

R_application_02

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1 R applications – Part II Descriptive statistics

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1.1 Simple descriptive statistics

Early in the interpretation of a newly acquired geochemical (or any other) dataset it is handy to examine descriptive statistics for selected variables (here elements or oxides). R contains a plethora of statistical tools, either built in, or provided via additional packages. At this stage, however, simple functions such as `mean`, `median`, `sd` (standard deviation) and `summary` (a statistical overview) would suffice.

Revealing are also simple graphical tools such as boxplots (box-and-whiskers plots; function `boxplot`) and histograms (`hist`). Scatter matrices (`pairs`) serve to spot potentially significant correlations.

Let's have a look, for the last time, onto the file `sazava.data` in detail. First, we compute means for all columns (variables) in the data set. Then we shall display boxplot for strontium, and find out all the main statistical parameters characterizing distribution of this element (the range, median, number of observations and not determined cases...). Lastly, we plot all the possible combinations of binary diagrams (a scatterplot matrix) for the following oxides: SiO₂, MgO, CaO, Na₂O, K₂O, and P₂O₅.

```
[35]: sazava <- read.table("data/sazava.data", sep="\t")
sazava <- sazava[, -(1:6)]
# geochemical data only (all but the first six columns)
#head(sazava)

result <- apply(sazava, 2, mean, na.rm=TRUE)
# na.rm is important, if missing values are present
print(round(result, 2))
```

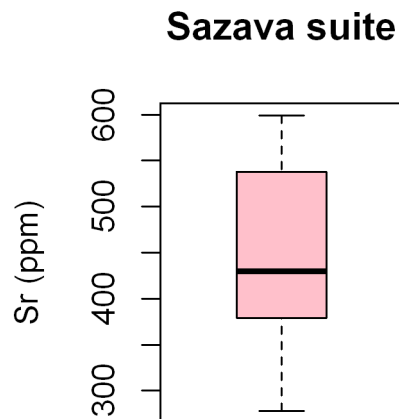
SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	FeO	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO
57.95	0.64	16.94	4.73	1.75	0.14	3.57	8.16
Na2O	K2O	P2O5	CO2	F	S	H2O_PLUS	H2O_MINUS
2.80	1.66	0.15	0.16	0.08	0.09	1.11	0.06
Ba	Rb	Sr	Zr	Nb	Ni	Co	Zn
883.25	51.50	443.00	94.67	6.67	11.17	18.80	61.08

Cr	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd
67.33	20.05	42.69	4.40	16.01	3.30	1.40	3.08
Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	Y
0.44	2.48	0.46	1.33	0.20	1.38	0.22	21.79
Cs	Ta	Hf					
4.12	0.54	3.50					

```
[36]: options(repr.plot.width=2.5, repr.plot.height=3.5,repr.plot.res=300)
```

