MAT167 Home Work: Intro to R Tanbakuchi

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The following homework will help you get acquainted with the R statistical software package. It will seem unfamiliar and awkward at first, but stick with it, soon it will be easy. Don't get frustrated if this HW seems difficult; this is as hard as it gets. I will never expect you to memorize R commands for exams, the quick reference sheet on the website will be provided. During the second half of the course you will find R to be an extremely helpful resource.

If you get stuck with the HW, then take a look at take a look at the R help page: http://tanbakuchi.com/Resources/R\_Statistics/RBasics.html. If that doesn't help, then send an email to me explaining the problem you are having. Be sure to copy and paste the your R work (and output with errors) into the email.

Some helpful notes:

Implicit multiplication signs Make sure you include all implicit multiplication signs. If you get either of the following errors: syntax error or attempt to apply non-function, you probably forgot to include the multiplication sign \*. You will get an error if you type 2a or 3(4-2), you should type 2\*a or 3\*(4-2).

**Order of operations** be sure to enter parenthesis when needed. R observes the normal order of operations. Thus  $\frac{2+6}{3}$  should be entered as (2+6)/3.

**Powers** in R use the carrot symbol, ie.  $2^4$  is entered as  $2^4$ .

**Square Root** To find the square root in R, use the sqrt(x) function, ie.  $\sqrt{16}$  is entered as sqrt(16).

Closing parenthesis Make sure you include closing parenthesis and quotations. Typing sqrt((2+4)\*3 won't work since the closing parenthesis for the square root function is missing. The correct expression is sqrt((2+4)\*3) which has the closing parenthesis. If the R prompt changes from > to + it indicates you are missing a closing parenthesis or quotation. Type the closing element and hit enter. If you can't get the > prompt back, quit and reopen R.

Copy your work into a word document (including any plots). Ensure it is labeled with the question numbers and neat. Only include the correct work, do not include errors.

1. Use R as a calculator to verify that the following statements are true (by evaluating the left hand side to check that it is equal to the right hand side).

(a) 
$$12 \times 2 - 4.8 = 19.2$$

(b) 
$$\frac{8^3 + 2}{4} = 128.5 \tag{1}$$

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Solution:
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> (8^3 + 2)/4

[1] 128.5

(c)  $\cos(0) = 1$ 

## Solution:

> cos(0)

[1] 1

(d)  $\sqrt{8} = 2.82842712474619$ 

## Solution:

> sqrt(8)

[1] 2.828427

(e)  $\sqrt{\frac{8+43}{5}} = 3.19374388453426$ 

## **Solution:**

> sqrt((8 + 43)/5)

[1] 3.193744

2. Define the following variables in R: a = 5, b = 12.3. Use R to show that the following statements are true. (If you want to check to see what value is stored in a variable, just type its name and hit enter.) **Don't forget to include implicit multiplication signs.** 

## Solution:

> a = 5

> b = 12.3

(a) 3.5a = 17.5

Solution:

> 3.5 \* a

[1] 17.5

(b) a - b = -7.3

Solution:

> a - b

[1] -7.3

(c)  $\frac{12-5}{b} - 5.2^a = -3801.5$ 

Solution:

[1] -3801.471

(d) (b-a)(2a-b) = -16.79

Solution:

> (b - a) \* (2 \* a - b)

[1] -16.79

3. Define the vector (data set)  $w = \{-5, 4, 2, 0, 3, 1, -2, 4\}$  in R. Answer the following questions. Type the following commands in R, look at the output and then write one or two *complete* sentences describing what the command did. (Be sure to include your input and output.)

To create the vector  $^{1}$  w you type: w=c(-5, 4, 2, 0, 3, 1, -2, 4)

**Solution:** 

> w = c(-5, 4, 2, 0, 3, 1, -2, 4)

(a) w\*2

**Solution:** 

> w \* 2

[1] -10 8 4 0 6 2 -4 8

Squares each value in w.

(b) w[1]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Throughout this course we will use this method to store a set of data in a variable. Make sure you know how to do this!

## **Solution:**

> w[1]

[1] -5

Retrieves the first element  $w_1$ .

(c) w[2]

## Solution:

> w[2]

[1] 4

Retrieves the second element  $w_2$ .

(d) w==4

## **Solution:**

> w == 4

[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE

Shows the elements in w that are equal to 4.

(e) w>2

## **Solution:**

> w > 2

[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE

Shows the elements in w that are greater than 2.

(f) w[w>2]

## Solution:

> w[w > 2]

[1] 4 3 4

Retrieves all the elements in w that are greater than 2.

(g) What would you type in R to find all the values in w that are less than 0?

### Solution:

> w[w < 0]

[1] -5 -2

4. Define the following vectors in R just as you did for w in the previous question:

$$y = \{65, 22, 14, 19, 20\}$$
  
 $z = \{8, 3, 2, 5, 7, 8\}$ 

### Solution:

y = c(65, 22, 14, 19, 20)z = c(8, 3, 2, 5, 7, 8)

(a) To sum up all the numbers in a vector x, you can use the function sum(x). Thus, to find the sum of all the values in y you would type:

> sum(y)

[1] 140

Use R to find the sum of all the values in z.

### Solution:

> sum(z)

[1] 33

(b) The function max(x) returns the maximum value in a vector. Thus, to find the maximum value in z you would type:

> max(z)

[1] 8

Use R to find the maximum value in y.

