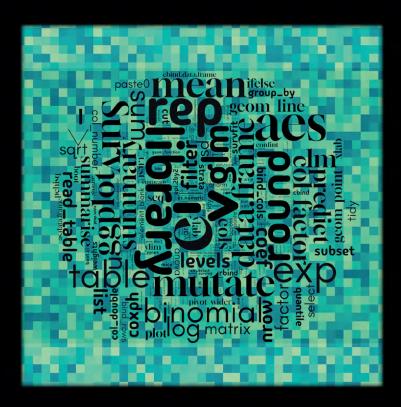
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The book is intended primarily to be used as a supplement to the textbook by undergraduate and graduate students in the fields of epidemiology and statistics. It will also serve practitioners and researchers in epidemiology who want to learn R for use in their work.

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Foreword

This book is a wonderful companion to the third edition of my textbook, *Epidemiology: Study Design and Data Analysis*. It is comprehensive and thoughtfully laid out. Most importantly to me, it echoes the underlying principles of my work, which were to educate and motivate the reader by leading them systematically through ideas and methodology with explanations and examples. The author follows my book in sequence, providing R code and explaining how he derived it, for not only the modelling examples I provided but also the descriptive statistics and the figures. Quite rightly, he acknowledges that there are often other ways to obtain the same results, which may prompt the reader to instigate their own investigation into R.

In 1989, the World Wide Web was launched by Sir Tim Berners-Lee, personal computers were still rare, undergraduate courses in statistics in the U.K. had only recently introduced computer labs for practical instruction, and I started writing what became the first edition of my textbook. Due to my own experience working on international aid projects in Africa and Asia, and teaching visitors from those countries to the Department of Applied Statistics at Reading University, U.K. where I was based in the 1990s, I wanted to make the book useful to students and researchers in low- and middle-income countries where computers were relatively slow to come into routine use. Therefore, it felt essential to provide much detail on arithmetic methods that did not rely on the use of statistical software (apps were not even a concept then). Thus, the book was in two parts; by and large, the "design" part of the book, including formulae, was the first half and the "analysis" part was the second. The passage of time has shown that readers appreciate this progression, and the way concepts are introduced with examples.

Nevertheless, I had to choose which statistical software package to use in the modelling chapters of the first edition. At Reading, as well as our own software and routines, we mainly used Minitab to teach undergraduates and GENSTAT and GLIM for postgrads and for research. The former was too simplistic for my purposes, although I did use it to produce the figures. The latter two packages were British, and the local mantra was that US packages gave a lot of output for little effort, whilst the U.K. ones gave little output for a lot of effort – and thus were superior! SPSS was regarded as the number one criminal as far as leaving the user to decide whatever result (p-value, usually) best suited their hypothesis. So that was out for my book. SAS was thought to be (a bit) better and had the huge advantages of having a broad array of procedures and being widely used by Big Pharma; little by little it was usurping GLIM and GENSTAT at Reading. I liked it myself and hence I chose SAS.

SAS remained the only package used in the book's second edition. However, I discovered Stata when asked, with a few days' notice, to give a short course which involved computer labs using that package, in Antwerp. It turned out that, like Minitab, it was very easy to learn and handled the usual basic statistical procedures in a logical fashion with informative (but limited!) output. Later, whilst working at Johns Hopkins University in the 2010s, I discovered that it was also a superb tool for research, with a plethora of commands and user-supplied add-ons. It was also more accessible than SAS, although SAS was still the

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choice of many professionals. Hence, the third edition included both SAS and Stata output and online code. But that was ten years ago, and undoubtedly, R is now the main statistical package of choice for the type of reader that my book targets. As a not-for-profit undertaking, with strong input from leading statisticians, it is surely going to be around for many years, and I would recommend its use.

I am flattered that Dr Ajith R found my book so useful that he took on the mammoth task of working out how the vast majority of material in the book could be redone with R, and then writing such a masterful text around the code he produced. I would argue that the book you have in your hand, or on your screen, is an excellent primer for R even if you don't use it in conjunction with my book. I look forward to trying out his code and learning much more about R. Many thanks to him, but also to Rob Calver of Chapman & Hall/CRC Press for his support of both this book and my own.

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Preface

I bought *Epidemiology: Study Design and Data Analysis, Third Edition* while I was undergoing epidemiology training in 2014-16. I was impressed by the breadth of the topics covered and by the fact that the topics were explained thoroughly without burdening the reader with mathematical details. However, I couldn't use any software I knew to work the examples myself, and SAS and STATA were too costly to afford (Later, I learned that SAS is also available for free for independent learners). That is when I learned about R.

R is free and open source to mean not only that we needn't pay anything to use it, but also to mean that you are free to modify the software if you are capable. This means that many more people can use it, unlike paid proprietary software, and that many more people contribute to bring cutting edge methods to R. Even for common problems, there are multiple choices of solutions to choose from.

I learned R by myself using free online resources which are innumerable. It was not very easy, but I enjoyed it. How could I know that the method I was employing was correct? Epidemiology: Study Design and Data Analysis had made that easy by providing the data sets it used. I could use the data, rework the examples and confirm from the book if they were correct. When the results were not as in the book, I would read more to find the reasons and correct it if needed. I wrote down the code I learned and made some notes.

As I slowly progressed through the chapters, I grew confident. I thought, "Why not share the code with whoever wants to use R for practising epidemiology?", which resulted in this book. I hope this book will be as useful to you too as it has been to me.

Most things in R can be done in multiple ways. Most often, I have shown only one of these many ways to solve any given problem. I do not claim it is the most efficient way to approach that problem. It works. If there is a difference from the result given in the textbook, I have tried to explain the reasons. As you progress in your R journey, you may find better/easier solutions; do share them with me.

I was introduced to regression analysis by Dr. Melissa Rolfes, who was an EIS officer at CDC at that time. I thank her for showing me this new path. I would not have learned R if not for the thousands of people who maintain R, contribute R packages and provide free resources to learn R. I am indebted to them all.

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Preliminaries

This book is a companion to *Epidemiology: Study Design and Data Analysis*, written with the goal to enable readers to practice the concepts discussed in that book using R. This book doesn't teach epidemiology. Neither is this book an R tutorial in the usual sense. This book teaches you to use R as a tool to practice epidemiology. Towards this goal, this book reworks the examples and concepts discussed in *Epidemiology: Study Design and Data Analysis* (which I will refer to as the textbook) using R. The R code is provided along with an explanation of it. I am sure that that will help develop a pretty decent level of R skill; just that it is not the primary aim.

Requirements

Thus, you need to have a copy of *Epidemiology: Study Design and Data Analysis*, without which this book will be of no use to you. You also need access to a computer with R installed on it. You may install the latest version of R from https://cran.r-project.org, following the instructions for your computer's operating system. It is also recommended to install RStudio from https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/.

Organisation of the book

This book uses the same chapter headings as in the textbook. Under each chapter we discuss an example, figure, table or section of the textbook. The beginning of each such part is marked with a horizontal line that ends with the name of that part and the starting page number from the textbook.

In each part, R code to tackle the problem at hand is introduced in small portions. An explanation follows each portion. Once the code is introduced completely, its result is shown. If there is any difference from the textbook, it is highlighted.

At the end of the chapters, there is a Recap section that lists out the commands and concepts introduced in the chapter.

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How to use this book

I suggest you to read a section of the textbook (after a quick overview reading of the entire chapter if you are like me), repeating it as many times as needed to understand it completely. Then switch to this book to the section, example or figure discussed in that section and read. Once you read it, type (TYPE!) the code into the R console (of RStudio) of your computer and execute it by pressing the ENTER key. There will be errors, typically typing mistakes. Try to understand what the error message is telling; compare the code you typed with that given in this book, correct and rerun. R is case-sensitive. Many a times the error is a case change.

There are no sections that you may skip. You need to go in sequence as almost all sections depend on what was discussed in earlier sections. Before leaving a chapter, confirm that the concepts and commands listed in "recap" are not unfamiliar to you.

Typographic convention

There is prose and code in this book. The code is given in monospaced font as below

```
mock_code <- seq(1,10)
mock_code</pre>
```

The numerical results of the commands are shown as

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

In the prose, we will be referring to the code. We will use text typeset like **seq** to indicate portions of the code that are to be written exactly. The portions typeset like $mock_code$ indicate the portions of the code that may well have been another word of our choice. There are a few words typeset like **concepts**. These are words used with a distinctive meaning in R, the meaning of which should be clear from the paragraph where such words are seen.

Groups of R commands are available as add-on modules called packages or libraries. We will be using many packages in the course of this book. Occasionally more than one package adopts the same name for one of their commands. While using the command name suffices most of the time, when there is conflict across packages for the same command name, the right command is specified by prefixing the package name separating it from the command name using two colons ::. At the end of each chapter, I provide a recap of the commands used in that chapter. There and in the command index, I refer to commands as packagename::commandname, though in the body of the chapter I would have used only commandname. This is only to inform you of the package to which the command I discussed belongs. That extra bit of information will help you to search information regarding a specific command and when you encounter a conflict in names.

Let us start!

Fundamental issues

The first chapter of our textbook introduces us to epidemiology. There aren't any examples in this chapter that demonstrate calculations relevant to epidemiology. So, here we will learn some basic concepts related to R.

R is a software tool to interact with data to make sense of it. It is thus essential for R to have a system to represent data and a way to interact with it. We interact with R by issuing commands at the R prompt displayed in the R console that we are presented with when we start R either directly or through RStudio. R can also accept commands non-interactively through a **script** file. There also is the medium of an **R markdown** file through which we can issue R commands. Typically, we will be using the command prompt to interact with the data, save the useful commands in a script or markdown file to generate final reports at a later stage. Throughout this book we will use the console. In the final chapter, we will see the relevance of R markdown files.

R organises data into different data objects based on what type of data it is. While there are many data objects, the majority of the time we are concerned only with **dataframes** and **vectors**. When we import data from external files of various formats, we usually end up with dataframes, which are collections of vectors of same length. Vectors can exist by themselves too. There are different types of vectors. When we issue commands, some commands accept a dataframe and some require a specific type of vector. Many commands accept different varieties of data objects. Mismatch between what the command expects and what we provide will result in errors. Some commands which manipulate a specific type of vector will accept a different type, doing the conversion automatically. This may confuse those already familiar with other data analysis programs. We start with vectors.

1.1 Vectors

A vector is a collection of similar type (**mode**) of data items. R recognises different types – numeric, character and logical being the most important. What R can do with data depends on its mode. For example, you can do arithmetic operations on data of numeric type but not on character type data. R does allow explicit conversion between different modes where possible. R also converts data to a different mode without explicit instructions. This **implicit type conversion** is useful most of the time but may be the source of unexpected results.

Let us use table 1.1 as an example. It displays the number of cases and controls in different tobacco consumption categories for either sex. The percentages that are calculated from the raw numbers are shown in parentheses. We can tell R the number of male cases in each category as

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```
c(2,33,250,196,136,32)
```

The c() is the command that tells R that we are typing a vector. The elements of the vector are separated by commas. The parentheses are mandatory. What does R do in response to our command?

[1] 2 33 250 196 136 32

R simply prints the vector on the screen. It appends "[1]" in front of the values, removes the command name "c", the parentheses and the commas. The "[1]" is the number of the element with which the printed line started. You will appreciate the value of this piece of information when the vector is long enough to be printed in more than one line.

1.1.1 Assignment

There isn't much use in typing some data and seeing it displayed immediately. We need to store the data (for at least the duration of our interaction with R). We do this by assigning the vector to a **variable**. In simple terms, we can think of variable as a name for the data. So, the name that we select should help us remember what the data is.

```
c(2,33,250,196,136,32) \rightarrow case_m
```

Here, $case_m$ is the name we selected for the variable. R allows almost all sensible combinations as names. However, it is recommended to use only the alphabets, digits, underscore and period. R is case-sensitive. We generally use different cases, underscore or period to separate the different parts of the name we choose. If we use space inside a variable's name, R, understandably, considers it as different words. We are allowed to use space inside a variable name if we quote the name using back ticks. But, stick to underscores, period or case changes. The \rightarrow is the **assignment operator** which tells R to assign the name we specified to the vector we chose. R also allows = and \leftarrow as assignment operators. If we use \leftarrow , the variable name should be on its left side and the vector on its right. In this text we will be using both \rightarrow and \leftarrow for assignment. We will be using = as well, but not for assigning values to variable names.

What does our assignment command print on screen? Nothing! No news is good news. We asked R to assign our vector to the variable. R did just that. There was no error; hence nothing to print on screen.

What good is our assignment command? After the assignment command is executed, the entire vector is available if we type $case_m$. Let us check.

case_m

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There are four more columns of data in table 1.1. Let us enter them too.

```
c(27,55,293,190,71,13) -> control_m
c(19,7,19,9,6,0) -> case_f
c(32,12,10,6,0,0) -> control_f
```

What about the row labels? We can enter those too as a vector.

```
c("Never-smokers", "1-4", "5-14", "15-24", "25-49", "50 or mor") -> tobacco
```

In contrast to the vectors we have entered already, *tobacco* is a character vector. The individual elements of the vector are enclosed within quotes to indicate so. If you omit the quotes, R will try to look for a variable by the name indicated by the word that was not quoted, and this will result in an error.

We may change the value of a variable by issuing a new assignment command with the updated values. Thus, if we notice the missing "e" in *tobacco*, we can correct it now by issuing

```
c("Never-smokers", "1-4", "5-14", "15-24", "25-49", "50 or more") -> tobacco
```

Variables exist for only a session. If you want to save them for a future session, you should save your workspace information when prompted at the time of closing the current R session. Most often, it is not needed to save the workspace. Saving the codes in a text file, either script or a markdown, would be preferable. Executing them to rerun all the code that we saved takes only one mouse click. We will see more of markdown files in the last chapter.

Though not required most often, we may need to remove R objects already loaded from memory if they are huge and affecting performance. To do this, we use the command rm with the object to remove as its argument. For example, to remove tobacco, we would issue

```
rm(tobacco)
```

In the console, we can recall a previous command using arrow keys. Press the up arrow key until you find the command we issued to create *tobacco* and execute it again to bring back the variable (We need it in the next step.)

1.2 Dataframes

Now, we have all the relevant raw data from table 1.1. We are not going to type the calculated percentages or the totals. But, can't we have all these vectors joined together as a table? R

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holds tabular data in what are called **dataframes**. They are essentially vectors of equal length held together. The vectors correspond to the columns of the tables.

The command we use to join together existing vectors as a dataframe is cbind.data.frame. The vectors that we want it to join together are provided to it as **parameters** inside parentheses. The resulting dataframe is assigned to the variable $table_1_1$ and hence is not printed on screen. If we type $table_1_1$ and press enter, we will see the data frame printed.

	tobacco	${\tt case_m}$	control_m	case_f	control_f
1	Never-smokers	2	27	19	32
2	1-4	33	55	7	12
3	5-14	250	293	19	10
4	15-24	196	190	9	6
5	25-49	136	71	6	0
6	50 or more	32	13	0	0

The table printed has the variable names as the column heading and each row is serially numbered. Note that we can pretty the table when we want to print it which we will learn later.

1.3 Functions

The R commands are functions, and we use both the words interchangeably. The functions we use may accept one, more or no values. We call those values arguments or parameters. There is a difference between the words argument and parameter. Parameter is the name used in the code of the function, and argument is the value we pass when we call the function. However, I use the words interchangeably. How does R assign values to the different parameters? In the definition of the command, all parameters have names. When we call a command, we may give the name of the parameter, an equal to sign and then the value we want to assign to that parameter and separate each of these name-value pairs by commas. We may choose not to provide the name of the parameter but only a comma-separated list of values. In such case, R assigns the values by position. That is, the first value is taken as that of the first parameter in the command definition, the second as that of the second and so on. Many a time, commands have a mandatory first parameter and many optional parameters. We will pass the mandatory argument without a name as the first argument and the optional parameters whose values we want to change from the default are supplied as name-value pairs. We won't use = as an assignment operator as it is also used to mark name-value pairs when we call functions. If it is used in both ways, there is the possibility of confusion of the two roles.

Commands are collected together into **packages**. Some packages come with the base installation of R. Many are add-ons. Packages are also called libraries. Packages number in thousands and new ones get added with time. Add-on packages are added with the command **install.packages**. While installation is a one-time process, we need to load it to memory

whenever we want to use it. This is accomplished by the command library. We will visit these commands later in this book when we have to use an add-on package. A good starting point to know about the common packages is the CRAN task view.

1.4 Importing

What if we have large tables saved as separate files formatted as comma-separated values, tab separated values, excel files etc.? Most often we will be importing data from separate files rather than typing it ourselves. R is capable of importing data stored in different formats. As an example, let us first save the data of table 1.3 as a comma-separated file. Open a spreadsheet program and type the data of table 1.3 in it and save it as a csv file. Use only one row of headers when you type, avoid the figures in parentheses and the totals. Give it the name test.csv and save it in your current working folder. You can find your current working folder by executing getwd() at your R command prompt.

table_1.3 <- read.csv("test.csv")

The read.csv command reads the csv file specified by its first parameter. You may specify the full path of the file. Here, just the file name was sufficient as we saved the file in our working directory. There are other commands for other formats – read.csv2, read.delim, read.delim2 etc. You can read about any command by typing? followed by the command name (?read.csv for example) from the R command prompt. There are many add-on packages with functions to import specific formats. The package haven which has functions to import(and export) data from SPSS, Stata and SAS, the readxl package to import excel formats are examples.

The read.csv command accepts many more parameters in addition to the file name. For example, the parameter named dec denotes the character that specify the decimal marker. All these parameters have certain default values specified. That is the reason why we don't specify them when we call the command. If we want to change the value of those parameters to something other than the default, we will include them in our command call. For example, if we want to tell R that the character that is used as the decimal marker in our csv file is , instead of the usual ., we should change our command to table <-read.csv("test.csv", dec = ","). For all the commands that we will be using later, we will discuss only those parameters that are relevant for our problem at hand. If you need more details, use the ? command to bring up the documentation.

1.5 Other data objects

1.5.1 Matrices and arrays

We discussed vectors and data frames. But, those are not the only data structures in R. Rectangular data can be represented as **matrices**. **Arrays** can be used to store data with more than two dimensions. Matrix is an array with two dimensions. Arrays and matrices are

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similar to vectors in that the data contained in them are all of the same mode. Table 1.3 can be represented as a matrix. Calculating totals and percentages would be easier than when represented as a data frame. Even then, data frame is more flexible as it allows different type of data to be together. We will discuss matrices when we see them later.

1.5.2 Lists

Another type of data structure is a list. List can have elements of different modes. Also, the length of the elements need not be the same. The data frame that we saw earlier is a list, but with the restriction that the elements should be of the same length.

1.5.3 Dates and factors

The basic vectors can be converted to derived data types. By basic vectors, I mean those vectors types that can be made directly using the c() command. The derived vectors are made using commands that accept a basic vector and modify them. Easiest to comprehend would be dates. We write dates in different ways and yet can make sense of them easily. It is not so easy for a computer. We have to tell it the logic we followed to write a date. When we type dates, we should specify them as character vectors in a consistent way. We should import them into R as character vectors. After inspecting the imported data to confirm that the text has been imported correctly, we may change it to one of the data classes R uses to store date. A relevant package to manage dates in R is lubridate.

When we have labels of categories as our data, it is possible that they are typed in as codes instead of the actual labels. Indeed, some R functions also require such **factors**. However, whenever possible, use the actual labels and import the data as character vectors. After importing, it can be converted to factors using the command **factor**. The package **forcats** is a package to manipulate factors.

1.6 Rounding

R calculates results to many decimal places. While we needn't care about this while interacting with data, we typically restrict the decimal places when we present results. We use the function round to round numbers to a specified number of decimal places. We also have the function signif that allows us to round to a specified number of significant digits. Here, we round 1 divided by 30 to two decimal places and two significant digits.

1/30 round(1/30,2) signif(1/30,2)

[1] 0.03333333

[1] 0.03

[1] 0.033

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Both the functions accept the number to be rounded and the number of digits to round to. In the chapters that follow, I use rounding only rarely. That is only because I want to show the result given by R without any modifications. You should use rounding when you present your results. We may also set the number of significant digits to print globally using the command options. For example, options(digits = 5), will set it to 5 significant digits.

Now that we have an idea of the basic aspects of R, we can proceed to see how R is useful for epidemiology.

1.7 Recap

Let us recap what we learned in this chapter.

1.7.1 Concepts introduced in this chapter

- script
- R markdown
- vectors
- mode
- implicit type conversion
- variable
- assignment
- operator

- parameters
- dataframes
- default values
- packages
- matrices
- arrays
- list
- factor

1.7.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- base::c
- base::<-
- base::=
- base::->
- base::cbind.data.frame

- base::getwd
- utils::read.csv
- utils::?
- base::round
- base::signif

Basic analytical procedures

The second chapter of the textbook introduces us to basic descriptive and analytical techniques. We will be using the standard packages that are installed and loaded by default along with R. We will introduce add-on packages dplyr, readr and ggplot2 which are part of tidyyverse, tinytable and DescTools. The command names that we use are intuitive. For graphs, these are names of the graph itself or remind of it. For common statistical tests, these have two parts – an initial part which reminds us of the test, followed by ".test". The arguments that the command expects are varied, with a majority accepting vectors.

2.1 Tables and charts

First, we will look at the chart made using the data in table 2.1.

2.1.1 Bar chart

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```
c(I = 592,II = 2254,IIIn = 1017,IIIm = 3150,IV = 1253,V = 415) \rightarrow table_1_1
```

We have made a vector by name $table_1_1$ and assigned to it the data in the column "Number". In contrast to how we created vectors in our previous chapter where only the bare numbers were supplied, we give a name to each value (Note that the names are not quoted). These names will be useful for plotting labels.

```
barplot(table_1_1)
```

To plot the graph, the command barplot is called with our vector as its argument. The bar chart drawn by R isn't exactly like in our parent book. In particular, it lacks the axis labels. We can provide more arguments to the command to add the labels.

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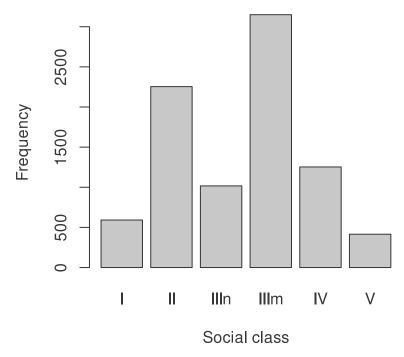


FIGURE 2.1
Replication of figure 2.1

Similarly, we can make the pie chart given in the chapter with the command pie(table_1_1). Now, let us try to chart figure 2.3.

__Figure 2.3 (page 29)

Here we use the command matrix to create a matrix from the unnamed vector holding our data. Matrix is similar to vectors in that all the values stored in it are of the same mode. In contrast to vectors, matrices are (conceptually) rectangular, i.e., the data in them can be thought of as arranged in a rectangular grid. We need to tell the number of rows and columns our matrix contains. This is accomplished by specifying the ncol parameter in our example. We may also specify nrow parameter. By default, matrix command fills the matrix top down column wise. The parameter byrow can be specified to ask the matrix to be filled row wise. We have used the command rownames with the matrix we created as its argument and assigned to it a character vector to indicate the row headings. Similarly, the command colnames sets the column headings. We could have set the row and column names inside the matrix command itself by using the dimnames parameter which expect a list of length two. A list is another kind of data object in R. It differs from vectors and matrices in that its components need not be of the same type or length. We will learn more about lists later.

Now, to make the graph.

```
prop.table(table_1_2, 2)*100 -> percent_1_2
percent_1_2
```

```
I II IIIn IIIm IV V
CHD Yes 16.892 16.948 17.994 21.206 22.267 26.265
CHD No 83.108 83.052 82.006 78.794 77.733 73.735
```

We use the command prop.table, which returns the proportion of each cell of its first argument, an array (A matrix is an array with two dimensions). The second argument margin determines the denominator for calculating proportions – 2 indicating that we want column proportions. If we want row proportions we should specify 1 instead. If we want proportions to be calculated relative to total of all cells, we can leave out the second argument. We multiply the proportions returned by the function with 100, to obtain percentages. Note that when we ask R to multiply with 100, it multiplies each element of the vector with 100. This is an example of **vector arithmetic**.

```
barplot(percent_1_2, horiz = TRUE, xlab = "Percent", ylab = "Social class")
```

When we call barplot with the matrix carrying the percentage values as its argument, we get a bar diagram with one bar for each column. The values corresponding to each cell of the columns are stacked one above the other; hence it is a stacked bar chart. Because we calculated column percentages and passed it to barchart, each of the stacked bars will be of the same height, i.e., 100%. Specifying the horiz argument as TRUE makes the graph horizontal.

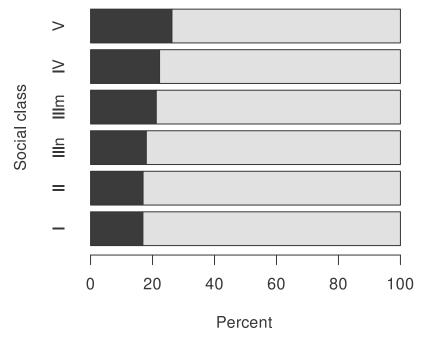


FIGURE 2.2
Replication of figure 2.3

2.2 Inferential techniques for qualitative variables

2.2.1 Chi-square test

```
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```

Section 2.5 discusses inferential techniques for categorical values. The first test discussed is chi square. We will first prepare the matrix that will be provided as the argument for chisq.test, the R command to do chi square test.

The result displayed by the chisq.test shows the value of chi squared, the degrees of freedom as well as the p value of the test.

Pearson's Chi-squared test

```
data: tbl_2_8
X-squared = 868, df = 4, p-value <2e-16</pre>
```

In reality, the test provides more information than what is shown by default. A common paradigm in R is to store the results of tests in an object to inspect it closely. For example, we can execute chisq.test(tbl_2_8) -> chi.tbl_2_8 to store our result in chi.tbl_2_8. The result returned by chisq.test is a list. We can find the structure of an object by passing it as an argument to the command str. When we execute str(chi.tbl_2_8), we can see that it contains 9 components, the names of which are self explanatory. If we need to see any one component of the list, we can use the \$ operator. For example, if we want to see the expected values calculated by the command, we can execute chi.tbl_2_8\$expected. This will display a matrix on the screen which will reveal that the expected values calculated by the command are the same as in our parent text except for rounding error.

```
chisq.test(tbl_2_8) -> chi.tbl_2_8
chi.tbl_2_8$expected
```

```
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
[1,] 2520.1 1536.5 53.63 187.96 221.81
[2,] 2319.9 1414.5 49.37 173.04 204.19
```

The command chisq.test accepts other arguments too, one of which is correct which needs to be specified as TRUE if you want continuity corrections to be applied. You can read more about the command by executing ?chisq.test.

2.2.2 Proportions – One Sample

```
_____Section 2.5.2 (page 36)
```

We can use binom.test command to calculate a proportion and its confidence interval.

```
binom.test(1562, 4161)
```

The binom.test is designed to test whether the proportion calculated from the numbers provided is different from 0.5. Along with that, it also provides a confidence interval of the proportion calculated. If we need to use only the confidence interval, we can specify binom.test(1562, 4161)\$conf.int. Note that the method for calculating the confidence interval is different from the approximate method used in our parent text and may differ from it. We can specify our choice of confidence interval through the parameter conf.level as a number between 0 and 1.

```
Exact binomial test
```

```
data: 1562 and 4161
number of successes = 1562, number of trials = 4161, p-value <2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true probability of success is not equal to 0.5
95 percent confidence interval:
0.36065 0.39031
sample estimates:
probability of success
0.37539
```

After rounding, the confidence interval we get is not different from that given in the textbook. To test if the proportion is different from, say 0.39, we need to specify the p argument as

```
binom.test(1562, 4161, p = 0.39)
```

The p value we obtain is similar to that in our parent text, though the method used here is different.

```
Exact binomial test
```

To test if the proportion is less than 0.39, i.e. for a one sided test, we need to specify the alternative argument as

```
binom.test(1562, 4161, p = 0.39, alternative = "less")
```

We get the same p value as in our parent text.

Exact binomial test

```
data: 1562 and 4161
number of successes = 1562, number of trials = 4161, p-value = 0.027
alternative hypothesis: true probability of success is less than 0.39
95 percent confidence interval:
0.00000 0.38792
sample estimates:
probability of success
0.37539
```

2.2.3 Proportions – Two Sample

```
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```

Two sample proportions are handled by prop.test. First, we will enter the data.

Note that the order in which we specify the data is different from the textbook. While the p value and Chi squared value would be the same if we specify the data in the same order as given in the textbook, the difference between proportions would have a different numerical sign. The test result includes a confidence interval for the difference between the proportions as well as the p value of a significance test. The significance test used employs chi squared rather than the normal approximation. Hence the value of the statistic is expected to be the square of the textbook value, though the p value is similar. As with binom.test, we can store result in a variable and inspect it. Similar to binom.test we may specify the conf.level we require as well as the alternative that we want tested. We have specified correct = FALSE to say that we don't want to apply continuity correction.

2-sample test for equality of proportions without continuity correction

```
data: tbl_2_9
X-squared = 146, df = 1, p-value <2e-16
alternative hypothesis: two.sided</pre>
```

```
95 percent confidence interval:
0.10810 0.14952
sample estimates:
prop 1 prop 2
0.50420 0.37539
```

The test statistic we get is 145.726, the square of 12.07 given in the textbook.

2.3 Descriptive techniques for quantitative variables

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Section 2.6 deals with descriptive techniques for quantitative variables. Example 2.3 requires a variable to be declared

```
c(15,3,9,3,14, 20,7,8,11) -> xmpl_2_3
```

We calculate the minimum using min(xmpl_2_3) and maximum using max(xmpl_2_3). We can obtain the quartiles using the command quantile(xmpl_2_3). By default, the quantile command outputs the five-number summary — minimum, maximum and median in addition to the first and third quartiles. The quantile command provides any quantile value for the probabilities we specify. For this we need to provide a numeric vector with values between zero and one to the probs argument. If there are any unknown values in our data vector, we need to specify na.rm = TRUE, to ignore those values in calculations.

```
min(xmpl_2_3)
max(xmpl_2_3)
quantile(xmpl_2_3)
```

```
[1] 3

[1] 20

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

3 7 9 14 20
```

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Before we find out the five-number summary of the cholesterol data given in table 2.10, we should import it into R.

While base R provides us with a lot of functions, the abilities of R are extended by different packages. Some of the commonly used packages are available as a meta package named tidyverse. We will use that package from now on. Before using the package, we need to install the package. The command to do that is install.packages("tidyverse"). If your internet connection is okay, the package will be downloaded and installed. Though the package is installed, it is not loaded for use. To use the package during your R session, you need to issue the command library(tidyverse). Note that installation is a one-time step,

while library(tidyverse) needs to be issued during each R session. Also, note that the string used for installation is enclosed in quotes, while in the library command, it is not. Once loaded, all the commands in the package are available including read_table that we use to import the data given in table 2.10.

The command that we use to import the data would be

The command read_table is used to import textual data where the columns are separated by space. It requires a string which specifies the path to the file we want to import. If the path to the data file you downloaded from the textbook's website is different from what I have used, you need to change the argument accordingly. As our data doesn't have a header row in our data file, we specify the argument col_names as a vector of strings based on the description of the data file given in the textbook. The argument col_types is called with a cols() definition. It tells how R should treat each column of data. col number tells that the data in the column for which it is specified should be treated as a number. For us, all columns are numbers except the column chd which is a factor. Factor stands for those values which are actually codes for something else. For us, the value 1 in the column chd stands for "yes" and the value 2 for "no". Though read table can guess correctly the type of data in our data file, it is better to provide the col types argument to avoid surprises. The tidyverse uses a type of dataframe called tibble and read table is no exception. However, there aren't any particular difference that we will have to keep in mind. I will be using the word tibble only in situations where the differences from dataframe is significant to note.

Now that we have our data in the variable tbl_2_10 , finding the five-number summary for the cholesterol data is easy

```
quantile(tbl_2_10$cholesterol, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
0% 25% 50% 75% 100%
4.350 5.750 6.270 6.775 7.860
```

If we want just the range, we can use range which returns a numeric vector containing the minimum and maximum. We can then find their difference.

```
range(tbl_2_10$cholesterol) -> range_chol
range_chol[2] - range_chol[1]
```

The result given by range is a vector with two elements. To find their difference, we subtract the first element from the second. The square brackets that follow the name of the vector and the number given inside it is the way we refer to an element of a vector and is called subsetting.

[1] 3.51

To find the interquartile range, we can use the result of quantile or the function IQR

```
quantile(tbl_2_10$cholesterol, na.rm = TRUE) -> five_chol
five_chol[4] - five_chol[2]
IQR(tbl_2_10$cholesterol, na.rm = TRUE)
```

75% 1.025 [1] 1.025

The semi interquartile range is easily calculated by IQR(tbl_2_10\$cholesterol)/2. Quartile symmetry can be calculated using the values given by quantile. As an example: (five_chol[2] - five_chol[1]).

I hope that you have noticed that R uses the usual symbols to do basic arithmetic operations -, +, / and *.

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We can calculate the mean of the cholesterol data using

```
mean(tbl_2_10$cholesterol)
```

[1] 6.2866

The variance is calculated using

```
var(tbl_2_10$cholesterol)
```

Γ1 0.57299

The standard deviation is calculated using

sd(tbl_2_10\$cholesterol)

[1] 0.75696

All the three functions require the argument na.rm=TRUE if any values of the provided numeric vector is not available.

```
_____Section 2.6.4 (page 50)
```

While there is no ready available function to calculate coefficient of variation, we can calculate it from the mean and standard deviation provided by the previous functions.

```
sd(tbl_2_10$cholesterol) * 100 / mean(tbl_2_10$cholesterol)
```

[1] 12.041

Similarly, we can calculate the standard error by

```
sd(tbl_2_10$cholesterol) / sqrt(length(tbl_2_10$cholesterol))
```

[1] 0.10705

This formula doesn't take care of NA values. A better alternative would be

```
sd(tbl_2_10$cholesterol, na.rm = TRUE) /
sqrt(sum(is.na(tbl_2_10$cholesterol) == FALSE))
```

The na.rm option to the command sd asks the command to remove NA values before calculating sd. The command length doesn't have such an option. So, we use the command is.na which evaluates each element of its argument and reports TRUE if it is NA and FALSE otherwise. We then select only those which are equal to FALSE, i.e. those that are not NA. We use the equality comparison operator == for this purpose. Notice that we check against the value FALSE, without quotes as we are asking if the value is the boolean (logical) value FALSE, not if it is the string "FALSE", in which case it would have been provided inside quotes. We sum the elements that satisfy the result. R implicitly converts the TRUE values to 1 and FALSE to 0. The net result is that we get the length of the supplied vector where the value is not NA. We use sqrt to get the square root of this number.

We can actually avoid the explicit comparison. What is.na returns is a logical vector. Type and see the result of is.na(tbl_2_10\$cholesterol). It is a vector composed of the logical values TRUE and FALSE. The command sum when given a logical vector will implicitly convert all TRUEs to 1 and add. But, we want to sum those that are not NAs; is.na reports TRUE only if the value is NA. We can invert (i.e. turn TRUE to FALSE and vice-versa) the logical values by using the negation operator !. Thus our command should be

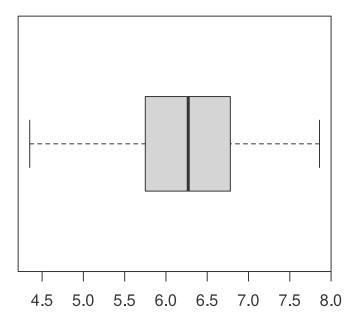
```
sd(tbl_2_10$cholesterol, na.rm = TRUE) /
sqrt(sum(!is.na(tbl_2_10$cholesterol)))
```

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Section 2.6.1 also deals with graphical summary of quantitative variables. We can construct a box plot of the cholesterol data with

```
boxplot(tbl_2_10$cholesterol,
    horizontal = TRUE,
    xlab="Serum total cholesterol (mmol/1)")
```

The horizontal argument was provided to change the default orientation of the graph. The boxplot of alcohol shown in figure 2.6, can be made similarly.



Serum total cholesterol (mmol/l)

FIGURE 2.3 Replication of figure 2.5

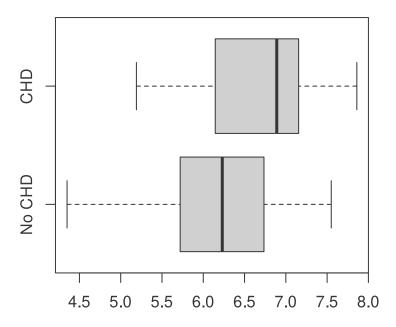
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To produce figure 2.7, where two boxplots are produced for the two categories of chd, we use

```
boxplot(cholesterol ~ chd,
    data = tbl_2_10,
    horizontal = TRUE,
```

```
xlab = "Serum total cholesterol (mmol/l)",
ylab = NA,
names = c("No CHD","CHD"))
```

The first argument is called a **formula**. It informs R that we want *cholesterol* values to be used for constructing the boxplot, but split by *chd* which appears after the tilde ~. The data argument tells R that the variables mentioned in the formula are part of the dataframe tbl_2_10 . The argument horizontal = TRUE makes the boxplots horizontal, xlab specifies the x-axis label, ylab = NA prevents y-axis label and names determine the labels against each box.



Serum total cholesterol (mmol/l)

FIGURE 2.4
Replication of figure 2.7

_Table 2.12 (page 52)

How can we prepare a table like 2.12 of the textbook?

```
summarise(tbl_2_10, Mean = mean(alcohol))
```

The command summarise is provided by dplyr, part of tidyverse. It accepts a data frame and a function. It will summarise the column that we provide as the argument to the function using the function given as the second argument. Here, we want the function mean to summarise the column *alcohol* of the dataframe *tbl_2_10* and assign it the name *Mean*.

A tibble: 1 x 1

```
Mean <dbl>
1 26.8
```

We can request multiple summaries of the same column or of different columns.

Notice that we have different names for the summary columns. To get the same summary for all the columns requires some copy pasting or . . .

```
summarise(tbl_2_10, across(!chd, ~ mean(.x, na.rm = TRUE)))
```

Here, instead of providing a list of comma-separated name function pairs, we provide another function across. The first argument to across is a way of specifying the required columns that is called tidy select. We may specify $col_1: col_3$ to mean all columns from that named col_1 till the one named col_3 , c(col_1, col_3) to mean col_1 and col_3 , ! col_1 to mean all columns except col_1 or everything(). There are many more helper functions like starts_with(). In our example, we select all columns except chd. After the first argument, we provide the function that needs to be applied. If we are not providing any arguments to the function, we need only provide its name. Here, we want to pass na.rm = TRUE to mean. So, we provide a one sided function, with only the right-hand side. After the tilde, the function name is provided and within the parentheses that follow, the arguments for the function. The first argument is a special one .x, which stands for the column that will be passed to the function.

The across function can handle multiple functions too. However, what it returns is a dataframe with a single row and many many columns. So, to get to table 2.12, we follow a different path.

The command reframe is very similar to summarise. The difference is that summarise handles summaries that are a single value (like those provided by mean, sd...) while reframe handles summaries that return multiple values (like those provided by quantile). The bind_rows joins together multiple rows of data to make one dataframe. Thus we get one row for each call of summarise and as many rows as the value returned by reframe. We save this summary table for future use. We will come back to table 2.12 a little while later.

A tibble: 7 x 7 cholesterol diastolic_bp systolic_bp alcohol cigs co cotinine <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> 1 6.29 84.6 131. 26.8 8.74 12.8 139. 2 0.757 10.5 14.3 27.8 12.5 14.9 177. 3 6.27 82.5 132. 19.1 0 6 7 4 3 0 5.75 76.2 123 6.45 0 5 6.78 92 139 36.5 20 16 284. 6 65 4.35 104 0 0 1 0 7 7.86 109 183 120. 40 57 554

Figure 2.8 (page 53)

Now, we will turn our attention to figure 2.8. We need to change our data as described in the textbook to make this graph. A function named mutate of the dplyr package will help us accomplish this.

Similar to summarise, the first argument is the dataframe that we want to manipulate. Next, we specify the name of the new column that we want and how its value should be calculated. In our example, we want a new column named *talcohol* (short for transformed alcohol) defined as the value of each observation minus the median for the column, which is then divided by the inter quartile range. We store this transformed table with the name $tbl_2_10_t$. We may repeat the same technique to add more name calculation pairs to get the transformed values for all columns. Instead, we will use across.

```
mutate(tbl_2_10, across(!chd, rescale)) -> tbl_2_10t
```

Here, we are asking to mutate all columns except *chd* using the function *rescale*. But, what is *rescale*? It is a custom function that we define as given below.

```
rescale <- function(x) {(x-median(x))/IQR(x)}</pre>
```

In contrast to the earlier instance where we defined a function, here we are assigning the name rescale to our function because we want to be able to call it from else where. Note that we could have used any other name. The keyword function tells R that we are defining a function. The x inside the () is the variable name that will represent inside the function body, the argument we pass to the function. You may note the similarity between our first mutate example and the code inside the function body. Note that though I have given the function definition after calling it inside across, we should define the function before calling it. Otherwise, R will complain that the object rescale is not found.

The actual command to make the graph is

The first argument to boxplot is select, another function provided by dplyr. From the data frame that is supplied to select, it returns a new dataframe selecting only those columns we specify. It supports tidy select mentioned earlier. Here, we are giving a list of desired columns. The command boxplot will create a boxplot for each of the columns in the dataframe. We use ann = FALSE to prevent annotation of the axis. Note that though we have shortened the labels given as names, boxplot does not print them properly. Later, we will learn better ways to create boxplots.

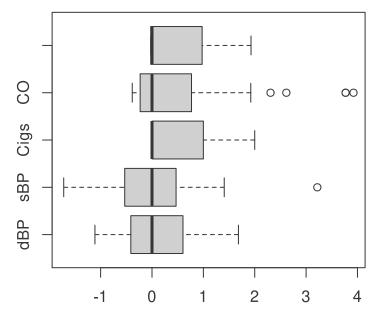


FIGURE 2.5
Replication of figure 2.8

_Table 2.12 (page 52)

Now let us turn our attention back to table 2.12. The $tbl_2_10_summary$ that we made till now doesn't have all the rows of table 2.12. While the data to calculate the remaining rows are there, it is not arranged properly. The command mutate can produce new columns from existing columns, not new rows. We need a way to "rotate" the table we prepared.

The rows of the summary table that we generated don't have names, but numbers as indicated at the beginning of each row when the data frame is printed. While it is of no consequence if we were using the table as such, we need row names so that they become column names when we transpose the table. First of all check the current row names by executing rownames(tbl_2_10_summary). You can confirm that the row names are just a sequence of numbers. Now execute rownames(tbl_2_10_summary) <- c("mean", "sd", "median", "Q1", "Q3", "min", "max"). This will assign the names in the character vector on the right-hand side to the row names of $tbl_2_10_summary$. After executing this command, check the row names again. You will see that the row names are the strings we supplied. Confirm that the names conform to the data in the row. If needed, change the order of row names and reassign them. Now, we will use the command t(tbl_2_10_summary) -> tbl_2_10_summary to transpose the dataframe, i.e. to change the columns to rows and rows to columns. R will issue a warning that you can safely ignore. Note that by assigning the transposed data frame to the name of the original dataframe, we overwrite and loose the original dataframe.

However, what t returns is not a dataframe. It is a matrix. We need to convert it back to a data frame. The command we use to do that is as.data.frame. We can actually combine the previous step with this as as.data.frame(t(tbl_2_10_summary)) -> tbl_2_10_summary. Now we are in a position to manipulate the table to calculate the missing data

```
cholesterol diastolic_bp systolic_bp
                                                                     co cotinine
                                              alcohol
                                                          cigs
           6.28660
                        84.5600
                                   131.2600
                                              26.7640
                                                        8.7400
                                                                12.7800
                                                                          139.46
mean
median
           6.27000
                        82.5000
                                   131.5000 19.1000
                                                        0.0000
                                                                 6.0000
                                                                            7.00
```

sd	0.75696	10.4533	14.2812	27.7533	12.4619	14.9466	177.27
serror	0.10705	1.4783	2.0197	3.9249	1.7624	2.1138	25.07
Q1	5.75000	76.2500	123.0000	6.4500	0.0000	3.0000	0.00
QЗ	6.77500	92.0000	139.0000	36.5000	20.0000	16.0000	283.75
iqr	1.02500	15.7500	16.0000	30.0500	20.0000	13.0000	283.75
min	4.35000	65.0000	104.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.00
max	7.86000	109.0000	183.0000	119.6000	40.0000	57.0000	554.00
range	3.51000	44.0000	79.0000	119.6000	40.0000	56.0000	554.00
cv	12.04087	12.3620	10.8801	103.6963	142.5844	116.9527	127.11

Notice that the quartiles and IQR for alcohol in our table doesn't match the values in our textbook (6.45 is our Q1 against the 6.2 in the textbook: Q3 is 36.5 against 38.3; IQR is 30.05 against 32.1). The reason for this discrepancy is the way quantiles are calculated. We can change the way quantiles are calculated by specifying the type option for the quantile command. As the textbook doesn't talk about how to choose from the various ways to calculate quantiles, it is up to you to read about them. We haven't calculated skewness in our table. This can be achieved by defining a custom function and using it while building the summary table. You will also find ready made functions in some packages. We use the select command to rearrange the columns in the data frame to align with the one in the textbook.

We will try to pretty the table now. For that we use a package named tinytable. Remember to install it and load it before using.

```
library(tinytable)
bind_cols(c("Mean", "Median", "Std deviation", "Std error", "Q1",
            "Q2","IQR","Minimum","Maximum","Range","CV"),
         tbl_2_10_summary) |>
  setNames(c("Summary statistic",
           "{Serum total\\\cholesterol\\\(mmol/1)}",
           "{Diastolic\\\blood pressure\\\(mmHg)}",
           "{Systolic\\\blood pressure\\\(mmHg)}",
           {Alcohol}\(g/day)",
           "{Cigarettes\\\(no./day)}",
           "{Carbon\\\monoxide\\\(ppm)}",
           "{Cotinine\\\(ng/ml)}")) |>
 tt(caption = "Replication of table 2.12",
    notes = "Note: IQR = inter quartile range;
             CV = coefficient of variation.
              Sample size, n = 50.",
      width = 8)
                 |>
 format_tt(j = c(3,6,7), digits = 2) >
  format_t(j = c(2,4,5,8), digits = 3) >
  format_tt(i = 11, j = 2:8, sprintf = "%3.0f%%", escape = TRUE) |>
  style_tt(j = 2:8,
           align = "d") |>
  style_t(i = 0,
           align = "c",
           alignv = "b") |>
```

We use what are called **pipes** in our code. The pipe that we use is |>. Earlier, R did not support pipes natively. A pipe was provided by magrittr package. However, now that R supports pipe natively, we use that. The pipe passes the result of the left-hand side expression as the first argument of right-hand side. Though not all functions accept its argument from a pipe, for those functions which do accept its argument from a pipe it is a very convenient way to make incremental changes as we do in the above example.

tinytable is used to pretty tables for the purpose of presentation. The package provides many functions to pretty tables while allowing great flexibility in usage. The function tt creates a tinytable from its argument, a dataframe. Here, we piped the result of bind_cols to setNames to change names for printing. The bind_cols was used to bind together a column of row labels with the dataframe $tbl_2_10_summary$ that we want to pretty. setNames returns the dataframe after assigning the new names, which we pass to tt. We enclose the new names in {} and add \\\\ at places where we want line breaks to let know IATEX how we want them to be printed. We specify the arguments caption which specifies the table caption, notes which specifies the footnote of the table and width which specifies the print width of the table. While the output of tt itself would be pretty clean, we want fine control over the appearance.

So, we pipe the result of tt to format_tt thrice, one after the other. This function is used to format many aspects of the table contents. We can specify which rows and columns the formatting should apply to by using the i and j arguments. We use different decimal places for different columns – two digits for the third, sixth and seventh column and three digit for the remaining columns except the first. Then we ask to not show decimal places for the last row of numbers and to add a percentage sign after the numbers. We specify this as the argument sprintf, which asks tinytable to format the specified contents using the sprintf command. Read its document to see the format string specification. We set the argument escape as TRUE in the last call to escape (prefixes) the characters special for LATEX (which is the program that makes the pdf version of this document) appropriately.

The result is piped to style_tt to align the contents of the second to the eighth columns by the decimal point. This is achieved by specifying the argument align as "d". We use style_tt again to align the table header row at the bottom centre. The theme_tt is also used here to set a LATEX parameter.

There are many more functions in the tinytable package that allows us to fine tune the appearance of the table. We will need them when we want to prepare tables for publications. Do read about them from the tiny table manual. While I may use tt commands to pretty the dataframes that are shown in this book, I will not be showing those commands. Similarly, the default print command prints dataframe columns vertically, as expected. A better way to see the columns of a dataframe is arranging them horizontally. The function glimpse (package pillars, re-exported in dplyr) achieves this. I may use glimpse to show contents of a dataframe though I may not show the command.

2 Basic analytical procedure

TABLE 2.1 Replication of table 2.12

Summary statistic	Serum total cholesterol (mmol/l)	Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	Alcohol (g/day)	Cigarettes (no./day)	Carbon monoxide (ppm)	Cotinine (ng/ml)
Mean	6.287	84.6	131.26	26.76	8.7	12.8	139.5
Median	6.27	82.5	131.5	19.1	0	6	7
Std deviation	0.757	10.5	14.28	27.75	12.5	14.9	177.3
Std error	0.107	1.5	2.02	3.92	1.8	2.1	25.1
Q1	5.75	76.2	123	6.45	0	3	0
Q2	6.775	92	139	36.5	20	16	283.8
IQR	1.025	15.8	16	30.05	20	13	283.8
Minimum	4.35	65	104	0	0	1	0
Maximum	7.86	109	183	119.6	40	57	554
Range	3.51	44	79	119.6	40	56	554
CV	12%	12%	11%	104%	143%	117%	127%

Note: IQR = inter quartile range; CV = coefficient of variation. Sample size, <math>n = 50.

2.3.1 Grouped Frequency Distribution Table

_Table 2.13 (page 53)

To make the grouped frequency table 2.13, we use

```
table(
  cut(tbl_2_10$cholesterol,
    breaks = seq(from = 4, to = 8, by = 0.5))) -> tbl_2_13
```

The cut command accepts a numeric vector and returns a factor based on the options we provide. The first argument that we provide is the numeric vector. The next argument breaks can be a single number, in which case the numeric vector is broken up into that many groups. Here we call a command seq to provide a vector of cut off points. It provides a sequence of numbers starting from from until to in steps of by. Thus seq(from = 4, to = 8, by = 0.5) returns the sequence 4,4.5,5,5.5,6,6.5,7,7.5,8. The command cut determines the interval of the sequence in which each value of the numeric vector falls and labels it as such. The command table provides an aggregate of these labels. If we want our own labels, we can supply a character vector as the label argument to cut. Here, we are not changing the default labels.

```
cbind(Frequency = tbl_2_13,
          Percentage = prop.table(tbl_2_13) * 100) |>
    as.data.frame() |>
    rownames_to_column(var = "Cholesterol") |>
    mutate(Cumulative = cumsum(Percentage)) -> tbl_2_13
```

If we inspect tbl_2_13, we will see that it includes the frequencies only. To calculate the proportions, we can use prop.table(tbl_2_13). To convert it to percentages, we can multiply the proportions with 100. We bind both sets of values together using cbind and convert them to a data frame using as.data.frame. The command rownames_to_column adds the row name of the supplied dataframe as a new column with the value of var as its heading. In our case, it adds the labels that cut creates.

Finally, we add the cumulative column using mutate. You must have inferred that cumsum provides cumulative sum of the numerical vector passed to it.

TABLE 2.2 Replication of table 2.13

$Cholesterol\ (mmol/l)$	Frequency	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage
(4,4.5]	1	2%	2%
(4.5,5]	2	4%	6%
(5,5.5]	4	8%	14%
(5.5,6]	11	22%	36%
(6,6.5]	11	22%	58%
(6.5,7]	11	22%	80%
(7,7.5]	7	14%	94%
(7.5,8]	3	6%	100%
Total	50	100%	

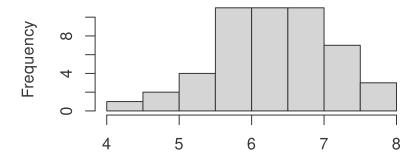
2.3.2 Histogram

_Figure 2.9 (page 54)

Making a histogram from the frequency table is possible with barplot(tbl_2_13\$frequency). However, it will not be a true histogram as the bars would be separated from each other. To get a true histogram, we pass the ungrouped data to hist.

```
hist(tbl_2_10$cholesterol,
    xlab = "Serum total cholesterol (mmol/1)",
    ylab = "Frequency",
    main = NA)
```

Notice how the bars of the real histogram touch each other in contrast to that of the bar diagram (not shown). The arguments xlab, ylab and main serves the same functions as in boxplot. Here we prevent a title from being drawn.



Serum total cholesterol (mmol/l)

FIGURE 2.6 Replication of figure 2.9

2.3.3 Frequency Density

_____Table 2.14 (page 54)

We can make the frequency distribution table 2.14 using

```
c(0,10,20,30,50,70,120) -> brks
table(
  cut(tbl_2_10$alcohol,
      breaks = brks,
  include.lowest = TRUE)) -> tbl_2_14
```

Notice that we provided include.lowest=TRUE option while calling cut. Otherwise, the zeroes which are the lowest values would be excluded from the tabulation.

Calculating the proportion is achieved the same way as in our earlier example. To calculate the frequency density we need to supply the class size. We calculate the class size using diff to which we supply the brks vector. The diff calculates the difference between the consecutive elements of its argument, thereby giving us the class size.

TABLE 2.3 Replication of table 2.14

Alcohol (g/day)	Frequency	Relative frequency	Frequency density
[0,10]	16	0.32	0.032
(10,20]	9	0.18	0.018
(20,30]	10	0.2	0.02
(30,50]	5	0.1	0.005
(50,70]	6	0.12	0.006
(70,120]	4	0.08	0.0016
Total	50	1	

_Figure 2.10 (page 55)

As we have grouped data to get the table, we won't get a histogram using that data. Instead, we pass the ungrouped data to hist to make the histogram of figure 2.10. We can provide the breaks that we want hist to use instead of the breaks that hist calculates itself. The other argument serve the same purpose as in the graphs we have seen earlier.

```
hist(tbl_2_10$alcohol,
    breaks = c(0,10,20,30,50,70,120),
    xlab = "Alcohol (g/day)",
    ylab = "Frequency",
    main = NA)
```

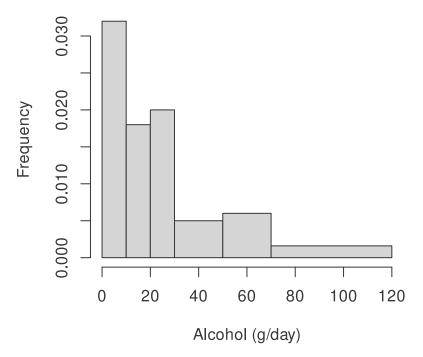


FIGURE 2.7 Replication of figure 2.10

2.3.4 Kernel Density Plot

_Figure 2.11 (page 56)

The kernel density plot of figure 2.11 is made with the command

```
density(tbl_2_10$cholesterol,kernel = "epanechnikov", bw = 0.5) |>
  plot(xlab = "Serum total cholesterol (mmol/1)",
    ylab = "Density")
```

The result of density is piped to the plot command. The command density accepts the numeric vector, the density of which needs to be calculated, the kernel to be used as well as the bandwidth bw.

_____Figure 2.12 (page 57)

2.3.5 Ogive

Constructing an ogive is achieved by the command given below

```
ecdf(tbl_2_10$cholesterol) |>
   plot(xlab = "Serum total cholesterol (mmol/l)",
```

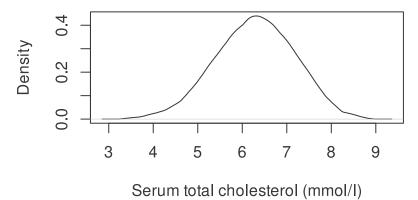


FIGURE 2.8 Replication of figure 2.11

```
ylab = "Cumulative percentage",
main = NA)
```

Here too we use the plot command. However the argument we provide to plot is different from what we used for kernel density plot. Here we use ecdf which provides the empirical cumulative distribution of the numeric vector that is supplied to it, in our case *cholesterol* of $tbl_2 - 10$.

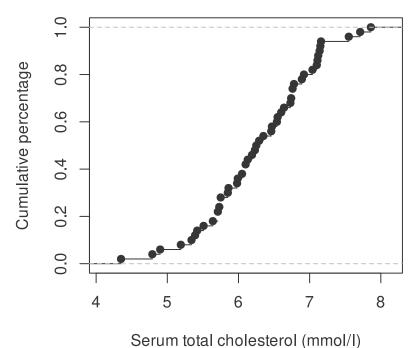


FIGURE 2.9 Replication of figure 2.12

2.4 Inferences about means

2.4.1 Normal Plots

Figure 2.14 (page 58)

We can build normal plots using

```
qqnorm(tbl_2_10$cholesterol,
    main = NA,
    xlab = "Normal scores",
    ylab = "Serum total cholesterol (mmol/l)")
qqline(tbl_2_10$cholesterol)
```

The command qqnorm produces a normal quantile quantile plot of the data provided. The qqline adds the ideal straight line. The argument supplied to qqnorm and qqline is the numeric vector holding the data which is to be checked for normality. R also provides, qqplot if you want to compare your data against other distributions.

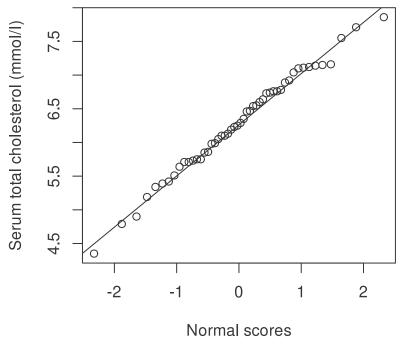


FIGURE 2.10 Replication of figure 2.14

2.4.2 Inference for a single mean

Section 2.7.2 (page 60)

To find the confidence interval for a population mean, we use

One Sample t-test

t.test(tbl_2_10\$cholesterol)

The default print of t.test shows the mean and its 95% confidence interval. We may provide the conf.level argument if we desire a different confidence interval. As usual, the command by default doesn't show every value it calculates. For example, if we want to know the calculated standard error, we should store the result of the test in a variable, say *chol.t*, and inspect the component named stderror.

```
data: tbl_2_10$cholesterol
t = 58.7, df = 49, p-value <2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
6.0715 6.5017
sample estimates:
mean of x
6.2866</pre>
```

Example 2.9 (page 61)

Example 2.9 shows the technique of assessing whether the population mean is different from a pre-specified value. We can accomplish this in R using

```
t.test(tbl_2_10$cholesterol, mu = 6)
```

Here we supplied the argument mu, the pre-specified value. The default print includes the test statistic calculated and p value among others. We may also specify alternative to indicate whether we want a one sided or a two sided hypothesis test, the default being a two sided test.

```
data: tbl_2_10$cholesterol

t = 2.68, df = 49, p-value = 0.01

alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 6

95 percent confidence interval:

6.0715 6.5017

sample estimates:

mean of x

6.2866
```

2.4.3 Two sample t test

One Sample t-test

Example 2.10 (page 63)

To perform a two sample t-test, we use the same function.

```
t.test(cholesterol ~ chd, data = tbl_2_10)
```

Here, we provide a formula - $cholesterol \sim chd$ as the first argument. It means that cholesterol should be split into groups using the value of chd and the groups should be used for the two sample t-test. The argument data specifies the dataframe in which to search for the variables used in the formula.

The result we get is different from the textbook. Why is that so? The reason is that the default value of the argument var.equal is FALSE. If we provide var.equal = TRUE to the t.test function, we will get the same answer as in the textbook. But, before that we need to verify if there is any evidence to say that the variances are not equal. We achieve that by

```
var.test(cholesterol ~ chd, data = tbl_2_10)
```

```
F test to compare two variances
```

Like the t.test, var.test accepts a formula. The F ratio of variances that the test returns is the reciprocal of that in the textbook. This results because of the difference in treating which chd group as the numerator and which as the denominator. The p value is the same after allowing for rounding errors. The difference in which group is considered first is also visible in the result of t.test, where the t statistic calculated has a negative sign, though this doesn't alter the p value. We can provide conf.level = 0.99, if we want a 99% confidence interval for the difference in means.

```
Two Sample t-test
```

2.4.4 Paired t test

_Example 2.11 (page 65)

We need to store the data in table 2.15 to learn to do the paired t test. If the first visit is stored in a variable named *first* and the second visits in a variable named *second*, we can perform the paired t-test using

```
t.test(second, first, paired = TRUE)
```

Here, we provide the arguments as two vectors. We may use a formula too if it is appropriate to how we store the data. The essential argument is paired which should be TRUE. There is no problem in reversing the order of the two vectors – just that the sign of the difference and its confidence interval will change.

```
Paired t-test
```

```
data: second and first
t = -2.02, df = 43, p-value = 0.05
alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
   -0.3398596 -0.0001404
sample estimates:
mean difference
   -0.17
```

2.5 Inferential techniques for non-normal data

```
Section 2.8.1 (page 66)
```

How to transform data in R should be evident by now. We use mutate. Thus, to obtain square root transformation of the alcohol data, we can use mutate(tbl_2_10, talcohol

= sqrt(alcohol)) and mutate(tbl_2_10, tco = log(co)). We need to store them into variables to enable us to use them later.

Selecting some records based on a criteria is called **subsetting**. Many functions support a subset argument. But the boxplot command uses the subset argument only when we supply a formula. We also have subset command, which can be used like subset(tbl_2_10, cigs > 0, select = c(cigs)) The first argument we supply is the object that should be subsetted. Next, we specify the criteria for subsetting. Because we supplied a dataframe as the first argument, subset will understand that the cigs mentioned in the criteria is a column of tbl_2_10 . The last option select specifies that we want only the cigs column from the subsetted data frame. We may store the subsetted data frame as an object or we can use it directly as an argument. For example, to build figure 2.17 we may use

```
subset(tbl_2_10, cigs > 0, select = c(cigs)) |>
boxplot(horizontal = TRUE )
```

If we need to subset one vector, we needn't use subset. We may subset the vector directly tbl_2_10\$cigs[tbl_2_10\$cigs > 0]. So, we can shorten our command to make the previous boxplot to

```
boxplot(tbl_2_10$cigs[tbl_2_10$cigs > 0],
    horizontal = TRUE)
```

When we want to refer to one vector of a dataframe, prefixing name of the data frame every time we require the vector will become tiring. We can address this in two ways. The first is to create a new object, say tbl_2_10\$cigs -> cig and then use cig wherever we need tbl 2_10\$cigs. Thus our boxplot call will become

```
tbl_2_10$cigs -> cig
boxplot(cig[cig > 0], horizontal = TRUE)
```

The second option is to attach the dataframe using attach(tbl_2_10). This makes available the data frame in the search path of R. After executing this command, we may refer to the component vectors directly without prefixing the data frame's name. If we take this route, our boxplot call will become

```
attach(tbl_2_10)
boxplot(cigs[cigs > 0],
    horizontal = TRUE,
    xlab = "Cigarettes (no.day)",
    ylab = NA)
```

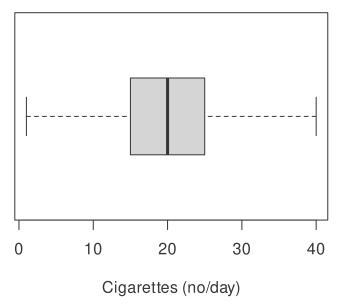


FIGURE 2.11 Replication of figure 2.17

2.5.1 Wilcoxon test

_Example 2.12 (page 71)

The command to perform Wilcoxon test is wilcox.test. For the cholesterol data, we can use

```
wilcox.test(cholesterol ~ chd, data = tbl_2_10)
```

The command wilcox.test is similar in usage to t.test. We can use it to perform signed rank sum test, the non-parametric equivalent of one-sample t-test as well as paired test by specifying the similarly named arguments.

Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity correction

data: cholesterol by chd W = 130, p-value = 0.048

alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0

2.6 Measuring agreement

2.6.1 Bland – Altman plot

_Figure 2.18 (page 73)

Before we learn to build Bland – Altman plots, we need to import and shape the data.

While base R provides a lot of commands to draw graphs, there are many packages that improve upon the graphing capabilities of R. The packages grid, lattice and ggplot2 are the better known ones. Here will learn the basics of ggplot2. The package ggplot2 is part of tidyverse. So, if you have already installed tidyverse, there is no need to install ggplot2 separately. While the ggplot commands are a bit verbose compared to base R, there is greater clarity and more flexibility in them. The graphs are built step by step. The command

```
ggplot(xmpl_2_10)
```

draws nothing, but sets the stage for the subsequent commands. We supply $xmpl_2_10$ as the data argument to ggplot. This data is available to the subsequent commands. Subsequent commands can be entered if a line is terminated with +. ggplot sees each data element as being mapped to a geometric aspect of the graph. Thus, at each step, we add a **geom** function that suits our requirement. We provide an **aesthetic** mapping as an argument to the geom, specifying which data variable should map to each of the aesthetics. Seeing this in action will help you understand.

```
ggplot(xmpl_2_10) +
  geom_point(aes(x=avg, y = differ))
```

We used $geom_point$ as our geom because we want points in our graph. Where do we want the dots? We want a dot at each location specified by the avg and diff vectors of our data frame. We specify this by saying aes(x = avg, y = differ).

The black dots really crowd the graph. Is there a way to reduce that crowded appearance?

```
ggplot(xmpl_2_10) +
geom_point(aes(x=avg, y = differ), alpha = 0.5)
```

Notice that alpha is not specified inside aes. We don't want alpha to map to any data. We want all the dots to have a translucent look. Hence, we specify it as an argument to geom_point. We may also change the colour and shape of the point in a similar fashion.

The axis labels don't look good. How can we change them?

The labs accept many more arguments, including title, caption as well as the labels in legends for other aesthetics specified (like colour).

I don't like that grey background. How can I remove them? ggplot's answer to this requirement is theme. There are different themes. You may choose to use any of them or build one from the default theme by tweaking any element to your satisfaction.

```
ggplot(xmpl_2_10) +
  geom_point(aes(x = avg, y = differ), alpha = 0.5) +
  labs(x = "Mean",
        y = "Difference (PT - Clause)") +
  theme(panel.grid.major.y = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor.y = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.major.x = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor.x = element_blank(),
        panel.background = element_blank(),
        panel.background = element_blank(),
        panel.border = element_rect(fill= NA))
```

Here we chose to modify some elements of the default theme. The other option we have is to use one of the complete themes like theme_bw, theme_minimal etc.

The final prettying that we will do is drawing of the horizontal line at y = 0.

We add another geom, geom_hline which draws a horizontal line at the specified y intercept. The graph is drawn in the order we specify. Thus the horizontal line is drawn over the dots. It is to demonstrate this point that we used colour for the line. In the next example, we draw it before the dots.

