

Introduction to Statistics

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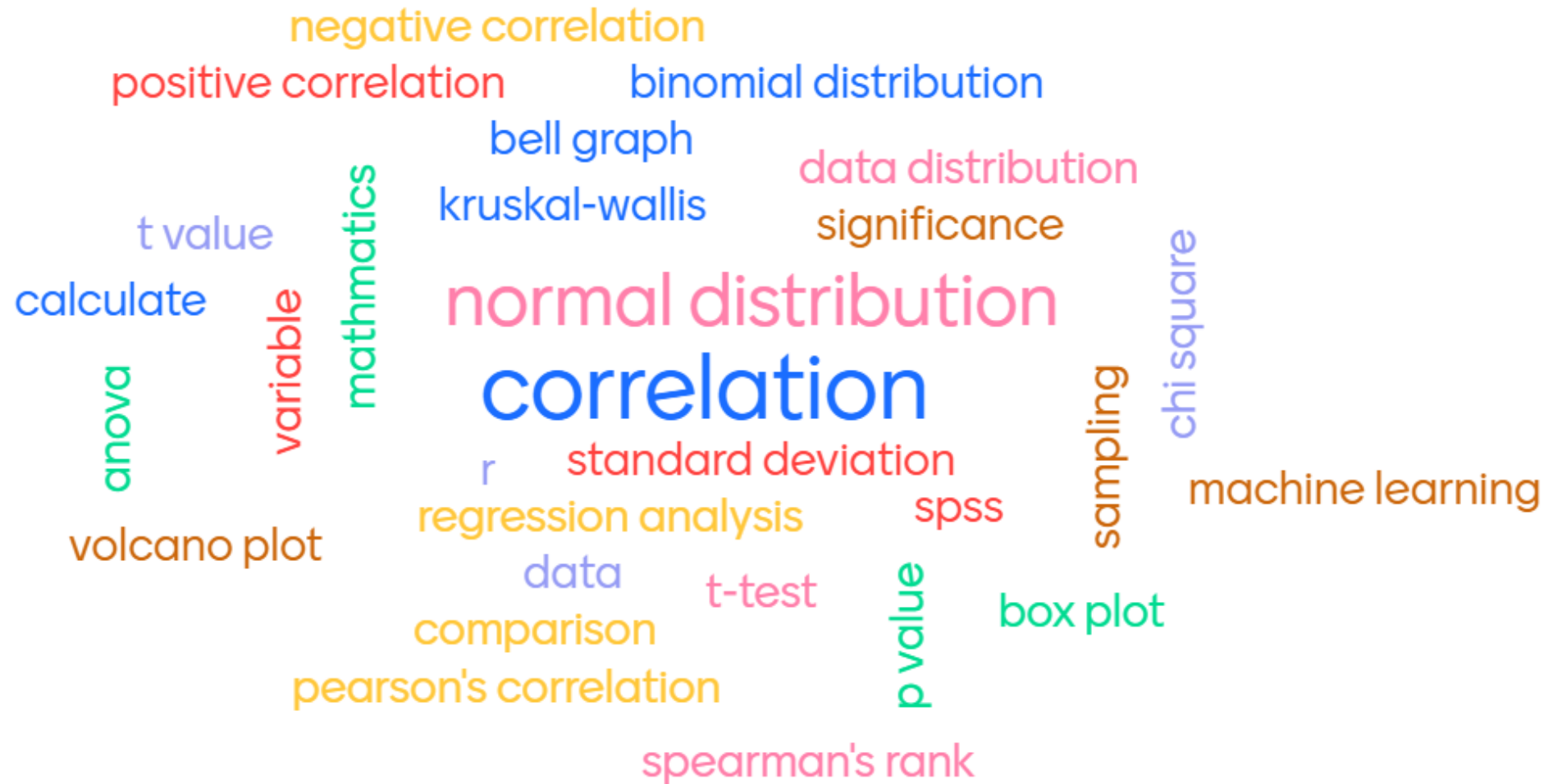
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Could you please provide two words associated with
Statistics, Health Statistics or Biostatistics?





