

# Introduction to Applied Statistical Computing with R

## COURSE SCHEDULE

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### Prior to Week 1

#### Homework

1. **Install R**
2. **Install RStudio**
3. **Remember to bring your laptop to class!**

#### Resources

- Torfs, P., & Brauer, C. A (very) short introduction to R. Available: <https://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Torfs+Brauer-Short-R-Intro.pdf>
- Short, T. R reference card. Available: <https://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Short-refcard.pdf>
- RStudio. RStudio IDE cheat sheet. Available: <https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/rstudio-IDE-cheatsheet.pdf>

**Note:** “Resources” are readings and materials available for your benefit if you would like additional detail on a topic. They are not required, but often are very helpful (especially things like cheat sheets and reference documents).

## Week 1: Introduction to R programming and data structures

### Lectures

- Tuesday, March 26: **Lecture 01** (pdf / Rmd)
- Thursday, March 28: **Lecture 02** (pdf / Rmd)

### Homework

#### 1. Required Reading

- a. FitzJohn, R. Nice R code: Designing projects. Available: <https://nicercode.github.io/blog/2013-04-05-projects/>
- b. Navarro, D. Section 2.1: Introduction to psychological measurement, through Section 2.2: Scales of measurement. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/studydesign.html>
- c. Wickham, H. Welcome, through Section 3: Functions. In *The tidyverse style guide*. Available: <https://style.tidyverse.org/>
  - Skim and refer back later when writing code

#### 2. Assignment 1 (pdf / Rmd) (Due April 2)

### Resources

### Computing

- Wilson, G., et al. (2017). Good enough practices in scientific computing. PLOS Computational Biology, 13(6), e1005510. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1005510
- Navarro, D. Chapter 8: Basic programming. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/scripting.html>

### Statistics & Measurement

- Navarro, D. Chapter 1: Why do we learn statistics? In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/why-do-we-learn-statistics.html>
- McDonald, J. H. Types of biological variables. In *Handbook of biological statistics*. Available: <http://www.biostathandbook.com/variabletypes.html>

### Markdown & R Markdown

- Pritchard, A. Markdown cheatsheet. Available: <https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-here/wiki/Markdown-Cheatsheet>
- RStudio. R Markdown reference guide. Available: <https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/rmarkdown-reference.pdf>
- Xie, Y., Allaire, J. J., & Golemund, G. R Markdown: The definitive guide. Available: <https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown/>

### Git & GitHub

- Bryan, J., et al. Happy Git and GitHub for the useR. Available: <https://happygitwithr.com/>
- FitzJohn, R., & Falster, D. Nice R code: Introduction to version control using Git. Available: <https://nicercode.github.io/git/>

- GitHub Guides. Git handbook. Available: <https://guides.github.com/introduction/git-handbook/>
- GitHub. GitHub Desktop. Available: <https://desktop.github.com/>
- Zabor, E. C. Creating websites in R. Available: [https://www.emilyzabor.com/tutorials/rmarkdown\\_websites\\_tutorial.html](https://www.emilyzabor.com/tutorials/rmarkdown_websites_tutorial.html)

## Week 2: Importing, working with, and exploring data

### Lectures

- Tuesday, April 2: **Lecture 03** (pdf / Rmd)
  - Gombe data
  - Prussian horse-kick data
  - Indo-European folktale data
- Thursday, April 4: **Lecture 04** (pdf / Rmd)
  - Fort Collins shelter service data

### Homework

#### 1. Required Reading

- Wickham, H. (2014). Tidy data. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 59(10), 1-23. doi: 10.18637/jss.v059.i10
  - “Informal and code heavy” version in the **tidyr** package vignette, available: <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/tidyr/vignettes/tidy-data.html>
- Tukey, J. W. (1977). Preface. In *Exploratory data analysis* (pp. v-ix). Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. Available: [here](#) (pdf)

#### 2. Assignment 2 (pdf / Rmd) (Due April 9)

### Resources

#### Data Wrangling

- RStudio. Data wrangling with dplyr and tidyr cheat sheet. Available: <https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/data-wrangling-cheatsheet.pdf>
- Wickham, H., & Grolemund, G. Chapter 12: Tidy data. In *R for data science*. Available: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/tidy-data.html>
- Navarro, D. Chapter 7: Pragmatic matters. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/datahandling.html>
- Chang, W. Converting data between wide and long format. In *Cookbook for R*. Available: [http://www.cookbook-r.com/Manipulating\\_data/Converting\\_data\\_between\\_wide\\_and\\_long\\_format/](http://www.cookbook-r.com/Manipulating_data/Converting_data_between_wide_and_long_format/)