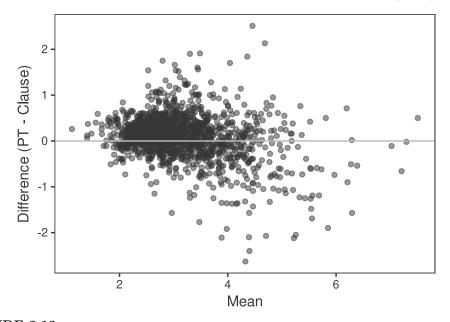


FIGURE 2.12 Replication of figure 2.18

Figure 2.19 (page 73)

Producing the Bland - Altman plot for log transformed fibrinogen data is as easy as changing the mapping of the x and y arguments to alog and dlog.

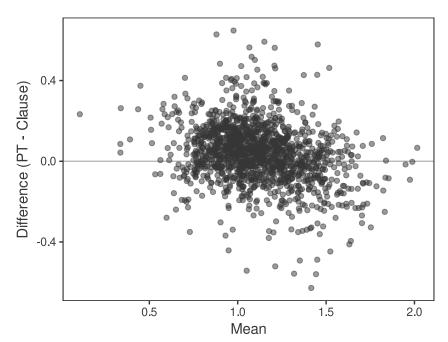


FIGURE 2.13 Replication of figure 2.19

2.6.2 Cohen's kappa

Example 2.14 (page 76)

Functions for measures of inter-rater agreement is not available in base R. Many packages provide suitable functions. Here we will use the package DescTools. Remember to install it once and load it whenever required. The function that we use to calculate kappa is CohenKappa. It requires a square matrix, which we will prepare in the next step from table 2.19.

By default, the function prints the unweighted kappa without a confidence interval. If we want a confidence interval, we should specify the conf.level argument.

[1] 0.30202

_____Example 2.15 (page 77)

2.6.3 Weighted kappa

To obtain weighted kappa, we should specify the weight argument. You have the choice to specify Equal-Spacing or Fleiss-Cohen. Or, we can specify a custom weight matrix, having the same dimension as the data we supplied. Let us first build the weight matrix.

```
sapply(1:6, function(x) \{1 - abs((1:6)-x)/5\}) -> wc wc
```

The function sapply repeatedly passes each of the value of the first argument to the second argument, which should be a function and collects the result returned by the function in a list. The list is simplified to an array if the argument simplify is TRUE, the default value. The first argument we supply to sapply is a vector with the numbers 1 to 6. This vector is built by the colon: operator from its arguments, the numbers that precede and follow it. The second argument is an anonymous function. It accepts a number, subtracts it from each value of another vector with the values 1 to 6, takes the absolute value, divides it by five and finds the difference from one. Thus it will return a vector of length 6 corresponding to one row of weights calculated according to formula 2.33. We call this function repeatedly using sapply, each time with one value from 1 to 6. As we didn't change the default value of simplify argument, these vectors are joined together as a matrix, which is stored in the object wc.

```
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6]
[1,] 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0
```

```
[2,] 0.8 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 [3,] 0.6 0.8 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 [4,] 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.6 [5,] 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 0.8 1.0 0.8 [6,] 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0
```

Let us call the CohenKappa function using these weights.

```
CohenKappa(tbl_2_19, weights = wc)
```

The same result is obtained if we use weight="Equal-Spacing".

If we need the confidence interval of the weighted kappa result, we need to specify a value to the conf.level argument.

```
CohenKappa(tbl_2_19, weights = wc, conf.level = 0.95)
```

The confidence interval and the point estimates are the same as in our text within the tolerance of rounding error.

```
kappa lwr.ci upr.ci
0.42833 0.40740 0.44927
```

2.7 Assessing diagnostic tests

2.7.1 Sensitivity and specificity

Example 2.16 (page 80)

To calculate sensitivity and other measures used to assess diagnostic tests, we will use Conf from DescTools. First we need to input the data in table 2.22.

The command Conf returns multiple calculated values including sensitivity, specificity and the predictive values. If you need just the sensitivity you can use Sens and for specificity alone, you can use Spec.

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

```
Culture
Dipstick Positive Negative
Positive 84 43
```

Negative 10 92

Total n : 229 Accuracy : 0.769

95% CI: (0.710, 0.818)

No Information Rate : 0.590 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : 8.94e-09

Kappa : 0.546 Mcnemar's Test P-Value : 1.1e-05

Sensitivity: 0.894
Specificity: 0.681
Pos Pred Value: 0.661
Neg Pred Value: 0.902
Prevalence: 0.410
Detection Rate: 0.555
Detection Prevalence: 0.367
Balanced Accuracy: 0.788
F-val Accuracy: 0.760
Matthews Cor.-Coef: 0.569

'Positive' Class : Positive

2.7.2 ROC plot

_Figure 2.20 (page 84)

There are many packages to plot ROC curves. However, most are aimed for real world analysis. Thus they are poor for the aggregated data presented in table 2.24. It is much easier to build the plot directly. But, first, we need the data.

```
5621 -> tot_smk
3274 -> tot_nsmk
c(5621,5460,5331,5200,5057,4932,4818,3499,1984,874,0) -> smk
c(0,817,1403,1914,2360,2696,2972,3266,3273,3273,3274) -> nsmk

smk / tot_smk -> sens
nsmk / tot_nsmk -> spec
c(1, 5:10, seq(20,50, by = 10)) -> colbl
cbind.data.frame(smk, nsmk, sens, spec) -> tbl_2_24
```

We will use ggplot to build figure 2.20

Notice that we supplied the aesthetic x to ggplot as it is common to most of the geoms used. We used the same geom multiple times because we wanted multiple lines to be created, each with a different linetype argument that decides the dash pattern. Also, note that we supplied result of an operator +, as the value of one of the arguments. The labs(x= "CO cut-point (ppm)", y = NULL) determines the axis labels, NULL removing the label. We supplied vectors of length three for annotation layer because we want three labels. The x and y locations of the labels used for annotation were determined by trial and error.

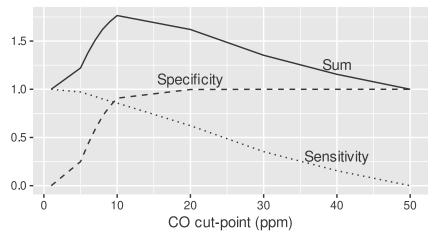


FIGURE 2.14 Replication of figure 2.20

While we won't make ROC curve for thiocyanate, we will make the ROC curve for CO in a similar manner. I hope you can understand the code without any explanation.

_Figure 2.21 (page 84)

```
ggplot(tbl_2_24) +
  geom_line(aes( x = 1- spec, y = sens)) +
  labs(x= "One minus specificity", y = "Sensitivity")
```

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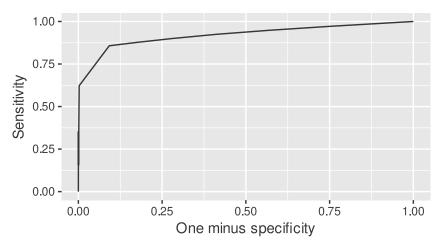


FIGURE 2.15 Replication of figure 2.21

When we analyse ungrouped data, it is better to use packages like plotROC, pROC, PRROC, ROCit etc. to plot ROC curves.

2.8 Recap

As we come to the close of a long chapter, let us recap the important topics we covered here.

2.8.1 Concepts introduced in this chapter

- list
- vector arithmetic
- factor
- tibbles
- pipes

- escape sequences
- tidy select
- subsetting
- geom
- aesthetic mapping

2.8.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- graphics::barplot
- base::matrix
- base::rownames
- base::colnames
- base::prop.table
- stats::chisq.test
- utils::str
- base::\$
- stats::binom.test
- stats::prop.test
- base::min
- base::max
- stats::quantile
- utils::install.packages
- base::library
- readr::read table
- readr::cols
- readr::col number
- readr::col factor
- base::range
- stats::IQR
- graphics::boxplot
- base::-
- base::+
- base::*
- base::/
- base::mean
- stats::var
- stats::sd
- base::sqrt
- base::length
- base::is.na
- base::==
- dplyr::summarise
- dplyr::across
- stat::median
- dplyr::reframe
- dplyr::bind_rows
- dplyr::mutate
- dplyr::select
- base::t
- base::nrow

- base::as.data.frame
- dplvr::bind cols
- base::|>
- tinytable::tt
- tinytable::format tt
- tinytable::style tt
- tinytable::theme tt
- base::table
- base::cut
- base::seq
- base::cbind
- tibble::rownames to column
- base::cumsum
- · graphics::hist
- base::diff
- base::plot
- stats::density
- stats::ecdf
- stats::qqnorm
- stats::qqline
- stats::t.test
- stats::var.test
- base::subset
- base::attach
- stats::wilcox.test
- base::log
- ggplot2::ggplot
- ggplot2::aes
- ggplot2::geom_point
- ggplot2::labs
- ggplot2::theme
- ggplot2::element_blank
- ggplot2::element_rect
- ggplot2::geom_hline
- DescTools::CohenKappa
- base::abs
- base::sapply
- base::list
- DescTools::Conf
- ggplot2::geom line
- ggplot2::annotate

Assessing risk factors

The third chapter of the textbook deals with assessing risk factors. We will need the <code>DescTools</code> package to rework some of the problems in this chapter. Most of the commands need a two-by-two table which is expected as matrix. We also use the package <code>epiR</code>. Remember to install the packages using the command <code>install.packages</code> as described in <code>Chapter 2</code>.

3.1 Risk and relative risk

Example 3.1 (page 91)

We use the RelRisk function of DescTools. We supply it the data stored as tbl_3_2 , a two-by-two matrix. Without the conf.level argument only the point estimate is printed. The function also allow us to provide our preferred method for calculating the confidence interval.

```
rel. risk lwr.ci upr.ci
2.7682 1.5129 5.0652
```

Note that the confidence interval given by the function (1.513, 5.065) is narrower than in our text (1.500,5.108). The probable explanation is the approximate nature of the formula used in the textbook.

3.2 Odds and odds ratio

Example 3.2 (page 93)

To calculate the odds ratio, we have a similar function OddsRatio.

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```
OddsRatio(tbl_3_2, conf.level = 0.95, method = "wald")
```

OddsRatio accepts the same arguments as RelRisk. However, the choice of methods it allows is different from RelRisk.

```
odds ratio lwr.ci upr.ci
2.8077 1.5099 5.2212
```

3.3 Prevalence studies

```
Example 3.4 (page 97)
```

Calculating the prevalence risk and odds ratios given in example 3.4 is done using the same functions given above.

[1] 0.68676

[1] 0.68404

Here again, the risk ratio (0.69) is slightly different from the textbook value of 0.68.

Vector arithmetic

_____Table 3.5 (page 98)

Let us try to build table 3.5.

```
c(15,33,8) -> pvdy
c(1712,1897,1291) -> pvdn
c(pvdy, sum(pvdy)) -> pvdy
c(pvdn, sum(pvdn)) -> pvdn
pvdy + pvdn -> total
pvdy / total -> Prevalence
c("Current smoker", "Ex-smoker", "Never smoked", "Total") -> ciglabels
```

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cbind.data.frame(ciglabels, pvdy, pvdn, total, Prevalence) -> tbl_3_5
tbl_3_5

First, we assign the data of those with PVD to pvdy and those without PVD to pvdn. We then modify them to add the total to the end of both vectors. The total and prvl are calculated using simple arithmetic. Finally the vectors are joined together as a dataframe for prettying.

TABLE 3.1 Replication of table 3.5

	Peripheral vascular disease?			
Cigarette smoking status	Yes	No	Total	Prevalence
Current smoker	15	1712	1727	0.0086856
Ex-smoker	33	1897	1930	0.0170984
Never smoked	8	1291	1299	0.0061586
Total	56	4900	4956	0.0112994

Note that when we say pvdy + pvdn, the first element of the vector pvdy is added with the first element of pvdn. In other words, R does **vector arithmetic**. This is a very useful property and easily understandable when the vectors being added or multiplied are of the same length. When the vectors are of unequal length, the shorter vector is **recycled** to the same length as the longer one. Recycling is at work, say, when we divide a vector by a single number. The single number is recycled to match the length of the longer vector and then vector division is done. Things gets confusing when the length of the longer vector is not an integer multiple of the length of the shorter one. Then, one copy of some elements of the recycled shorter vector will not be used in the vector operation. In practice, be careful when you need to perform arithmetic operations on two vectors of unequal length if the shorter one has more than one element.

3.4 Testing association

3.4.1 Chi square test

Example 3.6 (page 99)

We used chisq.test in the previous chapter. We rework example 3.6 here.

chisq.test(tbl_3_2, correct = FALSE)

Note that we need to say correct = FALSE to avoid continuity correction and get the same result as in the textbook.

```
Pearson's Chi-squared test
```

```
data: tbl_3_2
X-squared = 11.6, df = 1, p-value = 0.00067
```

Subsetting

Example 3.7 (page 100)

We saw two commands to test a proportion against another proportion. The prop.test that we saw in the previous chapter uses chi square methodology and not the normal approximation used in the textbook. The binom.test uses an exact method. Thus both functions won't give the same answer as in the textbook when we rework the example 3.7. However, we will use binom.test to rework example 3.7.

```
binom.test(x = tbl_3_2[1,1],
    n = sum(tbl_3_2[1, ]),
    p = tbl_3_2[2,1] / sum(tbl_3_2[2,]))
```

The above formula may look menacing. We will break it down for better understanding. We are providing three arguments to binom.test viz. x, n and p. We may refer to one or more elements of a vector, matrix or array. This process is called **subsetting**. To do this, we follow the variable's name with a pair of square brackets and inside the square brackets provide the indices of the elements we need, separated by commas. The argument x should represent the number of positive events. We subset tbl_32 with [1,1] to say that we want the first row's first column. We need to specify two indices to get one element of matrix because matrix has two dimensions. The argument n should provide the total events. To sum we supply tbl_3_2[1,], to mean all elements of the first row of the matrix. Notice that though we put a comma within the square brackets after 1, we didn't specify any numbers after that. This is to say that we want all elements in that (here, second) dimension. The third argument is p, which is the hypothesized probability against which we want the previous two arguments compared. We want this to be the proportion of CV death in non smokers. We calculate this by dividing the number of CV deaths in non smokers obtained by tbl_3_2[2,1] by the sum of non-smokers obtained by tbl_3_2[2,1].

Matrices and arrays are vectors with more than one dimension. While it is better to subset them with multiple indices to suit their dimensions, they may be subset with a single number too. Thus we may refer to tbl_3_2[1] to refer to the first element of our matrix, the number of CV deaths among smokers.

```
Exact binomial test
```

```
data: tbl_3_2[1, 1] and sum(tbl_3_2[1, ])
number of successes = 31, number of trials = 1417, p-value =
7.4e-07
```

```
alternative hypothesis: true probability of success is not equal to 0.0079031 95 percent confidence interval: 0.014912 0.030910 sample estimates: probability of success 0.021877
```

As expected, the p value we get (7×10^{-7}) is different from the textbook's value of 0.0007, though the interpretation is strengthened.

3.4.2 Fisher exact test

_____Example 3.9 (page 103)

Fisher exact test is done with fisher.test.

Note that the default is to test against the two sided alternative. Notice how we specified a list as the dimnames argument, to specify the labels for the rows and columns of the matrix. Dimension names are not mandatory. But, they help us to make sure that we have entered the right value for the appropriate cell.

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

```
data: tbl_3_6
p-value = 0.071
alternative hypothesis: true odds ratio is less than 1
95 percent confidence interval:
    0.0000 1.1098
sample estimates:
odds ratio
    0.31199
```

3.5 Risk factors measured at several levels

3.5.1 Linear trend

Example 3.14 (page 110)

We will use MHChisqTest from DescTools to test for linear trend.

The matrix we supply as the argument to the command is structured so that there are two columns, with a row each for each level. Which row comes first doesn't matter.

```
data: tbl_2_2
X-squared = 33.6, df = 1, p-value = 6.7e-09
```

Mantel-Haenszel Chi-Square

3.5.2 Non-linear trend

Example 3.15 (page 111)

There aren't any built-in tests for non-linearity. So, we need to calculate it "by hand".

```
MHChisqTest(tbl_2_2)$statistic -> chil
chisq.test(tbl_2_2)$statistic -> chio
MHChisqTest(tbl_2_2)$parameter -> dfl
chisq.test(tbl_2_2)$parameter -> dfo
pchisq(chio-chil, dfo-dfl, lower.tail = FALSE)
```

We saw earlier that most tests in R provide much more than what is printed by default. Here, we assign the statistic and parameter values returned by MHChisqTest and chisq.test to a variable each. The statistic returns the statistic calculated by the test, the value of chi square in our case. The parameter returns the value of degrees of freedom that was calculated by the tests. We pass the difference between the chi squares and the degrees of freedom to the function pchisq.

R provides a family of functions to deal with statistical distributions. Typically, there are four functions for each statistical distribution. The names of these functions start with d for density, q for quantile, r for random and p, for probability. To these initial letters, a word to indicate the statistical distribution is added, chisq in our case. The pchisq like other p-functions returns the area under the curve of the statistical distribution to the left or right of the value we supply. When we say pchisq(q,df, lower.tail = FALSE), we are asking for the area under the chisquare distribution that falls to the right of q in a chi square distribution with df degrees of freedom. In our example, as taught by the textbook, we supply the difference between the chi square values returned by the two functions as q and the difference in degrees of freedom returned by the two functions as the df for pchisq.

The q-functions returns the quantile for any given probability. That is, it is the inverse of the p-functions. The r-functions returns random values from the specified distribution. The d-functions returns the density of the distribution for specified quantiles.

X-squared 0.59675

3.6 Attributable risk

Example 3.16 (page 112)

Neither base R, nor DescTools provide functions to calculate attributable risk. We will use the package epiR to rework example 3.16. Remember to install it as discussed in chapter 1.

```
library(epiR)
epi.2by2(tb1_3_2,
    method = "cohort.count")$massoc.detail$PAFRisk.strata.wald
```

The epi.2by2 functions calculates a number of measures used to analyse two-by-two tables. The method argument specifies the study design. The choices we have are cohort.count, cohort.time, case.control, or cross.sectional. The individual results are available as a list in the massoc.detail element of the result returned. Here we use the PAFRisk.crude.wald sub-component. Note that the terminology used by the function and the textbook differs. What is called as attributable risk is called as population attributable fraction in this function.

```
est lower upper 1 0.43046 0.13907 0.62323
```

The confidence interval returned by the function (0.139, 0.623) is different from that in the textbook (0.224,0.664).

3.7 Rates and relative rates

_____Example 3.18 (page 116)

Rates and relative rates are handled by poisson.test. Its usage is similar to prop.test and binom.test. Let us see an example, from table 3.15.

```
poisson.test(81,166582)
```

The command requires the number of events as the first argument and the time base, the denominator, as the second argument.

Exact Poisson test

data: 81 time base: 166582

```
number of events = 81, time base = 166582, p-value <2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true event rate is not equal to 1 95 percent confidence interval: 0.00038615 0.00060436 sample estimates: event rate 0.00048625
```

The result returned includes the calculated rate (without multiplying it with any number), its confidence interval calculated by an exact method and the probability for the hypothesis test against the alternative that the true event rate is not one.

```
Example 3.19 (page 118)
```

Let us do the example 3.19. First the confidence interval. The poisson.test returns the confidence interval for the rate, not the number of events. We may convert it to events by multiplying with the population. For example, to get the confidence interval of male CHD death in the same population from which the rate was derived, we use

```
poisson.test(1080,612955)$conf.int * 612955
```

```
[1] 1016.5 1146.4
attr(,"conf.level")
[1] 0.95
```

The confidence interval calculated by the exact method of poisson.test (1016.541, 1146.383) is different from the values given by the textbook (1016.548, 1146.402) only at the decimal places.

The function poisson.test allows us to calculate rate ratio and its confidence interval directly.

```
poisson.test(c(1080, 306), c(612995, 634103))
```

We provide a vector of length two as the first two arguments. They are the number of events in the two groups that are being compared in the first vector and the time base for comparison (mid year population in our example) for the two groups. We are comparing men to women from table 3.16. Note that poisson.test accepts conf.level argument to specify the confidence interval we want. It also accepts r argument, a hypothesized rate or rate ratio against which the calculated rate or rate ratio needs to be tested. The type of hypothesis testing could be specified through the alternative argument.

Comparison of Poisson rates

```
data: c(1080, 306) time base: c(612995, 634103)
count1 = 1080, expected count1 = 681, p-value <2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true rate ratio is not equal to 1
95 percent confidence interval:</pre>
```

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```
3.2128 4.1587
sample estimates:
rate ratio
3.6509
```

Again, the result given by the exact method (3.21, 4.16) differs from the textbook values (3.23, 4.17) at the decimal places.

3.8 Measures of difference

3.8.1 Risk difference

Section 3.9 (page 119)

Risk difference and its confidence intervals are calculated by epi.2by2.

```
epi.2by2(tbl_3_2,method ="cohort.count")$massoc.detail$ARisk.strata.wald
```

Here, we select the ARisk.strata.wald sub-component of massoc.detail. Note that massoc.summary component of the result given by epi.2by2 gives a three column dataframe similar to output 3.1 given in the textbook.

```
est lower upper 1 1.3974 0.53788 2.257
```

The result given by the function is multiplied by 100. We may change this by supplying our preferred multiplication unit as the units argument.

3.9 Recap

We will end this chapter with a recap.

3.9.1 Concepts introduced in this chapter

- vector arithmetic
- recycling
- subsetting

3.9.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- DescTools::RelRisk
- $\bullet \ \ DescTools::OddsRatio$
- \bullet DescTools::MHChisqTest
- base::sum

- stats::fisher.test
- stats::pchisq
- stats::poisson.test
- epiR::epi.2by2

Confounding and interaction

The fourth chapter of the textbook deals with confounding. We will use the add on package epiR and ggplot2 in this chapter too. Make sure they are installed. To most of the commands we see in this chapter we provide arrays or matrices as arguments. First, we will rework example 4.3 for which we use epiR.

4.1 The concept of confounding

Example 4.3 (page 128)

Here, first we build an **array** to hold our data. An array is needed as the data has three dimensions – smoking status, chd status and housing status. To build the array, we use the command **array**, provide it with a vector containing the data, specify the **dim** argument which is a vector specifying the maximum indices in each dimensions. We provide c(2,2,2) to say that our array has maximum two elements in the first, second and third dimensions. Thus, conceptually, we get two two-by-two tables. The **dimnames** is a list that contains the label for each component of each dimension. Print the contents of the array by executing tbl_4_6 and see how the data is arranged.

```
epi.2by2(tbl_4_6)$massoc.detail$RR.strata.wald
```

We pass the array to epi.2by2 and select the RR.strata.wald component of the massoc.detail component of the result using the \$ operator.

```
est lower upper
1 1.2729 0.82292 1.9689
2 1.3344 0.85627 2.0797
```

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We can see the relative risk for each strata. If we want the overall measure, we should use the massoc.summary component of the result.

4.2 Standardisation

4.2.1 Direct standardisation

Example 4.6 (page 136)

We will use epi.directadj from epiR to rework the example 4.6.

```
matrix(c(0,0,1,6,7,16,17,25,0,0,4,7,13,11,28,44,
         0,0,1,9,17,19,43,53,0,1,5,10,15,24,28,56),
       nrow = 4,
       byrow = TRUE,
       dimnames = list(deprive = c("I", "II", "III", "IV"),
                       age = c("25-29","30-34","35-39","40-44",
                                "45-49","50-54","55-59","60-64"))) -> grp_e
matrix(c(4784,4210,3396,3226,2391,2156,2182,2054,
         4972,4045,3094,2655,2343,2394,2597,2667,
         4351,3232,2438,2241,2360,2708,2968,2802,
         4440,3685,2966,2763,2388,2566,2387,2380),
       nrow = 4,
       byrow = TRUE,
       dimnames = list(deprive = c("I", "II", "III", "IV"),
                       age = c("25-29","30-34","35-39","40-44",
                                "45-49", "50-54", "55-59", "60-64"))) -> grp p
matrix(c(8,6,6,6,6,5,4,4),
       nrow = 1,
       byrow = TRUE) -> std_dir
epi.directadj(grp_e, grp_p, std_dir, unit = 1000)$adj.strata
```

The function requires three matrices. The first argument is called obs and it should be a matrix with as many rows as the number of groups we have. It should have as many columns as there are covariates (age groups in our case). The value in the argument is the number of events. The second argument tar has a similar structure; but, the value should be the population for the appropriate group. The third argument std is a matrix with the number of columns similar to the other two arguments. It however should have only one row. The value of each cell would be the standard population for the group. We also supply the argument unit which is the multiplier that we want the result to be multiplied with, 1000 in our case.

```
strata obs tar est lower upper
1 I 72 24399 3.2766 2.5593 4.1449
2 II 107 24767 4.1991 3.4245 5.1162
```

```
3 III 142 23100 5.2993 4.4334 6.3086
4 IV 139 23575 5.7545 4.8282 6.8230
```

We are interested in only the standardised rates. Hence we print only the adj.strata component of the result. We get the direct standardised rate per thousand for each group and its 95% confidence interval. The function supports conf.level argument in case we want another confidence interval. The unadjusted crude rates are available in the component crude.strata if we want to see that. The crude component provides crude covariate specific (age specific, in our example) rates for each category along with their confidence intervals.

4.2.2 Indirect standardisation

```
Example 4.7 (page 139)
```

We will use the epi.indirectadj function from epiR to calculate the indirect standardised rates. We will use the same matrices we used for the direct standardisation except for std.

```
c(margin.table(grp_e, margin = 2) * 1000 /
   margin.table(grp_p, margin = 2),
   margin.table(grp_e) * 1000 /
   margin.table(grp_p)) -> std_indir
```

First we calculate std_indir to supply as the argument std. It is calculated from the other two matrices as we are using an internal standard. We divide the column totals of the events data matrix by the column total of the population data matrix. The column totals are calculated using the function margin.table, specifying the margin as 2. To this we append the grand total of events by the grand total of the population. The function c encloses the two sets of proportions, joining them together as one vector. Thus the matrix supplied as std argument is a matrix with one row. The number of columns it has is one more than the number of columns in the other two matrices. Though the function will not report any error even if the last element of the std is omitted, including it enables the calculation of indirect standardised rates.

The smr.strata component of the result contains the standardised event ratio and their confidence intervals.

```
        obs
        exp
        est
        lower
        upper

        I
        72
        103273
        0.00069718
        0.00054225
        0.0008618

        II
        107
        118505
        0.00090291
        0.00073415
        0.0010801

        III
        142
        125632
        0.00113029
        0.00094721
        0.0013213

        IV
        139
        112590
        0.00123456
        0.00103028
        0.0014477
```

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The indirect standard rates are available in the adj.strata component of the result. The crude rates are available in the crude component of the result.

```
I 3.3462 2.6026 4.1363
II 4.3336 3.5236 5.1842
III 5.4250 4.5463 6.3418
IV 5.9254 4.9450 6.9485

Figure 4.6 (page 140)
```

est lower upper

To make the graph in figure 4.6, we need to collect the three groups of estimates together. We will be using ggplot2. Make sure tidyverse was installed following the instructions in chapter 1.

```
epi.directadj(grp_e, grp_p,std_dir,unit = 1000)$adj.strata[,4] -> dire
epi.indirectadj(grp_e, grp_p,std_indir,units = 1000)$adj.strata[,1] -> inde
epi.directadj(grp_e, grp_p,std_dir,unit = 1000)$crude.strata[,4] -> crude
epi.directadj(grp_e, grp_p,std_dir,unit = 1000)$adj.strata[,1] -> dgroup
dire/dire[1] -> dirrr
inde/inde[1] -> indrr
crude/crude[1] -> crudrr
library(tidyverse)
data.frame(dgroup,dirrr, indrr, crudrr) -> rrdata
ggplot(rrdata) +
 geom_line(aes(x = dgroup, y = dirrr, group=1),
            color = "#004B73", linetype = 3) +
 geom_point(aes(x = dgroup, y = dirrr, group=1),
             color = "#004B73", shape = 3) +
 geom_line(aes(x = dgroup, y = indrr, group=1),
            color = "#713430", linetype = 2) +
 geom_point(aes(x = dgroup, y = indrr, group=1),
             color = "#713430", shape = 16) +
 geom_line(aes(x = dgroup, y = crudrr, group=1),
            color = "#111111", linetype = 1) +
 geom_point(aes(x = dgroup, y = crudrr, group=1),
             color = "#1111111", shape = 16) +
 labs(x = "Deprivation group",
       y = "Relative rate") +
 annotate("text", x = c(2.15,3),
           y = c(1.75, 1.5),
          label = c("Unadjusted", "Adjusted")) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = seq(1,2,by=0.5))
```

We subset the results returned by the functions to obtain just the estimates. We then calculate relative rates by dividing each of the estimates by the estimate of the reference group. Then all the three relative rates and the group labels are combined together to form a dataframe. The ggplot function is called with this dataframe. We use geom_line and geom_point three times each, one for each group of estimates. In each geom specification, we ask for a different colour specified as an RGB string starting with # followed by three pairs of two hexadecimal numbers to represent the contribution of red, green and blue and line type or point style. Finally, the axes are labelled and the lines annotated. The scale_y_continuous is used to change the default axis ticks placement. Its breaks argument will decide the axis ticks placement. Here we ask them to be placed at 1,1.5 and 2, the numbers being generated by seq.

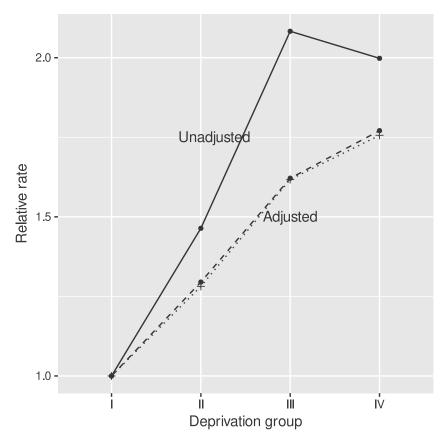


FIGURE 4.1 Replication of figure 4.6

4.2.3 Standardisation of risks

_Example 4.8 (page 143)

I couldn't find a ready made function in R that can standardise risks assuming binomial probability distribution. So, we do the calculations "by hand". This may look intimidating at first. It is okay if you don't understand it in the first go. You can come back and try this at a later stage too. That said, I assure you that it is simple. First we prepare the data.

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The data is input as an array. We use the array function for this purpose. Our array has three dimensions specified as its \dim argument. In the first dimension we will have a maximum index of 6, in the second dimension a maximum index of 2 and a maximum index of 4 in the third dimension. The names for each index is given using the \dim argument. The array is named tbl_4_11 . Print it and see the structure.

```
result <- list(stdrisk = c(), serr = c())
```

Next, we use list to initiate a **list** to hold the intermediate stage of our result. A list is another data structure in R. It can have multiple sub-components which needn't be of the same type or length. Our *result* will have two components *stdrisk* and *serr*. Both the components are empty initially.

Then we build a **loop** using for. The sequence given after the keyword in within the parentheses that follow the keyword for determines the number of times the commands provided to the loop will be executed. The first time the loop is executed, the first value of the sequence is made available for the commands provided to the loop as a variable with

the name that we specify inside the parentheses that follow for and before in. Then with each repetition, the value of this variable gets incremented by one till the maximum value we specified. In our case, the value 1 will be available for the commands inside the loop under the variable name i when the loop is executed the first time. Subsequently with each repetition, its value increases by one until the value 4.

What happens with each repetition of the loop? The commands specified within the curly braces gets executed. In our case, we make two assignments – to the ith element of the two components of the result that we created. Thus, we will get four values each in the two components. What value will get assigned? The workhorse in both cases is the function apply. It accepts an array, in our case tbl 4 11, and executes the function specified as its third argument passing to that function a subset of its first argument got by incrementing the values of the dimension specified as its second argument. We supply an anonymous function as the third argument to do part of the mathematical manipulations (the summation across each deprivation group) as given in the textbook. Note that while subsetting the array, we subset the required elements using the labels we assigned, which is less confusing than using numeric indices. The anonymous function is anonymous because it doesn't have a name. It is a temporary function that exists only inside the apply calls. Thus, apply calls the anonymous function with all values for each age group and collects the value returned by the anonymous function in a vector. As tbl_4_11 has 6 age groups, the result of array will have six elements. The apply is an argument for sum. It sums all the six components and assigns it to the appropriate element of result. In case of the serr component, it is the square root of the sum calculated using sqrt that is assigned.

```
result$stdrisk / marginSums(tbl_4_11[,"coronaries",])
result$serr / marginSums(tbl_4_11[,"coronaries",])
```

After the for loop, both the components of the *result* are divided by the sum of all coronary events to get the final result.

```
[1] 0.58713 0.49871 0.52036 0.55820
[1] 0.057491 0.048311 0.040947 0.041810
```

4.3 Mantel Haenszel methods

Examples 4.9, 4.10, 4.11 (pages 144, 146, 148)

The Mantel Haenszel calculations are done by epi.2by2.

```
epi.2by2(tbl_4_6)$massoc.detail$OR.mh.wald
epi.2by2(tbl_4_6)$massoc.detail$RR.mh.wald
epi.2by2(tbl_4_6)$massoc.detail$chi2.mh
```

To rework examples 4.9, 4.10 and 4.11 all we need do is select the appropriate component.

```
est lower upper
1 1.3176 0.95375 1.8203

est lower upper
1 1.3035 0.95497 1.7792

test.statistic df p.value.1s p.value.2s
1 2.8049 1 0.046989 0.093978
```

The Mantel Haenszel chi square value returned by epi.2by2. 2.8, is different from the textbook value of 2.54 because continuity correction is not applied by epi.2by2. The function mantelhaen.test in the automatically loaded stats package also can perform the Mantel Haenszel test. It allows us to specify if we want to apply continuity correction. We may also specify whether we want a one sided hypothesis test.

```
mantelhaen.test(tbl_4_6, correct = TRUE)
```

Mantel-Haenszel chi-squared test with continuity correction

The result returned by mantelhaen.test includes the common odds ratio calculated and its confidence interval in addition to the Mantel Haenszel chi square statistic and its p value. However, there is no option to obtain common relative risks. On the other hand, it permits us to use an exact method.

_Example 4.12 (page 148)

The example 4.12 uses table 4.15, which has four dimensions – disease status, smoking status, age group and occupation. However, both mantelhaen.test and epi.2by2 accept an array of not more than three dimensions. However, this restriction is not really important. Mantel Haenszel method works on two-by-two tables. The higher order arrangement of two-by-two tables doesn't matter. So, we can arrange all the two-by-two tables in the third dimension rather than arranging them in third and fourth dimensions. The labels will make things clearer.

```
array(c(0,2,0,7,
        3,0,2,6,
        1,0,3,10,
        2,5,1,24,
        2,2,2,18,
        4,1,1,12,
        3,6,0,49,
        2,4,2,23,
        0,6,1,19,
        0,11,0,42,
        0,6,1,11,
        1,3,0,15),
      \dim = c(2,2,12),
      dimnames = list(disease = c("diseased", "no disease"),
                       smoke = c("smoker", "non smoker"),
                       strata = c("house wife and < 45",
                                   "white collar and < 45",
                                   "other occup and < 45",
                                   "house wife and 45 - 54",
                                   "white collar and 45 - 54",
                                   "other occup and 45 - 54",
                                   "house wife and 55 - 64",
                                   "white collar and 55 - 64",
                                   "other occup and 55 - 64",
                                   "house wife and > 65",
                                   "white collar and > 65"
                                   "other occup and > 65"))) \rightarrow tbl_4_15
```

Print the tbl_4_15 to see its structure. Both epi.2by2 and mantelhans.test should accept this array. However, epi.2by2 returns an error, probably because of multiple zero values. We will use mantelhans.test

Though the default options give results similar to that in the textbook, it probably is better to use an exact test.

```
mantelhaen.test(tbl_4_15, exact = TRUE)
```

```
data: tbl_4_15
S = 18, p-value = 1.5e-07
alternative hypothesis: true common odds ratio is not equal to 1
95 percent confidence interval:
    4.0474 33.5511
sample estimates:
common odds ratio
    11.098
```

Exact conditional test of independence in 2 x 2 x k tables

4.4 Testing for interaction

```
Example 4.13, 4.15 (pages 153, 156)
```

To rework the example 4.13, we need to reproduce table 4.16.

Woolf test of homogeneity is calculated by epi.2by2, using relative risk and odds ratio.

```
epi.2by2(tbl_4_16)$massoc.detail$wRR.homog
epi.2by2(tbl_4_16)$massoc.detail$wOR.homog
```

```
test.statistic df p.value
1 8.0604 1 0.0045244

test.statistic df p.value
1 6.9418 1 0.0084202
```

The chi square calculated using both RR (8.06) and OR (6.94) differ slightly from the values given in the textbook (8.67 and 7.33) respectively. However, the interpretation does not change. WoolfTest available in DescTools also performs Woolf test of homogeneity. However, it is based on odds ratio only. DescTools has BreslowDayTest which performs the Breslow-Day test of homogeneity, again, based on odds ratio. BreslowDayTest accepts a correct argument, which, if set as TRUE performs Tarone correction.

4.4.1 Interaction plots

```
______Figure 4.8 (page 154)
```

First, we need to prepare the data for plotting.

With the above command, we are building a dataframe named data_4_8 using the bind_cols function. We are building a dataframe with three columns names lrisk, smoke and previous. We pass three named arguments to match our requirement.

To build the first column, we subset the tbl_4_16 . We select the elements in the first column. It is the **first** column because we specified 1 inside the square brackets. It is first of the **columns** because 1 is written as the second component inside the square brackets, separated from the empty first and third component by commas. If we wanted the first row, we would have used [1,1] and if we wanted the first of the two two-by-two tables, we would have used [1,1]. By doing this subsetting, we are isolating the chd numbers in both strata. We then divide these numbers by their corresponding row totals to calculate the risk. Totalling is carried out by margin.table(tbl_4_16,c(1,3)). This function accepts an array and computes the sum of the elements for the specified margins. We specify c(1,3) as our margin argument to mean that we want row totals (dimension 1) to be calculated for each two-by-two tables (dimension 3). We divide the first set of numbers by the calculated totals to obtain the risks and pass them to log, which calculates the log of the risks. Because we started with an array, we will be left with an array, which will result in two columns when we pass that as such to bind_cols. To have only one column, we convert the array to a vector using as.vector.

The columns smoke is built using rep, which repeats the argument according to our specification. In case of smoke, we provide the argument times resulting in two copies of the vector we supplied strung together. In case of previous, we use gl which is similar to rep, but returns a factor. While we could have used rep as well, providing in place of times, the argument each which causes each of the element of the vector we supplied to be repeated twice, the resulting vector when converted as a factor will have a different reference base, which will determine which of the values is plotted near the origin of our graph. You should compare

```
factor(rep(c("No MI", "MI"), each = 2))
```

and

```
gl(2,2, labels = c("No MI", "MI"))
```

We now plot the data we prepared.

We provide the dataframe we built to ggplot. We also provide an aes call to ggplot. In this aes we pass the aesthetics that are common to all the geoms that we will be using. Even if we provide an aesthetic in the ggplot call, we are free to override its value inside any geom if we want. When we say colour = smoke and linetype = smoke, ggplot will assign a different colour and linetype to each set of values in the smoke column. Thus, we will get different colours and linetypes for smokers and nonsmokers. We use geom_line to plot lines. But, we add group = smoke as an aesthetic definition inside that geom. This leads to different lines being drawn for different values of the column *smoke*. Without this aesthetic specification, the colour = smoke and linetype = smoke specifications won't work. If we include only group aesthetic, but not the colour, we will still get different lines, but with the same colour and linetype. The geom_point plots points based on the common aesthetics specified inside ggplot. We don't want a legend to be shown for either of these geoms. Hence, the argument show.legend = FALSE. Instead of a legend, we annotate the plot using annotate. We modify the axis labels using labs. The graph plotted with this specification doesn't show -4.5 in the y-axis, presumably because the lowest value in our dataframe is only slightly bigger than that. Hence, we specify the y limits of the graph as well as the locations of the tick labels using scale_y_continuous. We use scale_y_continuous because we are concerned with the y axis and it represents a continuous value. The limits argument accepts a vector with two values specifying the lower and upper limits. The breaks argument tells ggplot where tick-labels should be placed in the y-axis.

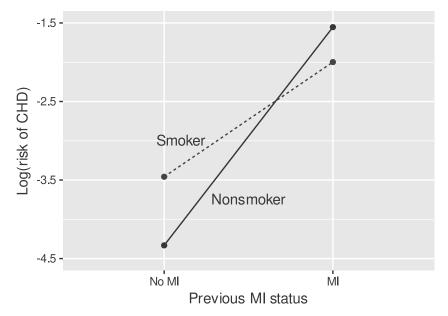


FIGURE 4.2 Replication of figure 4.8

4.4.2 Using the risk difference

_Example 4.16 (page 158)

I do not know of any readymade R functions that tests for interaction using risk difference in two-by-two tables. So we will do it by hand.

```
apply(tbl_4_16,"chd",c) -> ftbl
rowSums(ftbl) -> totals
ftbl/totals -> risks
diff(risks[c(1,3),"CHD_Yes"] - risks[c(2,4),"CHD_Yes"]) ^ 2 /
   sum(risks[,"CHD_Yes"] * risks[,"CHD_No"] / totals) -> ststc
ststc
pchisq(ststc,1,lower.tail = FALSE)
```

The first line converts the array into a matrix with four rows and two columns which we name ftbl. We use apply to apply the function c over chd margin of tbl_4_16, our original array to accomplish this. Then we use rowSums to get the row totals. We divide ftbl with the totals to get a new matrix. The values in the risks created will be the proportion of each cell value to the row total. In the next step, we calculate the chi square statistic according to the formula given in the textbook. We subset the appropriate elements of risks and find the difference between them. The numerator for calculating our test statistic, the difference of the risk differences is calculated by diff which is then squared using ^ operator. The denominator is calculated by multiplying the risk of CHD with its complement and dividing by the total of cases across each row, which is then summed. Finally this statistic is passed to pchisq, providing df as 1 to obtain the upper tail probability.

```
[1] 1.7057
[1] 0.19155
```

4.5 Recap

Let us recap what we learned in this chapter.

4.5.1 Concepts introduced in this chapter

- array
- · array subsetting
- list

- loop
- anonymous function

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4.5.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- base::array
- epiR::epi.directadj
- epiR::epi.indirectadj
- base::margin.table
- base::data.frame
- $\bullet \ \ ggplot 2 :: scale_y_continuous$
- base::forbase::apply

- base::marginSums
- \bullet stats::mantelhaen.test
- base::as.vector
- base::rep
- base::gl
- base::factor
- base::rowSums

Cohort studies

The fifth chapter of the textbook deals with cohort studies. We use the packages survival, dplyr, ggplot2, purrr, lubridate, epiR and popEpi to work the examples in this chapter. Dataframes and vectors continue to be our main data objects. The vector that encodes events for survival analysis is expected to be numerical with the numbers 0 and 1 or 1 and 2 or logical with event indicated by 1,2 or TRUE respectively. It may also be a factor with as many levels as there are competing risks, the reference level taken as indicating censoring. We start with example 5.2. First, the data.

5.1 Cohort life tables

Example 5.2 (page 174)

We create vectors to hold the serial number of periods, the number free of disease at the start of each period and the number of events during each period. Note that we don't include period 5 here. The interval risk is calculated from *events* and *free* by division and stored in *irisk*. Interval survival is calculated by subtracting *irisk* from one. Note that vector arithmetic is at work here so that each value of *irisk* is subtracted from one, one being recycled to the length of *irisk*. The cumulative survival is calculated using cumprod which returns the cumulative product of the supplied argument. That is, for each element of the supplied argument, product of all elements upto and inclusive of that element is calculated. Finally, we join together the vectors to form a dataframe. It is here that we add the period 5. We also shift the calculated cumulative survival one element down by adding 1 at the beginning

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of the vector, thus making it clear that the column reflects the state at the beginning of the period.

NA is a special value in R which stands for missing values. Though classed as a logical data type, it is compatible with all the usual datatypes. Thus when a value in a numerical or character vector is missing, NA is inserted there. Calculations using NA propagates. For example, if you do an arithmetic operation on a vector with one or more NAs, the result corresponding to those NAs would be NAs. If you do an operation that uses all the elements of a numerical vector, some of which are NAs, then the result would be NA. An example would be mean. While this may surprise us, it really is the right answer – If you do not know one or more numbers in a collection, then you cannot know their average. R expects you to explicitly instruct it to remove NAs and do calculation on the reduced collection. Most functions provide an na.rm argument for this purpose.

```
period free events
                          irisk isurvival csurvival
       0 1000
                    5 0.005000
                                   0.99500
1
                                                1.000
2
          995
                   10 0.010050
                                   0.98995
                                                0.995
3
       2
          985
                   20 0.020305
                                   0.97970
                                                0.985
       3
4
          965
                   35 0.036269
                                   0.96373
                                                0.965
5
       4
                   50 0.053763
          930
                                   0.94624
                                                0.930
6
          880
                   NA
                             NA
                                        NA
                                                0.880
       5
```

Figure 5.3 (page 174)

```
ggplot(tbl_5_1) +
  geom_step(aes(x = period, y = csurvival))+
  labs(x = "Survival times (years)",
        y = "Probabibility of survival")
```

We supply the dataframe we prepared earlier to ggplot, and plot the data using geom_step, which uses lines that change direction by 90 degrees to create a stairstep plot.

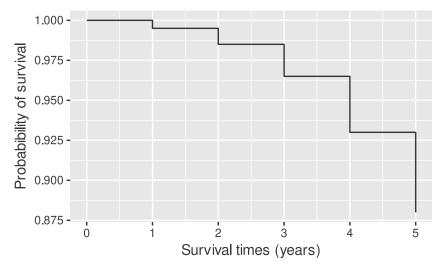


FIGURE 5.1
Replication of figure 5.3

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Example 5.3 (page 175)

We rework example 5.3 to calculate the standard error of cumulative survival.

```
sqrt(
  sum(tbl_5_1$irisk / (tbl_5_1$free - tbl_5_1$events),
    na.rm = TRUE)) *
  tbl_5_1$csurvival[6] -> serr_5_3
```

Each value of interval risk is divided by the difference between the number free of disease and events. These values are summed taking care to exclude NAs. The square root of this sum is multiplied with the last cumulative survival to obtain the standard error which is saved with the name serr_5_3. The index of the last value is given by length which returns the length of its argument, which will be the index of the last element in that vector.

```
0.95 -> ci
(qnorm((1 - ci) / 2, lower.tail = FALSE) * c(-1,1) * serr_5_3) +
  tbl_5_1$csurvival[6]
```

We use qnorm to get the z value rather than typing it directly. We provide qnorm half of one minus the confidence interval we want (which we stored as ci). The argument lower.tail = FALSE is provided so that we get a positive value. We multiply this with the vector c(-1,1). Thus we get two copies of the z value, one positive and negative. We multiply the standard error we calculated with this vector. Next, we add the last cumulative survival to this. The positive value gets added and negative value gets subtracted, giving us the confidence interval.

```
[1] 0.85986 0.90014
```

Example 5.4 (page 177)

We now turn to example 5.4.

```
c(7,12,24,19,21,15,501,2143,1375,66) -> n.censor
c(17,22,26,23,37,38,31,20,5,0) -> n.event

n.censor + n.event -> n.total

4402 -> start
c(start,(start - cumsum(n.total))[-length(n.total)]) -> n.risk
n.risk - 0.5 * n.censor -> n.adj
```

Example 5.4 is reworked similar to our previous example. To keep the table similar to table 5.3, we have not added 1 to the top of cumulative survival. We start with the vectors to represent the value of censored and events. We calculate their sum. The at risk is calculated by subtracting cumulative sum of censored plus events from the number of participants at the start. **Negative indexing** is used to exclude the last value and the number of participants

at start is added as the first value. The adjusted number at risk is calculated by subtracting half of censored from the number at risk.

```
n.event / n.adj -> i.risk
1 - i.risk -> i.survival
cumprod(i.survival) -> cum.survival
```

The interval risk, interval survival and cumulative survival are calculated as in the previous example except that the adjusted at risk number is used.

As we want to calculate the standard error at each time, we save intermediate results of std error calculations in vectors. Finally, we join together the relevant columns to re-produce table 5.3.

```
time number censored adjusted events int.risk cum.survival std.err
     0 4402
1
                   7
                       4398.5
                                 17
                                      0.004
                                                  0.996
                                                         0.001
       4378
2
     1
                  12
                       4372.0
                                 22
                                      0.005
                                                  0.991
                                                         0.001
3
     2 4344
                  24
                      4332.0
                                 26 0.006
                                                  0.985
                                                        0.002
4
     3 4294
                  19 4284.5
                                 23
                                      0.005
                                                  0.980
                                                         0.002
     4 4252
                                 37
                                                        0.003
5
                  21
                       4241.5
                                      0.009
                                                  0.971
     5
6
       4194
                  15 4186.5
                                 38
                                    0.009
                                                  0.963
                                                         0.003
7
     6 4141
                  501 3890.5
                                 31 0.008
                                                  0.955
                                                        0.003
8
     7 3609
                 2143
                       2537.5
                                 20
                                      0.008
                                                  0.947
                                                         0.004
9
     8
        1446
                 1375
                        758.5
                                 5
                                      0.007
                                                  0.941
                                                         0.005
                                                         0.005
10
     9
          66
                  66
                        33.0
                                  0
                                      0.000
                                                  0.941
```

_Figure 5.4 (page 177)

We will now try to plot the graph in figure 5.4.

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We use mutate to calculate ll and ul, the lower and upper limits of confidence interval. We also add one to the time periods, effectively shifting the cumulative survival and other values to reflect the start of the period. To this we use bind_rows to add a row with values at the start of study. This row is made with list and its elements have the same names as the columns of the dataframe. Those columns not in the list will have a value of NA. We use the mutated tbl_5_3 as the data argument to ggplot. We use geom_step to plot the cumulative survival, the ll and the ul; the point estimate using a line type different from that used for the upper and lower limits.

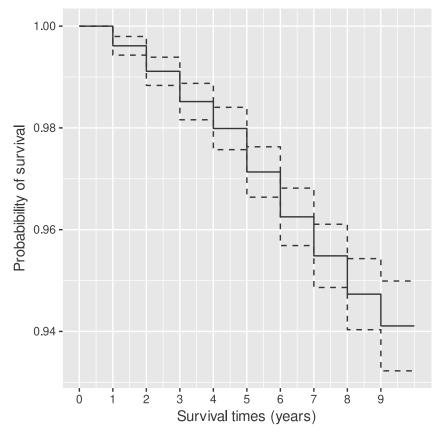


FIGURE 5.2 Replication of figure 5.4

5.2 Kaplan Meier estimation

Example 5.6 (page 182)

Though there are examples that use actuarial methods that we haven't covered yet, we will turn our attention to Kaplan Meier estimations now. The package to do survival analysis in R is survival. It is a recommended package which means that it should be installed already. If not, remember to install it using install.packages as detailed in the first chapter. First, we read in the relevant data.

```
library(survival)
Surv(data_5_9$survival,data_5_9$chd=="1")
```

Note that *tenure* and *chd* are both specified as factors while importing. An essential step in doing survival analysis is the construction of **survival object**. This is done by the function Surv. For right censored data, as is our case, it requires two arguments. The first one named time is the follow-up time. The second argument named event is either numerical or logical. If numerical, it can have two possible values, either 0 and 1 to indicate censored and event status respectively or 1 and 2 to indicate censored and event status respectively. If logical, TRUE will stand for event and FALSE for censored status. We specified *chd* as a factor. So, we need to use chd=="1" to convert it to logical values.

Printing a survival object results in something similar to that given in example 5.6. Instead of printing all 4402 values, we can limit our print to the first year as in the example, with the following code.

```
subset(data_5_9, survival < 365) |>
with(Surv(survival,chd=="1")) |>
sort()
```

```
[1] 1 46 91+ 101 101 103 119 133+ 137 145+ 156 186+ 208 215 [15] 235 242 251 294 299 300 309+ 312 336+ 357+
```

We use subset function to restrict the data to the first year. This is achieved by specifying survival < 365. The result of subset(data_5_9, survival < 365) is the first argument to with which it receives through the pipe. The second argument to with

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is Surv(survival,chd=='1'). The function with helps us to specify the columns of a dataframe without prefixing the dataframe's name before each mention of the various columns. In other words, it evaluates its second argument expr in a local environment constructed from its first argument data. The entire result is sorted by sort for printing according to the sequence in which the event or censoring occurred.

```
_____Table 5.5, 5.6 (page 183)
```

```
survfit(Surv(survival,chd=="1") ~ 1 ,data =data_5_9) -> sf_5_9
```

The function survfit constructs survival curves. It doesn't plot the graph, but prepares the data. Its first argument is a **formula**, the left-hand side of which is a survival object. Formulas are R's symbolic way to represent model specifications. It consists of three parts – the \sim operator, the response to the left of \sim and model terms to the right of \sim . In our case, we want to construct a single curve for the entire data. Hence, the model term is 1. Note that we don't prefix the dataframe's name to the arguments supplied to Surv as survfit accepts a data argument. We store the survival curve with the variable name $sf_{-}5_{-}9$. We now use the survival curve to print table 5.5 and 5.6, as well as to plot the Kaplan Meier curves.

```
summary(sf_5_9)
summary(sf_5_9, times= (1:9)*365.25,scale=365.25) -> sf_5_9_yrs
```

The function summary is a generic function. Generic functions can be thought of as a common name for a group of functions; the specific function that is called automatically depends on the class of data that is passed on. When we pass on a survival curve, the actual function that does the work is summary.survfit. With just a survival curve as its argument, summary will print the details similar to that in table 5.5. When we supply a times argument, it will return the same info, for the time points specified in the vector. Note that the n.event returned in this circumstance is the cumulative number of events since last time until the current time rather than at the current time. The scale argument is used to display the survival period. In our example, the value 365.25 is used to display the survival period in years instead of days. Thus we get the columns relevant to Kaplan Meier analysis of table 5.6.

_____Figure 5.8 (page 184)

```
plot(sf_5_9, ylim = c(1, 0.92), xscale = 365.25)
```

To plot the Kaplan Meier curve, we pass the survfit object to plot plot is another generic function. For survfit objects, plot accepts xscale and ylim arguments amongst others. The ylim argument sets the limits of the y-axis displayed. We use it here to limit the display between 1 and 0.92, instead of the default 1 to 0. The xscale argument rescales the x-axis to display the survival period in years.

TABLE 5.1 Replication of table 5.6

	Number at risk	Survival Probability						
Time (years)		Events	KM estimate	KM std error	Upper 95% CI	Lower 95% CI		
1	4378	17	0.99614	9.3541	0.99430	0.99797		
2	4344	22	0.99113	14.1481	0.98836	0.99390		
3	4294	26	0.98518	18.2493	0.98161	0.98876		
4	4252	23	0.97989	21.2263	0.97573	0.98405		
5	4194	37	0.97134	25.2672	0.96640	0.97630		
6	4141	38	0.96252	28.8006	0.95690	0.96819		
7	3609	31	0.95498	31.6077	0.94881	0.96120		
8	1447	20	0.94714	36.3086	0.94005	0.95429		
9	66	5	0.93661	70.0043	0.92299	0.95043		

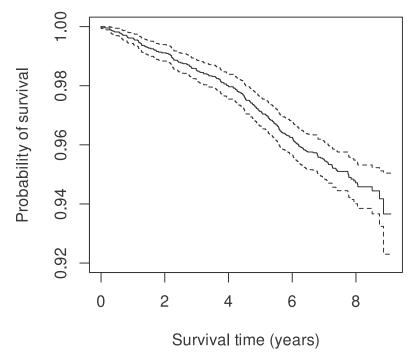


FIGURE 5.3 Replication of figure 5.8

5.3 Comparison of two sets of survival probabilities

5.3.1 Mantel Haenszel method

Example 5.7 (page 184)

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To use Mantel Haenszel method for calculating common odds ratio across the various intervals given in table 5.7 we can use mantelhaen.test. We can type the data to create the three-dimensional array with the two-by-two tables that we feed to mantelhaen.test. Here, we collect the summary prepared by survfit and reshape it, primarily to show array manipulation.

We save the results of summary of survfit with the name sf_5_7 . It is a list with multiple components. See its structure by passing it as the argument to str.

We now bind the different components to make tbl_5_7 . The component n.event is a vector containing the number of events, where the values for each of tenure is joined end to end. We convert this to a matrix with two columns, column-wise. We add a row to this two column matrix with both values set to zero using rbind. Similarly, the at risk population component n.risk is also converted to a two column matrix. The at risk population is calculated at the end of the time period. As we want the at risk population value at the beginning of the period, we add the numbers with which the study starts available as n as a row at the top. This will shift every row of the at risk data one step down, making them valid at the start of the period. We subtract from this the number of events to get the number without the events. We bind these columns together using cbind to get a four column matrix. Do print tbl 5 7 to see the arrangement of the data.

Now, we have all the data in table 5.9. But, it is a matrix and not a three dimensional array of two-by-two tables. We need to rearrange the data to get the desired array. To achieve this, we first create an **index matrix**. An index matrix is a matrix with as many columns as there are dimensions in the array we want to subset. As we are going to subset a matrix which is an array with two dimensions, our index matrix will have two columns. When we supply an index matrix for subsetting, the value in each column will decide the element that will be selected from the array that is being subset – the value in the first column representing the index along the first dimension, the value in the second column determining the index of the second dimension and so on. The selected elements will be in the order specified by the index matrix. So, we will specify all the elements in the order we want. Thus through subsetting we will have rearranged the matrix in the order we want.

We build the index matrix *indx* using two calls of rep. The first call repeats the numbers 1 to 10 four times each. Thus, we will have four repetitions of 1 followed by four repetitions of 2 etc. The second rep repeats the vector c(2,1,4,3) 10 times. Thus we will get the specified sequence one after the other ten times. This sequence of vectors is converted to a two column matrix using matrix. Print the index matrix and see its value.

```
array(tbl_5_7[indx], dim = (c(2,2,10))) -> tbl_5_9
mantelhaen.test(tbl_5_9, correct = TRUE)
```

Now, we use array to build the argument for mantelhaen.test from the vector made by subsetting the tbl_5_7 on the indx matrix.

Mantel-Haenszel chi-squared test with continuity correction

5.3.2 The log-rank test

Example 5.8 (page 186)

The function provided by survival to test if two or more survival probabilities are different is survdiff.

The first argument to survdiff is a formula, the left-hand side of which is a survival object. The right-hand side of the formula should consist of the predictors, the columns by which the different groups are determined. In our case, we use *tenure*, to mean that we want the survival probabilities to be compared between the different group of housing tenure. The rho argument is used to specify the actual test used, 0 to signify log-rank test. The subset argument is used to restrict the comparison to the first year.

```
Call:
survdiff(formula = Surv(survival, chd == "1") ~ tenure, data = data_5_9,
    subset = survival < 365.25, rho = 0)

N Observed Expected (0-E)^2/E (0-E)^2/V</pre>
```

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```
tenure=1 10 8 7.05 0.1289 0.223
tenure=2 14 9 9.95 0.0913 0.223
```

```
Chisq= 0.2 on 1 degrees of freedom, p= 0.6
```

Though the statistic calculated by survdiff (0.2234) doesn't have the textbook's exact value (0.2850), the p value 0.6365 results in the same interpretation. Possible reason for the difference is that the textbook value is derived with continuity correction.

5.3.3 Weighted log rank test

Example 5.9 (page 188)

The weighted logrank test is also done using survdiff. The rho argument is changed to less than zero to give weight to the later part of data, while values more than 0 gives more weight to the initial part of data. According to the help documents of survival, specifying rho as 1 is equivalent to the Peto & Peto modification of the Gehan-Wilcoxon test.

The weighted log-rank test too returns a value similar to that in the textbook.

```
Call:
```

Chisq= 7.8 on 1 degrees of freedom, p= 0.005

______Figure 5.9 (page 189)

To plot the graph of figure 5.9, we supply plot with a survfit object with the appropriate formula.

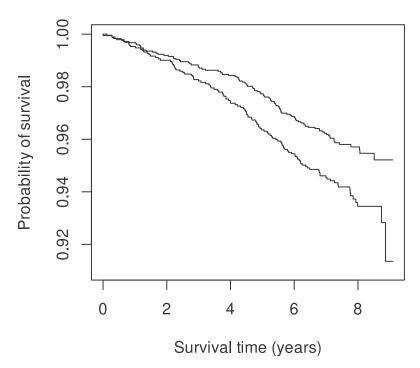


FIGURE 5.4 Replication of figure 5.9

5.4 Competing risk

Table 5.11 (page 192)

The same functions that were used for simple Kaplan Meier estimations can be used for competing risk analysis. The data, however, needs to be presented differently. The events column needs to be a factor and the first level of the factor should indicate censoring. Analysis is better done using individual level data rather than grouped data given in table 5.11. So, to replicate the analysis of table 5.11, we need to produce individual level data from the grouped data. Our data should thus have 4402 rows and two columns – one to indicate the outcome, either survival, death or chd and one to indicate the time when the outcome occurred.

```
c(1,46,91,101,103,119,133,137,145,156,186,208,

215,235,242,251,294,299,300,309,312,336,357) -> time

c(50,50,0,100,50,50,0,50,0,50,0,50,

50,50,50,50,50,50,50,50,0,0,0) -> chd

rep(0,23) -> dead

dead[c(3,7,9,11,20,22,23)] <- 60
```

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```
rep(0,23) -> censor
censor[c(3,7,9,11,20,22,23)] <- 40
c(rep(time, chd),
    rep(time, dead),
    rep(time, censor),
    rep(365, 2852)) -> period
c(rep("chd", sum(chd)),
    rep("dead", sum(dead)),
    rep("censor", sum(censor) + 2852)) -> outcome
```

First, we input the data in time, chd, death and censored columns of the table into individual vectors. While *time* and *chd* are built obviously, *dead* and *censor* is built in two steps to reduce typing. First all the elements of both the vectors are set to zero using rep. In the second step, we use an index vector to subset those elements of the vectors *dead* and *censor* which have a value other than zero and assign them with the different value.

We now build *period* by repeating *time* as many times as *chd*, *dead* and *censor*. We also add the time 365 as many times as the number at the end of 365 days. Similarly, we build *outcome*, a character vector with the value "chd" repeated as many times as the total of *chd*, with value "dead" repeated as many times as the total of *dead* and with value *censor* repeated as many times the total of *censor*. To its end we add the value "censor" as many times as the number at the end of 365 days. Thus we get two vectors, one with the time periods and one with the outcome labels corresponding to the time periods. We should get the data we started with if we cross tabulate the vectors using table. Do print the vectors at each of the intermediate steps to see how they are being built. Also see the result of the final cross tabulation.

```
table(period, outcome)
```

We now use Surv and survfit to do the competing risk analysis.

```
survfit(Surv(period, factor(outcome)) ~ 1) -> sf_5_11
summary(sf_5_11)
```

Our call to survfit is, as in earlier examples, a formula with a survival object on its left-hand side. The right-hand side is 1 because we are not using any predictors. Inside Surv, the event argument is specified as factor(outcome) to coerce our character vector to factor. Remember the requirement that the first level of the event argument should indicate censoring. The default order of levels of a factor is alphabetical. So, our requirement is taken care of without explicitly stating the order of levels in the factor. Also, we haven't supplied data argument to survfit as the two vectors are not joined together as a dataframe.

TABLE 5.2 Replication of table 5.11

Time	Number at risk	CHD	Died	Censored	Cumulative joint surv. $(s^{(J)})$	Cumulative failure $(f^{(l)})$
1	4402	50	0	0	0.98864	0.011358
46	4352	50	0	0	0.97728	0.022717
91	4302	0	60	40	0.96365	0.022717
101	4202	100	0	0	0.94072	0.045650
103	4102	50	0	0	0.92925	0.057117
119	4052	50	0	0	0.91779	0.068583
133	4002	0	60	40	0.90403	0.068583
137	3902	50	0	0	0.89244	0.080167
145	3852	0	60	40	0.87854	0.080167
156	3752	50	0	0	0.86683	0.091875
186	3702	0	60	40	0.85278	0.091875
208	3602	50	0	0	0.84095	0.103713
215	3552	50	0	0	0.82911	0.115550
235	3502	50	0	0	0.81727	0.127388
242	3452	50	0	0	0.80543	0.139226
251	3402	50	0	0	0.79360	0.151063
294	3352	50	0	0	0.78176	0.162901
299	3302	50	0	0	0.76992	0.174739
300	3252	50	0	0	0.75808	0.186576
309	3202	0	60	40	0.74388	0.186576
312	3102	50	0	0	0.73189	0.198567
336	3052	0	60	40	0.71750	0.198567
357	2952	0	60	40	0.70292	0.198567

The cumulative joint survival given in table 5.11 is shown under P((s0)) printed by summary and cumulative failure under P(chd).

5.5 The person-years method

Example 5.10 (page 194)

We now turn to person years analyses. Until now, we dealt with periods directly. The examples here require us to calculate the periods from given dates. A tidyverse package lubridate makes it easy to handle dates.

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We input the dates of entry into study, exit from study and the outcome from table 5.12 into suitably named vectors. The vectors for the dates are typed in as text within quotes. This character vector is then passed onto dmy which converts it to date assuming that it is specified in the order date, month, year. There are other functions like ymd, ydm, mdy, myd, dym and many others that handle date specifications with missing date components or additional time components. Outcome is input as a logical vector. We then use difftime to calculate the number of days between the dates. Note that the later date is supplied as the first argument time1. The function difftime will return the number of unit between the two periods. We have asked for days. This function is the first argument to Surv, the event argument being death. We supply this survival object as the left-hand side of the formula argument to pyears, the function from survival that is used for person years calculations. The result of pyears is stored in result. We calculate the rate and its confidence interval using poisson.test by passing on to it the event and pyears components of result.

Exact Poisson test

```
data: result$event time base: result$pyears
number of events = 4, time base = 177, p-value <2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true event rate is not equal to 1
95 percent confidence interval:
    0.0061533    0.0578230
sample estimates:
event rate
    0.022584</pre>
```

5.5.1 Age specific rates

Example 5.11 (page 195)

To rework example 5.11, we need to enter the date of birth given in table 5.13 first.

We use dmy to convert the character vector carrying the date of birth information to dates and store it under the name dob. The next step is to create the specified age groups. For this, we use the tcut function from survival.

```
tcut(entry - dob,
```

```
c(0, 40,55,110)*365.25,
labels = c('< 40', '40-54', '55+')) -> agegrp
```

The first argument to tcut is the age at entry calculated by subtracting dob from entry. The second argument is the break points we desire. As age is in days, we need the breaks too in days. Hence, we multiply our desired break points with 365.25. Note that we supply break points for the lower end of the first group (0) and the higher end of last group (110). Finally, we supply labels for the groups. As the groups created are one less than the break points specified, we need to specify only three labels.

```
pyears(Surv(exit - entry, death) ~ agegrp,
    data.frame = TRUE)$data -> py_5_13
```

Now, we use pyears supplying it with a formula. The left-hand side of the formula is a survival object. Its time argument is the period of follow-up, calculated by subtracting entry from exit and its event argument is death. The right-hand side of the formula is agegrp we prepared in the previous step. We also specify data.frame = TRUE so that we get the result arranged as a data frame. We assign data, the dataframe returned by the function to py_5_13 . If we examine this object, we will see that it contains the person years and events calculated for each age group. We need to extend this result by calculating the rate for each age group.

