## STA 141B\_HW3

### SQL STATS EXCHANGE

```
library(RSQLite)
library(DBI)
library(lubridate)
library(sqldf)
library(dplyr)
```

#### CONNECT TO POSTTYPEID MAP

```
# Set working directory
setwd("~/Documents/UCD Classes/22-23/Spring Q23 Classes/STA 141B/HW3/HW3_Stuff/Schema:Descriptions")
# Connect to Database
db = dbConnect(SQLite(), "stats.stackexchange.db")
# Get tables
dbListTables(db)
  [1] "BadgeClassMap"
                            "Badges"
                                                 "CloseReasonMap"
   [4] "Comments"
                                                 "PostHistory"
##
                            "LinkTypeMap"
## [7] "PostHistoryTypeId" "PostLinks"
                                                 "PostTypeIdMap"
                                                 "Users"
## [10] "Posts"
                            "TagPosts"
## [13] "VoteTypeMap"
                            "Votes"
```

#### Questions

1. How many users are there?

```
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT Id) as USERS FROM Users")
```

```
## USERS
## 1 321677
```

A user can be interpreted in various ways. I interpreted as the number of unique user IDs, so I used COUNT DISTINCT ID to query the number of users. I found 321677 different users.

Tables Used: Users

2. How many users joined since 2020? (Hint: Convert the CreationDate to a year.)

```
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT COUNT(*) AS Users_2020, strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%f', CreationDate) AS CreationDate
    strftime('%Y', CreationDate) AS Year, Id
    FROM Users WHERE
    Year >= '2020'")
```

```
## Users_2020 CreationDate Year Id
## 1 100796 2020-01-01 01:06:38.380 2020 269763
```

I used strftime to extract the year, and found that 100796 users joined since 2020.

Tables Used: Users

#### 3. How many users joined each year? Describe this with a plot, commenting on any anomalies.

I counted the total tuples in Users and grouped the tuples by Year.

```
user_per_year
```

```
##
      Users_2020 Year
## 1
            1668 2010
            4396 2011
## 2
## 3
            7450 2012
           11846 2013
## 4
## 5
           17809 2014
## 6
           24012 2015
## 7
           33753 2016
## 8
           44416 2017
           40040 2018
## 9
## 10
           35491 2019
## 11
           34617 2020
## 12
           32765 2021
## 13
           28801 2022
            4613 2023
```

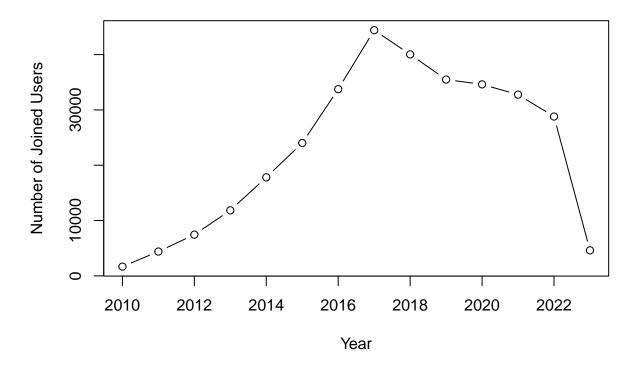
```
# Double check all users are groups = 321677
sum(user_per_year$Users_2020)
```

```
## [1] 321677
```

I grouped the users by year and counted the frequency of users, and then double checked if the original number of users was the same after the data manipulation.

```
plot(user_per_year$Year,user_per_year$Users_2020, xlab = "Year", ylab = "Number of Joined Users", main
```

## **New Users per Year**



From the plot above, we observe that there was a huge drop in users that joined between 2022-2023.

Tables Used: Users

4. How many different types of posts are there in the Posts table? Get the description of the types from the PostTypeIdMap table. In other words, create a table with the description of each post type and the number of posts of that type, and arrange it from most to least occurrences.

I found the different types of posts in the Posts table by querying the DISTINCT PostTypeIds. In the POSTS table, I found 7 different types of posts. However, I noticed that the schema showed that there are actually 8 different types of posts.

```
# Different types of Posts
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT DISTINCT PostTypeId FROM Posts")
```

##		PostTypeId
##	1	1
##	2	2
##	3	7
##	4	5
##	5	4
##	6	6
##	7	3

Using the PostTypeIdMap table, I found 8 distinct descriptions of the post types.

# # Different types of descriptions dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT DISTINCT value FROM PostTypeIdMap")

```
##
                                                               value
## 1
                                                           Question
## 2
                                                             Answer
## 3
                                                  Orphaned tag wiki
## 4
                                                   Tag wiki excerpt
## 5
                                                           Tag wiki
## 6
                                               Moderator nomination
## 7 Wiki placeholder (seems to only be the election description)
                                                     Privilege wiki
```

The count (8) in the PostTypeIdMap is not congruent to the count of PostTypeIds (7) in the Posts table. Notice how there is no PostTypeId = 8 in the Posts table. From this, I reasoned that the Posts table did not contain any posts with PostTypeId = 8 and the corresponding description of "Privilege wiki".

```
dbGetQuery(db,"SELECT * FROM Posts
     WHERE PostTypeId = 8")
```

```
[1] Id
                              PostTypeId
                                                     AcceptedAnswerId
##
##
   [4] CreationDate
                              Score
                                                     ViewCount
  [7] Body
                              OwnerUserId
                                                     LastActivityDate
## [10] Title
                                                     AnswerCount
                              Tags
## [13] CommentCount
                              ContentLicense
                                                     LastEditorDisplayName
## [16] LastEditDate
                              LastEditorUserId
                                                     CommunityOwnedDate
## [19] ParentId
                              OwnerDisplayName
                                                     ClosedDate
## [22] FavoriteCount
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
```

We see that this is true. To get the number of posts for each description, I used COUNT to count the total number of rows and GROUP BY PostTypeId to group the number of counts with its corresponding PostTypeId.

```
##
      Posts PostTypeId
## 1 204370
                       1
## 2 197928
                       2
                       5
## 3
       1444
## 4
       1444
                       4
          23
                       6
## 5
## 6
                       3
           6
                       7
## 7
           5
                                                                  value
##
## 1
                                                               Question
## 2
                                                                 Answer
## 3
                                                               Tag wiki
```

Tables Used: Posts, PostTypeIdMap

5. How many posted questions are there?

```
## Questions
## 1 204370
```

We want to double check that the PostTypeId = 1 in Posts is actually a question. To do this, I joined PostTypeIdMap to Posts by the corresponding Id link, and then found the answer by finding the joined tuples that had Id = 1 for PostTypeIdMap. I found 204370 counts of type 'question'. Another way to confirm this is by using the last question: there are also 204370 counts of questions.

