# Psych 1420, Assignment 2

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### 0. How to use R Markdown documents

This file is an R Markdown file. This is a special file that lets you write R code and run it, while also writing descriptive text (like this) about the code and analyses you have in between.

Every time you see a special colored block, like the one below, **that's where you can write and run R code.** This is called an **R code chunk.** You can type normal R code in the box, with *one command per line*, and then run all the code in the box by pressing the green triangle (kind of looks like a play button) in the top right-hand corner of the chunk.

Try playing the code below to see what happens!

```
my_variable <- 2 + 2</pre>
```

You should see in your Environment pane (top right-hand of RStudio window) now that you have a variable called my\_variable, just as if you had typed that code into the console (bottom left-hand of RStudio window, where you did Assignment 1 in Swirl) and pressed Enter to run it there.

You can also use chunks to print out outputs in your document. These outputs will be included when you export the document later, so your TA will be able to see the results of all your R code.

For example, run the following code below using the green play button and see what happens:

#### my variable

### ## [1] 4

Now, the value assigned to my\_variable appears in the document. Handy! You'll be using this later to show the output of correlations and t-tests, as well as graphs you'll be making.

For every question in this assignment, every time you see an *empty* code chunk, you will be expected to *type* correct code into the chunk and run it. We've already created code chunks for every question, so you can fill in the appropriate code in each section.

Every empty chunk you should fill in is marked with a **comment** that says "Code goes here". A comment is a special small note you can leave next to R code inside of a code chunk. You have to tell R that it's a comment, and not real code, by typing the pound/hashtag-sign # before anything in your comment.

```
# This will not run.
# If you press the green play button on this chunk, nothing should come out!
```

Any text after a # is not "seen" as code by R until the next line break. RStudio shows this kind of "comment text" in green (or another color, depending on your color scheme).

You can comment whole lines, if you want to type complete sentences in your notes. You can also add comments at the end of a line, if you want a comment to apply to a specific line of code.

```
# The code BEFORE the # runs, and the text AFTER the # doesn't run.
2 + 2 # This should still output 4 because 2 + 2 is before the comment sign
```

```
## [1] 4
```

We recommend only typing small "notes to self" in the comments inside code chunks. You can type anything longer than a couple sentences in the "normal text" part of your document, so that it will look like normal text when you export your document later.

### **Packages**

While R can do a lot of amazing stuff on its own, some special types of analysis or graphing can be more easily (or stylishly) done using one of a (huge) number of "packages" that people have created specially for R. Think of R as your phone, and the packages as apps that each allow the phone to do something extra.

To use a package, you have to install it (once), and then load it (every time you re-open RStudio).

In this assignment, we'll need the assistance of two packages in particular:

- ggplot2 is the package we'll use to make clean, attractive graphs
- knitr is the package we'll use to export this homework assignment to a format you can upload to Canvas

First, you can use the code below to install these packages if you haven't already.

Next, use the following code to *load*, or "turn on", these packages for the current RStudio window so you can actually access the functions inside. You need to do this every time you open a new RStudio window!

```
# We only need to "turn on" ggplot2
# knitr actually works behind the scenes already!
library(ggplot2)
```

Now, we're ready to get started.

# 1. Working directory

Check your working directory using getwd(). If you opened RStudio via the R project file in the same directory that contains your datafile (class\_survey2\_spring2019.csv) and your R scripts, you should be in that folder now.

```
# Code goes here
getwd()
```

