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Introduction:

Hi everybody, my name is Connor and I will be helping you get through 421!

We're going to start with a walkthrough of R.

Lesson 0: Basics

In general:

- We will be working with what is called a *script*. This is similar to a do file in Stata. It's basically your workspace.
- To execute a script, hit cmd+return (control+enter if on PC.) To save the script, cmd+s. There are other shortcuts as well. If you want to run a specific line, then you can move your cursor to that line and hit cmd+return and the R script will only run that one line.
- R uses functions, which we apply to objects. More on this shortly, but if you aren't sure what a function does, or how it works, you can use? before the function to get the documentation. Ex:

?mean

As a note, these grey boxes will be where I am typing my code for you to reference.

There are a ton of different types of objects (numeric (numbers), character (letters) and logical (true false statements) are the most common types), and not all functions will work on all objects. Let's talk a bit about objects.

Lesson 1: All things are objects

An object is an assignment between a name and a value. You assign values to names using <- or =. The first assignment symbol consists of a < next to a dash - to make it look like an arrow.

If we want to make an object name 'a' refer to the number '2', we can do that by:

```
\begin{array}{l} a <- 2 \\ \# a = 2 \\ a \end{array}
```

[1] 2

Note: The # comments out code meaning R will not evaluate the code. This is a convenient way to write yourself notes as you're coding.

You can combine objects together as well, assigning

```
#assign the value of 3 to the name b b <-3 #assign the value of b (3) plus the value of a (2), to a new name, c. c <-a+b #display c
```

[1] 5

When you wrap parentheses around an assignment, R will both (1) assign the value to the name and (2) print out the value (to the screen) that you've assigned.

```
#let's print two lines. Parentheses will print this
(d <- c * 3)

## [1] 15

#R-markdown, what this is written in, will automatically output the last line of a cell.
d + 3 - 1 + c</pre>
```

```
## [1] 22
```

Objects can also contain more than one value. What do you think the object 1:10 does?

```
(tmp <- 1:10)
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

This displays a sequence of integers (whole numbers), going from the first value to the last one, ie, 9:10 will return 9 10.

One common way (illustrated above) to store multiple values is via a vector.

Lesson 2: Functions

Functions are operations you can apply to your created object.

Examples: head, tail, mean, median, sd, summary, min, max

These functions are good at summarizing data in a variety of ways. Let's see how they work

```
#print the first few objects in 'tmp'
head(tmp)

## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6

#print the first 3 objects in 'tmp'
head(tmp, 3)

## [1] 1 2 3

#print the last few objects in 'tmp'
tail(tmp)
```

```
## [1] 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
#mean of our vector tmp
mean(tmp)
## [1] 5.5
#median of our vector
median(tmp)
## [1] 5.5
#standard deviation of our vector
sd(tmp)
## [1] 3.02765
\#*IMPORTANT* Print a summary of our object. This can work on many object types and is useful to get an
summary(tmp)
                     Median
##
      Min. 1st Qu.
                                Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                 Max.
##
      1.00
              3.25
                       5.50
                                5.50
                                        7.75
                                                10.00
#Print minimum of the vector
min(tmp)
## [1] 1
#print max of a vector
max(tmp)
## [1] 10
One caveat: what do you think will happen when I run the following?
#Let's make a bad vector
bad <- c(tmp, "red", "dinosaurs", NULL)</pre>
(tail(bad, 4))
## [1] "9"
                    "10"
                                 "red"
                                              "dinosaurs"
(tail(tmp, 4))
## [1] 7 8 9 10
Aside from the last three objects, do these two sets look different to you? We'll get back to this.
Mathematical operators
```

We can also use R to do anything you could do in a calculator, that is, multiply, divide, and so forth. Most of these are self explanatory

```
\#add
11 + 2
## [1] 13
#subtract
11 - 2
## [1] 9
#multiply
11 * 2
```

[1] 22

```
#divide
11 / 2
## [1] 5.5
#Find remainder (this is surprisingly useful)
(11 %% 2)
## [1] 1
#Find integer division, ie, how many times does 2 fit into 11 as a whole number
11 %/% 2
## [1] 5
#Power
11 ^ 2
## [1] 121
Functions create objects, e.g., c() creates vectors of values for individual objects' values.
vec_a \leftarrow c(1, 5, 8, 20)
vec_a
## [1] 1 5 8 20
You can also apply mathematical operators to vectors.
vec_a * 2
## [1] 2 10 16 40
vec_a ^ 2
## [1]
         1 25
                64 400
vec_a - vec_a
## [1] 0 0 0 0
Finally, keep track of missing values (NA) and infinity (Inf)!
# Division by NA
vec_a / NA
## [1] NA NA NA NA
# Division by zero. This creates a special value in R called 'inf'
vec_a / 0
## [1] Inf Inf Inf Inf
```

Lesson 2: Types of Objects

So far, you've seen numeric objects (which can be numeric or integer). We can see what kind of class an object is by using the class() function.