We use mutate from dplyr, a member of tidyverse. This function creates or modifies columns of a data frame. We need to supply the dataframe which needs to be modified. Additional arguments are pairs of column names and the values that they must carry. We are creating only one column rate. This column is assigned a value returned by map2_db1, a function from purrr, part of tidyverse. map2_db1 accepts two vectors, and performs the third argument, a function using their values in parallel. We supply an anonymous function to map2db1, which accepts two arguments, calls poission.test with those two arguments and returns the estimate. Thus, each pair of events and pyears from py_5_13 is passed on to poisson.test and the estimate from the result gets stored in a new column named rate.

```
agegrp pyears n event rate
1 < 40 63.198 7 1 0.015823
2 40-54 79.633 7 1 0.012558
3 55+ 34.289 4 2 0.058328
```

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5.5.2 Summarisation of rates

```
_____Example 5.12 (page 196)
```

To calculate the standardised mortality ratio, we use the function epi.indirectadj, which we have seen already. As this function expects matrices as its arguments, we convert the relevant columns from py_5_13 using matrix.

The obs argument is derived from event column of py_5_13 and the pop argument from pyears. The std is supplied as given in the textbook, but divided by 1000. All arguments have one row only. The dimnames argument is a list with two components – the first being the name for the row, which is needed though there is only one row. The columns are named using the agegrp column. We need the smr component of the result, which provides the expected number of deaths, the SMR and its confidence interval.

```
smr_5_12$smr
```

```
obs exp est lower upper 4 1.4888 2.6867 0.67168 5.3735
```

5.5.3 Comparison of two SERs

__Example 5.13 (page 198)

To calculate relative SER, we need a new package popEpi. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1. We use the function sir_ratio to compute the relative SER.

```
library(popEpi)
sir_ratio(c(43,38.755), c(4,1.488))
```

The function requires two numeric vectors, each with the number of events and the person times for the two groups that are to be compared.

```
sir_ratio lower upper 0.413 0.150 1.583
```

We get the relative SER and its confidence interval.

As I couldn't find a readymade function to test the hypothesis that relative SER is 1, we will do it by hand.

```
events <- c(4,43)
xpctd <- c(1.488,38.755)
xpctdn <- xpctd * sum(events) / sum(xpctd)
sum(((abs(events - xpctdn) - 0.5 ) ^2) / xpctdn) -> ststc
ststc
pchisq(ststc,1,lower.tail = FALSE)
```

We enter the number of deaths observed and expected into two vectors, then multiply the overall SER with expected which is saved as xpctdn. It is used to calculate the test statistic using the formula given in the textbook. The p value for this statistic is calculated using pchisq.

```
[1] 1.8554
[1] 0.17315
```

5.5.4 Mantel-Haenszel methods

Example 5.14 (page 201)

To re-work example 5.14, we will be using epi.2by2. We input the data in table 5.14 in an array suitable for use by epi.2by2.

The third dimension of the array are the different levels of strata. In each strata, the two-by-two tables are arranged with events in the first column and person time in the second

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column. The first row corresponds to those exposed to risk factor, renters in our case and the second row to those unexposed, owners in our case. We pass the array to epi.2by2 and store the massoc.detail component of the result. Note that we have used method = "cohort.time" to say that we are using person time analysis.

```
epi.2by2(tbl_5_14,method = "cohort.time")$massoc.detail -> result_5_14
```

We can extract the required results from this object. If we desire the relative rates for each strata, it is available as IRR.strata.wald. The overall crude relative rate is available in IRR.crude.wald. The Mantel Haenszel relative rate is available in IRR.mh.wald. The chi square test on MH estimate is available in chi2.mh. Here we print the MH estimate with its confidence interval.

result_5_14\$IRR.mh.wald

```
est lower upper
1 1.4074 1.0809 1.8327
```

The MH relative rates is not different from the textbook. The chi square statistic calculated (6.46) is slightly different from the textbook value (6.16), though the p value is similar. This is because epi.2by2 does not use continuity correction.

As there aren't any examples under period cohort analysis that requires calculations, we end this chapter with a recap.

5.6 Recap

5.6.1 Concepts introduced in this chapter

- survival object
- formula

- generic function
- index matrix

5.6.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- base::cumprod
- ggplot2::geom_step
- stats::qnorm
- ggplot2::scale x continuous
- survival::Surv
- survival::survfit
- base::with
- base::sort
- base::summary

- base::rbind
- survival::survdiff
- lubridate::dmy
- base::difftime
- survival::pyears
- survival::tcut
- purrr::map2_dbl
- popEpi::sir_ratio

Case-control studies

This chapter deals with case control studies. We will use the add-on packages epiR and epiDisplay. Remember to install them using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1. Matrices and vectors continue to be the predominant data types we use. We start with reworking example 6.3.

6.1 Basic methods of analysis

Example 6.3 (page 216)

We use epi.2by2 function from epiR. We pass our data to the function as a two-by-two matrix and specify case.control as the method. The massoc.detail component of the result is stored.

```
result_6_3$OR.strata.wald
result_6_3$chi2.strata.yates
```

We use the \$ operator to get OR.strata.wald of this object to get the odds ratio and its confidence interval & the chi2.strata.yates to get the continuity corrected chi-square test's value and its probability.

```
est lower upper
1 0.71782 0.52843 0.9751

test.statistic df p.value.1s p.value.2s
1 4.1928 1 0.020298 0.040597
```

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6.1.1 Polytomous exposure

```
Example 6.4 (page 217)
```

To rework the example 6.4, we need an array to represent the four two-by-two tables. As the unexposed row of all the two-by-two tables are the same, the straight forward way would be to repeat those values as required in the vector we supply to array command. However, we will follow a different path.

First, we build an array of suitable dimensions, but with a dummy value zero for all elements. In the second step, we subset the array to select all elements in the first row in all other dimensions and assign the correct values from table 6.4 to them. In the final step, we subset the second row in all other dimensions and assign to them the values in the first row of table 6.4 repeated four times. Thus we get four two-by-two tables, each with the same values in the second row. We now pass the array to epi.2by2.

```
epi.2by2(tbl_6_4,
    method = "case.control")$massoc.detail$OR.strata.wald
```

The odds ratio and its confidence intervals for each of the two-by-two tables is in the OR.strata.wald sub-component of the massoc.detail component of the result returned by epi.2by2.

```
est lower upper
1 1.05253 0.59681 1.85624
2 2.73658 0.96876 7.73032
3 1.60385 0.91292 2.81770
4 0.56893 0.32589 0.99323
```

6.1.2 Attributable risk

Example 6.5 (page 219)

While the result returned by epi.2by2 does include estimates of attributable fraction and population attributable fractions, they are named differently from the textbook. We use the PAFest.strata.wald to get the measure called attributable fraction in the textbook.

```
est lower upper 1 0.10979 0.0072926 0.2017
```

While the point estimate is the same as in the textbook, the confidence interval is different, probably because a method different from the textbook is followed.

6.2 The analysis of matched studies

6.2.1 1:1 matching

Example 6.8 (page 233)

R doesn't really favour grouped data for matched analysis. However, it does have Mc Nemar's test, which we use here to re-work example 6.8.

Usage of mcnemar.test is rather straight forward. It is called with the two-by-two matrix. It returns the chi square value and its associated p value. Continuity correction is applied by default.

McNemar's Chi-squared test with continuity correction

```
data: tbl_6_11
McNemar's chi-squared = 3.89, df = 1, p-value = 0.049
```

The package epiDisplay provides matchTab function to calculate odds ratio for the matched cases. However, it does not accept grouped data. We need to expand the grouped data to recreate the individual level data.

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```
library(epiDisplay)
rep(c(0,1), 109) -> status
rep(c(1: 109), each = 2) -> id
c(rep(1, 12),
    rep(c(1,0), 12),
    rep(c(0,1), 25),
    rep(0,132)) -> expose
matchTab(status, expose, id)
```

The matchTab expects three numeric vectors. One to denote case / control status, one to indicate the exposure status and one to indicate the identification number of each set. The first vector status is the pair c(0,1) repeated 109 times. The number 109 denotes the sum of all numbers in table 6.11, the total number of case control pairs. Thus we get alternate zero and ones for a total of 218. Zero stands for controls and one for cases. The vector id should carry the same number for each case control pair. We thus repeat the numbers one to 109, each twice. The length of the vector is again 218. The final vector expose is also numeric, with zero standing for unexposed (in our case, not having a relative with dementia) and one for exposed status. For the first six pairs, both cases and controls have a relative with dementia. So, we use rep(1,12). For the next 12 pairs, the controls have a relative with dementia, cases don't have. So, we use rep(c(1,0), 12). Remember that when building status we put 0 first, to indicate controls. Thus, their exposure status 1 should come first when building the expose vector. The expose vector is thus built by joining together the four rep results together. We finally call matchTab with the vectors we have built.

```
Exposure status: expose = 1

Total number of match sets in the tabulation = 109

Number of controls = 1

No. of controls exposed

No. of cases exposed 0 1

0 66 12

1 25 6

Odds ratio by Mantel-Haenszel method = 2.083

Odds ratio by maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) method = 2.083

95%CI= 1.047 , 4.147
```

The confidence interval is calculated by a method different from the textbook, hence slightly different from the textbook value.

6.2.2 1:c matching

______Example 6.9 (page 234)

Re-working the example 6.9 follows the same steps as in the previous example. Rather than following the calculations using the formula given in the textbook, we build appropriate

vectors from the grouped data and feed it to matchTab.

```
rep(1:(57+54), each = 6) -> id
rep(c(1,0,0,0,0,0),times = 57+54) -> status
c(c(1,0,0,0,0,0),
    rep(c(0,0,0,0,0,0),11),
    rep(c(1,1,0,0,0,0),5),
    rep(c(0,1,0,0,0,0),15),
    c(1,1,1,0,0,0),
    rep(c(0,1,1,0,0,0),11),
    rep(c(1,1,1,1,0,0),3),
    rep(c(0,1,1,1,0,0),5),
    rep(c(1,1,1,1,1,0),7),
    rep(c(1,1,1,1,1,1),27),
    rep(c(0,1,1,1,1,1),5)) -> expose
matchTab(status, expose, id)
```

The result is similar to that in the textbook.

```
Exposure status: expose = 1

Total number of match sets in the tabulation = 111

Number of controls = 5

No. of controls exposed

No. of cases exposed 0 1 2 3 4 5

0 11 15 11 5 7 5

1 1 5 1 3 20 27

Odds ratio by Mantel-Haenszel method = 0.514

Odds ratio by maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) method = 0.519
95%CI= 0.301 , 0.897
```

6.2.3 1: variable matching

```
_Example 6.10 (page 241)
```

The function matchTab supports 1: variable matching. However, in the case of our example it returns an error due to low numbers. So, we will re-work example 6.10 "by hand" using the steps given in the textbook. First, we enter the data from table 6.18.

```
c(2,3,3,3) -> j
c(2,1,2,3) -> i
```

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```
c(1,2,2,2) \rightarrow m

c(1,3,2,2) \rightarrow t
```

Next, we calculate the intermediate values for each of the rows.

```
i * t /(j+1) -> Ei
i * (j +1 - i) * t / (j + 1) ^2 -> Vi
(j + 1 - i) * m / (j +1) -> Ti
i * (t - m) / (j +1) -> Bi
```

From these we calculate the Mantel Haenszel odds ratio, the CMH test statistic and its probability given null hypothesis.

```
sum(Ti) / sum(Bi) -> mhor_6_10
(abs(sum(m) - sum(Ei)) - 0.5 ) ^ 2 / sum(Vi) -> cmh_6_10
mhor_6_10
cmh_6_10
pchisq(cmh_6_10,1, lower.tail = FALSE)
```

The function abs returns the absolute value of its argument. The pchisq returns the upper tail probability of finding the specified value (cmh_6_10 in our case) in the chi squared distribution of the specified degrees of freedom (1 in our case).

```
[1] 13.333
[1] 4.0209
```

[1] 0.044939

6.2.4 Many: many matching

_____Example 6.11 (page 244)

The function matchTab doesn't support many:many matching. So, we will re-work example 6.11 similar to how we did the previous example.

```
c(rep(1,12), rep(2,4), 3,3) -> r
c(2,3,rep(4,9),rep(7,3),8,8,11,12) -> s
c(1,2,1,1,1,2,3,2,2,3,4,4,3,6,8,5,5,10) -> i
c(0,1,rep(0,5),rep(1,8),2,1,2) -> k
i * r / (r +s) -> Eik
( i * r * s * (r + s - i)) /
    ((r + s) ^ 2 * (r + s - 1)) -> Vik
k * (s - i + k) / (r +s) -> Tik
(i - k) * (r - k) / (r +s) -> Bik
sum(Tik) / sum(Bik) -> mhor_6_11
```

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```
(abs(sum(k) - sum(Eik)) - 0.5) ^ 2 / sum(Vik) -> cmh_6_11
cmh_6_11
pchisq(cmh_6_11,1, lower.tail = FALSE)
mhor_6_11
```

The steps are similar to the previous example and so are not elaborated.

- [1] 0.092541
- [1] 0.76097
- [1] 1.2647

We will end this chapter here with a recall of the important points.

6.3 Recap

6.3.1 Commands introduced in this chapter

- \bullet stats::mcnemar.test
- epiDisplay::matchTab

Intervention studies

This chapter introduces intervention studies. The add-on packages we use include readr, ggplot2, dplyr, all part of tidyverse, epiR and DescTools.

```
_Example 7.1 (page 257)
```

We start with t test, which we learned in a previous chapter. In example 7.1 of this chapter, we have a table with individual level data upon which we need to perform the t test. First, we import the given data.

Note that the data provided is formed essentially by joining the two halves of table 7.1 one below the other. An additional column is also there, as marker to indicate the treatment group to which each row belongs. Except for treat, we specify all other columns as number. After the data is imported, we make two new columns nvdiff and vdiff, to calculate the difference between the two readings of each type of IQ tests.

```
t.test(nvdiff ~ treat, data = data_7_1)
t.test(vdiff ~ treat, data = data_7_1)
```

We now call t.test with a formula. The left-hand side of the formula is the variable on which t test is to be performed, the right-hand side is the variable by which the left-hand side variable should be grouped (treat in our case). We also specify the data argument to inform t.test that the variables that we specify in the formula are in data_7_1 data frame.

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

```
data: nvdiff by treat
t = -1.24, df = 81.9, p-value = 0.22
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between
      group 1 and group 2 is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-6.2543 1.4448
sample estimates:
mean in group 1 mean in group 2
         1.5000
                         3.9048
    Welch Two Sample t-test
data: vdiff by treat
t = -0.364, df = 82.3, p-value = 0.72
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between
      group 1 and group 2 is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -3.2749 2.2619
sample estimates:
mean in group 1 mean in group 2
                         3.1429
         2.6364
```

The sign of the statistic is different from the textbook based on which factor level is taken as the reference. This makes no difference to the interpretation.

7.1 Parallel group studies

7.1.1 Numbers needed to treat

Example 7.6 (page 269)

The function epi.2by2 calculates NNT when we provide it the relevant two-by-two tables. Here, we use the data in example 7.6.

NNT is returned in the NNT.strata.wald of maasoc.detail component of the result. Our result has a negative sign, indicating that "risk factor" (treatment in our case), reduces the risk of disease.

```
est lower upper 1 -53.455 -216.54 -30.491
```

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As NNT is calculated directly from numbers rather than from rates, adjusting the NNT is not possible directly. If we can algebraically manipulate the NNT formula given in the textbook to derive the extrapolated numbers rather than rates, we can feed those numbers to epi.2by2 to obtain NNTs extrapolated to treatment duration other than the actual study duration. For our example, using the vector c(30.89, 1176-30.89, 56.92, 1176-56.92) in place of the original will get us the NNT for five years.

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```
Figure 7.4 (page 276)
```

To rework the example 7.9, we need the data in table 7.5. The data is provided in **long** format to mean that there is one row for one observation. Thus, for any individual, there are two rows of data – one for the first period and one for the second.

Now, we will try to reproduce the graph in figure 7.4. We need to calculate the mean pain score for each period and each treatment.

```
group_by(data_7_5,period, med) |>
  summarise(mps = mean(score)) -> data_7_5s
```

We use the function <code>group_by</code> to first group the data by both <code>period</code> and <code>med</code>. We then pipe the result using <code>|></code> to the next function <code>summarise</code>. The first argument of <code>summarise</code> is thus received from the pipe. For each group, <code>summarise</code> calculates the value of a new field using the definition we provide. In our case, the field is named <code>mps</code> and its value is calculated by applying the function <code>mean</code> to the values in the <code>score</code> column. Thus, we get a new dataframe with three columns, two with the values of the columns we used for grouping and the third one <code>mps</code> with the mean pain score for that group. There will be as many rows as there are unique combination of values of the grouping variables.

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Then, we call ggplot with the data frame we prepared. We use the geom_line to draw lines between the mean pain score for each period. We ask geom_line to use different line type and colour for the different med groups. As we want the legend to use labels different from the values in the dataframe, we use scale_linetype_manual and scale_colour_manual. We use both the manual scales as we use linetype and colour as aesthetics. Both require labels, the values of which will be used for the legend labels, values which determines line type or colour used and name which determines the heading used for the legend.

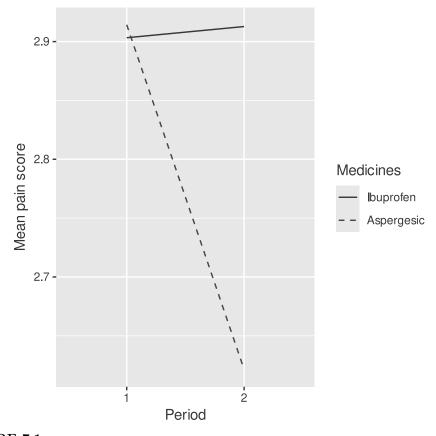


FIGURE 7.1 Replication of figure 7.4

Figure 7.5 (page 277)

To prepare the graph in figure 7.5, we need to reshape our data. We need to do this because geom_segment which we will be using to draw line segments for each individual, wants the data to draw both points in one row of the data frame. We use pivot_wider.

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Our aim is to make two columns for each individual — one for the first pain score and the other for the second pain score. The <code>id_cols</code> specify which set of columns uniquely identify a row of observation. Though <code>id</code> is sufficient to make our rows unique, we include <code>group</code> too as we need the info in <code>group</code> at a later stage. If, we don't include <code>group</code>, we will not have the info in that column for later use. The option <code>names_from</code> determines the name of the new columns that will be created. As many columns as there are unique values in the column specified for this option will be created. The columns will be named with the unique values prefixing the string we specify for <code>names_prefix</code>. What will be the values under these columns? The values will be sourced from the column we specify for <code>values_from</code>. The end result for us is a wider data frame with as many rows as are dictated by the combination of values of <code>id</code> and <code>group</code>, with two new columns <code>score1</code> and <code>score2</code>, the first column carrying the value from <code>score</code> when the <code>period</code> has the value 1 and the second one with the value from <code>score</code> when the period has the value 2.

```
levels(data_7_5w$group) <- c("Ibuprofen-Aspergesic","Aspergesic-Ibuprofen")</pre>
```

We now change the labels associated with the codes used in *group*. Remember that *group* was imported as factor. A factor variable uses numerical codes to represent categorical values. We can change the labels used for each of the codes of a factor variable by using levels providing it with the factor vector's name. Note that levels is assigned a set of values by using the <- assignment operator. In our example, the value 1 will get associated with "Ibuprofen-Aspergesic" and 2 with "Aspergesic-Ibuprofen" when printed.

```
ggplot(data_7_5w) +
  geom_segment(aes(x = "1", y = score1, xend = "2", yend = score2)) +
  facet_wrap(c("group")) +
  labs(y = "Mean pain score", x= "Period")
```

We now draw the widened data frame using ggplot. We use geom_segment. The first set of points is specified with x and y. We use a string "1" for x for all the rows of data, and y is sourced from score1. The second set of points is specified with xend, for which we specify a common "2" and yend which is sourced from score2. We need two graphs, one for each value of group. This is achieved by facet_wrap, to which we supply group as a character vector. Note how facet_wrap uses the labels attached with the factor as headers.

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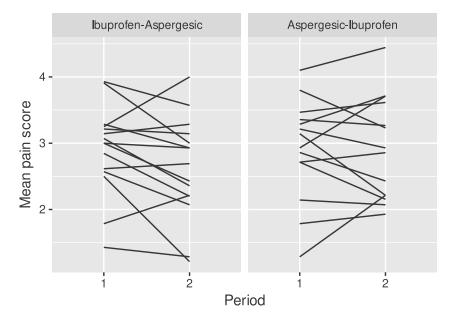


Figure 7.6 (page 277)

We will now use the same data frame we prepared for the earlier graph to prepare the graph in figure 7.6.

We use ggplot, but doesn't provide it with a data argument. We do so because the two geoms we use require two different sets of data. For geom_point, we specify the data argument as the wider data frame we prepared. We ask it to use <code>score1</code> and <code>score2</code> to determine the x y location of the point. We use <code>shape</code> and <code>colour</code> arguments to specify that we want different colours and shapes for each of the different values of <code>group</code>. We provide <code>show.legend = FALSE</code> to say that we don't want a legend to be printed. We use <code>geom_line</code> to draw the central guideline. The x and y arguments for this geom are the same, a sequence from 1 to 5. The <code>scale_shape_manual</code> is used to restrict the shapes used for drawing the points. The values we selected restrict the shapes to the filled and empty circles. If we don't specify that, we will get the shapes represented by 1 and 2 — circle and triangle.

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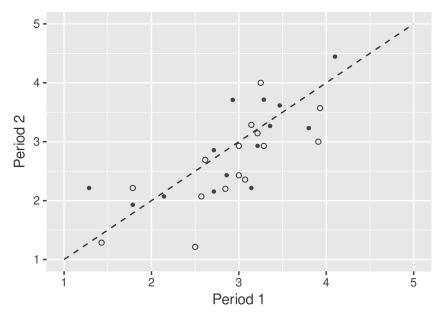


FIGURE 7.2 Replication of figure 7.6

Example 7.9 (page 279)

We now turn to the hypothesis tests. We need to modify our dataframe to calculate the total of and difference between the pain scores.

```
mutate(data_7_5w,
          total = score1 + score2,
          diff = score1-score2) -> table_7_5
```

We use the function mutate and supply the dataframe we prepared earlier as its first argument. We provide names and specification for the new columns we need. The column total is defined as the sum of score1 and score2 and the column diff as the difference between score1 and sore2. The modified dataframe is stored as table_7_5.

```
t.test(total ~ group, data = table_7_5, var.equal = TRUE)
```

We use t.test to test for treatment by period interaction. The first argument is a formula, the left-hand side of which is the *total* column that was calculated in the previous step. The right-hand side of the formula is *group*. Thus, we are instructing t.test to test for differences in the mean of *total* in the two groups defined by the value of *group*.

```
Two Sample t-test
```

```
data: total by group
t = -0.583, df = 27, p-value = 0.56
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between
```

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```
group Ibuprofen-Aspergesic and
group Aspergesic-Ibuprofen is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:
-1.36733 0.76252

sample estimates:
mean in group Ibuprofen-Aspergesic mean in group Aspergesic-Ibuprofen
5.5247 5.8271
```

```
t.test(diff ~ group, data = table_7_5, var.equal = TRUE)
```

Similarly, we test for treatment effect, by using diff in place of total.

```
Two Sample t-test

data: diff by group
t = 1.43, df = 27, p-value = 0.16
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between
group Ibuprofen-Aspergesic and
group Aspergesic-Ibuprofen is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:
-0.12052 0.68125
sample estimates:
mean in group Ibuprofen-Aspergesic mean in group Aspergesic-Ibuprofen
0.28187 0.00150
```

Testing for period effect is slightly different.

Here, we use $\verb"t.test"$; but, we don't give it a formula. Instead, we supply it with two vectors corresponding to the two groups. We use $\verb"subset"$ to select only some of the records of the dataframe. The first argument to $\verb"subset"$ is the data frame we want to subset and the second argument is the criteria for selecting the records. In our case, for the first vector, we ask it to select only those records having the value Ibuprofen-Aspergesic in the column group and then select only the diff column of those records. For the second vector, we select only those records with the value Aspergesic-Ibuprofen in the column group. We select the diff column of those records and multiply it with -1.

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```
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
0.28187 -0.00150
```

We have no direct way to calculate the mean difference in pain score and its confidence interval. However, calculating it is not difficult. First, we need to store the result of the relevant t test.

The mean of the difference in pain score when using aspergesic and ibuprofen is calculated as half of the difference between the mean for the two groups returned by t.test in its estimate component.

The standard error is returned by ${\tt t.test}$ in the component ${\tt stderr}$. We multiply the standard error with the appropriate t value returned by ${\tt qt}$. The function ${\tt qt}$ requires two parameters. The first one is the probability for which t value is required. We provide a vector with two values, one for the lower tail (0.05/2) and one for the upper tail (1-0.05/2). The second argument is the ${\tt df}$, the degrees of freedom which we collect from the parameter component of the result returned by ${\tt t.test}$. We add this to the mean of differences calculated in the previous step to get the confidence interval.

```
mean in group Ibuprofen-Aspergesic
0.14018
[1] -0.060258 0.340625
```

The steps for calculating the confidence interval for period differences is similar except for the t test used.

```
mean of x
0.14168
[1] -0.058758 0.342125
```

7.2.1 Analysing preferences

_Example 7.10 (page 283)

I couldn't find a direct way to perform the Prescott's test or Gart's test. Instead, we may perform the MH chi square test of linear trend or Fischer's exact test.

```
DescTools::MHChisqTest(matrix(c(6,3,8,7,3,3),nrow = 2,byrow = TRUE))
fisher.test(matrix(c(6,8,7,3), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE))
```

The syntax "package::function" used as DescTools::MHChisqTest in our example, can be used to call a function of a particular library. This is useful when that library has not been loaded or when we want to specify the function of that particular library though loaded is masked by another function with the same name in another library that was loaded later.

```
Mantel-Haenszel Chi-Square

data: matrix(c(6, 3, 8, 7, 3, 3), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
X-squared = 1.62, df = 1, p-value = 0.2

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

data: matrix(c(6, 8, 7, 3), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
p-value = 0.24
alternative hypothesis: true odds ratio is not equal to 1
95 percent confidence interval:
0.038833 2.316053
sample estimates:
odds ratio
0.33757
```

7.3 Allocation to treatment group

7.3.1 Randomisation

We will look at a command that is concerned with randomisation. The function sample generates a random permutation of its supplied argument.

```
sample(c("A", "B", "C", "D"))
```

Each time, the above code is run, we will get a different sequence. This may be useful for global randomisation.

If sample is provided just a positive number, it gives us a random permutation of the numbers from 1 to the supplied number.

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sample(10)

We can specify a bias by providing the prob argument to sample.

```
sample(c("A", "B"), prob = c(1,2), size = 1)
```

When we run this code, we will get either "A" or "B" as we have specified size=1. The chance of getting "B" is two times the chance of getting "A". This could be useful for biased coin method.

The package Minirand has functions blkrandomisation that generates treatment allocation sequences based on random permuted blocks and Minirand that generates treatment allocation sequences based on minimisation algorithms. Another package blockrand provides the functions blockrand that generates block randomised treatment allocation sequences and plotblockrand which generates a pdf file of individual randomisation cards from the treatment allocation sequences.

We are now at the end of this chapter.

7.4 Recap

7.4.1 Concepts introduced in this chapter

• long format

7.4.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- dplyr::group_by
- tidyr::pivot wider
- base::levels
- ggplot2::geom_segment

- ggplot2::facet wrap
- ggplot2::scale shape manual
- stats::qt
- base::sample

Sample size determination

This chapter deals with power and sample size calculations. We will be using the epiR package. All the functions that we use have a similar way of specifying the parameter we want it to calculate; the parameter we want the function to calculate should be specified as NULL and all other arguments specified with appropriate values. We start with example 8.1.

8.1 Power

Example 8.1 (page 298)

The function that we use is power.t.test of stats package. As we want the power to be calculated, our first argument is power = NULL. The argument n stands for the number of observations, delta for the difference in means and sd for the standard deviation. The type argument specifies whether our test is one sample, two sample or paired. In our case, we are testing one sample against a hypothesised value. The type of hypothesis testing is specified by alternative. In our case, we want a one sided test.

```
One-sample t test power calculation

n = 50
delta = 0.5
sd = 1.4
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.80106
alternative = one.sided
```

The default print of the function shows the value of all arguments, not just the one calculated. If we want to refer to only one component, we can use the \$ operator to select the component we want. The value we obtain (0.8011) is slightly different from our textbook value of 0.8107.

Example 8.2 (page 302)

Calculating power for the two sided alternative of example 8.2 requires only changing the argument named alternative.

[1] 0.69696

The result given by power.t.test 0.697 is slightly different from the textbook value of 0.7141. This probably is because of the normal approximation used in the textbook.

8.2 Testing a mean value

_Example 8.3 (page 303)

Calculating the sample size instead of power, as in example 8.3, requires us to change the argument that is given the value NULL.

[1] 68.516

Again, the value is slightly different from the textbook values.

_Example 8.4 (page 304)

Changing the value of power and delta suffices to replicate example 8.4.

[1] 60.302

_____Example 8.5 (page 305)

Example 8.5 and 8.6 are done in a similar fashion.

[1] 64.465

Example 8.6 (page 306)

[1] 75.446

_____Example 8.7 (page 307)

In example 8.7, the minimum detectable difference is calculated. In order to redo the example, we use the same function, but specify the value of $\tt d$ as NULL.

[1] 0.58759

8.3 Testing a difference between means

_Example 8.8 (page 308)

To redo the example 8.8 which deals with two sample situation, we need to change the value of the argument type.

Two-sample t test power calculation

```
n = 170.37
delta = 0.5
sd = 1.4
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.95
alternative = one.sided
```

NOTE: n is number in *each* group

The result returned is very different from the textbook value. If we pay attention, we will see that it is nearly half of the textbook value. In other words, the function returns the number required in each of the two samples.

Example 8.9 (page 309)

We cannot use power.t.test directly to calculate sample sizes when the two samples are not equal. As an alternative to calculating $(r+1)^{2/r}$ and multiplying it with the result given by power.t.test, we can use epi.sscompc of epiR package. Remember to install the package using install.packages as discussed in the first chapter.

The arguments to epi.sscompc is slightly different from power.t.test. The function expects NA as the value of the argument which we want to be calculated. Instead of d, it requires treat and control, the values in the two groups, from which the difference is calculated. It supports r which is used to specify the ratio of observations in the treatment group to that in the control group. The type of hypothesis test is specified as a number assigned to the argument sided.test. The argument sd of power.t.test is named sigma in epi.sscompc.

```
$n.total
[1] 67

$n.treat
[1] 53

$n.control
[1] 14

$power
[1] 0.9
```

\$delta [1] 4

The values returned by epi.sscompc are accessible using \$ operator includes n.total, n.treat, n.control, power and delta.

```
_____Example 8.10 (page 310)
```

To redo the example 8.10, we use the epi.sscompc. As, the function doesn't have an argument named delta, we need to specify both treat and control (from which delta is calculated) as NA. Also, we need to remember that n is the total number of subjects from both groups combined.

[1] 0.79771

_____Example 8.11 (page 311)

To redo the paired sample example 8.11, we use power.t.test. We need to specify type as paired.

8.4 Testing a proportion

_Example 8.12 (page 312)

To redo the example 8.12, we use epi.sscompb of epiR.

The result returned by epi.sscomph is as in the textbook. For epi.sscomph, we specify n as NA to say that we want it to be calculated. The treat and control are used to specify the proportions in the treatment and control groups. We specify sided.test = 1 to say that we want to evaluate a one sided hypothesis.

[1] 4568

8.5 Testing a relative risk

_Example 8.13 (page 314)

We will use epi.sscohortc function to redo the example 8.13.

The function, similar to the earlier functions, require the parameter that needs to be calculated to be given the value NA. So, here we use n = NA. The arguments <code>irexp0</code> and <code>irexp1</code> indicate the incidence risk in the non-exposed and exposed group. We calculate those values from the information given in the textbook. We multiply the average annual death rate for non-smokers given in the textbook with 5 to get the death risk among non-smokers for five year period. We multiply this figure with 1.4, the relative risk of smokers combined with non-smokers as given in the textbook, to obtain the 5 year risk of death among smokers. The arguments <code>power</code> and <code>sided.test</code> are as in the previous examples.

[1] 12130

_____Example 8.14 (page 314)

To redo example 8.14, we need to specify the additional argument r to epi.sscohortc. It is the ratio of the number of exposed to the number of unexposed. As the number of unexposed is higher, value of r in our example is less than one.

[1] 13544

_____Example 8.15 (page 315)

Example 8.15 is done in a similar way.

[1] 348

____Example 8.16 (page 316)

To calculate the minimum relative risk, as given in example 8.16, we use the same epi.sscohortc.

The argument that is specified as NA is irexp1, the incidence risk in the exposed. The value that we want from the result is of the component irr.

```
[1] 0.65824 1.43987
```

The result includes two values, one solved for the positive root and one for the negative root as explained in the textbook. We take the value above unity as we are assuming a risk factor in contrast to a protective factor.

8.6 Case control studies

Example 8.17 (page 318)

For sample size and power calculation related to case control studies, the function epi.sscc is used. Here, we rework example 8.17.

Similar to the previous commands, epi.sscc requires that the parameter that needs to be calculated specified by the value NA. Here, we use n = NA. The argument OR is used to supply the approximate relative risk. The argument pO is used to supply the expected population prevalence of the risk factor. The arguments power, sided.test and conf.level are used as in the previous examples. The argument method is provided the string unmatched to specify that the proposed design is not a matched study. We get the total number of subjects in the n.total component of the result.

[1] 376

Example 8.18 (page 320)

Example 8.18 requires power to be calculated in a study design with a case:control ratio of 1:5. We use epi.sscc providing it with the argument r to specify the ratio.

```
epi.sscc(power = NA,

n = 188 + 940,

OR = 2.0,

p0 = 0.3,
```

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```
r = 188/940,
sided.test = 2,
conf.level = 0.95,
method = "unmatched")$power
```

Here, we specify power=NA to indicate that we want to calculate power. We supply the sum of the number of cases and of controls as given in the textbook as the value of the argument n. The argument r is the ratio between the cases and controls, calculated from the figures given in the textbook. The power calculated is available in the power component of the result.

[1] 0.98748

Example 8.19 (page 323)

The command epi.sscc can handle matched study design scenarios. To redo the example 8.19, we use

The argument phi.coef is used to provide the correlation between case and control exposure for matched pairs. This, I have been told (personal email), is not equivalent to the chance of a discordant pair as discussed in the textbook. Whether it is possible to calculate the correlation between case and control exposure for matched pairs from the chance of a discordant pair given in our text, is not known to me. However, even if we could calculate the exact value of phi.coef corresponding to 0.5 chance of a discordant pair, epi.sscc would return a value different from that in the textbook as it follows a calculation method different from that described in the textbook.

So, let us make a function that would do the calculations in the textbook.

```
(2 * zbeta * sqrt(rr)))^2 /
(rr - 1) ^ 2 / prop.discord
nc <- n * ((r+1) ^2) / (4 * r)
ceiling(nc/ (r + 1)) * (r + 1)}
```

We name the function ss.ccmatched. The reserved word function tells R that we are going to define a function. We expect the function to accept six parameters. All of them except rr have default values. Thus when we call the function, if we provide only one unnamed argument, it will be taken as rr. Inside the function, we use qnorm to calculate zalpha considering whether one sided or two sided hypothesis is being tested and zbeta. We calculate n as described in the textbook. We use r to correct it for the number of controls for a case. In the final step we use ceiling which returns the smallest integer that is not less than its argument. The argument we provide it is the corrected sample size divided by the size of the matched set (number of matched controls for a case plus 1 for case). The value returned by ceiling is multiplied with the same matched set size. Thus we will get the sample size we calculated rounded to the next multiple of the sum of case and the number of matched controls in one set. If there is no explicit return statement, the function will return the result of the last statement in its body. Thus our function will return this rounded up number.

Let us try our function

```
ss.ccmatched(2, power = 0.8)
```

[1] 362

_____Example 8.19 (page 323)

```
ss.ccmatched(2, power = 0.8, r = 3)
```

[1] 484

Our function works well. However, it is incomplete. It does not have any error checking. Say, what if I (accidentally) call it with the value 3 for *sided*? In the final chapter, I will point you to some resources to hone your R programming skills.

Before we conclude this chapter, note that, though we do not have a textbook example to demonstrate, there are many more "epi.ss" group of functions that are suited for complex sampling designs including cluster designs.

8.7 Recap

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8.7.1 Commands introduced in this chapter

• stats::power.t.test

 \bullet epiR::epi.sscompb

• epiR::epi.sscohortc

• epiR::epi.sscc

• base::ceiling

Modelling quantitative outcome variables

From this chapter onward we learn about statistical modelling. The main function to fit linear models is lm. Its main argument is a formula specifying the model. It can handle data frames. The results are stored and required information extracted from it using helper functions. For this chapter we use the add on package readr, ggplot2 part of tidyverse, car, emmeans, gridExtra, broom, lspline ggeffects and geepack. Remember to install them using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1. We start with ANOVA by reworking example 9.2.

9.1 One categorical explanatory variable

Example 9.2 (page 335)

First, we import the relevant table using read_table supplying it with the file name, the list of column names and the list of column types that is represented in the columns. Note that we specify that diet is a factor, to say that the numbers in that column are actually codes that stand for a category and don't have any numerical significance. The analysis of variance is done by 1m which accepts a formula. Our formula is $chol \sim diet$, to mean that we want the mean of the column chol to be tested for equality across the groups dictated by the value in the column diet. The data argument tells 1m that the columns mentioned in the formula are to be found in the dataframe tbl_9_1 . We save the result of the command using the name lm_9_1 .

```
anova(lm_9_1)
```

To prepare the ANOVA table, we pass the result of lm to anova.

Analysis of Variance Table

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```
Response: chol

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

diet 2 1.25 0.622 17.6 0.00012 ***

Residuals 15 0.53 0.035

---

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

The values in the ANOVA table printed is similar to table 9.4, except for rounding errors. The term "Error" in table 9.4, is called "Residuals" by anova. In addition to the value of F ratio, anova computes and prints the probability associated with the F value, as well as the "significance stars" for that probability. Note that there are two alternate functions to perform ANOVA. The function aov, prints an abbreviated ANOVA table directly. The function oneway.test can be instructed to perform tests with the assumption of equal or unequal variance by changing the value of var.equal. Both these functions accept the formula and data arguments.

R provides many helper functions to display requisite information about fitted models. To display a succinct summary, we can use

summary(lm_9_1)

```
Call:
lm(formula = chol ~ diet, data = tbl_9_1)
Residuals:
  Min
          1Q Median
                       30
-0.253 -0.188  0.045  0.141  0.337
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                82.30 < 2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
           6.3150
                     0.0767
diet2
            -0.3700
                       0.1085
                                -3.41 0.0039 **
diet3
            -0.6417
                       0.1085
                                -5.91 2.8e-05 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.188 on 15 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.701, Adjusted R-squared: 0.662
F-statistic: 17.6 on 2 and 15 DF, p-value: 0.000116
```

In the summary displayed, we have the five number summary of residuals, the value, standard error, t test statistic and probability of the t test of the coefficients and summary information on the model fitted. If we want only the coefficients, we can use coef. If we want confidence intervals for the coefficients, we may use confint.

```
confint(lm_9_1, level = 0.95)
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 % (Intercept) 6.15146 6.47854 diet2 -0.60128 -0.13872 diet3 -0.87295 -0.41039
```

<u>Table 9.5</u> (page 338)

Following the steps outlined in the textbook, we may use this information to build the confidence intervals shown in table 9.5. However, an easier way is to use a model without an explicit intercept term.

```
lm(chol ~ diet - 1, data = tbl_9_1) -> lm_9_5
confint(lm_9_5, level = 0.95)
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 % diet1 6.1515 6.4785 diet2 5.7815 6.1085 diet3 5.5098 5.8369
```

The formula argument of our call to 1m is modified to tell R that we don't want an explicit intercept. This is done by including -1 on the right-hand side of the formula. We pass this model to confint. The result is that the coefficients we get are absolute values rather than the difference from the intercept when we include an explicit intercept. Thus, we need not add together the value of the intercept and the coefficients to calculate the mean cholesterol of each group.

To include the coefficients in the print, we need to use cbind to bind together the result of confint and coef or the coefficient component of the result returned by lm.

```
cbind( lm_9_5$coefficients, confint(lm_9_5, level = 0.95))
```

TABLE 9.1
Replication of table 9.5

Diet group	Mean	2.5%	97.5%
diet1 diet2	6.3150 5.9450	6.1515 5.7815	6.1085
diet3	5.6733	5.5098	5.8369

Example 9.4 (page 338)

To rework the example demonstrating the Bonferroni correction for pair wise comparison, we need to calculate the difference in the coefficients for diet2 and diet3. Our model specification returns as intercept, the coefficient of diet1 and the other coefficients are calculated as the difference from this intercept. While, we have the option to algebraically manipulate these values to get the difference between the coefficients of diet2 and diet3, we will follow a different path.

```
relevel(tbl_9_1$diet,ref = "2") -> tbl_9_1$diet
lm(chol ~ diet, data = tbl_9_1) -> lmr_9_1
```

The function relevel is used to change the reference level of a factor vector. By default, in R, the reference level for any factor vector is determined alphabetically. However, we can modify it using relevel, which accepts the factor vector the reference level of which needs to be changed. The new reference level is passed through the argument ref. Here, we say that we want the factor value 2 to be used as the reference level. Note that we need to save the changed factor name. Here, we use the same name, overwriting the old one. We then use lm to build the model with the changed factor vector.

```
(Intercept) diet1 diet3
5.94500 0.37000 -0.27167
```

We can see that the coefficients are calculated with *diet2* as the base. The coefficient for *diet3* directly shows the difference between *diet3* and *diet2* group means. Similarly, the summary function will show the standard error, the t value and its probability given the null hypothesis.

We can use this value directly in the remainder of calculations.

summary(lmr_9_1)\$coefficients

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 5.94500 0.076727 77.4825 6.0484e-21
diet1 0.37000 0.108508 3.4099 3.8784e-03
diet3 -0.27167 0.108508 -2.5036 2.4330e-02
```

To obtain the 95% confidence interval for the difference between the group means, we multiply the standard error with the critical value for t distribution obtained using qt. The function qt requires the probability for which the critical value need to be calculated and the df. We specify 1-0.05/2 as our probability as we require 95% confidence interval. The df we specify is the error df. We need to subtract and add this spread to the calculated difference. To achieve this, we multiply the calculated spread with the vector c(-1,1) and add it to the difference of the group means as returned by our model.

```
abs(lmr_9_1$coefficients[3]) + (c(-1,1) * qt(1-0.05/2, 15) * summary(lmr_9_1)$coefficients[3,2])
```

[1] 0.040386 0.502947

To apply the Bonferroni correction, we need to multiply the probability returned by summary with the number of comparisons made and judge it against the nominal significance level. Otherwise, we can adjust the nominal significant level by dividing it with the number of comparisons made. Thus, if we are doing all three pair wise comparison, the Bonferroni

corrected p value would be $summary(lmr_9_1)$coefficients[3,4] * 3 if we keep the significant level as <math>5\%$.

However, R provides TukeyHSD, a better alternative. It requires the result returned by aov.

```
aov(chol ~ diet, data = tbl_9_1) |> TukeyHSD()
```

The result shows the Tukey honest significant differences calculated for each pair of the factor values (diet in our case).

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```
_Figure 9.2 (page 348)
```

To rework example 9.5 that demonstrates simple linear regression, we need to import the data.

We use $read_table$ to import the relevant data into R. In addition to the columns sugar and dmft, there is a column of data to distinguish between industrialised countries and developing countries. We import it as a factor calling it country. As we need only the data for developing countries, we select only that data using filter. We save the filtered dataframe with the name tbl 9 8.

The command to generate the graph in figure 9.2 is

```
ggplot(tbl_9_8) +
```

We have seen both ggplot and geom_point earlier. Instead of modifying the default theme, we use theme_bw.

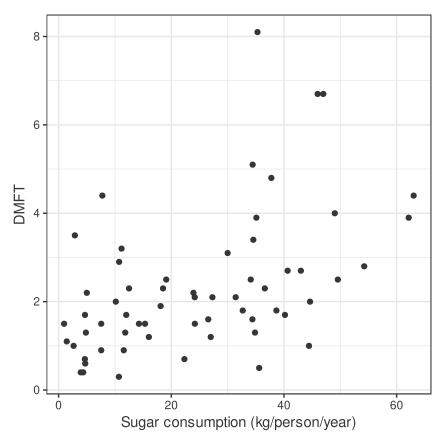


FIGURE 9.1 Replication of figure 9.2

_Figure 9.3 (page 350)

To generate the graph in figure 9.3, we need another geom function.

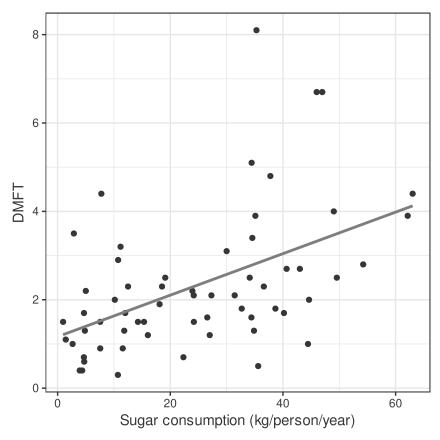


FIGURE 9.2 Replication of figure 9.3

We provide the aes definition inside ggplot because it is common to both geoms. We have no further arguments to geom_point; hence the empty parentheses. The function geom_smooth adds a smoothed curve of the values calculated based on its argument. The main argument to geom_smooth is method, which we specified as lm. Thus, it will use the lm function to produce the overlaid curve.

Now, we try to redo the actual modelling.

___Example 9.5 (page 348)

$$lm(dmft \sim sugar, data = tbl_9_8) \rightarrow lm_9_5$$

For simple linear regression, we use lm, similar to how we used it for anova. We store the result with a name and use helper function as per our requirement.

We use anova to display the analysis of variance table given in table 9.9.

anova(lm_9_5)

```
Analysis of Variance Table
```

Response: dmft

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
sugar 1 36.6 36.6 18.8 5.7e-05 ***
Residuals 59 114.7 1.9

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

To display the value of the coefficients, their standard errors and marginal t tests, we use summary.

summary(lm_9_5)

Call:

lm(formula = dmft ~ sugar, data = tbl_9_8)

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.337 -0.812 -0.290 0.438 5.277

Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 1.1647 0.3204 3.63 0.00059 ***
sugar 0.0470 0.0108 4.34 5.7e-05 ***

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

Residual standard error: 1.39 on 59 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.242, Adjusted R-squared: 0.229 F-statistic: 18.8 on 1 and 59 DF, p-value: 5.66e-05

We may use confint to obtain confidence intervals for the coefficients.

confint(lm_9_5)

```
2.5 % 97.5 % (Intercept) 0.523484 1.805877 sugar 0.025318 0.068635
```

We have a helper function to make predictions too.

```
predict(lm_9_5,
    newdata = data.frame(sugar = 35),
    interval = "confidence")
```

The predict function requires a model object which in our case is lm_9_5 . The newdata should be a dataframe containing columns with the same name as used for the explanatory variable in the model. In our example, we build our newdata using data.frame which is supplied just one value for the variable sugar. The argument interval decides what type of interval is needed. For the first of the predictions (of individual values), we use interval = "predict". For the second prediction (of average values), we use interval = "confidence".

```
fit lwr upr
1 2.8088 -0.01254 5.6302
fit lwr upr
1 2.8088 2.3864 3.2313
```

_Figure 9.4 (page 353)

To plot the graph in figure 9.4, we need only ask geom_smooth to include the confidence interval.

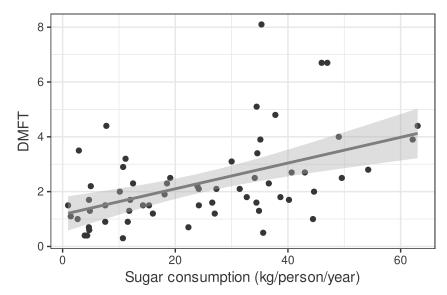


FIGURE 9.3
Replication of figure 9.4

This is achieved by specifying se =TRUE in the call for geom_smooth. When we ask geom_smooth to plot the confidence interval band for the smoothed curve, it uses predict to calculate the confidence interval.

9.2.1 Correlation

<u>Section 9.3.2</u> (page 352)

R provides functions to calculate correlation coefficients.

```
cor(tbl_9_8$sugar, tbl_9_8$dmft, method = "pearson")
cor(tbl_9_8$sugar, tbl_9_8$dmft, method = "spearman")
```

The function cor accepts two vectors, the correlation between which needs to be calculated. It also accepts the method argument, which we use to specify whether we want Pearson's correlation coefficient or Spearman's.

```
[1] 0.49194
[1] 0.52651
```

The function cor.test can be used to test the hypothesis that the correlation coefficient is zero.

```
cor.test(tbl_9_8$sugar, tbl_9_8$dmft, method = "pearson")
```

It also produces a confidence interval for the correlation coefficient calculated. Its arguments are similar to that of cor. In addition, it can accept alternative to specify the type of hypothesis testing required and conf.level to specify the confidence level for the confidence interval calculated.

Pearson's product-moment correlation

```
data: tbl_9_8$sugar and tbl_9_8$dmft
t = 4.34, df = 59, p-value = 5.7e-05
alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
    0.27407    0.66178
sample estimates:
        cor
    0.49194
```

9.2.2 Non linear regression

Figure 9.8 (page 357)

To redo the example 9.6, we need to modify the formula given to lm.

```
lm(log(dmft) ~ sugar, data = tbl_9_8) -> lm_9_6
```

Now, the left-hand side of the formula indicating the response variable is log(dmft), to indicate that we want the log transformation of the dmft variable. We can use the model as we used the earlier models, but remembering that it is log of DMFT that is returned by the helper function. To convert the log back to the original scale, we need to use the function exp.

Building the graph in figure 9.8 is not directly possible using geom_smooth. Instead, we use geom_line and predict.

The scatter plot is on the original scale. So, we specify x and y for geom_point as such. Over the scatterplots, we draw a line using geom_line. The y coordinates for this line is obtained using predict. If newdata is not given to predict, it will use the data used for the model fitting. Thus, our use of predict here will return a vector containing predicted y value for each of the x value supplied by the *sugar* column of the dataframe we used for model fitting. Remembering that we used log for model fitting, we need to use exp to convert back these predicted values to the original scale.

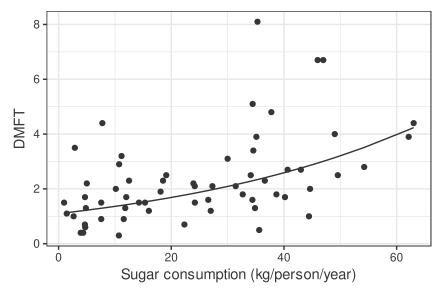


FIGURE 9.4
Replication of figure 9.8

9.3 Two categorical explanatory variables

Example 9.7 (page 360)

To rework the example 9.7 that demonstrates two way anova, we need to get our data into shape.

```
factor(rep("F", 18), levels = c("F", "M")) -> sex
sex[c(1,4,10,13,16,17,3)] <- "M"
cbind.data.frame(tbl_9_1, sex) -> tbl_9_7
```

First, we use factor to create a vector containing 18 values, all of them "F". By means of level argument, we say that only the values "M" and "F" will be allowed in this vector. We then modify the value of seven elements of this vector, selected by subsetting using an index vector, to "M". We thus get a vector that denotes the sex of each observation as said in example 9.7. We join this vector with the tbl_9_1 we created earlier to make a new table which we name tbl_9 7.

We can confirm that the mean given for each cross category is as in table 9.11 using

```
tbl_9_7 |>
  group_by(sex, diet) |>
  summarise(cholesterol = mean(chol))
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 3
            sex [2]
# Groups:
        diet cholesterol
  <fct> <fct>
                     <dbl>
        2
1 F
                      5.91
2 F
        1
                      6.09
3 F
        3
                      5.61
4 M
        2
                      6.11
5 M
        1
                      6.36
6 M
        3
                      6.01
```

Again, we use 1m to perform two way anova.

```
lm(chol \sim diet + sex, data = tbl_9_7) \rightarrow lm_9_7
```

The difference from our previous examples is that we have two variables on the right-hand side of the formula.

To get the sequential anova table shown in table 9.12, we need to pass the model object to anova.

anova(lm_9_7)

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: chol

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

diet 2 1.245 0.622 27.35 1.5e-05 ***

sex 1 0.211 0.211 9.28 0.0087 **

Residuals 14 0.319 0.023

---

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

We get the same results. However, note that though this is a sequential anova, the labels for the explanatory variables don't make this clear. In other words, we get "sex" as the label instead of "sex|diet".

To obtain type 2 or 3 anova results in base R requires some extra effort. The easier way is to use the function Anova from car package. Note that the function name starts with uppercase. Install the package using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

```
Anova Table (Type III tests)

Response: chol
Sum Sq Df F value Pr(>F)

(Intercept) 597 1 26236.73 <2e-16 ***
diet 0 2 9.87 0.0021 **
sex 0 1 9.28 0.0087 **

Residuals 0 14
---

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

Anova accepts the model object as its first argument. We also need to specify type, which may be 2 or 3. The model object we specified here includes a contrasts option which is used to specify the contrast used for the factor variables. Of the different options we have, we chose contr.sum for both the factors used in the formula. Though, the right contrast is relevant when we have interaction terms in the model, we get into the habit right away. Instead of specifying the contrast in the call to lm, we may set our choice of contrast globally by using options(contrasts = c("contr.sum", "contr.poly")). The first choice is used for unordered factors and the second is used for ordered factor.

If we pass the model object to summary or coefficients we won't get the results shown in table 9.13. You should be able to guess the reason for this apparent discrepancy – the

factor level that is considered as the reference is different from that in the textbook. We use relevel to set the appropriate base level of the factor to get the values in the textbook.

```
tbl_9_7$diet <- relevel(tbl_9_7$diet, ref = "3")
summary(lm(chol ~ diet + sex, data = tbl_9_7))</pre>
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = chol ~ diet + sex, data = tbl_9_7)
Residuals:
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                    Max
-0.2534 -0.0842 0.0119 0.1062 0.1951
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
             5.6249
                        0.0636
                                 88.43 < 2e-16 ***
diet2
             0.2717
                        0.0871
                                  3.12 0.00754 **
diet1
             0.4479
                        0.1079
                                  4.15 0.00098 ***
MYAR
             0.2907
                        0.0954
                                  3.05 0.00871 **
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.151 on 14 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.82, Adjusted R-squared: 0.782
F-statistic: 21.3 on 3 and 14 DF, p-value: 1.73e-05
```

9.3.1 Fitted values

_Table 9.14 (page 363)

The model object has a component fitted.values which may be accessed directly using the \$ operator or by passing the model object to the helper function fitted. However, it gives the fitted values for all the observations and hence is inconvenient to work with. We will use the package emmeans to calculate the various fitted values.

```
library(emmeans)
emmeans(lm_9_7, c("diet", "sex"))
```

Note that the function we use has the same name as the package – emmeans. It requires the model object as its first argument. The second argument specs is a character vector that specifies the explanatory variables used in the model specification, from which the cross categories are built.

TABLE 9.2	
${\bf Replication\ of\ table}$	9.14

Diet group	Sex	Fitted value	S.E.	df	Lower CI	Upper CI
$\overline{2}$	F	5.8966	0.063607	14	5.7601	6.0330
1	F	6.0728	0.100572	14	5.8571	6.2885
3	F	5.6249	0.063607	14	5.4885	5.7613
2	\mathbf{M}	6.1872	0.100572	14	5.9715	6.4029
1	Μ	6.3634	0.063607	14	6.2270	6.4999
3	\mathbf{M}	5.9156	0.100572	14	5.6998	6.1313

We get a neat grid showing the fitted values of table 9.14. In addition, the confidence interval of the estimates are also shown.

____Output 9.5 (page 364)

We get the adjusted means using the same function.

```
emmeans(lm_9_7, specs = c("diet"), weights = "proportional")
```

Here we want only the means for the various levels of *diet*. Hence, the specs argument is provided only that name. The weights argument is used to specify the weighting scheme that we want to use for adjusting the values. To weight according to the observed frequencies, we specify weights = "proportional". If we want to use the balanced margins weight, we need to specify weights = "equal".

```
emmeans(lm_9_7, specs = c("diet"), weights = "equal")
```

```
diet emmean SE df lower.CL upper.CL 2 6.01 0.0651 14 5.87 6.15 1 6.19 0.0748 14 6.03 6.35 3 5.74 0.0651 14 5.60 5.88
```

Results are averaged over the levels of: sex Confidence level used: 0.95

diet	${\tt emmean}$	SE	df	lower.CL	upper.CL
2	6.04	0.0693	14	5.89	6.19
1	6.22	0.0693	14	6.07	6.37
3	5.77	0.0693	14	5.62	5.92

Results are averaged over the levels of: sex Confidence level used: 0.95

To get the result of pair wise comparisons of the adjusted means, we have a couple of options. First, we use the function pwpm, again from emmeans.

All we do is pass the result returned by emmeans to pwpm. As we did not store the result of emmeans, we pass the command call directly.

```
2 1 3
2 [6.01] 0.2646 0.0194
1 -0.176 [6.19] 0.0026
3 0.272 0.448 [5.74]

Row and column labels: diet
Upper triangle: P values adjust = "tukey"
Diagonal: [Estimates] (emmean)
Lower triangle: Comparisons (estimate) earlier vs. later
```

The result returned by pwpm is a grid similar to output 9.5. However, the p value of the pair wise comparison is given only in the upper triangle, not repeated as in the output from SAS. The diagonal cells are not empty, but contains the adjusted mean calculated. The lower triangle shows the difference between the adjusted means, the p value for which is shown in the upper triangle.

Another option is use to use pairs from emmeans.

Results are averaged over the levels of: sex
P value adjustment: tukey method for comparing a family of 3 estimates

The result of pairs is similar to that of pwpd, but in a rectangular grid omitting the adjusted means themselves. Note that the p values of multiple comparison are different from that in the textbook, probably because emmeans uses Tukey method for adjustment.

9.3.2 Interaction

_____Example 9.9 (page 365)

In order to specify an interaction term, we need to modify the call to lm.

```
lm(cho1 ~ diet * sex, data = tbl_9_7) -> lm_9_9
summary(lm_9_9)
```

We changed the formula to chol ~ diet * sex. The * instructs that the model should include the interaction terms between the explanatory variables in addition to the main effects. We can pass the model object lm_9_9 to summary and anova to confirm that results are similar to that in output 9.6.

```
Call:
lm(formula = chol ~ diet * sex, data = tbl_9_7)
Residuals:
  Min
          10 Median
                       3Q
-0.250 -0.079 0.004 0.116 0.214
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 5.6060
                    0.0708
                                79.23
                                        <2e-16 ***
             0.3060
                       0.1001
                                3.06
                                       0.0099 **
diet2
diet1
            0.4840
                       0.1733 2.79
                                       0.0163 *
            0.4040
                       0.1733
                                 2.33
                                       0.0380 *
sexM
                                -0.84
                       0.2451
diet2:sexM -0.2060
                                       0.4171
diet1:sexM -0.1340
                       0.2451 -0.55
                                       0.5946
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.158 on 12 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.831, Adjusted R-squared: 0.76
F-statistic: 11.8 on 5 and 12 DF, p-value: 0.000273
```

9.4 Model building

_Example 9.10 (page 366)

We need to import the data to rework the example 9.10 and build the model objects.

We use read_table to import the data, specifying sex and smoke as factors. We build 4 model objects using 1m and save them. The last digit in the model names correspond to that used in example 9.10. As with the previous examples, we can use helper functions to print anova tables, coefficients etc. We may use Anova if we want type 2 or 3 anova tables, emmeans to get adjusted means and pairs or pwpd to obtain pairwise comparison of adjusted means as with our previous examples.

9.5 General linear models

```
Figure 9.9 (page 375)
```

To rework example 9.11 we import the data, as we did earlier. This time, we don't filter the data as we want data of both developing and industrialised countries.

We will not repeat what we saw in previous examples. We will try to reproduce the graphs in figure 9.9. Towards that end, we will extend tbl_9_18 with the fitted values returned by the models.

```
tbl_9_18$mdl_1 <- fitted(lm_9_11_1)
tbl_9_18$mdl_2 <- fitted(lm_9_11_2)
tbl_9_18$mdl_3 <- fitted(lm_9_11_3)
tbl_9_18$mdl_4 <- fitted(lm_9_11_4)
```

We have used \$ operator to assign the fitted values of each of the model objects to non_existent columns named mdl_1 to mdl_4 of tbl_9_18 . As the columns to which we assign new values are non existent, the columns will be created. Thus, $tbl_9.9$ gets extended by four new columns carrying the fitted values according to each model. We now create the four plots.

```
scale_y = continuous(breaks = seq(0,1.5, by = 0.5)) +
 ylim(0,1.5)+
 labs(x = "Sugar consumption (kg/person/year)",
       y = "Fitted values",
       title = "Common regression line") +
 scale_linetype_manual(labels = c("Industrialised", "Developing"),
                        values = c(2,1),
                        name = NA) +
 theme_minimal() -> plt_9_9_1
ggplot(tbl_9_18) +
 geom_line(aes( x = sugar,
                 y = mdl_2,
                 group = country,
                 linetype = country)) +
 scale_linetype_manual(labels = c("Industrialised", "Developing"),
                        values = c(2,1),
                        name = NA) +
  scale_y\_continuous(breaks = seq(0,1.5, by = 0.5)) +
 ylim(0,1.5)+
 labs(x = "Sugar consumption (kg/person/year)",
       y = "Fitted values",
       title = "No regression line") +
 theme_minimal() -> plt_9_9_2
ggplot(tbl_9_18) +
  geom_line(aes( x = sugar,
                 y = mdl_3,
                 group = country,
                 linetype = country)) +
 scale_linetype_manual(labels = c("Industrialised", "Developing"),
                        values = c(2,1),
                        name = NA) +
 scale_y\_continuous(breaks = seq(0,1.5, by = 0.5)) +
 ylim(0,1.5)+labs(x = "Sugar consumption (kg/person/year)",
       y = "Fitted values",
       title = "Parallel regression lines") +
 theme_minimal() -> plt_9_9_3
ggplot(tbl_9_18) +
 geom_line(aes( x = sugar,
                 y = mdl_4,
                 group = country,
                 linetype = country)) +
 scale_linetype_manual(labels = c("Industrialised", "Developing"),
                        values = c(2,1),
                        name = NA) +
 scale_y\_continuous(breaks = seq(0,1.5, by = 0.5)) +
 ylim(0,1.5)+
 labs(x = "Sugar consumption (kg/person/year)",
       y = "Fitted values",
```

```
title = "Separate regression lines") +
theme_minimal() -> plt_9_9_4
```

Each of the plots are saved with a name. All plots have the same x axis *sugar*, y axis being one of the columns with fitted values. The geom used is <code>geom_line</code>, which is also provided the argument <code>group</code> and <code>linetype</code>. This will result in different lines being drawn for different values in *country*. The <code>scale_y_continuous</code> and <code>ylim</code> are used so that all the four plots have the same y axis limit and ticks instead of the default decided by <code>ggplot</code>.

The package ggplot doesn't have a function to stitch together multiple graphs. So, we use the package gridExtra.

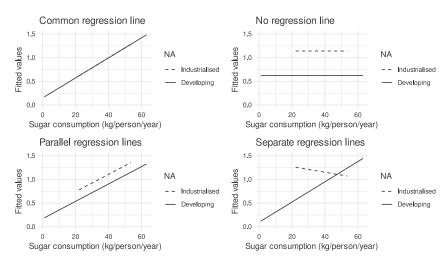


FIGURE 9.5 Replication of figure 9.9

The function grid.arrange accepts as many plots as we provide it, arrange them as we specify and return them as a single graph. In our example, we specify nrow = 2. So, we get the four graphs arranged in two rows.

```
_Figure 9.10 (page 377)
```

The code to prepare the graph in figure 9.10 is

```
ggplot(tbl_9_18,
    aes( x = sugar, group = country)) +
geom_point(aes(y = dmft, shape = country), show.legend = FALSE) +
geom_line(aes(y = exp(mdl_4), linetype = country), show.legend = FALSE) +
```

```
labs(x = "Sugar consumption (kg/person/year)",
    y = "DMFT")
```

All the concepts used in building this graph were discussed earlier.

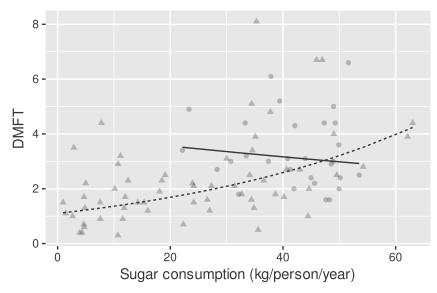


FIGURE 9.6 Replication of figure 9.10

9.6 Several explanatory variables

Table 9.19 (page 379)

To rework the example 9.12, we need to import the data.

To prepare table 9.19 of the textbook, we use the function cor.

```
cor(tbl_9_12)
```

The function cor computes the correlation between the columns of its argument if the first argument is a dataframe. So, cor will calculate the correlation between the columns of $tbl_{-}9_{-}12$.

TABLE 9.3 Replication of table 9.19

	HDL	Age	Alcohol	Cholesterol	Fibre
hdl	1	-0.006052	0.3281	0.05753	-0.0414
age	-0.006052	1	-0.1244	-0.03287	-0.01706
alcohol	0.328074	-0.124365	1	0.14576	-0.13285
chol	0.057526	-0.032869	0.1458	1	0.1023
fibre	-0.041398	-0.017055	-0.1328	0.1023	1

Table 9.20 (page 380)

There are no functions to directly prepare table 9.20 of the textbook. We will prepare it in a few steps. We will use the library broom. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

Here we define a new function, which we call $mdl_summary$. The **keyword function** tells R that what follows is a function. The parenthesis following the word function determines the arguments that the function can accept and their names inside the function. Here, it will accept only one argument under the name mdl. We want the function to accept a fitted model and generate a row containing the details as in table 9.20. The code inside the body of the function, i.e., the portion between the braces are intended to achieve this.

We do this by binding together two data frames column wise. The function that does this is bind_cols. It is provided with two single row data frames to bind together.

The first one is built from scratch using data.frame, inside which the names of the columns and their values are specified. We specify three columns.

The first, we name as var_names . We calculate its value as paste(attr(mdl\$terms, "term.labels"), collapse = ", "). We extract the term.labels attribute of the terms component of mdl and then collapses its values into a comma-separated string using paste. Attributes are meta data about an R object. For example, data frames have the attribute names which stores the name of the columns. We can find out what attributes an R object has and their values using the function attr. If we want just the value of a specific attribute,

we pass the name of that attribute too. Here, we want the attribute of the component terms of the fitted model. The component terms stores the details of the terms used in model fitting. Its term.labels attribute carries the names of the terms as a character vector. Thus we get a string that contains the name of the variables used for specifying the model.

The second column var_num makes use of the same attribute term.labels, but ascertain its length using length. Thus its length will give us the number of variables used for specifying the model.

The third column *r.square* stores the **r.squared** component of **summary**'s return value, after multiplying with 100. The function **anova** returns a dataframe. We subset it to obtain the row with the name Residuals and the column with the name Mean Sq. Thus we get the error mean square for the model, which we save with the name *ems*.

