STAT40180/STAT40620 Data Programming. Lab 9: Input/output and string manipulation

There are four files in the Blackboard folder named file1.txt, file2.txt, file3.txt and file4.txt. Save them somewhere on your computer and set your working directory to that location.

- 1. The file file1.txt contains a 100 by 200 matrix of random digits. However, it has a missing value (denoted by -99) and some random text at the top of the file. Each value is also delimited by a dollar sign. Read in the data using read.delim. Which row and column contain the missing value? (Hint: use which)
- 2. The file file2.txt contains 40 lines of random length text. Read in the data using scan so that the text is stored in a vector. When extracted, every third letter from each element of this vector makes up part of a sentence. What is that sentence?
- 3. The file file3.txt contains the html webpage output from the internet movie database top 250 movies (http://www.imdb.com/chart/top). Load in the data using scan. Which actor appears most in the top 250 movies Morgan Freeman, Jack Nicholson or Brad Pitt? (Hint: grep will be useful.)
- 4. A set of spam data are available at: https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/ElemStatLearn/datasets/spam.data. Each row here represents an email and each of the first 48 columns give the percentage occurrence of a particular word in the email. There are then 9 further columns about the email (which we will ignore). The final column gives whether the data were considered spam or not (1 = yes, 0 = no). The list of 48 words is given in the file file4.txt. Load in the spam data and file4.txt. Using the first 48 columns (i.e. the word frequencies) and the last column (whether spam or not) of the spam data and the word list, find out which word has the greatest difference in average frequency between spam and non-spam emails.
- 5. Use the function getURL in the library RCurl followed by readHTMLTable in the library XML to download the table of the winning team, beaten finalist etc of each All-Ireland Senior Football Championship final from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_All-Ireland_Senior_Football_Championship_finals The table should be the 3rd tag in the resulting list when you run readHTMLTable. Which county has won the most All Ireland football finals? Produce a bar plot to illustrate the Winner variable. Which county is the most common finalist?