ECON2300 - Introductory Econometrics

Tutorial 1: R and Basic Operations

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Who's your Tutor?

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Born in 1986 in Ourinhos, São Paulo state, Brazil

2004 - 2008

Bachelor of Computer Science

2008 - 2012

Supervisor at Procter & Gamble

2009 - 2011

MBA - FGV

2012 - 2018

Built and ran a Hostel

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Who's your Tutor?

Econometrics/Statistics

ECON1310 – Introductory Statistics for Social Sciences

ECON2300 – Introductory Econometrics

ECON2105 – Statistical Theory for Economists

ECON2333 – Big Data and Machine Learning for Economics and Finance

ECON3330 – Econometric Analysis

ECON3360 – Causal Inference for Microeconometrics

ECON3350 - Applied Econometrics for Macroeconomics and Finance

STAT2003 – Mathematical Probability

STAT2004 – Statistical Modelling & Analysis

STAT3001 – Mathematical Statistics

STAT3004 – Probability Models & Stochastic Processes



Assessments

	Assessment Task	Due Date	Weighting	Learning Objectives
S	<i>Quizzes</i> Problem Solving Exercises	Online Periodic Assessments Throughout the Semester	30% 10% x best 3 out of 5	2
	<i>R-Exercises</i> Analysis of Data and Short Report	Online Periodic Assessments Throughout the Semester	30% 10% x best 3 out of 5	1
	Project Project I: Assignment and Brief Research Report	18 Sep 23 16:00	20%	1, 2, 3, 5
	Project Project II: Assignment and Brief Research Report	06 Nov 23 16:00	20%	1, 2, 4, 5

Problem Solving Exercises

Type: Quizzes

Learning Objectives Assessed: 2

Due Date: Online Periodic Assessments Throughout the Semester

Weight: 30%

10% x best 3 out of 5

Task Description:

Online quizzes (via Blackboard) throughout the semester; mostly fortnightly, but exact dates will be announced on Blackboard. There will be in total five quizzes, each consisting of multiple-choice and short-answer questions related to the material covered in lectures and tutorials. Each quiz is worth 10%.

Due Date (TBC) -

Quiz 1: 18 August, 16:00

Quiz 2: 1 September, 16:00

Quiz 3: 15 September, 16:00

Quiz 4: 6 October, 16:00

Quiz 5: 20 October, 16:00

Criteria & Marking:

UQ Students: Please access the profile from Learn.UQ or mySI-net to access marking criteria held in this profile.

Submission:

Online via Blackboard. No late submission will be accepted (see Section 5.3)

Analysis of Data and Short Report

Type: R-Exercises

Learning Objectives Assessed: 1

Due Date: Online Periodic Assessments Throughout the Semester

Weight: 30%

10% x best 3 out of 5

Task Description:

R exercises (possibly via Blackboard) throughout the semester; mostly fortnightly, but exact dates will be announced on Blackboard. There will be in a total of five R exercises, each consisting of some questions that help students use R to analyse Data and report the estimation results using the material in lectures and tutorials. Each R-exercise is worth 10%.

Due Date (TBC) -

Quiz 1: 11 August, 16:00

Quiz 2: 25 August, 16:00

Quiz 3: 8 September, 16:00

Ouiz 4: 22 September, 16:00

Quiz 5: 13 October, 16:00

Criteria & Marking:

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Submission:

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Project I: Assignment and Brief Research Report

Type: Project

Learning Objectives Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 5

Due Date: 18 Sep 23 16:00

Weight: 20% Task Description:

You are expected to formulate hypothesis relevant to a research project. Analyse the data using techniques covered under the Learning Objectives as indicated above. Submit a research report summarising your findings and offering policy advice based on your findings.

Criteria & Marking:

UQ Students: Please access the profile from Learn.UQ or mySl-net to access marking criteria held in this profile.

Submission:

Students are required to submit an electronic copy to the Course Coordinator through the course webpage (Blackboard).

Project II: Assignment and Brief Research Report

Type: Project

Learning Objectives Assessed: 1, 2, 4, 5

Due Date: 06 Nov 23 16:00

Weight: 20%

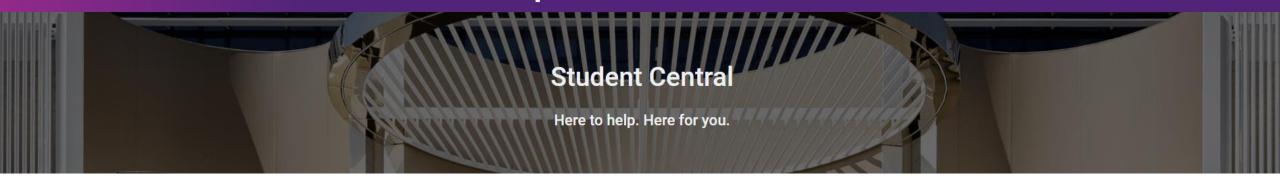


I need HELP!!!

