Data analysis with *tricot*

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Aim

Learn the principles to analyse the tricot data and how to interpret the results

Set up

- Create a free GitHub account
- Install Git in your machine. Here is a tutorial depending on your OS.
- Install or update R, preferably v4.0.2
- Install R Studio Desktop
- Install GitHub Desktop

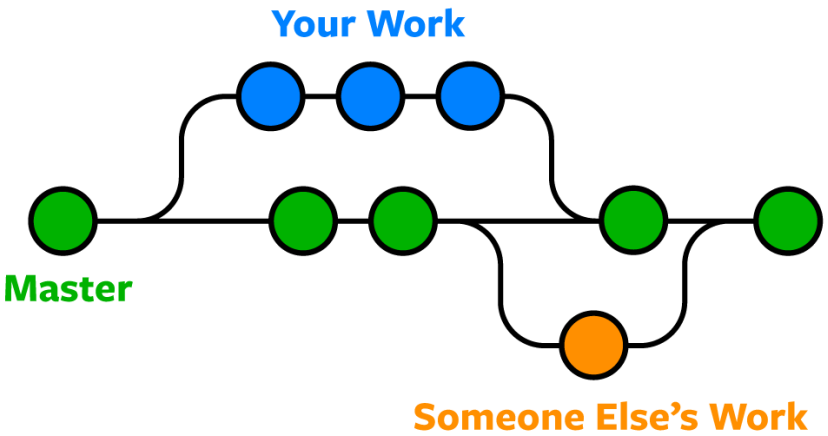
A short introduction to Git

What is Git

- Git is a version control system: can record snapshots and track the content of a folder as it changes over time.
- Every time we commit a snapshot, Git records a snapshot of the entire project, saves it, and assigns it a version.
- These snapshots are kept inside a sub-folder called `.git`.
- If we remove `.git`, we remove the repository and history (but keep the working directory).

Why Git (motivation)

- Version control
- Code can became a disaster without version control
- Roll-back functionality (if something wrong happens, we can go back to the latest good version)
- Branching
- Reproducibility



Common Git commands

copy your Git repo locally

```
git clone
```

check the status of your local repo compared to the Git repo

```
git status
```

add the files from local to Git

```
git add .
```

tells Git what are you doing with the previous command git add

```
git commit -m "something"
```

tells Git to which branch you want to send the update

```
git push origin master
```

We are going to work more on that when we start with R

Short introduction to R

Why R

Free and open source.

Software for data science:

- experiment/survey design
- data retrieval
- data wrangling
- data analysis
- reporting

A programming language, so we can

- use existing functions to code up our data science tasks
- write new functions for customised/novel tasks

