Exploring data using R

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Chapter 1

Introduction to R

This chapter introduces readers to the basics of working with data in R. We will start with installing R in your computer and getting familiar with RStudio interface. These will be followed by the basics of handling data in R.

1.1 R and RStudio

1.1.1 Installation of R

- The latest version of R is R version 3.4.3 (2017-11-30), Kite-Eating Tree.
- R is available for Windows, Mac OS and Linux.
- The installation files can be downloaded from https://cran.r-project.org/.
- Users can install different versions of R in a same machine or computer.
- There is no need to uninstall if you want to upgrade the currently installed R.

1.1.2 Starting R

Double click on R icon and you should get this

You should see an R console.

1.1.3 Installation of RStudio

RStudio installation files can be downloaded from http://www.rstudio.com/. First, make sure you have RStudio successfully installed.

1.1.3.1 Starting RStudio

You can double click on RStudio icon and you will see this:

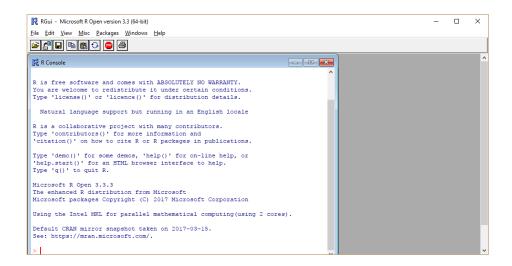


Figure 1.1: R console

1.1.3.2 Why RStudio?

- Working with R console is alright.
- But for many people, they prefer to communicate with R using a graphical user interface (GUI).
- RStudio is the popular GUI and intergrated developement environment (IDE) for R.
- Other R IDE includes Microsoft R

Check this links for more info:

- 1. RStudio https://www.rstudio.com/
- 2. Microsoft R http://blog.revolutionanalytics.com/2016/01/microsoft-r-open.html

1.1.3.3 RStudio interface

You should be able to see 4 panes in the layout. You should see that

- 1. Console the lower left pane. It tells you about your R information.
- 2. Source the upper left pane. It shows the active files.
- 3. Environment and History the upper right pane. It shows the currently loaded data files and values, and command history.
- 4. Miscellaneous the lower right pane. It contains most important tabs, which are Files, Plots, Packages, Help and Viewer. It list file names, show plots, show packages, display help document and view outputs.

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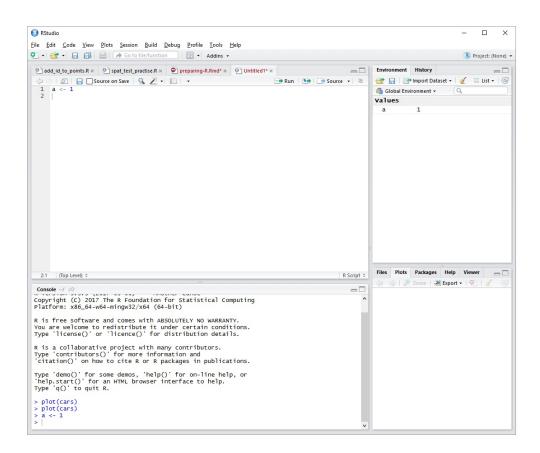


Figure 1.2: RStudio

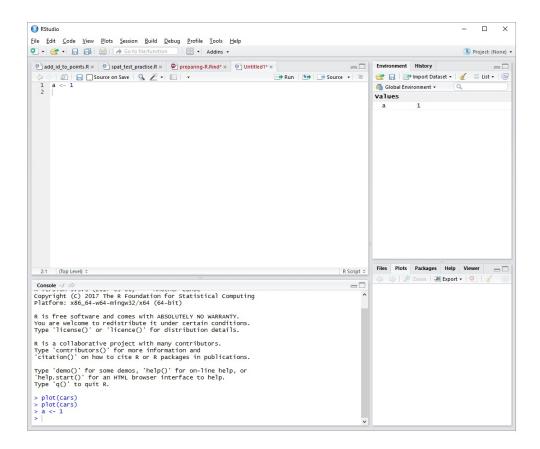


Figure 1.3: Panes in RStudio

1.2 Functions and objects

Before we start, there are a number of basics that you must know to understand the syntax in R. These are functions and objects.

1.2.1 Functions

R commands are in form of function(). You can think of MS Excel function. Inside a function, there will be a number of options. We will see this as we go through the examples later.

1.2.2 Objects

Object is a sort of like container. You assign an object by giving it a name on left side of <- or =. For the sake of consistency, we will use <- throughout, although = is perfectly fine (some might argue about this though). # - variable, data (data frame, matrix, list)

```
x <- 1
y = 2
z <- x + y
z # type object name, you'll get the value</pre>
```

```
## [1] 3
```

But later you will see that = is used to set values for options of a function, i.e. inside the bracket after the function's name. For example, function(option1 = value, option2 = value, ...). Thus, some prefer using <- to avoid confusion with = for options.

1.3 Working with packages

1.3.1 About packages

R uses packages to perform its tasks.

There are two common packages:

- 1. base packages
- 2. user-contributed packages
- The base packages come with the installation of R
- The base package provides basic but adequate functions to perform many standard data management, visualization and analysis.
- However, user needs to install user-contributed packages if they need to perform functions (tasks) not available in the base package
- User-contributed packages allow users to perform more advanced and more complicated functions
- There are more than 10200 packages as of March 2017

For a complete list of packages, see https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/

1.3.2 Package installation

You can install user-contributed packages through:

- 1. Internet (to cran)
- 2. Github packages
- 3. Local zip files

We will learn to install a few small packages.

Basically, a function to install a package will look like this

```
install.packages("package.name")
```

To install a package, saya car 1. put your cursor in the CONSOLE pane 2. type the codes below install.packages("car")

3. press Ctrl + ENTER

1.3.3 Loading packages

Basically, to utilize a package, it has to be loaded using library() function,

```
library("package.name")
```

For example, we load the newly installed car package

```
library("car")
```

1.4 Working directory

In general, R reads and saves data and other files into a working directory. Therefore, a user must create or specify the working directory to work with R. This is a good practice.

A working directory:

- 1. stores all the outputs such as the plots, html files, pdf files
- 2. contains your data

Creating a working directory is a simple BUT an important step.

Unfortunately, many users do not pay attention to this and forget to set it. So, remember, this is a very important step to work in R.

1.4.1 Setting a working directory

To set your working directory:

- 1. Go back to RStudio's Miscellaneous pane.
- 2. In the Files tab, click ...
- 3. Navigate to the folder containing your data or any folder you want to work in.
- 4. Click More
- 5. Click Set as working directory

or simply use setwd function to do so.

```
setwd("path to your folder")
```

for example in Windows

```
setwd("C:/myfolder")
```

or in Mac OS/Linux

```
setwd("~/myfolder")
```

1.5 Data management

This section is concerned with reading data from dataset and displaying data.

