Web Exercise 02: R and R-Studio

DUE Date: September 22, 3:30pm (on Blackboard).

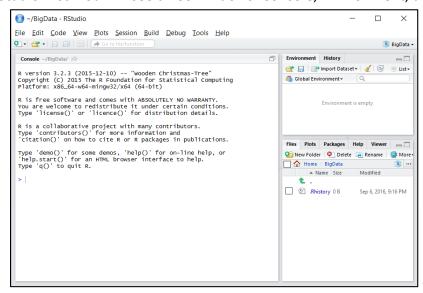
Grade: 20 points

1. Use your own computer or login to the Computer Lab's account.

2. Install the R Software into your local machine. (If you are using the Lab machine, you can skip this step).

R is an open source, free software for statistical computing and graphics. The R language is widely used among statisticians and data miners for developing statistical software and data analysis (modified definition from Wikipedia). You can download the R software from here: https://cran.r-project.org/

- → Select the OS version for your computer, such as "Download R for Windows". → select "base" → Download R 3.3.1 for Windows (or newer version).
- 3. Install the RStudio (after the installation of R, if you are using the Lab machine, you can skip this step): RStudio is a <u>free and open-source integrated development environment</u> (IDE) for R, which provides several key functions (source code editor, code auto-completion, retrieving previous commands, debugger, interpreter, etc.) and graphic user interfaces (GUIs) for programming. To download RStudio, go to this link: https://www.rstudio.com/
 → Download RStudio → Select "RStudio Desktop (Free license) → select the installer for your OS (Windows or Mac OS). Then install the RStudio.
- 4. Launch the RStudio first. You will see three windows: Console, Environment, and Files/Plots.



5. Your first task is to use R as a calculator.

Type the following in the Console window. In the R language (and some other programming languages), the "#" sign means 'remark' for adding comments, notes, and explanation inside the R program. Any texts after the # sign will be ignored during the execution of the R program.

this is your first R exercise.

type basic math calculation as the following (or copy the whole paragraph and paste into the Console).

After enter the math questions, Press Enter. You will see the Console showing the following results:

There are several arithmetic operators and logical operators in R. You can find more operators in here. http://www.statmethods.net/management/operators.html

Arithmetic Operators

```
+ addition - subtraction

* multiplication / division

^ or ** exponentiation x %% y modulus (x mod y) 7%%3 is 1

x %/% y integer division 9%/%
```

Logical Operators

<	less than	<=	less than or equal to	
>	greater than	>=	greater than or equal to	
==	exactly equal to	<u>!</u> =	not equal to	
!x	Not x	x y	x OR y	
x & y	x AND y	isTRUE	E (x)	test if X is TRUE

Now you can type three different math operation and see the results from R Console. (Your own exercise.).

The next task is how to enter data in R. There are several ways to enter data. The first one is to enter the data by hand. Let's assume that you have five students and each of them have their ages (X) and their mid-term exam scores (Y).

We can enter the data into R by using the following method ("<-" is the value assignment operator in R. "c" indicates a column of data (combine values into a Vector or List).

```
Age <- c(23, 20, 21, 22, 30)
Score <- c(83, 99, 80, 79, 90)
```

After entering the two statements, press Enter. Now you can see the two NEW VALUE showing on the Environment Window: Age and Score with their numbers.

Now you can easily summarize the two variables among the five students by typing the following:

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summary (Age)
summary (Score)
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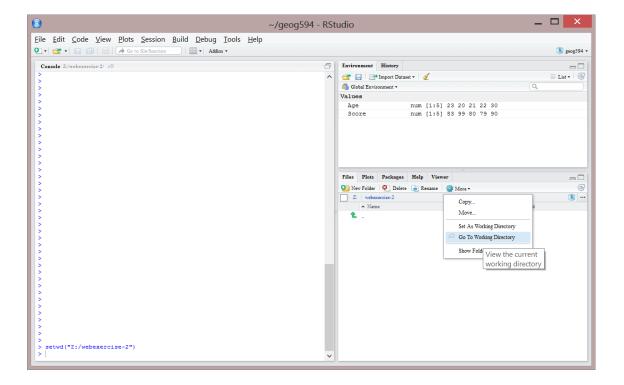
You will see the results in the Console (with basic statistic summary of your two variables).

