Summaries and visualization of distributions

Reflection on the last week

Objectives

Organizing your work

Descriptive Statistics

Characterizing centrality

Mean (průměr)

mean(x)

$$\overline{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} = \frac{1}{n}(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)$$

Median (medián)

median(x)

- Robust, minimizes influence of outliers.

What are outliers? (odlehlé hodnoty)

- Outliers are data points that significantly differ from other observations.
- May indicate a measurement error, an exceptional observation, etc.

Characterizing centrality

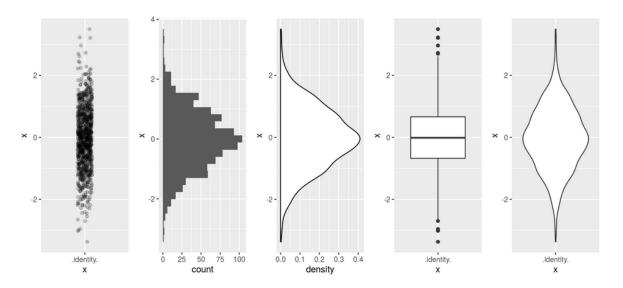


Figure 1: Various plots of a normal distribution

Characterizing dispersion and/or spread

Range (rozpětí)

max(x) - min(x) or range(x)

Variance and Standard deviation (rozptyl a směrodatná odchylka)

sd(x)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{s^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \overline{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

Interquartile range (midspread, IQR, kvantil, mezikvartilové rozpětí)

IQR(x)

- Robust, minimizes influence of outliers.

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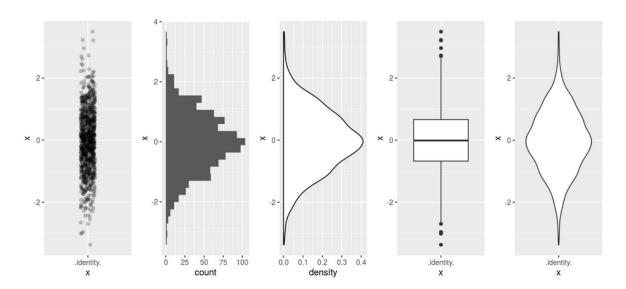


Figure 2: Various plots of a normal distribution

Brainstorming

- Why do we visualize data?
- What elements does a good graph contain?
- How are these elements called?

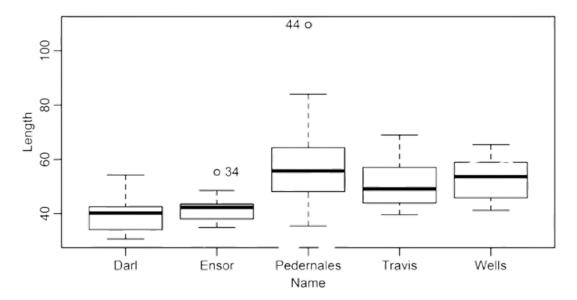


FIGURE 15 Box-and-whiskers plots for dart point lengths.

Figure 3: Boxplots from Carlson 2017

Plots for one variable

Histogram

Density plot

Exercises

Assignments

• Read Make a plot chapter in Data Visualization book by K. J. Healy.

Optional

• Go through Visualize data tutorials here.