

# Documented solutions for OpenIntro labs

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## Abstract

This document contains solved exercises which are offered in the OpenIntro coursework (Diez et al., 2012). The OpenIntro coursework mainly introduces us with statistical methods and R programming language as a tool for statistical computation. The first half of the document (section 3) answers the questions found in the coursework, whereas the second half of the document (section 4) deals with the documentation of the code used to produce the respective results. This project is an amalgamation of two programming languages namely LaTeX and R.

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## 1 Introduction

I have used the DocStrip utility of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X to generate and document the required R-scripts. Hence the real source files of this project are `paper-2a.dtx` and `paper-2a.ins`. This project should be compiled with the `l3build` tool<sup>1</sup> developed specifically for building and unpacking big projects. All the code is bundled together in order to avoid the loss of information. Generated files are usually not version-controlled, hence the bundle doesn't have R-files. One may obtain all of them by running `latex paper-2a.ins` in the project directory. Alternatively, `l3build doc` command in the project directory will generate all of them in `build/unpacked` directory.

## 2 Dependencies

Some of the generated R-files depend on the files listed below. They are licensed under CC-BY-SA 3.0 Unported license which is incompatible with the license I have chosen for my code (i.e., GPLv3+), but since I haven't modified the files, I redistribute them as they are without changing the original license.

- `arbuthnot.csv`
- `cdc.csv`
- `mlb11.csv`

The figures seen in the document aren't images. They are TikZ vector codes, produced with the help of `tikzDevice`<sup>2</sup> library. I have made some minor changes to the output of the script. The respective T<sub>E</sub>X files can be seen in `support/` directory.

## 3 Solutions

In this section we look at the solutions of the exercises. I have attempted exercises from the following three chapters.

- Introduction to R and Rstudio
- Introduction to data
- Introduction to linear regression

### 3.1 Introduction to R and RStudio

#### 3.1.1 Exercise 1

I define a variable named `arbutgirls`. This variable has the extracted data of baptised girls from the larger data-set. Simply calling this variable on R-prompt prints the desired data.

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<sup>1</sup>Release 2023-12-15 or later

<sup>2</sup><https://cran.r-project.org/package=tikzDevice>

### 3.1.2 Exercise 2

In this exercise we are supposed to describe the trend in the number of baptism of girls over the years. For this we need to visually represent the data and then interpret it. By looking at figure 1 we can conclude the following:

1. The number of baptism is fairly stable and increasing except one major fall.
2. Around 1640, baptism among girls witnessed a sudden and significant fall. In a decade it reached its lowest number of the entire time-span.
3. After this fall, it again caught the momentum and quickly reinstated its earlier rate.
4. It still experienced minor falls time to time, but they weren't too steep and most of them didn't last for too long.

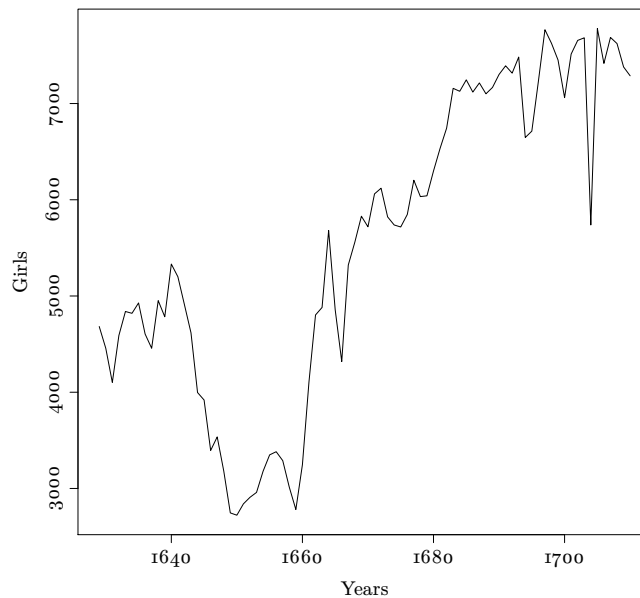


Figure 1: The graph of baptised girls

### 3.1.3 Exercise 3

Here We are supposed to describe the trend of baptism of boys over the time. For that, have a look at figure 2.

