Lecture 6

HW 2, Question 2

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Tips on where to start

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Function arguments

How could I change this function to allow the noise term to come from a different distribution?

```r
assess_coverage <- function(n, nsim, beta0, beta1){
  results <- rep(NA, nsim)

  for(i in 1:nsim){
    x <- runif(n, min=0, max=1)
    noise <- rchisq(n, 1)
    y <- beta0 + beta1*x + noise

    lm_mod <- lm(y ~ x)
    ci <- confint(lm_mod, "x", level = 0.95)

    results[i] <- ci[1] < beta1 & ci[2] > beta1
  }
  return(mean(results))
}
```

Function arguments

We can also pass functions as arguments!

```r
assess_coverage <- function(n, nsim, beta0, beta1, noise_dist){
  results <- rep(NA, nsim)

  for(i in 1:nsim){
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    noise <- noise_dist(n)
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```r
assess_coverage(n = 100, nsim = 1000, beta0 = 0.5, beta1 = 1,
                noise_dist = rexp)
```

```
[1] 0.944
```

Function arguments

What must be true about the `noise_dist` function here?

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Function defaults

```
1 ?rexp
```

Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the exponential distribution with rate `rate` (i.e., mean `1/rate`).

Usage

```
rexp(n, rate = 1)
```

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Function defaults

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Same results:

```
1 set.seed(93)
2 rexp(n=1)
```

```
[1] 1.188317
```

```
1 set.seed(93)
2 rexp(n=1, rate=1)
```

```
[1] 1.188317
```

Different result:

```
1 set.seed(93)
2 rexp(n=1, rate=2)
```

```
[1] 0.5941585
```

Function defaults

```
1 ?rchisq
```

Usage

```
rchisq(n, df, ncp = 0)
```

- There is no default for `df` in the `rchisq` function!

```
1 assess_coverage(n = 100, nsim = 1000, beta0 = 0.5, beta1 = 1,
2                 noise_dist = rchisq)
```

```
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- How can we use a χ^2_1 for `noise_dist`?

Writing a new function

```r
set.seed(73)

chisq_1 <- function(m){
  return(rchisq(m, df=1))
}
assess_coverage(n = 100, nsim = 1000, beta0 = 0.5, beta1 = 1,
                noise_dist = chisq_1)
```

```
[1] 0.962
```

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  return(x)
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Function scoping

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```
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```
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```
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```

```r
x
```

```
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```

- If a variable is not defined in a function, R looks outside the function (the *global environment*)

Name masking

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```

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```

```
x
```

```
[1] 10
```

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- Variables created within a function don't exist outside

Summary

- Variables created within a function don't exist outside
- If a variable is not defined in a function, R looks outside the function
- Names defined inside a function *mask* names defined outside a function

Class activity

https://sta279-s24.github.io/class_activities/ca_lecture_6.html