Statistics 406 Lab Syllabus

Meeting time/place: B760 East Hall, Monday 2:30-4:00pm
GSI: Jason Goldstick
Email: jasoneg@umich.edu
Office Hours: Friday 1:00-3:00pm, 274 West Hall or by appointment
Course website: ctools
Lab website: www.stat.lsa.umich.edu/~jasoneg

Description: The purpose of lab is to reinforce concepts learned in lecture, with an emphasis on translating familiar statistical problems into R tasks. A typical lab will consist of a number of examples similar in difficulty to the homework problems which will be solved step by step to foster an effective approach to statistical computing. Students will also have opportunities to ask questions about the course material unrelated to the predetermined lab activities.

Homework: Assignments will be turned in to me in lab, and will be typically returned the following week. Appropriate programming style should be used when submitting code, with particular attention to spacing and indentation. This helps me read the code when grading and helps you remember what you did when you look at it later. Examples of good style will be given as we work through the lab activities. One general resource for help on style guidelines is:

http://google-styleguide.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/google-r-style.html

I’m also more than willing to help you with style issues in office hours.

Email questions: I encourage email questions as you work through the course material; on weekdays I will usually be able to answer in less than 24 hours. It will help if you include Stat 406 in the subject. Please make sure you are asking specific questions; emails of the form “I don’t know what is wrong with my program– please help!” will be answered by me asking you to be more specific.