

Intro to R Programming & RStudio

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R INTRO OBJECTIVES



- Familiarize ourselves with R Studio and some fundamental R commands
- Identify some key R objects that will help us store & manipulate data
- Use some popular mathematical R functions
- Discover R's potential through a class example

WHY R?



- Its Free!
- Open-source license (anyone can download and modify the code)
- Runs everywhere
- Huge Community and Support
- Very popular amongst biologists



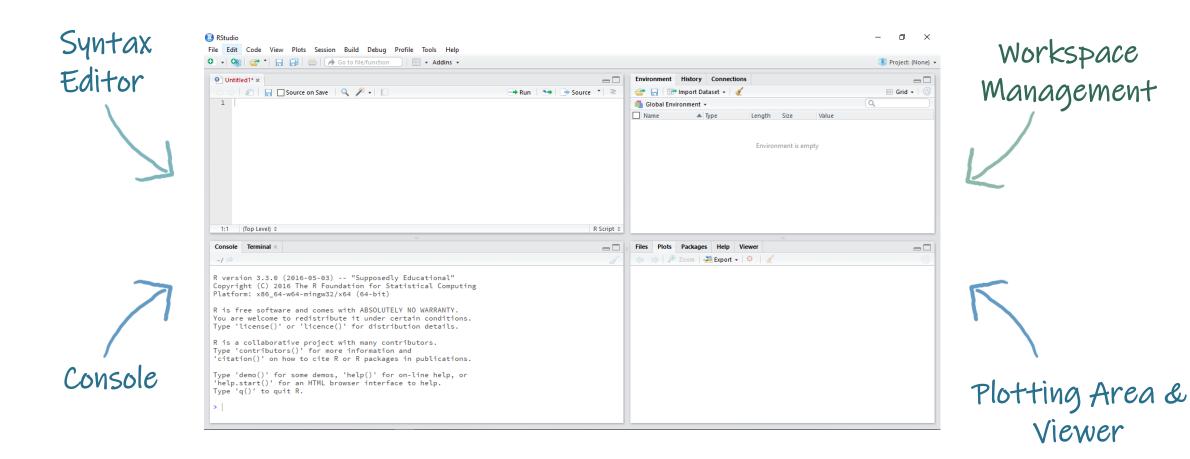
GETTING STARTED WITH R & R STUDIO



SPRINGER BRIEFS IN STATISTICS **Mike Allerhand** A Tiny Handbook on R

WELCOME TO R STUDIO

WELCOME TO RSTUDIO! A QUICK TOUR



SOME BASIC SYNTAX

Try it in the RStudio!

• To "print" in R, just type a variable or object's name, R will display as much as it can

• Commenting in R

- # means what appears afterwards is not computed
- # Your **best friend** when you write long scripts! (Use Often!)
- You can copy-paste multiple times, this overwrites
- Often " and ' are used interchangeably Be as consistent as you can!

INSPECTING YOUR WORKSPACE

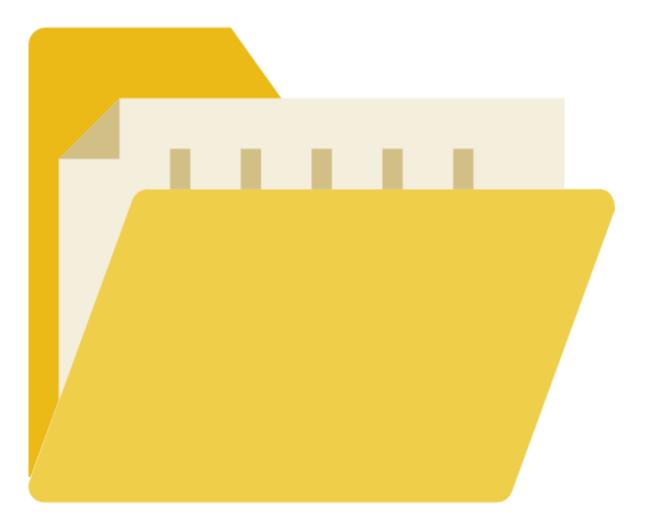
Try it in the **RStudio!**

- > getwd()
- > setwd("your path")
- > library()
- > sessionInfo()

Lists the packages installed on your computer > library("package_name") # Loads packages into your session

