

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.

R Packages used in these notes

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

```
library(tableone); library(tidyverse)
```


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
```


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-positive¹ 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 fibrillation².

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

¹HER2 = 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.

²The 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).

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the 500 Patients.*		
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 \pm 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 range 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
<code>studyid</code>	Study ID # (z001 through z500)
<code>trt</code>	Treatment group (Intervention or Control)
<code>age</code>	Age in years
<code>sex</code>	Male or Female
<code>nihss</code>	NIH Stroke Scale Score (can range from 0-42; higher scores indicate more severe neurological deficits)
<code>location</code>	Stroke Location - Left or Right Hemisphere
<code>hx.isch</code>	History of Ischemic Stroke (Yes/No)
<code>afib</code>	Atrial Fibrillation (1 = Yes, 0 = No)
<code>dm</code>	Diabetes Mellitus (1 = Yes, 0 = No)
<code>mrankin</code>	Pre-stroke modified Rankin scale score (0, 1, 2 or > 2) indicating functional disability - complete range is 0 (no symptoms) to 6 (death)
<code>sbp</code>	Systolic blood pressure, in mm Hg
<code>iv.altep</code>	Treatment with IV alteplase (Yes/No)
<code>time.iv</code>	Time from stroke onset to start of IV alteplase (minutes) if <code>iv.altep=Yes</code>
<code>aspects</code>	Alberta Stroke Program Early Computed Tomography score, which measures extent of stroke from 0 - 10; higher scores indicate fewer early ischemic changes
<code>ia.occlus</code>	Intracranial arterial occlusion, based on vessel imaging - five categories ³
<code>extra.ica</code>	Extracranial ICA occlusion (1 = Yes, 0 = No)
<code>time.rand</code>	Time from stroke onset to study randomization, in minutes
<code>time.punc</code>	Time from stroke onset to groin puncture, in minutes (only if Intervention)

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

³The 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   21 Right   No       0      0  2
2 z002   Interv~  51.0 Male   23 Left    No       1      0  0
3 z003   Control  68.0 Fema~  11 Right   No       0      0  0
4 z004   Control  28.0 Male   22 Left    No       0      0  0
5 z005   Control  91.0 Male   24 Right   No       0      0  0
6 z006   Control  34.0 Fema~  18 Left    No       0      0  2
7 z007   Interv~  75.0 Male   25 Right   No       0      0  0
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  Interv~  26.0 Fema~  27 Right   No       0      0  0
# ... 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`)

```
fs.vars <- c("age", "sex", "nihss", "location",
            "hx.isch", "afib", "dm", "mrarkin", "sbp",
            "iv.altep", "time.iv", "aspects",
            "ia.occlus", "extra.ica", "time.rand")

fs.trt <- c("trt")

att1 <- CreateTableOne(data = fakestroke,
                      vars = fs.vars,
                      strata = fs.trt)

print(att1)
```

	Stratified by trt		p	test
	Control 267	Intervention 233		
n				
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	
location = Right (%)	114 (42.7)	117 (50.2)	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.

```
fs.factorvars <- c("sex", "location", "hx.isch", "afib", "dm",
                  "mrankin", "iv.altep", "ia.occlus", "extra.ica")
```

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 order⁴ 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.

```
fakestroke <- fakestroke %>%
  mutate(trt = fct_relevel(trt, "Intervention", "Control"),
         mrankin = fct_relevel(mrankin, "0", "1", "2", "> 2"),
         ia.occlus = fct_relevel(ia.occlus, "Intracranial ICA",
                                "ICA with M1", "M1", "M2",
                                "A1 or A2"))
```

1.5 fakestroke Table 1: Attempt 2

