Univariate Descriptives

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library(tidyverse)

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Univariate Data Analysis

Univariate is pretty much what it sounds like: one variable. When undertaking univariate data analysis, we need first and foremost to figure what type of variable it is that we're working with. Once we do that, we can choose the appropriate use of the variable, either as an outcome or as a possible predictor.

Motivating Question

Today we'll be working with data from every NBA player who was active during the 2018-19 season.

Here's the data:

```
nba<-readRDS("nba_players_2018.Rds")
```

We're interested in the following questions:

• Do certain colleges produce players that have more field goals? What about free throw percentage above a certain level? Are certain colleges in the east or the west more likely to produce higher scorers? How does this vary as a player has more seasons?

To answer these questions we need to look at the following variables:

- Field goals
- Free throw percentage above .25
- Colleges
- Player seasons
- Region

We're going to go through a pretty standard set of steps for each variable. First, examine some cases. Second, based on our examination, we'll try either a plot or a table. Once we've seen the plot or the table, we'll think a bit about ordering, and then choose an appropriate measure of central tendency, and maybe variation.

Types of Variables

It's really important to understand the types of variables you're working with. Many times analysts are indifferent to this step particularly with larger datasets. This can lead to a great deal of confusion down the road. Below are the variable types we'll be working with this semester and the definition of each.

Continuous Variables

A continuous variable can theoretically be subdivided at any arbitrarily small measure and can still be identified. You may have encountered further subdivision of continuous variables into "interval" or "ratio" data in other classes. We RARELY use these distinctions in practice. The distinction between a continuous and a categorical variable is hugely consequential, but the distinction between interval and ratio is not really all that important in practice.

The mean is the most widely used measure of central tendency for a continuous variable. If the distribution of the variable isn't very symmetric or there are large outliers, then the median is a much better measure of central tendency.

Categorical Variables

A categorical variables divides the sample up into a set of mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories. Mutually exclusive means that each case can only be one, and exhaustive means that the categories cover every possible option. Categorical is sort of the "top" level classification for variables of this type. Within the broad classification of categorical there are multiple types of other variables.

Categorical: ordered an ordered categorical variable has—you guessed it—some kind of sensible order that can be applied. For instance, the educational attainment of an individual: high school diploma, associates degree, bachelor's degree, graduate degree—is an ordered categorical variable.

Ordered categorical variables should be arranged in the order of the variable, with proportions or percentages associated with each order. The mode, or the category with the highest proportion, is a reasonable measure of central tendency, but with fewer than ten categories the analyst should generally just show the proportion in each category.

Categorical: ordered, binary An ordered binary variable has just two levels, but can be ordered. For instance, is a bird undertaking its first migration: yes or no? A "no" means that the bird has more than one.

The mean of a binary variable is exactly the same thing as the proportion of the sample with that characteristic. So, the mean of a binary variable for "first migration" where 1="yes" will give the proportion of birds migrating for the first time.

Categorical: unordered An unordered categorical variable has no sensible ordering that can be applied. Think about something like college major. There's no "number" we might apply to philosophy that has any meaningful distance from a number we might apply to chemical engineering.

Unlike an ordered variable, an unordered categorical variable should be ordered in terms of the proportions falling into each of the categories. As with an unordered variable, it's best just to show the proportions in each category for variables with less than ten levels. The mode is a reasonable single variable summary of an unordered categorical variable.

Categorical: unordered, binary This kind of variable has no particular order, but can be just binary. A "1" means that the case has that characteristics, a "0" means the case does not have that characteristic. For instance, whether a tree is deciduous or not.

An unordered binary variable can also be summarized by the mean, which is the same thing as the proportion of the sample with that characteristic.

In R, categorical variables CAN be stored as text, numbers or even logicals. Don't count on the data to help you out—you as the analyst need to figure this out.

Factors

We probably need to talk about factors. In R, a factor is a way of storing categorical variables. The factor provides additional information, including an ordering of the variable and a number assigned to each "level" of the factor. A categorical variable is a general term that's understood across statistics. A factor variable is a specific R term. Most of the time it's best not to have a categorical variable structured as a factor unless you know you want it to be a factor. More on this later . . .