- <u>ECON2300@uq.edu.au</u> for general questions
- <u>cml.2300@uq.edu.au</u> for CML/quizzes
- Discussion Board (Blackboard/Learn.UQ)
- Consultation every weekday!!
 (Mostly afternoon)
- https://www.econometrics-with-r.org/
 (good source for R codes same book)

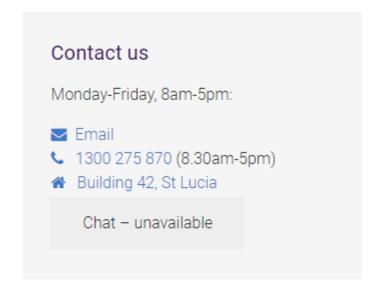






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UQ Campus Security

**** 07 3365 3333 (24/7)

Off-campus emergency

**** 000 (24/7)

Crisis support

For urgent mental health support:

UQ Counselling and Crisis Line

**** 1300 851 998 (24/7)

Text a Crisis Counsellor

4.30pm-8am (4.30pm-8am)



Installing R (not RStudio yet)

R base distribution – 4.3.1 https://cran.r-project.org/

R-4.3.1 for Windows

Download R-4.3.1 for Windows (79 megabytes, 64 bit)

README on the Windows binary distribution New features in this version

This build requires UCRT, which is part of Windows since Windows 10 and Windows Server 2016. On older systems, UCRT has to be installed manually from here.

If you want to double-check that the package you have downloaded matches the package distributed by CRAN, you can compare the md5sum of the .exe to the fingerprint on the master server.

Frequently asked questions

- Does R run under my version of Windows?
- How do I update packages in my previous version of R?

Please see the R FAQ for general information about R and the R Windows FAQ for Windows-specific information.

R for macOS

This directory contains binaries for the base distribution and of R and packages to run on macOS. R and package binaries for R versions older than 4.0.0 are only available from the <u>CRAN archive</u> so users of such versions should adjust the CRAN mirror setting (https://cran-archive.r-project.org) accordingly.

Note: Although we take precautions when assembling binaries, please use the normal precautions with downloaded executables.

R 4.3.1 "Beagle Scouts" released on 2023/06/16

Please check the integrity of the downloaded package by checking the signature:

pkgutil --check-signature R-4.3.1.pkg

in the Terminal application. If Apple tools are not available you can check the SHA1 checksum of the downloaded

openssl sha1 R-4.3.1.pkg

Latest release:

R-4.3.1-arm64.pkg

hash: 14c018ff54f7f5bb37c1d96b33207343b83e9345 (ca. 90MB, notarized and signed)

For older Intel Macs: R-4.3.1-x86 64.pkg

hash: laf8f055a601d5de5dfefdb3956ecc8f745c2401 (ca. 92MB, notarized and signed)

For Apple silicon (M1/M2) Macs: R 4.3.1 binary for macOS 11 (Big Sur) and higher, signed and notarized packages.

> Contains R 4.3.1 framework, R.app GUI 1.79, Tc1/Tk 8.6.12 X11 libraries and Texinfo 6.8. The latter two components are optional and can be ommitted when choosing "custom install", they are only needed if you want to use the tcltk R package or build package documentation from sources.

macOS Ventura users: there is a known bug in Ventura preventing installations from some locations without a prompt. If the installation fails, move the downloaded file away from the Downloads folder (e.g., to your home or Desktop)

Note: the use of X11 (including tcltk) requires XQuartz (version 2.8.5 or later). Always re-install XQuartz when upgrading your macOS to a new major version.

This release uses Xcode 14.2/14.3 and GNU Fortran 12.2. If you wish to compile R packages which contain Fortran code, you may need to download the corresponding GNU Fortran compiler from https://mac.R-project.org/tools. Any external libraries and tools are expected to live in /opt/R/arm64 (Apple silicon) or /opt/R/x86 64 (Intel).



Installing RStudio

Rstudio IDE – 2023.06.1+524 https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/

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RStudio IDE

The most popular coding environment for R, built with love by Posit.

Used by millions of people weekly, the RStudio integrated development environment (IDE) is a set of tools built to help you be more productive with R and Python. It includes a console, syntax-highlighting editor that supports direct code execution. It also features tools for plotting, viewing history, debugging and managing your workspace.

