anyway, e.g., Chapter 4.

Figures and tables with captions will be placed in figure and table environments, respectively.

```
par(mar = c(4, 4, .1, .1))
plot(pressure, type = 'b', pch = 19)
```

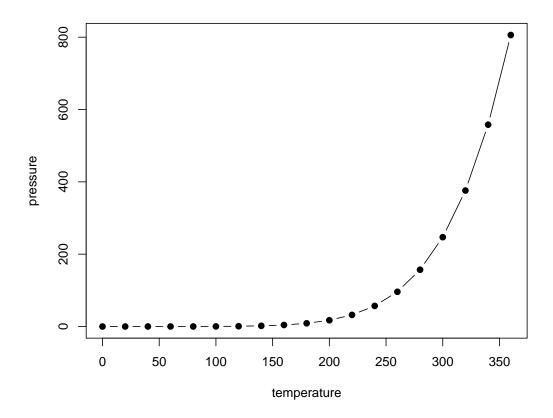


Figure 1: Here is a nice figure!

Reference a figure by its code chunk label with the fig: prefix, e.g., see Figure 1. Similarly, you can reference tables generated from knitr::kable(), e.g., see Table 1.

```
knitr::kable(
  head(iris, 20), caption = 'Here is a nice table!',
  booktabs = TRUE
)
```

You can write citations, too. For example, we are using the **bookdown** package (Xie, 2019) in this sample book, which was built on top of R Markdown and **knitr** (Xie, 2015).

Table 1: Here is a nice table!

| Sepal.Length | Sepal.Width | Petal.Length | Petal.Width | Species |
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| 5.1 | 3.5 | 1.4 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 4.9 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 4.7 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 4.6 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 5.0 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 0.2 | setosa |
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| 5.4 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 4.8 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 4.8 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 0.1 | setosa |
| 4.3 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | setosa |
| 5.8 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 | setosa |
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| 5.1 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 0.3 | setosa |

3 Literature

Here is a review of existing methods.

4 Methods

We describe our methods in this chapter.

Here are our methods.

5 Applications

Some significant applications are demonstrated in this chapter.

5.1 Example one

5.2 Example two

6 Final Words

We have finished a nice book.

References

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