## [1] "/Users/michellevantieghem2/Documents/Columbia/R\_Stats/ExpMethodsTA/cu-psych-1420/assignment2"

# 2. Reading Data

# Code goes here

Read in your data file using read.csv("class\_survey2\_spring2019.csv"), and assign it to the dataframe name IntroSurvey.

```
IntroSurvey <- read.csv("class_survey2_spring2019.csv")</pre>
head(IntroSurvey)
##
     id MS1 MS2 MS3 MS4 MS5 MS6 MS7 MS8 MS9 MS10 MS11 MS12 MS13 Gender Age
                                                                5
                                                                      5 Female
## 1
               5
                    5
                         5
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                    7
## 2
      2
           3
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                                               3
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                                                                      2
                                                                          Male
                                                                                 18
## 3
      3
                    7
                         3
                                  5
                                      2
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                                                                                 20
           4
               4
                             4
                                           6
                                               4
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                                                           4
                                                                4
                                                                          Male
## 4
      4
           3
               5
                    6
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                                                                                 21
## 5
      5
               6
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                        3
                                  5
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                                                                      5 Female
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                    4
                        3
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                                      3
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## 6
      6
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##
           Major School
                              Year MTS1 MTS2 MTS3
                                                    MTS4 MTS5 MTS6 MTS7 MTS8 MTS9
                                             5
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                                                                                     5
## 1 psychology
                      GS Post-Bac
                                       5
                                                        5
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                                                                    5
## 2 psychology
                      CC Freshman
                                       2
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                                                   3
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                                                              3
                                                                    5
                                                                                     5
                                                        4
                                                                         7
                                                                                     3
## 3 psychology
                      CC
                            Junior
                                       3
                                             6
                                                   4
                                                              4
                                                                    3
                                                                               4
## 4 psychology
                      BC
                            Senior
                                             7
                                                   5
                                                        4
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                                                                               3
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                                                                          6
                                                                                     5
## 5 psychology
                      CC
                            Senior
                                       5
                                                   6
                                                              5
                                                                               3
                      GS Post-Bac
                                                              5
## 6 psychology
     courses_enrolled courses_shopped courses_considered course_choice
                      3
## 1
                                        5
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## 2
                      5
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## 3
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## 4
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## 5
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## 6
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##
     courses_time_deciding courses_title_impt courses_info courses_satisfied
## 1
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## 2
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## 4
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## 5
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                                                  6
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## 6
##
     courses_reviews courses_happy courses_best courses_previous_happy
## 1
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                                                                              3
## 2
                     5
                                     5
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                     7
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                                                                              7
## 3
                                                                              7
## 4
                     7
                                     7
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```

```
## 5
                                                    6
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## 6
                     5
                                     5
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##
     courses_syllabi_review X
## 1
## 2
                             5 5
## 3
                             7 7
## 4
                             7 7
                             6 6
## 5
## 6
                             5 5
```

# 3. Exploring data

Use the following exploration functions to check that the dataframe IntroSurvey read in correctly: head()

# Code goes here
head(IntroSurvey)

```
id MS1 MS2 MS3 MS4 MS5 MS6 MS7 MS8 MS9 MS10 MS11 MS12 MS13 Gender Age
## 1
      1
           5
               5
                    5
                         5
                             5
                                  5
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                                           5
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                                                           5
                                                                 5
                                                                       5 Female
                                                                                  29
## 2
      2
           3
                3
                    7
                         4
                             4
                                  5
                                      2
                                           5
                                                3
                                                     2
                                                           3
                                                                 3
                                                                       2
                                                                           Male
                                                                                  18
## 3
      3
           4
               4
                    7
                         3
                                  5
                                      2
                                           6
                                                     3
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                                                                       3
                                                                           Male
                                                                                  20
## 4
                         3
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                                                                           Male
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                         3
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## 5
               6
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##
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                                                                       6
                                                                           Male
##
           Major School
                              Year MTS1 MTS2 MTS3 MTS4 MTS5 MTS6 MTS7 MTS8 MTS9
                                             5
                                                   5
                                                                          5
                                                                                5
## 1 psychology
                      GS Post-Bac
                                        5
                                                         5
                                                              5
                                                                    5
## 2 psychology
                      CC Freshman
                                        2
                                             5
                                                   3
                                                         3
                                                               3
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                                                                                     5
                      CC
                                             6
                                                   4
                                                         4
                                                                    3
                                                                          7
                                                                                     3
## 3 psychology
                            Junior
                                        3
                                                               4
                                             7
                                                   5
                                                                          7
                                                                                     4
## 4 psychology
                      BC
                            Senior
                                                                                3
                      CC
                                             7
                                                         4
                                                              5
                                                                          6
                                                                                3
                                                                                     5
## 5 psychology
                            Senior
                                                   6
## 6 psychology
                      GS Post-Bac
                                        6
                                                   7
                                                         4
                                                              5
                                                                                     6
##
     courses_enrolled courses_shopped courses_considered course_choice
## 1
                      3
                                         5
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## 2
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                      5
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                                                                              5
                                                                              7
## 3
                      7
                                         4
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                      7
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## 4
                                         3
## 5
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                                         3
## 6
                      5
                                                              5
##
     courses_time_deciding courses_title_impt courses_info courses_satisfied
## 1
                                                                 3
## 2
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                                                                                     3
## 3
                            7
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                            7
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## 4
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## 5
                            6
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                            5
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## 6
##
     courses_reviews courses_happy courses_best courses_previous_happy
## 1
                     3
                                     3
                                                    3
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## 2
                     5
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                                                    5
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                     7
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## 3
## 4
                     7
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                     6
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## 5
## 6
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```

