

MATH 4753 Laboratory 2

Introduction to R and Chapter 2

In this lab you will learn the basics of R. This program is free and you are encouraged to obtain a copy for your Mac, PC or Linux machine. Install it and then download and install R studio (this is a nice front end to R and is also free).

Objectives

In this lab you will learn how to:

1. Use the empirical rule
2. Use the Chebyshev rule
3. Transform data to z values
4. Find outliers using z values

Tasks

We will use Rmarkdown within Rstudio to make all our documents.

Open Lab 2.R within Rstudio and place the cursor on the top of the file – make new Task numbers and copy and paste from below them those functions needed to answer the tasks. Once completed use these functions within the Rmd file to make .html, .pdf and .doc files by knitting the .Rmd file. Save and place all files in the dropbox when completed.

- Task 1
 - Download from CANVAS the zipped data files, “Dataxls”
 - Unzip the contents into a directory on your desktop (call it LAB2)
 - Download the file “lab2.r”
 - Place this file with the others in LAB2.
 - Start Rstudio
 - Open “lab2.r” from within Rstudio.
 - Go to the “session” menu within Rstudio and “set working directory” to where the source files are located.
 - Copy and paste the working directory by issuing the command `getwd()` :
- Task 2
 - Find the file “EPAGAS.xls” inside LAB2
 - Open it in Excel
 - Save As type CSV(comma delimited) “*.csv”
 - Use `read.table()`, `read.csv()` or the Rstudio menu to read the data into R (or any other method available), this function will already be available within the script lab2.r which you have opened in Rstudio.
 - Copy and paste the first six lines of the data using “`head()`” (use “courier new” font):
- Task 3

- Make the object mpg, the number of miles per gallon vector.
 - If $z_i = \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})}{s_x}$, then $\bar{z} = 0$ and $s_z^2 = 1$. Transform the mpg variable to z and verify these results.
 - Using z, find the values of mpg that are possible outliers.
 - Using z, find the values of mpg that defined as outliers.
 - Using the lattice package construct a dotplot with colors, Red=outlier, Blue=possible outlier. (NB – read the instructions in the lab2.r file for installing the package)
- Task 4
 - Make a boxplot of the mpg variable
 - Fill the box green (use “green3”)
 - Put a notch where the median goes
 - Put a title on the graph.
 - Make the plot horizontal.
 - Using Chebyshev’s theorem predict the proportion of data within 2 standard deviations of the mean of the mpg data.
 - Use R to calculate the exact proportion within 2 standard deviation of the mean.
 - Does Chebyshev agree with the data?
 - Now use the empirical rule, what proportion (according to the rule) of the data should be within 2 standard deviations of the mean?
 - How well does it correspond?
 - Is the Empirical rule valid in this case? Why/why not?