Mini Data Analysis Milestone 2

To complete this milestone, you can either edit this .rmd file directly. Fill in the sections that are commented out with <!--- start your work here--->. When you are done, make sure to knit to an .md file by changing the output in the YAML header to github_document, before submitting a tagged release on canvas.

Welcome to the rest of your mini data analysis project!

In Milestone 1, you explored your data. and came up with research questions. This time, we will finish up our mini data analysis and obtain results for your data by:

- Making summary tables and graphs
- Manipulating special data types in R: factors and/or dates and times.
- Fitting a model object to your data, and extract a result.
- Reading and writing data as separate files.

We will also explore more in depth the concept of tidy data.

NOTE: The main purpose of the mini data analysis is to integrate what you learn in class in an analysis. Although each milestone provides a framework for you to conduct your analysis, it's possible that you might find the instructions too rigid for your data set. If this is the case, you may deviate from the instructions – just make sure you're demonstrating a wide range of tools and techniques taught in this class.

Instructions

To complete this milestone, edit this very .Rmd file directly. Fill in the sections that are tagged with <!--- start your work here--->.

To submit this milestone, make sure to knit this .Rmd file to an .md file by changing the YAML output settings from output: html_document to output: github_document. Commit and push all of your work to your mini-analysis GitHub repository, and tag a release on GitHub. Then, submit a link to your tagged release on canvas.

Points: This milestone is worth 50 points: 45 for your analysis, and 5 for overall reproducibility, cleanliness, and coherence of the Github submission.

Research Questions: In Milestone 1, you chose two research questions to focus on. Wherever realistic, your work in this milestone should relate to these research questions whenever we ask for justification behind your work. In the case that some tasks in this milestone don't align well with one of your research questions, feel free to discuss your results in the context of a different research question.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this milestone, you should:

- Understand what tidy data is, and how to create it using tidyr.
- Generate a reproducible and clear report using R Markdown.
- Manipulating special data types in R: factors and/or dates and times.
- Fitting a model object to your data, and extract a result.
- Reading and writing data as separate files.

Setup

Begin by loading your data and the tidyverse package below:

```
library(datateachr) # <- might contain the data you picked!
library(tidyverse)</pre>
```

Task 1: Process and summarize your data

From milestone 1, you should have an idea of the basic structure of your dataset (e.g. number of rows and columns, class types, etc.). Here, we will start investigating your data more in-depth using various data manipulation functions.

1.1 (1 point)

First, write out the 4 research questions you defined in milestone 1 were. This will guide your work through milestone 2:

- 1. Will the usage of root barrier affect the diameter and height of the tree?
- 2. What is the average diameter and height of each species? (Because the species of the trees are too many, only count top 10 species)
- 3. What is the relationship between tree age and height?
- 4. What is the height and diameter distribution according to the longitude?

Here, we will investigate your data using various data manipulation and graphing functions.

glimpse(vancouver_trees)

```
## Rows: 146,611
## Columns: 20
## $ tree id
                     <dbl> 149556, 149563, 149579, 149590, 149604, 149616, 149~
## $ civic_number
                      <dbl> 494, 450, 4994, 858, 5032, 585, 4909, 4925, 4969, 7~
## $ std_street
                      <chr> "W 58TH AV", "W 58TH AV", "WINDSOR ST", "E 39TH AV"~
                      <chr> "ULMUS", "ZELKOVA", "STYRAX", "FRAXINUS", "ACER", "~
## $ genus_name
                      <chr> "AMERICANA", "SERRATA", "JAPONICA", "AMERICANA", "C~
## $ species_name
## $ cultivar_name
                      <chr> "BRANDON", NA, NA, "AUTUMN APPLAUSE", NA, "CHANTICL~
                      <chr> "BRANDON ELM", "JAPANESE ZELKOVA", "JAPANESE SNOWBE~
## $ common_name
                      ## $ assigned
## $ root_barrier
                     <chr> "N", "N", "4", "4", "4", "B", "6", "6", "3", "3", "~
## $ plant area
## $ on_street_block
                     <dbl> 400, 400, 4900, 800, 5000, 500, 4900, 4900, 4900, 7~
                      <chr> "W 58TH AV", "W 58TH AV", "WINDSOR ST", "E 39TH AV"~
## $ on street
## $ neighbourhood_name <chr> "MARPOLE", "MARPOLE", "KENSINGTON-CEDAR COTTAGE", "~
                      <chr> "EVEN", "EVEN", "EVEN", "EVEN", "EVEN", "ODD", "ODD~
## $ street_side_name
                      <dbl> 2, 4, 3, 4, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 5, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, ~
## $ height range id
                      <dbl> 10.00, 10.00, 4.00, 18.00, 9.00, 5.00, 15.00, 14.00~
## $ diameter
## $ curb
                      ## $ date_planted
                      <date> 1999-01-13, 1996-05-31, 1993-11-22, 1996-04-29, 19~
## $ longitude
                      <dbl> -123.1161, -123.1147, -123.0846, -123.0870, -123.08~
                      <dbl> 49.21776, 49.21776, 49.23938, 49.23469, 49.23894, 4~
## $ latitude
```