The second data frame we ask bind_cols to join together is provided by pivot_wider. It accepts a dataframe, which in our case is provided by tidy from the package broom. The function presents the coefficients from fitted model as a neat data frame with their standard error and p value. By means of select, we select only the columns term and estimate from the function's return value. Thus, we provide a two column data frame to pivot_wider. The function pivot_wider reshapes the data frame to a wide format. It takes the values from the column specified as names_from argument and makes them new column headings. The values for each of these new columns is filled from the original column specified as the argument values_from. Thus, we get as many terms are there in the fitted model with their estimates as the value of the single row of the data frame.

The result returned by our custom function will be a single row data frame containing all the info present in one row of table 9.20 for the model we pass to it.

However, the table is filled with data from all possible models described in example 9.12.

```
lm(hdl \sim age, data = tbl_9_12) \rightarrow lm_9_12_age
lm(hdl ~ alcohol, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_alc
lm(hdl \sim chol, data = tbl_9_12) \rightarrow lm_9_12_chol
lm(hdl \sim fibre, data = tbl_9_12) \rightarrow lm_9_12_fib
lm(hdl ~ age + alcohol, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_age_alc
lm(hdl ~ age + chol, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_age_chol
lm(hdl ~ age + fibre, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_age_fib
lm(hdl ~ alcohol + chol, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_alc_chol
lm(hdl ~ alcohol + fibre, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_alc_fib
lm(hdl ~ chol + fibre, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_chol_fib
lm(hdl ~ age + alcohol + chol, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_age_alc_chol
lm(hdl ~ age + alcohol + fibre,data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_age_alc_fib
lm(hdl ~ age + chol + fibre,data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_age_chol_fib
lm(hdl ~ alcohol + chol + fibre,data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_alc_chol_fib
lm(hdl \sim ., data = tbl_9_12) \rightarrow lm_9_12_all
list(lm_9_12_age, lm_9_12_alc, lm_9_12_chol, lm_9_12_fib,lm_9_12_age_alc,
     lm_9_12_age_chol, lm_9_12_age_fib,lm_9_12_alc_chol, lm_9_12_alc_fib,
     lm_9_12_chol_fib,lm_9_12_age_alc_chol, lm_9_12_age_alc_fib,
     lm_9_12_age_chol_fib, lm_9_12_alc_chol_fib,lm_9_12_all) -> list_mdls
```

We specify all the models and save them in a suitable named object. The formula used in all the models except the last should be clear. The formula for the last model \mathtt{hdl} ~ ., means that the model terms should include all variables except hdl, the outcome variable on the left-hand side of the formula.

We collect all the models in a group using list. A list is a collection of R objects, similar or not, usually dissimilar.

```
map_dfr(list_mdls, mdl_summary)
```

The function map_dfr belongs to a family of map functions from tidyverse. These functions accept an argument – a list or a vector and calls the second argument, a function, repeatedly with the values in the first argument. Thus, map_dfr(list_mdls, mdl_summary) will call mdl_summary with each of the model objects in the *list_mdls*. The result returned by each call is row joined by map_dfr for the final result. Thus we will get our table 9.20.

9.6.1 Information criteria

____Example 9.13 (page 382)

The function used to calculate AIC, is AIC.

```
AIC(lm_9_12_age_alc)
```

[1] 3524.6

The function AIC accepts one or more models for which it calculates the AIC. The function BIC calculates BIC. The value returned by both functions is slightly different from the textbook values. However, the models with the minimum AIC or BIC are the same as in the textbook. Preparing table 9.22 can be done in a way similar to how we built table 9.20. We need to modify our custom function to add columns for AIC and BIC and remove those that are not required. We will however, make use of another function glance from broom.

_____Table 9.22 (page 382)

9 Modelling quantitative outcome variables

TABLE 9.4 Replication of table 9.20

					Estimates			
Variable names	Number of x variables	R^2 (%)	Error mean square	Intercept	Age	Alcohol	Cholesterol	Fibre
age	1	0.00366	0.135	1.38	-0.000386			
alcohol	1	10.76325	0.12	1.26		0.00622		
chol	1	0.33092	0.134	1.31			0.0001369	
fibre	1	0.17138	0.135	1.41				-0.002059
age, alcohol	2	10.88589	0.12	1.15	0.002248	0.0063		
age, chol	2	0.33266	0.134	1.32	-0.000265		0.0001365	
age, fibre	2	0.17595	0.135	1.43	-0.000431			-0.0020647
alcohol, chol	2	10.77287	0.12	1.25		0.00619	0.0000236	
alcohol, fibre	2	10.76373	0.12	1.26		0.00623		0.0001107
chol, fibre	2	0.55686	0.134	1.36			0.0001485	-0.0023765
age, alcohol, chol	3	10.89657	0.12	1.14	0.002258	0.00628	0.0000249	
age, alcohol, fibre	3	10.88705	0.12	1.14	0.002256	0.00631		0.0001709
age, chol, fibre	3	0.55918	0.134	1.37	-0.000307		0.0001481	-0.0023798
alcohol, chol, fibre	3	10.77297	0.12	1.25		0.0062	0.0000233	0.0000504
age, alcohol, chol, fibre	4	10.89703	0.12	1.14	0.002262	0.00628	0.0000242	0.0001083

```
fibre = ifelse(str_detect(var_names, "fibre"),"X","-")) |>
select(age, alcohol, cholesterol, fibre,var_num, logLik, AIC, BIC)
```

The function glance which accepts a model object returns a single row data frame with multiple statistics about that model. The information returned includes AIC, BIC, r squared, log likelihood etc. Our new custom function $mdl_compare$ joins these columns with var_names and var_num we saw in our previous custom function. We pass this custom function along with the list of models to map_dfr which will join together row wise the data frames returned for each model. The list we pass is made by adding the null model to the existing list. The null model formula is hdl ~ 1, the right-hand side with just 1. Note how the joint list is made – we provide the lists to be joined as arguments to c. Though the model object is a list, we need to place the null model object inside list before passing on to c so that it is appended properly.

We pass this combined dataframe as the first argument of mutate by piping it using I>. We create four new columns using mutate to mark with an "X", the use of that particular variable as a modelling term in that model. We use str_detect to check if the name of that variable is present in the value of var_names. If str_detect returns TRUE, ifelse assigns the value "X" to that column, otherwise it assigns "-". The function ifelse accepts a construction that returns a logical value, either TRUE or FALSE. Instead of functions like str_detect, we may use expressions constructed using comparison operators >, <, ==, <=, >=, != according to our needs. Finally, the result of mutate is piped to select to select only the columns that we want printed.

TABLE 9.5 Replication of table 9.22

Te	erms inclu	ded in the mo	odel				
age	alcohol	cholesterol	fibre	Number of x terms	$log_e\hat{L}$	AIC	BIC
_	-	-	-	0	-2040.5	4085.0	4098.0
X	-	_	-	1	-2040.4	4086.8	4106.3
-	X	_	-	1	-1761.7	3529.4	3548.8
-	-	X	-	1	-2032.4	4070.8	4090.3
-	-	_	X	1	-2036.3	4078.6	4098.1
X	X	_	-	2	-1758.3	3524.6	3550.6
X	-	X	-	2	-2032.3	4072.7	4098.7
X	-	-	X	2	-2036.2	4080.4	4106.4
-	X	X	-	2	-1761.4	3530.8	3556.8
-	X	_	X	2	-1761.7	3531.3	3557.3
-	-	X	X	2	-2026.8	4061.7	4087.6
X	X	X	-	3	-1758.0	3526.0	3558.5
X	X	_	X	3	-1758.3	3526.6	3559.0
X	_	X	X	3	-2026.8	4063.5	4096.0
-	X	X	X	3	-1761.4	3532.8	3565.3
X	X	X	X	4	-1758.0	3528.0	3567.0

While we have reworked the examples in the textbook, in the usual work flow we will probably be using a few more functions. The function update will update and refit a model.

It requires a model object and an update formula. For example, an alternate way to build some of the models we built earlier is

```
lm(hdl ~ 1, data = tbl_9_12) -> lm_9_12_null
update(lm_9_12_null, . ~ . + age) -> lm_9_12_age
update(lm_9_12_age, . ~ . - age + alcohol) -> lm_9_12_alc
```

We are asking update to drop or add one or more terms to the model we supply to it. The update formula is what makes clear our requirement. In the update formula, a period stands for the terms that were used in the original model, a minus – for dropping a term and a plus + for adding a new term. Thus, in the $lm_9_12_alc$, we are asking update to regress whatever term was on the left-hand side of the formula of $lm_9_12_age$ against all terms originally on the right-hand side, but dropping age and adding alcohol.

Another function that may be useful is step, which does step wise selection. It accepts an initial model, a scope argument and a direction argument. To select the appropriate model, we may use, for example

```
step(lm(hdl ~ 1, data = tbl_9_12),
   hdl ~ age + alcohol +chol +fibre,
   direction = "both")
step(lm(hdl ~ ., data = tbl_9_12),
   direction = "both")
```

In the first example, we start with the null model, provide a scope, which is taken as the upper model. In the second example, the model object we provide regresses hdl on all variables. As we haven't provided a scope argument, the starting model object itself is treated as the upper model. Instead of direction = "both", we may specify "backward" or "forward" if that is what we want. We also have the option to turn off the print that happens during the selection process using trace = 0 or provide a positive number to print the details.

9.7 Model checking

Figure 9.11, 9.12 (page 385)

To check model fit graphically, we need to pass the model object to plot.

```
plot(lm_9_5, which =1)
plot(lm_9_5, which =2)
```

The command plot will print the diagnostic plots if it is provided a model object as its argument. By default, when we plot diagnostic plots in base R, 4 plots are generated. The argument which is used to restrict the plot to our choice from among the six that R provides.

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It accepts a vector containing any combination of values from 1 to 6. Here we select the residual plot and normal plots individually.

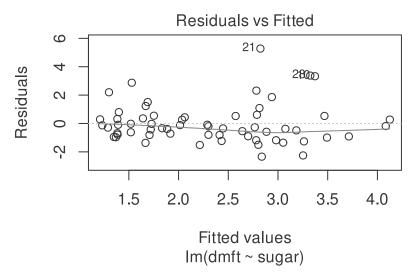


FIGURE 9.7 Replication of figure 9.11

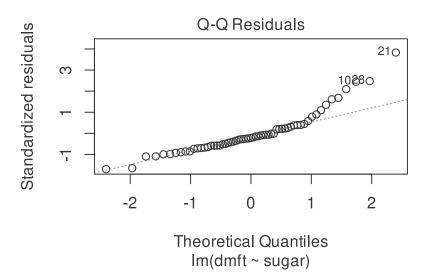


FIGURE 9.8 Replication of figure 9.12

The diagnostic plots that are printed include scale location plot and residuals versus leverage plot in addition to residual plot and normal plot discussed in the textbook.

_Figures 9.13, 9.14 (page 386)

Next, we print the residual plot and normal plot for the log model.

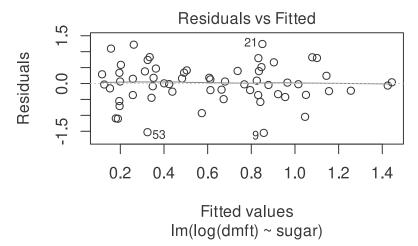


FIGURE 9.9 Replication of figure 9.13

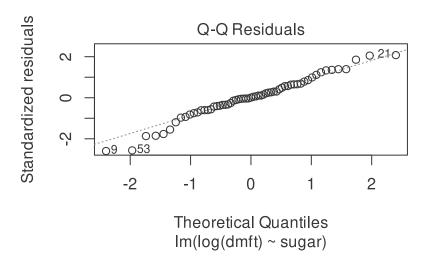


FIGURE 9.10 Replication of figure 9.14

Example 9.14 (page 384)

We can access the residuals directly from a model object using the helper function residuals or using \$. We may, pass the residuals directly to plot. We may use qqnorm to plot a normal plot of the residuals, passing to it the residuals. The function cooks.distance calculates

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Cook's distance for each observation used for model building. The plot function will generate a graph showing Cook's distance if which has the value 4. The function influence.measures will generate some more measures of influence in addition to Cook's distance. The function rstandard produces standardised residuals. All these functions accepts a model object as its parameter. We may subset the values returned by these functions if we are interested in some particular value. For example, for Algeria given in example 9.14,

```
fitted(lm_9_5)[1]
residuals(lm_9_5)[1]
rstandard(lm_9_5)[1]
```

will give the fitted value, residual and standardised residual.

```
1
2.884
1
-0.58401
1
-0.42427
```

9.8 Confounding

_Example 9.15 (page 387)

To rework the example 9.15, we need to first prepare the data.

We have prepared three vectors and joined them into a dataframe using bind_cols. The vectors with factor data was prepared using factor to which character vectors made using multiple calls to rep to reflect the data given in table 9.24 was fed.

Table 9.23 presents data of the example, categorised according to the value of one column. It also contains a summary statistics – mean, for the two groups of data. Here, we use aggregate to show how to obtain summary statistics for subsets of data.

The function aggregate accepts a formula and a data argument from which to obtain the variables in the formula. The variable on the left-hand side of the formula is used for calculating the summary statistic, categorised according to the variables on the right-hand side of the formula. The function name which is used for calculating the summary statistic is passed on to the argument FUN. In our example, we categorise sbp according to the different values of sauce, both from the tbl_9_24 dataframe, and calculate the mean of sbp using the function mean for each of the subcategories of sauce. We pipe the result, a data frame, using |> to pivot_wider and the final result is stored as tbl_9_23 . We will see why we need pivot_wider in a moment.

TABLE 9.6
Replication of table 9.23
No chilli sauce Chilli sauce
127.35 131.7

Table 9.24 (page 388)

Table 9.24 is rather complicated with many summary measures.

First, we pipe tbl_9_15 to group_by, which produces a grouped dataframe. We are in effect saying that we want separate measures for the cross categories decided by the different values of sauce and ethnic.

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We pipe the grouped database to summary, which will produce new columns according to our instructions. We ask summarise to make a column mean, which will contain the value returned by the function mean to which sbp is passed as the argument. The second column we ask summarise to make is count, which will carry the result given by n, which is the number of rows. The third column values will contain the values in the column sbp joined together using ",". As we have passed a grouped dataframe to summarise, the result, a data frame, will contain as many cross categories as are there in the grouped data frame. The values of the variables used for categorisation will also be included in separate columns named appropriately.

We pipe the result of summarise to pivot_wider which changes the dataframe to a wide column format. It takes the values in the column specified as names_from and creates new columns, one set for each value in that column. What values, this column will contain is decided by the values_from column. We specify three columns as the value of values_from. Thus three sets of columns, the names of which will be derived from the values in *sauce* combined with the column names we specified from values_from. We get a three row seven column data frame from this pivot_wider command.

We pass the result of pivot_wider to mutate to make new columns. We make three new columns, *perc_chilli* for the percentage of chilli users, *diff* for the difference in means between the chilli users and non users and *mean* for the mean bp without regards to chilli use.

In the next step, we use select to select only those columns we want to display. Finally, we may use t to transpose the dataframe so that columns become rows and rows columns. However, we won't do it now, as we need the data frame in this orientation for the graph of figure 9.15.

_Figure 9.15 (page 388)

We will supply the tables we prepared in the previous steps to prepare the graph in figure 9.15.

```
ggplot() +
 geom_point(aes(x = sauce,
                 y = sbp,
                 shape = ethnic),
             data = tbl_9_15) +
  geom_segment(aes(x = factor("none"),
                   y = none,
                   xend = factor("chilli"),
                   yend = chilli),
               data = tbl_9_23,
               colour = "blue") +
 geom_segment(aes(x = factor("none"),
                   y = mean_none,
                   xend = factor("chilli"),
                   yend = mean_chilli,
                   linetype = ethnic,
                   colour = ethnic),
               data = tbl_9_24) +
 labs(x = "Chilli sauce use?",
```

```
y = "Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)") +
scale_colour_manual(values = c( "#111111", "#004B73","#713430" ))
```

There are three geoms, each using a different data frame. So, we don't give ggplot any arguments. The first geom_point uses the raw table. In addition to specifying the x and y values, we pass ethnic as the value for shape arguments. Thus, we will get different shapes for the points plotted based on the ethnicity of the user. The second geom_segment uses the tbl_9_23 to display using a line segment, the unadjusted means for the two categories of sauce users. The arguments, y and yend needs to be in different columns of the data frame used. We used pivot_wider while preparing the table for this reason. As there is only one line segment to be drawn, we specify x and xend directly. We use factor so that the values will have the same interpretation as in the previous geom. The last geom_segment uses the tbl_9_24 to draw three line segments, one for each category of ethnic as we pass ethnic as the value for colour and line_type arguments. The y and yend are derived from different columns of the data frame, the reason for not transposing the data frame; while x and xend are specified directly.

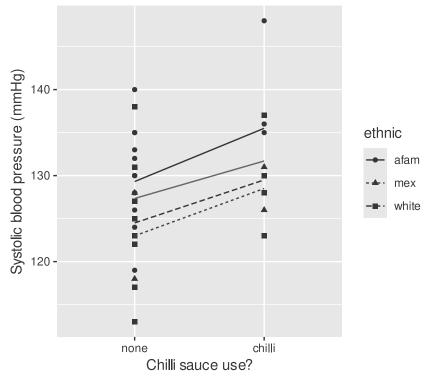


FIGURE 9.11 Replication of figure 9.15

We may now transpose and pretty the tbl_9_24 to make it look similar to that in the textbook.

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```
library(sjmisc)
rotate_df(tbl_9_24, cn = TRUE, rn=" ")
```

We may use rotate_df of sjmisc to rotate the table. The cn = TRUE argument asks it to use the first row of the original dataframe as the column heading of the rotated dataframe. The rn=" " asks the function to include the row headings as the first column, with the heading of that column being an empty string.

TABLE 9.7 Replication of table 9.24

	African Americans	Mexican Americans	Whites
values_chilli	135,136,148,123	126,131	128,130,123,137
value_none	130,125,131,124, 133,123,135,119, 140,128,132,126, 128,130,130,135	118,128	113,131,123,122, 125,127,117,138
perc_chili mean mean_chilli mean_none diff	20.000 130.55 135.5 129.31 6.1875	50.000 125.75 128.5 123.00 5.5000	33.333 126.17 129.5 124.50 5.0000

Note: s.e = standard error

Table 9.25 (page 389)

To rework the example 9.16, we import the data first.

After importing the data, we change the labels attached with the factor levels using levels, which accepts the factor vector. Rather than receiving its result, we assign the character vector containing the new labels to it using <-. We do this so that we get decent labels while printing.

```
`(s.e.)` = sd(fibrinogen)/sqrt(n),
Q1 = quantile(fibrinogen, 0.25),
Q2 = quantile(fibrinogen, 0.5),
Q3 = quantile(fibrinogen, 0.75))
```

Preparing table 9.25 uses group_by and summarise we learned earlier. One thing to note is how we specified the name of the (s.e.) column. The name contains parentheses, which is not allowed in names unless the name is put inside a pair of back ticks. The names, properly called **identifiers** should only contain letters, digits, underscore and period. Names that adhere to this rule are called **syntactic** names. We should strive to use only syntactic names. However, if you must use non-syntactic names, you must **quote** them within back ticks.

TABLE 9.8 Replication of table 9.25

H. pylori status	n	Mean	s.e	Q_1	Q_2	Q_3
Negative Positive			$0.058563 \\ 0.037925$			

Table 9.26 can be easily constructed using the above code, substituting age for fibringen. Table 9.27 requires some extra steps.

_Table 9.27 (page 390)

At first, we add a new column named age_group to tbl_9_16 using mutate. For this, we use the function cut, which produces a factor vector from a numerical variable, based on which interval the values fall with respect to the breaks specified. The option right determines which side of the intervals is closed.

Next, we prepare two new data frames from tbl 9 16.

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Here, we group the data by age_grp we created in the previous step and by hpylori and then calculate the summary measures in table 9.27. We then change the data frame into a wider format as we want different columns for different values of hpylori.

We haven't calculated p values for the t tests comparing the log of fibrinogen levels between the two levels of *hpylori*. The reason is that t.test is done on a group of rows, not for each row of the dataframe.

We group by only age_grp and then pipe the result to nest. The function nest creates nested data frames. For each value of age_grp , nest will collect all the rows of the supplied dataframe and create a new dataframe, which will be contained in a cell of the data frame returned as result. By default, the column that contains the nested data frames is called data. In our case, the data frame returned by nest will have two columns — one containing the unique values from the column age_grp and another with the nested data frames.

We pipe the result of nest to mutate to create two columns. The column p.value is calculated by map_dbl to which the nested data frames are passed as the first argument. The second argument to map_dbl is an anonymous function, which calls t.test with arguments appropriate to test the difference between the two levels of hpylori in each of the nested data frames. The p.value component of the t.test result is returned by map_dbl. Similarly, the column n is constructed by map_dbl, this time calling nrow with the nested dataframe to obtain the number of rows in each of the nested data frames.

We now have two data frames which we need to join together to get table 9.27 of the textbook.

The function left_join joins two data frames keeping all rows of the first dataframe and values in the columns of the second data frame for all rows with the same value in the matching columns. We have not specified a matching column because the column age_grp is named the same in both data frames and so, will be used as the default matching column. The result from left_join is piped to select to choose the columns we want to print.

TABLE 9.	9		
Replication	of	table	9.27

			H. pylori status					
Age group (years)	n	Positive	s.ep	Negative	s.en	p value		
$\overline{(25,35)}$	65	0.85633	0.040663	0.86621	0.032932	0.857642		
[35,45)	100	0.98980	0.031695	0.96507	0.029907	0.598363		
[45,55)	107	1.00137	0.023543	1.00084	0.038512	0.990083		
[55,65)	122	1.09739	0.022300	1.10496	0.051917	0.885753		
[65,75)	116	1.13323	0.024809	1.03190	0.058855	0.086528		

Example 9.16 (page 389)

Fitting the linear model and obtaining the least square means for the data in example 9.16 is not different from the previous examples we saw.

```
hpylori emmean SE df lower.CL upper.CL
Negative 1.01 0.0189 507 0.976 1.05
Positive 1.03 0.0121 507 1.011 1.06
```

Results are given on the log (not the response) scale. Confidence level used: 0.95

9.9 Splines

Example 9.17 (392)

To fit linear splines we can use mutate to re-express *sugar* the way explained in the textbook and fit them. Instead, we follow a slightly different, but equivalent path in our first example.

```
lm(dmft ~ sugar + I((sugar-12) * (sugar <=12)) + I((sugar-34) * (sugar <=34)),
   data = tbl_9_8) -> ls_9.17
summary(ls_9.17)
```

While we use the 1m command for fitting linear splines, the difference is in how we specify the right-hand side of the formula argument. On the right-hand side, we use three terms. The first is the unchanged *sugar* variable. The second and third term uses I. The function I is used to insulate the expression given inside it from being interpreted according to the special meanings attached to mathematical operators in the context of formulas. Thus, expressions given inside I are evaluated in the usual mathematical sense and the resulting value is used for model fitting. The mathematical expression given inside I consists of two parts multiplied together. The first part deducts the value of one of the knots from the

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observed sugar value. The second part returns TRUE if the observed sugar value is less than the value of knot and FALSE otherwise, which gets coerced to 1 and 0 respectively when used in numerical operations. Thus, we will get a zero if the observed sugar value is below the knot considered and difference from the knot value if it is greater.

Call:

```
lm(formula = dmft ~ sugar + I((sugar - 12) * (sugar <= 12)) +</pre>
    I((sugar - 34) * (sugar <= 34)), data = tbl_9_8)
```

Residuals:

```
Min
          1Q Median
                        3Q
                              Max
-2.318 -0.868 -0.296 0.479 5.298
```

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                                  0.95373
                                             1.36036
                                                        0.70
                                                                  0.49
sugar
                                  0.05237
                                             0.03249
                                                        1.61
                                                                 0.11
I((sugar - 12) * (sugar <= 12)) -0.03048
                                             0.09085
                                                       -0.34
                                                                 0.74
I((sugar - 34) * (sugar <= 34)) -0.00182
                                             0.05119
                                                       -0.04
                                                                  0.97
```

```
Residual standard error: 1.42 on 57 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.244, Adjusted R-squared: 0.205
F-statistic: 6.15 on 3 and 57 DF, p-value: 0.00108
```

As we are using 1m, we may use any of the helper functions like summary to extract required information from the model object as we did in our previous examples. While the coefficients are different from the text value, the model we fitted results in the same fitted values as in the text.

```
Output 9.17 (page 393)
```

For the second example, we will use a new library, 1spline. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

```
library(lspline)
lm(dmft ~ lspline(sugar, knots = c(12,34), marginal = TRUE),
  data = tbl_9_8
```

The right-hand side of formula is supplied by lspline, which accepts the variable that has to be split into pieces and the value of knots where split should occur. Instead of knots, we may specify n which specifies the number of equally spaced intervals or q which specifies the number of equal frequency intervals. To obtain coefficients for changes in slope rather than the actual slopes, we need to change the default value of marginal argument of lspline.

```
Call:
```

```
lm(formula = dmft ~ lspline(sugar, knots = c(12, 34), marginal = TRUE),
    data = tbl_9_8
```

```
Coefficients:
                                         (Intercept)
                                             1.38143
lspline(sugar, knots = c(12, 34), marginal = TRUE)1
```

```
0.02007
lspline(sugar, knots = c(12, 34), marginal = TRUE)2
0.03048
lspline(sugar, knots = c(12, 34), marginal = TRUE)3
0.00182
```

_Figure 9.16 (page 394)

We will now plot the graph in figure 9.16.

We use ggplot, with two geoms. The first geom_point is used to plot the individual data values as points. The second geom_smooth plots smoothed conditional means calculated from the fitted model objects. In addition to x and y aesthetics, geom_smooth requires a method and formula. The method we use is lm, the function we want it to produce the model object. The formula is similar to what we used earlier. The difference is that we use x and y instead of the variable's name.

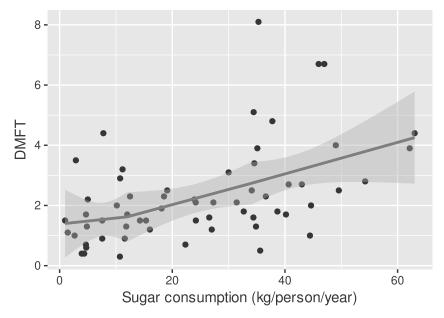


FIGURE 9.12 Replication of figure 9.16

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The graph generated is similar to that in figure 9.16 though we have specified the linear splines differently from the textbook.

9.9.1 Other types of splines

```
_Figure 9.17 (page 396)
```

First, we will reproduce figure 9.17. We use ggeffects package here. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

We fit a piece wise linear spline regression of hdl on alcohol and age. We use lspline to split alcohol according to the knots provided. The ggpredict function of ggeffects package returns predicted values adjusted for the terms specified. Here, we get predicted values of hdl adjusted for age for the alcohol use values of 0, 2, 10, 24 and 155. These values are the extremes of the alcohol values and the knots we supplied. The result returned by ggpredict is graphed by plot. The object returned by plot when it is passed the result of ggpredict is a ggplott2 object. So, we may add layers as we do to a ggplot object. Here, we add labs for axis labels.

```
______Figure 9.18 (page 396)
```

The library splines is used for fitting splines. For natural splines we use ns from this package.

The difference from our previous example is that instead of lspline, we use ns. The arguments that ns require are similar to lspline – the variables name and the knots. The additional argument required is Boundary.knots, which along with knots determine which segments of the regression are linear. In our example, up to the value 2 and beyond the value 24, it will be linear; 2 to 10 and 10 to 24 will be smooth.

The splines package also provides bs for B splines. The loess function from stats performs local polynomial regression fitting.

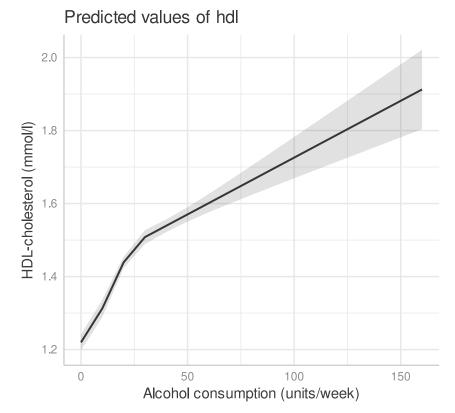


FIGURE 9.13 Replication of figure 9.17

9.10 Panel data

Example 9.19 (page 399)

There are different packages to perform generalised estimating equations. We will be using geepack. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1. First, we need to prepare the data.

```
c(3.795,6.225,5.210,7.040,7.550,7.715,6.555,5.360,5.285,6.230,6.475,5.680,5.490,9.865,4.625,7.480,4.970,6.710,4.765,6.695,4.025,5.510,5.495,5.435,5.350,5.905,6.895,4.350,5.950,5.855,5.410,5.220,4.700,4.215,5.395,7.475,4.925,7.115,7.020,5.365,3.665,6.130,4.895,7.000) -> first

c(3.250,6.935,4.750,5.080,8.685,7.775,6.005,4.940,5.620,5.870,6.620,5.635,5.080,9.465,4.120,6.955,5.100,7.480,4.530,6.160,4.160,6.010,5.010,5.975,4.705,5.465,6.925,4.260,5.325,5.505,5.280,5.175,4.815,3.610,5.705,6.580,5.190,6.150,6.395,5.805,3.710,5.160,5.145,7.425) -> second
```

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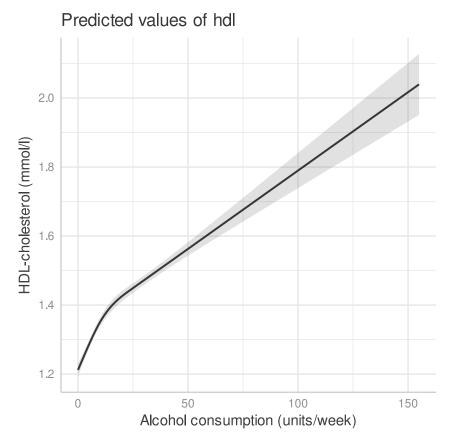


FIGURE 9.14 Replication of figure 9.18

We use bind_cols to prepare the data as mentioned in example 9.19.

```
library(geepack)
geeglm(chol ~ time,
    id = id,
    data = arrange(tbl_2_15, id, time),
    corstr = "exchangeable") -> gee_9_19
summary(gee_9_19)
```

The arguments required by <code>geeglm</code> are similar to <code>lm</code>. The first argument required is a formula. The second argument required is <code>id</code>, which should carry the cluster identifier. The data frame should be sorted by this variable so that the observations on a cluster are contiguous. We have sorted the table according to <code>id</code> variable and on <code>time</code> within each <code>id</code> value using

arrange which is supplied to the data argument, the data frame from which to obtain the variables of formula and id. The corstr is a string that determines the correlation structure that will be used in the calculations. The result of geeglm supports the summary and coefficient helper methods. Also, there is an anova method for geeglm objects. The function QIC calculates QIC, QICu and other measures when a geeglm object is supplied.

```
Call:
geeglm(formula = chol ~ time, data = arrange(tbl_2_15, id, time),
   id = id, corstr = "exchangeable")
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std.err
                              Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercept) 6.0114 0.2092 825.96
                                    <2e-16 ***
time
            -0.1700 0.0833
                              4.17
                                      0.041 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Correlation structure = exchangeable
Estimated Scale Parameters:
           Estimate Std.err
(Intercept)
              1.52 0.382
 Link = identity
Estimated Correlation Parameters:
     Estimate Std.err
          0.9
               0.036
Number of clusters: 44 Maximum cluster size: 2
```

The coefficients returned by geeglm are similar to that in output 9.19. The associated p values are also same.

_____Example 9.20 (page 400)

We rework the example 9.20 similarly.

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```
coef(summary(gee_7_5_pm))
coef(summary(gee_7_5_m))
```

```
Estimate Std.err
                               Wald Pr(>|W|)
             2.90327 0.167 3.00e+02 0.000
(Intercept)
period2
            0.00952 0.261 1.33e-03
                                      0.971
med2
             0.01102 0.258 1.82e-03
                                      0.966
period2:med2 -0.30240 0.502 3.63e-01
                                     0.547
          Estimate Std.err Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercept)
             2.908 0.1296 503.6
                                  0.000
             -0.145 0.0978 2.2
med2
                                   0.138
```

Though the calculated coefficients are different from the textbook examples, p value of the relevant term is essentially the same as in the textbook.

```
Example 9.21 (page 400)
```

We rework the example 9.21 in a similar fashion. We import the data first.

We have used <code>read_table</code> to import the data as in our previous examples. We have used one argument <code>na</code> that we haven't used earlier. When the data contain specific string to mark values that are not available, that string should be passed on to <code>na</code>. Here, we are telling R that a period is used to mark values that are not available.

```
relevel(tbl_9_21$group, ref = "R") -> tbl_9_21$group
geeglm(accept ~ week * group,
    id = id,
    data = arrange(tbl_9_21, id, week),
    corstr = "exchangeable") -> gee_9_21
summary(gee_9_21)
```

We change the reference level of the factor variable group from the default and build the model object as we did in our previous examples.

Call:

Output 9.20 (page 401)

```
geeglm(formula = accept ~ week * group, data = arrange(tbl_9_21,
   id, week), id = id, corstr = "exchangeable")
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std.err Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercept) 51.727 2.714 363.18 <2e-16 ***
week 0.308 0.637 0.23 groupC 2.811 3.651 0.59
                                    0.63
                                    0.44
week:groupC 0.052 0.852 0.00
                                     0.95
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Correlation structure = exchangeable
Estimated Scale Parameters:
           Estimate Std.err
(Intercept)
             474 38.8
 Link = identity
Estimated Correlation Parameters:
     Estimate Std.err
alpha 0.334 0.067
Number of clusters: 109 Maximum cluster size: 6
```

To obtain the output 9.20, we need to find the mean acceptability by week and treatment groups.

```
tbl_9_21 |>
  group_by(week, group) |>
  summarise(meanAccept = mean(accept, na.rm = TRUE)) -> tbl_9_21_grouped
```

We group the data frame tbl_9_21 by the variables of interest using <code>group_by</code> and then use <code>summarise</code> to calculate the mean. Note that we have supplied <code>na.rm</code> = TRUE to mean to instruct it to remove the NA values before calculating the mean. We now use the summarised data frame to build the model object.

```
lm(meanAccept ~ group * week, data = tbl_9_21_grouped)
```

Base R provides interaction.plot that can be used to plot spaghetti plots. Here, we will use ggplot.

We need geom_line to plot lines. We specify the aesthetics, y being the value of accept and x being the value of week. The crucial aesthetic is group, for which we specify the value id. Thus, ggplot will plot a different line for each set of rows with the same id. Note, that we have specified colour as an argument to geom_line, but outside aes. This means that we want the lines to be drawn with the specified colour, common for all lines. Contrast this with the second geom_line, where colour is part of aes. This results in the lines being drawn with different colours for different values of group. Similarly, size is specified outside aes in the second geom_line. This results in both lines having similar thickness, but wider than the lines plotted by the first geom_line.

We have used all the rows of tbl_9_21 in the first <code>geom_line</code>. If we want to restrict the number of lines, we should use <code>slice_head</code>, <code>slice_tail</code> or <code>slice_sample</code> to select the rows we desire to be displayed.

9.11 Non-normal alternatives

Example 9.22 (page 402)

The function to perform Kruskal Wallis test is kruskal.test. For the example 9.22, the command is

```
kruskal.test(chol ~ diet, data = tbl_9_1)
```

The arguments accepted by kruskal.test is the same as anova or lm, viz. formula and data.

```
Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
```

data: chol by diet

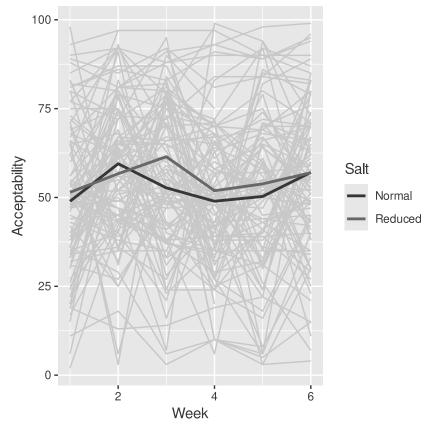


FIGURE 9.15 Spaghetti plot for example 9.21

Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 13, df = 2, p-value = 0.002

The calculated value of the Kruskal Wallis rank sum statistic and its p value are printed. The p value we have is different from that in the textbook. I suspect that the book value is an error.

We end this long chapter with a recap.

9.12 Recap

9.12.1 Concepts discussed in this chapter

- keyword
- attribute
- list
- piping
- comparison operators

- syntactic names
- quote
- identifiers
- nested data frames
- coercion

9.12.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- readr::col double
- stats::lm
- stats::anova
- stats::oneway.test
- stats::aov
- stats::confint
- stats::relevel
- stats::TukeyHSD
- dplyr::filter
- ggplot2::theme bw
- ggplot2::geom_smooth
- stats::predict
- stats::cor
- stats::cor.test
- base::exp
- car::Anova
- base::options
- emmeans::emmeans
- emmeans::pwpm
- emmeans::pairs
- stats::fitted
- ggplot2::ylim
- ggplot2::theme minimal
- gridExtra::grid.arrange
- base::paste
- base::attr

- broom::tidy
- purrr::map_dfr
- stats::AIC
- broom::glance
- base::ifelse
- stringr::str detect
- stats::update
- stats::step
- stats::residuals
- stats::rstandard
- sjmisc::rotate df
- stats::aggregate
- dplyr::n
- tidyr::nest
- purrr::map_dbl
- dplyr::left_join
- base::I
- lspline::lspline
- ggeffects::ggpredict
- splines::ns
- splines::bs
- stats::loess
- geepack::geeglm
- dplyr::arrange
- stats::coef
- readr::col logical
- stats::kruskal.test

Modelling binary outcome data

The main function that we use in this chapter is glm, which requires arguments similar to lm. In this chapter we use addon packages ggplot2, dplyr, readr, purr all part of tidyverse, Epi, broom, emmeans and gridExtra. We will start with example 10.4.

10.1 Interpretation of logistic regression coefficients

_Example 10.4 (page 415)

The function to perform logistic regression is glm. First we will enter the data.

```
factor(c("yes", "no")) -> smoke
c(31 /(31 + 1386), 15 / (15+1883)) -> deaths
glm(deaths ~ smoke,
    family = binomial(link ="logit")) -> lg_10_4
```

The explanatory variable, smoke is input as a factor and the response variable deaths is a numerical vector carrying the proportion of success. We call glm with a formula, the left-hand side of which is the response variable and right-hand side is the explanatory variable(s). We need to specify a second parameter family, which should be one from a select group of functions. Here we use binomial. The function specified as the argument for family should be supplied an argument link. Though the default link for binomial is logit, here, we explicitly state it for the sake of clarity. The argument specified as family is what makes this call to glm a logistic regression. We will see other functions and link that can be supplied to family later.

The regression model returned by glm is stored in lg_10_4 and inspected with suitable helper functions as we saw earlier. To obtain the odds ratio of smokers versus non smokers, we may use

```
exp(coef(lg_10_4)[2])
```

The function exp was used to exponentiate the value returned by coef.

```
smokeyes 2.8077
```

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However, if we use confint, we will see that R is unable to calculate a confidence interval for the coefficients. This can be solved by changing the way the response variable is supplied.

```
matrix(c(31,1386,15,1883), byrow = TRUE, ncol = 2) -> deaths
glm(deaths ~ smoke, family = binomial(link ="logit")) -> lg_10_4
```

Now, we have constructed the response variable as a matrix with two columns, the first column carrying the number of success and the second carrying the number of failures. We call glm with this response matrix. Now, R is able to calculate confidence intervals, which we can use directly or exponentiate to show confidence intervals of odds ratio.

```
exp(confint(lg_10_4)[2,])
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 %
1.5357 5.3641
```

We may use the coefficients to calculate risks as elaborated in our textbook. For example, exp(sum(-(coef(lg_10_4)))) ^ -1 calculates the risk for smokers. Though we will not calculate the standard error of odds, we should be aware of vcov function which returns the variance – covariance matrix of a regression model.

```
vcov(lg_10_4)
```

```
(Intercept) smokeyes
(Intercept) 0.067198 -0.067198
smokeyes -0.067198 0.100177
```

__Example 10.5 (page 417)

Fitting logistic regression model for example 10.5 is similar to the previous example.

We prepare the response variable as a two column matrix *deaths* and the explanatory variable *age* as a numerical vector. We call glm using these variables in its formula argument while specifying the family argument as binomial with the default value for link.

We can calculate the odds ratio for men aged 59 relative to men aged 40 using

```
exp(coef(lg_10_5)[2] * (59-40))
```

age 8.4874

Similarly, the confidence interval for this odds ratio can be calculated using

```
exp(confint(lg_10_5)[2,] * (59-40))
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 % 5.7884 12.5733
```

_Figure 10.4 (page 418)

To prepare the graphs shown in figure 10.4, we need to prepare a dataframe to pass on to ggplot.

The observed logit given the name *logit.obs* is calculated as the log of odds using the data entered in *deaths*. The fitted logits is returned by predict when we call it with the regression model which we store in *logit.fit*. The observed percentages is calculated from the data in *deaths* and stored as *prcnt.obs*. The fitted percentages are calculated following the details given in the textbook and stored in *prcnt.fit*. We join together these vectors and a vector of ages into a data frame which we call as *data_10_5*. Now, we are in a position to plot the graphs.

```
ggplot(data_10_5) +
geom_point(aes(x = age, y = logit.obs), shape = 16) +
geom_point(aes(x = age, y = logit.fit), shape = 4)
```

```
ggplot(data_10_5) +
geom_point(aes(x = age, y = prcnt.obs), shape = 16) +
geom_point(aes(x = age, y = prcnt.fit), shape = 4)
```

Both the graphs are made similarly. We use ggplot, pass it data_10_5 as its data argument and add geom_point twice – once for observed values and once for fitted values. We specify shape outside aes so that all points in each geom are plotted with the shape of our choice.

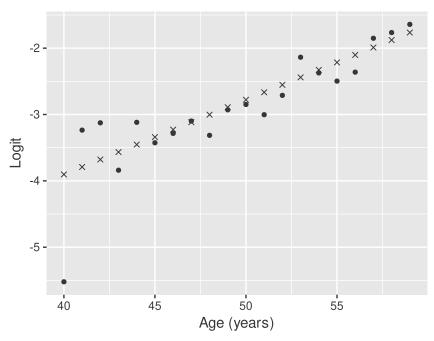


FIGURE 10.1 Replication of figure 10.4(a)

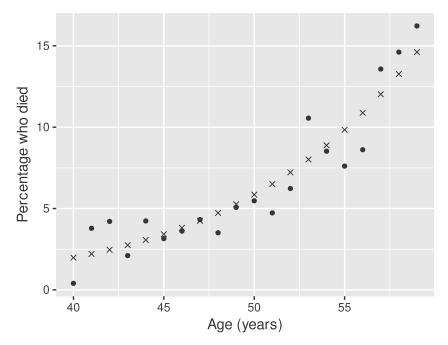


FIGURE 10.2 Replication of figure 10.4(b)

```
_Example 10.6 (page 420)
```

Reworking example 10.6 is similar to the previous example.

R fixes the first level of factors as zero. Hence, we get the result in table 10.11. We saw relevel in the previous chapter which allows us to redefine the base level of a factor. We will not demonstrate it again here. We specify the argument levels while constructing s.class so that the display order of the factor level is as per our wish. Otherwise, R will arrange factor levels alphabetically by sorting their labels.

```
Call:
glm(formula = hpylori ~ s.class, family = binomial())
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
             -1.030
                         0.368
                                 -2.79 0.00519 **
s.classII
              0.890
                         0.427
                                  2.08 0.03723 *
s.classIIIn
              1.569
                         0.459
                                  3.41
                                        0.00064 ***
s.classIIIm
              2.146
                         0.392
                                  5.47 4.4e-08 ***
s.classIV
              2.230
                         0.433
                                  5.15 2.7e-07 ***
s.classV
              2.559
                         0.479
                                  5.34 9.1e-08 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 6.4435e+01
                              on 5
                                    degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 5.7732e-14 on 0 degrees of freedom
AIC: 40.07
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 3
                                                        _Figure 10.5 (page 423)
```

To prepare the graph in figure 10.5, we need to prepare the data.

We use cbind to bind together the coefficients component of the model object and the result returned by confint. We remove the values corresponding to the intercept by means of negative subsetting before joining the two. We exponentiate the resultant values which is then converted to a data frame using as.data.frame. Thus we get a dataframe with three columns corresponding to the odds ratio and its confidence intervals. In the next step, we add a row with only the value of or assigned to 1 and that of ul and ll assigned as NA to $data_10_6$ obtained in the previous step. Before adding the new row, the awkward names of the columns obtained by cbind are renamed. We then call ggplot with this dataframe. We use geom_pointrange to draw the confidence interval.

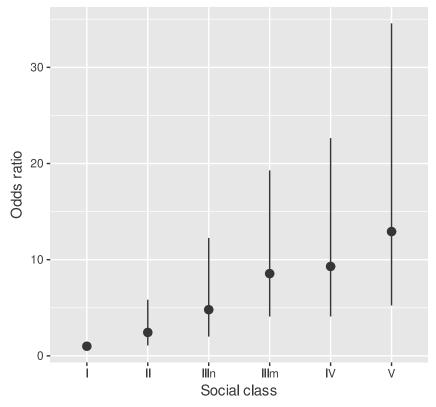


FIGURE 10.3 Replication of figure 10.5

```
_Figure 10.6 (page 425)
```

To fit against the rank of social classes, we use a numerical vector as the explanatory variable.

```
s.rank <- 1:6
glm(hpylori ~ s.rank, family = binomial()) -> lgo_10_6
```

To fix the odds of the social class rank 1 as unity, we need to adjust the coefficients returned by the regression model so that the coefficient of rank 1 is zero. We can then use the adjusted values to prepare the graphs in figure 10.6

We use predict to obtain the fitted values for all cases. We make a data frame by binding together these values with the ranks. The resultant data frame is used to draw the graph using ggplot and geom_line. For the second graph, we use geom_function and supply as its argument fun, an anonymous function. This function will accept a value x corresponding to the x axis values and return a corresponding value for the y axis. A smooth line joins the points thus calculated. Our anonymous function uses the ordinal model coefficient, multiplies its slope parameter with x minus 1. We deduct one from the rank as the reference for calculating odds ratio is rank 1. The function xlim determines the range of the x axis of the graph.

10.1.1 Floating absolute risks

The package Epi has a function float that implements floating absolute risks. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

```
library(Epi)
float(lg_10_6) -> far_10_6
est <- exp(far_10_6$coef)
ul <- exp(far_10_6$coef + (qnorm(1-0.05/2) * sqrt(far_10_6$var)))
ll <- exp(far_10_6$coef - (qnorm(1-0.05/2) *sqrt(far_10_6$var)))</pre>
```

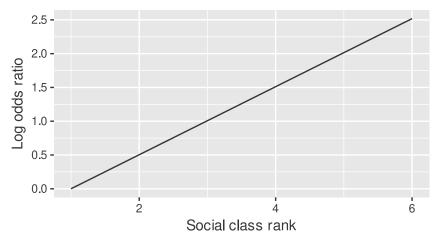


FIGURE 10.4 Replication of figure 10.6 (a)

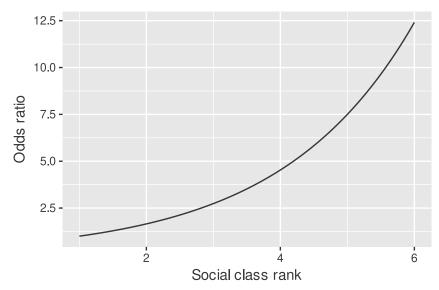


FIGURE 10.5 Replication of figure 10.6 (b)

```
ggplot(cbind.data.frame(est,ul,ll)) +
  geom_pointrange(aes(x = s.class, y = est,ymin = 11, ymax = ul)) +
  labs(x = "Social class",
    y = "Odds ratio")
```

The argument that we provide to float is the fitted model. If there are multiple explanatory variables in the model, we need to specify factor, the variable for which floating absolute risks need to be calculated. The result returned by float is a list, of which we use coef and var to calculate the FAR odds ratios and their confidence interval by adding and subtracting the product of standard error and appropriate values returned by qnorm from the FAR

estimates. All these values are exponentiated to convert to odds ratio. These are then bound together using cbind.data.frame while calling ggplot to use geom_pointrange to plot the data.

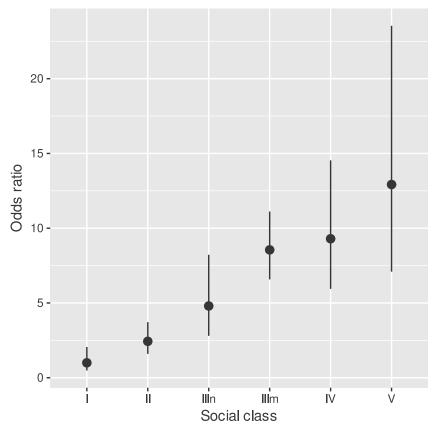


FIGURE 10.6 Replication of figure 10.7

10.2 Generic data

Example 10.10 (page 427)

To fit the generic data of example 10.10, we will import the data first.

The call to glm is no different when data is given in generic form.

```
summary(lg_10_10)
```

We can see that R uses a standard normal test when we pass the model object to summary.

```
Call:
glm(formula = death ~ age, family = binomial(), data = tbl_10_10)
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -8.4056
                        0.5507
                                 -15.3
                                         <2e-16 ***
age
             0.1126
                        0.0104
                                  10.8
                                         <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 2815.5 on 5753 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 2683.7 on 5752 degrees of freedom
AIC: 2688
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
```

10.3 Multiple logistic regression models

_Example 10.11 (page 428)

To rework the example 10.11, we need the data.

As the data is grouped, we type in the CHD data of table 10.14 as a matrix with two columns. The corresponding values for cholesterol group and systolic BP group are built as factors using gl. The first argument that gl requires is the number of levels that the factor has. In our case, both chol and sbp have five levels. The next argument specifies the number of replications, the number of times each level has to be replicated. In the case of chol, the adjacent values in chd correspond to different cholesterol groups. So, we specify the number of replications as one. In the case of sbp, five adjacent values of chd belong to the same systolic blood pressure group. So, the number of replications required to build sbp is five. The third argument is the length of the vector required. For both chol and sbp, we need 25. For sbp, the length calculated from the first two arguments is what we require and so there really is no need to specify length. The argument labels is optional. We supply a character vector containing the display label for each level of the factor. Building the model object using glm is no different from the previous examples.

Instead of calculating the logit, odds and relative risks for specific examples, we will calculate them for all combinations of the explanatory variables.

We build a data frame using data.frame, which joins together its arguments into one data frame. We provide *chol*, *sbp* and another vector returned by predict to be named as *logit*. As we saw earlier, predict will return predicted values for the values of explanatory variables we supply based on its first argument, a model object. The values of explanatory variables need to be provided as a dataframe with the same column names as in the model object. Here, we join together *chol* and *sbp*. Thus, the data frame supplied to predict contains all combinations of both explanatory variables. We store the data frame obtained by joining the values returned by predict and *sbp* and *chol* with the name *pred_10_11*.

We may now use mutate to calculate odds and risk ratios from the logit values.

```
chol
                       logit
                                 odds
                 sbp
                                            risk
               <=118 -4.5995 0.010057 0.0099569
1
      <=5.41
  5.42-6.01
               <=118 -4.3906 0.012394 0.0122421
2
3
  6.02-6.56
               <=118 -3.7766 0.022901 0.0223879
4
  6.57-7.31
               <=118 -3.5929 0.027518 0.0267811
5
       >7.31
               <=118 -3.3038 0.036743 0.0354409
6
      <=5.41 119-127 -3.9903 0.018494 0.0181578
  5.42-6.01 119-127 -3.7814 0.022791 0.0222829
7
  6.02-6.56 119-127 -3.1674 0.042111 0.0404095
8
  6.57-7.31 119-127 -2.9838 0.050602 0.0481650
9
10
       >7.31 119-127 -2.6947 0.067566 0.0632897
```

```
<=5.41 128-136 -3.7297 0.023999 0.0234367
12 5.42-6.01 128-136 -3.5208 0.029576 0.0287260
13 6.02-6.56 128-136 -2.9068 0.054648 0.0518161
14 6.57-7.31 128-136 -2.7232 0.065667 0.0616201
15
       >7.31 128-136 -2.4341 0.087680 0.0806122
16
      <=5.41 137-148 -3.5698 0.028161 0.0273898
17 5.42-6.01 137-148 -3.3609 0.034705 0.0335406
18 6.02-6.56 137-148 -2.7469 0.064125 0.0602606
19 6.57-7.31 137-148 -2.5632 0.077054 0.0715418
       >7.31 137-148 -2.2741 0.102886 0.0932879
21
      <=5.41
               >148 -3.2570 0.038504 0.0370767
22 5.42-6.01
               >148 -3.0481 0.047451 0.0453015
23 6.02-6.56
              >148 -2.4341 0.087677 0.0806093
24 6.57-7.31
               >148 -2.2504 0.105355 0.0953136
       >7.31
               >148 -1.9613 0.140674 0.1233256
25
```

Now, getting the logit, odds or risk of any combination is easy.

```
subset(pred_10_11, chol==">7.31" & sbp==">148")
```

The function subset returns a subset of its first argument that satisfies the logical condition given as the second argument. We joined the two parts of our logical condition using & subset supports an argument select which can be used to restrict the columns printed, if required.

```
chol sbp logit odds risk
25 >7.31 >148 -1.9613 0.14067 0.12333
```

Calculating odds ratios and risk ratios are also easy.

```
subset(pred_10_11, chol==">7.31" & sbp==">148")[["odds"]] / subset(pred_10_11, chol=="<=5.41" & sbp=="<=118")[["odds"]]
```

```
subset(pred_10_11, chol==">7.31" & sbp==">148")[["risk"]] /
subset(pred_10_11, chol=="<=5.41" & sbp=="<=118")[["risk"]]
```

We use subset to obtain the row of our interest. Then we use [[and]] to get the numerical value inside the column of our interest. If we use the select argument of subset, a dataframe with the numerical value is returned, which we cannot use in division. Similarly, if we use single square bracket [and], we get a dataframe. Subsetting using double square brackets [[]] is essential when we want to get the value inside a component of lists, dataframe included.

[1] 12.386

We will not discuss confidence intervals now.

```
_____Example 10.12 (page 431)
```

We import the relevant data to rework the example 10.12.

We have asked R to import the data treating *smoke*, *active* and *chd* as factors. We have specified the levels of the factor within col_factor. As we don't want the final column, we use col_skip to avoid importing it.

```
coef(lg_10_12)
```

We use coef to print the parameter estimates to confirm that they are the same as in the textbook.

```
(Intercept)
                                                                     smoke2
                                 chol
                                               bmi
                                                            sbp
                     age
-10.107560
               0.017105
                            0.307075
                                         0.041656
                                                      0.020390
                                                                   0.322548
     smoke3
                active2
                             active3
  0.729598
              -0.190420
                           -0.101058
```

To calculate the logit for different values of the explanatory variables, we can multiply the vector of parameter estimates by a vector with the values of explanatory variables given in the same sequence and add them up.

```
sum(coef(lg_10_12) * c(1,50,6,25,125,1,0,0,0))
```

Note that we multiply the value of intercept with one. Only that level of a factor which applies is multiplied with one and others with zero. The logit for a 50 year old active ex-smoker with cholesterol 6.0 units and systolic BP 125 units agree with the textbook value except for rounding error.

```
[1] -3.4972
```

10.4 Tests of hypothesis

_____Section 10.7.1 (page 433)

The deviance of a model is obtained using deviance.

```
deviance(lg_10_12)
```

[1] 1481.3

The model deviance degrees of freedom is obtained using df.residual.

```
df.residual(lg_10_12)
```

[1] 4040

The p value of the goodness of fit chi square test can be obtained using the values returned by these functions.

```
pchisq(deviance(lg_10_5),
     df.residual(lg_10_5),
     lower.tail = FALSE)
```

[1] 0.16062

The Hosmer-Lemeshaw goodness of fit test for generic data is available through HosmerLemeshowTest function of DescTools.

```
_____Example 10.13 (page 436)
```

To rework the example 10.13, we need to fit the null model.

```
glm(hpylori ~ 1, family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_null
glm(hpylori ~ s.class, family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_full

deviance(lg_10_6_null) - deviance(lg_10_6_full) -> ddev_f_n
df.residual(lg_10_6_null) - df.residual(lg_10_6_full) -> ddf_f_n
```

We calculate the difference in deviance and difference in degrees of freedom between the two models and use those values to calculate the p value of chi square test.

```
pchisq(ddev_f_n, ddf_f_n, lower.tail = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 1.4679e-12
```

It is easier to obtain the p value of chi square goodness of fit test using anova.

```
anova(lg_10_6_null,lg_10_6_full, test = "Chisq")
```

```
Analysis of Deviance Table
```

Example 10.14 (page 437)

To rework the example 10.14, we build the models to be considered.

The analysis of deviance table is constructed by anova from all the model objects passed to it. Note that, models are compared only with the preceding. As the third model is not nested in the second, they are not compared.

Analysis of Deviance Table

```
Model 1: chd ~ 1
Model 2: chd ~ sbp
Model 3: chd ~ chol
Model 4: chd ~ chol + sbp
  Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
                  94.6
1
        24
2
         20
                              37.8 1.2e-07 ***
                  56.7 4
3
         20
                  49.5 0
                               7.3
                  18.9 4
4
        16
                              30.6 3.7e-06 ***
```

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

Further analysis as given in table 10.21 needs to be done separately for each comparison. For example,

Here we calculated the p value of the goodness of fit chi square test using the difference in deviance of the model with systolic blood pressure from the null model, corresponding to the first row of table 10.21.

```
[1] 1.2052e-07
```

Probably, it is easier to specify two anova commands.

```
anova(lg_10_11_null, lg_10_11_sbp, lg_10_11_full, test = "Chisq")
anova(lg_10_11_null, lg_10_11_chol, lg_10_11_full, test = "Chisq")
```

Analysis of Deviance Table

Model 1: chd ~ 1

```
Model 2: chd ~ sbp
Model 3: chd ~ chol + sbp
  Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
1
         24
                  94.6
2
         20
                  56.7 4
                              37.8 1.2e-07 ***
3
                              37.9 1.2e-07 ***
         16
                  18.9 4
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Analysis of Deviance Table
Model 1: chd ~ 1
Model 2: chd ~ chol
Model 3: chd ~ chol + sbp
  Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
1
         24
                  94.6
2
         20
                  49.5
                       4
                              45.1
                                    3.8e-09 ***
3
         16
                  18.9 4
                              30.6 3.7e-06 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

We will not rework the example 10.15 as the steps involved are as in the previous examples. The functions AIC, BIC and step that we saw in the previous chapter can be used to calculate the information criteria and for automatic model selection.

```
Example 10.17 (page 441)
```

We now turn to example 10.17. We will calculate the p value for the test of non linearity and for linear trend.

```
glm(hpylori ~ 1, family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_null
glm(hpylori ~ s.class, family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_full
glm(hpylori ~ s.rank, family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_ord
anova(lg_10_6_null, lg_10_6_ord, lg_10_6_full, test = "Chisq")
anova(lg_10_6_null, lg_10_6_full, test = "Chisq")
```

The calculation is no different from the previous examples and yield the values in table 10.25.

```
Analysis of Deviance Table
```

```
Model 1: hpylori ~ 1
Model 2: hpylori ~ s.rank
Model 3: hpylori ~ s.class
  Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
                  64.4
1
         5
2
         4
                   6.5 1
                              58.0 2.7e-14 ***
3
         0
                   0.0 4
                              6.5
                                       0.17
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Analysis of Deviance Table
Model 1: hpylori ~ 1
Model 2: hpylori ~ s.class
  Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
1
          5
                  64.4
2
          0
                   0.0 5
                              64.4 1.5e-12 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

__Example 10.18 (page 441)

To rework the example 10.18, we need to build model objects with polynomial effects.

```
glm(hpylori ~ poly(s.rank, degree = 2), family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_p2
glm(hpylori ~ poly(s.rank, degree = 3), family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_p3
glm(hpylori ~ poly(s.rank, degree = 4), family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_p4
glm(hpylori ~ poly(s.rank, degree = 5), family = binomial()) -> lg_10_6_p5
```

Output 10.2 (page 443)

We use the function poly as the right-hand side of the formula in all our model specifications above. The function poly expands the variable to power terms to the degree specified. Thus poly(s.rank, degree = 2) is equivalent to $s.rank^1 + s.rank^2$.

The anova table prepared using the polynomial models give results similar to that in table 10.26.

Analysis of Deviance Table

```
Model 1: hpylori ~ 1
Model 2: hpylori ~ s.rank
Model 3: hpylori ~ poly(s.rank, degree = 2)
Model 4: hpylori ~ poly(s.rank, degree = 3)
Model 5: hpylori ~ poly(s.rank, degree = 4)
Model 6: hpylori ~ poly(s.rank, degree = 5)
 Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
1
          5
                  64.4
2
                   6.5
                                     2.7e-14 ***
          4
                        1
                              58.0
3
          3
                   0.7
                               5.8
                                       0.016 *
                        1
          2
4
                   0.7 1
                               0.0
                                       0.835
5
          1
                   0.2 1
                                0.4
                                       0.510
6
          0
                   0.0 1
                               0.2
                                       0.638
                0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Signif. codes:
```

To make the table in output 10.2, we will use the broom library.

We use tidy to get a neat dataframe of the data returned by summary when a model object is passed to it. The argument conf.int is specified as TRUE so that we get the confidence intervals. We add two columns to the data frame returned by tidy to calculate the value of chi square and its probability according to the formula given by the textbook. Note that the p value returned by the chi square test and the normal test done by default are the same.

1	(Inte~	-10.1	-10.1	3.81e-24 -1.21e+1	-8.17	103.	3.81e-24
2	age	0.0171	1.25	2.10e- 1 -9.56e-3	0.0439	1.57	2.10e- 1
3	chol	0.307	5.14	2.68e- 7 1.89e-1	0.424	26.5	2.68e- 7
4	bmi	0.0417	1.95	5.13e- 2 -7.94e-4	0.0830	3.80	5.13e- 2
5	sbp	0.0204	5.33	9.81e- 8 1.28e-2	0.0278	28.4	9.81e- 8
6	smoke2	0.323	1.29	1.98e- 1 -1.62e-1	0.825	1.66	1.98e- 1
7	smoke3	0.730	3.33	8.72e- 4 3.16e-1	1.18	11.1	8.72e- 4
8	activ~	-0.190	-1.06	2.90e- 1 -5.37e-1	0.170	1.12	2.90e- 1
9	activ~	-0.101	-0.433	6.65e- 1 -5.65e-1	0.353	0.187	6.65e- 1

Table 10.27 (page 445)

To prepare table 10.27, we need to exponentiate the coefficients of the relevant model.

We have used coef to obtain the coefficients, passed it on to exp to exponentiate the coefficients and subset the relevant values. We build a data frame by using cbind.data.frame and passing to it the exponentiated coefficients from the two models we are comparing.

TABLE 10.1Replication of table 10.27

	Odds ratio		
Serum total cholesterol fifth	Unadjusted	Adjusted	
chol5.42-6.01	1.2516	1.2324	
chol6.02-6.56	2.3563	2.2771	
chol6.57-7.31	2.9583	2.7362	
chol > 7.31	4.0512	3.6535	

10.5 Interaction

Example 10.22 (page 446)

Building a model with interaction terms is similar to previous examples. First, the data.

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```
glm(chd ~ sex , family = binomial()) -> lg_10_22_sex
glm(chd ~ bortner + sex, family = binomial()) -> lg_10_22_bs
glm(chd ~ bortner * sex, family = binomial()) -> lg_10_22_bsi
anova(lg_10_22_null, lg_10_22_bort, lg_10_22_bs, lg_10_22_bsi,
    test = "Chisq")
```

We use a two column matrix as our response variable *chd*. The explanatory variables are factors with length as much as the number of rows in the explanatory variable. We call <code>glm</code> to build the appropriate model objects. The formula used to specify interaction uses * between the variables of interest. There is no need to build the dummy variables ourselves. Using <code>anova</code>, we build the anova table. We haven't included the "Bortner given sex" row from table 10.32. We should use a separate <code>anova</code> command if we wish to calculate that too. Note that though we call <code>anova</code> with four models, it is sufficient to call <code>anova</code> with just the last model.

Analysis of Deviance Table

```
Model 1: chd ~ 1
Model 2: chd ~ bortner
Model 3: chd ~ bortner + sex
Model 4: chd ~ bortner * sex
  Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
1
         7
                  86.6
                  72.5 3
2
          4
                              14.1
                                     0.0027 **
3
          3
                   8.1 1
                              64.3
                                       1e-15 ***
4
          0
                   0.0 3
                               8.1
                                     0.0431 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                                                         _Table 10.34 (page 448)
```

We will use predict to build table 10.34.

We build a data frame using the exponentiated values returned by **predict** when it is passed a data frame containing all combinations of *bortner* and *sex*. To calculate odds ratio, we subset the two sexes separately and then divide them with the reference values. We collect the result in an unnamed data frame for printing.

TABLE 10.2 Replication of table 10.34

	Sex		
Bortner quarter	Male	Female	
<=144	1.00000	1.00000	
145-169	1.09376	0.56429	
170-194	0.75433	0.28612	
>=194	0.80702	0.32516	

We may use tidy(lg_10_22_bsi, conf.int = 0.95) to get an output similar to output 10.3 except that rows with estimate zero won't be printed.

_Example 10.23 (page 449)

We now turn to example 10.23. First, we need the data.

When we import the data, we need to specify which of the variables are factors. We fit only the full model as in the previous examples. We pass that model to anova to build the anova table. If we need the missing rows, we need to build the model with the predictors in the alternate order and pass it to anova.

Analysis of Deviance Table

Model: binomial, link: logit

Response: chd

Terms added sequentially (first to last)

Df Deviance Resid. Df Resid. Dev Pr(>Chi)

NULL 8156 2358
bscore 1 10.3 8155 2348 0.0013 **

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```
sex 1 64.5 8154 2283 9.5e-16 ***
bscore:sex 1 8.5 8153 2275 0.0036 **
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

_____Output 10.4 (page 451)
```

We may use summary or tidy to build the output 10.4

```
tidy(lg_10_23, conf.int = TRUE)
```

```
# A tibble: 4 x 7
              estimate std.error statistic p.value conf.low conf.high
 term
  <chr>
                                      <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
                                                                    <dbl>
                 <dbl>
                            <dbl>
                          0.301
                                      -8.61 7.59e-18 -3.19
                                                                -2.01
1 (Intercept) -2.59
2 bscore
              -0.00231
                          0.00177
                                      -1.31 1.90e- 1 -0.00577
                                                                 0.00115
3 sex2
               0.627
                          0.582
                                       1.08 2.82e- 1 -0.533
                                                                 1.75
4 bscore:sex2 -0.0106
                          0.00364
                                      -2.92 3.47e- 3 -0.0177
                                                                -0.00349
```

Though the coefficients have values different from output 10.4, the calculated logits are similar to output 10.4. The difference is due to the different reference level used for *sex*.

Changing the reference level of a factor is easy as we saw in an earlier example. We will rebuild the model after changing the reference level of sex.

