

22S:166 Computing in Statistics

More on R

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Factors in R

- vector object used to specify a discrete classification (grouping) of the components of other vectors of the same length
- default way of storing character data in data frames
- used in formulas in R
- used in `tapply` function

Example

```
> help(state,package="datasets")
state                package:datasets          R Documentation
US State Facts and Figures

Description:

  Data sets related to the 50 states of the United States of America.

Usage:

  state.abb
  state.area
  state.center
  state.division
  state.name
  state.region
  state.x77

Details:

R currently contains the following "state" data sets. Note that all data are arranged according to alphabetical order of the state names.

'state.abb': character vector of 2-letter abbreviations for the state names.

'state.area': numeric vector of state areas (in square miles).

'state.center': list with components named 'x' and 'y' giving the approximate geographic center of each state in negative longitude and latitude. Alaska and Hawaii are placed just
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off the West Coast.

'state.division': factor giving state divisions (New England, Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic, East South Central, West South Central, East North Central, West North Central, Mountain, and Pacific).

'state.name': character vector giving the full state names.

'state.region': factor giving the region (Northeast, South, North Central, West) that each state belongs to.

'state.x77': matrix with 50 rows and 8 columns giving the following statistics in the respective columns.

'Population': population estimate as of July 1, 1975

'Income': per capita income (1974)

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'Area': land area in square miles

Source:
  U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (1977)
  _Statistical Abstract of the United States_.
  U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (1977) _County
  and City Data Book_.
```

References:
Becker, R. A., Chambers, J. M. and Wilks, A. R. (1988) *The New S Language*. Wadsworth & Brooks/Cole.

```
> data(state)

> statedf <- data.frame( abb = state.abb, div = state.division,
+ reg = state.region, state.x77[,c("Population", "Area")] )

> statedf[1:15,]
      abb      div      reg Population   Area
Alabama AL East South Central   South    3615  50708
Alaska  AK      Pacific        West     365 566432
Arizona AZ      Mountain       West    2212 113417
Arkansas AR West South Central   South    2110  51945
California CA      Pacific        West   21198 156361
Colorado CO      Mountain       West    2541 103766
Connecticut CT    New England   Northeast   3100   4862
Delaware DE    South Atlantic   South     579   1982
Florida FL    South Atlantic   South    8277  54090
Georgia GA    South Atlantic   South    4931  58073
Hawaii  HI      Pacific        West     868   6425
Idaho   ID      Mountain       West     813  82677
Illinois IL East North Central North Central 11197  55748
Indiana IN East North Central North Central  5313  36097
Iowa    IA West North Central North Central  2861  55941
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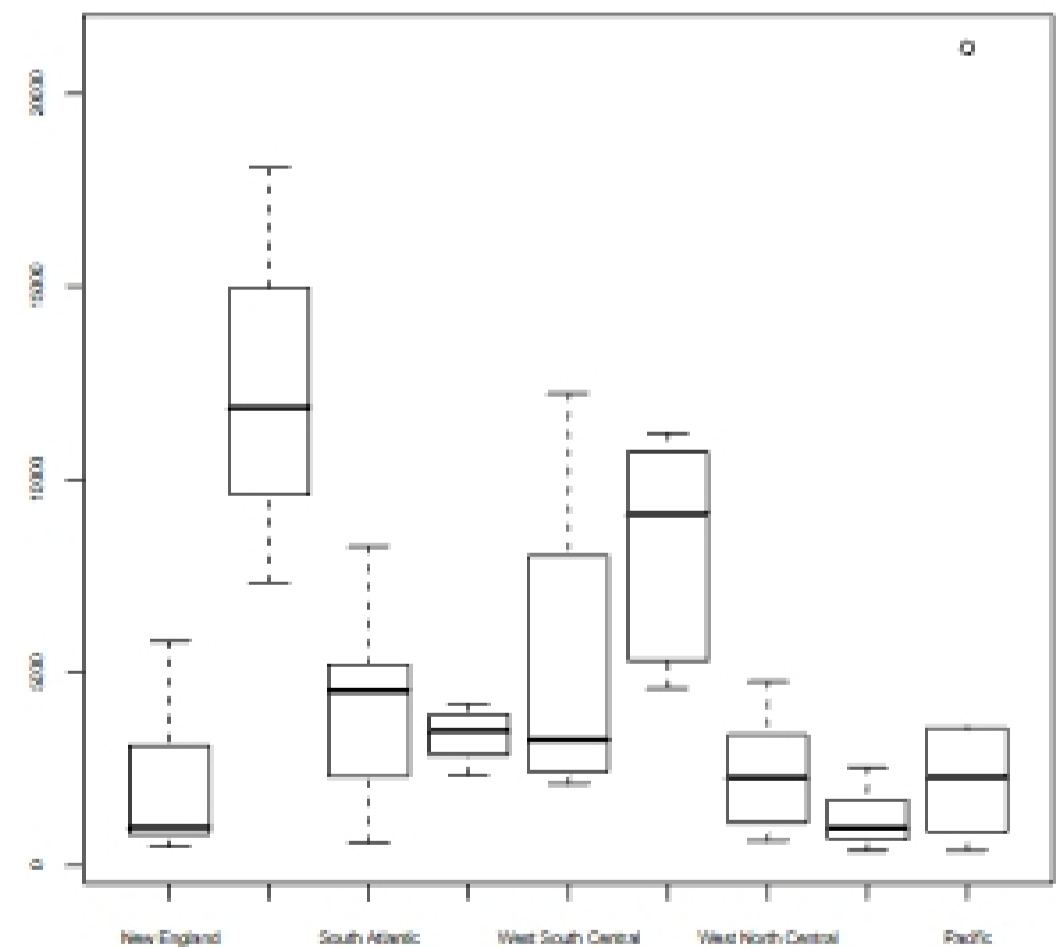
Functions operating on factors

