efficient statistics



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assumption: many domain scientists use R but are not programmers

R is the means to an end



limitation: programming is a separate discipline

efficient **learning** to code important

do show tell read watch help write up





vignettes books stackoverflow Journal of Statistical Software



chunk your work



SMART workflows



specific
measurable
attainable
realistic
time-bound

efficient **planning directly** in R



Gantt charts

use packages: innovative & sometimes efficient



package selection

actively developed?

well documented?

well used?

efficient **set up** tips



RStudio test code (microbenchmark) update R & packages (update.packages(ask = FALSE) no ask-to-save & no restore defaults directory management

monitor resources

use GitHub

efficient data **importing**



efficient data handling



efficient **coding**



access underlying routines as quickly as possible fewer functions is efficient vectorize code: functions that work with all-length vectors

efficient **statistics**



modelr::model_matrix stats::glm() mgcv::gam() glmnet::glmnet() MASS::rlm()



data_grid and mine models



minimize assumptions





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