## Data Science for Biological, Medical and Health Research: Notes for 432

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## Introduction

These Notes provide a series of examples using R to work through issues that are likely to come up in PQHS/CRSP/MPHP 432.

While these Notes share some of the features of a textbook, they are neither comprehensive nor completely original. The main purpose is to give students in 432 a set of common materials on which to draw during the course. In class, we will sometimes:

- reiterate points made in this document,
- amplify what is here,
- simplify the presentation of things done here,
- use new examples to show some of the same techniques,
- refer to issues not mentioned in this document,

but what we don't (always) do is follow these notes very precisely. We assume instead that you will read the materials and try to learn from them, just as you will attend classes and try to learn from them. We welcome feedback of all kinds on this document or anything else. Just email us at 431-help at case dot edu, or submit a pull request. Note that we still use 431-help even though we're now in 432.

What you will mostly find are brief explanations of a key idea or summary, accompanied (most of the time) by R code and a demonstration of the results of applying that code.

Everything you see here is available to you as HTML or PDF. You will also have access to the R Markdown files, which contain the code which generates everything in the document, including all of the R results. We will demonstrate the use of R Markdown (this document is generated with the additional help of an R package called bookdown) and R Studio (the "program" which we use to interface with the R language) in class.

To download the data and R code related to these notes, visit the Data and Code section of the 432 course website.

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# R Packages used in these notes

Here, we'll load in the packages used in these notes.

```
library(tableone)
library(skimr)
library(ggridges)
library(magrittr)
library(arm)
library(rms)
library(leaps)
library(lears)
library(simputation)
library(simputation)
library(broom)
library(tidyverse)
```

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## Data used in these notes

Here, we'll load in the data sets used in these notes.

```
fakestroke <- read.csv("data/fakestroke.csv") %>% tbl_df
bloodbrain <- read.csv("data/bloodbrain.csv") %>% tbl_df
smartcle1 <- read.csv("data/smartcle1.csv") %>% tbl_df
bonding <- read.csv("data/bonding.csv") %>% tbl_df
cortisol <- read.csv("data/cortisol.csv") %>% tbl_df
emphysema <- read.csv("data/emphysema.csv") %>% tbl_df
prost <- read.csv("data/prost.csv") %>% tbl_df
maleptsd <- read.csv("data/maleptsd.csv") %>% tbl_df
```

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# Special Functions used in these notes

specify\_decimal <- function(x, k) format(round(x, k), nsmall=k)</pre>

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## Chapter 1

## Building Table 1

Many scientific articles involve direct comparison of results from various exposures, perhaps treatments. In 431, we studied numerous methods, including various sorts of hypothesis tests, confidence intervals, and descriptive summaries, which can help us to understand and compare outcomes in such a setting. One common approach is to present what's often called Table 1. Table 1 provides a summary of the characteristics of a sample, or of groups of samples, which is most commonly used to help understand the nature of the data being compared.

#### 1.1 Two examples from the New England Journal of Medicine

#### 1.1.1 A simple Table 1

Table 1 is especially common in the context of clinical research. Consider the excerpt below, from a January 2015 article in the New England Journal of Medicine (Tolaney et al., 2015).

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Patients.*						
Characteristic	Patients (N=406)					
	no. (%)					
Age group						
<50 yr	132 (32.5)					
50–59 yr	137 (33.7)					
60–69 yr	96 (23.6)					
≥70 yr	41 (10.1)					
Sex						
Female	405 (99.8)					
Male	1 (0.2)					
Race†						
White	351 (86.5)					
Black	28 (6.9)					
Asian	11 (2.7)					
Other	16 (3.9)					

This (partial) table reports baseline characteristics on age group, sex and race, describing 406 patients with

HER2-positive<sup>1</sup> invasive breast cancer that began the protocol therapy. Age, sex and race (along with severity of illness) are the most commonly identified characteristics in a Table 1.

In addition to the measures shown in this excerpt, the full Table also includes detailed information on the primary tumor for each patient, including its size, nodal status and histologic grade. Footnotes tell us that the percentages shown are subject to rounding, and may not total 100, and that the race information was self-reported.

#### 1.1.2 A group comparison

A more typical Table 1 involves a group comparison, for example in this excerpt from Roy et al. (2008). This Table 1 describes a multi-center randomized clinical trial comparing two different approaches to caring for patients with heart failure and atrial fibrillation<sup>2</sup>.

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Patients.**								
Variable	Rhythm-Control Group (N = 682)	Rate-Control Group (N = 694)						
Male sex (%)	78	85						
Age (yr)	66±11	67±11						
Body-mass index†	27.8±5.4	28.0±5.1						
Nonwhite race (%)‡	16	13						
NYHA class III or IV (%)								
At baseline	32	31						
During previous 6 mo	76	76						
Predominant cardiac diagnosis (%)∫								
Coronary artery disease	48	48						
Valvular heart disease	5	5						
Nonischemic cardiomyopathy	36	39						
Congenital heart disease	1	1						
Hypertensive heart disease	10	7						

The article provides percentages, means and standard deviations across groups, but note that it does not provide p values for the comparison of baseline characteristics. This is a common feature of NEJM reports on randomized clinical trials, where we anticipate that the two groups will be well matched at baseline. Note that the patients in this study were *randomly* assigned to either the rhythm-control group or to the rate-control group, using blocked randomizations stratified by study center.

#### 1.2 The MR CLEAN trial

Berkhemer et al. (2015) reported on the MR CLEAN trial, involving 500 patients with acute ischemic stroke caused by a proximal intracranial arterial occlusion. The trial was conducted at 16 medical centers in the Netherlands, where 233 were randomly assigned to the intervention (intraarterial treatment plus usual care) and 267 to control (usual care alone.) The primary outcome was the modified Rankin scale score at 90 days; this categorical scale measures functional outcome, with scores ranging from 0 (no symptoms) to 6 (death). The fundamental conclusion of Berkhemer et al. (2015) was that in patients with acute ischemic stroke

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>HER2 = human epidermal growth factor receptor type 2. Over-expression of this occurs in 15-20% of invasive breast cancers, and has been associated with poor outcomes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The complete Table 1 appears on pages 2668-2669 of Roy et al. (2008), but I have only reproduced the first page and the footnote in this excerpt.

caused by a proximal intracranial occlusion of the anterior circulation, intraarterial treatment administered within 6 hours after stroke onset was effective and safe.

Here's the Table 1 from Berkhemer et al. (2015).

Characteristic	Intervention (N = 233)	Control (N = 267)
Age — yr		
Median	65.8	65.7
Interquartile range	54.5-76.0	55.5-76.4
Male sex — no. (%)	135 (57.9)	157 (58.8)
NIHSS score†		
Median (interquartile range)	17 (14–21)	18 (14-22)
Range	3-30	4-38
Location of stroke in left hemisphere — no. (%)	116 (49.8)	153 (57.3)
History of ischemic stroke — no. (%)	29 (12.4)	25 (9.4)
Atrial fibrillation — no. (%)	66 (28.3)	69 (25.8)
Diabetes mellitus — no. (%)	34 (14.6)	34 (12.7)
Prestroke modified Rankin scale score — no. (%)‡		
0	190 (81.5)	214 (80.1)
1	21 (9.0)	29 (10.9)
2	12 (5.2)	13 (4.9)
>2	10 (4.3)	11 (4.1)
Systolic blood pressure — mm Hg∫	146±26.0	145±24.4
Treatment with IV alteplase — no. (%)	203 (87.1)	242 (90.6)
Time from stroke onset to start of IV alteplase — min		
Median	85	87
Interquartile range	67-110	65-116
ASPECTS — median (interquartile range)¶	9 (7-10)	9 (8-10)
Intracranial arterial occlusion — no./total no. (%)		
Intracranial ICA	1/233 (0.4)	3/266 (1.1)
ICA with involvement of the M1 middle cerebral artery segment	59/233 (25.3)	75/266 (28.2)
M1 middle cerebral artery segment	154/233 (66.1)	165/266 (62.0)
M2 middle cerebral artery segment	18/233 (7.7)	21/266 (7.9)
A1 or A2 anterior cerebral artery segment	1/233 (0.4)	2/266 (0.8)
Extracranial ICA occlusion — no./total no. (%)   **	75/233 (32.2)	70/266 (26.3)
Time from stroke onset to randomization — min††		
Median	204	196
Interquartile range	152-251	149–266
Time from stroke onset to groin puncture — min		
Median	260	NA
Interquartile range	210-313	

The Table was accompanied by the following notes.

- \* The intervention group was assigned to intraarterial treatment plus usual care, and the control group was assigned to usual care alone. Plus-minus values are means ±SD. ICA denotes internal carotid artery, IV intravenous, and NA not applicable.
- † Scores on the National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) range from 0 to 42, with higher scores indicating more severe neurologic deficits. The NIHSS is a 15-item scale, and values for 30 of the 7500 items were missing (0.4%). The highest number of missing items for a single patient was 6.
- Scores on the modified Rankin scale of functional disability range from 0 (no symptoms) to 6 (death). A score of 2 or less indicates functional independence.
- Data on systolic blood pressure at baseline were missing for one patient assigned to the control group.
- The Alberta Stroke Program Early Computed Tomography Score (ASPECTS) is a measure of the extent of stroke. Scores ranges from 0 to 10, with higher scores indicating fewer early ischemic changes. Scores were not available for four patients assigned to the control group: noncontrast computed tomography was not performed in one patient, and three patients had strokes in the territory of the anterior cerebral artery.
- Vessel imaging was not performed in one patient in the control group, so the level of occlusion was not known.
- \*\* Extracranial ICA occlusions were reported by local investigators.
- †† Data were missing for two patients in the intervention group.

#### 1.3 Simulated fakestroke data

Consider the simulated data, available on the Data and Code page of our course website in the fakestroke.csv file, which I built to let us mirror the Table 1 for MR CLEAN (Berkhemer et al., 2015). The fakestroke.csv file contains the following 18 variables for 500 patients.

Variable	Description
studyid	Study ID # (z001 through z500)
trt	Treatment group (Intervention or Control)
age	Age in years
sex	Male or Female
nihss	NIH Stroke Scale Score (can range from 0-42; higher scores
	indicate more severe neurological deficits)
location	Stroke Location - Left or Right Hemisphere
hx.isch	History of Ischemic Stroke (Yes/No)
afib	Atrial Fibrillation $(1 = Yes, 0 = No)$
dm	Diabetes Mellitus $(1 = Yes, 0 = No)$
mrankin	Pre-stroke modified Rankin scale score $(0, 1, 2 \text{ or } > 2)$
	indicating functional disability - complete range is 0 (no
	symptoms) to 6 (death)
sbp	Systolic blood pressure, in mm Hg
iv.altep	- ' ' '
time.iv	Time from stroke onset to start of IV alteplase (minutes) if
	iv.altep=Yes
aspects	Alberta Stroke Program Early Computed Tomography
	score, which measures extent of stroke from $0$ - $10$ ; higher
	scores indicate fewer early ischemic changes
ia.occlus	Intracranial arterial occlusion, based on vessel imaging -
	five categories <sup>3</sup>
extra.ica	Extracranial ICA occlusion $(1 = Yes, 0 = No)$
time.rand	Time from stroke onset to study randomization, in minutes
time.punc	Time from stroke onset to groin puncture, in minutes (only
	if Intervention)

Here's a quick look at the simulated data in fakestroke.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The five categories are Intracranial ICA, ICA with involvement of the M1 middle cerebral artery segment, M1 middle cerebral artery segment, M2 middle cerebral artery segment, A1 or A2 anterior cerebral artery segment

#### fakestroke

```
# A tibble: 500 x 18
   studyid trt
                      age sex
                                nihss location hx.isch afib
                                                                 dm mrankin
           <fct>
   <fct>
                    <dbl> <fct> <int> <fct>
                                                <fct>
                                                        <int> <int> <fct>
 1 z001
           Control 53.0 Male
                                                            0
                                                                  0 2
                                   21 Right
                                                No
 2 z002
                                                                  0 0
           Interve~ 51.0 Male
                                   23 Left
                                                No
                                                            1
                     68.0 Fema~
 3 z003
                                                            0
                                                                  0 0
           Control
                                   11 Right
                                                No
 4 z004
           Control
                     28.0 Male
                                   22 Left
                                                No
                                                            0
                                                                  0 0
                                                            0
 5 z005
           Control
                     91.0 Male
                                   24 Right
                                                No
                                                                  0 0
 6 z006
           Control
                     34.0 Fema~
                                   18 Left
                                                No
                                                                  0 2
 7 z007
                                   25 Right
                                                            0
                                                                  0 0
           Interve~ 75.0 Male
                                                No
 8 z008
           Control
                     89.0 Fema~
                                   18 Right
                                                No
                                                            0
                                                                  0 0
9 z009
           Control
                     75.0 Male
                                   25 Left
                                                No
                                                            1
                                                                  0 2
10 z010
           Interve~ 26.0 Fema~
                                   27 Right
                                                            0
                                                                  0 0
                                                No
# ... with 490 more rows, and 8 more variables: sbp <int>, iv.altep <fct>,
   time.iv <int>, aspects <int>, ia.occlus <fct>, extra.ica <int>,
   time.rand <int>, time.punc <int>
```

#### 1.4 Building Table 1 for fakestroke: Attempt 1

Our goal, then, is to take the data in fakestroke.csv and use it to generate a Table 1 for the study that compares the 233 patients in the Intervention group to the 267 patients in the Control group, on all of the other variables (except study ID #) available. I'll use the tableone package of functions available in R to help me complete this task. We'll make a first attempt, using the CreateTableOne function in the tableone package. To use the function, we'll need to specify:

- the vars or variables we want to place in the rows of our Table 1 (which will include just about everything in the fakestroke data except the studyid code and the trt variable for which we have other plans, and the time.punc which applies only to subjects in the Intervention group.)
  - A useful trick here is to use the dput function, specifically something like dput (names (fakestroke)) can be used to generate a list of all of the variables included in the fakestroke tibble, and then this can be copied and pasted into the vars specification, saving some typing.
- the strata which indicates the levels want to use in the columns of our Table 1 (for us, that's trt)

#### Stratified by trt Control Intervention test 267 233 age (mean (sd)) 65.38 (16.10) 63.93 (18.09) 0.343 sex = Male (%) 157 (58.8) 135 (57.9) 0.917 nihss (mean (sd)) 18.08 (4.32) 17.97 (5.04) 0.787 117 (50.2) location = Right (%) 114 (42.7) 0.111

hx.isch = Yes (%)	25	(9.4)	29	(12.4)	0.335
afib (mean (sd))	0.26	(0.44)	0.28	(0.45)	0.534
dm (mean (sd))	0.13	(0.33)	0.12	(0.33)	0.923
mrankin (%)					0.922
> 2	11	(4.1)	10	(4.3)	
0	214	(80.1)	190	(81.5)	
1	29	(10.9)	21	(9.0)	
2	13	(4.9)	12	(5.2)	
sbp (mean (sd))	145.00	(24.40)	146.03	(26.00)	0.647
iv.altep = Yes (%)	242	(90.6)	203	(87.1)	0.267
time.iv (mean (sd))	87.96	(26.01)	98.22	(45.48)	0.003
aspects (mean (sd))	8.65	(1.47)	8.35	(1.64)	0.033
ia.occlus (%)					0.795
A1 or A2	2	(0.8)	1	(0.4)	
ICA with M1	75	(28.2)	59	(25.3)	
Intracranial ICA	3	(1.1)	1	(0.4)	
M1	165	(62.0)	154	(66.1)	
M2	21	(7.9)	18	(7.7)	
extra.ica (mean (sd))	0.26	(0.44)	0.32	(0.47)	0.150
time.rand (mean (sd))	213.88	(70.29)	202.51	(57.33)	0.051

#### 1.4.1 Some of this is very useful, and other parts need to be fixed.

- 1. The 1/0 variables (afib, dm, extra.ica) might be better if they were treated as the factors they are, and reported as the Yes/No variables are reported, with counts and percentages rather than with means and standard deviations.
- 2. In some cases, we may prefer to re-order the levels of the categorical (factor) variables, particularly the mrankin variable, but also the ia.occlus variable. It would also be more typical to put the Intervention group to the left and the Control group to the right, so we may need to adjust our trt variable's levels accordingly.
- 3. For each of the quantitative variables (age, nihss, sbp, time.iv, aspects, extra.ica, time.rand and time.punc) we should make a decision whether a summary with mean and standard deviation is appropriate, or whether we should instead summarize with, say, the median and quartiles. A mean and standard deviation really only yields an appropriate summary when the data are least approximately Normally distributed. This will make the p values a bit more reasonable, too. The test column in the first attempt will soon have something useful to tell us.
- 4. If we'd left in the time.punc variable, we'd get some warnings, having to do with the fact that time.punc is only relevant to patients in the Intervention group.

#### 1.4.2 fakestroke Cleaning Up Categorical Variables

Let's specify each of the categorical variables as categorical explicitly. This helps the CreateTableOne function treat them appropriately, and display them with counts and percentages. This includes all of the 1/0, Yes/No and multi-categorical variables.

Then we simply add a factorVars = fs.factorvars call to the CreateTableOne function.

We also want to re-order some of those categorical variables, so that the levels are more useful to us. Specifically, we want to:

- place Intervention before Control in the trt variable,
- reorder the mrankin scale as 0, 1, 2, > 2, and

• rearrange the ia.occlus variable to the order<sup>4</sup> presented in Berkhemer et al. (2015).

To accomplish this, we'll use the fct\_relevel function from the forcats package (loaded with the rest of the core tidyverse packages) to reorder our levels manually.

#### 1.5 fakestroke Table 1: Attempt 2

Stratified by trt								
	Intervention		Control	L	p	test		
n	233		267					
age (mean (sd))	63.93	(18.09)	65.38	(16.10)	0.343			
sex = Male (%)		(57.9)		(58.8)				
nihss (mean (sd))	17.97	(5.04)	18.08	(4.32)	0.787			
<pre>location = Right (%)</pre>	117	(50.2)	114	(42.7)	0.111			
hx.isch = Yes (%)	29	(12.4)	25	(9.4)	0.335			
afib = 1 (%)	66	(28.3)	69	(25.8)	0.601			
dm = 1 (%)	29	(12.4)	34	(12.7)	1.000			
mrankin (%)					0.922			
0	190	(81.5)	214	(80.1)				
1	21	(9.0)	29	(10.9)				
2	12	(5.2)	13	(4.9)				
> 2	10	(4.3)	11	(4.1)				
sbp (mean (sd))	146.03	(26.00)	145.00	(24.40)	0.647			
iv.altep = Yes (%)	203	(87.1)	242	(90.6)	0.267			
time.iv (mean (sd))	98.22	(45.48)	87.96	(26.01)	0.003			
aspects (mean (sd))	8.35	(1.64)	8.65	(1.47)	0.033			
ia.occlus (%)					0.795			
Intracranial ICA	1	(0.4)	3	(1.1)				
ICA with M1	59	(25.3)	75	(28.2)				
M1	154	(66.1)	165	(62.0)				
M2	18	(7.7)	21	(7.9)				
A1 or A2	1	(0.4)	2	(0.8)				
extra.ica = 1 (%)	75	(32.2)	70	(26.3)	0.179			
<pre>time.rand (mean (sd))</pre>	202.51	(57.33)	213.88	(70.29)	0.051			

The categorical data presentation looks much improved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>We might also have considered reordering the ia.occlus factor by its frequency, using the fct\_infreq function

#### 1.5.1 What summaries should we show?

Now, we'll move on to the issue of making a decision about what type of summary to show for the quantitative variables. Since the fakestroke data are just simulated and only match the summary statistics of the original results, not the details, we'll adopt the decisions made by Berkhemer et al. (2015), which were to use medians and interquartile ranges to summarize the distributions of all of the continuous variables except systolic blood pressure.

- Specifying certain quantitative variables as *non-normal* causes R to show them with medians and the 25th and 75th percentiles, rather than means and standard deviations, and also causes those variables to be tested using non-parametric tests, like the Wilcoxon signed rank test, rather than the t test. The test column indicates this with the word nonnorm.
  - In real data situations, what should we do? The answer is to look at the data. I would not make the decision as to which approach to take without first plotting (perhaps in a histogram or a Normal Q-Q plot) the observed distributions in each of the two samples, so that I could make a sound decision about whether Normality was a reasonable assumption. If the means and medians are meaningfully different from each other, this is especially important.
  - To be honest, though, if the variable in question is a relatively unimportant covariate and the p values for the two approaches are nearly the same, I'm not sure that further investigation is especially important,
- Specifying *exact* tests for certain categorical variables (we'll try this for the location and mrankin variables) can be done, and these changes will be noted in the test column, as well.
  - In real data situations, I would rarely be concerned about this issue, and often choose Pearson (approximate) options across the board. This is reasonable so long as the number of subjects falling in each category is reasonably large, say above 10. If not, then an exact test may be an improvement.

To accomplish the Table 1, then, we need to specify which variables should be treated as non-Normal in the print statement - notice that we don't need to redo the CreateTableOne for this change.

Stratified by trt								
	Interve	ention	Control	L				
n	233		267					
age (median [IQR])	65.80	[54.50, 76.00]	65.70	[55.75, 76.20]				
sex = Male (%)	135	(57.9)	157	(58.8)				
nihss (median [IQR])	17.00	[14.00, 21.00]	18.00	[14.00, 22.00]				
location = Right (%)	117	(50.2)	114	(42.7)				
hx.isch = Yes (%)	29	(12.4)	25	(9.4)				
afib = 1 (%)	66	(28.3)	69	(25.8)				
dm = 1 (%)	29	(12.4)	34	(12.7)				
mrankin (%)								
0	190	(81.5)	214	(80.1)				
1	21	(9.0)	29	(10.9)				
2	12	(5.2)	13	(4.9)				
> 2	10	(4.3)	11	(4.1)				
sbp (mean (sd))	146.03	(26.00)	145.00	(24.40)				
iv.altep = Yes (%)	203	(87.1)	242	(90.6)				
time.iv (median [IQR])	85.00	[67.00, 110.00]	87.00	[65.00, 116.00]				
aspects (median [IQR])	9.00	[7.00, 10.00]	9.00	[8.00, 10.00]				
ia.occlus (%)								
Intracranial ICA	1	( 0.4)	3	(1.1)				
ICA with M1	59	(25.3)	75	(28.2)				

```
M1
                             154 (66.1)
                                                      165 (62.0)
                              18 (7.7)
  M2
                                                       21 (7.9)
   A1 or A2
                               1 (0.4)
                                                       2 (0.8)
                              75 (32.2)
extra.ica = 1 (\%)
                                                       70 (26.3)
time.rand (median [IQR]) 204.00 [152.00, 249.50] 196.00 [149.00, 266.00]
                        Stratified by trt
                                 test
age (median [IQR])
                           0.579 nonnorm
                           0.917
sex = Male (%)
nihss (median [IQR])
                           0.453 nonnorm
location = Right (%)
                           0.106 exact
hx.isch = Yes (%)
                           0.335
afib = 1 (%)
                           0.601
dm = 1 (\%)
                           1.000
mrankin (%)
                           0.917 exact
   0
   1
   2
   > 2
sbp (mean (sd))
                           0.647
iv.altep = Yes (%)
                           0.267
time.iv (median [IQR])
                           0.596 nonnorm
aspects (median [IQR])
                           0.075 nonnorm
                           0.795
ia.occlus (%)
   Intracranial ICA
   ICA with M1
   M1
   M2
   A1 or A2
extra.ica = 1 (\%)
                           0.179
time.rand (median [IQR]) 0.251 nonnorm
```

#### 1.6 Obtaining a more detailed Summary

summary(att2)

If this was a real data set, we'd want to get a more detailed description of the data to make decisions about things like potentially collapsing categories of a variable, or whether or not a normal distribution was useful for a particular continuous variable, etc. You can do this with the summary command applied to a created Table 1, which shows, among other things, the effect of changing from normal to non-normal p values for continuous variables, and from approximate to "exact" p values for categorical factors.

Again, as noted above, in a real data situation, we'd want to plot the quantitative variables (within each group) to make a smart decision about whether a t test or Wilcoxon approach is more appropriate.

Note in the summary below that we have some missing values here. Often, we'll present this information within the Table 1, as well.

```
### Summary of continuous variables ###
trt: Intervention
```

n miss p.miss mean sd median p25 p75 min max skew kurt

age	233	0	0.0	64	18	66	54	76	23	96	-0.34	-0.52
nihss	233	0	0.0	18	5	17	14	21	10	28	0.48	-0.74
sbp	233	0	0.0	146	26	146	129	164	78	214	-0.07	-0.22
time.iv	233	30	12.9	98	45	85	67	110	42	218	1.03	0.08
aspects	233	0	0.0	8	2	9	7	10	5	10	-0.56	-0.98
time.rand	233	2	0.9	203	57	204	152	250	100	300	0.01	-1.16

trt: Control

	n	miss	p.miss	${\tt mean}$	sd	${\tt median}$	p25	p75	$\min$	${\tt max}$	skew	kurt
age	267	0	0.0	65	16	66	56	76	24	94	-0.296	-0.28
nihss	267	0	0.0	18	4	18	14	22	11	25	0.017	-1.24
sbp	267	1	0.4	145	24	145	128	161	82	231	0.156	0.08
time.iv	267	25	9.4	88	26	87	65	116	44	130	0.001	-1.32
aspects	267	4	1.5	9	1	9	8	10	5	10	-1.071	0.36
time.rand	267	0	0.0	214	70	196	149	266	120	360	0.508	-0.93

#### p-values

pNormal pNonNormal age 0.342813660 0.57856976 nihss 0.787487252 0.45311695 sbp 0.647157646 0.51346132 time.iv 0.003073372 0.59641104 aspects 0.032662901 0.07464683 time.rand 0.050803672 0.25134327

#### Standardize mean differences

1 vs 2

age 0.08478764
nihss 0.02405390
sbp 0.04100833
time.iv 0.27691223
aspects 0.19210662
time.rand 0.17720957

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#### ### Summary of categorical variables ###

trt: Intervention

var	n	miss	p.miss	level	freq	percent	cum.percent
sex	233	0	0.0	Female	98	42.1	42.1
				Male	135	57.9	100.0
location	233	0	0.0	Left	116	49.8	49.8
				Right	117	50.2	100.0
hx.isch	233	0	0.0	No	204	87.6	87.6
				Yes	29	12.4	100.0
afib	233	0	0.0	0	167	71.7	71.7
				1	66	28.3	100.0
dm	233	0	0.0	0	204	87.6	87.6
				1	29	12.4	100.0

mrankin	233	0	0.0	0	190	81.5	81.5
				1	21	9.0	90.6
				2	12	5.2	95.7
				> 2	10	4.3	100.0
iv.altep	233	0	0.0	No	30	12.9	12.9
-				Yes	203	87.1	100.0
ia.occlus	233	0	0.0	Intracranial ICA	1	0.4	0.4
				ICA with M1	59	25.3	25.8
				M1	154	66.1	91.8
				M2	18	7.7	99.6
				A1 or A2	1	0.4	100.0
extra.ica	233	0	0.0	0	158	67.8	67.8
				1	75	32.2	100.0
trt: Contro				7 7	<b></b>		
var			p.miss				cum.percent
sex	267	0	0.0			41.2	41.2
				Male	157	58.8	100.0
location	267	0	0.0	Left	153	57.3	57.3
		·		Right		42.7	100.0
				1016110		12.1	100.0
hx.isch	267	0	0.0	No	242	90.6	90.6
				Yes	25	9.4	100.0
afib	267	0	0.0	0	198	74.2	74.2
				1	69	25.8	100.0
dm	267	0	0.0	0	233	87.3	87.3
				1	34	12.7	100.0
mrankin	267	0	0.0	0	214	80.1	80.1
				1	29	10.9	91.0
				2	13	4.9	95.9
				> 2	11	4.1	100.0
iv.altep	267	0	0.0	No	25		
				Yes	242	90.6	100.0
	067	4	0 1	Total TOA	2	1 1	4 4
ia.occlus	201	1	0.4	Intracranial ICA	3 75	1.1	1.1
				ICA with M1	75 165		29.3
				M1	165		91.4
				M2	21	7.9	99.2
				A1 or A2	2	0.8	100.0
overs is	267	4	0.4	^	106	79 7	79 7
extra.ica	201	1	0.4	0	196	73.7	73.7
				1	70	26.3	100.0

```
p-values
            pApprox
                      pExact
         0.9171387 0.8561188
location 0.1113553 0.1056020
hx.isch 0.3352617 0.3124683
afib
         0.6009691 0.5460206
         1.0000000 1.0000000
mrankin 0.9224798 0.9173657
iv.altep 0.2674968 0.2518374
ia.occlus 0.7945580 0.8189090
extra.ica 0.1793385 0.1667574
Standardize mean differences
               1 vs 2
         0.017479025
sex
location 0.151168444
hx.isch
         0.099032275
afib
         0.055906317
         0.008673478
mrankin 0.062543164
iv.altep 0.111897009
ia.occlus 0.117394890
extra.ica 0.129370206
```

In this case, I have simulated the data to mirror the results in the published Table 1 for this study. In no way have I captured the full range of the real data, or any of the relationships in that data, so it's more important here to see what's available in the analysis, rather than to interpret it closely in the clinical context.

