

Introduction to R for Basic Statistics

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- Data structures in R with specific attention to `data.frame`
- Differences among types of Variables
- Manipulate `data.frame` to create/delete/transform a variable
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Today

- Reshaping Data in R
 - Wide and Long format
 - Merge two data sets
- Create basic plots in R

Reshaping Data in R

Wide and Long format

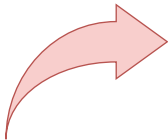
Same data can be represented in different ways.

In particular, when we have several measurements for the same individual at different times, places,...

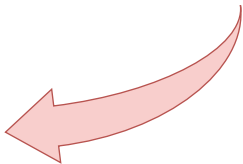
- Data in the wide format:
 - 1 row = 1 individual (level 1)
 - convenient when working with one or two time points
- Data in the long format:
 - 1 row = 1 measurement of 1 individual (level 0)
 - convenient when working over all time points

Wide and Long format

Long format		
ID	year	weight
1	2000	61
1	2002	57
2	2000	62
2	2002	56



Wide format		
ID	year_2000	year_2002
1	61	57
2	62	56



Long to Wide

Long format		
ID	year	weight
1	2000	61
2	2000	62
1	2002	57
2	2002	56

```
year_2000=subset(db,year==2000)
```

ID	weight	year
1	61	2000
2	62	2000

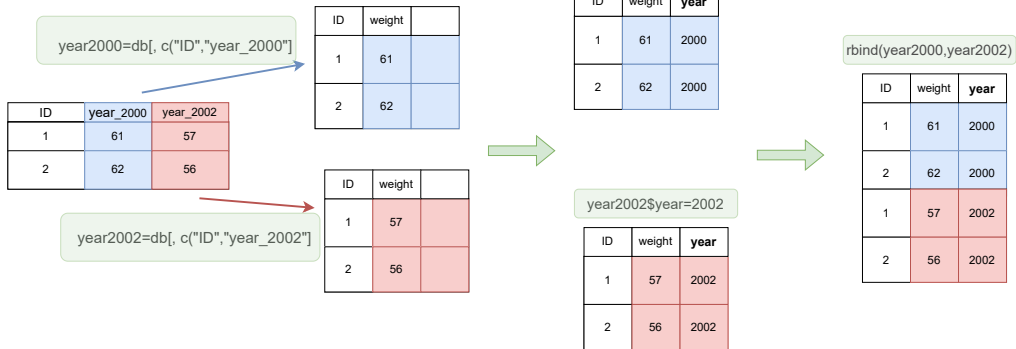
```
year_2002=subset(db,year==2002)
```

ID	weight	year
1	57	2002
2	56	2002

```
cbind(year2000$ID,year_2000=year2000$weight,year2002=year2002$weight)
```

ID	year_2000	year_2002
1	61	57
2	62	56

Wide to Long



Long to Wide by reshape

In R we can use the function reshape

```
> db_wide<-reshape(db1_long, direction="wide",  
+                  idvar="ID",  
+                  timevar="year")  
> head(db_wide)
```

	ID	weight.2000	weight.2002
1	1	57.48904	57.80775
2	2	56.39889	60.65766
3	3	59.60541	61.15472
4	4	54.21135	64.43392
5	5	60.58486	61.23538
6	6	59.54443	61.59315

Wide to Long by reshape

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```
db_long<-reshape(db, direction="long",  
  idvar="ID",  
  varying=c("year_2000","year_20002"),  
  v.names="weight",  
  timevar="year",  
  times=c("2000","2002"))
```

Merge two data sets

When information on patients are coming from different data sources, we have to *merge* several data sets together.

db1												
ID	year	weight					db1		db2			
1	2000	61					ID	year	weight	sex	Age	Diet
1	2002	57					1	2000	61	M	15	A
2	2000	62					1	2002	57	M	15	A
2	2002	56					2	2000	62	F	23	B
							2	2002	56	F	23	B

Merge two data sets

In R we can use the function `merge`. It is important to identify the variable we want to merge *by* (the variable that connects the two data sets). In our example, it is the patient ID :