#### Exploratory Data Analysis

- Peng, R. D. Exploratory data analysis with R. Available: <https://bookdown.org/rdpeng/exdata/>
- Wickham, H., & Grolemund, G. Chapter 7: Exploratory data analysis. In *R for data science*. Available: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/exploratory-data-analysis.html>

- Navarro, D. Chapter 5: Descriptive statistics. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/descriptives.html>

### Problems with Data

- Navarro, D. Section 5.8: Handling missing values. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/descriptives.html#missing>
- van Buuren, S. Section 1.1: The problem of missing data, through Section 1.4: Multiple imputation in a nutshell. In *Flexible imputation of missing data*. Available: <https://stefvanbuuren.name/fimd/sec-problem.html>
- Prabhakaran, S. Outlier treatment. In *r-statistics.co*. Available: <http://r-statistics.co/Outlier-Treatment-With-R.html>
- Navarro, D. Section 2.7: Confounds, artifacts and other threats to validity. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/studydesign.html#confounds-artifacts-and-other-threats-to-validity>
- McDonald, J. H. Confounding variables. In *Handbook of biological statistics*. Available: <http://www.biostathandbook.com/confounding.html>

## Week 3: Information design and data visualization

### Lectures

- Tuesday, April 9: **Lecture 05** (pdf / Rmd)  
– Egg data
- Thursday, April 11: **Lecture 06** (pdf / Rmd)

### Homework

#### 1. Required Reading

- a. Healy, K. Chapter 1: Look at data. In *Data visualization: A practical introduction*. Available: <https://socviz.co/lookatdata.html>
- b. Wilke, C. O. Chapter 29: Telling a story and making a point. In *Fundamentals of data visualization*. Available: <https://serialmentor.com/dataviz/telling-a-story.html>

#### 2. Assignment 3 (pdf / Rmd) (Due April 16)

#### 3. Start thinking about **Project Proposal** (Due April 23, 11:59pm)

### Resources

- Wickham, H., et al. Create elegant data visualizations using the grammar of graphics: ggplot2. Available: <https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/>
- Wickham, H., & Grolemund, G. Chapter 3: Data visualization. In *R for data science*. Available: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/data-visualisation.html>
- Wickham, H., & Grolemund, G. Chapter 28: Graphics for communication. In *R for data science*. Available: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/graphics-for-communication.html>
- RStudio. Data visualization with ggplot2 cheat sheet. Available: <https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/ggplot2-cheatsheet.pdf>

- Healy, K. Data visualization: A practical introduction. Available: <https://socviz.co/>
- Wilke, C. O. Fundamentals of data visualization. Available: <https://serialmentor.com/dataviz/>
- Rougier, N. P., et al. (2014). Ten simple rules for better figures. *PLOS Computational Biology*, 10(9), e1003833. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1003833
- BBC Open Source. BBC visual and data journalism cookbook for R graphics. Available: <https://bbc.github.io/rcookbook/>
- The Urban Institute. Urban Institute R graphics guide. Available: [https://urbaninstitute.github.io/urban\\_R\\_theme/](https://urbaninstitute.github.io/urban_R_theme/)
- Geckoboard. Play your charts right: Tips for effective data visualization. Available: <https://www.geckoboard.com/learn/data-literacy/data-visualization-tips/>
- Rost, L. C. (2018). Your friendly guide to colors in data visualisation. Chartable. Available: <https://blog.datawrapper.de/colorguide/>
- Tol, P. (2018). Colour schemes. SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research. Available: <https://personal.sron.nl/~pault/data/colourschemes.pdf>

## Week 4: Hypothesis testing and basic linear models

### Lectures

- Tuesday, April 16: **Lecture 07** (pdf / Rmd)
- Thursday, April 18: **Lecture 08** (pdf / Rmd)

### Homework

#### 1. Required Reading

- a. McDonald, J. H. Basic concepts of hypothesis testing. In *Handbook of biological statistics*. Available: <http://www.biostathandbook.com/hypothesistesting.html>
- b. McDonald, J. H. Correlation and linear regression. In *Handbook of biological statistics*. Available: <http://www.biostathandbook.com/linearregression.html>
  - For information on conducting these tests in R, see: Mangiafico, S. S. Correlation and linear regression. In *An R companion for the handbook of biological statistics*. Available: [http://rcompanion.org/rcompanion/e\\_01.html](http://rcompanion.org/rcompanion/e_01.html)
- c. Joselson, N. (2016). Eugenics and statistics, discussing Karl Pearson and R. A. Fisher. Available: <https://njoselson.github.io/Fisher-Pearson/>

#### 2. Assignment 4 (Due April 23)

#### 3. Project Proposal (Due April 23, 11:59pm)

### Resources

#### Hypothesis Testing

- McDonald, J. H. Choosing a statistical test. In *Handbook of biological statistics*. Available: <http://www.biostathandbook.com/testchoice.html>
  - For information on conducting these tests in R, see: Mangiafico, S. S. An R companion for the handbook of biological statistics. Available: <http://rcompanion.org/rcompanion/>