RStud	io Des	ktop

RStudio Server

RStudio Desktop

Find out more about RStudio Desktop and RStudio Desktop Pro below.

OS	Download	Size	SHA-256
Windows 10/11	RSTUDIO-2023.06.1-524.EXE ±	212.77 MB	A8325AD5
macOS 11+	RSTUDIO-2023.06.1-524.DMG ±	380.82 MB	184804EA
Ubuntu 20/Debian 11	RSTUDIO-2023.06.1-524-AMD64.DEB ±	145.85 MB	49E24A69
Ubuntu 22	RSTUDIO-2023.06.1-524-AMD64.DEB ±	146.82 MB	C030EC83
Fedora 19/Red Hat 7	RSTUDIO-2023.06.1-524- X86_64.RPM	162.31 MB <u>+</u>	4C541A7F
OpenSUSE 15	RSTUDIO-2023.06.1-524- X86_64.RPM	146.70 MB	7CE6C080

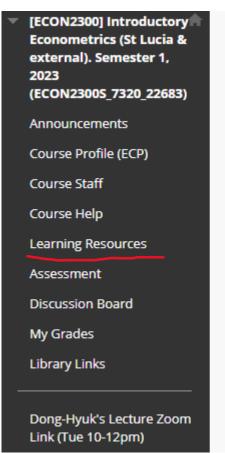


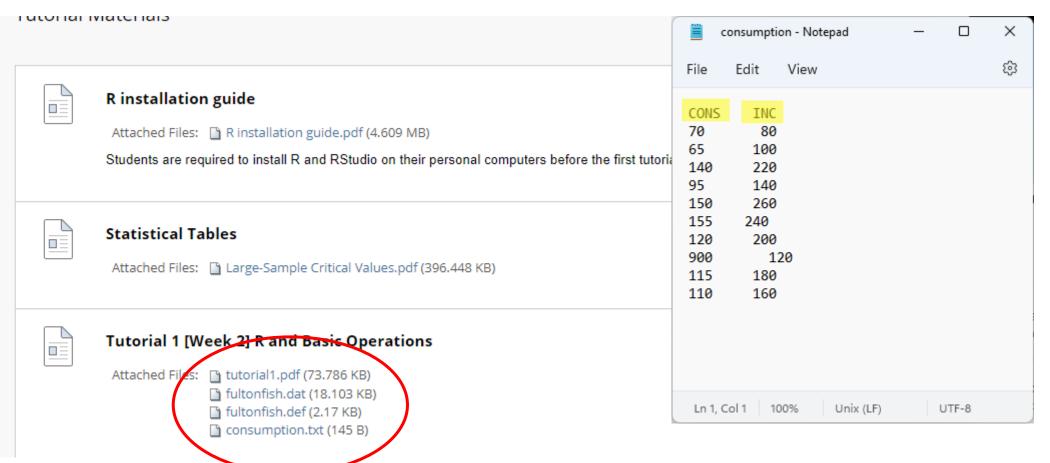
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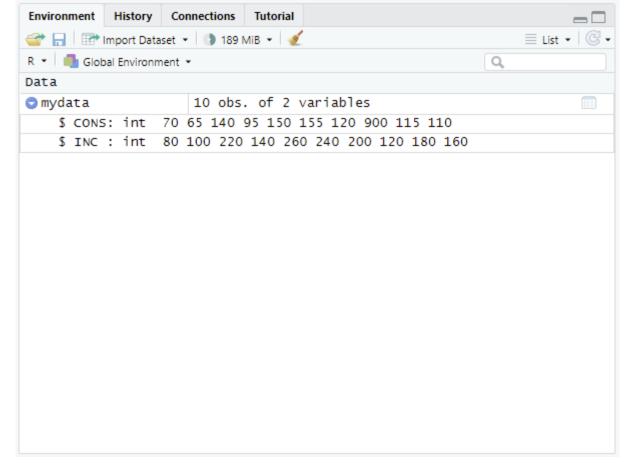
Set Work Directory

Session > Set Working Directory > To Source File Location

Solution The data is loaded using the R command read.delim.

```
mydata <- read.delim("consumption.txt", header = TRUE, sep = "")</pre>
```

We use the option header = TRUE to inform R that the first line contains variable names, and the option sep = "" to indicate that the variables are separated by a space. At the same, we create an R variable mydata to store the data.





