R Basics

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Hello world

[1] 2

[1] 1

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```
x <- 1  ## a variable
x
## [1] 1
x = 2  ## overwrite the value x
x</pre>
```

y <- length(x) ## calling a function

Getting help

- Just ask!
- ► help.start() and the HTML help button in the Windows GUI.
- ▶ help and ?: help("data.frame") or ?help.
- help.search, apropos
- Online manuals and mailing lists
- ► Local R user groups

```
ls()
## [1] "x" "y"
rm(y)
ls()
## [1] "x"
```

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```
c(1, 3, 9, -1)
## [1] 1 3 9 -1
```

A vector contains an indexed set of values

- index starts at 1;
- all items are of the same storage mode;
- one of logical, numeric, complex or character,

numeric can futher be broken into integer, single and double types (only important when passing these to C or Fortran code, though).

```
mode(1)
## [1] "numeric"
typeof(1)
## [1] "double"
mode(1L)
## [1] "numeric"
typeof(1L)
## [1] "integer"
```

```
mode("1")
## [1] "character"
typeof("1")
## [1] "character"
mode (TRUE)
## [1] "logical"
typeof (FALSE)
## [1] "logical"
## as we are talking about booleans...
TRUE & TRUE
## [1] TRUE
```

The different modes an types can be retrieved and coerced with the is.* and as.* functions.

```
x < -1
typeof(x)
```

```
## [1] "double"
```

y <- as.integer(x)

[1] "integer"

is.integer(y)

[1] TRUE

typeof(y)

Special values

```
NULL
NA
NaN
Inf
-Inf
is.null()
is.na()
is.infinite()
```

What are the mode and types of these?

All these are objects with a certain class.

```
class(x)
```

[1] "numeric"

class("a character")

[1] "character"

Creating vectors with functions

numeric(4)

[1] 0 0 0 0

```
vector(mode = "character", length = 3)
## [1] "" ""
vector(mode = "numeric", length = 4)
## [1] 0 0 0 0
```

Creating vectors with functions (2)

```
x \leftarrow c(1, 4, 7, 10) ## concatenate
X
## [1] 1 4 7 10
y <- 1:5 ## integer sequence
У
```

 $z \leftarrow seq(from = 1, to = 10, by = 2)$

[1] 1 2 3 4 5

[1] 1 3 5 7 9

Z

Arguments by position or name

```
z1 <- seq(from = 1, to = 10, by = 2)
z2 <- seq(1, 10, 2)
```

[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE

z1 == z2

all(z1 == z2)

[1] TRUE

[1] TRUE

identical(z1, z2)

Vectorised arithmetic

```
x <- 1:5
y <- 5:1
X
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
## [1] 5 4 3 2 1
x + y
## [1] 6 6 6 6 6
x^2
```

[1] 1 4 9 16 25

Matrices

are 2-dimensional vectors

dim(m)

[1] 4 3

```
What if I don't get the data or dimensions right?
matrix(1:11, 4, 3)
## Warning: data length [11] is not a sub-multiple
or multiple of the number of rows [4]
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 1 5 9
## [2,] 2 6 10
## [3,] 3 7 11
## [4,] 4 8 1
matrix(1:12, 3, 3)
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 1 4 7
## [2,] 2 5 8
## [3,] 3 6 9
```

```
x <- 1:12
class(x)
## [1] "integer"
dim(x)
## NULL
dim(x) < -c(4, 3)
X
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 1 5 9
## [2,] 2 6 10
## [3,] 3 7 11
## [4,] 4 8 12
class(x)
```

Arrays

are n-dimensional vectors

[2,] 10 12 14 16

```
array(1:16, dim = c(2, 4, 2))
## , , 1
##
## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,] 1 3 5 7
## [2,] 2 4 6 8
##
## , , 2
##
## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,] 9 11 13 15
```

list is an ordered set of elements that can be arbitrary R objects. ll <- list(a = 1:3, c = length)</pre>

```
11 \leftarrow list(a = 1:3, c = length)
11
## $a
## [1] 1 2 3
##
## $c
## function (x) .Primitive("length")
11[[1]]
## [1] 1 2 3
```

11\$c(11)

[1] 2

data.frame

is a 2-dimensional list.