Statistics

- Statistics is the art of learning from data.

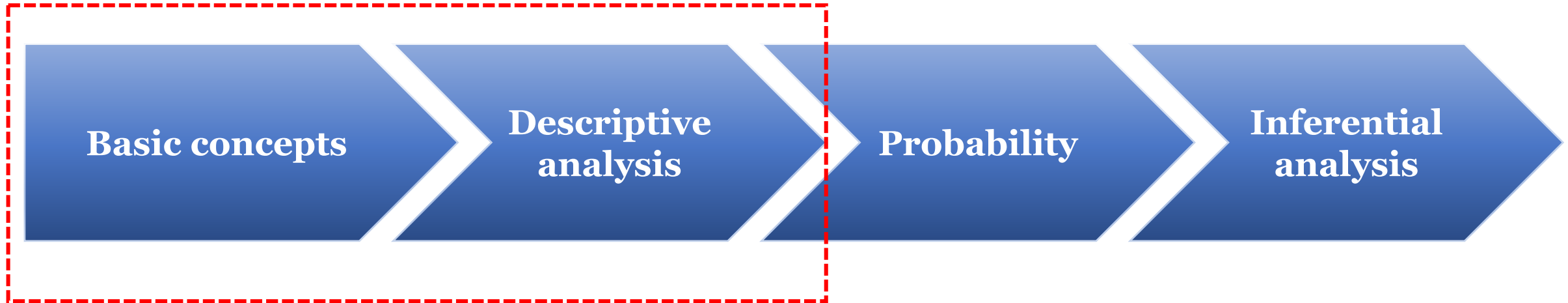
Descriptive Statistics

concerned with the
description and
summarization of data

Inferential Statistics

concerned with the
drawing of
conclusions from data

Outline



Basic concepts

- Data type
- Population vs sample
- Relation between variables

Basic concepts

- Data type



Data type

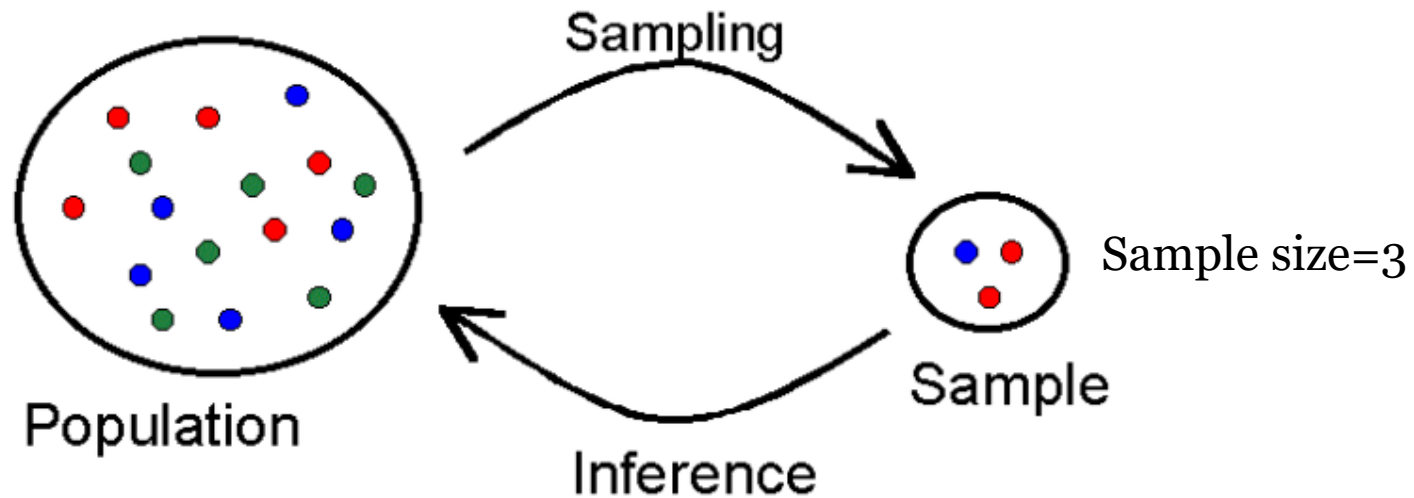
- Categorical variables
 - Nominal variables (e.g. gender, color)
 - Ordinal variables (e.g. drug dose, tumor grade)
- Quantitative variables
 - Discrete variables (e.g. NO. Of patients)
 - Continuous variables (e.g. weight, height)

