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What's R?

- R is a high-level language and an environment for data analysis and graphics
- influenced by S (Becker, Chamber, Wilks) and Scheme (Sussman)
- and created by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman at the university of Auckland
- R is free.
- R is open source.
- R is a dialect of S system.

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- classical statistical tests
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R is easily extensible, can produce publication-quality graphs including mathematical symbols; dynamic and interactive graphics are available through additional packages.

Pros

- R is free and R is open source
- there is a lot of material and books available
- there is a lot of help on the web, including developers who are active in mailing lists
- most of your problems are already solved and with a high probability the solution is available from one of the repositories (as package)
- there are a lot of intuitive GUIs
- the language is easy to learn and also intuitive
- the graphics capabilities are impressive

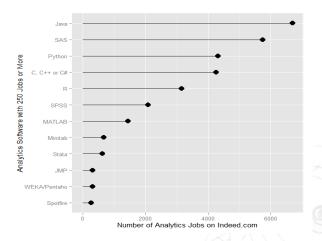
R is Different

- R is a little different from other packages for statistical analysis
- these differences make R very powerful, but for new users they can sometimes be confusing that is normal!
- so I hope this course help you up the initial curve so that you can be comfortable with R because R is great, those who know it love it

Nothing is lost or hidden

- statistical packages provide canned procedures to address common statistical problems
- canned procedures are useful for routine analysis, but they are also limiting - you can only do what the programmer lets you do
- in R, the result of statistical calculation are always accessible, so
 - $\,\circ\,$ you can use them for further calculations
 - you can always see how calculations were done

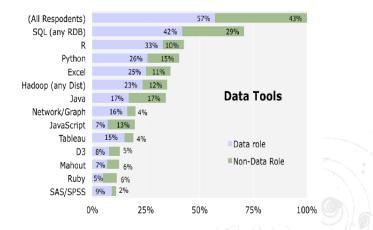
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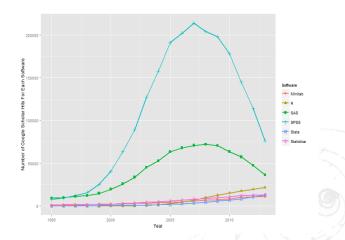
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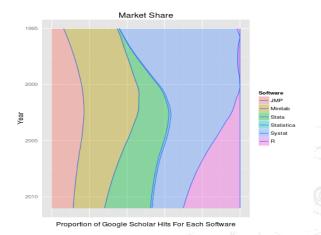
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Cons

- there is a LOT of help on the web
- with a high probability there is more than one solution for your problem
- there are a lot of intuitive GUIs so you have to decide what you want (so first you have to know what you want)
- the real power of R (i.e. high flexibility) is not entirely available through GUIs
- and therefore the learning curve can be lengthy in the beginning (but soon accelerating ;)

The best way to learn R is to use it!



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Where can I get it?

For the basic installation CRAN is a good place to start

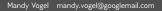
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 - MacOS: :: http://cran.r-project.org/bin/macosx/
 - Linux: :: http://cran.r-project.org/bin/linux/
- for mac and pc users: just download and install the precompiled binaries
- for ubuntu users: add deb http://ftp5.gwdg.de/pub/misc/cran/bin/linux/ubuntu oneiric/

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/etc/apt/sources.list;
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detailed howto:

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http://cran.r-project.org/bin/linux/ubuntu/
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The R-Commander

The R commander, developed by John Fox is a complete GUI for R. It is implemented in the package Rcmdr:

- Rcmdr has a comprehensive menu, which includes data reading, summaries, statistical analyses, etc.
- When the menu is activated, the Rcmdr will generate an R script. This script can be used as a log for documentation or for self learning.
- It has excellent graphical tools.

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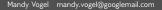
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The R-Commander

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> library(Rcmdr)

This will start a GUI similar to other statistical software. Therefore, any typical process, like read data, produce plots, make statistical analyses, etc. will be made by clicking the appropriate menu.



Getting R-Studio

RStudio is a free and open source integrated development environment (IDE) for R. You can run it on your desktop (Windows, Mac, or Linux) or even over the web using RStudio Server. Available at http://rstudio.org/ (install R first)

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Getting Deducer

Deducer is designed to be a free easy-to-use alternative to proprietary data analysis software such as SPSS and Minitab. It has a menu system to perform common data manipulation and analysis tasks, and an excel-like spreadsheet in which to view and edit data frames. Available at http://www.deducer.org; for Windows there is a all-in-one installer (incl. R)



Deducer Ubuntu

There were some problems with color setting in the plot builder when they are defined via the GUI. They are fixed in the recent version (0.6-3)

- if you haven't installed R yet, first install r-base-dev r-recommended (sudo apt-get install r-base-dev r-recommended)
- Open R and at the prompt enter: install.packages(c("JGR","Deducer"))
- Run JGR() to open JGR, and library(Deducer) to load Deducer

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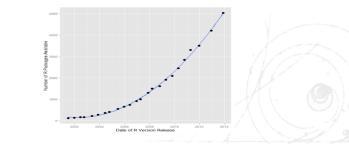
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Packages

The capabilities of R are extended through user-created packages, which allow specialized statistical techniques, graphical devices, import/export capabilities, reporting tools, etc.

These packages are developed primarily in R, and sometimes in Java, C and Fortran. A core set of packages is included with the installation of R, 4300 (as of March 2011) with more than 7100 + 1000 (BioC) + 1100 (BioC Annotation/Exp.) (as of September 2015) available at the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN), Bioconductor, and other repositories.