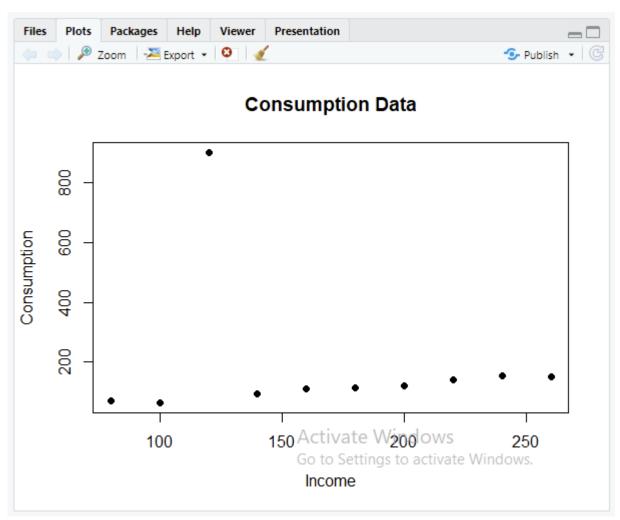
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Solution The simplest way to draw a scatter gram is to attach the data and use the plot command.

The command plot has several arguments. The first two are the X and Y variables. In addition, it has options to choose a title (main) and labels (xlab and ylab), as well as the point style (pch).



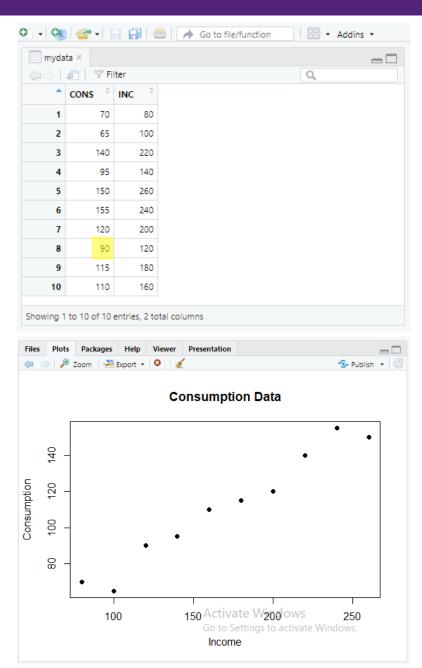


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Solution The data are in the form of a matrix whose (8,1) element has the error, so we assign the correct value to it. Next, we need to "refresh" the data in memory by "detaching" and "attaching" mydata again. Once done, redraw the scatter diagram by repeating the command in part (b).





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Solution All these statistics are neatly summarised by the summary command. summary(mydata)

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> plot(INC, CONS, main="Consumption Data",
       xlab="Income", ylab="Consumption", pch=19)
> mydata[8,1] <- 90
> detach(mydata)
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> plot(INC, CONS, main="Consumption Data",
       xlab="Income", ylab="Consumption", pch=19)
> summary(mydata)
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Solution The command cor gives a correlation matrix. The off-diagonal elements are correlation coefficients between the variables indicated in the rows and columns.

cor(mydata)

```
## CONS INC
## CONS 1.0000000 0.9808474
## INC 0.9808474 1.0000000
```

In this example, we have only two variables, which gives only one correlation coefficient (0.981). Since the correlation coefficient is close to (positive) one, consumption and income are moving in the same direction and they are closely related.

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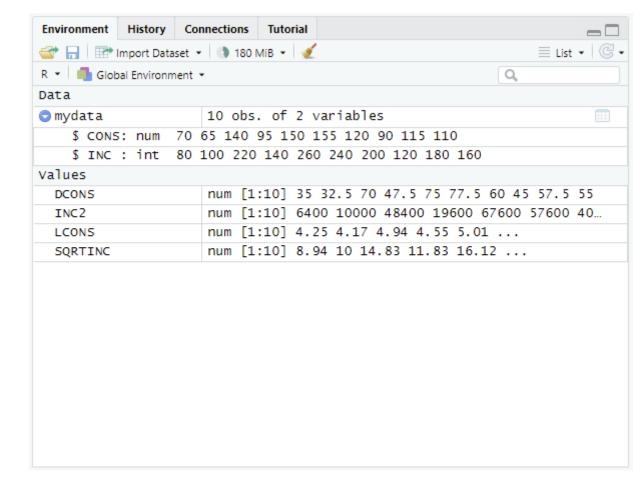
Solution Variables are created using either <- or =. The function log applied the "natural logarithm' ransformation.