Tables Used: Posts, PostTypeIdMap

6. What are the top 50 most common tags on questions? For each of the top 50 tags on questions, how many questions are there for each tag.

```
##
                   Tag Tag_Count
## 1
                            28495
                     r
## 2
           regression
                            28146
## 3 machine-learning
                            19355
## 4
          time-series
                            13745
## 5
          probability
                            11894
```

I found the tags first by using the TagPosts table. The table includes the question ID and its corresponding tag(names). In order to find the most common tags, all I needed to do was to create a new column for counting the total number of tags, group by the distinct tags, and find which tags had the greatest counts. For finding questions for each tag, it is given that each tag is associated with a unique question ID, so the number of questions is just equal to the tag count.

Tables Used: TagPosts

7. How many tags are in most questions?

```
Number_Tags Question
##
                                        TagName
## 1
                    608403
               5
                                           arima
                    608395 confidence-interval
## 2
               5
## 3
               5
                    608380
## 4
                5
                    608379
                               machine-learning
                5
## 5
                    608371
                                    probability
                5
## 6
                    608359
                                       logistic
```

What is the range of tag counts for all the individual questions? I used COUNT(Tag) and ID and then grouped by ID to get the tag counts for every individual ID/question. To find the range of tag counts, I used the table function and found that there are only 1-5 tags associated with every question.

```
table(number_tags$Number_Tags)

##
## 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
## 20163 49278 59782 43249 31898

max(table(number_tags$Number_Tags))
```

```
## [1] 59782
```

Lastly, to find the most frequent number of tags in most questions, I used table() to count the frequencies of number of tags and chose the one with the greatest count by max(). I found that in most questions (59782), there are 3 tags.

Tables Used: TagPosts

#### 8.) How many answers are there?

```
## Answers
## 1 197928
```

This is similar to question 5. I did the same thing but set the PostTypeIdMap.Id = 2, which corresponds to Answer. I found 197928 answers.

Tables Used: Posts, PostTypeIdMap

#### 9.) What's the most recent question (by date-time) in the Posts table?

I found the most recent question by using the CreationDate column in Posts, which relates to the date a question was created. I ordered the CreationDate in descending order, and found that the most recent question in the Posts table was "Are there any papers or methods that combine mcmc and variational inference".

Tables Used: Posts

#### • Find it on the stats.exchange.com Web site and provide the URL.

https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/608405/are-there-any-papers-or-methods-that-combine-mcmc-and-variational-inference

I found this by simply using the base url: https://stats.stackexchange.com and then provided the PostId to find the question. This actually leads to a 404 and said that "This question was voluntarily removed by its author".

#### • How would we map a question in the Posts table to the corresponding SO URL?

To map a question in the Posts table to the StackOverflow URL we would just put in the QuestionId into the base URL followed by the path questions/.

For example, if we wanted to map the question "Eliciting priors from experts", which corresponds to a PostId of 1, we would simply do:

https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/1

#### 10.) For the 10 users who posted the most questions:

- How many questions did they post? What are the users' names?
- When did they join SO?
- What is their Reputation?
- What country do they have in their profile?

Note: Instead of answering the sub-questions one by one, I kept adding query commands to the one chunk of code below. All the answers to the questions can be found in the data frame below.

```
##
                                        DisplayName
      Questions
                    Тd
                                                                 Joined_Date
## 1
            349
                 77179
                                         stats_noob 2015-05-14T21:12:31.790
## 2
            298
                  1005
                                                Tim 2010-08-19T15:31:09.537
## 3
            264
                  9162 user1205901 -
                                               2012-02-13T02:09:08.377
            255 53690
## 4
                                      Richard Hardy 2014-08-08T10:57:13.613
## 5
            236 108150
                                         user321627 2016-03-10T14:45:28.010
## 6
            192 113777
                                          Haitao Du 2016-04-27T20:51:38.203
## 7
            184
                 28986
                                     Charlie Parker 2013-08-09T19:20:37.540
## 8
            180 40252
                             An old man in the sea. 2014-02-14T13:18:39.917
## 9
                                        The Pointer 2017-05-30T00:13:41.380
            166 163242
                                               rnso 2014-09-22T08:35:18.697
## 10
            164 56211
```

```
##
      Reputation Country
## 1
                1
## 2
            18497
## 3
            11859
## 4
            60742
                   Europe
## 5
             2478
## 6
            34665
## 7
             6286
## 8
             5330
## 9
             1344
## 10
             9299
```

Since the User.Id and PostTypeId are in different tables, I joined the User and Posts table and matched the corresponding links. This gave back a table that included the User.Id if it was in Post.OwnerUserId, and ensured that the User who asked the question matched the correct question post. After, I counted the number of posts where PostTypeId = 1 for a given User.Id and grouped by User.Id, which gave me the question counts per user. The other sub-questions were relatively straightforward.

Tables Used: Posts, Users

11.) Following from the previous questions, for the 10 users who posted the most questions, how many gold, silver and bronze badges does each of these 10 individuals have?

```
## Id UserId Class value Name
## 1 1 5 3 Bronze Teacher
## 2 2 6 3 Bronze Teacher
## 3 3 8 3 Bronze Teacher
```

My first idea was to join the Badges and Top\_10\_Users table (from Question 10) to get the Usernames corresponding to the badges. Before I did that, I created a new d.f named badges that classified the classes of badges (1,2,3) as Gold,Silver,and Bronze, respectively. After this, I constructed the query below

