

The Statistical Sleuth in R:

Chapter 3

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1 Introduction

This document is intended to help describe how to undertake analyses introduced as examples in the Second Edition of the *Statistical Sleuth* (2002) by Fred Ramsey and Dan Schafer. More information about the book can be found at <http://www.proaxis.com/~panorama/home.htm>. This file as well as the associated `knitr` reproducible analysis source file can be found at <http://www.amherst.edu/~nhorton/sleuth>.

This work leverages initiatives undertaken by Project MOSAIC (<http://www.mosaic-web.org>), an NSF-funded effort to improve the teaching of statistics, calculus, science and computing in the undergraduate curriculum. In particular, we utilize the `mosaic` package, which was written to simplify the use of R for introductory statistics courses. A short summary of the R needed to teach introductory statistics can be found in the `mosaic` package vignette (<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/mosaic/vignettes/MinimalR.pdf>).

To use a package within R, it must be installed (one time), and loaded (each session). The package can be installed using the following command:

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```
> install.packages('mosaic') # note the quotation marks
```

Once this is installed, it can be loaded by running the command:

```
> require(mosaic)
```

This needs to be done once per session.

In addition the data files for the *Sleuth* case studies can be accessed by installing the **Sleuth2** package.

```
> install.packages('Sleuth2') # note the quotation marks
```

```
> require(Sleuth2)
```

We also set some options to improve legibility of graphs and output.

```
> trellis.par.set(theme=col.mosaic()) # get a better color scheme for lattice
> options(digits=3, show.signif.stars=FALSE)
```

The specific goal of this document is to demonstrate how to calculate the quantities described in *Sleuth* Chapter 3: A Closer Look at Assumptions using R.

2 Cloud Seeding to Increase Rainfall

Does seeding clouds lead to more rainfall? This is the question being addressed by case study 3.1 in the *Sleuth*.

2.1 Summary statistics and graphical displays (untransformed)

We begin by reading the data and summarizing the variables.

```
> summary(case0301)
```

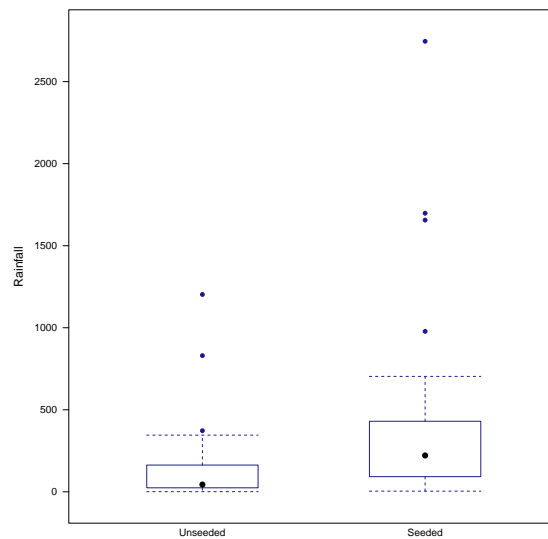
	Rainfall	Treatment
Min. :	1	Unseeded:26
1st Qu.:	29	Seeded :26
Median :	117	
Mean :	303	
3rd Qu.:	307	
Max. :	2746	