Companies that use R

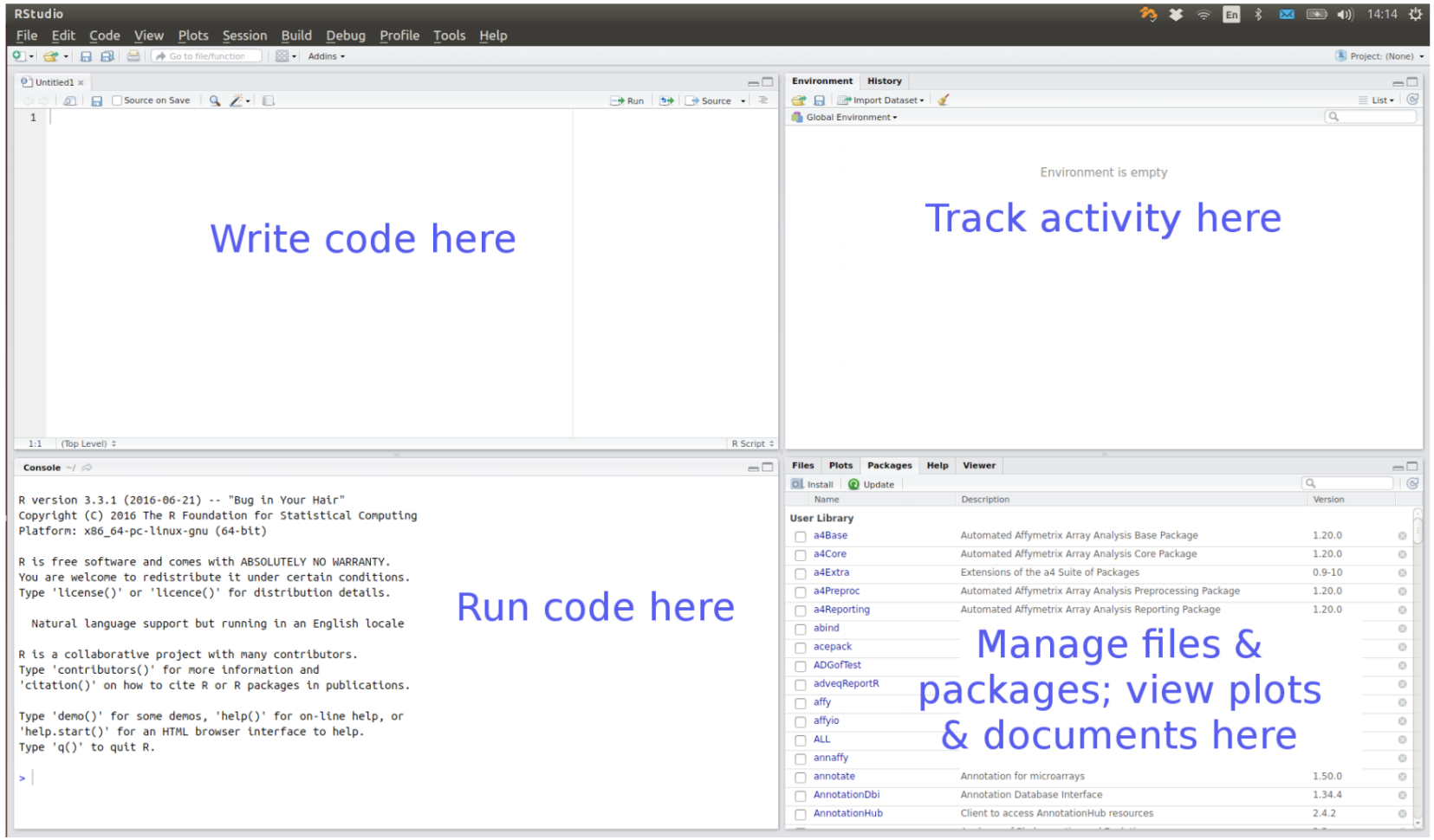
- AirBnB
- Amazon
- BBC
- The Economist
- Facebook

R code-along

We can type commands directly into the R console

```
3 + 4
?"+" #look up help for "+"
x <- 3 + 4
y <- log(x)
ls() # list of objects in the current workspace
data() # find out what standard data sets there are
plot(iris) # plot Fisher's iris data
```

RStudio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Environment is empty
Track activity here
Run code here
Manage files & packages; view plots & documents here

R packages

A collection of R functions, complied code and sample data. They are stored under a directory called "library" in the R environment

Most day-to-day work will require at least one contributed package.

The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) is where most of the packages are

To install a package from CRAN we use the command

```
install.packages("ggplot2")
```

Install the following packages

- climatrends
- tidyverse
- PlackettLuce
- patchwork
- ggparty

Install packages

```
install.packages(c("climatrends", "tidyverse", "PlackettLuce", "patchwork", "ggparty"))
```

Using a R package

```
library("climatrends")
library("tidyverse")
library("PlackettLuce")
library("patchwork")
library("ggparty")
```

Data structures

R is a vector based language

Data structures are the building blocks of code. In R there are four main types of structure:

- vectors and factors
- matrices and arrays
- lists
- data frames

Vectors

A single number is a special case of a numeric vector. Vectors of length greater than one can be created using the concatenate function, c.

```
x <- c(1, 3, 6)
```

The elements of the vector must be of the same type: common types are numeric, character and logical

```
x <- 1:3
x
# [1] 1 2 3
y <- c("red", "yellow", "green")
y
# [1] "red" "yellow" "green"

z <- c(TRUE, FALSE)
```

Missing values (of any type) are represented by the symbol NA.

