P5.2 Statistics for Medicine

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Background

To describe the features of a quantitative dataset:

- the **location** of the data
- and their variability

Elise Whitley, Jonathan Ball.

Statistics review 1: Presenting and summarising data https://ccforum.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/cc1455

Alla Katsnelson.

Colour me better: fixing figures for colour blindness

https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02696-z

historical example: the iris dataset

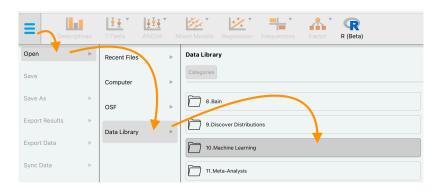


- setosa
- versicolor
- virginica

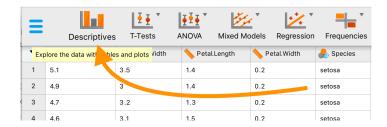
- petal length, petal width
- sepal length, sepal width

preview

iris is already stored in JASP



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Example (position and dispersion measures)

Are we able to understand?

- measures of central tendency / location
- measures of shapes / dispersions
- the concepts of quantiles
- a balanced dataset
- a complete dataset

Jonathan Blitzstein, Jessica Hwang. Introduction to Probability. https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/stat110/home

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'A picture is worth a thousand words'

Example (graphs)

- dot plots
- distribution plots
- boxplots (quantiles and outliers?)
- scatter plots



1st Homework Activity (final exam)



Mario de Denaro and Mara Severgnini (Radiation Oncology)

| Table 1. Characteristics of Infants with Very Low Birth Weight and Those Born at Term.* | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Characteristic | Study Participants | Study Nonpart | | |
| Very low birth weight | | | | |
| No. of subjects | 166 | 89 | | |
| Gestational age — wk | 29.17±2.22 | 29.17±2. | | |
| Birth weight — g | 1120±221 | 1130±20 | | |
| | | | | |

| | n | Mean (SD) g/ week | Median g/ week | |
|------|-----|----------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1994 | 362 | 128 (147) | 79 | |
| 1994 | 363 | 112 (110) | 78 | |

Descriptive Statistics Choosing the 'best' statistics

Results

Reliability of automated analysis For the analysis of the datasets, the two expert analysts manually detected, on average, 4,562 (range 4,439 to 4,686) events