We can observe fairly similar curves for both the genders and hence I infer that gender is *not* a significant variable with respect to baptism.

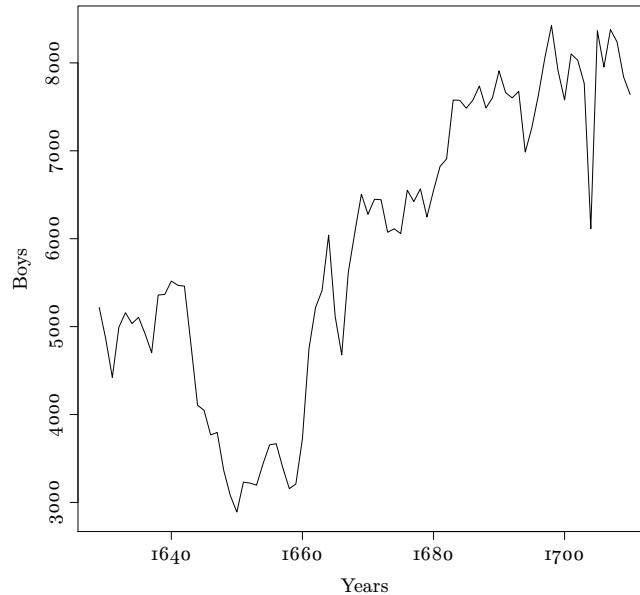


Figure 2: The graph of proportion of baptised boys

## 3.2 Introduction to data

### 3.2.1 Exercise 1

20000 is the number of cases and 9 is the number of variables in the data-set.

The following is a list of variables that we have in the data-set. The first exercise asks us to note down their types.

**genhealth:** This is an *ordinal categorical* variable, Because the values of this variable show a cline, but they are qualities and therefore they have categorical labels.

**exerany:** This is a *nominal categorical* variable. It has 0 and 1 as its values, but both of them have discrete meanings mapped to them, i.e., respectively no and yes. This isn't something that can be counted. Hence despite of using a numeric value, the variable is nominal.

**hlthplan:** The nature of this variable is identical to the **exerany** variable.

**smoke100:** This is a *discrete quantitative* variable. It counts individual events of smoking which don't have any order as such.

**height:** This is a *discrete categorical* variable, but unlike **smoke100**, the values of this variable can be arranged on a cline too for certain inferences. So it is half-way between a discrete and a continuous variable.

**weight:** The nature of this variable is identical to the **height** variable.

**wt desire:** This variable is a *discrete quantitative* variable and its values can *not* be ordered. In fact, doing so will in no way help us to infer anything about its correlation with other variables.

**age:** This is a *continuous quantitative* variable.

**gender:** The way this data has been collected, gender is treated as a *discrete qualitative* variable.

### 3.2.2 Exercise 2

We are supposed to give summaries of height and age. R returns the following summary-table for the `height`.

```

  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
48.00  64.00   67.00   67.18  70.00   93.00

```

On the other hand it returns the following for the `age`.

```

  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
18.00  31.00   43.00   45.07  57.00   99.00

```

IQR (i.e., Interquartile Range) can be directly printed in R, but we can also manually subtract the figure of first quartile from the third one resulting in the IQR. The IQR for height is 6 and for age it is 26.

We get the following relative frequency distribution for gender and exercise:

```

      0      1
f 2937 7494
m 2149 7420

```

For finding out the number of males, we can use the frequency distribution table of gender like this:

```

      f      m
10431  9569

```

Therefore the number of males in this data-set is 9569.

For finding out the proportion of the population which reported excellent health, we will have a look at the following table.

```

excellent      fair      good      poor very good
  0.23285    0.10095    0.28375    0.03385    0.34860

```

This table means that  $\approx 0.23$  proportion of the total population reported excellent health.

### 3.2.3 Exercise 3

Figure 3 is the mosaic plot for the data of smoking and gender. It shows us that there are more women than men in this data-set who have *not* smoked 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and as both the variables are binary, the exact opposite of all the variables, i.e., more men than women in this data-sett *have* smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime, is also true.