Tables Used: Badges, BadgeClassMap

```
##
                       DisplayName User_Id value Count
## 1
           An old man in the sea.
                                      40252 Bronze
                                                      65
## 2
           An old man in the sea.
                                      40252
                                              Gold
                                                        4
           An old man in the sea.
## 3
                                      40252 Silver
                                                      27
## 4
                    Charlie Parker
                                      28986 Bronze
                                                      122
## 5
                    Charlie Parker
                                     28986
                                              Gold
                                                      13
                    Charlie Parker
                                     28986 Silver
                                                      65
## 6
## 7
                         Haitao Du 113777 Bronze
                                                      228
```

```
## 8
                         Haitao Du
                                    113777
                                               Gold
                                                        19
## 9
                                                       130
                         Haitao Du
                                     113777 Silver
## 10
                     Richard Hardy
                                      53690 Bronze
                                                       237
## 11
                     Richard Hardy
                                      53690
                                               Gold
                                                        12
## 12
                     Richard Hardy
                                      53690 Silver
                                                       114
                       The Pointer
## 13
                                     163242 Bronze
                                                        44
                       The Pointer
## 14
                                     163242 Silver
                                                        22
## 15
                                Tim
                                       1005 Bronze
                                                       205
## 16
                                Tim
                                       1005
                                               Gold
                                                        32
## 17
                                Tim
                                       1005 Silver
                                                       116
## 18
                                      56211 Bronze
                                                       109
                               rnso
## 19
                               rnso
                                      56211
                                               Gold
                                                        18
## 20
                                      56211 Silver
                                                        59
                               rnso
## 21
                                      77179 Bronze
                        stats_noob
                                                        68
## 22
                                                         2
                        stats_noob
                                      77179
                                               Gold
## 23
                        stats_noob
                                      77179 Silver
## 24 user1205901 -
                                 9162 Bronze
                                                 161
## 25 user1205901 -
                                 9162
                                         Gold
                                                  26
## 26 user1205901 -
                                 9162 Silver
                                                  88
## 27
                        user321627
                                     108150 Bronze
                                                        63
## 28
                        user321627
                                     108150
                                               Gold
                                                         4
## 29
                        user321627
                                     108150 Silver
                                                        20
```

I joined the Top\_10\_Users with the Badges on their linked Ids. To find the distribution of Gold, Silver, and Bronze badges for the 10 unique users, I counted the total number of badges, and grouped by the User. Id and Badge Type. This returns a table that includes the 10 users with their respective badge counts.

Tables Used: Badges, Top\_10

## 12.) For each of the following terms, how many questions contain that term: Regression, ANOVA, Data Mining, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Neural Network.

```
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT

SUM(Title LIKE '%Regression%') AS Regression,

SUM(Title LIKE '%ANOVA%') AS ANOVA,

SUM(Title LIKE '%Data Mining%') AS Data_Mining,

SUM(Title LIKE '%Machine Learning%') AS Machine_Learning,

SUM(Title LIKE '%Deep Learning%') AS Deep_Learning,

SUM(Title LIKE '%Neural Network%') AS Neural_Network

FROM Posts")
```

```
## Regression ANOVA Data_Mining Machine_Learning Deep_Learning Neural_Network
## 1 21886 3111 117 1716 447 2703
```

I collected the sum of titles/questions that contained the exact specified term.

Tables Used: Posts

## 13.) Using the Posts and PostLinks tables, how many questions gave rise to a "related" or "duplicate" question?

According to the schema, "related" or "duplicated" questions are classified as LinkType.Id = 1 and 3, respectively. With this information, I found the answer by joining the Posts and PostLinks table by Id, made sure that the PostType was a question, and grouped by LinkType.

```
## LinkTypeId Count
## 1 1 71175
## 2 3 8980
```

Tables Used: Posts, PostLinks

• And how many responses did these questions get?

```
##
         Ιd
## 1
        726
        423
## 2
## 3
       1337
## 4 41208
## 5 328630
##
                                                                                             Title
## 1
                                                                    Famous statistical quotations
## 2
                                                  What is your favorite "data analysis" cartoon?
## 3
                                                                                 Statistics Jokes
## 4
                                                                      The Sleeping Beauty Paradox
## 5 Is ridge regression useless in high dimensions ($n \\ll p$)? How can OLS fail to overfit?
     LinkTypeId Responses
##
## 1
              1
                       154
## 2
              1
                        89
## 3
              1
                        81
                        60
## 4
              1
## 5
              1
                        60
```

I added up the answer and comment counts to measure the response count for a question. I grouped the tuples by responses, from highest to lowest.

Tables Used: Posts, PostLinks

• How experienced were the users posting these questions.

```
JOIN Users
ON Posts.OwnerUserId = Users.Id
WHERE PostTypeId = 1
ORDER BY Reputation DESC
LIMIT 5")
```

```
##
         Ιd
                                                                 Title Reputation
## 1
     41208
                                          The Sleeping Beauty Paradox
                                                                           304878
## 2
       1963 Looking for good introductory treatment of meta-analysis
                                                                           304878
## 3 204843
                        Is this the solution to the p-value problem?
                                                                           304878
## 4 415435
                      How does entropy depend on location and scale?
                                                                           304878
## 5 204843
                        Is this the solution to the p-value problem?
                                                                           304878
##
     UpVotes
## 1
       32184
       32184
## 2
## 3
       32184
## 4
       32184
## 5
       32184
```

I measured experience through User Reputation and Upvotes. The values above show the most experienced users that hold the highest reputation.

Tables Used: Posts, PostLinks, Users

#### 14.) What is the date range for the questions and answers in this database?

```
## PostTypeId Start End
## 1 1 2009-02-02 14:21:12.103 2023-03-05 05:10:18.393
## 2 2 2009-02-02 14:24:31.740 2023-03-05 04:48:34.853
```

I assume that date ranges means the range of the first and last occurrence of a question or answer in the database. I first used strftime on CreationDate, then used the MIN and MAX functions to get the range. Then, I grouped by PostTypeId to get the date ranges for all the types, and limited it to the first 2 tuples, as they corresponded to PostTypeId = 1,2, which represent question and answer.

Tables Used: Posts

#### 15.) What question has the most comments associated with it?

```
##
## 1 Is ridge regression useless in high dimensions ($n \\ll p$)? How can OLS fail to overfit?
## Comment
## 1
```

First I wanted to join the Comments and Posts table to get the Question Title and comment count. I counted the number of tuples in comment and grouped by Title/question to get the comment counts per question. To get the questions with the most comments, I first set PostTypeId = 1 (question), and then ordered the count by descending and limited the display to 1 tuple.