1.5.1 Reading data set

Easiest is to read .csv file,

```
data <- read.csv("cholest.csv")</pre>
```

For SPSS and STATA files, we need foreign package,

```
library("foreign")
data <- read.spss("cholest.sav", as.data.frame = TRUE)
data <- read.dta("cholest.dta", convert.factors = TRUE)</pre>
```

For Excel file, we need readxl package,

```
library("readxl")
data <- read_excel("cholest.xlsx", sheet = 1)</pre>
```

1.5.2 Viewing data set

Easy, just type the name,

data

Nicer, using View()

```
View(data)
```

View only the first six observations,

```
head(data)
```

```
##
   chol age exercise sex categ
## 1 6.5 38 6 1
## 2 6.6 35
              5 1
                       0
             6 1
5 1
## 3 6.8 39
                       0
## 4 6.8 36
                       0
## 5 6.9 31
              4 1
                       0
## 6 7.0 38
                       0
```

and the last six observations,

```
tail(data)
```

```
## 75 9.4 45 exercise sex categ
## 76 9.5 52 4 0 2
## 77 9.6 35 4 0 2
## 78 9.8 43 3 0 2
## 79 9.9 47 3 0 2
## 80 10.0 44 3 0 2
```

Important tasks

```
dim(data)
str(data)
names(data)
```

1.5.3 Exporting data set from R

You can also export data into various formats using similar packages.

For example,

- 1. to export data into a *comma separated version* (.csv) file, we can use write.csv function.
- 2. to export data into stata format, we can use write.dta function

```
write.csv(data, 'data.csv')
write.dta(data, 'data.dta')
```

1.6 More about data management

In this section, we will deal with more advanced data management (subsetting, recoding and creating new variables) and direct data entry (especially useful for tables).

Let say we use cholest.csv,

```
data <- read.csv("cholest.csv")</pre>
dim(data)
## [1] 80
str(data)
## 'data.frame':
                   80 obs. of 5 variables:
   $ chol
            : num 6.5 6.6 6.8 6.8 6.9 7 7 7.2 7.2 7.2 ...
             : int 38 35 39 36 31 38 33 36 40 34 ...
   $ age
##
   $ exercise: int 6 5 6 5 4 4 5 5 4 6 ...
## $ sex
             : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ categ
             : int 0000000000...
names(data)
## [1] "chol"
                 "age"
                            "exercise" "sex"
                                                  "categ"
head(data); tail(data)
##
    chol age exercise sex categ
## 1
          38
     6.5
                    6
                        1
## 2
     6.6
          35
                    5
                        1
                              0
## 3
     6.8
          39
                    6
                              0
                        1
## 4 6.8
          36
                    5
                        1
                              0
## 5
     6.9
          31
                    4
                        1
                              0
## 6
    7.0
                    4
                        1
                              0
          38
##
     chol age exercise sex categ
## 75
      9.4 45
                     4
                         0
## 76 9.5 52
                         0
                               2
                     4
## 77 9.6 35
                     4
                         0
                               2
## 78 9.8 43
                     3 0
                               2
## 79 9.9 47
                     3 0
                               2
## 80 10.0 44
                               2
                     3
                         0
```

1.6.1 Subsetting

Subsetting means "selecting parts of data". It allows selecting only a number of variables (columns) or observations (rows) from a dataframe. There are ways to do that.

1.6.1.1 Selecting a column (variable) or a row (observation)

Let say, to select age

```
data$age

## [1] 38 35 39 36 31 38 33 36 40 34 38 40 40 28 37 38 49 29 40 38 34 46 42

## [24] 38 32 43 42 40 38 39 39 35 38 40 38 45 36 31 34 44 35 40 37 33 46

## [47] 42 40 45 42 45 38 34 44 39 38 39 47 41 44 30 48 47 42 42 49 31 38 38
```

data[7,]

```
## [70] 48 34 45 45 36 45 52 35 43 47 44 to select the 7th observation,
```

```
## chol age exercise sex categ
## 7 7 33 5 1 0
```

1.6.1.2 Selecting columns

Let us create a new data frame with only chol, age and sex as the variables

```
data_col <- subset(data, select = c("chol", "age", "sex"))</pre>
str(data_col)
                   80 obs. of 3 variables:
## 'data.frame':
## $ chol: num 6.5 6.6 6.8 6.8 6.9 7 7 7.2 7.2 7.2 ...
## $ age : int 38 35 39 36 31 38 33 36 40 34 ...
## $ sex : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
alternatively, we can use square brackets
data_col <- data[ , c("chol", "age", "sex")]</pre>
str(data_col)
## 'data.frame': 80 obs. of 3 variables:
## $ chol: num 6.5 6.6 6.8 6.8 6.9 7 7 7.2 7.2 7.2 ...
## $ age : int 38 35 39 36 31 38 33 36 40 34 ...
## $ sex : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
you may even select by the column numbers
data_col <- data[ , c(1:2, 4)]
str(data_col)
## 'data.frame': 80 obs. of 3 variables:
## $ chol: num 6.5 6.6 6.8 6.8 6.9 7 7 7.2 7.2 7.2 ...
## $ age : int 38 35 39 36 31 38 33 36 40 34 ...
## $ sex : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
selecting column 1 to 2, and column 4.
```

1.6.1.3 Selecting rows

To select 7th to 14th observations,

```
data_row <- data[7:14, ]
data_row

## chol age exercise sex categ
## 7 7.0 33 5 1 0</pre>
```

```
7.2 36
## 8
      7.2 40
## 9
                       1
                             0
## 10 7.2 34
                    6
                      1
## 11 7.3 38
                   6 1
                             0
                    5 1
## 12 7.3 40
                             0
## 13 7.3 40
                    4
                             0
## 14 7.3 28
                    5
                             0
```

Practically, we want to choose observations based on certain criteria, for example those aged > 35 year old,

```
data_row <- subset(data, age > 35)
str(data_row)
## 'data.frame':
                   62 obs. of 5 variables:
             : num 6.5 6.8 6.8 7 7.2 7.2 7.3 7.3 7.3 7.3 ...
## $ chol
             : int 38 39 36 38 36 40 38 40 40 37 ...
## $ exercise: int 6 6 5 4 5 4 6 5 4 5 ...
            : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ categ
           : int 0000000000...
alternatively, we can use square brackets,
data_row <- data[data$age > 35, ]
str(data_row)
## 'data.frame':
                   62 obs. of 5 variables:
## $ chol
             : num 6.5 6.8 6.8 7 7.2 7.2 7.3 7.3 7.3 7.3 ...
             : int 38 39 36 38 36 40 38 40 40 37 ...
## $ exercise: int 6 6 5 4 5 4 6 5 4 5 ...
           : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ categ
            : int 0000000000...
```