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DCONS <- 0.5 * CONS

LCONS <- log(CONS)

INC2 = INC^2

SQRTINC = sqrt(INC)
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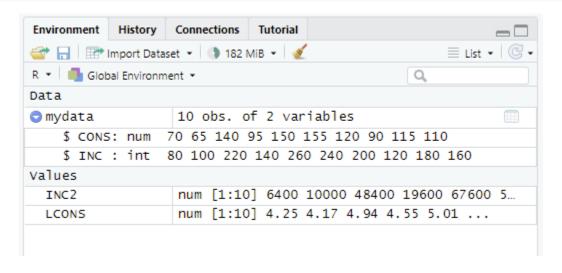
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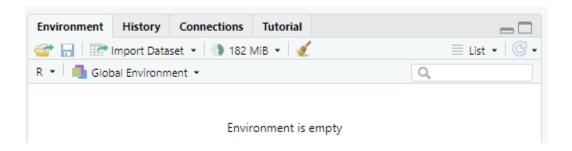
Solution Use the rm command to delete variables.

rm(DCONS, SQRTINC)



Solution Delete all the variables by passing the output of the ls command to rm.

rm(list = ls())





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fultonfish.dat



Whiting

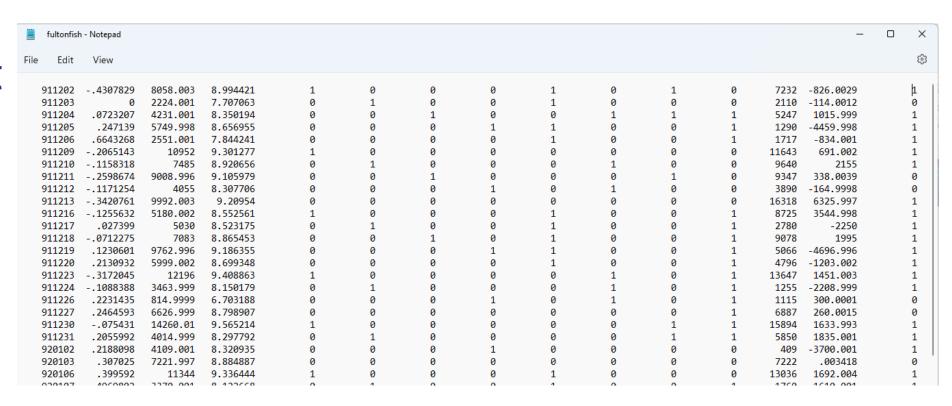


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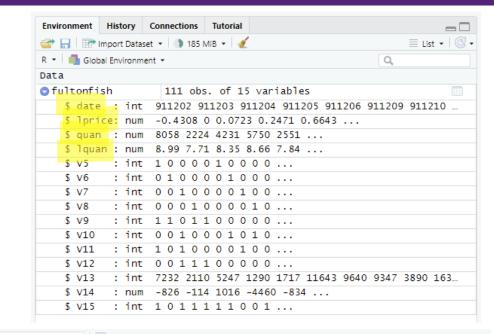