1 case 0.4729 ## 2 case -0.3678 ## 3 ctrl -0.9584 ## 4 ctrl 0.8417

```
dfr[1, ]
## type time
## 1 case 0.4729
dfr[1, "time"]
## [1] 0.4729
dfr$time
## [1] 0.4729 -0.3678 -0.9584 0.8417
```

environment

is an unordered collection of objects.

```
e <- new.env()
```

e[["a"]] <- 1:3assign("b", "CSAMA", envir = e) ls(e)

```
## [1] "a" "b"
```

e\$a

[1] 1 2 3

get("b", e)

[1] "CSAMA"





Names

We have seen that function arguments have names, and named our data.frame columns. We can also name matrix/data.frame columns and rows, dimensions, and vector items.

```
x <- c(a = 1, b = 2)
x

## a b
## 1 2
names(x)
## [1] "a" "b"</pre>
```

2005 4 6

2006 8 4 5 ## 2007 5 2 7

##

factor

for categorical data

[25] Case Case ## Levels: Case Control

```
sample.ExpressionSet$type
  [1] Control Case Control Case
##
                                 Case
                                          Control Cas
## [9] Case Control Case Control Case Case
## [17] Case Control Case Case Control Control Con
```

Cas

Higher order objects

When the data to be stored is more complex, special objects are created to store and handle it in a specialised manner. These higher order objects are constructed using the data types we have seen so far as building blocks.

Let's look at how microarray data is handled in Bioconductor.

The eSet model has been re-used for other technologies.

```
library(Biobase)
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
sample.ExpressionSet
## ExpressionSet (storageMode: lockedEnvironment)
## assayData: 500 features, 26 samples
##
     element names: exprs, se.exprs
## protocolData: none
## phenoData
     sampleNames: A B ... Z (26 total)
##
## varLabels: sex type score
## varMetadata: labelDescription
## featureData: none
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
```

Annotation: hgu95av2

```
class(sample.ExpressionSet)
## [1] "ExpressionSet"
## attr(,"package")
## [1] "Biobase"
slotNames(sample.ExpressionSet)
## [1] "experimentData" "assayData"
                                               "phenoData"
## [4] "featureData"
                           "annotation"
                                               "protocolDat
## [7] ".__classVersion__"
`?`(class, ExpressionSet)
```

assayData expression values in identical sized matrices.
phenoData sample annotation in AnnotatedDataFrame.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{feature Data} & \textbf{feature annotation in Annotated Data Frame}. \end{tabular}$

annotation type of chip as a character.

protocolData scan dates as a character.



sample meta-data

The assayData slot

Stored the expression data of the assay.

```
exprs(sample.ExpressionSet)[1:4, 1:3]

## A B C

## AFFX-MurIL2_at 192.74 85.753 176.76

## AFFX-MurIL10_at 97.14 126.196 77.92

## AFFX-MurIL4_at 45.82 8.831 33.06

## AFFX-MurFAS_at 22.54 3.601 14.69
```

dim(sample.ExpressionSet)
Features Samples
500 26

The phenoData slot

stores the meta data about the samples.

varMetadata: labelDescription

```
phenoData(sample.ExpressionSet)

## An object of class 'AnnotatedDataFrame'
## sampleNames: A B ... Z (26 total)
## varLabels: sex type score
```

The featureData slot

NULL

stores the meta data about the feautres.

```
{\tt featureData(sample.ExpressionSet)}
```

An object of class 'AnnotatedDataFrame': none

AnnotatedDataFrame

consists of a collection of samples and the values of variables measured on those samples. There is also a description of each variable measured. AnnotatedDataFrame associates a data.frame with its metadata.

```
head(pData(sample.ExpressionSet))

## sex type score
## A Female Control 0.75

## B Male Case 0.40

## C Male Control 0.73

## D Male Case 0.42

## E Female Case 0.93

## F Male Control 0.22
```

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- ▶ One of the most powerful features of R is its ability to manipulate subsets of vectors and arrays.
- ► As seen, subsetting is done with, [], [,], ...