R taskviews

- you can google your problem or you use http://www.rseek.org/ or http://www.rdocumentation.org/ instead of www.google.com
- http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/
- before you install a new package: help.search() allows for searching the help system for documentation matching a given character string in the (file) name, alias, title, concept or keyword entries (or any combination thereof), using either fuzzy matching or regular expression matching.(installed help system)
- there are many blogs or forums, a very popular is http://stackoverflow.com/ or http://stackexchange.com/ (they are helpful for all other statistical packages as well)

Packages

- An R installation contains a library of packages. Some of these packages are part of the basic installation. These packages have the recommended status.
- others can be downloaded from CRAN or BioConductor or from other repositories
- A package is loaded into R using the library() or the require() command. For example to load the survival package you should enter
 - > library(survival)
- you need to reload a package when you start a new R session

Getting Packages

- You can download a package from CRAN and install by using the package menu.
- Another effective way to download and install a package is by command line. For example the following line install the R commander package with all its dependencies:

> install.packages("Rcmdr", dependencies=TRUE)

- bioconductor packages have their own installation routine, which is documented on the website http://www.bioconductor.org/
- if you are into it: there are R and BioConductor Docker container available

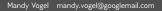


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First Session I

- start RStudio
- choose your working directory (via a menu or by typing setwd('/your/Rworkdirectory/'))
- R works fundamentally by the question-and-answer model: you enter a line with a command and press Enter (↔). Then the program dœs something and prints or stores the results. Then it asks for more input. When R is ready for input, it prints out its prompt, a ">". if you see a "+" R waits for you to end to line
- It is possible to use R as a text-only application, and also in batch mode (Rscript)

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- During a session you create a workspace. The workspace contains all variables created
- for example typing

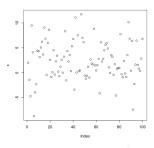
> x <- rnorm(100, mean=2, sd=4)

creates a variable \mathbf{x} containing a vector with 100 random numbers normal distributed with mean 2 and standard deviation 4

• to see the contents of this variable just type

```
> x
[1] 2.663558 2.187709 -1.849147
5.566364 2.5016523.046095
```

- To plot these values type
 - > plot(x)



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- All variables, functions and diverse objects can be seen by typing ls() and the newer version of it objects() function. Thus in our example we will have
 - > ls() [1] "x"
- quitting R is done with the q() function

> q()

at the command prompt. You will be asked to save your "workspace image".

 if you save the work space, all R objects can be reloaded in a new session, but be careful. It is recommended to rather save data explicitly

- Entering the command
 - > help.start()

at the command line, will launch an extensive online help that can be read using a Web browser such as Firefox or Internet Explorer. Another way to access to these "help" pages is by the menu bar on Windows. Notice that the HTML version of the help system has a very useful "Search Engine and Keywords".

typing ?command gives the help for a specific command



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Citation

Input > citation()

To cite R in publications use:

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R Development Core Team (2012). R: A language and environment for
statistical computing. R Foundation for Statistical Computing,
Vienna, Austria. ISBN 3-900051-07-0, URL http://www.R-project.org/.
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A BibTeX entry for LaTeX users is
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  author = R Development Core Team,
  organization = R Foundation for Statistical Computing,
  address = Vienna, Austria,
  year = 2012,
  note = ISBN 3-900051-07-0,
  url = http://www.R-project.org/,
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We have invested a lot of time and effort in creating R, please cite it when using it for data analysis. See also 'citation("pkgname")' for citing R packages.



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R as a calculator

One of the simplest possible tasks in R is to enter an arithmetic expression and receive a result.

```
> 2 + 2
[1] 4
> exp(-2)
[1] 0.1353353
> round(exp(-2),3)
[1] 0.135
>
```

R allows you to build powerful procedures from simple building blocks. These building blocks are objects and functions

- all data in R is represented by objects
- you the user call functions
- functions act on objects to create new objects

Assignments

So lets create an object. R, like other computer languages, has symbolic variables, that is names that can be used to represent values. To assign the value 2 to the variable x and then work with it, you can enter

> x <- 2
> x
[1] 2
> x+x
[1] 4
> 2*x+exp(x)
[1] 11.38906
>

Assignments

- Names of variables can be chosen quite freely in R. They can be built from letters, digit, and period (dot) symbol. Names that start with a period should be avoided.
- A typical variable name could be height.y1, which might be used to describe the height of a child at the age of 1 year.
- Names are case-sensitive: Pablo and pablo do NOT refer to the same variable.

Assignments names to avoid

- Some names are already used by the system!
- Please avoid the following names:
 - $\circ \texttt{c},\texttt{q},\texttt{s},\texttt{t},\texttt{C},\texttt{D},\texttt{F},\texttt{I},\texttt{T}$
 - $\circ \texttt{ diff}, \texttt{df}, \texttt{mean}, \texttt{pi}, \texttt{range}, \texttt{rank}, \texttt{var}, \texttt{sort}.$

Vectorial Arithmetic

One strength of R is that it can handle entire data vectors as single objects. A data vector is simply an array of numbers, and a vector can be constructed like this:

```
> weight <- c(60, 72, 57, 90, 95, 72)
> weight
[1] 60 72 57 90 95 72
>
```

The construct c(...) is used to define vectors. It is neither the only way to enter data vectors into R, nor is it generally the preferred method, but short vectors are used for many purposes, and the c(...) construct is used extensively.

Vectorial Arithmetic

You can do calculations with vectors just like ordinary numbers.

