



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

R-Programming for the Analysis of Ecological and - 73555

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: nvironment and Natural Resources in Agriculture

Academic year: 1

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: hebrew and englis

Campus:

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof Moshe Coll

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Teaching Staff:

Prof Moshe Coll

Course/Module description:

Use of R programming for the statistical analysis of ecological, environmental and behavioural data; data management, descriptive statistics, graphical representation, distributions, hypothesis testing - comparing means, relationships between two variables (correlation, regression, contingency table, Chi-square), non-parametric statistics, generalized linear models, survival analysis, logistic and log-linear regressions, more.

Course/Module aims:

The aim of the course will provide knowledge and tools using in R language for statistical analysis of ecological data, environmental and behavioral;

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Use an R to:

- organize data
- Identify trends in data
- display data graphically
- apply statistical tests to examine hypotheses

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures and exercises

Course/Module Content:

1. Learning how to use R programmes: How to download and how to install it; discovering the user interface; basic syntax; importing data; help and documentation; graphics; functions, packages, etc.
2. Introduction to statistics: Aim, goal, terminology.
3. Using R for descriptive statistics: Graphical representation, distributions, parameters to describe a sample (average, variance, etc.).
4. Using R to test one or two averages: Assumptions and limits, comparing an average to a theoretical value, comparing two average values coming from two independent or non-independent samples.

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5. *Using R to compare more than two averages: Introduction to one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), homoscedasticity, looking for significant differences.*
 6. *Using R to test for relationship between two variables: Two quantitative variables: Correlation, regression line; Two qualitative variables: Contingency table and Chi-2; Comparing percentages.*
 7. *Using R for non-parametric tests: Some tests to compare averages: Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney, Kruskal-Wallis; Paired samples: Wilcoxon signed-rank test, Spearman rank correlation.*
 8. *Using R for general linear models: Generalized linear models and survival analysis; logistic and log-linear regressions; Kaplan-Meier and log-rank tests.*

Required Reading:

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Additional Reading Material:

http://koti.mbnet.fi/tuimala/toiminimi/material/Ecological_data_analysis_September_2011/Handouts_4up_September_2011.pdf

<http://www.r-project.org/>

<http://www.statsoft.com/textbook/>

<http://www.statmethods.net/>

Brian Dennis. *The R Student Companion*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2012. ISBN 978-1-4398-7540-7. [bib | Discount Info

|<http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439875407>]

Pierre-Andre Cornillon. *R for Statistics*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2012. ISBN 978-1-4398-8145-3. [bib | Discount Info

|<http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439881453>]

Paul Teetor. *25 Recipes for Getting Started with R*. O'Reilly, 2011. ISBN 978-1-4493-0322-8. [bib | <http://oreilly.com/catalog/9781449303228>]

Paul Murrell. *R Graphics, Second Edition*. Chapman & Hall/CRC the R series. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2011. ISBN 978-1-4398-3176-2. [bib | Discount Info | <http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439831762>]

Hrishi Mittal. *R Graphs Cookbook*. Packt Publishing, 2011. ISBN 1849513066. [bib | <https://www.packtpub.com/r-graph-cookbook/book>]

Benjamin M. Bolker. *Ecological Models and Data in R*. Princeton University Press, 2008. ISBN 978-0-691-12522-0. [bib | Publisher Info

|<http://www.zoology.ufl.edu/bolker/emdbook/>]

Claus Thorn Ekstrom. *The R Primer*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2011. ISBN 978-1-4398-6206-3. [bib | Discount Info

|<http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439862063>]

John M. Quick. *The Statistical Analysis with R Beginners Guide*. Packt Publishing, 2010. ISBN 1849512086. [bib | <https://www.packtpub.com/statistical-analysis-with-r-beginners-guide/book>]

Carlo Gaetan and Xavier Guyon. *Spatial Statistics and Modeling*. Springer Series in

Statistics. Springer, 2010. ISBN 978-0-387-92256-0. [[bib](#) | [Discount Info](#) | [Publisher Info](#)]