1.2 (8 points)

Now, for each of your four research questions, choose one task from options 1-4 (summarizing), and one other task from 4-8 (graphing). You should have 2 tasks done for each research question (8 total). Make sure it

makes sense to do them! (e.g. don't use a numerical variables for a task that needs a categorical variable.). Comment on why each task helps (or doesn't!) answer the corresponding research question.

Ensure that the output of each operation is printed!

Also make sure that you're using dplyr and ggplot2 rather than base R. Outside of this project, you may find that you prefer using base R functions for certain tasks, and that's just fine! But part of this project is for you to practice the tools we learned in class, which is dplyr and ggplot2.

Summarizing:

- 1. Compute the *range*, *mean*, and *two other summary statistics* of **one numerical variable** across the groups of **one categorical variable** from your data.
- 2. Compute the number of observations for at least one of your categorical variables. Do not use the function table()!
- 3. Create a categorical variable with 3 or more groups from an existing numerical variable. You can use this new variable in the other tasks! An example: age in years into "child, teen, adult, senior".
- 4. Compute the proportion and counts in each category of one categorical variable across the groups of another categorical variable from your data. Do not use the function table()!

Graphing:

- 6. Create a graph of your choosing, make one of the axes logarithmic, and format the axes labels so that they are "pretty" or easier to read.
- 7. Make a graph where it makes sense to customize the alpha transparency.

Using variables and/or tables you made in one of the "Summarizing" tasks:

- 8. Create a graph that has at least two geom layers.
- 9. Create 3 histograms, with each histogram having different sized bins. Pick the "best" one and explain why it is the best.

Make sure it's clear what research question you are doing each operation for!

1. Will the usage of root barrier affect the diameter and height of the tree?

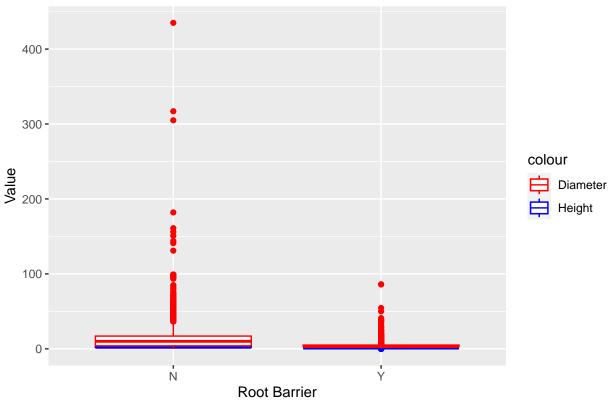
```
result <- vancouver_trees %>%
  group_by(root_barrier) %>%
  summarize(
   avg_height = mean(height_range_id),
   avg_diameter = mean(diameter),
   med_height = median(height_range_id),
   med_diameter = median(diameter),
   min_height = min(height_range_id),
   max_height = max(height_range_id),
   min_diameter = min(diameter),
   max_diameter = max(diameter),
   var_height = var(height_range_id),
   var_diameter = var(diameter)
)
result
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 11
     root_barrier avg_height avg_diameter med_height med_diameter min_height
                                                 <dbl>
                                                                           <dbl>
##
     <chr>>
                        <dbl>
                                      <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
## 1 N
                                                                  10
                                                                               0
                         2.72
                                      12.0
                                                     2
## 2 Y
                                                                               0
                         1.30
                                       4.40
                                                     1
                                                                   3
## # i 5 more variables: max_height <dbl>, min_diameter <dbl>, max_diameter <dbl>,
       var_height <dbl>, var_diameter <dbl>
```