```
att2 <- CreateTableOne(data = fakestroke,
                      vars = fs.vars,
                      factorVars = fs.factorvars,
                      strata = fs.trt)

print(att2)
```

	Stratified by trt		p	test
	Intervention	Control		
n	233	267		
age (mean (sd))	63.93 (18.09)	65.38 (16.10)	0.343	
sex = Male (%)	135 (57.9)	157 (58.8)	0.917	
nihss (mean (sd))	17.97 (5.04)	18.08 (4.32)	0.787	
location = Right (%)	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	
mrarkin (%)			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	
time.rand (mean (sd))	202.51 (57.33)	213.88 (70.29)	0.051	

The categorical data presentation looks much improved.

⁴We 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`.
- Specifying *exact* tests for certain categorical variables (we'll try this for the `location` and `mrarkin` variables) can be done, and these changes will be noted in the `test` column, as well.

To accomplish this, 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.

```
print(att2,
      nonnormal = c("age", "nihss", "time.iv", "aspects", "time.rand"),
      exact = c("location", "mrarkin"))
```

	Stratified by trt	
	Intervention	Control
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)
mrarkin (%)		
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)
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)
time.rand (median [IQR])	204.00 [152.00, 249.50]	196.00 [149.00, 266.00]
	Stratified by trt	
	p	test
n		
age (median [IQR])	0.579	nonnorm
sex = Male (%)	0.917	
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
ia.occlus (%)            0.795
  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

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.

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(att2)
```

```
### 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	mean	sd	median	p25	p75	min	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

=====

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: Control
      var   n miss p.miss      level freq percent cum.percent
      sex 267    0    0.0      Female 110    41.2        41.2
                                         Male 157    58.8        100.0

location 267    0    0.0      Left  153    57.3        57.3
                                         Right 114    42.7        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     9.4         9.4
                                         Yes 242    90.6        100.0

ia.occlus 267    1    0.4 Intracranial ICA  3     1.1         1.1
                                         ICA with M1  75    28.2        29.3
                                         M1 165    62.0        91.4
                                         M2  21     7.9        99.2
                                         A1 or A2  2     0.8        100.0

extra.ica 267    1    0.4      0 196    73.7        73.7
                                         1  70    26.3        100.0

```

p-values

```

      pApprox  pExact
sex      0.9171387 0.8561188
location 0.1113553 0.1056020
hx.isch  0.3352617 0.3124683
afib     0.6009691 0.5460206
dm       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
sex      0.017479025

```

```
location 0.151168444
hx.isch  0.099032275
afib     0.055906317
dm       0.008673478
mrankin  0.062543164
iv.altep 0.111897009
ia.occlus 0.117394890
extra.ica 0.129370206
```

Again, 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, 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.

```
fs.table1save <- print(att2,
  nonnormal = c("age", "nihss", "time.iv", "aspects", "time.rand"),
  exact = c("location", "mrankin"),
  quote = FALSE, noSpaces = TRUE, printToggle = FALSE)

write.csv(fs.table1save, file = "fs-table1.csv")
```

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

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Intervention	Control	p	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	mrarkin (%)			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

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

```
print(att2,
      nonnormal = c("age", "nihss", "time.iv", "aspects", "time.rand"),
      exact = c("location", "mrarkin"),
      quote = TRUE, noSpaces = TRUE)
```

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
<code>case</code>	identification number for the rat (1 - 34)
<code>brain</code>	an outcome: Brain tumor antibody count (per gram)
<code>liver</code>	an outcome: Liver antibody count (per gram)
<code>tlratio</code>	an outcome: tumor / liver concentration ratio
<code>solution</code>	the treatment: BD (barrier disruption) or NS (normal saline)
<code>sactime</code>	a design variable: Sacrifice time (hours; either 0.5, 3, 24 or 72)
<code>postin</code>	covariate: Days post-inoculation of lung cancer cells (9, 10 or 11)
<code>sex</code>	covariate: M or F
<code>wt.init</code>	covariate: Initial weight (grams)
<code>wt.loss</code>	covariate: Weight loss (grams)
<code>wt.tumor</code>	covariate: Tumor weight (10^{-4} 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>   <dbl> <fct>      <dbl>   <int> <fct>   <int>
1     1  41081 1456164  0.0282 BD         0.500     10 F       239
```



