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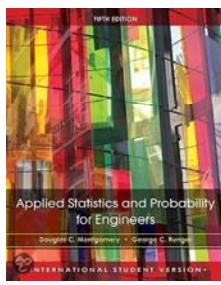
Statistical Software

In education!

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What is R?



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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R_\(disambiguation\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R_(disambiguation))

Article Talk

R (disambiguation)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

R is the eighteenth letter of the Latin alphabet.

R may also refer to:

Mathematics [edit]

- The set of all real numbers, often written as \mathbb{R} or R
- The Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient r in statistics

Computing [edit]

- R (programming language), an environment for statistical computing and graphics
- R, RequestBot, a service in Quassel's IRC services
- IBM System R, an IBM database system

Engineering [edit]

- R-value (insulation), a non-SI measure of thermal resistance used in house construction
- R-value (soil), property of soils used in pavement design
- An electrical resistor, e.g. in circuit diagrams
- The R-rubber rating in engineering thermodynamics
- In fracture mechanics, the ratio between the minimum and maximum stress

The screenshot shows a Google search results page for the query "R". The top result is a link to the "The R Project for Statistical Computing" website, which is highlighted with a red box. Below it, there are several other links to Wikipedia pages about R, including "R (disambiguation)" and "R (softwarepackage)". The right side of the screen shows a sidebar with various Google services like Zaken, Afbeeldingen, Maps, Play, YouTube, Nieuws, Gmail, Drive, Agenda, and Meer.

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• What is ?



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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R_\(programming_language\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R_(programming_language))

Article Talk

R (programming language)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

R is an implementation of the S programming language combined with lexical scoping semantics inspired by Scheme. It was created by John Chambers while at Bell Labs, and is now developed by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, and is currently developed by the R Development Core Team; of which Chambers is a member. R is named partly after the first name of the first two R authors and partly as a play on the name of the Beowulf authors.

R is a GNU project [RTEMS](#). The source code for the R software environment is written primarily in C, Fortran, and R itself. It is distributed under the [Artistic License](#).

The screenshot shows the homepage of the "The R Project for Statistical Computing". The page features a large R logo at the top left. Below it is a section titled "What is R?" with a brief description. To the right is a "Getting Started" section with a link to the "CRAN mirror". The main content area includes a scatter plot and a histogram. At the bottom, there is a "Download" section with links to "R Project", "CRAN Network", and "forge".

<http://www.r-project.org/>

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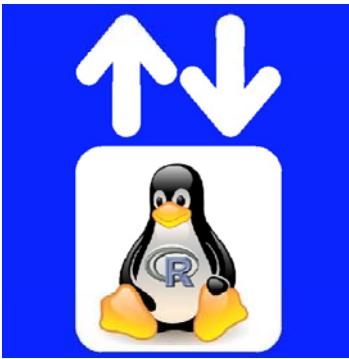
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- Elevator Pitch:



- GNU-license
- Open source
- Supports different operating systems
- Active community
- Exponential growing number of packages

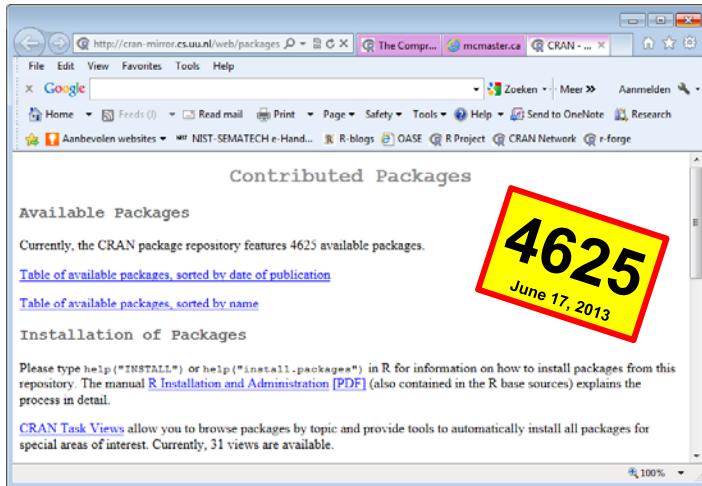
The Lingua Franca for Statistics....

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- An Exponential Growing Number of Packages !



Contributed Packages

Available Packages

Currently, the CRAN package repository features 4625 available packages.