With this summary information, we can know the distribution of the height and diameter according to root barrier.

```
boxplot <- ggplot(vancouver_trees, aes(x = root_barrier)) +
  geom_boxplot(aes(y = height_range_id, color = "Height")) +
  geom_boxplot(aes(y = diameter, color = "Diameter")) +
  labs(title = "Height and Diameter Boxplot by Root Barrier Type", x = "Root Barrier", y = "Value") +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("Height" = "blue", "Diameter" = "red"))
boxplot</pre>
```

Height and Diameter Boxplot by Root Barrier Type



With this box graph, we can know the distribution of the height and diameter according to root barrier.

2. What is the average diameter and height of each species? (Because the species of the trees are too many, only count top 10 species)

```
species_count <- vancouver_trees %>%
  group_by(species_name) %>%
  summarize(count = n()) %>%
  arrange(desc(count))

top_10_species <- head(species_count, 10)

top_10_data <- vancouver_trees %>%
  filter(species_name %in% top_10_species$species_name)

result <- top_10_data %>%
  group_by(species_name) %>%
  summarize(
  avg_height = mean(height_range_id),
```

```
avg_diameter = mean(diameter)
)

result

## # A tibble: 10 x 3

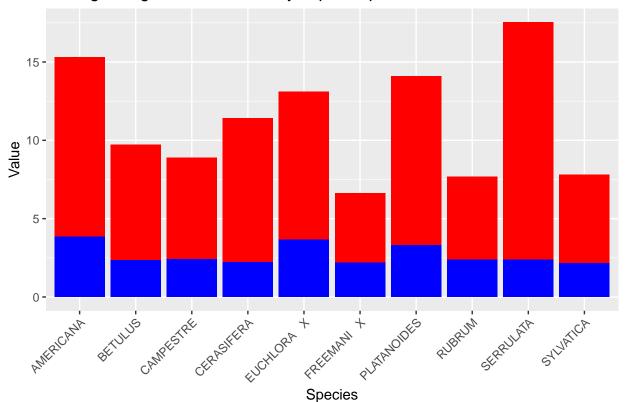
## species name avg height avg diameter
```

```
species_name avg_height avg_diameter
##
      <chr>
                         <dbl>
    1 AMERICANA
                                       15.3
##
                          3.84
    2 BETULUS
                          2.35
                                       9.72
    3 CAMPESTRE
                                       8.89
##
                          2.42
    4 CERASIFERA
                          2.21
                                       11.4
##
##
    5 EUCHLORA
                Х
                          3.66
                                       13.1
   6 FREEMANI
                 Х
                          2.17
                                       6.63
    7 PLATANOIDES
                          3.29
                                       14.1
##
    8 RUBRUM
                                       7.68
##
                          2.38
                                       17.5
    9 SERRULATA
                          2.38
                                       7.80
## 10 SYLVATICA
                          2.16
```

With this summary, we can know the average diameter and height of each species.

```
bar_plot <- ggplot(result, aes(x = species_name)) +
   geom_bar(aes(y = avg_diameter), stat = "identity", fill = "red") +
   geom_bar(aes(y = avg_height), stat = "identity", fill = "blue") +
   labs(title = "Average Height and Diameter by Top 10 Species", x = "Species", y = "Value") +
   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
bar_plot</pre>
```

Average Height and Diameter by Top 10 Species



With this plot, we can know the average diameter and height of each species and compare them directly.

