

# 1 Block 1

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## TOPICS

Variables and constants

Basic instructions: variable/constant declaration, assignment, reading, printing

Math operations

Control structures: sequence

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### 1.1

Write a program that reads two numbers  $a$  and  $b$  and computes the sum  $z$  between them.

o SOLUTION

```
1 a = numeric(1)
2 b = numeric(1)
3 z = numeric(1)
4 a = as.numeric(readline(prompt = "Insert a number"))
5 b = as.numeric(readline(prompt = "Insert another number"))
6 z = a + b
7 print(z)
```

### 1.2

Consider  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu = 2.5, \sigma = 2.1)$ . Write a program that computes  $\mathbb{P}(X \leq x_0)$  with  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq x_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_0} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dx$$

o SOLUTION 1

```
1 x0 = px0 = numeric(1)
2 x0 = 2.3
3 px0 = pnorm(q = x0, mean = 2.5, sd = 2.1)
4 print(px0)
```

o SOLUTION 2

```
1 x0 = px0 = mu = sd = numeric(1)
2 x0 = 2.3
3 mu = 2.5
4 sd = 2.1
5 px0 = integrate(f = function(x, mu, sd) {
6   (1/(sd * sqrt(2 * pi))) * exp(-0.5 * ((x - mu)/sd)^2)
7 }, lower = -Inf, upper = x0, mu = mu, sd = sd)
8 print(px0)
```

### 1.3

Consider  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu = 2.5, \sigma = 2.1)$ . Write a program that computes  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq x_0)$  with  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq x_0) = \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dx$$

o SOLUTION 1

```

1 x0 = px = numeric(1)
2 x0 = 1.1
3 px0 = 1 - pnorm(q = x0, mean = 2.5, sd = 2.1)
4 print(px0)

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1 x0 = px0 = mu = sd = numeric(1)
2 x0 = 1.1
3 mu = 2.5
4 sd = 2.1
5 px0 = integrate(f = function(x, mu, sd) {
6   (1/(sd * sqrt(2 * pi))) * exp(-0.5 * ((x - mu)/sd)^2)
7 }, lower = x0, upper = Inf, mu = mu, sd = sd)
8 print(px0)

```

## 1.4

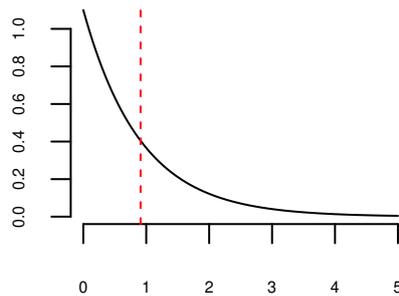
Consider  $X \sim \text{Exp}(x; \lambda = 1.1)$ . Write a program that (i) plots the probability density function of  $X$ , (ii) computes  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq x_0)$  with  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , (iii) represents graphically the quantile  $x_0$  w.r.t. the density function.

o SOLUTION

```

1 x0 = px0 = numeric(1)
2 x0 = 0.91
3 curve(expr = dexp(x, rate = 1.1), from = 0, to = 5, bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "",
4   cex.axis = 0.5)
5 px0 = 1 - pexp(q = x0, rate = 1.1)
6 abline(v = x0, lty = 2, col = "red")

```



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## 1.5

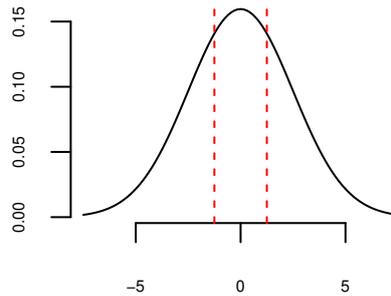
Consider  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu = 0, \sigma = 2.5)$ . Write a program that (i) plots the probability density function of  $X$ , (ii) computes  $\mathbb{P}(x_1 \leq X \leq x_2)$  with  $(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , (iii) represents graphically the quantiles  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  w.r.t. the density function.

o SOLUTION

```

1 x1 = x2 = px0 = numeric(1)
2 x1 = -1.25
3 x2 = 1.25
4 curve(expr = dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 2.5), from = -7.5, to = 7.5, bty = "n", xlab = "",
5       ylab = "", cex.axis = 0.5)
6 px0 = pnorm(q = x2, mean = 0, sd = 2.5) - pnorm(q = x1, mean = 0, sd = 2.5)
7 abline(v = c(x1, x2), lty = 2, col = "red")

```



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## 1.6

Write an algorithm that reads two strings  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  as input and returns a new string  $s$  formed by concatenating  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ .

o SOLUTION

```

1 s1 = s2 = s = character(1)
2 s1 = readline(prompt = "Write a first word")
3 s2 = readline(prompt = "Write a second word")
4 s = paste(s1, s2, sep = " ")
5 print(s)

```

## 1.7

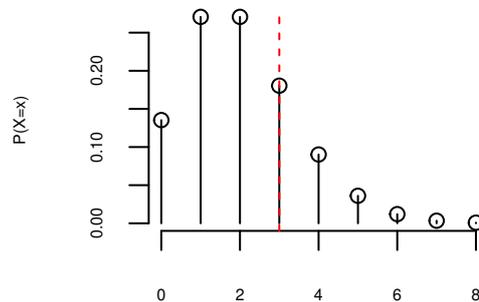
Consider  $X \sim \mathcal{Poi}(x; \lambda = 2)$ . Write an algorithm that (i) plots the probability density function of  $X$ , (ii) computes  $\mathbb{P}(X = x_0)$  with  $x_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , (iii) represents graphically the quantile  $x_0$  w.r.t. the density function.

o SOLUTION

```

1 x0 = px0 = numeric(1)
2 x0 = 3
3 plot(x = 0:8, y = dpois(x = 0:8, lambda = 2), type = "p", bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "P(X=x)",
4     cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)
5 segments(x0 = 0:8, y0 = 0, x1 = 0:8, y1 = dpois(x = 0:8, lambda = 2))
6 px0 = ppois(q = x0, lambda = 2)
7 abline(v = x0, lty = 2, col = "red")

```



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## 1.8

Consider  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu = 0, \sigma = 1.5)$ ,  $Y \sim \chi^2(y; k = 2)$  and  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Write an algorithm that reads  $x_0$ , computes and prints out the following quantity:

$$r = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X \geq x_0)}{\mathbb{P}(Y \leq x_0)} \mathbb{P}(X \geq x_0)^2$$

o SOLUTION

```

1 x0 = r = numeric(1)
2 p1 = p2 = numeric(1)
3 x0 = 1.26
4 p1 = 1 - pnorm(q = x0, mean = 0, sd = 1.5)
5 p2 = pchisq(q = x0, df = 2)
6 r = (p1/p2) * p1^2
7 print(r)

```

## 1.9

(cont. Exercise 1.8) Write an algorithm that (i) reads five positive real numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_5$  such that  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_5$ , (ii) computes for each input the quantity  $r$ , (iii) plots  $r$  as a function of  $\min(\mathbb{P}(X \geq x_i), \mathbb{P}(Y \leq x_i))$   $i = 1, \dots, 5$ .

o SOLUTION

```

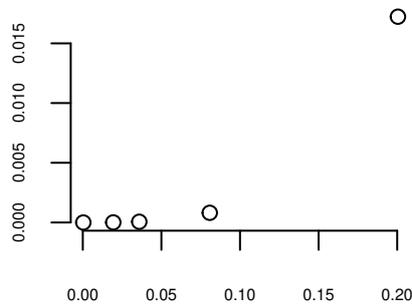
1 x1 = x2 = x3 = x4 = x5 = numeric(1)
2 p1 = p2 = p3 = p4 = p5 = numeric(1)
3 q1 = q2 = q3 = q4 = q5 = numeric(1)
4 r1 = r2 = r3 = r4 = r5 = numeric(1)
5 x1 = 1.26
6 x2 = 2.1
7 x3 = 3.1
8 x4 = 2.7
9 x5 = 5.1
10 p1 = 1 - pnorm(q = x1, mean = 0, sd = 1.5)
11 p2 = 1 - pnorm(q = x2, mean = 0, sd = 1.5)
12 p3 = 1 - pnorm(q = x3, mean = 0, sd = 1.5)
13 p4 = 1 - pnorm(q = x4, mean = 0, sd = 1.5)
14 p5 = 1 - pnorm(q = x5, mean = 0, sd = 1.5)