[Table of available packages, sorted by date of publication](#)

[Table of available packages, sorted by name](#)

Installation of Packages

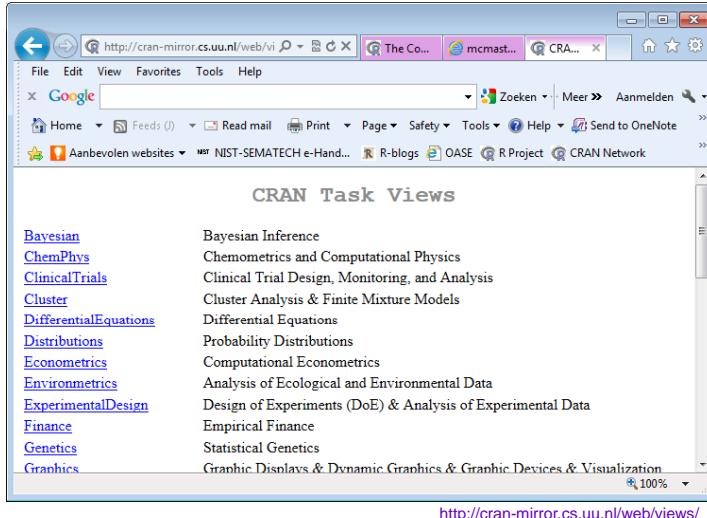
Please type `help("INSTALL")` or `help("install.packages")` in R for information on how to install packages from this repository. The manual [R Installation and Administration \[PDF\]](#) (also contained in the R base sources) explains the process in detail.

[CRAN Task Views](#) allow you to browse packages by topic and provide tools to automatically install all packages for special areas of interest. Currently, 31 views are available.

<http://cran-mirror.cs.uu.nl/web/packages/>

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- For all kind of Tasks:



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- Active Community:



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• Just a Hype ?

Data Analysts Captivated by R's Power

A test appeared in 1999, when the statistics professors Robert Gentleman, left, and Ross Ihaka released the code as a free software package.

By ASHLEE VANCE
Published: January 6, 2009

To some people R is just the 18th letter of the alphabet. To others, it's the rating on racy movies, a measure of an attic's insulation or what pirates in movies say.

R is also the name of a popular programming language used by a growing number of data analysts inside corporations and academia. It is becoming their lingua franca partly because data mining has entered a golden age, whether being used to set ad prices, find new drugs more quickly or fine-tune financial models. Companies as diverse as Google, Pfizer, Merck, Bank of America, the InterContinental Hotels Group and Shell use it.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/07/technology/business-computing/07program.html?pagewanted=all>

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• Steep Learning Curve:

R version 3.0.0 (2013-04-03) -- "Marked Marvel"

Copyright (C) 2013 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing

Platform: i386-w64-mingw32/i386 (32-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.

You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.

Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.

Type 'contributors()' for more information and 'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or 'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.

Type 'q()' to quit R.

[Previously saved workspace restored]

> |

**R has a different paradigm:
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at once, the process is highly interactive.**

Robert I. Kabacoff

<http://www.statmethods.net/about/learningcurve.html>

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R in Education?

The three Rs

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The three Rs (as in the letter R)^[1] refers to the foundations of a basic skills-oriented education program within schools: reading, writing and arithmetic. It appears in print as a space-filler in "The Lady's Magazine" for 1815 though it is widely quoted as arising from a phrase coined in a toast given by Sir William Curtis MP in around 1825.^[2] Since its original creation, many others have created new words for what the Rs stand for.

The newest version of "the Three Rs" could be considered:

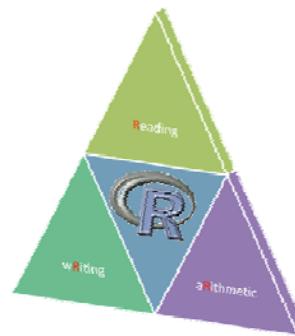
1. Reduce
2. Recycle
3. Recycle

However the original phrase "the Three Rs" came from a previous speech made by Sir William Curtis in 1795, and these referred to:

1. Reading
2. Writing
3. Arithmetic

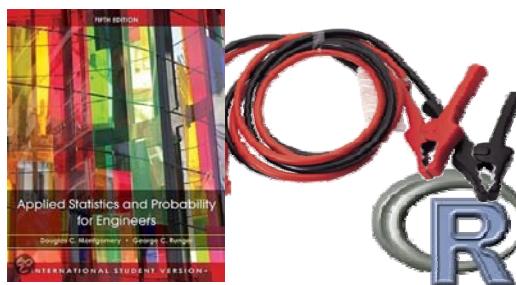
From reading and writing comes the idea in modern education of literacy, by which we generally mean having the ability to understand ideas expressed through the medium of words. From reckoning and figuring comes the modern idea of numeracy which means being able to understand ideas expressed in the

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/3R%27s>



the 4th R ?