#### summary()

# # Code goes here summary(IntroSurvey)

```
##
           id
                         MS1
                                          MS2
                                                            MS3
                           :3.000
                                             :3.000
                                                              :4.000
##
    Min.
            :1.0
                                     Min.
                                                      Min.
                   Min.
    1st Qu.:2.5
                   1st Qu.:3.500
                                     1st Qu.:4.500
                                                      1st Qu.:4.500
##
    Median:4.0
                   Median :4.000
                                     Median :5.000
                                                      Median :5.000
##
    Mean
            :4.0
                           :4.286
                                             :5.286
                                                      Mean
                                                              :5.429
                   Mean
                                     Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:5.5
                   3rd Qu.:5.000
                                     3rd Qu.:6.500
                                                      3rd Qu.:6.500
##
    Max.
            :7.0
                   Max.
                           :6.000
                                     Max.
                                             :7.000
                                                      Max.
                                                              :7.000
    NA's
                   NA's
                                     NA's
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##
            :1
                           :1
                                             :1
                                                              :1
##
         MS4
                           MS5
                                            MS6
                                                              MS7
##
            :3.000
                             :4.000
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                                                                :2.000
    Min.
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                                        Min.
                                       1st Qu.:5.000
##
    1st Qu.:3.000
                     1st Qu.:4.000
                                                        1st Qu.:2.000
##
    Median :3.000
                     Median :4.000
                                       Median :5.000
                                                        Median :2.000
                                                                :2.857
##
    Mean
           :3.429
                     Mean
                             :4.143
                                       Mean
                                               :4.857
                                                        Mean
                                       3rd Qu.:5.000
                                                        3rd Qu.:3.500
##
    3rd Qu.:3.500
                     3rd Qu.:4.000
##
    Max.
            :5.000
                     Max.
                             :5.000
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                                               :5.000
                                                        Max.
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##
    NA's
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                     NA's
                                       NA's
                                               :1
                                                        NA's
                             :1
                                                                 :1
##
         MS8
                           MS9
                                            MS10
                                                              MS11
##
    Min.
            :5.000
                     Min.
                             :3.000
                                       Min.
                                               :2.000
                                                        Min.
                                                                :3.000
##
    1st Qu.:5.500
                      1st Qu.:4.500
                                       1st Qu.:3.500
                                                         1st Qu.:4.000
##
    Median :7.000
                     Median :5.000
                                       Median :5.000
                                                        Median :4.000
##
    Mean
            :6.286
                     Mean
                             :5.286
                                       Mean
                                               :4.571
                                                        Mean
                                                                :4.143
##
    3rd Qu.:7.000
                     3rd Qu.:6.500
                                       3rd Qu.:5.500
                                                        3rd Qu.:4.500
##
            :7.000
                             :7.000
    Max.
                     Max.
                                       Max.
                                               :7.000
                                                        Max.
                                                                 :5.000
##
    NA's
            :1
                     NA's
                             :1
                                       NA's
                                               :1
                                                        NA's
         MS12
##
                           MS13
                                          Gender
                                                        Age
                                                                            Major
##
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                             :2.000
    Min.
                     Min.
                                              :1
