

## 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 <br> R \& R STUDIO



R Studio

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

```
> library("MASS")
> sessionInfo()
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. }125
[4] LC_NUMERIC=C
other attached packages:
[1] MASS_7.3-50
loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
[1] compiler_3.5.1 tools_3.5.1
```


## 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

| 4 | A |  | B | C | 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 |
|  |  |  | Ginger | F | 2.4 | 8.8 |
|  |  | 5 | Tesla | F | 2.4 | 10.2 |
|  |  |  | Bibi | F | 2.5 | 9 |

|, Name, Sex, Bwt, Hwt, Coat, Age,
1, Sadie, F, 2.3,11.2, White, 3,
2,Maggie, F,2.4,6.3, Tabby,1,
3, Luna, F,2.4,8.7, Black,5,Ft
4,Ginger, F, 2.4,8.8,Gir
5, Tesla, F, 2.4,10.2, Tat
6, Bibi, F,2.5,9, Calico,
CSV

## READING DATASETS WITH READ.CSV()

- First check your working directory!
> read.csv("mydataset.csv")
> read.csv(file.choose())


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

\# Read a file in the working directory \# File locator

## 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")

R version 3.3.0 (2016-05-03) -- "Supposedly Educational"
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'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]

$>1$

## INSTALIING PACKAGES FROM CRAN

> install.packages()
\# Download and instal1 packages
> insta11.packages("ggp1ot2") \# Down1oad and insta11 package "ggp1ot2"


## GETTING HELP

```
> he1p.start() # Manuals and reference guides
> help(t.test) # Dispay the help page for function "t.test"
> ?t.test # ... a shorthand for the same thing
> args(t.test) # Displays the argument names and corresponding default
    values of a function
```


## FUNCTION ARGUMENTS

CONSOLE INPUT:
$>\operatorname{args}(p 1 o t)$

- CONSOLE OUTPUT:
function ( $x, y, \ldots$ )

If you would like more information:
> help(plot)


## Generic X-Y Plotting

## Description

Generic function for plotting of R objects. For more details about the graphical parameter arguments, see par.

For simple scatter plots, plot. default will be used. However, there are plot methods for many R objects, including functions, data. frames, density objects, etc. Use methods (plot) and the documentation for these

Usage
plot (x, y, ...)
Arguments
v the enordinates of nnints in the nint Alternativaly a sinale ninttine structure function or

## COMMAND LINES \& SCRIPTS



## COMMAND LINES \& SCRIPTS



SAVING \& CLOSING YOUR SESSION

Console
Terminal $\times$

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!

$$
\begin{aligned}
& >\text { my_number }=5 \\
& >\text { my_number } \\
& \text { [1] } 5
\end{aligned}
$$

## Run the code!

## VECTORS

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& >\text { myvector }=c(3,5,7) \\
& \text { > myvector } \\
& {[1] 357}
\end{aligned}
$$

## 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)
> myvector
[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)
> mylist = list(3, "TP53", FALSE)
[[1]]
[1] 3
[[2]]
[1] " TP53 "
[[3]]
[1] FALSE
- "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)
- 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

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

## MATRICES

## Run the code!

- 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
\#rełurns all of row 1
\#returns all of column 1