> height <- c(1.75, 1.80, 1.65, 1.90, 1.74, 1.91)
> bmi <- weight/height²
> bmi
[1] 19.59184 22.22222 20.93664 24.93075 31.37799 19.7363
>

Note that the operation is carried out element-wise, that is, the first value of bmi is $60/1.75^2$

Some Calculations

This vector calculations make it very ease to specify typical statistical calculations. Consider, the calculation of the mean and the standard deviation of the weight variable. First, calculate $\overline{x} = \sum x_i/n$:

> xbar <- sum(weight)/length(weight)
> xbar
[1] 74.33333
>

Some Calculations

Now, we calculate
$$sd = \sqrt{(\sum (x_i - \overline{x})^2)/(n-1)}$$
:

```
> sum((weight - xbar)^2)
[1] 1189.333
> sqrt(sum((weight - xbar)^2)/(length(weight) - 1))
[1] 15.42293
>
```

Of course, R has all of these calculations implemented!!

```
> mean(weight)
[1] 74.33333
> sd(weight)
[1] 15.42293
```

Standard Procedures

The rule of thumb is that the BMI for a normal-wight individual should be between 20 to 25. We want to know if our data deviate systematically from that. You might use a one-sample t test to assess whether the 6 persons BMI can be assumed to have mean 22.5 given that they come from a normal distribution.

To this end we can use the function t.test.

This function has many arguments, we are going to specify two: the data name and the hypothetical value of μ , the theoretical mean.

Standard Procedures

```
> t.test(bmi, mu=22.5)
```

```
One Sample t-test
```

```
data: bmi
t = 0.3449, df = 5, p-value = 0.7442
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 22.5
95 percent confidence interval:
18.41734 27.84791
sample estimates:
mean of x
23.13262
```

Vectors

We have already seen numerical vectors. There are two further types: character vectors and logical vectors. A character vector is a vector of text strings, whose elements are specified and printed in quotes:

> c("Pablo", "Ana", "Carlos", "Bill")
[1] "Pablo" "Ana" "Carlos" "Bill"
> colours<-c("red", "blue", "green", "white", "black")
> colours
[1] "red" "blue" "green" "white" "black"
> letters[1:5]
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e"

Vectors

Logical vectors can take the value TRUE or FALSE (or NA). We may use a convenient abbreviation T and F.

> c(T,T,F,F,T)
[1] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
> bmi
[1] 19.59184 22.22222 20.93664 24.93075 31.37799 19.7363
> bmi>25
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
>

Functions to Create Vectors

- c is a short for concatenate, that is, joining items end to end:
 > c(bmi[1:2],bmi[5:6])
 [1] 19.59184 22.22222 31.37799 19.73630
- seq is a short for sequence, it is used for equidistant series of numbers.

Functions to Create Vectors

- rep is a short for "replicate". It is used to generate repeated values. It is used in two variants depending on whether the second argument is a vector or a single number:
 - > tmp <-1:5
 > tmp
 [1] 1 2 3 4 5
 > rep(tmp,2)
 [1] 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
 > rep(tmp,tmp)
 [1] 1 2 2 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5
 >

In R, the matrix notion is extended to elements of any type, so you could have, for instance, a matrix of character strings. Matrices and arrays are represented as vectors with dimensions:

```
> x <- 1:12
> dim(x) <- c(3,4)
> x
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] 1 4 7 10
[2,] 2 5 8 11
[3,] 3 6 9 12
```

The dim() assignment function sets the dimension attribute of x. Notice that the storage is column-major, i.e., the elements of the first column are followed by those of the second, etc.

We can change from two dimension to three dimension array with

```
> dim(x) <- c(3,2,2)
> x
, , 1
       [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1 4
[2,] 2 5
[3,] 3 6
, , 2
```

A convenient way to create matrices is to use the matrix function:

```
> matrix(letters[1:12], nrow=3, byrow=T)
       [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] "a" "b" "c" "d"
[2,] "e" "f" "g" "h"
[3,] "i" "j" "k" "l"
>
```

The byrow=T causes the matrix to be filled by row.

Useful functions that operate on matrices are rownames(), colnames() and the transposition t().

```
> x <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, byrow=T)</pre>
> rownames(x) <-LETTERS[1:3]</pre>
> x
  [,1] [,2]
A 1 2
B 3 4
C 5 6
> t(x)
    ABC
[1,] 1 3 5
[2,] 2 4 6
```

We can "glue" vectors together, columnwise or rowwise, using the cbind() and rbind() functions.

```
> cbind(Pablo=1:3,Maria=3:5,Elsa=5:7)
    Pablo Maria Elsa
[1,]
     1 3
                5
[2,] 2 4
                6
[3,]
     3
            5
> rbind(Pablo=1:3,Maria=3:5,Elsa=5:7)
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
Pablo 1 2
               З
Maria 3 4 5
Elsa 5
           6
               7
```

- Variables indicating some subdivision of data, such as social class, tumor stage, etc. should be specified as factors in R.
- It is essential in statistical analysis to distinguish between categorical codes and variables whose values have a direct numerical meaning.
- R automatically understands this issue when we use factors.

The main feature of factors is that they have levels. For example a four levels factor is represented by:

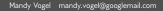
- (a) a vector with values from 1 to 4 and
- (b) a character vector of length 4 containing strings describing what the four levels are

Let's look at an example:

```
> pain <- c(0,0,1,1,2)
> fpain <- factor(pain, levels=0:2,</pre>
                         labels=c("none", "medium", "severe"))
+
> fpain
[1] none
          none medium medium severe
Levels: none medium severe
> fpain <- factor(pain, levels=0:2,</pre>
                         labels=c("none", "medium", "severe"),
+
                         ordered=T)
+
> fpain
[1] none
          none medium medium severe
Levels: none < medium < severe
```

ordered factors

It is good to keep in mind whether your factors are ordered or not. Ordered and unordered factors are processed different in modelling (by using different kind of contrasts).



A Functions to Create Factors

This is the function g1:

> treatment <- gl(2, 4, label = c("Control", "Treat"))</pre>

> treatment

- [1] Control Control Control Treat Treat
- [7] Treat Treat

```
Levels: Control Treat
```

>

the first argument gives the number of levels and the second the number of replications.