The Process: #TrustTheProcess

I'm going to walk you through how an analyst might typically decide what type of variables they're working with. It generally works like this:

- 1. Take a look at a few observations and form a guess as to what type of variable it is.
- 2. Based on that guess, create an appropriate plot or table.
- 3. If the plot or table looks as expected, calculate some summary measures. If not, go back to 1.

"Glimpse" to start: what's in here anyway?

Basically the first thing we're going to do with any dataset is just to take a quick look. We can call the data itself, but that will just show the first few cases and the first few variables. Far better is the glimpse command, which shows us all variables and the first few observations for all of the variables. Here's a link to the codebook for this dataset:

The six variables we're going to think about are field goals, free throw percentage, seasons played, rookie season, college attended, and conference played in.

glimpse(nba)

```
## Rows: 530
## Columns: 37
## $ namePlayer
                        <chr> "LaMarcus Aldridge", "Quincy Acy", "Steven Adams", ~
## $ idPlayer
                        <dbl> 200746, 203112, 203500, 203518, 1628389, 1628959, 1~
## $ slugSeason
                        <chr> "2018-19", "2018-19", "2018-19", "2018-19", "2018-1~
## $ numberPlayerSeason <dbl> 12, 6, 5, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 8, 5, 4, 3, 1, 1, 1,~
## $ isRookie
                        <lgl> FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE~
                        <chr> "SAS", "PHX", "OKC", "OKC", "MIA", "CHI", "UTA", "C~
## $ slugTeam
                        <dbl> 1610612759, 1610612756, 1610612760, 1610612760, 161~
## $ idTeam
## $ gp
                        <dbl> 81, 10, 80, 31, 82, 10, 38, 19, 34, 7, 81, 72, 43, ~
                        <dbl> 81, 0, 80, 2, 28, 1, 2, 3, 1, 0, 81, 72, 40, 4, 80,~
## $ gs
## $ fgm
                        <dbl> 684, 4, 481, 56, 280, 13, 67, 11, 38, 3, 257, 721, ~
                        <dbl> 1319, 18, 809, 157, 486, 39, 178, 36, 110, 10, 593,~
## $ fga
## $ pctFG
                        <dbl> 0.519, 0.222, 0.595, 0.357, 0.576, 0.333, 0.376, 0.~
## $ fg3m
                        <dbl> 10, 2, 0, 41, 3, 3, 32, 6, 25, 0, 96, 52, 9, 24, 6,~
                        <dbl> 42, 15, 2, 127, 15, 12, 99, 23, 74, 4, 280, 203, 34~
## $ fg3a
                        <dbl> 0.2380952, 0.1333333, 0.0000000, 0.3228346, 0.20000~
## $ pctFG3
                        <dbl> 0.847, 0.700, 0.500, 0.923, 0.735, 0.667, 0.750, 1.~
## $ pctFT
## $ fg2m
                        <dbl> 674, 2, 481, 15, 277, 10, 35, 5, 13, 3, 161, 669, 1~
## $ fg2a
                        <dbl> 1277, 3, 807, 30, 471, 27, 79, 13, 36, 6, 313, 1044~
                        <dbl> 0.5277995, 0.6666667, 0.5960347, 0.5000000, 0.58811~
## $ pctFG2
## $ agePlayer
                        <dbl> 33, 28, 25, 25, 21, 21, 23, 22, 23, 26, 28, 24, 25,~
## $ minutes
                        <dbl> 2687, 123, 2669, 588, 1913, 120, 416, 194, 428, 22,~
## $ ftm
                        <dbl> 349, 7, 146, 12, 166, 8, 45, 4, 7, 1, 150, 500, 37,~
```

```
## $ fta
                       <dbl> 412, 10, 292, 13, 226, 12, 60, 4, 9, 2, 173, 686, 6~
## $ oreb
                       <dbl> 251, 3, 391, 5, 165, 11, 3, 3, 11, 1, 112, 159, 48,~
## $ dreb
                       <dbl> 493, 22, 369, 43, 432, 15, 20, 16, 49, 3, 498, 739,~
                       <dbl> 744, 25, 760, 48, 597, 26, 23, 19, 60, 4, 610, 898,~
## $ treb
## $ ast
                       <dbl> 194, 8, 124, 20, 184, 13, 25, 5, 65, 6, 104, 424, 1~
## $ stl
                       <dbl> 43, 1, 117, 17, 71, 1, 6, 1, 14, 2, 68, 92, 54, 22,~
## $ blk
                       <dbl> 107, 4, 76, 6, 65, 0, 6, 4, 5, 0, 33, 110, 37, 13, ~
## $ tov
                       <dbl> 144, 4, 135, 14, 121, 8, 33, 6, 28, 2, 72, 268, 58,~
                       <dbl> 179, 24, 204, 53, 203, 7, 47, 13, 45, 4, 143, 232, ~
## $ pf
## $ pts
                       <dbl> 1727, 17, 1108, 165, 729, 37, 211, 32, 108, 7, 760,~
## $ urlNBAAPI
                       <chr> "https://stats.nba.com/stats/playercareerstats?Leag~
## $ n
                       ## $ org
                       <fct> Texas, NA, Other, FC Barcelona Basquet, Kentucky, N~
## $ country
                       <chr> NA, NA, NA, "Spain", NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, "S~
## $ idConference
                       <int> 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, ~
```