Tables Used: Comments, Posts

• How many answers are there for this question?

```
## AnswerCount
## 1 6
```

Tables Used: Posts

768069

## 1

## 1

16.) How many comments are there across all posts?

```
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT SUM(CommentCount) AS Comments FROM Posts")
### Comments
```

I used SUM(CommentCount) (instead of COUNT because CommentCount contains values > 1) to compute the total amount of comments for all PostTypeIds.

• How many posts have a comment?

229859

• What is the distribution of comments per question?

First, I wanted to find the comment counts for every unique question. I verified that all of the Titles were questions by setting PostTypeId = 1

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.1.2
```

```
distribution_coques = dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT DISTINCT Title, Posts.Id, CommentCount, Posts.PostTypeId FROM
           JOIN Posts ON
           Posts.Id = Comments.PostId
           WHERE Title is NOT NULL AND
           Title <> '' AND
           PostTypeId = 1
           ORDER BY Posts.Id")
# Look at CommentCount per Question
head(distribution_coques)
##
                                                                     Title Id
## 1
                                           Eliciting priors from experts 1
## 2
                                                       What is normality?
## 3 What are some valuable Statistical Analysis open source projects?
            Assessing the significance of differences in distributions
## 4
## 5
                     The Two Cultures: statistics vs. machine learning?
## 6
                                  Locating freely available data samples 7
##
     CommentCount PostTypeId
## 1
                 1
                            1
## 2
                            1
                 1
## 3
                 3
                            1
## 4
                 2
                            1
## 5
                10
                            1
                 2
## 6
                            1
Verification for all Posts having PostTypeId = 1
# Checking if all are questions == 1
unique(distribution_coques$PostTypeId)
## [1] 1
# How many Questions have comments
nrow(distribution_coques)
## [1] 128280
To display the distribution of comments per question, I used a table:
# How many comments in number of questions
table(distribution_coques$CommentCount)
##
##
       1
             2
                    3
                          4
                                 5
                                       6
                                             7
                                                    8
                                                          9
                                                                10
                                                                      11
                                                                            12
                                                                                   13
## 30707 30417 20645 14897
                             9832
                                    6806
                                                                                  477
                                          4680
                                                 3236
                                                       2158
                                                             1459
                                                                     918
                                                                           695
##
      14
            15
                   16
                         17
                                18
                                      19
                                            20
                                                   21
                                                         22
                                                                23
                                                                      24
                                                                            25
                                                                                   26
                               90
##
     357
                        133
                                      74
                                                   38
                                                         31
                                                                22
                                                                                   15
           262
                  185
                                            49
                                                                      24
                                                                            14
##
      27
            28
                   29
                         30
                                31
                                      32
                                            33
                                                   34
                                                         36
                                                                37
                                                                      38
                                                                             39
                                                                                   44
             9
                    8
                                 2
                                       2
                                             5
                                                    6
                                                          4
                                                                       3
                                                                             3
##
       6
                          6
                                                                 1
                                                                                    1
##
      46
            53
                   54
```

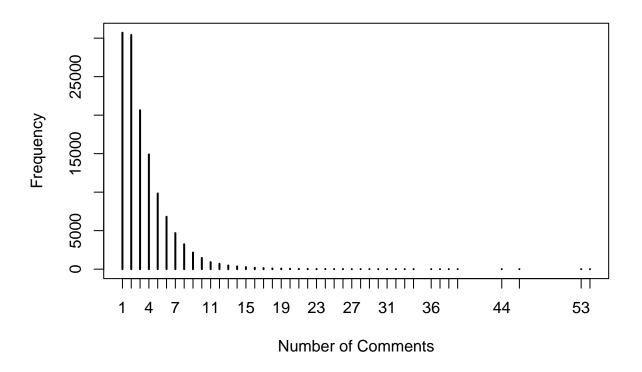
##

```
# Double check counts in table = # of comments for questions
sum(table(distribution_coques$CommentCount))
```

## [1] 128280

I also graphed the result for more clarity on the distribution

#### **Distribution of Count of Comments Per Question**



From the histogram above, it is clearly right skewed. Most of the data lies on the left side, which indicates that there was a greater frequency of number of comments in a smaller amount of comments.

Tables Used: Comments, Posts

17.) Is there any relationship between the number of tags on a question, the length of a question, and the number of responses (posts and comments)?

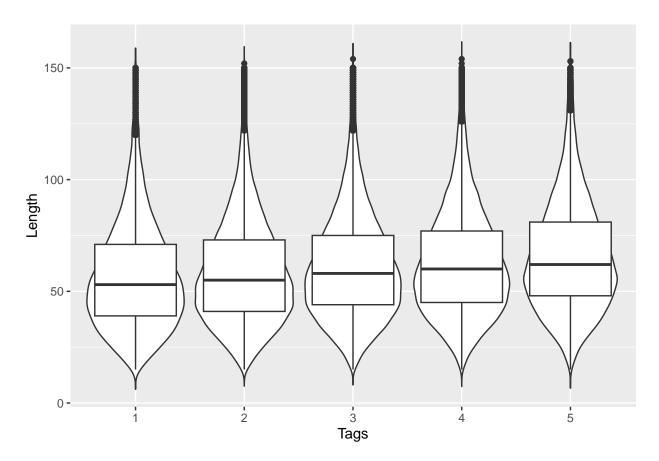
```
# As Factors
relationship$Tags = as.factor(relationship$Tags)
```

I imagine that for this question, the independent variable is number of tags, and the dependent variables being the length and number of responses. To show the relationship(s), I needed to extract the columns for number of tags, length, and responses on a question. In addition, because Tags is the independent variable, I changed their class to Factors for plotting purposes.

Tables Used: Posts, TagPosts

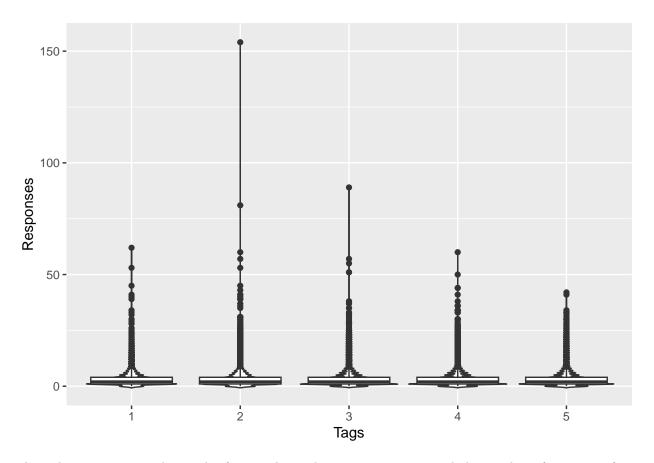
To test the relationship, I plotted the graphs with the appropriate axis.