```
(class(a))
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
(class(tmp))
## [1] "integer"
(class(vec_a))
## [1] "numeric"
Another common class of objects is character:
#Let's create a character object. These are surrounded by either "" or ''. This distinguishes them from
(some_text <- "I have a birthday, but it is not today.")</pre>
## [1] "I have a birthday, but it is not today."
class(some_text)
## [1] "character"
Lastly, we have logical objects.
Logical objects are essentially anything you could classify as a true/false statement, like, the sky is purple =
FALSE. Caustic is the best legend = FALSE.
#These generally use the characters less than (<), greater than (>), or is equivalent (==)
(2 < 3)
## [1] TRUE
(2 > 3)
## [1] FALSE
(2 == 3)
## [1] FALSE
(TRUE == TRUE)
## [1] TRUE
class(TRUE)
## [1] "logical"
#We can also do this with vectors. This will compare each element in the vector to check your provided
c(1,2,3,4,5) < c(2,0,1,2,3)
## [1] TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
which have some special operators
# AND
TRUE & FALSE
## [1] FALSE
# OR
TRUE | FALSE
## [1] TRUE
Be careful. Vectors only hold 1 type of object, let's look at our vector 'bad' again.
class(bad)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

Why is it a character now? Well, R is trying to help us. By adding some words to the end of the vector, R will automatically transform the entire vector to a character class. We can however, store multiple types of values by using special data types.

In particular, you guys will be working with data frames and tibbles. We can create a data frame with the data.frame() function, passing it three arguments that are vectors. Let's see how that works:

```
our_df <- data.frame(
   v1 = 1:4,
   v2 = c(T, T, F, T),
   v3 = c("a", "b", "c", "d")
)
our_df

##  v1   v2  v3
## 1  1  TRUE  a
## 2  2  TRUE  b
## 3  3  FALSE  c
## 4  4  TRUE  d</pre>
```

You can think about data frames (data.frame) as spreadsheets, each column as a new variable, and each row has a new observation. We'll generally read data into R as a data frame.

Lesson 3: Load Packages

Base R (what comes installed on your computer) is an incredibly powerful programming language, but one of the best features of R are its packages, which are remotely stored functions written by anybody. You could even write a package if you wanted! This open source nature allows R to be extremely flexible. For now, we will load the pacman package management package, and then the ISLR package which has a number of datasets.

Let's start by loading packages. Uncomment the install.packages function to get the pacman package to install. If you already have some of these packages, feel free to delete lines. The install.packages function can take a vector of package names, as characters, to install all of the above.

```
install.packages(c("pacman","ISLR", "ggplot2"), dependencies=T, repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
## Installing packages into '/Users/connor/Library/R/3.5/library'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
##
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## /var/folders/41/9t4d_k797tddkd5yfnp9v3y40000gn/T//Rtmp4d31ZF/downloaded_packages
#pacman will allow us to load packages intelligently. Load it with the library() function
library(pacman)
#p_load is pacman's 'library' and features a number of improvements. Load next two packages.
p_load(ISLR, ggplot2)
```

You can also do all of this in base R, but it's not as efficient.

(as 'lib' is unspecified)

```
#the following code does the same thing. Not as good. More packages you have, the more convinient pacma
install.packages(c("ISLR","ggplot2"),dependencies = T, repos="http://cran.us.r-project.org")
## Installing packages into '/Users/connor/Library/R/3.5/library'
```

```
##
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## /var/folders/41/9t4d_k797tddkd5yfnp9v3y40000gn/T//Rtmp4d31ZF/downloaded_packages
library(ISLR)
library(ggplot2)
```

Lesson 4: More about data frames

We installed and loaded ISLR because it has a nice dataset for learning about data frames: Auto (you may have seen this one before...).

Let's spend some time familiarizing ourselves with the dataset. We can use many of the familiar tools we had before, namely head(), tail(), and summary().

