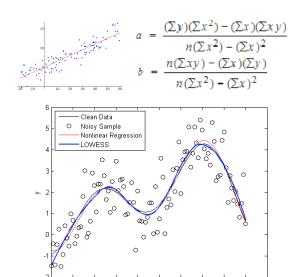
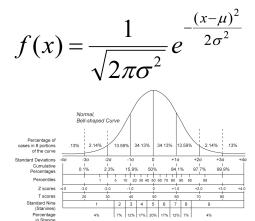
# Chapter 1: An Introduction to R

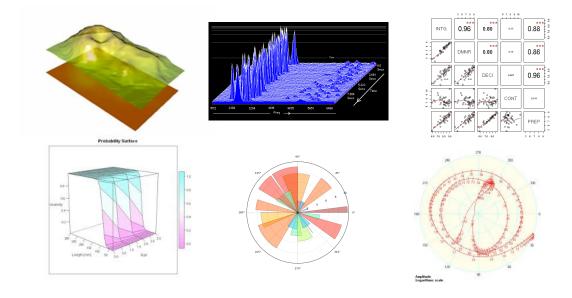
### What is R?

R is an environment and language for performing data mining as well as statistical analysis





In addition, R possesses highly sophisticated graphics capability



#### Characteristics of R

- √ R is an expression language
- √ Can perform spot analysis as well as write programs
- √ Highly extensible shared packages
- ✓ Publicly available sets of real world data

## Extensibility

- √ R comes with base packages such as base, graphics, stats etc.
- √ R can be extended by CRAN [Comprehensive R Archive Network] packages such as MASS, lattice etc
- ✓ A large number of contributed packages are also available.

  Examples: ggplot2, ROCR etc
- ✓ A full list of R packages is available at <a href="http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/">http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/</a>

#### Data

- √ The R Datasets package provides several standard data sets.

  Examples:
  - Ability and Intelligence tests
  - Speed and Stopping Distance of Cars
  - Quarterly Approval ratings of US presidents etc
- ✓ Other publicly available data sets include:
  - EconData: Inforum@Univ of Maryland (<a href="http://inforumweb.umd.edu/econdata/econdata.html">http://inforumweb.umd.edu/econdata/econdata.html</a>)
  - Knowledge Archive@Univ of California, Irvine (<a href="http://kdd.ics.uci.edu/">http://kdd.ics.uci.edu/</a>)
  - Geoda center@Arizona State Univ (<a href="https://geodacenter.asu.edu/datalist/">https://geodacenter.asu.edu/datalist/</a>)

## Some applications of R

**Business** 

Economics Data mining

**Finance** 

Bio-statistics Mapping biodiversity Mapping public opinion

Medicine

Social media analysis

Linguistic trend maps

**Ecology** 

Clinical data analysis

Banking

## R Blogs and Social Media

- √ Blogs on R
  - <u>r-bloggers.com</u>
  - Statsblogs.com
- ✓ LinkedIn groups
  - R-project for Statistical Computing
  - Data mining, statistics and Data Visualization
- √ Other R resources
  - R-project manuals
     (http://cran.r-project.org/manuals.html)
  - R-journal(<a href="http://journal.r-project.org/">http://journal.r-project.org/</a>)