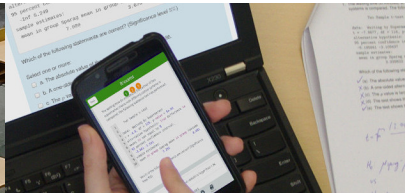
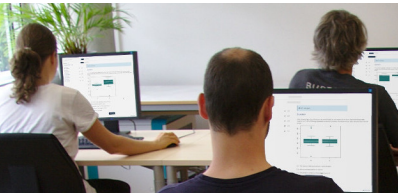


R/exams



R/exams: A One-for-All Exams Generator

Achim Zeileis

<https://www.R-exams.org/>

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Challenges:

- Deal with large(-ish) student groups.
- Discourage cheating without learning.

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Technology: R/exams software & learning management systems.

- *Individualization*: Randomized dynamic exercise pools.
- *Feedback*: Support for complete correct solutions.
- *Automatic evaluation*: Rendering into different (closed) assessment formats.

Motivation

Possible formative assessments:

- *Quick quiz*: Recap of knowledge from previous session or preparation.
- *Asynchronous test*: Several days, encourage group work, support in forum.
- *Synchronous test*: In learning groups in live sessions (possibly completion of individual tests afterwards).
- *Open-ended tasks*: Upload of solutions online, discussion in live sessions.

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 (either closed/short or open-ended).
- Combinations of the above (cloze).

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- PDF – fully customizable vs. standardized with automatic scanning/evaluation.
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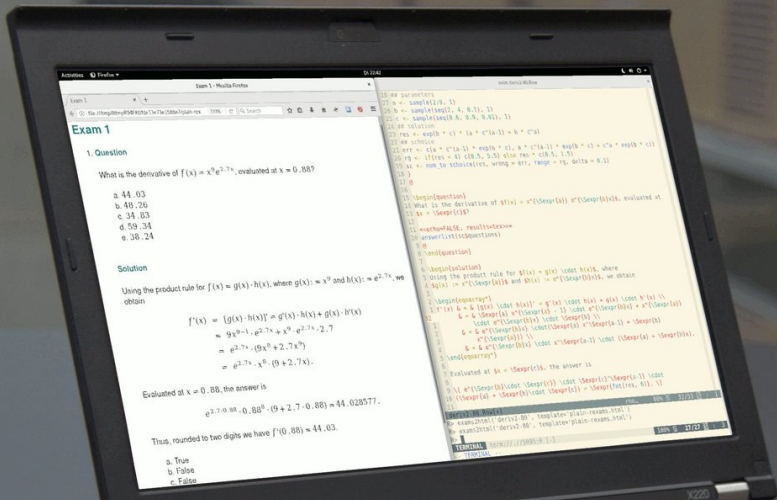
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Infrastructure: Standing on the shoulders of lots of open-source software...

- R, *Markdown*, \LaTeX .
- *knitr*, *rmarkdown*, *pandoc*, *Sweave*.
- *Moodle*, *OpenOlat*, and many others.



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.

Which of the following cities are the capital of the corresponding country?



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

=====

Which of the following cities are the capital of the corresponding country?

Answerlist

- * Lagos (Nigeria)
- * São Paulo (Brazil)
- * Toronto (Canada)
- * Auckland (New Zealand)
- * Istanbul (Turkey)
- * Zürich (Switzerland)
- * Tokyo (Japan)
- * New Delhi (India)
- * Astana (Kazakhstan)
- * Warsaw (Poland)
- * Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)

Dynamic exercises: .Rmd

Example: Which of the following cities are the capital of the corresponding country?

Solution

=====

Answerlist

- * False. The capital of Nigeria is Abuja.
- * False. The capital of Brazil is Brasilia.
- * False. The capital of Canada is Ottawa.
- * False. The capital of New Zealand is Wellington.
- * False. The capital of Turkey is Ankara.
- * False. The de facto capital of Switzerland is Bern.
- * True. Tokyo is the capital of Japan.
- * True. New Delhi is the capital of India.
- * True. Astana is the capital of Kazakhstan.
- * True. Warsaw is the capital of Poland.
- * True. Riyadh is the capital of Saudi Arabia.

