

Descriptive Statistics With R Software

Frequency Distribution

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**Frequency Distribution and Cumulative
Distribution Function**

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Frequency Distribution

First step is to find the range of the data values which can be partitioned into class interval.

Use command `range` which returns a vector containing the minimum and maximum of all the given arguments.

Usage:

`range(data vector)` returns a vector containing the minimum and maximum of all the given arguments.

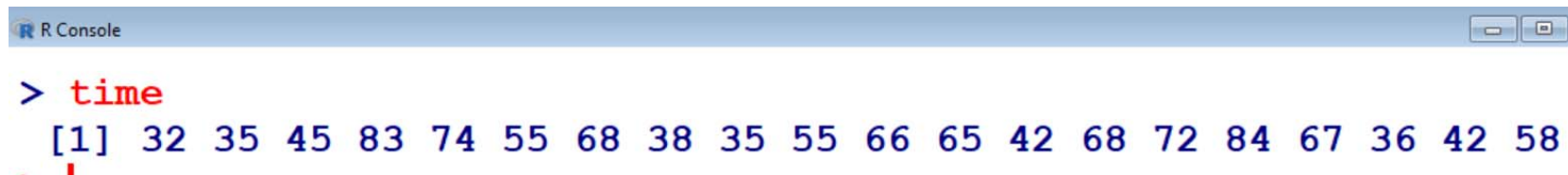
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Example (contd.):

Following are the time taken (in seconds) by 20 participants in a race: 32, 35, 45, 83, 74, 55, 68, 38, 35, 55, 66, 65, 42, 68, 72, 84, 67, 36, 42, 58.

```
> time
```

```
[1] 32 35 45 83 74 55 68 38 35 55 66 65 42 68  
  
72 84 67 36 42 58
```



```
R Console  
> time  
[1] 32 35 45 83 74 55 68 38 35 55 66 65 42 68 72 84 67 36 42 58
```

Frequency Distribution

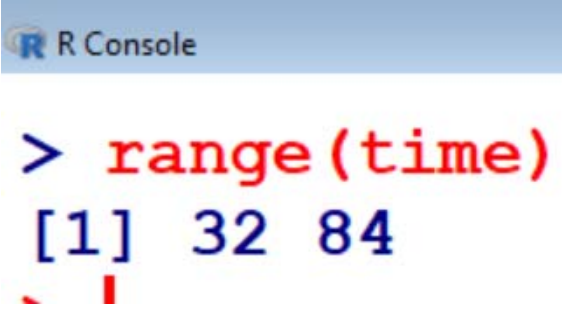
Example (contd.):

Class intervals	Mid point	Absolute frequency (or frequency)	Relative Frequency	Cumulative Frequency
31 – 40	35.5	5	$5/20 = 0.25$	5
41 – 50	45.5	3	$3/20 = 0.15$	$5+3 = 8$
51 – 60	55.5	3	$3/20 = 0.15$	$5+3+3 = 11$
61 – 70	65.5	5	$5/20 = 0.25$	$5+3+3+5 = 16$
71 – 80	75.5	2	$2/20 = 0.10$	$5+3+3+5+2 = 18$
81 - 90	85.5	2	$2/20 = 0.10$	$5+3+3+5+2+2 = 20$
	Total	20	1	

Frequency Distribution

Example (contd.):

```
> range(time)  
[1] 32 84
```

A screenshot of an R console window. The title bar says "R Console". The prompt is ">". The command "range(time)" is entered in red. The output "[1] 32 84" is shown in blue. A red cursor is at the end of the command line.

```
> range(time)  
[1] 32 84
```

This result gives an information and it looks reasonable to divide the data in class following intervals:

31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80 and 81-90

Create a sequence starting from 30 to 90 at an interval of 10 integers denoting the width.