```
# A tibble: 4 x 7
 term
              estimate std.error statistic
                                               p.value conf.low conf.high
  <chr>>
                  <dbl>
                            dbl>
                                       <dbl>
                                                 <dbl>
                                                           <dbl>
                                                                     <dbl>
1 (Intercept)
               -1.96
                          0.498
                                      -3.94 0.0000806 -2.97
                                                                  -1.02
2 bscore
               -0.0129
                          0.00318
                                      -4.07 0.0000470 -0.0192
                                                                  -0.00669
3 sex1
               -0.627
                          0.582
                                      -1.08 0.282
                                                       -1.75
                                                                   0.533
4 bscore:sex1
                0.0106
                          0.00364
                                        2.92 0.00347
                                                         0.00349
                                                                   0.0177
```

When the reference level is 2, the code for females, the coefficients for sex equals 2 is zero. Hence, the coefficient for the interaction term involving sex equals 2 is also zero. Thus the only coefficient contributing towards logit is *bscore* and the intercept. The intercept's value gets cancelled and thus only *bscore* becomes relevant to calculating the logit and its confidence interval. Thus, we need to use the confidence interval of *bscore* alone as the confidence interval of logits for the *sex* that was used as the reference level.

10.6 Dealing with a quantitative explanatory variable

Example 10.24 (page 454)

To categorise continuous variables, we need cut. In addition to the vector carrying the continuous variable, it accepts a break argument, which is a vector containing the boundary values for the categories. There are additional logical arguments right which determines whether the intervals are closed on the right or not and include.lowest which determines whether the value that equals the open boundary should be included or not.

```
cut(data_10_12$sbp,
   quantile(data_10_12$sbp, probs = seq(0, 1, 0.25)),
   include.lowest = TRUE) |> table()
```

We provide to cut, the vector containing the systolic blood pressure. We calculate the quantiles of the same vector using quantile and provide them as the breaks argument of cut. To calculate the values of the quantiles, quantile needs an argument probs, which we supply as the sequence from 0 to 1 at steps of 0.25. As, the vector of values returned by quantile includes the minimum and because cut will not include the lowest value in a category by default, we say include.lowest=TRUE. Finally, the vector thus cut into categories is piped into table to confirm that the results we get are consistent with that in table 10.36.

```
[82,121] (121,131] (131,143] (143,233]
1083 960 995 1011
```

To categorise the vector according to the quarters defined by events, all we need is change the breakpoints. We can obtain the quartiles if we filter the data to include only those rows with the value 1 in the *chd* column.

```
quantile(filter(data_10_12,chd == 1)$sbp,
    probs = seq(0, 1, 0.25))
```

```
0% 25% 50% 75% 100%
97 128 138 151 210
```

However, the minimum and the maximum returned by quantile is affected by the restriction caused by filtering of the rows. Thus, the minimum and maximum returned doesn't apply to the whole data set. So, we need to specify the breaks manually incorporating the values returned by quantile changing the minimum and maximum to reflect that of the entire dataset.

```
cut(data_10_12$sbp,
```

```
c(82,128,138,151,233),
include.lowest = TRUE) |> table()
```

The result we get is different from that in table 10.37. I suspect that there has been a mistake in the textbook.

```
[82,128] (128,138] (138,151] (151,233]
1765 934 757 593
```

10.6.1 Linear spline model

To fit the linear spline model, we will use lspline. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

__Example 10.25 (page 455)

```
glm(chd ~ lspline(sbp , knots = c(121,131,143)),
    family = binomial(),
    data = data_10_12) -> ls_10_25
glm(chd ~ lspline(sbp , knots = c(121,131,143), marginal = TRUE),
    family = binomial(),
    data = data_10_12) -> ls_10_25_m
tidy(ls_10_25)
tidy(ls_10_25_m)
```

Similar to what we saw in the previous chapter, we use lspline as the right-hand side of the model formula. We provide lspline with the knots we want; as a numeric vector. We build two models, the first one where the coefficients represent the slope of each segment of the linear spline. In the second model, which is specified with marginal=TRUE, the intercept as well as the first slope coefficient are the same as in the first model. However, the subsequent coefficients are change in slope compared with the previous. If we desire a joint table like 10.38, we can combine together the coefficients of the two models using cbind, either directly or after tidying it.

```
# A tibble: 5 x 5
 term
                                         estimate std.error statistic p.value
  <chr>>
                                            <dbl>
                                                      <dbl>
                                                                 <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
1 (Intercept)
                                         -1.03e+1
                                                    3.89
                                                                -2.64 0.00830
2 lspline(sbp, knots = c(121, 131, 143~
                                          5.69e-2
                                                    0.0333
                                                                 1.71
                                                                       0.0876
3 lspline(sbp, knots = c(121, 131, 143~
                                          4.76e-2
                                                    0.0325
                                                                 1.46 0.143
4 lspline(sbp, knots = c(121, 131, 143~
                                          8.21e-3
                                                    0.0218
                                                                 0.376 0.707
5 lspline(sbp, knots = c(121, 131, 143~
                                          2.03e-2
                                                    0.00704
                                                                 2.88 0.00392
# A tibble: 5 x 5
  term
                                         estimate std.error statistic p.value
  <chr>
                                            <dbl>
                                                      <dbl>
                                                                 <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
1 (Intercept)
                                         -1.03e+1
                                                     3.89
                                                                -2.64 0.00830
```

```
2 lspline(sbp, knots = c(121, 131, 143~ 5.69e-2 0.0333 1.71 0.0876

3 lspline(sbp, knots = c(121, 131, 143~ -9.29e-3 0.0574 -0.162 0.871

4 lspline(sbp, knots = c(121, 131, 143~ -3.94e-2 0.0490 -0.803 0.422

5 lspline(sbp, knots = c(121, 131, 143~ 1.21e-2 0.0261 0.464 0.643
```

_Figure 10.10 (page 456)

To prepare the graph in figure 10.10, we need to prepare the data first. The dataframes that we use to build the model objects can't be used directly for preparing the graphs as they don't have a column of logit. Thus, our first step is to add the logit and its upper and lower bounds to the dataframes.

```
cbind.data.frame(data_10_12,
                 predict(glm(chd ~ sbp,
                             data = data_10_12,
                             family = binomial()),
                         se.fit = TRUE)) |>
 mutate (uci = fit + (1.96 * se.fit),
          lci = fit - (1.96 * se.fit)) -> pred_lg_10_25sbp
cbind.data.frame(data_10_12,
                 predict(glm(chd ~ cut(data_10_12$sbp,
                                       breaks = c(50,121,143,250)),
                             data = data_10_12,
                             family = binomial()),
                         se.fit = TRUE)) |>
 mutate (uci = fit + (1.96 * se.fit),
          lci = fit - (1.96 * se.fit)) -> pred_lg_10_25cut
cbind.data.frame(data_10_12,
                 predict(glm(chd ~ lspline(sbp,knots = c(100,120,140,160)),
                             family = binomial(),
                             data = data_10_12),
                         se.fit = TRUE)) |>
 mutate (uci = fit + (1.96 * se.fit),
          lci = fit - (1.96 * se.fit)) -> pred_ls_10_25cli
cbind.data.frame(data_10_12,
                 predict(ls_10_25, se.fit = TRUE)) |>
 mutate (uci = fit + (1.96 * se.fit),
          lci = fit - (1.96 * se.fit)) -> pred_ls_10_25qrt
```

In the first four commands, we use predict to get the calculated logit for each row of the dataframe. The function predict requires a model object as its argument. Where we haven't saved a model object, we build the model object inside predict by specifying the call to glm as its model object argument. We also specify se.fit=TRUE so that predict returns the standard error as well. We use cbind.data.frame to bind together the original dataframe with the data returned by predict. Then, we use mutate to build two new columns to

store the value of the upper and lower confidence interval of the predicted logit. We do this by adding and subtracting 1.96 times the standard error to /from the predicted logit. We store the dataframes thus prepared with suitable names so that we may use them in calls to ggplot.

```
ggplot(pred_ls_10_25qrt, aes(y = fit, x = sbp)) +
 geom_ribbon(aes(ymin =lci, ymax = uci),
              fill = "blue",
              alpha = 0.25) +
 geom line() +
 labs(x = "Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)",
       y = "Logit",
       title = "Spline with knots at quartiles") -> plot_ls_10_25qrt
ggplot(pred_lg_10_25sbp, aes(y = fit, x = sbp)) +
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin =lci, ymax = uci),
              fill = "blue",
              alpha = 0.25) +
  geom_line() +
 labs(x = "Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)",
       y = "Logit",
      title = "Linear") -> plot_ls_10_25sbp
ggplot(pred_lg_10_25cut, aes(y = fit, x = sbp)) +
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin =lci, ymax = uci),
              fill = "blue",
              alpha = 0.25) +
 geom_line()+
 ylim(-8,0) +
 labs(x = "Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)",
       y = "Logit",
       title = "Categorical by quarter")-> plot_ls_10_25cut
ggplot(pred_ls_10_25cli, aes(y = fit, x = sbp)) +
 geom_ribbon(aes(ymin =lci, ymax = uci),
              fill = "blue",
              alpha = 0.25) +
 geom_line()+
 ylim(-8,0) +
 labs(x = "Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)",
       y = "Logit",
       title = "Spline with chosen knots" ) -> plot_ls_10_25cli
library(gridExtra)
grid.arrange(plot_ls_10_25sbp, plot_ls_10_25cut,
             plot_ls_10_25cli, plot_ls_10_25qrt)
```

We call ggplot with the data frames we prepared. Each ggplot call asks for two geoms—geom_ribbon to create the confidence interval and geom_line to create the estimate. We provide alpha=0.25 to geom_ribbon so that it is drawn with a translucent colour. We use ylim to ensure that all the four graphs have the same vertical extent. The horizontal range is the same because the same variable sbp is used for all the graphs. Finally, we use grid.arrange to make a composite graph from the individual graphs we prepared.

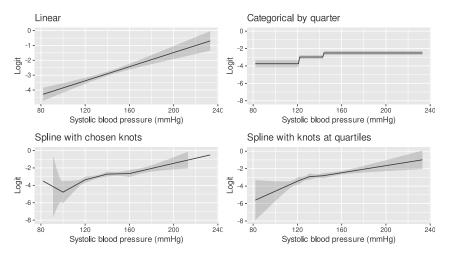


FIGURE 10.7 Replication of figure 10.10

Figure 10.11 (page 458)

Figure 10.11 is made in a similar way except that one model is laid over the other.

```
read_table("K11828 supplements/Datasets/Example 10.26.dat",
           col_names = c("egfr", "stroke"),
           col_types = cols(`stroke` = col_factor(levels = c("0", "1")))
           ) -> data 10 26
glm(stroke ~ egfr,
   data = data_10_26,
    family = binomial()) -> lg_10_26
glm(stroke ~ lspline(egfr, knots = quantile(data_10_26$egfr, c(1/3, 2/3))),
    data = data 10 26,
    family = binomial()) -> ls_10_26
glm(stroke ~ lspline(egfr,
                     knots = quantile(data_10_26\segfr,c(1/3, 2/3)),
                     marginal =TRUE),
    data = data 10 26,
   family = binomial()) -> ls 10 26m
cbind.data.frame(data 10 26,
                 predict(ls_10_26, se.fit = TRUE)) |>
 mutate(ucils = fit + (1.96 * se.fit),
```

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```
lcils = fit - (1.96 *se.fit)) -> pred_10_26ls
cbind.data.frame(data_10_26,
                 predict(lg_10_26, se.fit = TRUE)) |>
 mutate(ucilg = fit + (1.96 * se.fit),
         lcilg = fit - (1.96 *se.fit)) -> pred_10_26lg
ggplot(pred_10_26ls) +
 geom_ribbon(aes(x=egfr, ymin = lcils, ymax = ucils),
              alpha = 0.25) +
 geom_line(aes(x=egfr, y = fit)) +
  geom_line(aes(x=egfr, y = fit),
            data = pred_10_26lg,
            colour = "#004B73") +
 geom_line(aes(x=egfr, y = ucilg),
            data = pred_10_26lg,
            colour = "#004B73",
            linetype = 3) +
 geom_line(aes(x=egfr, y = lcilg),
            data = pred_10_26lg,
            colour = "#004B73",
            linetype = 3) +
 labs(x = "eGFR (ml/min/1.73m^2",
       y = "Logit")
```

We import data and build the model objects for example 10.26 as we did in the previous examples. We prepare two dataframes with the predicted values from the two models. While we could have combined the two, there will be conflict in the columns returned by predict. When we call ggplot, we first draw geom_ribbon. Otherwise, it will draw over the other lines and obscure them. When we call geom_line to draw the linear model, we provide it with a data argument to override that given in the ggplot call. We also specify line types and colours for the lines.

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Example 10.27 (page 460)

R provides helper functions to obtain the various residuals.

```
hatvalues(lg_10_5)
residuals(lg_10_5)
influence(lg_10_5)$dev.res
rstandard(lg_10_5)
```

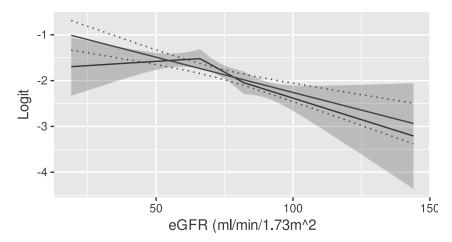


FIGURE 10.8 Replication of figure 10.11

The function hatvalues returns the leverage for each observation. The function residuals returns the raw residuals, while rstandard returns the standardised residuals. The deviance residual is available as the component dev.res returned by influence. The function summary when provided with the result of influence, will give a list of outliers according any of these measures.

0.098315 0.120284 0.112579 0.098758 0.077008 0.077258 0.077785 0.071506

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Figure 10.12 (page 462)

We may choose to plot any of these residuals. To prepare the graph in figure 10.12, we need the command

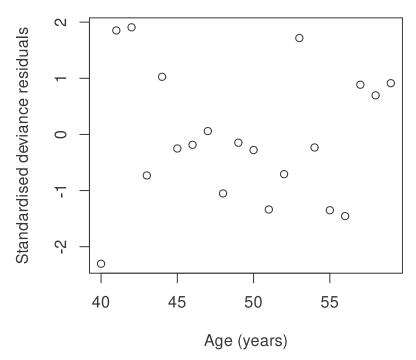


FIGURE 10.9 Replication of figure 10.12

__Figure 10.13 (page 463)

Similarly, to plot the graphs in figure 10.13, we may use

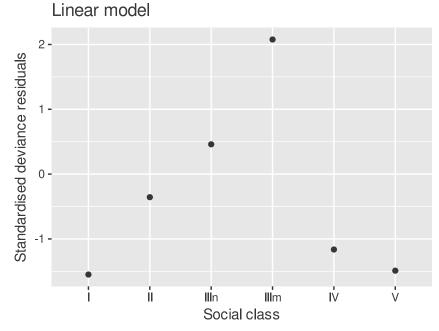


FIGURE 10.10 Replication of figure 10.13 (a)

```
ylab = "Standardised deviance residuals",
main = "Quadratic model")
```

Note that we have used qplot from ggplot package, which has a syntax similar to plot with some differences. The order of the variables are different in qplot and plot. Formulas are acceptable in plot, but not in qplot.

10.8 Case control studies

Example 10.32 (page 469)

As we don't have the data of table 6.11 in generic form, we will skip example 10.31. To rework the example 10.32, we need to import the data. We will use the package survival for this example.



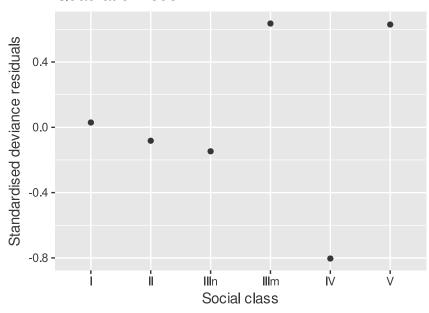


FIGURE 10.11 Replication of figure 10.13 (b)

Note that when we import data, the outcome variable cc_status is not defined as a factor, but left as numeric, the default. This is what clogit from survival which we use to perform conditional logistic regression analysis, expects. Apart from the name of the function, the formula that we provide for conditional logistic regression is different in that it has an additional term strata(), which accepts the name of variable which identifies the case control groups, in our case id.

Though we may use helper functions to extract the relevant information from the model objects, the default print method itself displays most details. We may use anova to compare the models.

```
cl_10_42_db
anova(cl_10_42_db)
```

```
Call:
clogit(cc_status ~ ddimer + sbp + strata(id), data = tbl_10_42)
```

```
coef exp(coef) se(coef)
ddimer1 0.194
                  1.215
                           0.451 0.4 0.67
                  1.022
                           0.011 2.0 0.04
sbp
        0.022
Likelihood ratio test=4.5 on 2 df, p=0.1
n= 135, number of events= 28
Analysis of Deviance Table
 Cox model: response is Surv(rep(1, 135L), cc_status)
Terms added sequentially (first to last)
       loglik Chisq Df Pr(>|Chi|)
NULL
        -48.6
ddimer -48.5 0.27 1
                            0.601
        -46.4 4.25 1
                            0.039 *
sbp
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Here, we have used the model with both risk factors to call the default print method. R reports the likelihood ratio test, its df and its probability. The coefficients are reported for both explanatory variables along with its exponentiated value, standard error as well as Wald's test and its p value. We don't get a confidence interval, for which we may use confint. Another helper function of importance is logLik, which returns the log likelihood of the model. anova too reports log likelihood rather than -2 log likelihood.

10.9 Outcomes with several levels

Example 10.33 (page 472)

We will use polr from MASS to fit the proportional odds model. First, the data.

We build a dataframe to represent the data in table 10.44. For this, we use rep and factor. The order of the levels of the response factor chd needs to be specified as the default alphabetic arrangement does not reflect the actual order. For this, we provide the levels argument to factor while building chd.

We call polr in a way similar to previous examples. Thus, we have a formula that specifies the response and predictors and data argument to specify the data frame in which to look for the variables mentioned in the formula. As we have grouped data, we need to ask R to weight the fitting using *num*. Though logistic is the default method, we specify it for clarity. We may use summary to confirm that the model we built is the same as given in output 10.7.

```
summary(po_10_44)
```

```
Call:
polr(formula = chd ~ hstry, data = tbl_10_44, weights = num,
    method = "logistic")
Coefficients:
          Value Std. Error t value
hstryyes -0.684
                     0.102
                             -6.72
Intercepts:
          Value
                  Std. Error t value
mi|ang2
           -2.884
                    0.068
                             -42.245
ang2|ang1 -2.725
                    0.065
                             -42.113
ang1|none -2.286
                    0.057
                             -40.406
Residual Deviance: 4108.43
AIC: 4116.43
```

Multinomial regression can be done using multinom function of nnet package.

10.10 Longitudinal data

_Example 10.35 (page 475)

We will use the package gee to rework the example 10.35.

```
arrange("id", "week") -> data_9_21
relevel(data_9_21$group, ref = "R") -> data_9_21$group
```

The process of importing is similar to our previous examples. An argument that we haven't seen earlier is na, which is used to specify the character in the data file that stands for NA, the period in our case. We remove those rows with NA in the *detect* column using filter. We make sure that the imported data is sorted by the id variable. We use arrange to achieve this. The first argument for arrange is the dataframe that needs to be sorted, which is supplied by the pipe. Rest of the arguments are names of the columns by which the dataframe should be sorted. Note that we have specified the response variable *detect* as numeric, rather than as a factor because that is what <code>geeglm</code>, the function that we use to model generalised estimating equations requires. Remember to install <code>geepack</code> using <code>install.packages</code> as discussed in chapter 1.

```
library(geepack)
geeglm(detect ~ group,
    id = id,
    data = data_9_21,
    family = binomial(),
    corstr = "exchangeable") |>
summary()
```

We use the package <code>geepack</code> to model using generalised estimating equations. The function is named <code>geeglm</code>. It requires a formula specifying the model. In addition it requires an <code>id</code>, which specifies the column that carries the information to identify the clusters. The arguments <code>data</code> is the name of the dataframe in which the supplied variables should be looked for. The <code>family = binomial()</code> specifies that we want to use a binomial model. The argument <code>corstr</code> is used to specify the correlation structure we want. The <code>summary</code> function prints a great amount of information including the value of coefficients, their standard errors, the z value calculated for the standard errors and the probability for the z value.

```
Call:
geeglm(formula = detect ~ group, family = binomial(), data = data_9_21,
    id = id, corstr = "exchangeable")
 Coefficients:
            Estimate Std.err Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercept)
              0.138
                       0.166 0.69
                                      0.41
groupC
             -0.048
                       0.239 0.04
                                      0.84
Correlation structure = exchangeable
Estimated Scale Parameters:
            Estimate Std.err
(Intercept)
              0.999 0.00593
 Link = identity
```

```
Estimated Correlation Parameters:

Estimate Std.err
alpha 0.213 0.0464

Number of clusters: 107 Maximum cluster size: 5
```

We can use gee function from the package gee as well to fit generalised estimating equations. However, there is no anova method for the model object it returns.

10.11 Binomial regression

Example 10.36 (page 476)

To fit a binomial regression, we use glm, but with the link log. We use the variables from example 10.11.

```
glm(chd ~ chol + sbp,
    family = binomial(link = "log")) -> br_10_11
```

The only difference from the fitting of logistic regression is in the link argument to binomial. We can use tidy to get the odds ratio, relative risk and their confidence intervals.

We use tidy, asking it to exponentiate the coefficients and to provide confidence intervals. We exclude the row corresponding to the intercept by negative subsetting. We use select to select only those columns we want in the table. We specify dplyr before select to make sure that the conflict with a function of the same name in MASS that we loaded earlier doesn't affect us. We use rename to change the default column names returned by tidy. We store the dataframes thus made.

We column bind a vector containing the labels for each row and the two data frames using cbind.data.frame. The vector containing the row labels is built by concatenating the levels of the explanatory variables we used for model building after adding a tag before them to indicate the variable name. The dataframes we made that contains the exponentiated coefficients and their confidence intervals does not have a row for the reference levels, but the vector containing the row labels has. So, we need to insert a row containing the value one for the reference levels before we can column bind them. We do this by breaking up the dataframes suitably by subsetting it and then using rbind to join them back together with the rows for the reference levels.

```
predictor Odds Ratio OR 11 OR ul Relative Risk RR 11 RR ul
1
        sbp <=118
                         1.00
                                 NA
                                        NA
                                                     1.00
                                                             NA
                                                                   NA
2
      sbp 119-127
                         1.84 1.021
                                      3.43
                                                    1.81 1.022
                                                                 3.31
3
      sbp 128-136
                         2.39 1.369
                                     4.34
                                                    2.29 1.343
                                                                 4.10
4
      sbp 137-148
                         2.80 1.622
                                      5.07
                                                    2.68 1.585
                                                                 4.76
5
         sbp >148
                         3.83 2.260
                                      6.83
                                                    3.56 2.150
                                                                 6.23
6
      chol <=5.41
                         1.00
                                 NA
                                        NA
                                                    1.00
                                                             NA
                                                                   NA
7
   chol 5.42-6.01
                         1.23 0.656
                                      2.34
                                                    1.23 0.665
                                                                 2.30
8
   chol 6.02-6.56
                         2.28 1.316
                                     4.10
                                                    2.20 1.301
                                                                3.90
   chol 6.57-7.31
                         2.74 1.614
                                                    2.60 1.568
9
                                      4.85
                                                                 4.53
       chol >7.31
                                                     3.41 2.092
10
                         3.65 2.188
                                      6.41
                                                                 5.88
```

_Table 10.46 (page 477)

To prepare table 10.46, first we import the data.

We then mutate the data to prepare two new columns from the existing columns. We use ifelse which evaluates the logical statement given as its first argument and returns the second argument if the logical statement is true or the third argument if the logical statement is false. Thus, these new columns will contain the appropriate label to indicate in which of the two groups they fall according to the value of age and fibrinogen.

We then use table to cross tabulate the three variables. The dnn argument determines the name of the resulting columns. The last column containing the counts is named Freq. However, the result we get from table is an array, not very suitable for printing. So, we convert it into a dataframe. The resulting dataframe has different rows corresponding to the different values of hpylori. But, we want different columns. So, we use pivot_wider to make new columns corresponding to the different values of hpylori and carrying the corresponding Freq. We pipe the resulting data frame into mutate to calculate prevalence and odds. Note that we have prepared only the first four rows of table 10.46 corresponding to cross tabulation of age and fibrinogen groups. We need to repeat the steps by cross tabulating only fibrinogen groups and row bind the result with this data frame to get the complete table.

TABLE 10.3 Replication of table 10.46

Fibrinogen	Age group	No H. pylori	H. pylori	Prevalence	Odds
low	young	63	79	0.556	1.25
high	young	27	48	0.640	1.78
low	old	26	73	0.737	2.81
high	old	33	161	0.830	4.88

_Table 10.48 (page 478)

To prepare table 10.48, we need to specify all four models.

```
adjstlog = glm(hpylori ~ fib_hl + age_hl,
                    data = data_9_16,
                    family = binomial(link = "logit")),
     adjstbin = glm(hpylori ~ fib_hl + age_hl,
                    data = data_9_16,
                    family = binomial(link = "log"))) -> mdls_10_37
map_dfr(mdls_10_37, coef, .id = "model") |>
  replace na(list(age hlold = 0)) |>
  mutate(pfib_l = ifelse(str_detect(model, "bin"),
                         exp(`(Intercept)` + age hlold),
                          (1 + \exp(-1 *
                                     (`(Intercept)` +
                                        age_hlold ))) ^ -1),
         pfib_h = ifelse(str_detect(model, "bin"),
                         exp(`(Intercept)` + age_hlold + fib_hlhigh),
                          (1 + \exp(-1 *
                                     (`(Intercept)` +
                                        age_hlold +
                                        fib_hlhigh))) ^ -1),
         pratio = ifelse(str_detect(model, "bin"),
                         exp(fib_hlhigh),
                         pfib_h / pfib_l)) -> tbl_10_48
tbl_10_48
```

In the first step we save the four model objects as a list using the command list. In the next step, we use map_dfr to build a data frame containing the coefficients of one model in one row. The map_dfr accepts a list, the list containing the model objects in our case. It passes on each element of the list to the function that is its second argument, coef in our case. The result returned by the function is converted to a data frame. If we supply the .id argument, map_dfr will add a column whose name is the value of .id. Its value will be the name of each element of the list we supplied as the first argument.

The data frame returned by map_dfr will contain NA for age_hold column for the unadjusted models. We change those NAs to 0 using replace_na. The function replace_na accepts in addition to the dataframe whose NA needs to be replaced, a list containing the variable value pair indicating the name of the column whose NA values need change and the value that should replace NAs. In our case, we change the NAs of age_hold column to 0.

Finally, we use mutate to add three new columns to calculate the prevalences corresponding to high and low fibrinogen levels and prevalence ratio. Each specification of mutate is an ifelse which evaluates whether the name of the model contains "bin". The function that does this comparison is str_detect from the library stringr, a part of tidyverse. It accepts the variable whose values should be checked and the string whose presence is checked for. Based on whether str_detect returns TRUE or FALSE, we use the calculations appropriate for the model to calculate the value of the new columns.

TABLE 10.4 Replication of table 10.48

	P	arameters		Preva		
Model fitted	$ \frac{1}{b_0} $	Fibrinogen b_1	$\frac{\text{Age}}{b_2}$	Low fibrinogen	High fibrinogen	Prevalence ratio
unadjlog unadjbin adjstlog adjstbin	0.535 -0.461 0.193 -0.580	0.713 0.209 0.450 0.124	0.00 0.00 0.90 0.27	0.631 0.631 0.749 0.734	0.777 0.777 0.824 0.831	1.23 1.23 1.10 1.13

Example 10.38 (page 478)

We fit binomial regression model to grouped data, similar to how we fit a logistic model. The difference is in the link. Here, we rework example 10.38.

We can use **predict** to obtain the log risk for each category of the predictor variable, along with the standard error.

```
predict(bi_10_38, se.fit=TRUE) -> prdl_10_38

exp(prdl_10_38\fit[1] + c(-1,1) * (prdl_10_38\se.fit[1] * 1.96))
exp(prdl_10_38\fit[2] + c(-1,1) * (prdl_10_38\se.fit[2] * 1.96))
```

The function predict returns a list with the elements fit and se.fit. We select the one element of fit, add to and subtract from it 1.96 times the corresponding element from se.fit. We repeat the same for the other element.

```
[1] 0.0154 0.0310
[1] 0.00477 0.01308
```

To get the confidence interval of the risk ratio, we can use confint.

```
exp(confint(bi_10_38))["smokeyes",]
exp(confint.default(bi_10_38))["smokeyes",]
```

We use confint, exponentiate it and subset the row corresponding to smokers. If we would prefer the confidence interval based on normal approximation as given in the textbook, we may use confint.default instead of confint.

```
2.5 % 97.5 %
1.53 5.25
2.5 % 97.5 %
1.50 5.11
```

Example 10.39 (page 480)

To rework example 10.39 to demonstrate calculation of adjusted risks, we need to fit the binomial regression model.

The grouped data is typed in as matrix and binomial regression model is fit using glm as we did in our previous examples. To build table 10.51, we build a data frame. The function marginSums calculates the sum of a matrix or array along the specified margins. Here, we specify marginSums to calculate the totals of each row of *chd*. Thus, we get the total for each combination of housing type and smoking status. We divide the first column of *chd* obtained by subsetting with the total returned by *marginSums* to calculate the risk directly. We use predict to get the log risk. When we pass type="response", predict returns the predicted values in the scale of the response, i.e. after exponentiation.

	${\tt Housing.Tenure}$	${\tt Confounder}$	${\tt CHD.Events}$	n	Risk	Log.risk	Risk.1
1	rent	no	33	956	0.0345	-3.35	0.0350
2	own	no	48	1770	0.0271	-3.62	0.0269
3	rent	yes	52	950	0.0547	-2.91	0.0543
4	own	yes	29	707	0.0410	-3.18	0.0417

We can calculate the adjusted log risks from the fitted model.

We multiply the values returned by coef with the appropriate values and add them together. For the balanced weighting, we multiply the coefficient for smoking status with 0.5 and that for intercept and housing type with 1. For the observed margins calculations, we multiply the coefficient for smoking with the proportion of smokers, while intercept and coefficient for housing remains one. We don't type the proportion of smokers, but calculate it. We use tapply to get the numerator. The function tapply applies a function given as the value for the argument FUN to each group of values of its first argument, the groups being determined by the second argument INDEX. In our example, the first argument is the result of marginSums(chd,1), the row-wise total of chd. The variable smoke determines the groups. Thus we get an array containing the totals of chd for each value of smoke viz "yes" and "no". We subset the value for "yes" of this array and divide it with the value returned by marginSums(chd). When no margins are specified, marginSums sums across all margins and returns the total cases. Thus, we get the prevalence of smoking for calculating the observed margin adjusted log risk.

```
[1] -3.13
[1] -3.19
```

We may instead use emmeans to calculate adjusted values.

The function emmeans is passed the model object as its first argument. The second argument is a character vector which specifies the names of the variables for which we want the adjusted risks estimated. In our case, we want the adjusted risks for the various levels of house. The function emmeans also supports weights, which permits vectors, with weight specified for each of the level of variable for which adjustment is required. We use tapply(marginSums(chd,1), smoke,FUN= sum) as our weight to adjust according to the observed margins. This works because the way we have specified tapply returns the total number of smokers and non smokers. The advantage of emmeans is that confidence intervals are returned as well.

```
house emmean SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL own -3.40 0.114 Inf -3.62 -3.18 rent -3.13 0.107 Inf -3.34 -2.92
```

Results are averaged over the levels of: smoke

```
Results are given on the log (not the response) scale. Confidence level used: 0.95 house emmean SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL own -3.45 0.112 Inf -3.67 -3.23 rent -3.19 0.112 Inf -3.41 -2.97
```

Results are averaged over the levels of: smoke Results are given on the log (not the response) scale. Confidence level used: 0.95

10.11.1 Risk differences

__Example 10.40 (page 484)

To fit the binomial model for estimating risk differences, we use the data from the previous example.

```
glm(chd ~ house,
    family = binomial(link="identity")) -> br_10_40sv
glm(chd ~ smoke + house,
    family = binomial(link="identity")) -> br_10_40dv
```

The difference in model specification is the value that link takes. For the binomial model that assumes additive effects, we use link="identity".

We may use confint to get the confidence interval for the coefficients or use predict which returns the standard errors.

```
confint.default(br_10_40sv)
predict(br_10_40sv, se.fit = TRUE)
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 %
(Intercept) 0.0243 0.0379
houserent 0.0020 0.0250
$fit
    1     2     3     4
0.0446 0.0311 0.0446 0.0311
$se.fit
    1     2     3     4
0.00473 0.00349 0.00473 0.00349
$residual.scale
[1] 1
```

Example 10.42 (page 486)

We will use geeglm to model using generalised estimating equation Poisson regression.

When we import data, we specify the response variable as numeric, to satisfy the requirement of geeglm. We call geeglm with the arguments we discussed in an earlier example. The difference is in the family argument. Here, we specify poisson() with its default link. We have also specified std.err = "san.se" to say that we want the robust estimation. However, it is the default option used even if we omit the argument. The summary method prints a great deal of information. Here, we select only the coef component, a data frame, returned by summary for printing.

```
Estimate Std.err
                              Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercept) -9.6080 0.80531 142.342 0.00e+00
            0.0162 0.01286 1.581 2.09e-01
age
chol
             0.2793 0.04793 33.962 5.62e-09
bmi
            0.0386 0.01866 4.291 3.83e-02
            0.0187 0.00335 31.166 2.37e-08
sbp
smoke2
            0.3042 0.23616 1.659 1.98e-01
             0.6854 0.20512 11.166 8.33e-04
smoke3
active2
            -0.1734 0.16723 1.075 3.00e-01
active3
            -0.0925 0.21973
                             0.177 6.74e-01
```

_Table 10.54 (page 486)

We can column bind the **coef** components of the logistic model we fitted earlier and the GEE model to prepare table 10.54.

The coef component of the summary method for logistic model is not a dataframe, but a matrix. So, we coerce it to a dataframe using as.data.frame. We use bind_cols to column bind the two data frames. We calculate the upper and lower confidence intervals for odds ratio and risk ratio from the coefficients. Note that the name of the estimate columns change after column binding to ensure unique column names. We paste together the exponentiated coefficient and its lower and upper intervals into a string. The numbers passed to paste are prettied using format. Its argument trim=FALSE decides whether the number is right justified to a common width, padded with zeros on the left. The argument digits determines the number of significant figures. Finally, we select only those columns that we want to display.

TABLE 10.5 Replication of table 10.54

	Odds ratio		Relative Risk		
Variable	Estimate (95% CI)	p value	Estimate (95% CI)	p value	
age chol bmi sbp smoke2 smoke3	1.02 (0.99 , 1.04)	2.1e-01	1.02 (0.99 , 1.04)	2.1e-01	
	1.36 (1.21 , 1.53)	2.7e-07	1.32 (1.20 , 1.45)	5.6e-09	
	1.04 (1.00 , 1.09)	5.1e-02	1.04 (1.00 , 1.08)	3.8e-02	
	1.02 (1.01 , 1.03)	9.8e-08	1.02 (1.01 , 1.03)	2.4e-08	
	1.38 (0.84 , 2.26)	2.0e-01	1.36 (0.85 , 2.15)	2.0e-01	
	2.07 (1.35 , 3.19)	8.7e-04	1.98 (1.33 , 2.97)	8.3e-04	
active2	0.83 (0.58 , 1.18)	2.9e-01	0.84 (0.61 , 1.17)	3.0e-01	
active3	0.90 (0.57 , 1.43)	6.7e-01	0.91 (0.59 , 1.40)	6.7e-01	

We can obtain adjusted risks using emmeans.

```
emmeans(ge_10_42, c("smoke"), weights = "proportional")
```

```
1 -3.66 0.189 4040 -4.03 -3.29
2 -3.36 0.156 4040 -3.66 -3.05
3 -2.98 0.102 4040 -3.18 -2.78
```

Results are averaged over the levels of: active

Covariance estimate used: vbeta

Results are given on the log (not the response) scale.

Confidence level used: 0.95

While the adjusted means are the same as in the textbook, the confidence interval is different from that in the textbook.

10.12 Propensity score

Example 10.45 (page 492)

We will skip examples 10.43 and 10.44. We will first import the relevant data to rework example 10 45.

Importing data and fitting the logistic model are similar to the previous examples. We use predict to obtain the fitted values for each record. By specifying type="response", we ensure that logit is exponentiated. We attach the predicted values to the original dataframe as a new column. Finally, we use summary to confirm that the averages and extremes are similar to that given in the textbook.

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. 0.226 0.330 0.389 0.398 0.457 0.731
```

We will use the library MatchIt to match records based on the propensity score. Remember to install it using install.packages as described in chapter 1. I couldn't find an R package that allows digit matching. So, we will use greedy nearest neighbour matching with calipers. Consequently, the results here will differ from the textbook.

The function we use for matching is matchit. It requires a formula, the left-hand side of which is the treatment variable and the right-hand side is the combination of variables that we want to use for calculating propensity score. It accepts a data argument denoting the dataframe in which to find the variables mentioned in the formula. We specify the matching method as method="nearest". The function matchit allows many more ways of matching, which are probably better methods. The argument caliper is used to specify the value of the caliper if we want to use one. Note that matchit is very versatile and supports a great many ways of performing matching than we are discussing here. We store the object returned by matchit.

The object returned by matchit is examined using different helper functions. For example, summary will print a detailed analysis of balance before and after matching. Another useful function is plot, which will prepare graphical displays for analysing balance. Many different graphs are available. For example, plot(ps_10_45, type = "density") will show the density plot for each of the covariates before and after matching.

The function match.data when supplied an object returned by matchit will return a data frame containing only those rows that were matched. In addition to the columns present initially, additional columns containing the matching strata value, the distance measure calculated etc. are also included.

```
_____Figure 10.15 (page 496)
```

We will use the data frame returned by match.data to prepare the graph of figure 10.15.

We call ggplot with the dataframe returned by match.data. We use geom_density to plot the density of the ps column of the dataframe, containing the calculated propensity scores. We ask to plot different lines for each value of *alcohol* with different colours and line types.

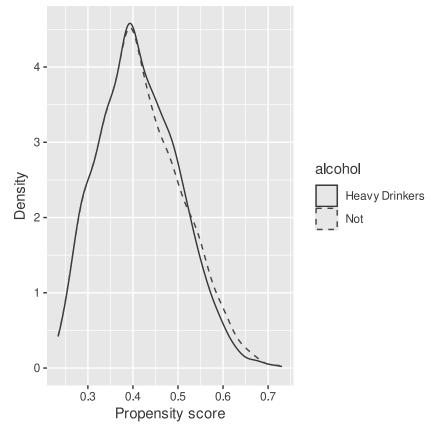


FIGURE 10.12 Replication of figure 10.15

Our graph is different from the textbook because of the different matching method we followed.

```
______Figure 10.16 (page 497)
```

We will use the original dataset as well as the matched dataset to prepare the graphs of figure 10.16. We need gridExtra package to combine the two sets of graphs into one figure.

We pass the appropriate data set to ggplot. The geom we use is geom_boxplot, which draws a boxplot for the x variable we specify. We use y = factor(alcohol, labels = c("Not", "Heavy drinker")) to prepare different boxplots for different values of alcohol, with appropriate labels. The colour arguments gives different colours to each value of alcohol from the ones specified in scale_colour_manual. We put both ggplot calls inside grid.arrange to combine them into one figure.

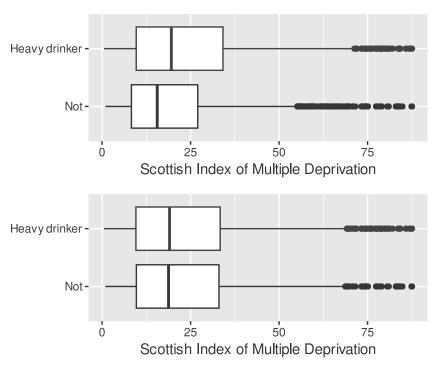


FIGURE 10.13 Replication of figure 10.16

_____Table 10.60 (page 496)

To prepare table 10.60, we will use both the original and matched data sets.

First, we prepare two dataframes, one each for the original dataset and for the matched dataset. We use <code>group_by</code> to group the data by <code>alcohol</code> and pipe the result to <code>summarise</code>. We use <code>summarise</code> to calculate summary measures for the three covariates. For <code>age</code> and <code>simd</code>, we calculate mean and standard deviation using <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code>, round them using <code>round</code> and join them together with appropriate parentheses using <code>pasteO</code>. For <code>smoke</code>, we calculate the proportion of smokers using <code>mean</code>. This is possible because of <code>implicit</code> coercion whereby the logical TRUE is converted to 1 and <code>FALSE</code> to 0. We need to convert this numerical value to character because we intend to join together all the summary measures into one column and for this to happen all values should be of the same mode. We use <code>as.character</code> to make this conversion. Each of the summary measure calculated is in a different column. We use <code>pivot_longer</code> to bring them all in one column. The first argument to <code>pivot_longer</code> is <code>cols</code>, the columns whose values we want to bring together into one column. Here we specify three columns corresponding to the covariates. The argument <code>names_to</code> determines the name of the new column.

We use left_join to join the two summary data frames. It matches the supplied dataframes using the values given in by and joins the appropriate rows. We could have used bind_cols as well for joining the dataframes. An advantage of left_join is that the common columns by which the dataframes are joined are not repeated unlike bind_cols. One column each of the two summary data frames have the same name. When joined by left_join, their names are appended with .x and .y to distinguish between them. We rename them appropriately. The result is piped to mutate. We use mutate to create a new column Drinking from alcohol. We use ifelse to return the value "Heavy" if alcohol has the value TRUE and "Not" otherwise. Note that we don't do an explicit logical comparison to check if the value of alcohol is TRUE. In other words, we don't use alcohol == TRUE. We do so because the value of alcohol itself is a logical value. We sort the result using arrange and then use select to order and select the columns we need.

As expected, the values calculated for the unmatched data agree with the textbook while that of the matched data is slightly different from the textbook value because of the different matching procedure we use.

respireation	or table 10.	.00	
Covariates	Drinking	All	Matched
age	Heavy	49 (5.72)	49.07 (5.71)
age	Not	50.29(5.79)	49.05(5.73)
simd	Heavy	24.65 (19.12)	24.18 (18.68)
simd	Not	20.08 (15.94)	23.36 (17.52)
smoke	Heavy	44.43	43.89
smoke	Not	33.85	43.03

TABLE 10.6 Replication of table 10.60

Example 10.46 (page 496)

I am not aware of any ready-made function to cross tabulate the matched data and calculate the relative risk. So, we do the calculations by hand.

```
filter(match_10_45_pair, alcohol == TRUE) -> match_exp_10_45
filter(match_10_45_pair, alcohol == FALSE) -> match_nxp_10_45
left_join(match_exp_10_45,
          match nxp 10 45,
          by = "subclass",
          suffix=c(".exp", ".nxp")) |>
  group_by(cancer.exp, cancer.nxp) |>
  summarise(counts = n()) |>
  arrange(desc(cancer.exp),
          desc(cancer.nxp)) -> sum_match_10_45
matrix(sum_match_10_45$counts,
       byrow = TRUE,
       nrow = 2,
       dimnames = list(`Heavy drinker dies from cancer` = c( "Yes", "No"),
                       `Non-heavy drinker dies from cancer` =c( "Yes", "No"))
       ) -> mm_10_45
```

First, we split the dataframe into two – one of heavy alcohol users and another of non-heavy alcohol users. We use filter to accomplish this. Next, we left_join them by the subclass column which carries the matching id. In effect, we are making a dataframe with one row for a pair of matched exposed and unexposed. We provide suffix to left_join to differentiate the columns of exposed and unexposed.

We pipe the joined dataframe to group_by. We ask group_by to group according to the values of *cancer.exp* and *cancer.nxp*, which carries the outcome variables of exposed and unexposed. The grouped data frame is fed to summarise, which summaries the number of records in each combination of values of the grouping variables. The summarised dataframe is then sorted in the descending order of *cancer.exp* and *cancer.nxp*. The sorting is needed to replicate the order in table 10.61. Finally, we construct a two-by-two matrix from the *count* column of the summarised dataframe and give appropriate column and row names.

We use the matrix to calculate RR, its variance, confidence interval and Wald statistic according to the formula given in the textbook.

We use rowSums, colSums and subsetting of the appropriate cells of the matrix we prepared to calculate the results. Note that as our matching algorithm was different from the textbook, our results differ from that in the textbook.

```
[1] 1.01 1.41
Yes
0.0335
```

Next we divide the propensity score into its fifths and fit the data separately for these groups. We achieve this by specifying method for matching as subclass. In the textbook, the propensity score of the entire dataset is divided into its fifths. By default, matchit divides the propensity score of only those treated to derive the subgroups. We need to change the default behaviour of matchit.

First, we use matchit to prepare a matchit object. The call is similar to our previous example, except that we specify the method as subclass, the number of subclass required as 5 and estimand as "ATE", for average treatment effect. We specify estimand as "ATE" so that quantiles of propensity score to decide the subclass is calculated from the entire data set and not just the treated, which is the default. We use match.data to save the matched data as a dataframe.

```
_Table 10.62 (page 497)
```

In order to build table 10.62, we write a custom function. We do this because we need to repeat essentially the same steps, save the stratum number, to obtain each row of information in the table. A function makes this a bit easier.

```
events = nrow(subset(match_10_45_sc,subclass == x & cancer == TRUE)),
n = nrow(subset(match_10_45_sc, subclass == x)))}
```

We name the function $build_tbl$. We expect the function to accept one argument, the subclass' number, which will be accepted under the name x by the function. Inside the function, a binomial model is fitted using glm using the $match_10_45_sc$ dataframe we prepared earlier. However, we restrict the data to only that match the specified subclass. This is achieved by specifying the subset argument to glm as subclass == x. Next, a list of five items, corresponding to the first five columns of table 10.62 is built. We use the coefficients component of the summary returned for the model object to select the estimate and standard error estimated for alcohol. We use nrow which returns the number of rows in a data frame, to calculate the total number of observations and events in each subclass. The data frame that is supplied to nrow is filtered using subset, which accepts the name of the dataframe to be filtered and the filtering condition. To obtain the total number of observations, we filter only by the subclass; to obtain the number of events, we filter by cancer as well.

We now build the table proper.

We use lapply, supplying it with a vector with values 1 to 5 and the name of the function we built in the previous step. Thus, lapply will call the function five times, with the values 1 to 5, the value of the subclass and each time the function will return a list of five items for that particular subclass. As we call lapply from within bind_rows, the results are row bound into one data frame, which we save with the name tbl_10_62 , after adding two more columns using mutate. These correspond to the last two columns of table 10.62. We build a row corresponding to the bottom row of table 10.62 using summary, which we row bind for display.

TABLE 10.7 Replication of table 10.62

Stratum (fifth)	log RR	SE	Events	n	$n \times \log RR$	$(n \times SE)^2$
1	-0.0231	0.159	165	1009	-23.3	25720
2	0.2714	0.163	135	1009	273.8	26906
3	0.1999	0.176	115	1008	201.5	31580
4	0.2103	0.175	115	1009	212.1	31340
5	0.0506	0.163	132	1009	51.1	26983
			662	5044	715.3	142529

We now use the information in the summary we calculated to substitute on the formulas given in the textbook to calculate the weighted log relative risk & its standard error and the Wald statistics & its significance.

```
smry_tbl_10_62$n.logRR/ smry_tbl_10_62$n -> logRR_10_62
sqrt(smry_tbl_10_62$n.se)/ smry_tbl_10_62$n -> se_lRR_10_62
exp(logRR_10_62 + c(-1.96, 1.96) * se_lRR_10_62)
pchisq(logRR_10_62^2 / se_lRR_10_62^2, 1, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

```
[1] 0.995 1.334
[1] 0.0581
```

_____Table 10.63 (page 498)

We will now build table 10.63.

```
glm(cancer ~ alcohol ,
    family = binomial(link = "log"),
    data = data_10_45) -> unadj
glm(cancer ~ alcohol + age + smoke + simd,
    family = binomial(link = "log"),
    data = data_10_45) -> adjst
glm(cancer ~ alcohol + ps ,
    family = binomial(link = "log"),
    data = data_10_45) -> psadjst

mutate(data_10_45,
    weight = ifelse(alcohol,1/ps,1/ (1-ps))) -> data_10_45
glm(cancer ~ alcohol,
    family = binomial(link = "log"),
    weights = weight,data = data_10_45) -> pswt
```

We build the model objects using glm. The dataframe that we supply for the unadjusted, covariate adjusted, and ps adjusted models is the original data with the calculated propensity score appended. For the inverse propensity weighted model, we use mutate to add a column with the weight calculated using ifelse and use it as the value of weights argument. This function evaluates a condition and returns the second argument if the condition is true and the third argument if the condition is false. We specify alcohol as our condition because its value is itself logical.

In the next step, we specify a custom function to build the rows for models that were built using glm.

```
build_tbl_noclstr <- function(mdl){
  tidy(mdl,conf.int = TRUE, exponentiate = TRUE) |>
  mutate(rr = paste0(round(estimate,2),
```

Our custom function accepts a model object, passes it to tidy asking it to exponentiate and to return confidence intervals. This dataframe is passed to mutate to produce a column containing a string with the point estimate and confidence interval joined together and another with the p value rounded to three decimal places. We restrict the rows to alcohol and columns to the joined point estimate plus confidence interval and p value.

Now, we build the table proper.

```
bind_cols( Method = c("Unadjusted regression",
                      "Adjusted regression",
                      "Adjusted for PS",
                      "Weighted by inverse PS",
                      "Pair-matched by PS",
                      "Stratified by PS"),
           bind_rows(lapply(list(unadj, adjst, psadjst,pswt),
                             build_tbl_noclstr),
                      list(rr = paste0(round(rr_10_45, 2),
                                        " (",
                                        round(exp(log(rr_10_45) -
                                                     (1.96 * se_1RR_10_45)), 2),
                                        ", ",
                                        round(exp(log(rr_10_45) +
                                                     (1.96 * se_1RR_10_45)), 2),
                                        ")").
                           `p value` = round(pchisq(log(rr_10_45)^2 /
                                                        se_1RR_10_45^2,
                                                      lower.tail=FALSE),3)),
                      list(rr = paste0(round(exp(logRR_10_62), 2),
                                        " (",
                                        round(exp(logRR_10_62 -
                                                     (1.96 * se_1RR_10_62)), 2),
                                        round(exp(logRR_10_62 +
                                                     (1.96 * se_1RR_10_62)), 2),
                                        ")"),
                           `p value` = round(pchisq(logRR_10_62^2 /
                                                        se 1RR 10 62<sup>2</sup>,
                                                      1,
```

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```
lower.tail=FALSE),3))))|>
rename(`Relative risk (95% confidence interval)` = rr)
```

We use bind_rows to row bind the result returned by calling lapply with a list of models and our custom function build_tbl_noclstr. The confidence interval and p value for the pair matched and stratified analysis calculated in earlier steps are joined inside a list each of which are supplied to bind_cols along with those returned by bind_rows. We join these rows with a column with name of the methods. Finally, the column containing the point estimate plus confidence interval is renamed.

TABLE 10.8 Replication of table 10.63

Method	Relative risk (95% confidence interval)	p value
Unadjusted regression	1.11 (0.96, 1.28)	0.167
Adjusted regression	1.16 (1, 1.33)	0.045
Adjusted for PS	1.15 (0.99, 1.33)	0.061
Weighted by inverse PS	1.15 (1.04, 1.27)	0.007
Pair-matched by PS	1.19 (1.01, 1.41)	0.034
Stratified by PS	1.15 (1, 1.33)	0.058

Note that while the result that we get when we use the original data frame is similar to that given in the textbook, the results are different when we use propensity score matched data. This is expected as different matching algorithms are expected to give different results. Also, as mentioned in the textbook, there is no consensus as to which ps matching algorithm or estimate of causal effect is better. Hence, I have not taken the effort to find out if the methods used in the textbook can be replicated exactly in R. Clearly, there is more to propensity score matching using R than is mentioned here. One package I would suggest you to check out for propensity score analysis is PSweight.

10.13 Recap

10.13.1 Concepts

implicit coercion

10.13.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- stats::glm
- stats::binomial
- stats::vcov
- ggplot2::geom_pointrange
- dplyr::rename
- ggplot2::geom_function
- ggplot2::xlim
- Epi::float
- readr::col skip
- stats::deviance
- stats::df.residual
- stats::polv
- ggplot2::geom_ribbon
- stats::hatvalues
- stats::inflence
- ggplot2::qplot
- survival::clogit
- survival::strata

- MASS::polr
- readr::col integer
- tidyr::replace_na
- base::tapply
- stats::confint.default
- stats::poisson
- base::format
- MatchIt::matchit
- MatchIt::match.data
- ggplot2::geom_density
- ggplot2::geom_boxplot
- base::paste0
- tidyr::pivot_longer
- dplyr::desc
- base::colSums
- base::lapply

Modelling follow-up data

In this chapter we will use the package survival to model follow up data. Most functions require formulas, dataframes or vectors. In addition to the tidyverse packages readr, dplyr, stringr, tibble and ggplot2, we will also use the add on packages broom, SurvRegCensCov and Greg. We start with example 11.1.

11.1 Estimating the hazard function

Example 11.1 (page 509)

We save the survival times with a suitable name. As all subjects experience death, the variable <code>events_11.1</code> has the value TRUE repeated 27 times. We fit a Kaplan Meir curve to the data using <code>survfit</code>, which accepts a formula with a <code>Surv</code> object as its left-hand side. The <code>Surv</code> object requires a variable with the survival time and a variable with information on death / alive to be supplied to it. As we are fitting only one KM curve, the right-hand side of the formula is just 1. We may use <code>summary</code> to print a tabular data similar to the one in table 11.1. However, it won't print the column corresponding to hazard. Hence, we will use the variables returned by <code>survfit</code> to prepare table 11.1.

The survfit object returns many variables in a list. We use the variable time to calculate the interval. The *interval* is calculated as the difference between the value of the next time and current time. The function lead supplies us the next value in the provided variable. We use this information to calculate hazard according to the formula given in the textbook. Finally we column bind the required variables to print our table. We add a row to indicate the state at the start of the time period. Note that though survift does not provide hazard, it does provide a variable with calculated cumulative hazards.

Time (t)	Survivors (n)	Deaths (e)	Interval (u)	Survival (s)	Hazard (h)
0	27	0	10	1.000000	0.0000000
10	27	1	2	0.962963	0.0185185
12	26	1	1	0.925926	0.0384615
13	25	1	2	0.888889	0.0200000
15	24	1	1	0.851852	0.0416667
16	23	1	4	0.814815	0.0108696
20	22	2	4	0.740741	0.0227273
24	20	2	2	0.666667	0.0500000
26	18	2	1	0.592593	0.1111111
27	16	1	12	0.555556	0.0052083
39	15	1	3	0.518519	0.0222222
42	14	1	3	0.481481	0.0238095
45	13	2	3	0.407407	0.0512821
48	11	1	4	0.370370	0.0227273
52	10	1	6	0.333333	0.0166667
58	9	1	2	0.296296	0.0555556
60	8	1	1	0.259259	0.1250000
61	7	1	1	0.222222	0.1428571
62	6	1	11	0.185185	0.0151515
73	5	1	2	0.148148	0.1000000
75	4	1	2	0.111111	0.1250000
77	3	1	27	0.074074	0.0123457
104	2	1	16	0.037037	0.0312500
120	1	1	NA	0.000000	NA

Figure 11.2 (page 510)

To get a survival plot, all we need to do is pass the survfit object to plot.

```
plot(km_11_1,
    conf.int= FALSE,
    xlab = "Time (weeks)",
    ylab = "Probability of survival")
```

We use conf.int= FALSE to suppress the lines that mark the confidence interval of the estimated survival function.

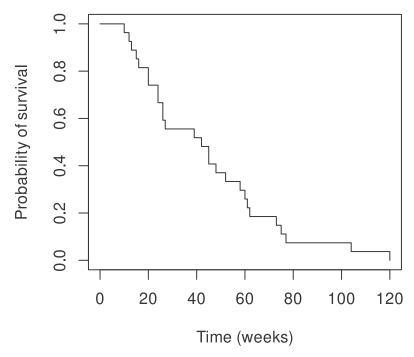


FIGURE 11.1 Replication of figure 11.2

_Figure 11.3 (page 510)

To plot the hazard function, we use the hazard variable that we calculated.

```
plot( tbl_11_1$`Time (t)`,
        tbl_11_1$`Hazard (h)`,
        type = "s",
        xlab = "Time (weeks)",
        ylab = "Hazard")
```

We use plot, provide it with the x and y values, this time from tbl_11_1 we prepared and specify type="s" to make it plot using steps.

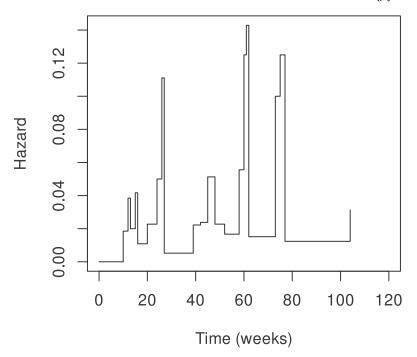


FIGURE 11.2 Replication of figure 11.3

11.1.1 Person-time estimation

_Example 11.2 (page 511)

The function to calculate person times is pyears, which we use to rework example 11.2.

The functions requires a formula. The left-hand side could be a Surv object or just the time variable. We use subset to specify the restrictions that we want to impose. The argument scale = 1 is used to change the default behavior of dividing the time period by 365.25 assuming that the periods are in days. We obtain the number of people surviving up to and beyond 20 weeks by summing the elements of time_11_1 which satisfies the condition.

The result returned by the function is different from that in the text. The reason is that pyears doesn't subtract 10 from the periods for each of the events as done in the textbook.

11.2 Probability models

_Example 11.5 (page 519)

Of the probability models, we will first fit the Weibull model of example 11.5. We will use survreg from survival.

The first argument to survreg is a formula with a Surv object as its left-hand side. Our formula is the same as we used for Kaplan Meir estimation. The second argument specifies the distribution that we assume for the parametric regression. We may use summary to print the details of the survival regression object. Among the values returned by the function are the intercept and scale with the same interpretation that is required for SAS output as given in our textbook. We convert the two values to gamma and lambda using the formula given in the textbook.

```
[1] 1.6743
(Intercept)
0.0014412
```

Figure 11.10 (page 520)

We now use the calculated values to plot the graph in figure 11.10. We use ggplot for plotting.

We supply ggplot with tbl_11_1 and use geom_step to draw the observed survival curve. We use geom_function to draw the Weibull survival function. geom_function requires a function as its argument using which it will calculate the y value for each x value. Here, we supply an anonymous function which calculates the Weibull survival function for each of the time period according to the formula given in the textbook using the values returned by

survreg. We use a different colour and linetype for the Weibull survival curve by specifying our choice of values for linetype and colour.

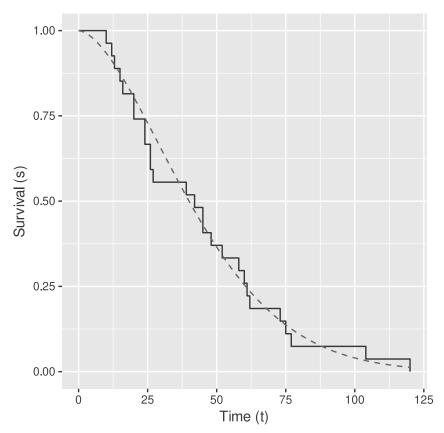


FIGURE 11.3 Replication of figure 11.10

_Example 11.4 (page 516)

Fitting the exponential model is similar to the previous example.

To fit an exponential model, survreg fits a Weibull distribution with the scale fixed at 1. Thus the coefficient returned needs the same transformation as described under Weibull to convert it to lambda of exponential model. We may substitute lambda in any of the formulas given in the textbook. For example, the median survival time calculated is log(2)/lambda_11_4.

(Intercept) 0.022613

11.3 The Cox proportional hazards model

Example 11.7 (page 526)

To rework the example 11.7, we need the data.

The data for the vector for survival period is rearranged so that all values that correspond to one type of cellularity is contiguous. The data on cellularity is stored as a factor with two levels. We specify the argument levels for factor to set the baseline level. If we don't specify levels, the levels are ordered alphabetically and *high* would be treated as the base level.

The function to build Cox's proportional hazards model is coxph. It requires a formula, the left-hand side of which is a Surv object. The right-hand side are the explanatory variables; we have only $cell_11_7$. The argument ties decides how the command will manage ties. Here, we use breslow so that we get answers similar to the textbook though the default method used by coxph is considered more accurate.

```
Call:
coxph(formula = Surv(time_11_7, events_11_7) ~ cell_11_7, ties = "breslow")
 n= 27, number of events= 27
               coef exp(coef) se(coef)
                                          z Pr(>|z|)
                                 0.437 1.28
cell_11_7high 0.558
                        1.747
              exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
cell_11_7high
                   1.75
                             0.572
                                       0.742
                                                  4.11
Concordance= 0.568 (se = 0.052)
Likelihood ratio test= 1.52 on 1 df,
                                        p = 0.2
Wald test
                    = 1.63 on 1 df,
                                        p=0.2
Score (logrank) test = 1.67 on 1 df,
                                        p=0.2
```

The summary method prints the calculated coefficient, its exponentiation, standard error and confidence interval. The likelihood ratio test, Wald test and Score test statistics and their p values are also printed. We may use anova to print an anova table.

_Example 11.8 (page 527)

To rework the example 11.8, we import the data.

Note that when we import the data, the response variable is left as the default numeric type rather than converting it into a factor to satisfy the requirement of coxph. Fitting a Cox proportional model is similar to our previous example except that the right-hand side contains two explanatory variables. We fit two models which differ only in the sequence in which the explanatory variables are introduced.

_Table 11.2 (page 528)

We use anova to obtain the data in table 11.2.

We subset the relevant rows from the two anova tables and row bind them, select the relevant columns and add a column to indicate the model to prepare the table.

TABLE 11.1
Replication of table 11.2

	Т	Test details				
model	$\overline{\Delta}$	df	p value			
SBP	39.017	4	6.9104e-08			
Cholesterol	45.027	4	3.9253e-09			
SBP + Cholesterol	37.492	4	1.4264e-07			
${\it Cholesterol} + {\it SBP}$	31.482	4	2.4410e-06			

_Output 11.2 (page 529)

The summary method will display the information in output 11.2. Here, we use tidy to print a cleaner table

```
library(broom)
tidy(cph_11_8sc, conf.int = TRUE)
```

```
# A tibble: 8 x 7
              estimate std.error statistic
                                              p.value conf.low conf.high
 term
  <chr>
                 <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
                                                                    <dbl>
1 sbpfifths2
                 0.602
                           0.302
                                     2.00 0.0460
                                                         0.0108
                                                                    1.19
2 sbpfifths3
                 0.850
                           0.288
                                     2.96 0.00311
                                                        0.287
                                                                    1.41
                 1.01
3 sbpfifths4
                           0.283
                                     3.56 0.000375
                                                        0.453
                                                                    1.56
4 sbpfifths5
                           0.275
                                     4.83 0.00000136
                 1.33
                                                         0.789
                                                                    1.87
                                                                    0.826
5 cholfifths2
                 0.203
                           0.318
                                     0.637 0.524
                                                        -0.421
6 cholfifths3
                 0.804
                           0.283
                                     2.84 0.00448
                                                        0.250
                                                                    1.36
7 cholfifths4
                 0.976
                           0.274
                                     3.56 0.000369
                                                         0.439
                                                                    1.51
8 cholfifths5
                 1.26
                           0.267
                                     4.70 0.00000258
                                                         0.733
                                                                    1.78
```

Note that the statistic calculated is z statistic rather than the Chi square statistics.

_____Table 11.3 (page 529)

To prepare table 11.3, we use tidy again.

We ask tidy to exponentiate the coefficients and its confidence interval by specifying exponentiate=TRUE. We mutate the result returned by tidy to create a string consisting of the exponentiated coefficients and their confidence interval appropriately rounded. We create two new columns, one to denote the fifth and one to denote the explanatory variable. To create fifth, we use str_sub to extract the last character from the term column. The first -1 indicates that the substring begins from the first character from the end of term and the second -1 indicates that the portion till the first character from the end of term should be returned. As the start and end are the same, we get just the last character from the end of term. The variable column created will have the name appropriate for the explanatory

variable based on whether term starts with "sbp" as determined by str_starts. We select the columns we created and then use pivot_wider to separate the values_from value to different columns, which will be named according to their names_from variable.

TABLE 11.2 Replication of table 11.3

Fifth	Systolic blood pressure	Serum total cholesterol
2	1.83(1.01, 3.3)	1.22(0.66, 2.28)
3	2.34(1.33, 4.11)	2.23(1.28, 3.89)
4	2.74(1.57, 4.78)	2.65(1.55, 4.54)
5	3.77(2.2, 6.47)	3.51(2.08, 5.93)

Figure 11.12 (page 530)

We will now reproduce the graph in figure 11.12.

First, we use survfit to prepare survival curves. However, unlike our previous examples, we provide it with the model object returned by coxph and with a new dataframe. The newdata we provide contains the explanatory variables used for building the Cox model. The column cholfifths has one instance each of the unique value of cholfifths in the data frame used for building the Cox model. As cholfifths was defined as a factor in the original dataframe, here also we use factor. As we want the survival probabilities to be adjusted for systolic blood pressure at the level of the middle fifth of the systolic blood pressure, the value of sbpfifths is set as factor(3) for the newdata. Thus survfit will give us five survival curves, one for each fifth of cholesterol adjusted at the middle fifth of systolic blood pressure.

We use plot to draw the curves returned by survfit. In addition to the survfit curves, we provide ylim to restrict the range of y-axis to between 0.9 and 1 or else, the lines will be squashed to the upper one tenth of the plot. We also provide col with five different integers so that each line gets a different colour. We don't print the graph immediately, but save it as we want to add labels to the lines. The function text adds the provided labels to the end of each line. The argument adj is provided to move the labels a bit away from the end of lines.

_Example 11.9 (page 530)

We use the data from the previous example to rework example 11.9.

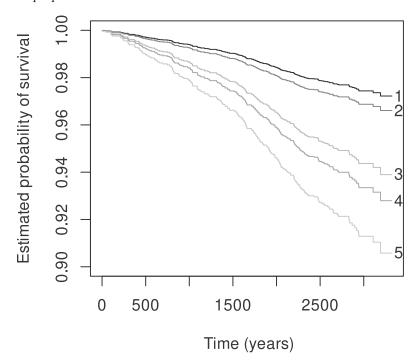


FIGURE 11.4 Replication of figure 11.12

Here, we have converted *sbpfifths*, which was originally defined as a factor, to a number using as.number. Otherwise, the procedure is similar to the previous example. We may use anova to compare the categorical and linear models. As we haven't saved the relevant models, we will specify them inside anova.

```
Analysis of Deviance Table

Cox model: response is Surv(survive, chd)

Model 1: ~ sbpfifths

Model 2: ~ as.numeric(sbpfifths)

loglik Chisq Df Pr(>|Chi|)

1 -1604

2 -1605 1.23 3 0.75
```

Example 11.10 (page 531)

Reworking example 11.10 is similar to our previous example, except for the data and the explanatory variables we use.

```
Call:
coxph(formula = Surv(survive, chd) ~ age + chol + bmi + sbp +
   smoke + active, data = data_10_12)
         coef exp(coef) se(coef)
       0.0180 1.0182 0.0132 1.4 0.171
age
chol
       0.2861
                1.3312
                       0.0550 5.2 2e-07
               1.0388 0.0205 1.9 0.063
bmi
       0.0381
       0.0200 1.0203
                       0.0036 5.5 4e-08
sbp
smoke2 0.3121 1.3663 0.2441 1.3 0.201
smoke3 0.6999 2.0135 0.2134 3.3 0.001
active2 -0.1886 0.8281
                       0.1732 -1.1 0.276
Likelihood ratio test=89 on 8 df, p=7.4e-16
n= 4049, number of events= 196
```

Example 11.11 (page 532)

We will now turn our attention to example 11.11.