Subsetting with positive indices

```
x < -1:10
x[3:7]
## [1] 3 4 5 6 7
x[9:11]
## [1] 9 10 NA
x[0:1]
```

x[c(1, 7, 2, NA)]
[1] 1 7 2 NA

[1] 1

Assignments with positive indices

[1] 1 20 3 400 500 6

```
x[2] <- 20
x[4:5] <- x[4:5] * 100
x[1:6]
```

Subsetting with negative indices

[1] 1 2 8 9 10

```
x <- 1:10
x[-c(3:7)]
```

Subsetting with logical predicates

x[c(TRUE, FALSE)] ## recycled

[1] 1 3 5 7 9

```
x[c(TRUE, TRUE, rep(FALSE, 8))]
## [1] 1 2
x > 5
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TI
x[x > 5]
## [1] 6 7 8 9 10
```

Subsetting by names

x[c("a", "d")]

a <NA> ## 1 NA

```
x \leftarrow c(a = 1, b = 2, c = 2)
x[c("a", "c")]
## a c
## 1 2
```

Subsetting matrices

[1,] 1 4 7 10 ## [2,] 2 5 0 11 ## [3,] 3 6 9 12

```
M <- matrix(1:12, 3)
M[2, 3] <- 0
M
## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
```

Subsetting matrices (2)

[2,] -1 -1 -1 11 ## [3,] -1 -1 9 12

```
M < 9
## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE
## [2,] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE
## [3,] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
M[M < 9] < -1
M
## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,] -1 -1 10
```

Subsetting lists

[1] 1 2 3

```
11 <- list(a = 1:3, b = "CSAMA", c = length)</pre>
ll[1] ## still a list
## $a
## [1] 1 2 3
```

ll[[1]] ## first element of the list

Subsetting ExpressionSet instances

It is reasonable to expect that subsetting operations work also for higher order objects.

```
sample.ExpressionSet[1:10, 1:2]
## ExpressionSet (storageMode: lockedEnvironment)
## assayData: 10 features, 2 samples
##
     element names: exprs, se.exprs
## protocolData: none
## phenoData
##
     sampleNames: A B
## varLabels: sex type score
## varMetadata: labelDescription
## featureData: none
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
## Annotation: hgu95av2
```

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read.table creates a data.frame from a spreadsheet file.
write.table writes a data.frame/matrix to a spreadsheet (tsv,

csv).

save writes an binary representation of R objects to a file (cross-platform).

load load a binary R file from disk.

Specialised data formats often have specific i/o functionality (microarray CEL files, XML, . . .)

```
read.table("./Data/data.csv", sep = ",",
          header = TRUE, row.names = 1)
##
           A B C D
## 1 -0.15330 10 x 10
## 2 -0.13868 3 n 9
## 3 -0.43323 2 f 8
## 4 1.64569 4 o 7
## 5 0.23381 6 b 6
## 6 0.98770 9 m 5
## 7 -0.25565 7 c 4
## 8 -0.74719 1 1 3
## 9 -0.02001 5 e 2
## 10 -0.95000 8 v 1
```

```
read.csv("./Data/data.csv", row.names = 1)
##
           A B C D
## 1 -0.15330 10 x 10
## 2 -0.13868 3 n 9
## 3 -0.43323 2 f 8
## 4 1.64569 4 o 7
## 5 0.23381 6 b 6
## 6 0.98770 9 m 5
## 7 -0.25565 7 c 4
## 8 -0.74719 1 1 3
```

9 -0.02001 5 e 2 ## 10 -0.95000 8 v 1

2 -0.1387 3 n 9 ## 3 -0.4332 2 f 8

String manipulation (1)

[1] "abcdef"

```
paste("abc", "def", sep = "-")
## [1] "abc-def"
paste0("abc", "def")
```

String manipulation (2)