Continuous

Let's start by taking a look at field goals. It seems pretty likely that this is a continuous variable. Let's take a look at the top 50 spots.

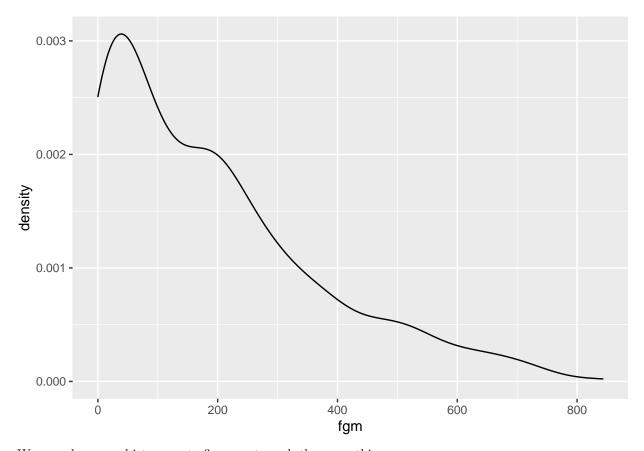
```
nba%>% ## Start with the dataset
select(namePlayer,slugTeam,fgm)%>% ## and then select a few variables
arrange(-fgm)%>% ## arrange in reverse order of field goals
print(n=50) ## print out the top 50
```

```
## # A tibble: 530 x 3
      namePlayer
##
                              slugTeam
                                         fgm
##
      <chr>
                              <chr>>
                                       <dbl>
##
    1 James Harden
                             HOU
                                         843
##
    2 Bradley Beal
                              WAS
                                         764
##
   3 Kemba Walker
                              CHA
                                         731
##
   4 Giannis Antetokounmpo MIL
                                         721
                             GSW
                                         721
## 5 Kevin Durant
##
    6 Paul George
                              OKC
                                         707
##
                              ORL
                                         701
  7 Nikola Vucevic
   8 LaMarcus Aldridge
                              SAS
                                         684
## 9 Damian Lillard
                              POR
                                         681
## 10 Karl-Anthony Towns
                             MIN
                                         681
## 11 Donovan Mitchell
                             UTA
                                         661
## 12 D'Angelo Russell
                             BKN
                                         659
## 13 Klay Thompson
                              GSW
                                         655
## 14 Stephen Curry
                              GSW
                                         632
## 15 DeMar DeRozan
                              SAS
                                         631
## 16 Russell Westbrook
                              OKC
                                         630
## 17 Buddy Hield
                              SAC
                                         623
## 18 Blake Griffin
                             DET
                                         619
## 19 Nikola Jokic
                             DEN
                                         616
## 20 Tobias Harris
                             MIN
                                         611
## 21 Kyrie Irving
                              BOS
                                         604
## 22 Devin Booker
                             PHX
                                         586
## 23 Joel Embiid
                             PHI
                                         580
## 24 CJ McCollum
                             POR
                                         571
## 25 Julius Randle
                              NOP
                                         571
## 26 Andre Drummond
                             DET
                                         561
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## 27 Kawhi Leonard
                             TOR
                                         560
## 28 LeBron James
                             LAL
                                        558
## 29 Jrue Holiday
                             NOP
                                        547
## 30 Montrezl Harrell
                             LAC
                                        546
## 31 Ben Simmons
                             PHI
                                        540
## 32 Anthony Davis
                             NOP
                                        530
## 33 Zach LaVine
                             CHI
                                         530
## 34 Jordan Clarkson
                             CLE
                                        529
## 35 Trae Young
                             ATL
                                        525
## 36 Bojan Bogdanovic
                             IND
                                        522
## 37 Pascal Siakam
                             TOR
                                        519
## 38 Collin Sexton
                             CLE
                                        519
## 39 Jamal Murray
                             DEN
                                        513
## 40 Deandre Ayton
                             PHX
                                        509
## 41 Luka Doncic
                             DAL
                                         506
## 42 Khris Middleton
                             MIL
                                        506
## 43 De'Aaron Fox
                                        505
                             SAC
## 44 Andrew Wiggins
                             MIN
                                         498
## 45 Kyle Kuzma
                                        496
                             LAL
## 46 Mike Conley
                             MEM
                                         490
## 47 Lou Williams
                             LAC
                                         484
## 48 Steven Adams
                             OKC
                                         481
## 49 Rudy Gobert
                             UTA
                                         476
## 50 Clint Capela
                             HOU
                                         474
## # ... with 480 more rows
```

