

Psychology 350: Special Topics

An introduction to R for psychological research

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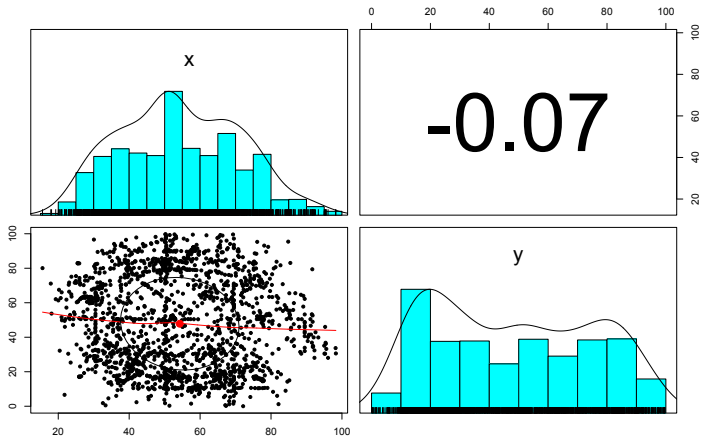
<https://personality-project.org/courses/350>



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A rather boring data set.
The overall plot of all the data shows no relationship



	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
dataset*	1	1846	7.00	3.74	7.00	7.00	4.45	1.00	13.00	12.00	0.00	-1.22	0.09
x	2	1846	54.27	16.71	52.59	54.03	19.27	15.56	98.29	82.73	0.14	-0.70	0.39
y	3	1846	47.84	26.85	47.59	47.18	36.73	0.02	99.69	99.68	0.16	-1.28	0.62



Correlations need to be seen to understand the data

From Davies R, Locke S, D'Agostino McGowan L (2022). *datasauRus: Datasets from the Datasaurus Dozen*. R package version 0.1.6, <<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=datasauRus>>.

R code

```
library(dinosaRus) #install it first and then make it active
#use functions from the psych package:
describe(datasaurus_dozen) #basic descriptive statistics
pairs.panels(datasaurus_dozen[2:3]) #a splom of the data

#now break it down by group
sb <- statsBy(x = datasaurus_dozen[2:3],
              group =datasaurus_dozen$dataset,
              cors=TRUE)

#grab the results and organize them into a data.frame
df <- data.frame(mean=sb$mean,sd=sb$sd,cor=sb$within)
rownames(df) <- datasaurus_dozen$dataset)
round(df,2) #round them to make it pretty
```

	mean.x	mean.y	mean.group	sd.x	sd.y	sd.group	x.y
away	54.27	47.83	1	16.77	26.94	0	-0.06
bullseye	54.27	47.83	2	16.77	26.94	0	-0.07
circle	54.27	47.84	3	16.76	26.93	0	-0.07
dino	54.26	47.83	4	16.77	26.94	0	-0.06
dots	54.26	47.84	5	16.77	26.93	0	-0.06
h_lines	54.26	47.83	6	16.77	26.94	0	-0.06
high_lines	54.27	47.84	7	16.77	26.94	0	-0.07
slant_down	54.27	47.84	8	16.77	26.94	0	-0.07
slant_up	54.27	47.83	9	16.77	26.94	0	-0.07
star	54.27	47.84	10	16.77	26.93	0	-0.06
v_lines	54.27	47.84	11	16.77	26.94	0	-0.07
wide_lines	54.27	47.83	12	16.77	26.94	0	-0.07



Plotting the data by group shows something interesting

Adapted from the help page for `dinosaur` dozen

R code

```
# Base R plots      #use regular plotting function
state = par("mar", "mfrow")    #set the rows, columns and margins
par(mfrow = c(4, 3), mar = c(1, 2, 2, 1))    # 4 rows, 3 columns

#get the names of the data sets
sets = sort(unique(datasaurus_dozen$dataset))

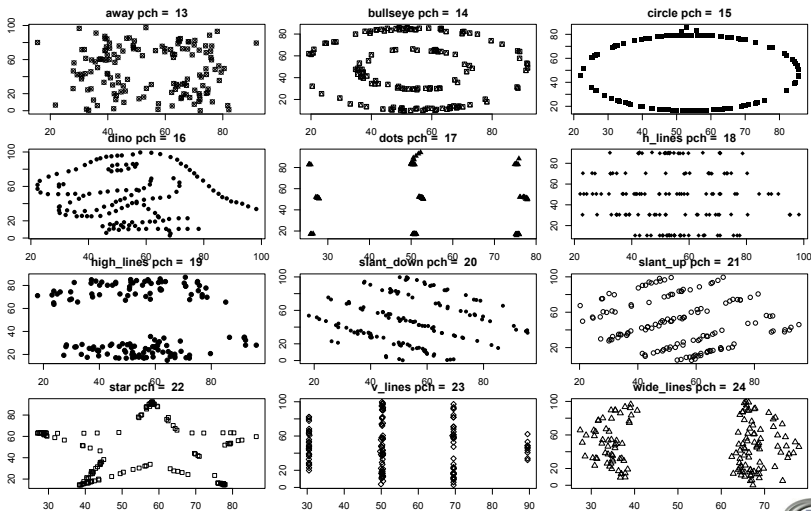
#do a loop across the sets
i <- 1    #set a counter so we can change plot character
for (s in sets[1:12]) {                      #just show the first 12
  df = datasaurus_dozen[datasaurus_dozen$dataset == s, ]
  plot(df$x, df$y, pch = (12+i))
  title(paste(s, "pch = ", i + 12))
  i <- i + 1    #increment the counter
} #end of loop

par(state)    #reset settings to the defaults
```

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Plotting data is very helpful



All sets $\mu_x = 54.26, \mu_y = 47.84, \sigma_x = 16.77, \sigma_y = 26.93, r = .07$

