Tutorial: Sampling, Weighting and Estimation
Day 1

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Why R?

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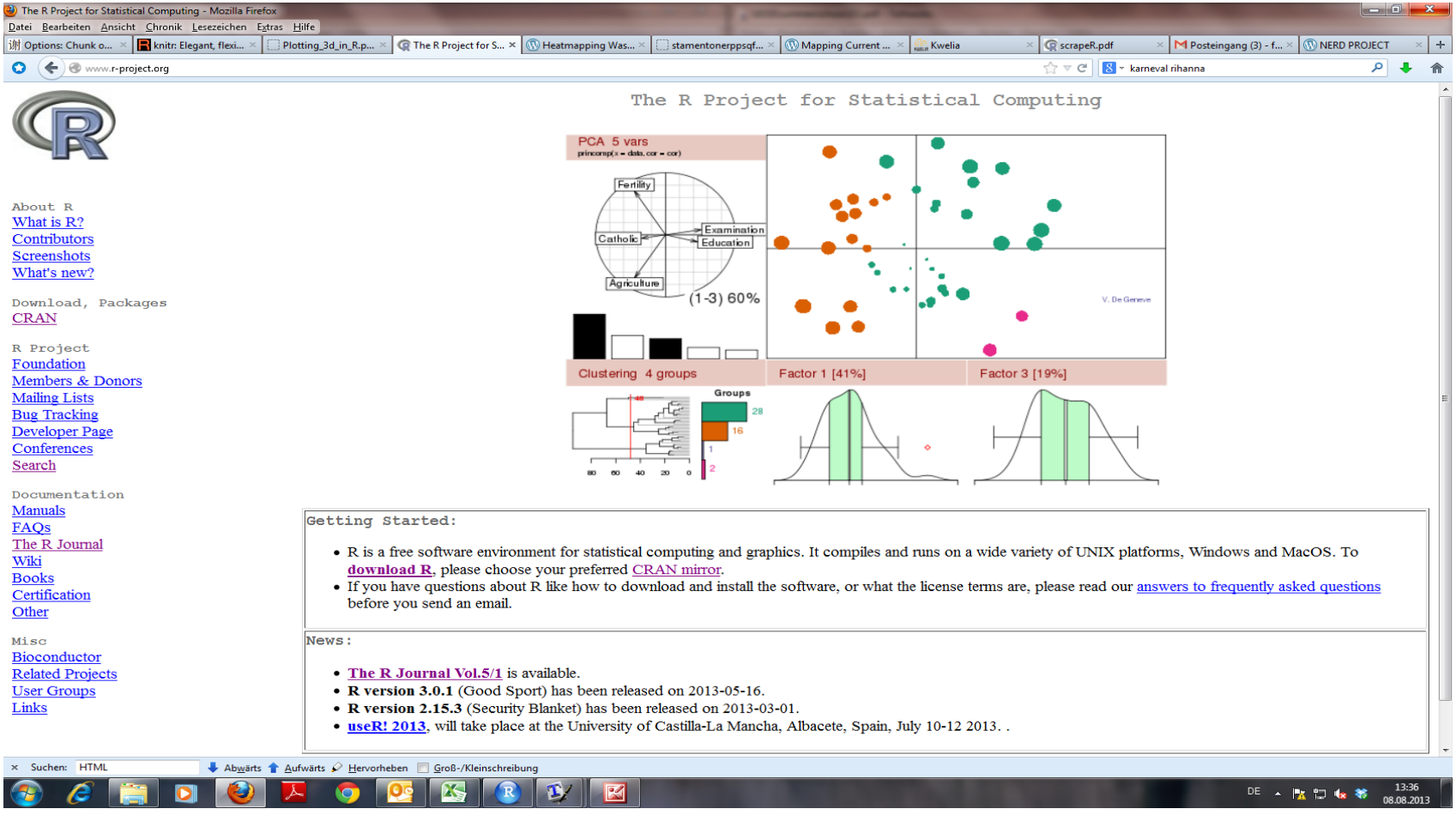
- Open Source
- You can work with several datasets at the same time
- You can create your own objects, functions and packages
- Over 5,000 packages contributed by users available on CRAN

