Lab 1 – MATH 240 – Computational Statistics

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Abstract

This document provides a basic template for the 2-page labs we will complete each week. Here, you should provide a succinct summary about what you did and why it might be helpful.

Keywords: What topics does the lab cover with respect to class?

1 Instructions

For this lab, you will

1. Install R and RStudio
2. Install tinytex (if necessary): `install.packages("tinytex")`
3. Create a GitHub account here, and email me your username.
4. Install GitHub desktop.
5. Accept the LAB 1 assignment here.
6. Recreate this document (except put your name/info at the top) to get used to writing in LaTeX and to see the types of things we can do when creating a document to convey statistical information. Make sure to commit and push your work using GitHub desktop as you finish each section.

Remark: You will find the class Sweave cheatsheet to be *incredibly* `\emph{incredibly}` helpful.

2 Word Processing Tasks

2.1 Centering Text

We can center text in Sweave.

2.2 Bold, Italics, and Underlining

We can **bold**, *italicize*, underline, and *emphasize* text in Sweave.

Note, I did a column break here so that the list wasn't broken across columns.

2.3 Lists, and Numbered Lists

We can write an unordered list in Sweave.

- first item
- second item
- third item

We can write a numbered list in Sweave.

1. first item
2. second item
3. third item

We can write a lettered list in Sweave.

a. first item
b. second item
c. third item

2.4 Submissions

This part of the midterm is due Sunday November 14 by 5p. I will not accept late submissions. Note that you may use this template to help build your introduction and methods sections, and you can use the work you did as a group during the datathon. Still, I expect this submission to be your own summary and extension of that work without collaboration.

2.5 Typing Mathematical Equations

We can write a one line equation that is centered like this

$$\widehat{y_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \beta_3 x_{2i} + \epsilon_i.$$

This can be written in the text, as $\widehat{y_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \beta_3 x_{2i} + \epsilon_i$ using as well.

When we need to show multiple steps, we can create a multi-line equation that is centered like this:

$$\begin{aligned}
8(x-5)+x &= 9(x-5)+5 \\
8x-40+x &= 9x-45+5 && \text{(Distributing)} \\
9x-40 &= 9x-40 && \text{(Combining like terms)} \\
9x &= 9x && \text{(Adding 40 to both sides)} \\
x &= x && \text{(Dividing both sides by 9)}
\end{aligned}$$

The equality holds for any x.

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2.6 Running R Code

Code chunks can be entered into Sweave; e.g., here are some comments.

```
# R code goes here
# Output is automatically printed in the pdf
```

Below, you can see that we can do algebra with R.

```
8*(9-5) + 9 # 8*(x-5)+x for x=9

## [1] 41
```

Below, we show we can produced the code without evaluating it.

```
8*(9-5) + 9 # 8*(x-5)+x for x=9
```

Alternatively, we can produced the output without the code.

```
## [1] 41
```

We can also call object values from R directly.

```
result <- 8*(9-5) + 9 # 8*(x-5)+x for x=9
result.with.error <- result + rnorm(1, mean = 0, sd = 0.1)
result.with.error

## [1] 41.15049
```

The result is 41.15049. Note that I did not type the result, but I used the `\Sexpr{}` command.

2.7 Plotting

```
#Plot a histogram of random normally distributed data
hist(rexp(100))
```

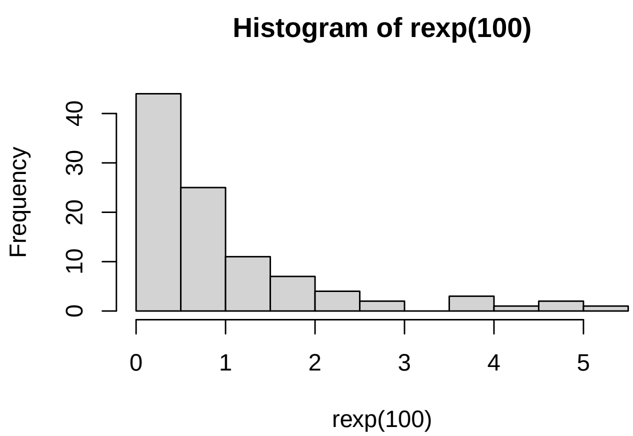

Figure 1: A histogram of random normally distributed data, $n = 100$.

2.8 Tables

Below, we load and take a peek at some data about the death rates per 1000 in Virginia in 1940 (Molyneaux et al., 1947).

```
data(VADeaths)
head(VADeaths) # Take a peek of the data

##       Rural Male Rural Female Urban Male Urban Female
## 50-54       11.7          8.7       15.4          8.4
## 55-59       18.1         11.7       24.3         13.6
## 60-64       26.9         20.3       37.0         19.3
## 65-69       41.0         30.9       54.6         35.1
## 70-74       66.0         54.3       71.1         50.0
```

If we want to print this nicely, we can do so using the xtable package (Dahl et al., 2019), which we can reference using the label (Table).

```
library(xtable)
sleep.table<-xtable(VADeaths,
                    label = "VADeaths.tab",
                    caption = "Death Rates per 1000 in Virginia (1940).")
```

Rural Male	Rural Female	Urban Male	Urban Female
11.70	8.70	15.40	8.40
18.10	11.70	24.30	13.60
26.90	20.30	37.00	19.30
41.00	30.90	54.60	35.10
66.00	54.30	71.10	50.00

Table 1: Death Rates per 1000 in Virginia (1940).

References

Dahl, D. B., Scott, D., Roosen, C., Magnusson, A., and Swinton, J. (2019). *xtable: Export Tables to LaTeX or HTML*. R package version 1.8-4.

Molyneaux, L., Gilliam, S. K., and Florant, L. C. (1947). Differences in virginia death rates by color, sex, age and rural or urban residence. *American Sociological Review*, 12(5):525–535.

3 Appendix

Below is a table from a paper I'm currently working on. Without the analysis object in `R, I have to create this table myself.`

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Table 2: Death Rates per 1000 in Virginia (1940).