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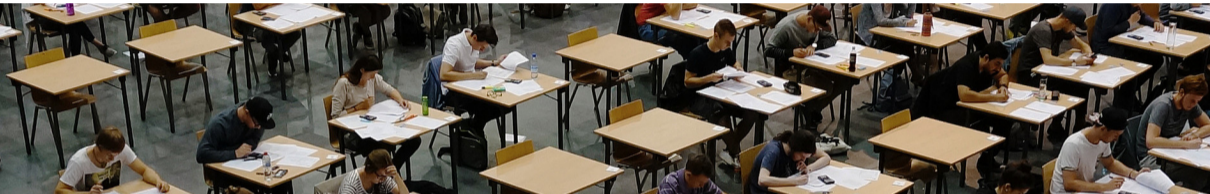


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Solution

Using the product rule for $f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$, where $g(x) := x^9$ and $h(x) := e^{2.7x}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= [g(x) \cdot h(x)]' = g'(x) \cdot h(x) + g(x) \cdot h'(x) \\ &= 9x^{9-1} \cdot e^{2.7x} + x^9 \cdot e^{2.7x} \cdot 2.7 \\ &= e^{2.7x} \cdot (9x^8 + 2.7x^9) \\ &= e^{2.7x} \cdot x^8 \cdot (9 + 2.7x). \end{aligned}$$

Evaluated at $x = 0.88$, the answer is

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12 f'(x) = [g(x) \cdot h(x)]' = g'(x) \cdot h(x) + g(x) \cdot h'(x) \\
13 = \{Sexpr(a)\} x^{\{Sexpr(a) - 1\}} \cdot e^{\{Sexpr(b)x\}} + x^{\{Sexpr(a)\}} \\
14 \cdot e^{\{Sexpr(b)x\}} \cdot \{Sexpr(b)\} \\
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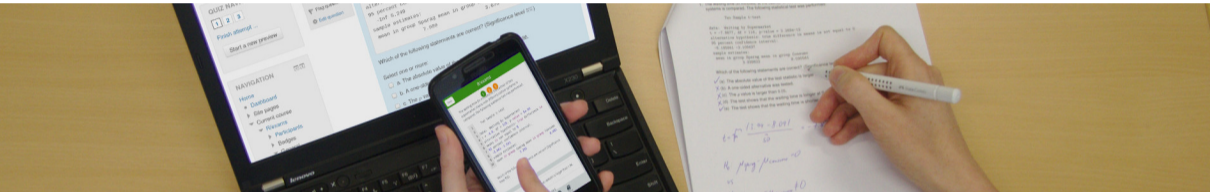
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Motivation and challenges

Motivation:

- Many of us teach large lecture courses, also as support for other fields.
- For example, statistics, probability, or mathematics in curricula such as business and economics, social sciences, psychology, etc.
- At WU Wien and Universität Innsbruck: Some courses are attended by more than 1,000 students per semester.
- Several lecturers teach lectures and tutorials in parallel.

Strategy:

- Individualized organization of learning, feedback, and assessment.
- The same pool of exercises at the core of all parts of the course.

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Learning:

- *Standard*: Textbook along with presentation slides.
- *Streaming*: Videos streamed simultaneously or (pre-)recorded.

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Feedback & assessment:

- *Scalability*: Randomized dynamic exercises required.
- *Feedback*: Support for complete correct solutions.
- *Flexibility*: Automatic rendering into different assessment formats.

R package *exams*

Exercises:

- Each exercise is a single file (either `.Rmd` or `.Rnw`).
- Contains question and (optionally) the corresponding solution.
- Dynamic templates if R code is used for randomization.

Answer types:

- Single choice and multiple choice.
- Numeric values.
- Text strings (typically short).
- Combinations of the above (cloze).

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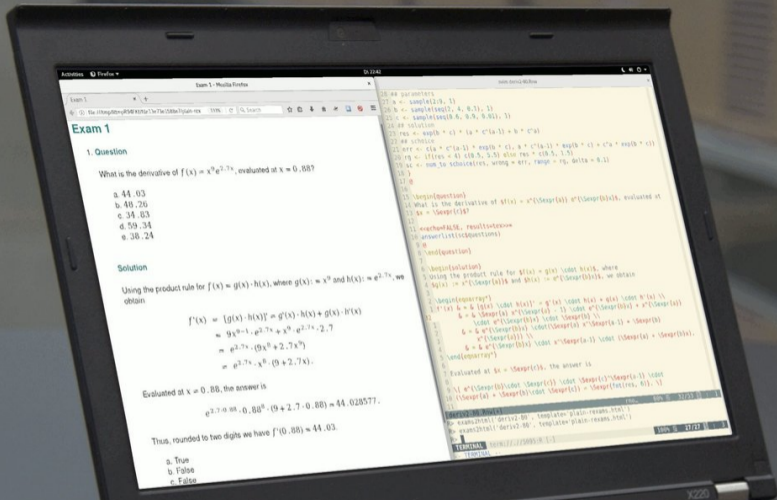
Output:

- PDF – fully customizable vs. standardized with automatic scanning/evaluation.
- HTML – fully customizable vs. embedded into exchange formats below.
- *Moodle XML*.
- QTI XML standard (version 1.2 or 2.1), e.g., for *OLAT/OpenOLAT*.
- *ARSnova, TCExam, LOPS, ...*

Infrastructure: Standing on the shoulders of lots of open-source software...

R package exams

Type	Software	Purpose
Statistical computing	R	Random data generation, computations
Writing/reporting	\LaTeX , <i>Markdown</i>	Text formatting, mathematical notation
Reproducible research	<i>knitr</i> , <i>rmarkdown</i> , <i>Sweave</i>	Dynamically tie everything together
Document conversion	<i>TtH/TtM</i> , <i>pandoc</i>	Conversion to HTML and beyond
Image manipulation	<i>ImageMagick</i> , <i>magick</i> , <i>png</i>	Embedding graphics
Web technologies	<i>base64enc</i> , <i>RCurl</i> , ...	Embedding supplementary files
Learning management	<i>Moodle</i> , <i>OpenOLAT</i> , <i>ARSnova</i> , ...	E-learning infrastructure



Dynamic Exercises

Dynamic exercises

Text file:

- 1 Random data generation (optional).
- 2 Question.
- 3 Solution (optional).
- 4 Metainformation.

Examples:



Multiple-choice knowledge quiz with shuffled answer alternatives.

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Dynamic numeric arithmetic exercise.

What is the derivative of $f(x) = x^a e^{b \cdot x}$, evaluated at $x = c$?

Dynamic exercises: .Rmd

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Question

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Answerlist

- * Uniwersytet Ekonomiczny w Poznaniu
- * Agrocampus Ovest
- * Technische Universität Dortmund
- * Universität Wien
- * ETH Zürich
- * Københavns Universitet

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Solution

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Meta-information

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```

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```

```
      \dots
```

```
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```

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```
\[ e^{\text{\Sexpr{b}} \cdot \text{\Sexpr{c}}} \cdot \text{\Sexpr{c}}^{\text{\Sexpr{a}-1}} \cdot
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\end{solution}
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\extype{num}
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\exsolution{\text{\Sexpr{fmt(res)}}}
```

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\exname{derivative exp}
```

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\extol{0.01}
```

Dynamic exercises: Single choice



`extype: schoice`

`exsolution: 010`

Dynamic exercises: Single choice



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Question

What is the seat of the federal authorities in Switzerland (i.e., the de facto capital)?

- (a) Bern
- (b) Lausanne
- (c) Zurich
- (d) St. Gallen
- (e) Basel

Knowledge quiz: Shuffled distractors.

Dynamic exercises: Single choice



extype: schoice

exsolution: 010

Question

What is the derivative of $f(x) = x^3 e^{3.3x}$, evaluated at $x = 0.85$?

- (a) 45.97
- (b) 35.82
- (c) 56.45
- (d) 69.32
- (e) 39.31

Numeric exercises: Distractors are random numbers and/or typical arithmetic mistakes.

Dynamic exercises: Multiple choice



extype: mchoice

exsolution: 011

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- (e) Uniwersytet Ekonomiczny w Poznaniu

Knowledge quiz: Shuffled true/false statements.

Dynamic exercises: Multiple choice



extype: mchoice
exsolution: 011

Question

In the following figure the distributions of a variable given by two samples (A and B) are represented by parallel boxplots. Which of the following statements are correct? (*Comment: The statements are either about correct or clearly wrong.*)

The figure shows two parallel boxplots, A and B, on a vertical axis ranging from -70 to -35. Boxplot A has a median at approximately -46, a box from -50 to -42, and whiskers from -56 to -36. Boxplot B has a median at approximately -61, a box from -66 to -56, and whiskers from -72 to -52. Both distributions appear to be roughly symmetric and contain no outliers.

(a) The location of both distributions is about the same.
(b) Both distributions contain no outliers.

Interpretations: Statements that are approximately correct or clearly wrong.