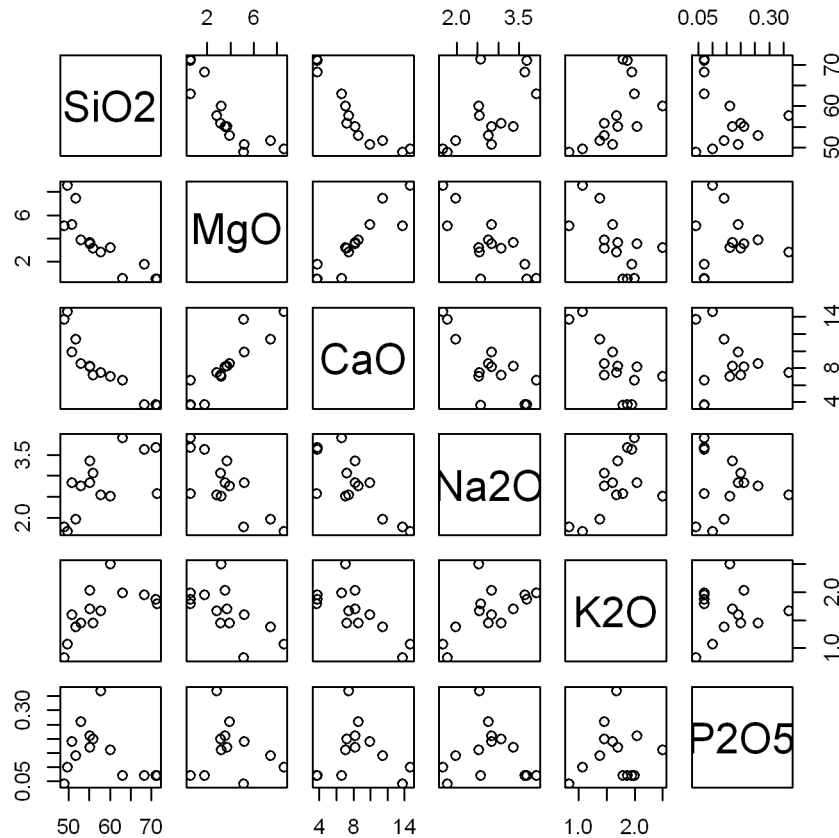
```
[37]: boxplot(sazava[, "Sr"], main="Sazava suite", ylab="Sr (ppm)", col="pink")
summary(sazava[, "Sr"])
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.	NA's
278.0	392.5	430.0	443.0	537.5	599.0	2



```
[38]: options(repr.plot.width=5, repr.plot.height=5,repr.plot.res=300)
```

```
[39]: oxides <- c("SiO2", "MgO", "CaO", "Na2O", "K2O", "P2O5")
pairs(sazava[, oxides])
```



1.2 Using factors to deal with complex datasets

Statistical examination of complex geochemical data sets including, for instance, analyses for several intrusions, is tedious. Fortunately factors in R, in connection with the function `tapply`, offer a very flexible and elegant solution.

Using the factor `intrusion`, we will calculate the mean SiO₂ and Ba contents for each of the pre-defined rock groups in the Sázava dataset.

```
[40]: sazava <- read.table("data/sazava.data", sep="\t")
```

```
# Defining the groups
intrusion <- factor(sazava[, "Intrusion"])
print(intrusion)
```

```
[1] Sazava Sazava Sazava Sazava Sazava basic basic basic basic basic
[11] Pozary Pozary Pozary Pozary
Levels: basic Pozary Sazava
```

```
[41]: cat("Mean SiO2 contents in individual groups are (wt. %):\n")
      ee <- tapply(sazava[, "SiO2"], intrusion, mean)
      print(ee)
```

```
Mean SiO2 contents in individual groups are (wt. %):
  basic Pozary Sazava
51.778 68.440 55.738
```

```
[42]: cat("Mean Ba contents in individual groups are (ppm):\n")
      ee <- tapply(sazava[, "Ba"], intrusion, mean, na.rm=TRUE)
      print(ee)
```

```
Mean Ba contents in individual groups are (ppm):
  basic  Pozary  Sazava
676.25 1291.25  682.25
```

The R language provides additional, arguably even more powerful tools. For instance, `aggregate` applies a given function to each of the variables (columns) of a numeric matrix or data frame `x` respecting grouping (defined by a factor or list of factors). Analogous is the function `by`, which splits a data frame into several smaller ones based on a factor (or list of factors).

Utilizing the function `summary`, we shall calculate basic statistical parameters for SiO₂ distribution in each of the rock groups of the Sázava suite (factor `intrusion`). What are the means for selected trace elements (Ba, Rb, Sr and Zr) in individual intrusions? Using the function `by`, we will display basic statistical summaries for major-element oxides in each of the rock groups.

