

Week-11:diary entry+Placeholders integrated with webpage

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Question 1: What is the topic that you have finalized?

Solution: current topic: Homicide rate in US in 2004 and 2014. It can help us understand of and prevent future crime, for the welfare of the society.

Question 2. What are the data sources that you have curated so far?

Solution: I get this data set from Kaggle

```
library(tidyverse)
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## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr      1.1.3      v readr      2.1.4
## v forcats    1.0.0      v stringr   1.5.0
## v ggplot2     3.4.3      v tibble    3.2.1
## v lubridate  1.9.2      v tidyr     1.3.0
## v purrr      1.0.2
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become errors
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homicide <- read.csv("database2.csv")
head(homicide)
```

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##   Record.ID Agency.Code Agency.Name      Agency.Type      City State Year
## 1         1      AK00101  Anchorage Municipal Police Anchorage Alaska 1980
## 2         2      AK00101  Anchorage Municipal Police Anchorage Alaska 1980
## 3         3      AK00101  Anchorage Municipal Police Anchorage Alaska 1980
## 4         4      AK00101  Anchorage Municipal Police Anchorage Alaska 1980
## 5         5      AK00101  Anchorage Municipal Police Anchorage Alaska 1980
## 6         6      AK00101  Anchorage Municipal Police Anchorage Alaska 1980
##   Month Incident      Crime.Type Crime.Solved Victim.Sex Victim.Age
## 1 January         1 Murder or Manslaughter      Yes      Male        14
## 2  March         1 Murder or Manslaughter      Yes      Male        43
## 3  March         2 Murder or Manslaughter      No      Female       30
## 4  April         1 Murder or Manslaughter      Yes      Male        43
## 5  April         2 Murder or Manslaughter      No      Female       30
## 6   May         1 Murder or Manslaughter      Yes      Male        30
##   Victim.Race Victim.Ethnicity Perpetrator.Sex
## 1 Native American/Alaska Native      Unknown      Male
## 2 White      Unknown      Male
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## 3	Native American/Alaska Native	Unknown	Unknown
## 4	White	Unknown	Male
## 5	Native American/Alaska Native	Unknown	Unknown
## 6	White	Unknown	Male

##	Perpetrator.Age	Perpetrator.Race	Perpetrator.Ethnicity
## 1	15	Native American/Alaska Native	Unknown
## 2	42	White	Unknown
## 3	0	Unknown	Unknown
## 4	42	White	Unknown
## 5	0	Unknown	Unknown
## 6	36	White	Unknown

##	Relationship	Weapon	Victim.Count	Perpetrator.Count	Record.Source
## 1	Acquaintance	Blunt Object	0	0	FBI
## 2	Acquaintance	Strangulation	0	0	FBI
## 3	Unknown	Unknown	0	0	FBI
## 4	Acquaintance	Strangulation	0	0	FBI
## 5	Unknown	Unknown	0	1	FBI
## 6	Acquaintance	Rifle	0	0	FBI

Week10-Continue from Week9

What is the question that you are going to answer?

How do the victim-murderer relationship and the age, and the sex of perpetrators impact the choice of weapons used in homicides?

Why is this an important question?

A research conducted by American Journal of Preventive Medicine suggest a rising trend in intimate partner homicides, as well as a higher occurrence of homicides involving friends, acquaintances, and even strangers. Those findings underscore the importance of relevant laws.

From Bailey et al.(2023), urban areas exhibit a higher propensity for the escalation of gun violence as compared to other weapon-related incidents, identify the pivotal age group can effectively establish deployment strategies, so can prevent future trauma.

According to United Nations, reduce the crime rate will reduce potential harmful effects on individuals and society.

Which rows and columns of the dataset will be used to answer this question?

Year, Perpetrator Age, Relationship, Weapon, Sex

Include the challenges and errors that you faced and how you overcame them

First, data entry errors may occur when there are missing values or incorrect data entries, which can distort the dataset and affect the accuracy of the results. Hence, it is necessary to address missing values by removing them from the dataset before conducting any analysis. Secondly, if outliers exist, the unusual or erroneous data points can significantly impact statistical analysis. Therefore, I will try to highlight those values and see if I should exclude or include them in the analysis. Moreover, incorrect data transformations can lead to inaccurate results because linear regression can be used with a combination of categorical and numerical values. To address this, it's essential to apply suitable data transformation techniques to incorporate categorical variables correctly into the analysis.

Week11

(1) List the visualizations that you are going to use in your project (Answer: What are the variables that you are going to plot? How will it answer your larger question?)

ggplot/line charts of two sets of variables for 2004 and 2014:

1. “Relationship” and “Weapon”: I will plot separate graphs for weapon types and the different murder-victim relationships. After plotting graphs for all weapons, I will combine all and come up with overall bar chart using ggplot.

By knowing this, this can show me if there is any pattern between the victim-murder relationship and weapon use during homicide. And this will answer my larger question. If yes, then we will know how to comprehend the law and restrict consumption for certain weapons. Meanwhile, we will also be informed what kind of weapon can be avoided, i.e. knife should be kept away or only accessible by them, so that they can protect themselves. If no then, it means no significant relationship between, hence, all weapons should be treated equally dangerous.

2. “Perpetrator Age” and “Weapon”. I will plot bar graph to see if there is a relationship between Age and Weapon used during homicide. Then I will plot overall graph (combine both 2004 and 2014) to see if there's change being made. It will answer the larger question. If yes, then maybe younger generation prefer one weapon over the other.

I will create a density plot to determine which age group has the highest occurrence, which may help explain which weapons' usage will surge.

3. “sex” of perpetrator and “weapon”.

See if there is certain preference towards weapons use for different sex/gender. I will plot separate graph for different sex (male/female), with “sex” in x-axis and “weapon” type in y-axis. Then provide overall bar chart with both sexes. It will answer my larger question to see which weapon is commonly used for males/females.

(2) How do you plan to make it interactive? (Answer: features of ggplot2/shiny/markdown do you plan to use to make the story interactive)

Utilizing ggplot2 for the purpose of comparing disparities between 2004 and 2014 in terms of various factors such as gender, age groups, relationship statuses, and their association with different types of weapon usage.

(3) What concepts incorporated in your project were taught in the course and which ones were self-learned? (Answer: Create a table with topics in one column and Weeks in the other to indicate which concept taught in which week is being used. Leave the entry of the Week column empty for self-learned concepts)

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df <- data.frame(  
  Topic = c ("insert picture", "change variable type", "create a new list", "Choosing rows or columns", "a  
  Week = c ("Week1", "Week3", "Week3", "Week4", "Week4", "Week4", "Week4", "Week2/7", "Week7", "Week7", "Week8")  
)  
  
df
```

##	Topic	Week
## 1	insert picture	Week1
## 2	change variable type	Week3
## 3	create a new list	Week3
## 4	Choosing rows or columns	Week4
## 5	arrange columns	Week4
## 6	Combining two or more operations	Week4
## 7	filter data	Week4
## 8	ggplot2	Week2/7
## 9	histogram	Week7
## 10	mapping	Week7
## 11	User Interface	Week8

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First, to eliminate the invalid or blank.

Secondly, the data set may be too large and too complex, therefore I need to break down the complex dataset into smaller subsets or focus on variables of interest. Besides, use the correct way to run the code.

Thirdly, given that my data covers a wide time range, it's important to acknowledge that data volume and accuracy may not have been as reliable several decades ago when technology was less advanced. Nevertheless, I will make every effort to ensure that I select a comparable amount of data for analysis in both 2014 and 2004, to get relatively fair comparison