```
# Tags vs Length
ggplot(relationship, aes(x = Tags, y = Length)) +
  geom_violin(trim = FALSE) +
  geom_boxplot()
```



There seems to be no relationship between the number of tags and length of a question (the boxplots and the median among each tag are almost identical).

```
# Tags vs All Responses
ggplot(relationship, aes(x = Tags, y = Responses))+
  geom_violin(trim = FALSE) +
  geom_boxplot()
```

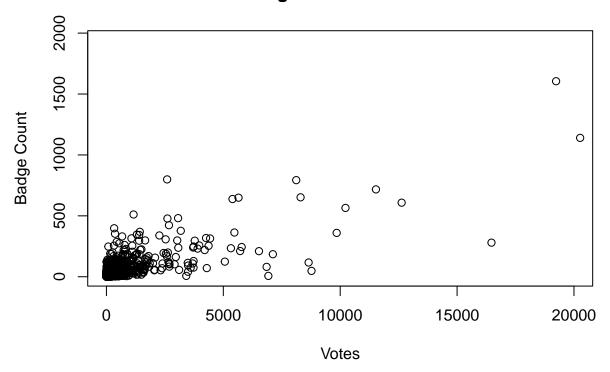


There does not seem to be much of a correlation between tag counts and the number of responses for a question either. We see that tags 2 and 3, there are outliers, however in general most of the data points for all tags have the same distribution.

#### 18.) Do the people who vote tend to have badges?

Plot to display relationship below.

### **Badge Count vs Votes**



There is somewhat of a correlation. Kinda....

Tables Used: Badges, Users, BadgeClassMap

20.) How many posts have multiple different people who edit it?

#### ## [1] 54293

I used the PostHistory table and extracted the unique Ids that corresponded to any form of editing. For example in the table, PostHistoryTypeId 4 had the value of "Edit Title." From this logic, I extracted all the IDs that were related to a type of edit and extracted it. I grouped by the PostId and found the values that had multiple editors. In total, I found 54293 posts with multiple editors.

Tables Used: PostHistory

#### Required Questions

**21.)** Compute the table that contains • the question, • the name of the user who posted it, • when that user joined, • their location • the date the question was first posted, • the accepted answer, • when the accepted answer was posted • the name of the user who provided the accepted answer.

```
users = dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT * FROM Users")
## Warning: Column `AccountId`: mixed type, first seen values of type integer,
## coercing other values of type string
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT Q.Title, U.DisplayName, U.CreationDate, U.Location, Q.CreationDate, A.Body, A.Creation
FROM Posts AS A, Posts AS Q, Users AS U, Users AS Provider
           WHERE A.Id = Q.AcceptedAnswerId AND
           U.Id = Q.OwnerUserId AND
           Provider.Id = A.OwnerUserId AND
           Q.PostTypeId = 1
           LIMIT 10")
##
## 1
                                                         Eliciting priors from experts
## 2
                                                                    What is normality?
## 3
                    What are some valuable Statistical Analysis open source projects?
                           Assessing the significance of differences in distributions
## 4
                                                Locating freely available data samples
## 5
      Under what conditions should Likert scales be used as ordinal or interval data?
## 7
                                                 Multivariate Interpolation Approaches
## 8
                                                         Finding the PDF given the CDF
## 9
                                              Tools for modeling financial time series
                                                         What is a standard deviation?
## 10
               DisplayName
##
                                       CreationDate
                                                                       Location
## 1
               csgillespie 2010-07-19T19:04:52.280
                                                      Newcastle, United Kingdom
## 2
                    A Lion 2010-07-19T19:09:32.157
## 3
                    grokus 2010-07-19T19:08:29.070
                                                                  United States
## 4
               Jay Stevens 2010-07-19T19:09:16.917
                                                          Jacksonville, FL, USA
## 5
                    EAMann 2010-07-19T19:11:57.393 Tualatin, OR, United States
## 6
                    A Lion 2010-07-19T19:09:32.157
       Christopher D. Long 2010-07-19T19:11:11.093
## 7
                                                                 Versailles, KY
      Mehper C. Palavuzlar 2010-07-19T19:22:10.957
                                                              Istanbul, Turkiye
                                                              Istanbul, Turkiye
      Mehper C. Palavuzlar 2010-07-19T19:22:10.957
## 10
              Oren Hizkiya 2010-07-19T19:25:59.420
                                                                   New York, NY
##
                 CreationDate
     2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
## 1
     2010-07-19T19:12:57.157
## 2
## 3 2010-07-19T19:13:28.577
## 4 2010-07-19T19:13:31.617
    2010-07-19T19:15:59.303
     2010-07-19T19:17:47.537
## 6
## 7
      2010-07-19T19:18:30.810
## 8 2010-07-19T19:26:04.363
     2010-07-19T19:27:13.503
## 10 2010-07-19T19:27:43.860
## 1
## 2
## 3
Smirnov test</a>, or the like. The two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test is based on comparing difference
## 5
```

```
Maybe too late but I add my answer anyway...\\\n\\\nIt depends on what you intend to
## 7
## 8
## 9
## 10
##
                                 Answer User
                 CreationDate
## 1
     2010-07-19T19:19:46.160
                                     Harlan
## 2
     2010-07-19T19:43:20.423 John L. Taylor
## 3
     2010-07-19T19:14:43.050
                                 Jay Stevens
     2010-07-19T21:36:12.850 John L. Taylor
     2010-07-19T19:24:18.580 Stephen Turner
     2010-08-19T10:00:00.370
## 6
## 7
     2010-08-03T21:50:09.007 Carlos Accioly
## 8 2010-07-19T20:15:54.823
                                        Paul
## 9 2010-07-19T19:29:06.527
                                      Shane
## 10 2010-07-19T19:44:35.037
                              Neil McGuigan
```

First: I needed the Users and Posts tables.

To extract the values, I mapped a Post.Id = A.AcceptedAnswerId, User.Id = OwnerUserId, and another User Id to the posts OwnerUserId.

First map: We want to map a Post to its corresponding accepted answer in order to retrieve the accepted answer column.

Second map: We want to map a User Id to the same Post OwnerUserId above to get the user that posted the question. From this, we can extract more information about the user, such as the username, date they joined, and their location.

Third map: Finally, we want to map a new User Id to the A.OwnerUserId in order to extract the CreationDate and username of the answer.

22.) Determine the users that have only posted questions and never answered a question? (Compute the table containing the number of questions, number of answers and the user's login name for this group.) How many are there?

