Introduction to R for Basic Statistics

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- Differences among types of Variables
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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,...

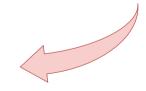
- Data in the wide format:
 - 1 row = 1 individual (level 1)
 - convenient when working with one or two time points
- Data in the long format:
 - 1 row = 1 measurement of 1 individual (level 0)
 - convenient when working over all time points

Wide and Long format

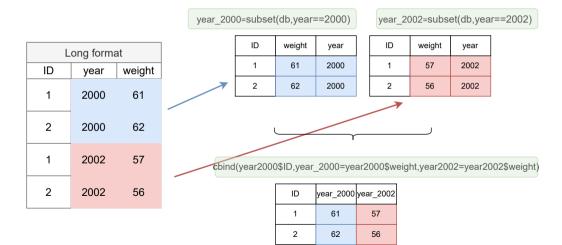
Long format				
ID	year	weight		
1	2000	61		
1	2002	57		
2	2000	62		
2	2002	56		
	2002	57 62		



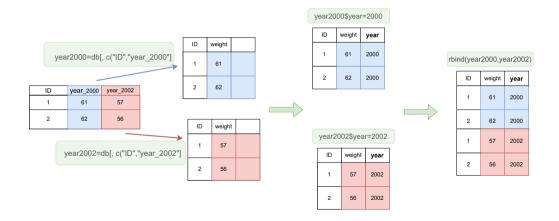
Wide format					
ID	ID year_2000 year_2002				
1	61	57			
2	62	56			



Long to Wide



Wide to Long



Long to Wide by reshape

In R we can use the function reshape

```
> db_wide<-reshape(db1_long, direction="wide",</pre>
                  idvar="ID".
+
                  timevar="vear")
+
> head(db wide)
  ID weight.2000 weight.2002
       57.48904
                   57.80775
       56.39889
                   60.65766
3 3
       59.60541
                   61.15472
       54.21135
                   64.43392
5 5
       60.58486
                   61.23538
       59.54443
                   61.59315
```

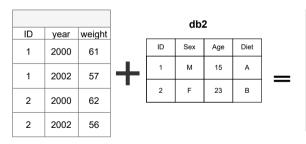
Wide to Long by reshape

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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"))</pre>
```

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

db1



db1		db2			
ID	year	weight	sex	Age	Diet
1	2000	61	М	15	Α
1	2002	57	М	15	Α
2	2000	62	F	23	В
2	2002	56	F	23	В

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
         20.39421
2 2 F 21.61736
                     В
3 3 F 17.90074
4 4 F 18.09905
5 5 M 22.74433
      M 20.66363
> db all<-merge(db1 long,db2 ex, by="ID")</pre>
```

```
# 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")</pre>
> head(db_all)
  ID year weight sex Age Diet
  1 2000 57.48904 M 20.39421
                                 Α
2 1 2002 57.80775 M 20.39421
                                 R
   2 2002 60.65766 F 21.61736
                                 В
   2 2000 56.39889 F 21.61736
                                 В
   3 2000 59.60541 F 17.90074
   3 2002 61.15472 F 17.90074
                                 В
```

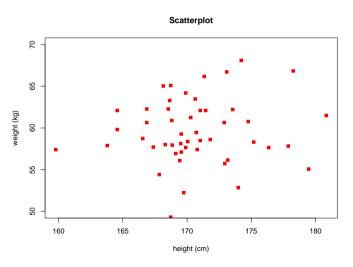
Exercise II:

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

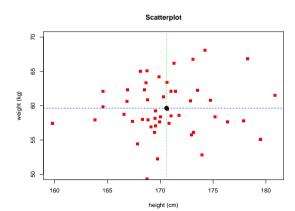
```
plot(db1_ex$height,db1_ex$weight,
     ylab='weight', xlab='height', ylim=c(50,70),
     col='red', pch=15,
     main='Scatterplot')
  • First two arguments are: x and y values (coordinates)
  • xlab, ylab: name for the axes
  • xlim, ylim: range of the axes to show
  • col: colors of points

    pch: plot symbols (type of points)

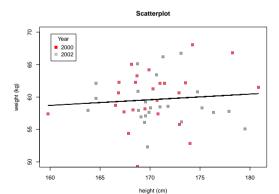
  • main: title of the plot (top)
```

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)
```



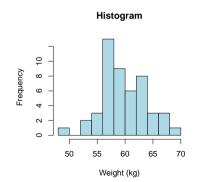
Add lines: lines()

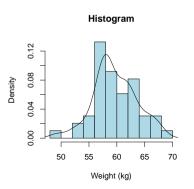


Histogram

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

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

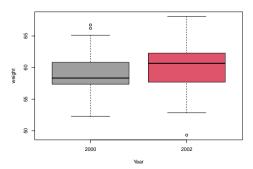




Boxplot

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"),
```

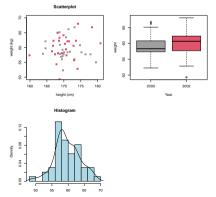


par()

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
 - Ity,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

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