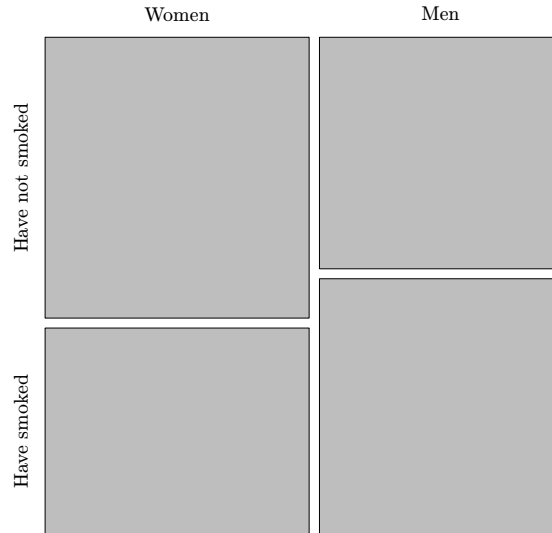


Figure 3: Gender and smoking

### 3.2.4 Exercise 4

I save the required data in `sdata` variable<sup>3</sup>. The explanation can be found in the implementation.

```
mdata <- subset(cdc,gender=="m")
adata <- subset(mdata,age=="23")
sdata <- subset(mdata,smoke100=="1")
```

### 3.2.5 Exercise 5

All the box-plots from figure 4 show a fairly normal distribution without any skew, but all of them have a significant number of outliers on the positive side. All the plots vary in their dispersion from which the plot representing the ‘excellent’ health has the lowest dispersion and the one representing ‘poor’ has the most dispersed data. Since this data has an introspective question to the respondent which corresponds to their BMI we can conclude that a specific BMI can’t really predict what a person might feel about their health. For this the support comes from the fact that the medians and dispersions of these box-plots are not drastically different.

If we look at figure 5, one immediate observation we can make is that the data BMI for males is less dispersed than females and thus they show less variation with respect to BMIs. This is probably the reason why males seem to be showing relatively less outliers too. Females on the other hand seem to be showing a little negatively skewed dispersion

<sup>3</sup>I deviate from the instruction slightly, as I tend to avoid variable names with underscores. This has advantages in certain programming languages, especially TeX and friends where it is a special character.

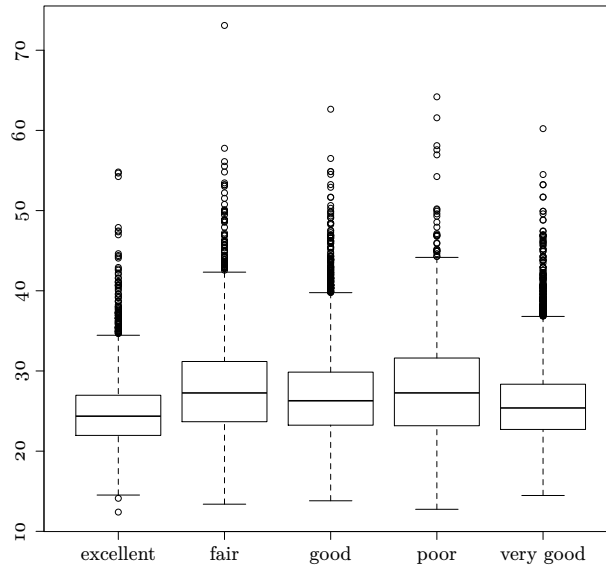


Figure 4: Box-plot of BMI to health

and have a lot of outliers on the positive end some deviating from the median way too much.

### 3.3 Introduction to linear regression

#### 3.3.1 Exercise 1

To check whether a linear model will fit or not, plotting a scatter plot can help (cf. figure 6). It looks like the data is linear, because the increase in at-bats also gives a rise in the runs, but the variation in runs is still not absolutely neat and regular. There is a considerable amount of spread as seen in the scatter-plot. Considering that the correlation is mild, it would probably not be the sole factor affecting the runs and hence I would not use it for predicting runs.