Lists

A list is used in R to collect together items of different types. For example:

```
> Emp <- list(emp="Anna", spouse="Fred",
+ children=3, ages =c(4,7,9))
>
```

This example shows, the elements of a list do not have to be the same length. The list Emp is of length 4. To extract elements of a list:

```
> Emp$emp
[1] "Anna"
> Emp$ages[1:2]
[1] 4 7
>
```

Data Frames

A data frame in R corresponds to what other statistical packages call a "data matrix", i.e., a matrix with variables of the same length, but possibly of different type (numeric, character, factor or logical).

As an example, consider a data set concerning the maximum oxygen intake (VO_2max) for 8 healthy women. The data was obtained by the CNARD project in Argentina (thanks to Dr. Lentini).

> vo2A <- c(3.57, 3.333, 2.499, 2.846, 3.342, 2.646)
> vo2R <- c(54.1, 56.5, 50.7, 51.7, 49.9, 49.5)</pre>

Data Frames

To combine them as a data frame:

```
>
> dat <- data.frame(vo2A, vo2R)</pre>
>
> rm(vo2A, vo2R)
> dat
   vo2A vo2R
1 3.570 54.1
2 3.333 56.5
3 2.499 50.7
4 2.846 51.7
5 3.342 49.9
6 2.646 49.5
```

str()

We can access to the structure of any R object with the function str(). For example:

> str(dat)
'data.frame': 6 obs. of 2 variables:
 \$ vo2A: num 3.57 3.33 2.5 2.85 3.34 ...
 \$ vo2R: num 54.1 56.5 50.7 51.7 49.9 49.5

To access elements we use the \$ symbol like:

```
> dat$vo2A[1:4]
[1] 3.570 3.333 2.499 2.846
> dat$vo2R
[1] 54.1 56.5 50.7 51.7 49.9 49.5
```

Missing Values

R allows vectors to contain a special NA value. This value is carried through in computations so that operations on NA yield as the result NA. For example:

```
> x < -c(rnorm(5, mean=5, sd=2), NA)
> x
[1] 4.873961 3.090246 8.109162 2.050998 5.740921 NA
> mean(x)
[1] NA
> is.na(mean(x))
[1] TRUE
> mean(x, na.rm = T)
[1] 4.773057
>
```

Infinity and Things that Are Not a Number (NaN)

Calculations can lead to answers that are infinity, represented in R by Inf, or minus infinity, which is represented as -Inf. Or Calculations involving infinity can be evaluated:

> 3/0 [1] Inf > -12/0 [1] -Inf > > exp(-Inf)
[1] 0
> 0/Inf
[1] 0
> (0:3)^Inf
[1] 0 1 Inf Inf
>

Infinity and Things that Are Not a Number (NaN)

Other calculations, however, lead to quantities that are not numbers. These are represented in R by NaN ('not a number'). Here are some of the classic cases:

> 0/0 [1] NaN > Inf-Inf [1] NaN > Inf/Inf [1] NaN

Infinity and Things that Are Not a Number (NaN)

You need to understand clearly the distinction between NaN and NA. The function is.nan() is provided to check specifically for NaN, and is.na() also returns TRUE for NaN. Cœrcing NaN to logical or integer type gives an NA of the appropriate type. There are built-in tests to check whether a number is finite or infinite:

```
> is.finite(10)
[1] TRUE
> is.infinite(10)
[1] FALSE
> is.infinite(Inf)
[1] TRUE
```

Sorting Vectors

Sorting vectors is trivially done with the function sort():

```
> sort(c(4,3,1,9,4))
[1] 1 3 4 4 9
>
> sort(c("abc", "ab", "aba", "ab.", ".ab", "-a"))
[1] "-a" ".ab" "ab" "ab." "aba" "abc"
```

order() returns a permutation which rearranges its first argument into ascending or descending order

```
> order(c(4,3,1,9,4))
[1] 3 2 1 5 4
> order(c("abc", "ab", "aba", "ab.", ".ab", "-a"))
[1] 6 2 4 5 3 1
```

Sorting Data Frames

For sorting data frames by a column, the function order() is applied to the this column

```
dd <- data.frame(
     b = factor(c("Hi", "Med", "Hi", "Low"),
+
        levels = c("Low", "Med", "Hi"), ordered = TRUE)
+
+
     x = c("A", "D", "A", "C"),
+
     y = c(8, 3, 9, 9),
+ z = c(1, 1, 1, 2))
> dd
   bxyz
  Hi A 8 1
1
2 Med D 3 1
3 Hi A 9 1
4 Low C 9 2
```

Sorting Data Frames - Old Style

- > dd[order(dd\$b),] # Here we order all by variable
 - bxyz
- 4 Low C 9 2
- 2 Med D 3 1
- 1 Hi A 8 1
- 3 Hi A 9 1

Sorting Data Frames - New Style

- nowadays there are convenience packages out there; one of them is the dplyr package (Hadley Wickham)
- sorting can now be done in the following way:
- > arrange(dd,b,desc(x))
 b x y z
 1 Low C 9 2
 2 Med D 3 1
 3 Hi A 8 1
 4 Hi A 9 1

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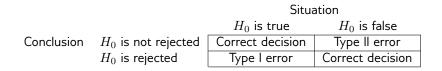
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For the first two: 1 sample 2 samples k samples

four possible situations



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Z	standard normal deviate

To describe data we need a proper way to summarize them for easier understanding. Therefore we focus on three main areas:

- parameters of location (today)
- spread (today) and
- shape (maybe later)

Exercises

- load the data ZA5240_v2-0-0.sav from the data directory using the spss.get() function from the Hmisc package (data source: gesis.org, General Social Survey 2014), assign the data set to a variable with a appropriate name.
- 2. the file variablenliste.txt contains a list with the variable description (only available in German)
- 3. how many rows? (nrow())
- 4. how many columns? (ncol())

Location parameters

- a location parameter is a central or typical value for a distribution
- typical location parameters are:
 - o mean(mean())
 - o trimmed means (mean())
 - o median(median())
 - \circ mode

Mean and median I

How to interpret the mean?