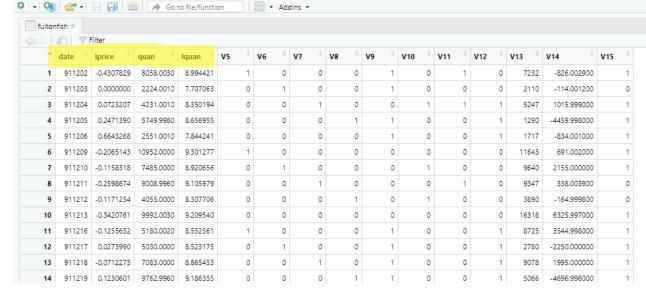
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Solution R assigns variable names V1, V2, ... when the variables do not have a name. Assign proper names to the first four variables using the command colnames.

```
fultonfish <- read.delim("fultonfish.dat", header = FALSE, sep = "")
colnames(fultonfish)[1:4] <- c("date", "lprice", "quan", "lquan")</pre>
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The command colnames takes an R object as an argument—in this case fultonfish. The range in brackets, [1:4], chooses the columns (from the first to the fourth). The command c "concatenates" a list of variables.

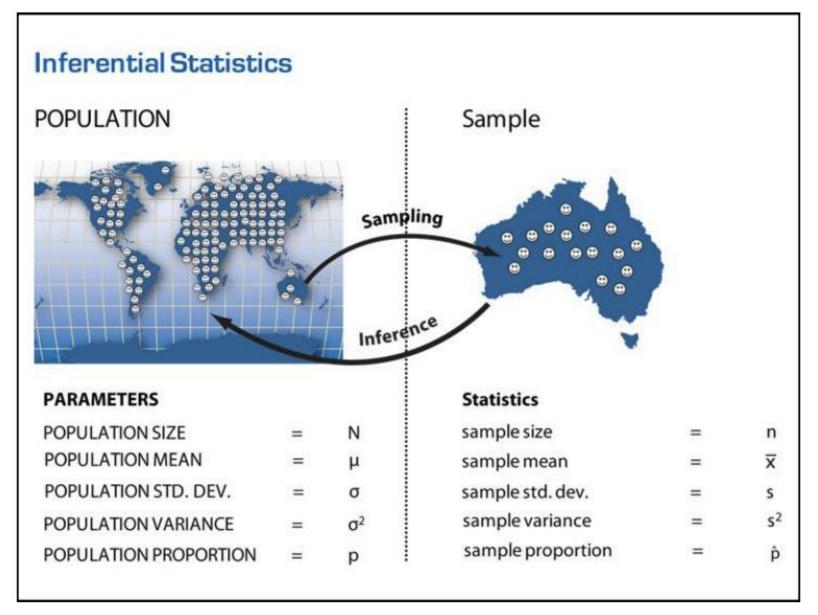






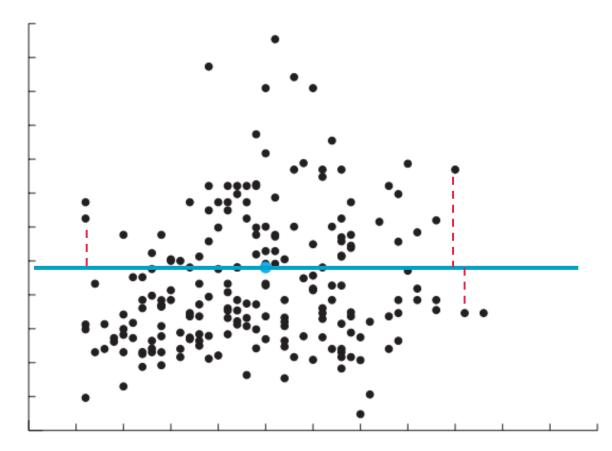
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What is the sample mean?
Should I add every observation and divide YES!
by the number of observations?

The bar represents mean
$$\overline{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \frac{1}{n} (Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n)$$

$$\overline{\overline{Y}} \xrightarrow{p} \mu_Y.$$

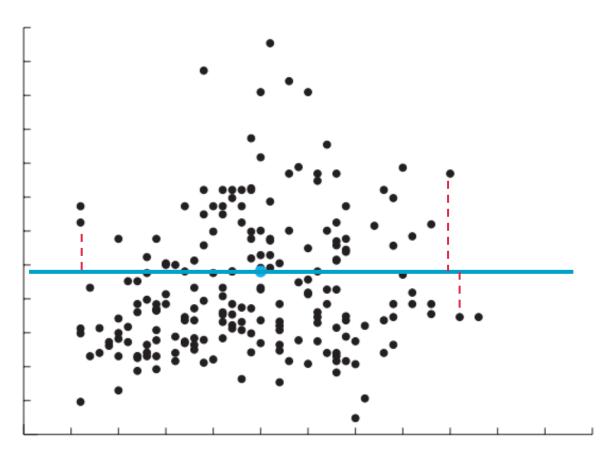
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```
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```

```
## [1] 6334.667
sd(fultonfish$quan)
```

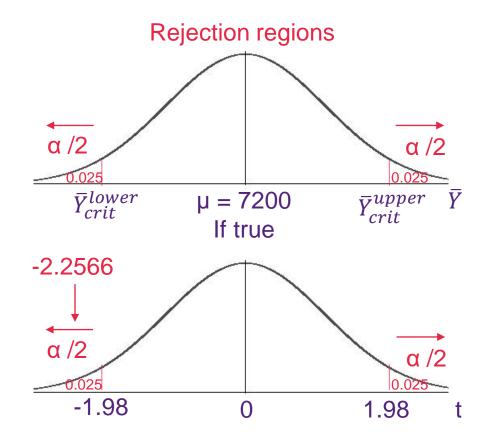
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$$t_{calc} = \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{s_{\bar{Y}}} = \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{6334.67 - 7200}{\frac{4040.12}{\sqrt{111}}} = -2.2566$$

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 $|t_{calc}| > t_{crit} \rightarrow |-2.26| > 1.98 \rightarrow \text{Reject } H_0.$

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Solution This is straightforward using the command t.test.