Lists the packages loaded into memory

R version 3.5.1 (2018-07-02) Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit) Running under: Windows >= 8 x64 (build 9200)		
Matrix products: default			
locale: [1] LC_COLLATE=English_United Kingdom.1252 [4] LC_NUMERIC=C	LC_CTYPE=English_United Kingdom.1252 LC_TIME=English_United Kingdom.1252	LC_MONETARY=English_United Kingdom.1252	
attached base packages: [1] stats graphics grDevices utils	datasets methods base		
other attached packages: [1] MASS_7.3-50			

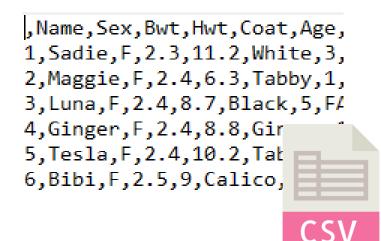


FINDING & READING DATA

.CSV FILES

- Stands for comma-separated values
- A delimited text file that uses a comma to separate values
- A CSV file stores tabular data (numbers and text) in plain text
- One of the most commonly used file formats for data storage in the biomedical sciences

	А	В	С	D	E
1		Name	Sex	Bwt	Hwt
2	1	Sadie	F	2.3	11.2
3	2	Maggie	F	2.4	6.3
4	3	Luna	F	2.4	8.7
	4	Ginger	F	2.4	8.8
	5	Tesla	F	2.4	10.2
	6	Bibi	F	2.5	9
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READING DATASETS WITH READ.CSV()

• First check your working directory!

Tip no 1: Do not forget to use quotation marks!

- > read.csv("mydataset.csv")
- > read.csv(file.choose())

Read a file in the working directory
File locator

Tip no 2: Check your operating system! Syntax will differ from Mac to Windows to Linux.

PATHS

If these formats don't work for you, try:
> setwd("C:\\Users\\mkf8\\Downloads")

• Download class data and R script to a folder from

http://hmsrc.me/rclassfiles

Set your working directory to the folder where your data is

- > setwd("pathtofolder/note/forward/slashes")
- A Mac example:
 - > setwd("/Users/mfk8/Downloads")
- A Windows example (note forward slashes):
 - > setwd("C:/Users/mfk8/Downloads")

Console Terminal ×

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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.

[Workspace loaded from ~/.RData]

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INSTALLING PACKAGES FROM CRAN

> install.packages()

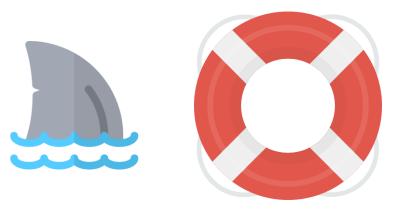
Download and install packages

> install.packages("ggplot2") # Download and install package "ggplot2"



GETTING HELP

- > help.start() # Manuals and reference guides
- > help(t.test) # Dispay the help page for function "t.test"
- > ?t.test # ... a shorthand for the same thing



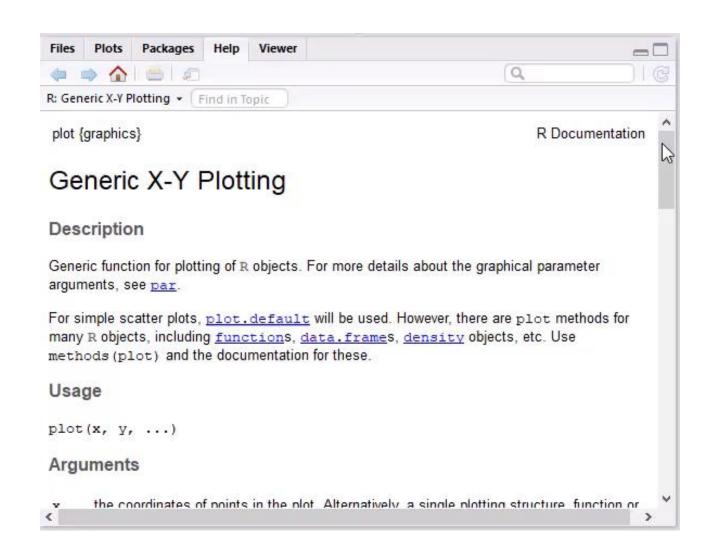
FUNCTION ARGUMENTS

- CONSOLE INPUT:
- > args(plot)
- CONSOLE OUTPUT:

function (x, y, ...)