Practice

- Plasma glucose level ✓ quantitative and continuous variable
- Drug sensitive or resistant ✓ categorical and nominal variable
- Recurrence risk: low, medium and high risk ✓ categorical and ordinal variable
- Body mass index (BMI, Kg/M²) ✓ quantitative and continuous variable
- Underweight, normal weight, overweight, obesity ✓ categorical and ordinal variable
- Age ✓ Can be discrete or continuous variable

Population vs sample

- Population: a complete set of subjects with specific characteristics
- Sample: a representative sub-set from the population



Relation between variables

Independent variables

- The occurrence of one variable provides no information about the occurrence of the other variable (e.g. the heights of two strangers)

Dependent variables

- The two variables are somehow linked by a systematic relationship (e.g. calorie uptake and weight)

Why we need descriptive statistics?

Patients
(100)



Health
(100)



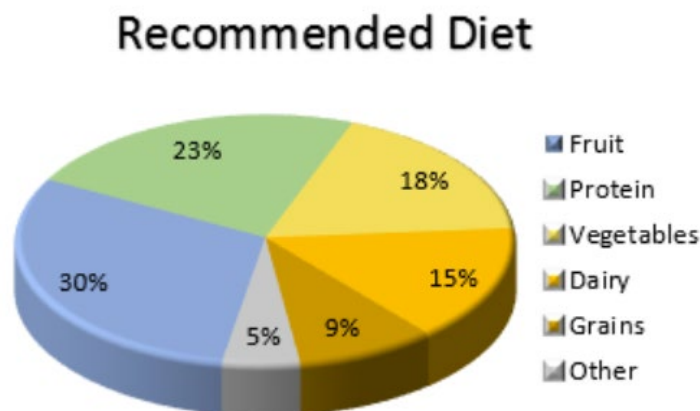
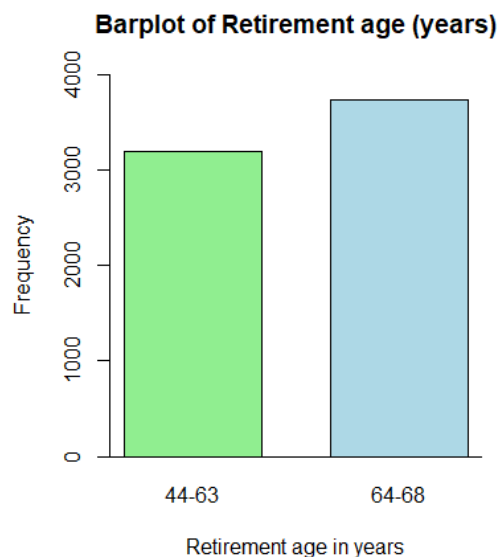
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Descriptive statistics