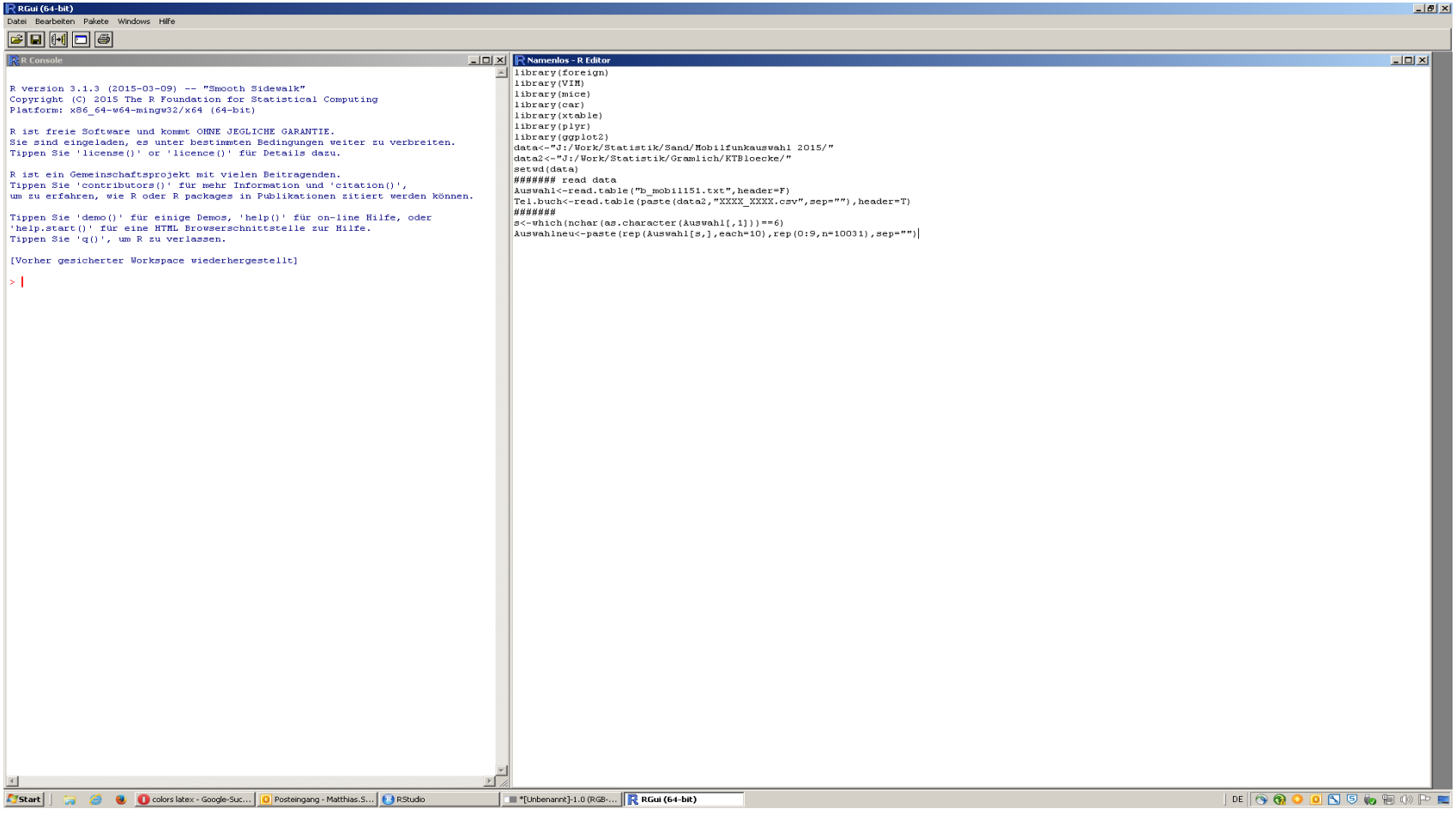
→ Rapid implementation of new (scientific) developments