```

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15 q1 = pchisq(q = x1, df = 2)
16 q2 = pchisq(q = x2, df = 2)
17 q3 = pchisq(q = x3, df = 2)
18 q4 = pchisq(q = x4, df = 2)
19 q5 = pchisq(q = x5, df = 2)
20 r1 = (p1/q1) * p1^2
21 r2 = (p2/q2) * p2^2
22 r3 = (p3/q3) * p3^2
23 r4 = (p4/q4) * p4^2
24 r5 = (p5/q5) * p5^2
25 plot(x = c(min(p1, q1), min(p2, q2), min(p3, q3), min(p4, q4), min(p5, q5)), y = c(r1,
26       r2, r3, r4, r5), type = "p", bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "", cex.axis = 0.5,
27       cex.lab = 0.5)

```



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## 1.10

Consider  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(y; \mu = 2.3, \sigma = 1)$  and  $p_0 \in [0, 1]$ . Write an algorithm that computes and prints out the quantile  $y_0 = \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{P}(Y \leq y) = p_0\}$ . Note that in this case the *quantile function* of a probability density function needs to be used.

o SOLUTION

```

1 y0 = numeric(1)
2 p0 = numeric(1)
3 p0 = 0.85
4 y0 = qnorm(p = p0, mean = 2.3, sd = 1)
5 print(y0)
6 # note that pnorm(q=y0,mean=2.3,sd=1) must be equal to p0

```

## 2 Block 2

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### TOPICS

Control structures: one-way selection, multi-way selection, for-loop

Arrays: vectors

Functions and subroutines

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### 2.1

Write an algorithm that reads two real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  and computes the minimum between them.

o SOLUTION 1

```
1 x = y = numeric(1)
2 x = readline(prompt = "Insert a number")
3 y = readline(prompt = "Insert another number")
4 if (x <= y) {
5     z = x
6 } else {
7     z = y
8 }
9 print(paste("The minimum is", z, sep = " "))
```

o SOLUTION 2

```
1 x = y = numeric(1)
2 x = readline(prompt = "Insert a number")
3 y = readline(prompt = "Insert another number")
4 z = min(x, y)
5 print(paste("The minimum is", z, sep = " "))
```

### 2.2

Write an algorithm that reads two real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  and executes the following instructions:

1. if  $\lfloor \min(x, y) \rfloor$  is an even number then evaluates the expression  $z = x^{|y|}$
2. if  $\lfloor \min(x, y) \rfloor$  is an odd number then evaluates the expression  $z = x^{|y-x|}$
3. outputs the value of  $z$

Note that  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  can be computed using the primitive function `floor(.)`, the absolute value  $|x|$  can be computed by means of the primitive `abs(.)`, whereas to verify whether a number is odd or even, one can use the command `x%%2` which gives as output `True` if the number is even.

o SOLUTION

```
1 z = x = y = numeric(1)
2 cond = logical(1)
3 x = 2.1
4 y = 1.1
5 cond = floor(min(x, y))%%2
6 if (cond == 1) {
7     # even number
8     z = x^abs(y)
9 } else {
```

```

10     z = x^abs(y - x)
11 }
12 print(z)

```

## 2.3

Write an algorithm that reads two real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  and computes the following expression:

$$z = \max(|x|, |y|) - \min(x, y) + (x - y)^2$$

If  $z < 0$  then ask for a third number  $q$  and print  $z$  only if  $z > q$ .

o SOLUTION

```

1 x = y = z = q = numeric(1)
2 x = readline(prompt = "Insert a first number")
3 y = readline(prompt = "Insert a second number")
4 z = max(abs(x), abs(y)) - min(x, y) + (x - y)^2
5 if (z < 0) {
6     q = readline(prompt = "Insert a third number")
7 }
8 if (z > q) {
9     print(z)
10 }

```

## 2.4

Write an algorithms that reads two intervals  $i_1 = [a, b]$  and  $i_2 = [c, d]$  and evaluates the following instructions:

- if  $i_1 \subset i_2$  then computes  $h = (\max(a, b) - \min(a, b)) \frac{1}{j}$ , where  $j = \frac{a+b}{2}$
- if  $i_1 \not\subset i_2$  then computes  $h = (\max(a, b) - \min(a, b)) \frac{1}{j}$ , where  $j = \frac{a}{|b|+\epsilon}$  and  $\epsilon = \max(a, b, c, d)^{\frac{1}{3}}$
- if  $i_1 = i_2$  then computes  $h = (\max(a, b) - \min(a, b))$
- outputs  $h$

o SOLUTION 1

```

1 # Note: we are not declaring variables/constants
2 a = 1.3
3 b = 2
4 c = 1.6
5 d = 2.3
6 if (a > c & b < d) {
7     # i1 is included into i2
8     h = (max(a, b) - min(a, b)) * ((a + b)/2)
9 } else if (a < c & b > d) {
10    # i1 is not included into i2
11    h = (max(a, b) - min(a, b)) * (a/(abs(b) + max(a, b, c, d)^(1/3)))
12 } else if (a == c & b == d) {
13    # i1 is equal to i2
14    h = (max(a, b) - min(a, b))
15 }
16 print(h)

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1 # Note: we are not declaring variables/constants
2 hfun = function(x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, w = 0, type = 1) {
3     j = switch(type, `1` = ((x + y)/2), `2` = (x/(abs(y) + max(x, y, z, w)^(1/3))),
4         `3` = 1)
5     return(j)
6 }
7
8 a = 1.3
9 b = 2
10 c = 1.6
11 d = 2.3
12 if (a > c & b < d) {
13     # i1 is included into i2
14     h = (max(a, b) - min(a, b)) * hfun(a, b, c, d, type = 1)
15 } else if (a < c & b > d) {
16     # i1 is not included into i2
17     h = (max(a, b) - min(a, b)) * hfun(a, b, c, d, type = 2)
18 } else if (a == c & b == d) {
19     # i1 is equal to i2
20     h = (max(a, b) - min(a, b)) * hfun(a, b, c, d, type = 3)
21 }
22 print(h)

```

## 2.5

Rewrite Exercise 1.9 using vectors and for-loops. In this case,  $x_i \sim \mathcal{U}(x; 0.5, 5)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ .

o SOLUTION 1

```

1 n = numeric(1)
2 n = 5
3 p = q = r = x = numeric(n)
4 set.seed(1211) #fix the seed of the random number generator
5 x = runif(n = n, min = 0.5, max = 5)
6 for (i in 1:n) {
7     p[i] = 1 - pnorm(q = x[i], mean = 0, sd = 1.5)
8     q[i] = pchisq(q = x[i], df = 2)
9     r[i] = (p[i]/q[i]) * p[i]^2
10 }
11 plot(x = apply(cbind(p, q), 1, min), y = r, type = "p", xlab = "", ylab = "", bty = "n",
12     cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1 set.seed(1211) #fix the seed of the random number generator
2 x = runif(n = 5, min = 0.5, max = 5)
3 p = 1 - pnorm(q = x, mean = 0, sd = 1.5)
4 q = pchisq(q = x, df = 2)
5 r = (p/q) * p^2
6 plot(x = apply(cbind(p, q), 1, min), y = r, type = "p", xlab = "", ylab = "", bty = "n",
7     cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)

```

## 2.6

Write an algorithm that reads a  $I \times 1$  vector of real numbers  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_I)$  and gives as output the vector  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, y_I)$ . Note  $\mathbf{x}$  can be generated uniformly on  $[-2, 2]$ .

o SOLUTION

```

1 set.seed(1212)
2 I = numeric(1)
3 I = 10
4 x = y = numeric(I)
5 x = runif(n = I, min = -2, max = 2)
6 for (i in 1:I) {
7     y[i] = x[I - i + 1]
8 }

```

## 2.7

Write an algorithm that reads two natural numbers  $n_a$  and  $n_b$  and determines the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  containing the sequence of numbers included between  $n_a$  and  $n_b$ .

o SOLUTION 1