```
##
     OwnerUserId DisplayName Questions Answers
## 1
           108150
                   user321627
                                      236
## 2
           241460
                    The Great
                                      133
                                                 0
                                                 0
## 3
            12329
                     user34790
                                      128
## 4
                                      121
                                                 0
            67137
                          Dave
## 5
            42198
                           TEX
                                      109
                                                 0
```

Thank you to Professor Duncan for explaining this to me. Because we are looking for user and posted questions and answers, I joined the Users and Posts table. I used the SUM() function to evaluate whether there existed PostTypeId = 1 or 2, which correspond to question or answer, for a particular user. To see the counts of question and answers per user, I grouped by user ID. Finally, I created a condition where the

user must have a question count > 0 and answer count = 0 to find which users posted a question and never answered. In total, there were 76,410 of these unique users (I only showed 5 above though).

Tables Used: Users, Posts

23.) Compute the table with information for the 75 users with the most accepted answers. This table should include • the user's display name, • creation date, • location, • the number of badges they have won, – the names of the badges (as a single string) • the dates of the earliest and most recent accepted answer (as two fields) – the (unique) tags for all the questions for which they had the accepted answer (as a single string)

I split this section into two parts: In the part below, I computed the dsername, user creation date, and user location. For this, I self-joined the posts table and used the users table.

Thought Process: I want to find the users that had the most accepted answers. To do this, I need the users and posts table. I first joined where User Id = OwnerUserId. I did this because this is one of the only and best way to link the User and Posts table. Now that I have the owner of the post, I did another join with another Post table to join where the Id of the Post = AcceptedAnswerId. This gave me which users had the accepted answer to a post. To find how many accepted answers a user had, I used COUNT:

```
Id DisplayName Accepted_Count
##
                 Glen b
## 1
        805
        919
                  whuber
                                    1781
## 2
## 3 28500
                     EdM
                                    1246
## 4 204068
                   gunes
                                    1119
## 5
     35989
                     Tim
                                    1004
```

Now that I have this, I extracted the relevant information and ordered by the top 75 users.

```
top_75 = dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT DISTINCT U.Id, Accepted. PostTypeId, COUNT(*) AS Accepted_Count, U.DisplayNat
FROM Posts AS A, Posts AS Accepted, Users AS U
WHERE U.Id = A.OwnerUserId AND
A.Id = Accepted. AcceptedAnswerId
GROUP BY U.Id
ORDER BY Accepted_Count DESC
LIMIT 75")
```

A user can have multiple accepted answers, only if it is for different questions. To find the earliest accepted question for a user, we use MIN. To find the recent accepted question for a user, we use MAX.

Next, I calculated the other questions related to badges and tags for the latter half. For this, I needed to join the top\_75 table I made with the badge table in order to map the correct user id with their badge id and retrieve the badge results,names,etc.

```
ON top_75.Id = badges.UserId
GROUP BY top_75.Id
ORDER BY Count DESC")
```

Here is how the final result looks like with the joined tables by User.Id.

```
sqldf("SELECT top_75.DisplayName,top_75.CreationDate AS UserCreationDate,top_75.Location,badges_75.Coum
JOIN badges_75
ON top_75.Id = badges_75.User_Id
LIMIT 10")
```

```
##
          DisplayName
                              UserCreationDate
                                                              Location
## 1
               Glen_b 2010-08-07T08:40:07.287
                                                        I'm right here
## 2
               whuber 2010-08-13T15:29:47.140
## 3
                  EdM 2013-07-26T15:11:03.380
                                                         Cambridge, UK
## 4
                gunes 2018-04-12T10:42:43.307
## 5
                  Tim 2013-12-10T21:19:06.223
                                                        Warsaw, Poland
                                                           Switzerland
## 6
      Stephan Kolassa 2010-09-18T10:55:08.240
## 7
                Xi'an 2011-11-05T07:56:15.903
                                                         Paris, France
## 8
        Richard Hardy 2014-08-08T10:57:13.613
                                                                Europe
## 9
                  Ben 2017-08-10T03:27:26.793
                                                   Canberra, Australia
## 10
              BruceET 2015-08-11T17:22:01.590 San Francisco Bay Area
##
      NumberofBadges
## 1
                1605
## 2
                1942
## 3
                 318
## 4
                  129
## 5
                 717
## 6
                 638
## 7
                 793
## 8
                  363
## 9
                 649
## 10
                  122
##
## 1
      Altruist, Analytical, Announcer, Autobiographer, Benefactor, Caucus, Citizen Patrol, Cleanup, Commentator
## 2
## 3
## 4
## 5
## 6
## 7
## 8
## 9
## 10
##
               EarliestAnswer
                                        RecentAccepted
      2010-08-09T00:37:45.090 2023-02-23T21:21:32.110
## 1
## 2
      2010-08-19T13:07:22.083 2023-03-04T19:37:09.383
      2013-08-13T20:01:37.963 2023-03-01T21:03:42.703
## 4
      2018-09-09T17:27:12.530 2023-01-22T10:32:17.537
      2014-10-31T11:05:38.017 2023-02-25T07:34:21.380
      2010-09-23T20:42:45.613 2023-03-01T19:16:24.493
      2011-11-05T21:11:34.147 2023-02-22T09:13:37.127
## 8 2014-10-19T11:52:22.160 2023-03-02T14:41:06.427
```

```
2018-01-17T05:37:49.037 2023-02-28T23:31:47.337
## 10 2016-10-04T05:59:47.963 2022-07-01T19:29:14.067
##
## 1
                                <multiple-regression><multiple-comparisons><permutation-test>
## 2
                 <data-visualization><random-variable><kernel-smoothing><circular-statistics>
## 3
                                                   <r><survival><hazard>proportional-hazards>
## 4
                                   <machine-learning><neural-networks><unsupervised-learning>
## 5
                                                             <classification><backpropagation>
## 6
                                                                    <time-series><seasonality>
      <bayesian><model-selection><posterior><bayes-factors><approximate-bayesian-computation>
## 7
## 8
                                           <r><time-series><forecasting><diebold-mariano-test>
## 9
                                                                                 <time-series>
                                   <confidence-interval><mean><simulation><online-algorithms>
## 10
```

I did have one error that I could not fix: Getting the correct count of tags.

Tables Used: Self-join on Posts, Users

## 24. How many questions received no answers (accepted or unaccepted)? How many questions had no accepted answer?