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Example (contd.):

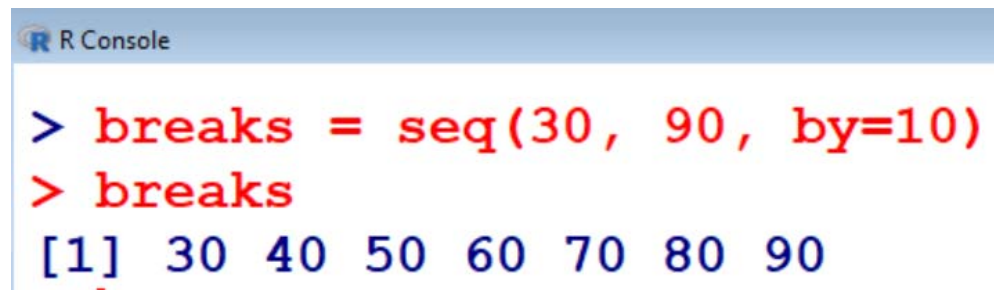
Create a sequence starting from 30 to 90 at an interval of 10 integers denoting the width.

```
breaks = seq(30, 90, by=10) # sequence at  
                             interval of 10 integers
```

```
> breaks = seq(30, 90, by=10)
```

```
> breaks
```

```
[1] 30 40 50 60 70 80 90
```

A screenshot of an R console window. The title bar says "R Console". The console shows the following text: "> breaks = seq(30, 90, by=10)", "> breaks", and "[1] 30 40 50 60 70 80 90". The first two lines are in red, and the third line is in blue. A cursor is visible at the end of the third line.

```
> breaks = seq(30, 90, by=10)  
> breaks  
[1] 30 40 50 60 70 80 90
```

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Now we need to convert Numeric to Factor using a command `cut`

Usage: `cut(data vector, breaks, right = FALSE)`

divides the range of `data vector` into intervals and codes the values in `data vector` according to which interval they fall.

`breaks` is a numeric vector of two or more unique cut points or a single number (greater than or equal to 2) giving the number of intervals into which `data vector` is to be cut.

As the intervals are to be closed on the left, and open on the `right`, we set the right argument as `FALSE`.

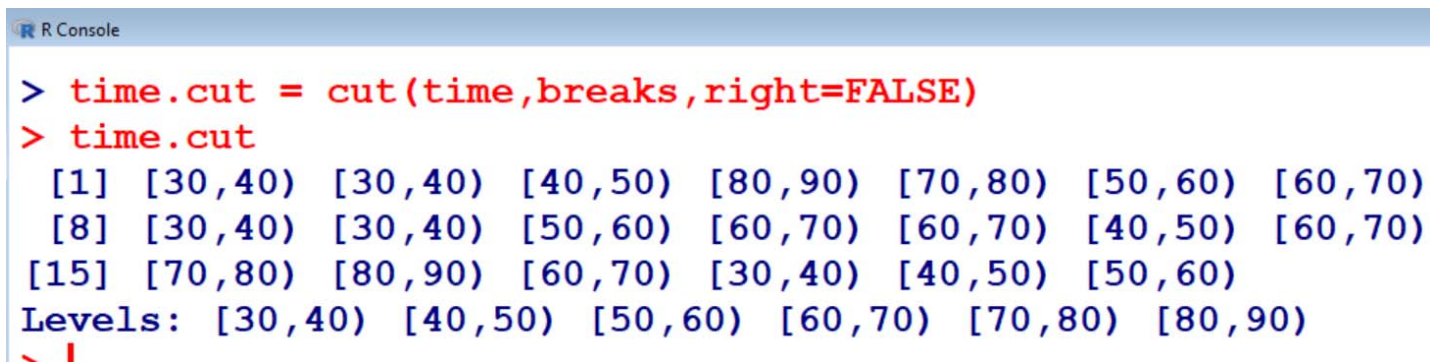
Frequency Distribution

Example (contd.):