Categorical variables

- Frequency
- Percentage
- Mode

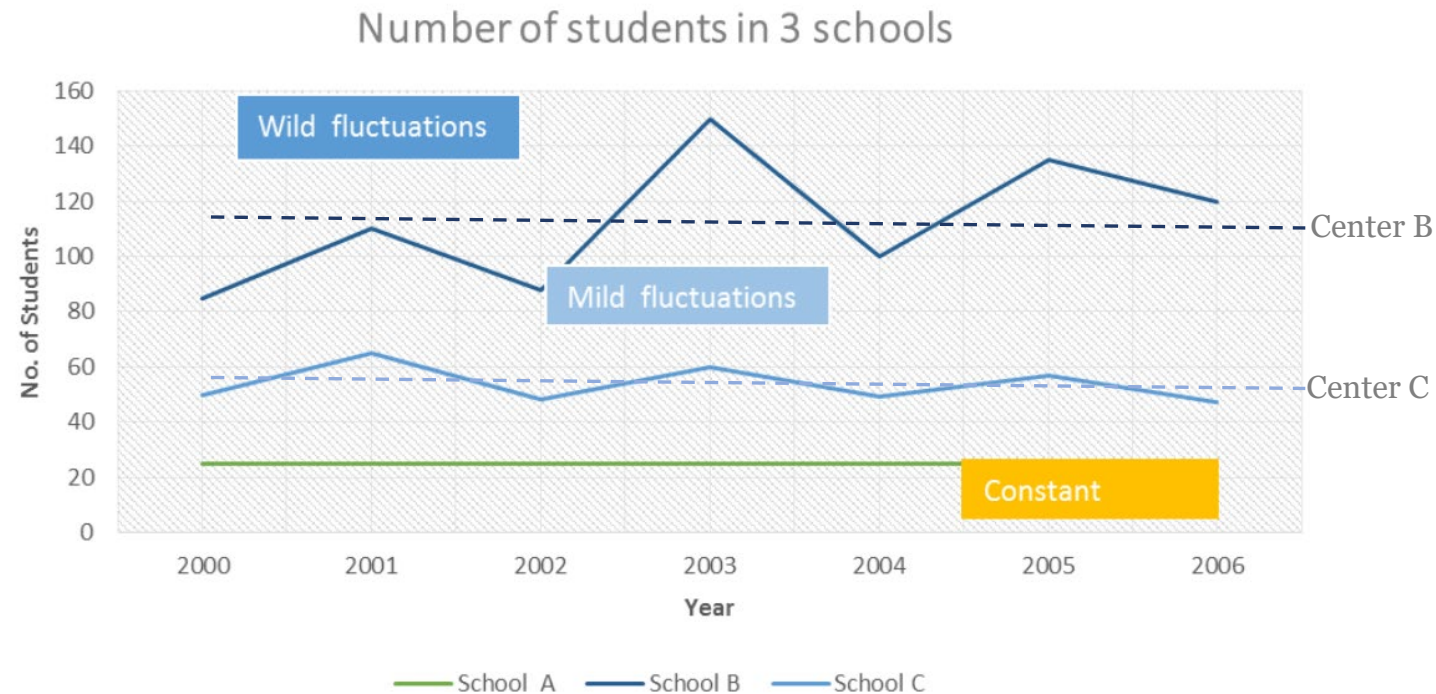


Characteristic	n (%)
All	6938 (100.0)
Retirement age (years)	
44–63	3196 (46.1)
64–68	3742 (53.9)
Educational level	
Compulsory school	2149 (31.0)
Upper secondary school	3054 (44.0)
University education	1735 (25.0)
Married	
Yes	4881 (70.4)
No	2057 (29.7)
Income (SEK/year)	
<250 000	2390 (34.5)
≥250 000	4548 (65.6)

Descriptive statistics

Quantitative variables

- Variability
- Centrality



Descriptive statistics

Quantitative variables

- Centrality

- Mean: Sum of all values divided by number of values
- Median: The middle value when all values are ranked
- Mode: The value occurring most often

Height of 9 individuals:

147 – 151 – 151 – 152 – **153** – 154 – 155 – 156 – 159

Mean = $1378/9 = 153.11$

Median = 153

Mode = 151

When the sample size is even:

1, 2, 3, **4**, **5**, 6, 8, 9

Median = $(4 + 5) \div 2$

= **4.5**

Descriptive statistics

- Mean or median?