Dynamic exercises: .Rmd

Example: Which of the following cities are the capital of the corresponding country?

```
Meta-information
=====
exname: Capitals
extype: mchoice
exsolution: 00000011111
exshuffle: 5
```


Dynamic exercises: `.Rmd` vs `.Rnw`

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parameters
a <- sample(2:9, 1)
b <- sample(seq(2, 4, 0.1), 1)
c <- sample(seq(0.5, 0.8, 0.01), 1)
solution
res <- exp(b * c) * (a * c^(a-1) + b * c^a)
```
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@
```

```
\begin{question}
What is the derivative of  $f(x) = x^{\text{\Sexpr{a}}} e^{\text{\Sexpr{b}x}}$ ,
evaluated at  $x = \text{\Sexpr{c}}$ ?
\end{question}
```


Dynamic exercises: .Rmd vs .Rnw

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Solution

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$\begin{aligned}$

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Meta-information

=====

ex \texttt{type} : num

ex $\texttt{solution}$: $\texttt{`r fmt(res)`}$

ex \texttt{name} : derivative exp

ex \texttt{tol} : 0.01

Dynamic exercises: .Rmd vs .Rnw

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&\dots & \\
\end{eqnarray*}
\end{solution}
```

```
\extype{num}
\exsolution{\Sexpr{fmt(res)}}
\exname{derivative exp}
\extol{0.01}
```


Dynamic exercises: Single choice



extype: schoice

exsolution: 010

Dynamic exercises: Single choice



extype: schoice

exsolution: 010

Question

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

- (a) Basel
- (b) Bern
- (c) Zurich
- (d) Geneva
- (e) Lausanne

Knowledge quiz: Shuffled distractors.

Dynamic exercises: Single choice



extype: schoice

exsolution: 010

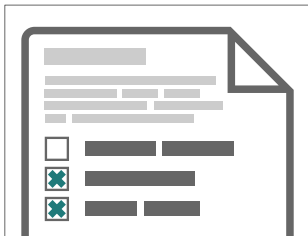
Question

What is the derivative of $f(x) = x^9 e^{3.9x}$, evaluated at $x = 0.82$?

- (a) 61.05
- (b) 49.15
- (c) 72.53
- (d) 45.04
- (e) 61.47

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

Dynamic exercises: Multiple choice



extype: mchoice

exsolution: 011

Dynamic exercises: Multiple choice



`extype: mchoice`

`exsolution: 011`

Question

Which of the following cities are the capital of the corresponding country?

- (a) New Delhi (India)
- (b) Tokyo (Japan)
- (c) Lagos (Nigeria)
- (d) Auckland (New Zealand)
- (e) Astana (Kazakhstan)

Knowledge quiz: Shuffled true/false statements.

Dynamic exercises: Multiple choice

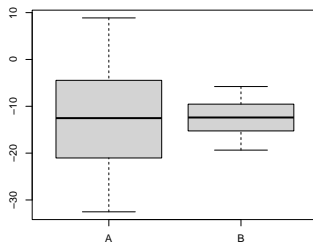


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In the following figure the distributions of a variable given by two samples (A and B) are represented by parallel boxplots. Which of the following statements are correct? (*Comment: The statements are either about correct or clearly wrong.*)



(a) The location of both distributions is about the same.

(b) Both distributions contain no outliers.

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:

$$\text{orange} + \text{banana} + \text{banana} = 113$$

$$\text{orange} + \text{banana} + \text{orange} = 121$$

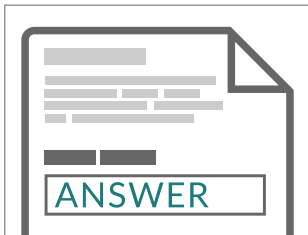
$$\text{banana} + \text{banana} + \text{pineapple} = 451$$

Compute:

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

Numeric exercises: Solving arithmetic problems.

Dynamic exercises: String



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


Dynamic exercises: String



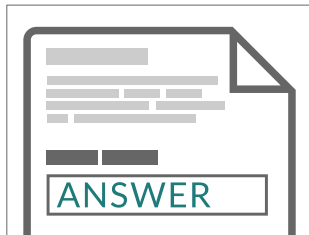
extype: string
exsolution: ANSWER

Question

What is the name of the R function for extracting the fitted log-likelihood from a fitted (generalized) linear model object?

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

Dynamic exercises: String



extype: string

exsolution: ANSWER

Question

Consider the following regression results:

Call:

```
lm(formula = log(y) ~ log(x), data = d)
```

Residuals:

| Min | 1Q | Median | 3Q | Max |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| -5.490 | -1.056 | 0.102 | 1.593 | 5.187 |

Coefficients:

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) |
|-------------|----------|------------|---------|----------|
| (Intercept) | -0.039 | 0.304 | -0.13 | 0.90 |
| log(x) | 0.217 | 0.308 | 0.70 | 0.48 |

Residual standard error: 2.24 on 53 degrees of freedom

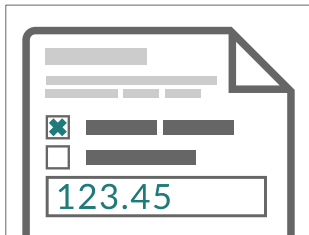
Multiple R-squared: 0.00927, Adjusted R-squared

F-statistic: 0.496 on 1 and 53 DF, p-value: 0.484

Describe how the response y depends on the regressor x .

Open-ended question: Answer in an essay editor and/or by file upload (via exstringtype).

Dynamic exercises: Cloze

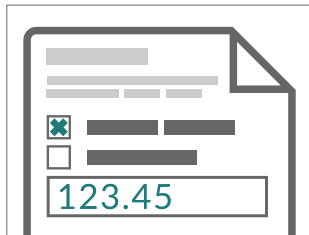


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exclozetype: mchoice|num

exsolution: 10|123.45

Dynamic exercises: Cloze



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exclozetype: mchoice|num

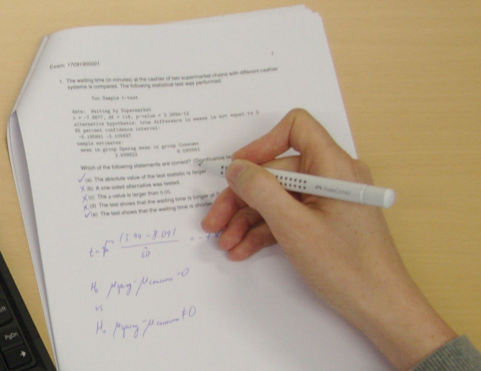
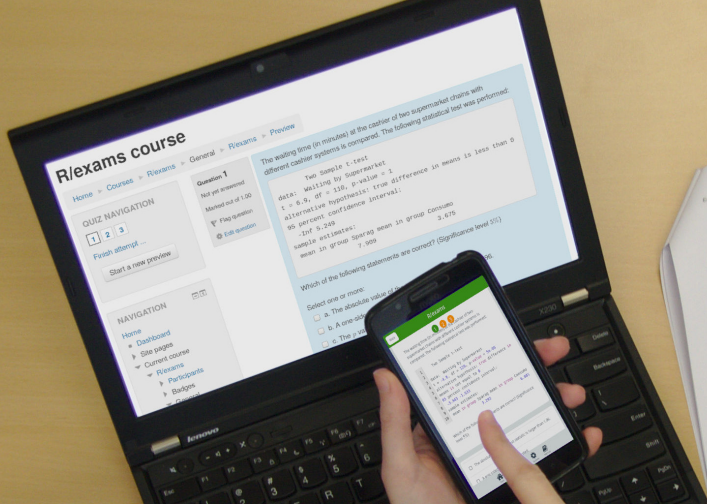
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Question

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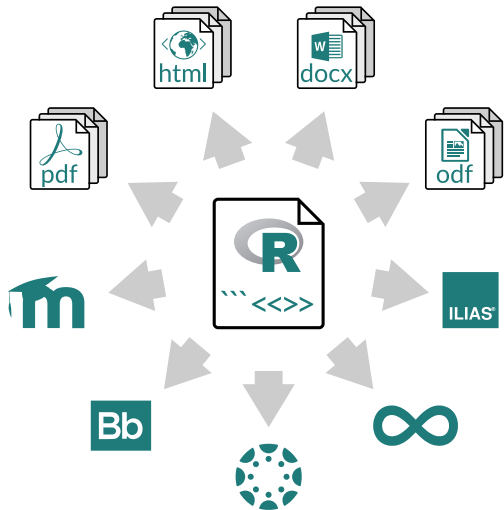
- (a) x and y are not significantly correlated / y increases significantly with x / y decreases significantly with x
- (b) Estimated slope with respect to x :

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



One-for-All

One-for-all



- 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(  
+   "capitals.Rmd",  
+   "deriv2.Rmd",  
+   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

Online test:

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

Live quiz:

```
R> exams2particify(myexam, n = 1, dir = odir)
```

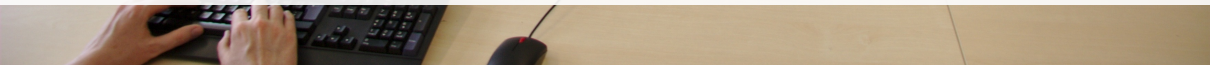
Written exam:

```
R> exams2nops(myexam, n = 3, dir = odir,  
+   language = "de", date = "2023-03-29",  
+   institution = "Universität Innsbruck", logo = "uibk-logo-bw.png")
```

Other: `exams2pdf()`, `exams2html()`, `exams2canvas()`,
`exams2forms::exams2webquiz()`, ...



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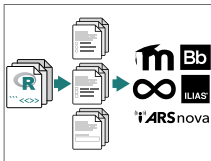
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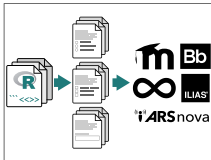
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- Embed these into exchange file format.

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3. Import

- Import in learning management system.
- Then handle “as usual” in the system.

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Preview question: R01 Q1 : deriv

Question 1

Incorrect

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

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

Answer:

51.83594

✖

Check

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

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

Evaluated at $x = 0.75$, the answer is

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

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

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E-Learning: Online test

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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
 $t = -0.50168$, $df = 135$, $p\text{-value} = 0.3084$
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
7.608248 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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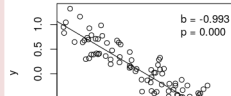
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Question 2 points Completed

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 : -0.08



Scatter plot showing a negative correlation between x and y . The regression line is shown with the equation $b = -0.993$ and $p = 0.000$.

E-Learning: Live quiz

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1 2 3

Which of the following cities are the capital of the corresponding country?

☐ Lagos (Nigeria)

☐ Istanbul (Turkey)

☐ Zürich (Switzerland)

☐ Warsaw (Poland)

☐ New Delhi (India)

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What is the derivative of $f(x) = x^8 e^{3.1x}$, evaluated at $x = 0.7$?

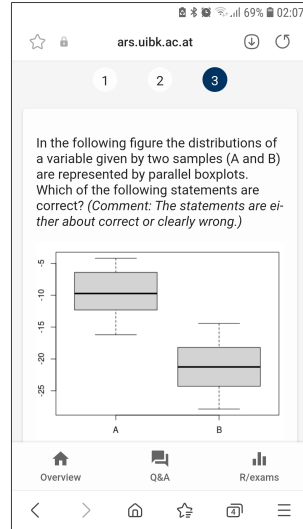
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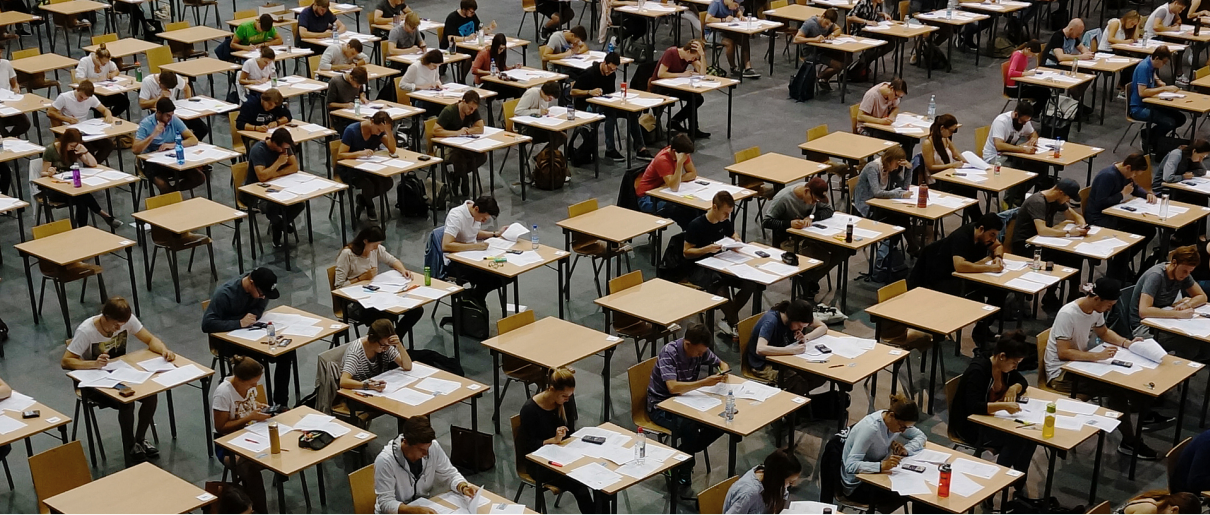
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Overview Q&A R/exams





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.

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Bitte sorgsam ankreuzen: ☒ Nicht angekreuzt: ☐ oder ☐