3. What is the relationship between tree age and height?

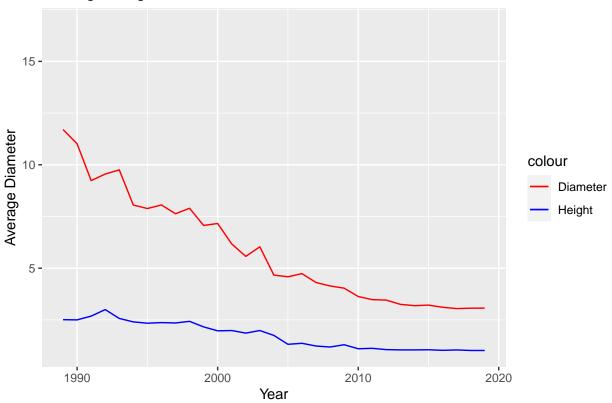
```
age_data <- vancouver_trees %>%
  mutate(year_planted = as.numeric(format(as.Date(date_planted), "%Y")))
result <- age_data %>%
  group_by(year_planted) %>%
  summarize(avg_diameter = mean(diameter),
            avg_height = mean(height_range_id))
result
## # A tibble: 32 x 3
##
      year_planted avg_diameter avg_height
##
             <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                          11.7
##
              1989
                                      2.51
   1
## 2
              1990
                          11.0
                                       2.50
## 3
                           9.23
                                      2.68
              1991
## 4
              1992
                           9.55
                                       3.00
## 5
                                      2.57
              1993
                           9.75
## 6
              1994
                           8.05
                                      2.40
                                      2.34
## 7
              1995
                           7.88
## 8
              1996
                           8.06
                                       2.37
## 9
              1997
                           7.63
                                      2.35
## 10
              1998
                           7.90
                                       2.43
## # i 22 more rows
```

First I group the date_planted data with the year, and get the average diameter and avg_height.

```
line_plot <- ggplot(result, aes(x = year_planted)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = avg_diameter, color = "Diameter")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = avg_height, color = "Height")) +
  labs(title = "Average Height Over Years", x = "Year", y = "Average Diameter") +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("Height" = "blue", "Diameter" = "red"))
line_plot</pre>
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values (`geom_line()`).
## Removed 1 row containing missing values (`geom_line()`).
```

Average Height Over Years



With the graph, we can get the height and diameter distribution according to the year.

4. What is the height and diameter distribution according to the longitude?

```
result <- vancouver_trees %>%
  group_by(bin = cut(longitude, breaks = seq(-123.25, -123, by = 0.05))) %>%
  summarize(
    avg_diameter = mean(diameter),
    avg_height = mean(height_range_id)
)
result
```

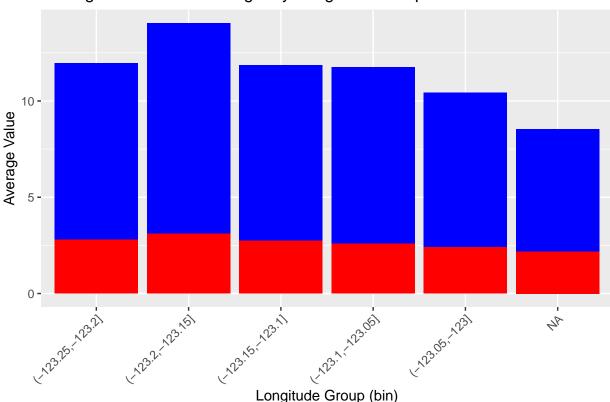
```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##
     bin
                       avg_diameter avg_height
##
     <fct>
                               <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
## 1 (-123.25,-123.2]
                                            2.79
                               12.0
## 2 (-123.2,-123.15]
                               14.0
                                            3.10
## 3 (-123.15,-123.1]
                               11.9
                                            2.73
## 4 (-123.1,-123.05]
                               11.7
                                            2.59
## 5 (-123.05,-123]
                               10.4
                                            2.39
## 6 <NA>
                                8.52
                                            2.18
```