If you would like more information:

> help(plot)



COMMAND LINES & SCRIPTS

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> a = c(1,3,4,5,6)	
> b = c(34,24,67,88,9)	
<pre>> plot(a,b)</pre>	
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> 1+2	
[1] 3	
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COMMAND LINES & SCRIPTS

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3	# Import libraries			
4	library(ggplot2) #plotting			
5	library(stats) #clustering			
6	library(FactoMineR) #PCA			
7	library(factoextra) #visualize			
8	library(cluster) #get dunn			
9	library(clValid) #get dunn			
10	library(RColorBrewer) #colours for heatmaps			
11	library(gplots) #heatmap.2			
12				
13	# Import csv file as wormslope			
14				
15	<pre>wormslope = read.csv(file = 'wormslope.csv')</pre>			
16				
17	# Correct borders and set rownames			
18				
19	<pre>wormslope = wormslope[,1:8]</pre>			
20	rownames(wormslope) = wormslope[,1]			
21	<pre>wormslope = wormslope[,-1]</pre>			
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23				
24 *	#			

SAVING & CLOSING YOUR SESSION

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EXPLORING R

R OBJECTS



CREATING VARIABLES IN R

- Assign variables with a <- (traditional) or = (more modern way)
- A variable can be overwritten so be careful with naming

• Names can be UPPER/lowercase/./_ mixes, but can't start with a number!

VECTORS

- Basic way to store data
- c stands for "concatenate": put these together as a vector

> myvector = c(3,5,7)
> myvector
[1] 3 5 7

VECTOR TYPES

- numeric:
- > mynumeric = c(3,5,7)
- character:
- > mycharacter = c("bob", "nancy", "jose")
- logical or Boolean:
- > mylogical = c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)

CHANGING YOUR VECTOR TYPE

- General workflow:
- > myvector = c(3,5,7)
- > myvector_char = as.character(myvector)

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> myvector
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[1] "3", "5", "7"

- Where this comes in handy: when R says you are trying to do an operation on your variable that is one type of vector, when it has to be another type.
- Can be done with other types e.g. matrices
- Use wisely



LISTS

• Like vectors with mixed data types (numeric, character, logical)

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> mylist = list(3, "TP53", FALSE)
[[1]]
[1] 3
[[2]]
[1] " TP53 "
[[3]]
[1] FALSE
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• "unlist"-ing with unlist() a list tries to coerce the data to an atomic vector of all the same type (lowest common denominator, usually a character)

FACTORS

• Makes a vector nominal (able to be ordered by integers)

Notice how rep() creates repeats with minimal effort!

- Create a variable "gender" with 2 "male" entries and 4 "female" entries
- > gender = c(rep("male", 2), rep("female", 4))
- > gender_factor = factor(gender)
- > gender_factor
- [1] male male female female female female Levels: female male

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Now 1=female, 2=male internally (alphabetically)
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R now will treat 'gender' as a nominal variable with 2 levels

MATRICES

- Data must be all the same type (numeric, character, logical)
- Columns must have the same length
- Creation:
- > mymatrix = matrix(c(1:6), nrow=3, ncol=2)
- Indexed by [row,column]
- > mymatrix[1,1]
- > mymatrix[1,]
- > mymatrix[,1]

#returns item in row 1, column 1
#returns all of row 1
#returns all of column 1

Run the code!

DATAFRAMES Aka df

• Very popular data structures!

- Subset of matrices allowing mixed types (numeric, character, logical)
- > mydataframe = as.data.frame(mymatrix)

- You can give columns names so you can index by them
- > names(mydataframe) = c("column1name", "column2name")

DATAFRAMES INDEXING & CONVERTING

- Can use matrix or \$ notation
- > mydataframe\$column1name
- > mydataframe[,1]
- > mydataframe["rowname1",]
- > mydataframe[1,]
- > mydataframe[-1,]

#works on column1

#works on column1

#works on rowname1

#works on row 1

#excludes row 1

Remember: the lowest common denominator is usually character!

- To turn a DF into a matrix for certain operations:
- > mymatrix = as.matrix(mydataframe)

Note: This turns data into all the same type

ADDING & JOINING Rows & Columns

- "rbind" to add a row or another df/matrix to a pre-existing dataframe/maxtrix
- > mymatrix = rbind(mymatrix, newrow)
- > mymatrix = rbind(mymatrix, matrixtwo)

- "cbind" to add a column or another df/matrix to a pre-existing dataframe/matrix
- > mymatrix = cbind(mymatrix, newcol)
- > mymatrix = cbind(mymatrix, matrixtwo)

A SELECTION OF HANDY FUNCTIONS

> class(object) #gives object class
> mode(object) #gives object type
> length(vector) #gives length
> str(object) #gives object structure
> dim(object) #gives matrix/data frame dimensions
> nrow(object) #gives number of rows
> ncol(object) #gives number of columns

Try it! Explore bird_data with these functions.