Dieser Beleg wird maschinell gelöst. Bitte nicht falten, nicht knicken und nicht beschmutzen. Verwenden Sie zum Markieren einen blauen oder schwarzen Kugelschreiber.

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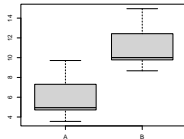
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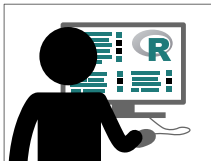
- 19.60
- 27.40
- 30.45
- 31.09
- 34.42

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

Written exams



1. Create

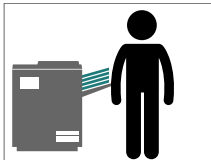
- Using `exams2nops()`, create (individual) PDF files for each examinee.

Written exams



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2. Print

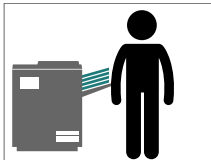
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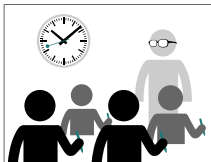
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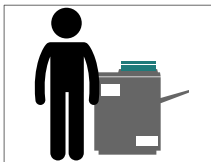
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3. Exam

- Conduct the exam as usual.
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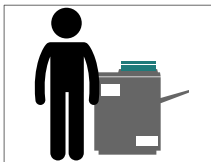
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- Using `nops_eval()`, obtain grades, points, etc.
- ...plus individual HTML reports for each examinee.

Written exams

A vizsga eredménye

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


Értékelés

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A vizsga eredménye

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


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| Vorname: | Ambi |
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In action: Do it yourself

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.).
- Connect to experienced users.
- Use exercise types creatively.
- Don't be afraid to try stuff, especially in formative assessments.
- Thorough quality control for dynamic exercises before summative assessments.

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Installation:

- ① R, Rtools on Windows, RStudio recommended for beginners.
- ② R package *exams* (including dependencies).
- ③ L^AT_EX for producing PDF output.
- ④ Pandoc (e.g., provided along with RStudio).
- ⑤ Possibly further tools needed for scanning NOPS exams.

More details: <https://www.R-exams.org/tutorials/installation/>

In action: Do it yourself

First steps: https://www.R-exams.org/tutorials/first_steps/

Quality control: Stress testing.

- Generate a large number of random versions of an exercise.
- Check for errors, warnings, long computation times, ...
- Especially for numeric exercises: Check solution distribution, outliers, dependency on randomized parameters.
- Especially for multiple-choice exercises: Check shuffling of correct answers.

More details: <https://www.R-exams.org/tutorials/stresstest/>

Resources

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Links:



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