So what I'm seeing here is that field goals aren't "clumped" at certain levels. Let's confirm that by looking at a kernel density plot.

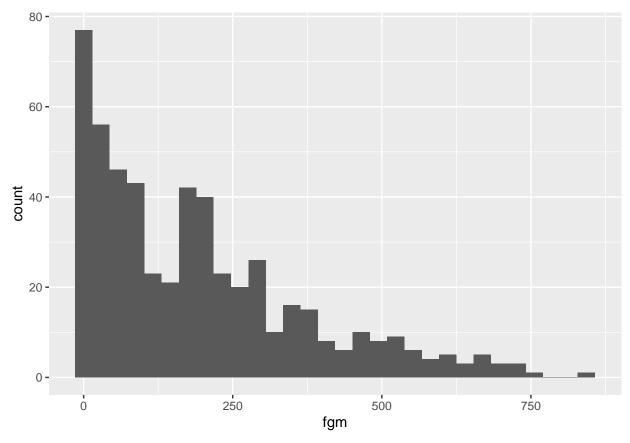
```
nba%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=fgm))+
  geom_density()
```



We can also use a histogram to figure out much the same thing.

```
nba%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=fgm))+
  geom_histogram()
```

`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



Now, technically field goals don't meet the definition I set out above as being a continuous variable because they aren't divisible below a certain amount. Usually in practice though we just ignore this—this variable is "as good as" continuous, given that it varies smoothly over the range and isn't confined to a relatively small set of possible values.

Quick Exercise: Do the same thing for field goal percentage and think about what kind of variable it is

Measures for Continuous Variables

The mean is used most of the time for continuous variables, but it's VERY sensitive to outliers. The median (50th percentile) is usually better, but it can be difficult to explain to general audiences.

```
nba%>%
  summarize(mean fgm=mean(fgm))
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
     mean_fgm
##
        <dbl>
## 1
         191.
nba%>%
  summarize(median_fgm=median(fgm))
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
     median_fgm
##
          <dbl>
             157
```

In this case I'd really prefer the mean as a single measure of field goal production, but depending on the audience I still might just go ahead and use the median.

Categorical: ordered

Let's take a look at player seasons.

```
nba%>%
  select(namePlayer,numberPlayerSeason)%>%
  arrange(-numberPlayerSeason)%>%
  print(n=50)
```