→ Quick development of new tools that fit the user's demand

Getting Started - Download R

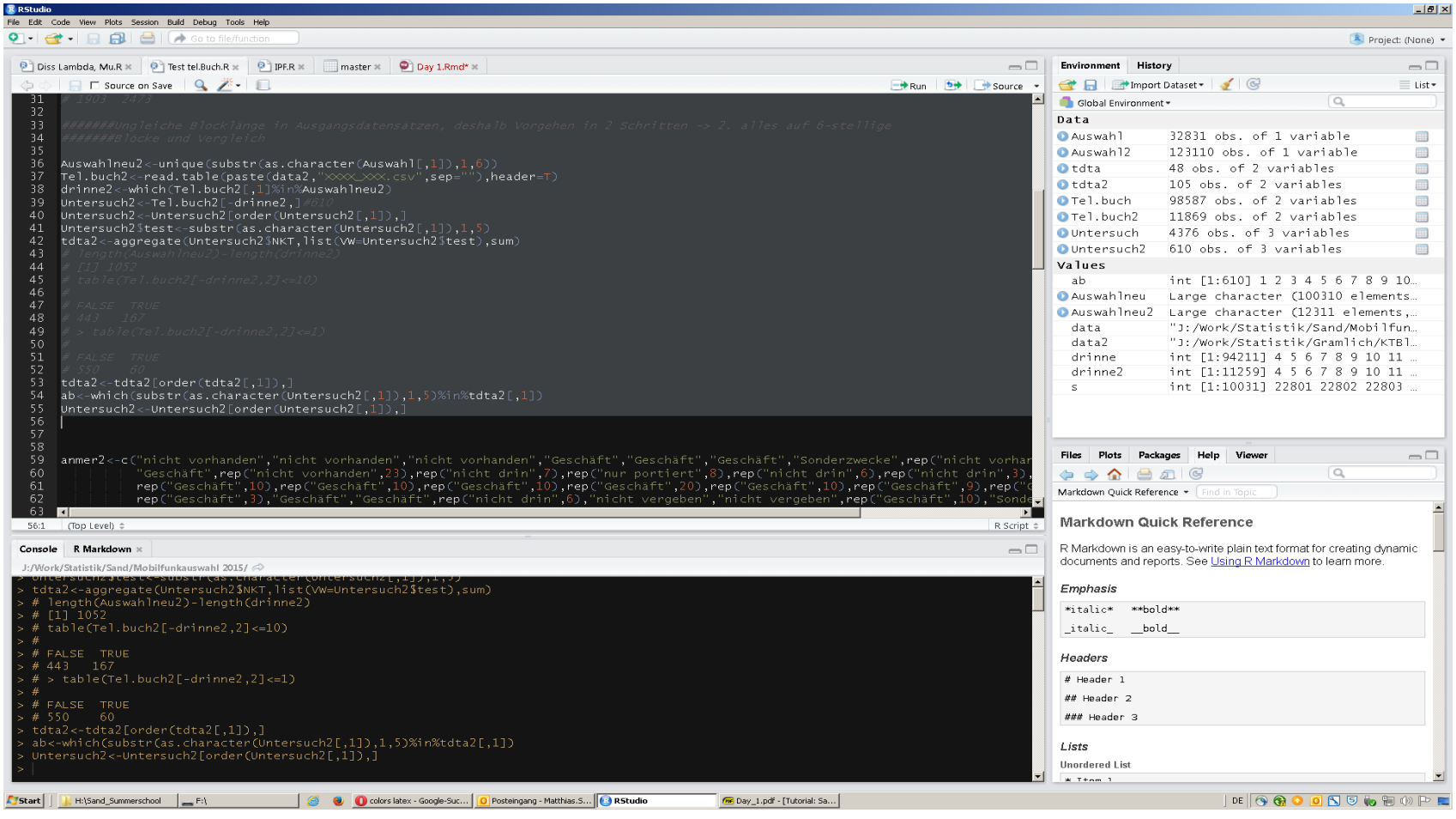


https://www.r-project.org



- most R-user prefer the graphical user interface (GUI) RStudio

R Studio



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Basic R Commands

- `<-` assignment operator
- `#` can be used to comment your script
- `x<-rnorm(10,0,1)` creates a vector with ten standardnormal-distributed values
- `mean(x)` calculates the mean of variable `x`; `length(x)` returns the number of observations in `x`

```
mean(x)
```

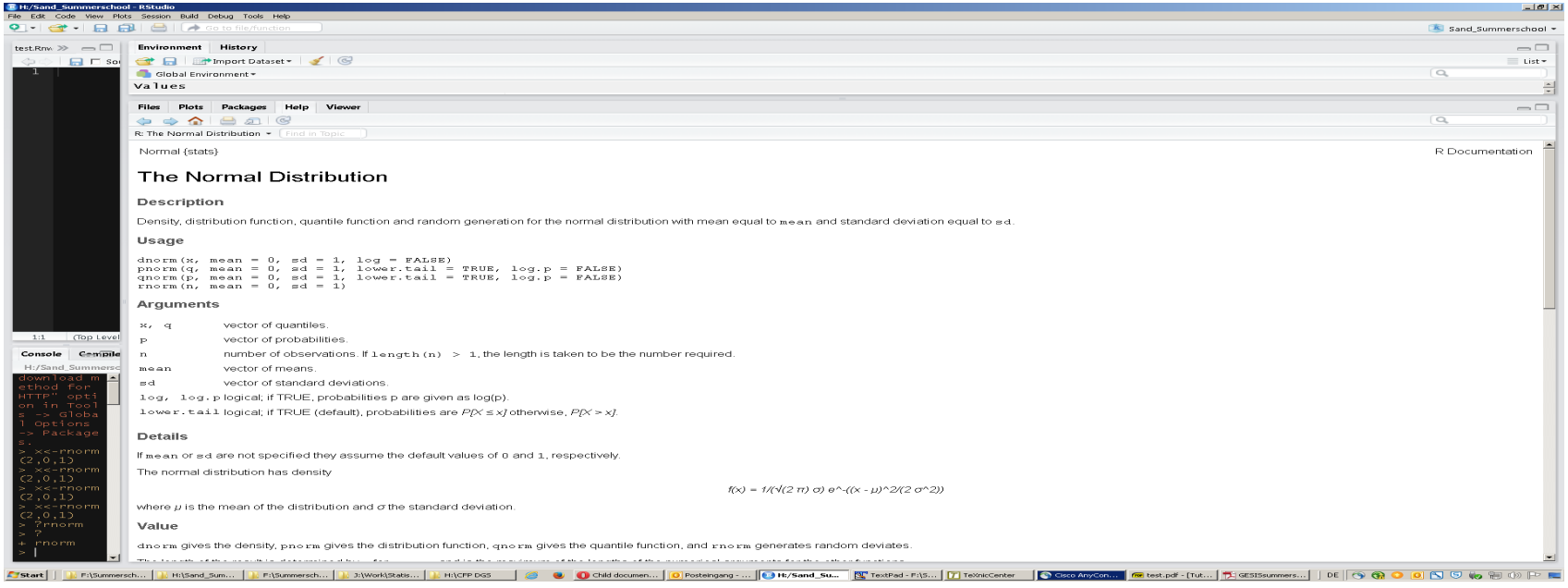
```
[1] 0.07789946
```

```
length(x)
```

```
[1] 10
```