MORE HANDY FUNCTIONS!

- > head(object)
- > tail(object)
- > summary()

#gives first rows#gives last rows#quick statistics

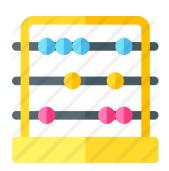
Try it! If you enter head(bird_data), how many rows does R return?

EXPLORING R

BUILT-IN MATH FUNCTIONS



R IS ESSENTIALLY A FANCY CALCULATOR AS IS ANY COMPUTER..

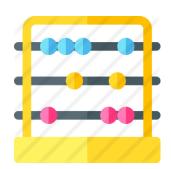


- > 18 + 22 #addition
- > 18 12 #subtraction
- > 18 * 2 #multiplication
- > 18 / 2 #division

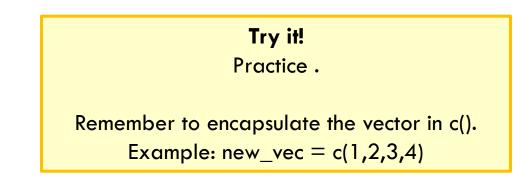
> 18 ^ 2

- > 18 %/% 4 #integer part of quotient
- > 18 %% 4 #modulo (remainder)
 - #exponent

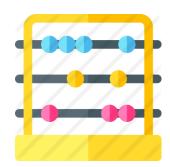
BUT BETTER! R BUILT-IN MATH FUNCTIONS



> max(object)	#max
> min(object)	#min
> sum(object)	#sum
> mean(object)	#mean
> median(object)	#median
> range(object)	#range
> var(object)	#variance
> sd(object)	#standard deviation
> length(object)	#number of values



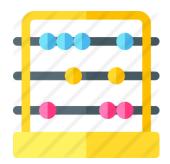
BUT BETTER! More R Built-in Math Functions!



- > log(10)
- > exp(2.302585)
- $> \log 10(100)$
- > sqrt(88)
- > factorial(8)
- > choose(12, 8)
- > round(log(10), digits=3)
- > abs(18 / -12)

- #natural log (base e)
- #antilog (e raised to power)
- #log base 10
- #square root
- #factorial
- #combinations (binomial coefficients)
- #round to specified digits
 - #absolute value

BUT BETTER! MORE R BUILT-IN MATH FUNCTIONS!

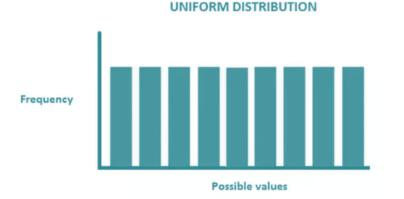


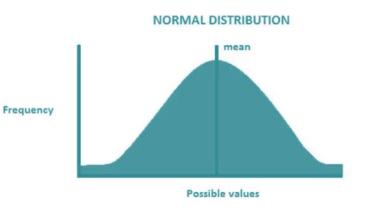
> runif(5)

#random numbers from uniform distribution

> rnorm(5)

#random numbers from normal distribution





SERIES SHORTCUTS

- Series: colon or "seq"
 - > 10:1
- > seq(from, to, by)
- > seq(1, 10, 2)

gives odd numbers

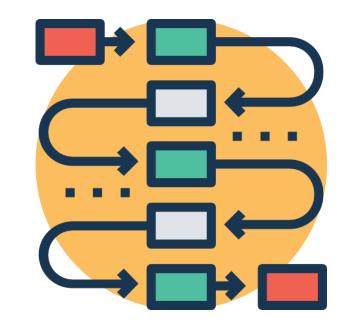
- Repeat
- > rep(what, times)
- > rep(10, 3)

LOGICAL OPERATIONS

- Test of condition: returns logical TRUE/FALSE
- > test1 = c(1,2,3)
- > test1 > 2
- [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE
- >test1 >= 2
- [1] FALSE TRUE TRUE
- > which(test1 >= 2)
- [1] 2 3
- > test1[test1 >=2]

subsetting data based on equality condition

CONTROL STRUCTURES



FOR LOOPS IN R

• Way to iterate over data

for (val in sequence){
statement

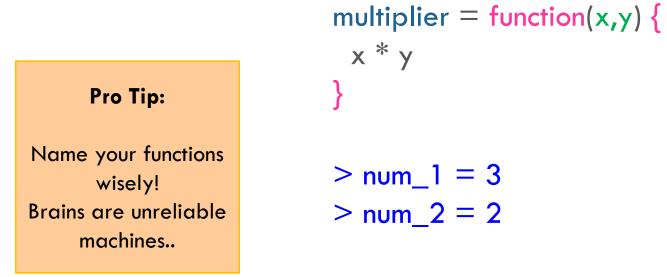
myvector <- c(2,5,3)

for (val in myvector) {
 print(val)
 }
[1] 2
[1] 5
[1] 3

Try it !