Dynamic exercises: Numeric



`extype: num`

`exsolution: 123.45`

Dynamic exercises: Numeric



```
extype: num  
exsolution: 123.45
```

Question
Given the following information:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{orange} & + & \text{pineapple} & + & \text{orange} & = & 585 \\ \text{banana} & + & \text{orange} & + & \text{banana} & = & 144 \\ \text{orange} & + & \text{banana} & + & \text{orange} & = & 177 \end{array}$$

Compute:

$$\text{banana} + \text{orange} + \text{pineapple} = ?$$

Numeric exercises: Solving arithmetic problems.

Dynamic exercises: String



```
extype: string  
exsolution: ANSWER
```

Dynamic exercises: String



Question

What is the name of the R function for Poisson regression?

Knowledge quiz: Sample a word/phrase from a given vocabulary or list of question/answer pairs.

`extype: string`

`exsolution: ANSWER`

Dynamic exercises: Cloze



extype: cloze

exclozetype: mchoice|num

exsolution: 10|123.45

Dynamic exercises: Cloze



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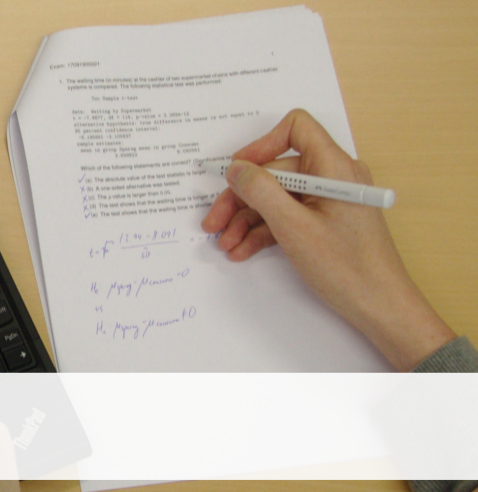
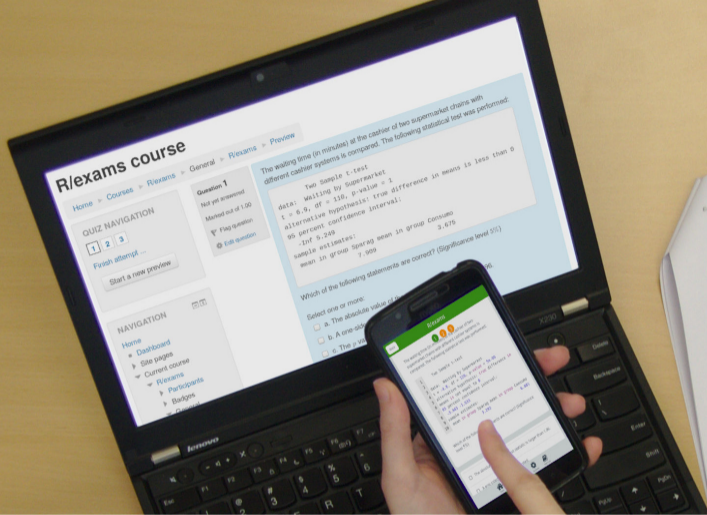
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Question

Using the data provided in `regression.csv` estimate a linear regression of y on x and answer the following questions.

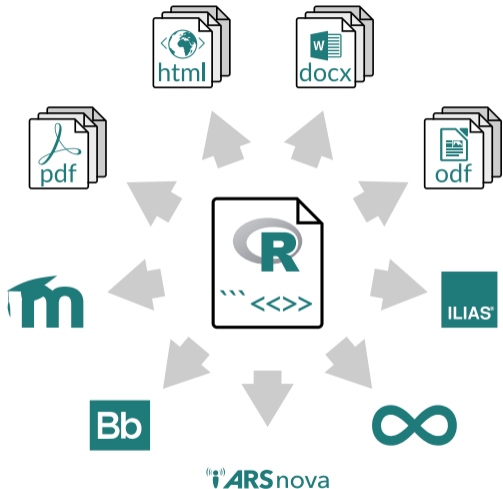
- (a) x and y are not significantly correlated / y increases significantly with x / y decreases significantly with x
- (b) Estimated slope with respect to x :

Exercises with sub-tasks: Several questions based on same problem setting.



One-for-All

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- The *same* exercise can be exported into different formats.
- Multiple standalone documents vs. combined exercise pool.
- Multiple-choice and single-choice supported in all output formats.