### 1.7 Exporting the Completed Table 1 from R to Excel or Word

Once you've built the table and are generally satisfied with it, you'll probably want to be able to drop it into Excel or Word for final cleanup.

#### 1.7.1 Approach A: Save and open in Excel

One option is to save the Table 1 to a .csv file within our data subfolder (note that the data folder must already exist), which you can then open directly in Excel. This is the approach I generally use. Note the addition of some quote, noSpaces and printToggle selections here.

When I then open the fs-table1.csv file in Excel, it looks like this:

4	Α	В	С	D	E
1		Intervention	Control	р	test
2	n	233	267		
3	age (median [IQR])	65.80 [54.50, 76.00]	65.70 [55.75, 76.20]	0.579	nonnorm
4	sex = Male (%)	135 (57.9)	157 (58.8)	0.917	
5	nihss (median [IQR])	17.00 [14.00, 21.00]	18.00 [14.00, 22.00]	0.453	nonnorm
6	location = Right (%)	117 (50.2)	114 (42.7)	0.111	
7	hx.isch = Yes (%)	29 (12.4)	25 (9.4)	0.335	
8	afib = 1 (%)	66 (28.3)	69 (25.8)	0.601	
9	dm = 1 (%)	29 (12.4)	34 (12.7)	1	
10	mrankin (%)			0.922	
11	0	190 (81.5)	214 (80.1)		
12	1	21 (9.0)	29 (10.9)		
13	2	12 (5.2)	13 (4.9)		
14	>2	10 (4.3)	11 (4.1)		
15	sbp (mean (sd))	146.03 (26.00)	145.00 (24.40)	0.647	
16	iv.altep = Yes (%)	203 (87.1)	242 (90.6)	0.267	
17	time.iv (median [IQR])	85.00 [67.00, 110.00]	87.00 [65.00, 116.00]	0.596	nonnorm
18	aspects (median [IQR])	9.00 [7.00, 10.00]	9.00 [8.00, 10.00]	0.075	nonnorm
19	ia.occlus (%)			0.795	
20	Intracranial ICA	1 (0.4)	3 (1.1)		
21	ICA with M1	59 (25.3)	75 (28.2)		
22	M1	154 (66.1)	165 (62.0)		
23	M2	18 (7.7)	21 (7.9)		
24	A1 or A2	1 (0.4)	2 (0.8)		
25	extra.ica = 1 (%)	75 (32.2)	70 (26.3)	0.179	
26	time.rand (median [IQR])	204.00 [152.00, 249.50]	196.00 [149.00, 266.00]	0.251	nonnorm
27	time.punc (median [IQR])	260.00 [212.00, 313.00]	NA [NA, NA]	NA	nonnorm
28					

And from here, I can either drop it directly into Word, or present it as is, or start tweaking it to meet formatting needs.

#### 1.7.2 Approach B: Produce the Table so you can cut and paste it

This will look like a mess by itself, but if you:

- 1. copy and paste that mess into Excel
- 2. select Text to Columns from the Data menu
- 3. select Delimited, then Space and select Treat consecutive delimiters as one

you should get something usable again.

Or, in Word,

1. insert the text

- 2. select the text with your mouse
- 3. select Insert ... Table ... Convert Text to Table
- 4. place a quotation mark in the "Other" area under Separate text at ...

After dropping blank columns, the result looks pretty good.

# 1.8 A Controlled Biological Experiment - The Blood-Brain Barrier

My source for the data and the following explanatory paragraph is page 307 from Ramsey and Schafer (2002). The original data come from Barnett et al. (1995).

The human brain (and that of rats, coincidentally) is protected from the bacteria and toxins that course through the bloodstream by something called the blood-brain barrier. After a method of disrupting the barrier was developed, researchers tested this new mechanism, as follows. A series of 34 rats were inoculated with human lung cancer cells to induce brain tumors. After 9-11 days they were infused with either the barrier disruption (BD) solution or, as a control, a normal saline (NS) solution. Fifteen minutes later, the rats received a standard dose of a particular therapeutic antibody (L6-F(ab')2. The key measure of the effectiveness of transmission across the brain-blood barrier is the ratio of the antibody concentration in the brain tumor to the antibody concentration in normal tissue outside the brain. The rats were then sacrificed, and the amounts of antibody in the brain tumor and in normal tissue from the liver were measured. The study's primary objective is to determine whether the antibody concentration in the tumor increased when the blood-barrier disruption infusion was given, and if so, by how much?

#### 1.9 The bloodbrain.csv file

Consider the data, available on the Data and Code page of our course website in the bloodbrain.csv file, which includes the following variables:

Variable	Description
case	identification number for the rat (1 - 34)
brain	an outcome: Brain tumor antibody count (per gram)
liver	an outcome: Liver antibody count (per gram)
tlratio	an outcome: tumor / liver concentration ratio
solution	the treatment: BD (barrier disruption) or NS (normal saline)
sactime	a design variable: Sacrifice time (hours; either 0.5, 3, 24 or 72)
postin	covariate: Days post-inoculation of lung cancer cells (9, 10 or
	11)
sex	covariate: M or F
wt.init	covariate: Initial weight (grams)
wt.loss	covariate: Weight loss (grams)
wt.tumor	covariate: Tumor weight (10 <sup>-4</sup> grams)

And here's what the data look like in R.

#### bloodbrain

```
# A tibble: 34 x 11

case brain liver tlratio solution sactime postin sex wt.init
<int> <int> <int> <int> <fot> <fot> <fot> 
1 41081 1456164 0.0282 BD 0.500 10 F 239
```

```
2 44286 1602171 0.0276 BD
                                           0.500
                                                     10 F
                                                                  225
 3
      3 102926 1601936 0.0642 BD
                                           0.500
                                                     10 F
                                                                  224
                                                     10 F
 4
      4 25927 1776411 0.0146 BD
                                           0.500
                                                                  184
 5
      5 42643 1351184 0.0316 BD
                                           0.500
                                                     10 F
                                                                  250
 6
      6
         31342 1790863 0.0175 NS
                                           0.500
                                                     10 F
                                                                  196
7
                                           0.500
      7 22815 1633386 0.0140 NS
                                                     10 F
                                                                  200
                                           0.500
8
        16629 1618757 0.0103 NS
                                                     10 F
                                                                  273
9
      9
         22315 1567602 0.0142 NS
                                           0.500
                                                     10 F
                                                                  216
     10
         77961 1060057 0.0735 BD
                                           3.00
                                                     10 F
                                                                  267
# ... with 24 more rows, and 2 more variables: wt.loss <dbl>, wt.tumor
    <int>
```

#### 1.10 A Table 1 for bloodbrain

Barnett et al. (1995) did not provide a Table 1 for these data, so let's build one to compare the two solutions (BD vs. NS) on the covariates and outcomes, plus the natural logarithm of the tumor/liver concentration ratio (tlratio). We'll opt to treat the sacrifice time (sactime) and the days post-inoculation of lung cancer cells (postin) as categorical rather than quantitative variables.

### Summary of continuous variables ###

```
solution: BD
                                              p25
         n miss p.miss
                         mean
                                  sd median
                                                     p75
                                                            min
                                                                  max
wt.init
        17
              0
                           243 3e+01
                                     2e+02
                                            2e+02 3e+02
                                                         2e+02 3e+02
wt.loss 17
              0
                     0
                             3 5e+00
                                     4e+00
                                            1e+00 6e+00 -5e+00 1e+01
wt.tumor 17
              0
                     0
                           157 8e+01
                                     2e+02
                                            1e+02 2e+02
                                                         2e+01 4e+02
                                                         6e+03 1e+05
              0
                     0 56043 3e+04 5e+04 4e+04 8e+04
brain
         17
                     0 672577 7e+05 6e+05 2e+04 1e+06
                                                         2e+03 2e+06
liver
         17
              0
                            2 3e+00 1e-01 6e-02 3e+00 1e-02 9e+00
tlratio
        17
              0
                     0
logTL
              0
                            -1 2e+00 -2e+00 -3e+00 1e+00 -4e+00 2e+00
         17
         skew kurt
wt.init -0.39 0.7
wt.loss -0.10 0.2
```

```
wt.tumor 0.53 1.0
brain 0.29 -0.6
                0.35 - 1.7
liver
tlratio 1.58 1.7
logTL 0.08 -1.7
 -----
solution: NS
                   n miss p.miss mean sd median p25 p75 min max
wt.init 17 0 0 240 3e+01 2e+02 2e+02 3e+02 2e+02 3e+02

      wt.lnit
      17
      0
      0
      240 Se+01
      2e+02
      2e+02
      3e+02
      2e+02
      3e+02
      2e+02
      3e+02
      2e+02
      3e+02
      3e+04
      1e+03
      3e+04
      1e+0
                   skew kurt
wt.init 0.33 -0.48
wt.loss -0.09 0.08
wt.tumor 0.63 0.77
brain 0.30 -0.35
liver
                0.40 - 1.56
tlratio 2.27 4.84
logTL
                0.27 - 1.61
p-values
                         pNormal pNonNormal
wt.init 0.807308940 0.641940278
wt.loss 0.683756156 0.876749808
wt.tumor 0.151510151 0.190482094
brain 0.001027678 0.002579901
liver
                 0.974853609 0.904045603
tlratio 0.320501715 0.221425879
logTL
                0.351633525 0.221425879
Standardize mean differences
                         1 vs 2
wt.init 0.08435244
wt.loss 0.14099823
wt.tumor 0.50397184
brain 1.23884159
liver 0.01089667
tlratio 0.34611465
logTL 0.32420504
          ### Summary of categorical variables ###
solution: BD
          var n miss p.miss level freq percent cum.percent
```

sactime 17 0 0.0 0.5 5 29.4 29.4

3 4 23.5

24 4 23.5

72 4 23.5

52.9

76.5

100.0

postin	17	0	0.0	9	1	5.9	5.9
				10	14	82.4	88.2
				11	2	11.8	100.0
sex	17	0	0.0	F	13	76.5	76.5
				M	4	23.5	100.0
solution	: NS	3					
var	n	miss	p.miss	level	freq	percent	cum.percent
sactime	17	0	0.0	0.5	4	23.5	23.5
				3	5	29.4	52.9
				24	4	23.5	76.5
				72	4	23.5	100.0
postin	17	0	0.0	9	2	11.8	11.8
				10	13	76.5	88.2
				11	2	11.8	100.0
sex	17	0	0.0	F	13	76.5	76.5
				M	4	23.5	100.0

p-values

pApprox pExact sactime 0.9739246 1 postin 0.8309504 1 sex 1.0000000 1

Standardize mean differences

1 vs 2 sactime 0.1622214 postin 0.2098877 sex 0.0000000

Note that, in this particular case, the decisions we make about normality vs. non-normality (for quantitative variables) and the decisions we make about approximate vs. exact testing (for categorical variables) won't actually change the implications of the p values. Each approach gives similar results for each variable. Of course, that's not always true.

#### 1.10.1 Generate final Table 1 for bloodbrain

I'll choose to treat tlratio and its logarithm as non-Normal, but otherwise, use t tests, but admittedly, that's an arbitrary decision, really.

print(bb.att1, nonnormal = c("tlratio", "logTL"))

	Stratified by solution	n
	BD	NS
n	17	17
<pre>sactime (%)</pre>		
0.5	5 (29.4)	4 (23.5)
3	4 (23.5)	5 (29.4)
24	4 (23.5)	4 (23.5)

```
4 (23.5)
   72
                                4 (23.5)
postin (%)
   9
                                1 (5.9)
                                                         2 (11.8)
   10
                               14 (82.4)
                                                        13 (76.5)
   11
                                2 (11.8)
                                                         2 (11.8)
sex = M (\%)
                                4 (23.5)
                                                         4 (23.5)
wt.init (mean (sd))
                           242.82 (27.23)
                                                    240.47 (28.54)
wt.loss (mean (sd))
                                                      3.94 (3.88)
                             3.34 (4.68)
wt.tumor (mean (sd))
                           157.29 (84.00)
                                                    208.53 (116.68)
brain (mean (sd))
                         56043.41 (33675.40)
                                                  23887.18 (14610.53)
liver (mean (sd))
                        672577.35 (694479.58)
                                                 664975.47 (700773.13)
tlratio (median [IQR])
                             0.12 [0.06, 2.84]
                                                      0.05 [0.03, 0.94]
logTL (median [IQR])
                            -2.10 [-2.74, 1.04]
                                                     -2.95 [-3.41, -0.07]
                       Stratified by solution
                               test
sactime (%)
                         0.974
   0.5
   3
   24
   72
postin (%)
                         0.831
   9
   10
   11
sex = M (\%)
                         1.000
wt.init (mean (sd))
                         0.807
wt.loss (mean (sd))
                         0.684
wt.tumor (mean (sd))
                         0.152
brain (mean (sd))
                         0.001
liver (mean (sd))
                         0.975
tlratio (median [IQR])
                        0.221 nonnorm
logTL (median [IQR])
                         0.221 nonnorm
```

Or, we can get an Excel-readable version placed in a data subfolder, using

4	Α	В	С	D	E
1		BD	NS	р	test
2	n	17	17		
3	sex = M (%)	4 (23.5)	4 (23.5)	1	
4	sactime (%)			0.974	
5	0.5	5 (29.4)	4 (23.5)		
6	3	4 (23.5)	5 (29.4)		
7	24	4 (23.5)	4 (23.5)		
8	72	4 (23.5)	4 (23.5)		
9	postin (%)			0.831	
10	9	1 (5.9)	2 (11.8)		
11	10	14 (82.4)	13 (76.5)		
12	11	2 (11.8)	2 (11.8)		
13	wt.init (mean (sd))	242.82 (27.23)	240.47 (28.54)	0.807	
14	wt.loss (mean (sd))	3.34 (4.68)	3.94 (3.88)	0.684	
15	wt.tumor (mean (sd))	157.29 (84.00)	208.53 (116.68)	0.152	
16	brain (mean (sd))	56043.41 (33675.40)	23887.18 (14610.53)	0.001	
17	liver (mean (sd))	672577.35 (694479.58)	664975.47 (700773.13)	0.975	
18	tlratio (median [IQR])	0.12 [0.06, 2.84]	0.05 [0.03, 0.94]	0.221	nonnorm
19	logTL (median [IQR])	-2.10 [-2.74, 1.04]	-2.95 [-3.41, -0.07]	0.221	nonnorm
20					

One thing I would definitely clean up here, in practice, is to change the presentation of the p value for sex from 1 to > 0.99, or just omit it altogether. I'd also drop the computer-ese where possible, add units for the measures, round a lot, identify the outcomes carefully, and use notes to indicate deviations from the main approach.

#### 1.10.2 A More Finished Version (after Cleanup in Word)

Table 1. Comparing Rats Receiving BD to those Receiving NS on Available Covariates and Design Variables, and Key Outcomes

	Barrier Disruption	Normal Saline	
	(BD: treatment)	(NS: control)	р
# of Rats	17	17	
Sex = Male	4 (23.5)	4 (23.5)	-
Sacrifice Time (hours)			0.97
0.5	5 (29.4)	4 (23.5)	
3	4 (23.5)	5 (29.4)	
24	4 (23.5)	4 (23.5)	
72	4 (23.5)	4 (23.5)	
Days post-inoculation of			0.83
lung cancer cells			0.03
9	1 (5.9)	2 (11.8)	
10	14 (82.4)	13 (76.5)	
11	2 (11.8)	2 (11.8)	
Initial Weight (g)	243 (27)	240 (29)	0.81
Weight Loss (g)	3.3 (4.7)	3.9 (3.9)	0.68
Tumor Weight (10 <sup>-4</sup> g)	157.3 (84.0)	208.5 (116.7)	0.15
Key Outcomes: mean (sd) unless otherw	ise indicated		
Brain Tumor Antibody Count (per g)	56,043 (33,675)	23,887 (14,611)	0.001
Liver Antibody Count (per g)	672,577 (694,480)	664,975 (700,773)	0.98
Tumor/Liver Ratio	0.12	0.05	0.22
(median [Q25, Q75])	[0.06, 2.84]	[0.03, 0.94]	0.22
Natural Log of Tumor/Liver Ratio	-2.10	-2.95	0.22
(median [Q25, Q75])	[-2.74, 1.04]	[-3.41, -0.07]	0.22

#### Table 1 Notes:

- Categorical variables are summarized with counts, percentages and p values based on approximate chi-square tests.
- Continuous variables, unless otherwise indicated, are summarized with means, standard deviations and p values based on t tests.
- The Tumor / Liver ratio and its natural logarithm are summarized with the median and quartiles and a p value from a non-parametric (Wilcoxon signed rank) test.

## Chapter 2

# Linear Regression on a small SMART data set

#### 2.1 BRFSS and SMART

The Centers for Disease Control analyzes Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey data for specific metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas (MMSAs) in a program called the Selected Metropolitan/Micropolitan Area Risk Trends of BRFSS (SMART BRFSS.)

In this work, we will focus on data from the 2016 SMART, and in particular on data from the Cleveland-Elyria, OH, Metropolitan Statistical Area. The purpose of this survey is to provide localized health information that can help public health practitioners identify local emerging health problems, plan and evaluate local responses, and efficiently allocate resources to specific needs.

#### 2.1.1 Key resources

- the full data are available in the form of the 2016 SMART BRFSS MMSA Data, found in a zipped SAS Transport Format file. The data were released in August 2017.
- the MMSA Variable Layout PDF which simply lists the variables included in the data file
- the Calculated Variables PDF which describes the risk factors by data variable names there is also an online summary matrix of these calculated variables, as well.
- the lengthy 2016 Survey Questions PDF which lists all questions asked as part of the BRFSS in 2016
- the enormous Codebook for the 2016 BRFSS Survey PDF which identifies the variables by name for

Later this term, we'll use all of those resources to help construct a more complete data set than we'll study today. I'll also demonstrate how I built the smartcle1 data set that we'll use in this Chapter.

#### 2.2 The smartcle1 data: Cookbook

The smartcle1.csv data file available on the Data and Code page of our website describes information on 11 variables for 1036 respondents to the BRFSS 2016, who live in the Cleveland-Elyria, OH, Metropolitan Statistical Area. The variables in the smartcle1.csv file are listed below, along with (in some cases) the BRFSS items that generate these responses.

Vaniable	Description
variable	Description
SEQNO	respondent identification number (all begin with 2016)

Variable	Description
physhealth	Now thinking about your physical health, which includes physical illness and injury, for how many days during the past 30 days was your physical health not good?
menthealth	Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?
poorhealth	During the past 30 days, for about how many days did poor physical or mental health keep you from doing your usual activities, such as self-care, work, or recreation?
genhealth	Would you say that in general, your health is (five categories: Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair or Poor)
bmi	Body mass index, in kg/m <sup>2</sup>
female	Sex, $1 = \text{female}$ , $0 = \text{male}$
internet30	Have you used the internet in the past 30 days? $(1 = yes, 0 = no)$
exerany	During the past month, other than your regular job, did you participate in any physical activities or exercises such as running, calisthenics, golf, gardening, or walking for exercise? $(1 = yes, 0 = no)$
sleephrs	On average, how many hours of sleep do you get in a 24-hour period?
alcdays	How many days during the past 30 days did you have at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, a malt beverage or liquor?

#### str(smartcle1)

```
Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame':
                                          1036 obs. of 11 variables:
           : num 2.02e+09 2.02e+09 2.02e+09 2.02e+09 2.02e+09 ...
$ physhealth: int  0 0 1 0 5 4 2 2 0 0 ...
 $ menthealth: int  0 0 5 0 0 18 0 3 0 0 ...
 $ poorhealth: int NA NA O NA O 6 O O NA NA ...
 $ genhealth : Factor w/ 5 levels "1_Excellent",..: 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 3 2 3 ...
            : num 26.7 23.7 26.9 21.7 24.1 ...
 $ bmi
            : int 1001001100...
 $ internet30: int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
          : int 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 ...
 $ exerany
$ sleephrs : int 6 6 8 9 7 5 9 7 7 7 ...
 $ alcdays
           : int 1 4 4 3 2 28 4 2 4 25 ...
```

# 2.3 smartcle2: Omitting Missing Observations: Complete-Case Analyses

For the purpose of fitting our first few models, we will eliminate the missingness problem, and look only at the *complete cases* in our **smartcle1** data. We will discuss methods for imputing missing data later in these Notes.

To inspect the missingness in our data, we might consider using the skim function from the skimr package. We'll exclude the respondent identifier code (SEQNO) from this summary as uninteresting.

```
skim_with(numeric = list(hist = NULL), integer = list(hist = NULL))
## above line eliminates the sparkline histograms
## it can be commented out when working in the console,
## but I need it to produce the Notes without errors right now
```

```
smartcle1 %>%
   skim(-SEQNO)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 1036
n variables: 11
Variable type: factor
 variable missing complete
                            n n_unique
genhealth
               3 1033 1036
                          top_counts ordered
2_V: 350, 3_G: 344, 1_E: 173, 4_F: 122
Variable type: integer
  variable missing complete
                             n mean sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
   alcdays 46 990 1036 4.65 8.05 0
   exerany
               3
                    1033 1036 0.76 0.43 0
                                            1
                                                           1
    female
               0
                    1036 1036 0.6 0.49 0
                                            0
                                                   1
                                                       1
                                                           1
internet30
               6 1030 1036 0.81 0.39 0
                                           1
                                                   1
                                                     1
                                                           1
menthealth
             11 1025 1036 2.72 6.82 0
                                                          30
                    1019 1036 3.97 8.67 0 0
                                                   0 2
physhealth
              17
                                                          30
poorhealth
              543
                     493 1036 4.07 8.09 0
                                                          30
  sleephrs
                8
                     1028 1036 7.02 1.53 1
                                                          20
Variable type: numeric
variable missing complete
                           n mean
                                    sd
                                          p0 p25 median
                                                         p75 p100
                     952 1036 27.89 6.47 12.71 23.7 26.68 30.53 66.06
     bmi
```

Now, we'll create a new tibble called smartcle2 which contains every variable except poorhealth, and which includes all respondents with complete data on the variables (other than poorhealth). We'll store those observations with complete data in the smartcle2 tibble.

```
smartcle2 <- smartcle1 %>%
    select(-poorhealth) %>%
    filter(complete.cases(.))
smartcle2
```

# A tibble: 896 x 10

	SEQNO	physhealth	menthealth	genhealth	bmi	female	internet30	exerany
	<dbl></dbl>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<fct></fct>	<dbl></dbl>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<int></int>
1	2.02e9	0	0	2_VeryGo~	26.7	1	1	1
2	2.02e9	0	0	1_Excell~	23.7	0	1	1
3	2.02e9	1	5	2_VeryGo~	26.9	0	1	0
4	2.02e9	0	0	3_Good	21.7	1	1	1
5	2.02e9	5	0	1_Excell~	24.1	0	1	1
6	2.02e9	4	18	2_VeryGo~	27.6	0	1	1
7	2.02e9	2	0	3_Good	25.7	1	1	1
8	2.02e9	2	3	3_Good	28.5	1	1	1
9	2.02e9	0	0	2_VeryGo~	28.6	0	1	1
10	2.02e9	0	0	3_Good	23.1	0	1	0
					_			

# ... with 886 more rows, and 2 more variables: sleephrs <int>, alcdays

# <int>

Note that there are only 896 respondents with **complete** data on the 10 variables (excluding **poorhealth**) in the **smartcle2** tibble, as compared to our original **smartcle1** data which described 1036 respondents and

11 variables, but with lots of missing data.

# 2.4 Summarizing the smartcle2 data numerically

## 2.4.1 The New Toy: The skim function

```
skim(smartcle2, -SEQNO)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 896
n variables: 10
Variable type: factor
 variable missing complete
                             n n_unique
genhealth
                       896 896
                            top_counts ordered
2_V: 306, 3_G: 295, 1_E: 155, 4_F: 102
Variable type: integer
  variable missing complete
                                       sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
                              n mean
               0
                        896 896 4.83 8.14
   alcdays
                                               0
                 0
   exerany
                        896 896 0.77 0.42 0
                                               1
                                                      1
    female
                 0
                        896 896 0.58 0.49 0
 internet30
                 0
                        896 896 0.81 0.39 0
                                               1
                                                               1
menthealth
                 0
                        896 896 2.69 6.72 0
                                                      0
                                                              30
                 0
                        896 896 3.99 8.64 0
                                                      0 2
                                                              30
physhealth
                        896 896 7.02 1.48 1
  sleephrs
                 0
Variable type: numeric
                                            p0 p25 median
variable missing complete
                            n mean
                                      sd
                                                             p75 p100
                      896 896 27.87 6.33 12.71 23.7
                                                      26.8 30.53 66.06
     bmi
```

## 2.4.2 The usual summary for a data frame

Of course, we can use the usual summary to get some basic information about the data.