- graphically, it is the visual balance point of the given values (physics formula for the center of mass)
- this demonstrates a weakness of the mean when used to represent center
- the trimmed mean tries to make the mean more stable by trimming from both sides a certain percentage of the most extreme values
- if mean and the trimmed mean are substantially different the data are very likely to be skewed
- the trimmed mean pushed to its limits (by trimming 50% of the data from each end) leaves us with basically a single value: the median
- so the median is the value which divides the values into the 50% lowest and the 50% highest values

Exercises

- the column V417 contains the net income; calculate the mean using the mean() function! What is the problem?
- 2. again calculate the mean but now the trimmed version (using the trim argument). What is the conclusion?

Other measures of position

- the concept of the median can be generalized: as the median splits the data in half (with half the data smaller and the other half larger), the *p*th quantile is basically the value in the data set for which $100 \cdot p$ is less than the value and $100 \cdot (1-p)$ is more (so the median is the 0.5 quantile); special cases of quantiles are percentiles, quartiles and quintiles (quantiles())
- hinges (not often mentioned but used in boxplots; fivenum())
- and of course min and max (min(), max())

Exercises

- 1. summarize the net income using summary(), quantile()
 and fivenum!
- 2. make a boxplot by using the following syntax! (we also use column V81 - gender and V86 - graduation) require(ggplot2) ggplot(x, aes(x=V86, y=V417)) + geom_boxplot() 3. add gender as coloring ggplot(x, aes(x=V86, y=V417, fill=V81)) +

geom_boxplot()

So what now?

- so we se there is a difference in income between male and female people
- the next step would be to test if this difference is statistically significant, but therefore we need also the measure of spread (even if you do not use it explicitly in testing) so there are

Spread I

- these are parameters which measure the variability in the data
- there is e.g. the range (range())
- the sample variance (var()) and
- the sample standard deviation (sd()) which is simply the square root of the variance
- the cœfficient of variation which is the standard deviation normalized by the mean
- the IQR (interquartile range; IQR there are nine ways to calculate it - so different statistics software can have different IQRs - depending on the method)
- the mad (median absolute deviation)

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- R. A. Fischer
- Karl Popper

The statistical null hypothesis testing can be regarded as a mathematical response to the philosophical need for falsification in hypothesis testing.

- the most common use of statistics by biologists is for null hypothesis tests
- biologists generally use null hypothesis tests based on parametric assumptions
- a large number of null hypothesis procedures have been developed to address particular applications and assumptions, but all take the same approach: They address the question:

How probable are the data if the null hypothesis is true?

A adherence to this framework can be traced to the following causes:

- there is a strong need for hypothesis testing in the biological science
- these methods generally produce plausible results
- this approach is strongly emphasized in biometric and introductory statistics

But: justification is seldom considered.

- you can never prove something
- we can only reject (modus tollens) or fail to reject

nothing in science is proven until it is disproved

The Null Hypothesis

- the null hypothesis is often a statement of no effect or no difference
- generally constructed to encompass all possible outcomes except an expected effect
- as a result the rejection of the null supports the expected effect (reductio ad absurdum)

The Null Hypothesis

We look at ${\cal H}_0$ and not at the research hypothesis directly because

- as noted above we cannot prove that a hypothesis is true
- it is simply easier to consider statistical evidence from the perspective of ${\cal H}_0$
 - the research hypothesis is often no more than an inexact supposition
 - the null hypothesis can often be expressed in exact mathematical terms

The z-test is something like a t-test (it is like you would know almost everything about the perfect conditions (and therefore it has more power). It uses the normal distribution as test statistic and is therefore a good example.

Objective

To investigate the significance of the difference between an assumed population mean μ_0 and a sample mean \bar{x} .

Limitations

1. It is necessary that the population variance σ^2 is known.

 The test is accurate if the population is normally distributed. If the population is not normal, the test will still give an approximate guide.

Test statistic

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$$

- 1. Write a function which takes a vector, the population standard deviation and the population mean as arguments and which returns the Z score.
 - $\circ\,$ name the function <code>ztest</code>
 - set a default value for the population mean

You can always test your function using simulated values: rnorm(100,mean=0) gives you a vector containing 100 normal distributed values with mean 0.

Write a function which takes a vector, the population standard deviation and the population mean as arguments and which gives the Z score as result.

```
> ztest <- function(x,x.sd,mu=0){
+    sqrt(length(x)) * (mean(x)-mu)/x.sd
+ }
> set.seed(1)
> ztest(rnorm(100),x.sd = 1)
[1] 1.088874
```

Add a line to your function that allows you to also process numeric vectors containing missing values!

> ztest <- function(x,x.sd,mu=0){</pre>

- + x <- x[!is.na(x)]
- + if(length(x) < 3) stop("too few values in x")
- + sqrt(length(x)) * (mean(x)-mu)/x.sd

+ }

The function pnorm(Z) gives the probability of $x \leq Z$. Change your function so that it has the p-value (for a two sided test) as result.

```
> ztest <- function(x,x.sd,mu=0){
+     x <- x[!is.na(x)]
+     if(length(x) < 3) stop("too few values in x")
+     z <- sqrt(length(x)) * (mean(x)-mu)/x.sd
+     2*pnorm(-abs(z))
+ }
> set.seed(1)
> ztest(rnorm(100),x.sd = 1)
[1] 0.2762096
```

Now let the result be a named vector containing the estimated difference, Z, p and the n.

```
> ztest <- function(x,x.sd,mu=0){</pre>
      x \leftarrow x[!is.na(x)]
+
      if(length(x) < 3) stop("too few values in x")
+
+ est.diff <- mean(x)-mu
      z <- sqrt(length(x)) * (est.diff)/x.sd</pre>
+
      round(c(diff=est.diff,Z=z,pval=2*pnorm(-abs(z)),n=length(x)
+
+ }
> set.seed(1)
> ztest(rnorm(100), x.sd = 1)
    diff
                 Ζ
                       pval
                                    n
  0.1089 1.0889 0.2762 100.0000
```

Variants

- 1 Z-test for two population means (variances known and equal)
- 2. Z-test for two population means (variances known and unequal)

To investigate the statistical significance of the difference between an assumed population mean μ_0 and a sample mean \bar{x} . There is a function <code>z.test()</code> in the BSDA package.