After importing data, we use relevel to change the reference level for sex, so that females would be taken as the baseline as in the textbook. This will give us the values in output 11.5. If we avoid changing the reference level or if we change it back to "1", we will get the values in output 11.6. Fitting the proportional hazards model in either case is similar to our previous examples. We may use summary or confint to obtain the confidence interval of the coefficients.

To prepare table 11.5, we will use tidy.

```
bind_rows(tidy(cph_11_11_mb, conf.int = TRUE, exponentiate = TRUE) |>
            filter(str_starts(term, "bqrtr")) |>
            mutate(sex = "Male",
                   quarter = str_sub(term, -1,-1),
                   result = paste0(round(estimate,2),
                                    " (",
                                   round(conf.low, 2),
                                   round(conf.high,2),
                                    ")")) |>
            select(quarter, sex, result),
          tidy(cph_11_11_fb, conf.int = TRUE, exponentiate = TRUE) |>
            filter(str starts(term, "bqrtr")) |>
            mutate(sex = "Female",
                   quarter = str sub(term, -1,-1),
                   result = paste0(round(estimate,2),
                                    " (",
                                   round(conf.low, 2),
                                   round(conf.high,2),
                                    ")")) |>
            select(quarter, sex, result)) |>
 pivot_wider(names_from = "sex", values_from = result)
```

We use bind_rows to row bind two sets of dataframes, one for males and one for females, both returned by tidy. We ask tidy to return confidence intervals in addition to the coefficients and to exponentiate the values. For males, we supply tidy with the Cox model in which male sex was specified as the reference level and for females the Cox model in which female sex was the reference level. We use filter to select from the data frame returned by tidy, only those rows which give the values for the Bortner quarters. We add a new column to indicate sex, another to indicate the Bortner quarter and one with the hazard ratio and its confidence interval. Finally, we select only those columns that we want to show. We use pivot_wider to separate out the values of the two sexes into different columns.

TABLE 11.3 Replication of table 11.5

	Sex			
Quarter of Bortner score	Male	Female		
2	1.1 (0.76,1.58)	0.56 (0.32,0.99)		
3	$0.75 \ (0.5, 1.12)$	$0.29 \ (0.14, 0.59)$		
4	0.8 (0.54,1.18)	0.33 (0.16,0.67)		

To rework example 11.12, we set the reference level for sex to female.

```
relevel(data_10_23$sex, ref = "2") -> data_10_23$sex
coxph(Surv(survive, chd) ~ sex * bscore,
          data = data_10_23) -> cph_11_12_fb
cph_11_12_fb
```

Fitting an interaction model is similar to our earlier examples. We use * to say that we want interaction terms in addition to the main effects.

Call:

```
coxph(formula = Surv(survive, chd) ~ sex * bscore, data = data_10_23)
```

```
coef exp(coef) se(coef) z p

sex1 -0.6133 0.5416 0.5723 -1.1 0.284

bscore -0.0129 0.9872 0.0031 -4.1 4e-05

sex1:bscore 0.0105 1.0105 0.0036 2.9 0.003
```

Likelihood ratio test=84 on 3 df, p=<2e-16 n= 8157, number of events= 268

We may obtain the variance covariance matrix using vcov.

```
vcov(cph_11_12_fb)
```

```
        sex1
        bscore
        sex1:bscore

        sex1
        0.3274821
        1.4969e-03
        -1.9886e-03

        bscore
        0.0014969
        9.8761e-06
        -9.8760e-06

        sex1:bscore
        -0.0019886
        -9.8760e-06
        1.2851e-05
```

Before we move on to the next section, note that coxph can handle time dependent covariates and recurrent events.

11.4 The Weibull proportional hazards model

Example 11.13 (page 538)

To rework example 11.13, we will use the variables from one of our previous examples.

We use data.frame to bind together the relevant variables. We then use survreg to fit a Weibull proportional hazards model. The difference from our previous example on Weibull model is that the right-hand side of the formula has the explanatory variable *cell* instead of 1. Following the formula given in the textbook, we calculate the Weibull shape and scale. The coefficient for high cellularity was also calculated from the coefficient of the model. We may use them to estimate the hazard function or survival function as given in the textbook. If we desire standard errors, we may use vcov to obtain the variance covariance matrix. We use ConvertWeibull from SurvRegCensCov to present the result of the survival regression in an easily understandable form. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

```
$vars
```

```
Estimate SE
lambda 0.00094 0.0010585
gamma 1.74069 0.2591691
cellhigh 0.63281 0.4306925

$HR

HR LB UB
cellhigh 1.8829 0.80951 4.3796

$ETR

ETR LB UB
cellhigh 0.69521 0.43252 1.1175
```

The ETR in the result stands for event time ratio and HR for hazard ratio.

_____Figure 11.13 (page 540)

We will now prepare the graph shown in figure 11.13.

We use survfit to get the Kaplan Meir curves. We bind together the relevant columns of the KM curves to build a data frame that we will supply to ggplot. We also add two rows to indicate the survival of 1 at time zero. We need two rows, because there are two strata. Note that in these two rows, the strata are given values cell=high and cell=low, rather than high and low. This to make the values align with the values returned by survfit.

We supply ggplot with the data frame we built, specify the geom as geom_step and specify the appropriate aesthetics. We specify group and colour aesthetics to strata to get two curves, one each for each level of cellularity. We use geom_function twice to draw the Weibull survival curves, supplying an anonymous function for each curve. The functions are similar except for inclusion of $coef_11_13$ in the curve for high cellularity. The functions are realisations of the equations given in the textbook.

We can use **anova** to compare the model with the null model.

```
anova(wbph_11_13)
```

```
Analysis of Deviance Table
distribution with link
Response: Surv(time, events)
```

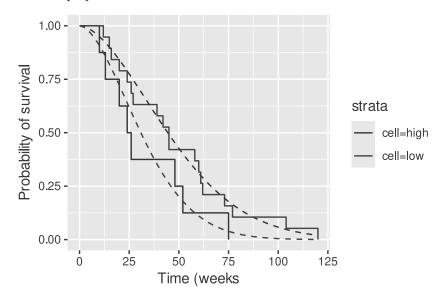


FIGURE 11.5 Replication of figure 11.13

Scale estimated

```
Terms added sequentially (first to last)

Df Deviance Resid. Df -2*LL Pr(>Chi)

NULL 25 249

cell 1 1.98 24 247 0.16
```

The result is similar to that in the textbook.

```
_____Example 11.14 (page 540)
```

To rework example 11.14, we use the data from the previous example.

The code to fit a Weibull proportional model is similar to our previous examples, except for the many explanatory variables on the right-hand side of the model formula. The summary method displays the information shown in output 11.9.

```
Call:
```

```
-0.22729
                     0.04637 -4.90 9.5e-07
chol
          -0.03044
                      0.01643 -1.85 0.06389
bmi
sbp
          -0.01599 0.00308 -5.19 2.1e-07
          -0.24895 0.19442 -1.28 0.20039
smoke2
smoke3
          -0.55459
                     0.17371 -3.19 0.00141
active2
           active3
           0.09164
                      0.17793 0.52 0.60653
Log(scale) -0.23127
                    0.07007 -3.30 0.00096
Scale= 0.794
Weibull distribution
Loglik(model) = -2290.3
                      Loglik(intercept only) = -2335
   Chisq= 89.39 on 8 degrees of freedom, p= 6.2e-16
Number of Newton-Raphson Iterations: 10
n = 4049
                                                           Table 11.7 (page 541)
```

We will extract the table component returned by summary to build table 11.7.

We save the table component returned by summary as a data frame. We use mutate to build new columns B, b and phi from the Value column using the formula given in the textbook. The variable's name is given as the row name. Negative subsetting based on character value is not possible. In other words, we cannot ask R to return a modified data frame excluding certain rows by specifying row names. So, we create a new column from the row names. Now, we can filter this column to avoid rows of our choice. We exclude the rows corresponding to intercept and scale. Finally, we select the columns that we want to show.

11.5 Model checking

Example 11.15 (page 542)

To rework example 11.15, we use the table we prepared earlier.

```
tbl_11_1 |>
  mutate(logtime = log(`Time (t)`),
```

```
lch = log(- log(`Survival (s)`))) -> tbl_11_8
select( tbl_11_8, `Time (t)`, logtime, `Survival (s)`, lch)
```

TABLE 11.4 Replication of table 11.7

	Regression coefficients				
Explanatory variable	B	b	Φ		
age	-0.0142	0.0178	1.02		
chol	-0.2273	0.2864	1.33		
bmi	-0.0304	0.0384	1.04		
sbp	-0.0160	0.0201	1.02		
smoke2	-0.2490	0.3137	1.37		
smoke3	-0.5546	0.6989	2.01		
active2	0.1519	-0.1915	0.83		
active3	0.0916	-0.1155	0.89		

We mutate tbl_11_1 to produce two new columns log time and lch. The values in the column are calculated according to the formula given in the text. Note that the values calculated for the start and end of the time periods are infinity. We select our choice of columns to display.

```
# A tibble: 24 x 4
```

	`Time ((t)`	logtime	`Survival	(s)`	lch
	<d< td=""><td>lbl></td><td><dbl></dbl></td><td>•</td><td><dbl></dbl></td><td><dbl></dbl></td></d<>	lbl>	<dbl></dbl>	•	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
1		0	-Inf	1	l	-Inf
2		10	2.30	(0.963	-3.28
3		12	2.48	(0.926	-2.56
4		13	2.56	(0.889	-2.14
5		15	2.71	(0.852	-1.83
6		16	2.77	(0.815	-1.59
7		20	3.00	(0.741	-1.20
8		24	3.18	(0.667	-0.903
9		26	3.26	(593	-0.648
10		27	3.30	(0.556	-0.531

i 14 more rows

Figure 11.14 (page 543)

We use the table to plot the graph given in figure 11.14.

```
ggplot(tbl_11_8, aes(x = logtime, y = lch)) +
  geom_line() +
  geom_point() +
  labs(x = "Log of survival time",
        y = "Log cumulative hazard")
```

We use ggplot. As, the aesthetic values are common to both the geoms we intend to use, we specify them inside ggplot. We use geom_line and geom_point to draw the graph.

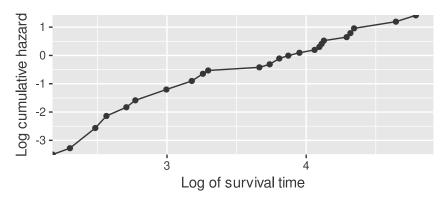


FIGURE 11.6 Replication of figure 11.14

Figure 11.15 (page 544)

We can prepare the graph in figure 11.15 in a manner similar to our previous example.

The difference from our previous example is that we provide group and colour arguments to ggplot. We do this to have different lines with different colours for each value in the strata variable.

_____Example 11.17 (page 544)

To rework the example 11.17, we need the Kaplan Meir curves for example 11.8.

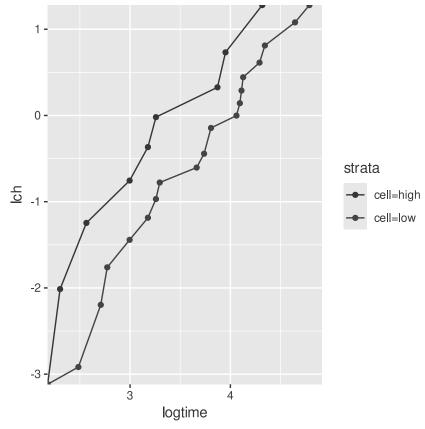


FIGURE 11.7 Replication of figure 11.15

```
aes(x = logtime,
    y = lch,
    group = strata,
    colour = strata,
    linetype = strata)) +
geom_line()
```

Except for the fact that we needed to fit a KM curve, the steps for building the graph are similar to the previous examples. Here, we omitted <code>geom_point</code> as including it will cause crowding in the graph.

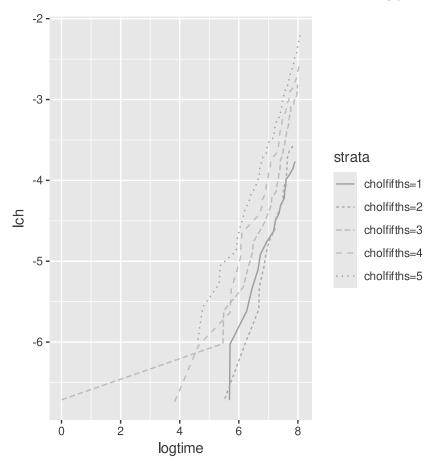


FIGURE 11.8 Replication of figure 11.16

_Example 11.18 (page 545)

To rework example 11.18, we use the data from our previous example.

First, we fit a Cox proportional hazards model and save with a suitable name. We use survSplit to create a new data frame. Each record in the data that is supplied to survSplit is split into multiple sub-records for each of the time specified in cut. It is sufficient to use the unique time periods. Here, we use the *time* component of tbl 11 18 as the cut time. The new data frame is in a **counting process format**. This means that there will be a new column to indicate a start time, which will be named tstart. In the next step, we fit a Cox proportional hazards model using the newdata. There are some differences from the previous examples. First, Surv is supplied the tstart variable as the first option and time as the second option. Thus Surv will understand that the supplied dataframe is in counting process format. Second, the response variable supplied includes tt(as.numeric(cell)). We use as.numeric because we need to convert *cell*, a factor to numeric as expected by the function. The term tt() is to indicate that coxph needs to calculate a time varying variable from its argument as.numeric(cell). How exactly the time varying variable is calculated depends on the value of tt argument. In our case, we supply an anonymous function which accepts two named variables x and t. coxph will supply the time and as numeric (cell) to these variables when the function is called. The function returns the product of the supplied variables.

We calculate the difference of loglik components of the two models and multiply it with -2 to calculate the statistic. We use pchisq to calculate the significance of the statistic. We can find the value of the coefficient corresponding to the time varying variable by printing cph_11_18tc to confirm that it agrees with the text value.

[1] 0.83277

Note that the method we followed would look like a rather convoluted path. We may think that modifying the original coxph call to include the term as.numeric(cell) * time as a predictor variable could achieve the same result. However, it is not so. We need tt to calculate the time dependent covariate correctly. But, we needn't follow this path at all. survival provides cox.zph, a function that will test the proportional hazards assumption directly. However, it doesn't use the methodology described in the textbook.

Example 11.19 (page 546)

To rework example 11.19, we fit the different models.

```
survreg(Surv(time, events) ~ cell,
        dist='weibull',
        data = data_11_13,
        subset = cell == "low") -> wbph_11_19lc
survreg(Surv(time, events) ~ cell,
        dist='weibull',
        data = data_11_13,
        subset = cell == "high") -> wbph_11_19hc
survreg(Surv(time, events) ~ cell,
        dist='weibull',
        data = data_11_13) -> wbph_11_19all
-2 * ( wbph_11_19all$loglik[2] -
         (wbph_11_19lc loglik[2] +
            wbph_11_19hc$loglik[2])) -> stat_11_19
stat 11 19
pchisq(stat_11_19, df = 1,lower.tail = FALSE)
```

The difference from our previous examples is that we use the subset argument to restrict model fitting to suit our needs. We calculate the test statistic from the loglik component of the models. We find the significance of the statistic using pchisq.

```
[1] 0.021186
[1] 0.88427
```

11.5.1 Competing risk

Example 11.20 (page 547)

Fitting a Fine and Gray model is a two step process.

After importing the data, the first step is to create a modified data frame. We use finegray for this step. It accepts a formula whose left-hand side is Surv object. The . on the right-hand side stand for all the remaining columns in the dataframe supplied as data argument. The result is stored. This dataframe contains four new columns instead of those used on the left-hand side of the formula. These are named fgstart, fgstop, fgstatus and fgwt. The columns specified by the right-hand side of the formula are preserved as such.

In the second step, we use the datafame created by finegray to fit a weighted Cox model. The left-hand side of the formula we supply to coxph uses the new columns fgstart, fgstop, fgstatus created by finegray. The fgwt is given as the weight argument for coxph.

We will print the Fine and Gray model to confirm that the coefficients are similar to that in output 11.11.

To fit the wrong Cox model, ignoring the information given by the competing risk, we need to modify the data frame.

We create a new column *eventmod* from *event*. All values except 1 are converted to zero; 1 is retained as one. Thus, the competing risk indicated by 2 is treated as censored. Also note that *event* was originally factor, but *eventmod* is numeric. We use this new column inside Surv and fit a Cox model using coxph.

We print the model object to confirm that the coefficients are similar to that on output 11.10.

```
Call:
```

__Figure 11.17 (page 549)

We use base graphics to prepare the graphs in figure 11.17.

```
expand.grid(age = mean(data_11_20$age),
            smoker = c("0", "1")) -> new_data
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
cxplt <- plot(survfit(cxph_11_20, newdata= new_data),</pre>
              fun = function(x) 1-x,
              col = c("blue", "black"),
              lty = 2:1,
              conf.int = FALSE,
              xscale = 365.25,
              xlab = "Time (years)",
              ylab = "cumulative incidence",
              vlim = c(0,0.9)
text(cxplt, c("Non-smokers", "Smokers"), adj = c(1,-0.25))
title("Cox analysis")
fgplt <- plot(survfit(fgmdl 11 20, newdata= new data),
              fun = function(x) 1-x,
              col = c("blue", "black"),
              lty = 2:1,
```

First, we create a new data frame using expand.grid. We ask expand.grid to build a data frame using the unique combination of values from each of the vectors supplied. In our case, we get two rows with two columns. One column will be named age and will have the mean age of our original data frame in both rows. The second column smoker will have the values θ and θ corresponding to the smoker column of the original data set.

We call survfit to produce survival curves from the models we fitted. Each time, survfit is provided the relevant model object and the newdata. The plot command is provided many more arguments in addition to the survfit object. One important argument is fun. We specify an anonymous function which can accept a named argument x. The function returns the 1 minus the supplied value, the cumulative incidence. Thus, plot will use the survival curve to calculate the cumulative incidence from the survival curve and plot it. We use xscale to scale the x axis by a factor of 365.25. Thus, we get the number of years in the x axis instead of days. We supply ylim to both the graphs so that the y axis spread is the same in both the graphs. The arguments col, lty each with a vector of two values specify the colour and line type of each of the two lines drawn. The command par(mfrow = c(1,2)) given before the plot commands asks R to print the next plots in a one row, two column grid. Thus, we get the two plots side by side. However, we save the plots instead of drawing them immediately. We do this to add labels to the curves using text. The argument adj is used to adjust the position of the labels. We add titles to the graphs using title.

It is unclear how cumulative incidence was calculated in our text. Though we calculated the cumulative incidence as 1 minus survival, it is not valid when competing risks are to be accounted for. We should prefer to use cuminc function from cmprsk package. The cmprsk pack also provide crr to fit Fine and Gray models.

11.6 Poisson regression

Example 11.21 (page 551)

We can fit Poisson regression models using glm.

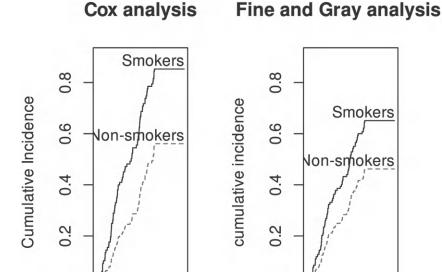


FIGURE 11.9 Replication of figure 11.17

0.0

10

Time (years)

0

20

First, we prepare a data frame to hold the data in a form appropriate for glm. We call glm in a manner similar to our previous examples. The difference is that we use offset to specify that the log of *pyears* is the offset and that the value supplied to family argument is poisson.

0.0

10

Time (years)

0

20

```
tidy(psn_11_21, conf.int = 0.95)
```

We use tidy to print the coefficients and their confidence interval to confirm that they agree with output 11.12.

A tibble: 2 x 7 term estimate std.error statistic p.value conf.low conf.high <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> 1 (Intercept) -5.19 0.0981 -52.9 0 -5.39 -5.00 2 houserented 0.370 0.135 2.74 0.00619 0.105 0.637

We may ask tidy to exponentiate the result.

```
tidy(psn_11_21, exponentiate = TRUE, conf.int = 0.95)
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 7
           estimate std.error statistic p.value conf.low conf.high
 term
                        <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
 <chr>
               <dbl>
                                                            <dbl>
1 (Intercept) 0.00559
                        0.0981
                                 -52.9 0
                                                0.00458
                                                          0.00674
                                   2.74 0.00619 1.11
2 houserented 1.45
                        0.135
                                                          1.89
```

The exponentiated estimate for intercept and its confidence interval gives us the event rate for owners (which we will have to multiply by 1000 to get the per thousand rate). The exponentiated estimate for renters gives us the relative rate and its confidence interval. To get the event rate for renters, we need to manually add the original coefficients and then exponentiate it. For calculating its confidence interval using the formula given in the textbook, we need vcov to obtain the variance covariance matrix.

```
______Example 11.22 (page 553)
```

For reworking the example 11.22, we prepare the de-aggregated data.

We provide to anova, the model that we propose to fit. It returns an analysis of deviance table showing results as if the terms were added sequentially. We also specify the test to be performed to determine the significance of the terms.

```
Analysis of Deviance Table
```

```
Model: poisson, link: log
```

Response: events

Terms added sequentially (first to last)

```
Df Deviance Resid. Df Resid. Dev Pr(>Chi)
NULL
                            11
                                     35.1
               24.97
                                     10.1 0.00014 ***
          5
                             6
age
                6.44
house
          1
                             5
                                      3.7 0.01114 *
                             0
age:house 5
                3.66
                                      0.0 0.59917
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Having found that the interaction term is not significant, we fit the simpler model

```
relevel(data_11_22$age, ref = "65-69") -> data_11_22$age
glm(events ~ offset(log(pyears)) + age + house ,
    family = "poisson",
    data = data_11_22) -> psn_11_22
```

We use relevel to change the reference level for the variable age to align with the textbook results. The use of glm is similar to our previous example, except for the model formula.

```
tidy(psn_11_22)
```

We confirm that the results agree with output 11.13 given in our text.

```
# A tibble: 7 x 5
  term estimate std.error statistic p.value
  <chr>
                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 (Intercept) -4.96 0.416 -11.9 9.28e-33
2 age40-44 -1.50 0.606 -2.48 1.33e- 2
3 age45-49 -0.372 0.436 -0.854 3.93e- 1
4 age50-54
                -0.209 0.430 -0.486 6.27e- 1
5 age55-59
                -0.230
                           0.430 -0.535 5.93e- 1
6 age60-64
                 0.230
                            0.430
                                       0.535 5.92e- 1
7 houserented
                  0.344
                            0.136
                                       2.54 1.12e- 2
```

Similar to our previous example, we may ask tidy to exponentiate the estimates and confidence intervals if we desire so.

11.6.1 Comparison of standardised event ratios

```
_____Example 11.23 (page 555)
```

Comparing standardised event ratios is essentially the same as our previous examples. Here we rework example 11.23.

As with our previous examples, we prepare a data frame and use glm. The point to note is that the log of the expected number is specified as the offset.

```
# A tibble: 2 x 5
             estimate std.error statistic p.value
 term
 <chr>
                <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                    <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
1 (Intercept)
                0.989
                          0.500
                                     1.98 0.0480
2 factoryb
               -0.885
                          0.523
                                    -1.69 0.0905
```

_Example 11.24 (page 556)

To rework example 11.24, we prepare the data.

We supply the model with interaction term to anova to get the analysis of deviance table. Note that this won't give the row corresponding to row 3 of table 11.10. If we need that row, we will need to call anova with that model.

Analysis of Deviance Table

Model: poisson, link: log

Response: events

Terms added sequentially (first to last)

```
Df Deviance Resid. Df Resid. Dev Pr(>Chi)
NULL
                                   31
                                             698
                7
                       665
                                   24
                                              33
                                                   <2e-16 ***
agegrp
deprive
                3
                        20
                                   21
                                              13
                                                   0.0002 ***
                                                   0.8916
agegrp:deprive 21
                        13
                                    0
                                               0
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Once the anova table informs us that the interaction terms are not significant, we fit the simpler model. We need to relevel the age group variable to align the results with that of the textbook.

```
relevel(data_11_24$agegrp, ref = "60-64") -> data_11_24$agegrp
glm(events ~ offset(log(popln)) + agegrp + deprive,
    family = "poisson",
    data = data_11_24) -> psn_11_24
```

The model fitting command is different only in the model formula and the offset used.

```
______Table 11.11 (page 557)
```

We will prepare only the column corresponding to Poisson regression of table 11.11.

First, we prepare a data frame containing the coefficients and their confidence intervals. By default, R uses a method called profile likelihood for estimating the confidence interval for glm objects. In this example however, R is unable to calculate the confidence interval by the profile likelihood method. So, we ask R to use the normal approximation by calling confint.default. We use rownames_to_column to include a column in the dataframe with values corresponding to its rownames. The result of coefficients and confint.default are vector and matrix respectively. When we join them to form a data frame, each row has a name assigned corresponding to the coefficient's name. This is not a column that we can manipulate like other columns. In order to make it manipulable, we make it a new column.

Next, we filter the dataframe to output only those rows corresponding to the deprivation groups. We use transmute to make two new columns with the result we want. The function transmute is similar to mutate except that transmute will return only the newly made columns. This saves us an extra step of hiding / deleting the columns that we don't want to show.

TABLE 11.5 Replication of table 11.11

Deprivation group	Poisson regression method
II	1.3 (0.96,1.75)
III	$1.62\ (1.22, 2.16)$
IV	$1.77 \ (1.33, 2.36)$

To fit a model postulating linear trend of the effect of deprivation group, we need to create a new column with the appropriate value.

We coerce the factor variable *deprive* to numeric using <code>as.numeric</code>. This works because factors are internally represented as numbers and the numerical code used for the various factor levels agree with the numeric value we need for each level. We use the new column <code>depriven</code> to specify the model. We use <code>anova</code> to build an analysis of deviance table. We specify a model with upto the cubic power of the new variable we created. Each power of <code>depriven</code> is specified inside I. This is done to insulate the mathematical expression inside it from being assigned the special meanings within a model formula. Thus <code>depriven</code> ^ 2 will be treated as <code>depriven</code> squared. Note that our analysis of deviance model doesn't have the second row of table 11.12. If we really want to include it, we will have to specify another <code>anova</code> command with the relevant model and add the corresponding row to our table.

Analysis of Deviance Table

Model: poisson, link: log

Response: events

Terms added sequentially (first to last)

```
Df Deviance Resid. Df Resid. Dev Pr(>Chi)
NULL
                                            698
                                  31
               7
                      665
                                  24
                                             33 < 2e-16 ***
agegrp
depriven
                       19
                                  23
                                             14 1.6e-05 ***
                                                     0.34
I(depriven^2)
                                  22
                                             14
               1
                        1
I(depriven^3)
                        0
                                  21
                                             13
                                                     0.80
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The model named "depriven" is the linear model, followed by the quadratic and the cubic models.

11.7 Pooled logistic regression

Example 11.25 (page 560)

We will use the package "Greg" to prepare our data for pooled logistic regression. Remember to install it using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

We import the data and add two new columns. One, the rownumber, to serve as an id and another to represent the age in days. This step is required to bring the survival time and age, the variables we want to modify for each interval, to the same unit of measurement.

We use the function timeSplitter from Greg to prepare the data. The first argument to timeSplitter is the dataframe we wish to modify. The argument by tells the width of the intervals into which the data will be split. Here, we want each record to be split into one year periods. As the survival time is stored in days, we use 365.25 to represent an year. The time_var tells which variable represents the survival time. The event_var tells which variable represents the outcome – censored or death. The time_related_vars is used to indicate the variables that need to be calculated for each interval. Here, we supply the age represented in days. This variable will be incremented by 365.25 after each interval starting from the original value. Note that though we supply a data argument, we cannot refer directly to the data frame's columns by their name; they need to be enclosed in quotes.

We can confirm that the number of rows in the newly created data frame agrees with that given in the textbook.

```
nrow(data_11_25split)
```

[1] 35126

We may inspect a set of the split records against the original.

```
filter(data_11_25, rowname == 10)
```

```
filter(data_11_25split, rowname == 10)
```

17068	10 46.73	2	0	0.00	365.25
17433	10 46.73	2	0	365.25	730.50
17799	10 46.73	2	0	730.50	1095.75
18164	10 46.73	2	0	1095.75	1461.00
18529	10 46.73	2	1	1461.00	1635.00

Note how the agedays column increment by 365.25 in each row, while age, which we left untouched, remains the same. Note the new columns Start_time and Stop_time which indicate the interval during the observation period for which the information in the row is valid. Note how the value of chd is 0 except for the last period.

Now that we have verified that the data frame has been modified correctly, we may perform a logistic regression on it and confirm that it agrees with the textbook value. As we do not intend to use the model anywhere else, we will specify the model directly within tidy asking it to provide us with exponentiated values including the confidence interval.

```
tidy(glm(chd ~ agedays + house,family = binomial(),data = data_11_25split),
        exponentiate = TRUE,
        conf.int = TRUE) |>
    filter(term == "house2") |>
    select(c(term, estimate, conf.low, conf.high))
```

Note that we may use the same modified dataframe for pooled Cox regression by providing the columns that mark the start and end of the intervals to Surv.

11.8 Recap

11.8.1 Concepts

counting process format

11.8.2 Commands introduced in this chapter

- dplyr::lead
- survival::survreg
- survival::coxph
- stringr::str sub
- stringr::str_starts
- graphics::text
- base::as.numeric
- SurvRegCensCov::ConvertWeibull

- survival::survSplit
- survival::finegray
- base::expand.grid
- stats::offset
- graphics::title
- dplyr::transmute
- Greg::timeSplitter

Meta-analysis

We will use the package metafor in this chapter on meta-analysis. Most of the functions expect a data frame and use the column names directly or by means of a formula. The tidyverse packages we use include readr, dplyr, ggplot2 and stringr. First, we will try to recreate the graph in figure 12.1 using ggplot.

_Figure 12.1 (page 566)

```
data.frame(author = c("Alderson", "Benhamou", "Chan", "Chan",
                       "de Stefani (a)", "de Stefani (b)", "Hu", "Hu",
                       "Ives", "Maclennan", " Maclennan", "Engeland",
                       " Engeland", "Hawthorne", "Reid"),
           sex = c("Male","Male","Female","Male","Male",
                    "Male", "Female", "Male", "Female", "Female",
                   "Male", "Female", "Male", "Male", "Male"),
           rr = c(1.46, 1.28, 0.47, 1.40, 1.67, 2.00, 2.89, 1.27,
                  2.39,0.69,1.64,1.56,1.06,1.94,1.67),
           1ci = c(1.11, 0.98, 0.22, 0.80, 1.22, 1.28, 0.79, 0.74,
                   1.11,0.31,0.96,0.91,0.79,0.95,1.11),
           uci = c(1.91, 1.67, 1.01, 2.46, 2.30, 3.12, 10.5, 2.19,
                   5.13,1.52,2.79,2.69,1.43,3.97,2.51)
           ) -> tbl_12_1
ggplot(tbl_12_1, aes(y = author)) +
 geom_pointrange(aes(x = rr, xmin = lci, xmax = uci)) +
 geom_text(aes(x = 0,label = sex),hjust = "left",size = 3) +
  geom_text(aes(x = 25,
                label = paste0(rr, "(", lci, ", ", uci, ")"),
                hjust = "right")) +
 geom_vline(aes(xintercept = 1), lty = 2) +
  scale_x_{log10}(limits = c(0.1,25), breaks = c(0.2,0.5,1:4)) +
 xlab("Relative risk") +
 scale_y_discrete( limits = rev(tbl_12_1$author)) +
 ylab(NULL) +
  theme(panel.grid = element_blank(),
        panel.background = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank())
```

We use the values given in fig 12.1 to prepare the dataframe. The rows are sorted according to the order in figure 12.1. We use geom_pointrange to plot the estimated relative risk and its confidence interval. We use geom_text to plot the sex group studied in each study as well

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the values of relative risk and its confidence interval. The hjust argument determines the horizontal alignment of the text relative to the specified coordinates. We use <code>geom_vline</code> to place a vertical line corresponding to relative risk of 1. We use <code>scale_x_log10</code> to tell <code>ggplot</code> that we need log scaled x axis. The <code>limits</code> argument decides the extend of the scale and the <code>breaks</code> argument determines the tick marks that will be placed. We use <code>rev</code> inside <code>scale_y_discrete</code> to order the y axis properly as the default behaviour of <code>ggplot</code> is to start from origin and go up the positive y axis. <code>ggplot</code> uses only unique values in <code>author</code> and thus overplots whenever the <code>author</code> is repeated. We have resorted to a trick to make each value of <code>author</code> unique – we add a space before the duplicated value. <code>xlab</code> and <code>ylab</code> determine the axis labels. Finally, we use <code>theme</code> to unset the panel grid, panel background and axis ticks. While we don't have the plot exactly as in figure 12.1, we will move ahead and see more of forest plots later.

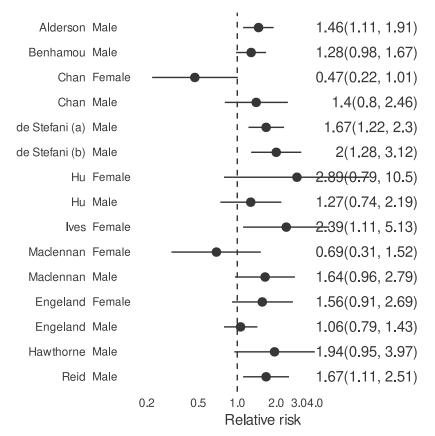


FIGURE 12.1 Replication of figure 12.1

12.1 A general approach to pooling

Example 12.3 (page 577)

In a single step we calculate the standard error by averaging the value calculated from both the confidence limits.

```
author sex rr lci uci logrr stderr
1 Alderson Male 1.46 1.11 1.91 0.37844 0.13845

Example 12.4 (page 578)
```

For example 12.4, we need few more columns.

We add the columns with weight for fixed effects and for the product of the log of RR and the weight. From these columns, we calculate the pooled log relative risk and its standard error.

```
[1] 0.34064
[1] 0.056666
```

We can test the null hypothesis of pooled log risk using pnorm

```
pnorm(fe_12_2/fesr_12_2, lower = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 9.201e-10
```

We can calculate D,Q, and I² using the formula given in the textbook.

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```
sqrt(Q / (k -1)) -> H
(log(Q) - log(k-1))/ ( 2 * (sqrt(2*Q) - sqrt(2 * k -3))) -> selogH
exp(log(H) - (1.96 * selogH)) -> L
exp(log(H) + (1.96 * selogH)) -> U
```

We confirm that the upper confidence limit of I^2 is as given in our example.

```
100 - (100 / U ^2 )
```

```
[1] 67.922
```

_Table 12.2 (page 578)

To calculate the weights for random effects model, we need to calculate the between-studies variance estimate.

We add a new column of weights to the dataframe. We now have all the columns of table 12.2. We use str_trim to remove the extra space in front of the repeated author's names.

TABLE 12.1 Replication of table 12.2

		Log relative risk		Weights		
Study author	Sex	Estimate	Standard error	Fixed effect	Random effects	
Alderson	Male	0.378436	0.13845	52.1655	18.4606	
Benhamou	Male	0.246860	0.13598	54.0847	18.6954	
Chan	Female	-0.755023	0.38880	6.6154	5.3717	
Chan	Male	0.336472	0.28656	12.1780	8.5386	
Engeland	Female	0.444686	0.27649	13.0807	8.9728	
Engeland	Male	0.058269	0.15138	43.6397	17.2668	
Hawthorne	Male	0.662688	0.36481	7.5139	5.9493	
Hu	Female	1.061257	0.65997	2.2959	2.1251	
Hu	Male	0.239017	0.27679	13.0529	8.9597	
Ives	Female	0.871293	0.39050	6.5579	5.3337	
Maclennan	Female	-0.371064	0.40559	6.0791	5.0126	
Maclennan	Male	0.494696	0.27216	13.5006	9.1684	
Reid	Male	0.512824	0.20814	23.0820	12.7676	
de Stefani (a)	Male	0.512824	0.16175	38.2220	16.3499	
de Stefani (b)	Male	0.693147	0.22729	19.3572	11.5394	

We add new columns to the dataframe to facilitate the calculation of the pooled estimate according to the random effect model.

We confirm that the result agree with our example.

```
exp(re_12_2)
exp(re_12_2 + c(-1.96,1.96) * resr_12_2)
```

```
[1] 1.4184
[1] 1.2115 1.6607
```

We will see in the next example that we needn't calculate the pooled effects by hand. We followed manual calculation to reproduce the table showing the weights for fixed effects and random effects models.

```
__Example 12.5 (page 580)
```

We use rma from metafor to calculate the pooled effects. Remember to install the package using install.packages as discussed in chapter 1.

```
data.frame(study = c("Busselton", "CISCH", "Civil Service",
                      "Fletcher Challenge", "Ohasama",
                      "Seven Cities", "Singapore NHS",
                      "Singapore Heart", "Tanno Soubetsu"),
           DMyCBVy = c(17,1,1,7,8,9,20,22,3),
           DMyCBVn = c(85, 24, 52, 251, 216, 116, 300, 195, 104),
           DMnCBVy = c(454,37,8,77,46,284,24,53,30),
           DMnCBVn = c(4718, 1736, 2102, 9976, 1970, 10264, 2987, 2072, 1677),
           est = c(1.351, 0.770, 1.611, 1.334, 0.679, 1.468, 2.079, 1.852, 0.509),
           stderr = c(0.248, 1.013, 1.061, 0.395, 0.390, 0.340, 0.310, 0.255, 0.606)
           ) -> tbl_12_3
library(metafor)
rma(yi = est, sei = stderr,
    data = tbl_12_3,
    method = "FE",
    slab = study) -> fe_12_3
```

The function rma accepts many arguments. When the estimate from the study is provided directly, we use the argument yi. The standard error is supplied via sei. The data argument specifies the data frame in which to find the variables specified. The method argument

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specifies whether we want a fixed effect model or a variable effect model. We have specified FE to mean that we need the fixed effect model. The slab argument is used to specify the column that carries the study labels.

We may print the returned object, use summary or select only those components that we need. We can confirm that the pooled estimate, its standard error and the I^2 statistic all agree with the values given in the textbook.

```
fe_12_3$beta
fe_12_3$se
fe_12_3$I2
```

```
[,1]
intrcpt 1.4849
[1] 0.12103
[1] 41.006
```

To fit a random effects model, we need to specify one of the various estimators of heterogeneity as the method. Here, we use DL. We can confirm the agreement of the calculated values with the textbook values.

```
rma(yi = est,
    sei = stderr,
    data = tbl_12_3,
    method = "DL",
    slab = study) -> re_12_3
re_12_3$beta
re_12_3$se
re_12_3$tau2
```

```
[,1]
intrcpt 1.4247
[1] 0.17133
[1] 0.097772
```

The weights assigned to each of the studies can be obtained using weights.

```
weights(fe_12_3)
```

```
Civil Service Fletcher Challenge
    Busselton
                            CISCH
       23.8180
                           1.4275
                                              1.3013
                                                                 9.3889
       Ohasama
                     Seven Cities
                                       Singapore NHS
                                                        Singapore Heart
       9.6312
                          12.6722
                                             15.2435
                                                                22.5283
Tanno Soubetsu
        3.9890
```

However, this gives us the percentage contribution of each study, corresponding to the second and fourth column of table 12.4. We may specify the argument type="matrix" to get the

values corresponding to that in column one and three of table 12.4. However, the values are in the diagonal elements of the matrix returned by the function. We use diag to get the diagonal elements.

```
diag(weights(fe_12_3, type="matrix"))
```

Busselton	CISCH	Civil Service	Fletcher Challenge
16.25911	0.97450	0.88832	6.40923
Ohasama	Seven Cities	Singapore NHS	Singapore Heart
6.57462	8.65052	10.40583	15.37870
Tanno Soubetsu			
2.72304			

_Table 12.4 (page 581)

We can now build table 12.4.

```
mutate(tbl_12_3,
    WeightsFE = diag(weights(fe_12_3, type="matrix")),
    PercentageFE = weights(fe_12_3),
    WeightsRE = diag(weights(re_12_3, type="matrix")),
    PercentageRE = weights(re_12_3)) -> tbl_12_3
```

We still don't have the heterogeneity measure, which we will have to calculate by hand.

```
fe_12_3$beta["intrcpt",] -> fepm
mutate(tbl_12_3,
        q = WeightsFE * (est - fepm) ^ 2,
        Percentageq = 100 * q / sum(q)) -> tbl_12_3
select(tbl_12_3, study, WeightsFE, PercentageFE,
        WeightsRE, PercentageRE, q, Percentageq)
```

TABLE 12.2 Replication of table 12.4

Study name	Fixed effects	%	Random effects	%	Components of heterogeneity	%
Busselton	16.25911	23.8%	6.27842	18.4%	0.2912976	2.1%
CISCH	0.97450	1.4%	0.88973	2.6%	0.4979797	3.7%
Civil Service	0.88832	1.3%	0.81733	2.4%	0.0141364	0.1%
Fletcher Challenge	6.40923	9.4%	3.94016	11.6%	0.1458477	1.1%
Ohasama	6.57462	9.6%	4.00205	11.7%	4.2695272	31.5%
Seven Cities	8.65052	12.7%	4.68666	13.8%	0.0024562	0.0%
Singapore NHS	10.40583	15.2%	5.15805	15.1%	3.6733984	27.1%
Singapore Heart	15.37870	22.5%	6.14263	18.0%	2.0730293	15.3%
Tanno Soubetsu	2.72304	4.0%	2.15050	6.3%	2.5931125	19.1%

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12.2 Investigating heterogeneity

_Figure 12.2 (page 585)

We use the function forest to plot a forest plot of figure 12.2.

The first argument that we provide is the object returned by rma. We ask for transforming the x-axis labels using exp by specifying atransf = exp. The argument at determines the placement of tick marks on the x-axis. We use log as we have specified atransf=exp. The argument order determines the order in which the studies appear. Our choice prec arranges them according to their variance. The arguments header determines whether a header should be drawn. The argument annotate determines whether the numerical value of the estimate and confidence intervals are shown or not. We use addpoly to add the pooled measure calculated according to the random effects model. It is in anticipation of this that we increased the y limits of the graph drawn using forest by specifying the ylim argument. The argument we supply to addpoly is an object returned by rma.

```
______Figure 12.3 (page 587)
```

We don't have a ready-made function to prepare the influence plot given in figure 12.3.

We use ggplot to draw the graph. We specify the y aesthetics inside ggplot as it is common to the two layers that we plan to include. The value of y is calculated from the existing columns of tbl_12_3 according to the directions in our text. For drawing the points, we use geom_point and supply it with the square root of the weights as mentioned in our text.

Study

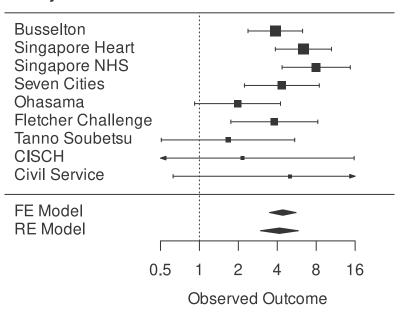


FIGURE 12.2 Replication of figure 12.2

For drawing the labels, we reduce 0.05 from these values so that there is some separation of text from the points. We use the arguments vjust and hjust to adjust the alignment of the labels relative to the coordinates we specified. We use geom_hline to add the horizontal lines of reference. We use it twice because we use two different line types. We set the x-axis limits, x label and y label by hand. Finally, we use the theme_minimal and remove the grid lines.

Though we don't have a ready-made function to prepare the influence plot, metafor provides radial to draw radial plots.

12.2.1 Meta regression

_____Example 12.8 and 12.9 (page 588 and 590)

Fitting a meta regression model is accomplished through rma.

```
c(46.3,53.9,44.2,44.4,59.5,53.8,38.8,40.1,50.8) -> tbl_12_3$age
rma(est ~ age,
    sei = stderr,
    data = tbl_12_3,
    method = "FE",
    slab = study) -> mr_12_3
mr_12_3
```

First, we create a new column in tbl_12_3 to hold the mean age. Then, we call rma. The difference from our previous example is that instead of yi we supply a formula. The left-hand

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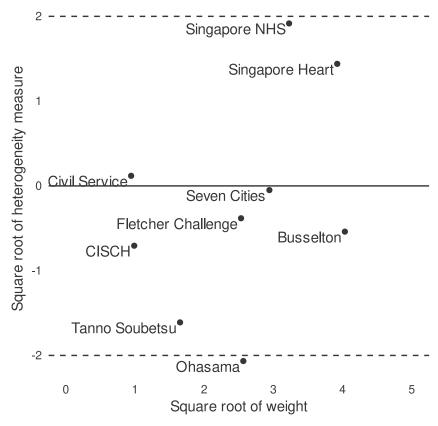


FIGURE 12.3 Replication of figure 12.3

side of the formula contains the same column of effect measure. The right-hand side contains the variable age, which we think explains part of the heterogeneity of the studies. Printing the model object provides all the information in example 12.9.

```
Fixed-Effects with Moderators Model (k = 9)
I^2 (residual heterogeneity / unaccounted variability): 0.00%
H^2 (unaccounted variability / sampling variability):
R^2 (amount of heterogeneity accounted for):
                                                        66.58%
Test for Residual Heterogeneity:
QE(df = 7) = 3.9652, p-val = 0.7838
Test of Moderators (coefficient 2):
QM(df = 1) = 9.5956, p-val = 0.0020
Model Results:
         estimate
                                      pval
                                              ci.lb
                                                       ci.ub
                       se
                              zval
intrcpt
           4.1150 0.8577
                            4.7980
                                   <.0001
                                             2.4340
                                                      5.7960
          -0.0571 0.0184 -3.0977 0.0020 -0.0932 -0.0210
age
```

```
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Figure 12.4 (page 589)
```

We can use regplot to draw the graph in figure 12.4

```
regplot(mr_12_3, ci = FALSE,
    bg = "white",
    ylab = "Log hazard ratio",
    xlab = "Mean age (years)")
```

The main argument for regplot is the model object returned by rma. We specify that we don't want a confidence interval band around the regression line by specifying ci = FALSE. The argument bg = "white" determines the shading of the bubbles.

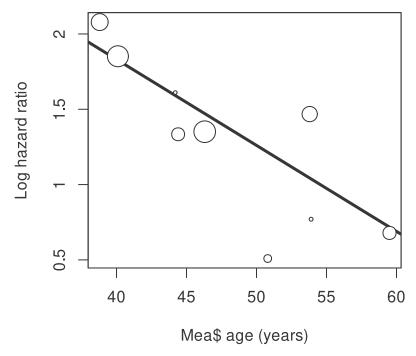


FIGURE 12.4 Replication of figure 12.4

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12.3 Pooling tabular data

Example 12.10 (page 591)

We can use rma to calculate pooled estimates from tabular data too.

```
rma(ai = DMyCBVy, bi = DMyCBVn,
    ci = DMnCBVy, di = DMnCBVn,
    data = tbl_12_3, measure = "RR",
    method = "FE", slab = study) -> ivfe_12_10

rma(ai = DMyCBVy, bi = DMyCBVn,
    ci = DMnCBVy, di = DMnCBVn,
    data = tbl_12_3, measure = "RR",
    method = "DL", slab = study) -> ivre_12_10
```

The difference from our previous examples is that instead of log RR, we are specifying the value of the two-by-two cells from which the RR is calculated. The columns specified as values for the arguments ai,bi,ci and di are taken as containing the values in each of the cells in a two-by-two table, the names being the standard names assigned to these cells. We need to specify measure as well. We specify it as "RR" here because we want rma to calculate the log RR. The arguments method and slab have the same use as in our previous examples.

The coefficient and its standard error returned by the function are in the log scale. We can exponentiate them to confirm that they agree with the values in the text.

```
exp(c(ivfe_12_10$beta,ivfe_12_10$ci.lb,ivfe_12_10$ci.ub))
exp(c(ivre_12_10$beta,ivre_12_10$ci.lb,ivre_12_10$ci.ub))
```

```
[1] 3.0285 2.4171 3.7945 [1] 2.9669 1.9752 4.4567
```

Example 12.11 (page 592)

We can use rma.mh function to apply MH meta analysis. Here, we rework example 12.11.

Except for the function name, using rma.mh is no different from using rma for tabular data. The argument method is not required.

```
Equal-Effects Model (k = 9)

I^2 (total heterogeneity / total variability): 62.05%
H^2 (total variability / sampling variability): 2.64
```

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```
Test for Heterogeneity:
Q(df = 8) = 21.0829, p-val = 0.0069
Model Results (log scale):
estimate
                    zval
                            pval
                                   ci.lb
                                           ci.ub
              se
  1.0679 0.1120 9.5337 <.0001 0.8483 1.2874
Model Results (RR scale):
estimate
           ci.lb
                   ci.ub
  2.9092 2.3357
                  3.6233
```

The function rma.peto can apply the Peto method. The rma function also permits adding a non-negative number to cells with the value zero through its add argument. Further control is given by to which allows one to control whether this value should be added to all cells or only those with zero value.

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_Figure 12.6 (page 598)

To rework the example 12.12, we import the data. Note that the data file is named 12.13 though it is for example 12.12.

After importing the data, we mutate the data frame to introduce two columns corresponding to the log of RR and the standard error calculated from the confidence interval. We supply these values to rma.

```
forest(re_12_12,
    header = c("Study author", "Relative risk"),
    showweights = TRUE,
```

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```
order ="obs",
    ilab = adjust,
    ilab.xpos = -4.25,
    ilab.pos = 4,
    atransf = exp,
    at = log(c(0.25,0.5,1,2,4,6,8)),
    mlab = relabel,
    cex = 0.75,
    col = "white")

text(x = c(-4.25,3),
    y = 30,
    labels = c("Adjustments", "Wts"),
    cex = 0.75,
    font = 2,
    pos = 4)
```

The returned object is saved and forest called with it. We also build a label for the pooled estimate corresponding to that in figure 12.6, which we supply to mlab argument of forest. The header argument determines the heading labels for the column carrying the study names and the column carrying the numerical value of confidence interval. We ask for a new column showing the weights through showweights argument. We use the order="obs" argument to get the studies sorted according to the relative risk as in figure 12.6. The ilab argument allows us to include additional columns in the graph. Here, we want the code for adjustments shown. So, we specify the value of ilab as adjust. The x axis position where these additional rows will go is determined by ilab.xpos. The ilab.pos determines the alignment of the label at the specified coordinates. The cex determines the scaling factor for the font size. We specify this value so that we can reuse the value to have consistent looks when we add more headings in the next step. The col argument decides the colour of the fill of the pooled estimate. Note that forest doesn't have an option to determine the color of the boxes around the point estimate of individual studies. The col argument determines the colour used to plot the observed outcomes. It affects the line, the dot and the box together. Finally, we use text to add headings to the weight and adjustments columns. The x determines the x-axis positions and y the y-axis positions of the labels. The pos determines the relation of the text to the coordinate specified using x and y; here we specify 4 to mean right. The font = 2 determines that the labels will be printed in bold, cex determines the proportion of font size displayed.

```
_____Figure 12.7 (page 599)
```

A funnel plot is drawn using funnel. Here, we reproduce figure 12.7.

```
funnel(re_12_12,
    atransf = exp,
    at = log(c(0.25,0.5,1,2,4,6,8)))
```

The first argument we supply to funnel is the object returned by rma. We use atransf to transform the x-axis labels using exp. The at argument determines the positioning of x-axis labels. We use log transformation of the required positions as we have specified atransf.

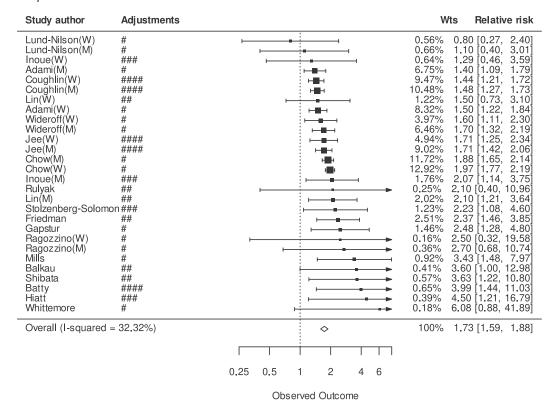


FIGURE 12.5 Replication of figure 12.6

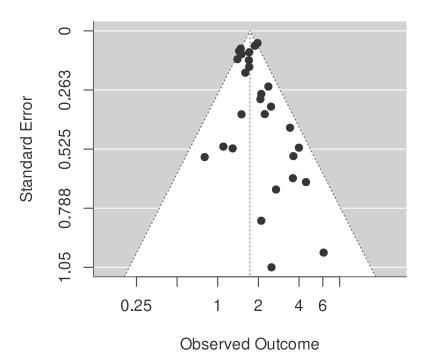


FIGURE 12.6 Replication of figure 12.7

Example 12.12 (page 597)

The function trimfill applies the trim and fill method to an object returned by rma.

The trimfill permits the use of different estimators. Here, we have gone with the default. We can reproduce figure 12.8 by passing the object returned by trimfill to funnel.

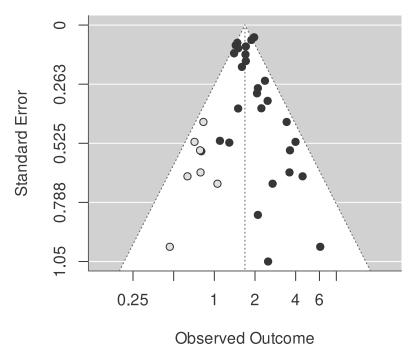


FIGURE 12.7 Replication of figure 12.8

12.5 Recap

12.5.1 Commands introduced in this chapter

- ggplot2::geom_text
- ggplot2::geom_vline
- $ggplot2::scale_x_log10$
- ggplot2::xlab
- ggplot2::scale_y_discrete
- base::rev
- ggplot2::ylab
- stats::pnorm
- stringr::str_trim
- metafor::rma

- metafor::weights
- base::diag
- metafor::forest
- metafor::addpoly
- metafor::regplot
- metafor::rma.mh
- metafor::rma.peto
- metafor::funnel
- metafor::trimfill

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We will be using the tidyverse packages readr, dplyr, ggplot2 and purrr. The other add on packages that we will use in this chapter include broom, pROC, ROCit, effectsize, rms,riskregression,epiR, DescTools and Hmisc.

13.1 Association and prognosis

```
_Example 13.1 (page 609)
```

For example 13.1, we will import the data.

After importing, we modify the factor variables to assign appropriate labels. Note that the data doesn't include the columns for cholesterol, systolic blood pressure and smoking. Thus, we will not be able to replicate the examples when these data are needed.

__Table 13.1 (page 609)

We will prepare the first three columns of table 13.1.

We group the data by sex and cvdfllw, use summary to find the summary numbers and arrange them.

TABLE 13.1 Replication of table 13.1

Sex	CVD during follow-up?	n	Mean (g/l)	Median (g/l)
men	no	4875	2.71	2.60
men	yes	1634	2.87	2.74
women	no	5559	2.82	2.71
women	yes	992	3.04	2.92

Figure 13.3 (page 609)

To prepare the graph of figure 13.3, we need to create a column containing the info on tenth of fibrinogen.

We filter records of women and create a new column fib10, the value of which is determined by cut. Based on the breaks we supply, cut divides the range of values of the supplied numerical vector into intervals to make that many groups and assigns each value to its appropriate category. The breaks we supply is calculated using quantile, which in our case will return the values of fibrinogen corresponding to its deciles and the minimum and maximum. The argument right given to cut determines whether the right-hand side of the interval is closed or not. The include.lowest when TRUE includes the most extreme value into the extreme category though that side of the interval is open.

```
library(survival)
coxph(Surv(survive, cvdfllw == "yes") ~ fib10,
    data = data_13_1f,
    x = TRUE,
    y = TRUE,
    ties ="breslow") -> cphf_13_1
```

We use coxph to fit the Cox proportional hazards model on the data we prepared.

We use tidy to get a neat dataframe from the coxph model and use it to draw the graph in figure 13.3.

The data we supply to ggplot is made by bind_rows applied to the dataframe returned by tidy and a single row with the value 1 for estimate and its confidence interval corresponding to the reference group. We add a reference line at 1 using geom_hline. The hazard ratios and their confidence intervals are drawn using geom_pointrange. We use scale_y_log10 to specify a log scale for the y axis. The lims is used to set the axis labels for the x-axis.

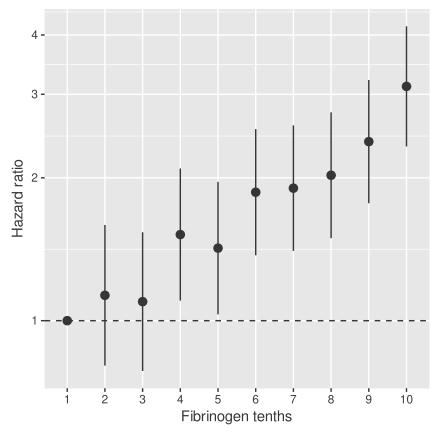


FIGURE 13.1 Replication of figure 13.3

_Figure 13.6 (page 611)

To prepare the graph of figure 13.6, we use geom_boxplot.

Though there is need for only the x or y aesthetics, we supply both to get different boxplot for each of the categories. Because the category is determined by the value of both sex and cvdfllw, we use paste0 to join them into one string. We use outler.shape=NA to specify that we don't want to include outliers in the graph. We may adjust the length of whiskers using the coef argument. However, it accepts a number that would be considered as multiple of the inter quartile range. As we cannot use it to extend the whiskers from 1 to 99 percentile, we have not modified the default value. We specify xlim inside coord_cartesian so that the x limits are as per our desire, but the data falling outside that range is not excluded from calculations.

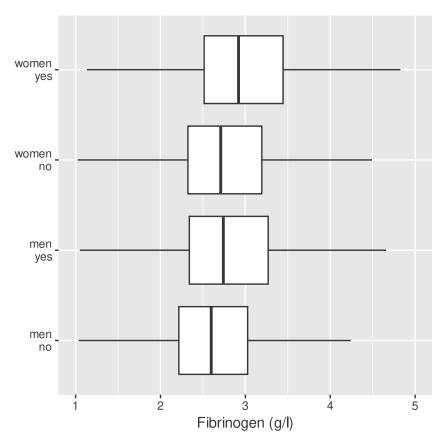


FIGURE 13.2 Replication of figure 13.6

_Table 13.4 (page 613)

To prepare table 13.4, we will use table.

```
table(data_13_1f$cvd10,data_13_1f$fib10) |> addmargins()
```

We pass the result of table to addmargins to get the margin totals. As we don't specify a margin, row, column and grand totals are returned. Note that our result differs from that in the textbook. I was unable to find the reason for the discrepancy.

```
_Figure 13.9 (page 615)
```

We need to prepare the graph of figure 13.9 by hand. Though table can give us the grouped data of table 13.4, it is not sufficient to calculate sensitivity and specificity. To calculate them, we need the numbers above or below a cutoff.

```
bind_cols(tenths = 0:10,
          maxval = quantile(data_13_1f$fibrinogen,seq(0,1, by = 0.1))
          ) -> data_13_2
data_13_2[1,"maxval"] <- data_13_2[1,"maxval"] * 0.99
data_13_2[11,"maxval"] <- data_13_2[11,"maxval"] * 1.01
mutate(data_13_2,
       pos = map_int(maxval,
                     function(x) nrow(filter(data_13_1f,
                                              cvd10 == "yes",
                                              fibrinogen >x))),
       neg = map_int(maxval,
                     function(x) nrow(filter(data_13_1f,
                                              cvd10 == "no",
                                              fibrinogen < x)))
       ) -> data 13 2
nrow(filter(data_13_1f,cvd10 == "yes")) -> cvdtot
nrow(filter(data_13_1f,cvd10 == "no")) -> nocvdtot
mutate(data_13_2,
       sns = pos / cvdtot,
       spc = neg / nocvdtot) |>
  ggplot(aes(x = tenths)) +
  geom_point(aes(y = sns), shape = 21, colour = "#111111" ) +
  geom\_line(aes(y = sns), colour = "#111111") +
  geom_point(aes(y = spc), shape =3, colour = "#004B73") +
  geom\_line(aes(y = spc), colour = "#004B73") +
  labs(x = "Fibrinogen tenths",
       y = NULL
```

We start by building a dataframe, with a column to indicate the cutoff points. We need one more than the number of cutoffs. So, we use the values zero to ten. We then add a column corresponding to the maximum value of each tenth calculated using quantile. We then move the extreme values a bit away so that the extreme values get included into the extreme categories. We use mutate again to add the number of future cvd cases that would fall in

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TABLE 13.2 Replication of table 13.4

	$\operatorname{Tenth}(\operatorname{range}; \operatorname{g/l})$										
CVD	$\overline{[0.441,2.01)}$	[2.01, 2.25)	[2.25, 2.43)	[2.43, 2.59)	[2.59, 2.74)	[2.74, 2.91)	[2.91, 3.11)	[3.11, 3.38)	[3.38, 3.86)	[3.86,11.3]	Sum
no	631	599	649	606	626	625	617	615	599	580	6147
yes	23	26	27	30	36	46	43	41	55	77	404
Sum	654	625	676	636	662	671	660	656	654	657	6551

the risk group if each of the cut offs were used. Similarly, we add a column to indicate the number of non-cases that would fall in the complementary category. We use **nrow** to find the total number of cases with and without cvd. We then calculate sensitivity and specificity according to the standard formula. We pass the dataframe to <code>ggplot</code> to plot the graph using <code>geom_point</code> and <code>geom_line</code>.

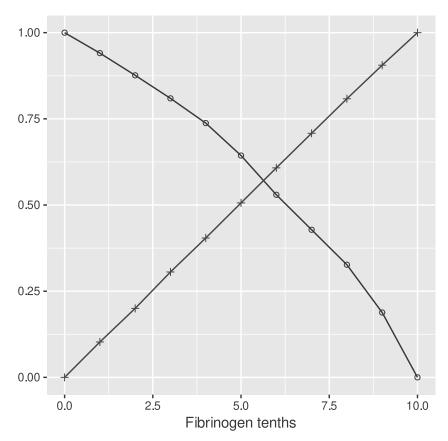


FIGURE 13.3 Replication of figure 13.9

__Table 13.6 (page 617)

We will now try to reproduce table 13.6.

First, we create a variable with the values we desire for sensitivity and specificity using seq. We then use expand.grid to prepare a dataframe containing all combinations of sensitivity and specificity values we specified. We use mutate to calculate odds ratio according to the formula given in the textbook. We then use filter to remove those rows with odds ratio less than 1. We rearrange the columns using pivot_wider and then sort according to the value of sensitivity.

TABLE 13.3 Replication of table 13.6

	Specificity								
Sensitivity	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
0.1									1.0
0.2								1.0	2.3
0.3							1.0	1.7	3.9
0.4						1.0	1.6	2.7	6.0
0.5					1.0	1.5	2.3	4.0	9.0
0.6				1.0	1.5	2.2	3.5	6.0	13.5
0.7			1.0	1.6	2.3	3.5	5.4	9.3	21.0
0.8		1.0	1.7	2.7	4.0	6.0	9.3	16.0	36.0
0.9	1	2.3	3.9	6.0	9.0	13.5	21.0	36.0	81.0

Figure 13.10 (page 618)

We will use geom_function to create the graph in figure 13.10.

```
ggplot() +
 geom_function(fun = dnorm,
                args = list(mean = 6.287, sd = .757),
                colour = "#004B73") +
 geom_function(fun = dnorm,
                args = list(mean = 6.680, sd = .757),
                lty = 2,
                colour = "#111111") +
  geom_text(aes(x = c(5,7.75), y = 0.3),
            label = c("No CHD", "CHD")) +
 ylab(NULL) +
 xlab("Serum total cholesterol (mmol/1)") +
  theme(panel.grid = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks.y = element_blank(),
        axis.text.y = element_blank()) +
  scale_x_continuous(limits = c(3,10),
                     breaks = c(3:6,(6.287 + 6.680) / 2,7:10),
                     labels = c(3:6, "Mean", 7:10))
```

As we have no data to specify, ggplot doesn't have an argument. The function geom_function accepts a function that will calculate the y values for the range of x values. Here we provide dnorm which gives the density for the normal distribution. The arguments that dnorm require are given inside a list as the value of the argument args

of geom_function. In our examples, we provide mean and sd as these are the arguments for dnorm that we want to change. We use the mean of cholesterol in the diseased and healthy group along with their common standard deviation as provided in the textbook. To add labels to mark the curves, we use geom_text. We use scale_x_continuous to limit the x-axis and to set appropriate labels. The argument limits to scale_x_continuous determines the limits. The argument breaks determine the location of axis tick marks and labels determine the labels at the tick mark. For breaks and labels we add a point to mark the average of the mean of the two distributions in addition to the whole numbers within the specified limits.

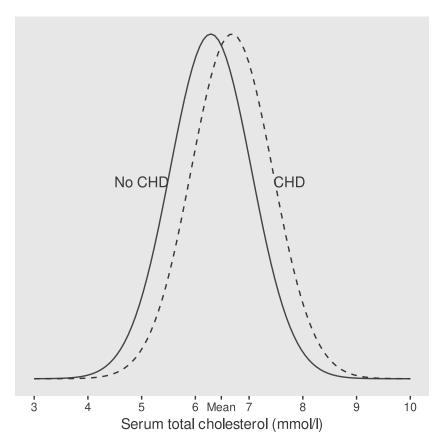


FIGURE 13.4 Replication of figure 13.10

13.2 Risk scores from statistical models

Example 13.4 (page 619)

To rework example 13.4, we need to fit the logistic model.

```
glm(cvd10 ~ fibrinogen,
    data = data_13_1f,
```

After fitting the logistic model, we use predict to calculate the predicted risk for the observed values. That we want risks is specified by using type = "response". We column bind the predicted values with the original data frame. We then supply this data frame to ggplot and use geom_point and geom_function to plot the predicted risk for observed values and the fitted curve respectively. The fun argument supplied to geom_function is an anonymous function to predict the risk according to the formula derived from the fitted model.

```
_____Example 13.5 (page 620)
```

Before we can fit the logistic model of example 13.5, we need to modify the data.

After importing the data, we mutate the data frame to create a new column to show the outcome at five years. We use ifelse to return 0 if the survival period is more than five years, otherwise the original outcome. We use this column as the response variable in the model formula.

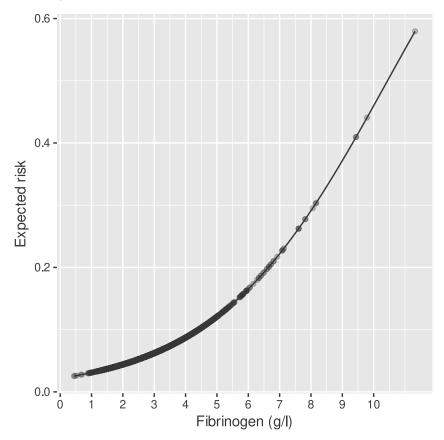


FIGURE 13.5 Replication of figure 13.11

```
Degrees of Freedom: 4048 Total (i.e. Null); 4044 Residual
```

Null Deviance: 1040
Residual Deviance: 989 AIC: 999

Example 13.6 (page 622)

We use coxph to fit the Cox proportional hazards model of example 13.6.