#### summary(smartcle2)

```
SEQNO
                     physhealth
                                    menthealth
                                                        genhealth
Min.
      :2.016e+09
                  Min. : 0.00
                                  Min. : 0.000 1_Excellent:155
                   1st Qu.: 0.00
                                  1st Qu.: 0.000
1st Qu.:2.016e+09
                                                  2_VeryGood :306
Median :2.016e+09
                   Median: 0.00
                                  Median : 0.000
                                                  3_{Good}
                                                             :295
     :2.016e+09
                   Mean
                         : 3.99
                                  Mean
                                        : 2.693
                                                   4_Fair
                                                             :102
                                                             : 38
3rd Qu.:2.016e+09
                   3rd Qu.: 2.00
                                  3rd Qu.: 2.000
                                                  5_Poor
      :2.016e+09
                  Max. :30.00
                                  Max.
                                         :30.000
Max.
                   female
                                 internet30
    bmi
                                                  exerany
               Min. :0.0000 Min. :0.0000
                                                      :0.0000
Min.
      :12.71
                                               Min.
1st Qu.:23.70 1st Qu.:0.0000
                              1st Qu.:1.0000
                                               1st Qu.:1.0000
Median :26.80
               Median :1.0000
                               Median :1.0000
                                               Median :1.0000
Mean :27.87
               Mean :0.5848
                               Mean :0.8147
                                               Mean
                                                      :0.7667
3rd Qu.:30.53
               3rd Qu.:1.0000
                               3rd Qu.:1.0000
                                               3rd Qu.:1.0000
Max. :66.06
                     :1.0000
                              Max. :1.0000
                                                      :1.0000
               Max.
                                               {\tt Max.}
```

```
      sleephrs
      alcdays

      Min. : 1.000
      Min. : 0.000

      1st Qu.: 6.000
      1st Qu.: 0.000

      Median : 7.000
      Median : 1.000

      Mean : 7.022
      Mean : 4.834

      3rd Qu.: 8.000
      3rd Qu.: 5.000

      Max. : 20.000
      Max. : 30.000
```

#### 2.4.3 The describe function in Hmisc

Or we can use the describe function from the Hmisc package.

```
Hmisc::describe(select(smartcle2, bmi, genhealth, female))
select(smartcle2, bmi, genhealth, female)
                 896 Observations
 3 Variables
      n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05 .10
896 0 467 1 27.87 6.572 20.06 21.23
.25 .50 .75 .90 .95
      . 25
   23.70 26.80 30.53 35.36 39.30
lowest: 12.71 13.34 14.72 16.22 17.30, highest: 56.89 57.04 60.95 61.84 66.06
______
genhealth
        n missing distinct
      896 0 5

        Value
        1_Excellent
        2_VeryGood
        3_Good
        4_Fair

        Frequency
        155
        306
        295
        102

        Proportion
        0.173
        0.342
        0.329
        0.114

                                                                              38
                                                                               0.042
      n missing distinct Info Sum Mean Gmd 896 0 2 0.728 524 0.5848 0.4862
```

# 2.5 Counting as exploratory data analysis

Counting things can be amazingly useful.

# 2.5.1 How many respondents had exercised in the past 30 days? Did this vary by sex?

```
7.14
1
                 0
                       64
2
        0
                 1
                      308
                             34.4
3
        1
                 0
                      145
                             16.2
4
                             42.3
        1
                 1
                      379
```

so we know now that 42.3% of the subjects in our data were women who exercised. Suppose that instead we want to find the percentage of exercisers within each sex...

```
smartcle2 %>%
    count(female, exerany) %>%
   group_by(female) %>%
   mutate(prob = 100*n / sum(n))
# A tibble: 4 x 4
# Groups: female [2]
  female exerany
                     n prob
   <int>
           <int> <int> <dbl>
               0
                    64 17.2
1
       0
2
                   308 82.8
       0
               1
3
       1
               0
                   145
                        27.7
                   379 72.3
               1
```

and now we know that 82.8% of the males exercised at least once in the last 30 days, as compared to 72.3% of the females.

# 2.5.2 What's the distribution of sleephrs?

We can count quantitative variables with discrete sets of possible values, like sleephrs, which is captured as an integer (that must fall between 0 and 24.)

```
smartcle2 %>% count(sleephrs)
```

```
# A tibble: 14 x 2
   sleephrs
                  n
       <int> <int>
 1
           1
                  5
 2
           2
                  1
 3
           3
                  6
 4
           4
                 20
 5
           5
                 63
 6
           6
                192
 7
           7
                276
 8
           8
                266
9
           9
                 38
10
          10
                 22
                  2
          11
11
12
          12
                  2
13
          16
                  2
14
          20
```

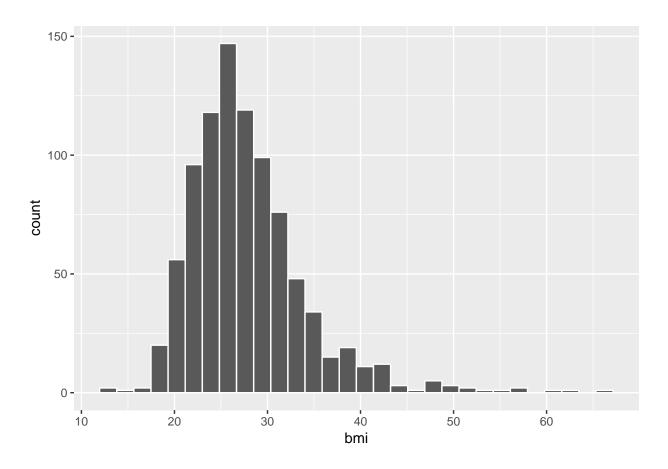
Of course, a natural summary of a quantitative variable like this would be graphical.

```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(sleephrs)) +
   geom_histogram(binwidth = 1, fill = "dodgerblue", col = "darkred")
```



# 2.5.3 What's the distribution of BMI?

```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(bmi)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, col = "white")
```



# 2.5.4 How many of the respondents have a BMI below 30?

# 2.5.5 How many of the respondents who have a BMI < 30 exercised?

```
smartcle2 %>% count(exerany, bmi < 30) %>%
    group_by(exerany) %>%
    mutate(percent = 100*n/sum(n))
# A tibble: 4 x 4
# Groups: exerany [2]
  exerany `bmi < 30`
                         n percent
    <int> <lgl>
                             <dbl>
                     <int>
1
        0 F
                        88
                              42.1
2
        0 T
                       121
                              57.9
3
        1 F
                       165
                              24.0
4
        1 T
                       522
                              76.0
```

## 2.5.6 Is obesity associated with sex, in these data?

```
smartcle2 %>% count(female, bmi < 30) %>%
    group_by(female) %>%
    mutate(percent = 100*n/sum(n))
# A tibble: 4 x 4
# Groups: female [2]
  female `bmi < 30`</pre>
                         n percent
   <int> <lgl>
                              <dbl>
                     <int>
       0 F
                       105
                               28.2
1
2
       0 T
                       267
                              71.8
3
       1 F
                       148
                              28.2
4
       1 T
                       376
                              71.8
```

## 2.5.7 Comparing sleephrs summaries by obesity status

Can we compare the sleephrs means, medians and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles for respondents whose BMI is below 30 to the respondents whose BMI is not?

## 2.5.8 The skim function within a pipe

The **skim** function works within pipes and with the other **tidyverse** functions.

```
smartcle2 %>%
   group_by(exerany) %>%
   skim(bmi, sleephrs)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 896
n variables: 10
group variables: exerany
Variable type: integer
exerany variable missing complete
                                    n mean sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
      0 sleephrs
                       0
                          209 209 7
                                           1.85 1
                                                            7
                                                                    20
                       0
                              687 687 7.03 1.34 1
      1 sleephrs
                                                            7
                                                                    16
Variable type: numeric
 exerany variable missing complete
                                                         p25 median
                                    n mean
                                              sd
                                                    p0
      0
             bmi
                       0
                              209 209 29.57 7.46 18
                                                       24.11 28.49 33.13
      1
             bmi
                       0
                              687 687 27.35 5.84 12.71 23.7
                                                              26.52 29.81
 p100
```

66.06 60.95

# 2.6 First Modeling Attempt: Can bmi predict physhealth?

We'll start with an effort to predict physhealth using bmi. A natural graph would be a scatterplot.

```
ggplot(data = smartcle2, aes(x = bmi, y = physhealth)) +
   geom_point()
```



A good question to ask ourselves here might be: "In what BMI range can we make a reasonable prediction of physhealth?"

Now, we might take the plot above and add a simple linear model ...

```
ggplot(data = smartcle2, aes(x = bmi, y = physhealth)) +
   geom_point() +
   geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE)
```



which shows the same least squares regression model that we can fit with the  ${\tt lm}$  command.

# 2.6.1 Fitting a Simple Regression Model

```
Residuals:
    Min    1Q Median    3Q    Max
-9.171 -4.057 -3.193 -1.576 28.073
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -1.45143
                       1.29185 -1.124
bmi
            0.19527
                        0.04521
                                  4.319 1.74e-05 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 8.556 on 894 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.02044,
                               Adjusted R-squared: 0.01934
F-statistic: 18.65 on 1 and 894 DF, p-value: 1.742e-05
confint(model_A, level = 0.95)
                 2.5 %
                          97.5 %
(Intercept) -3.9868457 1.0839862
            0.1065409 0.2840068
```

The model coefficients can be obtained by printing the model object, and the summary function provides several useful descriptions of the model's residuals, its statistical significance, and quality of fit.

## 2.6.2 Model Summary for a Simple (One-Predictor) Regression

The fitted model predicts physhealth with the equation -1.45 + 0.195\*bmi, as we can read off from the model coefficients.

Each of the 896 respondents included in the smartcle2 data makes a contribution to this model.

#### 2.6.2.1 Residuals

Suppose Harry is one of the people in that group, and Harry's data is bmi = 20, and physhealth = 3.

- Harry's *observed* value of physhealth is just the value we have in the data for them, in this case, observed physhealth = 3 for Harry.
- Harry's fitted or predicted physhealth value is the result of calculating -1.45 + 0.195\*bmi for Harry. So, if Harry's BMI was 20, then Harry's predicted physhealth value is -1.45 + (0.195)(20) = 2.45.
- The residual for Harry is then his observed outcome minus his fitted outcome, so Harry has a residual of 3 2.45 = 0.55.
- Graphically, a residual represents vertical distance between the observed point and the fitted regression line.
- Points above the regression line will have positive residuals, and points below the regression line will have negative residuals. Points on the line have zero residuals.

The residuals are summarized at the top of the summary output for linear model.

- The mean residual will always be zero in an ordinary least squares model, but a five number summary of the residuals is provided by the summary, as is an estimated standard deviation of the residuals (called here the Residual standard error.)
- In the smartcle2 data, the minimum residual was -9.17, so for one subject, the observed value was 9.17 days smaller than the predicted value. This means that the prediction was 9.17 days too large for that subject.
- Similarly, the maximum residual was 28.07 days, so for one subject the prediction was 28.07 days too small. Not a strong performance.
- In a least squares model, the residuals are assumed to follow a Normal distribution, with mean zero, and standard deviation (for the smartcle2 data) of about 8.6 days. Thus, by the definition of a Normal distribution, we'd expect
- about 68% of the residuals to be between -8.6 and +8.6 days,

- about 95% of the residuals to be between -17.2 and +17.2 days,
- about all (99.7%) of the residuals to be between -25.8 and +25.8 days.

#### 2.6.2.2 Coefficients section

The summary for a linear model shows Estimates, Standard Errors, t values and p values for each coefficient fit.

- The Estimates are the point estimates of the intercept and slope of bmi in our model.
- In this case, our estimated slope is 0.195, which implies that if Harry's BMI is 20 and Sally's BMI is 21, we predict that Sally's physhealth will be 0.195 days larger than Harry's.
- The Standard Errors are also provided for each estimate. We can create rough 95% confidence intervals by adding and subtracting two standard errors from each coefficient, or we can get a slightly more accurate answer with the confint function.
- Here, the 95% confidence interval for the slope of bmi is estimated to be (0.11, 0.28). This is a good measure of the uncertainty in the slope that is captured by our model. We are 95% confident in the process of building this interval, but this doesn't mean we're 95% sure that the true slope is actually in that interval.

Also available are a t value (just the Estimate divided by the Standard Error) and the appropriate p value for testing the null hypothesis that the true value of the coefficient is 0 against a two-tailed alternative.

- If a slope coefficient is statistically significantly different from 0, this implies that 0 will not be part of the uncertainty interval obtained through confint.
- If the slope was zero, it would suggest that bmi would add no predictive value to the model. But that's unlikely here.

If the bmi slope coefficient is associated with a small p value, as in the case of our model\_A, it suggests that the model including bmi is statistically significantly better at predicting physhealth than the model without bmi.

• Without bmi our model\_A would become an *intercept-only* model, in this case, which would predict the mean physhealth for everyone, regardless of any other information.

#### 2.6.2.3 Model Fit Summaries

The summary of a linear model also displays:

- The residual standard error and associated degrees of freedom for the residuals.
- For a simple (one-predictor) least regression like this, the residual degrees of freedom will be the sample size minus 2.
- The multiple R-squared (or coefficient of determination)
- This is interpreted as the proportion of variation in the outcome (physhealth) accounted for by the model, and will always fall between 0 and 1 as a result.
- Our model\_A accounts for a mere 2% of the variation in physhealth.
- The Adjusted R-squared value "adjusts" for the size of our model in terms of the number of coefficients included in the model.
- The adjusted R-squared will always be less than the Multiple R-squared.
- We still hope to find models with relatively large adjusted R<sup>2</sup> values.
- In particular, we hope to find models where the adjusted R<sup>2</sup> isn't substantially less than the Multiple R-squared.
- The adjusted R-squared is usually a better estimate of likely performance of our model in new data than is the Multiple R-squared.
- The adjusted R-squared result is no longer interpretable as a proportion of anything in fact, it can fall below 0.

• We can obtain the adjusted  $\mathbb{R}^2$  from the raw  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the number of observations N and the number of predictors p included in the model, as follows:

$$R_{adj}^2 = 1 - \frac{(1 - R^2)(N - 1)}{N - p - 1},$$

- The F statistic and p value from a global ANOVA test of the model.
  - Obtaining a statistically significant result here is usually pretty straightforward, since the comparison is between our model, and a model which simply predicts the mean value of the outcome for everyone.
  - In a simple (one-predictor) linear regression like this, the t statistic for the slope is just the square root of the F statistic, and the resulting p values for the slope's t test and for the global F test will be identical.
- To see the complete ANOVA F test for this model, we can run anova(model\_A).

```
anova(model_A)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: physhealth

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

bmi 1 1366 1365.5 18.655 1.742e-05 ***

Residuals 894 65441 73.2

---

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

## 2.6.3 Using the broom package

The broom package has three functions of particular use in a linear regression model:

#### 2.6.3.1 The tidy function

tidy builds a data frame/tibble containing information about the coefficients in the model, their standard errors, t statistics and p values.

```
tidy(model_A)
```

```
term estimate std.error statistic p.value
1 (Intercept) -1.4514298 1.29185199 -1.123526 2.615156e-01
2 bmi 0.1952739 0.04521145 4.319125 1.741859e-05
```

#### 2.6.3.2 The glance function

glance' builds a data frame/tibble containing summary statistics about the model, including

- the (raw) multiple  $R^2$  and adjusted  $R^2$
- sigma which is the residual standard error
- the F statistic, p.value model df and df.residual associated with the global ANOVA test, plus
- several statistics that will be useful in comparing models down the line:
- the model's log likelihood function value, logLik
- the model's Akaike's Information Criterion value, AIC
- the model's Bayesian Information Criterion value, BIC
- and the model's deviance statistic

# glance(model\_A)

```
r.squared adj.r.squared sigma statistic p.value df logLik
1 0.02044019 0.01934449 8.555737 18.65484 1.741859e-05 2 -3193.723
AIC BIC deviance df.residual
1 6393.446 6407.84 65441.36 894
```

#### 2.6.3.3 The augment function

augment builds a data frame/tibble which adds fitted values, residuals and other diagnostic summaries that describe each observation to the original data used to fit the model, and this includes

- .fitted and .resid, the fitted and residual values, in addition to
- .hat, the leverage value for this observation
- .cooksd, the Cook's distance measure of influence for this observation
- .stdresid, the standardized residual (think of this as a z-score a measure of the residual divided by its associated standard deviation .sigma)
- and se.fit which will help us generate prediction intervals for the model downstream

Note that each of the new columns begins with . to avoid overwriting any data.

```
head(augment(model_A))
```

```
physhealth
               bmi
                   .fitted
                              .se.fit
                                                                 .sigma
                                            .resid
                                                          .hat
           0 26.69 3.760430 0.2907252 -3.76043009 0.001154651 8.559600
           0 23.70 3.176561 0.3422908 -3.17656119 0.001600574 8.559865
2
           1 26.92 3.805343 0.2890054 -2.80534308 0.001141030 8.560010
           0 21.66 2.778202 0.4005101 -2.77820248 0.002191352 8.560020
           5 24.09 3.252718 0.3329154 1.74728200 0.001514095 8.560326
5
           4 27.64 3.945940 0.2860087 0.05405972 0.001117490 8.560526
                 .std.resid
       .cooksd
1 1.117852e-04 -0.439775451
2 1.106717e-04 -0.371575999
3 6.147744e-05 -0.328077528
4 1.160381e-04 -0.325074461
5 3.167016e-05 0.204378225
6 2.235722e-08 0.006322069
```

For more on the broom package, you may want to look at this vignette.

## 2.6.4 How does the model do? (Residuals vs. Fitted Values)

• Remember that the  $R^2$  value was about 2%.

```
plot(model_A, which = 1)
```



This is a plot of residuals vs. fitted values. The goal here is for this plot to look like a random scatter of points, perhaps like a "fuzzy football", and that's **not** what we have. Why?

If you prefer, here's a ggplot2 version of a similar plot, now looking at standardized residuals instead of raw residuals, and adding a loess smooth and a linear fit to the result.

```
ggplot(augment(model_A), aes(x = .fitted, y = .std.resid)) +
   geom_point() +
   geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, col = "red", linetype = "dashed") +
   geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = FALSE, col = "navy") +
   theme_bw()
```



The problem we're having here becomes, I think, a little more obvious if we look at what we're predicting. Does physhealth look like a good candidate for a linear model?

```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(x = physhealth)) +
geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "dodgerblue", color = "royalblue")
```



No matter what model we fit, if we are predicting physhealth, and most of the data are values of 0 and 30, we have limited variation in our outcome, and so our linear model will be somewhat questionable just on that basis.

A normal Q-Q plot of the standardized residuals for our model\_A shows this problem, too.

plot(model\_A, which = 2)



We're going to need a method to deal with this sort of outcome, that has both a floor and a ceiling. We'll get there eventually, but linear regression alone doesn't look promising.

All right, so that didn't go anywhere great. Let's try again, with a new outcome.

# 2.7 A New Small Study: Predicting BMI

We'll begin by investigating the problem of predicting bmi, at first with just three regression inputs: sex, exerany and sleephrs, in our new smartcle2 data set.

- The outcome of interest is bmi.
- Inputs to the regression model are:
  - female = 1 if the subject is female, and 0 if they are male
  - exerany = 1 if the subject exercised in the past 30 days, and 0 if they didn't
  - sleephrs = hours slept in a typical 24-hour period (treated as quantitative)

# 2.7.1 Does female predict bmi well?

## 2.7.1.1 Graphical Assessment

```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(x = female, y = bmi)) +
   geom_point()
```



Not so helpful. We should probably specify that female is a factor, and try another plotting approach.

```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(x = factor(female), y = bmi)) +
   geom_boxplot()
```



The median BMI looks a little higher for males. Let's see if a model reflects that.

# 2.8 c2\_m1: A simple t-test model

Residuals:

Coefficients:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -15.650 -4.129 -1.080 2.727 38.546

```
2.5 % 97.5 % (Intercept) 27.717372 29.00262801 female -1.686052 -0.00539878
```

The model suggests, based on these 896 subjects, that

- our best prediction for males is  $BMI = 28.36 \text{ kg/m}^2$ , and
- our best prediction for females is BMI =  $28.36 0.85 = 27.51 \text{ kg/m}^2$ .
- the mean difference between females and males is  $-0.85 \text{ kg/m}^2$  in BMI
- $\bullet$  a 95% confidence (uncertainty) interval for that mean female male difference in BMI ranges from -1.69 to -0.01
- the model accounts for 0.4% of the variation in BMI, so that knowing the respondent's sex does very little to reduce the size of the prediction errors as compared to an intercept only model that would predict the overall mean (regardless of sex) for all subjects.
- the model makes some enormous errors, with one subject being predicted to have a BMI 38 points lower than his/her actual BMI.

Note that this simple regression model just gives us the t-test.

t.test(bmi ~ female, var.equal = TRUE, data = smartcle2)

```
Two Sample t-test

data: bmi by female

t = 1.9752, df = 894, p-value = 0.04855

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:
0.00539878 1.68605160

sample estimates:
mean in group 0 mean in group 1
28.36000 27.51427
```

# 2.9 c2\_m2: Adding another predictor (two-way ANOVA without interaction)

When we add in the information about exerany to our original model, we might first picture the data. We could look at separate histograms,

```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(x = bmi)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30) +
  facet_grid(female ~ exerany, labeller = label_both)
```



```
or maybe boxplots?
```

```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(x = factor(female), y = bmi)) +
    geom_boxplot() +
    facet_wrap(~ exerany, labeller = label_both)
```



```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(x = female, y = bmi))+
  geom_point(size = 3, alpha = 0.2) +
  theme_bw() +
  facet_wrap(~ exerany, labeller = label_both)
```



OK. Let's try fitting a model.

```
c2_m2 <- lm(bmi ~ female + exerany, data = smartcle2)</pre>
c2_m2
```

#### Call:

lm(formula = bmi ~ female + exerany, data = smartcle2)

#### Coefficients:

(Intercept) female exerany 30.334 -1.095 -2.384

This new model predicts only four predicted values:

- bmi = 30.334 if the subject is male and did not exercise (so female = 0 and exerany = 0)
- bmi = 30.334 1.095 = 29.239 if the subject is female and did not exercise (female = 1 and exerany = 0)
- bmi = 30.334 2.384 = 27.950 if the subject is male and exercised (so female = 0 and exerany = 1), and, finally
- bmi = 30.334 1.095 2.384 = 26.855 if the subject is female and exercised (so both female and exerany = 1).

For those who did not exercise, the model is:

• bmi = 30.334 - 1.095 female

and for those who did exercise, the model is:

• bmi = 27.95 - 1.095 female

Only the intercept of the bmi-female model changes depending on exerany.

```
summary(c2_m2)
lm(formula = bmi ~ female + exerany, data = smartcle2)
Residuals:
            1Q Median
   Min
                            3Q
                                   Max
-15.240 -4.091 -1.095
                         2.602 36.822
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 30.3335
                        0.5231
                                 57.99 < 2e-16 ***
            -1.0952
                        0.4262
                                -2.57
                                        0.0103 *
female
exerany
            -2.3836
                        0.4965
                                -4.80 1.86e-06 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 6.239 on 893 degrees of freedom
                              Adjusted R-squared: 0.02722
Multiple R-squared: 0.02939,
F-statistic: 13.52 on 2 and 893 DF, p-value: 1.641e-06
confint(c2 m2)
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 % (Intercept) 29.306846 31.3602182 female -1.931629 -0.2588299 exerany -3.358156 -1.4090777
```

The slopes of both female and exerany have confidence intervals that are completely below zero, indicating that both female sex and exerany appear to be associated with reductions in bmi.

The R<sup>2</sup> value suggests that just under 3% of the variation in bmi is accounted for by this ANOVA model.

In fact, this regression (on two binary indicator variables) is simply a two-way ANOVA model without an interaction term.

```
anova(c2_m2)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: bmi

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

female 1 156 155.61 3.9977 0.04586 *

exerany 1 897 896.93 23.0435 1.856e-06 ***

Residuals 893 34759 38.92

---

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

# 2.10 c2\_m3: Adding the interaction term (Two-way ANOVA with interaction)

Suppose we want to let the effect of female vary depending on the exerany status. Then we need to incorporate an interaction term in our model.

```
c2_m3 <- lm(bmi ~ female * exerany, data = smartcle2)</pre>
c2_m3
```

#### Call:

lm(formula = bmi ~ female \* exerany, data = smartcle2)

#### Coefficients:

(Intercept) female exerany female:exerany -0.8104 -2.1450-0.359230.1359

So, for example, for a male who exercises, this model predicts

• bmi = 30.136 - 0.810(0) - 2.145(1) - 0.359(0)(1) = 30.136 - 2.145 = 27.991

And for a female who exercises, the model predicts

• 
$$bmi = 30.136 - 0.810$$
 (1) - 2.145 (1) - 0.359 (1)(1) = 30.136 - 0.810 - 2.145 - 0.359 = 26.822

For those who did not exercise, the model is:

• bmi = 30.136 - 0.81 female

But for those who did exercise, the model is:

- bmi = (30.136 2.145) + (-0.810 + (-0.359)) female, or ",
- $\bullet \ \operatorname{bmi} = 27.991 1.169 \ \operatorname{female}$

Now, both the slope and the intercept of the bmi-female model change depending on exerany.

```
summary(c2_m3)
```

#### Call:

lm(formula = bmi ~ female \* exerany, data = smartcle2)

#### Residuals:

```
1Q Median
                          3Q
   Min
                                Max
-15.281 -4.101 -1.061
                       2.566 36.734
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
             30.1359 0.7802 38.624
                                          <2e-16 ***
female
              -0.8104
                          0.9367 - 0.865
                                          0.3872
              -2.1450
                          0.8575 - 2.501
                                          0.0125 *
exerany
female:exerany -0.3592
                                          0.7328
                          1.0520 -0.341
```

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 6.242 on 892 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.02952, Adjusted R-squared: 0.02625 F-statistic: 9.044 on 3 and 892 DF, p-value: 6.669e-06

#### confint(c2 m3)

```
2.5 %
                            97.5 %
              28.604610 31.6672650
(Intercept)
female
              -2.648893 1.0280526
exerany
              -3.827886 -0.4620407
female:exerany -2.423994 1.7055248
```

In fact, this regression (on two binary indicator variables and a product term) is simply a two-way ANOVA model with an interaction term.

```
anova(c2_m3)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: bmi
                Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                             Pr(>F)
female
                      156 155.61 3.9938
                                            0.04597 *
exerany
                      897
                           896.93 23.0207 1.878e-06 ***
female: exerany
                        5
                             4.54
                                   0.1166
                                            0.73283
Residuals
               892
                   34754
                            38.96
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The interaction term doesn't change very much here. Its uncertainty interval includes zero, and the overall model still accounts for just under 3% of the variation in bmi.

# 2.11 c2\_m4: Using female and sleephrs in a model for bmi

```
ggplot(smartcle2, aes(x = sleephrs, y = bmi, color = factor(female))) +
    geom_point() +
    guides(col = FALSE) +
    geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) +
    facet_wrap(~ female, labeller = label_both)
```



Does the difference in slopes of bmi and sleephrs for males and females appear to be substantial and important?