Data frames

Data Frames Data sets are stored in R as data frames. These are structured as a list of objects, typically vectors, of the same length

```
str(iris)

> 'data.frame': 150 obs. of 5 variables:
> $ Sepal.Length: num 5.1 4.9 4.7 4.6 5 5.4 4.6 5 4.4 4.9 ...
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> $ Species : Factor w/ 3 levels "setosa","versicolor",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

Here Species is a factor, a special data structure for categorical variables.

Creating a Data Frame and Extracting Values

```
x <- 1:3
y <- c("red", "yellow", "green")
dt <- data.frame(x, y)

dt

  x      y
1 1    red
2 2 yellow
3 3  green

dt$x
dt[[1]] # or dt[["x"]]
dt[1, 2:3] # or dt[1, c("x", "y")]
```

RStudio projects

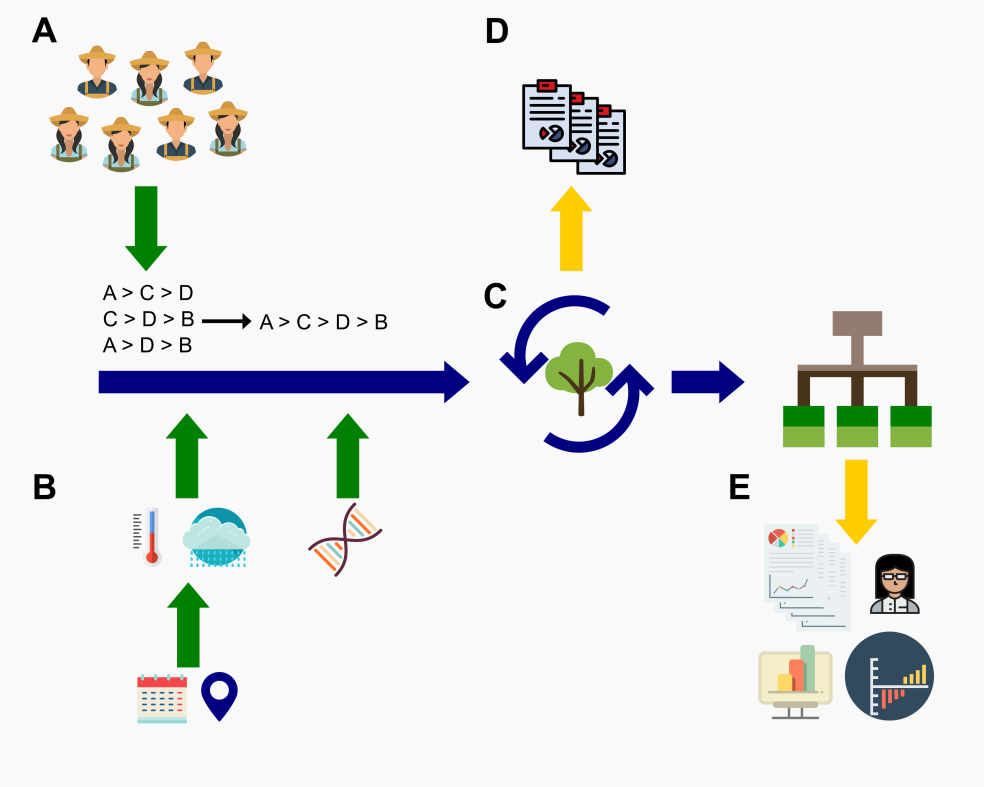
An Rstudio project is a context for work on a specific project

- automatically sets working directory to project folder
- as separate workspace and command history

Project-oriented workflow