Limitations (again)

1. It is necessary that the population variance σ^2 is known.

 The test is accurate if the population is normally distributed. If the population is not normal, the test will still give an approximate guide.

Significance Testing

• we are limited to two possible decisions

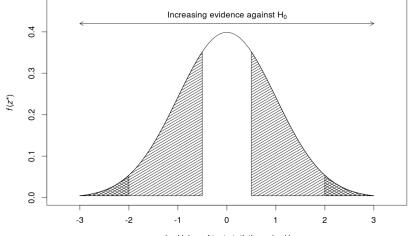
- 1. Reject H_0 or
- 2. Fail to reject H_0

Significance Testing – Example

As null hypothesis we might predict that a parameter describing the difference between two populations is zero

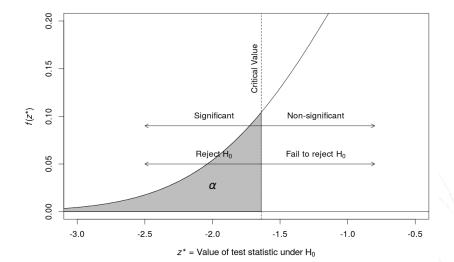
- when H_0 is true we would expect an estimate of the parameter to take a value near zero
- an estimator called test statistic is used to quantify the difference between the parameter value quantified in H_0 and the estimated parameter based on the data
- the distribution of the test statistic under H_0 is known
- the p-value is of seeing a test statistic as or more extreme than the test statistic observed if H_0 is true
- smaller p-values designate stronger evidence against H_0

Significance Testing – p-val



 z^* = Value of test statistic under H₀

Significance Testing – Critical Value



Significance Testing – Question

Question

If we perform a t-test to assess whether there is a difference in means between two groups a test statistic is calculated. Why the difference not used directly?



Model of Null Hypothesis Testing (Fisher)

- State H₀
- Conduct an investigation that produces data concerning H_0
- Choose an appropriate test and test statistic, and calculate the test statistic
- Determine the p-value
- Reject H_0 if the p-value is small; otherwise, retain H_0

Fisher proposed that a threshold be established describing outcomes that would be extremely improbable if H_0 were true, allowing rejection of H_0 . (α - level)

Model of Null Hypothesis Testing (Fisher)

- outcomes meeting this criterion are said to be statistically significant
- Fisher also proposed $\alpha = 0.05$
- later he recommended that fixed significance levels be too restrictive

Model of Null Hypothesis Testing (Neyman & Pearson)

Different in three important aspects:

- 1. the significance level should be chosen before beginning the data collection
- 2. incorporate explicitly the alternative hypothesis (Fisher opposed this)
- 3. introduction of type I and II errors

Non-significant Results

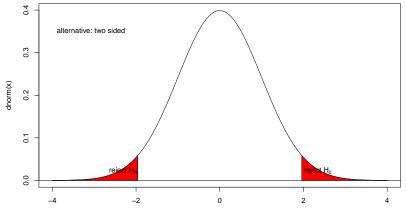
- failure to reject H_0 does not mean that H_0 is true
- different approaches in literature

- having sufficient evidence to reject H_0 does not mean H_0 is untrue
- strict Fisherian view: rejecting the null does not imply anything about ${\cal H}_{\cal A}$

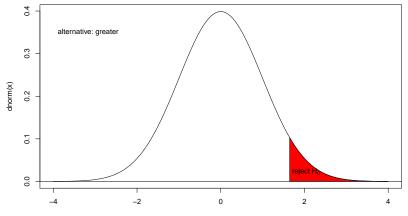
- it may be possible to anticipate directionality in the measured effect
- such scenarios can be accessed with upper- and lower-tailed tests
- H_0 stays $H_0: X = Y$ or change to $H_0: X \leq Y$ whereas $H_A: X > Y$

Question

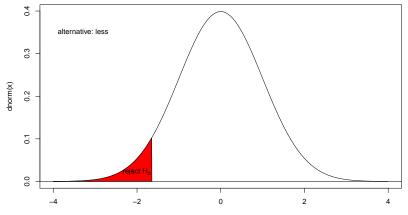
Why – in a strict approach – des H_0 des not change to $H_0: X \leq Y$. What could be the reason?



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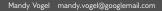
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Note:

The p-value is the probability of the sample estimate (of the respective estimator) under the null.



Simulation Exercises

- 1. Now sample 100 values from a Normal distribution with mean 10 and standard deviation 2 and use a z-test to compare it against the population mean 10. What is the p-value?
- 2. Now do the sampling and the testing 1000 times, what would be the number of statistically significant results? Use replicate() (which is a wrapper of tapply()) or a for() loop! Record at least the p-values and the estimated differences! Use table() to count the p-vals below 0.05. What type of error do you associate with it? What is the smallest absolute difference with a p-value below 0.05?
- 3. Repeat the simulation above, change the sample size to 1000 in each of the 1000 samples! How many p-values below 0.05? What is now the smallest absolute difference with a p-value below 0.05?

