

hwk2

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Reaction time, measured from the moment the driver first sees the danger until he or she gets a foot on the brake pedal, is thought to follow a Normal model with a mean of 1.5 seconds and a standard deviation of 0.18 seconds.

- (a) (not to turn in) Use the 68-95-99.7 rule to draw and label the Normal model for yourself.
- (b) Write a sentence or two describing the reaction times. The middle 95% of drivers take between 1.14 and 1.86 seconds to put their foot on the pedal.
- (c) What percentage of drivers have a reaction time of less than 1.25 seconds?

```
mean = 1.5
sd = 0.18
ans_1c <- pnorm(1.25, mean=mean, sd=sd)*100
```

8.243327%

- (d) What percentage of drivers have reaction times between 1.6 and 1.8 seconds?

```
norm_d16 <- pnorm(1.6, mean=mean, sd=sd)
norm_d18 <- pnorm(1.8, mean=mean, sd=sd)
ans_1d <- (norm_d18-norm_d16)*100
```

24.1467008%

- (e) Describe the reaction times of the slowest 1/3 of all drivers.

```
#slowest means high reaction times
minSlowestTime <- qnorm(1/3, mean=mean, sd=sd, lower.tail=FALSE)
z_e <- (minSlowestTime-mean)/sd
```

The reaction times of the slowest 1/3 of drivers are at least 1.5775309 seconds at 0.4307273 standard deviations from the mean.

- (f) What is the interquartile range of reaction times? (hint: run pnorm(-.675))

```
#z = (x-m)/s, x = z*s+m
iqr_f <- 2*abs(qnorm(0.25, mean=mean, sd=sd))
```

Interquartile range: 2.7571837

- 2. Here are the summary statistics for the weekly payroll of a small company: lowest salary = \$300, mean salary = \$700, median = \$500, range = \$1200, IQR = \$600, Q1 = \$350, standard deviation = \$400. highest salary = \$300+\$1200 = \$1500

- (a) Do you think the distribution of salaries is symmetric, skewed right, or skewed left? Explain why.
The distribution is likely skewed right since the mean salary is higher than the median.
- (b) Between what two values are the middle 50% of the salaries found?
The middle 50% are between \$350 and \$950. $\#Q3 = IQR + Q1$
- (c) Suppose business has been good and the company gives every employee a \$50 raise. State the new value of each of the above summary statistics.
lowest salary = \$350, mean salary = \$750, median = \$550, range = \$1200, IQR = \$600, $Q1 = \$400$, standard deviation = \$400.
- (d) Suppose instead the company gives each employee a 10% raise. State the new value of each of the summary statistics.
lowest salary = \$330, mean salary = \$770, median = $\$500 \times 1.1$, range = \$1980, IQR = \$600, $Q1 = \$385$, standard deviation = \$ 440.
3. A cereal factory has a machine that fills its “16 ounce” boxes. The distribution of weight of cereal it actually puts into a box can be well approximated with a Normal distribution with a mean of 16.3oz and a standard deviation of 0.2oz.

- (a) What percentage of boxes are under weight?

```
mean_3 <- 16.3
sd_3 <- 0.2
underweight <- 100*pnorm(16, mean=mean_3, sd=sd_3)
```

6.6807201% are underweight.

- (b) Suppose that the company lawyer insists that no more than 5% of the boxes can be underweight. Unfortunately nothing can be done about the standard deviation of the machine’s distribution, however the mean can be altered. To what mean value should the machine be set to satisfy the lawyer and minimize waste? #come back and think on #b

```
increment_3b <- abs(qnorm(0.05, mean=mean_3, sd=sd_3)-16)
mean_3b <- mean_3+increment_3b
underweight_check <- 100*pnorm(16, mean=mean_3b, sd=sd_3)
```

The exact mean for 5% to be underweight would be 16.3289707oz, although they would have to round this figure to use it practically.

4. Consider the following four points: (200,1950), (400,1650), (600,1800), and (800,1600). The mean of the x values is $m_x = 500$ and the standard deviation $s_x = 258.2$, while the mean of the y values is $m_y = 1750$ and the standard deviation $s_y = 158.1$.