```

1 n_a = 2
2 n_b = 8
3 if (n_b > n_a) {
4     n = n_b - n_a
5     x = numeric(n)
6     k = 0
7     for (i in n_a:n_b) {
8         k = k + 1
9         x[k] = i
10    }
11    print(x)
12 } else {
13     print("Note that the condition na<nb must hold")
14 }

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1 n_a = 2
2 n_b = 8
3 x = seq(from = n_a, to = n_b, by = 1)
4 print(x)

```

## 2.8

Write an algorithm that given the array  $\mathbf{x}_{n \times 1}$  of real positive numbers, evaluates the following expressions:

1.  $x^* = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$
2.  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$
3.  $x^\dagger = x^*/(\max(\mathbf{x}) - \min(\mathbf{x}))$
4.  $z = (x^* - 2x^\dagger)$
5. write as output  $z$

Note that  $x_i$  can be generated uniformly in a given interval.

o SOLUTION 1

```

1  set.seed(1232)
2  n = 100
3  x = runif(n = n, min = 0, max = 10)
4  # 1.
5  x1 = 0
6  for (i in 1:n) {
7    x1 = x1 + x[i]
8  }
9  # 2.
10 x2 = 1/n * x1
11 # 3.
12 x3 = x1/(max(x) - min(x))
13 # 4.
14 z = x1 - 2 * x3
15
16 print(z)

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1  set.seed(1232)
2  n = 100
3  x = runif(n = n, min = 0, max = 10)
4  x1 = sum(x) #1
5  x2 = mean(x) #2
6  x3 = x1/(max(x) - min(x)) #3
7  z = x1 - 2 * x3 #4
8  print(z)

```

## 2.9

Write an algorithm that given a vector of integers  $\mathbf{n}_{I \times 1}$ , computes the vector  $\mathbf{f}_{I \times 1}$  containing the frequencies of the elements of  $\mathbf{n}_{I \times 1}$ . Note: To compute frequencies, write a function that counts how many times the elements of  $\mathbf{n}$  occur. The vector  $\mathbf{x}$  can be generated via Poisson random numbers generator.

o SOLUTION 1

```

1  count_integers = function(x) {
2    z = sort(unique(x))
3    n = length(z)
4    f = numeric(n)
5    for (i in 1:n) {
6      f[i] = sum(x == z[i])
7    }
8    return(cbind(z, f))
9  }
10
11 set.seed(1232)
12 n = 100
13 x = rpois(n = n, lambda = 2.3) #pay attention: x may contain replicates!
14 out = count_integers(x)
15 print(out)

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1  set.seed(1232)
2  n = 100
3  x = rpois(n = n, lambda = 2.3) #pay attention: x may contain replicates!
4  out = table(x)
5  print(out)

```

## 2.10

(cont. Exercise 2.9) Write an algorithm that given as input the vector of frequencies  $\mathbf{f}_{I \times 1}$ , computes the vector  $\mathbf{s}_{I \times 1}$  where the generic element  $s_i$  is defined as follows:

$$s_i = s_{i-1} + f_i$$

Note that  $s_1 = f_1$  by definition.

o SOLUTION 1

```
1 set.seed(1232)
2 n = 100
3 x = rpois(n = n, lambda = 2.3)
4 out = table(x)
5 f = as.numeric(out)
6 s = numeric(length(f))
7 s[1] = f[1]
8 for (i in 2:length(f)) {
9     s[i] = s[i - 1] + f[i]
10 }
11 print(s)
```

o SOLUTION 2

```
1 set.seed(1232)
2 n = 100
3 x = rpois(n = n, lambda = 2.3)
4 out = table(x)
5 f = as.numeric(out)
6 s = cumsum(f)
7 print(s)
```

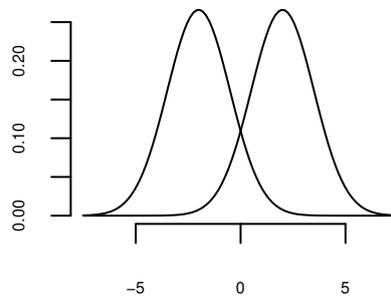
## 2.11

Consider  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu = -2, \sigma = 1.5)$  and  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(y; \mu = 2, \sigma = 1.5)$ . Write an algorithm that plots the densities  $f_X(x; \mu_x, \sigma_x)$  and  $f_Y(x; \mu_y, \sigma_y)$  and computes the degree of overlapping between them:

$$p_{XY} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \min_z (f_X(z; \mu_x, \sigma_x), f_Y(z; \mu_y, \sigma_y))$$

o SOLUTION

```
1 p_xy = numeric(1)
2 curve(expr = dnorm(x, mean = -2, sd = 1.5), from = -7.5, to = 7.5, bty = "n", xlab = "",
3       ylab = "", cex.axis = 0.5)
4 curve(expr = dnorm(x, mean = 2, sd = 1.5), from = -7.5, to = 7.5, bty = "n", xlab = "",
5       ylab = "", cex.axis = 0.5, add = TRUE)
```



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```

7 p_xy = integrate(f = function(x) {
8     apply(cbind(dnorm(x, mean = -2, sd = 1.5), dnorm(x, mean = 2, sd = 1.5)), 1,
9         min)
10 }, lower = -Inf, upper = Inf)

```

## 2.12

Consider two vectors  $\mathbf{x}_{n \times 1}$  and  $\mathbf{y}_{n \times 1}$  where  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu = 0, \sigma = 2.0)$  and  $y_i \sim \chi^2(y; k = 6)$ . Write an algorithm that (i) plots the distribution of the input vectors, (ii) produces the scatter plot of the two vectors, and (iii) computes the following quantity:

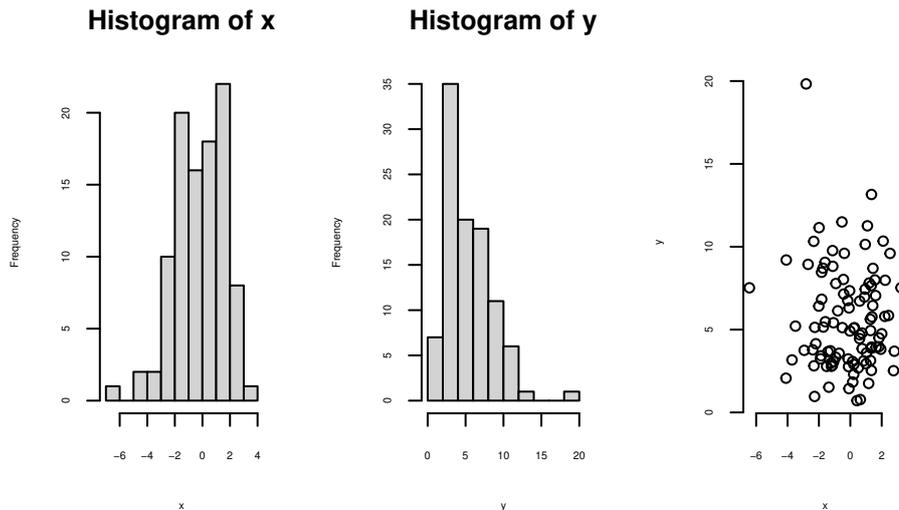
$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

o SOLUTION 1

```

1 set.seed(121)
2 n = 100
3 x = rnorm(n = n, mean = 0, sd = 2)
4 y = rchisq(n = n, df = 6)
5 par(mfrow = c(1, 3))
6 hist(x, bty = "n", cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)
7 hist(y, bty = "n", cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)
8 plot(x, y, bty = "n", cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)

```



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```
10 r = sum((x - mean(x)) * (y - mean(y)))/sqrt(sum((x - mean(x))^2) * sum((y - mean(y))^2))
```

o SOLUTION 2