First I put the numeric value of longitude into bins with size 0.05, then calculate the average diameter and height of them.

```
line_plot <- ggplot(result, aes(x = bin)) +
  geom_bar(aes(y = avg_diameter), fill = "blue", stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  geom_bar(aes(y = avg_height), fill = "red", stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(title = "Average Diameter and Height by Longitude Group", x = "Longitude Group (bin)", y = "Average Diameter")</pre>
```

```
scale_color_manual(values = c("Diameter" = "blue", "Height" = "red")) +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
line_plot
```

Average Diameter and Height by Longitude Group



With the diagram, I can found out the distribution of the height and diameter according to longitude.

1.3 (2 points)

Based on the operations that you've completed, how much closer are you to answering your research questions? Think about what aspects of your research questions remain unclear. Can your research questions be refined, now that you've investigated your data a bit more? Which research questions are yielding interesting results?

All questions have been solved! All research questions are clear. The first question has interesting results.

Task 2: Tidy your data

In this task, we will do several exercises to reshape our data. The goal here is to understand how to do this reshaping with the tidyr package.

A reminder of the definition of tidy data:

- Each row is an observation
- Each column is a variable
- Each cell is a value

2.1 (2 points)

Based on the definition above, can you identify if your data is tidy or untidy? Go through all your columns, or if you have >8 variables, just pick 8, and explain whether the data is untidy or tidy.

| <pre>na_counts <- colSums(is.na(vancouver_trees))</pre> |
|--|
| na_counts |

| ## | tree_id | civic_number | std_street | genus_name |
|----|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| ## | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ## | species_name | cultivar_name | common_name | assigned |
| ## | 0 | 67559 | 0 | 0 |
| ## | root_barrier | plant_area | on_street_block | on_street |
| ## | 0 | 1486 | 0 | 0 |
| ## | neighbourhood_name | street_side_name | height_range_id | diameter |
| ## | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ## | curb | date_planted | longitude | latitude |
| ## | 0 | 76548 | 22771 | 22771 |

The data is untidy because there are N/A values in some cells.

2.2 (4 points)

Now, if your data is tidy, untidy it! Then, tidy it back to it's original state.

If your data is untidy, then tidy it! Then, untidy it back to it's original state.

Be sure to explain your reasoning for this task. Show us the "before" and "after".

```
na_counts_before <- colSums(is.na(vancouver_trees))
na_counts_before</pre>
```

| ## | tree_id | civic_number | std_street | genus_name |
|----|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| ## | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ## | species_name | cultivar_name | common_name | assigned |
| ## | 0 | 67559 | 0 | 0 |
| ## | root_barrier | plant_area | on_street_block | on_street |
| ## | 0 | 1486 | 0 | 0 |
| ## | neighbourhood_name | street_side_name | height_range_id | diameter |
| ## | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ## | curb | date_planted | longitude | latitude |
| ## | 0 | 76548 | 22771 | 22771 |

```
cleaned_data <- na.omit(vancouver_trees)
na_counts_after <- colSums(is.na(cleaned_data))
na_counts_after</pre>
```

| genus_name | std_street | civic_number | tree_id | ## |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ## |
| assigned | common_name | cultivar_name | species_name | ## |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ## |
| on_street | on_street_block | plant_area | root_barrier | ## |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ## |
| diameter | height_range_id | street_side_name | neighbourhood_name | ## |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ## |
| latitude | longitude | date_planted | curb | ## |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ## |

Remove all rows with NA value. So there will be no N/A value in the cells. The data is tidy. ### 2.3 (4 points)

Now, you should be more familiar with your data, and also have made progress in answering your research questions. Based on your interest, and your analyses, pick 2 of the 4 research questions to continue your analysis in the remaining tasks:

- 1. What is the height and diameter distribution according to the latitude?
- 2. Will the usage of root barrier affect the diameter and height of the tree?

Explain your decision for choosing the above two research questions.

Because there were N/A values in the latitude column's cells, and I want to find some relations between the latitude and tree growth condition. I want to find out if the usage of barriers will affect the growth of the trees.