```
[43]: sazava <- read.table("data/sazava.data", sep="\t")
      intrusion <- factor(sazava[, "Intrusion"])
      sio2 <- tapply(sazava[, "SiO2"], intrusion, summary)
      print(sio2)
```

```
$basic
  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
48.84  49.63   51.72   51.78   52.90   55.80

$Pozary
  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
62.95  66.96   69.69   68.44   71.17   71.42

$Sazava
  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
50.72  55.09   55.17   55.74   57.73   59.98
```

```
[44]: trace <- c("Rb", "Sr", "Ba", "Zr")
      print(aggregate(sazava[, trace], list(Rock=intrusion),
                      mean, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
Rock  Rb    Sr    Ba    Zr
```

```
1 basic 34.5 346.25 676.25 65.75
2 Pozary 59.5 460.75 1291.25 157.25
3 Sazava 60.5 522.00 682.25 61.00
```

```
[45]: loc<-factor(sazava[, "Locality"])
      print(loc)
```

```
[1] Mrac      Mrac      Mrac      Mrac      Teletín   Teletín
[7] Pecerady   Pecerady   Vavretice Brtnice   Krhanice  Prosecnice
[13] Prosecnice Prosecnice
Levels: Brtnice Krhanice Mrac Pecerady Prosecnice Teletín Vavretice
```

```
[46]: print(aggregate(sazava[,trace],list(Locality=loc,Rock=intrusion),mean,na.
      ↪rm=TRUE))
```

	Locality	Rock	Rb	Sr	Ba	Zr
1	Brtnice	basic	43.00000	325.0000	860.000	72.00000
2	Pecerady	basic	21.00000	352.0000	583.000	76.00000
3	Teletín	basic	43.00000	430.0000	1017.000	88.00000
4	Vavretice	basic	31.00000	278.0000	245.000	27.00000
5	Krhanice	Pozary	51.00000	599.0000	1024.000	128.00000
6	Prosecnice	Pozary	62.33333	414.6667	1380.333	167.00000
7	Mrac	Sazava	61.66667	517.0000	669.000	62.33333
8	Teletín	Sazava	57.00000	537.0000	722.000	57.00000

```
[47]: by(sazava[,7:17],list(Rock=intrusion),summary)
```

```
Rock: basic
      SiO2      TiO2      Al2O3      FeO      Fe2O3
Min.   :48.84  Min.   :0.340  Min.   :13.34  Min.   :2.740  Min.   :1.47
1st Qu.:49.63  1st Qu.:0.670  1st Qu.:14.17  1st Qu.:5.690  1st Qu.:2.44
Median :51.72  Median :0.760  Median :16.98  Median :6.220  Median :2.79
Mean   :51.78  Mean   :0.784  Mean   :16.87  Mean   :5.664  Mean   :2.64
3rd Qu.:52.90  3rd Qu.:0.800  3rd Qu.:18.23  3rd Qu.:6.430  3rd Qu.:3.22
Max.   :55.80  Max.   :1.350  Max.   :21.64  Max.   :7.240  Max.   :3.28

      MnO      MgO      CaO      Na2O      K2O
Min.   :0.130  Min.   :3.160  Min.   : 7.22  Min.   :1.67  Min.   :0.830
1st Qu.:0.160  1st Qu.:3.890  1st Qu.: 8.55  1st Qu.:1.78  1st Qu.:1.070
Median :0.160  Median :5.110  Median :11.44  Median :1.97  Median :1.380
Mean   :0.174  Mean   :5.644  Mean   :11.12  Mean   :2.25  Mean   :1.236
3rd Qu.:0.170  3rd Qu.:7.470  3rd Qu.:13.75  3rd Qu.:2.76  3rd Qu.:1.450
Max.   :0.250  Max.   :8.590  Max.   :14.64  Max.   :3.07  Max.   :1.450