- (a) Use these summary statistics to calculate the z-scores for each x and y value, then calculate the correlation coefficient (r).

```
m_x <- 500
s_x <- 258.2
m_y <- 1750
s_y <- 158.1
```

```

x <- c(200, 400, 600, 800)
y <- c(1950, 1650, 1800, 1600)
z_4x <- c()
z_4y <- c()
productSum <- 0
i <- 1
while (i <= 4) {
  z_4x <- append(z_4x, (x[i]-m_x)/s_x)
  z_4y <- append(z_4y, (y[i]-m_y)/s_y)
  productSum <- productSum+z_4x[i]*z_4y[i]
  i <- i+1
}
correlationCoef = productSum/3

```

Z-Scores for each pt (x, y):

(200,1950): -1.16189, 1.2650221
 (400,1650): -0.3872967, -0.6325111
 (600,1800): 0.3872967, 0.3162555
 (800,1600): 1.16189, -0.9487666
 r = -0.7349083

(b) We will rarely give much weight on to a summary statistic like the correlation coefficient for a sample size so small. In a sentence or two explain why.

The smaller the dataset, the higher the likelihood that any correlation is coincidental. We need a large dataset to be confident that the correlation isn't just an accident.

5. The Decathlon is a track and field competition in which contestants participate in 10 events (long jump, 100 meter, shot put, etc). How might we compare contestants' results across multiple events?

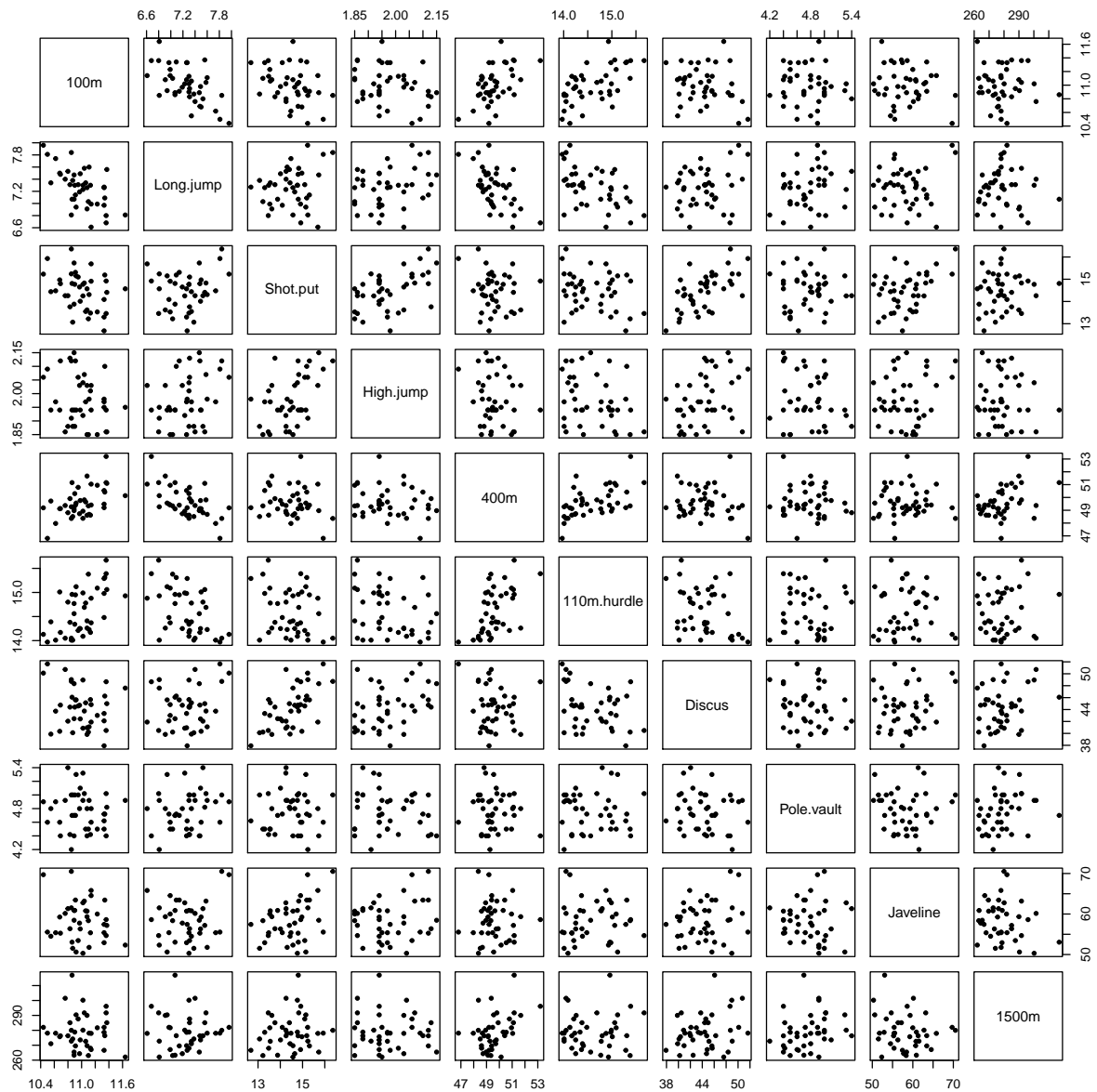
We could make a distribution for each event and compare the contestants' results by their z-scores (how many standard deviations above the mean time or score their result was). This comparison is imperfect because it doesn't account for the possibility that all the contestants for one event may perform better than another group does at theirs.