## 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("column1 name", "column2name")


## DATAFRAMES INDEXING \& CONVERTING

- Can use matrix or $\$$ notation
> mydataframe\$column 1 name
> mydataframe[,1]
> mydataframe["rownamel",]
> mydataframe[1,]
$>$ mydataframe[-1,]
\#works on column 1
\#works on column 1
\#works on rowname 1
\#works on 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)
> mode(object)
> length(vector)
> str(object)
> dim(object)
> nrow(object)
> ncol(object)
```

\#gives object class
\#gives object type
\#gives length
\#gives object structure
\#gives matrix/data frame dimensions
\#gives number of rows
\#gives number of columns

Try it!
Explore bird_data with these functions.

## MORE HANDY FUNCTIONS!

$>$ head(object)<br>> tail(object)

\#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..

$>18+22$
$>18-12$
$>18 * 2$
$>18 / 2$
$>18 \% / \% 4$
$>18 \% \% 4$
$>18^{\wedge} 2$
\#addition
\#subtraction
\#multiplication

## \#division

\#integer part of quotient
\#modulo (remainder)
\#exponent

## BUT BETTER! R BUILT-IN MATH FUNCTIONS

$>\max (o b j e c t) \quad \# \max$
$>\min$ (object)
$>$ sum(object)
$>$ mean(object)
$>$ median(object)
$>$ range(object)
> var(object)
$>$ sd(object)
$>$ length(object)
\#min
\#sum
\#mean
\#median
\#range
\#variance
\#standard deviation
\#number of values

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Try it! } \\
& \text { Practice . }
\end{aligned}
$$

Remember to encapsulate the vector in $\mathrm{c}($ ). Example: new_vec $=c(1,2,3,4)$

## BUT BETTER! MORE R BUILT-IN MATH FUNCTIONS!

$>\log (10)$
$>\exp (2.302585)$
$>\log 10(100)$
$>\operatorname{sqrt}(88)$
$>$ factorial(8)
$>$ choose(12, 8)
$>$ round(log(10), digits=3)
$>\operatorname{abs}(18 /-12)$
\#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! <br> MORE R BUILT-IN MATH FUNCTIONS!



$>$ runif(5)<br>$>\operatorname{rnorm}(5)$<br>\#random numbers from uniform distribution<br>\#random numbers from normal distribution

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION


Possible values

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION


## SERIES SHORTCUTS

- Series: colon or "seq"
> 10:1
$>$ seq(from, to, by)
$>\operatorname{seq}(1,10,2)$
\# gives odd numbers
- Repeat
$>$ rep(what, times)
$>\operatorname{rep}(10,3)$


## LOGICAL OPERATIONS

- Test of condition: returns logical TRUE/FALSE
$>$ test $1=c(1,2,3)$
$>$ test $1>2$
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE
$>$ test $1>=2$
[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE
$>$ which(testl $>=2$ )
[1] 23
$>$ test 1 [test $1>=2]$


## CONTROL STRUCTURES



## FOR LOOPS IN R

```
myvector <- c(2,5,3)
```

- Way to iterate over data
for (val in myvector) \{ print(val)
\}
for (val in sequence) \{ statement
\}
[1] 2
[1] 5
[1] 3


## WRITING FUNCTIONS IN R

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

```
multiplier \(=\) function \((x, y)\) \{
    \(x\) *y
\}
\(>\) num_1 \(=3\)
\(>\) num_2 \(=2\)
> 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)
```

$>$ mymatrix $=$ matrix $(c(1: 6)$, nrow $=3$, ncol $=2)$
> apply(mymatrix,1,sum)
[1] 579

## Your Turn:

|  | mymatrix <br>  <br> $[, 1]$ | $[, 2]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $[1]$, | 1 | 4 |
| $[2]$, | 2 | 5 |
| $[3]$, | 3 | 6 |

Try it with columns!

## HANDY TRICKS VARIATIONS OF APPLY

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

```
ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD!
REPLICATE()
replicate(repetitions, function(data))
> replicate(5, rnorm(3))
```

