Data Analytics Using R

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Overview

- History of R
- Advantages and disadvantages
- Downloading and installing
- How to find documentation

Introduction

- Using the R console
- Getting help
- Learning about the environment
- Writing and executing scripts
- Object oriented programming
- Introduction to vectorized calculations
- Introduction to data frames
- Installing packages
- Working directory
- Saving your work

Variable types and data structures

- Variables and assignment
- Data types
 - Numeric, character, boolean, and factors
- Data structures
 - Vectors, matrices, arrays, dataframes, lists
- Indexing, subsetting
- Assigning new values
- Viewing data and summaries
- Naming conventions
- Objects

Getting data into the R environment

- Built-in data
- Reading data from structured text files
- Reading data using ODBC

Dataframe manipulation with dplyr

- Renaming columns
- Adding new columns
- Binning data (continuous to categorical)
- Combining categorical values
- Transforming variables
- Handling missing data
- Long to wide and back
- Merging datasets together
- Stacking datasets together (concatenation)

Handling dates in R

- Date and date-time classes in R
- Formatting dates for modeling

Control flow

- Truth testing
- Branching
- Looping

Functions in depth

- Parameters
- Return values
- Variable scope
- Exception handling

Applying functions across dimensions

Sapply, lapply, apply

Exploratory data analysis (descriptive statistics)

- Continuous data
 - Distributions
 - Quantiles, mean
 - Bi-modal distributions
 - Histograms, box-plots
- Categorical data
 - Tables
 - Barplots
- Group by calculations with dplyr
 - Split-apply-combine
- Melting and casting data

Inferential statistics

Bivariate correlation

- T-test and non-parametric equivalents
- Chi-squared test

Base graphics

- Base graphics system in R
- Scatterplots, histograms, barcharts, box and whiskers, dotplots
- Labels, legends, titles, axes
- Exporting graphics to different formats

Advanced R graphics: ggplot2

- Understanding the grammar of graphics
- Quick plots (qplot function)
- Building graphics by pieces (ggplot function)

General linear regression

- Linear and logistic models
- Regression plots
- Confounding / interaction in regression
- Scoring new data from models (prediction)

Conclusion