Include and run the following code chunk:

```

pairs(decathlon[1:10],pch = 20)

```



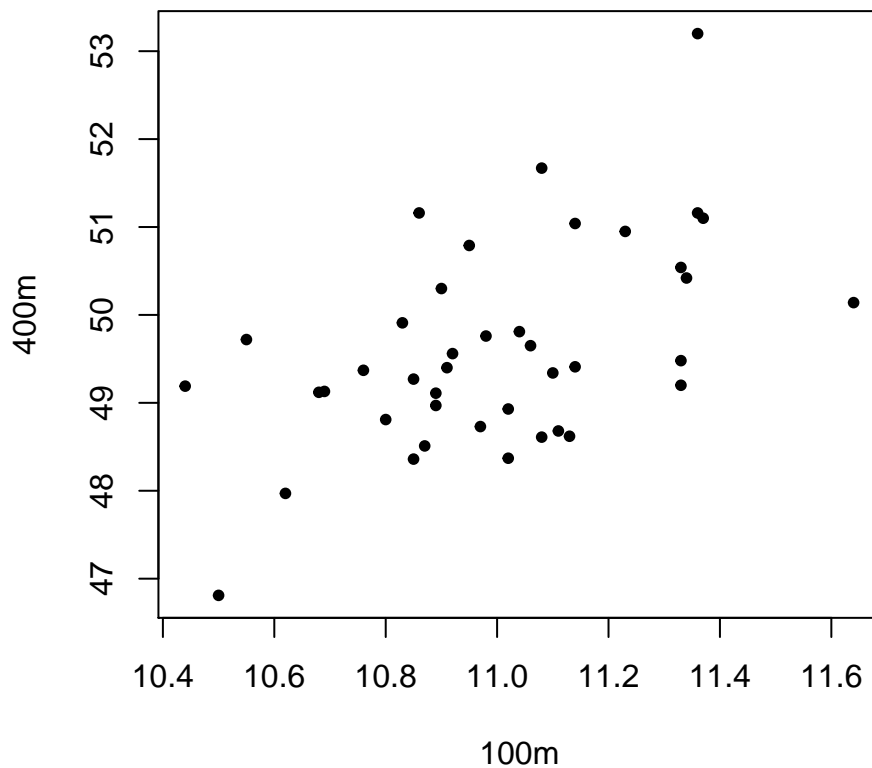
```
R = cor(decathlon[, 1:10])
round(R, 3)
```

```
##           100m Long.jump Shot.put High.jump  400m 110m.hurdle Discus
## 100m         1.000   -0.599  -0.356   -0.246  0.520    0.580 -0.222
## Long.jump   -0.599    1.000   0.183    0.295 -0.602   -0.505  0.194
## Shot.put    -0.356    0.183    1.000    0.489 -0.138   -0.252  0.616
## High.jump   -0.246    0.295    0.489    1.000 -0.188   -0.283  0.369
## 400m         0.520   -0.602   -0.138   -0.188  1.000    0.548 -0.118
## 110m.hurdle  0.580   -0.505   -0.252   -0.283  0.548    1.000 -0.326
## Discus      -0.222    0.194    0.616    0.369 -0.118   -0.326  1.000
## Pole.vault  -0.083    0.204    0.061   -0.156 -0.079   -0.003 -0.150
## Javeline    -0.158    0.120    0.375    0.172  0.004    0.009  0.158
```

```
## 1500m      -0.061   -0.034   0.116   -0.045  0.408       0.038  0.258
##           Pole.vault Javeline 1500m
## 100m       -0.083   -0.158 -0.061
## Long.jump   0.204   0.120 -0.034
## Shot.put    0.061   0.375  0.116
## High.jump   -0.156   0.172 -0.045
## 400m        -0.079   0.004  0.408
## 110m.hurdle -0.003   0.009  0.038
## Discus      -0.150   0.158  0.258
## Pole.vault   1.000  -0.030  0.247
## Javeline     -0.030   1.000 -0.180
## 1500m        0.247  -0.180  1.000
```