```
1 set.seed(121)
2 n = 100
3 x = rnorm(n = n, mean = 0, sd = 2)
4 y = rchisq(n = n, df = 6)
5 par(mfrow = c(1, 3))
6 hist(x, bty = "n", cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)
7 hist(y, bty = "n", cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)
8 plot(x, y, bty = "n", cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)
9 r = cor(x, y)
```

## 2.13

Consider  $X \sim \mathcal{U}(x; a, b)$  with  $a = 0.5$  and  $b = 3.4$ . Write an algorithm that

1. Generates a vector  $\mathbf{x}_{n \times 1}$  containing random samples from  $X$  with  $n = 100$
2. Computes and prints out the mean and the variance of  $\mathbf{x}$
3. Compares the empirical mean and variance with the true mean and variance<sup>1</sup> and indicates whether these empirical moments are greater or less than the true moments
4. Computes the probability  $\mathbb{P}(X \leq 1.7)$  using  $\mathbf{x}$  and compares it with the true probability calculated using the cumulative density function of the Uniform distribution
5. Computes  $U = 1/(X + 1)$
6. Compares the histograms of  $X$  and  $U$  graphically

o SOLUTION

```
1 set.seed(121)
2 n = 1000
3 # 1.
4 x = runif(n = n, min = 0.5, max = 3.4)
5 # 2.
6 m_x = mean(x)
7 v_x = var(x)
```

<sup>1</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continuous\\_uniform\\_distribution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continuous_uniform_distribution)

```

8 print(c(m_x, v_x))
9 # 3.
10 m0 = (1/2) * (0.5 + 3.4)
11 v0 = (1/12) * (3.4 - 0.5)^2
12 m_out = ifelse(m_x > m0, "greater", "lesser")
13 v_out = ifelse(v_x > v0, "greater", "lesser")
14 out = cbind(m_out, v_out)
15 colnames(out) = c("true mean", "true variance")
16 print(out)
17 # 4.
18 px = sum(x <= 1.7)/n
19 p0 = punif(q = 1.7, min = 0.5, max = 3.4)
20 out = cbind(px, p0)
21 colnames(out) = c("obs prob", "true prob")
22 # 5.
23 u = 1/(x + 1)
24 # 6.
25 par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
26 hist(x, bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "", cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)
27 hist(u, bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "", cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab = 0.5)

```

## 2.14

Write an algorithm that (i) creates  $n = 10000$  random  $m$ -grams of  $m = 5$  letters from the English alphabet (26 letters) and (ii) computes the probability that the generated  $m$ -grams contain the word “nn”. Note: Consider the case where letters are uniformly generated.

o SOLUTION

```

1 set.seed(121)
2 n = 10000
3 m = 5
4 x = character(n)
5 for (i in 1:n) {
6   iid = floor(runif(n = m, min = 1, max = 26 + 1))
7   # alternatively, you may use: sample(x=1:26, size=m, replace=TRUE)
8   x[i] = paste(letters[iid], collapse = "")
9 }
10 iid = grep(x = x, pattern = "nn")
11 print(length(iid)/n)
12 print(x[iid])

```

## 2.15

(Cont. Exercise 2.14) Compute the probability distribution that uniformly generated  $m$ -grams contain two consecutive letters (e.g., “aa”, “bb”, ..., “zz”).

o SOLUTION

```

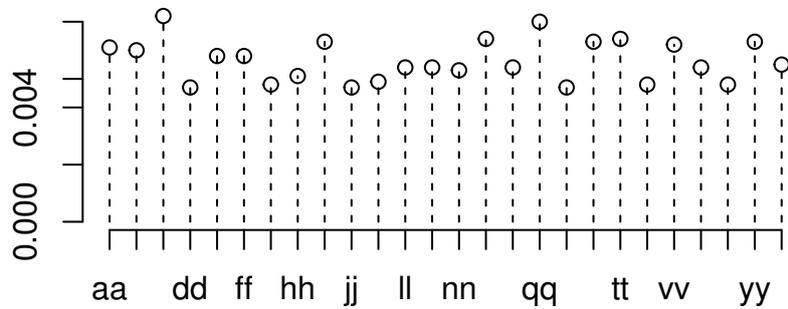
1 set.seed(121)
2 n = 10000
3 m = 5
4 x = character(n)
5 for (i in 1:n) {
6   iid = floor(runif(n = m, min = 1, max = 26 + 1))
7   x[i] = paste(letters[iid], collapse = "")
8 }
9 z = apply(X = cbind(letters, letters), MARGIN = 1, FUN = function(x) {

```

```

10     paste(x, collapse = "")
11 })
12 k = length(z)
13 pz = numeric(k)
14 for (j in 1:k) {
15     iid = grep(x = x, pattern = z[j])
16     pz[j] = length(iid)/n
17 }
18 plot(x = 1:k, y = pz, type = "p", bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "", cex.axis = 0.5,
19      cex.lab = 0.5, ylim = c(0, max(pz)), axes = FALSE)
20 segments(x0 = 1:k, y0 = 0, x1 = 1:k, y1 = pz, lty = 2)
21 axis(side = 1, at = 1:k, labels = z)
22 axis(side = 2, at = round(seq(from = 0, to = max(pz), length.out = 5), 3))

```



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## 3 Block 3

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### TOPICS

Control structures: while-loop

Arrays: matrices

Lists, dataframes

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### 3.1

Write an algorithm that computes the square root of a number  $s > 0$  using the Heron's approximation:

$$\sqrt{s} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

where the generic element  $x_n$  is defined as:

$$x_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{n-1} + \frac{s}{x_{n-1}} \right)$$

with  $x_1 = 1.5$ . The iterative approximation must be executed until the condition  $(x_n - x_{n-1}) < \epsilon$  is met, with  $\epsilon$  being a user's defined small real number (e.g.,  $\epsilon = 0.001$ ).

o SOLUTION

```
1 s = 17
2 eps = 1e-04
3 cond = 0
4 x = 1.5
5 n = 1
6 while (cond == 0) {
7     n = n + 1
8     x = c(x, 0.5 * (x[n - 1] + s/x[n - 1]))
9     if (abs(x[n] - x[n - 1]) < eps) {
10         cond = 1
11     }
12 }
13 print(x[length(x)]) #it approximates sqrt(s)
```

### 3.2

Write an algorithm that given a  $N \times M$  matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  with  $N = M$ , computes the following quantities:

1.  $q = \sum_{i=1}^N \text{diag}(\mathbf{X})_i + \max(\mathbf{X})$
2.  $p = \prod_{i=1}^N \text{diag}(\mathbf{X})_i + \min(\mathbf{X})$
3. if  $q > p$  outputs  $p$ , otherwise outputs  $q$

Note that elements of  $X$  can be uniformly generated random numbers in a given interval.

o SOLUTION 1

```
1 extract_diag = function(X) {
2     n = dim(X)[1]
3     m = dim(X)[2]
4     d = numeric(n)
5     for (i in 1:n) {
6         for (j in 1:m) {
```

```

7         if (i == j) {
8             d[i] = X[i, j]
9         }
10    }
11 }
12 return(d)
13 }
14
15 set.seed(111)
16 n = m = 10
17 X = matrix(data = runif(n = n * m, min = -2, max = 2), nrow = n, ncol = m)
18 d = extract_diag(X)
19 q = sum(d) + max(X)
20 p = prod(d) + min(X)
21 if (q > p) {
22     print(p)
23 } else {
24     print(q)
25 }

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1 set.seed(111)
2 n = m = 10
3 X = matrix(data = runif(n = n * m, min = -2, max = 2), nrow = n, ncol = m)
4 d = diag(X)
5 q = sum(d) + max(X)
6 p = prod(d) + min(X)
7 if (q > p) {
8     print(p)
9 } else {
10    print(q)
11 }

```

### 3.3

Write an algorithm that reads two numbers  $N > 0$  and  $K$ , then finds a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}_{N \times N}$  such that the sum of elements in every row and column is equal to  $K$ . Note: (a)  $A$  can be populated using uniformly generated discrete numbers and (b)  $K$  should be large enough.

o SOLUTION

```

1 set.seed(112)
2 N = 10
3 K = 100
4 found = 0
5 maxIter = 1000
6 j = 0
7 while (found == 0) {
8     j = j + 1
9     A = matrix(data = floor(runif(n = N * N, min = 0, max = 5)), nrow = N, ncol = N)
10    if (sum(A) == K) {
11        found = 1
12    }
13    if (j > maxIter) {
14        print("maxIter exceeded!")
15        break
16    }
17 }

```

### 3.4

Write an algorithm that given a matrix of reals  $\mathbf{X}_{I \times I}$ , computes the following quantities:

1.  $a = \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J \mathbf{X}_{i,j}$  with  $i \neq j$
2.  $b = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbf{X}_{l,h}$  with  $\mathcal{L}$  being the set of *even* indices and  $\mathcal{H}$  the set of *odd* indices
3. computes  $q = a + b$  if  $a > b$ , otherwise  $q = \frac{1}{2}(a - b)^2$
4. outputs  $q$

o SOLUTION