#### 3.3.2 Exercise 2

As mentioned earlier, there seems to be a linear relationship. Its strength as per the correlation-value is 0.61 which isn't a very strong correlation, but nevertheless it is a positive correlation.

#### 3.3.3 Exercise 4

The summary for the `homeruns` variable can be seen below:

```
Call:
lm(formula = runs ~ homeruns, data = mlb)
```

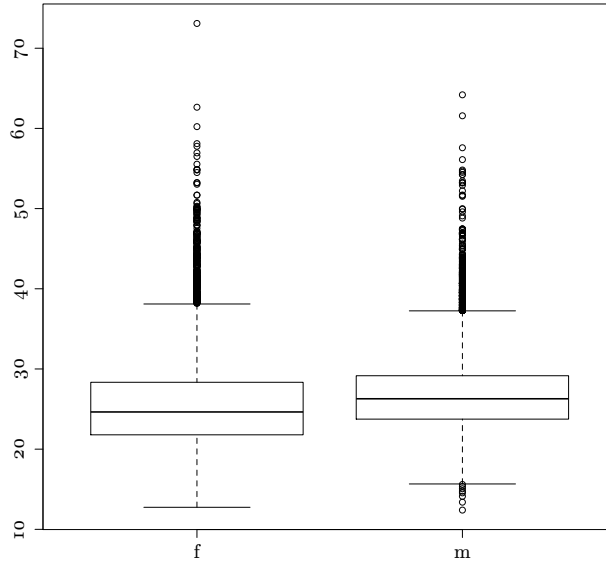


Figure 5: Box-plot of BMI to gender

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-91.615	-33.410	3.231	24.292	104.631

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	415.2389	41.6779	9.963	1.04e-10	***
homeruns	1.8345	0.2677	6.854	1.90e-07	***

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 51.29 on 28 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.6266, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6132

F-statistic: 46.98 on 1 and 28 DF, p-value: 1.9e-07

Based on this, the equation for the regression line can be written as:

$$\hat{y} = 415.24 + 1.83 \times \text{homeruns}$$

The slope for home runs tells us that for each home-run we see 1.83 times runs, which looks like a very neat and stable correlation as opposed to the `at_bats` one. Using this variable for predicting score is much more reliable. Thus success-rate of a team can also be predicted with this.



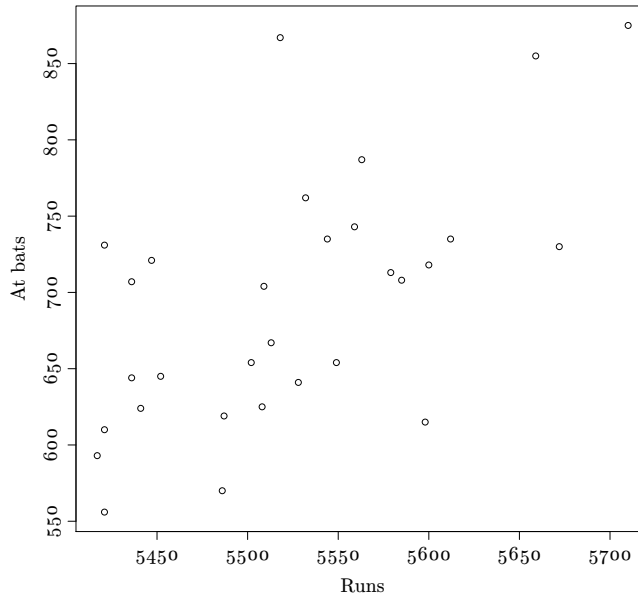


Figure 6: Major League Baseball

### 3.3.4 Exercise 5

If the team manager just looks at the regression line, they would predict around 725 runs, but the actual data says that they are near 700. So this is an overestimate and the residual is  $\approx 25$ .

### 3.3.5 Exercise 6

There is no apparent pattern in the plot of residuals (cf. figure 7). This tells us that there is *constant variance*.

