R Programming (CSW318B)

#Workshop: 1

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What is Analytics?

- Analytics is the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics.
- It is used for the discovery, interpretation, and communication of meaningful patterns in data.
- It also entails applying data patterns towards effective decision making

Why do we need Analytics?

- Cost Reduction
- Better marketing
- Product Analysis
- Organization Analysis
- Fast
- Better Decision Making

Business Analytics

- Study of business data using statistical techniques and programming for creating decision support and insights for achieving business goals.
- Business Analytics solutions typically use statistical and quantitative analysis and factbased data to measure past performance to guide organization's business planning.
- Business analytics is used to evaluate organization-wide operations, and can be implemented in any department from sales to product development to customer service.

Introduction to R

• R is an open source programming language and software environment for statistical computing and graphics.

• The R language is widely used among statisticians and data miners for developing statistical software and data analytics tools

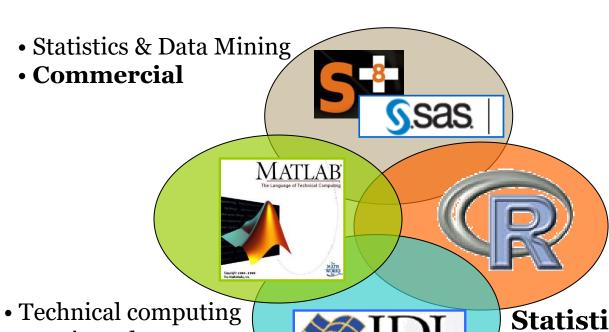
History of R

- R was initially written by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman at the Department of Statistics of the University of Auckland in Auckland, New Zealand. R made its first appearance in 1993.
- A large group of individuals has contributed to R by sending code and bug reports.
- Since mid-1997 there has been a core group (the "R Core Team") who can modify the R source code archive.

Why R?

- It's free!
- It runs on a variety of platforms including Windows, Unix and MacOS.
- It provides an unparalleled platform for programming new statistical methods in an easy and straightforward manner.
- It contains advanced statistical routines not yet available in other packages.
- It has state-of-the-art graphics capabilities.

Why R?



- Matrix and vector formulations
 - Data Visualization and analysis platform
 - Image processing, vector computing

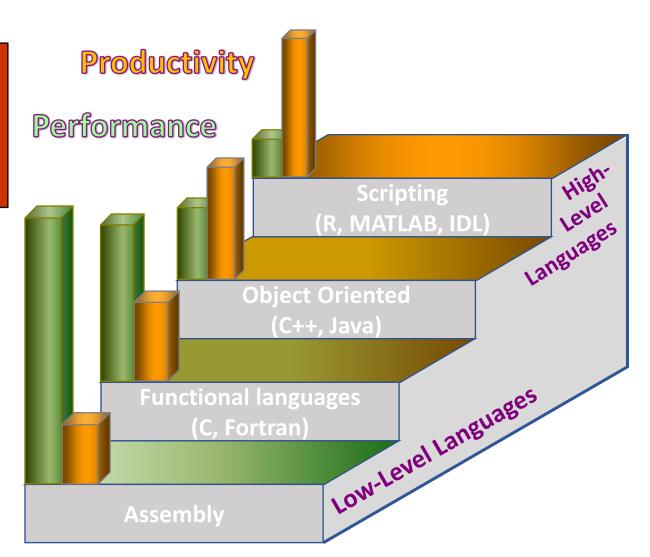
Statistical computing and graphics

http://www.r-project.org

- Developed by **R**. Gentleman & **R**. <u>Ihaka</u>
- Expanded by community as open source
- Statistically rich

The Dilemma of Programmer

What programming language to use & why?



Features of R

The following are the important features of R:

- R is a well-developed, simple and effective programming language which includes conditionals, loops, user defined recursive functions and input and output facilities.
- R has an effective data handling and storage facility,
- R provides a suite of operators for calculations on arrays, lists, vectors and matrices.
- R provides a large, coherent and integrated collection of tools for data analysis.
- R provides graphical facilities for data analysis and display either directly at the computer or printing at the papers.

Basic usage: arithmetic in R

- You can use R as a calculator
- Typed expressions will be evaluated and printed out
 - Main operations: +, -, *, /, ^
 - Obeys order of operations
 - Use parentheses to group expressions
- More complex operations appear as *functions*
 - sqrt(2)
 - $\sin(pi/4)$, $\cos(pi/4)$, $\tan(pi/4)$, $a\sin(1)$, $a\cos(1)$, $a\tan(1)$
 - $\exp(1)$, $\log(2)$, $\log(10)$

Resources for R

• http://www.r-project.org/

• http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Verzani-SimpleR.pdf

Download R and RStudio

• Download R:

http://cran.r-project.org/bin/

• Download RStudio:

http://www.rstudio.com/ide/download/desktop

Installation

Installing R on windows PC:

- Use internet browser to point to: http://mirror.aarnet.edu.au/pub/CRAN
- Under the heading Precompiled Binary Distributions, choose the link Windows.
- Next heading is R for Windows; choose the link base.
- Click on download option(R 3.4.1 for windows).
- Save this to the folder C:\R on your PC.
- When downloading is complete, close or minimize the Internet browser.
- Double click on R 3.4.1-win32.exe in C:\R to install.