                                                   Min.
                                                           :18.00
                                                                                :1
##
    1st Qu.:4.500
                     1st Qu.:3.500
                                       Female:3
                                                   1st Qu.:20.50
                                                                     psychology:7
    Median :5.000
                     Median :5.000
                                       Male:4
                                                   Median :22.00
##
    Mean
            :4.571
                     Mean
                             :4.571
                                                   Mean
                                                           :22.43
##
    3rd Qu.:5.000
                     3rd Qu.:5.500
                                                   3rd Qu.:23.50
##
    Max.
            :5.000
                     Max.
                             :7.000
                                                   Max.
                                                           :29.00
##
    NA's
            :1
                     NA's
                             :1
                                                   NA's
                                                           :1
##
    School
                                            MTS2
                                                              MTS3
                  Year
                               MTS1
##
      :1
                    :1
                          Min.
                                  :2
                                       Min.
                                               :5.000
                                                                :3.000
                                                        Min.
##
    BC:1
            Freshman:1
                          1st Qu.:3
                                       1st Qu.:5.500
                                                         1st Qu.:4.500
##
    CC:3
            Junior
                   :1
                          Median:4
                                       Median :7.000
                                                        Median :5.000
    GS:3
##
           Post-Bac:3
                          Mean
                                       Mean
                                               :6.286
                                                        Mean
                                                                :5.286
##
                                                        3rd Qu.:6.500
                          3rd Qu.:5
                                       3rd Qu.:7.000
           Senior :2
##
                                               :7.000
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                                                                :1
##
         MTS4
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                                            MTS6
                                                             MTS7
##
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                             :3.000
                                               :3.00
                                                               :4.000
    Min.
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                                        Min.
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```
## 1st Qu.:4.000
                  1st Qu.:4.500
                                 1st Qu.:4.75
                                                1st Qu.:4.750
## Median :4.000
                 Median :5.000
                                 Median:5.00
                                                Median :5.000
                                 Mean :5.25
  Mean :4.143
                  Mean :4.571
                                                Mean :5.375
                  3rd Qu.:5.000
                                 3rd Qu.:6.25
##
   3rd Qu.:4.500
                                                3rd Qu.:6.250
##
   Max. :5.000
                  Max. :5.000
                                 Max. :7.00
                                                Max. :7.000
##
   NA's :1
                  NA's :1
##
        MTS8
                       MTS9
                                 courses enrolled courses shopped
                  Min. :3.00
                                Min. :3.000
                                                 Min. :3.000
##
  Min. :3.000
##
   1st Qu.:3.000
                  1st Qu.:4.75
                                1st Qu.:4.000
                                                 1st Qu.:3.000
##
  Median :3.000
                  Median:5.00
                                Median :5.000
                                                 Median :3.000
  Mean :3.625
                  Mean :5.25
                                Mean :5.125
                                                 Mean :3.625
##
   3rd Qu.:4.250
                  3rd Qu.:6.25
                                3rd Qu.:6.250
                                                 3rd Qu.:4.250
                                Max. :7.000
                  Max. :7.00
##
   Max. :5.000
                                                 Max. :5.000
##
##
  courses_considered course_choice
                                    courses_time_deciding
##
   Min. :3.000
                     Min. :3.000
                                    Min. :3.000
##
   1st Qu.:4.000
                     1st Qu.:4.000
                                    1st Qu.:4.000
##
  Median :5.000
                     Median :5.000
                                    Median :5.000
##
  Mean :5.125
                     Mean :5.125
                                    Mean :5.125
##
   3rd Qu.:6.250
                     3rd Qu.:6.250
                                    3rd Qu.:6.250
##
   Max. :7.000
                     Max. :7.000
                                    Max. :7.000
##
##
   courses_title_impt courses_info
                                    courses_satisfied courses_reviews
##
   Min. :3.000
                     Min. :3.000
                                    Min. :3.000