- (a) Briefly describe what this plot shows and how to read it.
- (b) Choose two events whose results have a strong positive correlation, create a scatter plot for just these two, state the linear correlation coefficient. Why do you think these two events in particular are positively correlated?

```
#pairs(decathlon[c(1,5)], pch=20)
plot(decathlon[c(1,5)], pch=20)
```



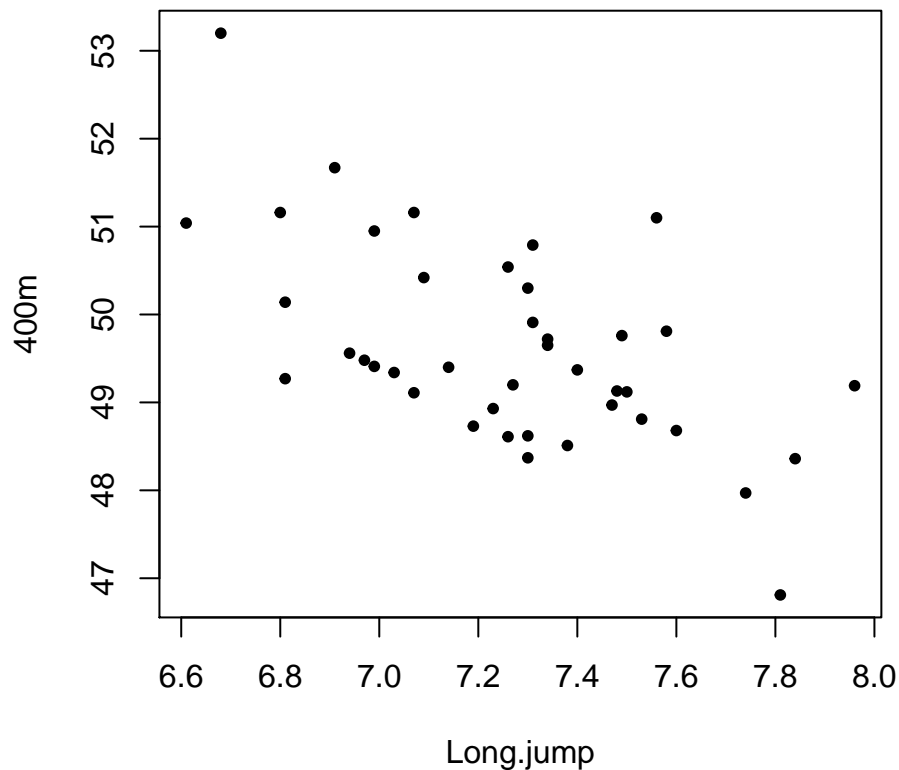
```
cor_b = cor(decathlon[c(1,5)])
```

$r = 0.5202982$

The 100m and 400m results are positively correlated because both test runners for their speed, therefore both events will result in fast runners winning.

(c) Choose two events whose results have a strong negative correlation, create a scatterplot for just these two, state the linear correlation coefficient. Why do you think these two events in particular are negatively correlated?

```
plot(decathlon[c(2,5)], pch=20)
```



```
cor_c = cor(decathlon[c(2,5)])
```

$r = -0.6020626$

The long jump requires a relatively short burst of speed relative to the 400 meter so athletes who perform well in one are unlikely to succeed in the other.