Salary (K SEK) of 10 individuals									
20	21	24	20	24	23	24	23	25	100

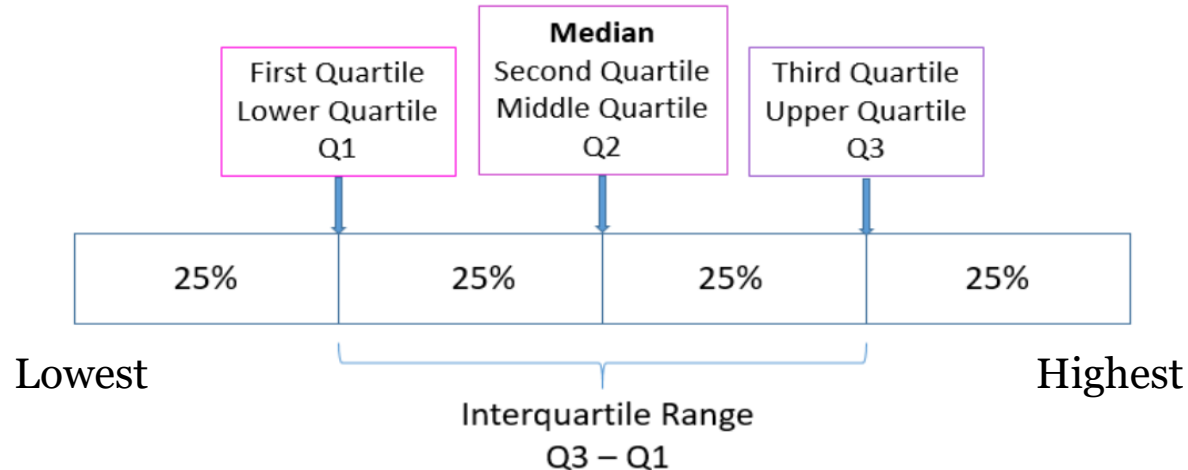
Mean=30.4

Median=(24+23)/2=23.5

Quantitative variables

- Variability

- Range: the distance between the highest and lowest values
- Interquartile range: First, we rank the data and divide it into four equal-sized sub-groups. Then, we get three cut points (lowest to highest :Q1, Q2, Q3). Q3-Q1 is the interquartile range.



Height (cm) of 10 individuals

147 – 151 – 151 – 152 – 153 – 154 – 155 – 156 – 159 – 162

↑ Min ↑ Q1 ↑ Q3 ↑ Max

Range = [147, 162] = 15

Interquartile range (IQR) = [151, 156] = 5

Descriptive statistics

Quantitative variables

- Variability----measurement of dispersion

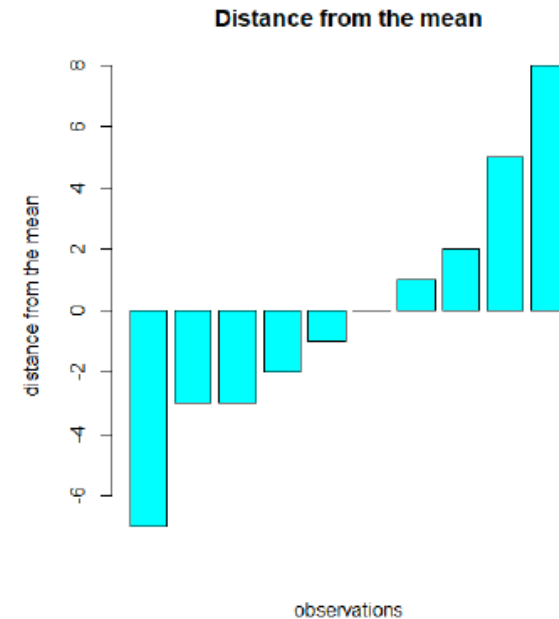
○ **Variance**: the average of the squared differences from the mean value