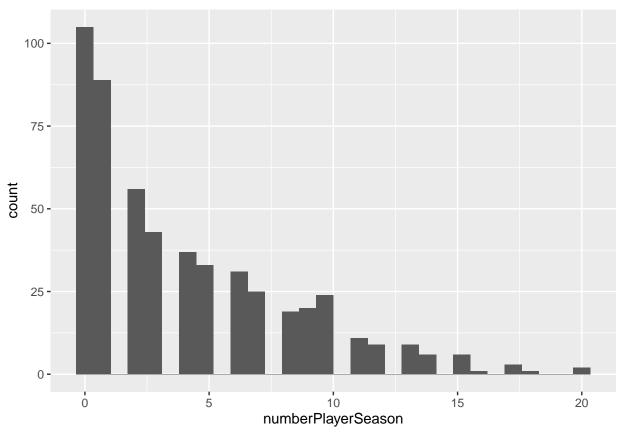
```
## # A tibble: 530 x 2
##
     namePlayer
                        numberPlayerSeason
##
      <chr>
                                      <dbl>
## 1 Vince Carter
                                         20
## 2 Dirk Nowitzki
                                         20
## 3 Jamal Crawford
                                         18
## 4 Tony Parker
                                         17
## 5 Tyson Chandler
                                         17
## 6 Pau Gasol
                                         17
## 7 Nene
                                         16
## 8 Carmelo Anthony
                                         15
## 9 Udonis Haslem
                                         15
## 10 LeBron James
                                         15
## 11 Zaza Pachulia
                                         15
## 12 Dwyane Wade
                                         15
## 13 Kyle Korver
                                         15
## 14 Luol Deng
                                         14
## 15 Devin Harris
                                         14
## 16 Dwight Howard
                                         14
## 17 Andre Iguodala
                                         14
## 18 JR Smith
                                         14
## 19 Trevor Ariza
                                         14
## 20 Andrew Bogut
                                         13
## 21 Jose Calderon
                                         13
## 22 Raymond Felton
                                         13
## 23 Amir Johnson
                                         13
## 24 Shaun Livingston
                                         13
## 25 Chris Paul
                                         13
## 26 Marvin Williams
                                         13
## 27 Lou Williams
                                         13
## 28 CJ Miles
                                         13
## 29 LaMarcus Aldridge
                                         12
## 30 J.J. Barea
                                         12
## 31 Channing Frye
                                         12
## 32 Rudy Gay
                                         12
## 33 Kyle Lowry
                                         12
## 34 Paul Millsap
                                         12
## 35 JJ Redick
                                         12
## 36 Rajon Rondo
                                         12
## 37 Thabo Sefolosha
                                         12
## 38 Marco Belinelli
                                         11
## 39 Mike Conley
                                         11
## 40 Kevin Durant
                                         11
## 41 Jared Dudley
                                         11
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## 42 Marcin Gortat
                                          11
## 43 Gerald Green
                                          11
## 44 Al Horford
                                          11
## 45 Joakim Noah
                                          11
## 46 Thaddeus Young
                                          11
## 47 Nick Young
                                          11
## 48 Corey Brewer
                                          11
## 49 D.J. Augustin
                                          10
## 50 Jerryd Bayless
                                          10
## # ... with 480 more rows
```

Looks like it might be continuous? Let's plot it:

```
nba%>%
   ggplot(aes(x=numberPlayerSeason))+
   geom_histogram()
```

`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



Nope. See how it falls into a small set of possible categories? This is an ordered categorical variable. That means we should calculate the proportions in each category

```
nba%>%
  group_by(numberPlayerSeason)%>%
  count(name="total_in_group")%>%
  ungroup()%>%
  mutate(proportion=total_in_group/sum(total_in_group))
```

A tibble: 20 x 3

| ## | | ${\tt numberPlayerSeason}$ | total_in_group | proportion |
|----|----|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| ## | | <dbl></dbl> | <int></int> | <dbl></dbl> |
| ## | 1 | 0 | 105 | 0.198 |
| ## | 2 | 1 | 89 | 0.168 |
| ## | 3 | 2 | 56 | 0.106 |
| ## | 4 | 3 | 43 | 0.0811 |
| ## | 5 | 4 | 37 | 0.0698 |
| ## | 6 | 5 | 33 | 0.0623 |
| ## | 7 | 6 | 31 | 0.0585 |
| ## | 8 | 7 | 25 | 0.0472 |
| ## | 9 | 8 | 19 | 0.0358 |
| ## | 10 | 9 | 20 | 0.0377 |
| ## | 11 | 10 | 24 | 0.0453 |
| ## | 12 | 11 | 11 | 0.0208 |
| ## | 13 | 12 | 9 | 0.0170 |
| ## | 14 | 13 | 9 | 0.0170 |
| ## | 15 | 14 | 6 | 0.0113 |
| ## | 16 | 15 | 6 | 0.0113 |
| ## | 17 | 16 | 1 | 0.00189 |
| ## | 18 | 17 | 3 | 0.00566 |
| ## | 19 | 18 | 1 | 0.00189 |
| ## | 20 | 20 | 2 | 0.00377 |
| | | | | |

What does this tell us?

