

Practical Exercises for Exercise Collection

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Exercise 1

- (a) Open R Studio
- (b) Open a new R-Script
- (c) Load data set `chickwts`
- (d) Do summary statistic (numerically and graphically)
- (e) For advanced R users: Try an anova (are the assumptions fulfilled?) and a Tukey-Anscombe plot.
Try a histogram with a density line on top. ...

Exercise 2

- (a) Create a data frame with 3 columns.

Exercise 3

- (a) Install package `MASS`.
- (b) Load data set `bacteria`.
- (c) Describe in your own words what the data set `bacteria` contains.
- (d) Do summary statistic (numerically and graphically).
- (e) Select only observations collected during the second week.

Exercise 4

What is conceptionally the difference between the bracket types `[...]` and `(...)`?

```
chickwts[, 2]  
summary(aov(weight ~ feed, data = chickwts))
```

Exercise 5

- (a) How many levels has the factor variable `trt` from `bacteria`?
- (b) Define a new variable `trt.new` in which you combine the levels `drug` and `drug+` into one single level and label it as `treated`. The new variable `trt.new` should in the end have two levels: `placebo` and `treated`.
- (c) Do summary statistics for `placebo` and `treated` group.

Exercise 6

- (a) Load data set `ToothGrowth`.
- (b) Do summary statistic (numerically and graphically).
- (c) Define additional column `dose.factor` by converting the numeric variable `dose` into a factor variable.
- (d) Are the tooth length measurements normally distributed within the treatment (`supp`: `VC` or `OJ`) and within in the different doses (`dose`: 0.5, 1, 2)?

Exercise 7

- (a) Import the data set `perulung_ems.csv` (taken from Kirkwood and Sterne, 2nd edition) into R.
Data from a study of lung function among children living in a deprived suburb of Lima, Peru.
Variables:
 - `fev1`: in liter, "Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second" measured by a spirometer. This is the maximum volume of air which the children could breath out in 1 second
 - `age`: in years
 - `height`: in cm
 - `sex`: 0 = girl, 1 = boy
 - `respsymp`: respiratory symptoms experienced by the child over the previous 12 months
- (b) What *delimiter* do you need to choose?
- (c) Do all variables have the correct data type (numeric, integer, factor)? If not, do correct and / or define them.
- (d) Check for heteroscedascity or homogeneity of variances

Exercise 8

Apply the summary statistics to the `perulung_ems` and `ToothGrowth` data set.

Exercise 9A: Plausibility Checks

- (a) What can go wrong?
- (b) Identify different strategies for spotting these potential errors.
 - Logical errors
 - Spelling mistakes
- (c) Import the data set `bacteria_plausibility_check.csv` to R.
- (d) Detect the **six** errors in the imported data set `bacteria_plausibility_check.csv` in R.
- (e) Find possible solutions in R how to handle these challenges.
- (f) Do all variables have the correct data type (numeric, integer, factor)? - If not, do correct / define them.

Exercise 9B: Missing Values

- (a) Check out the difference between the different missing values
- (b) Create a vector with missing values and determine the mean and median
- (c) If `x = c(22,3,7,NA,NA,67)` what will be the output for the R statement `length(x)`?
- (d) If `x = c(NA,3,14,NA,33,17,NA,41)` which line of R code removes all occurrences of NA in x.
- (e) If `y = c(1,3,12,NA,33,7,NA,21)` what R statement will replace all occurrences of NA with 11?
- (f) If `x = c(34,33,65,37,89,NA,43,NA,11,NA,23,NA)` then what will count the number of occurrences of NA in x?
- (g) Create a vector and find the number of missing values and their position
- (h) Now, create the vector `x2` and assess the difference to `x1`.
- (i) What is the meaning of "NA" versus "NaN"?
- (j) Replace the missing values in `x1` with a 0, and check that no NAs are present try two different commands to coerce the NAs into 0.

Exercise 10

- (a) Import the data set `water_errors.csv` to R: A data frame with 61 observations on the following 6 variables.
- **location**: a factor with levels `North` and `South` indicating whether the town is as north as Derby.
 - **town**: the name of the town.
 - **mortality**: averaged annual mortality per 100.000 male inhabitants.
 - **hardness**: calcium concentration (in parts per million).
 - **smoker**: If there are any smokers living in town.
 - **num.of.cig**: In case, smokers live in town, what number of cigarettes do they smoke per day.
- (b) Detect the errors in the imported data set `water_errors.csv` in R.
- (c) Find possible solutions in R how to handle these challenges.
- (d) Do all variables have the correct data type (numeric, integer, factor)? - If not, do correct / define them.

Exercise 11

- (a) Apply the two-sided two sample t-test to suitable variables of the data set `ToothGrowth`.
- (b) Interpret the results.
- (c) Apply the two-sided t-test to the `perulung_ems` data set

Exercise 12

- (a) Apply the Chi-square Test and the fisher exact test to the whole `bacteria` data set.
- (b) Apply the Chi-square Test and the fisher exact test to the subset of `bacteria` containing only the observations taken in week 2. Are there any issues?
- (c) Repeat this exercise by using the (previously defined) combined `trt.new` variable with the two levels `treated` and `drug`.
- (d) Could you also obtain the odds ratios?
- (e) Try also a logistic regression in R. Ask Google for help!