```
t.test(fultonfish$quan, mu = 7200)
```

```
##
## One Sample t-test
##
## data: fultonfish$quan
## t = -2.2566, df = 110, p-value = 0.02601
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 7200
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 5574.717 7094.617
## sample estimates:
## mean of x
## 6334.667
```

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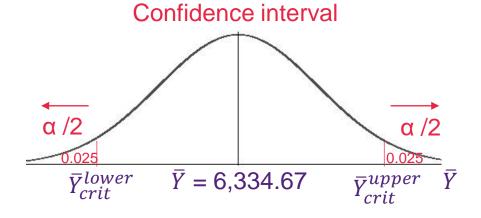
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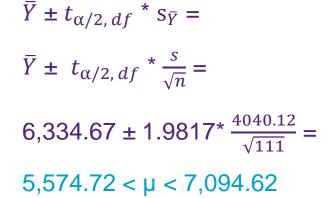
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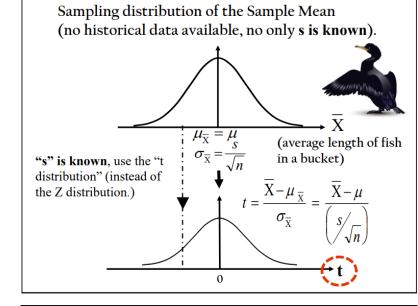
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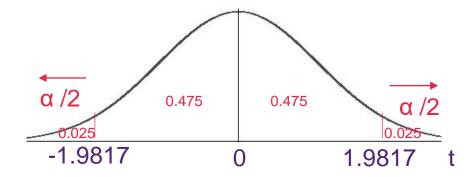
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Lower limit: $\overline{X} - t_{\alpha/2, \text{ n-1}} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

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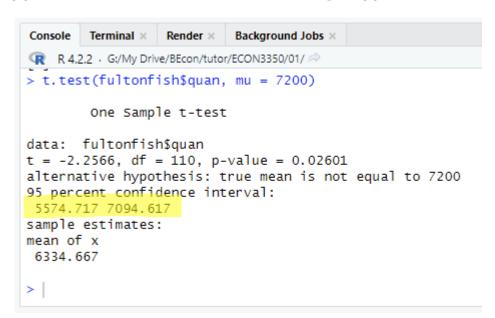
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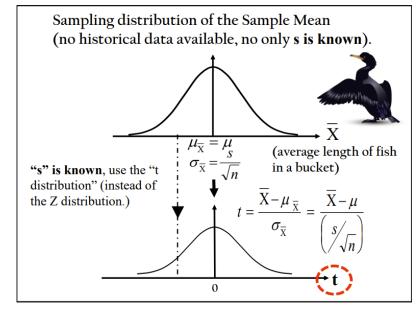
$$\bar{Y} \pm t_{\alpha/2, df} * s_{\bar{Y}} =$$

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$$6,334.67 \pm 1.9817^* \frac{4040.12}{\sqrt{111}} =$$

$$5,574.72 < \mu < 7,094.62$$

All the necessary information is available form the output of the t.test command. Indeed, the confidence interval itself is included in the output!



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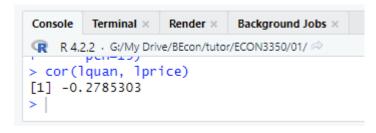
Solution Generate the plot the same way as in Question 1, part (b).

```
attach(fultonfish)
plot(lquan, lprice,
    main = "Log Price and Log Quantity",
    xlab="log(Quantity)",
    ylab="log(Price) of whiting per pound",
    pch=19)
```





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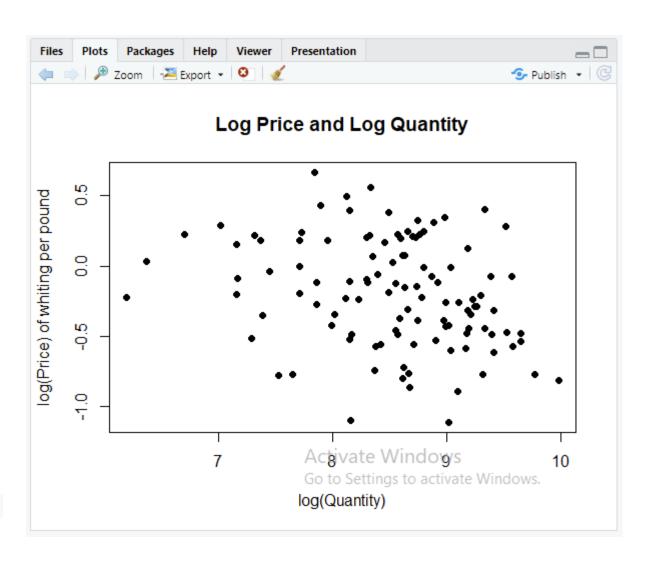
Conceptually, we expect price and quantity to be negatively related, but there does not to appear to be a clear relationship between price and quantity in this data. We can investigate it further by computing the sample correlation.

