**DS 710**

**R Programming Assignment**

**Homework 1:**  Share text file containing R code

For each of the following, copy **your R code and the output** (and your written response, for part 1.8) into a .r, .txt, .doc, .docx, or .rmd document.  Submit your finished document to GitHub.

1. Open R.  The first line of text in the console window tells you which version of R you are running (this should be version 3.1.2).  Copy this line of text into a document, to verify that you’ve installed the correct version.

R version 3.1.2 (2014-10-31) -- "Pumpkin Helmet"

1.1 Calculate the cube root of 2015, as follows:  
2015^(1/3)

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[1] 12.63063

1.2 Find the absolute value of 5.7 minus 6.8 divided by .58:  
abs(5.7-6.8)/.58

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[1] 1.896552

1.3 Create a list of integers from 1 to 12 and call it “a”:  
a = 1:12  
a   #(this will print a, so you can paste it into your homework; do this each time)

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a

[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

1.4 Create a sequence of odd numbers from 1 to 11:

b = c(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11)

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1.5 Create the same sequence in another way:  
c = seq(1,11, 2)  
c

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c

[1] 1 3 5 7 9 11

1.6 Take the natural log (ln) of a. (Note that this is done to the entire “vector” called a.)  
ln.a = log(a)  
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[1] 0.0000000 0.6931472 1.0986123 1.3862944 1.6094379 1.7917595 1.9459101

[8] 2.0794415 2.1972246 2.3025851 2.3978953 2.4849066

1.7 Compute the squares of the odd numbers from 1 to 11.

b^2

[1] 1 9 25 49 81 121

1.8 Use ?sd to view the help file for the sd function.  What does it do?

?sd

starting httpd help server ... done

This function computes the standard deviation of the values in x. If na.rm is TRUE then missing values are removed before computation proceeds.

1.9. Create a variable Name that contains your first name.  Because your name is a character string, not a number, you will need to put it in quotes so that R knows not to go looking for a variable with that name:

Name = "Susan"

Then type

paste("My name is", Name)

Name = "Emily"

paste("My name is", Name)

[1] "My name is Emily"

1.10  When you shut down R, R will ask if you want to save the workspace image.  Always choose **no**.

(Saving the workspace image means saving in memory any variables you have defined.  It does *not* save the code you wrote—you need to save your code in a .r file, or script, for this.  Saving your variables can be confusing:  If you later write another function that’s supposed to use, say, the name of a company, stored in the variable Name, but forget to initialize it, normally R would give you an error message that you could use to figure out your mistake.  But if you save the workspace image, then R won’t give an error message.  It will just use the stored value of Name—but that’s your name, not the company name.  This produces a bug that can be much harder to track down.)