```
PostTypeId = 1")
## No Accepted
```

All the information can be gathered from the Posts table. Because the question specifically asks for question, I set a constraint such that PostTypeId = 1. To find how many questions received no answer or had no accepted answer, respectively, I found where ANSWERCOUNT = 0 and AcceptedAnswerId is empty -> '.'

Tables Used: Posts

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## 1

#### 25.) What is the distribution of answers per posted question?

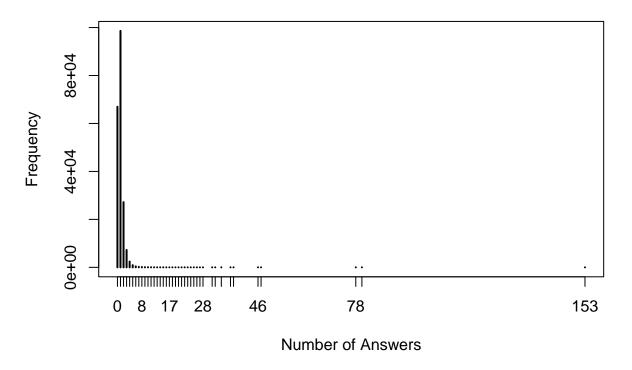
This question is identical to Q16, where I had to find the distribution of comments for each question. I used the same process.

##	## Number of Answers												
##	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
##	66970	98602	27191	7246	2408	905	401	210	136	82	62	35	25
##	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
##	19	14	14	8	5	4	5	1	5	2	1	1	2
##	26	27	28	31	32	34	37	38	46	47	78	80	153
##	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

From above, we see the frequency table of the answers for each question. For example, there were 66970 questions that had no answers. This is valid as the question I computed before this (Q24) displayed the same value. To make the shape and distribution more clear, I made a plot

```
# Graphically
plot(distribution anscounts, xlab = "Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main = "Distribution of Number of Answers", ylab = "Frequency", ylab = "Frequency",
```

### **Distribution of Number of Answers Per Question**



Very right skewed. Most of the data lies on the left side, which means that most of the questions had a few (1-3) answers per question.

Tables Used: Posts

## 26.) What is the length of time for a question to receive an answer? To obtaining an accepted answer?

Thought Process: For considering the length of time for a question to receive an answer, I wanted to subtract the date of the very first answer (not accepted) received by the question by the date of the posted question. I used a self join on the Posts table because we need to extract two different date times, one for the Questions and the other for the Answers.

I set Q.Id = A.ParentId because I wanted to find all the answers associated for every question. I also set the constraint of PostTypeId to be 1 for a question. Next, I extracted the relevant variables I wanted, which includes the Q.Id,A.ParentId,A.CreationDate,Q.CreationDate,and the unixepoch for the Answer and Question CreationDates. I will elaborate on using unixepoch later.

Now I have a table that looks like this

```
##
      Question_Id ParentId
                                        Answer_Date
                                                               Question_Date
## 1
                          1 2010-07-19T19:19:46.160 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
                1
## 2
                          1 2010-07-19T20:23:57.330 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
## 3
                          1 2010-07-19T22:40:47.947 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
                1
                          1 2010-07-20T05:13:21.963 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
## 4
                1
## 5
                1
                          1 2010-09-15T21:08:26.077 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
## 6
                1
                          1 2020-11-05T09:44:51.710 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
                2
                          2 2010-07-19T19:24:35.803 2010-07-19T19:12:57.157
## 7
                2
## 8
                          2 2010-07-19T19:43:20.423 2010-07-19T19:12:57.157
## 9
                2
                          2 2010-07-20T23:07:48.713 2010-07-19T19:12:57.157
                2
## 10
                          2 2011-04-10T14:30:50.133 2010-07-19T19:12:57.157
##
         Answers
                  Questions
## 1
      1279567186 1279566732
##
  2
      1279571037 1279566732
##
  3
      1279579247 1279566732
## 4
      1279602801 1279566732
## 5
      1284584906 1279566732
## 6
      1604569491 1279566732
## 7
      1279567475 1279566777
      1279568600 1279566777
      1279667268 1279566777
## 10 1302445850 1279566777
```

Notice how we have multiple ParentIds corresponding to a QuestionId. The number of counts of a ParentId to a Question is the number of answers for that question. After I completed this step, I wanted to find the MINIMUM answer date, as this displays the quickest time a question receives an answer. To do this, I used the MIN function on A.CreationDate. In addition, because the MIN function will constrain the output (remove ParentIds that are not of minimum date), we have to use GROUP BY A.ParentId to show the other tuples.

```
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT Q.Id AS Question_Id,A.ParentId,MIN(A.CreationDate) AS Answer_Date,Q.CreationDate
FROM Posts AS A, Posts AS Q
   WHERE Q.Id = A.ParentId
   AND Q.PostTypeId = 1
   GROUP BY A.ParentId
   LIMIT 3
   ")
```

```
##
     Question_Id ParentId
                                       Answer_Date
                                                              Question_Date
## 1
               1
                         1 2010-07-19T19:19:46.160 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
               2
## 2
                         2 2010-07-19T19:24:35.803 2010-07-19T19:12:57.157
## 3
               3
                         3 2010-07-19T19:14:43.050 2010-07-19T19:13:28.577
##
        Answers
                 Questions
## 1 1279567186 1279566732
  2 1279567475 1279566777
## 3 1279566883 1279566808
```

We can double check this result with the other table above. We see that the minimum date for answer and corresponding question date is correct. This is where I explain unixepoch. I used a nested function: unixepoch(strftime()) to first convert the CreationDate format of YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.SSS into YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.SSS using strftime. After I received the strftime result, I used unixepoch to convert the converted Date into a format of seconds. Using this way, I could easily find the difference between the Answer and Question dates as they were both in seconds. Following this, I set the names of the unixepoch(strftime) values to Answers and Questions, which are represented in seconds as type int. I also had to use a subquery, as the newly created variable names in the aforementioned sentence did not exist in the original table. I also converted the seconds into minutes as my final result.