If we want to look at a specific column of a dataframe, we can do this by writing dataframe\$columnName

```
#I always like to get a summary of my data before doing much of anything (summary(Auto))
```

```
##
                       cylinders
                                       displacement
                                                         horsepower
         mpg
##
    Min.
           : 9.00
                     Min.
                            :3.000
                                      Min.
                                             : 68.0
                                                       Min.
                                                              : 46.0
##
    1st Qu.:17.00
                     1st Qu.:4.000
                                      1st Qu.:105.0
                                                       1st Qu.: 75.0
    Median :22.75
                     Median :4.000
                                     Median :151.0
                                                       Median: 93.5
                            :5.472
##
    Mean
           :23.45
                                             :194.4
                                                              :104.5
                     Mean
                                     Mean
                                                       Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:29.00
                     3rd Qu.:8.000
                                      3rd Qu.:275.8
                                                       3rd Qu.:126.0
##
    Max.
           :46.60
                    Max.
                            :8.000
                                             :455.0
                                                              :230.0
                                     Max.
                                                       Max.
##
##
        weight
                     acceleration
                                                          origin
                                          year
   Min.
           :1613
                    Min.
                           : 8.00
                                    Min.
                                            :70.00
                                                     Min.
                                                             :1.000
    1st Qu.:2225
                    1st Qu.:13.78
                                    1st Qu.:73.00
                                                      1st Qu.:1.000
##
##
    Median:2804
                   Median :15.50
                                    Median :76.00
                                                     Median :1.000
   Mean
##
           :2978
                   Mean
                           :15.54
                                    Mean
                                            :75.98
                                                     Mean
                                                             :1.577
    3rd Qu.:3615
                    3rd Qu.:17.02
                                     3rd Qu.:79.00
                                                      3rd Qu.:2.000
           :5140
                           :24.80
                                            :82.00
                                                             :3.000
##
    Max.
                    Max.
                                    Max.
                                                      Max.
##
##
                     name
##
   amc matador
                       :
                          5
##
    ford pinto
                          5
##
   toyota corolla
                          5
   amc gremlin
##
    amc hornet
##
    chevrolet chevette:
   (Other)
#Let's call a specific column
(Auto$cylinders)
```

```
## [386] 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
#Look at the first few rows of our dataframe
(head(Auto))
##
    mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration year origin
## 1
                                    3504
                      307
                               130
                                              12.0
                                                    70
                                                          1
                                                    70
## 2
             8
                      350
                               165
                                    3693
                                              11.5
    15
                                                          1
## 3
    18
             8
                      318
                               150
                                    3436
                                              11.0
                                                    70
                                                          1
             8
                                              12.0
## 4
                      304
                                                    70
                                                          1
    16
                               150
                                    3433
## 5
    17
             8
                      302
                               140
                                    3449
                                              10.5
                                                    70
                                                          1
## 6
    15
             8
                      429
                               198
                                              10.0
                                                    70
                                                          1
                                    4341
##
                     name
## 1 chevrolet chevelle malibu
          buick skylark 320
## 3
         plymouth satellite
## 4
             amc rebel sst
## 5
               ford torino
## 6
           ford galaxie 500
#look at the last few rows of our dataframe
(tail(Auto))
##
     mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration year origin
## 392
               4
                                 90
                                     2950
                                                17.3
                                                      82
                                                            1
      27
                        151
## 393
      27
               4
                        140
                                 86
                                     2790
                                                15.6
                                                     82
                                                            1
## 394
      44
               4
                        97
                                 52
                                     2130
                                                24.6
                                                     82
                                                            2
## 395
      32
               4
                        135
                                 84
                                     2295
                                                11.6
                                                      82
                                                            1
  396
      28
               4
                        120
                                 79
                                     2625
                                                      82
                                                            1
##
                                                18.6
##
  397
      31
               4
                        119
                                 82
                                     2720
                                                19.4
                                                      82
                                                            1
##
               name
## 392 chevrolet camaro
## 393
      ford mustang gl
## 394
           vw pickup
## 395
        dodge rampage
## 396
         ford ranger
## 397
          chevy s-10
```