Now we classify the time data according to the width intervals with `cut`.

```
> time.cut = cut(time,breaks,right=FALSE)
> time.cut

[1] [30,40) [30,40) [40,50) [80,90) [70,80) [50,60) [60,70)
[8] [30,40) [30,40) [50,60) [60,70) [60,70) [40,50) [60,70)
[15] [70,80) [80,90) [60,70) [30,40) [40,50) [50,60)
Levels: [30,40) [40,50) [50,60) [60,70) [70,80) [80,90)
```



```
R Console
> time.cut = cut(time,breaks,right=FALSE)
> time.cut

[1] [30,40) [30,40) [40,50) [80,90) [70,80) [50,60) [60,70)
[8] [30,40) [30,40) [50,60) [60,70) [60,70) [40,50) [60,70)
[15] [70,80) [80,90) [60,70) [30,40) [40,50) [50,60)
Levels: [30,40) [40,50) [50,60) [60,70) [70,80) [80,90)
```


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Example (contd.):

Interpretation of outcome. Recall

```
> time
[1] 32 35 45 83 74 55 68 38 35 55 66 65 42 68 72 84 67 36 42 58

> time.cut
[1] [30,40) [30,40) [40,50) [80,90) [70,80) [50,60) [60,70)
[8] [30,40) [30,40) [50,60) [60,70) [60,70) [40,50) [60,70)
[15] [70,80) [80,90) [60,70) [30,40) [40,50) [50,60)
Levels: [30,40) [40,50) [50,60) [60,70) [70,80) [80,90)
```

Frequency Distribution

Now we can compute the absolute frequency of time data in each width interval with the `table` function

`table(variable)` creates the absolute frequency of the `variable` of the data file which generates the frequency distribution of the data on `variable`.

Frequency Distribution

Example (contd.):

```
> table(time.cut)
```

time.cut

[30,40)	[40,50)	[50,60)	[60,70)	[70,80)	[80,90)
5	3	3	5	2	2

```
R Console
> table(time.cut)
time.cut
[30,40) [40,50) [50,60) [60,70) [70,80) [80,90)
      5      3      3      5      2      2
.
```

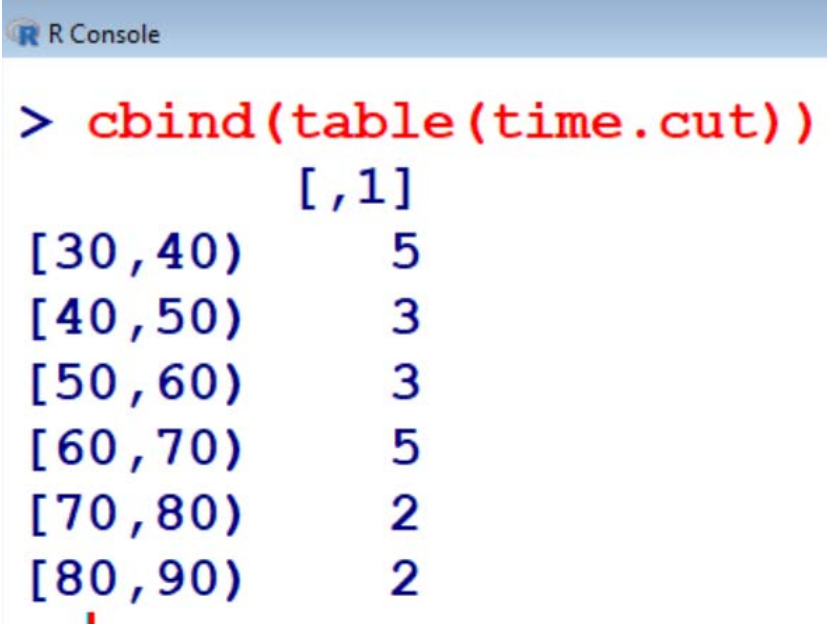
Frequency Distribution

Use the `cbind` function to print the frequency distribution in column format.