Categorical: ordered, binary

Let's take a look at the variable for Rookie season.

nba%>%select(namePlayer,isRookie)

```
## # A tibble: 530 x 2
##
     namePlayer
                             isRookie
##
      <chr>
                             <1g1>
   1 LaMarcus Aldridge
                             FALSE
##
   2 Quincy Acy
##
                             FALSE
  3 Steven Adams
                             FALSE
  4 Alex Abrines
                             FALSE
## 5 Bam Adebayo
                             FALSE
## 6 Rawle Alkins
                             TRUE
## 7 Grayson Allen
                             TRUE
  8 Deng Adel
                             TRUE
##
## 9 Jaylen Adams
                             TRUE
## 10 DeVaughn Akoon-Purcell TRUE
## # ... with 520 more rows
```

Okay, so that's set to a logical. In R, TRUE or FALSE are special values that indicate the result of a logical question. In this it's whether or not the player is a rookie.

Usually we want a binary variable to have at least one version that's structured so that 1 = TRUE and 2 = FALSE. This makes data analysis much easier. Let's do that with this variable.

This code uses ifelse to create a new variable called isRookiebin that's set to 1 if the isRookie variable is true, and 0 otherwise.

```
nba<-nba%>%
mutate(isRookie_bin=ifelse(isRookie==TRUE,1,0))
```

```
nba%>%summarize(mean=mean(isRookie_bin))
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
      mean
##
     <dbl>
## 1 0.198
Categorical: unordered
College attended
nba%>%
  select(org)%>%
  glimpse()
## Rows: 530
## Columns: 1
## $ org <fct> Texas, NA, Other, FC Barcelona Basquet, Kentucky, NA, Duke, NA, NA~
This look like team or college names, so this would be a categorical variable.
nba%>%
  group_by(org)%>%
  count()%>%
  arrange(-n)%>%
 print(n=50)
## # A tibble: 68 x 2
## # Groups: org [68]
##
      org
                                  n
##
      <fct>
                              <int>
## 1 <NA>
                                157
## 2 Other
                                 85
                                 25
## 3 Kentucky
## 4 Duke
                                 17
## 5 California-Los Angeles
                                 15
## 6 Kansas
                                 11
## 7 Arizona
                                 10
## 8 Texas
                                 10
## 9 North Carolina
                                  9
                                  8
## 10 Michigan
## 11 Villanova
                                  7
## 12 Indiana
                                  6
## 13 Southern California
                                  6
                                  6
## 14 Syracuse
## 15 California
                                  5
                                  5
## 16 Louisville
## 17 Ohio State
                                  5
                                  5
## 18 Wake Forest
## 19 Colorado
                                  4
                                  4
## 20 Connecticut
                                  4
## 21 Creighton
## 22 FC Barcelona Basquet
                                  4
## 23 Florida
                                  4
## 24 Georgia Tech
                                  4
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25 Michigan State

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## 26 Oregon
                                   4
## 27 Utah
                                   4
## 28 Washington
                                   4
## 29 Wisconsin
                                   4
## 30 Boston College
                                   3
## 31 Florida State
                                   3
## 32 Georgetown
                                   3
                                   3
## 33 Gonzaga
## 34 Iowa State
                                   3
                                   3
## 35 Marquette
## 36 Maryland
                                   3
                                   3
## 37 Miami (FL)
                                   3
## 38 North Carolina State
## 39 Notre Dame
                                   3
## 40 Oklahoma
                                   3
## 41 Purdue
                                   3
## 42 Southern Methodist
                                   3
                                   3
## 43 Stanford
## 44 Tennessee
                                  3
                                   3
## 45 Virginia
## 46 Anadolu Efes S.K.
                                   2
## 47 Baylor
                                   2
                                   2
## 48 Butler
## 49 Cincinnati
                                   2
## 50 Kansas State
                                   2
## # ... with 18 more rows
```

