MATH 1051H-A: Lecture #01

Welcome Information

Contact Details

- · Me: Dr. Wesley Burr
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- Office: GCS 335
- Office Hours: Fridays, 1000-1150
- Workshop Assignments: very important that you know your section!

Digital Tech & Links

I believe in the power of technology to make teaching and learning easier. So we're going to use quite a bit of it in this class.

- Blackboard: official grades, class-wide communications, paper assignment postings (1 assignment)
- WeBWork: most of your assignments (digital)
- Chat (Slack): asking questions, communicating, sharing
- rstudio.cloud: learning to do statistics and data analysis (2 assignments)

WeBWorK

- http://webwork.trentu.ca/
- · Demo was done in workshop on Thursday
- First assignment will go live this evening
- Multiple attempts (varies by question)
- Assignments due throughout term

Chat Interface

- persistant
- · multiple user
- · replaces email
- · where the TAs and professors will spend time outside of class & office hours
- http://webwork.trentu.ca/chat/

RStudio

The R programming language and interface is **the** language of statistics in the 21st century.

- MATH 1051H is not a traditional mathematics course
- Statistics blends mathematics, computer science, data analysis, data science, and philosophy
- You will be learning to do data analysis using R in this class
- http://rstudio.cloud/ (login with your Trent-Google account)

Let's Do Something Fun

Load up a web browser, and go to:

http://bit.ly/MATH1051_LecDemo_1

... I'm going to alt-tab now!

And - We're Back!

Now I'd like to go over the course with you.

- · Lectures: 2 + 1
- · Workshops: 1 hour, Thursdays

Texts & Software

- OpenIntro Statistics (free, or \$16)
- Book of R: excellent reference for shelf, not required (about \$45)
- Calculator: anything goes, Casio FX-991 recommended (bookstore)
- · R & RStudio: free!

Things Worth Marks

- · WeBWork2: 10%, lowest dropped
- · R Assignments: 2, 15% each (weeks 4 and 10, tentatively)
- Theory Written: 10% (week 12)
- · Midterm: 15%
- Final Exam: 35%

How to Get Help

- · Slack: regular office hours, schedule posted next week
- MATH1051HELP@trentu.ca admin and course matters
- · TAs in Workshop: weekly
- · Help Centre Hours (GCS): posted in week 3, dedicated MATH 1051H slots
- TA In-Person Office Hours: TBD
- My Office Hours: Fridays, 10-12, GCS 335

Some Final Thoughts

Final note: our class runs Thursday-Wednesday. So each "week" is actually wrapping around a weekend. This messes things up a **lot**.

- · still trying to decide when (day, time) to make assignments due; will announce via Blackboard this weekend
- first assignment will be posted tonight, due in 7+ days
- only requires readings from textbook, and Wednesday's lecture will also cover the material