[12] FALSE

```
month.name[1:4]
## [1] "January" "February" "March" "April"
 grep("Feb", month.name)
 ## [1] 2
 grep("Feb", month.name, value = TRUE)
 ## [1] "February"
 grepl("Feb", month.name)
 ## [1] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

String manipulation (3)

```
month.name[1]
```

[1] "January"

```
length(month.name[1])
```

[1] 1

nchar(month.name[1])

[1] 7



















String manipulation (4)

```
strsplit("abc-def", "-")
## [[1]]
## [1] "abc" "def"
```

Comparing and matching (1)

[1] "j" "f" "i" "a" "b" "g"

```
set.seed(1)
x <- sample(letters[1:10], 6)
y <- sample(letters[1:10], 6)
x
## [1] "c" "d" "e" "g" "b" "h"</pre>
y
```

Comparing and matching (2)

```
intersect(x, y)
## [1] "g" "b"
setdiff(x, y)
## [1] "c" "d" "e" "h"
union(x, y)
```

[1] "c" "d" "e" "g" "b" "h" "j" "f" "i" "a"

Comparing and matching (3)

[1] NA NA NA 6 5 NA

match(x, y)

```
x %in% y
## [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE
x == y
```

```
x == y
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

Generating data (1)

```
seq(1, 7, 3)
```

[1] 1 4 7

rep(1:2, 2)

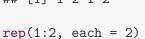


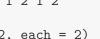


[1] 1 1 2 2

















Generating data (2)

```
runif(5)
```

```
rnorm(5)
```

[1] 0.6870 0.3841 0.7698 0.4977 0.7176

[1] 2.4047 0.7636 -0.7990 -1.1477 -0.2895

About the data

```
table(sample(letters, 100, replace = TRUE))
##
## a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
## 2 2 4 4 2 2 4 2 6 4 5 7 9 3 1 3 5 3 5 5 6 4 5 2 2 3
summary(rnorm(100))
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## -1.6800 -0.8280 -0.0081 -0.0089 0.6090 2.6600
head(x)
## [1] "c" "d" "e" "g" "b" "h"
tail(x)
## [1] "c" "d" "e" "g" "b" "h"
```

```
M \leftarrow matrix(rnorm(1000), ncol = 4)
head(M)
## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,] 0.7796 -0.3399 -1.44689 -0.1658
## [2,] 0.7132 0.6063 1.01951 0.5571
## [3,] -0.5429 1.3411 1.17855 1.4443
## [4.] 0.8858 0.7673 -0.01026 0.9014
## [5.] -0.3486 0.1937 0.26862 -0.2220
## [6,] -1.0081 1.1406 1.34203 0.1062
```

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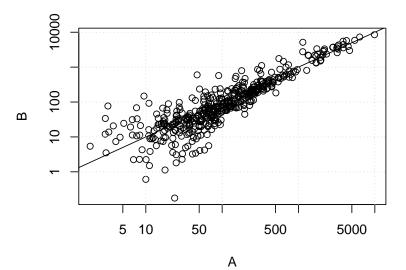
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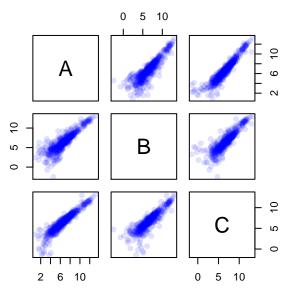
- ► Scatterplots with plot
- ► Boxplots with boxplot
- ► Barplots with barplot
- ► Histograms with hist
 - smoothScatter

```
plot(exprs(sample.ExpressionSet[, 1]),
        exprs(sample.ExpressionSet[, 2]),
        log = "xy",
        xlab = sampleNames(sample.ExpressionSet)[1],
        ylab = sampleNames(sample.ExpressionSet)[2])
abline(0, 1)
grid()
```

