

# How can I generate bootstrap statistics in R?

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Bootstrap statistics is a resampling technique used to estimate the uncertainty of a statistical parameter or model. In R, this can be achieved by utilizing the "boot" package, which provides functions for generating bootstrap samples and calculating bootstrap statistics. To generate bootstrap statistics in R, first, a sample dataset is selected and then a bootstrap sample is generated using the "boot" function. The bootstrap sample is created by randomly sampling with replacement from the original dataset. This process is repeated multiple times to create a large number of bootstrap samples. Finally, the desired statistic, such as mean or standard deviation, is calculated for each bootstrap sample and the results are used to estimate the uncertainty of the original statistic. This method is useful for assessing the stability and accuracy of statistical results and can be easily implemented in R for various types of data analysis.

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The R package `boot` allows a user to easily generate bootstrap samples of virtually any statistic that they can calculate in R. From these samples, you can generate estimates of bias, bootstrap confidence intervals, or plots of your bootstrap replicates. We will demonstrate a few of these techniques in this page and you can read more details at its CRAN package page. Before using commands in the `boot` package, you must first download the package and load it in your workspace. We will be using the `hsb2` dataset for all of the examples on this page.

```
install.packages("boot",dep=TRUE)
```

```
library(boot)
```

```
hsb2
```

```
<-
```

```
read.table("https://stats.idre.ucla.edu/stat/data/hsb2.csv", sep=";", header=T)
```

Using the boot command

The boot command executes the resampling of your dataset and calculation of your statistic(s) of interest on these samples. Before calling boot, you need to define a function that will return the statistic(s) that you would like to bootstrap. The first argument passed to the function should be your dataset. The second argument can be an index vector of the observations in your dataset to use or a frequency or weight vector that informs the sampling probabilities. The example below uses the default index vector and assumes we wish to use all of our observations. The statistic of interest here is the correlation coefficient of write and math.

```
fc <- function(d, i){  
  d2 <- d  
  return(cor(d2$write, d2$math))  
}
```

With the function fc defined, we can use the boot command, providing our dataset name, our function,

and the number of bootstrap samples to be drawn.

**#turn off set.seed() if you want the results to vary**

**set.seed(626)**

**bootcorr <- boot(hsb2, fc, R=500)**

**bootcorr**

## **ORDINARY NONPARAMETRIC BOOTSTRAP**

**Call:**

**boot(data = hsb2, statistic = fc, R = 500)**

**Bootstrap Statistics :**

**original bias std. error**

**t1\* 0.6174493 -0.001528707 0.04020362**

**While the printed output for bootcorr is brief, R saves additional information that can be listed:**

**summary(bootcorr)**

**Length Class Mode**

**t0 1 -none- numeric**

**t 500 -none- numeric**

**R 1 -none- numeric**

```
data 11 data.frame list
seed 626 -none- numeric
statistic 1 -none- function
sim 1 -none- character
call 4 -none- call
stype 1 -none- character
strata 200 -none- numeric
weights 200 -none- numeric
```

Knowing the seed value would allow us to replicate this analysis, if needed, and from the `t` vector and `t0`, we could calculate the bias and standard error:

```
mean(bootcorr$t) - bootcorr$t0
```

```
-0.001528707
```

```
sd(bootcorr$t)
```

```
0.04020362
```

For using other commands in the `boot` package, you will often need to provide a "boot" object:

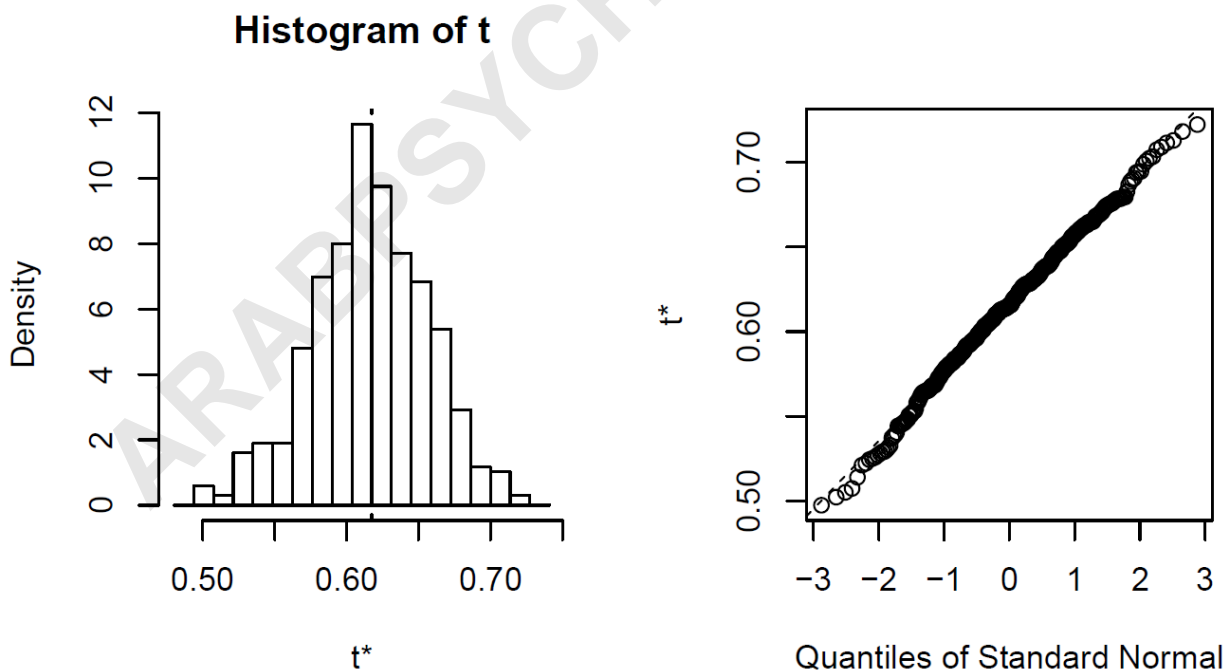
```
class(bootcorr)
```

```
"boot"
```

## Bootstrap confidence intervals and plots

To look at a histogram and normal quantile-quantile plot of your bootstrap estimates, you can use `plot` with the "boot" object you created. The histogram includes a dotted vertical line indicating the location of the original statistic.

```
plot(bootcorr)
```



Using the `boot.ci` command, you can generate several

types of confidence intervals from your bootstrap samples.

```
boot.ci(boot.out = bootcorr, type = c("norm", "basic",  
"perc", "bca"))
```

**BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS**  
Based on 500 bootstrap replicates

**CALL :**

```
boot.ci(boot.out = bootcorr, type = c("norm", "basic",  
"perc",  
"bca"))
```

**Intervals :**

**Level Normal Basic**

**95% ( 0.5402, 0.6978 ) ( 0.5406, 0.7063 )**

**Level Percentile BCa**

**95% ( 0.5286, 0.6943 ) ( 0.5291, 0.6946 )**

**Calculations and Intervals on Original Scale**

**Four 95% confidence intervals are presented: normal, basic, percentile, and bias-corrected and accelerated. A**

**fifth type, the studentized intervals, requires variances from each bootstrap sample.**

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