One-for-All

Idea: An exam is simply a list of exercise templates.

```
R> myexam <- list(  
+   "deriv2.Rnw",  
+   "fruit2.Rnw",  
+   c("ttest.Rnw", "boxplots.Rnw")  
+ )
```

Draw random exams:

- First randomly select one exercise from each list element.
- Generate random numbers/input for each selected exercise.
- Combine all exercises in output file(s) (PDF, HTML, ...).

One-for-All

Written exam:

```
R> exams2nops(myexam, n = 3, dir = odir,  
+   language = "hu", institution = "eRum 2018")
```

Online test:

```
R> exams2moodle(myexam, n = 10, dir = odir)
```

Live quiz:

```
R> exams2arsnova(myexam, n = 1, dir = odir)
```

Other: `exams2pdf()`, `exams2html()`, `exams2qti12()`, `exams2qti21()`, ...



Written Exams



Written Exams

Flexible: Roll your own.

- Combination with user-specified template in `exams2pdf()` and `exams2pandoc()`.
- Customizable but typically has to be evaluated “by hand”.

Standardized: “NOPS” format.

- `exams2nops()` intended for single- and multiple-choice questions.
- Can be scanned and evaluated automatically within R.
- Limited support for open-ended questions that have to be marked by a person.

Written exams



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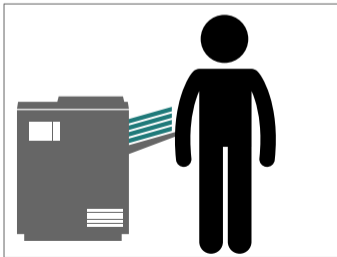
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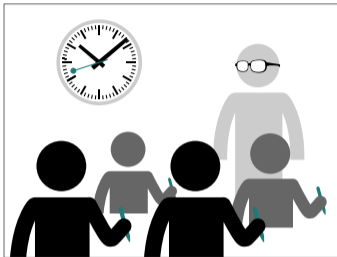
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2. Print

- Print the PDF exams, e.g., on a standard printer.
- ...or for large exams at a print shop.

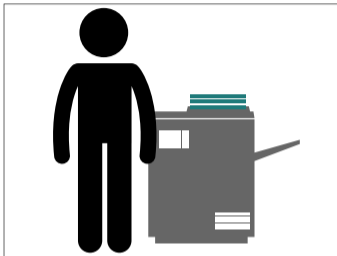
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3. Exam

- Conduct the exam as usual.
- Collect the completed exams sheets.

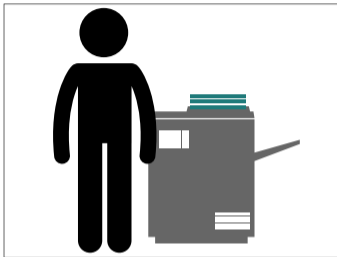
Written exams



4. Scan

- Scan exam sheets, e.g., on a photocopier.
- Using `nops_scan()`, process the scanned exam sheets to machine-readable content.

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5. Evaluate

- Using `nops_eval()`, evaluate the exam to obtain marks, points, etc. and individual HTML reports for each examinee.
- Required files: Correct answers (1.), scans (4.), and a participant list in CSV format.

Written exams

A vizsga eredménye

Név: Jane Doe
Regisztrációs szám: 1501090
Érdemjegy: 5
Pontok: 3.16666666666667

Értékelés

Kérdés	Pontok	Adott válasz	Helyes válasz
1	1.0000000	_c_	_c_
2	0.5000000	abc_e	abc_
3	0.0000000	_____	ab_d_
4	1.0000000	_c_	_bc_
5	0.6666667	_d_	ab_d_
6	0.0000000	_bc_e	a_c_

Vizsgalap

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Given Name:	JANE
Signature:	

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A vizsga eredménye

Név: Ambi Dexter
Regisztrációs szám: 9901071
Érdemjegy: 5
Pontok: 1.5

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1	0.0	a_c_	_d_
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3	0.0	_b_	_e_
4	0.0	_____	a_cd_
5	0.0	_____	_bc_
6	1.5	abc_	a_

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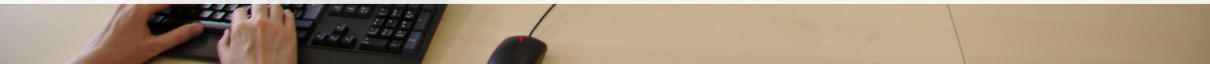
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E-Learning



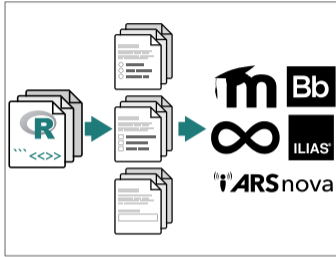
E-Learning



1. Goal

- Online tests with flexible exercise types.
- Possibly: Dynamic supplements and/or complete correct solution.
- Random variations of similar exercises to reduce the risk of cheating.
- Use university's learning management system, e.g., Moodle, ...