Height (cm) of 10 individuals

x	x-μ
147	-7
152	-2
155	+1
156	+2
151	-3
153	-1
151	-3
159	+5
162	+8
154	0
Σ	0

where x is the height (cm)
μ the mean, corresponding to 154
Σ the summation

$$\frac{\Sigma(x - \mu)}{N} = \frac{0}{10} = 0$$



Descriptive statistics

Quantitative variables

- Variability----measurement of dispersion
 - **Variance**: the average of the squared differences from the mean value

Height (cm) of 10 individuals

x	(x-μ)	(x-μ) ²
147	-7	49
152	-2	4
155	+1	1
156	+2	4
151	-3	9
153	-1	1
151	-3	9
159	+5	25
162	+8	64
154	0	0
Σ	0	166

where x is the height (cm)
μ the mean, corresponding to 154
Σ the summation

$$\frac{\Sigma(x - \mu)^2}{N} = 16.6 \quad \text{Variance}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(x - \mu)^2}{N}} = 4.1 \quad \text{Standard deviation:}$$

square root of the variance.

Example for descriptive statistics

Table 3. Clinical characteristics of the six subjects involved in serine supplementation study.

Clinical variable	Baseline (n = 6)	After serine (n = 6)	P-value
Liver fat (%)	26.8 ± 6.0	20.4 ± 7.0	<0.05
Age (years)	56.7 ± 5.2	56.7 ± 5.2	–
Weight (kg)	103.0 ± 14.3	103.0 ± 13.9	–
Body mass index (BMI) (kg/m ²)	32.5 ± 2.70	32.5 ± 2.60	–
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT) (U/l)	50.8 ± 15.2	37.6 ± 5.3	<0.05
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) (U/l)	34.5 ± 8.10	27.4 ± 8.4	<0.05
Alkaline phosphatase (ALP) (U/l)	76.3 ± 17.2	71.3 ± 17.9	<0.05
γ-glutamyl transferase (GT) (U/l)	63.8 ± 12.9	62.3 ± 16.3	0.30
Fasting plasma glucose (mmol/l)	6.57 ± 1.41	6.33 ± 1.41	0.25
Fasting plasma insulin (FPI) (pmol/l)	46.3 ± 33.8	34.7 ± 25.2	0.23
HOMA-IR	2.15 ± 1.85	1.54 ± 1.49	0.18
LDL cholesterol (mmol/l)	3.68 ± 0.80	3.85 ± 0.94	0.50
HDL cholesterol (mmol/l)	1.00 ± 0.21	1.02 ± 0.18	0.30
Plasma triglycerides (TG) (mmol/l)	6.90 ± 6.65	3.63 ± 1.81	0.13
Total cholesterol (mmol/l)	6.23 ± 1.49	5.85 ± 1.15	0.18
Bilirubin (μmol/l)	7.33 ± 4.11	6.48 ± 3.94	0.13

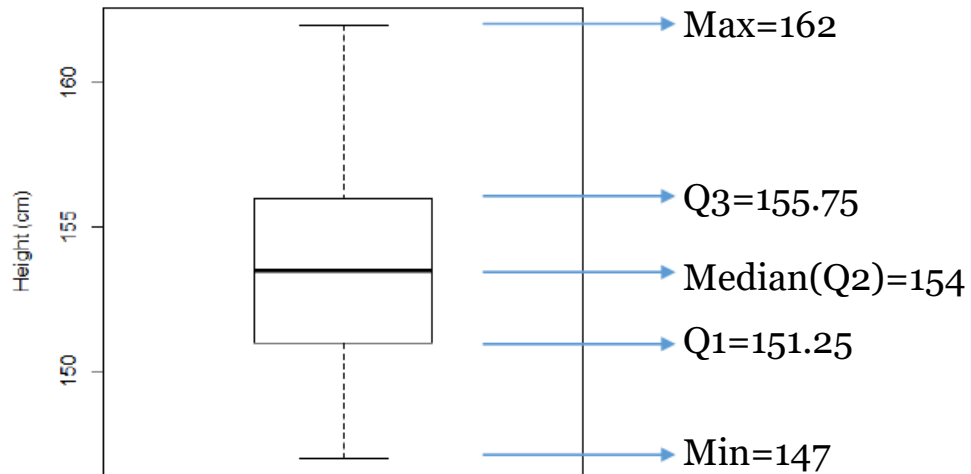
Data are presented as means ± SD. P-value (calculated using Student's t-test) indicates the significance level of difference before and after the oral supplementation of serine. Bold text indicate significantly different values.