```
1 compute_a = function(X) {
2   n = NROW(X)
3   m = NCOL(X)
4   d = 0
5   for (i in 1:n) {
6     for (j in 1:m) {
7       if (i != j) {
8         d = d + X[i, j]
9       }
10    }
11  }
12  return(d)
13 }
14
15 compute_b = function(X) {
16   n = NROW(X)
17   m = NCOL(X)
18   d = 0
19   iid = seq(from = 1, to = n, by = 1)
20   L = iid[iid%%2 == 0] #even
21   H = iid[iid%%2 == 1] #odd
22   for (l in L) {
23     for (h in H) {
24       d = d + X[l, h]
25     }
26   }
27   return(d)
28 }
29
30 set.seed(112)
31 I = 10
32 X = matrix(data = runif(n = I * I, min = 0, max = 8), nrow = I, ncol = I)
33 a = compute_a(X)
34 b = compute_b(X)
35 q = ifelse(a > b, a + b, 0.5 * (a - b)^2)
36 print(q)
```

### 3.5

Write an algorithm that given a matrix of reals  $\mathbf{X}_{N \times N}$  and an integer  $N$ , sorts  $\text{diag}(\mathbf{X})$  in ascending order.

o SOLUTION 1

```
1 sort_desc = function(x) {
2   n = length(x)
3   for (i in 1:(n - 1)) {
4     for (j in (i + 1):n) {
```

```

5         if (x[i] >= x[j]) {
6             c = x[i]
7             x[i] = x[j]
8             x[j] = c
9         }
10    }
11 }
12 return(x)
13 }
14
15 set.seed(112)
16 N = 10
17 X = matrix(data = runif(n = N * N, min = 0, max = 5), nrow = N, ncol = N)
18 x = diag(X)
19 y = sort_desc(x)
20 print(y)

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1 set.seed(112)
2 N = 10
3 X = matrix(data = runif(n = N * N, min = 0, max = 5), nrow = N, ncol = N)
4 x = diag(X)
5 y = sort(x, decreasing = FALSE)
6 print(y)

```

### 3.6

Write an algorithm that (i) finds a matrix  $\mathbf{Y}_{n \times n}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \text{diag}(\mathbf{Y})_i > \frac{1}{2}(a + b)$  with  $Y_{ij} \sim \mathcal{U}(y; a, b)$ ,  $a < b$ , (ii) computes the sum of the elements of  $\mathbf{Y}$  which are less than the quantity  $b - a$ .

o SOLUTION 1

```

1 set.seed(112)
2 n = 5
3 a = 1
4 b = 8
5 Y = matrix(data = NA, nrow = n, ncol = n)
6 found = 0
7 while (found == 0) {
8     for (i in 1:n) {
9         for (j in 1:n) {
10            Y[i, j] = runif(n = 1, min = a, max = b)
11        }
12    }
13    q = 0.5 * (a + b)
14    if (sum(diag(Y)) > q) {
15        found = 1
16    }
17 }
18
19 s = 0
20 for (i in 1:n) {
21     for (j in 1:n) {
22         if (Y[i, j] < (b - a))
23             s = s + Y[i, j]
24     }
25 }

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1  set.seed(112)
2  n = 5
3  a = 1
4  b = 8
5  found = 0
6  while (found == 0) {
7    Y = matrix(data = runif(n = n * n, min = a, max = b), nrow = n, ncol = n)
8    q = 0.5 * (a + b)
9    if (sum(diag(Y)) > q) {
10     found = 1
11   }
12 }
13
14 s = sum(Y[Y < (b - a)])

```

### 3.7

Write an algorithm that

1. finds  $K > 0$  matrices  $\mathbf{Y}_{n \times n}$  such that  $\sum_{i < j} Y_{ij} > \frac{1}{2}(a + b)$  with  $Y_{ij} \sim \mathcal{U}(y; a, b)$ ,  $a < b$
2. saves the  $K$  matrices into a list of  $K$  elements
3. computes  $\mathbb{P}(\sum_{i=1}^n \text{diag}(\mathbf{Y}^{(k)})_i > (\frac{a+b}{2})^2)$

o SOLUTION 1

```

1  found_matrix = function(a = 0, b = 1, nrow = NULL, ncol = NULL, seed = NULL) {
2    if (!is.null(seed)) {
3      set.seed(seed)
4    }
5    found = 0
6    while (found == 0) {
7      Y = matrix(data = runif(n = nrow * ncol, min = a, max = b), nrow = nrow,
8                ncol = ncol)
9      q = 0.5 * (a + b)
10     if (sum(Y[lower.tri(Y)]) > q) {
11       found = 1
12     }
13   }
14   return(Y)
15 }
16
17 set.seed(121)
18 n = 5
19 a = 0
20 b = 10
21 K = 100
22 # 1. & 2.
23 list_matrices = list()
24 for (k in 1:K) {
25   list_matrices[[k]] = found_matrix(a, b, n, n)
26 }
27 # 3.
28 c = 0
29 for (k in 1:K) {
30   c = c + as.numeric(sum(diag(list_matrices[[k]])) > ((a + b)/2)^2)
31 }
32 prob_c = c/K
33 print(prob_c)

```

o SOLUTION 2

```

1 found_matrix = function(a = 0, b = 1, nrow = NULL, ncol = NULL, seed = NULL) {
2   if (!is.null(seed)) {
3     set.seed(seed)
4   }
5   found = 0
6   while (found == 0) {
7     Y = matrix(data = runif(n = nrow * ncol, min = a, max = b), nrow = nrow,
8               ncol = ncol)
9     q = 0.5 * (a + b)
10    if (sum(Y[lower.tri(Y)]) > q) {
11      found = 1
12    }
13  }
14  return(Y)
15 }
16
17 set.seed(121)
18 n = 5
19 a = 0
20 b = 10
21 K = 100
22 # 1. & 2.
23 list_matrices = list()
24 for (k in 1:K) {
25   list_matrices[[k]] = found_matrix(a, b, n, n)
26 }
27 # 3.
28 c = sum(unlist(lapply(X = list_matrices, FUN = function(x) {
29   as.numeric(sum(diag(x)) > ((a + b)/2)^2)
30 })))
31 prob_c = c/K
32 print(prob_c)

```

### 3.8

Write an algorithm that given a matrix  $\mathbf{X}_{I \times J}$ , (i) computes the global maximum  $c$  columnwise, (ii) computes the global minimum  $r$  rowwise, (iii) prints out 0 if  $c > r$ , 1 otherwise.

o SOLUTION 1

```

1 set.seed(122)
2 I = 25
3 J = 10
4 X = matrix(data = rpois(n = I * J, lambda = 5.6), nrow = I, ncol = J)
5 c = numeric(J)
6 for (j in 1:J) {
7   c[j] = max(X[, j])
8 }
9 c = max(c)
10
11 r = numeric(I)
12 for (i in 1:I) {
13   r[i] = max(X[i, ])
14 }
15 r = min(r)
16 if (c > r) {
17   print(1)
18 } else {
19   print(0)
20 }

```

o SOLUTION 2

```
1 set.seed(122)
2 I = 25
3 J = 10
4 X = matrix(data = rpois(n = I * J, lambda = 5.6), nrow = I, ncol = J)
5 c = max(apply(X = X, MARGIN = 2, FUN = max))
6 r = min(apply(X = X, MARGIN = 1, FUN = min))
7 if (c > r) {
8   print(1)
9 } else {
10   print(0)
11 }
```

### 3.9

Write an algorithm that (i) finds a matrix  $\mathbf{X}_{I \times J}$  ( $I > J$ ) such that  $s = \left(\sum_{j=1}^J s_j\right) < \epsilon$ , ( $\epsilon = 1e^{-03}$ ) with  $s_j = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{i=1}^I x_{ij}$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, J$  (i.e., column-wise mean), (ii) counts how many times  $q$  such constrain is not satisfied.

o SOLUTION 2