Here we have a problem. If we're interested just in colleges, we're going to need to structure this a bit more. The code below filters out three categories that we don't want: missing data, anything classified as others, and sports teams from other countries. The last is incomplete—I probably missed some! If I were doing this for real, I would use a list of colleges and only include those names.

```
nba%>%
  filter(!is.na(org))%>%
  filter(!org=="Other")%>%
  filter(!str_detect(org,"CB|KK|rytas|FC|B.C.|S.K.|Madrid"))%>%
  group_by(org)%>%
  count()%>%
  arrange(-n)%>%
  print(n=50)
```

```
## # A tibble: 57 x 2
## # Groups:
                org [57]
##
      org
                                   n
##
      <fct>
                               <int>
##
    1 Kentucky
                                  25
##
    2 Duke
                                  17
##
    3 California-Los Angeles
                                  15
##
    4 Kansas
                                  11
                                  10
##
    5 Arizona
##
    6 Texas
                                  10
    7 North Carolina
                                   9
##
    8 Michigan
                                   8
##
  9 Villanova
                                   7
                                   6
## 10 Indiana
```

```
## 11 Southern California
## 12 Syracuse
                                  6
## 13 California
                                  5
## 14 Louisville
                                  5
## 15 Ohio State
                                  5
## 16 Wake Forest
                                  5
## 17 Colorado
                                  4
## 18 Connecticut
                                  4
## 19 Creighton
                                  4
## 20 Florida
                                  4
## 21 Georgia Tech
                                  4
## 22 Michigan State
                                  4
## 23 Oregon
                                  4
                                  4
## 24 Utah
## 25 Washington
                                  4
## 26 Wisconsin
                                  4
                                  3
## 27 Boston College
                                  3
## 28 Florida State
## 29 Georgetown
                                  3
                                  3
## 30 Gonzaga
## 31 Iowa State
                                  3
## 32 Marquette
                                  3
                                  3
## 33 Maryland
## 34 Miami (FL)
                                  3
## 35 North Carolina State
                                  3
## 36 Notre Dame
                                  3
## 37 Oklahoma
                                  3
## 38 Purdue
                                  3
                                  3
## 39 Southern Methodist
## 40 Stanford
                                  3
## 41 Tennessee
                                  3
## 42 Virginia
                                  3
                                  2
## 43 Baylor
                                  2
## 44 Butler
                                  2
## 45 Cincinnati
                                  2
## 46 Kansas State
## 47 Louisiana State
                                  2
## 48 Memphis
                                  2
                                  2
## 49 Missouri
                                  2
## 50 Murray State
## # ... with 7 more rows
```

Categorical: unordered, binary

There are two conference in the NBA, eastern and western. Let's take a look at the variable that indicates which conference the payer played in that season.

```
nba%>%select(idConference)%>%
  glimpse()
## Rows: 530
```

```
## Columns: 1
## $ idConference <int> 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, ~
```

It looks like conference is structured as numeric, but a "1" or a "2". Because it's best to have binary variables

structured as "has the characteristic" or "doesn't have the characteristic" we're going to create a variable for western conference that's set to 1 if the player was playing in the western conference and 0 if the player was not (this is the same as playing in the eastern conference).

```
nba<-nba%>%
  mutate(west_conference=ifelse(idConference==1,1,0))
```

Analysis

Ok, now that we know how this works, we can do some summary analysis. First of all, what does the total number of field goals made look like by college?

We know that field goals are continuous (sort of) so let's summarize them via the man. We know that college is a categorical variable, so we'll use that to group the data. This is one of our first examples of a conditiona mean, which we'll use a lot.