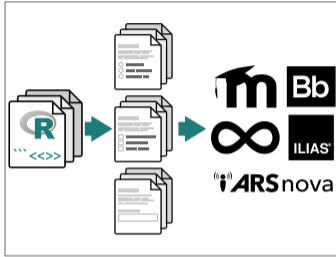
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3. Import

- Import in learning management system.
- From there handling “as usual” in the system.

E-Learning: Online test

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Preview question: R01 Q1 : deriv

Question 1
Incorrect
Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

What is the derivative of $f(x) = x^3 e^{3-3x}$, evaluated at $x = 0.75$?

Answer: ✗

Check

Using the product rule for $f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$, where $g(x) = x^3$ and $h(x) = e^{3-3x}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= [g(x) \cdot h(x)]' = g'(x) \cdot h(x) + g(x) \cdot h'(x) \\ &= 3x^{3-1} \cdot e^{3-3x} + x^3 \cdot e^{3-3x} \cdot (-3) \\ &= e^{3-3x} \cdot (3x^2 + 3 \cdot 3x^3) \\ &= e^{3-3x} \cdot x^2 \cdot (3 + 3 \cdot 3x) \end{aligned}$$

Evaluated at $x = 0.75$, the answer is

$$e^{3-3 \cdot 0.75} \cdot 0.75^2 \cdot (3 + 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 0.75) = 36.591945.$$

Thus, rounded to two digits we have $f'(0.75) = 36.59$.

The correct answer is: 36.59

Start again Save Fill in correct responses Submit and finish Close preview

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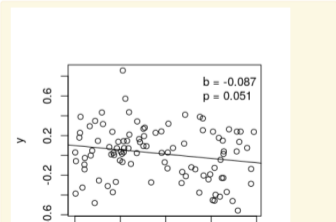
Question 1
Correct
Mark 2.00 out of 2.00

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a. ✓

b. Estimated slope with respect to x : ✓

Check



Scatter plot showing a negative linear regression line. The y-axis ranges from -0.6 to 0.6, and the x-axis ranges from -0.6 to 0.6. The regression line is labeled with $b = -0.087$ and $p = 0.051$.

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Question 1 point Not answered

The waiting time (in minutes) at the cashier of two supermarket chains with different cashier systems is compared. The following statistical test was performed:

```
Two Sample t-test
data: Waiting by Supermarket
t = -0.50168, df = 135, p-value = 0.3084
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is less than 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -Inf 0.5862572
sample estimates:
mean in group Sparag mean in group Consumo
 7.698248      7.862992
```

Which of the following statements are correct? (Significance level 5%)

- a. The absolute value of the test statistic is larger than 1.96.
- b. A one-sided alternative was tested.
- c. The p value is larger than 0.05 .
- d. The test shows that the waiting time is longer at Sparag than at Consumo.

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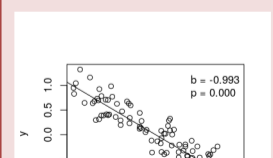
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Question 2 points Completed

Using the data provided in `regression.csv` estimate a linear regression of y on x and answer the following questions.

- a.1. x and y are not significantly correlated
- a.2. y increases significantly with x
- a.3. y decreases significantly with x

b. Estimated slope with respect to x :



The scatter plot displays a series of data points with a downward-sloping regression line. The y-axis is labeled 'y' and ranges from 0.0 to 1.0. The x-axis is not explicitly labeled but represents the variable 'x'. The regression equation is $b = -0.993$ and the p-value is $p = 0.000$.

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Which of these institutions already hosted a userR! or eRum conference?

- Universität Wien
- ETH Zürich
- Københavns Universitet

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What is the derivative of $f(x) = x^9 e^{2x}$, evaluated at $x = 0.7$?

- 2.43
- 3.70
- 2.10

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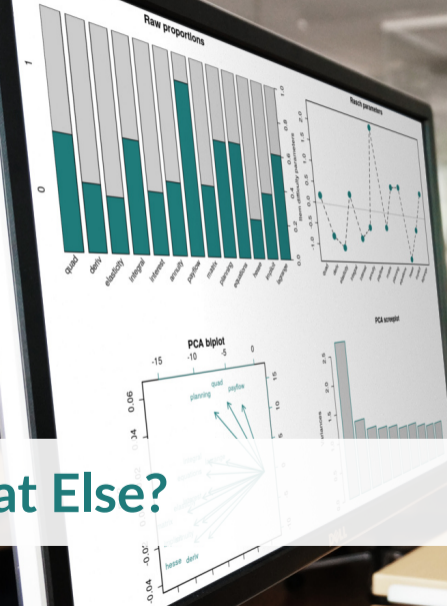
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What Else?