```
c2_m4 <- lm(bmi ~ female * sleephrs, data = smartcle2)
summary(c2_m4)</pre>
```

#### Call:

```
lm(formula = bmi ~ female * sleephrs, data = smartcle2)
```

#### Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-15.498 -4.179 -1.035 2.830 38.204
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                 27.2661
                             1.6320 16.707
                                               <2e-16 ***
female
                  2.5263
                              2.0975
                                      1.204
                                                0.229
                  0.1569
                             0.2294
                                      0.684
                                                0.494
sleephrs
female:sleephrs
                -0.4797
                             0.2931 - 1.636
                                                0.102
```

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```
Residual standard error: 6.31 on 892 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.008341, Adjusted R-squared: 0.005006 F-statistic: 2.501 on 3 and 892 DF, p-value: 0.05818
```

Does it seem as though the addition of sleephrs has improved our model substantially over a model with female alone (which, you recall, was c2\_m1)?

Since the c2\_m4 model contains the c2\_m1 model's predictors as a subset and the outcome is the same for each model, we consider the models *nested* and have some extra tools available to compare them.

• I might start by looking at the basic summaries for each model.

```
glance(c2_m4)
```

```
r.squared adj.r.squared sigma statistic p.value df logLik
1 0.004345169 0.003231461 6.31531 3.901534 0.04854928 2 -2921.675
AIC BIC deviance df.residual
1 5849.35 5863.744 35655.53 894
```

- The R<sup>2</sup> is twice as large for the model with sleephrs, but still very tiny.
- The p value for the global ANOVA test is actually less significant in c2\_m4 than in c2\_m1.
- Smaller AIC and smaller BIC statistics are more desirable. Here, there's little to choose from, but c2\_m1 is a little better on each standard.
- We might also consider a significance test by looking at an ANOVA model comparison. This is only
  appropriate because c2\_m1 is nested in c2\_m4.

```
anova(c2_m4, c2_m1)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Model 1: bmi ~ female * sleephrs

Model 2: bmi ~ female

Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)

1 892 35512

2 894 35656 -2 -143.11 1.7973 0.1663
```

The addition of the sleephrs term picked up 143 in the sum of squares column, at a cost of two degrees of freedom, yielding a p value of 0.166, suggesting that this isn't a significant improvement over the model that just did a t-test on female.

# 2.12 Making Predictions with a Linear Regression Model

Recall model 4, which yields predictions for body mass index on the basis of the main effects of sex (female) and hours of sleep (sleephrs) and their interaction.

## 2.12.1 Fitting an Individual Prediction and 95% Prediction Interval

What do we predict for the bmi of a subject who is female and gets 8 hours of sleep per night?

```
c2_new1 <- data_frame(female = 1, sleephrs = 8)
predict(c2_m4, newdata = c2_new1, interval = "prediction", level = 0.95)

fit lwr upr
1 27.21065 14.8107 39.6106</pre>
```

The predicted bmi for this new subject is 27.61. The prediction interval shows the bounds of a 95% uncertainty interval for a predicted bmi for an individual female subject who gets 8 hours of sleep on average per evening. From the predict function applied to a linear model, we can get the prediction intervals for any new data points in this manner.

## 2.12.2 Confidence Interval for an Average Prediction

• What do we predict for the **average body mass index of a population of subjects** who are female and sleep for 8 hours?

```
predict(c2_m4, newdata = c2_new1, interval = "confidence", level = 0.95)

fit lwr upr
1 27.21065 26.57328 27.84801
```

• How does this result compare to the prediction interval?

## 2.12.3 Fitting Multiple Individual Predictions to New Data

• How does our prediction change for a respondent if they instead get 7, or 9 hours of sleep? What if they are male, instead of female?

```
c2_new2 <- data_frame(subjectid = 1001:1006, female = c(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0), sleephrs = c(7, 8, 9, 7, 8,
pred2 <- predict(c2_m4, newdata = c2_new2, interval = "prediction", level = 0.95) %% tbl_df
result2 <- bind_cols(c2_new2, pred2)
result2
# A tibble: 6 x 6
 subjectid female sleephrs
                             fit
                                   lwr
                                         upr
      <int> <dbl>
                     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
      1001
             1.00
                      7.00 27.5 15.1 39.9
1
      1002
                      8.00 27.2 14.8 39.6
2
             1.00
3
                            26.9 14.5 39.3
      1003
             1.00
                      9.00
4
      1004
                      7.00
                            28.4 16.0 40.8
             0
      1005
                      8.00 28.5 16.1 40.9
5
             0
      1006
             0
                      9.00 28.7 16.2 41.1
```

The result2 tibble contains predictions for each scenario.

• Which has a bigger impact on these predictions and prediction intervals? A one category change in female or a one hour change in sleephrs?

## 2.12.4 Simulation to represent predictive uncertainty in Model 4

Suppose we want to predict the bmi of a female subject who sleeps for eight hours per night. As we have seen, we can do this automatically for a linear model like this one, using the predict function applied to the linear model, but a simulation prediction can also be done. Recall the detail of c2\_m4:

```
Call:
lm(formula = bmi ~ female * sleephrs, data = smartcle2)
Coefficients:
    (Intercept)
                                          sleephrs female:sleephrs
                          female
        27.2661
                          2.5263
                                            0.1569
                                                            -0.4797
glance(c2_m4)
   r.squared adj.r.squared
                               sigma statistic
                                                   p.value df
                                                                 logLik
1 0.008341404
                0.005006229 6.309685
                                        2.50104 0.05818038 4 -2919.873
       AIC
                BIC deviance df.residual
```

We see that the residual standard error for our bmi predictions with this model is 6.31.

For a female respondent sleeping eight hours, recall that our point estimate (predicted value) of bmi is 27.21

```
predict(c2_m4, newdata = c2_new1, interval = "prediction", level = 0.95)
```

```
fit lwr upr
1 27.21065 14.8107 39.6106
```

1 5849.747 5873.736 35512.42

 $c2_m4$ 

The standard deviation is 6.31, so we could summarize the predictive distribution with a command that tells R to draw 1000 random numbers from a normal distribution with mean 27.21 and standard deviation 6.31. Let's summarize that and get a quick picture.

```
set.seed(432094)
pred.sim <- rnorm(1000, 27.21, 6.31)
hist(pred.sim, col = "royalblue")</pre>
```

# Histogram of pred.sim



```
mean(pred.sim)

[1] 27.41856

quantile(pred.sim, c(0.025, 0.975))

2.5% 97.5%
14.48487 40.16778
```

How do these results compare to the prediction interval of (14.81, 39.61) that we generated earlier?

# 2.13 Centering the model

Our model c2\_m4 has four predictors (the constant, sleephrs, female and their interaction) but just two inputs (female and sleephrs.) If we center the quantitative input sleephrs before building the model, we get a more interpretable interaction term.

```
smartcle2_c <- smartcle2 %>%
  mutate(sleephrs_c = sleephrs - mean(sleephrs))
```

```
c2_m4_c <- lm(bmi ~ female * sleephrs_c, data = smartcle2_c)
summary(c2_m4_c)</pre>
```

#### Call:

```
lm(formula = bmi ~ female * sleephrs_c, data = smartcle2_c)
```

#### Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-15.498 -4.179 -1.035 2.830 38.204
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                  28.3681
                              0.3274 86.658
                                               <2e-16 ***
female
                  -0.8420
                              0.4280 - 1.967
                                               0.0495 *
                   0.1569
                              0.2294
                                       0.684
                                               0.4940
sleephrs_c
female:sleephrs_c -0.4797
                              0.2931 -1.636
                                              0.1021
```

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 6.31 on 892 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.008341, Adjusted R-squared: 0.005006

F-statistic: 2.501 on 3 and 892 DF, p-value: 0.05818

What has changed as compared to the original c2 m4?

- Our original model was bmi = 27.26 + 2.53 female + 0.16 sleephrs 0.48 female x sleephrs
- Our new model is bmi = 28.37 0.84 female + 0.16 centered sleephrs 0.48 female x centered sleephrs.

So our new model on centered data is:

- 28.37 + 0.16 centered sleephrs\_c for male subjects, and
- (28.37 0.84) + (0.16 0.48) centered sleephrs\_c, or 27.53 0.32 centered sleephrs\_c for female subjects.

In our new (centered sleephrs\_c) model,

- the main effect of female now corresponds to a predictive difference (female male) in bmi with sleephrs at its mean value, 7.02 hours,
- the intercept term is now the predicted bmi for a male respondent who sleeps an average number of hours, and
- the product term corresponds to the change in the slope of centered sleephrs\_c on bmi for a female rather than a male subject, while
- the residual standard deviation and the R-squared values remain unchanged from the model before centering.

# 2.13.1 Plot of Model 4 on Centered sleephrs: c2\_m4\_c

```
ggplot(smartcle2_c, aes(x = sleephrs_c, y = bmi, group = female, col = factor(female))) +
    geom_point(alpha = 0.5, size = 2) +
    geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) +
    guides(color = FALSE) +
    labs(x = "Sleep Hours, centered", y = "Body Mass Index",
```

```
title = "Model `c2_m4` on centered data") +
facet_wrap(~ female, labeller = label_both)
```

# Model `c2\_m4` on centered data



# 2.14 Rescaling an input by subtracting the mean and dividing by 2 standard deviations

Centering helped us interpret the main effects in the regression, but it still leaves a scaling problem.

- The female coefficient estimate is much larger than that of sleephrs, but this is misleading, considering that we are comparing the complete change in one variable (sex = female or not) to a 1-hour change in average sleep.
- Gelman and Hill (2007) recommend all continuous predictors be scaled by dividing by 2 standard deviations, so that:
  - a 1-unit change in the rescaled predictor corresponds to a change from 1 standard deviation below the mean, to 1 standard deviation above.
  - an unscaled binary (1/0) predictor with 50% probability of occurring will be exactly comparable to a rescaled continuous predictor done in this way.

```
smartcle2_rescale <- smartcle2 %>%
mutate(sleephrs_z = (sleephrs - mean(sleephrs))/(2*sd(sleephrs)))
```

## 2.14.1 Refitting model c2\_m4 to the rescaled data

```
c2_m4_z <- lm(bmi ~ female * sleephrs_z, data = smartcle2_rescale)
summary(c2_m4_z)
lm(formula = bmi ~ female * sleephrs_z, data = smartcle2_rescale)
Residuals:
   Min
            10 Median
                             3Q
                                   Max
-15.498 -4.179 -1.035
                          2.830 38.204
Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                   28.3681
                              0.3274 86.658
                                                <2e-16 ***
                   -0.8420
                               0.4280 - 1.967
female
                                                0.0495 *
sleephrs_z
                   0.4637
                               0.6778 0.684
                                                0.4940
female:sleephrs_z -1.4173
                              0.8661 - 1.636
                                               0.1021
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 6.31 on 892 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.008341, Adjusted R-squared: 0.005006
F-statistic: 2.501 on 3 and 892 DF, p-value: 0.05818
```

#### 2.14.2 Interpreting the model on rescaled data

What has changed as compared to the original c2\_m4?

- Our original model was bmi = 27.26 + 2.53 female + 0.16 sleephrs 0.48 female x sleephrs
- Our model on centered sleephrs was bmi = 28.37 0.84 female + 0.16 centered sleephrs\_c 0.48 female x centered sleephrs\_c.
- Our new model on rescaled sleephrs is bmi = 28.37 0.84 female + 0.46 rescaled sleephrs\_z 1.42 female x rescaled sleephrs\_z.

So our rescaled model is:

- 28.37 + 0.46 rescaled sleephrs\_z for male subjects, and
- (28.37 0.84) + (0.46 1.42) rescaled sleephrs\_z, or 27.53 0.96 rescaled sleephrs\_z for female subjects.

In this new rescaled (sleephrs\_z) model, then,

- the main effect of female, -0.84, still corresponds to a predictive difference (female male) in bmi with sleephrs at its mean value, 7.02 hours,
- the intercept term is still the predicted bmi for a male respondent who sleeps an average number of hours, and
- the residual standard deviation and the R-squared values remain unchanged,

as before, but now we also have that:

• the coefficient of sleephrs\_z indicates the predictive difference in bmi associated with a change in sleephrs of 2 standard deviations (from one standard deviation below the mean of 7.02 to one standard deviation above 7.02.)

- Since the standard deviation of sleephrs is 1.48, this corresponds to a change from 5.54 hours per night to 8.50 hours per night.
- the coefficient of the product term (-1.42) corresponds to the change in the coefficient of sleephrs\_z for females as compared to males.

## 2.14.3 Plot of model on rescaled data

# Model `c2\_m4\_z` on rescaled data



# 2.15 c2\_m5: What if we add more variables?

We can boost our R<sup>2</sup> a bit, to over 5%, by adding in two new variables, related to whether or not the subject (in the past 30 days) used the internet, and on how many days the subject drank alcoholic beverages.

sleephrs

1

Residuals 890 33928

39

38.12

38.83 1.0186 0.3131176

```
Call:
lm(formula = bmi ~ female + exerany + sleephrs + internet30 +
   alcdays, data = smartcle2)
Residuals:
            10 Median
   Min
                           30
                                  Max
-16.147 -3.997 -0.856
                        2.487 35.965
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 30.84066 1.18458 26.035 < 2e-16 ***
female
           -1.28801
                      0.42805 -3.009 0.0027 **
           -2.42161
exerany
                      0.49853 -4.858 1.40e-06 ***
                      0.13988 -1.009
sleephrs
           -0.14118
                                       0.3131
internet30 1.38916
                      0.54252
                               2.561
                                       0.0106 *
          -0.10460
                      0.02595 -4.030 6.04e-05 ***
alcdays
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 6.174 on 890 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.05258,
                             Adjusted R-squared: 0.04726
F-statistic: 9.879 on 5 and 890 DF, p-value: 3.304e-09
  1. Here's the ANOVA for this model. What can we study with this?
anova(c2_m5)
Analysis of Variance Table
Response: bmi
           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                      Pr(>F)
female
              156 155.61 4.0818
                                      0.04365 *
            1
                 897 896.93 23.5283 1.453e-06 ***
exerany
            1
                     32.90 0.8631
sleephrs
            1
                 33
                                      0.35313
internet30
            1
                 178 178.33 4.6779
                                      0.03082 *
                 619 619.26 16.2443 6.044e-05 ***
alcdavs
            1
Residuals 890 33928
                      38.12
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
  2. Consider the revised output below. Now what can we study?
anova(lm(bmi ~ exerany + internet30 + alcdays + female + sleephrs,
        data = smartcle2))
Analysis of Variance Table
Response: bmi
           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                       Pr(>F)
                1
exerany
                 212 211.95 5.5599 0.0185925 *
internet30 1
                 486 486.03 12.7496 0.0003752 ***
alcdays
            1
female
                 351 350.75 9.2010 0.0024891 **
            1
```

# 2.16 c2\_m6: Would adding self-reported health help?

And we can do even a bit better than that by adding in a multi-categorical measure: self-reported general health.

```
Call:
lm(formula = bmi ~ female + exerany + sleephrs + internet30 +
    alcdays + genhealth, data = smartcle2)
Residuals:
```

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -16.331 -3.813 -0.838 2.679 34.166

## Coefficients:

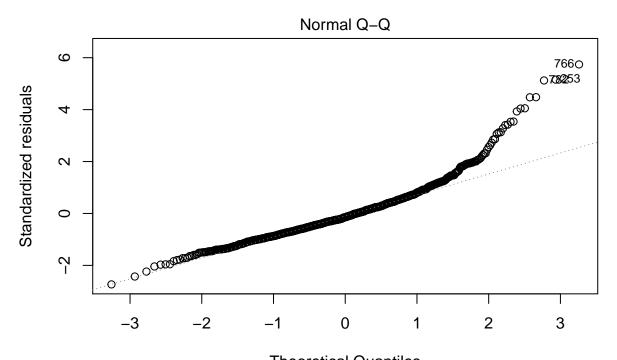
```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
              26.49498 1.31121 20.206 < 2e-16 ***
female
               -1.61968 0.50541 -3.205 0.001400 **
exerany
               -0.12719 0.13613 -0.934 0.350368
sleephrs
internet30
               alcdays
                       0.59408 3.544 0.000415 ***
genhealth2_VeryGood 2.10537
genhealth3_Good 4.08245 0.60739 6.721 3.22e-11 ***
genhealth4_Fair 4.99213 0.80178 6.226 7.37e-10 *** genhealth5_Poor 3.11025 1.12614 2.762 0.005866 **
                         0.80178 6.226 7.37e-10 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Residual standard error: 5.993 on 886 degrees of freedom

```
Multiple R-squared: 0.1115, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1024 F-statistic: 12.35 on 9 and 886 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

- 1. If Harry and Marty have the same values of female, exerany, sleephrs, internet30 and alcdays, but Harry rates his health as Good, and Marty rates his as Fair, then what is the difference in the predictions? Who is predicted to have a larger BMI, and by how much?
- 2. What does this normal probability plot of the residuals suggest?

```
plot(c2_m6, which = 2)
```



Theoretical Quantiles
Im(bmi ~ female + exerany + sleephrs + internet30 + alcdays + genhealth)

## 2.17 c2\_m7: What if we added days of work missed?

```
Call:
lm(formula = bmi ~ female + exerany + sleephrs + internet30 +
    alcdays + genhealth + physhealth + menthealth, data = smartcle2)
```

#### Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -16.060 -3.804 -0.890 2.794 33.972
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                   25.88208
                               1.31854 19.629 < 2e-16 ***
female
                   -0.96435
                               0.41908 -2.301 0.021616 *
                               0.50635 -2.828 0.004797 **
exerany
                   -1.43171
                               0.13624 -0.590 0.555583
sleephrs
                   -0.08033
internet30
                    2.00267
                               0.53759
                                        3.725 0.000207 ***
alcdays
                   -0.07997
                               0.02528 -3.163 0.001614 **
genhealth2_VeryGood 2.09533
                               0.59238
                                        3.537 0.000425 ***
genhealth3_Good
                    3.90949
                               0.60788
                                         6.431 2.07e-10 ***
genhealth4_Fair
                    4.27152
                                         5.086 4.47e-07 ***
                               0.83986
genhealth5_Poor
                    1.26021
                               1.31556
                                         0.958 0.338361
                                         2.026 0.043064 *
physhealth
                    0.06088
                               0.03005
menthealth
                    0.06636
                               0.03177
                                         2.089 0.037021 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Residual standard error: 5.964 on 884 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.1219, Adjusted R-squared: 0.111 F-statistic: 11.16 on 11 and 884 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

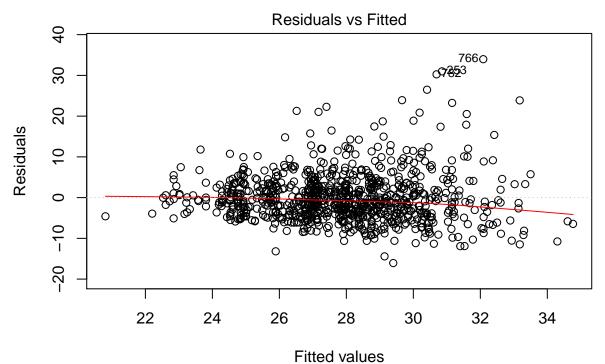
# 2.18 Key Regression Assumptions for Building Effective Prediction Models

- 1. Validity the data you are analyzing should map to the research question you are trying to answer.
  - The outcome should accurately reflect the phenomenon of interest.
  - The model should include all relevant predictors. (It can be difficult to decide which predictors are necessary, and what to do with predictors that have large standard errors.)
  - The model should generalize to all of the cases to which it will be applied.
  - Can the available data answer our question reliably?
- 2. Additivity and linearity most important assumption of a regression model is that its deterministic component is a linear function of the predictors. We often think about transformations in this setting.
- 3. Independence of errors errors from the prediction line are independent of each other
- 4. Equal variance of errors if this is violated, we can more efficiently estimate paramaters using *weighted* least squares approaches, where each point is weighted inversely proportional to its variance, but this doesn't affect the coefficients much, if at all.
- 5. Normality of errors not generally important for estimating the regression line

#### 2.18.1 Checking Assumptions in model c2 m7

1. How does the assumption of linearity behind this model look?

```
plot(c2_m7, which = 1)
```



Im(bmi ~ female + exerany + sleephrs + internet30 + alcdays + genhealth + p ...

We see no strong signs of serious non-linearity here. There's no obvious curve in the plot, for example.

<sup>2.</sup> What can we conclude from the plot below?



This plot can help us identify points with large standardized residuals, large leverage values, and large influence on the model (as indicated by large values of Cook's distance.) In this case, I see no signs of any points used in the model with especially large influence, although there are some poorly fitted points (with especially large standardized residuals.)

## Chapter 3

## Analysis of Variance

## 3.1 The bonding data: A Designed Dental Experiment

The bonding data describe a designed experiment into the properties of four different resin types (resin = A, B, C, D) and two different curing light sources (light = Halogen, LED) as they relate to the resulting bonding strength (measured in MPa<sup>1</sup>) on the surface of teeth. The source is Kim (2014).

The experiment involved making measurements of bonding strength under a total of 80 experimental setups, or runs, with 10 runs completed at each of the eight combinations of a light source and a resin type. The data are gathered in the bonding.csv file.

#### bonding

```
# A tibble: 80 x 4
   run_ID light
                  resin strength
   <fct> <fct>
                   <fct>
                            <dbl>
 1 R101
          LED
                  В
                             12.8
 2 R102
          Halogen B
                             22.2
 3 R103
          Halogen B
                             24.6
 4 R104
          LED
                             17.0
 5 R105
          LED
                   C
                             32.2
 6 R106
          Halogen B
                             27.1
7 R107
                             23.4
          LED
                   Α
8 R108
                             23.5
          Halogen A
9 R109
          Halogen D
                             37.3
10 R110
          Halogen A
                             19.7
# ... with 70 more rows
```

## 3.2 A One-Factor Analysis of Variance

Suppose we are interested in the distribution of the strength values for the four different types of resin.

```
bonding %>% group_by(resin) %>% summarize(n = n(), mean(strength), median(strength))
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The MPa is defined as the failure load (in Newtons) divided by the entire bonded area, in mm<sup>2</sup>.

2 B	20	22.2	22.7
3 C	20	25.2	25.7
4 D	20	32.1	35.3

I'd begin serious work with a plot.

#### 3.2.1 Look at the Data!

```
ggplot(bonding, aes(x = resin, y = strength)) +
   geom_boxplot()
```



Another good plot for this purpose is a ridgeline plot.

```
ggplot(bonding, aes(x = strength, y = resin, fill = resin)) +
   geom_density_ridges2() +
   guides(fill = FALSE)
```

Picking joint bandwidth of 3.09



#### 3.2.2 Table of Summary Statistics

bonding %>% group\_by(resin) %>% skim(strength)

With the small size of this experiment (n = 20 for each resin type), graphical summaries may not perform as well as they often do. We'll also produce a quick table of summary statistics for strength within each resin type, with the skim() function.

```
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 80
n variables: 4
group variables: resin
Variable type: numeric
resin variable missing complete n mean
                                           sd
                                               p0
                                                     p25 median
    A strength
                     0
                             20 20 18.41 4.81 9.3 15.73 17.95 20.4
    B strength
                     0
                             20 20 22.23 6.75 11.8 18.45
                                                         22.7
                                                                25.75
    C strength
                     0
                             20 20 25.16 6.33 14.5 20.65
                                                         25.7
                                                                30.7
    D strength
                             20 20 32.08 9.74 17.3 21.82 35.3 40.15
p100
28
35.2
34.5
47.2
```

Since the means and medians are fairly close, and the distributions (with the possible exception of resin D) are reasonably well approximated by the Normal, I'll fit an ANOVA model.

```
anova(lm(strength ~ resin, data = bonding))
```

```
Analysis of Variance Table

Response: strength

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

resin 3 1999.7 666.57 13.107 5.52e-07 ***

Residuals 76 3865.2 50.86

---

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

It appears that the resin types have a significant association with mean strength of the bonds. Can we identify which resin types have generally higher or lower strength?

```
TukeyHSD(aov(lm(strength ~ resin, data = bonding)))
```

```
Tukey multiple comparisons of means
95% family-wise confidence level

Fit: aov(formula = lm(strength ~ resin, data = bonding))

$resin
diff lwr upr p adj
B-A 3.815 -2.1088676 9.738868 0.3351635
C-A 6.740 0.8161324 12.663868 0.0193344
D-A 13.660 7.7361324 19.583868 0.0000003
C-B 2.925 -2.9988676 8.848868 0.5676635
D-B 9.845 3.9211324 15.768868 0.0002276
D-C 6.920 0.9961324 12.843868 0.0154615
```

Based on these confidence intervals (which have a family-wise 95% confidence level), we see that D is associated with significantly larger mean strength than A or B or C, and that C is also associated with significantly larger mean strength than A. This may be easier to see in a plot of these confidence intervals.

```
plot(TukeyHSD(aov(lm(strength ~ resin, data = bonding))))
```

## 95% family-wise confidence level

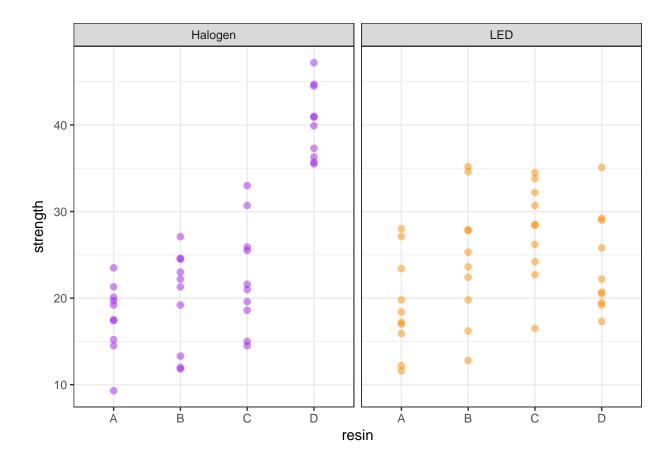


Differences in mean levels of resin

## 3.3 A Two-Way ANOVA: Looking at Two Factors

Now, we'll now add consideration of the light source into our study. We can look at the distribution of the strength values at the combinations of both light and resin, with a plot like this one...

```
ggplot(bonding, aes(x = resin, y = strength, color = light)) +
    geom_point(size = 2, alpha = 0.5) +
    facet_wrap(~ light) +
    guides(color = FALSE) +
    scale_color_manual(values = c("purple", "darkorange")) +
    theme_bw()
```



# 3.4 A Means Plot (with standard deviations) to check for interaction

Sometimes, we'll instead look at a plot simply of the means (and, often, the standard deviations) of strength at each combination of light and resin. We'll start by building up a data set with the summaries we want to plot.

```
bond.sum <- bonding %>%
    group_by(resin, light) %>%
    summarize(mean.str = mean(strength), sd.str = sd(strength))
bond.sum
# A tibble: 8 x 4
# Groups: resin [?]
  resin light
                mean.str sd.str
  <fct> <fct>
                   <dbl> <dbl>
1 A
        Halogen
                    17.8
                           4.02
2 A
        LED
                    19.1
                           5.63
3 B
        Halogen
                    19.9
                           5.62
4 B
        LED
                    24.6
                           7.25
5 C
        Halogen
                    22.5
                           6.19
6 C
        LED
                    27.8
                           5.56
7 D
        Halogen
                    40.3
                           4.15
                    23.8
8 D
        LED
                           5.70
```

Now, we'll use this new data set to plot the means and standard deviations of strength at each combination of resin and light.