```
##
                                        Question_Date MinutesToReceiveAnswer
                 Answer_Date
## 1 2010-07-19T19:19:46.160 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510
                                                                            7
## 2 2010-07-19T19:24:35.803 2010-07-19T19:12:57.157
                                                                           11
## 3 2010-07-19T19:14:43.050 2010-07-19T19:13:28.577
                                                                            1
## 4 2010-07-19T21:31:53.813 2010-07-19T19:13:31.617
                                                                          138
## 5 2010-07-19T19:18:56.800 2010-07-19T19:14:44.080
                                                                            4
     Question Id
##
## 1
               1
               2
## 2
               3
## 3
## 4
               4
## 5
```

Finding the length of time for an accepted answer uses almost the exact process above. The only difference is that we need to do an additional join from the Posts table to join the Answer Id to the Accepted Answer Id to extract all the Accepted Answers for a post.

```
# Accepted Answer

dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT Answer_Date,Question_Date,((Answers-Questions)/60) AS MinutesToReceiveAnswer,Que
(SELECT Q.Id AS Question_Id,MIN(A.CreationDate) AS Answer_Date, Q.CreationDate AS Question_Date,(unixep)
FROM Posts AS A, Posts AS Q, Posts AS Accepted
   WHERE Q.Id = A.ParentId AND
   Q.PostTypeId = 1 AND
   A.Id = Accepted.AcceptedAnswerId
   GROUP BY A.Id)
   ORDER BY Question_Id
   LIMIT 5
```

```
## Answer_Date Question_Date MinutesToReceiveAnswer
## 1 2010-07-19T19:19:46.160 2010-07-19T19:12:12.510 7
## 2 2010-07-19T19:43:20.423 2010-07-19T19:12:57.157 30
```

")

```
## 3 2010-07-19T19:14:43.050 2010-07-19T19:13:28.577
                                                                            1
## 4 2010-07-19T21:36:12.850 2010-07-19T19:13:31.617
                                                                          142
## 5 2010-07-19T19:24:18.580 2010-07-19T19:15:59.303
                                                                            8
##
     Question_Id
## 1
## 2
               2
## 3
               3
## 4
               4
## 5
               7
```

Compare this to the first table answered for this question. We see that for the accepted answer table, we have one different Question\_Id = 7. This means that question\_id = 6 does not have an accepted answer. And this is true as I verified through checking the site

https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/6

Tables Used: Posts, Self-join on Posts

#### 27.) How many answers are typically received before the accepted answer?

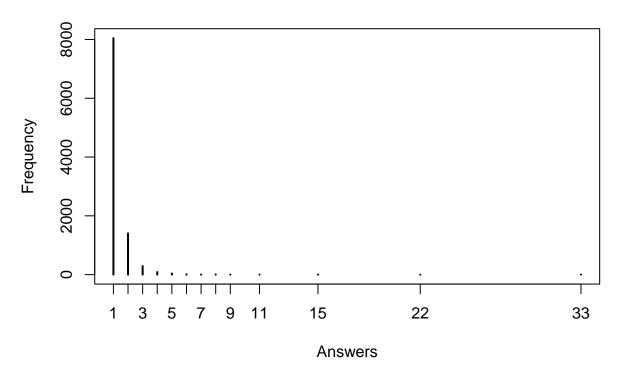
```
ansb4accept = dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT A.ParentId,Q.Id AS QuestionId,A.Id AS AnswerId,Q.AcceptedAnswerId
FROM Posts AS A, Posts AS Q
   WHERE Q.Id = A.ParentId AND
   AcceptedId > AnswerId AND
   CAST(AcceptedId AS INT) > 0
   GROUP BY A.ParentId
   ")
```

```
table("Answer Counts" = ansb4accept$AnswersBeforeAccepted)
```

```
## Answer Counts
##
      1
            2
                 3
                       4
                            5
                                                       11
                                                            15
                                                                  22
                                                                       33
                                 11
## 8044 1403 291
                      88
                           39
                                                  1
                                                        1
                                                                        1
```

plot(table(ansb4accept\$AnswersBeforeAccepted), xlab = "Answers", ylab = "Frequency", main="Number of Answers"

## **Number of Answers Received Before Accepted Answer**



My first thought was that I'm going to have to plot this as a histogram distribution to show the counts of answers and the frequencies of the counts. From this, I needed to find all of the answers that were related to a question, and the corresponding accepted answer. After we get this data, we can imagine a data frame with two column: One for AcceptedId, the other for Answer. To find how many answers were received before the accepted, I needed to find the tuples where the numerical value of AcceptedId was greater than AnswerId. Here is an example:

```
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT A.ParentId,Q.Id AS QuestionId,A.Id AS AnswerId,Q.AcceptedAnswerId AS AcceptedId
FROM Posts AS A, Posts AS Q
   WHERE Q.Id = A.ParentId
   ORDER BY A.ParentId
   LIMIT 20
   ")
```

##		ParentId	QuestionId	AnswerId	AcceptedId
##	1	1	1	15	15
##	2	1	1	98	15
##	3	1	1	154	15
##	4	1	1	218	15
##	5	1	1	2696	15
##	6	1	1	495164	15
##	7	2	2	20	59
##	8	2	2	59	59
##	9	2	2	357	59
##	10	2	2	9414	59
##	11	2	2	11969	59

##	12	2	2	17397	59
##	13	2	2	33936	59
##	14	3	3	5	5
##	15	3	3	9	5
##	16	3	3	14	5
##	17	3	3	16	5
##	18	3	3	24	5
##	19	3	3	28	5
##	20	3	3	42	5

In the example above, if we look at QuestionId = 1, we see that there are no acceptedIds greater than answerIds. For QuestionId = 2, however, we see that there is an AcceptedId = 59 that is greater than AnswerId, therefore in this case we would say that question Id = 2 would have one answer received before the accepted. In addition, I noticed that some values in AcceptedId were = 0, which meant that the question did not have an acceptedId. For this, I filtered out the AcceptedIds = 0. After this process, I extracted the insights.

Tables Used: Self-join on Posts