Indexing

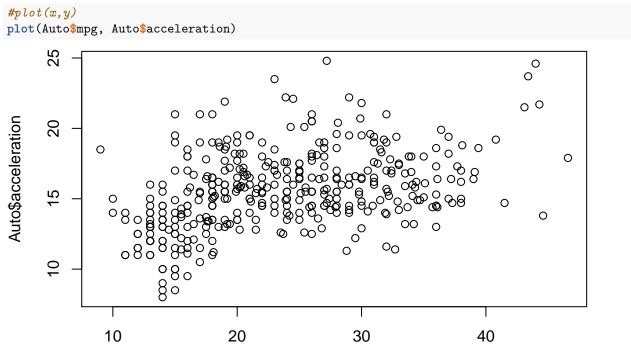
We can also call columns and rows by their numeric 'index.' This is a numerical value that R holds onto as a reference point. As a note for computer-savy readers: r begins indexing at 1. Let's see what this looks like:

```
#Here's our first column
Auto$cylinders
```

```
## [386] 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
#If we want the first element of that column, we can do that this way:
(Auto$cylinders[1])
## [1] 8
#we can also grab elements, say 1-10 in an array:
(Auto$cylinders[1:10])
## [1] 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
#what about matrices?
(head(Auto))
    mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration year origin
## 1 18
                                      3504
                                                  12.0
              8
                        307
                                 130
                                                       70
                                                              1
## 2 15
              8
                        350
                                      3693
                                                       70
                                 165
                                                  11.5
                                                              1
## 3 18
              8
                        318
                                 150
                                      3436
                                                  11.0
                                                       70
                                                              1
## 4 16
              8
                        304
                                 150
                                      3433
                                                  12.0
                                                        70
                                                              1
## 5 17
              8
                        302
                                 140
                                      3449
                                                  10.5
                                                       70
                                                              1
## 6 15
              8
                        429
                                 198
                                      4341
                                                  10.0
                                                       70
                                                              1
##
                      name
## 1 chevrolet chevelle malibu
## 2
          buick skylark 320
## 3
          plymouth satellite
## 4
              amc rebel sst
## 5
                ford torino
## 6
           ford galaxie 500
#row 2, column 1. just like matrix dimensions. row by col.
(Auto[2,1])
## [1] 15
#We can also grab slices of a dataframe, by passing the index a series of integers. Let's look at the s
Auto[2:3,3:4]
    displacement horsepower
##
## 2
            350
                     165
            318
                     150
We can also use a few new summary functions to get some basic information out of our dataframe:
#Number of rows
(nrow(Auto))
## [1] 392
#Number of columns
(ncol(Auto))
## [1] 9
#Dimensions of the DF
dim(Auto)
## [1] 392
```

Lesson 5: Plotting

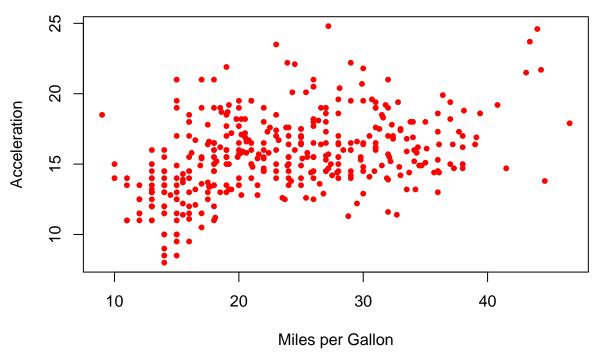
One of the most useful things in R is the myriad of ways it can visualize data in an appealing way. Let's dive in. The plot(x,y) function will produce a scatterplot,



Okay, maybe I didn't start out on the best foot. That's not the prettiest thing in the world. Let's try again.

Auto\$mpg

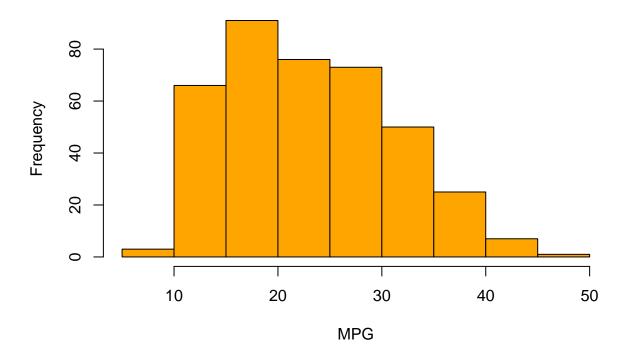
A Scatterplot



We can also plot a histogram

hist(Auto\$mpg,main= "Histogram of Miles per Gallon", xlab= "MPG", ylab="Frequency", col = "orange")

Histogram of Miles per Gallon



Lesson 6: Regression

What you guys came here for! Lots of regression. Regression is fairly straightforward if you are familiar with Stata