1.6.1.4 Select rows and columns together

Select those aged > 35, and chol, age, sex variables,

```
data_rc <- subset(data, age > 35 & sex == 1, select = c("chol", "age", "sex"))
str(data_rc)

## 'data.frame': 29 obs. of 3 variables:
## $ chol: num 6.5 6.8 6.8 7 7.2 7.2 7.3 7.3 7.3 7.3 7.3 ...
## $ age : int 38 39 36 38 36 40 38 40 40 37 ...
## $ sex : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

1.6.1.5 Creating a new variable

For example, create age in months,

```
data$age_month <- data$age * 12</pre>
data$age_month
## [1] 456 420 468 432 372 456 396 432 480 408 456 480 480 336 444 456 588
## [18] 348 480 456 408 552 504 456 384 516 504 480 456 468 468 468 420 456
## [35] 480 456 540 432 372 408 528 420 480 444 396 552 504 480 540 504 540
## [52] 456 408 528 468 456 468 564 492 528 360 576 564 504 504 588 372 456
## [69] 456 576 408 540 540 432 540 624 420 516 564 528
```

1.6.2 Recoding

1.6.3 Categorize into new variables

1.6.3.1 From a numerical variable

```
data$age_cat <- cut(data$age, breaks = c(-Inf,40,50,Inf),</pre>
                    labels = c("< 40", "40-49", "> 50"))
table(data$age_cat)
##
## < 40 40-49 > 50
      51
            28
str(data$age_cat)
   Factor w/ 3 levels "< 40", "40-49", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

1.6.3.2 From a categorical variable

```
Using age_cat variable,
```

```
levels(data$age_cat)
## [1] "< 40" "40-49" "> 50"
table(data$age_cat)
##
## < 40 40-49 > 50
##
      51
            28
Only one observation labeled as > 50. We want to combine 40-49 with > 50.
library(car)
data$age_cat1 <- recode(data$age_cat, "c('40-49','> 50') = '40 & above'")
table(data$age_cat1) # combined
```

```
##
##
        < 40 40 & above
```

51 29

1.6.4 Direct data entry

We may also enter short data directly using read.table.

For example, a standard data frame,

ID	Group	BMI
1	Fat	30
2	Fat	31
3	Fat	32
4	Thin	20
5	Thin	19
6	Thin	18

```
data_frame <- read.table(header = TRUE, text = "</pre>
ID Group BMI
1 Fat 30
2 Fat 31
3 Fat 32
4 Thin 20
5 Thin 19
6 Thin 18
")
str(data_frame)
## 'data.frame':
                   6 obs. of 3 variables:
## $ ID
         : int 123456
## $ Group: Factor w/ 2 levels "Fat", "Thin": 1 1 1 2 2 2
## $ BMI : int 30 31 32 20 19 18
data_frame
##
    ID Group BMI
## 1 1
         Fat
             30
## 2 2
         Fat 31
## 3 3
         Fat 32
## 4 4 Thin 20
## 5
     5 Thin 19
## 6 6 Thin 18
or a table,
```

	Cancer	No Cancer
Smoker	80	10
Non-smoker	5	100

```
data_table <- read.table(header = FALSE, text = "</pre>
5 100
                         ")
colnames(data_table) <- cancer <- c("Cancer", "No Cancer")</pre>
rownames(data_table) <- c("Smoker", "Non-smoker")</pre>
str(data_table) # still a data frame, but laid out in form of a table.
## 'data.frame':
                     2 obs. of 2 variables:
## $ Cancer : int 80 5
## $ No Cancer: int 10 100
data_table
##
              Cancer No Cancer
## Smoker
                  80
                             10
                   5
                            100
## Non-smoker
```

The numbers are separated by space. We set the row and column names by rownames and colnames respectively.

1.7 Summary

In this chapter, we learned some basics in using R effectively. In the next chapter, we are going to learn about how to explore the variables by means of basic descriptive statistics.

Chapter 2

Descriptive statistics

In this chapter, we will go through a number of R functions for basic statistics. The focus will be on the results that are presented in form of numbers in text or tables (textual). We will mostly use the builtin functions (from R standard library). Extra packages will be introduced whenever necessary.

2.1 Preliminaries

In this part, we are going to use the functions as applied to a variable. For this purpose, we are going to use builtin datasets in R. You can view the available datasets by

We can view any dataset description by appending "?" to the dataset name. For example,

```
?chickwts
```

We will start by using chickwts dataset that contains both numerical (weight) and categorical (feed) variables. We can view the first six observations,

head(chickwts)

```
## 1 weight feed
## 1 179 horsebean
## 2 160 horsebean
## 3 136 horsebean
## 4 227 horsebean
## 5 217 horsebean
```

```
## 6 168 horsebean
```

the last six observations,

```
tail(chickwts)
```

```
## weight feed
## 66 352 casein
## 67 359 casein
## 68 216 casein
## 69 222 casein
## 70 283 casein
## 71 332 casein
```

and the dimension of the data (row and column).

```
dim(chickwts)
```

```
## [1] 71 2
```

Here we have 71 rows (71 subjects) and two columns (two variables).

Next, view the names of the variables,

```
names(chickwts)
```

```
## [1] "weight" "feed"
```

and view the details of the data,

```
str(chickwts)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 71 obs. of 2 variables:
## $ weight: num 179 160 136 227 217 168 108 124 143 140 ...
## $ feed : Factor w/ 6 levels "casein", "horsebean", ..: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
```

which shows that weight is a numerical variable and feed is a factor, i.e. a categorical variable. feed consists of six categories or levels.

We can view the levels in feed,

```
levels(chickwts$feed)
```

```
## [1] "casein" "horsebean" "linseed" "meatmeal" "soybean" "sunflower"
```

2.2 One variable

2.2.1 A numerical variable

A numberical variable is described by a number of descriptive statistics below.

To judge the central tendency of the weight variable, we obtain its mean,

```
mean(chickwts $weight)
```

[1] 122

```
## [1] 261.3099
and median,
median(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 258
To judge its spread and variability, we can view its minimum, maximum and range
min(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 108
max(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 423
range(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 108 423
and obtain its standard deviation (SD)
sd(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 78.0737
variance,
var(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 6095.503
quantile,
quantile(chickwts$weight)
      0%
           25%
                  50%
                        75% 100%
## 108.0 204.5 258.0 323.5 423.0
and interquartile range (IQR)
IQR(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 119
There are nine types of quantile algorithms in R (for quantile and IQR), the default being type 7.
You may change this to type 6 (Minitab and SPSS),
quantile(chickwts$weight, type = 6)
##
     0% 25% 50% 75% 100%
## 108 203 258 325 423
IQR(chickwts$weight, type = 6)
```

In addition to SD and IQR, we can obtain its median absolute deviation (MAD),

```
mad(chickwts$weight)
## [1] 91.9212
It is actually simpler to obtain most these in a single command,
summary(chickwts$weight)
##
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                 Max.
            204.5
                     258.0
                               261.3
                                       323.5
                                                423.0
even simpler, obtain all of the statistics using describe in the psych package
install.packages("psych")
library(psych)
describe(chickwts$weight)
```

```
## vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
## X1 1 71 261.31 78.07 258 261 91.92 108 423 315 -0.01 -0.97
## se
## X1 9.27
```

2.2.2 A categorical variable

A categorical variable is described by its count, proportion and percentage by categories.