Now, try to choose a version of your data that you think will be appropriate to answer these 2 questions. Use between 4 and 8 functions that we've covered so far (i.e. by filtering, cleaning, tidy'ing, dropping irrelevant columns, etc.).

```
data_subset <- vancouver_trees[, c("latitude", "height_range_id", "diameter", "root_barrier")]
data_subset <- na.omit(data_subset)
data_subset_binned <- data_subset %>%
  group_by(bin = cut(latitude, breaks = seq(49.2, 49.25, by = 0.005))) %>%
  summarize(
    avg_diameter = mean(diameter),
    avg_height = mean(height_range_id)
  )
data_subset_binned
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 x 3
##
      bin
                     avg_diameter avg_height
##
      <fct>
                             <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
  1 (49.2,49.205]
                             10.9
                                         2.78
##
## 2 (49.205,49.21]
                             9.71
                                         2.36
## 3 (49.21,49.215]
                             11.2
                                         2.42
  4 (49.215,49.22]
                             10.7
##
                                         2.22
## 5 (49.22,49.225]
                             11.0
                                         2.37
## 6 (49.225,49.23]
                             12.0
                                         2.64
## 7 (49.23,49.235]
                             12.0
                                         2.66
## 8 (49.235,49.24]
                             11.9
                                         2.67
  9 (49.24,49.245]
                                         2.65
                             11.9
## 10 (49.245,49.25]
                             12.7
                                         2.88
## 11 <NA>
                             12.4
                                         2.85
```

```
data_subset_barrier <- data_subset %>%
  group_by(root_barrier) %>%
  summarize(
    avg_height = mean(height_range_id),
    avg_diameter = mean(diameter),
    med_height = median(height_range_id),
    med_diameter = median(diameter),
    min_height = min(height_range_id),
    max_height = max(height_range_id),
    min_diameter = min(diameter),
    max_diameter = max(diameter),
    var_height = var(height_range_id),
```

```
var_diameter = var(diameter)
  )
data_subset_barrier
## # A tibble: 2 x 11
##
     root_barrier avg_height avg_diameter med_height med_diameter min_height
##
                        <dbl>
                                      <dbl>
                                                 <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                                                          <dbl>
## 1 N
                         2.80
                                      12.5
                                                     2
                                                               10.5
                                                                               0
                                                                               0
## 2 Y
                         1.31
                                      4.50
                                                     1
                                                                3.25
## # i 5 more variables: max_height <dbl>, min_diameter <dbl>, max_diameter <dbl>,
       var_height <dbl>, var_diameter <dbl>
```

(If it makes more sense, then you can make/pick two versions of your data, one for each research question.)

Task 3: Modelling

3.0 (no points)

Pick a research question from 1.2, and pick a variable of interest (we'll call it "Y") that's relevant to the research question. Indicate these.

Research Question: What is the relationship between tree age and diameter

Variable of interest: Mean tree diameter each year

3.1 (3 points)

Fit a model or run a hypothesis test that provides insight on this variable with respect to the research question. Store the model object as a variable, and print its output to screen. We'll omit having to justify your choice, because we don't expect you to know about model specifics in STAT 545.

- Note: It's OK if you don't know how these models/tests work. Here are some examples of things you can do here, but the sky's the limit.
 - You could fit a model that makes predictions on Y using another variable, by using the lm() function.
 - You could test whether the mean of Y equals 0 using t.test(), or maybe the mean across two groups are different using t.test(), or maybe the mean across multiple groups are different using anova() (you may have to pivot your data for the latter two).
 - You could use lm() to test for significance of regression coefficients.

3.2 (3 points)

Produce something relevant from your fitted model: either predictions on Y, or a single value like a regression coefficient or a p-value.

• Be sure to indicate in writing what you chose to produce.

- Your code should either output a tibble (in which case you should indicate the column that contains the thing you're looking for), or the thing you're looking for itself.
- Obtain your results using the broom package if possible. If your model is not compatible with the broom function you're needing, then you can obtain your results by some other means, but first indicate which broom function is not compatible.

