MAR536: Biological Statistics II

R Laboratory Exercise 3

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Submit your Rmd and any other files via myCourses before lab next week.

Lab exercise 1/3 (probability)

- a. Generate 1,000 random normal numbers with mean 24 and standard deviation 10. Find the proportion of those random numbers that are ≥ 2 standard deviations from the sample mean.
- b. Flip a (fair) coin six times.
- c. Find the probability of getting six heads on those six flips (i.e. P(X = 6) given n = 6).
- d. How much more likely is it to get three heads than six?
- e. For a standard normal random variable, find the number x such that $P(-x \le X \le x) = 0.24$.
- f. The mean rate of arrival of alewives at a weir is 3.5 per hour. Plot the probability distribution function for the number of alewife arrivals in an hour.
- g. Find the 95% confidence interval for the number of alewives arriving per day.

Lab exercise 2/3 (linear modeling, species richness)

- 1. Extract the residuals from the RIKZ_lm2 model
- 2. Are the linear regression assumptions met? Explain your reasoning
- 3. Summarize the results of the model. What are the parameter estimates telling you about species richness on these beaches?

Lab exercise 3/3 (Gapminder revisited)

- 1. Fit a linear regression using 2007 gapminder data of the form lm(gdpPercap ~ continent, where gdpPercap is the new outcome variable y. Get information about the best-fitting line from the regression table. How do the regression results match up with those of an analysis of life expectancy by continent?
- 2. Extract the model coefficients and their 95 percent confidence intervals.
- 3. Plot the residuals vs the fitted values and comment on their distribution and patterns.
- 4. Identify the five countries with the five most negative residuals? What do these negative residuals say about their life expectancy relative to their continents life expectancy?
- 5. Repeat this process, but identify the five countries with the five most positive residuals. What do these positive residuals say about their life expectancy relative to their continents life expectancy?