Data visualization

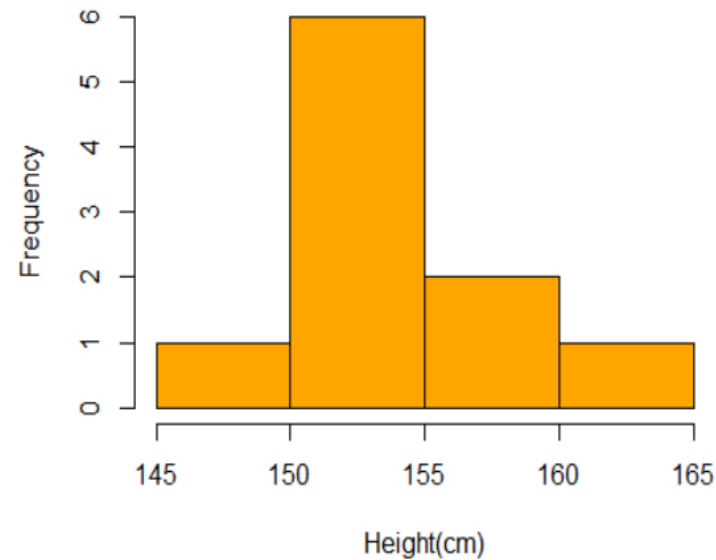
Height (cm) of 10 individuals

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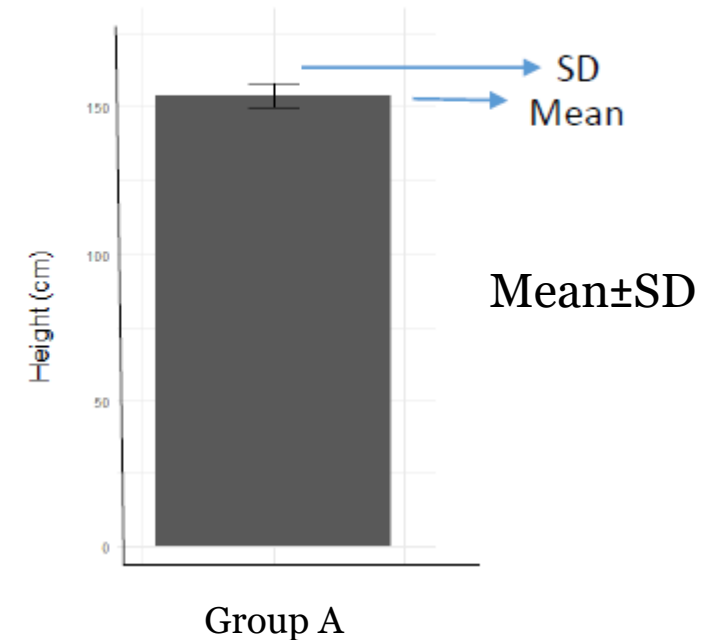
Boxplot of height (cm)