```
> favstats(Rainfall ~ Treatment, data=case0301)
```

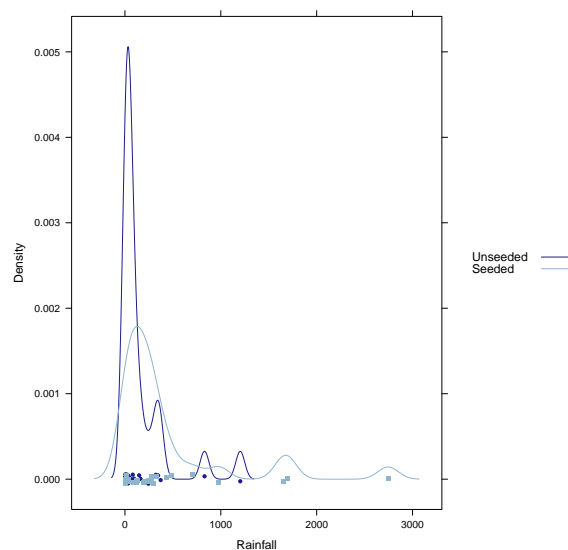
	Treatment	min	Q1	median	Q3	max	mean	sd	n	missing
1	Unseeded	1.0	24.8	44.2	159	1203	165	278	26	0
2	Seeded	4.1	98.1	221.6	406	2746	442	651	26	0

A total of 52 subjects were included in this data: 26 seeded days and 26 unseeded days (Display 3.1, page 57).

```
> bwplot(Rainfall ~ Treatment, data=case0301)
```



```
> densityplot(~Rainfall, groups=Treatment, auto.key=TRUE, data=case0301)
```



According to the boxplot and the density plot, the rainfall from seeded days seems to be larger than unseeded days. Both density curves are highly skewed to the right.

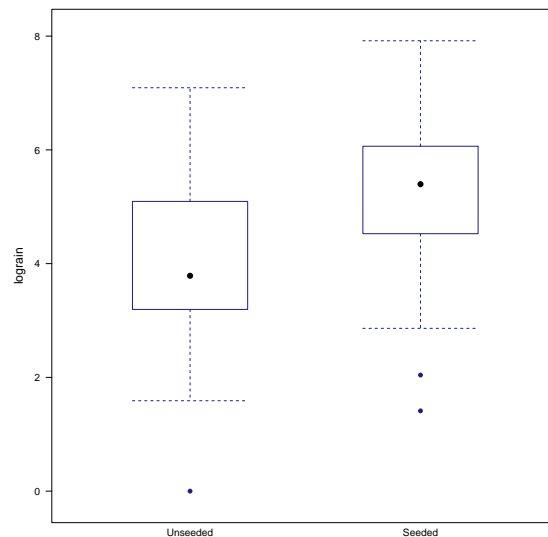
2.2 Summary statistics and graphical display (transformed)

The skewness suggests there is a need to apply the logarithmic transformation. The transformed data is shown on page 71 (Display 3.9).

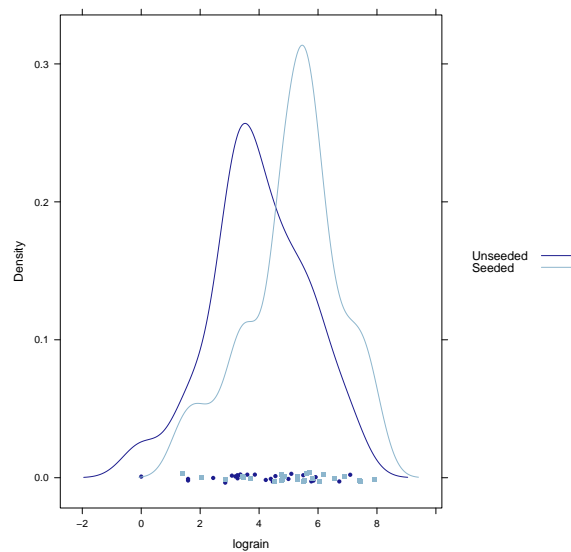
```
> case0301 = transform(case0301, lograin=log(Rainfall))
> favstats(lograin ~ Treatment, data=case0301)
```

Treatment	min	Q1	median	Q3	max	mean	sd	n	missing
1 Unseeded	0.00	3.21	3.79	5.07	7.09	3.99	1.64	26	0
2 Seeded	1.41	4.58	5.40	6.00	7.92	5.13	1.60	26	0