We obtain the count of the feed variable,

```
summary(chickwts$feed)
##
      casein horsebean
                         linseed meatmeal
                                              soybean sunflower
##
          12
                               12
                                                   14
table(chickwts$feed)
##
##
      casein horsebean
                         linseed meatmeal
                                              soybean sunflower
          12
                                                   14
##
                    10
                               12
                                         11
```

both summary and table give the same result.

prop.table gives the proportion of the result from the count.

```
prop.table(table(chickwts$feed))
```

```
##

## casein horsebean linseed meatmeal soybean sunflower

## 0.1690141 0.1408451 0.1690141 0.1549296 0.1971831 0.1690141
```

the result can be easily turned into percentage,

```
prop.table(table(chickwts$feed))*100
##
##
      casein horsebean
                         linseed meatmeal
                                             soybean sunflower
## 16.90141 14.08451 16.90141
                                 15.49296 19.71831 16.90141
To view the count and the percentage together, we can use cbind,
cbind(n = table(chickwts$feed), "%" = prop.table(table(chickwts$feed))*100)
##
             n
            12 16.90141
## casein
## horsebean 10 14.08451
## linseed 12 16.90141
## meatmeal 11 15.49296
## soybean 14 19.71831
## sunflower 12 16.90141
```

We need the quotation marks " " around the percentage sign %, because % also serves as a mathematical operator in R.

2.3 Two variables and more

Just now, we viewed all the statistics as applied to a variable. In this part, we are going to view the statistics on a number of variables. This includes viewing a group of numerical variables or categorical variables, or a mixture of numerical and categorical variables. This is relevant in a sense that, most of the time, we want to view everything in one go (e.g. the statistics of all items in a questionnaire), compare the means of several groups and obtain cross-tabulation of categorical variables.

2.3.1 Numerical variables

Let us use women dataset,

```
head(women)
##
     height weight
## 1
         58
                115
## 2
         59
                117
## 3
         60
                120
## 4
                123
         61
         62
## 5
                126
## 6
         63
                129
names (women)
```

```
## [1] "height" "weight"
```

str(infert)

```
str(women)
                    15 obs. of 2 variables:
## 'data.frame':
   $ height: num 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 ...
## $ weight: num 115 117 120 123 126 129 132 135 139 142 ...
which consists of weight and height numerical variables.
The variables can be easily viewed together by summary,
summary(women)
##
        height
                       weight
           :58.0
                          :115.0
## Min.
                   Min.
## 1st Qu.:61.5
                   1st Qu.:124.5
## Median :65.0
                   Median :135.0
## Mean
         :65.0
                   Mean
                          :136.7
## 3rd Qu.:68.5
                   3rd Qu.:148.0
## Max.
           :72.0
                   {\tt Max.}
                          :164.0
even better using describe (psych),
describe(women)
          vars n
                    mean
                            sd median trimmed
                                                mad min max range skew
## height
             1 15 65.00 4.47
                                65
                                        65.00 5.93 58 72
                                                                14 0.00
## weight
             2 15 136.73 15.50
                                  135 136.31 17.79 115 164
                                                                49 0.23
         kurtosis
             -1.44 1.15
## height
## weight
             -1.34 4.00
2.3.2 Categorical variables
Let us use infert dataset,
head(infert)
##
     education age parity induced case spontaneous stratum pooled.stratum
## 1
        0-5yrs
                26
                        6
                                1
                                                          1
## 2
        0-5yrs
                        1
                                                  0
                                                          2
                                                                         1
                42
                                     1
        0-5yrs 39
                                                 0
## 3
                        6
                                2
                                     1
                                                          3
## 4
     0-5yrs 34
                        4
                                2
                                     1
                                                 0
                                                          4
                                                                         2
       6-11yrs 35
                        3
                                                 1
                                                          5
                                                                        32
## 5
                                1
                                     1
## 6
       6-11yrs 36
                        4
                                2
                                     1
                                                 1
                                                          6
                                                                        36
names(infert)
                        "age"
## [1] "education"
                                          "parity"
                                                           "induced"
## [5] "case"
                        "spontaneous"
                                         "stratum"
                                                           "pooled.stratum"
```

```
## 'data.frame':
                   248 obs. of 8 variables:
                 : Factor w/ 3 levels "0-5yrs", "6-11yrs", ...: 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ education
                  : num 26 42 39 34 35 36 23 32 21 28 ...
## $ age
                  : num 6 1 6 4 3 4 1 2 1 2 ...
## $ parity
## $ induced
                  : num 1 1 2 2 1 2 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ case
                  : num 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ spontaneous : num 2 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 ...
## $ stratum
                   : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ pooled.stratum: num 3 1 4 2 32 36 6 22 5 19 ...
```

We notice that induced, case and spontaneous are not yet set as categorical variables, thus we need to factor the variables. We view the value labels in the dataset description,

```
?infert
```

We label the values in the variables according to the description as

```
infert$induced <- factor(infert$induced, levels = 0:2, labels = c("0", "1", "2 or more"))
infert$case <- factor(infert$case, levels = 0:1, labels = c("control", "case"))
infert$spontaneous <- factor(infert$spontaneous, levels = 0:2, labels = c("0", "1", str(infert)

## 'data.frame': 248 obs. of 8 variables:
## $ education : Factor w/ 3 levels "0-5yrs", "6-11yrs", ...: 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ age : num 26 42 39 34 35 36 23 32 21 28 ...</pre>
```

\$ parity : num 6 1 6 4 3 4 1 2 1 2 ...
\$ induced : Factor w/ 3 levels "0","1","2 or more": 2 2 3 3 2 3 1 1 1 1 ...
\$ case : Factor w/ 2 levels "control","case": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
\$ spontaneous : Factor w/ 3 levels "0","1","2 or more": 3 1 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 ...

\$ spontaneous : Factor w/ 3 levels "0","1","2 or ## \$ stratum : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... ## \$ pooled.stratum: num 3 1 4 2 32 36 6 22 5 19 ...

and we now all these variables are turned into factors.