https://www.tidyverse.org/blog/2017/12/workflow-vs-script/

Our workflow



(**A**) Several participants contribute with small tasks. All data is combined using rankings.

(**B**) Explanatory variables are added (e.g. using lonlat and planting dates, or even DNA markers)

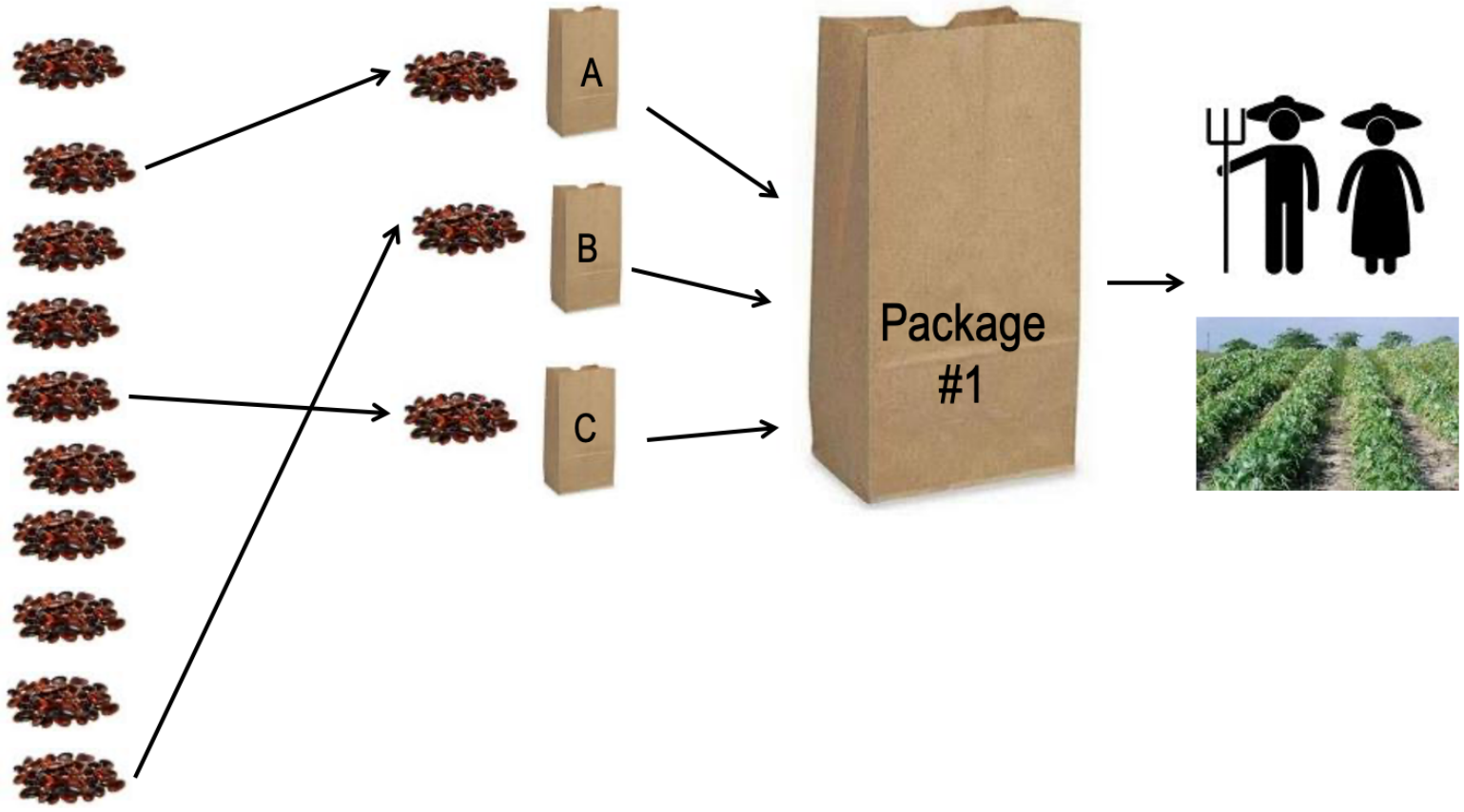
(**C**) Model selection to find the variables that best explain the data forward with cross-validation

(**D**) Automated reports can be generated and feedback to participants in (**A**) is given

(**E**) A stable *tree* is used for further analysis

It starts with tricot

Triadic comparison of technologies



Rank-based models

Rankings data arise in a range of applications, such as sport tournaments and consumer studies. In rankings data, each observation is an ordering of a set of items.

Classic models are Bradley-Terry and Plackett-Luce

The first works with pairwise comparisons and the last with rankings with > 3 items

It measures the odds that one option is chosen over a set of options