                                                     Min. :3.000
##
   1st Qu.:4.000
                     1st Qu.:4.000
                                    1st Qu.:4.000
                                                     1st Qu.:4.000
  Median :5.000
                     Median :5.000
                                    Median :5.000
                                                     Median :5.000
##
  Mean :5.125
                     Mean :5.125
                                    Mean :5.125
                                                     Mean :5.125
##
   3rd Qu.:6.250
                     3rd Qu.:6.250
                                    3rd Qu.:6.250
                                                     3rd Qu.:6.250
##
                     Max. :7.000
   Max. :7.000
                                    Max. :7.000
                                                     Max. :7.000
##
##
   courses_happy
                   courses_best
                                  courses_previous_happy
##
   Min. :3.000
                  Min. :3.000
                                 Min. :3.000
  1st Qu.:4.000
                  1st Qu.:4.000
                                 1st Qu.:4.000
##
##
  Median :5.000
                  Median :5.000
                                 Median :5.000
   Mean :5.125
                  Mean :5.125
                                 Mean :5.125
##
##
   3rd Qu.:6.250
                  3rd Qu.:6.250
                                 3rd Qu.:6.250
##
  Max. :7.000
                  Max. :7.000
                                 Max. :7.000
##
##
   courses syllabi review
                              X
##
  Min. :3.000
                         Min. :3.000
  1st Qu.:4.000
                         1st Qu.:4.000
## Median :5.000
                         Median :5.000
## Mean :5.125
                         Mean :5.125
## 3rd Qu.:6.250
                         3rd Qu.:6.250
## Max. :7.000
                         Max. :7.000
##
str()
# Code goes here
str(IntroSurvey)
## 'data.frame':
                  8 obs. of 42 variables:
## $ id
                         : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 NA
## $ MS1
                          : int 5 3 4 3 4 5 6 NA
```

```
$ MS2
                                     5 3 4 5 6 7 7 NA
##
                              : int
##
    $ MS3
                                     5 7 7 6 5 4 4 NA
                              : int
##
    $ MS4
                                     5 4 3 3 3 3 3 NA
                                     5 4 4 4 4 4 4 NA
##
    $ MS5
                              : int
##
    $ MS6
                               int
                                     5 5 5 5 5 5 4 NA
    $ MS7
                                     5 2 2 2 2 3 4 NA
##
                              : int
                                     5 5 6 7 7 7 7 NA
##
    $ MS8
                             : int
##
    $ MS9
                              : int
                                     5 3 4 5 6 7 7 NA
##
    $ MS10
                             : int
                                     5 2 3 4 5 6 7 NA
##
    $ MS11
                              : int
                                     5 3 4 4 4 4 5 NA
##
    $ MS12
                              : int
                                     5 3 4 5 5 5 5 NA
##
    $ MS13
                                     5 2 3 4 5 6 7 NA
                             : Factor w/ 3 levels "", "Female", "Male": 2 3 3 3 2 3 2 1
##
    $ Gender
##
    $ Age
                                     29 18 20 21 22 23 24 NA
                             : Factor w/ 2 levels "", "psychology": 2 2 2 2 2 2 1
##
    $ Major
                             : Factor w/ 4 levels "", "BC", "CC", "GS": 4 3 3 2 3 4 4 1
##
    $ School
##
    $ Year
                             : Factor w/ 5 levels "", "Freshman", ...: 4 2 3 5 5 4 4 1
##
    $ MTS1
                                     5 2 3 4 5 6 3 NA
    $ MTS2
                                     5 5 6 7 7 7 7 NA
##
                             : int
##
    $ MTS3
                                     5 3 4 5 6 7 7 NA
##
    $ MTS4
                             : int
                                     5 3 4 4 4 4 5 NA
    $ MTS5
                                     5 3 4 5 5 5 5 NA
##
    $ MTS6
                                     5 5 3 4 5 6 7 7
##
                             : int
    $ MTS7
                                     5 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
##
                             : int
##
    $ MTS8
                             : int
                                     5 5 4 3 3 3 3 3
##
    $ MTS9
                             : int
                                     5 5 3 4 5 6 7 7
##
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
    $ courses_enrolled
                             : int
##
    $ courses_shopped
                             : int
                                     5 5 4 3 3 3 3 3
##
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
    $ courses_considered
                             : int
##
    $ course_choice
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
                              : int
##
      courses_time_deciding : int
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
##
    $ courses_title_impt
                             : int
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
##
    $ courses_info
                             : int
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
##
    $ courses_satisfied
                             : int
                                     4 3 5 7 7 6 5 4
##
                             : int
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
    $ courses reviews
##
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
    $ courses_happy
                             : int
##
    $ courses best
                             : int
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
##
    $ courses_previous_happy: int
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
    $ courses_syllabi_review: int
                                     3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
##
   $ X
##
                              : int
                                    3 5 7 7 6 5 4 4
```