Again, the variables can be easily viewed together by summary,

```
summary(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")])
```

```
##
      education
                       induced
                                       case
                                                   spontaneous
## 0-5yrs : 12
                  0
                           :143
                                  control:165
                                                          :141
## 6-11yrs:120
                                  case : 83
                                                          : 71
                           : 68
                                                1
                  1
## 12+ yrs:116
                  2 or more: 37
                                                2 or more: 36
```

We do not use table here in form of table(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")]) because table used in this form will give us 3-way cross-tabulation instead of count per categories. Cross-tabulation of categorical variables will be covered later.

To obtain the proportion and percentage results, we have to use lapply,

```
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")],
    function(x) summary(x)/length(x))
```

```
## $education
```

```
0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
## 0.0483871 0.4838710 0.4677419
##
## $induced
   0 1 2 or more
##
## 0.5766129 0.2741935 0.1491935
## $case
    control
               case
## 0.6653226 0.3346774
##
## $spontaneous
##
          0
                   1 2 or more
## 0.5685484 0.2862903 0.1451613
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")],
      function(x) summary(x)/length(x)*100)
## $education
    0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
  4.83871 48.38710 46.77419
##
## $induced
                1 2 or more
## 57.66129 27.41935 14.91935
##
## $case
## control case
## 66.53226 33.46774
##
## $spontaneous
                    1 2 or more
##
          0
## 56.85484 28.62903 14.51613
```

because we need lappy to obtain the values for each of the variables. lappy goes through each variable and performs this particular part,

```
function(x) summary(x)/length(x)
```

function(x) is needed to specify some extra operations to any basic function in R, in our case summary(x) divided by length(x), in which the summary results (the counts) are divided by the number of subjects (length(x)) gives us the "length" of our dataset).

Now, since we already learned about lapply, we may also obtain the same results by using summary (within lapply), table and prop.table.

```
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")], summary)

## $education
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 12 120 116
```

```
##
## $induced
                  1 2 or more
            68 37
##
        143
##
## $case
## control
             case
      165
##
               83
## $spontaneous
##
          0
                   1 2 or more
##
        141
                   71
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")], table)
## $education
##
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
              120
       12
                     116
##
## $induced
##
        0
##
                 1 2 or more
            68
##
       143
                            37
##
## $case
##
## control
            case
##
      165
             83
##
## $spontaneous
##
##
          0
                   1 2 or more
##
                   71
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")],
      function(x) prop.table(table(x)))
## $education
## x
     0-5yrs
              6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 0.0483871 0.4838710 0.4677419
##
## $induced
## x
          0
                   1 2 or more
## 0.5766129 0.2741935 0.1491935
##
## $case
```

```
## x
   control
                case
## 0.6653226 0.3346774
##
## $spontaneous
## x
          0 1 2 or more
##
## 0.5685484 0.2862903 0.1451613
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "case", "spontaneous")],
      function(x) prop.table(table(x))*100)
## $education
## x
    0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
  4.83871 48.38710 46.77419
##
## $induced
        0 1 2 or more
##
  57.66129 27.41935 14.91935
##
## $case
## x
## control case
## 66.53226 33.46774
## $spontaneous
## x
##
          0
                  1 2 or more
```

Notice here, whenever we do not need to specify extra operations on a basic function, e.g. summary and table, all we need to write after the comma in lapply is the basic function without function(x) and (x).

2.4 Groups and cross-tabulations

56.85484 28.62903 14.51613

We intentionally went through the descriptive statistics of a variable, followed by a number of variables of the same type. This will give you the basics in dealing with the variables. Most commonly, the variables are described by groups or in form cross-tabulated counts/percentages.

2.4.1 By groups

To obtain all the descriptive statistics by group, we can use by with the relevant functions. Let say we want to obtain the statistics by case and control (case). We start with numerical variables

```
by(infert[c("age", "parity")], infert$case, summary)
## infert$case: control
##
       age
                  parity
## Min. :21.00 Min. :1.000
## 1st Qu.:28.00 1st Qu.:1.000
## Median :31.00 Median :2.000
## Mean :31.49 Mean :2.085
## 3rd Qu.:35.00 3rd Qu.:3.000
## Max. :44.00 Max. :6.000
## -----
## infert$case: case
           parity
       age
## Min. :21.00 Min. :1.000
## 1st Qu.:28.00 1st Qu.:1.000
## Median :31.00 Median :2.000
## Mean :31.53 Mean :2.108
## 3rd Qu.:35.50 3rd Qu.:3.000
## Max. :44.00 Max. :6.000
by(infert[c("age", "parity")], infert$case, describe)
## infert$case: control
      vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
         1 165 31.49 5.25 31 31.34 5.93 21 44
                                                  23 0.23 -0.72
## parity 2 165 2.08 1.24 2 1.88 1.48 1 6
                                                  5 1.32
                                                           1.42
##
         se
## age
      0.41
## parity 0.10
## -----
## infert$case: case
       vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
## age 1 83 31.53 5.28 31 31.39 5.93 21 44 23 0.21
                                                        -0.77
## parity 2 83 2.11 1.28
                          2 1.90 1.48 1 6
                                                 5 1.32
         se
## age
        0.58
## parity 0.14
We can also use describeBy, which is an the extension of describe in the psych package.
describeBy(infert[c("age", "parity")], group = infert$case)
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: control
##
              n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
        vars
         1 165 31.49 5.25 31 31.34 5.93 21 44
                                                  23 0.23 -0.72
## parity 2 165 2.08 1.24 2 1.88 1.48 1 6
                                                   5 1.32
                                                            1.42
##
         se
```

which gives us an identical result.

If you want to obtain results using the basic functions (i.e. mean, median, quantile, IQR and mad), you need to use lappy within by, because they could not handle many variables, for example for mean and IQR,

```
by(infert[c("age", "parity")], infert$case, function(x) lapply(x, mean))
## infert$case: control
## $age
## [1] 31.49091
##
## $parity
## [1] 2.084848
##
## -----
## infert$case: case
## $age
## [1] 31.53012
##
## $parity
## [1] 2.108434
by(infert[c("age", "parity")], infert$case, function(x) lapply(x, IQR))
## infert$case: control
## $age
## [1] 7
##
## $parity
## [1] 2
##
## -----
## infert$case: case
## $age
## [1] 7.5
##
## $parity
## [1] 2
```