Getting Help

- *?command*



- CRAN
- Quick-R
- stackoverflow.com

Types of Data

numeric	`x<-c(1,2)`
logical	`x<-c(T,F)`
character	`x<-c("A","B")`
factor	`x<-as.factor(c("White","Black"))`

`str()` returns the type of your data

```
x<-as.factor(c("White","Black"))
str(x)
```

```
Factor w/ 2 levels "Black","White": 2 1
```

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Indexing a Vector:

```
A1<-c(1,2,3,4)
A1[1]
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
A1[1:3]
```

```
[1] 1 2 3
```

```
A1[-2]
```

```
[1] 1 3 4
```

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Indexing a data frame:

```
A2<-4:1
AA<-cbind(A1,A2)
AA[1,]
```

```
A1 A2
 1  4
```

```
AA[,1]
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4
```

```
AA[1:3,2]
```

```
[1] 4 3 2
```

```
AA[,-1]
```

```
[1] 4 3 2 1
```

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Indexing an array

```
A3<-array(1:8,c(2,2,2))
A3
```

```
, , 1

     [,1] [,2]
[1,]    1    3
[2,]    2    4

, , 2

     [,1] [,2]
[1,]    5    7
[2,]    6    8
```

```
A3[,,2]
```

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Indexing a list

```
A4<-list(A1,c("Summer","Winter"))
A4
```

```
[[1]]
[1] 1 2 3 4

[[2]]
[1] "Summer" "Winter"
```

```
A4[[1]]
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4
```

Sequences

```
 1:5
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
 rep("A",times=10)
 [1] "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A"
 rep(1:3,times=2,each=3)
 [1] 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3
 seq(-5,5,by=2.5)
[1] -5.0 -2.5  0.0  2.5  5.0
```

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Function	Distribution	Important parameter
`runif()`	Uniform distribution	n, min, max
`rnorm()`	Normal distribution	n, mean, sd
`rpois()`	Poisson distribution	n, lambda
...	...	...

Important Functions

of the {base}-Package

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`length()`	Length	`length(x)`
`max()`	Maximum	`max(x)`
`min()`	Minimum	`min(x)`
`sd()`	Standard deviation	`sd(x)`
`var()`	Variance	`var(x)`
`mean()`	Mean	`mean(x)`
`median()`	Median	`median(x)`

These functions do only need one argument
Other functions need to be specified by further arguments:

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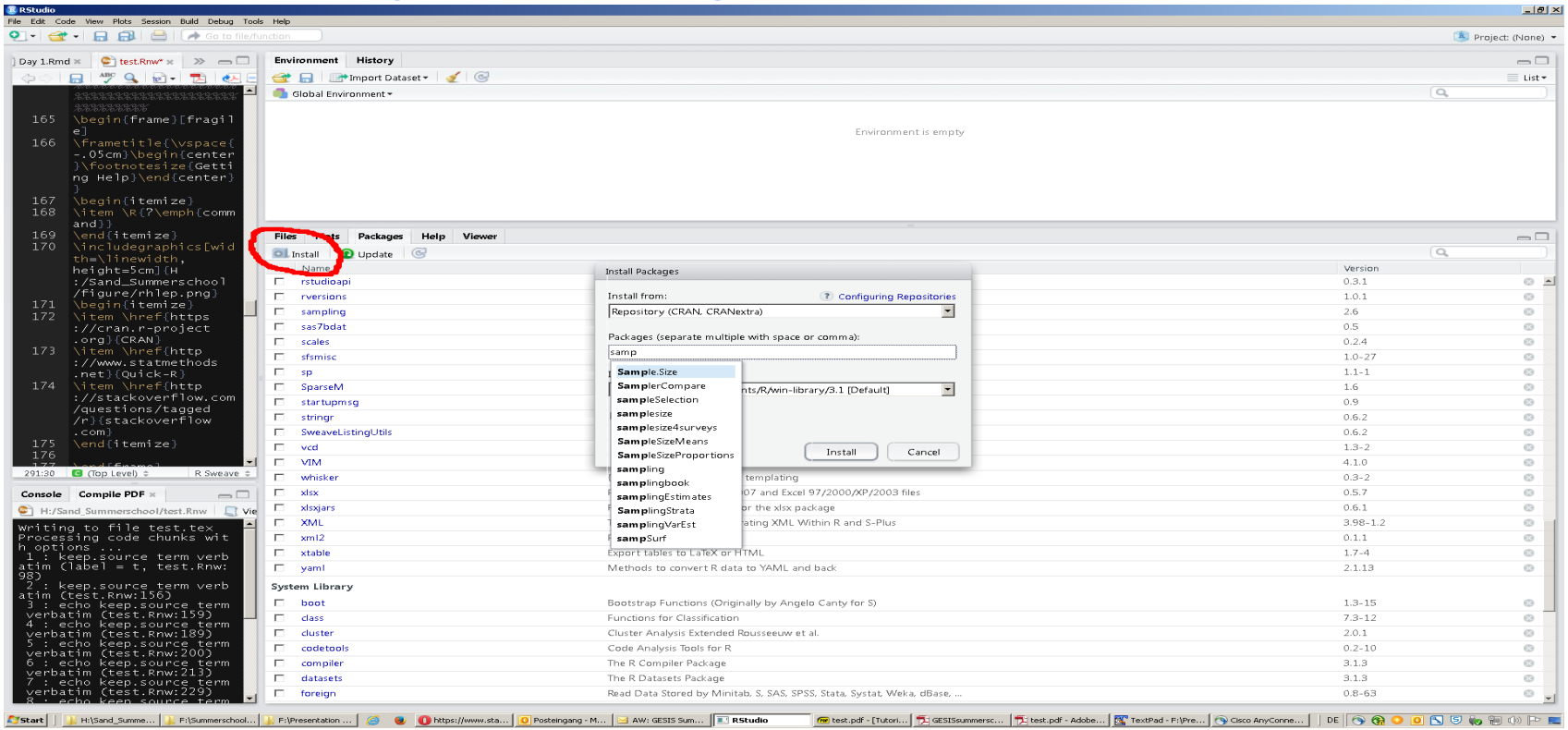
- more specific functions are embedded in further packages

Installing and Loading Packages

```
install.package("sampling")
```




```
library(sampling) or require(sampling)
```

Useful Packages

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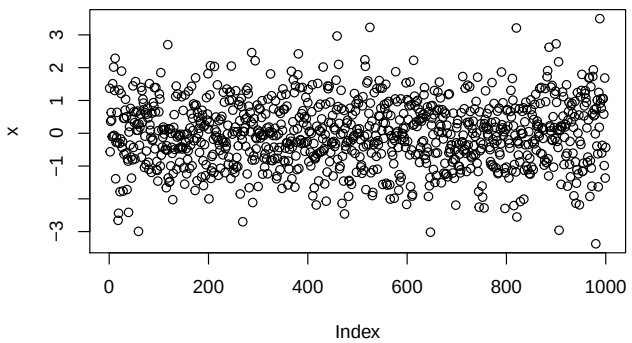
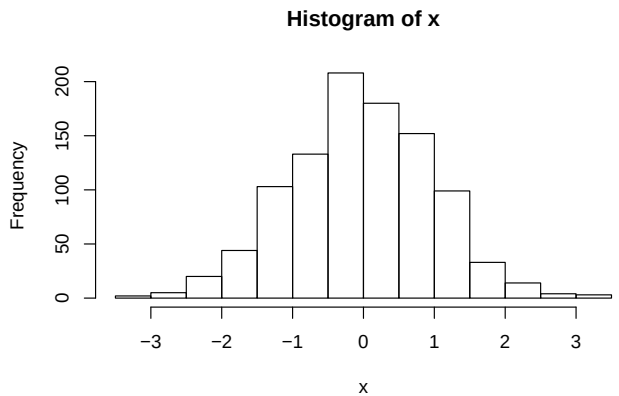
Library	Subject
`foreign`	reading and writing of data in numerous formats (e.g. *.dta*, *.sav*)
`sampling`	drawing and weighting samples
`survey`	analysis of complex survey samples
`xlsx`	read and write data in Excell-Format
`xtable`	export tables to LaTex and HTML
`mice`	multiple imputation by chain equation
`reshape`	alter structure of datasets
`car`	applied regressions
`VIM`	visualization and imputation of Missing Values
`lattice`	high-level data visualization
`ggplot2`	grammar for graphics in `R`

```
set.seed(42)
x <- rnorm(1000,0,1)
plot(x)
```