```
cor(lquan, lprice)
```

[1] -0.2785303

The correlation coefficient is slightly negative but not particularly strong. Does this mean demand for whiting is not very affected by prices?

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Solution Save the entire workspace in RData format using the save command in combination with the 1s command.

```
save(list = ls(all = TRUE), file = "tuturial01.RData")
```



Thank you

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Reference

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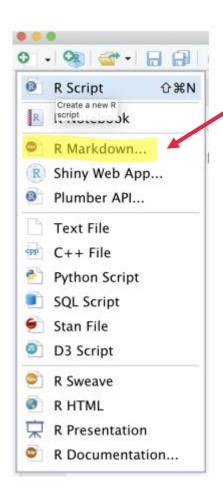
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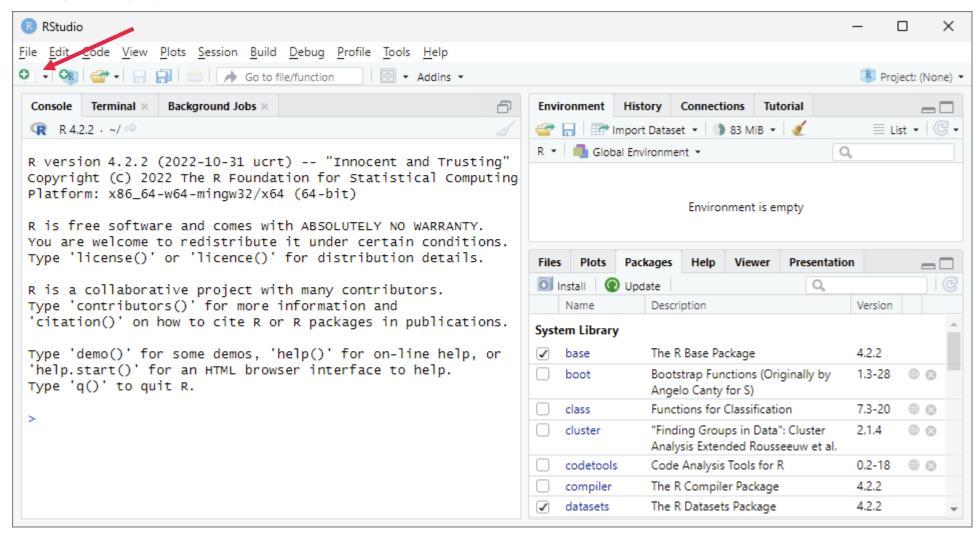


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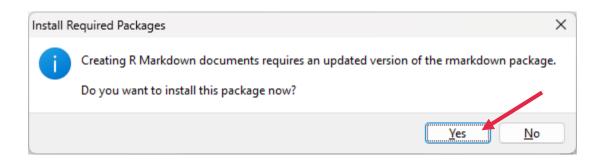
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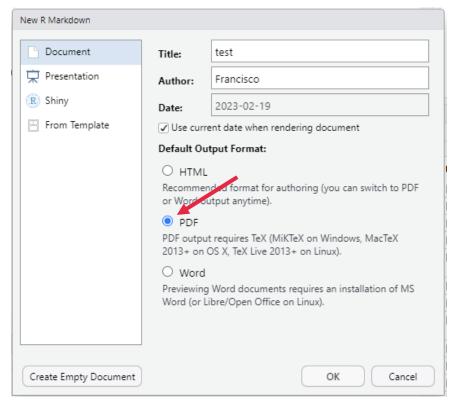


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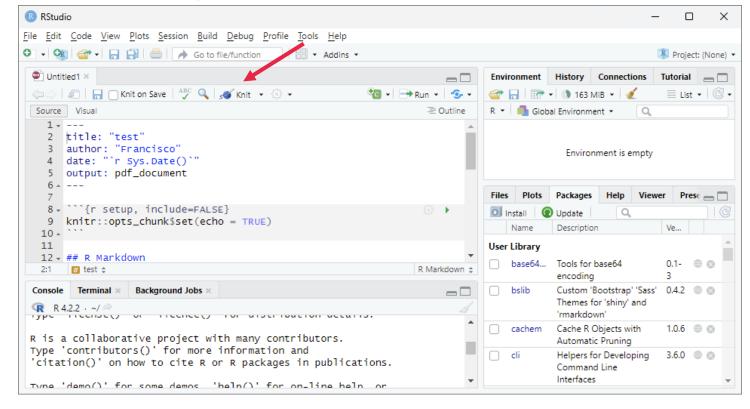


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