For categorical variables, using summary

```
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case, summary)
## infert$case: control
     education induced
                              spontaneous
## 0-5yrs : 8 0 :96 0
                                   :113
## 6-11yrs:80 1
                      :45 1
                                   : 40
## 12+ yrs:77 2 or more:24 2 or more: 12
## infert$case: case
## education induced
                              spontaneous
## 0-5yrs : 4 0
                    :47 0
                                   :28
## 6-11yrs:40 1 :23 1 :31
## 12+ yrs:39 2 or more:13 2 or more:24
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, function(x) summary(x)/length(x)))
## infert$case: control
## $education
      0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 0.04848485 0.48484848 0.46666667
##
## $induced
                 1 2 or more
## 0.5818182 0.2727273 0.1454545
##
## $spontaneous
                1 2 or more
## 0.68484848 0.24242424 0.07272727
## infert$case: case
## $education
      0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 0.04819277 0.48192771 0.46987952
##
## $induced
                  1 2 or more
## 0.5662651 0.2771084 0.1566265
##
## $spontaneous
                  1 2 or more
## 0.3373494 0.3734940 0.2891566
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, function(x) summary(x)/length(x)*100))
## infert$case: control
```

```
## $education
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 4.848485 48.484848 46.666667
##
## $induced
##
    0
           1 2 or more
## 58.18182 27.27273 14.54545
##
## $spontaneous
## 0 1 2 or more
## 68.484848 24.242424 7.272727
##
## -----
## infert$case: case
## $education
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 4.819277 48.192771 46.987952
##
## $induced
           1 2 or more
##
   0
## 56.62651 27.71084 15.66265
##
## $spontaneous
## 0 1 2 or more
## 33.73494 37.34940 28.91566
or by using table
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, table))
## infert$case: control
## $education
##
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
    8 80 77
##
## $induced
      0 1 2 or more
96 45 24
##
##
##
## $spontaneous
##
      0 1 2 or more
##
              40 12
##
     113
## -----
## infert$case: case
```

0 1 2 or more

0.5662651 0.2771084 0.1566265

##

x

\$spontaneous

```
## $education
##
## 0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
     4 40 39
##
## $induced
##
       0
              1 2 or more
##
##
       47
               23 13
##
## $spontaneous
##
              1 2 or more
##
        0
##
        28
                        24
                31
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, function(x) prop.table(table(x))))
## infert$case: control
## $education
## x
     0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 0.04848485 0.48484848 0.46666667
## $induced
## x
     0 1 2 or more
## 0.5818182 0.2727273 0.1454545
## $spontaneous
## x
      0 1 2 or more
## 0.68484848 0.24242424 0.07272727
## -----
## infert$case: case
## $education
## x
     0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
## 0.04819277 0.48192771 0.46987952
##
## $induced
## x
```

```
0
                    1 2 or more
## 0.3373494 0.3734940 0.2891566
by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert$case,
  function(x) lapply(x, function(x) prop.table(table(x))*100))
## infert$case: control
## $education
## x
##
     0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
##
   4.848485 48.484848 46.666667
##
## $induced
## x
             1 2 or more
##
          0
##
  58.18182 27.27273 14.54545
##
## $spontaneous
## x
              1 2 or more
## 68.484848 24.242424 7.272727
##
##
## infert$case: case
## $education
## x
##
     0-5yrs 6-11yrs 12+ yrs
   4.819277 48.192771 46.987952
##
##
## $induced
## x
##
          0
             1 2 or more
  56.62651 27.71084 15.66265
##
## $spontaneous
## x
##
          0
                  1 2 or more
   33.73494 37.34940 28.91566
```

Please note that simply replacing table for summary as in by(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], infert\$case, table) will not work as intended. education will be nested in induced, which is nested in spontaneous, listed by case instead. And yes, to obtain the proportions and percentages, it gets slightly more complicated as we have to specify function twice in by.

2.4.2 Cross-tabulation

As long as the categorical variables are already factored properly, there should not be a problem to obtain the cross-tabulation tables. For example between education and case,

```
table(infert$education, infert$case)

##

## control case

## 0-5yrs 8 4

## 6-11yrs 80 40

## 12+ yrs 77 39
```

We may also include row and column headers, just like cbind,

```
table(education = infert$education, case = infert$case)
```

```
## case
## education control case
## 0-5yrs 8 4
## 6-11yrs 80 40
## 12+ yrs 77 39
```

Since we are familiar with the powerful lappy, we can use it to get cross-tabulation of all of the factors with case status,

```
lapply(infert[c("education", "induced", "spontaneous")], function(x) table(x, infert$case))
```

```
## $education
##
## x
        control case
    0-5yrs
##
##
    6-11yrs
                80
                     40
               77
##
    12+ yrs
                     39
##
## $induced
##
## x
            control case
    0
                  96
##
                       47
##
   1
                  45
                       23
##
    2 or more
                24 13
##
## $spontaneous
##
## x
            control case
   0
                113
                       28
##
                  40
##
                       31
    2 or more
                  12
                       24
```

##

We may also view subgroup counts (nesting). Here, the cross-tabulation of education and case is nested within induced

```
table(infert$education, infert$case, infert$induced)
## , , = 0
```

```
##
    control case
##
   0-5yrs 4 0
##
   6-11yrs 57 21
12+ yrs 35 26
##
##
##
## , , = 1
##
##
##
     control case
## 0-5yrs 0 2
##
  6-11yrs
            16 11
##
   12+ yrs
            29 10
##
## , , = 2 or more
##
##
##
    control case
## 0-5yrs 4 2
             7 8
## 6-11yrs
   12+ yrs 13 3
##
```

which will look nicer if we apply by

```
by(infert[c("education", "case")], infert$induced, table)
```

```
## infert$induced: 0
## case
## education control case
## 0-5yrs 4 0
## 6-11yrs 57 21
## 12+ yrs 35 26
## -----
## infert$induced: 1
        case
## education control case
## 0-5yrs 0 2
## 6-11yrs 16 11
## 12+ yrs 29 10
## -----
## infert$induced: 2 or more
##
  case
## education control case
## 0-5yrs 4 2
## 6-11yrs 7 8
## 12+ yrs 13 3
```

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2.5 Summary

In this chapter, we learned about how to handle numerical and categorical variables and obtain the basic and relevant statistics. In the next chapter, we are going to learn about how to explore the variables visually in form of the relevant graphs and plots.

Visual exploration

[elaborate here] In this chapter, we will explore the data visually by plots. In plotting the data, you must ask yourselves these:

- 1. Which variable do you want to plot?
- 2. What is the type of that variable? Factor? Numerical?
- 3. Are you going to plot another variable together?