      P2O5
Min.   :0.040
1st Qu.:0.100
Median :0.140
Mean   :0.148
3rd Qu.:0.200
```

Max. :0.260

Rock: Pozary

SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	FeO	Fe2O3
Min. :62.95	Min. :0.28	Min. :15.04	Min. :1.650	Min. :0.380
1st Qu.:66.96	1st Qu.:0.28	1st Qu.:15.08	1st Qu.:2.002	1st Qu.:0.395
Median :69.69	Median :0.29	Median :15.19	Median :2.120	Median :0.435
Mean :68.44	Mean :0.29	Mean :16.36	Mean :2.075	Mean :0.480
3rd Qu.:71.17	3rd Qu.:0.30	3rd Qu.:16.47	3rd Qu.:2.192	3rd Qu.:0.520
Max. :71.42	Max. :0.30	Max. :20.02	Max. :2.410	Max. :0.670

MnO	MgO	CaO	Na2O
Min. :0.0400	Min. :0.520	Min. :3.670	Min. :2.580
1st Qu.:0.0475	1st Qu.:0.520	1st Qu.:3.730	1st Qu.:3.368
Median :0.0500	Median :0.535	Median :3.755	Median :3.655
Mean :0.0500	Mean :0.840	Mean :4.447	Mean :3.450
3rd Qu.:0.0525	3rd Qu.:0.855	3rd Qu.:4.473	3rd Qu.:3.737
Max. :0.0600	Max. :1.770	Max. :6.610	Max. :3.910

K2O	P2O5
Min. :1.79	Min. :0.07
1st Qu.:1.85	1st Qu.:0.07
Median :1.91	Median :0.07
Mean :1.90	Mean :0.07
3rd Qu.:1.96	3rd Qu.:0.07
Max. :1.99	Max. :0.07

Rock: Sazava

SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	FeO
Min. :50.72	Min. :0.630	Min. :16.42	Min. :5.260
1st Qu.:55.09	1st Qu.:0.710	1st Qu.:17.00	1st Qu.:5.430
Median :55.17	Median :0.750	Median :17.57	Median :5.460
Mean :55.74	Mean :0.774	Mean :17.48	Mean :5.922
3rd Qu.:57.73	3rd Qu.:0.830	3rd Qu.:17.59	3rd Qu.:5.810
Max. :59.98	Max. :0.950	Max. :18.82	Max. :7.650

Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na2O
Min. :1.000	Min. :0.120	Min. :2.82	Min. :7.04	Min. :2.520
1st Qu.:1.350	1st Qu.:0.150	1st Qu.:3.21	1st Qu.:7.47	1st Qu.:2.540
Median :2.130	Median :0.160	Median :3.52	Median :8.20	Median :2.830
Mean :1.866	Mean :0.172	Mean :3.68	Mean :8.17	Mean :2.816
3rd Qu.:2.190	3rd Qu.:0.190	3rd Qu.:3.67	3rd Qu.:8.22	3rd Qu.:2.830
Max. :2.660	Max. :0.240	Max. :5.18	Max. :9.92	Max. :3.360

K2O	P2O5
Min. :1.600	Min. :0.16
1st Qu.:1.670	1st Qu.:0.17
Median :1.700	Median :0.19
Mean :1.902	Mean :0.22
3rd Qu.:2.040	3rd Qu.:0.21
Max. :2.500	Max. :0.37

1.3 Using factors for classification

The function `cut` splits a numeric vector `x` into given number of intervals and codes its individual items according to the rank they fall into. So this function can be used for simple classification purposes.

We will classify samples in the Sázava set according to SiO_2 contents (wt. %) in four groups, U (< 45), B (45–52), I (52–63) and A (> 63), i.e. in the geochemical jargon ultrabasic, basic, intermediate and acid rocks.

```
[48]: sazava <- read.table("data/sazava.data", sep="\t")
silica <- cut(sazava[, "SiO2"], breaks=c(0, 45, 52, 63, 100),
             labels=c("U", "B", "I", "A"))
acidity <- as.vector(silica)
names(acidity) <- rownames(sazava)
print(acidity)
```

Sa-1	Sa-2	Sa-3	Sa-4	Sa-7	SaD-1	Gbs-1	Gbs-20	Gbs-2	Gbs-3	Po-1
"I"	"I"	"I"	"B"	"I"	"I"	"B"	"B"	"B"	"I"	"I"
Po-3	Po-4	Po-5								
"A"	"A"	"A"								