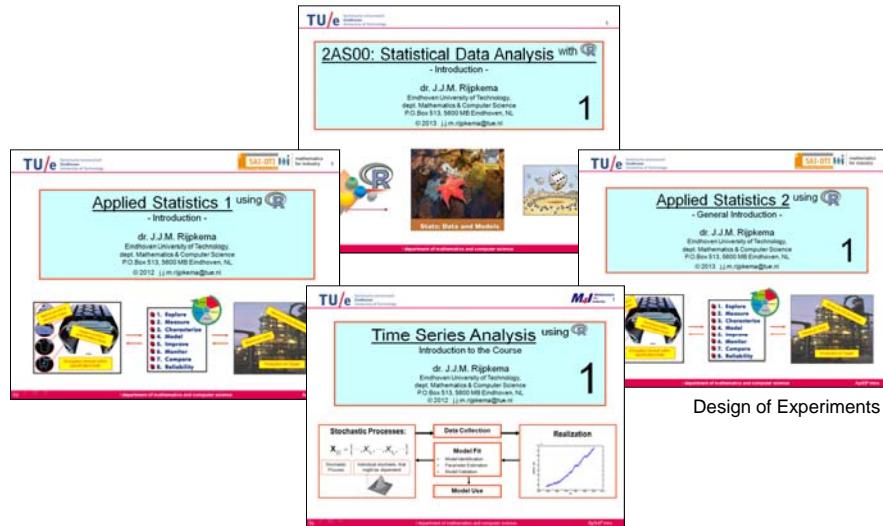
- Restriction:



Philosophy: Focus on the principles of Statistics and Data Analysis, not on details of a statistical package. Software is just a tool, which we don't want to become too much dependent on.

However: Anticipate on the R-paradigm of dynamic analyses, on a new way of 'open source' learning and on new approaches of analysis that might become in reach!

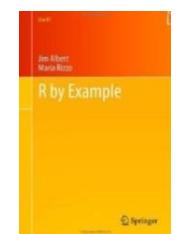
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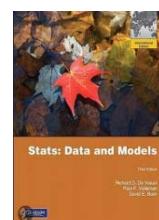
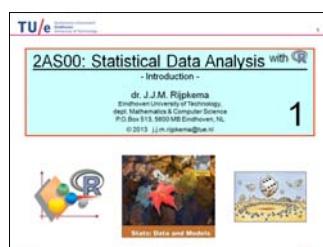
Design of Experiments

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• TU/e Elective Bachelor Course 2AS00:



Jim Albert & Mario Rizzo,
'R by Example',
ISBN 9781461413646



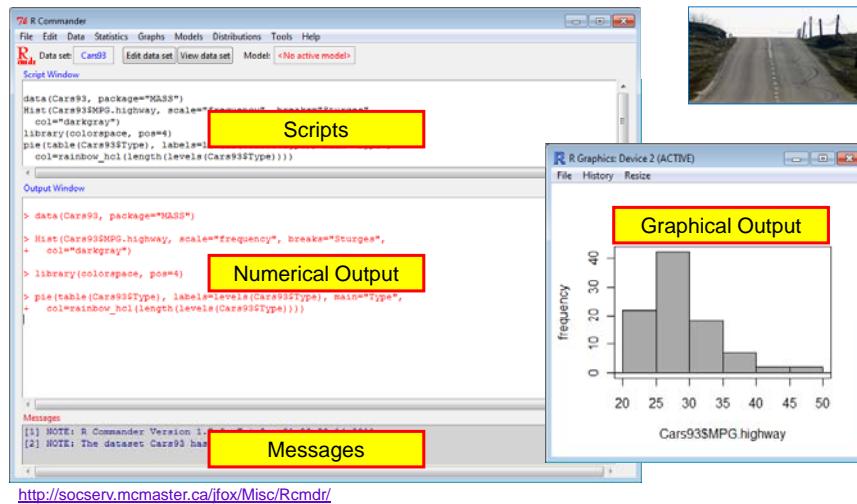
D. De Veaux et al.,
'Stats: Data and Models',
ISBN 978-0-321-75372-4

