

R as integrated engine in blended learning environment

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Teaching environment

Students:

in chemistry

Not familiar with statistics

With no real will to learn R, a software running with « commands »

Working with a laptop (required for each one)

Course:

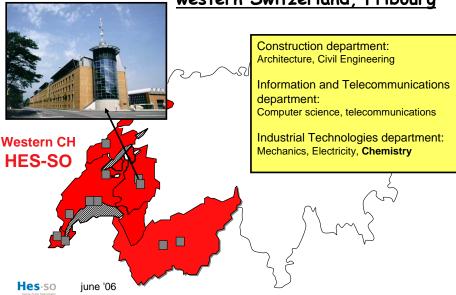
In a traditional classroom

One semester course, twice a week

Using R for probabilities/quantiles calculations



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Test for hybrid learning environment during spring '06

The idea is to keep the profit of working with R, without the burden for students to learn it, at least at the beginning, in this introductory course in statistics.

The test is developed on a small part of the course: hypothesis testing; and is used in the class-room in a blended learning situation

Technical objectives:

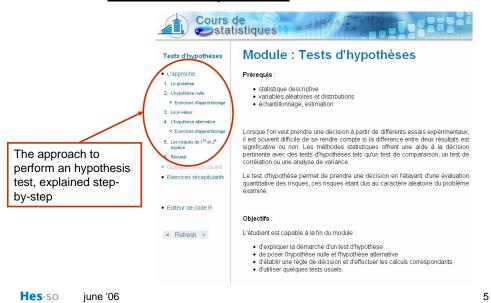
- > integration of an R server to run simulations for examples and exercises
- > implement the different course elements, in agreement with the SCORM standard.

Pedagogical objectives:

- > re-think the content for the teacher
- > evaluate the ease-of-use by our students
- > evaluate the added-value of such an approach

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Work done up to now



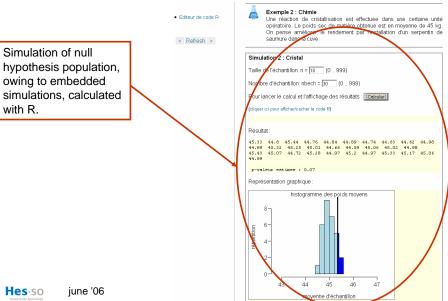


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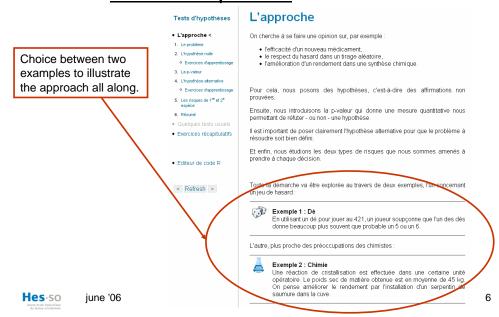
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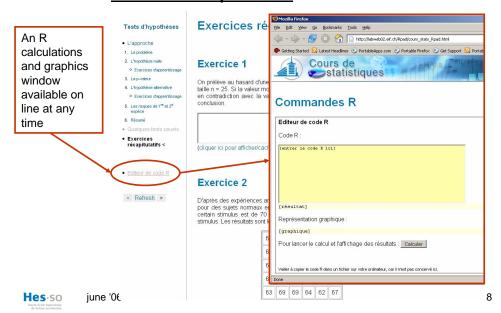




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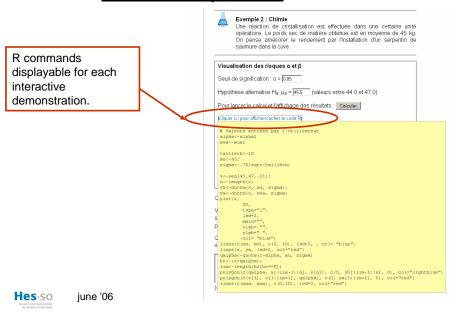
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The plus and minus

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First version available

After some distrust, the students had a rather positive reaction. They appreciate to be able to go through again on their own at home.

As a teacher, it was quite interesting to think of and produce all the contents.

Running only with firefox

Some improvements and extensions are needed

Very time-consuming to implement and to use with students

We can discuss further during the forum



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R implementation

We use the Rpad Library from Tom Short.