```
> head(db2_ex)
```

	ID	sex	Age	Diet
1	1	M	20.39421	A
2	2	F	21.61736	B
3	3	F	17.90074	B
4	4	F	18.09905	A
5	5	M	22.74433	A
6	6	M	20.66363	A

```
> db_all<-merge(db1_long,db2_ex, by="ID")
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Merge two data sets

```
# if the two data sets have different names
# for the variable to merge by:
> names(db2_ex)
[1] "id"    "sex"   "Age"   "Diet"

> db_all<-merge(db1_long,db2_ex, by.x="ID", by.y="id")
> head(db_all)
```

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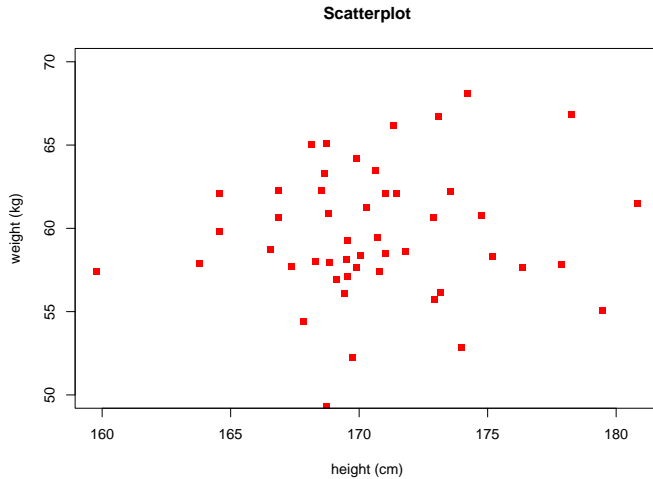
Exercise II:

Exercise: A total of 20 individuals with cancer have been randomized to two groups of treatment **A** and **B** and a biomarker has been collected at baseline, 6 months and 12 months to see the effect on the progression of the disease. We have two data sets:

- dbex1: data for collection of biomarker at each visit
 - dbex2: data for individual characteristics at baseline
1. Open the script *Exercise2.R* in the Exercise folder and run the code for creation of the data
 2. Transform dbex1 into the long format with variables:
 - biomarker for the values of the measurement
 - *visit* for the time of measurement with values: 0,6,12
 3. Merge the long version with dbex2

Basic Graphs with R

Scatterplot



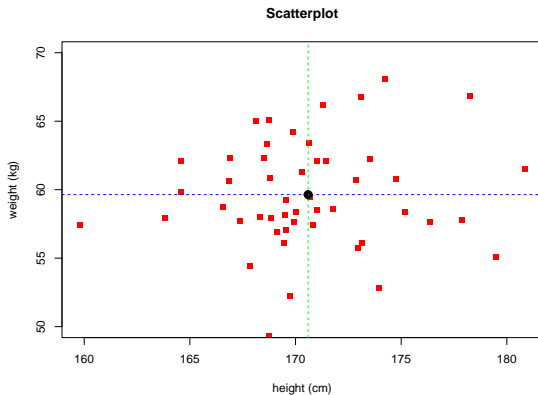
Scatterplot

```
plot(db1_ex$height,db1_ex$weight,  
      ylab='weight', xlab='height', ylim=c(50,70),  
      col='red', pch=15,  
      main='Scatterplot')
```

- First two arguments are: x and y values (coordinates)
- xlab,ylab: name for the axes
- xlim,ylim: range of the axes to show
- col: colors of points
- pch: plot symbols (type of points)
- main: title of the plot (top)

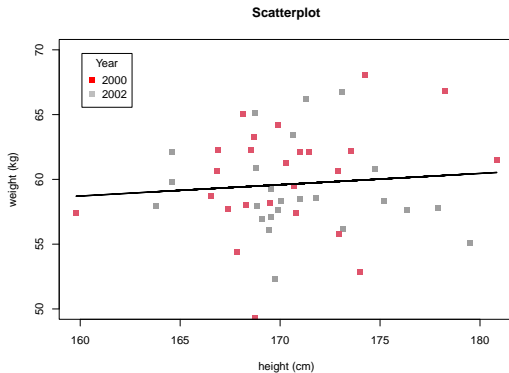
Add lines: `abline()`

```
abline(v=mean.height, col="green", lty=2)  
abline(h=mean.weight, col="blue", lty=2)  
points(mean.height, mean.weight, lwd=5)
```