`set.seed()` is used to specify a starting point

```
hist(x)
```





⇒ we will use *42* as seed-value for future exercises to obtain comparable results

The Basic `sample` Function

sample {base} R Documentation

Random Samples and Permutations

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Usage

```
sample(x, size, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL)
```

x: From what do we want to sample ?

```
sample(x=1:10,n=1,replace=T)
```

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Do we want to draw with or without replacement?

```
sample(x=1:10,n=1,replace=T)
```

Simple Example on Sampling

```
 id <- 1:10000
 set.seed(42)
 education <- sample(c("none","low","average","high"),10000,
+                     replace = T,prob = c(.072,.356,.289,.283))
 gender <- sample(c("male","female"),10000,
+                   replace = T,prob = c(.488,.512))
 iq <- rnorm(10000,100,20)
 my.pop <- data.frame(id,gender,education,iq)
 head(my.pop)
```

```
  id gender education        iq
1  1   male      high 123.26218
2  2   male      none  96.19531
3  3   male       low  94.21088
4  4 female      high  92.02308
5  5   male   average 114.18485
6  6   male   average  67.54705
```

Simple Example on Sampling

Summary of the dataset

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```
summary(my.pop)
```

```
      id            gender       education          iq        
 Min.   :    1   female:5125   average:2851   Min.   : 30.93  
 1st Qu.: 2501   male  :4875   high   :2820   1st Qu.: 86.50  
 Median : 5000                 low    :3588   Median :100.08  
 Mean   : 5000                 none   : 741   Mean   :100.02  
 3rd Qu.: 7500                                3rd Qu.:113.60  
 Max.   :10000                                Max.   :173.26  
```

```
prop.table(table(my.pop$gender,my.pop$education))
```

```
        average   high    low   none
 female  0.1449 0.1465 0.1844 0.0367
 male    0.1402 0.1355 0.1744 0.0374
```

```
var(my.pop$iq)*(nrow(my.pop)-1)/nrow(my.pop)
```

```
[1] 406.1684
```

$\Rightarrow \sigma^2$

Simple Example on Sampling

```
set.seed(42)
s.SRS <- sample(1:nrow(my.pop),500,replace=T)
s.SRSWOR <- sample(1:nrow(my.pop),500,replace=F)
my.samp.SRS <- my.pop[s.SRS,]
my.samp.SRSWOR <- my.pop[s.SRSWOR,]
summary(my.samp.SRS)
```

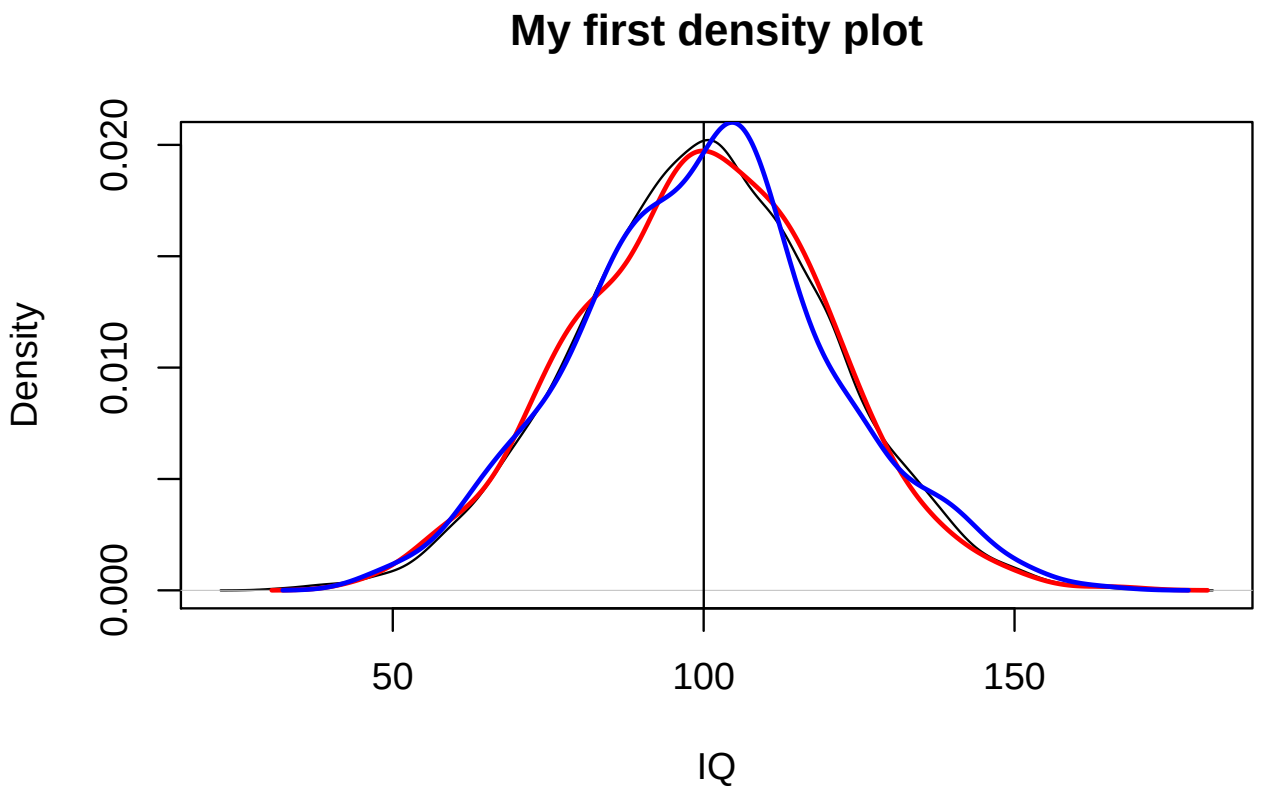
```
       id          gender      education          iq        
 Min.   :   3   female:257   average:132   Min.   : 45.95  
 1st Qu.:2322   male  :243   high   :134   1st Qu.: 85.38  
 Median :4804               low    :192   Median :100.00  
 Mean   :4896               none   : 42   Mean   : 99.60  
 3rd Qu.:7434                              3rd Qu.:113.20  
 Max.   :9966                              Max.   :165.63  
```