The second way to enter the data into R is to read data directly from a table using "read.table" command. The next task will teach you how to read a table into R.

Before we use the read.table function, we need to **set up the Working Directory** in R. The default working directory in Windows is the "Document" folder inside the User's Personal Document Folder (such as C:\Users\mtsou\Documents\\ in Windows). To easily handle the data in R, please create a dedicate folder in your local drive (D: drive or Z: drive if you are using SAL lab). \rightarrow create a new folder in Z: (or D: or C:) drive called "webexercise-2".

In the R console commend mode: type the following:
setwd("Z:/webexercise-2") # set up working directory

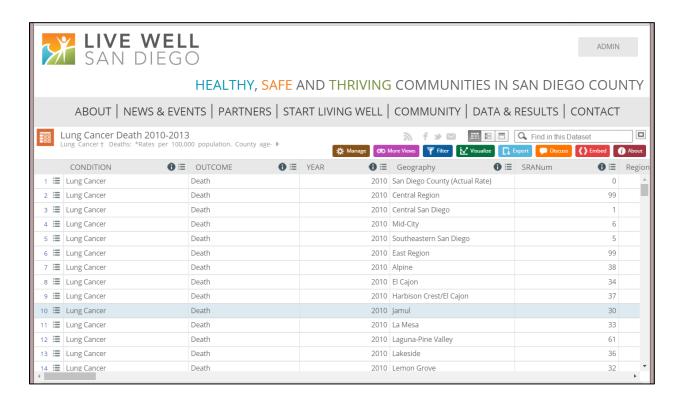
Now your R working director will be in the **Z:/webexercise-2** folder. You can save all your data and the outputs into this folder during this exercise. You can select the [File] window \rightarrow click on "Files" window \rightarrow More \rightarrow Go To Working Directory. Currently, this directory is empty.



Reading Tables and Conduct Cancer Data Analysis

Recently, the County of San Diego has created a very nice [Live Well] Data portal, storing many useful public health data. We will try to download the data from the Data portal and then use R for some statistical analysis.

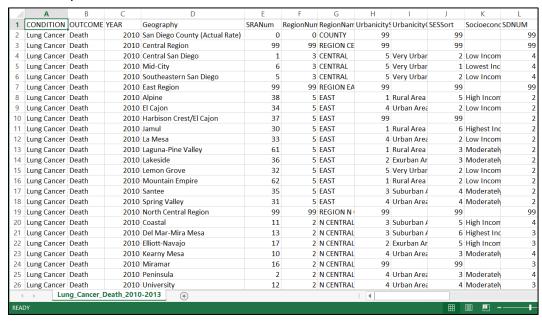
- 1. Open a web browser to access https://data.livewellsd.org/
- 2. Select the "Non-Communicable (Chronic) Disease" in the Icons.
- 3. In the new page, type "lung cancer" in the top search textbox.
- 4. Click on the "Lung Cancer Death 2010-2013". You will see a data window like the following:



This data include all numbers of lung cancer death incidents in each Sub Regional Areas (SRA) in San Diego County. We will download the data for our further analysis.

Click on [Export] icon in the Data window \rightarrow Download \rightarrow CSV for Excel. Save the CSV file into the R working directory folder (for example: **Z:\webexercise-2**). If you are not using the SAL lab computers, please save to your own local R working directory folder.

You can open the file and take a look at the datasets.



Now in the R console, type the following commands to read CSV file:

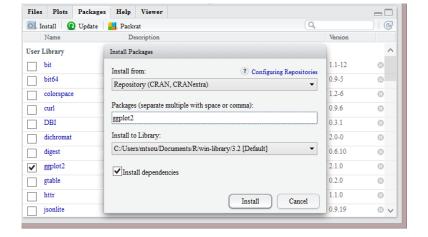
mydata = read.csv("Lung_Cancer_Death_2010-2013.csv")

Now you can see the lung cancer data has been imported into the R. with 196 observations and 40 variables. Now go to the [Environment] window click on "mydata", a data view window will open. (You can also type "View(mydata)" to take a quick look at the Cancer Data.

The next step is to conduct a deeper visualization analysis for this dataset. You will need to install a new library in R, called "ggplot2". Go to the "File/Plots" window, → Select "Packages" → click on "Install" → type "ggplot2" in the Packages textbox, then click on "Install" button.