Hrishikesh D. Vinod, editor. *Advances in Social Science Research Using R. Lecture Notes in Statistics*. Springer, 2010. ISBN 978-1-4419-1763-8. [[bib](#) | [Discount Info](#) | [Publisher Info](#)]

Victor Bloomfield. *Computer Simulation and Data Analysis in Molecular Biology and Biophysics: An Introduction Using R*. Springer, 2009. ISBN 978-1-4419-0084-5. [[bib](#) | <http://www.springer.com/physics/biophysics+%26+biological+physics/book/978-1-4419-0084-5>]

Richard M. Heiberger and Erich Neuwirth. *R Through Excel. Use R*. Springer, 2009. ISBN 978-1-4419-0051-7. [[bib](#) | [Discount Info](#) | [Publisher Info](#)]

Additional:

Yihui Xie. *Dynamic Documents with R and knitr*. Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2013. ISBN 978-1482203530. [[bib](#) | [Publisher Info](#) | <https://github.com/yihui/knitr-book/>]

Robert J Knell. *Introductory R: A Beginner's Guide to Data Visualisation and Analysis using R*. March 2013. ISBN 978-0-9575971-0-5. [[bib](#) | <http://www.introductoryr.co.uk>]

Joseph Hilbe. *Methods of Statistical Model Estimation*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2013. ISBN 978-1-4398-5802-8. [[bib](#) | [Discount Info](#) | <http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439858028>]

Din Chen. *Applied Meta-Analysis with R*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Biostatistics series. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2013. ISBN 978-1-4665-0599-5. [[bib](#) | [Discount Info](#) | <http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781466505995>]

Sarah Stowell. *Instant R: An Introduction to R for Statistical Analysis*. Jotunheim Publishing, 2012. ISBN 978-0-957-46490-2. [[bib](#) | <http://www.instantr.com/book>]

Michael Lawrence. *Programming Graphical User Interfaces in R*. Chapman & Hall/CRC the R series. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2012. ISBN 978-1-4398-5682-6. [[bib](#) | [Discount Info](#) | <http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439856826>]

Dimitris Rizopoulos. *Joint Models for Longitudinal and Time-to-Event Data, with Applications in R*. Chapman & Hall/CRC, Boca Raton, 2012. ISBN 978-1-4398-7286-4. [[bib](#) | [Publisher Info](#) | <http://jmr.R-Forge.R-project.org/>]

Laura Chihara and Tim Hesterberg. *Mathematical Statistics with Resampling and R*. Wiley, 1st edition, 2011. ISBN 978-1-1180-2985-5. [[bib](#) | [Publisher Info](#) | <https://sites.google.com/site/chiharahesterberg/home>]

John Fox and Sanford Weisberg. *An R Companion to Applied Regression*. Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA, USA, second edition, 2011. ISBN 978-1-4129-7514-8. [[bib](#) |

<http://socserv.socsci.mcmaster.ca/jfox/Books/Companion/index.html>]

Bruno Falissard. *Analysis of Questionnaire Data with R*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2011. ISBN 978-1-4398-1766-7. [[bib](#) | [Discount Info](#) | <http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439817667>]

Chris Hay Jahans. *R Companion to Linear Models*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2011. ISBN 978-1-4398-7365-6. [[bib](#) | [Discount Info](#) | <http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439873656>]

Damon M. Berridge. *Multivariate Generalized Linear Mixed Models Using R*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2011. ISBN 978-1-4398-1326-3. [bib | Discount Info | <http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439813263>]

Robert A. Muenchen. *R for SAS and SPSS Users*. Springer Series in Statistics and Computing. Springer, 2009. ISBN 978-0-387-09417-5. [bib | Discount Info | Publisher Info]

Paul S. P. Cowpertwait and Andrew Metcalfe. *Introductory Time Series with R*. Springer Series in Statistics. Springer, 2009. ISBN 978-0-387-88697-8. [bib | Discount Info | Publisher Info]

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

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