```
1 set.seed(122)
2 I = 25
3 J = 10
4 found = 0
5 maxIter = 1000
6 X = matrix(data = NA, nrow = I, ncol = J)
7 k = 0
8 while (found == 0) {
9   k = k + 1
10  for (j in 1:J) {
11    X[, j] = rnorm(n = I, mean = 0, sd = 1)
12  }
13  s = sum(apply(X = X, MARGIN = 2, FUN = mean))
14  if (s < 0.001 | k > maxIter) {
15    found = 1
16  }
17 }
18 if (k > maxIter) {
19   print("Iterations exceeded maxIter!")
20 }
21 q = k
22 print(q)
```

### 3.10

Write an algorithm that

1. generates a vector  $\mathbf{x}_{n \times 1}$  with  $x_i \sim \mathcal{Poi}(x; \lambda = 1.25)$
2. generates a vector  $\mathbf{s}_{n \times 1}$  of uniformly distributed letters (consider the 26 letters of the English alphabet)
3. generates a vector  $\mathbf{b}_{n \times 1}$  with  $b_i \sim \mathcal{Bern}(b; \pi = 0.5)$
4. saves  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{s}$ , and  $\mathbf{b}$  into a new dataframe  $\mathcal{D}$
5. computes  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  conditioned on the value  $b = 0$
6. computes  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$  conditioned on the value  $b = 0$  and  $s = a$

7. computes  $\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  conditioned on the value  $b = 1$  and  $s \neq c$

8. compares  $\mathbf{x}$  w.r.t. the levels of  $\mathbf{b}$  graphically (i.e., boxplot)

9. compares  $\mathbf{x}$  w.r.t.  $s \neq c$  and  $s \neq d$  graphically (i.e., boxplot)

o SOLUTION

```
1 set.seed(124)
2 n = 100
3 x = rpois(n = n, lambda = 1.25)
4 s = sample(x = letters, size = n, replace = TRUE)
5 b = rbinom(n = n, size = 1, prob = 0.5)
6 D = data.frame(x, s, b)
7 # 5.
8 x1 = mean(D$x[D$b == 0])
9 # 6.
10 x2 = 1/n * sum((D$x[D$b == 0 & D$s == "a"])^2)
11 # 7.
12 x2 = 1/(2 * n) * sum(D$x[D$b == 0 & D$s != "c"])
13 # 8.
14 boxplot(D$x[D$s != "c"], D$x[D$s != "d"])
```

## 4 Block 4

### 4.1

Write an algorithm that approximates and plots the distribution of the following random variable:

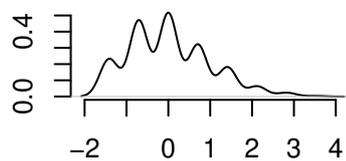
$$Z = \frac{Y - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

where  $Y \sim \mathcal{Poi}(y; \lambda)$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . Note that (i) a Monte Carlo based solution should be used with  $B$  large enough and (ii) several values of  $\lambda$  should be considered.

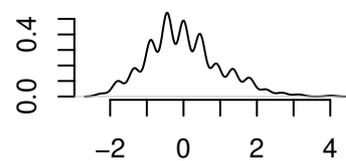
o SOLUTION

```
1 set.seed(122)
2 lambda0 = c(2, 5, 10, 20)
3 B = 1000
4 Z = matrix(data = NA, nrow = B, ncol = length(lambda0))
5 for (j in 1:length(lambda0)) {
6   x = rpois(n = B, lambda = lambda0[j])
7   Z[, j] = (x - lambda0[j])/sqrt(lambda0[j])
8 }
9
10 par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
11 for (j in 1:length(lambda0)) {
12   plot(density(Z[, j]), bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "", main = paste0("lambda = ",
13     lambda0[j]))
14 }
```

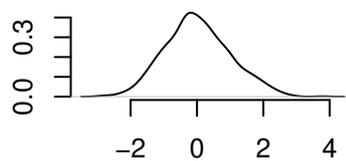
**lambda = 2**



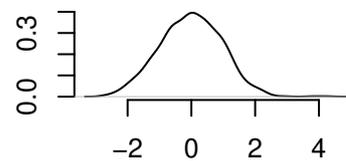
**lambda = 5**



**lambda = 10**



**lambda = 20**



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### 4.2

Write a Monte Carlo algorithm that computes the following integral:  $\int_a^b x^4 \sin x \, dx$  with  $a = 0$  and  $b = 3$ .

o SOLUTION

```

1 set.seed(121)
2 B = 2500
3 a = 0
4 b = 3
5 x = runif(n = B, min = a, max = b)
6 z = x^4 * sin(x)
7 out = mean(z) * (b - a)
8 print(out)

```

### 4.3

Write a Monte Carlo algorithm that computes the following integral:  $\int_1^3 \int_1^4 \cos(x^2 \sin y) dx dy$ .

o SOLUTION

```

1 set.seed(121)
2 B = 5000
3 x = runif(n = B, min = 1, max = 3)
4 y = runif(n = B, min = 1, max = 4)
5 z = cos(x^2 * sin(y))
6 k = (3 - 1) * (4 - 1)
7 out = mean(z) * k
8 print(out)
9
10 # The same integral can be computed using numerical bivariate quadrature as
11 # follows:
12 cubature::adaptIntegrate(f = function(x) {
13   cos(x[1]^2 * sin(x[2]))
14 }, lowerLimit = c(1, 1), upperLimit = c(3, 4))

```

### 4.4

Write a Monte Carlo algorithm that computes the following integral:  $\int_0^3 \int_0^1 \cos(x - y) dx dy$ .

o SOLUTION

```

1 set.seed(121)
2 B = 5000
3 x = runif(n = B, min = 0, max = 3)
4 y = runif(n = B, min = 0, max = 1)
5 z = cos(x - y)
6 k = (3 - 0) * (1 - 0)
7 out = mean(z) * k
8 print(out)

```

### 4.5

Write a Monte Carlo algorithm that (i) estimates the mean  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^3$  of the model  $\mathcal{N}_3(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{3 \times 1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{3 \times 3})$  given a sample of iid data  $\mathbf{Y}_{n \times 3}$  and (ii) plots the results of the Monte Carlo procedure. Note that data should be generated in advance.

o SOLUTION

```

1 set.seed(121)
2
3 ## Generate data Y

```

```

4 n = 80
5 mu0 = c(-2.1, 0.7, 1.3) #mean of the true model
6 Sigma0 = diag(c(1, 1.7, 0.6)) #covariance matrix of the true model
7 Y = mvtnorm::rmvnorm(n = n, mean = mu0, sigma = Sigma0)
8
9 ## Metropolis algorithm
10 B = 5000
11 Theta = matrix(data = NA, nrow = B, ncol = length(mu0))
12 Theta[1, ] = c(1, 1, 1) #starting point
13 S0 = diag(rep(0.025, length(mu0))) #covariance matrix of the proposal distribution
14 for (b in 2:B) {
15   # proposal distribution: Multivariate Normal
16   theta_temp = mvtnorm::rmvnorm(n = 1, mean = Theta[b - 1, ], sigma = S0)
17
18   log_r = sum(log(mvtnorm::dmvnorm(x = Y, mean = theta_temp, sigma = Sigma0))) -
19           sum(log(mvtnorm::dmvnorm(x = Y, mean = Theta[b - 1, ], sigma = Sigma0))) #acceptance ratio
20
21   log_c = log(runif(n = 1, min = 0, max = 1))
22
23   if (log_c < log_r) {
24     Theta[b, ] = theta_temp
25   } else {
26     Theta[b, ] = Theta[b - 1, ]
27   }
28 }
29
30 ## Get posterior means via marginal distributions
31 mu_est = apply(X = Theta, MARGIN = 2, FUN = mean)
32 print(mu_est)
33
34 ## Plot results
35 par(mfrow = c(2, 3))
36 plot(1:B, Theta[, 1], type = "l", bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "mu1")
37 plot(1:B, Theta[, 2], type = "l", bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "mu2")
38 plot(1:B, Theta[, 3], type = "l", bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "mu3")
39 hist(x = Theta[, 1], xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "mu1")
40 abline(v = mean(Theta[, 1]), col = 2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
41 hist(x = Theta[, 2], xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "mu2")
42 abline(v = mean(Theta[, 2]), col = 2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
43 hist(x = Theta[, 3], xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "mu3")
44 abline(v = mean(Theta[, 3]), col = 2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)

