Do Women Promote Different Policies than Men? Part IV: Visualizations and Correlations

Let's continue working with the data from the experiment in India. As a reminder, Table 1 shows the names and descriptions of the variables in this dataset, where the unit of observation is villages.

variable	description
village	village identifier ("Gram Panchayat number _ village number")
female	whether village was assigned a female politician: 1=yes, 0=no
water	number of new (or repaired) drinking water facilities in the village since random assignment
irrigation	number of new (or repaired) irrigation facilities in the village since random assignment

Table 1: Variables in "india.csv"

In this problem set, we practice (1) how to create and make sense of visualizations and (2) how to compute and interpret the correlation between two variables, among other things.

As always, we start by loading and looking at the data:

```
## load and look at the data
india <- read.csv("india.csv") # reads and stores data
head(india) # shows first observations
     village female water irrigation
## 1 GP1 village2
                  1 10
## 2 GP1_village1
                    1 0
                                    5
## 3 GP2_village2
                    1
                         2
                                    2
## 4 GP2_village1
                    1 31
                                    4
## 5 GP3_village2
                     0 0
                                    0
## 6 GP3_village1
                          0
                                    0
                 0
```

- 1. Create a visualization of the distribution of the variable water.
 - a. Does this variable look normally distributed? (5 points)
 - b. Approximately how many villages in this experiment had about 250 new (or repaired) drinking water facilities since the randomization of politicians? (5 points)
- 2. Create a visualization of the relationship between water and irrigation.
 - a. Does the linear relationship between these two variables look positive or negative? A positive/negative answer will suffice. (5 points)
 - b. Does the relationship between these two variables look strongly linear? A yes/no answer will suffice. (5 points)
- 3. Compute the correlation between water and irrigation.

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- a. Are you surprised by the sign of the correlation? Provide your reason. (5 points)
- b. And are you surprised by the absolute value of the correlation? Provide your reason. (5 points)
- 4. If we wanted to use the sample of villages in this dataset to infer the characteristics of all villages in India, we would have to make sure that the sample is ______ of the population. (Please provide the missing word). (10 points)
- 5. What would have been the best way of selecting the villages for the sample to ensure that the statement above was true? (10 points)