### 3.3.6 Exercise 7

Looking at figure 8 and figure 9 it seems that residuals are normally distributed. The representation we have got is unimodal. It is fairly symmetric, so yes, the *nearly normal distribution condition* does seem to meet here.

### 3.3.7 Exercise 8

The variability looks pretty less except in some cases. Thus the constant variability condition does not seem to be met.

## 4 Implementation

In this section, we will discuss how we have coded our R-files. Since we have used DocStrip For generating the R-scripts, the explanation of the code will be a fusion of explaining a

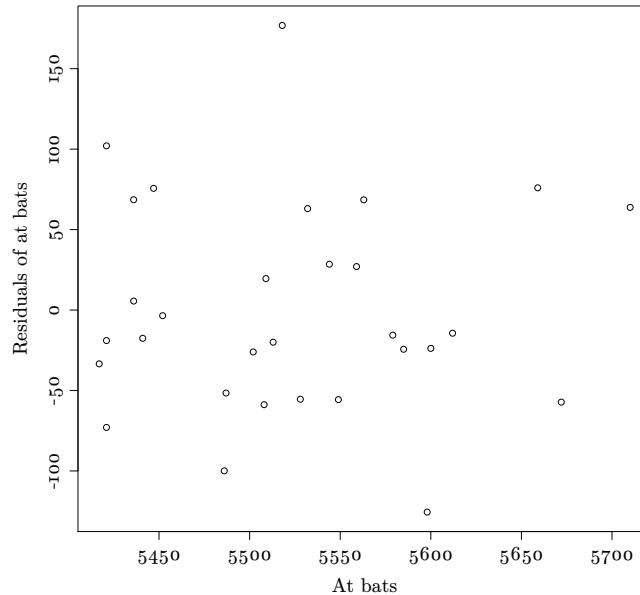


Figure 7: Residuals plot

few bits of `DocStrip` and a few bits of R.

To begin with, the `DocStrip` utility works on something called as ‘tags’. Any kind of source code is added in those tags. E.g., if I want to create a tag named `foo`, I will first issue `%<*foo>` add some code which is supposed to go inside this tag, end the tag with `%</foo>`. In the `.ins` file then, I can direct `DocStrip` to create a file by extracting the code seen in tag `foo`. A file can have code from multiple tags. I have segregated several layers of code and created various tags for this precise purpose. Our source code for R starts with a tag called `tikz` as seen below.

```

1 <*tikz>
2 library(tikzDevice)
3 </tikz>

```

This R-code merely loads the library `tikzDevice` which is used to produce the `TikZ` code of the plots. Since this isn’t required by all the Rscripts, I have created a tag (i.e., `tikz`) and only used it in the `.ins` for the files which require this library.

The first chapter relies on the `arbuthnot.R` data-set. We are advised to access the data-set from the web with the following R-command:

```
source("http://www.openintro.org/stat/data/arbuthnot.R")
```

Even though this looks like a convenient way, I prefer saving the data-set offline and then processing it. The aforementioned website collects data using cookies without users’ knowledge and consent. Users come to know about it only (if/)when they read the ‘Terms of use’. I save the required `.csv` data-sets in my working directory which not only saves

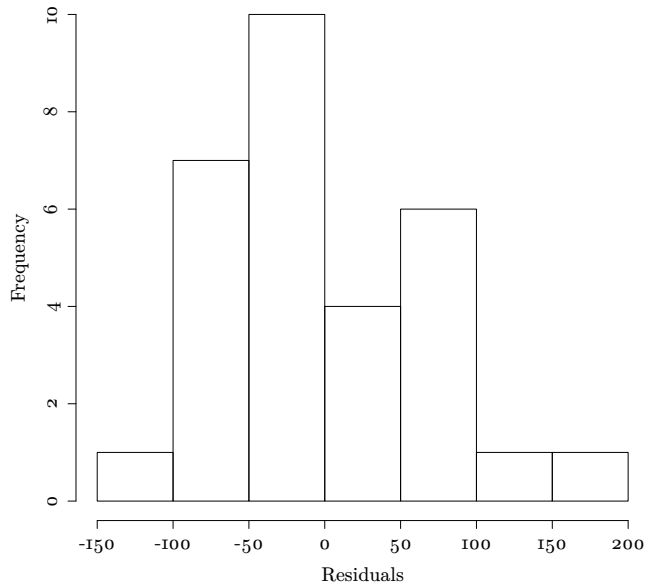


Figure 8: Histogram of residuals

the users from the trackers on the website, but makes the script executable without an internet connection too. For the first exercise the required data-file is `arbuthnot.csv`<sup>4</sup>.