3.1 Preliminaries

3.1.1 Reading dataset

We will use qol.sav dataset in this chapter. Create an object namely dataSPSS to the data read into

```
library(foreign)
dataSPSS <- read.spss('qol.sav', to.data.frame = TRUE)</pre>
```

3.1.2 Describing data

Let us examine the data

```
## $ fbs : num 6.9 4.8 8 3.6 12.5 8.5 NA NA NA NA ...
## $ rbs : num 16.7 7.4 13.2 7.4 NA 7.8 9.4 7.8 NA 12.4 ...
## $ tg_total : num 0.92 1.66 0.74 0.94 3.01 1.3 NA 1.9 NA NA ...
## $ choleste : num 7.09 2.91 5.94 3.27 7.1 3.54 NA 5.7 NA NA ...
## $ ADDQSCORE: num 0 -0.222 -0.333 -0.36 -0.44 ...
## - attr(*, "variable.labels")= Named chr "id_no" "sex" "" "" ...
## - attr(*, "names")= chr "id" "sex" "age" "tahundx" ...
## - attr(*, "codepage")= int 65001
```

Now, let us summarize our data

summary(dataSPSS)

```
##
                                               tahundx
        id
                     sex
                                  age
## Min. : 1.0
                             Min. :21.00
                                            Min. : 1.000
                  female:153
## 1st Qu.:126.0
                 male :212
                             1st Qu.:47.00
                                           1st Qu.: 4.000
## Median :227.0
                             Median :53.00
                                          Median : 7.000
                                          Mean : 8.795
## Mean :221.5
                             Mean :52.75
## 3rd Qu.:325.0
                             3rd Qu.:59.00 3rd Qu.:12.000
## Max. :416.0
                             Max. :80.00 Max. :38.000
##
##
                                  group
                                           complica
                     tx
                                                       hba1c
                      : 10
                             "group A":248
                                           no :225
                                                    Min. : 4.100
## diet only
## OHA and diet only
                             "group B":117
                                                    1st Qu.: 7.500
                      :238
                                           yes:140
## insulin and diet only: 26
                                                    Median: 9.050
                                                    Mean
## all
                      : 91
                                                          : 9.301
##
                                                    3rd Qu.:10.775
##
                                                    Max.
                                                          :19.900
##
                                                    NA's
                                                          :111
##
        fbs
                       rbs
                                     tg_total
                                                   choleste
##
  Min. : 2.700 Min. : 3.900
                                Min. :0.380
                                                Min. : 2.020
  1st Qu.: 5.700 1st Qu.: 7.925
                                1st Qu.:1.125
                                                1st Qu.: 4.308
## Median: 8.000 Median: 11.300 Median: 1.570
                                                Median : 5.210
## Mean : 9.003 Mean :12.045 Mean :2.002
                                                Mean : 5.437
## 3rd Qu.:11.900 3rd Qu.:15.000 3rd Qu.:2.385
                                                3rd Qu.: 6.423
## Max. :29.200 Max. :31.500 Max. :8.020
                                                Max. :13.100
## NA's
         :178
                  NA's
                        :83
                                  NA's :191
                                                NA's :181
     ADDQSCORE
##
## Min.
        :-9.000
## 1st Qu.:-5.590
## Median :-3.944
## Mean :-4.179
## 3rd Qu.:-2.556
## Max. : 0.000
##
```

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3.2 One variable

3.2.1 A categorical variable

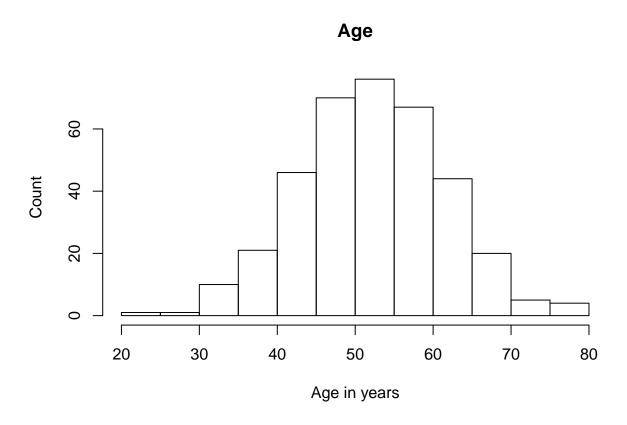
We can create a simple barchart

Sex distribution



3.2.2 A numerical variable

Histogram



3.3 Two variables

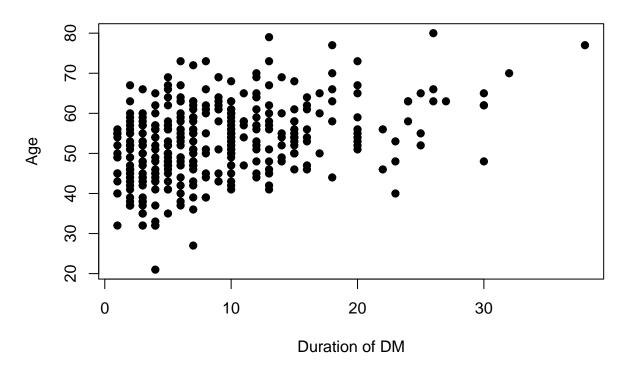
3.3.1 A numerical with another numerical variable

We will use scatterplot to plot

```
plot(dataSPSS$tahundx, dataSPSS$age,
    main = 'Duration having DM VS age',
    xlab = 'Duration of DM', ylab = 'Age',
    pch = 19)
```

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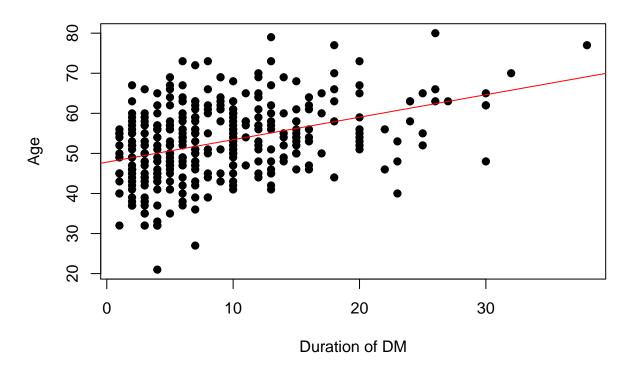
Duration having DM VS age



Let us make a fit line

```
plot(dataSPSS$tahundx, dataSPSS$age,
    main = 'Duration having DM VS age',
    xlab = 'Duration of DM', ylab = 'Age',
    pch = 19)
abline(lm(dataSPSS$age~dataSPSS$tahundx), col = 'red')
```

Duration having DM VS age

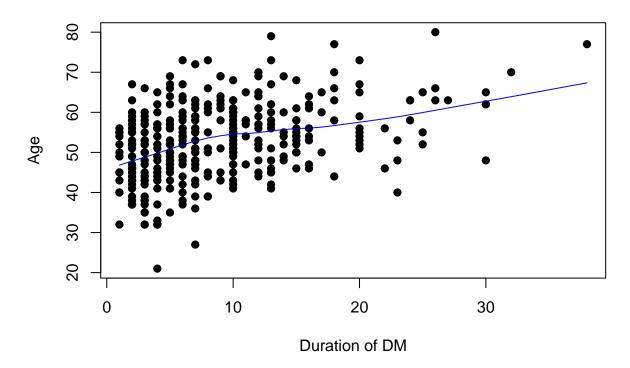


and a lowess

```
plot(dataSPSS$tahundx, dataSPSS$age,
    main = 'Duration having DM VS age',
    xlab = 'Duration of DM', ylab = 'Age',
    pch = 19)
lines(lowess(dataSPSS$tahundx,dataSPSS$age), col = 'blue')
```