What else?

Under development:

- *Many volunteers*: Internationalization for “NOPS” exams.
- *Nikolaus Umlauf*: Exercise “stress tester”.
- *Stefan Coors, Nikolaus Umlauf*: Graphical exams manager based on *shiny* that can be used on a local machine or on a server.
- *Achim Zeileis*: Reports for lecturers based on IRT models.
- *Niels Smits*: Better management of exercise categories.
- *Mirko Birbaumer, Andreas Melillo, Achim Zeileis*: *Ilias* interface based on QTI 1.2.

NOPS internationalization

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Merci de cocher soigneusement: Non coché: ou

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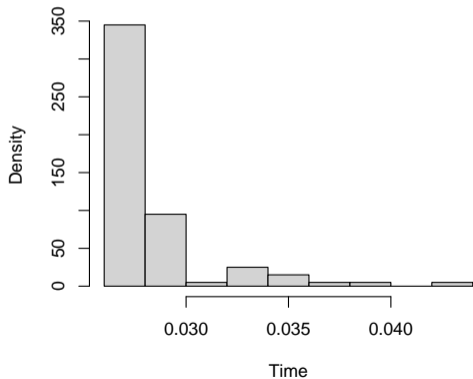
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it Zambella
nl Smits
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sk Fabsic
sr Kecojevic
tr Er

More contributions
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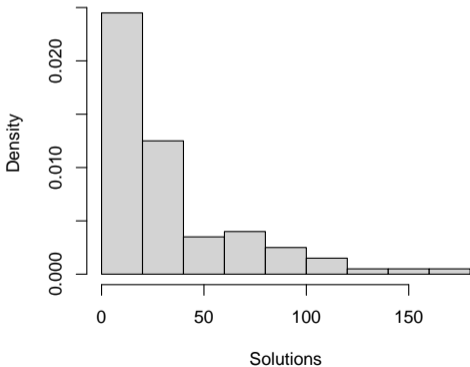
Stress tester

```
R> s <- stresstest_exercise("deriv2.Rnw")  
R> plot(s)
```

Runtimes 0.026–0.043

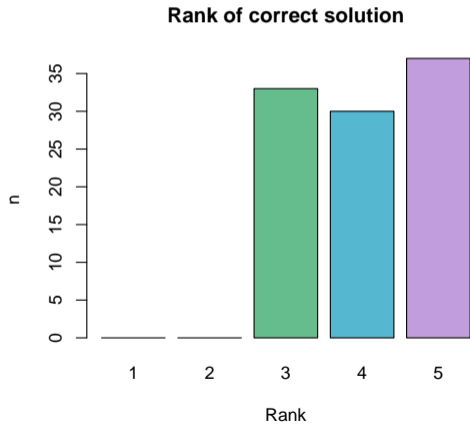
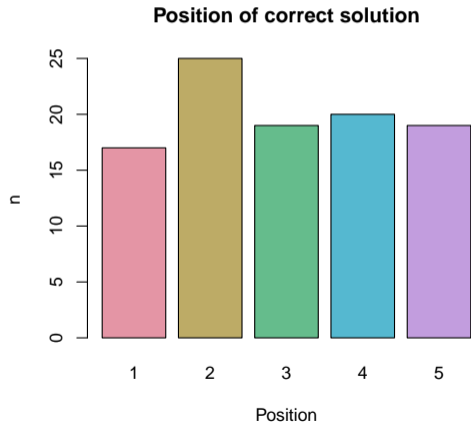


Histogram of numeric solutions



Stress tester

```
R> s <- stresstest_exercise("deriv2.Rnw")  
R> plot(s)
```



Graphical exams manager

The screenshot displays the Graphical exams manager interface. On the left, there are several configuration panels:

- Load a template. Markup?** with a dropdown menu set to "LaTeX".
- Type?** with a dropdown menu set to "num".
- Load template** button.
- Load exams package exercises.** with a dropdown menu set to "boxplots.Rnw".
- Load exercise** button.
- Select exercise to be modified.** with an empty dropdown menu.
- Encoding?** with a dropdown menu set to "UTF-8".