After loading the data-set, we need to retrieve the data of baptised girls. The data-set used by the tutorial is an `.R` file. As it isn't a `.csv` file, it requires special R-internal methods for saving the data-set which aren't commonly known. As users are advised to load the data-set with the `source()` function, it is highly likely that they don't even know the input of the loaded data-set. The problem is, often, we don't get such hand-tailored `.R` files. Instead what we usually get are the `.csv` data-files. For reading a plain `.csv` R has a function named `read.csv()`. I use it to save the data under a custom variable.

The first exercise of the first chapter asks us to find out a command for extracting the count of baptised girls in the data-set. I use `arbut` as a variable which reads the data with `read.csv()` function from the `.csv` file. As the data has a header-line, I have used `header=TRUE` option. The internal tag we have used here is `intro`, as the code inside it will be used by all the exercises of this chapter.

```

4 (*intro)
5 arbut <- read.csv(
6   "arbuthnot.csv", ## name of the csv file to be read.
7   header=TRUE     ## if the first row is a header.
8 )
9 </intro>

```

After reading the data-set, I define a variable `arbutgirls` which stores the data of baptised girls. This is a variable which has the extracted data of all the baptised girls. For this, we use the variable of the data-set, i.e., `arbut` followed by a `$` sign which stands

<sup>4</sup><https://openintro.info/stat/data/arbuthnot.csv>

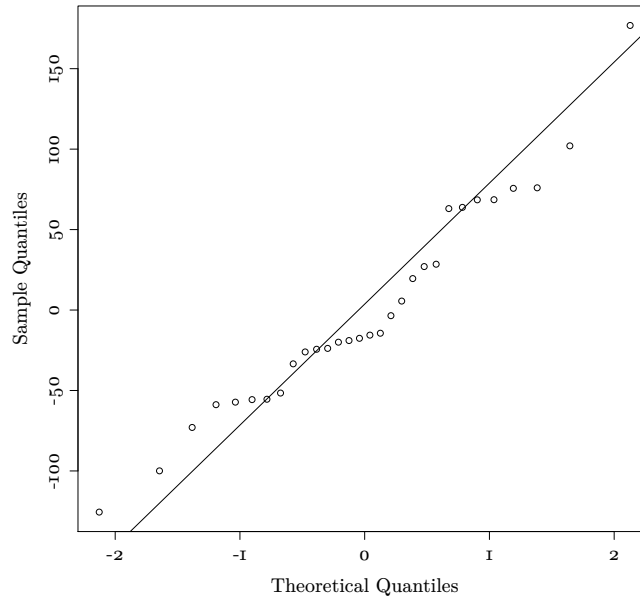


Figure 9: Normal probability plot of residuals

for a column. Then we write the column-name we are interested in (which is `girls` in this case). Since this code is only used for storing and printing the data of baptised girls; I have used the internal tag `girls`. This code is found in the `intro.R` file.

```

10 (*girls)
11 arbutgirls <- arbut$girls
12 arbutgirls
13 </girls>

```

Then we name the file with the `tikz()` function for the output `TikZ` code. This line is enclosed in the `gplot` tag, so that we can omit it in other files which don't require it.

```

14 (*gplot)
15 tikz('girlsplot.tex')
16 </gplot>

```

The following code is used to plot the graph for baptised girls. It can be seen in figure 1.

```

17 (*plotI)
18 plot(
19   x=arbut$year, ## the column to be plotted on the x-axis.
20   y=arbut$girls, ## the column to be plotted on the x-axis.
21   type="l", ## to get a line-plot instead of dots-plot
22   xlab="Years"), ## label to be given to the x-axis.
23   ylab="Girls" ## label to be given to the y-axis.
24 )
25 </plotI>

