Homework 1 Gapminder Report

Taylor Thul

January 24, 2017

## **Homework 01 SETUP**

1. Create a Github repository for N741 Homework 1. Initialize it with a README file.
2. In RStudio, create a new project for N741 Homework 1.
3. Link RStudio to your Github repository for N741 homework 1.

## Gapminder Example

The following report is based on the R code examples at the **Gapminder** Github repository located at <https://github.com/jennybc/gapminder>.

## Gapminder dataset - summary statistics

The gapminder dataset which is built into the gapminder package, has 6 variables and 1704 observations. We can list the variables in the dataset, using the names() function.

### Variables (columns) in gapminder dataset

names(gapminder)

## [1] "country" "continent" "year" "lifeExp" "pop" "gdpPercap"

### Structure of the gapminder dataset

Another way to see the "structure" of the dataset is to run the str() function.

str(gapminder)

## Classes 'tbl\_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 1704 obs. of 6 variables:  
## $ country : Factor w/ 142 levels "Afghanistan",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...  
## $ continent: Factor w/ 5 levels "Africa","Americas",..: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...  
## $ year : int 1952 1957 1962 1967 1972 1977 1982 1987 1992 1997 ...  
## $ lifeExp : num 28.8 30.3 32 34 36.1 ...  
## $ pop : int 8425333 9240934 10267083 11537966 13079460 14880372 12881816 13867957 16317921 22227415 ...  
## $ gdpPercap: num 779 821 853 836 740 ...

You'll notice that the 1st 2 columns/variables "country" and "continent" are both "Factor" type variables. Variables 3 and 5 "year" and "pop" are both "int" Integer type variables. Variables 4 and 6 "lifeExp" and "gdpPercap" are both "num" Numeric type variables.

### Summary Statistics of the gapminder dataset

The built in function summary() in base R does a good simple summary statistics for all variables in the dataset provided. Since this dataset only has 6 variable, we can simply call summary(gapminder) which will give us the summary statistics for all 6 variables.

summary(gapminder)

## country continent year lifeExp   
## Afghanistan: 12 Africa :624 Min. :1952 Min. :23.60   
## Albania : 12 Americas:300 1st Qu.:1966 1st Qu.:48.20   
## Algeria : 12 Asia :396 Median :1980 Median :60.71   
## Angola : 12 Europe :360 Mean :1980 Mean :59.47   
## Argentina : 12 Oceania : 24 3rd Qu.:1993 3rd Qu.:70.85   
## Australia : 12 Max. :2007 Max. :82.60   
## (Other) :1632   
## pop gdpPercap   
## Min. :6.001e+04 Min. : 241.2   
## 1st Qu.:2.794e+06 1st Qu.: 1202.1   
## Median :7.024e+06 Median : 3531.8   
## Mean :2.960e+07 Mean : 7215.3   
## 3rd Qu.:1.959e+07 3rd Qu.: 9325.5   
## Max. :1.319e+09 Max. :113523.1   
##

### Run specific statistic for a given variable

Suppose we only wanted to get the *mean* life expectancy. To do this we can use the built-in function mean(). To select only the "lifeExp" variable, we can either refer to it by which column it is in the dataset using gapminder[,4] which says to select all rows by leaving the 1st element between the [] before the comma blank and putting a 4 after the comman which specifies the 4th column. Another way to select a column is to use the name of that column which is "lifeExp" and use the dollar sign $ selector to get gapminder$lifeExp.

mean(gapminder$lifeExp)

## [1] 59.47444

### In line code

We can use the same command above, but call it "inline" instead of as a separate code chunk which sets the output apart from the text in a separate section of the report. If you simply want the computation executed and the result inserted into the body of text you are writing you use "inline" code. To do this you use the following syntax *r mean(gapminder$lifeExp)* between the backtick marks ` `. Using this syntax, we can write the following sentence.

The mean life expectancy is 59.4744394 years.

We can clean this up further by wrapping this command within the round() function and specifying the number of digits we want reported for this numeric result. This time, use the following command inline *r round(mean(gapminder$lifeExp), digits=2)* and we'll rewrite the sentence below.

### **Homework 01 Exercise - Answer 1**

The mean life expectancy is 59.47 years. The standard deviation of life expectancy is 12.92, while the median is 60.71. The sample size for the life expectancy data is 1704.