Example (contd.):

```
> cbind(table(time.cut))
```

```
      [,1]  
[30,40)    5  
[40,50)    3  
[50,60)    3  
[60,70)    5  
[70,80)    2  
[80,90)    2
```



```
R Console  
> cbind(table(time.cut))  
      [,1]  
[30,40)    5  
[40,50)    3  
[50,60)    3  
[60,70)    5  
[70,80)    2  
[80,90)    2
```

Frequency Distribution

To compute the relative frequency of time data in each width interval with the `table` function with `length` function

`table(variable)/length(variable)` creates the relative frequency of the `variable` of the data file which generates the frequency distribution of the data on `variable`.

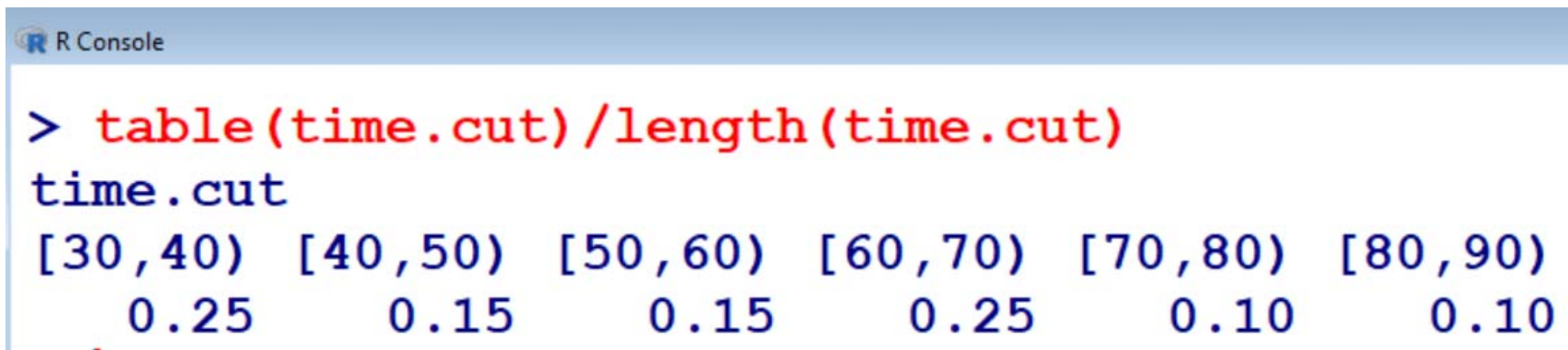
Frequency Distribution

Example (contd.):

```
> table(time.cut)/length(time.cut)
```

time.cut

[30,40)	[40,50)	[50,60)	[60,70)	[70,80)	[80,90)
0.25	0.15	0.15	0.25	0.10	0.10



R Console

```
> table(time.cut)/length(time.cut)
time.cut
[30,40) [40,50) [50,60) [60,70) [70,80) [80,90)
 0.25    0.15    0.15    0.25    0.10    0.10
```

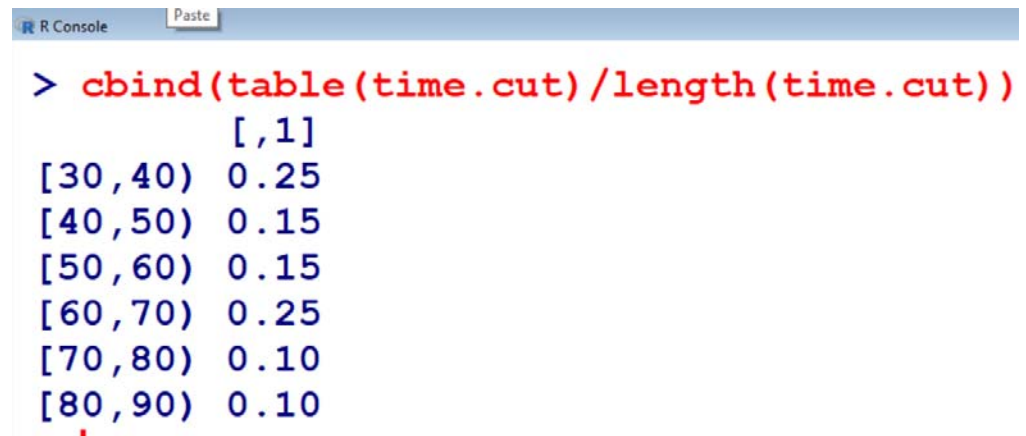
Frequency Distribution

Use the `cbind` function to print the frequency distribution in column format.