```

We use a similar approach for writing the source code for the plot with the data for boys. We use `bplot` and `plot2` tags for this.

```
26 <*bplot>
27 tikz('boysplot.tex')
28 </bplot>
29 <*plot2>
30 plot(
31   x=arbut$year,    ## the column to be plotted on the x-axis.
32   y=arbut$boys,   ## the column to be plotted on the x-axis.
33   type="l",       ## to get a line-plot instead of dots-plot
34   xlab="Years"), ## label to be given to the x-axis.
35   ylab="Girls") ## label to be given to the y-axis.
36 )
37 </plot2>
```

We need to read another data-set named `cdc.csv`<sup>5</sup> for the exercises found in the second chapter. For that the following code is used with `idata` as the internal tag-name.

```
38 <*idata>
39 cdc <- read.csv(
40   "cdc.csv",      ## name of the csv file to be read.
41   header=TRUE    ## if the first row is a header.
42 )
43 </idata>
```

After this we are supposed to extract the number of cases and number of variables which we do with the following commands. We use the `stats` tag for this. It has all the code for the exercises asking for simple numerical statistics without any graphs or visuals. I have clubbed them all together. We use the `message()` function of R for printing text on the prompt. Running `idata.R` can demonstrate the effects. The `nrow()` and `ncol()` functions of R return the number of rows and columns respectively, from which most typically the former is the number of cases and the latter is the number of variables.

```
44 <*stats>
45 message(
46   "-----\n",
47   "**Chapter 2: Exercise 1**\n",
48   "-----"
49 )
50 cases <- nrow(cdc)
51 variables <- ncol(cdc)
52 message(
53   "Cases:      ",cases
54 )
55 message(
56   "Variables: ",variables
57 )
```

As we have seen in the documentation, we can compute the IQR manually, but R has a function precisely with this name and unlike other common functions this is an all-caps-function, named `IQR()`. Thus to find and print the two IQRs, I have used the following code.

```
58 hiqr <- IQR(cdc$height)
```

---

<sup>5</sup><https://www.openintro.org/book/statdata/cdc.csv>

```

59 aiqr <- IQR(cdc$age)
60 message(
61   "\nIQR of the height variable is ",hiqr,"\n"
62 )
63 message(
64   "IQR of the age variable is ",aiqr,"\n"
65 )

```

The following code gives us the summaries of heights and ages of the participants. The argument of the `summary()` function here is the name of the data-set, i.e. `cdc` here in both the cases followed by a `$` sign and the variable we are interested in.

```

66 message("\nSummary of height:\n")
67 summary(cdc$height)
68 message("\nSummary of age:\n")
69 summary(cdc$age)

```

The following code gives us the tables for gender alone and gender combined with the exercising variable. For the former we just pass one argument to the command and for the latter we pass two arguments which are to be compared. When two arguments are used, the first one forms the rows and the second one forms the columns.

```

70 table(cdc$gender)
71 table(cdc$gender,cdc$exerany)
72 </stats>

```

We use the following code for the mosaic plot. We also add the parameter `sanitize=TRUE` for treating  $\LaTeX$  special characters differently.

```

73 < *mplot>
74 tikz('mosaicplot.tex',sanitize=TRUE)
75 </mplot>

```

The following command plots a mosaic plot for visualising the correlation between gender and smoking.

```

76 < *plot3>
77 mosaicplot(table(cdc$gender,cdc$smoke100))
78 </plot3>

```

For extracting under 23 male smokers from the data we use the following code. It has three subsets. First we store the male participants in `mdata`, then from `mdata` we extract out under 23 participants and at last we take out smokers from them. The syntax for all the three commands is exactly the same. We have used the `subset()` function. Its first argument is the data-set which we want to refine and the second argument is the variable with the expected categorical value which we want to extract. Since the question is only about the command, I haven't included it in any of the R-scripts.

