Intermediate statistics: introduction

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Introductions: What are you planning to do with statistical models?

Remember: All models are wrong, some are useful.

https://f-edwards.github.io/intermediate_stats/

1. Install R

cran.r-project.org

2. Install RStudio

posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/

3. Install git and clone course repo (optional)

0. Create a new folder on your HDD called `intermediate_stats`. Create an RProject located in that folder

1. Create a new script called `1_intro_demo.r`

2. Install packages tidyverse and gapminder using `install.packages`

Lab 1

1. Compute the life expectancy for the average country for each year available in gapminder. Plot your findings.

2. Compute the global average life expectancy for each year. Plot your findings. Compare with 1)

3. Repeat 3; but compute this measure at the year-continent level. Plot your findings.

4. Scatterplot lifeExp and gdpPercap.

5. Scatterplot lifeExp and the logarithm of gdpPercap. Compare with 4.

6. Estimate a linear regression for lifeExp as a function of log GDP. Interpret your findings.