Exploratory Data Analysis Module III: Deep Dive

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Previously:

- Covered a broad overview
- Looked at more detail
- Ran through examples

This time: look at more advanced techniques of exploratory data analysis

- Visualizing more dimensions
- Model selection
- Complex plots



Reviewing the Basics 🕃

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- Visualizing more dimensions
 - Bubble graph
 - 3D scatterplot
 - Principle Components Analysis (PCA)
- Variable selection
 - Model selection
- Complex plots
 - Scatterplot Matrix
 - Multiple bar plots
 - Scatterplot with factors



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Visualizing More Dimensions

- Three numerical variables on one graph
 - Bubble graph
 - Typical X-Y scatterplot of first two variables
 - Third variables is scaled by size of the point (bubble)
 - 3D scatterplot
 - Scatter plot runs in 3 dimensions
 - X, Y, and Z
- Many numerical variables on one graph
 - Principle Components Analysis (PCA)







Visualizing More Dimensions

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1) What does this picture tell us about the relationship between height, weight and age?

2) Based on the PCA summary of 6 car variables and the plot, how many components capture the majority of variance?

3) Which of the following variables could be colored in a 3D plot: height, weight, age, college major









Variable selection

- Model Selection
 - Lots of predictor variables
 - Need to trim down to only ones that are important
 - Can't try every combination if there are lots of variables
 - Forwards, backwards, and stepwise selection



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- Scatterplot Matrix
 - Compare many numerical variables at once
- Multiple bar plots
 - Compare numerical variable across multiple categorical variables
- Scatterplot with factors
 - Compare two numerical variables across categories



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- Variables should be relevant to research questions
 - If you look at enough variables, you're bound to find correlations by chance (mining for significance)
 - Scatterplot matrices can help identify correlated covariates
- Limitations to visualizing complex data
 - Tables are appropriate alternatives
- Exploratory data visualization is not analysis
 - Need to follow up visualization with appropriate statistical analyses

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Real World Examples

Siegel, R. L., Miller, K.D., Jemal, A. (2020). "Cancer statistics, 2020." <u>CA Cancer</u> Journal for Clinicians **70**(1).



FIGURE 4. Five-Year Relative Survival Rates for Selected Cancers by Race and Stage at Diagnosis, United States, 2009 to 2015. "The standard error of the survival rate is between 5 and 10 percentage points. "The survival rate for carcinoma in situ of the urinary bladder is 95% in all races, 95% in whites, and 91% in blacks. Daccotá. DAKOTA CANCER COLLABORATIVE ON TRANSLATIONAL ACTIVITY



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Fig. 2. QTL discovery. (**A**) The number of genes with a cis-eQTL (eGenes) or cis-sQTL (sGenes) per tissue, as a function of sample size. See Fig. 1A for the legend of tissue colors. (**B**) Allelic heterogeneity of cis-eQTLs depicted as proportion of eGenes with one or more independent cis-eQTLs (blue stacked bars; left *y* axis) and as a mean number of cis-eQTLs per gene (red dots; right *y* axis). The tissues are ordered by sample size. (**C**) The number of genes

with a trans-eQTL as a function of the number of cis-eGenes. (**D**) Sex-biased cis-eQTL for *AURKA* in skeletal muscle, where rs2273535-T is associated with increased *AURKA* expression in males ($P = 9.02 \times 10^{-27}$) but not in females (P = 0.75). (**E**) Population-biased cis-eQTL for *SLC44A5* in esophagus mucosa [aFC = -2.85 and -4.82 and in African Americans (AA) and European Americans (EA), respectively; permutation *P* value = 1.2×10^{-3}]. TPM, transcripts per million.





Summary and Conclusion

- Lots of methods for more advanced data exploration and visualization
- Helps to understand data more
- Increasingly useful in the era of large dataset and complex analyses

