Peer Graded Assignment: Course Project 1

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Introduction

This assignment uses data from the UC Irvine Machine Learning Repository, a popular repository for machine learning datasets. In particular, we will be using the "Individual household electric power consumption Data Set".

Dataset: Electric power consumption [20MB]

Description: Measurements of electric power consumption in one household with a one-minute sampling rate over a period of almost 4 years. Different electrical quantities and some sub-metering values are available.

The following descriptions of the 9 variables in the dataset are taken from the UCI web site:

- 1. Date: Date in format dd/mm/yyyy
- 2. Time: time in format hh:mm:ss
- 3. Global_active_power: household global minute-averaged active power (in kilowatt)
- 4. Global reactive power: household global minute-averaged reactive power (in kilowatt)
- 5. Voltage: minute-averaged voltage (in volt)
- 6. Global intensity: household global minute-averaged current intensity (in ampere)
- 7. Sub_metering_1: energy sub-metering No. 1 (in watt-hour of active energy). It corresponds to the kitchen, containing mainly a dishwasher, an oven and a microwave (hot plates are not electric but gas powered).
- 8. Sub_metering_2: energy sub-metering No. 2 (in watt-hour of active energy). It corresponds to the laundry room, containing a washing-machine, a tumble-drier, a refrigerator and a light.
- 9. Sub_metering_3: energy sub-metering No. 3 (in watt-hour of active energy). It corresponds to an electric water-heater and an air-conditioner.

Loading the data

When loading the dataset into R, the following to be considered:

- The dataset has 2,075,259 rows and 9 columns. First a rough estimate of how much memory the dataset will require in memory before reading into R should be calculated. Computer should have enough memory (most modern computers should be fine).
- We will only be using data from the dates 2007-02-01 and 2007-02-02. One alternative is to read the data from just those dates rather than reading in the entire dataset and subsetting to those dates.

- It may be useful to convert the Date and Time variables to Date/Time classes in R using the strptime() and as.Date() functions.
- In this dataset missing values are coded as?.

Making Plots

Our overall goal here is simply to examine how household energy usage varies over a 2-day period in February, 2007. Our task is to construct the plots using the base plotting system.

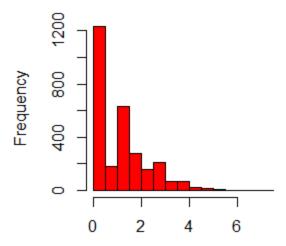
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fh <- file("household_power_consumption.txt")

ba <- read.table(text = grep("^[1,2]/2/2007", readLines(fh), value = TRUE), col.names
= c("Date", "Time", "Global_active_power", "Global_reactive_power", "Voltage", "Global
_intensity", "Sub_metering_1", "Sub_metering_2", "Sub_metering_3"), sep = ";", header
= TRUE)

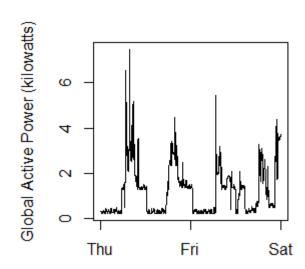
# Generating Plot 1

hist(ba$Global_active_power, col = "red", main = paste("Global Active Power"), xlab =
"Global Active Power (kilowatts)")</pre>
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Global Active Power



Global Active Power (kilowatts)



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## Generating Plot 3
with(data, {
    plot(Sub_metering_1 ~ Datetime, type = "l",
    ylab = "Global Active Power (kilowatts)", xlab = "")
    lines(Sub_metering_2 ~ Datetime, col = 'Red')
    lines(Sub_metering_3 ~ Datetime, col = 'Blue')
})
legend("topright", col = c("black", "red", "blue"), lty = 1, lwd = 2,
    legend = c("Sub_metering_1", "Sub_metering_2", "Sub_metering_3"))
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