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Duration having DM VS age

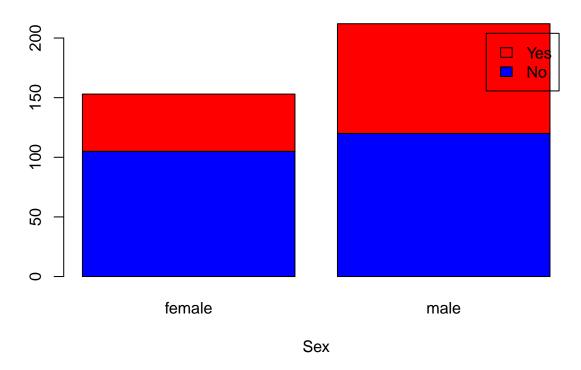


3.3.2 A categorical variable with a categorical variable

Now, we will plot 2 categorical variables simultanenously. First, we will use stacked barchart

```
compl.sex<-table(dataSPSS$complica,dataSPSS$sex)
compl.sex</pre>
```

Complications by sex

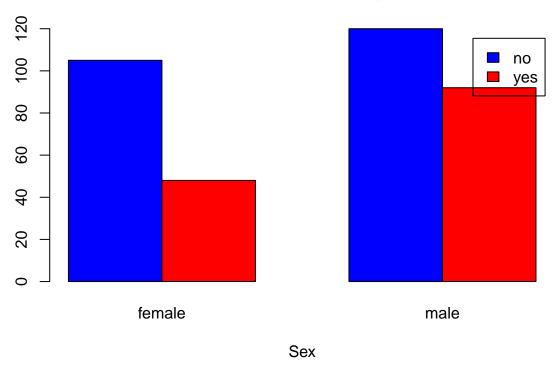


Next, we will use grouped barchart

```
compl.sex
```

```
##
##
         female male
##
     no
            105 120
##
     yes
             48
                92
barplot(compl.sex,
        main = 'Complications according to sex',
        xlab = 'Sex',
        col = c('blue','red'),
        legend = c('no','yes'),
        beside = TRUE)
```





3.4 Multiple plots in one go

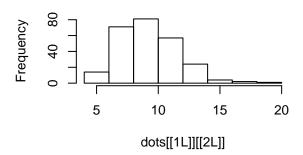
Here we will use some tricks, to show multiple plots in one go.

```
dataSPSS.4 <- dataSPSS[,c("age", "hba1c", "fbs", "choleste")]
par(mfrow = c(2, 2)) # two rows and two columns
mapply(hist, dataSPSS.4) # not nice, no proper labels</pre>
```

Histogram of dots[[1L]][[1L]]

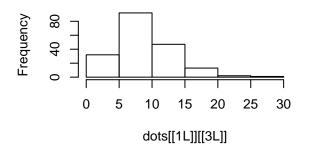
20 30 40 50 60 70 80 dots[[1L]][[1L]]

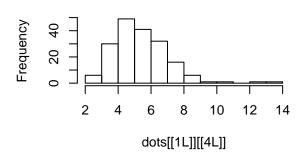
Histogram of dots[[1L]][[2L]]



Histogram of dots[[1L]][[3L]]

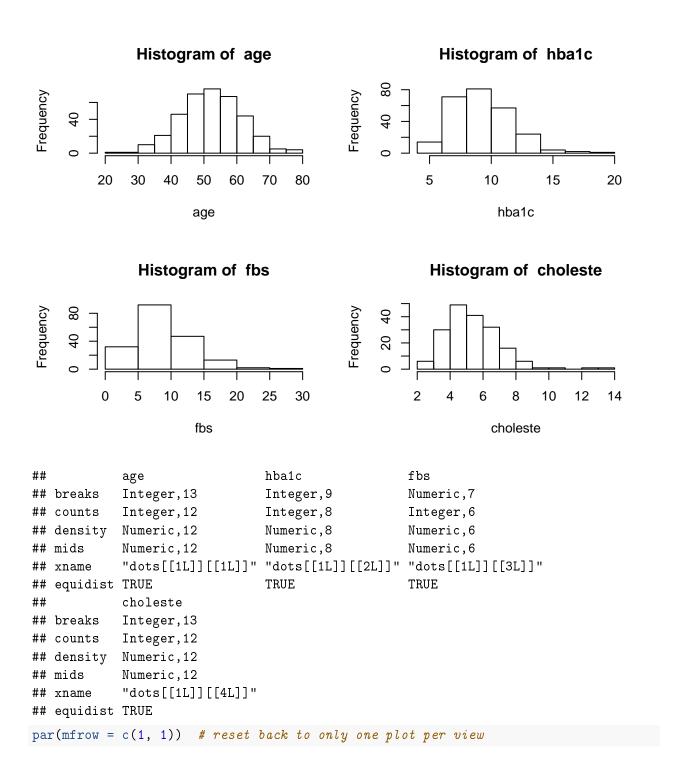
Histogram of dots[[1L]][[4L]]





```
##
                                hba1c
                                                    fbs
            age
## breaks
            Integer, 13
                                Integer,9
                                                    Numeric,7
## counts
            Integer, 12
                                Integer,8
                                                    Integer,6
## density
            Numeric, 12
                                Numeric,8
                                                    Numeric,6
## mids
            Numeric, 12
                                Numeric,8
                                                    Numeric, 6
            "dots[[1L]][[1L]]" "dots[[1L]][[2L]]" "dots[[1L]][[3L]]"
## xname
## equidist TRUE
                                TRUE
                                                    TRUE
##
            choleste
## breaks
            Integer, 13
            Integer, 12
## counts
## density
            Numeric, 12
## mids
            Numeric, 12
## xname
            "dots[[1L]][[4L]]"
## equidist TRUE
mapply(hist, dataSPSS.4,
       main = paste("Histogram of ", colnames(dataSPSS.4)),
       xlab = colnames(dataSPSS.4)) # nice with labels
```

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As you can see, we used paste. We will learn more about paste later.

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Reporting results

In this chapter, we will learn how to combine bits and parts of your results into custom-made texts, labels and tables. This will be useful for reporting and summarizing your results for publication, as well as labeling specific axes on your plots. There are a number of ways to achieve this. We will do this by basic functions and packages.

- 4.1 cbind and data.frame
- 4.2 paste and paste0
- 4.3 kable
- 4.4 stargazer

Practicals

In this chapter, using a number of additional data sets, we will conduct full exploration of the data from data description, descriptive statistics, plots and reporting.

- 5.1 data 1
- 5.2 data 2
- 5.3 data 3
- 5.4 Summary

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