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#1.1_Basics_of_R
# To set working directory to the source file folder:
# Session -> Set working directory -> To Source file location
## Creating, indexing, subsetting and operating vectors
# Create a vector using concatenation
z = 1 # assign a scalar value to z
v = c(0,1,7,-2) # create a vector v
w = c(1, 3, -12, 0) # create a vector w
#---->
# Try arithmetic operations on the vectors and scalars
z + v
W + V
W*V
# Index an element of a vector
w[2] # second element of w
#---->
# Subset a vector
v[1:3] # first 3 elements of v
## Creating, indexing, subsetting and operating matrices
# Create a 2 x 2 matrix m
(m = matrix(c(3, -4.2, -7.1, 0.95), nrow=2, ncol=2))
#---->
# Fill matrix by rows; default is by column
(m = matrix(1:6, nrow=2, byrow=T))
#---->
# Index 2 row
m[2,]
# Index 3rd column
m[,3]
# (2,3)'th element of the matrix m
m[2,3]
#----
# Arithmetic operations on Matrices
m-2
m/5
# Matrix multiplication:
set.seed(40); M1 = matrix(runif(9),3,3); M1
set.seed(42); M2 = matrix(runif(9),3,3); M2
# Can you explain the above steps?
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\# M3 is the product of matrices M1 and M2
M3 = M1 \% *\% M2; M3
#---->
# Transpose
t(M1) # transpose of M1
#determinant
det(M1) # determinant of M1
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# Matrix inverse
solve(M1)
## Creating, indexing, subsetting and operating lists
# Lists are a more flexible (than vectors and matrices) of storing objects in R
# create a vector of strings
s = c("Kofi", "Kojo", "Ziggy")
L = list(sc=z, v1=v, v2=w, m=m, M1=M1, M2=M2, M3=M3, s=s)
# Access elements of list L (either way works)
L$sc
L[[1]]
L$s
L[[8]]
L$M1
L[[5]]
## Loading data into R
# Let us load the .csv data from the working directory. This is the mroz data
# is taken from the Jeffery Wooldridge's textbook website
dat<- read.csv("dat.csv",header = T,sep = " ")</pre>
names(dat); dim(dat) # check column names and dimension of matrix
nr = dim(dat)[[1]] # extract number of rows
nc = dim(dat)[[2]] # extract number of columns
#---->
## Manipulating the data set
# create a matrix of two columns age and experience
xx = as.matrix(cbind(dat$age,dat$experience))
# split data set into two, even and odd-indexed rows
eI = (1:floor(nr/2))*2 # even indices;
#what is the function floor() doing?
eDat<- cbind(dat$y[eI],xx[eI,]) # subset even-indexed observations of y and xx
oDat<- cbind(dat$y[-eI],xx[-eI,]) # odd-indexed observations of y and xx
# NB: the negation of an index is all but those observations, odd indices in
# our case
## Plotting data in R
# simple scatter plot
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plot(dat$nonwife)
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# plot a histogram
hist(dat$nonwife)
#---->
# a histogram with 30 bins
hist(dat$nonwife, breaks=30, main = "Histogram of non-wife income",
   xlab = "Non-wife income in $")
# use "main = ", "xlab = ", "ylab = " to provide main title, label for the
# horizontal axis and for the vertical axis respectively.
#---->
# a kernel density plot (a continuous version of the histrogram)
plot(density(dat$nonwife), main = "Kernel density plot of non-wife income",
   xlab = "Non-wife income in $")
# only use kernel density plot if your variable is truly continuous
#---->
# Function plots in R
curve(sin,-4*pi,4*pi)
## Logicals in R
# Logicals are useful mainly for verifying whether statements are true or
# false
# Examples:
# 1. Verify equality
2 == 3 # is 2 equal to 3? # Note == is logical, = assigns value to the LHS
2<3 # is 2 less than 3?
2>=3 # is 2 greater or equal to 3?
#---->
which(w==0) # which element of vector w equals 0?
which(v==12) # which element of vector v equals 12?
#---->
any(w< -1) # any element of w less than -1? NB. ensure space between < and -
w %in% v # is there any element of w in v?
all(w==v) # are vectors w and v exactly equal, i.e. element-wise?
## if/else statements
# These statements enable us to carry out a task only if conditions are
# satisfied.
i=2
if(w[i]<0){
 print(paste(w[i], "is a negative number"))
}else if(w[i]>0){
 print(paste(w[i], "is a positive number"))
}else{
 print(paste(w[i], "is neither positive nor negative"))
}
# change the value of i to other indices and see what happens
#---->
# To apply conditional execution to each element of a vector, use the function
# ifelse:
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set.seed(333)
x = round(rnorm(10), 2)
y = ifelse(x>0, 1, -1)