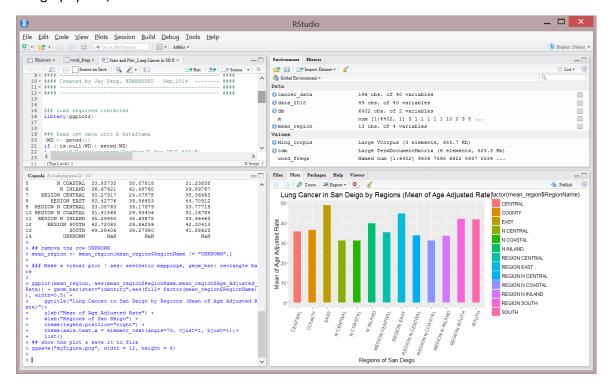
You may see a few errors messages, you can ignore them and it will not have impact to this lab

exercise.



After installing "ggplot2", copy the following R-Script into your R Console, and press Enter to execute this R-Script. Try to read each command and understand their meanings.

```
#### Created by Jay Yang, HDMA@SDSU
                                     Sep,2016 ----- ####
#### load required libraries
library(ggplot2)
### Read csv data into R dataframe
cancer data <- read.csv("Lung Cancer Death 2010-2013.csv")</pre>
### list all the field names (Variables in the dataset)
names (cancer data)
### Subset data by specific column
## subset only the year 2010
data 2010 <- cancer data[cancer data$YEAR == 2010,]
## subset by other fields (ex. Geography and RegionName)
# data LaMesa <- cancer data[cancer data$Geography == 'La Mesa',]
# data EAST <- cancer data[cancer data$RegionName == 'EAST',]</pre>
### Generate some statistics
## aggregate region by names, then calculate the mean for three rates
mean_region <- aggregate(data_2010[,</pre>
c("Male Rate", "Female Rate", "Age Adjusted Rate")], by=list(RegionName =
data 2010$RegionName), FUN=mean, na.rm=TRUE)
print(mean region)
## remove the row UNKNOWN
mean_region <- mean_region[mean_region$RegionName != "UNKNOWN",]</pre>
### Make a visual plot ! aes: aesthetic mappings, geom bar: rectangle bars
ggplot(mean region,
aes(mean region$RegionName, mean region$Age Adjusted Rate)) +
geom_bar(stat="identity",aes(fill= factor(mean_region$RegionName)),
width=0.5) +
  ggtitle ("Lung Cancer in San Deigo by Regions (Mean of Age Adjusted Rate)")+
  ylab ("Mean of Age Adjusted Rate") +
  xlab("Regions of San Deigo") +
  theme(legend.position="right") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(angle=70, vjust=1, hjust=1))+
  list()
## show the plot & save it to file
ggsave("myFigure.png", width = 12, height = 6)
```



This R-script will create a "myFigure.png" image inside the working directory. You can check the image. If you like to know more about the function of "aggregate", you can use the help commend to understand their usages and arguments. Your Help Window will display these command information.

help (aggregate)

There are several good graphic demos in R. To Run the demo in R, type the following:

demo(graphics)

Then Press "Enter" to start. You will see several good examples of plots and graphics and their associated R-Scripts by Press "Enter" again.

Creating a Word Cloud for the definition of "Big Data" in this class.

The second task in this exercise is to create a "Word Cloud" (Tag Cloud) image from your class members' posts about the definition of Big Data in the Blackboard.

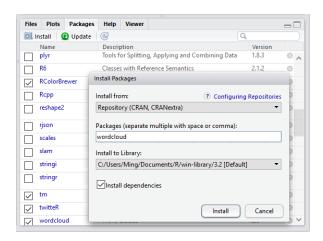
What is Word Cloud (Tag Cloud)? A tag cloud (word cloud, or weighted list in visual design) is a visual representation of text data, typically used to depict keyword metadata (tags) on websites, or to visualize free form text. Tags are usually single words, and the importance

(usually measured by the number of occurrences) of each tag is shown with font size or color.[2] This format is useful for quickly perceiving the most prominent terms and for locating a term alphabetically to determine its relative prominence. When used as website navigation aids, the terms are hyperlinked to items associated with the tag. (cited from Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tag_cloud).

The first step is to create a plain text ASCII file with everyone's definition about "Big Data".

