Lab Session 6: Two way Tables

In lab session two, we looked at the frequency table for one qualitative variable using table command. Here we are going to look at two-way tables to describe the relationship between two qualitative variables. Two-way tables organize data using Rows and Columns. Row and Column totals provide the marginal distributions of the two variables SEPERATELY.

R has three in built functions to generate frequency tables. The **table()** function, tables of proportions using the **prop.table()** function, and marginal frequencies using **margin.table()**.

table()

Creating a two-way table by listing cells by rows.

```
attach( mtcars)
mytable <- table(vs, gear) # VS will be rows, gear will be columns
mytable # print table
```

margin.table()

We can generate marginal distributions using the margin.table() function. If you pass just the table (the first argument) to the command, it calculates the total number of observations.

```
margin.table(mytable, 1) # row marginals
margin.table(mytable, 2) #column marginals
```

prop.table()

You can get a table of the joint proportions with prop.table(). To calculate conditional probabilities, margin can be specified similarly to margin.table()

```
prop.table(mytable) # cell percentages
prop.table(mytable, 1) # row percentages
prop.table(mytable, 2) # column percentages
```

After generating tables, you can draw component bar charts, multiple bar chart using barplot() functions.

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Lab Exercise

Load the dataset "Class" dataset.

- a) Perform univariate analysis for the variables, gender, ethnicity, degree type and class using appropriate graphical methods. Interpret the graphs.
- b) Suppose that the administration department is interested in determining the following.
 - The proportion of male first-class receivers
 - The class distribution for Sinhala graduates

Explain how you would determine the above mentioned. Obtain the answers for the above to help the administration department.

- c) Graduates believe that a better class could be received if they followed a general degree instead of a special degree. Do you agree with the graduates' belief? Justify your answer using suitable graphical methods.
- d) The administration claims that females have performed better than males. Do you agree with this claim? Justify.

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