```
> is.factor(statedf[, "div"])
[1] TRUE

> levels(statedf[, "div"])
[1] "New England"      "Middle Atlantic"  "South Atlantic"
[4] "East South Central" "West South Central" "East North Central"
[7] "West North Central" "Mountain"         "Pacific"
```

Using factors in formulas for plotting and model fitting

```
> boxplot( Population ~ div, data = statedf )
> boxplot( Population ~ div, data = statedf, pars=list(cex.axis=0.75))
> dev.copy2eps( file="~/166/lects2005/boxplotstatepop.ps", horizontal=T)
```



```
> summary(lm(Population ~ div, data = statedf))

Call:
lm(formula = Population ~ div, data = statedf)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-5289.8 -1667.4  -423.6   987.2 15543.2

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)      2031.2     1500.3   1.354 0.183207
divMiddle Atlantic 10391.8     2598.6   3.999 0.000259 ***
divSouth Atlantic  2087.1     1984.7   1.052 0.299154
divEast South Central 1347.8     2372.2   0.568 0.573013
divWest South Central 3185.8     2372.2   1.343 0.186664
divEast North Central 6157.8     2225.3   2.767 0.008446 **
divWest North Central  353.3     2044.6   0.173 0.863675
divMountain      -828.0     1984.7  -0.417 0.678704
divPacific       3623.6     2225.3   1.628 0.111109
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 3675 on 41 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.433,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.3224
F-statistic: 3.914 on 8 and 41 DF,  p-value: 0.001645
```

Graphics in R

Plotting functions in base R:

- High-level plotting functions create a new plot on the graphics device, possibly with axes, labels, titles and so on.
- Low-level plotting functions add more information to an existing plot, such as extra points, lines and labels.
- Interactive graphics functions allow you interactively add information to, or extract information from, an existing plot, using a pointing device such as a mouse.

```
> statedf[ statedf["div"] == "Middle Atlantic" ,]
      abb      div      reg Population Area
New Jersey NJ Middle Atlantic Northeast    7333  7521
New York   NY Middle Atlantic Northeast   18076 47831
Pennsylvania PA Middle Atlantic Northeast   11860 44966

> statedf[ statedf["div"] == "East North Central" ,]
      abb      div      reg Population Area
Illinois  IL East North Central North Central   11197 55748
Indiana   IN East North Central North Central    5313 36097
Michigan  MI East North Central North Central    9111 56817
Ohio      OH East North Central North Central   10735 40975
Wisconsin  WI East North Central North Central    4589 54464

> tapply( statedf[, "Population"], statedf[, "div"], mean )
      New England Middle Atlantic South Atlantic East South Central
      2031.167      12423.000      4118.250      3379.000
West South Central East North Central West North Central Mountain
      5217.000      8189.000      2384.429      1203.125
Pacific
      5654.800
```

Example of high-level function: Plot

`plot` is a generic plotting function whose behavior is determined by the class of the object(s) to which it is applied.

- argument is factor: bar graph of counts of each level

```
> plot( statedf[, "div"], cex.axis=0.75,
+ main = "Number of States per Division" )
```
- arguments are two numeric vectors: scatterplot with first vector on x-axis

```
> plot( statedf[, "Area"], statedf[, "Population"],
+ xlab = "Area in Square Miles", ylab = "Population in thousands")
```
- argument is a data frame: scatterplot matrix

```
> plot( statedf )
```
- plotting one object against each object in an expression
 - object to left of “`~`” will be on y-axis

```
> par(mfrow=c(1,2) )
> plot( Population ~ Area + reg, data = statedf )
```