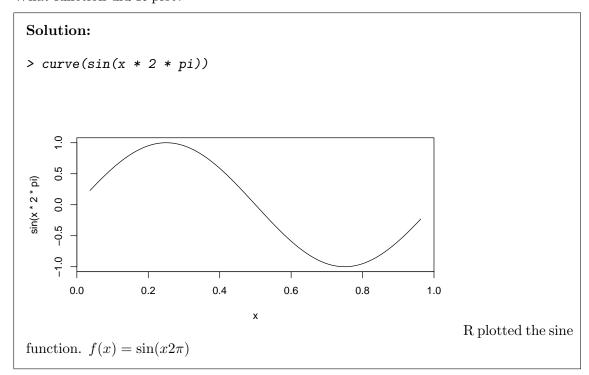
#### **Solution:**

> max(y)

[1] 65

5. R is capable of making many types of graphs. We can use R's curve function to plot polynomials.

(a) Type in the following command: curve(sin(x\*2\*pi)) What function did R plot?



(b) What is the range of x values plotted for the previous graph you made?

Solution: (0,1)

(c) Now type in: curve(sin(x\*2\*pi), xlim=c(-2, 2))
We now have added an optional argument to the function which changes the default behavior. What is the new range of x values plotted on the graph?

Solution: (-2,2)

(d) What is the default range of x values plotted for the curve function?

Solution: (0,1)

(e) What does the optional argument xlim do?

Solution: Changes the range of x values plotted.

(f) What would you type into R to make the the above graph have a x range of (0,5)?

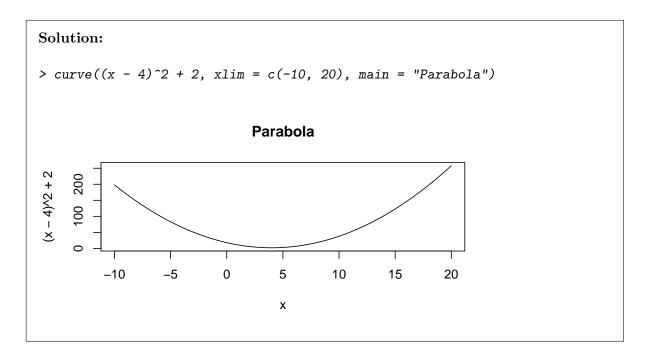
Solution: curve(sin(x\*2\*pi), xlim=c(0, 5))

(g) Type the following command: curve( $x^3$ , xlim=c(-10, 10), main="Polynomial") This time we are graphing  $f(x) = x^3$ . What does the optional argument main do?

Solution: Sets the main title of the graph.

6. Use the curve() function in R to plot the following function over the domain (-10, 20). Set the title of the plot to "Parabola". (Be sure to copy and paste your plot into the HW.)

$$f(x) = (x-4)^2 + 20 (2)$$



- 7. Load the book data into R (download the .RData file on the website under the R resources and double click on it). This will load a bunch of data tables.
  - (a) One of the data tables is named MM. This table contains information on the weights and colors of M&M's observed in a study. Type MM and hit enter. This will display the data in the table. What are the column names (you may have to scroll up)?

Solution:
> names(MM)

[1] "WEIGHT" "COLOR"

(b) An easier way to determine the names of the columns is to use the names() function. Now type: names(MM). What did this do?

**Solution:** Listed the names of the columns in the MM table.

(c) Type MM\$WEIGHT. What did this do?

Solution: Retrieved the weight of the M&M data.

(d) Now find the mean weight of the M&M's using the above statement and the same method we used previously to find the mean of a vector.

# Solution:

> mean(MM\$WEIGHT)

[1] 0.85649

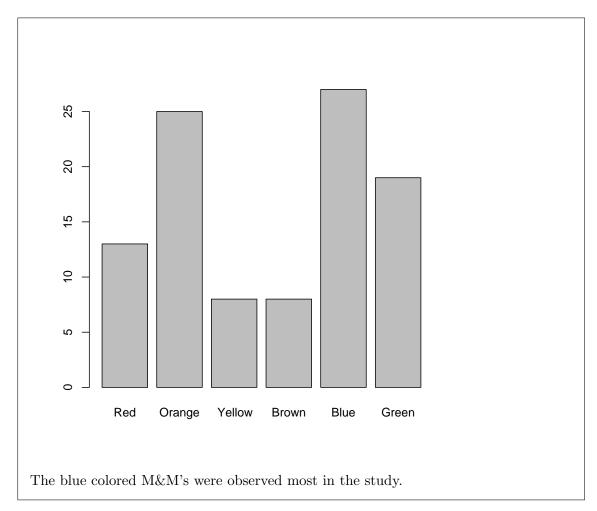
- (e) Now make a histogram plot of the M&M weights by typing: hist(MM\$WEIGHT)

  Hopefully now you can see how R is able to do allot of work with just a little typing.

  Yes, the trivial calculations can seem tedious, but more complex calculations and plots are made easily!
  - > hist(MM\$WEIGHT)
- (f) Type the following: plot(MM\$COLOR)
  Which color of M&M were observed the most in the study?

## **Solution:**

> plot(MM\$COLOR)



(g) Type the following: summary(MM) What does the above command do?

:1.0150

Max.

Solution: It summarizes each column. > summary(MM) WEIGHT COLOR :0.6960 :13 Min. Red 1st Qu.:0.8287 Orange:25 Median :0.8580 Yellow: 8 Mean :0.8565 Brown: 8 3rd Qu.:0.8810 Blue :27

(h) Now find the mean weight of the blue M&M's by typing blue=MM\$WEIGHT[MM\$COLOR=="Blue"] mean(blue)

Green:19

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Solution:
> blue = MM$WEIGHT[MM$COLOR == "Blue"]
> mean(blue)
[1] 0.856037
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(i) Next find the mean weight of the green M&M's by modifying what you did in the previous problem.

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Solution:
> green = MM$WEIGHT[MM$COLOR == "Green"]
> mean(green)
[1] 0.8635263
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