### Observed Means (+/- SD) of Bonding Strength



Is there evidence of a meaningful interaction between the resin type and the light source on the bonding strength in this plot?

- Sure. A meaningful interaction just means that the strength associated with different resin types depends on the light source.
  - With LED light, it appears that resin C leads to the strongest bonding strength.
  - With Halogen light, though, it seems that resin D is substantially stronger.
- Note that the lines we see here connecting the light sources aren't in parallel (as they would be if we had zero interaction between resin and light), but rather, they cross.

#### 3.4.1 Skimming the data after grouping by resin and light

We might want to look at a numerical summary of the strengths within these groups, too.

```
bonding %>%
   group_by(resin, light) %>%
   skim(strength)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 80
n variables: 4
group variables: resin, light
Variable type: numeric
resin
      light variable missing complete n mean sd p0 p25 median
    A Halogen strength
                      0 10 10 17.77 4.02 9.3 15.75 18.35
         LED strength
                           0
                                  10 10 19.06 5.63 11.6 16.18 17.8
    B Halogen strength
                           0
                                  10 10 19.9 5.62 11.8 14.78 21.75
         LED strength
                          0
                                  10 10 24.56 7.25 12.8 20.45 24.45
    C Halogen strength
                          0
                                  10 10 22.54 6.19 14.5 18.85 21.3
                         0
          LED strength
                                 10 10 27.77 5.56 16.5 24.7
                                                              28.45
                        0
                                10 10 40.3 4.15 35.5 36.55 40.4
    D Halogen strength
    D
          LED strength
                          0
                                 10 10 23.85 5.7 17.3 19.75 21.45
  p75 p100
 20
      23.5
22.5 28
24.12 27.1
27.87 35.2
25.8 33
31.83 34.5
43.62 47.2
28.2 35.1
```

## 3.5 Fitting the Two-Way ANOVA model with Interaction

```
c3_m1 <- lm(strength ~ resin * light, data = bonding)</pre>
summary(c3_m1)
lm(formula = strength ~ resin * light, data = bonding)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                  Max
-11.760 -3.663 -0.320
                        3.697 11.250
Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                 17.770
                            1.771 10.033 2.57e-15 ***
resinB
                  2.130
                            2.505 0.850 0.3979
resinC
                 4.770
                            2.505 1.904 0.0609 .
                            2.505 8.995 2.13e-13 ***
                 22.530
resinD
```

```
lightLED
                   1.290
                              2.505
                                      0.515
                                              0.6081
                                              0.3446
resinB:lightLED
                                      0.951
                   3.370
                              3.542
resinC:lightLED
                  3.940
                              3.542
                                      1.112
                                              0.2697
resinD:lightLED
                -17.740
                              3.542
                                    -5.008 3.78e-06 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 5.601 on 72 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.6149,
                                Adjusted R-squared: 0.5775
F-statistic: 16.42 on 7 and 72 DF, p-value: 9.801e-13
```

#### 3.5.1 The ANOVA table for our model

In a two-way ANOVA model, we begin by assessing the interaction term. If it's important, then our best model is the model including the interaction. If it's not important, we will often move on to consider a new model, fit without an interaction.

The ANOVA table is especially helpful in this case, because it lets us look specifically at the interaction effect.

```
anova(c3_m1)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: strength
```

#### 3.5.2 Is the interaction important?

In this case, the interaction:

- is evident in the means plot, and
- is highly statistically significant, and
- accounts for a sizeable fraction (27%) of the overall variation

$$\eta_{interaction}^2 = \frac{\text{SS(resin:light)}}{SS(Total)} = \frac{1571.96}{1999.72 + 34.72 + 1571.96 + 2258.52} = 0.268$$

If the interaction were *either* large or significant we would be inclined to keep it in the model. In this case, it's both, so there's no real reason to remove it.

#### 3.5.3 Interpreting the Interaction

Recall the model equation, which is:

```
c3_m1
```

#### Call:

```
lm(formula = strength ~ resin * light, data = bonding)
```

#### Coefficients:

```
      (Intercept)
      resinB
      resinC
      resinD

      17.77
      2.13
      4.77
      22.53

      lightLED
      resinB:lightLED
      resinC:lightLED
      resinD:lightLED

      1.29
      3.37
      3.94
      -17.74
```

so we have:

strength = 17.77 + 2.13 resinB + 4.77 resinC + 22.53 resinD + 1.29 lightLED + 3.37 resinB \* lightLED + 3.94 resinC \* li

So, if light = Halogen, our equation is:

$$strength = 17.77 + 2.13resinB + 4.77resinC + 22.53resinD$$

And if light = LED, our equation is:

```
strength = 19.06 + 5.50resinB + 8.71resinC + 4.79resinD
```

Note that both the intercept and the slopes change as a result of the interaction. The model yields a different prediction for every possible combination of a resin type and a light source.

## 3.6 Comparing Individual Combinations of resin and light

To make comparisons between individual combinations of a resin type and a light source, using something like Tukey's HSD approach for multiple comparisons, we first refit the model using the aov structure, rather than lm.

```
c3m1_aov <- aov(strength ~ resin * light, data = bonding)
summary(c3m1_aov)</pre>
```

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                        Pr(>F)
             3 1999.7
                        666.6 21.250 5.79e-10 ***
resin
light
             1
                 34.7
                         34.7
                               1.107
                                         0.296
resin:light 3 1572.0
                        524.0 16.704 2.46e-08 ***
Residuals
           72 2258.5
                         31.4
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

And now, we can obtain Tukey HSD comparisons (which will maintain an overall 95% family-wise confidence level) across the resin types, the light sources, and the combinations, with the TukeyHSD command. This approach is only completely appropriate if these comparisons are pre-planned, and if the design is balanced (as this is, with the same sample size for each combination of a light source and resin type.)

```
TukeyHSD(c3m1_aov)
```

```
Tukey multiple comparisons of means 95% family-wise confidence level
```

Fit: aov(formula = strength ~ resin \* light, data = bonding)

```
$resin
      diff
                lwr
                          upr
                                  p adj
B-A 3.815 -0.843129 8.473129 0.1461960
C-A 6.740 2.081871 11.398129 0.0016436
D-A 13.660 9.001871 18.318129 0.0000000
C-B 2.925 -1.733129 7.583129 0.3568373
D-B 9.845 5.186871 14.503129 0.0000026
D-C 6.920 2.261871 11.578129 0.0011731
$light
              diff
                         lwr
                                          p adj
                                  upr
LED-Halogen -1.3175 -3.814042 1.179042 0.2963128
```

#### \$`resin:light`

	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
B:Halogen-A:Halogen	2.13	-5.68928258	9.949283	0.9893515
${\tt C:Halogen-A:Halogen}$	4.77	-3.04928258	12.589283	0.5525230
D:Halogen-A:Halogen	22.53	14.71071742	30.349283	0.0000000
A:LED-A:Halogen	1.29	-6.52928258	9.109283	0.9995485
B:LED-A:Halogen	6.79	-1.02928258	14.609283	0.1361092
C:LED-A:Halogen	10.00	2.18071742	17.819283	0.0037074
D:LED-A:Halogen	6.08	-1.73928258	13.899283	0.2443200
C:Halogen-B:Halogen	2.64	-5.17928258	10.459283	0.9640100
D:Halogen-B:Halogen	20.40	12.58071742	28.219283	0.0000000
A:LED-B:Halogen	-0.84	-8.65928258	6.979283	0.9999747
B:LED-B:Halogen	4.66	-3.15928258	12.479283	0.5818695
C:LED-B:Halogen	7.87	0.05071742	15.689283	0.0473914
D:LED-B:Halogen	3.95	-3.86928258	11.769283	0.7621860
D:Halogen-C:Halogen	17.76	9.94071742	25.579283	0.0000000
A:LED-C:Halogen	-3.48	-11.29928258	4.339283	0.8591455
B:LED-C:Halogen	2.02	-5.79928258	9.839283	0.9922412
C:LED-C:Halogen	5.23	-2.58928258	13.049283	0.4323859
D:LED-C:Halogen	1.31	-6.50928258	9.129283	0.9995004
A:LED-D:Halogen	-21.24	-29.05928258	-13.420717	0.0000000
B:LED-D:Halogen	-15.74	-23.55928258	-7.920717	0.000006
C:LED-D:Halogen	-12.53	-20.34928258	-4.710717	0.0001014
D:LED-D:Halogen	-16.45	-24.26928258	-8.630717	0.0000002
B:LED-A:LED	5.50	-2.31928258	13.319283	0.3665620
C:LED-A:LED	8.71	0.89071742	16.529283	0.0185285
D:LED-A:LED	4.79	-3.02928258	12.609283	0.5471915
C:LED-B:LED	3.21	-4.60928258	11.029283	0.9027236
D:LED-B:LED	-0.71	-8.52928258	7.109283	0.9999920
D:LED-C:LED	-3.92	-11.73928258	3.899283	0.7690762

One conclusion from this is that the combination of D and Halogen is significantly stronger than each of the other seven combinations.

## 3.7 The bonding model without Interaction

It seems incorrect in this situation to fit a model without the interaction term, but we'll do so just so you can see what's involved.

```
c3_m2 <- lm(strength ~ resin + light, data = bonding)
summary(c3_m2)</pre>
```

#### Call:

lm(formula = strength ~ resin + light, data = bonding)

#### Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-14.1163 -4.9531 0.1187 4.4613 14.4663
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 19.074 1.787 10.676 < 2e-16 ***
resinB 3.815 2.260 1.688 0.09555 .
resinC 6.740 2.260 2.982 0.00386 **
resinD 13.660 2.260 6.044 5.39e-08 ***
lightLED -1.317 1.598 -0.824 0.41229
```

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 7.147 on 75 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.3469, Adjusted R-squared: 0.312 F-statistic: 9.958 on 4 and 75 DF, p-value: 1.616e-06

In the no-interaction model, if light = Halogen, our equation is:

$$strength = 19.07 + 3.82 resinB + 6.74 resinC + 13.66 resinD$$

And if light = LED, our equation is:

```
strength = 17.75 + 3.82 resinB + 6.74 resinC + 13.66 resinD
```

So, in the no-interaction model, only the intercept changes.

#### anova(c3\_m2)

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: strength
```

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
resin 3 1999.7 666.57 13.0514 6.036e-07 ***
light 1 34.7 34.72 0.6797 0.4123
Residuals 75 3830.5 51.07
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

And, it appears, if we ignore the interaction, then resin type has a significant impact on strength but light source doesn't. This is a bit clearer, when we look at boxplots of the separated light and resin groups.

```
p1 <- ggplot(bonding, aes(x = light, y = strength)) +
     geom_boxplot()
p2 <- ggplot(bonding, aes(x = resin, y = strength)) +
     geom_boxplot()</pre>
```



## 3.8 cortisol: A Hypothetical Clinical Trial

156 adults who complained of problems with a high-stress lifestyle were enrolled in a hypothetical clinical trial of the effectiveness of a behavioral intervention designed to help reduce stress levels, as measured by salivary cortisol.

The subjects were randomly assigned to one of three intervention groups (usual care, low dose, and high dose.) The "low dose" subjects received a one-week intervention with a follow-up at week 5. The "high dose" subjects received a more intensive three-week intervention, with follow up at week 5.

Since cortisol levels rise and fall with circadian rhythms, the cortisol measurements were taken just after rising for all subjects. These measurements were taken at baseline, and again at five weeks. The difference (baseline - week 5) in cortisol level (in micrograms / l) serves as the primary outcome.

#### 3.8.1 Codebook and Raw Data for cortisol

The data are gathered in the cortisol data set. Included are:

Variable	Description
U	subject identification code intervention group (UC = usual care, Low, High) waist circumference at baseline (in inches)

Variable	Description
	male or female
	salivary cortisol level (microg/l) week 1 salivary cortisol level (microg/l) week 5

```
cortisol
# A tibble: 156 x 6
   subject interv waist sex
                                cort.1 cort.5
     <int> <fct>
                   <dbl> <fct>
                                <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
      1001 UC
                    48.3 M
                                 13.4
                                         13.3
 1
 2
      1002 Low
                    58.3 M
                                 17.8
                                         16.6
 3
      1003 High
                    43.0 M
                                 14.4
                                         12.7
 4
      1004 Low
                    44.9 M
                                  9.00
                                         9.80
 5
      1005 High
                    46.1 M
                                 14.2
                                         14.2
 6
      1006 UC
                    41.3 M
                                 14.8
                                         15.1
 7
      1007 Low
                    51.0 F
                                 13.7
                                        16.0
 8
      1008 UC
                    42.0 F
                                 17.3
                                        18.7
9
      1009 Low
                    24.7 F
                                        15.8
                                 15.3
10
                    59.4 M
                                 12.4
      1010 Low
                                        11.7
# ... with 146 more rows
```

## 3.9 Creating a factor combining sex and waist

Next, we'll put the waist and sex data in the cortisol example together. We want to build a second categorical variable (called fat\_est) combining this information, to indicate "healthy" vs. "unhealthy" levels of fat around the waist.

- Male subjects whose waist circumference is 40 inches or more, and
- Female subjects whose waist circumference is 35 inches or more, will fall in the "unhealthy" group.

```
subject
                interv
                              waist
                                                      cort.1
                                          sex
                                 :20.80
                                                         : 6.000
Min.
       :1001
               High:53
                          Min.
                                          F:83
                                                 Min.
1st Qu.:1040
               Low :52
                          1st Qu.:33.27
                                          M:73
                                                 1st Qu.: 9.675
Median:1078
               UC :51
                          Median :40.35
                                                 Median :12.400
Mean
      :1078
                          Mean
                                 :40.42
                                                         :12.686
                                                 Mean
3rd Qu.:1117
                          3rd Qu.:47.77
                                                 3rd Qu.:16.025
       :1156
                                 :59.90
                                                         :19.000
Max.
                          Max.
                                                 Max.
    cort.5
                    fat_est
                                  cort_diff
     : 4.2
               healthy: 56
                                       :-2.3000
Min.
                                Min.
1st Qu.: 9.6
               unhealthy:100
                                1st Qu.:-0.5000
Median:12.6
                                Median : 0.2000
Mean
     :12.4
                                Mean
                                      : 0.2821
```

```
3rd Qu.:15.7 3rd Qu.: 1.2000 Max. :19.7 Max. : 2.0000
```

## 3.10 A Means Plot for the cortisol trial (with standard errors)

Again, we'll start by building up a data set with the summaries we want to plot.

```
cort.sum <- cortisol %>%
   group_by(interv, fat_est) %>%
   summarize(mean.cort = mean(cort_diff),
        se.cort = sd(cort_diff)/sqrt(n()))
```

Now, we'll use this new data set to plot the means and standard errors.

## Observed Means (+/- SE) of Salivary Cortisol



## 3.11 A Two-Way ANOVA model for cortisol with Interaction

```
c3_m3 <- lm(cort_diff ~ interv * fat_est, data = cortisol)
anova(c3_m3)</pre>
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: cort_diff

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

interv 2 7.847 3.9235 4.4698 0.01301 *

fat_est 1 4.614 4.6139 5.2564 0.02326 *

interv:fat_est 2 0.943 0.4715 0.5371 0.58554

Residuals 150 131.666 0.8778
```

100 101.000 0.0110

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Does it seem like we need the interaction term in this case?

```
summary(c3_m3)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = cort_diff ~ interv * fat_est, data = cortisol)
```

Residuals:

```
1Q
                Median
                              3Q
-2.62727 -0.75702 0.08636 0.84848 2.12647
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                        (Intercept)
intervLow
                       -0.1950 0.3001 -0.650 0.51689
                       -0.3479 0.3091 -1.126 0.26206
intervUC
                       -0.3435 0.2655 -1.294 0.19774
fat_estunhealthy
intervLow:fat_estunhealthy 0.1708 0.3785 0.451 0.65256
intervUC:fat_estunhealthy -0.2300 0.3846 -0.598 0.55068
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.9369 on 150 degrees of freedom
```

Multiple R-squared: 0.0924, Adjusted R-squared: 0.06214

F-statistic: 3.054 on 5 and 150 DF, p-value: 0.01179

How do you reconcile the apparent difference in significance levels between this regression summary and the ANOVA table above?

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#### 3.12.1 The Graph

```
p1 <- ggplot(cortisol, aes(x = interv, y = cort_diff)) +</pre>
    geom_boxplot()
p2 <- ggplot(cortisol, aes(x = fat_est, y = cort_diff)) +</pre>
    geom_boxplot()
gridExtra::grid.arrange(p1, p2, nrow = 1)
```



#### 3.12.2 The ANOVA Model

```
c3_m4 <- lm(cort_diff ~ interv + fat_est, data = cortisol)
anova(c3_m4)</pre>
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: cort_diff
```

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
interv 2 7.847 3.9235 4.4972 0.01266 \*
fat\_est 1 4.614 4.6139 5.2886 0.02283 \*

Residuals 152 132.609 0.8724

---

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\* 0.001 '\*\* 0.01 '\* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

How do these results compare to those we saw in the model with interaction?

#### 3.12.3 The Regression Summary

```
summary(c3_m4)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = cort_diff ~ interv + fat_est, data = cortisol)
```

#### Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.55929 -0.74527 0.05457 0.86456 2.05489
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

(Intercept) 0.70452 0.16093 4.378 2.22e-05 ***

intervLow -0.08645 0.18232 -0.474 0.63606

intervUC -0.50063 0.18334 -2.731 0.00707 **

fat_estunhealthy -0.35878 0.15601 -2.300 0.02283 *
---
```

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.934 on 152 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.0859, Adjusted R-squared: 0.06785

F-statistic: 4.761 on 3 and 152 DF, p-value: 0.00335

#### 3.12.4 Tukey HSD Comparisons

Without the interaction term, we can make direct comparisons between levels of the intervention, and between levels of the fat\_est variable. This is probably best done here in a Tukey HSD comparison.

```
TukeyHSD(aov(cort_diff ~ interv + fat_est, data = cortisol))
```

```
Tukey multiple comparisons of means 95% family-wise confidence level
```

Fit: aov(formula = cort\_diff ~ interv + fat\_est, data = cortisol)

#### \$interv

```
diff lwr upr p adj
Low-High -0.09074746 -0.5222655 0.34077063 0.8724916
UC-High -0.51642619 -0.9500745 -0.08277793 0.0150150
UC-Low -0.42567873 -0.8613670 0.01000948 0.0570728
```

#### \$fat\_est

What conclusions can we draw, at a 5% significance level?

## Chapter 4

## **Analysis of Covariance**

## 4.1 An Emphysema Study

My source for this example is Riffenburgh (2006), section 18.4. Serum theophylline levels (in mg/dl) were measured in 16 patients with emphysema at baseline, then 5 days later (at the end of a course of antibiotics) and then at 10 days after baseline. Clinicians anticipate that the antibiotic will increase the theophylline level. The data are stored in the emphysema.csv data file, and note that the age for patient 5 is not available.

#### 4.1.1 Codebook

Variable	Description
patient	ID code
age	patient's age in years
sex	patient's sex (F or M)
st_base	patient's serum theophylline at baseline (mg/dl)
st_day5	patient's serum theophylline at day 5 (mg/dl)
st_day10	patient's serum theophylline at day 10 (mg/dl)

We're going to look at the change from baseline to day 5 as our outcome of interest, since the clinical expectation is that the antibiotic (azithromycin) will increase theophylline levels.

```
emphysema <- emphysema %>%
    mutate(st_delta = st_day5 - st_base)
emphysema
```

```
# A tibble: 16 x 7
              age sex
                         st_base st_day5 st_day10 st_delta
     <int>
            <int> <fct>
                            <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                               <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
          1
               61 F
                            14.1
                                      2.30
                                               10.3
                                                       -11.8
 1
 2
          2
               70 F
                             7.20
                                      5.40
                                                7.30
                                                      - 1.80
 3
          3
               65 M
                            14.2
                                     11.9
                                               11.3
                                                       - 2.30
 4
          4
               65 M
                            10.3
                                     10.7
                                               13.8
                                                         0.400
 5
          5
               NA M
                             9.90
                                     10.7
                                               11.7
                                                         0.800
 6
          6
               76 M
                             5.20
                                      6.80
                                                4.20
                                                         1.60
 7
          7
               72 M
                                               14.1
                                                         4.20
                            10.4
                                     14.6
 8
          8
               69 F
                            10.5
                                      7.20
                                                5.40
                                                      - 3.30
```

```
9
        9
             66 M
                        5.00
                                5.00
                                        5.10
                                                0
10
       10
             62 M
                        8.60
                               8.10
                                        7.40 - 0.500
11
       11
             65 F
                       16.6
                               14.9
                                       13.0
                                              - 1.70
12
       12
             71 M
                       16.4
                               18.6
                                       17.1
                                                2.20
13
       13
             51 F
                       12.2
                               11.0
                                       12.3
                                              - 1.20
14
       14
            71 M
                       6.60
                                        4.50 - 2.90
                               3.70
          64 F
                       15.4
                               15.2
                                       13.6 - 0.200
15
       15
          50 M
                      10.2
                                       11.2
16
       16
                               10.8
                                                0.600
```

## 4.2 Does sex affect the mean change in the ophylline?

```
emphysema %>% skim(st_delta)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 16
n variables: 7
Variable type: numeric
variable missing complete n mean sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
                       16 16 -0.99 3.48 -11.8 -1.92 -0.35 0.65 4.2
emphysema %>% group_by(sex) %>% skim(st_delta)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 16
n variables: 7
group variables: sex
Variable type: numeric
sex variable missing complete n mean sd p0 p25 median
  F st_delta
                   0
                         6 6 -3.33 4.27 -11.8 -2.92 -1.75 -1.32 -0.2
  M st_delta
                   0
                          10 10 0.41 2.07 -2.9 -0.38
                                                        0.5
                                                              1.4
```

Overall, the mean change in the ophylline during the course of the antibiotic is -0.99, but this is -3.33 for female patients and 0.41 for male patients.

A one-way ANOVA model looks like this:

The ANOVA F test finds a statistically significant difference between the mean st\_delta among males and the mean st\_delta among females. But is there more to the story?

## 4.3 Is there an association between age and sex in this study?

```
emphysema %>% group_by(sex) %>% skim(age)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 16
n variables: 7
group variables: sex
Variable type: integer
 sex variable missing complete n mean sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
  F
          age
                    0
                             6 6 63.33 6.89 51 61.75
                                                        64.5
                                                              68
                                                                    70
  М
          age
                             9 10 66.44 7.57 50 65
                                                        66
                                                              71
                                                                    76
```

But we note that the male patients are also older than the female patients, on average (mean age for males is 66.4, for females 63.3)

- Does the fact that male patients are older affect change in the ophylline level?
- And how should we deal with the one missing age value (in a male patient)?

## 4.4 Adding a quantitative covariate, age, to the model

We could fit an ANOVA model to predict st\_delta using sex and age directly, but only if we categorized age into two or more groups. Because age is not categorical, we cannot include it in an ANOVA. But if age is an influence, and we don't adjust for it, it may well bias the outcome of our initial ANOVA. With a quantitative variable like age, we will need a method called ANCOVA, for analysis of covariance.

#### 4.4.1 The ANCOVA model

ANCOVA in this case is just an ANOVA model with our outcome (st\_delta) adjusted for a continuous covariate, called age. For the moment, we'll ignore the one subject with missing age and simply fit the regression model with sex and age.

```
summary(lm(st_delta ~ sex + age, data = emphysema))
lm(formula = st_delta ~ sex + age, data = emphysema)
Residuals:
   Min
             1Q Median
                             3Q
                                    Max
-8.3352 -0.4789 0.6948 1.5580 3.5202
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -6.90266
                        7.92948
                                 -0.871
                                          0.4011
             3.52466
                        1.75815
                                  2.005
                                          0.0681
sexM
             0.05636
                        0.12343
                                  0.457
                                          0.6561
age
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 3.255 on 12 degrees of freedom
  (1 observation deleted due to missingness)
```

```
Multiple R-squared: 0.2882, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1696 F-statistic: 2.43 on 2 and 12 DF, p-value: 0.13
```

This model assumes that the slope of the regression line between st\_delta and age is the same for both sexes.

Note that the model yields  $st_delta = -6.9 + 3.52$  (sex = male) + 0.056 age, or

- $st_delta = -3.38 + 0.056$  age for female patients, and
- $st_delta = -6.9 + 0.056$  age for male patients.

Note that we can test this assumption of equal slopes by fitting an alternative model (with a product term between sex and age) that doesn't require the assumption, and we'll do that later.

#### 4.4.2 The ANCOVA Table

First, though, we'll look at the ANCOVA table.

When we tested sex without accounting for age, we found a p value of 0.032, which is less than our usual cutpoint of 0.05. But when we adjusted for age, we find that sex loses significance, even though age is not a significant influence on  $st_delta$  by itself, according to the ANCOVA table.

## 4.5 Rerunning the ANCOVA model after simple imputation

We could have *imputed* the missing age value for patient 5, rather than just deleting that patient. Suppose we do the simplest potentially reasonable thing to do: insert the mean age in where the NA value currently exists.

