STOR155: Excel for Mac users

The Excel exercises required in STOR155 are not compatible with the newer versions of Microsoft Office for Mac (2008, 2011). The problem is that many of the exercises use the Analysis ToolPak add-in to Excel, and versions of Excel for Mac after 2004 do not have that ToolPak.

Here are workarounds for this problem:

1. Use a university owned Windows computer. They can be found in the library and other places.
2. If you are running a version of Mac OS earlier than Lion (10.7), get the 2004 version of Microsoft Office for Mac. Unfortunately, this won't work if you are running Lion (10.7) or Mountain Lion (10.8).
3. Find a way to run Windows on your Mac – Boot Camp, Virtual Box, VMWare Fusion, or UNC's Virtual Lab site.
   Any recent version of Microsoft Excel that runs under Windows will have the Analysis ToolPak. (Windows is free for UNC students and Microsoft Office will probably cost you something like $25.)
   • You can find out about Boot Camp on Apple's Website.
   • Virtual Box is a free download from Http://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/downloads .
   • The IT Help Desk can help you with VMWare Fusion.
   • The Virtual Lab site is https://vcl/unc.edu . After a little rigmarole you can set up a virtual Windows machine that will run Excel. You may have to install the Analysis ToolPak every time you need it. You can print from the virtual lab machine to a printer connected to your own computer. I don't know how easy it will be to import files to Excel on the virtual machine.

This information is provided to you as a courtesy only. STOR instructors will not be available to troubleshoot your Mac-specific problems.