Modules

- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Probability Distributions & More Probability Distributions
- Testing/Estimation & More Testing/Estimation
- Regression Modeling & More Regression Modeling
- ANOVA & More ANOVA

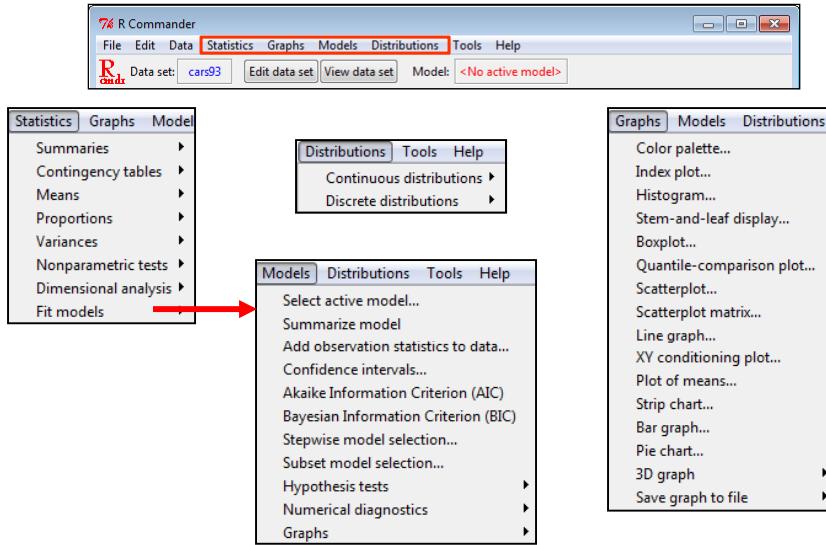


- Flatten the Learning Curve with R Commander !



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- R-Commander: Statistical Techniques



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R-Commander: Additional Information

The R Commander: A Basic-Statistics GUI for R
Current Version: 1.9-x

Development Version 2.0-0 (built under R 3.0.1): [source package](#), [Windows binary package](#), [Mac OS X binary package](#)

John Fox

<http://socserv.mcmaster.ca/jfox/Misc/Rcmdr/>

Rcommander a graphical interface for R

R commander (Rcmdr)

R provides a powerful and comprehensive system for analysing data and when used in conjunction with the R Commander (a graphical user interface, commonly known as Rcmdr) it also provides a tool that is easy and intuitive to use. Basically, R provides the engine that carries out the analyses and Rcmdr provides a convenient way for users to input commands. The Rcmdr project enables analysts to access a selected set of commonly-used R commands using a graphical interface that should be familiar to most computer users. It also serves the important role of helping users to implement R commands and develop their knowledge and expertise in using the command line — an important skill for those wishing to explore the full power of the program.

<http://www.rcommander.com/>

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Some Educational Challenges

INT. J. MATH. EDUC. SCI. TECHNOL., 1991, VOL. 22, NO. 5, 791-798

Mathematics courses with a PC
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(Received 28 August 1990)

The authors present their view on the impact that computers should have on the contents of service courses in mathematics. They point to the fact that besides analytical techniques, mathematical software-packages are used increasingly in many fields of applications.

1. Introduction
The teaching of service courses in mathematics for first and second year university students is and will be affected in two ways by the large-scale availability of computers and software-packages.
On the one hand the computer influences the way in which mathematics is taught, or will be taught in future. This has been widely recognized and there is fast-growing literature on the topic. Roughly, and excluding specialized areas such as numerical analysis, most literature concentrates on the following two topics:
(1) How can a computer be used as a teacher or as an aid in the teaching process (computer aided teaching or computer aided instruction, see e.g. [1]).
(2) How can a computer be used to illustrate the concepts taught in existing mathematics courses (see e.g. [2]).
On the other hand, the increasing use of computers and mathematical software-packages will have consequences for the contents of the service courses themselves.

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at once, the process is highly interactive.**

International Journal of Mathematical Education in Science and Technology, Vol. 22(1991), No. 5, p. 791-798

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- Alternative Interfaces:



Journal of Statistical Software
June 2012, Volume 49, Issue 1.
<http://www.jstatsoft.org/>

R Through Excel
R.M. Heiberger et al.