WRITING FUNCTIONS IN R

• That's how you can pack up multiple commands into a structure you can use again and again!



> multiplier(num_1, num_2)

HANDY TRICKS THE APPLY FUNCTION FAMILY

- Returns an object as a result of **applying a function** to an entire data frame, matrix or list
- The **apply** functions are marginally faster than a regular for **loop**

HANDY TRICKS THE APPLY FUNCTION FAMILY

apply (to_what, how, function)

About how: "1" is to apply over rows, "2" is to apply over columns

> mymatrix = matrix(c(1:6), nrow=3, ncol=2)
> apply(mymatrix,1,sum)
[1] 5 7 9

Your Turn: Try it with columns! > mymatrix [,1] [,2] [1,] 1 4 [2,] 2 5 [3,] 3 6

HANDY TRICKS VARIATIONS OF APPLY

Function	Arguments	Objective	Input	Output
apply	apply(x, MARGIN, FUN)	Apply a function to the rows or columns or both	Data frame or matrix	vector, list, array
lapply	lapply(X, FUN)	Apply a function to all the elements of the input	List, vector or data frame	list
sapply	sappy(X FUN)	Apply a function to all the elements of the input	List, vector or data frame	vector or matrix

ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD! REPLICATE()

replicate(repetitions, function(data))

> replicate(5, rnorm(3))

[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [1,] 0.9559560 -0.1175259 -0.7622642 -1.0084890 -1.5176103 [2,] -0.7266965 -2.4495685 -0.6873605 -0.1995848 -1.3064050 [3,] 0.4646987 -1.1877134 -0.9814098 -0.6633240 0.2236935

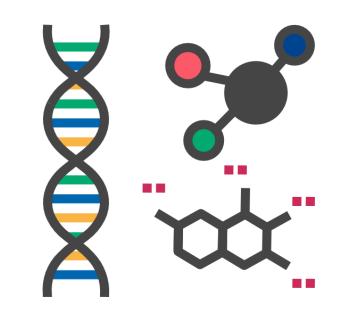
> my_reps = replicate(5, rnorm(3))

Your Turn: Sample the normal distribution 3 times then sum all of your outcomes together!

HANDY PACKAGES For data cleaning and manipulation



Living the R Life: An Example



CLASS EXAMPLE OUR DATASET

If these formats don't work for you, try:
> setwd("C:\\Users\\mkf8\\Downloads")

- Import your new dataset with headers and row names.
- > tnbc = read.csv('tnbc.csv', header = T, row.names = 1)

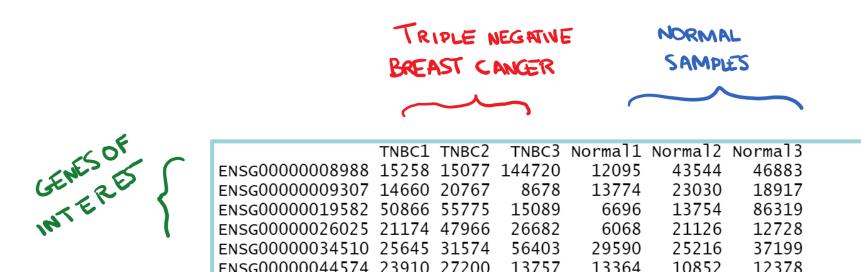
CLASS EXAMPLE IMPORTING & VIEWING DATA

• Obtain structure just like you did with bird_data.

> str(tnbc)
'data.frame': 200 obs. of 6 variables:
\$ TNBC1 : int 15258 14660 50866 21174 25645 23910 9255 22102 9035 41697

• Can you remember which function allows us to take a peak at the first rows?