```
> bwplot(lograin ~ Treatment, data=case0301)
```



```
> densityplot(~lograin, groups=Treatment, auto.key=TRUE, data=case0301)
```



The log transformation reduces skewness of these two distributions.

2.3 Inferential procedures (two-sample t-test)

```
> t.test(Rainfall ~ Treatment, var.equal=FALSE, data=case0301)
```

Welch Two Sample t-test

data: Rainfall by Treatment

t = -2, df = 34, p-value = 0.05

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group Unseeded and group Seeded is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:

-559.56 4.76

sample estimates:

mean in group Unseeded	mean in group Seeded
165	442

```
> t.test(Rainfall ~ Treatment, var.equal=TRUE, data=case0301)
```

Two Sample t-test

data: Rainfall by Treatment

t = -2, df = 50, p-value = 0.05

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group Unseeded and group Seeded is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:

-556.22 1.43

sample estimates:

mean in group Unseeded	mean in group Seeded
165	442

The following corresponds to the calculations on page 71.

```
> summary(lm(lograin ~ Treatment, data=case0301))

Call:
lm(formula = lograin ~ Treatment, data = case0301)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-3.990 -0.745  0.162  1.019  3.102

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)    3.990     0.318   12.55  <2e-16
TreatmentSeeded  1.144     0.450    2.54  0.014

Residual standard error: 1.62 on 50 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.115, Adjusted R-squared:  0.0969
F-statistic: 6.47 on 1 and 50 DF,  p-value: 0.0141

> ttestlog = t.test(lograin ~ Treatment, data=case0301); ttestlog

Welch Two Sample t-test

data:  lograin by Treatment
t = -3, df = 50, p-value = 0.01
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group Unseeded and group Seeded is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -2.047 -0.241
sample estimates:
mean in group Unseeded    mean in group Seeded
                3.99                5.13
```

The two-sided p -value is $p = 0.014$ and the 95% confidence interval is between -2.05 and -0.24.

2.4 Interpretation of log model

The following code is used to calculate the “Summary of Statistical Findings” on page 57. First, we want to calculate the multiplier.

```
> obslogdiff = -diff(mean(lograin ~ Treatment, data=case0301)); obslogdiff

Seeded
-1.14

> multiplier = exp(obslogdiff); multiplier

Seeded
0.319
```

Next we can calculate the 95% confidence interval for the multiplier.

```
> ttestlog$conf.int

[1] -2.047 -0.241
attr(,"conf.level")
[1] 0.95

> exp(ttestlog$conf.int)

[1] 0.129 0.786
attr(,"conf.level")
[1] 0.95
```

3 Effects of Agent Orange on Troops in Vietnam

Is dioxin concentration related to veteran status? This is the question being addressed by case study 3.2 in the *Sleuth*.

3.1 Summary statistics and graphical display

We begin by reading the data and summarizing the variables.

```
> summary(case0302)

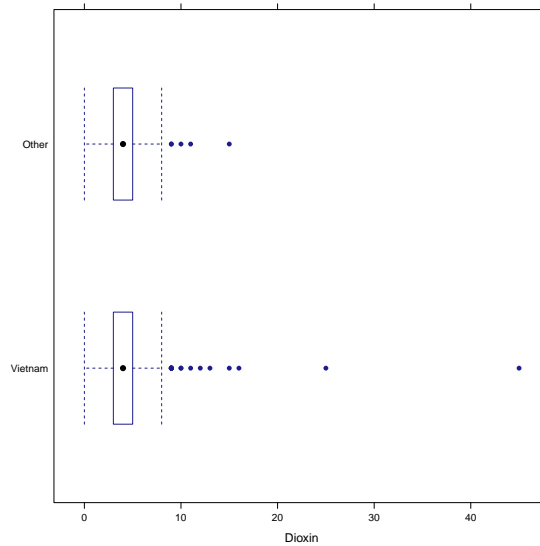
      Dioxin      Veteran
Min.   : 0.0  Vietnam:646
1st Qu.: 3.0  Other  : 97
Median : 4.0
Mean   : 4.3
3rd Qu.: 5.0
Max.   :45.0