Example (contd.):

```
> cbind(table(time.cut)/length(time.cut))
```

```
      [,1]  
[30,40) 0.25  
[40,50) 0.15  
[50,60) 0.15  
[60,70) 0.25  
[70,80) 0.10  
[80,90) 0.10
```



```
R Console  
> cbind(table(time.cut)/length(time.cut))  
      [,1]  
[30,40) 0.25  
[40,50) 0.15  
[50,60) 0.15  
[60,70) 0.25  
[70,80) 0.10  
[80,90) 0.10
```

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for data

It gives us an idea about the cumulative frequencies up to a certain point.

The cumulative frequencies are computed by the function `cumsum`

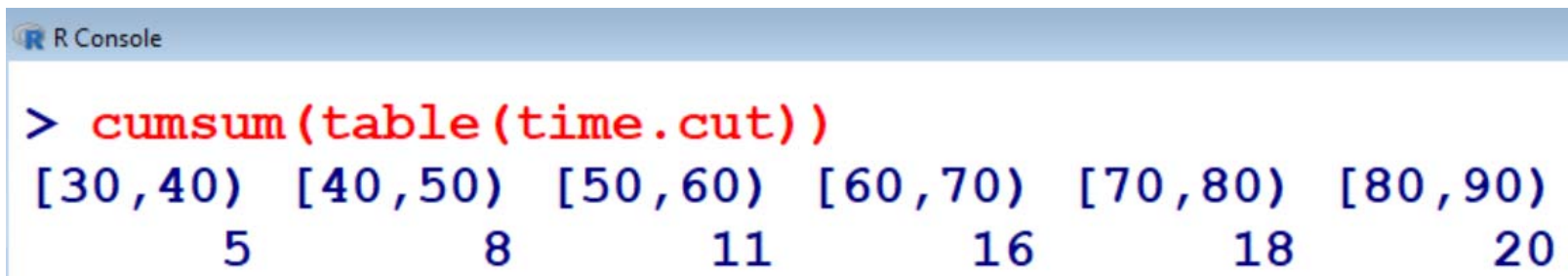
Usage: `cumsum(table(variable))` returns a vector whose elements are the cumulative sums of the elements of the frequencies in the `variable` in the argument.

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for data

Example (contd.):

```
> cumsum(table(time.cut))
```

[30,40)	[40,50)	[50,60)	[60,70)	[70,80)	[80,90)
5	8	11	16	18	20



```
R Console  
> cumsum(table(time.cut))  
[30,40) [40,50) [50,60) [60,70) [70,80) [80,90)  
      5      8      11      16      18      20
```

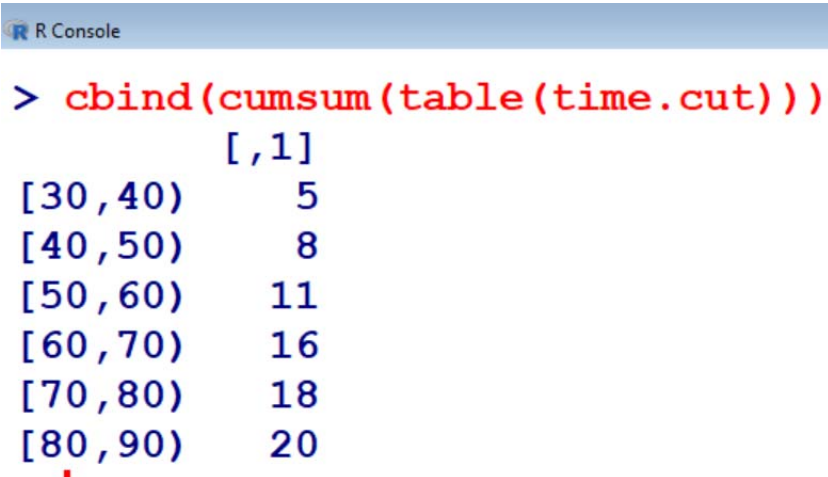
Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for data

Use the `cbind` function to print the cumulative frequency distribution in column format.