Histogram of height

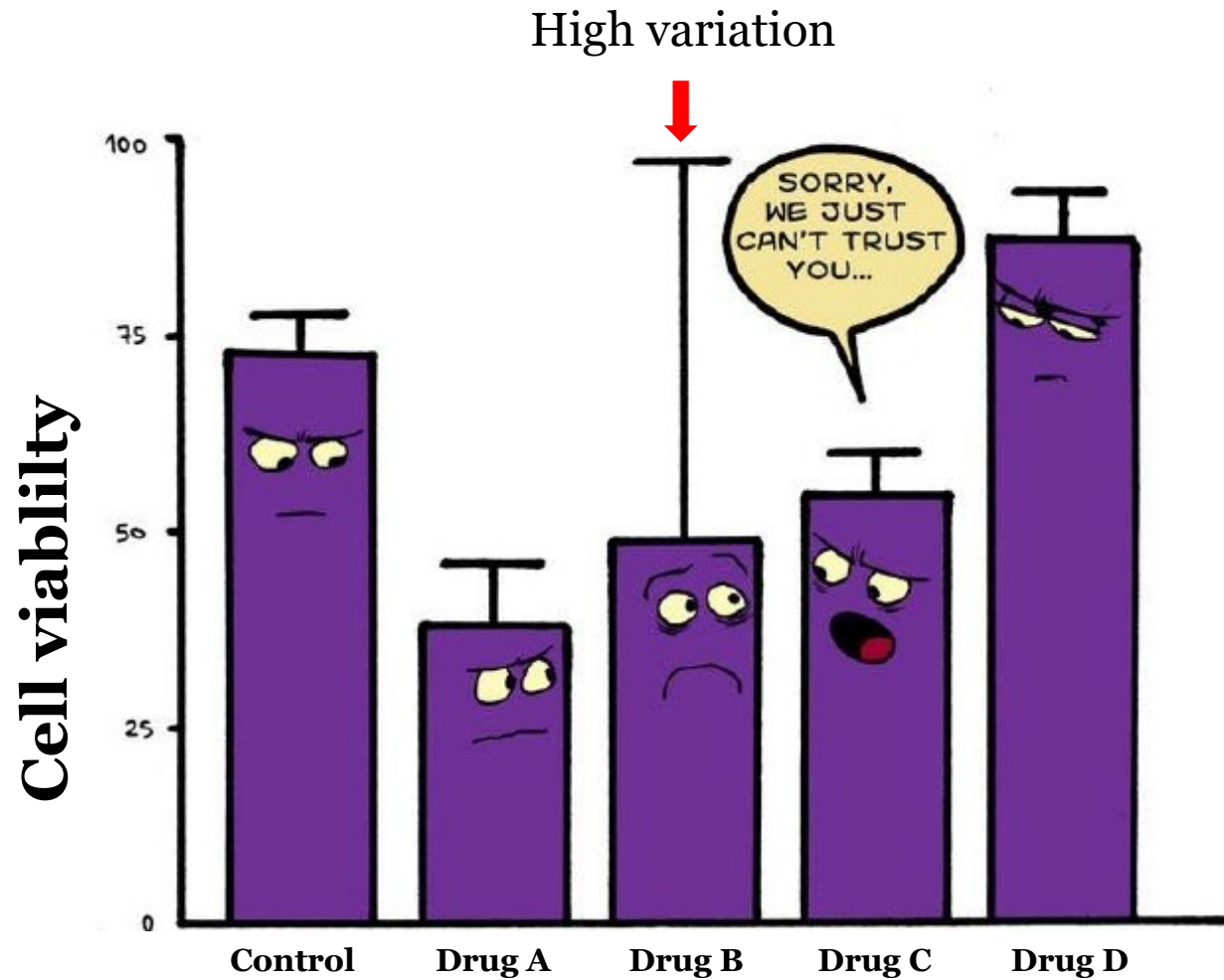


Barplot of height (cm)



R tips: boxplot(), hist(), barplot(), ggplot2

Data visualization



Thank you & questions?