> head(tnbc)



CLASS EXAMPLE QUICK STATS

• You can get some quick descriptive stats with summary()

> summary(tnbc)

TNBC1	TNBC2	TNBC3	Normal1	Normal2
Min. : 0	Min. : 65	Min. : 31	Min. : 22	Min. : 208
1st Qu.: 7888	1st Qu.: 9538	1st Qu.: 9324	1st Qu.: 5074	1st Qu.: 7124
Median : 13034	Median : 16568	Median : 19108	Median :10869	Median : 14005
Mean : 18596	Mean : 26036	Mean : 25646	Mean :14746	Mean : 19425
3rd Qu.: 23850	3rd Qu.: 28194	3rd Qu.: 30389	3rd Qu.:18866	3rd Qu.: 21576
Max. :103007	Max. :351603	Max. :272582	Max. :89837	Max. :212582
Normal3				
Min. : 15				
1st Qu.: 8944				
Median : 17710				
Mean : 25481				
3rd Qu.: 32191				
Max. :244692				

Pro Tip:

Starting with some plotting and descriptive statistics is the best way to go!

Do not dive into inferential analysis without doing some exploratory work first.



CLASS EXAMPLE TRANSPOSING DATA

- Need your data to read the other way?
- Turn it into a matrix, and transpose!
- > tnbc_mat = as.matrix(tnbc)
- > tnbc_mat_t = t(tnbc_mat)
- > head(tnbc_mat_t)

	ENSG0000008988	ENSG0000009307	ENSG0000019582	ENSG0000026025	ENSG0000
TNBC1	15258	14660	50866	21174	
TNBC2	15077	20767	55775	47966	
TNBC3	144720	8678	15089	26682	
Normal1	12095	13774	6696	6068	
Normal2	43544	23030	13754	21126	

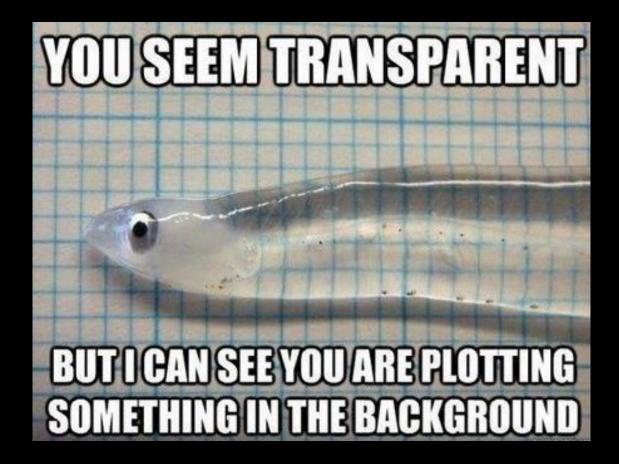
• as.data.frame() will turn you data into a dataframe again!

Your Turn: Try getting some quick stats on your newly transposed dataset!

What happens?

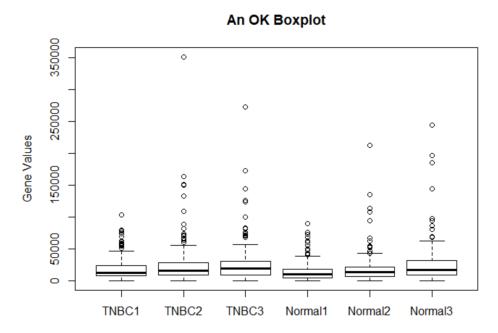
't' is for 'transpose'

LET'S TRY SOME PLOTS!



CLASS EXAMPLE BOXPLOT

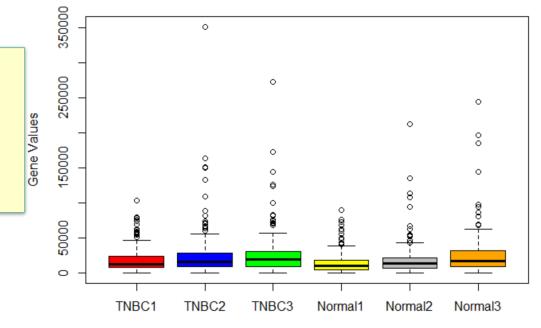
> boxplot(geneset, xlab = 'Sample', ylab = 'Gene Values', main = 'An OK Boxplot')



CLASS EXAMPLE BOXPLOT

> boxplot(geneset, xlab = 'Sample', ylab = 'Gene Values', main = 'A NEXT LEVEL Boxplot', col = c('red', 'blue', 'green', 'yellow', 'grey', 'orange'))

A NEXT LEVEL Boxplot

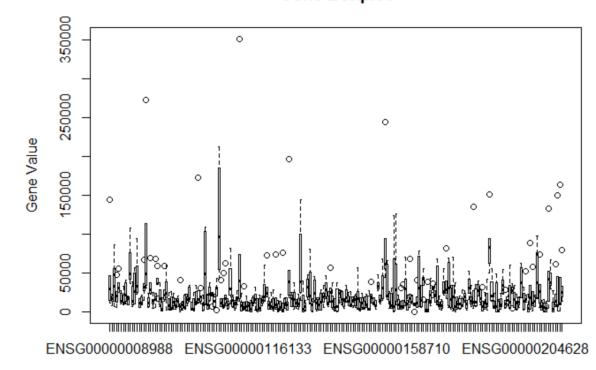


Can you propose a way to turn all TNBC mice in one color and all control in another?