```
nrow(unique(my.samp.SRS))
```

```
[1] 487
```

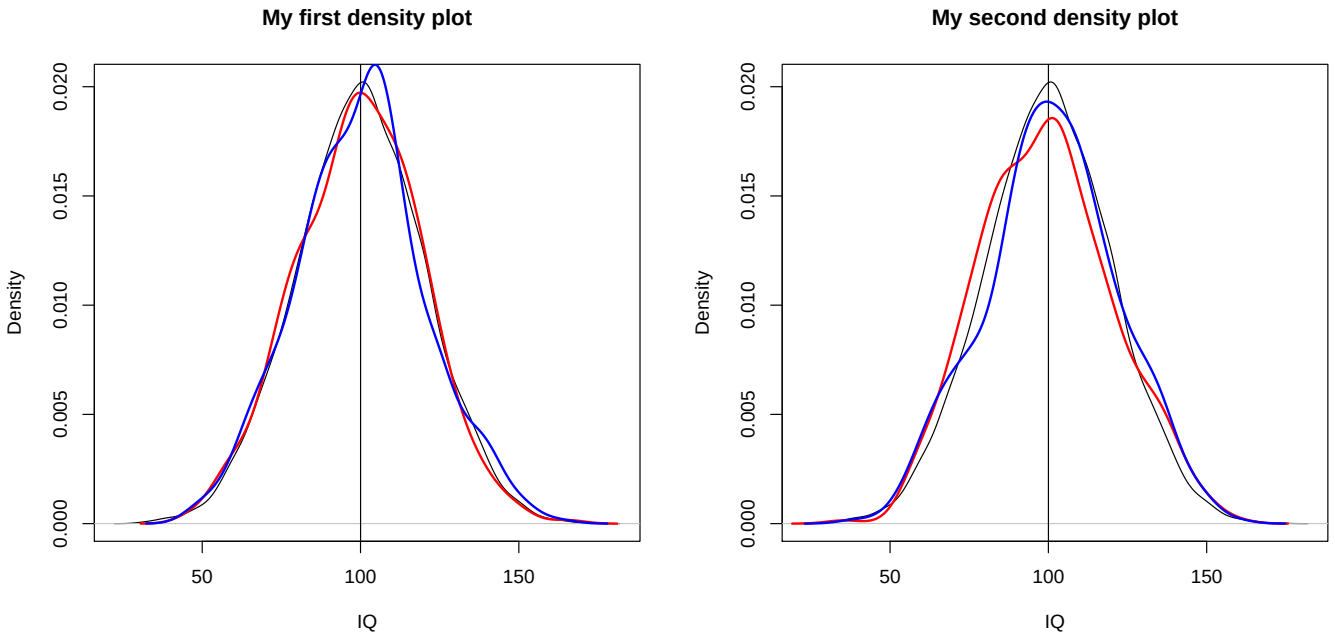
Simple Example on Sampling

```
 plot(density(my.pop$iq),main = "My first density plot"
+      , xlab = "IQ")
 abline(v=mean(my.pop$iq), col = "black")
 lines(density(my.samp.SRS$iq),col = "red",lwd=2)
 lines(density(my.samp.SRSWOR$iq),col = "blue",lwd=2)
```