rbind(x,y) #row bind x and y
## Loops
# Loops enable a repetition of steps for a given number of times of until some
# condition is met
# for loop: suitable for a finite number of steps known before hand
sum = 0 #initialise sum
for (i in 1:10) sum = sum + i
sum
# Exercise: Can you run a for loop for a product of numbers 1 through 10?
#---->
# For a slightly more complicated example, sum over only even numbers:
sum = 0
for (i in 1:10){
 if (i\%2 == 0) sum = sum + i
# the use of curly brackets for a loop is advisable if you have several steps
#---->
# while loop: suitable for a known stopping criterion but not the number of
# steps
# We use a while loop to report how many steps it takes to get to position
# greater than 10, and what that position is given random increments taken
# from the normal distribution mean .5, standard deviation 1.
x=0
n=0
set.seed(333)
# set seed when using random number generation for reproducibility of results
while (x <= 10) \{
 n=n+1
 x=x+rnorm(1,mean=.5,sd=1)
 }
print(paste ("n = ", n, ", x = ", round(x,2))) #print out results
## User defined functions in R
# Functions in R are key for executing tasks in an orderly way. They take input
# and give output.
# The general form of a function definition is
# f = function(x,y,...) expression involving x, y, ...
# The result of the function will be the last evaluated expression, unless
# return() is called
# Here's a simple function that calculates the first three powers of a vector
# and arranges the result as a matrix.
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powers = function(x) {
 matrix(c(x,x^2,x^3),nrow=length(x),ncol=3)
 }
vv = 1:5
powers(vv)
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# A Cobb-Douglas production function
CDP = function(K,L) (K^0.4) * (L*0.6)
# Example:
CDP(200,40)
# vary inputs and verify output
#---->
# A function to compute OLS parameters
OLS<- function(y,x){
 N = length(y) #obtain number of observations
 y = matrix(y, ncol = 1) # a matrix of column length 1
 x = as.matrix(cbind(1,x)) # include 1's for the intercept term
  k=ncol(x) # number of parameters to estimate
 beta = solve(t(x))**x)%*x0**x1 vector)
 res = y - x%*%beta # compute residuals
 df = N - k #degree of freedom
  sig = sum(res^2)/df #compute sigma squared
 varcov<- sig*solve(t(x)%*%x) # compute variance-covariance matrix</pre>
 m = matrix(NA, nrow = 4, ncol = k)
 m[c(1,2),] = rbind(t(beta), sqrt(diag(varcov)))
 t.stat = m[1,]/m[2,] # compute t statistics
 pval = 2*(1-pt(abs(t.stat),df)) #p values taken from the t distribution
 m[c(3,4), ] \leftarrow rbind(tval,pval)
 dimnames(m)[[1]]<- c("estimate", "std. error","t value","p value")</pre>
 # label the rows
 return(t(m)) # round final results to 4 decimal places
}
# Example:
reg<-OLS(y=dat$nonwife,x=xx)
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round(reg, digits = 4) # round to 4 decimal places
# compare to the internal lm() R function
regI<- lm(dat$nonwife~xx)</pre>
summary(regI)
#---->
# Write a log-likelihood function for the linear regression model with
# normally distributed errors
like<- function(y,x,pars){</pre>
  N = length(y) #obtain number of observations
 y = matrix(y, ncol = 1) # a matrix of column length 1
 x = as.matrix(cbind(1,x)) # include 1's for the intercept term
  k=ncol(x) # number of parameters to estimate
  np = length(pars) #obtain number of parameters (including sigma)
  beta = matrix(pars[-np],ncol = 1) #obtain column vector of parameters
  sig = pars[np]
  res<- y - x%*%beta
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11 = sum(dnorm(res,sd=sqrt(sig),log = T)) #obtain log joint likelihood
 return(11)
}
# example:
like(y=datnonwife, x=xx, pars = c(rep(1,4)))
#return log likelihood value for parameter values of 1's
#---->
# write and plot a piecewise function
piecefn<- function(x){</pre>
 if(x<0){
   y=-x^4
 }else if(x>2){
   y=(x-2)^3
 }else{
   y = 0
 }
 return(y)
}
piecefn=Vectorize(piecefn) # vectorize the function. why?
curve(piecefn,from = -4,to=10) #plot the curve
## Generating random numbers in R
# Some times, we may want to obtain draws from a distribution or randomise
# certain operations. This can be done in a number of ways.
(x = runif(10)) # uniformly draw 10 numbers in the default interval [0,1]
# Repeat the above step a number of times. Are the numbers the same in each draw?
#---->
# Now set seed to any number, say 40
set.seed(40); (x = runif(10))
# Repeat the above steps. What do you observe?
#---->
# Make 10 000 draws from the normal distribution, mean 1, standard deviation 1
set.seed(40) ; x = rnorm(10000, mean=1, sd=1)
# Make a density plot
plot(density(x),main = "normal probability density")
#---->
# Make 10 000 draws from the beta distribution
set.seed(40)
x = rbeta(1000, shape1 = 1, shape2 = 4)
plot(density(x),main = "beta probability density")
# Exercises:
# Randomly split the data set dat by rows into 3 parts
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