Introduction

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What is R?

R is statistical software that you can use to build, clean, analyze, visualize your data.

Building & Cleaning

Table 1: Automobile Performance

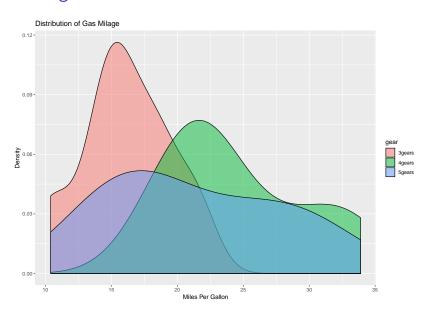
| | mpg | cyl | disp | hp | drat | wt |
|-------------------|------|-----|-------|-----|------|-------|
| Mazda RX4 | 21.0 | 6 | 160.0 | 110 | 3.90 | 2.620 |
| Mazda RX4 Wag | 21.0 | 6 | 160.0 | 110 | 3.90 | 2.875 |
| Datsun 710 | 22.8 | 4 | 108.0 | 93 | 3.85 | 2.320 |
| Hornet 4 Drive | 21.4 | 6 | 258.0 | 110 | 3.08 | 3.215 |
| Hornet Sportabout | 18.7 | 8 | 360.0 | 175 | 3.15 | 3.440 |
| Valiant | 18.1 | 6 | 225.0 | 105 | 2.76 | 3.460 |
| Duster 360 | 14.3 | 8 | 360.0 | 245 | 3.21 | 3.570 |
| Merc 240D | 24.4 | 4 | 146.7 | 62 | 3.69 | 3.190 |

Analyzing

Table 2:

| | Dependent variable: |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | mpg |
| cyl | -0.813 (0.663) |
| hp | -0.022 (0.016) |
| gear | 0.363 (1.000) |
| wt | -3.023*** (0.851) |
| Constant | 36.690*** (5.970) |
| Observations | 32 |
| R^2 | 0.844 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.821 |
| Residual Std. Error | 2.551 (df = 27) |
| F Statistic | 36.494*** (df = 4; 27) |
| Note: | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 |

Visualizing



Can't Stata and SPSS do this as well?

R is more powerful and flexible: Code-based UI allows for more functions, which can also be customized. - No limits to variables and observations like Stata or SPSS - A stepping stone for coding in general

R is open source: New functions and packages being added and updated constantly. Much less restricted to the version you have.

Course Schedule

- ► Session 1 (Nov 7): Intro to R, basic functions
- Session 2 (Nov 14): Data manipulation
- Session 3 (Nov 21): Data visualization
- Session 4 (Nov 28): Data presentation + ?