```
library(sampling)
set.seed(42)
s.SRS1 <- srswr(500,nrow(my.pop))
s.SRSWOR1 <- srswor(500,nrow(my.pop))
my.samp.SRS1 <- rbind(my.pop[s.SRS1!=0,]
+                      ,my.pop[s.SRS1>1,])
my.samp.SRSWOR1 <- my.pop[s.SRSWOR1==1,]
```

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
```




```
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```

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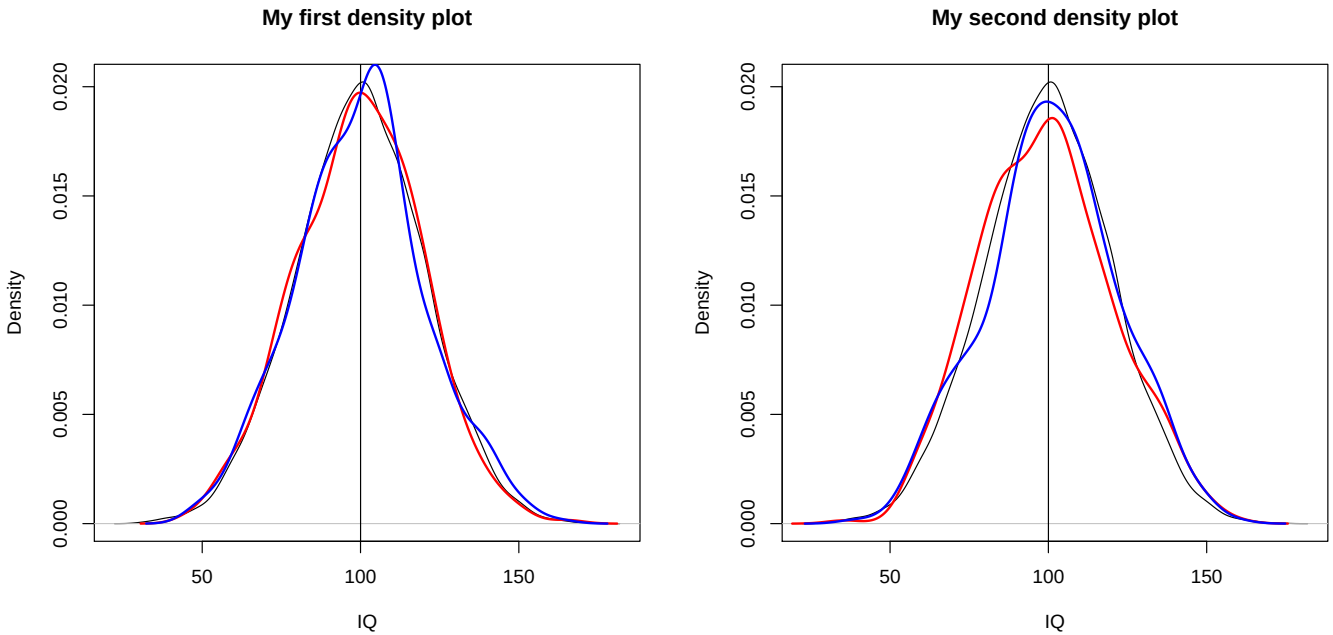


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- should yield same results

$\Rightarrow$ routine differs in "starting point"

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Declaring a working directory

```
path<-"H:/Sand_ Summerschool/Data Day1/"
setwd(path)
```

- It is always useful to define and set your working directory at the beginning of each script
- `getwd()` displays you your current working directory
- `dir()` shows you all objects in a specific directory
- `ls()` lists all objects in your workspace
- `rm()` removes a object from your workspace

Example:

```
rm(list = ls())
```

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Writing/ saving data and results

```
write.table(my.pop,"Synthetic Data Day1.csv",
row.names = F, quote = F, dec = ".",sep = ",")
```

OR:

```
save(my.samp.SRS,s.SRS,my.samp.SRSWOR1,file = "Day1.Rdata")
```

⇒ See also: `write.csv` and `write.csv2` (`sep = ";"`)

Reading/ loading data and results

```
d1 <- read.table("Synthetic Data Day1.csv",
header = F, dec = ".",sep = ",")
```

OR:

```
load("Day1.Rdata")
```

Exercise 1

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Sample sizes

1. Generate 1000 numbers from a exponential distribution
2. Draw three samples(n1=2,n2=10,n3=100)
3. Plot the density and add the means of the three samples as vertical lines

Exercise 2

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Belgian municipalities/ variance decomposition

1. Load the dataset "belgianmunicipalities" from the `sample`-package using the `data()`-command
2. Inspect the structure of the dataset
3. Calculate mean and variance of the variable `averageincome`
4. Calculate the mean of each province for that variable, plot your results and add the mean of 3
5. Recalculate the mean of `averageincome` based on the means by province and compare your results
6. Make a boxplot of the variable `averageincome` for each province
7. Calculate the variance of `averageincome` using variance decomposition and compare it with 3
   - $\Rightarrow$ Advice: consider the dataset as the aggregates for the whole population and use the formula for the population variance