We use predict to calculate the 10 year survival at the mean level of fibrinogen. In addition to the fitted model, predict needs newdata, a dataframe containing the values at which it should predict. The fields in the newdata should be named as in the original data frame used to fit the model. All columns used in the formula should be available in the new data frame. Thus, our newdata contains fibrinogen with its value set as the mean of fibrinogen in the original data frame, survive set to 3652 to correspond to ten years and cvdfllw set to "yes". The value of cvdfllw doesn't actually matter, but the field needs to be included. Finally, we specify type = "survival" to say that we want the estimate of survival. We then use the formula given in our textbook to calculate the predicted risk for a fibrinogen value of 2.

```
fibrinogen 0.047102
```

We may follow another path to arrive at the same figure.

We use survfit supplying it with the model object and newdata. The value returned by survfit is given as an argument to summary along with times, the time period we want. We select the surv component from the list returned. This is deducted from 1 to arrive at the predicted risk at 10 year for a fibrinogen level of 2.

```
[1] 0.047102
```

The newdata that we supply to predict or survfit is expected to be in the same form as the original data frame used to build the model. This means that factors should be supplied as factors. We cannot give the proportion of a particular value, a number, in its place. So, we cannot use predict and survfit to rework the example 13.7. We will try to reproduce table 13.8.

_Table 13.8 (page 623)

After fitting the requisite model using coxph, we use bind_cols to column bind the variable names, the coefficients of the model and mean of the variables. We obtain the coefficients using coef and the names associated with the coefficients using names. For the mean, we use mean to calculate the mean of the continuous variables and for the factor, we tabulate the data using table, convert them to proportions using prop.table and remove the value for the reference level by negative subsetting.

TABLE 13.4 Replication of table 13.8

Variable	b	Mean	Product
chol	0.29483	6.35832	1.87465
sbp	0.02186	133.22289	2.91223
smoke2	0.32380	0.25537	0.08269
smoke3	0.65895	0.52038	0.34290

As told earlier, predict and survfit expects the newdata to contain the same columns as in the database originally used for fitting the model. Thus, we cannot assign proportions to factors like *smoke*. So, we cannot derive the risk score for the mean combination of factor levels as given in example 13.7 of our textbook. However, the purpose of deriving the risk score for the mean combination is to predict the risk score for a set of values. This is possible using predict or survfit. Here we predict the risk for an ex-smoker with systolic blood pressure 150 and cholesterol 6.5 using survfit.

Comparing it with the value derived using the formula given in our text, we can confirm that there is only rounding error.

```
1 - (0.97648 ^ exp((0.29483*6.5) + (0.02186 * 150) + 0.32380 - 5.21247))
```

```
[1] 0.03182
[1] 0.031827
```

Note that if we don't provide a newdata argument to survfit, it will return the value for the baseline combination. The difference from the mean combination given in our textbook is that though the continuous variables are considered at their mean values, factors are considered at their reference levels. Thus, the value given by

is same as that given by

```
1 - (0.97648 ^ exp((0.29483*mean(data_13_15$chol)) + (0.02186 * mean(data_13_15$sbp)) - 5.21247))
```

[1] 0.015427 [1] 0.015431

except for rounding error.

_Table 13.9 (page 623)

To prepare table 13.9, we will use epiR and DescTools.

```
library(epiR)
library(DescTools)
Rev(
  table(
    ifelse(predict(lg_13_4, type = "response") <= 0.1,"N", "Y"),
    data_13_1f$cvd10)) -> tbl_13_9
tbl_13_9
```

We use table to create the two-by-two table. We provide two vectors to table. The first is returned by ifelse and has the values "N" or "Y" based on whether the value returned by predict is less than or equal to 0.1. The second is the *cvd10* column of fibrinogen data. We use Rev to reverse the order of the columns and rows.

TABLE 13.5 Replication of table 13.9

	True CV		
Test	Positive	Negative	Total
\overline{Y}	30	224	254
N	374	5923	6297

This is passed to epi.tests and the relevant components from the result are selected for printing.

```
filter(epi.tests(tbl_13_9)$detail,
    statistic == "se" | statistic == "sp")
```

To prepare the inverse ogive of figure 13.12, we need a custom function that returns the percentage with the specified risk or higher.

We name our custom function as prophigher. We specify that it will accept one argument which is called x. This argument is passed on to map_dbl for processing. The function map_dbl passes each value of its first argument to its second argument. In our example, its second argument is an anonymous function that calculates the proportion of values greater than or equal to the supplied value in the vector returned by predict, the arguments for which is lg_13_15 , our logistic model object. Thus, when we pass a vector to prophigher we will get a vector equal in length to the vector passed to prophigher, with each element denoting the proportion of predicted values above or equal to the corresponding value in the vector passed to prophigher.

Now, we use ggplot and geom_function to plot the inverse ogive.

```
ggplot() +
  geom_function(fun = prophigher) +
  xlim(0,.2) +
  labs(x = "10-year risk (%)",
      y = "Percentage with this risk or higher")
```

13.3 Quantifying discrimination

Figure 13.13 (page 625)

We will use the package ROCit to prepare ROC plot of figure 13.13.

```
library(ROCit)
rocit(lg_13_4$fitted.values, lg_13_4$y) -> roc_13_13
plot(roc_13_13, YIndex = FALSE, legend = FALSE)
```

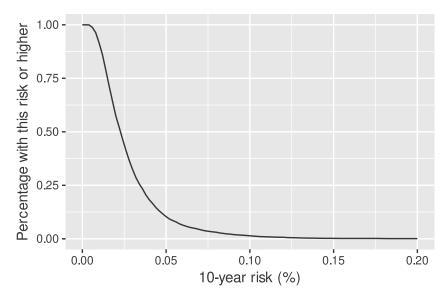


FIGURE 13.6 Replication of figure 13.12

The function that does all the calculations is rocit. It requires two main arguments — score and class. The score is a vector that contains the diagnostic / risk score and class is a vector of same length as score containing the category of outcome. In our example, we provide the fitted component of the model object as score and the y component as class. We store this object with a name. To plot the graph, we simply pass it to plot. We use legend = FALSE and YIndex = FALSE to remove the legend and the optimal Youden index, which are plotted by default.

To obtain AUC, we may use summary method for the ROC object or use ciAUC.

```
ciAUC(roc_13_13)
```

The argument required for ciauc is again the ROC object. It returns the AUC as well as its confidence interval.

```
estimated AUC : 0.606916035673846
AUC estimation method : empirical

CI of AUC
confidence level = 95%
lower = 0.576933312481726 upper = 0.636898758865965
```

We need to calculate Somer's D by hand using the AUC.

```
ciAUC(roc_13_13)$AUC * 2 -1
```

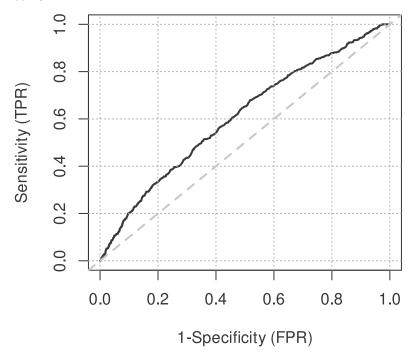


FIGURE 13.7 Replication of figure 13.13

_Figure 13.14 (page 627)

We may plot the ROC curves in figure 13.14 similarly, but by typing the score and class arguments directly.

```
estimated AUC: 0.785714285714286
AUC estimation method: empirical

CI of AUC
confidence level = 95%
lower = 0.475375966723316 upper = 1

estimated AUC: 0.767857142857143
AUC estimation method: empirical
```

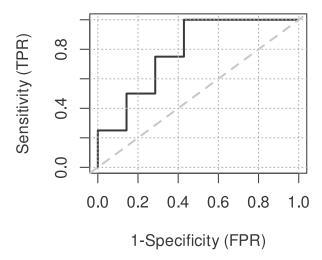


FIGURE 13.8 Replication of figure 13.14(b)

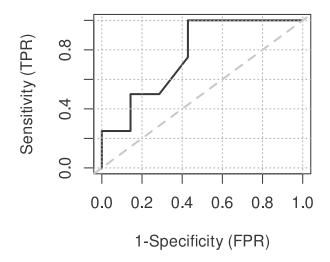


FIGURE 13.9 Replication of figure 13.14(d)

```
CI of AUC
confidence level = 95%
lower = 0.448466991941638 upper = 1
```

Example 13.10 (page 629)

We will use the library pROC to compare different ROC curves / AUC. First, we need to fit the additional logistic models.

```
library(pROC)
roc(lg_13_15$y, lg_13_15$fitted.values) -> roc_13_10a
glm(chd5 ~ chol + sbp + smoke + bmi,
```

```
data = data_13_15,
    family = binomial()) -> lg_13_10bmi
glm(chd5 ~ sbp,
    data = data_13_15,
    family = binomial()) -> lg_13_10sbp
roc(lg_13_10bmi$y, lg_13_10bmi$fitted.values) -> roc_13_10bmi
roc(lg_13_10sbp$y, lg_13_10sbp$fitted.values) -> roc_13_10sbp
roc.test(roc_13_10a, roc_13_10sbp)
roc.test(roc_13_10a, roc_13_10bmi)
```

The function to prepare ROC curves roc is similar in usage to rocit, except that the order of the two arguments is reversed. We save the ROC objects and supply them as arguments to roc.test, which performs the DeLong's test. Note that the function accepts the argument alternative if you want to do a one sided test.

```
DeLong's test for two correlated ROC curves
data: roc_13_10a and roc_13_10sbp
Z = 3.61, p-value = 3e-04
alternative hypothesis: true difference in AUC is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
0.033049 0.111484
sample estimates:
AUC of roc1 AUC of roc2
   0.69772
              0.62545
   DeLong's test for two correlated ROC curves
data: roc_13_10a and roc_13_10bmi
Z = -0.909, p-value = 0.36
alternative hypothesis: true difference in AUC is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-0.0091952 0.0033681
sample estimates:
AUC of roc1 AUC of roc2
   0.69772 0.70063
```

The ROC objects that are returned by roc can be provided as argument to plot to plot the curve. Here, we prepare the graph in figure 13.15.

_Figure 13.15 (page 630)

```
plot(roc_13_10a, lwd =1, legacy.axes = TRUE)
plot(roc_13_10bmi, add = TRUE, lty = 5, lwd =1, col = 5)
plot(roc_13_10sbp, add = TRUE, lty = 4, lwd =1, col = 4)
```

The add = TRUE argument is supplied to all calls of plot except the first. This is to make sure that the ROC plots are added to the first. The legacy.axes = TRUE chooses one set

of axes labels. The lwd argument determines the thickness of the lines used for plotting; the lty determines the line type – continuous or dashed or dotted and col determines the colour of the line.

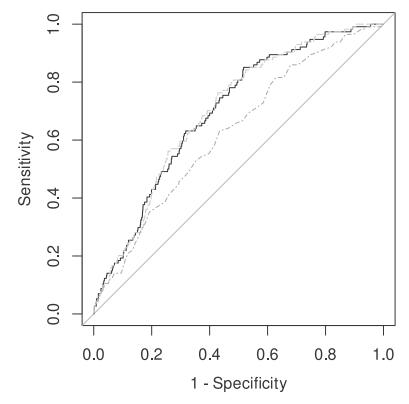


FIGURE 13.10 Replication of figure 13.15 using pROC

The package rocit also allows us to add multiple ROC lines, but by using lines. While the graphs of ROCit looks better to me, it doesn't have a function to compare different ROCs / AUCs. We may prepare the same graph using ROCit.

```
"Blood Pressure"),
lwd = 2,
col = c(1,2,3),
lty = c(1,2,3))
```

The three ROC objects are prepared using rocit. The first curve is plotted using plot. The latter lines are added using lines. The argument for lines is a formula with the TPR component of the relevant ROC object as the left-hand side and FPR component as the right-hand side. We may provide lty, lwd and col as per our wish. Finally, we use legend to add a legend. We need to specify the location of the legend by means of a string. Here we say "bottomright". The labels are specified next. In our case, there are three lines; hence, a character vector of length 3. Similarly, lty and col are also vectors of length 3, with values corresponding to what we used in lines. The lwd is same for all three lines; hence, only one value is supplied.

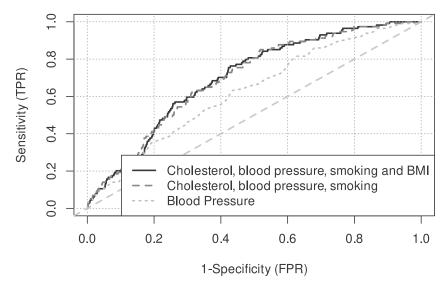


FIGURE 13.11Replication of figure 13.15 using ROCit

_Section 13.4.3 (page 631)

The function concordance of survival returns Harrel's c statistic when it is passed a Cox proportional hazards model object. We use the Cox model object that we fitted for fibrinogen data using all survival times.

```
concordance(cphf_13_6)
```

```
Call:
concordance.coxph(object = cphf_13_6)
n= 6551
```

```
Concordance= 0.6 se= 0.0092

concordant discordant tied.x tied.y tied.xy

3093011 2057184 16396 75 0
```

For other worked examples in section 13.4.3, we need to fit the appropriate Cox models. We do this inside concordance without storing the model object.

```
[1] 0.60594
```

[1] 0.69556

[1] 0.69854

Example 13.11 (page 634)

We will use the package effectsize to calculate the standardised mean effect sizes.

```
library(effectsize)
hedges_g(predict(lg_13_4) ~ factor(lg_13_4$y,levels = c("1", "0")))
```

We use hedges_g which accepts a formula. The left-hand side is the risk scores as provided by predict. The right-hand side is a factor of same length as the first, with two values, which is used to sort the first vector into two groups. We provide levels argument while building the factor vector to ensure that the without CVD group is subtracted from the with CVD group. Note that the result is different from that in our text. It looks like that the difference is due to the use Bessel's correction (n -1 instead of n as the denominator) while calculating the means.

```
Hedges' g | 95% CI
-----
0.37 | [0.27, 0.47]
```

- Estimated using pooled SD.

<u>Table 13.10</u> (page 634)

Now, we try to recreate table 13.10. We build custom functions to obtain the standardised mean effect sizes and their confidence interval as one string.

```
buildcph <- function(f) {</pre>
  mdl <- coxph(f,data = data_13_15,ties ="breslow")</pre>
  hg <- hedges_g(predict(mdl) ~ factor(data_13_15$chd5,levels = c("1","0")))
  paste0(round(hg$Hedges_g,4),
         " (",
         round(hg$CI_low,4),
         ", ",
         round(hg$CI_high,4), ")")}
buildlgt <- function(f) {</pre>
  mdl <- glm(f, data = data_13_15,family = binomial())</pre>
  hg <- hedges_g(predict(mdl)~ factor(data_13_15$chd5,levels = c("1", "0")))
  paste0(round(hg$Hedges g,4),
         " (",
         round(hg$CI low,4),
         round(hg$CI_high,4),
         ")")}
```

Our custom functions buildcph and buildlgt are similar. They both accept a formula. In buildph, a Cox model is built from this formula, which is passed on to hedges_g with the appropriate arguments. The appropriate components of the result of hedges_g is joined together using paste0 and returned. The custom function buildlgt uses the formula to build a logistic model; otherwise, it is similar to buildcph.

We call these functions using map_chr which is provided a vector of appropriate formulas and the function name. map_chr will pass each element of the vector to the function and collect the result into a character vector. We call map_chr twice — once with <code>build_cph</code> and once with <code>buildlgt</code>. map_chr is called from inside <code>data.frame</code>. Thus, the results of map_chr are joined together as a dataframe along with a vector of characters to show the variable names. As we use column headings with embedded spaces, those names are enclosed in a pair of back ticks.

TABLE 13.6

Replication of table 13.10

Variables.in.model	Logistic.model	Cox.model
SBP SBP, total cholesterol, and smoking SBP, total cholesterol, smoking and BMI	0.477 (0.2905, 0.6634) 0.6935 (0.5067, 0.8802) 0.6981 (0.5113, 0.8849)	

_Section 13.4.4 (page 632)

We need to calculate the standardised median effect size by hand.

```
(qnorm(0.75) - qnorm(0.25)) *
  (median(predict(lg_13_4)[data_13_1f$cvd10 == "yes"]) -
      median(predict(lg_13_4)[data_13_1f$cvd10 == "no"])) /
IQR(predict(lg_13_4)[data_13_1f$cvd10 == "no"])
```

We use qnorm to calculate the distance between the third and first quartiles of a standard normal distribution. We use median and IQR to calculate median and inter quartile range. The argument for these functions is the vector returned by predict subset by logical subscripting.

[1] 0.40509

The functions pnorm and qnorm can be used to solve equations 13.12 and 13.13.

```
qnorm(0.9, mean = 20, sd =2)
pnorm(0.1184)
```

When using qnorm we are asking what would be the value below which 90% of the values of a normal distribution with mean 20 and standard deviation 2 occurs. When using pnorm we are asking the reverse – given a normal distribution (mean 0 and sd 1), what proportion of values fall below the specified value.

```
[1] 22.563
```

[1] 0.54712

13.4 Calibration

_Section 13.5.1 (page 638)

We need rms package to perform Spiegelhalter test.

```
library(rms)
val.prob(lg_13_4$fitted.values, lg_13_4$y, pl = FALSE)["S:z"]
```

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We use the function val.prob. It requires a vector of predicted probabilities which is taken from the fitted.values of the model object and a vector which denotes the outcome which is taken from the y component of the model object. By default, val.prob plots a calibration plot. We ask it not to plot the graph by saying pl = FALSE. Multiple statistics are returned by val.prob. We select the value we are interested in by subscripting.

```
S:z
0.095867
______Table 13.11 (page 640)
```

We will now try to recreate table 13.11.

We add two new columns to our fibrinogen data frame – one containing the predicted risks and another categorising these risks into their tenths using cut. We have used labels = FALSE to say that we don't want the default labels, but integers to indicate the tenth. Then we group the dataframe by these tenths and then calculate the columns by simple arithmetic. The number of CVDs is calculated by sum(cvd == "yes"). Here, we get a logical vector, whose values gets coerced to zeros and ones and then summed. When the condition is true, we get the number 1 and when it is false 0. Thus, the sum will equal to the number of instances where the condition is true. Note that the categories are different from that in our textbook as is expected.

We can now sum the values of the last column to get the Hosmer Lemeshow statistic and calculate its p value.

```
sum(tbl_13_11$hlcmp) -> hl_13_11
pchisq(hl_13_11, df = nrow(tbl_13_11) - 2, lower.tail = FALSE)
```

[1] 0.64687

Again, the value is slightly different from our textbook.

TABLE 13.7 Replication of table 13.11

Tenth of predicted risk	Maximum value	Mean predicted risk (\overline{p})	Number with CVD in 10 years	No. at risk	Observed risk (r)	Difference $(r - \overline{p})$	Component of HL
1	0.044270	0.040285	24	674	0.035608	-0.0046770	0.381340
2	0.048095	0.046457	26	638	0.040752	-0.0057046	0.468680
3	0.051168	0.049720	27	677	0.039882	-0.0098384	1.386916
4	0.053980	0.052626	29	639	0.045383	-0.0072424	0.672275
5	0.056937	0.055518	38	664	0.057229	0.0017110	0.037074
6	0.060292	0.058702	46	668	0.068862	0.0101600	1.247909
7	0.064612	0.062446	41	634	0.064669	0.0022226	0.053494
8	0.070821	0.067541	41	659	0.062215	-0.0053258	0.296794
9	0.083237	0.076080	56	650	0.086154	0.0100743	0.938516
10	0.579411	0.108473	76	648	0.117284	0.0088111	0.520207

Instead of doing the calculations by hand, we may use the DescTools package.

```
HosmerLemeshowTest( lg_13_4\fitted.values, lg_13_4\$y)\C
```

The function HosmerLemeshowTest requires two arguments similar to val.prob. The function returns both C and H statistics. As we are interested only in the C statistic, we subset that component.

```
Hosmer-Lemeshow C statistic
```

```
data: lg_13_4$fitted.values and lg_13_4$y X-squared = 6, df = 8, p-value = 0.65
```

_Table 13.12 (page 641)

We now turn our attention to table 13.12.

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We add predicted risk as a new column to the original data frame. predict can provide us many predicted values including survival probability, the complement of which is the risk of event. However, predict will calculate the survival probability for up to the survival period specified in the data used to fit the model. So, we give it a newdata which is the original data modified to make all survival periods 1827. We may instead use predictRisk of riskRegression to get the predicted probabilities. The result is added to the original data frame as a new column.

In order to obtain the observed risk, we use survfit. On the right-hand side of the formula we supply the term strata(tenth), tenth being the column we added by using cut to assign labels according to the tenths of the predicted risks. Thus ten different KM curves are calculated corresponding to each of the tenths. We pass the result to summary and extract the surv component, subtract it from one and column bind it with its upper and lower confidence intervals to create a temporary data frame. The original dataframe is grouped by the tenths and the number at risk and mean predicted risk calculated for each group. To this, the temporary data frame is joined. Finally, the difference between observed and predicted risk and the contribution of each tenth to the test statistic are calculated.

TABLE 13.8 Replication of table 13.12

Tenth of predicted	Mean predicted risk	No. at risk	Observed risk	Difference $(r - \bar{p})$	Component of HL
risk	(\bar{p})		(r)		
1	0.0088176	405	0.0049938	-0.0038238	0.677561
2	0.0126936	405	0.0075252	-0.0051684	0.863233
3	0.0154448	405	0.0124202	-0.0030246	0.243658
4	0.0182038	405	0.0100260	-0.0081778	1.515452
5	0.0212371	405	0.0225144	0.0012772	0.031786
6	0.0248020	404	0.0322223	0.0074204	0.919713
7	0.0288538	405	0.0350529	0.0061991	0.555418
8	0.0346723	405	0.0450612	0.0103889	1.305991
9	0.0437504	405	0.0596532	0.0159028	2.448214
10	0.0756900	405	0.0548204	-0.0208696	2.521319

The first and sixth tenths in our categories differs by one from our textbook values. Consequently, the difference and HL statistic components calculated for those rows also differ slightly.

To calculate the p value of the test statistic, we use pchisq with the appropriate degrees of freedom.

```
sum(tbl_13_12$hlcmp)
pchisq(sum(tbl_13_12$hlcmp),
    df = nrow(tbl_13_12) - 1,
    lower.tail = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 11.082
```

[1] 0.27011

The HL statistic calculated and its p value are essentially the same as in our textbook.

_____Figure 13.18 (page 642)

To prepare the graph in figure 13.18, we will use the table we prepared above.

We pass the data frame to ggplot and use geom_point to plot the points. We use geom_abline to draw the diagonal line of perfect calibration. We specify the same xlim and ylim to have a pleasing appearance.

```
______Figure 13.19 (page 642)
```

To prepare the graph of figure 13.19 too we use the table we prepared earlier.

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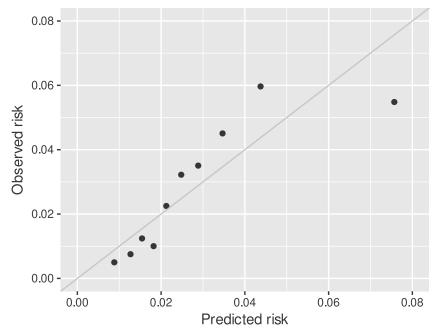


FIGURE 13.12 Replication of figure 13.18

We use geom_pointrange to plot the graph. Note that we provide a vector with value 1 to 10 as the x aesthetic and use scale_x_discrete with the same limits. This is done to plot the points and lines at equal distance on the x-axis rather than at a distance dictated by the mean predicted risk.

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_Example 13.15 (page 644)

To do the Cox's calibration test, we need the fibringen data for men.

After saving the fibrinogen data for men in a new data frame, we use the logistic model fitted for women to predict the logit for men. The predicted logits are added as a new column to the data frame for men. In the next step, we fit a logistic model using the dataframe for

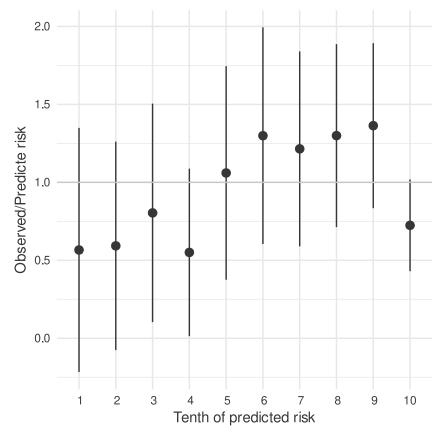


FIGURE 13.13 Replication of figure 13.19

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

men. The response variable in the model formula is CVD death, while the right-hand side is the predicted logits specified as an offset.

```
Call:
glm(formula = cvd10 ~ offset(predict), family = binomial(), data = data_13_1m)
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
               0.737
                          0.039
                                   18.9
                                          <2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
                0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Signif. codes:
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 4627.3 on 6508
                                    degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 4627.3 on 6508 degrees of freedom
AIC: 4629
```

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____Example 13.16 (page 645)

For Cox recalibration, we need to fit the model without an offset.

```
glm(formula = cvd10 ~ predict,
    family = binomial(),
    data = data_13_1m) -> lg_13_16b
summary(lg_13_16b)
```

To confirm that we get the predicted risk as given in our textbook, we build a function to convert logits to risks.

Our function logit2r accepts a logit and does the necessary arithmetic to return the corresponding risk. We pass it the logits calculated for a fibrinogen level of 5 using the prediction from the female fibrinogen data, recalibrating it using intercept method and by Cox method to confirm agreement with textbook values.

```
1
0.12094
1
0.22325
```

```
1
0.19698
```

Next, we add new columns to the male data corresponding to intercept recalibrated and Cox recalibrated logits.

```
data_13_1m$predict + coef(lg_13_16a) -> data_13_1m$irlg
(data_13_1m$predict *
        coef(lg_13_16b)["predict"]) +
        coef(lg_13_16b)["(Intercept)"] -> data_13_1m$crlg
mean(logit2r(data_13_1m$irlg))
mean(logit2r(data_13_1m$crlg))
sum(data_13_1m$cvd10 == "yes") / nrow(data_13_1m)
```

We confirm that the mean of predicted risks using intercept recalibration and Cox recalibration agree with the textbook values and with the observed risk.

```
[1] 0.11584
[1] 0.11584
[1] 0.11584
```

_Figure 13.21 (page 647)

To prepare the graph in figure 13.21, we need to calculate the observed and predicted risk in each tenths and gather it in a data frame.

```
cut(data_13_1m$predict,
   quantile(data_13_1m$predict, seq(0,1, by = 0.1)),
    include.lowest = TRUE,
   labels = FALSE) -> data 13 1m$ucl10
cut(data_13_1m$irlg,
   quantile(data_13_1m$irlg, seq(0,1, by = 0.1)),
    include.lowest = TRUE,
   labels = FALSE) -> data_13_1m$irlg10
cut(data_13_1m$irlg,
    quantile(data_13_1m\$irlg, seq(0,1, by = 0.1)),
    include.lowest = TRUE,
   labels = FALSE) -> data_13_1m$crlg10
bind_rows(summarise(group_by(data_13_1m, ucl10),
                    meanpred = mean(logit2r(predict)),
                    observed = sum(cvd10 == "yes") /n(),
                    calib = "uncalibrated"),
          summarise(group_by(data_13_1m, irlg10),
                    meanpred = mean(logit2r(irlg)),
                    observed = sum(cvd10 == "yes") /n(),
                    calib = "intercept"),
          summarise(group_by(data_13_1m, crlg10),
```

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```
meanpred = mean(logit2r(crlg)),
observed = sum(cvd10 == "yes") /n(),
calib = "Cox")) -> data_13_21
```

First, we cut each of the three predicted logits into their tenths and add them as new columns to the original dataframe. Next, we group the dataframe according to these tenths and calculate the mean of the predicted risk returned by logit2r and the observed risk. This step is done separately for the three predictions and the values added together as a single dataframe along with a column to distinguish the type of prediction used.

Next, we pass the data frame we built to ggplot. We use geom_point to plot points using the observed and predicted risks for each tenths. We ensure that each of the three different predictions used have different colours and plotting symbols by specifying the value of group, colour and shape aesthetics to that of the column with the identifier for prediction method. The show.legend = FALSE specified outside aes asks ggplot to not draw a legend for the geom within which it is specified.

The Hosmer Lemeshow test is done using HosmerLemeshowTest.

```
Hosmer-Lemeshow C statistic

data: logit2r(data_13_1m$predict) and data_13_1m$cvd10 == "yes"

X-squared = 382, df = 8, p-value <2e-16

Hosmer-Lemeshow C statistic
```

```
data: logit2r(data_13_1m$irlg) and data_13_1m$cvd10 == "yes"
X-squared = 4.93, df = 8, p-value = 0.77
```

Hosmer-Lemeshow C statistic

```
data: logit2r(data_13_1m$crlg) and data_13_1m$cvd10 == "yes"
X-squared = 6.53, df = 8, p-value = 0.59
```

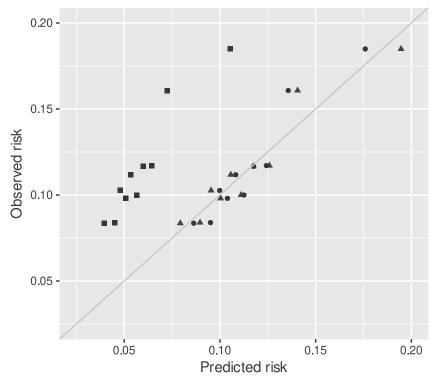


FIGURE 13.14 Replication of figure 13.21

Example 13.17

To rework the example 13.17, we need to fit the appropriate Cox model.

We use the mean fibrinogen value in males and 10 year survival corresponding to that level to build a formula that will return the risk probability.

We will use the formula to extend $data_13_1m$ and prepare the graph in figure 13.22.

```
calfib(data_13_1m$fibrinogen) -> data_13_1m$calcox
cut(data_13_1m$calcox,
    quantile(data_13_1m$calcox, seq(0,1, by = 0.1)),
    include.lowest = TRUE,
   labels = FALSE) -> data_13_1m$calcox10
bind_rows(data_13_21,
summarise(group_by(data_13_1m, calcox10),
          meanpred = mean(calcox),
          observed = sum(cvd10 == "yes") /n(),
          calib = "Calibrated Cox")) |>
 filter(calib == "Calibrated Cox" | calib == "uncalibrated") |>
 ggplot() +
  geom_point(aes(x = meanpred,
                 y = observed,
                 group = calib,
                 shape = calib,
                 colour = calib),
             show.legend = FALSE) +
  geom_abline(intercept = 0, slope = 1, colour = "grey") +
 labs(x = "Observed risk",
       y = "Predicted risk") +
 xlim(0,0.2) +
 ylim(0,0.2) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("#111111", "#004B73", "#713430"))
```

As with our previous example, we add the predicted risk and its tenths as new columns. Then, we group_by the tenths and summarise to get the mean of the predicted and observed risks for each tenth. Before we pass the data frame to ggplot, we filter it to select the data of our interest.

13.6 Accuracy of predictions

__Table 13.13 (page 649)

We will now try to recreate table 13.13.

```
y <- c(rep(1,6), rep(0,18))

S1 <- rep(1,24)

S2 <- rep(0,24)

S3 <- y

S4 <- c(rep(0,6), rep(1,18))

S5 <- rep(0.5,24)

S6 <- rep(0.25,24)
```

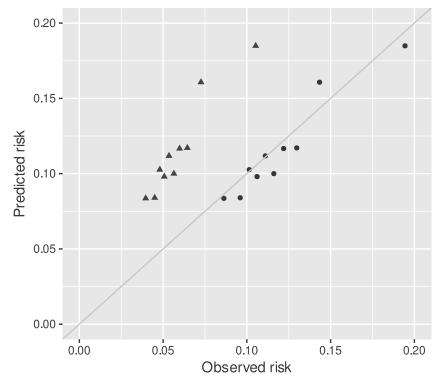


FIGURE 13.15 Replication of figure 13.22

The basic data is gathered together in a data frame; many of the individual columns built using rep. We then make three functions to calculate the Brier score, AUC and Spiegelhalter statistic. Though, val.prob does give all these results, it is not really suited for how we intend to call the functions.

We call these functions using summarise, once for each summary. The first argument for summarise is the data frame. But, the second argument is the function across. The function across accepts a selection of columns in the dataframe specified. There are multiple ways in which we may select columns. Here we are asking for columns from S1 to S11 for most summaries. The second argument for across is a function. The function name may be specified or a lambda may be specified. For the first summarisation, we use the name of the function mean. The result we get is what is returned by mean when each of the columns specified within across is passed to it, combined together as a vector. Rest of the summarisation use a lambda, a one sided function. It start with ~. Next, we call the function as we would call it any time. However, the column that would be passed to it is referred to in the function call as .x. Thus, to get the difference between mean of a column from the mean of the true outcome, we use ~mean(tbl_13.13\$y) - mean(.x). Here, the .x gets substituted with the columns we specify in across. We row bind all the summaries to the data. Next, we change the value of the y column for the summaries. As y was not one of the columns for which summaries were calculated, all the summary values for y is NA. We utilise this information to subset y and assign new values to them.

I couldn't find a pre made Redelmeier test. Also, our text doesn't say against what the calculated Redelmeier statistic is compared to get the p value. So, we will not calculate Redelmeier statistic.

13.7 Reclassification

_____Example 13.18 (page 655)

We will use improveProb of Hmisc to calculate IDI and NRI.

TABLE 13.9 Replication of table 13.13

у	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11
1	1	0	1	0	0.5	0.25	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.95
1	1	0	1	0	0.5	0.25	0.9	0.6	0.45	0.65	0.7
1	1	0	1	0	0.5	0.25	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
1	1	0	1	0	0.5	0.25	0.9	0.6	0.35	0.5	0.4
1	1	0	1	0	0.5	0.25	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
1	1	0	1	0	0.5	0.25	0.9	0.6	0.25	0.3	0.1
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.31	0.51	0.8
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.26	0.41	0.4
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.31	0.3
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.25
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.18
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.16
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.16
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.15
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.14
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.14
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.12
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.12
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.05
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.22	0.05
0	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.25	0.01
\bar{p}	1	0	0.25	0.75	0.5	0.25	0.3	0.45	0.1883	0.25625	0.2658
$r-\bar{p}$	-0.75	0.25	0	-0.5	-0.25	0	-0.05	-0.2	0.0617	-0.00625	-0.0158
Spiegel							-1.63	-4	-0.5103	-1.37792	-0.0884
AUC	0.5	0.5	1	0	0.5	0.5	1	1	0.9722	0.94444	0.8148
Bier	0.75	0.25	0	1	0.25	0.19	0.01	0.16	0.1142	0.09324	0.1331

The function requires 3 vectors of equal length. The first two are predictions from the base and new models. The last is a vector denoting the observed outcome. The function prints out all the calculated indices including IDI, NRI and their confidence intervals by default. Here, we save the result and print the values corresponding to example 13.18.

```
recal_13_8a$idi
recal_13_8a$z.idi
pnorm(recal_13_8a$z.idi, lower.tail = FALSE)
recal_13_8a$idi + c(-1.96,1.96)*recal_13_8a$se.idi
```

While comparing the single model and multimodel, the score for the null hypothesis that the second model is no better than the first, its one sided p value and 95% confidence interval are similar to the textbook values, though not exact.

```
idi

[1] 0.0067989

z.idi

[1] 3.3409

z.idi

[1] 0.00041749

[1] 0.0028103 0.0107876
```

For the comparison of multiplus against multi model, the results are

```
recal_13_8b$idi
recal_13_8b$z.idi
pnorm(recal_13_8b$z.idi, lower.tail = FALSE)
recal_13_8b$idi + c(-1.96,1.96)*recal_13_8b$se.idi
```

```
idi

[1] 2.1862e-05

z.idi

[1] 0.054759

z.idi

[1] 0.47817

[1] -0.00076065 0.00080437
```

The improveProb doesn't calculate RIDI. However, we can calculate it with the value of IDI it returns.

```
recal_13_8a$idi /
  (mean(lg_13_10sbp$fitted.values[lg_13_10sbp$y == 1]) -
    mean(lg_13_10sbp$fitted.values[lg_13_10sbp$y == 0]))
```

```
idi
[1] 1.0079
```

__Example 13.19 (page 656)

The improveProb also calculates NRI. Here, we check for the results in example 13.19.

```
recal_13_8a$nri
recal_13_8a$z.nri
pnorm(recal_13_8a$z.nri, lower.tail = FALSE)
recal_13_8a$nri + c(-1.96,1.96)*recal_13_8a$se.nri
```

```
nri

[1] 0.49849

z.nri

[1] 5.4641

z.nri

[1] 2.3258e-08

[1] 0.31968 0.67730
```

Example 13.20 (page 657)

We need to rework example 13.20 by hand. First, we categorise the scores according to the thresholds.

```
c(0,0.05,0.1,1) \rightarrow thresholds
cut(lg 13 10sbp$fitted.values,
    thresholds ,
    right = TRUE,
    include.lowest = TRUE) -> rsnglcat
cut(lg_13_15$fitted.values,
    thresholds,
    right = TRUE,
    include.lowest = TRUE) -> rmlticat
data_13_15$chd5 -> chd5
data.frame(rsnglcat = rsnglcat,
           rmlticat = rmlticat,
           chd = chd5) >
  group_by( rsnglcat, rmlticat, chd) |>
  summarise(count = n()) |>
 filter(rsnglcat != rmlticat) |>
 mutate(chngdir = ifelse(as.numeric(rsnglcat) > as.numeric(rmlticat),
                           "d",
                           "u")) |>
  group_by(chngdir,chd) |>
  summarise(total = sum(count)) |>
 bind_cols(actual = rep(table(chd5),2)) |>
 mutate(prop = total /actual) -> data_13_20
```

We cut the fitted values of the two models we are comparing according to the thresholds given in our text. We join the results with the outcome column of original data. We, then group the resulting data frame by the categories in the two variables and by outcome and take the count in each cross classification group. Then, we filter out those rows where the categories are the same according to both risk scores as they don't contribute to the calculations. Now, we mutate to create a new column denoting the direction in which the multi model's score has moved the prediction. For this, we rely on the internal representation of factors, which is as integers. Thus, when the score category is higher, the internal representation of the cut category is a higher number. We ask R to consider the factors as number using as.numeric. Now, we group_by the score movement direction and outcome. We sum the counts in each group and calculate proportions. In calculating the proportions, the denominator is obtained using table on the outcome variable.

```
filter(data_13_20, chngdir == "u", chd == 1)$prop -> pud
filter(data_13_20, chngdir == "u", chd == 0)$prop -> puh
filter(data_13_20, chngdir == "d", chd == 1)$prop -> pdd
filter(data_13_20, chngdir == "d", chd == 0)$prop -> pdh

filter(data_13_20, chngdir == "u", chd == 1)$total -> nud
filter(data_13_20, chngdir == "u", chd == 0)$total -> nuh
filter(data_13_20, chngdir == "d", chd == 1)$total -> ndd
filter(data_13_20, chngdir == "d", chd == 0)$total -> ndh
```

We now, assign each of the four proportions and counts to four variables only to make it easier to refer to them in formulas.

The NRI, its 95% confidence interval and the p value of the test static for a zero value of NRI are calculated using the formula given in the text.

```
1
0.021383
[1] -0.052443 0.095208
1
0.28456
```

Our cross classification differs from that in the textbook by one or two in a cell which is the reason for the difference in the NRI calculated.

```
_____Table 13.16 (page 658)
```

To prepare table 13.16, we can use ftable.

The function ftable outputs flat tables, where cross classification between more than two variables is better arranged. Apart from the variables that need to be cross classified, it can accept col.vars and / or row.vars to determine which all variables contribute groups as columns and which as rows. Here, we specified col.vars so that the two variables we specified as its argument are used to build the columns of the table.

TABLE 13.10 Replication of table 13.16

	Risk using multi score							
Risk using single score		No CHD		CHD				
rsnglcat	$[0,0.05]$ _0	$(0.05, 0.1]_0$	$(0.1,1]_0$	$[0,0.05]_{_1}$	$(0.05, 0.1]_{_1}$	(0.1,1]_1		
[0,0.05]	3439	252	17	88	10	2		
(0.05, 0.1]	97	92	24	4	5	1		
(0.1,1]	1	3	10	0	1	3		

Example 13.21 (page 659)

The survIDINRI package provides functions for calculating IDI and NRI for variable cohorts. However, I am not very sure if the statistic it calculates is the same as discussed in our text. So, we will rework the examples by hand. First, example 13.21.

```
coxph(Surv(survive, chd) ~ sbp,
      data = data_13_15,
      ties ="breslow",
      x = TRUE,
      y = TRUE) -> cph_sngl
coxph(Surv(survive, chd) ~ chol + sbp +smoke,
      data = data_13_15,
      ties ="breslow",
      x = TRUE,
      y = TRUE) -> cph_mlti
coxph(Surv(survive, chd) ~ chol + sbp +smoke + bmi,
      data = data_13_15,
      ties ="breslow",
      x = TRUE,
      y = TRUE) -> cph_mltp
mutate(data_13_15, survive =1827) -> data_13_15_1827
1 - predict(cph_sngl,
            newdata = data_13_15_1827,
            type = "survival") -> data_13_15$crsngl
1 - predict(cph_mlti,
            newdata = data_13_15_1827,
            type = "survival") -> data_13_15$crmlti
1 - predict(cph_mltp,
            newdata = data_13_15_1827,
            type = "survival") -> data_13_15$crmltp
```

First, we fit the Cox proportional hazards model, which we feed to predict. The newdata that we provide predict is the original data frame which is mutated to change the value of survive to 1827 in all rows. The call to mutate is made from inside the call to predict. We ask predict to return survival probability, subtract it from 1 to obtain the probability of event and add those values as new columns to the original data frame. We use the summary method for survfit to obtain the KM estimate of survival. We use var to obtain the variance of the predicted risk. The IDI for both comparisons and RIDI for the single-multi comparison is calculated by substituting the equations given in the textbook with the appropriate values.

```
[1] 0.0075616
[1] 0.00049983
```

[1] 0.90821

Example 13.22 (page 660)

We now turn to example 13.22.

Our first step is to create a category variable to show the direction of change between the risk scores. Next, we summarise the numbers in the two categories using table and find their proportions. Next, we find the KM estimate for the entire data and subsets with only one of the two directions of change. We then substitute the values in the formula given in the textbook.

u 0.53121

We now will rework the NRI calculated according to the clinical cutoffs.

```
c(0,0.05,0.1,1) \rightarrow cutoffs
cut(data_13_15$crsngl,
    cutoffs,
    right = TRUE,
    include.lowest = TRUE) -> data_13_15$cat_sngl
cut(data_13_15$crmlti,
    cutoffs,
    right = TRUE,
    include.lowest = TRUE) -> data_13_15$cat_mlti
cut(data_13_15$crmltp,
    cutoffs,
    right = TRUE,
    include.lowest = TRUE) -> data_13_15$cat_mltp
mutate(data_13_15,
       codir = case when(
         as.numeric(cat sngl) > as.numeric(cat mlti) ~ "d",
         as.numeric(cat_sngl) < as.numeric(cat_mlti) ~ "u",
         TRUE ~ "e")) -> data 13 15
table(data 13 15$codir)["u"]/nrow(data 13 15) -> propcou
table(data_13_15$codir)["d"]/nrow(data_13_15) -> propcod
1 - summary(survfit(Surv(survive, chd5) ~ 1,
                    data = data_13_15,
                    subset = codir == "u"),
            times =1827)$surv -> kmrcou_13_15
1 - summary(survfit(Surv(survive, chd5) ~ 1,
```

Our first step is to cut the risk predictions into categories according to the clinical cut offs. Next, we create a new column to store the direction of change. For this, we use <code>case_when</code> inside mutate. As with our earlier example, we rely on the internal representation of factors to do the comparison. We use table to calculate the proportion of cases with upward or downward movement in prediction categories. We use <code>summary</code> of <code>survfit</code> to obtain the KM estimate of risk for each of the two categories. Finally, we substitute the appropriate values in the formula given in the text.

u 0.023155

_____Table 13.17 (page 661)

We will now try to recreate table 13.17.

```
bind_cols(event = rep(c("Overall", "CHD", "No CHD"),
                      each = 3),
          bind_rows(data_13_15 |>
                      group_by(cat_sngl, cat_mlti) |>
                      summarise(count = n()) |>
                      pivot_wider(names_from = cat_mlti,
                                  values_from = count),
                    filter(data_13_15, chd == 1) |>
                      group_by(cat_sngl, cat_mlti) |>
                      summarise(count = n()) |>
                      pivot_wider(names_from = cat_mlti,
                                  values_from = count),
                    filter(data_13_15, chd == 0) |>
                      group_by(cat_sngl, cat_mlti) |>
                      summarise(count = n()) |>
                      pivot_wider(names_from = cat_mlti,
                                  values_from = count)))
```

We are using bind_cols to bind together a character vector with the result given by bind_rows. The character vector is made by repeating each of the three labels thrice. The bind_row binds the rows returned by three pipe flows. In each of the pipe flows, an appropriate data frame is grouped by the two score categories, their counts taken and then converted into a wide format. The final result is table 13.17.

reprieduc	on or table 19.11					
		Risk using multi score				
Event	Risk using single score	$\overline{[0,0.05]}$	(0.05, 0.1]	(0.1,1]		
Overall	[0,0.05]	3522	240	8		
Overall	(0.05, 0.1]	105	123	24		
Overall	(0.1,1]	2	6	19		
CHD	[0,0.05]	145	21	2		
CHD	(0.05, 0.1]	8	10	3		
CHD	(0.1,1]		3	4		
No CHD	[0,0.05]	3377	219	6		
No CHD	(0.05, 0.1]	97	113	21		
No CHD	(0.1,1]	2	3	15		

TABLE 13.11Replication of table 13.17

We will leave this section by mentioning two packages that implement cross validation in R. One is the caret package. The package rms also implements cross validation and boot strapped calibration for common regression models.

We will now turn to example 13.23.

13.8 Presentation of risk scores

Example 13.23 (page 665)

```
1.3 \rightarrow bsmoke
2.5 -> bsex
-5.6 -> intercept
rep(c("female", "male"),each =2) -> sex
rep(c("non-smoker", "smoker"),2) -> smoke
bind_cols(sex = sex,
          smoke = smoke,
          rowlabel = paste0(sex,", ", smoke)) |>
  mutate( x1 = ifelse(sex == "female",0,1),
          b1 = bsex,
          x2 = ifelse(smoke == "smoker",1,0),
          b2 = bsmoke,
          bixi = b1*x1 + b2*x2,
          risk = logit2r(bixi + intercept),
          sexpts = round(b1*x1 / bsmoke),
          smokepts = round(b2*x2 / bsmoke),
          totpts= sexpts + smokepts,
          riskpoints = logit2r((totpts * bsmoke) + intercept)) |>
  select(-c("sex", "smoke"))
```

After storing the relevant data in variables, we use bind_cols to build the starting columns

of the data frame. From these columns, we build the row labels and numerical values of x1 and x2. We multiply the relevant regression coefficients with x1 and x2, add them together and with the value of intercept and feed it to logit2r that we defined in an earlier example to get the exact risk. We divide the regression coefficients with the standard regression units that we choose, round it to nearest integer and add intercept with it before feeding to logit2r. Finally, we negative select the columns to exclude from display.

```
# A tibble: 4 x 11
 rowlabel
               x1
                       b1
                            x2
                                  b2 bixi
                                             risk sexpts smokepts totpts
             <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <dbl>
                                                           <dbl>
 <chr>
1 female, non-~ 0
                      2.5
                             0
                                 1.3
                                       0 0.00368
                                                       0
                                                               0
2 female, smok~
                  0
                      2.5
                             1
                                 1.3
                                       1.3 0.0134
                                                       0
                                                               1
                                                                      1
3 male, non-sm~
                      2.5
                             0
                                 1.3
                                       2.5 0.0431
                                                       2
                                                               0
                                                                      2
                 1
4 male, smoker
                  1
                      2.5
                             1
                                 1.3
                                       3.8 0.142
                                                       2
                                                               1
                                                                      3
# i 1 more variable: riskpoints <dbl>
```

__Table 13.20 (page 668)

Now, we will rework example 13.24. First, we will recreate table 13.20.

```
c("female", "male") -> sex
c("40-49", "50-59", "60-69", "70-79") -> agegrp
c(0.52, 0.48) \rightarrow sexprop
c(0.3,0.25,0.25,0.2) \rightarrow ageprop
c(0,1.8) -> sexbeta
c(0,0.7,2.1,3.1) \rightarrow agebeta
sum(agebeta * ageprop) + sum(sexbeta * sexprop) -> baserisk
0.98 -> basesurv
bind_cols(sex = rep(sex, each =4),
          agegrp = rep(agegrp,2),
          sexbeta = rep(sexbeta, each = 4),
          agebeta = rep(agebeta,2)) |>
 mutate(bx = sexbeta + agebeta,
         w = bx - baserisk,
         0.98z = basesurv = exp(w),
         risk = 1 - 0.98z
  select(-c("sexbeta", "agebeta"))
```

This is similar to the previous example. We bind together an initial data frame from the beta coefficients for each value of the variables along with those values. We then mutate to produce each of the columns in table 13.20. A difference from the previous example is that we calculate the risk directly rather than by using a custom function.

терпса	respication of table 10.20								
Sex	Age (yrs)	$\sum bx$	\overline{w}	0.98^{z}	Risk				
female	40-49	0.0	-2.184	0.99773	0.0022720				
female	50-59	0.7	-1.484	0.99543	0.0045701				
female	60-69	2.1	-0.084	0.98160	0.0184035				
female	70-79	3.1	0.916	0.95076	0.0492385				
male	40-49	1.8	-0.384	0.98633	0.0136665				
male	50-59	2.5	0.316	0.97267	0.0273302				
male	60-69	3.9	1.716	0.89371	0.1062884				
male	70-79	4.9	2.716	0.73678	0.2632151				

TABLE 13.12 Replication of table 13.20

Table 13.21 (page 669)

To make table 13.21, we follow a similar path.

The difference is that we use the points derived from the coefficients by dividing them with the standard regression units we choose to calculate the risk instead of the coefficient themselves.

TABLE 13.13 Replication of table 13.21

Sex	Age (years)	Sex points	Age points	Total points	$\operatorname{Est}(\sum bx)^a$	w	0.98^{z}	Risk
female	40-49	0	0	0	0.0	-2.184	0.99773	0.002272
female	50 - 59	0	0	0	0.0	-2.184	0.99773	0.002272
female	60-69	0	1	1	1.8	-0.384	0.98633	0.013666
female	70-79	0	2	2	3.6	1.416	0.92012	0.079876
male	40 - 49	1	0	1	1.8	-0.384	0.98633	0.013666
male	50 - 59	1	0	1	1.8	-0.384	0.98633	0.013666
male	60-69	1	1	2	3.6	1.416	0.92012	0.079876
male	70-79	1	2	3	5.4	3.216	0.60434	0.395659

_Table 13.23 (page 670)

We now move on to re-create table 13.23.

Here, we create the rows for sex and age groups separately and then join them together using bind_rows. Then, we mutate the data frame to make the new columns.

TABLE 13.14 Replication of table 13.23

Term	Value of	Estimated	Reference	c-	$(b)\times(d)$	Points
	concentration	beta coeff.		reference		
	(c)	(b)		(d)		
40-49	45	0.107	45	0	0.00	0
50 - 59	55	0.107	45	10	1.07	2
60-69	65	0.107	45	20	2.14	4
70-79	75	0.107	45	30	3.21	6
female	0	1.800	0	0	0.00	0
male	1	1.800	0	1	1.80	3

_Table 13.24 (page 671)

We follow the steps in our textbook to create table 13.24.

We define the starting data frame inside mutate to contain only one column, a sequence of points from zero to nine. We use mutate to calculate the column of risk according to the formula given in the textbook.

_Example 13.26 (page 672)

For the final example 13.26, as we know the textbook method, we will explore the R way using the package rms. Remember to install it using install.packages as described in chapter 1.

TABLE 13.15	
Replication of table	13.24

Points	Risk
0	0.0048798
1	0.0083176
2	0.0141600
3	0.0240562
4	0.0407244
5	0.0685291
6	0.1141541
7	0.1869508
8	0.2976896
9	0.4530390

```
library(rms)
datadist(data_13_15) -> dd_13_15
options(datadist = dd_13_15)

cph(Surv(survive, chd) ~ chol + sbp +smoke,
    x = TRUE,
    y= TRUE,
    surv =TRUE,
    data = data_13_15) -> cph_13_15
lp2rsk <- function(lp){1 - survest(cph_13_15, times = 1827)$surv ^ exp(lp)}</pre>
```

The first steps are essential pre-requisites. We need to feed the data frame we are planning to work on to datadist and the resulting object should be specified as the value of datadist argument to options. This enables rms to do certain preparatory works like creating summaries of different variables. Next, we fit the model for which we want a point score estimated to be fitted using one of the functions of rms. Here, we are using cph to fit a Cox proportional model. The arguments to cph is similar to coxph we saw earlier. In this fit, we specify x=TRUE and y=TRUE to store the expanded design matrix of the model and the response object as part of the result returned. This enables / makes easier further calculations using the model object. Next, we construct a custom function, that will return the predicted risks for a given linear predictor. Note that in our function, we don't deduct the mean combination of coefficients. This deduction is already included in the linear predictor returned by rms.

Now, we feed nomogram, the function that calculates the points, its arguments. The first argument is the model object and this is the only one absolutely needed. Our custom

function is given as fun. This is used for converting the linear predictor variable to whatever we want. In our case, we are using the custom function to convert the linear predictor to predicted risk. When we provide a fun, an additional axis to represent the values returned by the specified function is made. The argument fun.at determines the tick values for that axis. The argument maxscale determines the maximum points that can be assigned to any one variable. We store the result given by nomogram, which we may print or plot. We get a beautiful nomogram if we plot and the points assigned to each variable levels if we print it. Note that the points calculated by nomogram won't necessarily agree with the textbook scoring system, but should agree with the approximate risk. We can categorise the continuous variables into categories as given in the textbook and fit survival model using cph and proceed to make another nomogram. I will leave it to you to determine which would be a better scoring system.

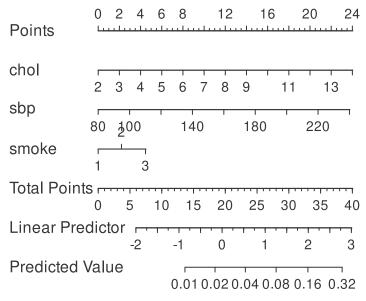


FIGURE 13.16 Nomogram for continuous values in example 13.26 prepared using rms

Before we leave this chapter, I want to point out a function in rms named Function.

```
cphfun_13.15 <- Function(cph_13_15)
cphfun_13.15(smoke = "1", chol = 6.1, sbp = 150)</pre>
```

It accepts a model object returned by rms and outputs a function, which we should store. This result can be called with our choice of values for explanatory variables used in fitting the model that is fed to Function and returns the linear predictor according to that model. Here, we feed the Cox proportional hazards model we fitted to Function and then call the result of Function with our choice of values for *chol*, *sbp* and *smoke* to get the linear predictor.

There are many more such functions that return a function to calculate some value from a fitted model. One such is Survival which will return a function that will accept times

and 1p argument and return the survival calculated according to the model that was fed to Survival.

13.9 Recap

13.9.1 Commands introduced in this chapter

- ggplot2::scale y log10
- ggplot2::lims
- ggplot2::coord cartesian
- stats::addmargins
- purrr::map int
- stats::dnorm
- base::names
- DescTools::Rev
- epiR::epi.tests
- ROCit::rocit
- ROCit::ciAUC
- pROC::roc
- pROC::roc.test
- graphics::lines

- graphics::legend
- survival::concordance
- effsize::hedges g
- $\bullet \quad purrr::map_chr$
- rms::val.prob
- DescTools::HosmerLemeshowTest
- riskRegression::predictRisk
- ggplot2::geom_abline
- ggplot2::scale x discrete
- Hmisc::improveProb
- stats::ftable
- dplyr::case when
- rms::datadist
- rms::cph
- rms::nomogram
- rms::Function
- rms::Survival

Computer-intensive methods

We will use the package boot to perform bootstrap analysis, coin for permutation tests and VIM & mice for multiple imputation. In addition to tidyverse packages, we use lmtest, sandwich and DescTools. As the results are dependent on randomisation, we do not expect the results to agree exactly with that of the textbook. We will rework the examples in section 14.2.1

14.1 The bootstrap

Section 14.2.1 (page 681)

After importing the data, we define a custom function to calculate the mean. A custom function is needed because boot expects the function that is supplied to it to handle at least two arguments – a vector of values and a vector of indices, weights or frequencies. However, mean doesn't expect a vector of indices; hence, the need for a custom function. All that the custom function meanCust does is call mean using the index vector to subset the values. Now, we call boot with our cholesterol data, the custom function and the number of replicates required. The function boot will pass the cholesterol data, with the index vector specifying the random sample from the data to meanCust 10,000 times and collect the returned value. Printing the boot object will print the original statistic, the bias in the bootstrap estimate and its standard error. Here, we are interested in the graphs in figure 14.2 to 14.5. Passing the boot object to plot will print the histogram and qq plot. However, to replicate figure 14.2, we need to plot two histograms, one over the other.

```
_Figure 14.2 (page 682)
```

The component t in the boot object contains the bootstrap replicates of the statistic. We pass it to ggplot as a data frame to prepare the graph in figure 14.2.

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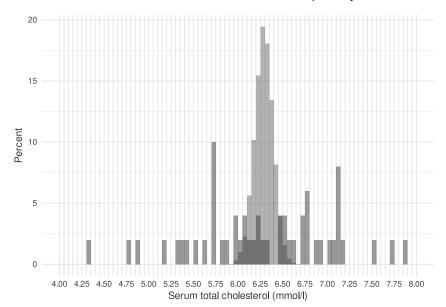


FIGURE 14.1 Replication of figure 14.2

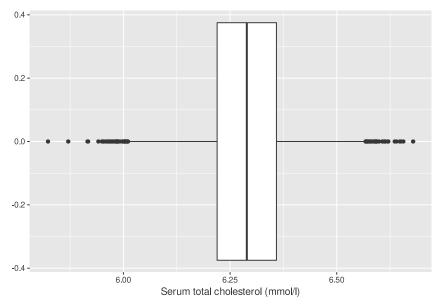


FIGURE 14.2 Replication of figure 14.3

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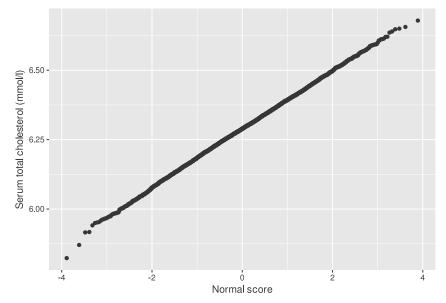


FIGURE 14.3 Replication of figure 14.4

We don't pass any arguments to ggplot as the two histograms we plan to draw have different data. We don't use geom_histogram as we need to scale the y axis to use percentages rather than counts. We use geom_bars; however, we don't have a y in the data frame supplied to each of the geoms. The y is supplied by stat_count using the specifications given to scale_x_binned which categorises the continuous variable according to our requirements and returns its count. But, we don't use this count directly. Instead, we modify it inside aes. The count calculated using scale_x_binned is available inside the aes as ..count.. or as ..prop... We choose ..prop.. and multiply it with 100 to obtain the percentage. We specify alpha inside the geoms to have a see through effect where the bars overlap. The nice.breaks argument for scale_x_binned permits it to use better looking cut points instead of exact cut points for categorisation. We supply guide_axis with its argument check.overlap set as TRUE as the value of guide of scale_x_binned to remove overlapping labels.

Figures 14.3 and 14.4 (page 682 and 683)

We may use the same data to prepare the boxplot and qqplot.

```
ggplot(data.frame(bmean = b_mnchol$t)) +
  geom_boxplot(aes(x = bmean))
ggplot(data.frame(bmean = b_mnchol$t)) +
  geom_qq(aes(sample = bmean))
```

_Figure 14.5 (page 684)

To prepare the graph of figure 14.5, we need another custom function to return the inter quartile range.

```
iqrCust <- function(data,index) {IQR(data[index])}</pre>
boot(tbl 2 10$chol, meanCust,R = 10000) -> b mnchol
boot(tbl_2_10$alcohol, meanCust,R = 10000) -> b_mnalc
boot(tbl_2_10$cotinine, meanCust,R = 10000) -> b_mncot
boot(tbl_2_10$chol, iqrCust,R = 10000) -> b_iqrchol
boot(tbl_2_10$alcohol, iqrCust,R = 10000) -> b_iqralc
boot(tbl_2_10$cotinine, iqrCust,R = 10000) -> b_iqrcot
par(mfrow = c(2,3))
hist(b_mnchol$t,
     breaks = 30,
     xlab = "Serum total cholesterol(mmol/L)",
     ylab = "Frequency",
     main = NULL)
hist(b_mnalc$t,
     breaks = 60,
     xlab = "Alcohol (g/day)",
     ylab = "Frequency",
     main = NULL)
hist(b_mncot$t,
     breaks = 30,
     xlab = "Cotinine (ng/ml)",
     ylab = "Frequency",
     main = NULL)
hist(b_iqrchol$t,
     breaks = 30,
     xlab = "Serum total cholesterol(mmol/L)",
     ylab = "Frequency",
     main = NULL)
hist(b_iqralc$t,
     breaks = 60,
     xlab = "Alcohol (g/day)",
     ylab = "Frequency",
     main = NULL)
hist(b_iqrcot$t,
     breaks = 30,
     xlab = "Cotinine (ng/ml)",
```

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```
ylab = "Frequency",
main = NULL)
```

We feed boot with the appropriate custom function and data and store the results. We feed hist with the t component of the appropriate boot object. We supply hist with other arguments like xlab, ylab, breaks and main. The breaks determine the cut offs for the bins, main is used for title. As we don't want a title for the individual graphs, we set it to NULL. The par(mfrow = c(2,3)) is used before calling hist to instruct R to combine the next plots into one with 2 rows each with 3 columns. As we have 6 graphs to plot, we call hist 6 times.

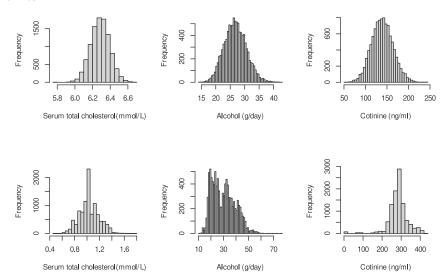


FIGURE 14.4 Replication of figure 14.5

Intervals :

Example 14.1 (page 685)

To obtain bootstrap confidence intervals, we use boot.ci, which accepts a boot object as its argument. First, bootstrap normal intervals.

```
boot.ci(b_mnchol, type = "norm")
```

All we have to do is feed the boot object to boot.ci and specify the type of interval required. Here we use type = "norm" to get the bootstrap normal interval.

```
BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS
Based on 10000 bootstrap replicates

CALL:
boot.ci(boot.out = b_mnchol, type = "norm")
```

```
Level Normal
95% (6.078, 6.496)
Calculations and Intervals on Original Scale
```

```
_____Example 14.2 (page 687)
```

To obtain the percentile intervals, we need to say type = "perc".

```
boot.ci(b_iqralc, type ="perc")
```

```
BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS
Based on 10000 bootstrap replicates

CALL:
boot.ci(boot.out = b_iqralc, type = "perc")

Intervals:
Level Percentile
95% (17.02, 48.05)

Calculations and Intervals on Original Scale
```

_Figures 14.6 and 14.7 (page 687)

The boxplot and normal plot for the bootstrap sample of alcohol IQR is easily made.

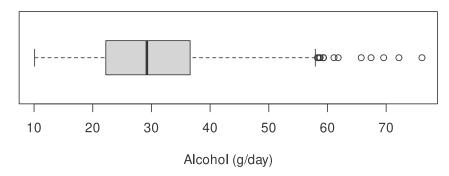


FIGURE 14.5 Replication of figure 14.6

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Normal Q-Q Plot

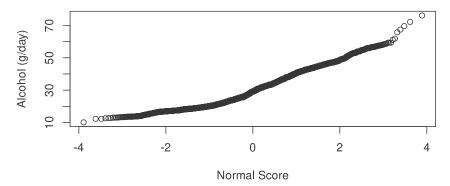


FIGURE 14.6 Replication of figure 14.7

Example 14.3 (page 689)

boot.ci doesn't provide bias corrected confidence intervals. However, we may calculate it from values given by the percentile method (or even directly). Here, we will use the b_iqralc object returned by boot in the earlier example.

We use qnorm to calculate the bias correction. To provide the proportion of bootstrap values that are less than or equal to the sample value, we use mean relying on implicit conversion of the logical condition that is supplied to it. The logical condition checks if each of the value of t component of the boot object is less than or equal to the t0 object of the boot object. t is a vector with result of each iteration of bootstrap and t0 the result for the entire sample. qnorm is the inverse normal function which gives the quantile for a given probability.

We add to twice the bias correction the appropriate quantiles for the confidence interval, convert those to probabilities using pnorm and collect them as a vector. We supply to quantile, the t component of the boot object and the vector we made asking it to return values from the t corresponding to the given probabilities.

```
3.55059% 98.27648%
17.400 49.792
```

Example 14.4 (page 691)

boot.ci does give the bias corrected and accelerated interval.

```
boot.ci(b_iqralc, type ="bca")
```

```
BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS
Based on 10000 bootstrap replicates

CALL:
boot.ci(boot.out = b_iqralc, type = "bca")

Intervals:
Level BCa
95% (17.45, 51.24)
Calculations and Intervals on Original Scale
```

_Table 14.1 (page 686)

The boot.ci returns all the different types of confidence intervals if we don't specify a type or if we specify type ="all". We use it to build table 14.1.

First, we define two custom functions. The first one combines after rounding, the first two elements of a numeric vector fed to it, presumably confidence limits, into a comma-separated string enclosed in parentheses. The second function <code>build_bcistr</code> accepts a boot object, passes it to <code>boot.ci</code> and collects the different confidence intervals and passes them to the first custom function <code>confint.str</code>. The returned strings are collected in an appropriately labelled vector.