> favstats(Dioxin ~ Veteran, data=case0302)

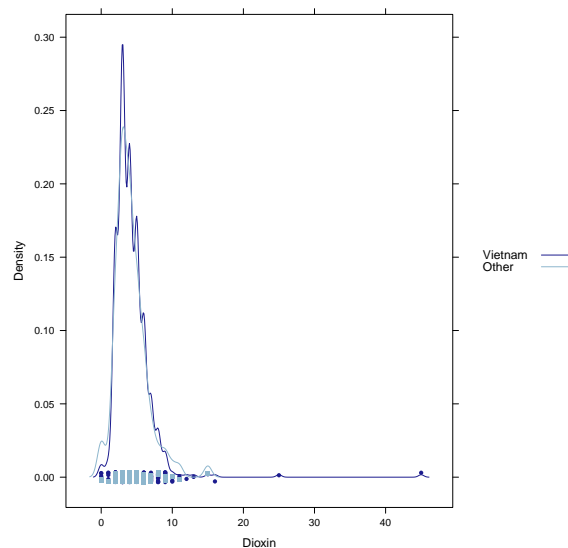
  Veteran min Q1 median Q3 max mean  sd  n missing
1 Vietnam  0  3     4  5  45 4.26 2.64 646      0
2  Other   0  3     4  5  15 4.19 2.30  97      0
```

A total of 743 veterans were included in this data: 646 served in Vietnam during 1967 and 1968 and 97 served in US or Germany during 1965 and 1971.

```
> bwplot(Veteran ~ Dioxin, data=case0302)
```



```
> densityplot(~Dioxin, groups=Veteran, auto.key=TRUE, data=case0302)
```



Both distributions are highly skewed to the right.

3.2 Inferential procedures (two-sample t-test)

The following code is used to calculate the “Summary of Statistical Findings” on page 60.


```

> t.test(Dioxin ~ Veteran, var.equal=TRUE, alternative="less", data=case0302)

Two Sample t-test

data: Dioxin by Veteran
t = 0.3, df = 741, p-value = 0.6
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group Vietnam and group Other is less
95 percent confidence interval:
 -Inf 0.541
sample estimates:
mean in group Vietnam    mean in group Other
                4.26                4.19

> t.test(Dioxin ~ Veteran, var.equal=TRUE, data=case0302)$conf.int

[1] -0.482  0.631
attr("conf.level")
[1] 0.95

```

So the one-sided p -value from a two-sample t -test is 0.604. The 95% confidence interval is (-0.48, 0.63).

3.3 Removing outliers

We will remove two extreme observations from the data. First we remove observation 646 and perform a t -test (Display 3.7, page 67).

```

> case0302.2 = case0302[-c(646), ]
> t.test(Dioxin ~ Veteran, alternative="less", data=case0302.2)

Welch Two Sample t-test

data: Dioxin by Veteran
t = 0.05, df = 121, p-value = 0.5
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group Vietnam and group Other is less
95 percent confidence interval:
 -Inf 0.422
sample estimates:
mean in group Vietnam    mean in group Other
                4.20                4.19

```

Next we remove observations 645 and 646 and perform a t -test.

```
> dim(case0302)

[1] 743  2

> case0302.3 = case0302[-c(645, 646), ]
> dim(case0302.3)

[1] 741  2

> t.test(Dioxin ~ Veteran, alternative="less", data=case0302.3)

Welch Two Sample t-test

data: Dioxin by Veteran
t = -0.09, df = 117, p-value = 0.5
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group Vietnam and group Other is less
95 percent confidence interval:
 -Inf 0.387
sample estimates:
mean in group Vietnam    mean in group Other
                4.16                4.19
```

Notice that after removing these outliers, the p -value and the confidence interval have changed but the substantive conclusion is unchanged.