Exercise 13A: Outside plot frame

- (a) Type `demo(graphics)` in your console and press enter. This command shows you a nice demonstration of possible R graphics.
- (b) Change the x-axis and y-axis labelling of a boxplot plotting the `len` variable of the `ToothGrowth` data set.
- (c) How do you set a main title for your above plot?
- (d) What does the following command do?
- (e) We have six different feed types in `chickwts`. Try to plot two separate boxplots for `casein` and `horsebean` and set the same minimum and maximum for the y-axis. Use the function `subset` for doing so.
- (f) How do you enlarge the font size of the axis as well as the axis labels of the following plot with the `perlung` data set?
- (g) Label the x-axis of the following plot with "Vitamin C in μg ". Use the greek letter for μ .
- (h) Read <http://www.statmethods.net/advgraphs/parameters.html>.

Exercise 13B: Inside the square of the plot

- (a) Type `demo(graphics)` in your console and press enter.
- (b) Add a legend to the following barplot. Are there several different solutions for this?
- (c) Add a density line to this histogram.
- (d) Add a **dotted red** linear regression line to the following plot.
- (e) Color the points in the following plot according to the `sex` variable.
- (f) Add two linear regression lines separately for `female` and `male` to the following plot.
- (g) Color the points in the following plot according to the `supp` variable. Use different point characters (`pch`) based on the `supp` variable.
- (h) Read <http://www.statmethods.net/advgraphs/parameters.html>.

Exercise 14

- (a) Load the below data set and for further information check the command `?water`.
- (b) Try to plot the variables `mortality` against `hardness` from the `water` data set.

- (c) Add a main title to the above plot (mortality against hardness).
- (d) Change the ...
 - (a) font size of the axis annotation
 - (b) font size of the x- and y-axis labels
 - (c) the point sizes within the plot... of the above plot (mortality against hardness).
- (e) Looking at the above plot: Do you think the two variables `hardness` and `mortality` correlate? What function do you use to find out the correlation coefficient? Do they have a positive or a negative correlation coefficient? How do you interpret the correlation coefficient in your own words?
- (f) In the `water` data set, can you graphically find out if there is a difference between the the two variables `hardness` and `mortality` conditional on the `location` (`North`, `South`).
- (g) Add a legend to the above plot so that you can easily differentiate the locations (`North` or `South`) of the observations.
- (h) Do a barplot of the variable `location` from the `water` data set.
- (i) ADDITIONAL: Try if any of these following plotting functions can be applied to the data sets `perlung` or `ToothGrowth`.

Exercise 15

- (a) Download the .R file `ANOVA_with_chickwts.R` from the switch drive and have another look on how we applied the anova to the `chickwts` data set.
- (b) Load the `ToothGrowth` data set into R and encode the numeric variable `dose` as a factor variable. Define the new factor variable as `dose.factor` with the three levels `low`, `med` and `high` and add it to the data frame of `ToothGrowth`.
- (c) Visualize the variable `len` per dose level in a boxplot.
- (d) With the help of the R-commands written in the `ANOVA_with_chickwts.R` file, apply a analysis of variance (ANOVA) to the data set `ToothGrowth`

Exercise 16

- (a) Download the .R file `LM_with_water.R` from the switch drive and have another look on how we applied the linear model to the `water` data set.
- (b) Reuse these commands to fit a simple as well as multiple linear regression model to the data set of `perulung_ems`. Use `fev1` as your response variable y .

Exercise 17

- (a) Load the `ToothGrowth` data set and run the following four linear regression models.
- (b) Have a look at the summary of these models.
- (c) How do you interpret the model coefficients?
- (d) Which model is best?

Exercise 18

- (a) Load the `water` data set and fit a multiple linear regression model. Use `mortality` as your response variable and add `hardness` and `location` as an explanatory variable.
- (b) Check the underlying model assumptions.
- (c) Add an interaction term between `hardness` and `location` to the above estimated multiple linear regression model.
- (d) Interpret the interaction coefficient `hardness:locationSouth`.
- (e) Check the underlying model assumptions.
- (f) Which one is the better model? With or without the interaction term?
- (g) How to derive confidence intervals for the regression coefficient of `hardness` and `location`?

Exercise 19

Hypothetical example - from Kirkwood and Sterne, Medical Statistics, 2nd ed., p. 177

- (a) Read in the data set `lepto`. This study presents a serology survey of leptospira sero-prevalence in rural and urban areas of the west indies.

- (b) Encode the numeric variable `antibodies` as a factor with levels 0 and 1.
- (c) Make a crosstable with the risk factor `exposure` and `antibodies`.
- (d) Run a Chi-squared test, a Fisher's exact test and a logistic regression (`glm`) to assess if the `exposure` (living in rural vs. urban areas) is a risk factor.
- (e) Create a subset for `male` and `female` based on the variable `gender`.
- (f) Repeat the crosstable, Chi-squared test, Fisher's exact test and a logistic regression (`glm`) for the subsets **separately**.
- (g) Does the conclusion of your research question change with the analysis of the subsets? (Research question: Is the `exposure` (rural and urban areas) a risk factor?)
- (h) Fit a logistic regression model (`glm`) with `exposure` and `gender` as explanatory variables.