University of Arkansas Statistical Methods 2019-10-08

Problem Set 1-1

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1. (a) X (b) (c) X (d) (e)
2. (a) (b) X (c) (d) (e)
3. (a) (b) X (c) (d) (e)
4. 1 4 1 . 5 3 8

1. Problem

Which of these are places in Arkansas?

- (a) Hawksbill Crag
- (b) Lazy River
- (c) Whitaker Point
- (d) Blue Mountain
- (e) Flat-top Mountain

Solution

The answer is (a), (c). Whitaker Point and Hawksbill Crag are both the same place and the only places in Arkansas.

2. Problem

Which of the following R functions allows you a quick, overview of the data? Make sure you select all that apply.

- (a) modify()
- (b) str()
- (c) summary()
- (d) c()
- (e) simulate()

Solution

The answer is (b). The functions glimpse(), str() and summary() print out quick overviews of the data giving the number of variables, type of variables, and other quick previews of the data. The function print() gives an overview of the data, however the output is not summarized or does print() return a quick overview. The functions lm(), c(), modify(), and simulate() do not display the data at all .

3. Problem

The following are two vectors

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[1] 2 4 6 8

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[1] 1 2 3 4

What is the code that generates the following output?

[1] 3 6 9 12

- (a) x/y
- (b) x + y
- (c) x * y
- (d) x y
- (e) 2 * x * y

Solution

The answer is (b) because vector addition
$$x + y = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+1 \\ 4+2 \\ 6+3 \\ 8+4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. Problem

21 University of Arkansas pre-law students are taking the LSAT exam (the standardized exam for entry into law school) where the average LSAT score in the United States is 139 with a standard devation of 5. To be a top-ranked institution, the average student score must be in the in the top 99% of classes. What average score is needed for the University to be a top ranked school?

Below is R code for the problem that can be used to solve the problem.

qnorm(0.8, 0, 1)	qnorm(0.99, 0, 1)
## 0.842	## 2.326
pnorm(139, 99, 5)	pnorm(99, 139, 5)
## 1.000	## 0.000

Solution

The Z-score for the average students' scores are $Z = \mathtt{qnorm}(0.99) = 2.326$. From the Z-score, we can calculate the LSAT score needed by solving $Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}$ for \bar{x} getting $\bar{x} = Z * \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} + \mu = 2.326 * 5/4.583 + 139 = 141.538$.