```
emph_imp <- replace_na(emphysema, list(age = mean(emphysema$age, na.rm = TRUE)))
emph_imp</pre>
```

```
# A tibble: 16 x 7
                       st_base st_day5 st_day10 st_delta
  patient
             age sex
     <int> <dbl> <fct>
                         <dbl>
                                  <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
         1 61.0 F
                                   2.30
                                           10.3
 1
                         14.1
                                                  -11.8
 2
         2
            70.0 F
                          7.20
                                  5.40
                                            7.30 - 1.80
 3
         3 65.0 M
                         14.2
                                                  - 2.30
                                 11.9
                                           11.3
 4
           65.0 M
                         10.3
                                           13.8
                                                    0.400
                                 10.7
 5
                                           11.7
         5
           65.2 M
                          9.90
                                 10.7
                                                    0.800
 6
         6
            76.0 M
                          5.20
                                            4.20
                                                    1.60
                                  6.80
7
         7 72.0 M
                         10.4
                                  14.6
                                           14.1
                                                    4.20
8
           69.0 F
                         10.5
                                  7.20
                                                 - 3.30
                                            5.40
 9
           66.0 M
                          5.00
                                  5.00
                                            5.10
                                                    0
```

```
10
        10 62.0 M
                           8.60
                                    8.10
                                              7.40 - 0.500
            65.0 F
11
        11
                          16.6
                                   14.9
                                             13.0
                                                    -1.70
                                   18.6
12
        12
            71.0 M
                           16.4
                                             17.1
                                                       2.20
13
            51.0 F
                          12.2
                                   11.0
                                             12.3
                                                    - 1.20
        13
14
            71.0 M
                           6.60
                                    3.70
                                              4.50
                                                    - 2.90
            64.0 F
15
        15
                          15.4
                                   15.2
                                             13.6
                                                    - 0.200
            50.0 M
16
        16
                          10.2
                                   10.8
                                             11.2
                                                       0.600
```

More on simple imputation and missing data is coming soon.

For now, we can rerun the ANCOVA model on this new data set, after imputation...

```
anova(lm(st_delta ~ sex + age, data = emph_imp))
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: st_delta

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

sex 1 52.547 52.547 5.3623 0.03755 *

age 1 2.151 2.151 0.2195 0.64721

Residuals 13 127.392 9.799

---

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

When we do this, we see that now the sex variable returns to a p value below 0.05. Our complete case analysis (which omitted patient 5) gives us a different result than the ANCOVA based on the data after mean imputation.

## 4.6 Looking at a factor-covariate interaction

Let's run a model including the interaction (product) term between age and sex, which implies that the slope of age on our outcome ( $st_delta$ ) depends on the patient's sex. We'll use the imputed data again. Here is the new ANCOVA table, which suggests that the interaction of age and sex is small (because it accounts for only a small amount of the total Sum of Squares) and not significant (p = 0.91).

```
anova(lm(st_delta ~ sex * age, data = emph_imp))
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: st_delta
         Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
             52.547 52.547 4.9549 0.04594 *
sex
age
              2.151
                      2.151
                            0.2028 0.66051
          1
              0.130
                      0.130
                            0.0123 0.91355
sex:age
Residuals 12 127.261
                    10.605
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Since the interaction term is neither substantial nor significant, we probably don't need it here. But let's look at its interpretation anyway, just to fix ideas. To do that, we'll need the coefficients from the underlying regression model.

```
3 age 0.03651685 0.2113871 0.1727488 0.8657284
4 sexM:age 0.02885946 0.2603044 0.1108681 0.9135536
```

Our ANCOVA model for st\_delta incorporating the age x sex product term is -5.65 + 1.72 (sex = M) + 0.037 age + 0.029 (sex = M)(age). So that means:

- our model for females is  $st_delta = -5.65 + 0.037$  age
- our model for males is  $st_delta = (-5.65 + 1.72) + (0.037 + 0.029)$  age, or -3.93 + 0.066 age

but, again, our conclusion from the ANCOVA table is that this increase in complexity (letting both the slope and intercept vary by sex) doesn't add much in the way of predictive value for our st\_delta outcome.

## 4.7 Centering the Covariate to Facilitate ANCOVA Interpretation

When developing an ANCOVA model, we will often **center** or even **center and rescale** the covariate to facilitate interpretation of the product term. In this case, let's center **age** and rescale it by dividing by two standard deviations.

```
emph_imp %>% skim(age)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 16
n variables: 7
Variable type: numeric
variable missing complete n mean
                                     sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
                        16 16 65.2 6.98 50 63.5
                                                   65.1 70.25
Note that in our imputed data, the mean age is 65.2 and the standard deviation of age is 7 years.
So we build the rescaled age variable that I'll call age z, and then use it to refit our model.
emph_imp <- emph_imp %>%
   mutate(age_z = (age - mean(age))/ (2 * sd(age)))
anova(lm(st_delta ~ sex * age_z, data = emph_imp))
Analysis of Variance Table
Response: st_delta
          Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
           1 52.547 52.547 4.9549 0.04594 *
sex
           1
               2.151
                       2.151 0.2028 0.66051
sex:age_z 1
               0.130
                       0.130
                              0.0123 0.91355
Residuals 12 127.261
                     10.605
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
tidy(lm(st_delta ~ sex * age_z, data = emph_imp))
                                                  p.value
              estimate std.error statistic
         term
1 (Intercept) -3.2651685 1.386802 -2.3544587 0.03641637
2
         sexM 3.6019471 1.735706 2.0752055 0.06013138
        age z 0.5096337 2.950144 0.1727488 0.86572835
  sexM:age_z 0.4027661 3.632839 0.1108681 0.91355364
Comparing the two models, we have:
```

• (unscaled):  $st_delta = -5.65 + 1.72 (sex = M) + 0.037 age + 0.029 (sex = M) x (age)$ 

• (rescaled):  $st_delta = -3.27 + 3.60$  (sex = M) + 0.510 rescaled  $age_z + 0.402$  (sex = M) x (rescaled  $age_z$ )

In essence, the rescaled model on age\_z is:

- $st_delta = -3.27 + 0.510 age_z$  for female subjects, and
- $st_delta = (-3.27 + 3.60) + (0.510 + 0.402)$  age\_z = 0.33 + 0.912 age\_z for male subjects

Interpreting the centered, rescaled model, we have:

- no change in the ANOVA results or R-squared or residual standard deviation compared to the uncentered, unscaled model, but
- the intercept (-3.27) now represents the st\_delta for a female of average age,
- the sex slope (3.60) represents the (male female) difference in predicted st\_delta for a person of average age,
- the age\_z slope (0.510) represents the difference in predicted st\_delta for a female one standard deviation older than the mean age as compared to a female one standard deviation younger than the mean age, and
- the product term's slope (0.402) represents the male female difference in the slope of age\_z, so that if you add the age\_z slope (0.510) and the interaction slope (0.402) you see the difference in predicted st\_delta for a male one standard deviation older than the mean age as compared to a male one standard deviation younger than the mean age.

## Chapter 5

## Missing Data Mechanisms and Single Imputation

Almost all serious statistical analyses have to deal with missing data. Data values that are missing are indicated in R, and to R, by the symbol NA.

## 5.1 A Toy Example

In the following tiny data set called **sbp\_example**, we have four variables for a set of 15 subjects. In addition to a subject id, we have:

- the treatment this subject received (A, B or C are the treatments),
- an indicator (1 = yes, 0 = no) of whether the subject has diabetes,
- the subject's systolic blood pressure at baseline
- the subject's systolic blood pressure after the application of the treatment

3	103 C	0	150	150
4	104 A	1.00	NA	120
5	105 C	NA	155	135
6	106 A	1.00	NA	115
7	107 A	0	135	160
8	108 <na></na>	1.00	NA	150
9	109 B	NA	115	130
10	110 C	1.00	170	155
11	111 A	0	150	140
12	112 B	0	145	140
13	113 C	1.00	140	150
14	114 A	1.00	160	135
15	115 B	NA	135	120

#### 5.1.1 How many missing values do we have in each column?

```
colSums(is.na(sbp_example))
subject treat diabetes sbp.before sbp.after
0 1 3 3 0
```

We are missing one treat, 3 diabetes and 3 sbp.before values.

#### 5.1.2 What is the pattern of missing data?

```
mice::md.pattern(sbp_example)
  subject sbp.after treat diabetes sbp.before
9
        1
                   1
                          1
                                   1
3
                          1
                                   0
                                               1 1
2
        1
                                   1
                                               0 1
                   1
                          1
        1
                   1
                          0
                                   1
                                               0 2
                          1
                                   3
                                               3 7
```

We have nine subjects with complete data, three subjects with missing diabetes (only), two subjects with missing sbp.before (only), and 1 subject with missing treat and sbp.before.

#### 5.1.3 How can we identify the subjects with missing data?

```
sbp_example %>% filter(!complete.cases(.))
# A tibble: 6 x 5
  subject treat diabetes sbp.before sbp.after
    <int> <fct>
                   <dbl>
                               <dbl>
                                         <dbl>
                    1.00
1
      104 A
                                 NA
                                           120
2
      105 C
                                 155
                                           135
                   NA
3
      106 A
                    1.00
                                 NA
                                           115
4
                    1.00
                                           150
      108 <NA>
                                 NA
5
      109 B
                   NA
                                 115
                                           130
6
      115 B
                                 135
                                           120
                   NA
```

## 5.2 Missing-data mechanisms

My source for this description of mechanisms is Chapter 25 of Gelman and Hill (2007), and that chapter is available at this link.

- 1. MCAR = Missingness completely at random. A variable is missing completely at random if the probability of missingness is the same for all units, for example, if for each subject, we decide whether to collect the diabetes status by rolling a die and refusing to answer if a "6" shows up. If data are missing completely at random, then throwing out cases with missing data does not bias your inferences.
- 2. Missingness that depends only on observed predictors. A more general assumption, called missing at random or MAR, is that the probability a variable is missing depends only on available information. Here, we would have to be willing to assume that the probability of nonresponse to diabetes depends only on the other, fully recorded variables in the data. It is often reasonable to model this process as a logistic regression, where the outcome variable equals 1 for observed cases and 0 for missing. When an outcome variable is missing at random, it is acceptable to exclude the missing cases (that is, to treat them as NA), as long as the regression controls for all the variables that affect the probability of missingness.
- 3. Missingness that depends on unobserved predictors. Missingness is no longer "at random" if it depends on information that has not been recorded and this information also predicts the missing values. If a particular treatment causes discomfort, a patient is more likely to drop out of the study. This missingness is not at random (unless "discomfort" is measured and observed for all patients). If missingness is not at random, it must be explicitly modeled, or else you must accept some bias in your inferences.
- 4. Missingness that depends on the missing value itself. Finally, a particularly difficult situation arises when the probability of missingness depends on the (potentially missing) variable itself. For example, suppose that people with higher earnings are less likely to reveal them.

Essentially, situations 3 and 4 are referred to collectively as **non-random missingness**, and cause more trouble for us than 1 and 2.

## 5.3 Options for Dealing with Missingness

There are several available methods for dealing with missing data that are MCAR or MAR, but they basically boil down to:

- Complete Case (or Available Case) analyses
- Single Imputation
- Multiple Imputation

## 5.4 Complete Case (and Available Case) analyses

In Complete Case analyses, rows containing NA values are omitted from the data before analyses commence. This is the default approach for many statistical software packages, and may introduce unpredictable bias and fail to include some useful, often hard-won information.

- A complete case analysis can be appropriate when the number of missing observations is not large, and the missing pattern is either MCAR (missing completely at random) or MAR (missing at random.)
- Two problems arise with complete-case analysis:
  - 1. If the units with missing values differ systematically from the completely observed cases, this could bias the complete-case analysis.
  - 2. If many variables are included in a model, there may be very few complete cases, so that most of the data would be discarded for the sake of a straightforward analysis.

• A related approach is *available-case* analysis where different aspects of a problem are studied with different subsets of the data, perhaps identified on the basis of what is missing in them.

## 5.5 Single Imputation

In **single imputation** analyses, NA values are estimated/replaced *one time* with *one particular data value* for the purpose of obtaining more complete samples, at the expense of creating some potential bias in the eventual conclusions or obtaining slightly *less* accurate estimates than would be available if there were no missing values in the data.

- A single imputation can be just a replacement with the mean or median (for a quantity) or the mode (for a categorical variable.) However, such an approach, though easy to understand, underestimates variance and ignores the relationship of missing values to other variables.
- Single imputation can also be done using a variety of models to try to capture information about the NA values that are available in other variables within the data set.
- The simputation package can help us execute single imputations using a wide variety of techniques, within the pipe approach used by the tidyverse. Another approach I have used in the past is the mice package, which can also perform single imputations.

## 5.6 Multiple Imputation

**Multiple imputation**, where NA values are repeatedly estimated/replaced with multiple data values, for the purpose of obtaining mode complete samples *and* capturing details of the variation inherent in the fact that the data have missingness, so as to obtain *more* accurate estimates than are possible with single imputation.

• We'll postpone the discussion of multiple imputation for a while.

## 5.7 Building a Complete Case Analysis

We can drop all of the missing values from a data set with drop\_na or with na.omit or by filtering for complete.cases. Any of these approaches produces the same result - a new data set with 9 rows (after dropping the six subjects with any NA values) and 5 columns.

```
cc.1 <- na.omit(sbp_example)
cc.2 <- sbp_example %>% drop_na
cc.3 <- sbp_example %>% filter(complete.cases(.))
```

## 5.8 Single Imputation with the Mean or Mode

The most straightforward approach to single imputation is to impute a single summary of the variable, such as the mean, median or mode.

```
skim(sbp_example)

Skim summary statistics
  n obs: 15
  n variables: 5

Variable type: factor
  variable missing complete n n_unique top_counts ordered
```

```
14 15
                                      3 A: 6, B: 4, C: 4, NA: 1
    treat
Variable type: integer
variable missing complete
                           n mean
                                      sd p0
                                               p25 median
  subject
                        15 15
                              108 4.47 101 104.5
Variable type: numeric
   variable missing complete n
                                   mean
                                           sd
                                               p0 p25 median
   diabetes
                  3
                           12 15
                                   0.58
                                       0.51
                                                0
                                                    0
                                                            1
                                                                1
  sbp.after
                  0
                           15 15 136
                                        15.83 105 125
                                                          135 150
                                                                      160
 sbp.before
                  3
                           12 15 143.33 15.72 115 135
                                                          145 151.25
                                                                      170
```

Here, suppose we decide to impute

- sbp.before with the mean (143.33) among non-missing values,
- diabetes with its median (1) among non-missing values, and
- treat with its most common value, or mode (A)

```
# A tibble: 15 x 5
```

```
subject treat diabetes sbp.before sbp.after
     <int> <fct>
                      <dbl>
                                   <dbl>
                                              <dbl>
        101 A
                       1.00
                                     120
                                                 105
 1
 2
        102 B
                       0
                                     145
                                                 135
 3
        103 C
                       0
                                     150
                                                 150
 4
       104 A
                       1.00
                                     143
                                                 120
 5
       105 C
                       1.00
                                     155
                                                 135
 6
       106 A
                       1.00
                                     143
                                                 115
 7
       107 A
                       0
                                     135
                                                 160
 8
        108 A
                        1.00
                                     143
                                                 150
9
        109 B
                       1.00
                                     115
                                                 130
10
        110 C
                        1.00
                                     170
                                                 155
                        0
                                                 140
11
        111 A
                                     150
12
        112 B
                        0
                                     145
                                                 140
13
        113 C
                        1.00
                                     140
                                                 150
14
        114 A
                        1.00
                                     160
                                                 135
        115 B
                        1.00
15
                                     135
                                                 120
```

We could accomplish the same thing with, for example:

# 5.9 Doing Single Imputation with simputation

Single imputation is a potentially appropriate method when missingness can be assumed to be either completely at random (MCAR) or dependent only on observed predictors (MAR). We'll use the simputation package to accomplish it.

- The simputation vignette is available at https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/simputation/vignettes/intro.html
- The simputation reference manual is available at https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/simputation/simputation.pdf

### 5.9.1 Mirroring Our Prior Approach (imputing means/medians/modes)

Suppose we want to mirror what we did above, simply impute the mean for sbp.before and the median for diabetes again.

```
si.3 <- sbp_example %>%
    impute_lm(sbp.before ~ 1) %>%
    impute_median(diabetes ~ 1) %>%
   replace_na(list(treat = "A"))
si.3
# A tibble: 15 x 5
   subject treat diabetes sbp.before sbp.after
     <int> <fct> <dbl> <dbl>
                                         <dbl>
 1
       101 A
                     1.00
                                120
                                           105
2
       102 B
                     Ω
                                 145
                                           135
 3
       103 C
                     0
                                 150
                                           150
 4
       104 A
                     1.00
                                 143
                                           120
 5
      105 C
                     1.00
                                 155
                                           135
 6
       106 A
                     1.00
                                 143
                                           115
7
       107 A
                     0
                                 135
                                           160
8
       108 A
                     1.00
                                 143
                                           150
9
       109 B
                     1.00
                                 115
                                           130
10
       110 C
                     1.00
                                 170
                                           155
11
       111 A
                     0
                                 150
                                           140
12
       112 B
                     0
                                 145
                                           140
13
       113 C
                     1.00
                                 140
                                           150
14
       114 A
                     1.00
                                 160
                                           135
15
       115 B
                     1.00
                                 135
                                           120
```

#### 5.9.2 Using a model to impute sbp. before and diabetes

Suppose we wanted to use:

- a robust linear model to predict sbp.before missing values, on the basis of sbp.after and diabetes status, and
- a predictive mean matching approach to predict diabetes status, on the basis of sbp.after, and
- a decision tree approach to predict treat status, using all other variables in the data

```
imp.4 <- sbp_example %>%
   impute_rlm(sbp.before ~ sbp.after + diabetes) %>%
   impute_pmm(diabetes ~ sbp.after) %>%
   impute_cart(treat ~ .)
```

# A tibble: 15 x 5

	subject	treat	${\tt diabetes}$	sbp.before	sbp.after
*	<int></int>	<fct></fct>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
1	101	Α	1.00	120	105
2	102	В	0	145	135
3	103	C	0	150	150
4	104	Α	1.00	139	120
5	105	C	1.00	155	135
6	106	Α	1.00	136	115
7	107	Α	0	135	160
8	108	Α	1.00	155	150
9	109	В	1.00	115	130
10	110	C	1.00	170	155
11	111	Α	0	150	140
12	112	В	0	145	140
13	113	C	1.00	140	150
14	114	Α	1.00	160	135
15	115	В	1.00	135	120

Details on the many available methods in simputation are provided in its manual. These include:

- impute\_cart uses a Classification and Regression Tree approach for numerical or categorical data. There is also an impute\_rf command which uses Random Forests for imputation.
- impute\_pmm is one of several "hot deck" options for imputation, this one is predictive mean matching, which can be used with numeric data (only). Missing values are first imputed using a predictive model. Next, these predictions are replaced with the observed values which are nearest to the prediction. Other imputation options in this group include random hot deck, sequential hot deck and k-nearest neighbor imputation.
- impute\_rlm is one of several regression imputation methods, including linear models, robust linear models (which use what is called M-estimation to impute numerical variables) and lasso/elastic net/ridge regression models.

simputation can also do EM-based multivariate imputation, and multivariate random forest imputation, as well as many other sorts of approaches.

# Chapter 6

# A Study of Prostate Cancer

# 6.1 Data Load and Background

The data in prost.csv is derived from Stamey et al. (1989) who examined the relationship between the level of prostate-specific antigen and a number of clinical measures in 97 men who were about to receive a radical prostatectomy. The prost data, as I'll name it in R, contains 97 rows and 11 columns.

prost

# A	tibble:	97 x 3	10							
s	ubject	lpsa	lcavol	lweight	age	bph	svi	lcp	gleason	pgg45
	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<int></int>	<fct></fct>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<fct></fct>	<int></int>
1	1	-0.431	-0.580	2.77	50	Low	0	-1.39	6	0
2	2	-0.163	-0.994	3.32	58	Low	0	-1.39	6	0
3	3	-0.163	-0.511	2.69	74	Low	0	-1.39	7	20
4	4	-0.163	-1.20	3.28	58	Low	0	-1.39	6	0
5	5	0.372	0.751	3.43	62	Low	0	-1.39	6	0
6	6	0.765	-1.05	3.23	50	Low	0	-1.39	6	0
7	7	0.765	0.737	3.47	64	${\tt Medium}$	0	-1.39	6	0
8	8	0.854	0.693	3.54	58	High	0	-1.39	6	0
9	9	1.05	-0.777	3.54	47	Low	0	-1.39	6	0
10	10	1.05	0.223	3.24	63	Low	0	-1.39	6	0
#	. with	87 more	e rows							

Note that a related **prost** data frame is also available as part of several R packages, including the **faraway** package, but there is an error in the **lweight** data for subject 32 in those presentations. The value of **lweight** for subject 32 should not be 6.1, corresponding to a prostate that is 449 grams in size, but instead the **lweight** value should be 3.804438, corresponding to a 44.9 gram prostate<sup>1</sup>.

I've also changed the gleason and bph variables from their presentation in other settings, to let me teach some additional details.

### 6.2 Code Book

Variable	Description
subject	subject number (1 to 97)

 $<sup>^{1}</sup> https://statweb.stanford.edu/\sim tibs/ElemStatLearn/\ attributes\ the\ correction\ to\ Professor\ Stephen\ W.\ Link.$ 

Variable	Description		
lpsa log(prostate specific antigen in ng/ml), our outcome			
lcavol	log(cancer volume in cm <sup>3</sup> )		
lweight	log(prostate weight, in g)		
age	age		
bph	benign prostatic hyperplasia amount (Low, Medium, or High)		
svi	seminal vesicle invasion $(1 = yes, 0 = no)$		
lcp	log(capsular penetration, in cm)		
gleason	combined Gleason score $(6, 7, or > 7 here)$		
pgg45	percentage Gleason scores 4 or 5		

#### Notes:

- in general, higher levels of PSA are stronger indicators of prostate cancer. An old standard (established almost exclusively with testing in white males, and definitely flawed) suggested that values below 4 were normal, and above 4 needed further testing. A PSA of 4 corresponds to an lpsa of 1.39.
- all logarithms are natural (base e) logarithms, obtained in R with the function log()
- all variables other than subject and lpsa are candidate predictors
- the gleason variable captures the highest combined Gleason score [Scores range (in these data) from 6 (a well-differentiated, or low-grade cancer) to 9 (a high-grade cancer), although the maximum possible score is 10. 6 is the lowest score used for cancerous prostates. As this combination value increases, the rate at which the cancer grows and spreads should increase. This score refers to the combined Gleason grade, which is based on the sum of two areas (each scored 1-5) that make up most of the cancer.] in a biopsy, and higher scores indicate more aggressive cancer cells. It's stored here as 6, 7, or > 7.
- the pgg45 variable captures the percentage of individual Gleason scores [The 1-5 scale for individual biopsies are defined so that 1 indicates something that looks like normal prostate tissue, and 5 indicates that the cells and their growth patterns look very abnormal. In this study, the percentage of 4s and 5s shown in the data appears to be based on 5-20 individual scores in most subjects.] that are 4 or 5, on a 1-5 scale, where higher scores indicate more abnormal cells.

## 6.3 Additions for Later Use

The code below adds to the prost tibble:

- a factor version of the svi variable, called svi\_f, with levels No and Yes,
- a factor version of gleason called gleason\_f, with the levels ordered > 7, 7, and finally 6,
- a factor version of bph called bph\_f, with levels ordered Low, Medium, High,
- a centered version of lcavol called lcavol\_c,
- exponentiated cavol and psa results derived from the natural logarithms lcavol and lpsa.

```
Observations: 97
Variables: 16
$ subject <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 1...
```

```
$ lpsa
          <dbl> -0.4307829, -0.1625189, -0.1625189, -0.1625189, 0.37...
          <dbl> -0.5798185, -0.9942523, -0.5108256, -1.2039728, 0.75...
$ lcavol
$ lweight
          <dbl> 2.769459, 3.319626, 2.691243, 3.282789, 3.432373, 3....
          <int> 50, 58, 74, 58, 62, 50, 64, 58, 47, 63, 65, 63, 63, ...
$ age
$ bph
          <fct> Low, Low, Low, Low, Low, Medium, High, Low, Low...
          $ svi
          <dbl> -1.3862944, -1.3862944, -1.3862944, -1.3862944, -1.3...
$ 1cp
          <fct> 6, 6, 7, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 6, 7, 6...
$ gleason
          <int> 0, 0, 20, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 30, 5, 5, 0, 30...
$ pgg45
$ svi_f
          $ gleason_f <fct> 6, 6, 7, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 6, 7, 6...
          <fct> Low, Low, Low, Low, Low, Medium, High, Low, Low...
$ bph_f
$ lcavol_c <dbl> -1.9298281, -2.3442619, -1.8608352, -2.5539824, -0.5...
          <dbl> 0.56, 0.37, 0.60, 0.30, 2.12, 0.35, 2.09, 2.00, 0.46...
$ cavol
          <dbl> 0.65, 0.85, 0.85, 0.85, 1.45, 2.15, 2.15, 2.35, 2.85...
$ psa
```

# 6.4 Fitting and Evaluating a Two-Predictor Model

To begin, let's use two predictors (lcavol and svi) and their interaction in a linear regression model that predicts lpsa. I'll call this model c5\_prost\_A

Earlier, we centered the lcavol values to facilitate interpretation of the terms. I'll use that centered version (called lcavol\_c) of the quantitative predictor, and the 1/0 version of the svi variable[^We could certainly use the factor version of svi here, but it won't change the model in any meaningful way. There's no distinction in model *fitting* via lm between a 0/1 numeric variable and a No/Yes factor variable. The factor version of this information will be useful elsewhere, for instance in plotting the model.].

```
c5_prost_A <- lm(lpsa ~ lcavol_c * svi, data = prost)
summary(c5_prost_A)</pre>
```

```
lm(formula = lpsa ~ lcavol_c * svi, data = prost)
Residuals:
   Min
             1Q Median
                             30
                                    Max
-1.6305 -0.5007 0.1266 0.4886 1.6847
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
              2.33134
                         0.09128 25.540 < 2e-16 ***
lcavol_c
              0.58640
                         0.08207
                                   7.145 1.98e-10 ***
svi
              0.60132
                         0.35833
                                   1.678
                                           0.0967
lcavol_c:svi 0.06479
                         0.26614
                                   0.243
                                           0.8082
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.7595 on 93 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.5806,
                                Adjusted R-squared: 0.5671
F-statistic: 42.92 on 3 and 93 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

### 6.4.1 Using tidy

It can be very useful to build a data frame of the model's results. We can use the tidy function in the broom package to do so.

```
tidy(c5_prost_A)
```

```
term estimate std.error statistic p.value
(Intercept) 2.33134409 0.09128253 25.5398727 8.246849e-44

cappa lcavol_c 0.58639599 0.08206929 7.1451331 1.981492e-10

svi 0.60131973 0.35832695 1.6781314 9.667899e-02

lcavol_c:svi 0.06479298 0.26614194 0.2434527 8.081909e-01
```

This makes it much easier to pull out individual elements of the model fit.

