

Tools for Reproducible Research

Homework, 13 March 2015

Using the principles from today's lecture, **Writing clear code**, write an R function or two that doesn't something you consider interesting or useful.

For example, you might do one of the following:

- Pull out a bit of R code from a current project and re-write it as a more generally useful function.
- Write a function that simulates data from some model, and a function to plot the data.
- Write a function that simulates one-dimensional Brownian motion, and another function to plot the results.

$x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ with $x_0 \sim N(0, 1)$ and $x_i = x_{i-1} + \epsilon_i$, with $\epsilon_i \sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma^2)$, independent of x_0 .

Or maybe two-dimensional Brownian motion would be more interesting.

I have in mind that you will use this code in subsequent homeworks: turning it into an R package, writing a couple of tests, and writing a vignette. (Ultimately, I'll want you to put it in a GitHub repository and give me read access; ideally, you'll start that now.)