Sample

CLASS EXAMPLE GENE BOXPLOT

> boxplot(geneset_mat_t, xlab = 'Gene', ylab = 'Gene Value', main = 'Gene Boxplot')



Gene Boxplot

CLASS EXAMPLE HANDY PLOT OPTIONS

- main = "Title"
- xlab= "x label"
- ylab="y label"
- xlim(N,N)
- ylim(N,N)
- col =c("color1", "color2")
- cex= N
- pch= N

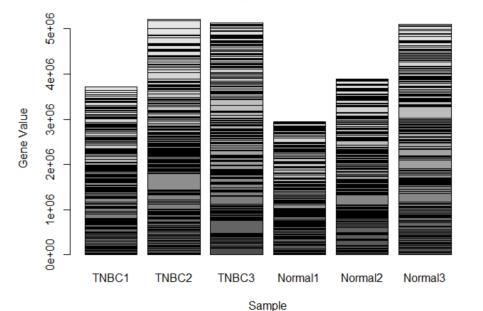
- # main title
- # x-axis label
- # y-axis label
- # x-axis start, stop
- # y-axis start, stop
- # vector with colors
- # size of text and symbols
- # plot point symbol type

CLASS EXAMPLE BARPLOTS

Your Turn: Try to turn the plot blue!

• For barplot() you will need a matrix

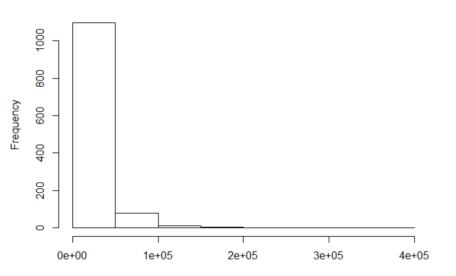
> barplot(geneset_mat, xlab = 'Sample', ylab = 'Gene Value', main = 'Sample Bar Plot')



Sample Bar Plot

CLASS EXAMPLE HISTOGRAMS

- Plot a histogram of the frequency of values in our dataset
- > hist(geneset_mat)

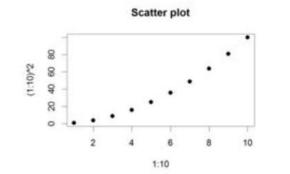


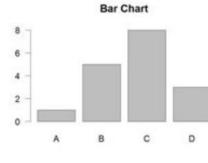
Histogram of geneset_mat

geneset_mat

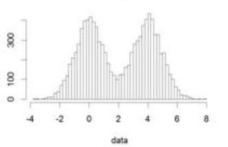
OTHER PLOT TYPES AVAILABLE IN R



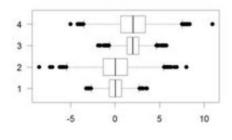




Histogram



Frequer



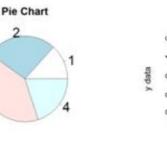
Smooth Scatter

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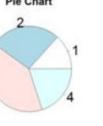
x data

-2

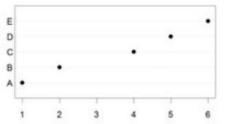
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Pie Chart 3