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## 4.6

Write a Monte Carlo algorithm that (i) estimates the parameter  $\pi \in [0, 1]$  of the model  $\mathcal{Bern}(y; \pi)$  given a sample of iid data  $\mathbf{y}_{n \times 1}$  and (ii) plots the results of the Monte Carlo procedure. To simplify the procedure, the parameter  $\pi$  can be transformed via  $\pi^* = \pi/(1 - \pi)$  so that  $\pi^* \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\pi = \text{logit}(\pi^*)$ . Note that data should be generated in advance.

o SOLUTION

```

1 set.seed(112)
2
3 logit = function(x) {
4   z = log(x/(1 - x))
5   return(z)
6 }
7
8 ## Generate data Y
9 n = 120
10 pi0 = 0.78

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11 y = rbinom(n = n, size = 1, prob = pi0)
12
13 ## Metropolis algorithm
14 B = 5000
15 theta = matrix(data = NA, nrow = B, ncol = 1)
16 theta[1, ] = logit(0.5) #starting point
17 s0 = 0.2 #variance of the proposal distribution
18 for (b in 2:B) {
19   # proposal distribution: Multivariate Normal
20   theta_temp = rnorm(n = 1, mean = theta[b - 1, ], sd = s0)
21
22   log_r = sum(log(dbinom(x = y, size = 1, prob = plogis(theta_temp)))) - sum(log(dbinom(x = y,
23     size = 1, prob = plogis(theta[b - 1, ])))) #acceptance ratio
24
25   log_c = log(runif(n = 1, min = 0, max = 1))
26
27   if (log_c < log_r) {
28     theta[b, ] = theta_temp
29   } else {
30     theta[b, ] = theta[b - 1, ]
31   }
32 }
33
34 ## Get posterior means via marginal distributions
35 pi_est = plogis(mean(theta))
36
37 ## Plot results
38 par(mfrow = c(1, 3))
39 plot(1:B, theta, type = "l", bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "pi*")
40 hist(x = theta, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "pi*")
41 abline(v = mean(theta), col = 2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
42 hist(x = plogis(theta), xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "pi")
43 abline(v = plogis(mean(theta)), col = 2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)

```

## 4.7

Write a Monte Carlo algorithm that (i) estimates the parameter  $\lambda \in [0, +\infty)$  of the model  $\mathcal{Exp}(y; \lambda)$  given a sample of iid data  $\mathbf{y}_{n \times 1}$  and (ii) plots the results of the Monte Carlo procedure. Note that (a) data should be generated in advance and (b) a suitable transformation  $g : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  should be used for  $\lambda$ .

o SOLUTION

```

1 ## Note that if  $g() := \log()$ , then  $g()^{-1} := \exp()$ 
2 set.seed(114)
3
4 ## Generate data Y
5 n = 80
6 lambda0 = 0.28
7 y = rexp(n = n, rate = lambda0)
8
9 ## Metropolis algorithm
10 B = 5000
11 theta = matrix(data = NA, nrow = B, ncol = 1)
12 theta[1, ] = exp(0) #starting point
13 s0 = 0.2 #variance of the proposal distribution
14 for (b in 2:B) {
15   # proposal distribution: Multivariate Normal
16   theta_temp = rnorm(n = 1, mean = theta[b - 1, ], sd = s0)
17
18   log_r = sum(log(dexp(x = y, rate = exp(theta_temp)))) - sum(log(dexp(x = y, rate = exp(theta[b -

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19         1, ]))) #acceptance ratio
20
21     log_c = log(runif(n = 1, min = 0, max = 1))
22
23     if (log_c < log_r) {
24         theta[b, ] = theta_temp
25     } else {
26         theta[b, ] = theta[b - 1, ]
27     }
28 }
29
30 ## Get posterior means via marginal distributions
31 pi_est = exp(mean(theta))
32
33 ## Plot results
34 par(mfrow = c(1, 3))
35 plot(1:B, theta, type = "l", bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "pi*")
36 hist(x = theta, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "pi*")
37 abline(v = mean(theta), col = 2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
38 hist(x = plogis(theta), xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "pi")
39 abline(v = exp(mean(theta)), col = 2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)

```

## 4.8

Consider the statistical model  $\mathbf{y}_{n \times 1} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(y; \mu, \sigma)$  with  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\mu, \sigma\} \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ . Write a Monte Carlo algorithm to maximize the log-likelihood function  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})$  w.r.t.  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . Note that the log-likelihood surface can be easily explored by rejecting all those candidates which do not improve the maximization path.

o SOLUTION

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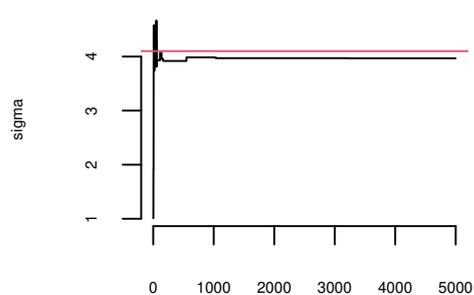
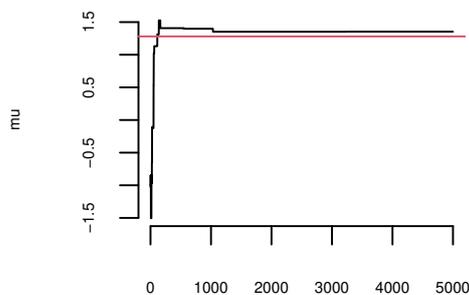
1  set.seed(211)
2
3  ## Generate data Y
4  n = 150
5  mu0 = 1.28
6  sigma0 = 4.1
7  y = rnorm(n = n, mean = mu0, sd = sigma0)
8
9  ## Monte Carlo algorithm
10 B = 5000
11 Theta = matrix(data = NA, nrow = B, ncol = 2)
12 loglik = rep(NA, B)
13 Theta[1, ] = c(-1, 0.01)
14 loglik[1] = sum(log(dnorm(x = y, mean = Theta[1, 1], sd = exp(Theta[1, 2]))))
15 s0 = 0.5
16 for (b in 2:B) {
17
18     theta_temp = c(rnorm(n = 1, mean = Theta[b - 1, 1], sd = s0), rnorm(n = 1, mean = Theta[b -
19         1, 2], sd = s0))
20
21     loglik[b] = sum(log(dnorm(x = y, mean = theta_temp[1], sd = exp(theta_temp[2]))))
22
23
24     if (loglik[b] > loglik[b - 1]) {
25         Theta[b, ] = theta_temp
26     } else {
27         Theta[b, ] = Theta[b - 1, ]
28         loglik[b] = loglik[b - 1] #overwrite with the previous loglikel
29     }
30 }

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31 }
32
33 ## Get final estimates
34 iid = which.max(loglik)
35 mu_est = Theta[iid, 1]
36 sigma_est = exp(Theta[iid, 2])
37 print(c(mu_est, sigma_est))
38 [1] 1.353033 3.968113
39
40 ## Plot results
41 par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
42 plot(Theta[, 1], type = "l", xlab = "", ylab = "mu", bty = "n", cex.lab = 0.5, cex.axis = 0.5)
43 abline(h = mu0, col = 2)
44 plot(exp(Theta[, 2]), type = "l", xlab = "", ylab = "sigma", bty = "n", cex.lab = 0.5,
45       cex.axis = 0.5)
46 abline(h = sigma0, col = 2)

