STAT 2450 Assignment 4

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1. Write a function to calculate miles per gallon given kilometres travelled, and litres of gasonline used. The function should have two arguments, litres and kilometres, and should return the mileage in mpg.

mpg=function(litres, kilometres){  
 mpg=(kilometres/1.60934)/(litres/3.78541)  
 return(mpg)  
}  
mpg(8.3,100)

## [1] 28.33916

Test your function using input values of 100 kilometres and 8.3 litres.

1. The roots of the quadratic are given by

If , the quadratic has no real roots.

Write a function to calculate the real roots of a quadratic. The function should have 3 arguments, *a*, *b* and *c*. If , the function should print “quadratic has no real roots”, and then return(NULL). Otherwise, the function should return a vector of length 2, those being the real roots (which may be the same if ).

roots = function(a, b, c){  
 if((b^2)-(4\*a\*c)<0){   
 print("quadratic has no real roots")  
 return(NULL)   
 }  
 roots=c((-b+sqrt((b^2)-(4\*a\*c)))/(2\*a),(-b-sqrt(b^2)-(4\*a\*c))/(2\*a))  
 return(roots)  
}  
roots(1,-3,2)

## [1] 2 -4

Test your function using the quadratic .

1. Where is a sample from a normal distribution with unknown mean and unknown variance , the level % confidence interval for is given by

where and are the sample mean and sample standard deviation of the data, and cuts off an area to its left under the curve with degrees of freedom.

Write a function which has two arguments, a vector of data , and alpha, which should have a default value of .05. The function should return a vector of length 2, which contains the endpoints of the confidence interval.

interval=function(x,alpha=0.05){  
 value = qt(1-alpha/2,length(x)-1)\*sqrt(var(x))/sqrt(length(x))  
 endpoint1=mean(x)-value  
 endpoint2=mean(x)+value  
 endpoints=c(endpoint1,endpoint2)  
 return(endpoints)  
}

The percentiles of the t-distrubtion can be calculated as follows. Suppose that you want the 97.5’th percentile of the t-distribution with 23 degrees of freedom. This can be calculated in R as

qt(.975,23)

## [1] 2.068658

Test your function by calculating the 99% confidence interval using the following data

set.seed(87612345)  
data=rnorm(25,mean=4.5,sd=.75)  
interval(data,0.01)

## [1] 4.109001 4.959191

You can check your calculation using

t.test(data,conf.level=.99)

##   
## One Sample t-test  
##   
## data: data  
## t = 29.832, df = 24, p-value < 2.2e-16  
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0  
## 99 percent confidence interval:  
## 4.109001 4.959191  
## sample estimates:  
## mean of x   
## 4.534096

1. The derivative of a function can be approximated by the Newton’s quotient

where is a small number. Write a function to calculate the Newton’s quotient for . The function should take two scalar arguments, and . Use a default value of . Test your function at the point using the default value of , and compare to the true value of the derivative .

#In the question it says to use a default value of h=1.e-6.  
#I will simply assume that is a typo and use e^-6 or exp(-6).  
#If this was an incorrect assumption then the rest of my function still works.  
newton = function(x, h=exp(-6)){  
 derivative = (exp(x+h)-exp(x))/h  
 return(derivative)  
}  
newton(1)

## [1] 2.721654

exp(1)

## [1] 2.718282

1. A very useful feature in R is the ability to pass a function name as an argument. Here is an example, where 2 is added to the value of a function, for three different functions , , and , at selected points .

test=function(x,f){  
 output=f(x)+2  
 return(output)  
 }  
  
test(0,exp)

## [1] 3

test(1,log)

## [1] 2

test(0,sin)

## [1] 2

test(pi/2,sin)

## [1] 3

Modify your function from problem 4 so that you pass in the name of the function for which you want to approximate the derivative. Use the same default value for , and approximate the derivative of sin(x) at , of at , and of at .

newton2 = function(x, f, h=exp(-6)){  
 derivative = (f(x+h)-f(x))/h  
 return(derivative)  
}  
#Testing:  
newton2(pi/4,sin)

## [1] 0.7062297

cos(pi/4)

## [1] 0.7071068

newton2(2,log)

## [1] 0.4996904

1/2

## [1] 0.5

newton2(1,exp)

## [1] 2.721654

exp(1)

## [1] 2.718282

1. Write a function which takes one argument of length 2, and returns the ordered values of . That is, if , your function should return , otherwise it should return . (WRITE YOUR OWN FUNCTION. DO NOT USE THE BUILT IN FUNCTION ORDER)

ordering = function(x){  
 if(x[1]>x[2]) return(c(x[2],x[1]))  
 else return(x)  
}

Use your function to process a dataset with 2 columns as follows. Iterate over the rows of the data set, and if the element in the 2nd column of row *i* is less than the element in the first column of row *i*, switch the order of the two entries in the row by making a suitable call to the function you just wrote.

Test using the following data.

set.seed(1128719)  
data=matrix(rnorm(20),byrow=T,ncol=2)  
for(i in 1:nrow(data)){  
 data[i,] = ordering(data[i,])  
}