- Now sample 100 values from a Normal distribution with mean 10 and standard deviation 2 and use a z-test to compare it against the population mean 10. What is the p-value? What the estimated difference?
- > ztest(rnorm(100,mean=10,sd=2),x.sd=2,mu=10)["pval"]
 pval
- 0.0441
- > ztest(rnorm(100,mean=10,sd=2),x.sd=2,mu=10)["diff"]
 diff
- -0.0655
- 0.4515 0.1506

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using replicate()

```
> res <- replicate(1000, ztest(rnorm(100,mean=10,sd=2),x.sd=2,mu=
> res <- as.data.frame(t(res))
> head(res)
```

	diff	Z	pval	n
1	-0.2834	-1.4170	0.1565	100
2	0.2540	1.2698	0.2042	100
3	-0.1915	-0.9576	0.3383	100
4	0.1462	0.7312	0.4646	100
5	0.1122	0.5612	0.5747	100
6	-0.0141	-0.0706	0.9437	100

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```
> res <- replicate(1000, ztest(rnorm(100,mean=10,sd=2),x.sd=2,mu=
+ simplify = F)
```

> res <- as.data.frame(Reduce(rbind,res))</pre>

> head(res)

	diff	Z	pval	n
init	-0.0175	-0.0874	0.9304	100
	-0.0751	-0.3757	0.7072	100
.1	0.0446	0.2232	0.8234	100
.2	-0.3642	-1.8209	0.0686	100
.3	-0.2039	-1.0195	0.3080	100
.4	-0.1872	-0.9359	0.3493	100

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 using for()

```
> res <- matrix(numeric(2000),ncol=2)
> for(i in seq.int(1000)){
+     res[i,] <- ztest(rnorm(100,mean=10,sd=2),x.sd=2,mu=10)[c("pval","diff")] }
> res <- as.data.frame(res)
> names(res) <- c("pval","diff")
> head(res)
     pval diff
1 0.0591 -0.3775
2 0.2466 0.2317
3 0.6368 0.0944
4 0.5538 -0.1184
5 0.9897 -0.0026
6 0.7748 0.0572
```

- Use table() to count the p-vals below 0.05. What type of error do you associate with it? What is the smallest absolute difference with a p-value below 0.05?
- > table(res\$pval < 0.05)</pre>

FALSE TRUE

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```
> tapply(abs(res$diff),res$pval < 0.05,summary)
$`FALSE`</pre>
```

Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. 0.0002 0.0585 0.1280 0.1411 0.2068 0.3847

\$`TRUE`

Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. 0.3928 0.4247 0.4408 0.4694 0.5102 0.6859

```
> min(abs(res$diff[res$pval<0.05]))
[1] 0.3928</pre>
```

 Repeat the simulation above, change the sample size to 1000 in each of the 1000 samples! How many p-values below 0.05? What is now the smallest absolute difference with a p-value below 0.05?

```
> res2 <- as.data.frame(t(res2))</pre>
```

```
> head(res2)
```

diff Z pval n 1 -0.0731 -1.1559 0.2477 1000 2 0.0018 0.0292 0.9767 1000 3 0.0072 0.1144 0.9089 1000 4 -0.1145 -1.8100 0.0703 1000 5 -0.1719 -2.7183 0.0066 1000 6 0.0880 1.3916 0.1640 1000

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- > table(res2\$pval < 0.05)</pre>

```
FALSE TRUE
```

- 946 54
- > tapply(abs(res2\$diff),res\$pval < 0.05,summary)
 \$`FALSE`</pre>

 Min. 1st Qu.
 Median
 Mean 3rd Qu.
 Max.

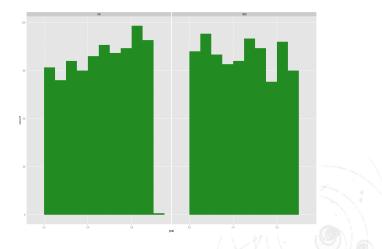
 0.00010
 0.02092
 0.04285
 0.05149
 0.07400
 0.22610

\$`TRUE`

Min. 1st Qu.MedianMean 3rd Qu.Max.0.002400.021150.045350.054350.084330.14760

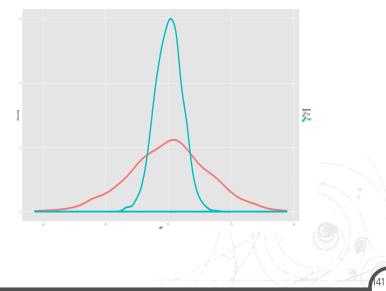
- Concatenate the both resulting data frames from above using rbind()
- Plot the distributions of the pvals and the difference per sample size. Use ggplot2 with an appropriate geom (density/histogram)
- 3. What is the message?

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- > res <- rbind(res,res2)</pre>
- > require(ggplot2)
- > ggplot(res,aes(x=pval)) +
- + geom_histogram(bin=0.1,fill="forestgreen") +
- + facet_grid(~ n)
- > ggsave("hist.png")

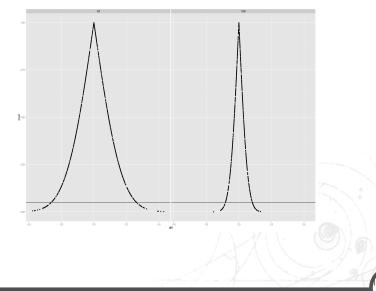


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- Plot the distributions of the pvals and the difference per sample size. Use ggplot2 with an appropriate geom (density/histogram)
- > ggplot(res,aes(x=diff,colour=factor(n))) +
- + geom_density(size=3)
- > ggsave("dens.png")



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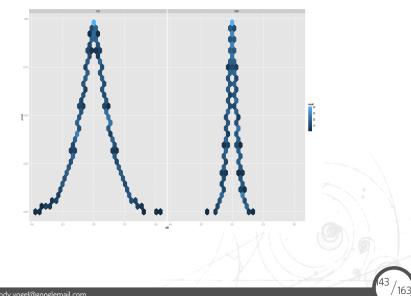


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t-tests

A t-test is any statistical hypothesis test in which the test statistic follows a Student's t distribution if the null hypothesis is supported.