For example, to specify the coefficient for svi, rounded to three decimal places, I could use tidy(c5\_prost\_A) %>% filter(term == "svi") %>% select(estimate) %>% round(., 3)

- The result is 0.601.
- If you look at the Markdown file, you'll see that the number shown in the bullet point above this one was generated using inline R code, and the function specified above.

### 6.4.2 Interpretation

- 1. The intercept, 2.33, for the model is the predicted value of lpsa when lcavol is at its average and there is no seminal vesicle invasion (e.g. svi = 0).
- 2. The coefficient for lcavol\_c, 0.59, is the predicted change in lpsa associated with a one unit increase in lcavol (or lcavol\_c) when there is no seminal vesicle invasion.
- 3. The coefficient for svi, 0.60, is the predicted change in lpsa associated with having no svi to having an svi while the lcavol remains at its average.
- 4. The coefficient for lcavol\_c:svi, the product term, which is 0.06, is the difference in the slope of lcavol\_c for a subject with svi as compared to one with no svi.

Note: If you look at the R Markdown, you'll notice that in bullet point 3, I didn't use round to round off the estimate (as I did in the other three bullets), but instead a special function I specified at the start of the R Markdown file called specify\_decimal() which uses the format function. This forces, in this case, the trailing zero in the two decimal representation of the svi coefficient to be shown. The special function, again, is:

```
specify_decimal <- function(x, k) format(round(x, k), nsmall=k)</pre>
```

# 6.5 Exploring Model c5\_prost\_A

The glance function from the broom package builds a nice one-row summary for the model.

```
glance(c5_prost_A)
```

```
r.squared adj.r.squared sigma statistic p.value df logLik
1 0.5806435 0.5671158 0.7594785 42.92278 1.678836e-17 4 -108.9077
AIC BIC deviance df.residual
1 227.8153 240.6889 53.64311 93
```

This summary includes, in order,

- the model  $R^2$ , adjusted  $R^2$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$ , the residual standard deviation,
- the ANOVA F statistic and associated p value,
- the number of degrees of freedom used by the model, and its log-likelihood ratio
- the model's AIC (Akaike Information Criterion) and BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion)

the model's deviance statistic and residual degrees of freedom

### 6.5.1 summary for Model c5\_prost\_A

If necessary, we can also run summary on this  $c5\_prost\_A$  object to pick up some additional summaries. Since the svi variable is binary, the interaction term is, too, so the t test here and the F test in the ANOVA yield the same result.

```
summary(c5_prost_A)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = lpsa ~ lcavol_c * svi, data = prost)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                                   Max
-1.6305 -0.5007 0.1266 0.4886
                               1.6847
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                        0.09128 25.540 < 2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
             2.33134
lcavol_c
             0.58640
                        0.08207
                                  7.145 1.98e-10 ***
svi
             0.60132
                        0.35833
                                  1.678
                                          0.0967
lcavol_c:svi 0.06479
                        0.26614
                                  0.243
                                          0.8082
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.7595 on 93 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.5806,
                               Adjusted R-squared: 0.5671
F-statistic: 42.92 on 3 and 93 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

If you've forgotten the details of the pieces of this summary, review the Part C Notes from 431.

### 6.5.2 Adjusted $R^2$

 $\mathbb{R}^2$  is greedy.

- R<sup>2</sup> will always suggest that we make our models as big as possible, often including variables of dubious predictive value.
- As a result, there are various methods for penalizing R<sup>2</sup> so that we wind up with smaller models.
- The adjusted  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is often a useful way to compare multiple models for the same response.
  - $-R_{adj}^2 = 1 \frac{(1-R^2)(n-1)}{n-k}$ , where n = the number of observations and k is the number of coefficients estimated by the regression (including the intercept and any slopes).
  - So, in this case,  $R_{adj}^2 = 1 \frac{(1-0.5806)(97-1)}{97-4} = 0.5671$
  - The adjusted R<sup>2</sup> value is not, technically, a proportion of anything, but it is comparable across models for the same outcome.
  - The adjusted  $R^2$  will always be less than the (unadjusted)  $R^2$ .

#### 6.5.3 Coefficient Confidence Intervals

Here are the 90% confidence intervals for the coefficients in Model A. Adjust the level to get different intervals.

#### 

What can we conclude from this about the utility of the interaction term?

### 6.5.4 ANOVA for Model c5\_prost\_A

The interaction term appears unnecessary. We might wind up fitting the model without it. A complete ANOVA test is available, including a p value, if you want it.

```
anova(c5_prost_A)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: 1psa
            Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                         Pr(>F)
             1 69.003 69.003 119.6289 < 2.2e-16 ***
lcavol c
             1 5.237
                       5.237
                               9.0801 0.003329 **
svi
lcavol_c:svi 1 0.034
                        0.034
                               0.0593 0.808191
Residuals
            93 53.643
                        0.577
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Note that the anova approach for a lm object is sequential. The first row shows the impact of lcavol\_c as compared to a model with no predictors (just an intercept). The second row shows the impact of adding svi to a model that already contains lcavol\_c. The third row shows the impact of adding the interaction (product) term to the model with the two main effects. So the order in which the variables are added to the regression model matters for this ANOVA. The F tests here describe the incremental impact of each covariate in turn.

#### 6.5.5 Residuals, Fitted Values and Standard Errors with augment

The augment function in the broom package builds a data frame including the data used in the model, along with predictions (fitted values), residuals and other useful information.

```
c5_prost_A_frame <- augment(c5_prost_A) %>% tbl_df
skim(c5_prost_A_frame)
Skim summary statistics
n obs: 97
n variables: 10
Variable type: integer
                                     sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
variable missing complete n mean
                        97 97 0.22 0.41 0
      svi
Variable type: numeric
   variable missing complete n
                                                              p25 median
                                    mean
                                             sd
                                                      p0
                                         0.02
                                                          0.00078 0.0035
    .cooksd
                  0
                          97 97 0.011
                                                 6.9e-06
    .fitted
                  0
                          97 97
                                 2.48
                                         0.88
                                                 0.75
                                                           1.84
```

```
0
                          97 97 0.041
                                          0.041
                                                   0.013
                                                            0.016
                                                                    0.025
      .hat
                  0
                                                           -0.5
                          97 97 -6.9e-17 0.75
                                                 -1.63
                                                                    0.13
    .resid
   .se.fit
                  0
                                 0.14
                                          0.061
                                                   0.087
                                                            0.095
                                                                    0.12
                  0
                          97 97
                                 0.76
                                          0.0052 0.74
                                                            0.76
                                                                    0.76
    .sigma
                                                 -2.19
.std.resid
                  0
                             97
                                 0.0012 1.01
                                                           -0.69
                                                                    0.17
  lcavol c
                          97 97
                                                                    0.097
                  0
                                 5.4e-17 1.18
                                                 -2.7
                                                           -0.84
      lpsa
                                 2.48
                                          1.15
                                                 -0.43
                                                            1.73
                                                                    2.59
  p75 p100
0.01
     0.13
3.07 4.54
0.049 0.25
0.49 1.68
0.17 0.38
0.76 0.76
0.65 2.26
0.78
      2.47
3.06 5.58
```

Elements shown here include:

- .fitted Fitted values of model (or predicted values)
- .se.fit Standard errors of fitted values
- .resid Residuals (observed fitted values)
- .hat Diagonal of the hat matrix (these indicate *leverage* points with high leverage indicate unusual combinations of predictors values more than 2-3 times the mean leverage are worth some study leverage is always between 0 and 1, and measures the amount by which the predicted value would change if the observation's y value was increased by one unit a point with leverage 1 would cause the line to follow that point perfectly)
- .sigma Estimate of residual standard deviation when corresponding observation is dropped from model
- .cooksd Cook's distance, which helps identify influential points (values of Cook's d > 0.5 may be influential, values > 1.0 almost certainly are an influential point changes the fit substantially when it is removed from the data)
- .std.resid Standardized residuals (values above 2 in absolute value are worth some study treat these as normal deviates [Z scores], essentially)

See ?augment.lm in R for more details.

### 6.5.6 Making Predictions with c5\_prost\_A

Suppose we want to predict the lpsa for a patient with cancer volume equal to this group's mean, for both a patient with and without seminal vesicle invasion, and in each case, we want to use a 90% prediction interval?

```
newdata <- data.frame(lcavol_c = c(0,0), svi = c(0,1))
predict(c5_prost_A, newdata, interval = "prediction", level = 0.90)

fit    lwr    upr
1 2.331344 1.060462 3.602226
2 2.932664 1.545742 4.319586</pre>
```

Since the predicted value in fit refers to the natural logarithm of PSA, to make the predictions in terms of PSA, we would need to exponentiate. The code below will accomplish that task.

```
pred <- predict(c5_prost_A, newdata, interval = "prediction", level = 0.90)
exp(pred)</pre>
```

```
fit lwr upr
```

```
1 10.29177 2.887706 36.67978
2 18.77758 4.691450 75.15750
```

# 6.6 Plotting Model c5\_prost\_A

#### 6.6.0.1 Plot logs conventionally

Here, we'll use ggplot2 to plot the logarithms of the variables as they came to us, on a conventional coordinate scale. Note that the lines are nearly parallel. What does this suggest about our Model A?

```
ggplot(prost, aes(x = lcavol, y = lpsa, group = svi_f, color = svi_f)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) +
    scale_color_discrete(name = "Seminal Vesicle Invasion?") +
    theme_bw() +
    labs(x = "Log (cancer volume, cc)",
        y = "Log (Prostate Specific Antigen, ng/ml)",
        title = "Two Predictor Model c5_prost_A, including Interaction")
```

# Two Predictor Model c5\_prost\_A, including Interaction



#### 6.6.0.2 Plot on log-log scale

Another approach (which might be easier in some settings) would be to plot the raw values of Cancer Volume and PSA, but use logarithmic axes, again using the natural (base e) logarithm, as follows. If we use the default choice with 'trans = "log", we'll find a need to select some useful break points for the grid, as I've done in what follows.

# Two Predictor Model c5\_prost\_A, including Interaction



I've used the break point of 4 on the Y axis because of the old rule suggesting further testing for asymptomatic men with PSA of 4 or higher, but the other break points are arbitrary - they seemed to work for me, and used round numbers.

#### 6.6.1 Residual Plots of c5\_prost\_A

```
plot(c5_prost_A, which = 1)
```



plot(c5\_prost\_A, which = 5)



# 6.7 Cross-Validation of Model c5\_prost\_A

Suppose we want to evaluate whether our model c5\_prost\_A predicts effectively in new data.

One approach (used, for instance, in 431) would be to split our sample into a separate training (perhaps 70% of the data) and test (perhaps 30% of the data) samples, and then:

- 1. fit the model in the training sample,
- 2. use the resulting model to make predictions for lpsa in the test sample, and
- 3. evaluate the quality of those predictions, perhaps by comparing the results to what we'd get using
  a different model.

One problem with this approach is that with a small data set like this, we may be reluctant to cut our sample size for the training or the testing down because we're afraid that our model building and testing will be hampered by a small sample size. A potential solution is the idea of **cross-validation**, which involves partitioning our data into a series of training-test subsets, multiple times, and then combining the results.

The rest of this section is built on some material by David Robinson at https://rpubs.com/dgrtwo/cv-modelr.

Suppose that we want to perform what is called 10-crossfold separation. In words, this approach splits the 97 observations in our prost data frame into 10 exclusive partitions of about 90% (so about 87-88 observations) into a training sample, and the remaining 10% (9-10 observations) in a test sample<sup>2</sup>. We then refit a model of interest using the training data, and fit the resulting model on the test data using the broom package's augment function. This process is then repeated (a total of 10 times) so that each observation is used 9 times in the training sample, and once in the test sample.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>If we did 5-crossfold validation, we'd have 5 partitions into samples of 80% training and 20% test samples.

To code this in R, we'll make use of a few new ideas. Our goal will be to cross-validate model c5\_prost\_A, which, you'll recall, uses lcavol\_c, svi and their interaction, to predict lpsa in the prost data.

- 1. First, we set a seed for the validation algorithm, so we can replicate our results down the line.
- 2. Then we use the crossv\_kfold function from the modelr package to split the prost data into ten different partitions, and then use each partition for a split into training and test samples, which the machine indexes with train and test.
- 3. Then we use some magic and the map function from the purrr package (part of the core tidyverse) to fit a new lm(lpsa ~ lcavol\_c \* svi) model to each of the training samples generated by crossv\_kfold.
- 4. Finally, some additional magic with the unnest and map2 functions applies each of these new models to the appropriate test sample, and generate predictions (.fitted) and standard errors for each prediction (.se.fit).

```
set.seed(4320308)

prost_models <- prost %>%
    crossv_kfold(k = 10) %>%
    mutate(model = map(train, ~ lm(lpsa ~ lcavol_c * svi, data = .)))

prost_predictions <- prost_models %>%
    unnest(map2(model, test, ~ augment(.x, newdata = .y)))

head(prost_predictions)
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 19
  .id
       subject
                         lcavol lweight
                                                               lcp gleason
                  lpsa
                                          age bph
                                                       svi
  <chr>
          <int>
                <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                  <dbl> <int> <fct>
                                                     <int>
                                                           <dbl> <fct>
1 01
              3 -0.163 -0.511
                                   2.69
                                           74 Low
                                                         0 -1.39 7
2 01
             12 1.27 -1.35
                                   3.60
                                           63 Medium
                                                         0 -1.39
3 01
                                                         0 -1.39
                                   3.06
             16 1.45
                        1.54
                                           66 Low
4 01
             18 1.49
                        2.29
                                   3.65
                                           66 Low
                                                         0 0.372 6
             30 1.89
                                                         0 1.62 6
5 01
                        2.41
                                   3.38
                                           65 Low
             34 2.02
                        0.00995
                                   3.27
                                           54 Low
                                                         0 -1.39 6
 ... with 9 more variables: pgg45 <int>, svi f <fct>, gleason f <fct>,
   bph f <fct>, lcavol c <dbl>, cavol <dbl>, psa <dbl>, .fitted <dbl>,
    .se.fit <dbl>
```

The results are a set of predictions based on the splits into training and test groups (remember there are 10 such splits, indexed by .id) that describe the complete set of 97 subjects again.

#### 6.7.1 Cross-Validated Summaries of Prediction Quality

Now, we can calculate the root Mean Squared Prediction Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Prediction Error (MAE) for this modeling approach (using lcavol\_c and svi to predict lpsa) across these observations.

For now, we'll compare our model to the "intercept only" model that simply predicts the mean lpsa across all patients.

So our model looks meaningfully better than the "intercept only" model, in that both the RMSE and MAE are much lower (better) with our model.

Another thing we could do with this tibble of predictions we have created is to graph the size of the prediction errors (observed lpsa minus predicted values in .fitted) that our modeling approach makes.

```
prost_predictions %>%
    mutate(errors = lpsa - .fitted) %>%
    ggplot(., aes(x = errors)) +
    geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "darkviolet", col = "yellow") +
    labs(title = "Cross-Validated Errors in Prediction of log(PSA)",
        subtitle = "Using a model (`c5_prostA`) including lcavol_c and svi and their interaction",
        x = "Error in predicting log(PSA)")
```

## Cross–Validated Errors in Prediction of log(PSA)

Using a model ('c5\_prostA') including lcavol\_c and svi and their interaction



This suggests that some of our results are off by quite a bit, on the log(PSA) scale, which is summarized for the original data below.

```
prost %>% skim(lpsa)
```

Skim summary statistics

```
n obs: 97
n variables: 16

Variable type: numeric
variable missing complete n mean sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
lpsa 0 97 97 2.48 1.15 -0.43 1.73 2.59 3.06 5.58
```

If we like, we could transform the predictions and observed values back to the scale of PSA (unlogged) and then calculate and display errors, as follows:

```
prost_predictions %>%
    mutate(err.psa = exp(lpsa) - exp(.fitted)) %>%
    ggplot(., aes(x = err.psa)) +
    geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "darkorange", col = "yellow") +
    labs(title = "Cross-Validated Errors in Prediction of PSA",
        subtitle = "Using a model (`c5_prostA`) including lcavol_c and svi and their interaction",
        x = "Error in predicting PSA")
```

#### Cross-Validated Errors in Prediction of PSA

Using a model (`c5\_prostA`) including lcavol\_c and svi and their interaction



This suggests that some of our results are off by quite a bit, on the original scale of PSA, which is summarized below.

```
prost %>% mutate(psa = exp(lpsa)) %>% skim(psa)

Skim summary statistics
  n obs: 97
  n variables: 16

Variable type: numeric
  variable missing complete n mean sd p0 p25 median p75 p100
```

psa 0 97 97 23.74 40.83 0.65 5.65 13.35 21.25 265.85

We'll return to the notion of cross-validation again, but for now, let's consider the problem of considering adding more predictors to our model, and then making sensible selections as to which predictors actually should be incorporated.

# Chapter 7

# Stepwise Variable Selection

# 7.1 Strategy for Model Selection

Ramsey and Schafer (2002) suggest a strategy for dealing with many potential explanatory variables should include the following elements:

- 1. Identify the key objectives.
- Screen the available variables, deciding on a list that is sensitive to the objectives and excludes obvious redundancies.
- 3. Perform exploratory analysis, examining graphical displays and correlation coefficients.
- 4. Perform transformations, as necessary.
- 5. Examine a residual plot after fitting a rich model, performing further transformations and considering outliers.
- 6. Find a suitable subset of the predictors, exerting enough control over any semi-automated selection procedure to be sensitive to the questions of interest.
- 7. Proceed with the analysis, using the selected explanatory variables.

The Two Key Aspects of Model Selection are:

- 1. Evaluating each potential subset of predictor variables
- 2. Deciding on the collection of potential subsets

#### 7.1.1 How Do We Choose Potential Subsets of Predictors?

Choosing potential subsets of predictor variables usually involves either:

- 1. Stepwise approaches
- 2. All possible subset (or best possible subset) searches

Note that the use of any variable selection procedure changes the properties of ...

- the estimated coefficients, which are biased, and
- the associated tests and confidence intervals, which are overly optimistic.

Leeb and Potscher (2005) summarize the key issues:

1. Regardless of sample size, the model selection step typically has a dramatic effect on the sampling properties of the estimators that cannot be ignored. In particular, the sampling properties of post-model-selection estimators are typically significantly different from the nominal distributions that arise if a fixed model is supposed.

2. As a consequence, use of inference procedures that do not take into account the model selection step (e.g. using standard t-intervals as if the selected model has been given prior to the statistical analysis) can be highly misleading.

# 7.2 A "Kitchen Sink" Model (Model c5\_prost\_ks)

Suppose that we now consider a model for the prost data we have been working with, which includes main effects (and, in this case, only the main effects) of all eight candidate predictors for lpsa, as follows.

```
c5_prost_ks <- lm(lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + age + bph_f + svi_f +
                lcp + gleason f + pgg45, data = prost)
tidy(c5_prost_ks)
          term
                   estimate
                              std.error statistic
                                                        p.value
   (Intercept) 0.169937821 0.931332512
1
                                        0.1824674 8.556454e-01
2
       lcavol 0.544313829 0.087979210 6.1868461 2.010505e-08
3
       lweight 0.702237531 0.203013089 3.4590751 8.455164e-04
4
           age -0.023857982 0.011081414 -2.1529727 3.412099e-02
5
  bph fMedium 0.364036274 0.182575941
                                        1.9938896 4.933267e-02
6
    bph_fHigh 0.248789989 0.195975792 1.2694935 2.076898e-01
7
      svi fYes 0.710949408 0.241990241 2.9379259 4.240326e-03
8
           lcp -0.119311781 0.089458946 -1.3337043 1.858223e-01
9
    gleason_f7  0.220746268  0.343065609  0.6434520  5.216430e-01
   gleason_f6 -0.053096704 0.430098039 -0.1234526 9.020368e-01
         pgg45 0.003984574 0.004146495 0.9609499 3.392714e-01
glance(c5_prost_ks)
  r.squared adj.r.squared
                              sigma statistic
                                                   p.value df
                                                                 logLik
1 0.6790343
                0.6417127 0.6909479 18.19414 2.373796e-17 11 -95.93939
       AIC
                BIC deviance df.residual
1 215.8788 246.7753 41.05718
```

We'll often refer to this (all predictors on board) approach as a "kitchen sink" model [This refers to the English idiom "... everything but the kitchen sink" which describes, essentially, everything imaginable. A "kitchen sink regression" is often used as a pejorative term, since no special skill or insight is required to identify it, given a list of potential predictors. For more, yes, there is a Wikipedia page.].

# 7.3 Sequential Variable Selection: Stepwise Approaches

- Forward Selection
  - We begin with a constant mean and then add potential predictors one at a time according to some criterion (R defaults to minimizing the Akaike Information Criterion) until no further addition significantly improves the fit.
  - Each categorical factor variable is represented in the regression model as a set of indicator variables.
     In the absence of a good reason to do something else, the set is added to the model as a single unit, and R does this automatically.
- Backwards Elimination
  - Start with the "kitchen sink" model and then delete potential predictors one at a time.
  - Backwards Elimination is less likely than Forward Selection, to omit negatively confounded sets of variables, though all stepwise procedures have problems.
- Stepwise Regression can also be done by combining these methods.

### 7.3.1 The Big Problems with Stepwise Regression

There is no reason to assume that a single best model can be found.

- The use of forward selection, or backwards elimination, or stepwise regression including both procedures, will NOT always find the same model.
- It also appears to be essentially useless to try different stepwise methods to look for agreement.

Users of stepwise regression frequently place all of their attention on the particular explanatory variables included in the resulting model, when there's **no reason** (in most cases) to assume that model is in any way optimal.

Despite all of its problems, let's use stepwise regression to help predict lpsa given a subset of the eight predictors in c5\_prost\_ks.

# 7.4 Forward Selection with the step function

- 1. Specify the null model (intercept only)
- 2. Specify the variables R should consider as predictors (in the scope element of the step function)
- 3. Specify forward selection only
- 4. R defaults to using AIC as its stepwise criterion

```
Df Sum of Sq
                             {\tt RSS}
                                     AIC
                 69.003
                         58.915 -44.366
+ lcavol
            1
+ svi_f
             1
                  41.011 86.907 -6.658
                  38.528 89.389
                                -3.926
+ lcp
                  30.121 97.796
+ gleason_f 2
                                 6.793
+ lweight
            1
                 24.019 103.899 10.665
+ pgg45
             1
                 22.814 105.103 11.783
+ age
             1
                  3.679 124.239 28.007
                         127.918 28.838
<none>
+ bph_f
                  4.681 123.237 29.221
```

Step: AIC=-44.37
lpsa ~ lcavol

```
Df Sum of Sq
                            RSS
                                     AIC
                  7.1726 51.742 -54.958
+ lweight
             1
+ svi_f
             1
                  5.2375 53.677 -51.397
+ bph_f
             2
                  3.2994 55.615 -45.956
                  1.6980 57.217 -45.203
+ pgg45
             1
                  2.7834 56.131 -45.061
+ gleason_f 2
<none>
                         58.915 -44.366
+ lcp
             1
                  0.6562 58.259 -43.452
                  0.0025 58.912 -42.370
+ age
             1
```

```
Step: AIC=-54.96
lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight
                           RSS
           Df Sum of Sq
                                   AIC
+ svi_f
            1
               5.1737 46.568 -63.177
               1.8158 49.926 -56.424
            1
+ pgg45
+ gleason_f 2 2.6770 49.065 -56.111
<none>
                        51.742 -54.958
               0.8187 50.923 -54.506
+ lcp
            1
+ age
            1
               0.6456 51.097 -54.176
+ bph_f
            2
               1.4583 50.284 -53.731
Step: AIC=-63.18
lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f
            Df Sum of Sq
                           RSS
                                   AIC
                        46.568 -63.177
<none>
+ gleason_f 2 1.60467 44.964 -62.579
           1 0.62301 45.945 -62.484
+ age
            2 1.50046 45.068 -62.354
+ bph_f
+ pgg45
            1 0.50069 46.068 -62.226
            1 0.06937 46.499 -61.322
+ lcp
lm(formula = lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f)
Coefficients:
                             lweight
(Intercept)
                                         svi_fYes
                 lcavol
   -0.7772
                 0.5259
                              0.6618
                                           0.6657
The resulting model, arrived at after three forward selection steps, includes lcavol, lweight and svi_f.
model.fs <- lm(lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f,
               data=prost)
summary(model.fs)$adj.r.squared
[1] 0.6242063
extractAIC(model.fs)
[1]
      4.00000 -63.17744
```

The adjusted  $R^2$  value for this model is 0.624, and the AIC value used by the stepwise procedure is -63.18, on 4 effective degrees of freedom.

# 7.5 Backward Elimination using the step function

In this case, the backward elimination approach, using reduction in AIC for a criterion, comes to the same conclusion about the "best" model.

Start: AIC=-61.4

```
lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + age + bph_f + svi_f + lcp + gleason_f +
   pgg45
           Df Sum of Sq RSS
- gleason_f 2 1.1832 42.240 -62.639
- pgg45 1 0.4409 41.498 -62.359
          1 0.8492 41.906 -61.409
- lcp
<none>
                       41.057 -61.395
- bph_f 2 2.0299 43.087 -60.714
          1 2.2129 43.270 -58.303
- age
- svi_f 1 4.1207 45.178 -54.118
- lweight 1 5.7123 46.769 -50.760
- lcavol 1 18.2738 59.331 -27.683
Step: AIC=-62.64
lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + age + bph_f + svi_f + lcp + pgg45
         Df Sum of Sq RSS
          1 0.8470 43.087 -62.713
- lcp
<none>
                  42.240 -62.639
- pgg45 1 1.2029 43.443 -61.916
- bph_f 2 2.2515 44.492 -61.602
        1 2.0730 44.313 -59.992
- age
- svi_f 1 4.6431 46.884 -54.523
- lweight 1 5.5988 47.839 -52.566
- lcavol 1 21.4956 63.736 -24.736
Step: AIC=-62.71
lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + age + bph_f + svi_f + pgg45
         Df Sum of Sq
                      RSS
                               AIC
          1 0.5860 43.673 -63.403
- pgg45
<none>
                     43.087 -62.713
          2 2.0214 45.109 -62.266
- bph_f
- age 1 1.7101 44.798 -60.938
- svi_f 1 3.7964 46.884 -56.523
- lweight 1 5.6462 48.734 -52.769
- lcavol 1 22.5152 65.603 -23.936
Step: AIC=-63.4
lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + age + bph_f + svi_f
         Df Sum of Sq
                     RSS
                               AIC
                     43.673 -63.403
<none>
            2.2720 45.945 -62.484
- bph_f
        1 1.3945 45.068 -62.354
- age
- svi_f 1 5.2747 48.948 -54.343
- lweight 1 5.3319 49.005 -54.230
- lcavol 1 25.5538 69.227 -20.720
Call:
lm(formula = lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + age + bph_f + svi_f)
```

The backwards elimination approach in this case lands on a model with five inputs (one of which includes two bph indicators,) eliminating only gleason\_f, pgg45 and lcp.