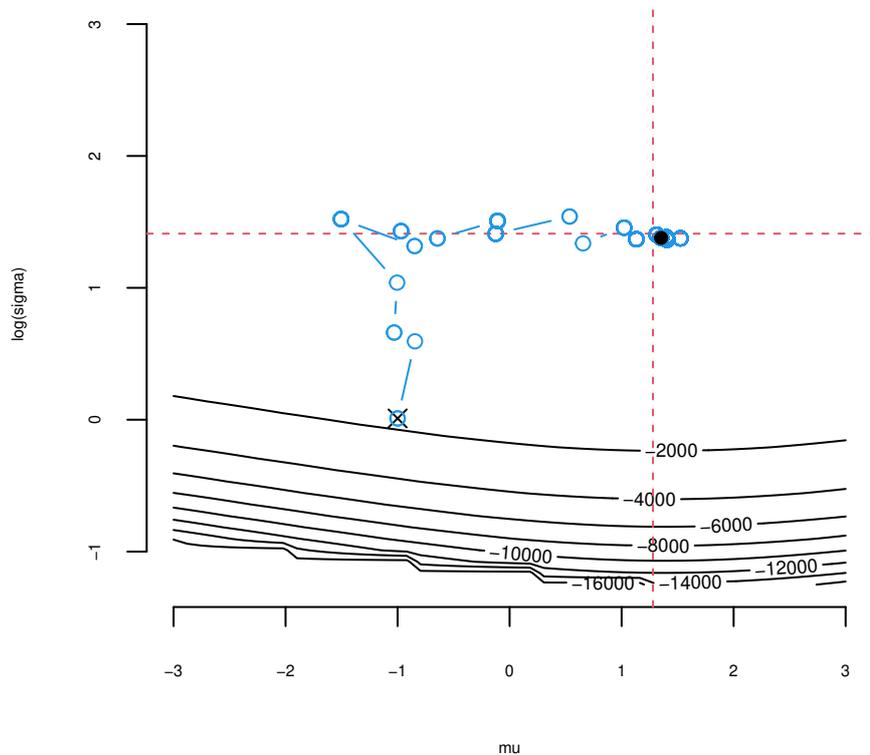
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46
47 ## See: Rizzo (2008), pp. 101-102
48 xax = seq(from = -3, to = 3, length.out = 50) #x-axis
49 yax = seq(from = -1.25, to = 3, length.out = 50) #y-axis
50 Z = matrix(data = NA, nrow = 50, ncol = 50) #z-axis (grid)
51 for (i in 1:50) {
52   for (j in 1:50) {
53     Z[i, j] = sum(log(dnorm(x = y, mean = xax[i], sd = exp(yax[j]))))
54   }
55 }
56 Z[is.infinite(Z)] = min(Z[!is.infinite(Z)])
57
58 # persp(xax,yax,Z,theta=65,phi=25,expand=0.6,ticktype =
59 # 'detailed',xlab='mu',ylab='sigma',zlab='loglikel')
60 contour(x = xax, y = yax, z = Z, bty = "n", xlab = "mu", ylab = "log(sigma)", cex.lab = 0.5,
61         cex.axis = 0.5)
62 abline(h = log(sigma0), v = mu0, col = 2, lty = 2)
63 points(Theta[1, 1], Theta[1, 2], pch = 4, col = 1, cex = 1.25) #starting point
64 points(Theta[, 1], Theta[, 2], type = "b", col = 4)
65 points(Theta[B, 1], Theta[B, 2], pch = 20, col = 1, cex = 1.25)

```



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## 4.9

Consider two vectors  $\mathbf{x}_{n \times 1}$  and  $\mathbf{y}_{n \times 1}$  of data and the linear correlation between them  $r = \text{cor}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ . Write an algorithm that computes the standard error and the  $(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval for  $r$  via non-parametric bootstrap. Note that data should be generated in advance.

o SOLUTION

```

1  ## generate data
2  set.seed(112)
3  n = 125
4  S = matrix(data = c(1, 0.67, 0.67, 1), nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
5  X = rmvnorm::rmvnorm(n = n, mean = c(0, 0), sigma = S)
6
7  ## plot data and compute sample correlation
8  plot(X[, 1], X[, 2], bty = "n", xlab = "X1", ylab = "X2", cex.lab = 0.5, cex.axis = 0.5)
9  R_est = cor(X) #alternatively: cor(X[,1],X[,2])
10 print(R_est)
11
12 ## Bootstrapping the distribution of cor(X1,X2)
13 B = 500
14 r_boot = rep(NA, B)
15 for (b in 1:B) {
16   iid = sample(x = 1:n, size = n, replace = TRUE)
17   r_boot[b] = cor(X[iid, 1], X[iid, 2])
18 }
19
20 ## Compute bootstrap statistics

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21 hist(x = r_boot, bty = "n", main = "", xlab = "", cex.lab = 0.5, cex.axis = 0.5)
22 se_r = sd(r_boot)
23 print(se_r)
24 ci_r = quantile(x = r_boot, probs = c(0.025, 0.975))
25 print(ci_r)

```

## 4.10

Consider the following linear models:

$$\begin{aligned}
 z_i &= \beta_0^{(z)} + x_i \beta_1^{(z)} + \epsilon_i^{(z)} \\
 y_i &= \beta_0^{(y)} + x_i \beta_1^{(y)} + z_i \beta_2^{(y)} + \epsilon_i^{(y)}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon_i^{(z)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\epsilon; 0, \sigma_{\epsilon_z})$ ,  $\epsilon_i^{(y)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\epsilon; 0, \sigma_{\epsilon_y})$ , and  $\epsilon_i^{(z)} \perp \epsilon_i^{(y)}$  (independence). Write an algorithm to compute standard error and  $(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval for the parameter  $\xi = \beta_1^{(z)} \beta_2^{(y)}$  (a.k.a. *mediation effect*) via non-parametric bootstrap. Note that (a) data  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$  should be generated in advance and (b) parameters  $\{\beta_0^{(z)}, \beta_1^{(z)}, \beta_0^{(y)}, \beta_1^{(y)}, \beta_2^{(y)}, \sigma_{\epsilon_z}, \sigma_{\epsilon_y}\}$  can be estimated using maximum likelihood or least squares estimators.

o SOLUTION

```

1  ## generate data
2  set.seed(119)
3  n = 365
4  # generating first linear model
5  b0_z = 0.98
6  b1_z = 1.34
7  s0_z = 0.98
8  x = runif(n = n, min = -3, max = 3)
9  z = rnorm(n = n, mean = cbind(1, x) %*% c(b0_z, b1_z), sd = s0_z)
10 # generating second linear model
11 b0_y = -2.11
12 b1_y = -1.34
13 b2_z = 0.76
14 s0_y = 2.31
15 y = rnorm(n = n, mean = cbind(1, x, z) %*% c(b0_y, b1_y, b2_z), sd = s0_y)
16
17 ## plot sample data
18 par(mfrow = c(1, 3))
19 plot(x, z, bty = "n", xlab = "x", ylab = "z", main = "z~x", cex.lab = 0.5, cex.axis = 0.5)
20 plot(x, y, bty = "n", xlab = "x", ylab = "y", main = "y~x", cex.lab = 0.5, cex.axis = 0.5)
21 plot(z, y, bty = "n", xlab = "z", ylab = "y", main = "y~z", cex.lab = 0.5, cex.axis = 0.5)
22
23
24 ## Bootstrapping the distribution of xi = b1_z*b2_z
25 B = 500
26 xi_boot = rep(NA, B)
27 for (b in 1:B) {
28   iid = sample(x = 1:n, size = n, replace = TRUE)
29
30   # estimating b1_z
31   out = lm(formula = z[iid] ~ x[iid])
32   b1_z_boot = coef(out)[2]
33
34   # estimating b2_z
35   out = lm(formula = y[iid] ~ x[iid] + z[iid])
36   b2_z_boot = coef(out)[3]
37

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```
38     # computing xi
39     xi_boot[b] = b1_z_boot * b2_z_boot
40
41 }
42
43 ## Compute bootstrap statistics
44 par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
45 hist(x = xi_boot, bty = "n", main = "", xlab = "", cex.lab = 0.5, cex.axis = 0.5)
46 abline(v = mean(xi_boot), lty = 2, col = 2, lwd = 1.5)
47 print(mean(xi_boot))
48 se_xi = sd(xi_boot)
49 print(se_xi)
50 ci_xi = quantile(x = r_boot, probs = c(0.025, 0.975))
51 print(ci_xi)
```