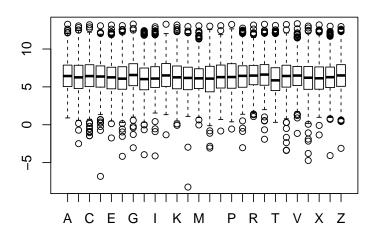


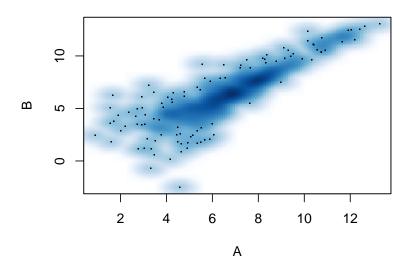
To create subplots, one can use par(mfrow = c(2,2)), layout, or (for scatterplots)

```
pairs(log2(exprs(sample.ExpressionSet)[, 1:4]),
    pch = 19,
    col = "#0000FF20")
```



boxplot(log2(exprs(sample.ExpressionSet)))





We have not covered lattice and ggplot2.

References

- http://gallery.r-enthusiasts.com/allgraph.php
 - R Graphics manual:
 - http://rgm3.lab.nig.ac.jp/RGM/r_image_list
 - ▶ http://www.cookbook-r.com/Graphs/ (ggplot2)

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Flow control

for (var in seq) expr
while (cond) expr
repeat expr break

```
for (i in 1:4) {
    ## bad
   print(i^2)
## [1] 1
## [1] 4
## [1] 9
## [1] 16
(1:4)^2 ## good
## [1] 1 4 9 16
```

The apply family and friends

- ▶ Applies a function to each element of an input, being a list or a vector (sapply, lapply), a matrix or a data frame (apply) or an environment (eapply).
- Same functionality than an explicit for loop, but often more elegant, function-centric, not faster.

```
M <- matrix(1:9, ncol = 3)
Μ
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 1 4 7
## [2,] 2 5 8
## [3,] 3 6 9
apply(M, 1, max)
## [1] 7 8 9
apply(M, 2, max)
## [1] 3 6 9
## [1] 2
```

```
sapply(month.name[1:2], paste0, "_2012")
##
           January February
   "January_2012" "February_2012"
##
lapply(month.name[1:2], paste0, "_2012")
## [[1]]
## [1] "January_2012"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] "February_2012"
```

```
mean(rnorm(100))
## [1] 0.1222
replicate(3, mean(rnorm(100)))
## [1] -0.12572 -0.03497 -0.19143
replicate(2, rnorm(3))
##
            [,1] \qquad [,2]
## [1,] -0.08268 -1.1561
## [2,] 2.11553 -0.8688
## [3,] -0.05014 -0.3389
```

Conditionals

```
if (cond) expr1 else expr2
ifelse(cond, expr1, expr2)
switch
```

```
x < -2
if (x > 0) {
   ## bad
   log2(x)
} else {
   log2(-x)
## [1] 1
log2(abs(x)) ## better
## [1] 1
```

Exception handling

try(exprs) will either return the value of the expression expr, or an object of class try-error.

tryCatch provides a more configurable mechanism for condition handling and error recovery.

Writing functions

return(ans)

```
myFun <- function(param1, param2, ...) {
    ## function body
    ## acting on copies of the params
    ans <- param1 + param2</pre>
```

Function facts

- ► Single return value.
- ► To return multiple items, use a list or a proper object (see OO programming).
- ► The return value is either the last statement, or explicit return using return (can be called from any where in a function)

Function facts (cont.)

[1] 1

```
► Functions act on a pass-by-copy semantic.
 x <- 1
  f <- function(x) {</pre>
    x < -x + 10
     X
  f(x)
  ## [1] 11
  X
```

Function facts (cont.)