# 4. Calculating mean scores

Calculating variables from the two Maximization scales: In this dataset, we now have the original Maximizer Scale (Schwartz et al., 2002) consisting of 13 items that we used last week. We will call this 'MS'. We also have a Maximizing Tendency Scale consisting of 9 items (Iyengar et al., 2006) that you completed in Survey2. We will call this survey 'MTS'. Today we will look at both to compare them.

Run the code below to create a new variable for overall MS in the IntroSurvey dataframe called MTS\_total. (This is the same thing that we calculated at the end of Assignment 1.)

```
IntroSurvey$MS5, IntroSurvey$MS6,
IntroSurvey$MS7, IntroSurvey$MS8,
IntroSurvey$MS9, IntroSurvey$MS10,
IntroSurvey$MS11, IntroSurvey$MS12,
IntroSurvey$MS13))
```

You'll take a similar approach to calculating an overall Maximizing Tendency Scale score from the 9 items of the MTS. They are called MTS1, MTS2, MTS3, etc.

First, assign a new variable called MTS\_total that is the average of all nine MTS scores.

Use head() to check that the following new variables are present in IntroSurvey:

- MS total
- MTS\_total

```
# Code goes here
head(IntroSurvey$MS_total)

## [1] 5.000000 3.538462 4.076923 4.384615 4.692308 5.076923
head(IntroSurvey$MTS_total)
```

## [1] 5.000000 4.000000 4.222222 4.777778 5.111111 5.444444

# 6. Descriptive statistics

Now we can start doing some real data analysis! For the purposes of getting practice in a variety of inferential statistics in R, we'll be running more exploratory tests than would normally be considered wise for a real study. We'll talk more about why this is a problem later in the semester, but hopefully in your stats class you talked about the dangers of running too many tests—i.e., alpha-inflation.

Let's start with some simple descriptive statistics on our new variables. Use mean() and sd() to find the mean and standard deviations for:

```
MS total
```

```
# Code goes here
mean(IntroSurvey$MS_total)

## [1] NA

sd(IntroSurvey$MS_total)

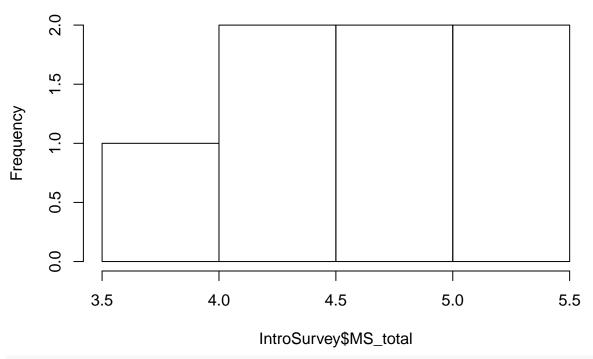
## [1] NA

MTS_total

# Code goes here
mean(IntroSurvey$MTS_total)
```

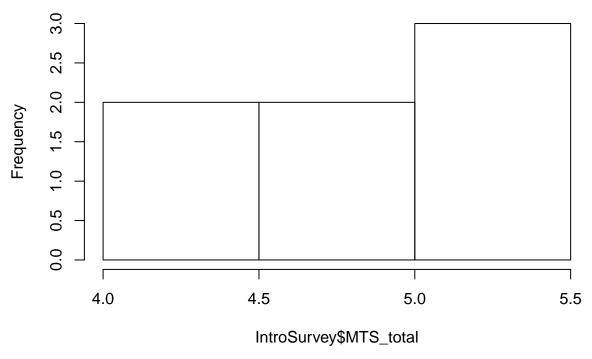
```
## [1] NA
sd(IntroSurvey$MTS_total)
## [1] NA
courses_happy
# Code goes here
mean(IntroSurvey$courses_happy)
## [1] 5.125
sd(IntroSurvey$courses_happy)
## [1] 1.457738
courses satisfied
# Code goes here
mean(IntroSurvey$courses_satisfied)
## [1] 5.125
sd(IntroSurvey$courses_satisfied)
## [1] 1.457738
Use hist() to visualize the range of scores for each of the variables above.
# Code goes here
hist(IntroSurvey$MS_total)
```

# **Histogram of IntroSurvey\$MS\_total**



# Code goes here
hist(IntroSurvey\$MTS\_total)

# Histogram of IntroSurvey\$MTS\_total



Use summary() to get a summary of some of our *categorical* variables (variables that are not numeric, but rather can take on one of a few specified categories):

#### Year

```
# Code goes here
summary(IntroSurvey$Year)
##
                        Junior Post-Bac
                                          Senior
            Freshman
##
                             1
School
# Code goes here
summary(IntroSurvey$School)
##
      BC CC GS
##
    1 1 3 3
Gender
# Code goes here
summary(IntroSurvey$Gender)
##
          Female
                    Male
##
```

Explore at least 5 other variables that you think might have a relationship with maximizing and/or regret. If the variable is *numeric* or *interval* (i.e., if its responses are numbers), compute the mean and sd, and produce a histogram. If the variable is *categorical*, produce a summary.

```
# Code goes here
# Code goes here
```

```
# Code goes here
# Code goes here
# Code goes here
```

## 7. Correlations

Now that you have a sense for what the data show, let's look at how some of the variables relate to each other. First, some correlations.