### Look at a statistic by continent

Using the 1st code example at the gapminder Github repository at <https://github.com/jennybc/gapminder>, use the aggregate() command to see the median life expectancy by continent. You'll notice that the 1st variable listed is the "lifeExp" variable we want run "by" "continent". The "by" is indicated using the *tilde* symbol ~. The 2nd variable listed is "continent" - this 2nd variable is usually a "factor-type" variable or group variable.

aggregate(lifeExp ~ continent, gapminder, median)

## continent lifeExp  
## 1 Africa 47.7920  
## 2 Americas 67.0480  
## 3 Asia 61.7915  
## 4 Europe 72.2410  
## 5 Oceania 73.6650

*Hint: Try running lifeExp by year to get median lifeExp for each year.*

round(aggregate(lifeExp ~ year, gapminder, median), digits = 2)

## year lifeExp  
## 1 1952 45.14  
## 2 1957 48.36  
## 3 1962 50.88  
## 4 1967 53.83  
## 5 1972 56.53  
## 6 1977 59.67  
## 7 1982 62.44  
## 8 1987 65.83  
## 9 1992 67.70  
## 10 1997 69.39  
## 11 2002 70.83  
## 12 2007 71.94

### **Homework 01 Exercise - Answer 2**

See below for life expectancy mean and standard deviation by continent.

Mean:

aggregate(lifeExp ~ continent, gapminder, mean)

## continent lifeExp  
## 1 Africa 48.86533  
## 2 Americas 64.65874  
## 3 Asia 60.06490  
## 4 Europe 71.90369  
## 5 Oceania 74.32621

Standard deviation:

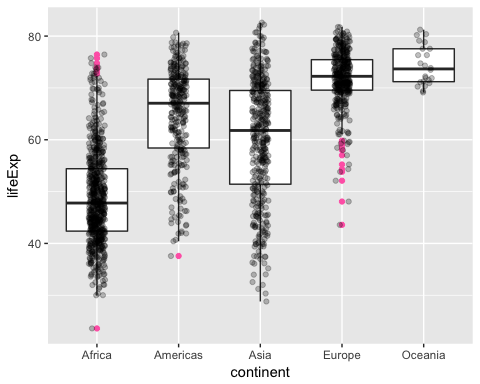
aggregate(lifeExp ~ continent, gapminder, sd)

## continent lifeExp  
## 1 Africa 9.150210  
## 2 Americas 9.345088  
## 3 Asia 11.864532  
## 4 Europe 5.433178  
## 5 Oceania 3.795611

### Plot Life Expectancy by Continent

For the following plot, we will use the ggplot2 package. Please be sure to install the package if you haven't already. Go to RStudio "Tools" menu and select "Install Packages" and type in "ggplot2". The R code chunk below will load the ggplot2 package using the library(ggplot2) command. For now, we are using the code provided at the **Gapminder** Github repository located at <https://github.com/jennybc/gapminder>. We will explore and explain the ggplot syntax in further detail later this semester. For now, notice that in the aes() section of code below, there are 2 "aesthetics" provided to ggplot() - namely that x = continent and y = lifeExp. The code below generates 2 plots overlaid on top of each other. The 1st is a boxplot generated by geom\_boxplot and then a 2nd plot of "jittered" points is overlaid using the geom\_jitter() command.

library(ggplot2)  
ggplot(gapminder, aes(x = continent, y = lifeExp)) +  
 geom\_boxplot(outlier.colour = "hotpink") +  
 geom\_jitter(position = position\_jitter(width = 0.1, height = 0), alpha = 1/4)

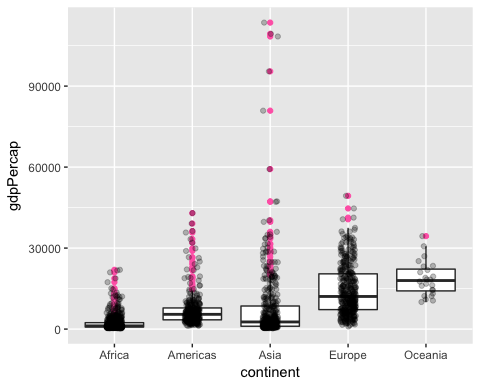


### **Homework 01 Exercise - Answer 3**

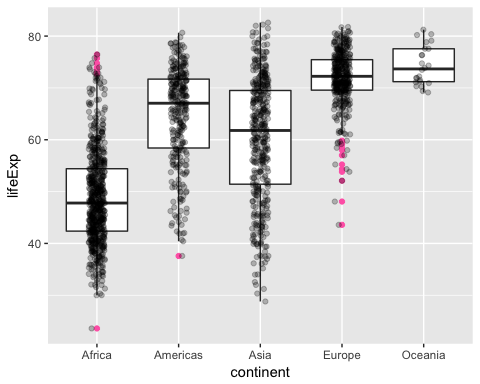
Modify the R code chunk above to now produce two more plots: one for gdpPercap instead of lifeExp and one for pop instead of lifeExp. *Hint: change out the variable for y above. You will need the entire code chunk run twice - once for each different plot.*