```
    [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
```

    [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
    [1,] 0.9559560-0.1175259-0.7622642-1.0084890-1.5176103
[1,] 0.9559560-0.1175259-0.7622642-1.0084890-1.5176103
[2,] -0.7266965-2.4495685 -0.6873605 -0.1995848-1.3064050
[2,] -0.7266965-2.4495685 -0.6873605 -0.1995848-1.3064050
[3,] 0.4646987-1.1877134-0.9814098-0.6633240 0.2236935
[3,] 0.4646987-1.1877134-0.9814098-0.6633240 0.2236935
> my_reps = replicate(5, rnorm(3))

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


## Your Turn:

 Sample the normal distribution 3 times then sum all of your outcomes together!
## HANDY PACKAGES <br> 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: $\backslash \backslash$ Users $\backslash \backslash m k f 8 \backslash \backslash$ 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\mathrm{ 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)


|  | TNBC1 | TNBC2 | TNBC3 | Normal1 | Normal2 | Normal3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ENSG00000008988 | 15258 | 15077 | 144720 | 12095 | 43544 | 46883 |
| ENSG00000009307 | 14660 | 20767 | 8678 | 13774 | 23030 | 18917 |
| ENSG00000019582 | 50866 | 55775 | 15089 | 6696 | 13754 | 86319 |
| ENSG00000026025 | 21174 | 47966 | 26682 | 6068 | 21126 | 12728 |
| ENSG00000034510 | 25645 | 31574 | 56403 | 29590 | 25216 | 37199 |
|  |  | 27200 | 13757 |  | 10857 |  |

## CLASS EXAMPLE QUICK STATS

## 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.

| 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 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Max. }: 103007 \\ & \text { Normal3 } \end{aligned}$ | Max. :351603 | Max. :272582 | Max. :89837 | Max. :212582 |
| Min. : 15 |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Qu.: 8944 |  |  |  |  |
| Median : 17710 |  |  |  |  |
| Mean : 25481 |  |  |  |  |
| 3rd Qu.: 32191 |  |  |  |  |
| Max. :244692 |  |  |  |  |



## CLASS EXAMPLE TRANSPOSING DATA

- Need your data to read the other way?
- Turn it into a matrix, and transpose!


## Your Turn: <br> Try getting some quick stats on your newly transposed dataset! transposed datasel.

What happens?
$>$ tnbc_mat $=$ as.matrix(tnbc)
$>$ tnbc_mat_t = t(tnbc_mat) \# ' $t$ ' is for 'transpose'
$>$ head(tnbc_mat_t)

TNBC1
TNBC2
TNBC3
Normal1
Normal2

| ENSG00000008988 | ENSG00000009307 | ENSG00000019582 | ENSG00000026025 | ENSGOOOC |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 15258 | 14660 | 50866 | 21174 |  |
| 15077 | 20767 | 55775 | 47966 |  |
| 144720 | 8678 | 15089 | 26682 |  |
| 12095 | 13774 | 6696 | 6068 |  |
| 43544 | 23030 | 13754 | 21126 |  |

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


## LET'S TRY SOME PLOTS!

## 

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## 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?


## CLASS EXAMPLE GENE BOXPLOT

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

Gene Boxplot


ENSG00000008988 ENSG00000116133 ENSG00000158710 ENSG00000204628

## CLASS EXAMPLE HANDY PLOT OPTIONS

## There are many many more!

- main = "Title"
- xlab= "x label"
- ylab="y label"
- $x \lim (N, N)$
- $y \lim (N, N)$
- col =c("color1","color2")
- cex= N
- $\mathrm{pch}=\mathrm{N}$
\# 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')



## CLASS EXAMPLE HISTOGRAMS

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

Histogram of geneset_mat


## OTHER PLOT TYPES AVAILABLE IN R

## Anything is possible!

Scatter plot


Dot Chart


Bar Chart


Stripchart


Histogram


Pie Chart


Boxplot


Smooth Scatter


## POPULAR PLOTTING PACKAGE

GGPLOT 2


Growth curve for individual chicks


Fitted growth curve per diet




## 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

- Length and Diameter of Humerus
- Length and Diameter of Ulna
- Length and Diameter of Femur
- Length and Diameter of Tibiotarsus
Columns
\# id Sequential id
\# huml Length of Humerus (mm)
\# humw Diameter of Humerus (mm)
\# ulnal Length of Ulna (mm)
\# ulnaw Diameter of Ulna (mm)
\# feml Length of Femur (mm)
\# femw Diameter of Femur (mm)
\# tibl Length of Tibiotarsus (mm)
\# tibw Diameter of Tibiotarsus (mm)
\# tarl Length of Tarsometatarsus (mm)
\# tarw Diameter of Tarsometatarsus (mm)
A type Ecological Group
- 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

A type Ecological Group

- P: Scansorial Birds
- SO: Singing Birds



## 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!