I want to find the p-value

```
summary(model)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = avg_height ~ age, data = result)
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                10 Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
  -0.3491 -0.1345 -0.0075 0.0965
                                    0.4487
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
  (Intercept) 0.448947
                          0.082176
                                     5.463 7.01e-06 ***
## age
               0.067780
                          0.003913 17.321 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.1949 on 29 degrees of freedom
     (1 observation deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9119, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9088
                  300 on 1 and 29 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
## F-statistic:
```

The p-value is less than 2.2e-16.

Task 4: Reading and writing data

Get set up for this exercise by making a folder called **output** in the top level of your project folder / repository. You'll be saving things there.

4.1 (3 points)

Take a summary table that you made from Task 1, and write it as a csv file in your output folder. Use the here::here() function.

- Robustness criteria: You should be able to move your Mini Project repository / project folder to some other location on your computer, or move this very Rmd file to another location within your project repository / folder, and your code should still work.
- Reproducibility criteria: You should be able to delete the csv file, and remake it simply by knitting this Rmd file.

```
library("here")
```

here() starts at /Users/wangyubo/UBC/W1 STAT545AB/assignment/assignment2

```
result <- vancouver_trees %>%
  group_by(root_barrier) %>%
  summarize(
  avg_height = mean(height_range_id),
  avg_diameter = mean(diameter),
```

```
med_height = median(height_range_id),
med_diameter = median(diameter),
min_height = min(height_range_id),
max_height = max(height_range_id),
min_diameter = min(diameter),
max_diameter = max(diameter),
var_height = var(height_range_id),
var_diameter = var(diameter)
)
write.csv(result, file = here::here("output", "tast4-1.csv"))
```

4.2 (3 points)

Write your model object from Task 3 to an R binary file (an RDS), and load it again. Be sure to save the binary file in your output folder. Use the functions saveRDS() and readRDS().

• The same robustness and reproducibility criteria as in 4.1 apply here.

```
saveRDS(model, file=here::here("output", "my_lm.rds"))
model <- readRDS(file=here::here("output", "my_lm.rds"))</pre>
summary(model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = avg_height ~ age, data = result)
## Residuals:
##
      Min
                1Q Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
## -0.3491 -0.1345 -0.0075 0.0965 0.4487
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept) 0.448947
                         0.082176
                                    5.463 7.01e-06 ***
              0.067780
                         0.003913 17.321 < 2e-16 ***
## age
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.1949 on 29 degrees of freedom
     (1 observation deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9119, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9088
## F-statistic:
                 300 on 1 and 29 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Overall Reproducibility/Cleanliness/Coherence Checklist

Here are the criteria we're looking for.

Coherence (0.5 points)

The document should read sensibly from top to bottom, with no major continuity errors.

The README file should still satisfy the criteria from the last milestone, i.e. it has been updated to match the changes to the repository made in this milestone.

File and folder structure (1 points)

You should have at least three folders in the top level of your repository: one for each milestone, and one output folder. If there are any other folders, these are explained in the main README.

Each milestone document is contained in its respective folder, and nowhere else.

Every level-1 folder (that is, the ones stored in the top level, like "Milestone1" and "output") has a README file, explaining in a sentence or two what is in the folder, in plain language (it's enough to say something like "This folder contains the source for Milestone 1").

Output (1 point)

All output is recent and relevant:

- All Rmd files have been knitted to their output md files.
- All knitted md files are viewable without errors on Github. Examples of errors: Missing plots, "Sorry about that, but we can't show files that are this big right now" messages, error messages from broken R code
- All of these output files are up-to-date that is, they haven't fallen behind after the source (Rmd) files have been updated.
- There should be no relic output files. For example, if you were knitting an Rmd to html, but then changed the output to be only a markdown file, then the html file is a relic and should be deleted.

Our recommendation: delete all output files, and re-knit each milestone's Rmd file, so that everything is up to date and relevant.

Tagged release (0.5 point)

You've tagged a release for Milestone 2.

Attribution

Thanks to Victor Yuan for mostly putting this together.