- Create a new folder "wordcloud" inside your R working directory (Z:\webexercise-2), then create a new TEXT file called "bigdata.txt" in the new folder (\webexercise-2\wordcloud).
- 2. Open this "bigdata.txt" in Notepad.
- 3. Open a web browser, login your Blackboard, go to the 596 Course site, then go to the "Discussions" → "What is Big Data?"
- 4. Go to each student's post and copy their definitions into the "bigdata.txt". In the Notepad, Press "Enter" after pasting one's definition and start a new line for another student's definition.
- 5. After copying all students' definition, click on [File] → [Save] to save these texts into the **bigdata.txt** (make sure the bigdta.txt is saved inside the "\webexercise-2\wordcloud" folder.

Since creating a Word Cloud will need several additional "packages" (or "libraries") in R. In the RStudio, go to the "File/Plots" window, click on "Packages". Select "twitterR", "tm", "wordcloud", and "RColorBrewer". If some packages are missing, click on install menu, then type the library name in the Packages, then click on install. After installing all required libraries, you are ready to run the R script. (Ignore some errors messages in the Console).



After installing all required library, you are ready to create your word cloud image. The following is an example of the R script for word cloud. You can modify some contents if you know how to do it.

```
#these are the libraries used in the Word Cloud Tasks
library(twitteR)
library(tm)
library(wordcloud)
library(RColorBrewer)
#Put your text files inside the temp folder under working directory
my corpus = Corpus(DirSource("wordcloud"))
#You can add or remove STOPWORDS in the list
tdm = TermDocumentMatrix(my corpus,
   control = list(removePunctuation = TRUE,
   stopwords = c("SDSU", "project", stopwords("english")),
  removeNumbers = TRUE, tolower = TRUE))
# define tdm as matrix
m = as.matrix(tdm)
# get word counts in decreasing order
word freqs = sort(rowSums(m), decreasing=TRUE)
# create a data frame with words and their frequencies
dm = data.frame(word=names(word freqs), freq=word freqs)
# plot wordcloud in R
wordcloud(dm$word, dm$freq, random.order=FALSE, random.color=FALSE, rot.per=
0, colors=brewer.pal(8, "Dark2"))
# save the image in png format - a PNG image Ming Cloud.png will be created
in the Working Directory
png("WordCloud.png", width=12, height=8, units="in", res=300)
wordcloud(dm$word, dm$freq, random.order=FALSE, random.color=FALSE, rot.per=
0, colors=brewer.pal(8, "Dark2"))
# dev.off will save the output PNG file into the working folder
dev.off()
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Copy the previous R script, and then PASTE it into the R-Studio Console. Then hit "Enter" to run the script. You may get some warning messages, usually that's fine and will not affect your word cloud results. When the program stops, you will see the word cloud on the right window. Also, a new PNG file, named "WordCloud.png" will be saved in the R working directory.

Additional Learning Resources:

- R Tutorial: http://www.cyclismo.org/tutorial/R/
- DataCamp: https://www.datacamp.com/courses/free-introduction-to-r

• R Intro YouTube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cGwYMhPDUY

After finishing the Web Course, Please use your own words to answer the following questions (next page): (DO NOT COPY any web resources or Wikipedia texts. We will check your answers with Blackboard tools to verify that your responses are uniquely yours.) By submitting your answers (paper) to Blackboard, you agree: (1) that you are submitting your paper to be used and stored as part of the SafeAssign™ services in accordance with the Blackboard Privacy Policy; (2) that your institution may use your paper in accordance with your institution's policies; and (3) that your use of SafeAssign will be without recourse against Blackboard Inc. and its affiliates.

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LAB-2 Additional Assignment:

- 1. Attach your Big Data Definition Word Cloud Image.
- 2. Go to the Live Well Data Portal (https://data.livewellsd.org/) Pick up another data types (other cancer data or other injuries data). Import the data into R and conduct some basic statistical analysis and draw some new visualization graphics (different from the previous example). Attached your R-script for creating the analysis and visual graphics in the report.
- 3. Select a Webpage or a group of text files, create a word cloud map. In the report, indicate the text sources and the output WordCloud image.
- **4.** In the Word Cloud exercise, we need to manually copy each student's definition in Blackboard into a single text file. Can you think about any better data collection methods or procedure?

Please submit your LAB-2 Answers (in a MS Word or a PDF file format only) to the Blackboard System BEFORE the DUE DATE/TIME.