### 7.6 Allen-Cady Modified Backward Elimination

Ranking candidate predictors by importance in advance of backwards elimination can help avoid false-positives, while reducing model size. See Vittinghoff et al. (2012), Section 10.3 for more details.

- 1. First, force into the model any predictors of primary interest, and any confounders necessary for face validity of the final model.
  - "Some variables in the hypothesized causal model may be such well-established causal antecedents of the outcome that it makes sense to include them, essentially to establish the face validity of the model and without regard to the strength or statistical significance of their associations with the primary predictor and outcome ..."
- 2. Rank the remaining candidate predictors in order of importance.
- 3. Starting from an initial model with all candidate predictors included, delete predictors in order of ascending importance until the first variable meeting a criterion to stay in the model hits. Then stop.

Only the remaining variable hypothesized to be least important is eligible for removal at each step. When we are willing to do this sorting before collecting (or analyzing) the data, then we can do Allen-Cady backwards elimination using the drop1 command in R.

#### 7.6.1 Demonstration of the Allen-Cady approach

Suppose, for the moment that we decided to fit a model for the log of psa and we decided (before we saw the data) that we would:

```
lcavol + lweight + svi_f + age + bph_f + gleason_f + lcp + pgg45
```

- force the gleason\_f variable to be in the model, due to prior information about its importance,
- and then rated the importance of the other variables as lcavol (most important), then svi\_f then age, and then bph\_f, then lweight and lcp followed by pgg45 (least important)

When we are willing to do this sorting before collecting (or analyzing) the data, then we can do Allen-Cady backwards elimination using the drop1 command in R.

Step 1. Fit the full model, then see if removing lweight improves AIC...

Single term deletions

```
Model:

lpsa ~ gleason_f + lcavol + svi_f + age + bph_f + lweight + lcp +

pgg45

Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC

<none> 41.057 -61.395

pgg45 1 0.44085 41.498 -62.359
```

Since -62.3 is smaller (i.e. more negative) than -61.4, we delete pgg45 and move on to assess whether we can remove the variable we deemed next least important (1cp)

Step 2. Let's see if removing 1cp from this model improves AIC...

Single term deletions

```
Model:
```

Again, since -63.0 is smaller than -62.4, we delete 1cp and next assess whether we should delete 1weight.

Step 3. Does removing lweight from this model improves AIC...

Single term deletions

#### Model:

Since the AIC for the model after the removal of lweight is larger (i.e. less negative), we stop, and declare our final model by the Allen-Cady approach to include gleason\_f, lcavol, svi\_f, age, bph\_f and lweight.

# 7.7 Summarizing the Results

Method	Suggested Predictors
Backwards elimination	<pre>lcavol, lweight, svi_f lcavol, lweight, svi_f, age, bph_f lcavol, lweight, svi_f, age, bph_f, gleason_f</pre>

#### 7.7.1 In-Sample Testing and Summaries

Since these models are nested in each other, let's look at the summary statistics (like R<sup>2</sup>, and AIC) and also run an ANOVA-based comparison of these nested models to each other and to the model with the intercept alone, and the kitchen sink model with all available predictors.

#### 7.7.1.1 Model Fit Summaries (in-sample) from glance

Here are the models, at a glance from the broom package.

```
names r.squared adj.r.squared
                                                        AIC
                                                                BIC sigma
1
                               0.000
                                             0.000 306.112 311.261 1.154
                  intercept
                                              0.624 214.097 226.970 0.708
    lcavol + lweight + svi
                                0.636
3 ... + age + bhp + gleason
                                0.671
                                              0.641 214.233 239.980 0.691
4
                  ... + lcp
                                0.676
                                              0.642 214.915 243.237 0.691
5
                ... + pgg45
                                0.679
                                              0.642 215.879 246.775 0.691
 df df.residual
1 1
              96
2 4
              93
3 9
              88
4 10
              87
              86
5 11
```

From these summaries, it looks like:

- the adjusted R<sup>2</sup> is essentially indistinguishable between the three largest models, but a bit less strong with the three-predictor (4 df) model, and
- the AIC and BIC are (slightly) better (lower) with the three-predictor model (4 df) than any other.

So we might be motivated by these summaries to select any of the three models we're studying closely here.

#### 7.7.1.2 Model Testing via ANOVA (in-sample)

To obtain ANOVA-based test results, we'll run...

```
anova(prost_m_int, prost_m_fw, prost_m_bw, prost_m_ac, prost_m_ks)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Model 1: lpsa ~ 1

Model 2: lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f

Model 3: lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f + age + bph_f + gleason_f

Model 4: lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f + age + bph_f + gleason_f + lcp

Model 5: lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f + age + bph_f + gleason_f + lcp +

pgg45

Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)

1 96 127.918
2 93 46.568 3 81.349 56.7991 <2e-16 ***
```

```
3 88 42.066 5 4.503 1.8863 0.1050

4 87 41.498 1 0.568 1.1891 0.2786

5 86 41.057 1 0.441 0.9234 0.3393

---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

What conclusions can we draw on the basis of these ANOVA tests?

- There is a statistically significant improvement in predictive value for Model 2 (the forward selection approach) as compared to Model 1 (the intercept only.)
- The ANOVA test comparing Model 5 (kitchen sink) to Model 4 (Allen-Cady result) shows no statistically significant improvement in predictive value.
- Neither does the ANOVA test comparing Model 3 to Model 2 or Model 4 to Model 3.

This suggests that, if we are willing to let the ANOVA test decide our best model than that would be the model produced by forward selection, with predictors lcavol, lweight and svi\_f. But we haven't validated the models.

- 1. If the purpose of the model is to predict new data, some sort of out-of-sample or cross-validation approach will be necessary, and
- 2. Even if our goal isn't prediction but merely description of the current data, we would still want to build diagnostic plots to regression assumptions in each model, and
- 3. There is no reason to assume in advance that any of these models is in fact correct, or that any one of these stepwise approaches is necessarily better than any other, and
- 4. The mere act of running a stepwise regression model, as we'll see, can increase the bias in our findings if we accept the results at face value.

So we'll need some ways to validate the results once we complete the selection process.

#### 7.7.2 Validating the Results of the Various Models

We can use a 5-fold cross-validation approach to assess the predictions made by our potential models and then compare them. Let's compare our three models:

- the three predictor model obtained by forward selection, including lcavol, lweight, and svi\_f
- the five predictor model obtained by backwards elimination, including lcavol, lweight, svi\_f, and also age, and bph\_f
- the six predictor model obtained by the Allen-Cady approach, adding gleason\_f to the previous model.

Here's the 5-fold validation work (and resulting RMSE and MAE estimates) for the three-predictor model.

```
1 0.745 0.587
```

Now, we'll generate the RMSE and MAE estimates for the five-predictor model.

```
# A tibble: 1 x 2

RMSE_prost5 MAE_prost5

<dbl> <dbl> 1 0.750 0.581
```

And at last, we'll generate the RMSE and MAE estimates for the six-predictor model.

It appears that the six-predictor model does better than either of the other two approaches, with smaller RMSE and MAE. The three-predictor model does slightly better in terms of root mean square prediction error and slightly worse in terms of mean absolute prediction error than the five-predictor model.

OK. A mixed bag, with different conclusions depending on which summary we want to look at. But of course, stepwise regression isn't the only way to do variable selection. Let's consider a broader range of potential predictor sets.

# Chapter 8

# "Best Subsets" Variable Selection in our Prostate Cancer Study

A second approach to model selection involved fitting all possible subset models and identifying the ones that look best according to some meaningful criterion and ideally one that includes enough variables to model the response appropriately without including lots of redundant or unnecessary terms.

# 8.1 Four Key Summaries We'll Use to Evaluate Potential Models

- 1. Adjusted  $R^2$ , which we try to maximize.
- 2. Akaike's Information Criterion (AIC), which we try to minimize, and a Bias-Corrected version of AIC due to Hurwitz and Tsai, which we use when the sample size is small, specifically when the sample size n and the number of predictors being studied k are such that  $n/k \le 40$ . We also try to minimize this bias-corrected AIC.
- 3. Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), which we also try to minimize.
- 4. Mallows' C<sub>p</sub> statistic, which we (essentially) try to minimize.

Choosing between AIC and BIC can be challenging.

For model selection purposes, there is no clear choice between AIC and BIC. Given a family of models, including the true model, the probability that BIC will select the correct model approaches one as the sample size n approaches infinity - thus BIC is asymptotically consistent, which AIC is not. [But, for practical purposes,] BIC often chooses models that are too simple [relative to AIC] because of its heavy penalty on complexity.

• Source: Hastie et al. (2001), page 208.

Several useful tools for running "all subsets" or "best subsets" regression comparisons are developed in R's leaps package.

# 8.2 Using regsubsets in the leaps package

We can use the leaps package to obtain results in the prost study from looking at all possible subsets of the candidate predictors.

The leaps package isn't particularly friendly to the tidyverse, and will require us first to identify a set of candidate predictors using with and cbind, then apply those to a regsubsets function, which identifies the set of models.

To start, we'll ask R to find the one best subset (with 1 predictor variable [in addition to the intercept], then with 2 predictors, and then with each of 3, 4, ... 8 predictor variables) according to an exhaustive search without forcing any of the variables to be in or out. We'd use the nvmax command within the regsubsets function to limit the number of regression inputs to a maximum.

```
preds <- with(prost,</pre>
   cbind(lcavol, lweight, age, bph_f, svi_f, lcp, gleason_f, pgg45))
x1 <- regsubsets(preds, y=prost$lpsa)</pre>
rs <- summary(x1)
Subset selection object
8 Variables (and intercept)
         Forced in Forced out
lcavol
              FALSE
                          FALSE
              FALSE
                          FALSE
lweight
              FALSE
                         FALSE
age
              FALSE
                         FALSE
bph_f
                          FALSE
svi_f
              FALSE
lcp
              FALSE
                          FALSE
              FALSE
                          FALSE
gleason_f
pgg45
              FALSE
                          FALSE
1 subsets of each size up to 8
Selection Algorithm: exhaustive
         lcavol lweight age bph_f svi_f lcp gleason_f pgg45
1 (1) "*"
                 11 11
                         11 11 11 11
                                    2 (1) "*"
                 11 * 11
                         11 11 11 11
                                    11 11
                                          11 11 11 11
3 (1) "*"
                 "*"
                         11 11 11 11
                                    "*"
                                          11 11 11 11
                         " " "*"
                                    "*"
                                          11 11 11 11
                 "*"
4 (1) "*"
                 "*"
                         "*" "*"
                                          11 11 11 11
5 (1) "*"
                                          " " "*"
                         "*" "*"
                                    "*"
6 (1) "*"
                 "*"
7 (1) "*"
                         "*" "*"
                                    "*"
                                          "*" "*"
8 (1) "*"
                         الباا الباا
                                    "*"
                                          11411 11411
                                                         11 * 11
So...
```

- the best one-predictor model used lcavol
- the best two-predictor model used lcavol and lweight
- the best three-predictor model used lcavol, lweight and svi\_f
- the best four-predictor model added bph\_f, and
- the best five-predictor model added age
- the best six-input model added gleason\_f,
- the best seven-input model added lcp,
- and the eight-input model adds pgg45.

## 8.2.1 Summaries of "Winning" Models

We can easily pull out R<sup>2</sup>, adjusted R<sup>2</sup>, C<sub>p</sub>, and BIC results for the "winning" models of each size.

```
winners <- tbl_df(rs$which)
winners$k <- 2:9
winners$r2 <- rs$rsq
winners$adjr2 <- rs$adjr2
winners$cp <- rs$cp
winners$bic <- rs$bic</pre>
```

And here is a table of those results...

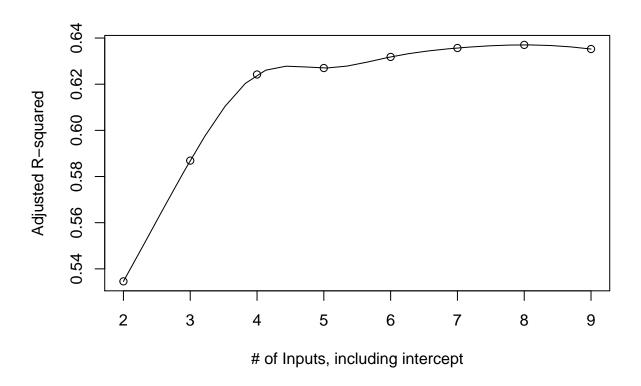
winners

```
# A tibble: 8 x 14
  `(Intercept)` lcavol lweight age bph_f svi_f lcp gleason_f pgg45
              <lgl> <lgl>
                            1 T
              Т
                     F
                            F
                                 F
                                       F
                                                  F
2 T
              Т
                    Τ
                            F
                                 F
                                       F
                                            F
                                                  F
                                                           F
              Т
                    Т
                            F
                                 F
                                       Т
                                            F
                                                  F
                                                           F
3 T
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                    Т
                            F
                                 Т
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4 T
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                                            F
                                                           F
              Т
                    Т
                            Т
                                 Т
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              Т
                    Т
                            Т
                                 Т
                                       Т
                                            Т
                                                  Т
                                                           Т
# ... with 5 more variables: k <int>, r2 <dbl>, adjr2 <dbl>, cp <dbl>, bic
   <dbl>
```

- All of these "best subsets" are hierarchical, in that each model is a subset of the one below it. This isn't inevitably true.
- By adjusted  $R^2$ , which we want to maximize, the best model appears to be the model with k=8.
- By  $C_p$ , which we want to minimize (within reason), the best choice appears to be the k=4, 6 or 7 model.
- By BIC, the best model has k = 4.

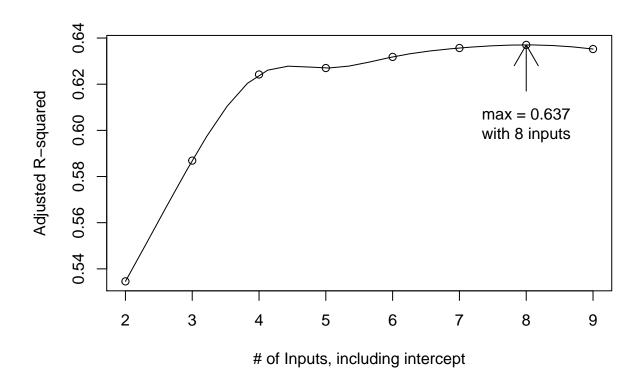
# 8.3 Plotting the Best Subsets Results

## 8.3.1 The Adjusted $R^2$ Plot



Models 4-9 all look like reasonable choices here.

# 8.3.2 A Fancier Version (identifying the largest adjusted $R^2$ )



# 8.4 Mallows' $C_p$

The  $C_p$  statistic focuses directly on the tradeoff between **bias** (due to excluding important predictors from the model) and extra **variance** (due to including too many unimportant predictors in the model.)

If N is the sample size, and we select p regression predictors from a set of K (where p < K), then the  $C_p$  statistic is

$$C_p = \frac{SSE_p}{MSE_K} - N + 2p$$

where:

- $SSE_p$  is the sum of squares for error (residual) in the model with p predictors
- $MSE_K$  is the residual mean square after regression in the model with all K predictors

As it turns out, this is just measuring the particular model's lack of fit, and then adding a penalty for the number of terms in the model (specifically 2p-N is the penalty since the lack of fit is measured as  $(N-p)\frac{SSE_p}{MSE_K}$ .

If a model has no meaningful lack of fit (i.e. no substantial bias) then the expected value of  $C_p$  is roughly p.

Otherwise, the expectation is p plus a positive bias term.

In general, we want to see *smaller* values of  $C_p$ .

Often, we do this by choosing a subset of predictors that have  $C_p$  near the value of p.

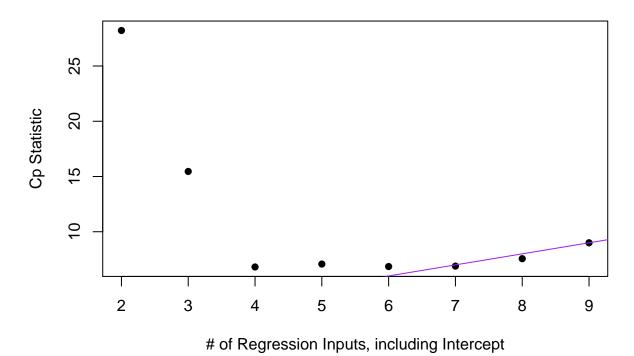
### 8.4.1 The $C_p$ Plot

The  $C_p$  plot is just a scatterplot of  $C_p$  on the Y-axis, and p on the X-axis.

Each of the various predictor subsets we will study is represented in a single point. A model without bias should have  $C_p$  roughly equal to p, so we'll frequently draw a line at  $C_p = p$  to make that clear. We then select our model from among all models with small  $C_p$  statistics.

```
plot(rs$cp ~ I(2:9),
        ylab="Cp Statistic",
        xlab="# of Regression Inputs, including Intercept",
        pch=16, main="Cp Plot")
abline(0,1, col = "purple")
```

# **Cp Plot**



Model 4 has the smallest value of  $C_p$  (and is the leftmost of the largely comparable models 4-9) while 6 is close to and 7 is right on the  $C_p = p$  line, so those are the likeliest candidates.

# 8.5 "All Subsets" Regression and Information Criteria

We will have three main information criteria:

- the Bayesian Information Criterion, called BIC
- the Akaike Information Criterion (used by R's default stepwise approaches,) called AIC
- a corrected version of AIC due to Hurwitz and Tsai, called  $\mathrm{AIC}_{\mathrm{c}}$

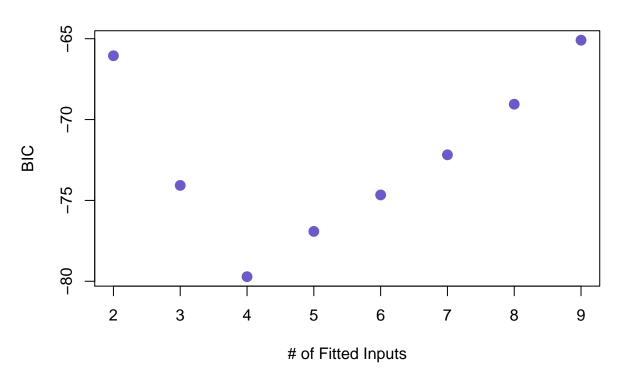
Each of these indicates better models by getting smaller.

#### 8.5.1 The BIC Plot

R provides the BIC directly as part of the result of running regsubsets, as we've seen.

```
plot(rs$bic ~ I(2:9), ylab="BIC", xlab="# of Fitted Inputs",
    pch=16, cex=1.5, col="slateblue", main="BIC Plot")
```





We want to minimize BIC, which argues strongly for the model with 4 inputs, including the intercept.

# 8.5.2 AIC with "All Subsets"

To get the AIC, we can use the formula

$$AIC = nlog(RSS/n) + 2p$$

where n is the sample size, p = # of regression inputs to be fit in the model (including the intercept) and the RSS can be found in the regsubsets output:

```
rs$rss
```

#### [1] 58.91478 51.74218 46.56844 45.72444 44.64364 43.69047 43.04471 42.77150

So, in our case, we have n = 97 subjects, and models being fit with 2 to 9 regression inputs (including the intercept), so we have:

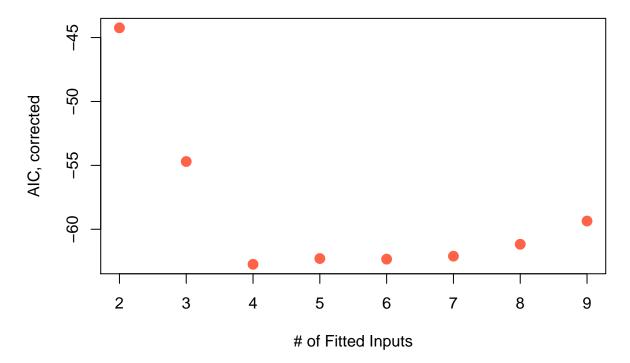
```
rs$aic <- 97*log(rs$rss / 97) + 2*(2:9)
rs$aic
```

```
[1] -44.36603 -54.95846 -63.17744 -62.95157 -63.27191 -63.36534 -62.80974 [8] -61.42738
```

### 8.5.3 The Bias-Corrected AIC (Hurwitz & Tsai)

The bias-corrected AIC formula due to Hurwitz and Tsai is:

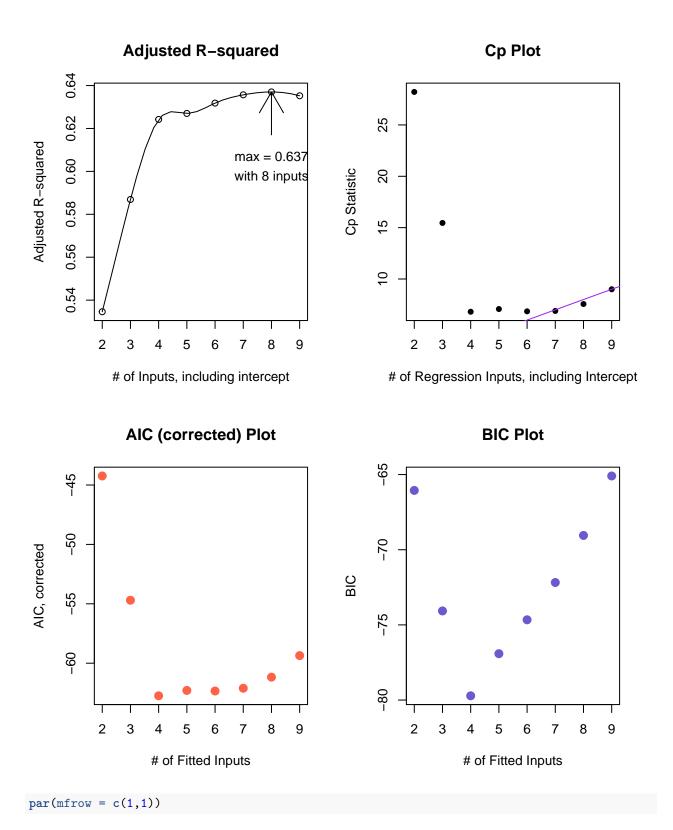
# AIC (corrected) Plot



The smallest AIC<sub>c</sub> values occur in models 4 and later, especially model 4 itself.

# 8.6 All Four Plots, Together

```
par(mfrow = c(2,2))
m2 <- max(rs$adjr2)</pre>
m1 <- which.max(rs$adjr2) + 1
plot(rs$adjr2 ~ I(2:9), ylab="Adjusted R-squared",
     xlab="# of Inputs, including intercept",
     main = "Adjusted R-squared")
lines(spline(rs$adjr2 ~ I(2:9)))
arrows(m1, m2-0.02, m1, m2)
text(m1, m2-0.03, paste("max =", format(m2, digits=3)))
text(m1, m2-0.045, paste("with", format(m1, digits=1),
                        "inputs"), pos=3)
plot(rs$cp ~ I(2:9),
     ylab="Cp Statistic",
     xlab="# of Regression Inputs, including Intercept",
     pch=16, main="Cp Plot")
abline(0,1, col = "purple")
rsaic.corr <- 97*log(rsrss / 97) + <math>2*(2:9) +
               (2 * (2:9) * ((2:9)+1) / (97 - (2:9) - 1))
plot(rs\aic.corr ~ I(2:9), ylab="AIC, corrected", xlab="# of Fitted Inputs",
     pch=16, cex=1.5, col="tomato", main="AIC (corrected) Plot")
plot(rs$bic ~ I(2:9), ylab="BIC", xlab="# of Fitted Inputs",
     pch=16, cex=1.5, col="slateblue", main="BIC Plot")
```



### 8.7 Table of Key Results

We can build a big table, like this:

```
winners <- data_frame(inputs = 2:9)</pre>
winners$r2 <- rs$rsq</pre>
winners$adjr2 <- rs$adjr2
winners$cp <- rs$cp</pre>
winners$bic <- rs$bic</pre>
winners$aic <- rs$aic
winners$aic.corr <- rs$aic.corr</pre>
winners %>% round(., 3)
# A tibble: 8 x 7
  inputs r2 adjr2
                       cp bic aic aic.corr
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
   2.00 0.539 0.535 28.2 -66.1 -44.4
                                         -44.2
  3.00 0.596 0.587 15.5 -74.1 -55.0
3 4.00 0.636 0.624 6.81 -79.7 -63.2 -62.7
4 5.00 0.643 0.627 7.08 -76.9 -63.0
5 6.00 0.651 0.632 6.85 -74.7 -63.3
                                         -62.3
  7.00 0.658 0.636 6.89 -72.2 -63.4
                                         -62.1
7 8.00 0.663 0.637 7.56 -69.0 -62.8
                                         -61.2
8 9.00 0.666 0.635 9.00 -65.1 -61.4
                                         -59.4
```

# 8.8 Models Worth Considering?

$\overline{k}$	Size	Predictors	Reason
4	3	lcavol lweight svi_f	minimizes BIC
7	6	+ age bph_f gleason_f	
8	7	+ lcp	$\max R_{adj}^2$

# 8.9 ANOVA Testing to compare these three models?

Let's run an ANOVA-based comparison of these nested models to each other and to the model with the intercept alone.

Next, we'll run...

```
anova(m.full, m08, m07, m04, m.int)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Model 1: lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f + age + bph_f + gleason_f + lcp +
   pgg45
Model 2: lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f + age + bph_f + gleason_f + lcp
Model 3: lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f + age + bph_f + gleason_f
Model 4: lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + svi_f
Model 5: lpsa ~ 1
 Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)
    86 41.057
1
     87 41.498 -1 -0.441 0.9234 0.3393
2
3
    88 42.066 -1 -0.568 1.1891 0.2786
    93 46.568 -5 -4.503 1.8863 0.1050
5
     96 127.918 -3 -81.349 56.7991 <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

What conclusions can we draw here, on the basis of these ANOVA tests?

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