Example (contd.):

```
> cbind(cumsum(table(time.cut)))
```

```
      [,1]  
[30,40)    5  
[40,50)    8  
[50,60)   11  
[60,70)   16  
[70,80)   18  
[80,90)   20
```



```
R Console  
> cbind(cumsum(table(time.cut)))  
      [,1]  
[30,40)    5  
[40,50)    8  
[50,60)   11  
[60,70)   16  
[70,80)   18  
[80,90)   20
```

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for data

If the cumulative frequencies are to be computed based on relative frequency then the function `cumsum` is used with

`table(variable)/length(variable)`

Usage: `cumsum(table(variable)/length(variable))`

returns a vector whose elements are the cumulative sums of the elements of the relative frequencies in the `variable` in the argument.

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for data

Example (contd.):

```
> cumsum(table(time.cut)/length(time.cut))
```

[30,40)	[40,50)	[50,60)	[60,70)	[70,80)	[80,90)
0.25	0.40	0.55	0.80	0.90	1.00

R Console

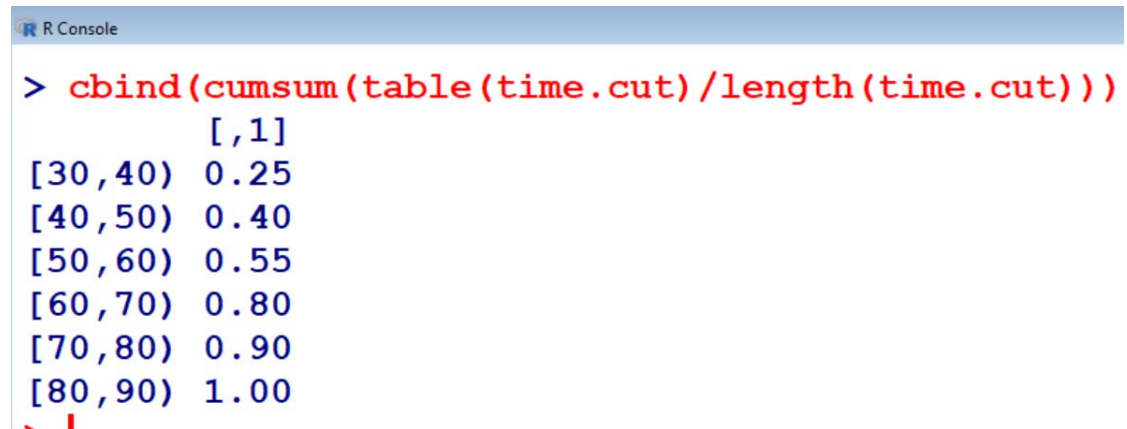
```
> cumsum(table(time.cut)/length(time.cut))  
[30,40) [40,50) [50,60) [60,70) [70,80) [80,90)  
      0.25      0.40      0.55      0.80      0.90      1.00  
#
```

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for data

Use the `cbind` function to print the cumulative relative frequency distribution in column format.

Example (contd.):

```
> cbind(cumsum(table(time.cut)/length(time.cut)))  
      [,1]  
[30,40) 0.25  
[40,50) 0.40  
[50,60) 0.55  
[60,70) 0.80  
[70,80) 0.90  
[80,90) 1.00
```



```
R Console  
> cbind(cumsum(table(time.cut)/length(time.cut)))  
      [,1]  
[30,40) 0.25  
[40,50) 0.40  
[50,60) 0.55  
[60,70) 0.80  
[70,80) 0.90  
[80,90) 1.00
```