Installing R on Linux:

• sudo apt-get install r-base-core

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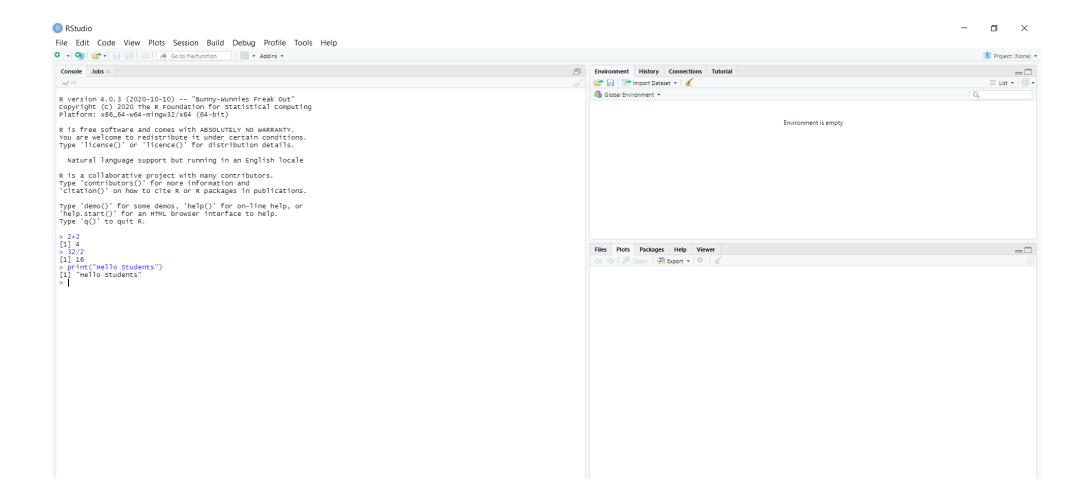
Installing RStudio:

- Go to www.rstudio.com and click on the "Download RStudio" button.
- Click on "Download RStudio Desktop."
- Click on the version recommended for your system, or the latest Windows version, and save the executable file. Run the .exe file and follow the installation instructions.

For reference:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZxSA80lF1I

R studio



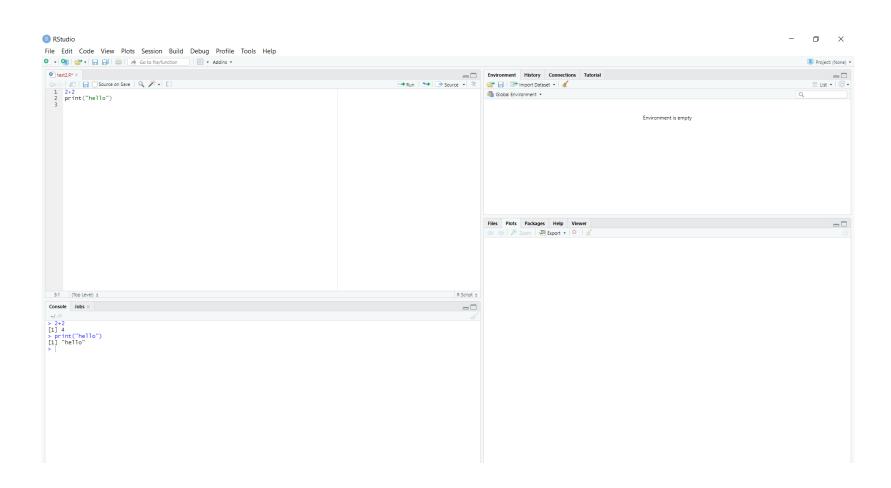
R Script File

• Usually, you will do your programming by writing your programs in script files and then you execute those scripts at your R studio with the help of RUN command. So let's start with writing following code in a text file called test1.R as under:

My first program in R Programming print ("Hello Students")

Solution: Hello Students

Save simple program file in R



Useful R links

- R Home: http://www.r-project.org/
- R's CRAN package distribution: http://cran.cnr.berkeley.edu/
- Introduction to R manual: http://cran.cnr.berkeley.edu/doc/manuals/R-intro.pdf
- Writing R extensions: http://cran.cnr.berkeley.edu/doc/manuals/R-exts.pdf
- Other R documentation: http://cran.cnr.berkeley.edu/manuals.html