The main area is a code editor with two tabs: "Create Exercises" and "Preview". The "Create Exercises" tab is active, showing the following R code:

```
1 <<echo=FALSE, results=hide>>
2 ## convenience functions
3 SK <- function(x) diff(diff(fivenum(x)[2:4]))/diff(fivenum(x))[c(2, 4)])
4 trob <- function(a, b)
5   (median(a) - median(b))/sqrt((var(a)/length(a) + var(b)/length(b))
6
7 ## DATA GENERATION
8 ## dgp for one sample
9 dgp <- function(location = 0, scale = 1, skewed = FALSE, outlier = NULL,
10   n = 10, amount = 0.1)
11 {
12   ## basic intervals from which equal amounts of observations are drawn
13   qq <- if (skewed) c(0, 2, 2.2, 6, 10) else c(0, 3, 5, 7, 10)
14   sim <- function(x) {
15     rval <- NULL
16     for(i in 1:(length(x)-1)) rval <- c(rval, runif(n, min = x[i], max = x[i+1]))
17     rval <- jitter(rval, amount = amount)
18     rval <- rval/4
19     rval
20   }
21   ## draw under restrictions about IQR and SK
22   rval <- sim(qq)
23   if (skewed) {
24     while(IQR(rval) > 1.15 | IQR(rval) < 0.85 | abs(SK(rval)) < 0.7) rval <- sim(qq)
25   } else {
26     while(IQR(rval) > 1.15 | IQR(rval) < 0.85 | abs(SK(rval)) > 0.15) rval <- sim(qq)
27   }
28   rval
29 }
```

Below the code editor is a **Show preview** button.

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Graphical exams manager

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Load template

Load exams package exercises.
boxplots.Rnw

Load exercise

Select exercise to be modified.

Encoding?
UTF-8

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Create Exercises Preview

Question

In the following figure the distributions of a variable given by two samples (A and B) are represented by parallel boxplots. Which of the following statements are correct? (Comment: The statements are either about correct or clearly wrong.)

a. The location of both distributions is about the same.
b. Both distributions contain no outliers.
c. The spread in sample A is clearly bigger than in B.
d. The skewness of both samples is similar.
e. Distribution B is left-skewed.

Solution

a. True. Both distributions have a similar location.
b. True. Both distributions have no observations which deviate more than 1.5 times the interquartile range from the box.
c. True. The interquartile range in sample A is clearly bigger than in B.
d. True. Both distributions are symmetric.
e. False. Both distributions are symmetric.

Examining exams

Report: Exercise difficulty, student performance, unidimensionality, fairness.

Methods: Psychometrics, especially item response theory.

Example: End-term exam from first-year mathematics course for business and economics students at Universität Innsbruck.

- 729 students (out of 941 registered).
- 13 single-choice exercises on the basics of analysis, linear algebra, financial mathematics.
- Two groups with partially different pools of exercise templates.

```
R> library("psychotools")
```

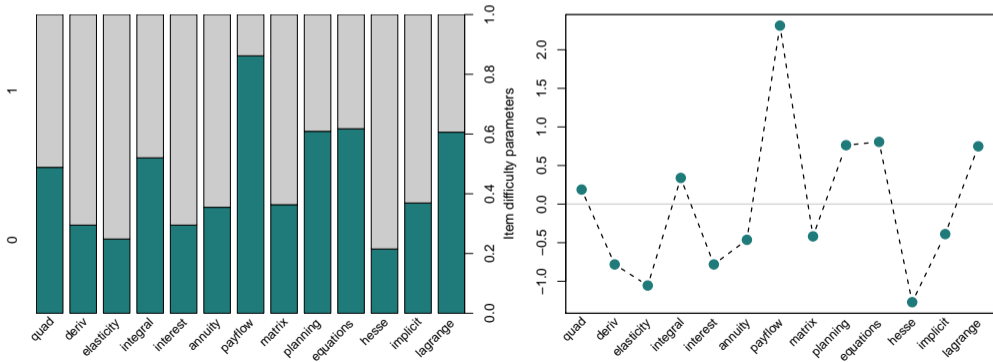
```
R> data("MathExam14W", package = "psychotools")
```

```
R> mex <- subset(MathExam14W, nsolved > 0 & nsolved < 13)
```

Examining exams

Item difficulty: Raw proportions vs. Rasch model.

```
R> plot(mex$solved, ...)  
R> mr <- raschmodel(mex$solved)  
R> plot(mr, ...)
```