GDP per Capita by Continent:

library(ggplot2)  
ggplot(gapminder, aes(x = continent, y = gdpPercap)) +  
 geom\_boxplot(outlier.colour = "hotpink") +  
 geom\_jitter(position = position\_jitter(width = 0.1, height = 0), alpha = 1/4)

 Life Expectancy by Continent:

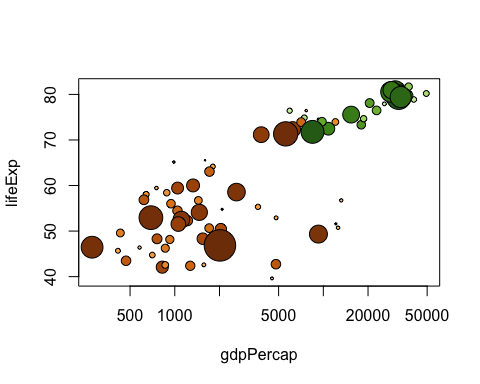
library(ggplot2)  
ggplot(gapminder, aes(x = continent, y = lifeExp)) +  
 geom\_boxplot(outlier.colour = "hotpink") +  
 geom\_jitter(position = position\_jitter(width = 0.1, height = 0), alpha = 1/4)



### Selecting a Data subset and Customizing Plot Colors

For this next example, we will use the built-in "country\_colors" dataset defined in the gapminder package to create an updated data frame (cope of the gapminder dataset) called gap\_with\_colors. *NOTE: To see the built-in datasets in the gapminder package, type data(package = "gapminder") in the console.* After setting up the custom colors, the next line of R code defines which continents we plan to "keep" in our plot. This defines and object called keepers below. In this case, we are "keeping" Africa and Europe and the year 2007. So, we are subsetting the dataset for 2 countries and 1 year. Then the plot() command creates the scatterplot of life expectancy by GDP per capita with a dot representing each county within 2 continents (Africa and Europe) for only 2007. The size of each dot is represents a 3rd variable "pop" for population size.

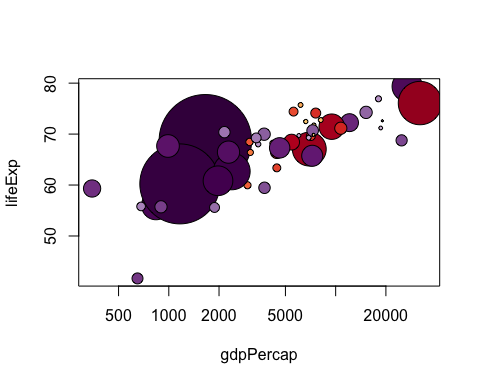
# for convenience, integrate the country colors into the data.frame  
gap\_with\_colors <-  
 data.frame(gapminder,  
 cc = I(country\_colors[match(gapminder$country,  
 names(country\_colors))]))  
  
# bubble plot, focus just on Africa and Europe in 2007  
keepers <- with(gap\_with\_colors,  
 continent %in% c("Africa", "Europe") & year == 2007)  
plot(lifeExp ~ gdpPercap, gap\_with\_colors,  
 subset = keepers, log = "x", pch = 21,  
 cex = sqrt(gap\_with\_colors$pop[keepers]/pi)/1500,  
 bg = gap\_with\_colors$cc[keepers])



### **Homework 01 Exercise - Answer 4**

Modify the code chunk above to make a bubble plot for 2 other continents: Americas and Asia for the year 1992. *Hint: modify the variables listed in the "keepers" line of code for the 2 countries and the year.*

# for convenience, integrate the country colors into the data.frame  
gap\_with\_colors <-  
 data.frame(gapminder,  
 cc = I(country\_colors[match(gapminder$country,  
 names(country\_colors))]))  
  
# bubble plot, focus just on Africa and Europe in 2007  
keepers <- with(gap\_with\_colors,  
 continent %in% c("Americas", "Asia") & year == 1992)  
plot(lifeExp ~ gdpPercap, gap\_with\_colors,  
 subset = keepers, log = "x", pch = 21,  
 cex = sqrt(gap\_with\_colors$pop[keepers]/pi)/1500,  
 bg = gap\_with\_colors$cc[keepers])



### **Homework 01 Exercise - Answer 5**

My Github account is at <https://github.com/taylorthul> and the repositiory with this homework file is located at <https://github.com/taylorthul/N741gapminder1>