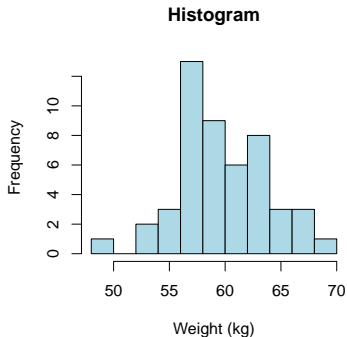
Add lines: lines()

```
plot(db1_ex$height,db1_ex$weight, ...,col=db1_ex$year)
lines(db1_ex$height,pred.w,lty=1, lwd=2)
legend( 'topleft', c('2000','2002'), pch=15, col=c('red','gray'),
       title='Year' )
```

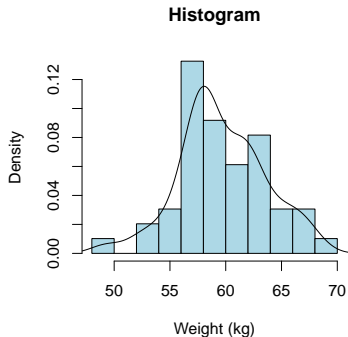


Histogram

```
hist( db1_ex$weight, col="lightblue",  
      xlab="Weight (kg)", main="Histogram")
```



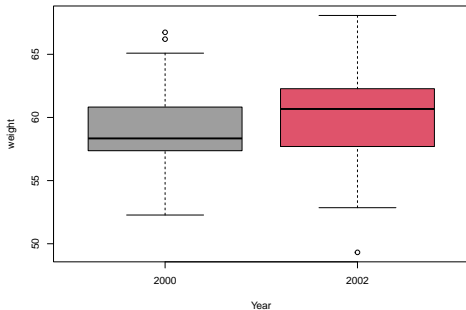
```
hist( ..., prob = TRUE)  
lines(density(db1_ex$weight) )
```



Boxplot

A boxplot is used to illustrate key features of the distribution of a numerical variable for different groups.

```
boxplot(weight~year, db1_ex,  
        xlab='Year',names=c('2000','2002'),col=c("gray","red"),
```

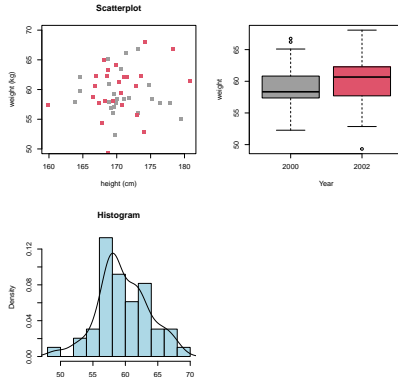


par()

The function `par()` is used to set several graphical parameters. This can be used to combine together several plots with the argument `= c(nrow, ncol)`

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
```

divide the space in 2 rows and 2 columns--> 4 plots max



General specification for plot

- `plot()`: Scatterplot or lines (check type)
- `points()`, `lines()`, `abline()`: to ADD points/lines to the plot
- For all graphics (plots, histograms, boxplots)
 - `col`: color(s) of what you are drawing
 - `xlim`, `ylim`: margins of the plot
 - `xlab`, `ylab`: labels of the axes
 - `main`: title of the plot
 - `lty`, `pch`: type of lines and points
 - `lwd`: line width

Exercise II: part 2

1. Create two data.frames:
 - one data.frame for group A
 - one data.frame for group B
2. use `tapply`/aggregate to calculate the mean of the biomarker by visit for each group
3. Save the results for both groups in the environment
4. Create a plot¹ for the mean in both groups with
 - points and lines for mean across visits
 - color `red` for group A and `blue` for group B
 - add the legend

¹Careful, margins are automatically set from the plot function, you might want to define them with `ylim=c()`