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```
alcmean =confint.str(mean(tbl_2_10$alcohol) + c(
       (qt(0.025,df = n -1) * sd(tbl_2_10$alcohol) / sqrt(n)),
       (qt(0.025,lower.tail = FALSE,df = n-1) *
          sd(tbl_2_10$alcohol) / sqrt(n)))),
     cotmean = confint.str(mean(tbl_2_10$cotinine) + c(
       (qt(0.025,df = n -1) *sd(tbl_2_10$cotinine) / sqrt(n)),
       (qt(0.025,lower.tail = FALSE,df = n-1) *
          sd(tbl_2_10$cotinine) / sqrt(n)))),
rownames to column(
  data.frame(
    lapply(
      list(cholmean = b_mnchol,
           alcmean = b_mnalc,
           cotmean = b_mncot,
           choliqr = b_iqrchol,
           alciqr = b_iqralc,
           cotiqr = b_iqrcot),
      build_bcistr)),
  var = "label"))
```

We now use bind_rows to bind three different lists. The first one is created using list with values of the observed means rounded to two digits and converted to strings using as.character. The second is also created using list. Each of its component is a string returned by confint.str, our custom function to join together confidence limits. We calculate the confidence limits by adding to the mean, the appropriate multiple of the standard error of the variable. The appropriate multiple is provided by qt which accepts the probability and degrees of freedom. Based on whether lower.tail = FALSE or not, qt returns the upper tail value or lower tail value. The lower tail value will have a negative sign and hence will be deducted from the mean.

The third list is a data frame. It is built by passing to <code>row_names_to_column</code>, a dataframe made from the result returned by <code>lapply</code> which passes each component of its first argument to the function specified as its second argument. Here, we give it a list of all the boot objects we prepared earlier and the custom function <code>build_bcistr</code>. The result is a dataframe with its column <code>label</code> derived from the row names of the dataframe made from <code>lapply</code>'s result.

TABLE 14.1Replication of table 14.1

		Means		Interquartile ranges			
Method	Cholesterol (mmol/l)	Alcohol (g/day)	Cotinine (ng/ml)	Cholesterol (mmol/l)	Alcohol (g/day)	Cotinine (ng/ml)	
Observed PE Observed CI	6.29 (6.07, 6.5)	26.76 (18.88, 34.65)	139.46 (89.08, 189.84)	1.03	30.05	283.75	
Normal Percentile Basic BCa	(6.08, 6.5) (6.08, 6.5) (6.08, 6.5) (6.07, 6.49)	(19.23, 34.27) (19.72, 34.57) (18.96, 33.81) (20.21, 35.36)	(90.92, 188.53) (92.1, 190.24) (88.68, 186.82) (94.93, 193.22)	(0.75, 1.36) (0.69, 1.3)	(12.11, 48.08) (17.02, 48.05) (12.05, 43.08) (17.45, 51.24)	, ,	

14.2 Practical issues when bootstrapping

<u>Table 14.2</u> (page 694)

To prepare table 14.2, we need another custom function as we need to call boot with different values for replication.

```
bootCustom <- function(v,f,r) {</pre>
 boots <- lapply(r, boot, data = v, statistic = f)</pre>
 lapply(boots, build_bcistr)}
c(50, 100, 500, 1000, 5000, 10000, 50000,100000) -> rpts
do.call(rbind,
        bootCustom(v = tbl_2_10$chol,
                   f = meanCust, r = rpts) ) -> mnchollist
do.call(rbind,
        bootCustom(v = tbl_2_10$alcohol,
                   f = meanCust, r = rpts) ) -> mnalclist
do.call(rbind,
        bootCustom(v = tbl_2_10$cotinine,
                   f = meanCust, r = rpts) ) -> mncotlist
do.call(rbind,
        bootCustom(v = tbl_2_10$chol,
                   f = iqrCust, r = rpts) ) -> iqrchollist
do.call(rbind,
        bootCustom(v = tbl_2_10$alcohol,
                   f = iqrCust, r = rpts) ) -> iqralclist
do.call(rbind,
        bootCustom(v = tbl_2_10$cotinine,
                   f = iqrCust, r = rpts) ) -> iqrcotlist
```

The custom function bootCustom accepts the variable, the function to apply the variable and a vector of required replications. It uses lapply to call boot with the variable and the function as many times as there are elements in the replications argument, each time with one value from it. The result is a list of boot objects. Then, this is fed to another lapply which passes each of these boot object to build_bci_str, the custom function we made in the previous example which will provide a vector of confidence intervals for each boot object strung together as a list. We call bootCustom from inside do.call. The function do.call is some what similar to lapply. It accepts a function, which in our case is rbind, which it calls with a list, the components of which are fed to the function as its argument. In our case, the list for do.call is provided by our bootCustom. We call bootCustom through do.call six times, each time with a different combination of the data variable and the summarising function. The results are saved.

```
rbind.data.frame(cbind(mnchollist,
                       rep = rpts,
                       var = "meanchol"),
                 cbind(mnalclist,
                       rep = rpts,
                        var = "meanalc"),
                 cbind(mncotlist,
                       rep = rpts,
                       var = "meancot"),
                 cbind(iqrchollist,
                       rep = rpts,
                       var = "iqrchol"),
                 cbind(iqralclist,
                       rep = rpts,
                       var = "iqralc"),
                 cbind(iqrcotlist,
                       rep = rpts,
                       var ="iqrcot")) |>
 pivot_longer(cols = c("Normal", "Percentile", "Basic", "BCa"),
               names_to = "type", values_to = "ci") |>
 pivot_wider(names_from = var, values_from = ci) |>
 mutate(type = factor(type,
                       levels = c("Normal", "Percentile", "Basic", "BCa")),
         rep = factor(rep, levels = as.character(rpts))) |>
 arrange(type, rep) |>
 filter(type != "Basic")
```

The saved results are combined column wise with a vector to indicate the replication number and the name of the data variable and then joined into one data frame using rbind.data.frame. We use pivot_longer to bring all values into one column, simultaneously adding another column to indicate the type of bootstrap interval. Then, we use pivot_wider to separate them out into different columns based on the data vector. Thus, the initial format where we had different columns for the different bootstrap intervals is transformed to one with different columns for different data vectors. We mutate the data to convert the type of bootstrap interval and that of rep to factors, so that they sort according to our needs. Finally, we use filter to remove the interval type Basic.

14.3 Further examples of bootstrapping

_Example 14.5 (page 695)

We will now rework the example 14.5.

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TABLE 14.2 Replication of table 14.2

			Means		Interquartile ranges			
Method	b	Cholesterol (mmol/l)	Alcohol (g/day)	Cotinine (ng/ml)	Cholesterol (mmol/l)	Alcohol (g/day)	Cotinine (ng/ml)	
Normal	50	(6.13, 6.47)	(18.15, 34.71)	(91.38, 190.15)	(0.69, 1.32)	(11.54, 44.98)	(174.7, 386.37)	
Normal	100	(6.1, 6.48)	(18.69, 35.62)	(88.37, 187.61)	(0.66, 1.35)	(13.08, 47.47)	(181.55, 375.21)	
Normal	500	(6.07, 6.49)	(19.69, 34.38)	(89.58, 192.1)	(0.72, 1.3)	(12.58, 47.46)	(188.27, 382.29)	
Normal	1000	(6.09, 6.49)	(18.86, 34.08)	(90.49, 186.69)	(0.7, 1.32)	(11.83, 47.88)	(188.44, 372.14)	
Normal	5000	(6.08, 6.5)	(19.23, 34.38)	(90.23, 188.29)	(0.7, 1.32)	(12.15, 48.16)	(189.43, 375.11)	
Normal	10000	(6.08, 6.5)	(19.21, 34.36)	(90.97, 187.46)	(0.71, 1.32)	(12.48, 47.98)	(186.57, 378.53)	
Normal	50000	(6.08, 6.49)	(19.12, 34.43)	(90.79, 188)	(0.71, 1.32)	(12.33, 47.98)	(185.11, 381.41)	
Normal	100000	(6.08, 6.49)	(19.09, 34.41)	(90.81, 187.85)	(0.71, 1.32)	(12.3, 47.91)	(186.16, 379.93)	
Percentile	50	(6.04, 6.45)	(20.1, 37.28)	(85.09, 198.6)	(0.73, 1.36)	(14.11, 46.52)	(85.92, 383.62)	
Percentile	100	(6.11, 6.52)	(18.11, 36.82)	(88.95, 193.16)	(0.67, 1.37)	(13.8, 45.45)	(194.85, 401.61)	
Percentile	500	(6.08, 6.49)	(19.87, 34.4)	(87.6, 191.71)	(0.77, 1.37)	(17.2, 47.77)	(176.72, 387.35)	
Percentile	1000	(6.09, 6.49)	(20.04, 34.84)	(93.34, 192.17)	(0.73, 1.37)	(17.08, 48.5)	(208.76, 388)	
Percentile	5000	(6.08, 6.5)	(19.59, 34.81)	(91.94, 190.25)	(0.74, 1.36)	(17.1, 48.5)	(189, 393.5)	
Percentile	10000	(6.08, 6.5)	(19.45, 34.81)	(92.36, 188.22)	(0.74, 1.36)	(17.15, 47.72)	(189, 391.73)	
Percentile	50000	(6.08, 6.49)	(19.51, 34.78)	(92.2, 189.44)	(0.75, 1.36)	(17.03, 48.1)	(189, 388)	
Percentile	100000	(6.08, 6.49)	(19.54, 34.8)	(92.66, 189.28)	(0.75, 1.36)	(17.02, 47.9)	(189, 391)	
BCa	50	(6.19, 6.46)	(19.88, 34.02)	(90.85, 209.06)	(0.73, 1.36)	(13.58, 45.69)	(83.04, 383.49)	
BCa	100	(6.12, 6.52)	(19.16, 39.31)	(90.98, 194.29)	(0.64, 1.35)	(14.46, 45.87)	(219.75, 402.41)	
BCa	500	(6.07, 6.48)	(20.46, 35.89)	(93.63, 197.2)	(0.76, 1.36)	(17.51, 49.24)	(189, 393.62)	
BCa	1000	(6.09, 6.48)	(20.36, 35.51)	(93.3, 192.03)	(0.71, 1.34)	(17.45, 50.44)	(195.25, 387.75)	
BCa	5000	(6.07, 6.49)	(20.4, 36.36)	(93.76, 192.16)	(0.73, 1.35)	(17.54, 52)	(221.75, 400.75)	
BCa	10000	(6.08, 6.5)	(20.2, 35.77)	(94.24, 190.57)	(0.73, 1.36)	(17.95, 51.34)	(219.75, 395)	
BCa	50000	(6.07, 6.49)	(20.18, 35.83)	(94.62, 192.74)	(0.74, 1.36)	(17.55, 51)	(219.75, 395)	
BCa	100000	(6.07, 6.49)	(20.1, 35.7)	(94.85, 191.94)	(0.74, 1.35)	(17.5, 50.65)	(219.75, 395)	

We need a custom function that will accept data and its index along with other parameters needed for regression. Here, we intend to provide only the formula. Note that when we call boot, the formula is given as a named argument because boot sends data as the first argument and its index as the second. Instead of using subset argument of lm, we use filter to subset the dataframe and provide the filtered dataframe as data. We do this as our custom function doesn't accept a subset argument. After calling boot with the appropriate arguments, the result is stored. It is fed to boot.ci, which prints various bootstrap confidence intervals. Our custom function returns the result of coef. It will have the values for intercept and sugar. The boot.ci needs to be told to select one of those vectors to calculate the confidence interval. We use index = 2 to say that we want the confidence interval for sugar. We may compare the bootstrap confidence intervals with the confidence interval produced by feeding the $lm_1 14_8$ object to confint.

```
BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS
Based on 2000 bootstrap replicates
boot.ci(boot.out = bs_14_8, index = 2)
Intervals:
Level
          Normal
                             Basic
95%
     (0.0123, 0.0302) (0.0120, 0.0303)
Level
         Percentile
                              BCa
95%
     (0.0125, 0.0307)
                           (0.0125, 0.0309)
Calculations and Intervals on Original Scale
               2.5 %
                     97.5 %
(Intercept) -0.182456 0.373469
           0.012005 0.030783
sugar
```

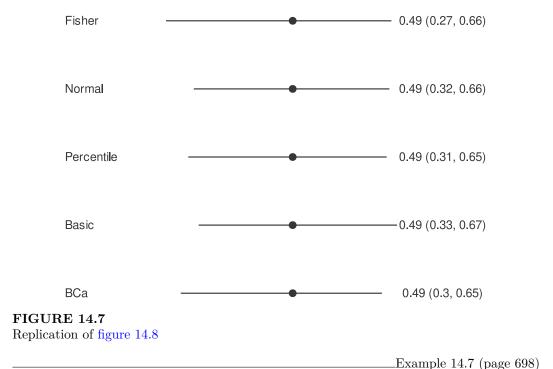
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We may follow the textbook method of extracting correlation coefficient from the model object or use cor to calculate it directly.

The custom function that we pass to boot uses cor to calculate the Pearson correlation between the *dmft* and *sugar* components of the data argument after indexing it with the index variable. We pass the boot object to boot.ci and store it. We build a data frame from it by using rbind to bind together the appropriate element of the result and then passing the resultant matrix to data.frame. We add two new columns to indicate the point estimate and the labels for the confidence interval types. We specify the labels as a factor as we want order to be preserved when graphing. We reverse the order of levels as ggplot plots the first level near to zero and we want it away from zero like in our text. The Fisher confidence interval is calculated by cor.test.

_Figure 14.8 (page 698)

We use ggpplot along with geom_pointrange to plot the confidence intervals. We add the numerical value of confidence interval to the plot using geom_text. We use xlim to expand the x-axis to accommodate the numerical values.



We now turn to example 14.7.

2 -tbl_2_10\$chd -> tbl_2_10\$chd2

obsci = confint.str(confint(1)["chd2",]),

build_bcistr(b, index = 2))}

```
build_bcistr <- function(bo, index = 1){</pre>
  b <- boot.ci(bo, index = index)</pre>
  c(Normal = confint.str(b$normal[2:3]),
    Percentile = confint.str(b$per[4:5]),
    Basic = confint.str(b$basic[4:5]),
    BCa = confint.str(b$bca[4:5]))}
buildlm <- function(var){</pre>
  f <- as.formula(paste(var, "~ chd2"))</pre>
  d <- tbl_2_10
  1 \leftarrow lm(f, data = d)
  b <- boot(d, lmCust, formula = f, R = 2000)
  t <- b$t[,2]
  c(obsest = round(coef(1)["chd2"],3),
    bias = round(mean(t) - coef(1)["chd2"], 4),
    osd = round(summary(1)$coefficients["chd2",2],4),
    bsd = round(sd(t),4),
```

First, we create a new variable chd2 from the exiting chd. We also modify $build_bcistr$ to accept an index argument. We require index because lmCust returns more than one coefficient and so, we need to tell boot.ci which among the different vectors we are interested in. We make a new custom function buildlm, which accepts a string. This string is used to build the left-hand side of the lm formula using as.formula. Inside buildlm we call boot and provide it with this formula to pass on to lmCust. We also pass the formula to lm. We store the results of boot and lm. We extract the required information from these objects. We convert confidence intervals from lm to strings using confint.str and from boot using $build_bcistr$.

<u>Table 14.3</u> (page 699)

Next, we call buildlm multiple times, each time with the name of a different column in tbl_2_10 . We bind together the result of these calls along with a vector of labels to recreate table 14.3.

_Example 14.8 (page 700)

```
logit2r <- function(logit) { (1 + exp(- logit)) ^ -1}</pre>
confint.str <- function(x, digits = 2) {paste0("(",</pre>
                                                  round(x[1],
                                                        digits),
                                                  ", ",
                                                  round(x[2],
                                                        digits),
                                                  ")")}
lgstCust <- function(data, index) {</pre>
  lgst <- glm(deaths ~ smoke,</pre>
              data = data[index,],
              family = binomial())
  logit2r(predict(lgst, newdata = data.frame(smoke = 1)))}
read_table("K11828 supplements/Datasets/Example 14.8.dat",
           col_names = c("smoke", "deaths")) -> data_14_8
nrow(filter(data_14_8, smoke == 1)) -> tot_smoke
```

```
nrow(filter(data_14_8,
            deaths == 1,
            smoke == 1)) -> death_smoke
death_smoke / tot_smoke -> prop_death
sqrt(prop_death * (1-prop_death) / tot_smoke) -> sd_pdeath
glm(deaths ~ smoke,
    family = binomial(link ="log"),
    data = data_14_8) -> bi_14_8
predict(bi_14_8,
        newdata = data.frame(smoke =1),
        se.fit=TRUE) -> prdb 14 8
boot(data_14_8, lgstCust, R = 2000) -> b_14_8
data.frame(Data = c(rep("Observed",3), rep("Bootstrap",3)),
          `Analysis Method` =c("Binomial",
                                "Normal approximation",
                                "Binomial regression",
                               rep("Logistic regression",3)),
          `Bootstrap method` = c(rep("",3), "Normal",
                                   "Percentile", "Basic"),
          `Confidence interval 95%` = c(
             confint.str(binom.test(death_smoke,
                                     tot_smoke) $conf.int,
                         digits = 4),
             confint.str(prop_death +
                           c(-1.96, 1.96) * sd_pdeath,
                         digits = 4),
             confint.str(exp(prdb_14_8fit[1] + c(-1,1) *
                                (prdb_14_8$se.fit[1] * 1.96)),
                         digits = 4),
             confint.str(boot.ci(b_14_8,
                                  type ="norm") $norm [2:3],
                          digits = 4),
             confint.str(boot.ci(b_14_8,
                                 type ="perc")$perc[4:5],
                          digits = 4),
             confint.str(boot.ci(b_14_8,
                                 type ="basic")$basic[4:5],
                         digits = 4)))
```

We need the logit2r function we built in the last chapter to convert logits to risks. We modify confint.str to accept the number of digits to round to. The third custom function we define is lgstCust, to which boot will pass our data frame. As the formula to be used is the same, the formula is defined inside the function and is not fed to it through boot.

We calculate the total smokers, the number of death among smoker, its proportion and normal approximation of its confidence interval for the proportion using the formula given in the textbook. The exact confidence interval is calculated using binom.test. Binomial regression model is fitted using glm. We build a vector of confidence intervals from these and

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TABLE 14.3 Replication of table 14.3

	Total Cholesterol (mmol/l)	Systolic BP (mm Hg)	Alcohol (g/day)	Cigarettes (per day)	Carbon monoxide (ppm)	Cotinine (ng/ml)
Observed estimate	0.54	8.874	0.163	4.762	14.851	98.245
Bias	0.0085	-0.0356	-0.0762	-0.0287	-0.3785	0.464
Observed SE	0.2492	4.7566	9.573	4.2432	4.6888	59.4797
Bootstrap SE	0.264	6.0794	8.5253	4.3956	6.5575	60.1421
Observed 95% CI	(0.04, 1.04)	(-0.69, 18.44)	(-19.09, 19.41)	(-3.77, 13.29)	(5.42, 24.28)	(-21.35, 217.84)
Normal 95% CI	(0.01, 1.05)	(-3.01, 20.83)	(-16.47, 16.95)	(-3.82, 13.41)	(2.38, 28.08)	(-20.1, 215.66)
Percentile 95% CI	(-0.02, 1.06)	(-2.24, 21.64)	(-15.87, 17.68)	(-3.47, 13.7)	(2.08, 28.11)	(-24.34, 210.36)
Basic 95% CI	(0.02, 1.1)	(-3.89, 19.99)	(-17.36, 16.19)	(-4.17, 13)	(1.6, 27.62)	(-13.87, 220.83)
BCa 95% CI	(-0.05, 1.02)	(-1.08, 23.43)	(-14.36, 19.87)	(-2.71, 14.9)	(3.18, 30.08)	(-30.59, 207.16)

bind with the identifying text to create table 14.4. Note that, boot.ci couldn't calculate the confidence interval by BCa method and so we have omitted it here. That is the reason why we chose not to use *build bcistr* to build the confidence intervals for the bootstrap values.

TABLE 14.4Replication of table 14.4

Data	Analysis method	Bootstrap method	95% confidence interval
Observed	Binomial		(0.0149, 0.0309)
Observed	Normal approximation		(0.0143, 0.0295)
Observed	Binomial regression		(0.0154, 0.031)
Bootstrap	Logistic regression	Normal	(0.0141, 0.0297)
Bootstrap	Logistic regression	Percentile	(0.0141, 0.0299)
Bootstrap	Logistic regression	Basic	(0.0139, 0.0297)

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We will now rework the example 14.9.

After importing the relevant data, we modify our custom function confint.str. Earlier, we assumed that a vector of length two would be passed to it. Here, we will need to pass a matrix of confidence intervals (returned by confint) to it. That will throw errors due to inaccurate subscripting. So, we add a condition using if to check if the argument x has the attribute dimension. We do this using dim which will return NULL if there is no such attribute. Vectors don't have dimension attribute. We check if the return value of dim() is NULL using is.null in which case we assign the dimension c(1,2) to x. Thus, we convert any vector to a two dimensional matrix with one row. Rest of the code confint.str is not changed. The result will be a string for each row of the matrix passed made by joining together the values in its first and second column.

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TABLE 14.5 Replication of table 14.5

		0		Bootstrap results				
Labels	Odds.ratio	Odds.ratio.CI	Hazard.ratio	Hazard.ratio.CI	Difference	Ratio	CI.for.difference	CI.for.ratio
Age	1.01725	(0.99, 1.045)	1.01819	(0.992, 1.045)	0.00093554	1.00092	(-0.0007, 0.0025)	(0.9991, 1.003)
Total Cholesterol	1.35944	(1.209, 1.528)	1.33118	(1.195, 1.483)	-0.02825781	0.97921	(-0.0525, -0.0105)	(0.9649, 0.9927)
BMI	1.04254	(0.999, 1.087)	1.03884	(0.998, 1.081)	-0.00369943	0.99645	(-0.0084, -0.0006)	(0.9935, 0.9997)
Systolic BP	1.02060	(1.013, 1.028)	1.02025	(1.013, 1.028)	-0.00034768	0.99966	(-0.0011, 0.0005)	(0.9987, 1.0004)
Smoker	1.38064	(0.851, 2.281)	1.36628	(0.847, 2.204)	-0.01435671	0.98960	(-0.0674, 0.0229)	(0.9556, 1.0176)
Smoker	2.07425	(1.372, 3.249)	2.01348	(1.325, 3.059)	-0.06076845	0.97070	(-0.2168, -0.0119)	(0.9394, 0.996)
Activity	0.82661	(0.584, 1.185)	0.82815	(0.59, 1.163)	0.00153747	1.00186	(-0.0248, 0.0237)	(0.9753, 1.03)
Activity	0.90388	(0.568, 1.424)	0.89605	(0.577, 1.39)	-0.00782695	0.99134	(-0.0545, 0.022)	(0.9542, 1.0283)

We make two more custom functions diffOddsHaz and ratioOddsHaz which will calculate the difference between the exponentiated coefficients from logistic and Cox proportional hazards model & the ratio between them respectively. These functions need only accept a data and index argument as the formula used for model fitting doesn't change with each call of the function. The intercept term of the logistic model is removed from the coefficients by negative subscripting before the comparisons.

```
boot(data_14_9, diffOddsHaz, 200) -> bdiff_14_9
boot(data 14 9, ratioOddsHaz, 200) -> bratio 14 9
glm(chd ~ age + chol+bmi+sbp+smoke+active,
    data = data 14 9,
    family = binomial()) -> lg_14_9
coxph(Surv(survive, chd) ~ age + chol+bmi+sbp+smoke+active,
      data = data 14 9) -> cp 14 9
bciperc <- function(i, b) {</pre>
  confint.str(boot.ci(b, index = i, type = "perc")$perc[4:5],
                digits = 4)
data.frame(Labels = c("Age", "Total Cholesterol", "BMI", "Systolic BP",
                         "Smoker", "Smoker", "Activity", "Activity"),
  Odds ratio = exp(coef(lg_14_9)[-1]),
  `Odds ratio CI` = confint.str(exp(confint(lg_14_9)),digits = 3)[-1],
  'Hazard ratio' = exp(coef(cp_14_9)),
  `Hazard ratio CI` = confint.str(exp(confint(cp_14_9)),digits = 3),
  `Difference` = \exp(\operatorname{coef}(\operatorname{cp}_14_9)) - \exp(\operatorname{coef}(\operatorname{lg}_14_9)[-1]),
  `Ratio` = \exp(\operatorname{coef}(\operatorname{cp}_14_9)) / \exp(\operatorname{coef}(\operatorname{lg}_14_9)[-1]),
  `CI for difference` = do.call(rbind,
                                     (lapply(1:8,
                                             FUN= bciperc,
                                             b = bdiff_14_9))),
  `CI for ratio` = do.call(rbind, lapply(1:8,
```

```
FUN= bciperc,
b= bratio_14_9)))
```

We pass these functions to boot and store the result. The models are also fitted without bootstrapping. The result of bootstrap will have values for each of the coefficients. We make a custom function bciperc which will accept a boot object and an index. We need this function as boot.ci will return confidence interval for only one index at a time and we will have eight indexes corresponding to the coefficients. We use lapply to pass the values 1 to 8 to these functions and collects the values in a list. We convert the list to a matrix by calling rbind on this list using do.call. All the relevant columns are bound together using data.frame to create the table we want.

```
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```

Complex boot straps are supported by boot. It accepts a strata variable.

```
read_delim("./K11828 supplements/Datasets/Table 7.1.DAT",
           "\t".
           col_names=c("treat", "nvinitial", "nvfinal", "vinitial", "vfinal"),
           col_types = cols(
             treat = col_factor(),
             nvinitial = col_number(),
             nvfinal = col_number(),
             vinitial = col_number(),
             vfinal = col_number())) -> data_14_10
mutate(data_14_10,
       nvdiff = nvfinal - nvinitial,
       vdiff = vfinal - vinitial,
       treat = relevel(treat, ref = "2")) -> data 14 10
t.test(nvdiff ~ treat, data = data 14 10) -> ttnv 14 10
t.test(vdiff ~ treat, data = data 14 10) -> ttv 14 10
ttCust <- function(data,index) {
  nvstat <- t.test(nvdiff ~ treat, data = data[index,])</pre>
  vstat <- t.test(vdiff ~ treat, data = data[index,])</pre>
  return(c(nvstat$estimate[1] - nvstat$estimate[2],
           vstat$estimate[1] - vstat$estimate[2]))}
library(broom)
boot(data_14_10, ttCust, R = 2000,
     strata = data_14_10$treat) -> b_14_10
tidy(b_14_10) \rightarrow b_14_10.tidy
data.frame(labels = c("Observed estimate", "Bias",
                       "Observed SE", "Bootstrap SE",
                       "Observed 95% CI", "Normal 95% CI",
                       "Percentile 95% CI", "Basic 95% CI",
                       "BCa 95% CI"),
```

As with our previous examples, we import data, create a custom function to pass to boot and save the result of the test done without booting. We modify the imported data to store the difference in the two IQ scores and to change the reference level of treat. The custom function that we defined ttCust does two t.tests within its body and combines the corresponding statistics into a vector of length two. Thus, we will need to index the result of boot. The call to boot is different from previous examples in that we specify a strata. The strata argument should be a vector, which in our case is the treat column of the dataframe. The results are combined into a data frame using data.frame. We use the dataframe returned by tidy (when it is supplied the boot object) to select the observed estimates, bias and bootstrap SEs. We use build_bcistr and confint.str to convert confidence intervals into strings before joining them to form the table.

TABLE 14.6 Replication of table 14.6

*		
labels	Nonverbal.score	Verbal.score
Observed estimate	2.405	0.506
Bias	-0.01841	-0.01465
Observed SE	1.935	1.392
Bootstrap SE	1.924	1.38
Observed 95% CI	(-1.445, 6.254)	(-2.262, 3.275)
Normal 95% CI	(-1.35, 6.19)	(-2.18, 3.23)
Percentile 95% CI	(-1.33, 6.21)	(-2.26, 3.2)
Basic 95% CI	(-1.4, 6.14)	(-2.19, 3.27)
BCa 95% CI	(-1.35, 6.2)	(-2.11, 3.3)

14.4 Bootstrap hypothesis testing

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As we mentioned in an early chapter, by default R assumes unequal variance between the two samples of a t test. Here, we choose that option explicitly by specifying var.equal = FALSE. We store the result. We may print the t.test result to confirm that the results agree with the textbook.

```
Welch Two Sample t-test

data: chol by chd

t = 2.02, df = 14.7, p-value = 0.062

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between

group 1 and group 2 is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:

-0.030675 1.111654

sample estimates:

mean in group 1 mean in group 2

6.7082 6.1677
```

We calculate the mean cholesterol levels in the two groups using mean. The argument given to mean is the *chol* vector values selected by logical subsetting. We mutate the dataframe to form a new column by subtracting the appropriate mean from *chol*. Note that calculating mean on this modified values by *chd* group will not show zero, but a very small number. This is due to the approximation used by computers to represent floating point numbers.

We define our custom function to accept data, its index and perform the t test on it and return the t statistic. We call this custom function from boot, specifying strata as the *chd* variable. From the returned values, we calculate the proportion of values above or below the cutoff set by the statistic returned by the t.test on the original data.

```
0 1
0.971 0.029
```

To calculate the robust confidence intervals, we need two more libraries – lmtest and sandwich.

```
library(lmtest)
library(sandwich)
lm(chol ~ chd, data = tbl_2_10) -> l_14_11
coefci(l_14_11, vcov. = vcovHC(l_14_11, type = "HC3"))
```

First, we fit a linear regression using lm. As a second step, we call coefci to which we supply the lm object as the first argument. The vcov. argument is given the result of vcovHC which is fed the lm object. It also accepts various types. Here, we explicitly use HC3, though it is the default value. We may use coeftest in place of coefci with the same arguments to perform a t test of the coefficients using the robust standard errors.

```
2.5 % 97.5 % (Intercept) 6.2014 8.295930 chd -1.1011 0.020163
```

Before we leave the topic of bootstrap, it may be noted that boot supports parametric bootstrapping as well.

14.5 Permutation tests

```
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```

Permutation tests are done using the package coin. Remember to install it using install.packages as described in chapter 1. First, we will try to reproduce table 14.7.

We use Perm from DescTools to create an array of all permutations of the <code>sex_14.6</code> vector. We then use apply four times, each time by specifying MARGIN = 1, to mean row wise, to apply an anonymous function across the values in that row. The anonymous function returns the mean of those values of <code>creat_14_7</code> for which the corresponding <code>sex_14.6</code> is as specified – either women or men. We bind the values returned by the first two calls to <code>apply</code>, a vector of length 10 (one value for each row in <code>permsex</code>) column-wise to <code>permsex</code>. The third and fourth calls to <code>apply</code> are repetitions of the earlier calls, now used to calculate the absolute difference between them, the result of which is also column bound with the others.

TABLE 14.7
Replication of table 14.7

1st value	2nd value	3rd value	4th value	5th value	Female mean	Male mean	Absolute difference
Women	Women	Men	Men	Men	0.75	0.92	0.17
Women	Men		Men		0.73	0.92	0.11
Men	Women	Women	Men	Men	0.82	0.87	0.04
Women	Men	Men	Women	Men	0.8	0.88	0.08
Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	0.9	0.82	0.08
Men	Men	Women	Women	Men	0.88	0.83	0.04
Women	Men	Men	Men	Women	0.82	0.87	0.04
Men	Women	Men	Men	Women	0.92	0.8	0.12
Men	Men	Women	Men	Women	0.9	0.82	0.08
Men	Men	Men	Women	Women	0.98	0.77	0.21

We select the last column of the matrix, convert it back to numbers. We calculate the observed difference in mean by using mean which is provided with values from $creat_14_7$ after subsetting for one of the sexes. Finally, we calculate the number of values in the calculated difference column greater than the observed and divide by the number of permutations.

Rather than calculating by hand, we may use indepenence_test from coin.

The first argument to independence_test is a formula, the left-hand side of which is the variable with the value to be compared and the right-hand side is the variable which determines the groups. We use distribution = "exact" to instruct the function to not use approximations or resampling.

Exact General Independence Test

```
data: creat_14_7 by sex_14_7 (Men, Women)
Z = 1.33, p-value = 0.3
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```

14.5.1 Montecarlo permutation tests

```
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```

To use Monte Carlo simulation, we need to change the value of distribution.

We may specify distribution as a function as above. We need to do it only if we want to change the default value of its arguments. Otherwise specifying the string "approximate" is sufficient. Here, though we are not changing the default value, we specify distribution = approximate(nresample = 100000) to demonstrate how to change the number of MC simulations if needed.

Approximative General Independence Test

```
data: creat_14_7 by sex_14_7 (Men, Women)
Z = 1.33, p-value = 0.3
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```

The coin package provides many tests. However, I am not sure of the result they return. We, will try another path.

```
replicate(10000,
    expr = t.test(tbl_2_10$chol ~ sample(tbl_2_10$chd),
```

```
var.equal =FALSE)$statistic) -> reptt
prop.table(table(abs(reptt) >= t_14_11$statistic))
```

We use replicate to repeat an expression a specified number of times. The first argument to replicate is the number of repetitions. Next, the expression that needs to be replicated is provided. In our example, we ask for a t test to be done with the variance assumed to be unequal. The means of cholesterol levels are compared between the groups determined by chd. This is similar to the usual t.test. The difference lies in the fact that chd is sampled without replacement, in effect shuffled, each time. The function sample returns a sample of specified size from its first argument. If no numbers are specified, the number of samples is equal to the number in the original argument. By default, replace = FALSE. This means that under the default options, we get a random permutation of the original vector. Thus, at each repetition of the test, the cholesterol values are categorised against a random permutation of the observed chd outcome variable. Next, we check what proportion of the values produced by repetitions are larger than the statistic calculated in the observed sample.

```
FALSE TRUE 0.945 0.055
```

A permutation test for the Wilcoxon test is done similarly.

The proportion of the replicated values greater than the observed test statistic is one sided. So, we need to multiply it with two.

```
TRUE 0.0488
```

The wilcox_test of coin may also be used.

```
Approximative Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney Test
```

```
data: chol by factor(chd) (1, 2) Z = 1.99, p-value = 0.044
```

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alternative hypothesis: true mu is not equal to 0 We proceed to calculate the difference in medians.

The function tapply applies the function supplied as its FUN argument to the categories of values of the first argument as determined by the combination of the other factor argument(s) supplied. Here, we ask it to calculate the median of the cholesterol vector as grouped by the values in the *chd* vector. Thus, we will get two values. We pass the result to diff which calculates the difference between the consecutive members of its argument. Thus, we get the difference between the two medians of cholesterol in the two CHD groups.

We use replicate to repeat this exercise 10,000 times, with the change that each time a permuted sample of *chd* is provided. Finally, we calculate the proportion of the repetitions in which the absolute value of calculated difference in medians exceed absolute value of the observed difference.

```
FALSE TRUE 0.9579 0.0421
```

14.6 Missing values

Example 14.12 (page 711)

We now turn to the topic of missing data.

Note the option na. It is used to specify which character(s) should be considered as representing missing data. In R, the missing data is marked as NA, a logical value.

Let us calculate the mean of sbp.

```
mean(tbl_14_8$sbp)
```

The result may surprise the newcomer. When there are NAs in a data, the result of most functions is NA. We have to specify explicitly that the missing data has to be omitted for calculations.

```
mean(tbl_14_8$sbp, na.rm = TRUE)
```

[1] 146.53

R also provides many functions like is.na, anyNA, na.action etc. to check if any of the variables are NAs. Equally useful are functions like Desc from DescTools, describe from Hmisc and skim from skimr which will summarise data in more useful ways including distinct values, extreme values... in addition to providing info on NAs.

Here, we see the result of marginplot of VIM. Remember to install VIM using install.packages as described in chapter 1. It accepts a data frame or matrix with two columns.

The marginplot produces a visual summary of missing values in the two columns of a data frame. We subset the data frame to select the two columns we want to compare. In addition to a scatter plot, it shows two boxplots each on the margins of both axes. One for the NAs in the other variable and one for which values are available for the other variable. The boxplots are colour coded and the number of NAs are also shown. The col argument decides the color palette used. The NAs are also shown in univariate scatter plots. The package also has an aggr function which compares all combinations of columns in a data frame for missing values. It has summary and plot methods too.

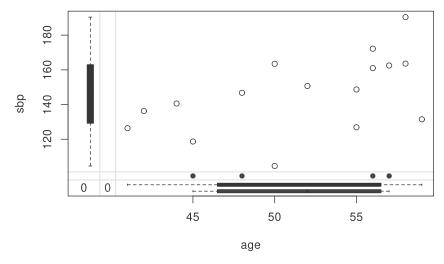


FIGURE 14.8 Marginplot showing the missing values in example 14.12

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The function na.omit will return complete cases for analysis.

```
anyNA(tbl_14_8)
anyNA(na.omit(tbl_14_8))
```

- [1] TRUE
- [1] FALSE

14.7 Naive imputation methods

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We may apply mean imputation by subsetting the NA values and assigning them new values.

```
tbl_14_8$sbp -> sbp
tbl_14_8$sbp
```

First, we save the systolic blood pressure variable as a new vector to avoid overwriting the original values.

```
sbp[is.na(sbp)] <- mean(sbp, na.rm = TRUE)
sbp</pre>
```

```
[1] 163.5 126.4 150.7 190.4 172.2 NA 136.3 146.8 162.5 161.0 148.7 163.6
```

[13] NA 140.6 NA 118.7 NA 104.6 131.5 126.9

```
[1] 163.50 126.40 150.70 190.40 172.20 146.53 136.30 146.80 162.50 161.00
```

[11] 148.70 163.60 146.53 140.60 146.53 118.70 146.53 104.60 131.50 126.90

Inspecting the vector after assignment confirms that all the NAs have been changed to the mean values. The function impute from Hmisc can also perform simple imputation allowing the choice of custom functions or random values.

```
_____Example 14.14 (page 717)
```

We will use regressionImp to perform conditional mean imputation and regression imputation.

The function accepts a regression formula, decides the regression method automatically and imputes missing values for the column on the left-hand side of the formula. A new column is also created to carry a logical indicator to show if the value is imputed or original. Its name is created by joining the name of the original column, "_" and the argument imp_suffix, the default for which is "imp". Thus the new column is named sbp_imp. If we don't want the indicator column, we may set imp_var to FALSE.

We pass the data frame with imputed values to marginplot.

Now, the dataframe supplied to marginplot should have the indicator column showing the nature of the values. The delimiter option is used to set the string added to the name of the original variable to make the name of the indicator variable. Note that though the value of imp_suffix in regressionImp is "imp", the value of delimiter for marginplot is "_imp", with an underscore prefixed to imp_suffix. The plot highlights the imputed values as it does for missing values. The clip is used to specify the clipping co-ordinates for the plots that follow the command. We intend to draw the regression line over the margin plot. But, we want it to be within the limits of the data. So, we specify x and y coordinates for the clipping rectangle as the maximum and minimum of the two variables. After setting the clipping area, we draw the regression line using abline. We provide it with the coefficients returned by the regression as its coef argument. Note that VIM has scattMiss which will plot just the scatterplot if you really don't want the marginplot.

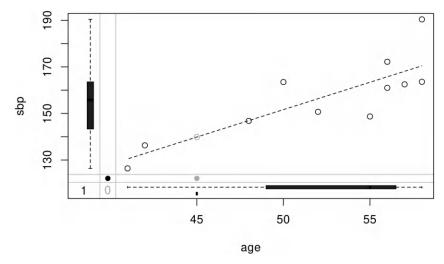


FIGURE 14.9 Replication of figure 14.9

For conditional mean imputation, all we have to do is change the right-hand side of the formula supplied to regressionImp to the categorical variable.

```
regressionImp(sbp ~ sex, data = tbl_14_8) -> seximp_14_8
```

For regression imputing based on several conditional variables, all we need do is include all the variable on the right-hand side of the formula supplied to regressionImp.

```
regressionImp(sbp ~ age + sex, data = tbl_14_8) -> imp_14_8
```

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The hot deck imputation method is achieved by hotdeck.

```
hotdeck(tbl_14_8,
     variable = "sbp",
     ord_var = "age",
     domain_var = "sex")
```

The argument variable is used to specify the variables with missing value. The domain_var determines the variables used for cross classifications. The variables specified as ord_var is used for sorting the data set before imputation.

```
sex age
             sbp sbp_imp
1
     1 50 163.5
                   FALSE
2
     1
       41 126.4
                   FALSE
3
        52 150.7
     1
                   FALSE
4
     1
       58 190.4
                   FALSE
5
     1
       56 172.2
                   FALSE
6
     1
       45 136.3
                    TRUE
7
     1
       42 136.3
                   FALSE
       48 146.8
8
     1
                   FALSE
9
     1 57 162.5
                   FALSE
10
     1
        56 161.0
                   FALSE
        55 148.7
11
     1
                   FALSE
12
     1
        58 163.6
                   FALSE
13
     2
       57 126.9
                    TRUE
14
     2
        44 140.6
                   FALSE
15
     2
        56 126.9
                    TRUE
     2 45 118.7
16
                   FALSE
     2
17
       48 118.7
                    TRUE
     2
       50 104.6
18
                   FALSE
19
     2
       59 131.5
                   FALSE
     2 55 126.9
                   FALSE
20
```

The imputed data shows the imputed values.

14.8 Univariate multiple imputation

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We need the package mice for multiple imputations. Remember to install it using install.packages as described in chapter 1. For the three steps of multiple imputation, it provides three functions.

```
library(mice)
filter(tbl_14_8, sex == "1") -> tblm_14_8
mice(tblm_14_8,
    m = 5,
    method = "norm",
    seed = 123,
    printFlag = FALSE) -> mitblm_14_8
complete(mitblm_14_8, action = "repeated") |>
    select(starts_with("sbp")) |>
    slice(6)
```

The function mice does the first step of producing the imputed data sets. It requires the original dataframe with missing values. The number of imputations required is specified through m, the default value of which is 5. mice also gives many options for the actual imputation method, which we may specify through method argument. Here, we selected "norm" as we want it to assume a normal distribution with random errors. The function mice accepts a random seed which we specify using the argument seed. We use printFlag = FALSE to suppress the messages that flash on the screen during computation.

We may use complete to access the dataframes completed by mice through imputation. The action argument determines the structure of the dataframe. Here we choose "repeated". We select only those columns, the names of which start with "sbp" using the helper function starts_with and then slice the row number 6 to show the imputed value for the sixth male.

```
sbp.1 sbp.2 sbp.3 sbp.4 sbp.5
1 136.82 155.07 146.51 130.31 155.08
```

The function that the package provides for the next step of estimating the quantity required is with.

```
with(mitblm_14_8, mean(sbp))
```

We supply the imputed data object returned by mice (called a mids object by mice) to with along with the expression that needs to be evaluated on each of the data sets. It returns a list with as many components as the number of repetitions used to build the mids object. Each element of the list will be the result returned by the expression supplied to with. Thus, we will have a list of five means.

For the final step of combining the results from each of the different data sets into one, we have pool. However, it can handle only model objects. So, we cheat it.

```
summary(
  pool(
    with(mitblm_14_8, lm(sbp ~ 1))))
```

With with, we use 1m regressing sbp against a constant to get the mean of sbp, which becomes the argument for pool. pool returns many statistics including the averaged estimate from all the different models. Here, we use summary to show a restricted set.

We will now try to recreate table 14.9.

First, we use mice to build the imputed dataframes and then bind them together using complete. By default, mice uses all the columns in the imputer's model. Here, we rely on the default. Now, we select the required columns to get the basic table. The function num_range is a helper function to select columns. It selects those columns named by adding the numbers given as its second argument one by one to its first argument. Here, we will get the columns sbp.1, sbp.2... sbp.5. The columns sex.0 and age.0 are the columns of the original data frame that was supplied to mice, which we asked complete to include in its result by specifying include = TRUE. In other words, complete returns as many columns as there are in the original dataframe, multiplied by the number of imputations (plus one if you specify include = TRUE). These are named by appending to the original column names a period followed by a number, starting with zero for the original columns. We use across to apply summarise the imputed columns selected using num_range to calculate various statistics like mean and sd.

TABLE 14.8 Replication of table 14.9

		Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)								
Sex	Age (yrs)	Observed	Imp1	Imp2	Imp3	Imp4	Imp5			
1	50	163.5000	163.5000	163.5000	163.500	163.5000	163.5000			
1	41	126.4000	126.4000	126.4000	126.400	126.4000	126.4000			
1	52	150.7000	150.7000	150.7000	150.700	150.7000	150.7000			
1	58	190.4000	190.4000	190.4000	190.400	190.4000	190.4000			
1	56	172.2000	172.2000	172.2000	172.200	172.2000	172.2000			
1	45		132.0063	171.4862	130.140	116.9105	132.9174			
1	42	136.3000	136.3000	136.3000	136.300	136.3000	136.3000			
1	48	146.8000	146.8000	146.8000	146.800	146.8000	146.8000			
1	57	162.5000	162.5000	162.5000	162.500	162.5000	162.5000			
1	56	161.0000	161.0000	161.0000	161.000	161.0000	161.0000			
1	55	148.7000	148.7000	148.7000	148.700	148.7000	148.7000			
1	58	163.6000	163.6000	163.6000	163.600	163.6000	163.6000			
2	57		134.2187	110.2050	140.296	156.3410	145.8913			
2	44	140.6000	140.6000	140.6000	140.600	140.6000	140.6000			
2	56		125.6618	118.1960	146.536	139.5365	136.4099			
2	45	118.7000	118.7000	118.7000	118.700	118.7000	118.7000			
2	48		125.3708	123.8276	124.431	124.5686	117.8033			
2	50	104.6000	104.6000	104.6000	104.600	104.6000	104.6000			
2	59	131.5000	131.5000	131.5000	131.500	131.5000	131.5000			
2	55	126.9000	126.9000	126.9000	126.900	126.9000	126.9000			
		146.5250	143.0829	143.4057	144.290	144.0878	143.8711			
		5.5296	4.6866	5.2324	4.598	4.7914	4.6765			

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We use pool.scalar for estimating the imputation summaries.

The function pool.scalar requires the estimate and square of the standard error, calculated for each group, as two vectors, along with the number of observations.

```
$m
[1] 5
$qhat
[1] 143.08 143.41 144.29 144.09 143.87
$u
[1] 21.964 27.378 21.142 22.958 21.869
```

```
$qbar
[1] 143.75

$ubar
[1] 23.062

$b
[1] 0.24603

$t
[1] 23.357

$df
[1] 17.043

$r
[1] 0.012802

$fmi
[1] 0.11116
```

It returns a list with the mean of the estimates named qbar, the within variance named as ubar, between variance named as b and the total variance named as t. The relative increase in variance is named r, the fraction of information lost due to missingness is named fmi. The standard error of the pooled estimate needs to be calculated by hand.

```
sqrt(mipo_14_9$ubar + (mipo_14_9$m+1 *mipo_14_9$b/mipo_14_9$m))
```

[1] 5.302

The package provides many graphical methods for imputation diagnostics. The functions stripplot, xyplot, bwplot all of which colour codes the imputed data and show their distribution in relation to the original data.

```
_____Example 14.18 (page 729)
```

The default method for imputation in coin is "pmm", for predictive mean matching. It however supports many more methods if we want to use them. First, we will see the problem with the assumption of a normal distribution.

Here, we import the data and pass it to mice. We make sure that we specify method = "norm" as an additional argument. The result is supplied to stripplot.

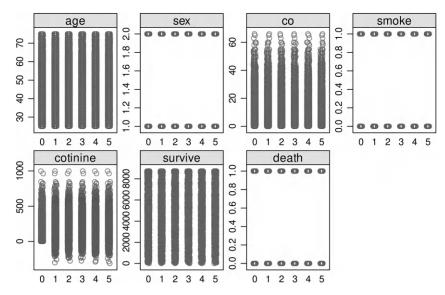


FIGURE 14.10 Imputed values assuming normal distribution visualised using strip plot

We can see that red coloured dots representing *cotinine* value in each of the five imputed samples dips down below zero.

We now pass the data to "mice" without specifying the method.

```
mice(data_14_18, seed = 456, printFlag = FALSE) -> mi_14.18
stripplot(mi_14.18)
```

The strip plot made with this imputed data doesn't have any value lesser than zero.

```
mi_14.18
```

If we print the mice object, we get to inspect the method and PredictorMatrix components of the mice object. The methods component gives the method used for imputing the missing values of different variables. Here, we see that the method "pmm" was used for cotinine and no method was used for other variables (because there were no missing values). The PredictorMatrix tells us which of the variables were considered to impute the missing values for a given variable. For cotinine, we can see that all other variables were considered. mice allows us to fine control the imputation process by changing the method for each of the variable via its method argument and the variables that will be considered by the methods for each variable via predictorMatrix argument. Various methods are supported by mice including logistic regression, polytomous regression, bootstrap methods etc.

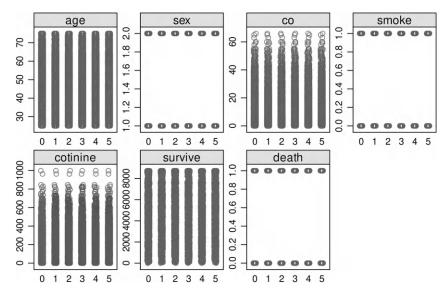


FIGURE 14.11

Imputed values without assumption of normal distribution visualised using strip plot

```
Class: mids
Number of multiple imputations: 5
Imputation methods:
                                                            death
     age
              sex
                               smoke cotinine
                                                survive
                         СО
                                         "pmm"
PredictorMatrix:
         age sex co smoke cotinine survive death
age
           0
               1
                  1
                         1
                                   1
                                           1
                                                  1
               0
                 1
                         1
                                  1
                                           1
sex
           1
               1
                  0
                         1
                                   1
                                           1
                                                  1
СО
           1
smoke
           1
               1
                  1
                         0
                                   1
                                           1
                                                 1
                                   0
cotinine
               1
                  1
                         1
                                           1
                                                 1
           1
               1 1
                         1
                                   1
                                           0
                                                  1
survive
```

Performing a complete case analysis and analysis with the imputed data follows.

```
pool(
  with(mi_14.18,
      coxph(Surv(survive, death) ~age + sex + cotinine + I(cotinine ^ 2))))
```

Note that when we pass the result of a regression analysis with the imputed data using with, the result can be passed directly to pool rather than calculating mean and variance by hand.

```
Call:
coxph(formula = Surv(survive, death) ~ age + sex + cotinine +
   I(cotinine^2), data = data_14_18)
                           exp(coef)
                                        se(coef)
                    coef
                                                    Z
age
              0.10006397 1.10524162 0.00328031 30.5 <2e-16
sex
             -0.48705026  0.61443615  0.06453271  -7.5  4e-14
              0.00393861 1.00394637 0.00047587 8.3 <2e-16
cotinine
I(cotinine^2) -0.00000308 0.99999692 0.00000096 -3.2 0.001
Likelihood ratio test=1272 on 4 df, p=<2e-16
n= 4530, number of events= 983
   (858 observations deleted due to missingness)
              m = 5
Class: mipo
                                     ubar
                                                              t dfcom
          term m
                      estimate
1
           age 5 0.0990461196 8.9913e-06 4.3046e-08 9.0429e-06 1198
           sex 5 -0.4160455262 3.3759e-03 1.9436e-05 3.3992e-03
      cotinine 5 0.0044824527 1.9169e-07 2.2885e-08 2.1915e-07 1198
4 I(cotinine^2) 5 -0.0000039715 7.7580e-13 1.3415e-13 9.3678e-13 1198
               riv
                      lambda
1 1177.75 0.0057451 0.0057123 0.0073964
2 1171.42 0.0069087 0.0068613 0.0085525
3 204.85 0.1432647 0.1253119 0.1337286
4 119.15 0.2075067 0.1718472 0.1854064
```

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We will now try to build table 14.11.

```
se20 = 10^7 * sqrt(ubar + ((m+1) * b/m)),
re20 = 100 * m/(m + fmi) ))
```

First, we create a custom function which will accept a random seed and then impute our data frame using mice, conduct regression as specified, pool the results and return the row corresponding to *cotinine*. We call this function repeatedly using lapply. Each time it is called, it will get a new seed from the first argument, the sequence from 1 to 10 and 11 to 20, given to lapply. The lapply is used twice, once with the imputation number set to 5 and once to 20. The results returned by lapply are row bound as a dataframe and modified using transmute to create new columns and remove all others. This sequence is done for both the lapply results and are bound together by bind_cols.

TABLE 14.9 Replication of table 14.11

	M = 5			M = 20	
Estimate ^a	SE^{b}	Relative efficiency (%)	Estimate ^a	SE^{b}	Relative efficiency (%)
45.157	4717.3	97.407	44.445	4514.9	99.566
45.665	4592.9	98.438	44.704	4495.5	99.653
44.190	4538.3	98.906	44.531	4578.7	99.470
44.087	4670.0	96.974	44.874	4600.3	99.522
44.755	4890.7	95.569	45.156	4754.4	99.297
44.686	4800.0	96.419	44.574	4608.7	99.434
46.594	4905.8	95.954	44.211	4546.3	99.506
43.618	4591.2	97.624	44.627	4555.8	99.576
44.649	4536.6	98.123	44.822	4515.3	99.645
44.021	4664.0	96.988	44.537	4611.0	99.471

^a Results multiplied by ten thousand

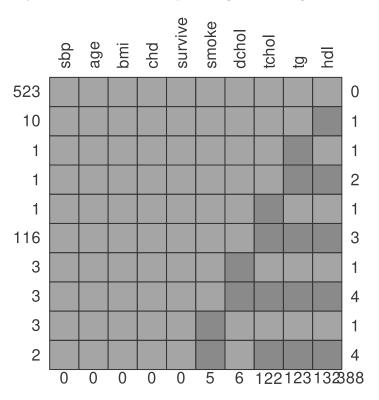
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We now turn to example 14.20

^b Results multiplied by ten million

First, we inspect the missing pattern using md.pattern. We supply rotate.names = TRUE so that the labels are vertical - to avoid overlapping. This graph contains all the information that is shown in Output 14.8. In addition to the plot which is similar to that obtained by plotting the result of aggr of VIM, md.pattern also returns the numbers as a matrix. We may save that, say, if we want to calculate percentages of missing.



	sbp	age	bmi	chd	survive	smoke	dchol	tchol	tg	hdl	
523	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
116	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
3	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	122	123	132	388

We may use cor to calculate and display the correlation between different variables.

```
cor(data_14_20[, c("tchol", "hdl", "tg","dchol","age", "sbp", "bmi")],
    use = "pairwise.complete.obs",
    method = "spearman") |>
```

```
data.frame() |>
rownames_to_column()
```

We have specified use = "pairwise.complete.obs" to ask cor to compute correlation using only those cases where the variables under consideration both have non NA values. The method = "spearman" instructs cor to use the Spearman correlation coefficient.

```
tchol hdl tg dchol age sbp bmi
tchol 1.00000 0.29368473 0.41298 0.1096478 0.49391 0.31182119 0.19573
hdl 0.29368 1.00000000 -0.32649 0.0073132 0.10273 0.00063938 -0.18563
tg 0.41298 -0.32649061 1.00000 0.1162353 0.39421 0.31810453 0.37888
dchol 0.10965 0.00731321 0.11624 1.0000000 0.10772 0.09092713 0.09005
age 0.49391 0.10273042 0.39421 0.1077201 1.00000 0.50507877 0.22124
sbp 0.31182 0.00063938 0.31810 0.0909271 0.50508 1.00000000 0.29136
bmi 0.19573 -0.18563472 0.37888 0.0900502 0.22124 0.29136238 1.00000
```

The function aggregate can be used to calculate the mean cholesterol, aggregating the values according to chd or smoke.

```
aggregate(tchol ~ chd, FUN = mean, data = data_14_20)
aggregate(tchol ~ smoke, FUN = mean, data = data_14_20)
```

```
chd tchol
1 0 6.3250
2 1 7.2732

smoke tchol
1 0 6.3230
2 1 6.6664
```

We will now try to do the actual imputation.

```
mutate(data_14_20, ltg = log(tg)) -> data_14_20
mice(select(data_14_20, -c("tg")),
    printFlag = FALSE,
    m = 20,
    seed = 567,
    maxit = 0,
    method = "norm") -> mi_14_20
mi_14_20$post -> pst
trimupper <- function(x) {ifelse(round(x) > 1,1,round(x))}
trimlower <- function(x) {ifelse(x < 0 ,0,x)}</pre>
"imp[[j]][,i] <- trimlower(imp[[j]][,i])" -> pst["dchol"]
```

```
"imp[[j]][,i] <- trimlower(imp[[j]][,i])" -> pst["hdl"]
"imp[[j]][,i] <- trimlower(imp[[j]][,i])" -> pst["tchol"]
"imp[[j]][,i] <- trimupper(imp[[j]][,i])" -> pst["smoke"]

mice(select(data_14_20, -c("tg")),
    printFlag = FALSE,
    m = 20,
    seed = 678,
    maxit = 20,
    method = "norm",
    post = pst) -> mi_14_20
```

First, we mutate the data to log transform the triglyceride value. Next, we use mice to do a mock imputation. We use the arguments we need, but keep maxit, the number of iterations zero. This is stored for the next step, where we extract the post object of the result given by mice after the mock imputation. The argument post decides what post processing is done on the imputed values. Though, by default it is a simple character vector with empty strings for all its elements, it is easier to get it from a mock imputation and modify rather than make it by hand from scratch. Next, we define two custom functions. One will convert its argument to zero if it is less than zero, otherwise it will return the original value. The second function, following the textbook, is to convert the imputed values for *smoke* to zero or one, by rounding all values to the nearest integer. However, I doubt that this method is fool proof. It can round to nearest negative numbers too. Any way, we will take the path laid out in the textbook.

Next, we change the value of the four elements of *pst*. It is changed to a string that assigns imp[[j]][,i] the value returned by one of our custom functions when supplied the original value of imp[[j]][,i]. The imp[[j]][,i] is the jth imputation, ith column. This string is executed to obtain new values from the imputed value. The name post refers to post processing.

Now, we do the actual imputation. This time increasing the miter to 20, and specifying the value of post as pst.

To obtain a trace plot, we need to supply the mice object to plot.

```
plot(mi_14_20, tchol ~ .it | .ms, layout = c(1,2))
```

By default, trace plots of mean and sd of imputed values for all the variables will be plotted. We can specify a formula to change this behaviour. Here, we ask to plot the tchol against .it in two panels – one for means and one for standard deviation. The .it and .ms are two variables made available by the function. The .it identifies the iteration and .ms identifies the value as mean or standard deviation. Each line plots the value for one imputation as it varies over the iterations we have specified. The option layout = c(1,2) is used to tell that we want the panels arranged in one column and two rows.

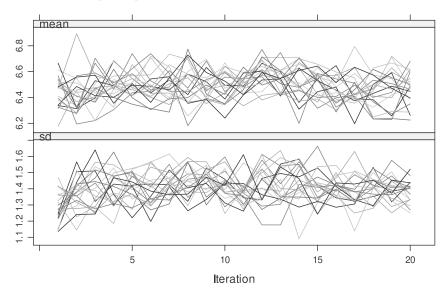


FIGURE 14.12 Replication of figure 14.12

We can use densityplot to plot kernel density plots.

We pass the mice object to densityplot and specify the details via a formula. For densityplot, the left-hand side of the formula is empty. The variables for which we want to plot density is specified on the right-hand side. Here, we need only *tchol*. We get density for each of the 20 imputations overlaid on top of the density for the observed values. If we want each of the curves on a different panel, we can add | . imp to the formula.

While R does provide an acf function to plot correlograms, it does not handle mice objects directly. Also, I couldn't understand which value is used for plotting the correlogram. If it is the mean of values averaged over each imputation, then we can use the code below to get the correlogram.

```
acf(colMeans(mi_14_20$imp$tchol),
  main = NA)
```

Here, we are using the imputed values of *tchol* extracted from the .imp component of the mice object. It is structured as a dataframe with one column for each of the imputations, with as many rows as the number of missing values. The colMeans returns a vector with the calculated mean for all columns in the data frame supplied to it. Thus, we are passing a numerical vector to acf which calculates the correlation between lagged values and plots them.

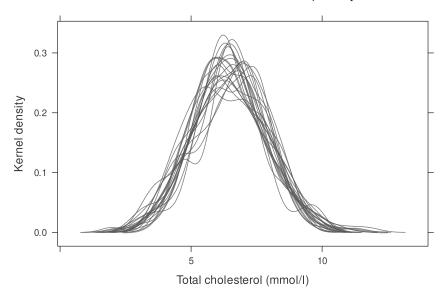


FIGURE 14.13 Replication of figure 14.14

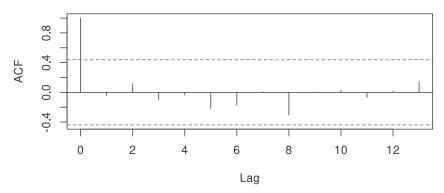


FIGURE 14.14 Replication of figure 14.13

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We will now try to build table 14.12.

We pool the result of regression and store it. We row bind the result of the pooled result and the result from complete case analysis after using tidy to convert the result to a dataframe. We tell tidy to exponentiate the estimates and also to provide a confidence interval. We also add an identifier column before binding the results. From the combined results, we select the required columns and convert it to wide format. We specify name_sep as "\n" so that the column headings formed from the values in *identifier* and the column names specified in values_from are joined together using a newline to ensure that it is not too wide to print. The argument names_vary is used to determine the order in which the column names resulting from widening are combined. We want the columns from one type of analysis to be together rather than be separated by the columns from the other analysis. So, we opt for "slowest".

TABLE 14.10 Replication of table 14.12

	Complete cases					Multiple imputation			
Variable (units)	Estimate	95% CI high	95% CI low	p	Estimate	95% CI high	95% CI low	p	
age	1.0937			0.00000080377				0.0000043824	
I(sbp/10) bmi	1.0495 1.0765			$0.34224621589 \\ 0.00569220828$				0.4372858342 0.0211342578	
${ m smoke} \ { m tchol}$	$1.5292 \\ 1.2396$			$\begin{array}{c} 0.07174524459 \\ 0.03140511451 \end{array}$				$\begin{array}{c} 0.1266961785 \\ 0.0302470823 \end{array}$	

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We now turn to example 14.22.

```
m = 20,
     seed = 789,
     maxit = 20,
     method = mthd) -> mi_14_22_lg
mice(data_14_22,
     printFlag = FALSE,
     m = 20,
     seed = 890,
     maxit = 20,
     method = "norm") -> mi_14_22_nr
with(mi_14_22_lg,
     coxph(Surv(survive, chd) ~age + I(sbp/10)+ bmi + smoke + bchol)) |>
  pool() -> rslt_mi_14_22_lg
with(mi_14_22_nr,
     coxph(Surv(survive, chd) ~age + I(sbp/10)+ bmi + smoke + bchol)) |>
  pool() -> rslt_mi_14_22_nr
bind_cols(Method = c("Complete cases",
                     "Data Augmentation",
                     "Chained equations"),
          bind_rows(
            filter(
              tidy(
                coxph(Surv(survive, chd) ~age+I(sbp/10)+ bmi+smoke+bchol,
                      data = data_14_22),
                conf.int = TRUE),
              term == "bcholTRUE"),
            filter(tidy(rslt_mi_14_22_nr,
                        conf.int = TRUE),
                   term == "bchol"),
            filter(tidy(rslt_mi_14_22_lg,
                        conf.int = TRUE),
                   term == "bchol")) |>
            select(c("estimate", "std.error","conf.low",
                      "conf.high","p.value")))
```

First, we mutate the data to create the new binary cholesterol value. Then, we run a mock imputation and select the method component from it. We modify it to make the value for bchol to "logreg" to mean logistic regression. Now, we impute values supplying the modified mthd as method. We also perform another imputation where the method is "norm" for all variables. We pool the result for both the imputations and save it. We pass these results to tidy, asking it to give the confidence intervals, select the row for bchol and row bind them with the corresponding row from complete case analysis. We also add a column to identify the methods.

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	Method	estimate	std.error	conf.low	conf.high	p.value
	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
1	Complete cases	0.612	0.306	0.0128	1.21	0.0453
2	Data Augmentation	0.598	0.329	-0.0709	1.27	0.0780
3	Chained equations	0.549	0.293	-0.0392	1.14	0.0667

14.10 Recap

14.10.1 Commands introduced in this chapter

- boot::boot
- ggplot2::geom_bar
- ggplot2::guide_axis
- ggplot2::scale_x_binned
- ggplot2::geom_qq
- boot::boot.ci
- base::as.character
- base::do.call
- base::rbind.data.frame
- ggplot2::theme_void
- stats::as.formula
- base::is.null
- base::dim
- readr::read delim
- base::return
- lmtest::coefci
- sandwich::vcovHC
- DescTools::Permn
- coin::independence test
- coin::approximate
- base::replicate

- coin::wilcox_test
- VIM::marginplot
- base::anyNA
- stats::na.omit
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Final Words

In this final chapter, I want to give you some tips to hone your R skill.

Literate programming

Many a times in this book, you will come across situations where I used code to refer to small piece of information that could have been copied and pasted. When we copy and paste, there are chances of error like leaving out a digit. The real problem surfaces when situations demand us to revise or repeat calculations after correcting errors in the original data. How can we be sure that we changed the values at all places? It is not easy. The answer to this problem is literate programming. Literate programming refers to mixing code within the prose we write. One of R's solution is by means of an Rmd file, to mean R markdown file. We write a plain text file with certain markups to indicate formatting or more importantly code. We use a package knitr, which will run the code and replace it with its result in the final output. If we develop the habit of referring all results using code, we need not worry about changing it at any place; all we need is rerun the Rmd file using knitr. I am not going to give you further details as there are excellent tutorials out there to cover this easy topic. A favourite of mine is the free online tutorial called "knitr in a knutshell" available at https://kbroman.org/knitr knutshell/. I strongly recommend you to go through this tutorial as support for literate programming is one of the best part of R and you need to understand it clearly to achieve efficiency.

Presentation

Throughout this book, the focus has been on reproducing the results, not exactly on presenting them. When we adapt literate programming, we need to take care about presentation using R code as well. Though we have discussed graphs in some detail, we have just touched upon tables. Of the many packages available to format tables, I have introduced tinytable. However, I have not gone into the details. The user guide for the package available at https://vincentarelbundock.github.io/tinytable/#tutorial is the source to master the package. There are many other packages for the same purpose including flextable, kable, kableExtra and huxtable. While I was preparing this book, I was using flextable, but changed to tinytable at the very end as the LATEX code generated by it was rather bulky. At the time of writing this book, tinytable version was still under 1. But, it was very usable and I recommend it over flextable especially if the output you want is LATEX.

The package broom which we used many times is another package helpful for presentation. It converts many results, especially of modelling, to dataframes which we may format using tinytable.

\mathbf{R}

While we have covered a lot of R, I have not gone through in conventional order. I would suggest you to go through the short "An introduction to R" that comes with R and also available at https://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/r-release/R-intro.pdf. In under 100 pages it gives a succinct introduction to R. While we have covered most of the topics included in it, reading it should help you organise your R knowledge.

The tidyverse is a relatively new alternative to the base R methods. In our book, we have used both base R and tidyverse methods. The book "R for Data Science" available at https://r4ds.hadley.nz/ is an excellent source to consolidate what you have learned here about tidyverse.

Help

We saw about the inbuilt help. Most packages also have vignettes, which teach you the typical use of the packages, how the various functions that the package provide are related to each other. The command vignette lists all the vignettes from all the installed packages. It also allows you to restrict to one vignette or package if you specify them. To know about a package, especially a new one, you need to check its vignette. When you know the package, but want details of a specific function, then you need to use the ? function.

When you cannot find the answers to your questions from the above sources, there are many online communities to turn to. The best, I think, are the Stack Exchange sites Stack Overflow (https://stackoverflow.com/) and Cross Validated (https://stats.stackexchange.com/).

Advanced R

Hands-On Programming with R: Write Your Own Functions and Simulations available at https://rstudio-education.github.io/hopr/, Advanced R available at https://adv-r.hadley.nz/ and R Packages: Organize, Test, Document, and Share Your Code available at https://r-pkgs.org/ are some of the books for you to consider when you want to take your R skills to the next level.

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