- Navarro, D. Chapter 11: Hypothesis testing. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/hypothesistesting.html>

## Linear Models

- Wickham, H., & Golemund, G. Chapter 23: Model basics. In *R for data science*. Available: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/model-basics.html>
- Wickham, H., & Golemund, G. Chapter 24: Model building. In *R for data science*. Available: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/model-building.html>
- Navarro, D. Chapter 15: Linear regression. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/regression.html>
- Navarro, D. Chapter 16: Factorial ANOVA. In *Learning statistics with R*. Available: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/book/anova2.html>
- Faraway, J. J. Practical regression and anova using R. Available: <https://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Faraway-PRA.pdf>
- Scholer, F. ANOVA - Type I/II/III SS explained. Available: <https://mcfromnz.wordpress.com/2011/03/02/anova-type-iii-ss-explained/>

## Meta-Science

- Aschwanden, C. (2015). Science isn't broken. FiveThirtyEight. Available: <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/science-isnt-broken/>
- Angwin, J., et al. (2016). Machine bias. ProPublica. Available: <https://www.propublica.org/article/machine-bias-risk-assessments-in-criminal-sentencing>
- Rodriguez-Lonebear, D. (2016). Chapter 14: Building a data revolution in Indian country. In Kukutai, T., & Taylor, J. (Eds.), *Indigenous data sovereignty* (pp. 253-272). Available: <http://press-files.anu.edu.au/downloads/press/n2140/pdf/ch14.pdf>

## Week 5: Advanced statistical methods, part I

### Lectures

- Tuesday, April 23: **Lecture 09** (pdf / Rmd)
- Thursday, April 25: **Lecture 10** (pdf / Rmd)

### Homework

1. **Required Reading**
2. **Assignment 5** (Due April 30)

### Resources

#### Social Network Analysis

#### Ecological Analyses

Diversity Indices

`diverse` package

Accumulation Curves

## Geospatial Mapping

- Grossenbacher, T. Beautiful thematic maps with ggplot2 (only). Available: <https://timogrossenbacher.ch/2016/12/beautiful-thematic-maps-with-ggplot2-only/>

## Week 6: Advanced statistical methods, part II

### Lectures

- Tuesday, April 30: **Lecture 11** (pdf / Rmd)
- Thursday, May 2: **Lecture 12** (pdf / Rmd)

### Homework

1. **Required Reading**
2. **Assignment 6** (Due May 7)
3. Start working on **Project Report** (Due May 17, 11:59pm)
4. Start working on **Project Presentation** (Due week of May 13)

### Resources

#### Ordinal Data

Likert-type Scales

When to treat ordinal as continuous

#### Dimensionality Reduction

Multidimensional Scaling (Classical and Nonmetric)

Principal Components Analysis

Exploratory Factor Analysis

Cluster Analysis

#### Structural Equation Modeling

Confirmatory Factor Analysis

## Week 7: Additional topics and analyses for individual projects

### Lectures

- Tuesday, May 7: **Lecture 13** (pdf / Rmd)
- Thursday, May 9: **Lecture 14** (pdf / Rmd)

## Homework

### 1. Required Reading

- a. rOpenSci. Introduction. In *Reproducibility in science*. Available: <https://ropensci.github.io/reproducibility-guide/sections/introduction/>

1. **Project Report** (Due May 17, 11:59pm)

2. **Project Presentation** (Due week of May 13)

## Resources

### Data Science

- Gatto, L. An introduction to machine learning with R. Available: <https://lgatto.github.io/IntroMachineLearningWithR/>

Random Forests

Text Mining, Scraping, and Sentiment Analysis

### Reproducible Research

- rOpenSci. Reproducibility in science. Available: <https://ropensci.github.io/reproducibility-guide/>
- Hartgerink, C. (2017). Composing reproducible manuscripts using R Markdown. Available: <https://elifesciences.org/labs/cad57bcf/composing-reproducible-manuscripts-using-r-markdown>
- Lowndes, J. S. S., et al. (2017). Our path to better science in less time using open data science tools. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, 1(6), 0160. doi: 10.1038/s41559-017-0160

### Science Communication

- Hillier, A., Kelly, R. P., & Klinger, T. (2016). Narrative style influences citation frequency in climate change science. *PLOS ONE*, 11(12), e0167983. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0167983
- Ratliff, W. The David Attenborough style of scientific presentation. Available: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/j1vv2baheiduvip/David%20Attenborough%20talk%20technique%202018.pdf>

## Week 8: Project presentations

Meeting date and time TBD

(pdf / Rmd)