<http://www.red-r.org/>

Graphical User Interfaces for R

Pedro M. Valero-Mora
Universitat de València

Rubén D. Ledesma
Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata

<http://www.jstatsoft.org/v49/i01/paper>



JGR
Java Gui for R
Version 1.7-7
Markus Heilig
Simon Urbanek
Ian Fellows
<http://www.rosuda.org>
(c) 2003 - 2011, RosUoDa, Univ. Augsburg
<http://rforge.net/JGR/index.html>



<http://www.deducer.org>

pmg – Poor Man's GUI
an R GUI for Introductory Statistics

John Verzani

<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/pmg/vignettes/pmg.pdf>



<http://www.rstudio.com/>

- RStudio +  Commander:

- Reproducible Research:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://cran-mirror.cs.uu.nl/web/views/ReproducibleResearch.html>. The page title is "CRAN Task View: Reproducible Research". It includes information about the maintainer (Max Kuhn), contact (max.kuhn at pfizer.com), and version (2013-04-18). A text block explains the goal of reproducible research: "The goal of reproducible research is to tie specific instructions to data analysis and experimental data so that scholarship can be recreated, better understood and verified." Another text block states: "R largely facilitates reproducible research using literate programming; a document is a combination of content and data analysis code. The `Sweave` function (in the base R `utils` package) can be used to blend the subject matter and R code so that a single document defines the content and the algorithms."

Sweave: Dynamic Generation of Statistical Reports Using Literate Data Analysis

<http://www.stat.uni-muenchen.de/~leisch/Sweave/>

knitr

Elegant, flexible
and fast dynamic
report generation with R



<http://yihui.name/knitr/>

- Automatic Generation of Exams:



Journal of Statistical Software

February 2009, Volume 29, Issue 10.

<http://www.jstatsoft.org/>

Automatic Generation of Exams in R

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Achim Zeileis
Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien

<http://www.jstatsoft.org/v29/i10/paper>

Package 'exams'

June 6, 2013

Version 1.9-6

Date 2013-06-06

Title Automatic Generation of Exams in R

Description Sweave-based automatic generation of exams including multiple-choice questions and arithmetic problems. Exams can be produced in various formats, including PDF, HTML, Moodle XML, QTI 1.2 (for OLAT).

<http://cran-mirror.cs.uu.nl/web/packages/exams/exams.pdf>

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- The  Manuals:



<http://cran.r-project.org/manuals.html>

- Introduction to  -Commander:



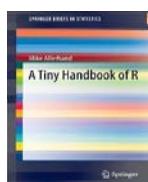
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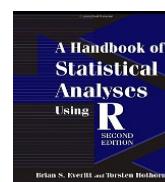
- Basic  :



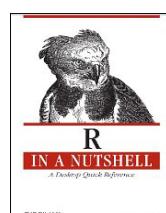
Mike Allerhand,
A Tiny Handbook of R



Peter Dalgaard,
Introductory Statistics using R



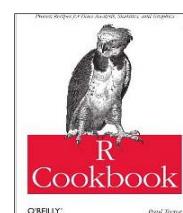
Brian Everitt et al.,
A Handbook of Statistical
Analyses using R



Joseph Adler,
R in a Nutshell



<http://www.r-project.org/doc/bib/R-books.html>



Paul Teator,
R Cookbook

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• Applied 



The screenshot shows the Springer website with the title "Springer" and "springer.com". Below this, there is a thumbnail image of a book titled "Use R!". To the right of the book image, the text "Use R!" is displayed in bold. Below the book image, there is a brief description of the series and a link to "Recently published:".

Use R!

Series Editors: Gentleman, Robert, Hornik, Kurt, Parmigiani, Giovanni

This series of inexpensive and focused books on R will publish shorter books aimed at practitioners. Books can discuss the use of R in a particular subject area (e.g., epidemiology, econometrics, psychometrics) or as it relates to statistical topics (e.g., missing data, longitudinal data). In most cases, books will combine LaTeX and R so that the code for figures and tables can be put on a website. Authors should assume a background as supplied by Dalgaard's Introductory Statistics with R or other introductory books so that each book does not repeat basic material.

Recently published:

<http://www.springer.com/series/6991?detailsPage=titles>

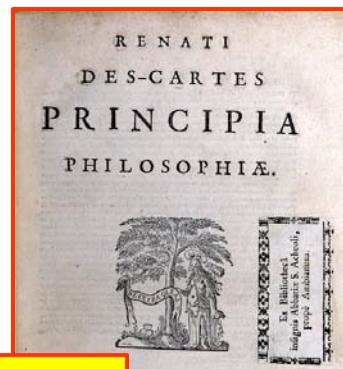
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Perspective.....

R ergo Es !



You , so You Are !

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