Top 50 Colleges by Total FG

```
nba%>%
  filter(!is.na(org))%>%
  filter(!org=="Other")%>%
  filter(!str_detect(org, "CB|KK|rytas|FC|B.C.|S.K.|Madrid"))%>%
  group_by(org)%>%
  summarize(mean_fg=sum(fgm))%>%
  arrange(-mean_fg)%>%
  print(n=50)
```

```
## # A tibble: 57 x 2
##
      org
                              mean_fg
                                <dbl>
##
      <fct>
                                 6594
##
    1 Kentucky
   2 Duke
                                 4623
##
##
  3 Texas
                                 3437
## 4 California-Los Angeles
                                 3382
##
                                 2765
  5 Kansas
##
  6 Arizona
                                 2101
  7 Oklahoma
##
                                 1767
    8 Southern California
                                 1758
## 9 Louisville
                                 1679
## 10 North Carolina
                                 1659
## 11 Indiana
                                 1522
## 12 Ohio State
                                 1486
## 13 Michigan
                                 1392
## 14 Wake Forest
                                 1364
## 15 Connecticut
                                 1299
## 16 Villanova
                                 1222
## 17 Georgia Tech
                                 1169
## 18 Tennessee
                                 1095
## 19 Stanford
                                  949
## 20 Utah
                                  943
## 21 Marquette
                                  873
## 22 Gonzaga
                                  863
## 23 Michigan State
                                  820
## 24 Colorado
                                  818
## 25 Virginia
                                  816
```

```
## 26 Maryland
                                  811
## 27 Missouri
                                  756
## 28 California
                                  734
## 29 Florida State
                                  733
## 30 Georgetown
                                  717
## 31 Memphis
                                  620
## 32 Florida
                                  618
## 33 North Carolina State
                                  598
## 34 Boston College
                                  586
## 35 Louisiana State
                                  583
## 36 Syracuse
                                  567
                                  523
## 37 Iowa State
## 38 Butler
                                  459
## 39 Wisconsin
                                  456
## 40 Creighton
                                  432
## 41 Oregon
                                  352
## 42 Texas A&M
                                  322
## 43 Baylor
                                  312
## 44 Providence
                                  291
                                  275
## 45 Purdue
## 46 Notre Dame
                                  263
## 47 Ulkerspor
                                  252
## 48 Southern Methodist
                                  246
## 49 Oklahoma State
                                  242
## 50 West Virginia
                                  236
## # ... with 7 more rows
```

Next, what about field goal percentage?

Top 50 Colleges by Average Field Goal Percent

```
nba%>%
  filter(!is.na(org))%>%
  filter(!org=="Other")%>%
  filter(!str_detect(org,"CB|KK|rytas|FC|B.C.|S.K.|Madrid"))%>%
  group_by(org)%>%
  summarize(mean_ftp=mean(pctFT))%>%
  arrange(-mean_ftp)%>%
  print(n=50)
```

```
## # A tibble: 57 x 2
##
      org
                           mean_ftp
##
      <fct>
                              <dbl>
## 1 Tennessee
                              0.842
## 2 Virginia
                              0.833
## 3 Oklahoma
                              0.823
## 4 North Carolina State
                              0.817
## 5 West Virginia
                              0.804
## 6 Ulkerspor
                              0.803
## 7 Missouri
                              0.802
## 8 Wake Forest
                              0.802
## 9 Florida State
                              0.801
## 10 Murray State
                              0.798
## 11 Iowa State
                              0.795
```

| ## | | Notre Dame | 0.792 |
|----|-----|----------------------|-------|
| ## | | Memphis | 0.788 |
| ## | | Florida | 0.784 |
| ## | | Michigan | 0.783 |
| | | Stanford | 0.779 |
| | | Georgetown | 0.775 |
| ## | | Marquette | 0.774 |
| | | Utah | 0.770 |
| | | Kansas State | 0.767 |
| | 21 | Butler | 0.762 |
| | | Gonzaga | 0.761 |
| ## | | North Carolina | 0.756 |
| ## | | Villanova | 0.755 |
| ## | 25 | Texas | 0.752 |
| ## | 26 | Connecticut | 0.748 |
| | | Providence | 0.747 |
| | | Boston College | 0.742 |
| ## | 29 | Michigan State | 0.730 |
| ## | 30 | Kansas | 0.729 |
| ## | 31 | Indiana | 0.729 |
| ## | 32 | Duke | 0.728 |
| | | Baylor | 0.726 |
| ## | 34 | Arizona | 0.721 |
| ## | 35 | Pallacanestro Biella | 0.718 |
| ## | 36 | Wisconsin | 0.712 |
| ## | 37 | Kentucky | 0.712 |
| ## | 38 | Georgia Tech | 0.712 |
| | | Louisiana State | 0.709 |
| ## | 40 | Creighton | 0.698 |
| ## | 41 | Maryland | 0.695 |
| ## | 42 | Vanderbilt | 0.688 |
| ## | 43 | Washington | 0.680 |
| ## | 44 | Louisville | 0.679 |
| ## | 45 | Ohio State | 0.679 |
| ## | 46 | California | 0.675 |
| ## | 47 | Southern Methodist | 0.673 |
| ## | 48 | Oregon | 0.662 |
| ## | 49 | Texas A&M | 0.652 |
| ## | 50 | Southern California | 0.648 |
| ## | # . | with 7 more rows | |
| | | | |

Quick Exercise: calculate field goals made by player season