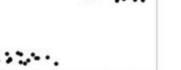


Dot Chart





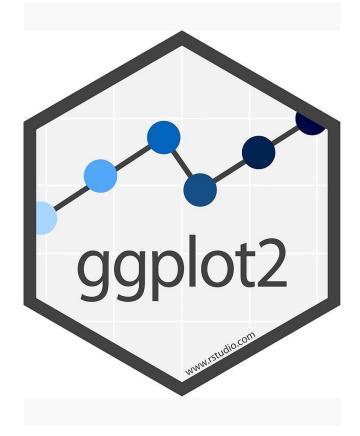


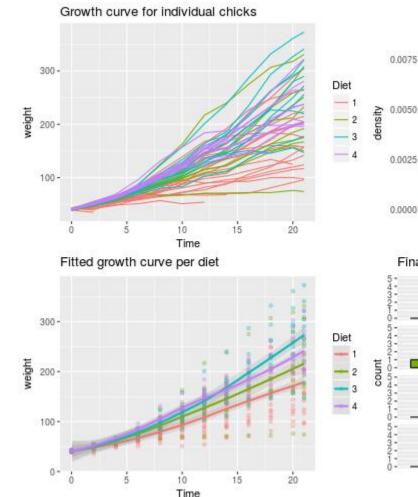


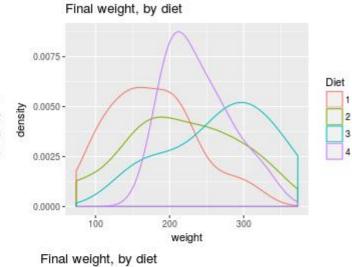


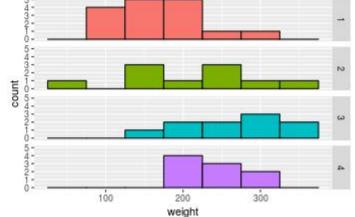
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CLASS ACTIVITY BIRD BONES



BIRD BONES CLASS ACTIVITY

Have a look at the bird dataset.

Content

There are 420 birds contained in this dataset. Each bird is represented by 10 measurements (feat # humw Diameter of Humerus (mm)

Columns

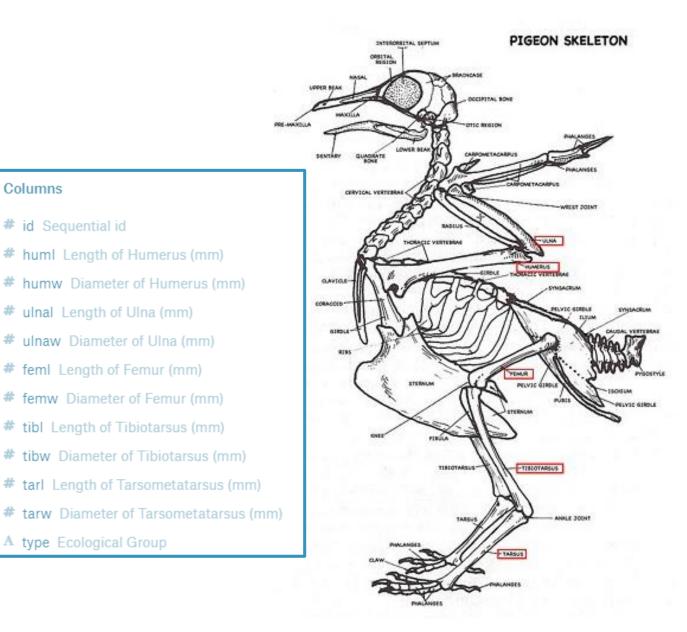
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A type Ecological Group

- · Length and Diameter of Humerus
- · Length and Diameter of Ulna
- · Length and Diameter of Femur
- · Length and Diameter of Tibiotarsus
- · Length and Diameter of Tarsometatarsus

Each bird has a label for its ecological group:

- · SW: Swimming Birds
- W: Wading Birds
- T: Terrestrial Birds
- R: Raptors
- · P: Scansorial Birds
- SO: Singing Birds



https://www.kaggle.com/zhangjuefei/birds-bones-and-living-habits

BIRD BONES CLASS ACTIVITY

1) Have a look at the bird dataset.

2) Plot a histogram of huml 'Length of Humerus' from the bird dataset.

3) What did you see?

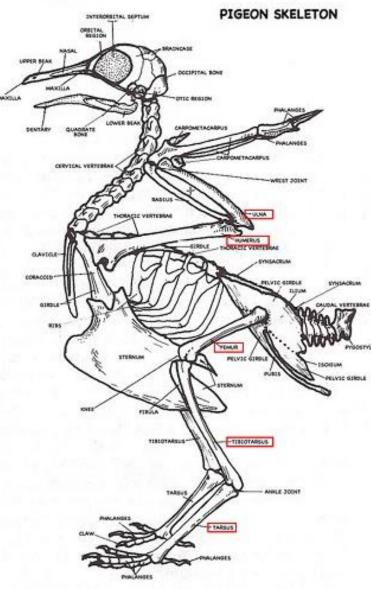
Hint: You can use \$ to subset columns from dataframes

4) What happens if you use plot() with 'huml' and 'feml'?

5) Let's do something crazy: plot() the entire dataset! What do you see?

Bonus Question

6) In your original plot (4), can you make the points colors match their ecological group (column: 'type')



LET'S SUM IT UP! What did we learn in today's lesson?

- Intro to R objects
- How to do basic math in R
- Handle dataframes
- Basic Plotting in R

Thank you very much!