► Functions live/act in their own environment and have access to *global* variables.

```
x <- 1
f <- function() {</pre>
    x < -x + 10
    X
f()
## [1] 11
## [1] 1
```

Anonymous function

[1] 0 4 3 0 3

[1] 2 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 2

apply(M, 2, function(x) sum(is.na(x)))

```
M <- matrix(rnorm(50), ncol = 5)
M[sample(50, 10)] <- NA
sum(is.na(M))
## [1] 10
apply(M, 1, function(x) sum(is.na(x)))</pre>
```

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- ▶ Primary mechanism to distribute R software is via packages.
- Packages are installed in <u>libraries</u> (directories) on your had disk, and they are loaded with the library function.
- There are software, data and annotation packages.
- ► The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) is the main package repository. It provides an automatic build framework for package authors.
- ► The Bioconductor project manages its own CRAN-style repository.
- R-forge https://r-forge.r-project.org/

Package installation

- ► From within R, using install.packages takes care of dependencies.
- ▶ Update all installed packages with update.packages.
- ► For Bioconductor packages, use biocLite:

```
source("http://www.bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
## or, if you have already done so in the past
library("BiocInstaller")
biocLite("packageName")
```

Getting information about packages

- ► CRAN/Bioconductor/R-forge web pages
- Documentation

```
help(package = "Biobase")
```

Vignettes (mandatory for Bioconductor packages)

```
vignette(package = "Biobase")
```

```
vignette("Bioconductor", package = "Biobase")
```

Demos

```
demo("lattice", package = "lattice")
```

```
packageDescription("Biobase")
## Package: Biobase
## Title: Biobase: Base functions for Bioconductor
## Version: 2.21.4
## Author: R. Gentleman, V. Carey, M. Morgan, S. Falcon
## Description: Functions that are needed by many other packages or
          which replace R functions.
##
## Suggests: tools, tkWidgets, ALL
## Depends: R (>= 2.10), BiocGenerics (>= 0.3.2), utils
## Imports: methods, BiocGenerics
## Maintainer: Bioconductor Package Maintainer
          <maintainer@bioconductor.org>
##
## License: Artistic-2.0
## Collate: tools.R strings.R environment.R vignettes.R packages.R
##
## LazyLoad: yes
## biocViews: Infrastructure, Bioinformatics
## Packaged: 2013-06-11 02:32:03 UTC; biocbuild
## Built: R 3.1.0; x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu; 2013-06-18 00:33:27 UTC;
##
          unix
##
## -- File: /home/lgatto/R/x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu-library/3.1/Biobase/Meta/pa
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Package versions

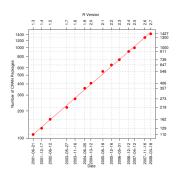
- ► New Bioconductor releases appear twice a year. Bioconductor versions are tied to R versions.
- \blacktriangleright Stable packages versions are x.y.z where x >= 1 and y is even
- Devel packages have y odd.

Bioconductor 636 reviewed packages

CRAN 3889 packages

R-forge 1313 projects

(19th June 2012)



Finding packages

- ► BiocViews http://bioconductor.org/packages/release/BiocViews.html.
- CRAN Task Views http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/.
- ▶ sos to search inside contributed R packages.

References

- ► W. N. Venables, D. M. Smith and the R Development Core Team, An Introduction to R (get it with help.start())
- ► R. Gentleman, R Programming for Bioinformatics, CRC Press, 2008

toLatex(sessionInfo())

- ► R Under development (unstable) (2013-06-16 r62969), x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu
- ► Locale: LC_CTYPE=en_GB.UTF-8, LC_NUMERIC=C, LC_TIME=en_GB.UTF-8, LC_COLLATE=en_GB.UTF-8, LC_MONETARY=en_GB.UTF-8, LC_MESSAGES=en_GB.UTF-8, LC_PAPER=C, LC_NAME=C, LC_ADDRESS=C, LC_TELEPHONE=C, LC_MEASUREMENT=en_GB.UTF-8, LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
- ► Base packages: base, datasets, graphics, grDevices, methods, parallel, stats, utils
- ▶ Other packages: Biobase 2.21.4, BiocGenerics 0.7.2, knitr 1.2
- ► Loaded via a namespace (and not attached): digest 0.6.3, evaluate 0.4.3, formatR 0.7, stringr 0.6.2, tools 3.1.0

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- Course web page and more material: https://github.com/lgatto/TeachingMaterial

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