

Part 1

Question 1

An experiment is conducted to determine the effect of firing temperature and position on the baked density of a carbon anode. The data is in the file `density.csv`.

- Produce an interaction plots of the data and comment.
- Write the 3 null and alternative hypotheses relevant to this question.
- Using the `lm` function first fit a model with interaction, and test for significance. Then fit a model with main effects only, with graphs. What are your conclusions?
- For each assumption comment. If there are any suggestions that the data are not normal then store the residuals and produce a normal probability plot using these.
- What degrees of freedom are associated with the F test for position and temperature respectively?
- Using `TukeyHSD` produce multiple comparisons between each level for both temperature and position. What can you conclude about the effect of position in terms of numerical values.
- How would your answers to c. and f. be affected if there was a significant interaction?

Question 2

The effect of age and gender is studied by looking at their negotiation experience for purchasing a car. A 'medium' priced six year old car was selected for the study and participants sent to a dealer at random. The initial offer each participant made was recorded. The data is available in `cash.dat` on iLearn.

- Check is the design balanced or unbalanced?
- Does the order of inclusion into the model matter for this scenario?
- Confirm your answer by producing two different sequential ANOVA tables for the Two-Way ANOVA model with interaction.
- Are there any effects of `gender` and `age` on the observed `offer`?

Part 2

Up to now, we have successfully applied tons of functions built in `R/RStudio`. But beyond these built-in functions, we can actually write our own functions to perform specific tasks we want. Below we introduce the structure of custom functions and flow control commands inside these functions.

Question 1

As in mathematics, a `function` in computer science

- has a name
- takes some inputs

- performs some action
- returns some output

For example, `mean()` has name `mean`, takes a vector as a input, calculates the average of the values in this vector, and returns the average as an output.

- a) Execute the following code to define a function `my.mean`

```
my.mean <- function(x) { # Name the function as my.mean # Define x as the input
  output <- sum(x) / length(x) # Calculate the average
  return(output) # Return the average as an output
}
```

- b) Now we apply `my.mean`. Does the code below produce the correct mean of `c(2,3)`?

```
my.mean(c(2,3))
```

- c) Following the example of `my.mean`, please design a function named `my.IQR` to calculate the inter-quantile range, namely, the difference between the 75% sample quantile and the 25% sample quantile of a vector. Use this `my.IQR` function to calculate the inter-quantile range of `c(1,2,3,4,5)`.

- Hint: we can obtain the quartile of a vector with `quantile()`.

Question 2

Defined as the order in which individual statements are evaluated, flow control commands appear in many computing languages such as FORTRAN, C/C++, Java and Julia. Below we introduce two flow control commands in R/RStudio.

- a) The `if()` command allows us to control which operations are executed based on some conditions. The usual syntax of `if()` is

```
if(condition){
  operations when condition is TRUE
}
```

- i) Execute the following code to examine function `if()`

```
is.it.true <- function(x) {
  if(x == TRUE) {print("The statement is true!")}
  if(x == FALSE) {print("The statement is false!")}
}
is.it.true(TRUE)
is.it.true(FALSE)
is.it.true(10 > 0)
is.it.true(10 < 0)
```

- ii) Correct all the errors in the function below, which tries to generate one uniformly distributed random variable between 0 and `c` with `if()`.

```
my.unif <- function(c){  
  if(c > 0){x = runif(n = 1, min = 0, max = c)}  
  if(c < 0){x = runif(n = 1, min = c, max = 0)}  
  if(c = 0){x = 0}  
}  
return(x)
```

Notice that the code in both examples can be improved using `else` and `else if` to chain multiple `if` statements together. Some sample code can be found in the solution.

- b) The `for()` command allows one to specify that certain operations should be repeated a fixed number of times. The usual syntax of `for()` is

```
output <- rep(NA, length = n) # output  
for(i in 1:n){ #n is the number of times the commands repeat  
  commands # body; aim to update the content in output[i]  
}
```

Execute the following code to generate and plot a vector `noise`. Does the plot indicate the independence among the elements in `noise`?

```
n = 100  
noise = rep(NA, n)  
noise[1] = 1  
for(i in 1:(n-1)){  
  noise[i+1] = 0.99 * noise[i] + rnorm(n = 1, mean = 0, sd = 1)  
}  
plot(noise)
```

To learn more about functions & flow control, please refer to Chapters 19 and 21 of <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/>