#### a. Maximizer scales

Let's see if the two maximizing scales are correlated. The function cor.test() allows us to put in two variables, see what their correlation is, and return a p-value for that correlation.

cor.test() allows you to run a Pearson, Kendall, or Spearman correlation, depending on what you tell it to
do using the argument method. This time, since we just want to do a Pearson correlation, we'll use method
= "pearson".

First, we'll save the contents of our correlation test into the variable <code>cor\_MS\_MTS</code> so we can access its contents later. Then, we'll print <code>cor\_MS\_MTS</code> to the console, so we can visually inspect the results of the correlation test.

```
# Code goes here
cor_MS_MTS <- cor.test(IntroSurvey$MS_total, IntroSurvey$MTS_total)</pre>
cor_MS_MTS
##
##
    Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: IntroSurvey$MS_total and IntroSurvey$MTS_total
## t = 6.6324, df = 5, p-value = 0.001174
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.6792362 0.9924481
## sample estimates:
##
         cor
## 0.9475952
```

Above, you can see the r-value, p-value, and several other pieces of info about the correlation test. These statistics are actually saved as variables *inside of* the correlation test object. To extract these statistics and report them, we can use the dollar sign \$ to index these statistics, similar to indexing columns in a dataframe.

To index the Pearson's r for this test, we can look for the sub-variable called estimate:

```
# Code goes here
cor_MS_MTS$Estimates
```

#### ## NULL

And to index the p-value, we can call the sub-variable p.value:

```
# Code goes here
cor_MS_MTS$p.value
```

#### ## [1] 0.001173757

Now, we can use these variable names to refer to the Pearson's r and p-value of this correlation test. You don't have to look at the numbers and copy them over!

PS: In RStudio, if you want to know all the sub-variables inside of an object, if you just type the name of the object with a \$ after it, an auto-complete menu should pop up and you can use the up and down arrow keys to look through all the possible sub-variables.

### b. Maximizing and course selection

Let's see if maximizing correlates with various measures of course-selection behavior. Calculate the correlation and report the Pearson's r between MS\_total and each of the following variables:

courses\_enrolled

# Code goes here

courses\_shopped

# Code goes here

courses\_considered

# Code goes here

### c. Maximizing and satisfaction

Does maximizing correlate with self-reported satisfaction with courses? Pick one of the maximizer scales (MTS or MS) and test this question with cor.test().

courses\_satisfied

# Code goes here

What about self-reported happiness with past courses? Pick one of the maximizer scales and test this question with cor.test()

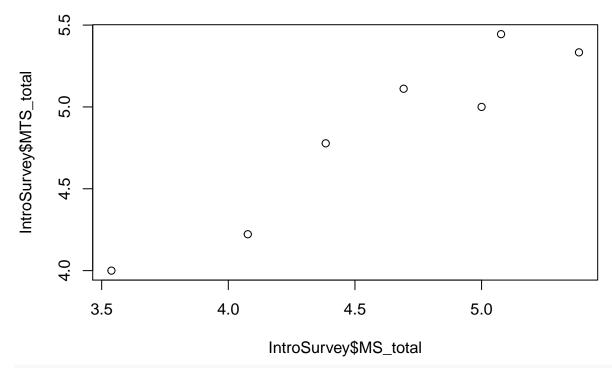
courses\_previous\_happy

# Code goes here

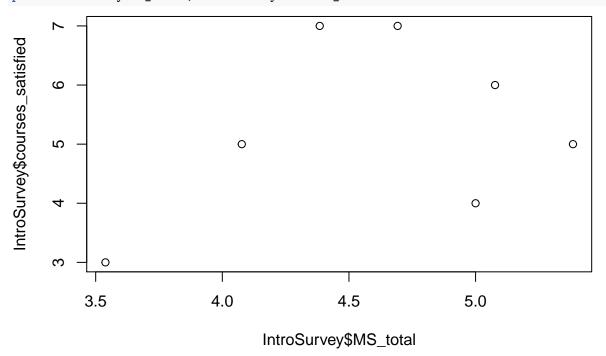
## d.Plotting correlations

We can use plot(var1, var2) to visualize the correlation between 2 variables. Use plot() to visualize any 3 of the prior correlations you tested above.

plot(IntroSurvey\$MS\_total, IntroSurvey\$MTS\_total)



plot(IntroSurvey\$MS\_total, IntroSurvey\$courses\_satisfied)



plot(IntroSurvey\$MS\_total, IntroSurvey\$courses\_enrolled)