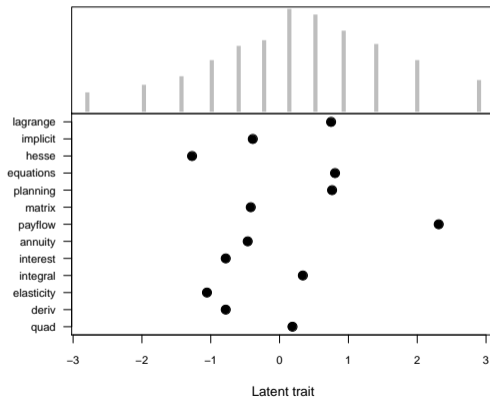
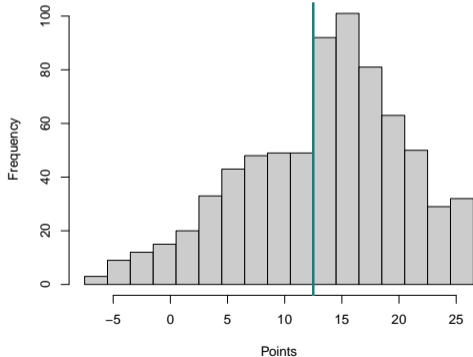


Examining exams

Student performance: Points and person-item map.

```
R> hist(MathExam14W$points, ...)
```

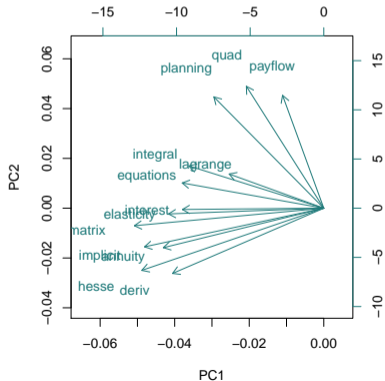
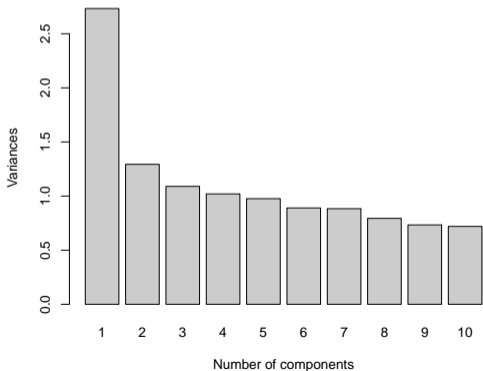
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R> piplot(mr)
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Examining exams

Unidimensionality: Principal component analysis.

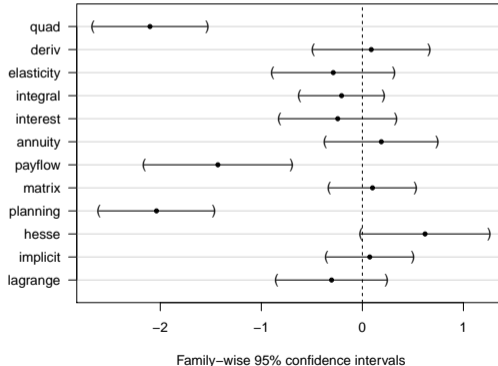
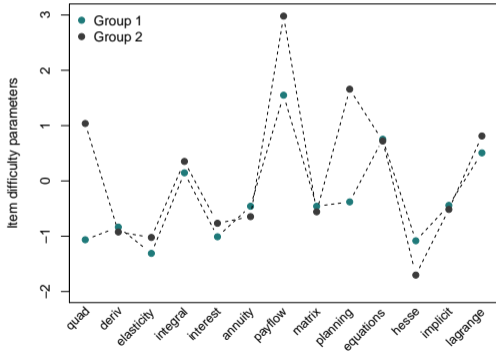
```
R> pr <- prcomp(mex$solved, scale = TRUE)
R> plot(pr, ...)
R> biplot(pr, ...)
```



Examining exams

Fairness: Differential item functioning.

```
R> ma <- anchortest(solved ~ group, data = mex, adjust = "single-step")  
R> plot(ma$final_tests, ...)
```



Recommendations

If you want to try  R/exams:

- Start with simple exercises before moving to more complex tasks.
- Focus on content of exercises.
- Don't worry about layout/formatting too much.
- Try to build a team (with lecturers, assistants, etc.).
- Use exercise types creatively.
- Don't be afraid to try stuff, especially in formative assessments.
- Thorough quality control for dynamic exercises before summative assessments.

Resources

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Links:

Web	http://www.R-exams.org/
CRAN	https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=exams
Forum	http://R-Forge.R-project.org/forum/?group_id=1337
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