• one sample t-test: test a sample mean against a population mean _

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

where \bar{x} is the sample mean, s is the sample standard deviation and n is the sample size. The degrees of freedom used in this test is n-1

One Sample t-test

- > set.seed(1)
- > x <- rnorm(12)
- > t.test(x,mu=0) ## population mean 0

One Sample t-test

```
data: x
t = 1.1478, df = 11, p-value = 0.2754
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-0.2464740 0.7837494
sample estimates:
mean of x
0.2686377
```

One Sample t-test

> t.test(x,mu=1) ## population mean 1

One Sample t-test

```
data: x
t = -3.125, df = 11, p-value = 0.009664
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 1
95 percent confidence interval:
-0.2464740 0.7837494
sample estimates:
mean of x
0.2686377
```

There are two ways to perform a two sample t-test in R:

- given two vectors x and y containing the measurement values from the respective groups t.test(x,y)
- given one vector x containing all the measurement values and one vector g containing the group membership t.test(x ~ g) (read: x dependend on g)

Two Sample t-tests: two vector syntax

```
> set.seed(1)
> x <- rnorm(12)
> y <- rnorm(12)
> g <- sample(c("A","B"),12,replace = T)
> t.test(x,y)
```

```
Welch Two Sample t-test
```

```
data: x and y
t = 0.5939, df = 20.012, p-value = 0.5592
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-0.5966988 1.0717822
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
0.26863768 0.03109602
```

Two Sample t-tests: formula syntax

```
> t.test(x \sim g)
Welch Two Sample t-test
data: x by g
t = -0.6644, df = 6.352, p-value = 0.5298
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to
95 percent confidence interval:
 -1.6136329 0.9171702
sample estimates:
mean in group A mean in group B
     0.1235413 0.4717726
```

Welch/Satterthwaite vs. Student

- if not stated otherwise t.test() will not assume that the variances in the both groups are equal
- if one knows that both populations have the same variance set the var.equal argument to TRUE to perform a student's t-test

```
> t.test(x, y, var.equal = T)
```

```
Two Sample t-test
```

```
data: x and y
t = 0.5939, df = 22, p-value = 0.5586
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to
95 percent confidence interval:
-0.5918964 1.0669797
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
0.26863768 0.03109602
```

- the t-test, especially the Welch test is appropriate whenever the values are normally distributed
- it is also recommended for group sizes ≥ 30 (robust against deviation from normality)

What we've learned

- if we talk about testing you should know the definition of the following terms, (a) for a one sample (b) for a two sample t-test
 - Null hypothesis
 - Alternative hypothesis
 - Test statistic
 - Significance level
 - Critical value
 - Decision rule
 - Type I error
 - Type II error

Exercises I

- use a t-test to compare TTime according to Stim.Type, visualize it. What is the problem?
- now do the same for Subject 1 on pre and post test (use filter() or indexing to get the resp. subsets)
- use the following code to do the test on every subset Subject and testid, try to figure what is happening in each step:

```
data.l <- split(data,list(data$Subject,data$testid),drop=T)</pre>
tmp.l <- lapply(data.l,function(x) {</pre>
    if(min(table(x$Stim.Type)) < 5) return(NULL)
    tob <- t.test(x$TTime ~ x$Stim.Type)</pre>
    tmp <- data.frame(</pre>
        Subject = unique(x$Subject).
        testid = unique(x$testid),
        mean.group.1 = tob$estimate[1],
        mean.group.2 = tob$estimate[2].
        name.test.stat = tob$statistic.
        conf.lower = tob$conf.int[1],
        conf.upper = tob$conf.int[2],
        pval = tob$p.value,
        alternative = tob$alternative.
        tob$method)})
res <- Reduce(rbind.tmp.1)
```

- 4. make plots to visualize the results.
- 5. how many tests have a statistically significant result? How many did you expect? Is there a tendency? What could be the next step?

Exercises - Solutions

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Exercises - Solutions I

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Welch Two Sample t-test

> t.test(data\$TTime[data\$Subject==1 & data\$testid=="test2"]

Exercises - Solutions II

+ data\$Stim.Type[data\$Subject==1 & data\$testid=="test2"])

Welch Two Sample t-test

Exercises - Solutions

- make plots to visualize the results
- > ggplot(data,aes(x=testid,y=TTime)) +
- + geom_boxplot(aes(fill=Stim.Type)) +
- + facet_wrap(~Subject)
- > ggplot(data,aes(x=factor(Subject),y=TTime)) +
- + geom_boxplot(aes(fill=Stim.Type)) +
- + facet_wrap(~testid)

Exercises - Solutions

 how many tests have an statistically significant result? How many did you expect?

```
> table(res$pval < 0.05)</pre>
```

```
FALSE TRUE
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> prop.table(table(res$pval < 0.05))</pre>
```

FALSE TRUE 0.8823529 0.1176471 >

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What could be the next step?

```
tmp.l <- lapply(data.l,function(x) {</pre>
    if(min(table(x$Stim.Type)) < 5) return(NULL)</pre>
    tob <- t.test(x$TTime ~ x$Stim.Type)</pre>
    tmp <- data.frame(</pre>
        Subject = unique(x$Subject),
        testid = unique(x$testid).
        perc.corr = sum(x$Stim.Type=="hit")/sum(!is.na(x$Stim.Type)),
        mean.group.1 = tob$estimate[1],
        mean.group.2 = tob$estimate[2].
        name.test.stat = tob$statistic.
        conf.lower = tob$conf.int[1],
        conf.upper = tob$conf.int[2],
        pval = tob$p.value,
        alternative = tob$alternative,
        tob$method)})
res <- Reduce(rbind,tmp.1)
ggplot(res,aes(x=perc.corr,y=mean.group.1 - mean.group.2)) +
    geom point() +
```

geom_smooth()