For calculating the BMI of the given data-set, we have used the following command. It will be used in every file because of the common `bmi` tag.

```

79 < *bmi>
80 bmi <- (cdc$weight/cdc$height^2)*703
81 </bmi>

```

The following are the commands defining the filenames of two plots followed by the commands for actually plotting them.

```

82 < *hplot>
83 tikz('plot4.tex')

```

```

84 </hplot>
85 <*splot>
86 tikz('plot5.tex')
87 </splot>
88 <*plot4>
89 boxplot(bmi~cdc$genhlth)
90 </plot4>
91 <*plot5>
92 boxplot(bmi~cdc$gender)
93 </plot5>

```

OpenIntro recommends to download a data-set named `mlb11.Rdata` with the following command.

```

download.file(
  "http://www.openintro.org/stat/data/mlb11.RData",
  destfile = "mlb11.RData"
)

```

I have not followed this method for two reasons. One is again, as mentioned before, the website uses trackers. The second issue is the nature of the `.Rdata` file itself. It is a binary file which is opaque. Plain text files can be read with any text editors. They don't require special software for interpretation. `.Rdata` file stores the state of an R-prompt at any desired point. We get no information regarding how the coder managed to reach that stage. In my opinion it is harmful to the learning as well as software-wise distributing opaque files restricts the 'free' nature of the project. Hence I have supported the project with another `.csv`-file (`mlb11.csv`)<sup>6</sup> and entered all the required commands to reach the state it reaches with `mlb11.Rdata`. This also gives me more freedom for having my own variable-names.

```

94 <*rdata>
95 mlb <- read.csv(
96   "mlb11.csv",      ## name of the csv file to be read.
97   header=TRUE      ## if the first row is a header.
98 )
99 </rdata>

```

We use `cor()` function for finding correlation. It takes two arguments which are the concerned variables.

We store the name of the `Tikz` file in the `scatter` tag and the code for plotting it in the `plot6` tag.

```

100 <*scatter>
101 tikz('plot6.tex',sanitize=TRUE)
102 </scatter>
103 <*plot6>
104 plot(
105   mlb$at_bats,
106   mlb$runs,
107   xlab="Runs",
108   ylab="At bats"
109 )
110 </plot6>

```

---

<sup>6</sup><https://www.openintro.org/book/statdata/mlb11.csv>

The following is the code for plotting figure 7.

```
111 (*resid)
112 tikz('plot7.tex',sanitize=TRUE)
113 </resid>
114 (*mlbdata)
115 mlbatbat <- lm(runs~at_bats,data=mlb)
116 mlbdata <- lm(runs~at_bats,data=mlb)
117 </mlbdata>
118 (*plot7)
119 plot(
120   mlbatbat$residuals~mlb$at_bats,
121   xlab="At bats",
122   ylab="Residuals of at bats"
123 )
124 </plot7>
```

The following is the code for getting two summaries from the `mlbdata` variable.

```
125 (*rstat)
126 mlbdata <- lm(runs~homeruns,data=mlb)
127 summary(mlbdata)
128 </rstat>
```

The following is the code for the histogram. We use the `hist` tag for including it.

```
129 (*hist)
130 tikz('plot8.tex',sanitize=TRUE)
131 </hist>
132 (*plot8)
133 hist(
134   mlbdata$residuals,
135   main="",
136   xlab="Residuals",
137 )
138 </plot8>
```

We use the following code for getting the normal probability plot. It is enclosed in the `qqnorm` tag.

```
139 (*qqnorm)
140 tikz('plot9.tex',sanitize=TRUE)
141 </qqnorm>
142 (*plot9)
143 qqnorm(
144   mlbdata$residuals,
145   main=""
146 )
147 qqline(mlbdata$residuals)
148 </plot9>
```

Every file having the TikZ-conversion of R-plots, should have a line closing off the device, hence we have used the following line with the generic tag `tikz` and loaded it at the end of all the graphic files with the `.ins`.

```
149 (*tikz)
150 dev.off()
151 </tikz>
```



## References

Diez, D. M., Barr, C. D., & Cetinkaya-Rundel, M. (2012). *Openintro statistics*. OpenIntro.

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