```

2      2  44286 1602171  0.0276 BD          0.500      10 F          225
3      3 102926 1601936  0.0642 BD          0.500      10 F          224
4      4  25927 1776411  0.0146 BD          0.500      10 F          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      7  22815 1633386  0.0140 NS          0.500      10 F          200
8      8  16629 1618757  0.0103 NS          0.500      10 F          273
9      9  22315 1567602  0.0142 NS          0.500      10 F          216
10     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.

```
bloodbrain <- bloodbrain %>%  
  mutate(logTL = log(tlratio))
```

```
dput(names(bloodbrain))
```

```
c("case", "brain", "liver", "tlratio", "solution", "sactime",  
  "postin", "sex", "wt.init", "wt.loss", "wt.tumor", "logTL")
```

OK - there's the list of variables we'll need. I'll put the outcomes at the bottom of the table.

```
bb.vars <- c("sactime", "postin", "sex", "wt.init", "wt.loss",
            "wt.tumor", "brain", "liver", "tlratio", "logTL")
```

```
bb.factors <- c("sactime", "sex", "postin")
```

```
bb.att1 <- CreateTableOne(data = bloodbrain,
  vars = bb.vars,
  factorVars = bb.factors,
  strata = c("solution"))
summary(bb.att1)
```

```
### Summary of continuous variables ###
```

solution: BD

	n	miss	p.miss	mean	sd	median	p25	p75	min	max
wt.init	17	0	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
brain	17	0	0	56043	3e+04	5e+04	4e+04	8e+04	6e+03	1e+05
liver	17	0	0	672577	7e+05	6e+05	2e+04	1e+06	2e+03	2e+06
tlratio	17	0	0	2	3e+00	1e-01	6e-02	3e+00	1e-02	9e+00
logTL	17	0	0	-1	2e+00	-2e+00	-3e+00	1e+00	-4e+00	2e+00
		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
liver    0.35 -1.7
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.loss	17	0	0	4	4e+00	3e+00	2e+00	7e+00	-4e+00	1e+01
wt.tumor	17	0	0	209	1e+02	2e+02	2e+02	3e+02	3e+01	5e+02
brain	17	0	0	23887	1e+04	2e+04	1e+04	3e+04	1e+03	5e+04
liver	17	0	0	664975	7e+05	7e+05	2e+04	1e+06	9e+02	2e+06
tlratio	17	0	0	1	2e+00	5e-02	3e-02	9e-01	1e-02	7e+00
logTL	17	0	0	-2	2e+00	-3e+00	-3e+00	-7e-02	-5e+00	2e+00

	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	52.9
				24	4	23.5	76.5
				72	4	23.5	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
  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

```

1.10.1 Generate final Table 1 for bloodbrain

I'll choose to treat `tlratio` as non-Normal, but otherwise, use t tests.

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

```

Stratified by solution
BD      NS
n
sactime (%)
  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)
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))	3.34 (4.68)	3.94 (3.88)
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	
	p	test
n		
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, using

```
bb.t1 <- print(bb.att1, nonnormal = c("tlratio", "logTL"), quote = FALSE,
              noSpaces = TRUE, printToggle = FALSE)

write.csv(bb.t1, file = "bb-table1.csv")
```

which, when dropped into Excel, will look like this:

	A	B	C	D	E
1		BD	NS	p	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 (BD: treatment)	Normal Saline (NS: control)	p
# 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 lung cancer cells			0.83
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 ⁻⁴ g)	157.3 (84.0)	208.5 (116.7)	0.15
Key Outcomes: mean (sd) unless otherwise 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 (median [Q25, Q75])	0.12 [0.06, 2.84]	0.05 [0.03, 0.94]	0.22
Natural Log of Tumor/Liver Ratio (median [Q25, Q75])	-2.10 [-2.74, 1.04]	-2.95 [-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.

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