We have a new function, lm(), and a new object type, called a formula. If we want to run a regression: $Y = \beta * X + \varepsilon$ we have to pass the lm function something it can use to know what to do. We do this with the y ~ x1 + x2... format.

```
#create an object w regression. lm for "linear model"
new_reg = lm(mpg ~ weight, data = Auto)
#and we can use the summary object to get a view very similar to Stata's
summary(new reg)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ weight, data = Auto)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                  1Q
                       Median
                                    30
                                            Max
## -11.9736 -2.7556 -0.3358
                                2.1379
                                        16.5194
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                      57.87
## (Intercept) 46.216524
                           0.798673
                                              <2e-16 ***
## weight
              -0.007647
                           0.000258
                                    -29.64
                                              <2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 4.333 on 390 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.6926, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6918
## F-statistic: 878.8 on 1 and 390 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
Also, we can run regressions without defining a dataset.
#We don't NEED to pass a dataset, but we need to tell lm where to find the information. We can do that
summary(lm(Auto$mpg ~ Auto$weight))
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Auto$mpg ~ Auto$weight)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                  1Q
                      Median
                                    30
  -11.9736 -2.7556 -0.3358
                                2.1379 16.5194
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 46.216524
                           0.798673
                                      57.87
                                    -29.64
                                              <2e-16 ***
## Auto$weight -0.007647
                           0.000258
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

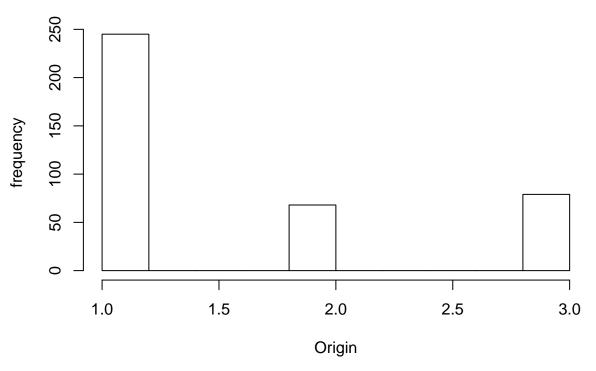
Residual standard error: 4.333 on 390 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.6926, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6918
F-statistic: 878.8 on 1 and 390 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16</pre>

On your own, interpret these coefficients? What do these mean?

```
#Let's do another regression. This time, looking at the effect of origin on miles per gallon.
origin_reg <- lm(mpg ~ origin, data = Auto)</pre>
summary(origin_reg)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ origin, data = Auto)
## Residuals:
                       Median
                                      30
        Min
                  1Q
                                              Max
## -13.2416 -5.2533 -0.7651
                                 3.8967
                                         18.7115
##
## Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept) 14.8120
                             0.7164
                                       20.68
                                               <2e-16 ***
## origin
                 5.4765
                             0.4048
                                       13.53
                                               <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 6.447 on 390 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3195, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3177
## F-statistic: 183.1 on 1 and 390 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
Notice that origin variable is coded as numeric, but it really is a categorical variable (1 = American, 2 =
European, 3 = Japanese). R doesn't know this, so it's treating it as if '3' is 3 times as origin-y as '1'. We
don't want that.
#R is treating origin as a...
(class(Auto$origin))
## [1] "numeric"
#To visualize...
```

hist(Auto\$origin,main= "Histogram of Origin", xlab= "Origin", ylab="frequency")

Histogram of Origin



There's a way to fix this, by redefining AutoSorigin using the as.character() function.

```
origin_reg <- lm(mpg ~ as.character(origin), data = Auto)
summary(origin_reg)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ as.character(origin), data = Auto)
##
## Residuals:
##
                1Q Median
      Min
                                3Q
                                       Max
   -12.451
           -5.034
                   -1.034
                             3.649
                                    18.966
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                              49.025
                          20.0335
                                      0.4086
                                                       <2e-16 ***
## as.character(origin)2
                           7.5695
                                      0.8767
                                               8.634
                                                       <2e-16 ***
## as.character(origin)3 10.4172
                                      0.8276
                                              12.588
                                                       <2e-16 ***
##
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 6.396 on 389 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3318, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3284
## F-statistic: 96.6 on 2 and 389 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

When lm() sees a character value, it will automatically treat that variable as a dummy variable. Now, origin is equal to "1" rather than 1.

As an aside, and to test your memory: what is the interpretation of the intercept here?

If we wanted, we could also remove the intercept. This might give you a hint to the question above:

```
#remove the intercept: we can do this by adding a '-1' into our formula.
origin_reg_no_int <- lm(mpg ~ as.character(origin)-1, data = Auto)
summary(origin_reg_no_int)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ as.character(origin) - 1, data = Auto)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
## -12.451 -5.034 -1.034
                            3.649
                                   18.966
##
## Coefficients:
##
                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## as.character(origin)1 20.0335
                                     0.4086
                                              49.02
                                                      <2e-16 ***
## as.character(origin)2
                         27.6029
                                     0.7757
                                              35.59
                                                      <2e-16 ***
## as.character(origin)3 30.4506
                                     0.7196
                                              42.31
                                                      <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 6.396 on 389 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9335, Adjusted R-squared: 0.933
## F-statistic: 1820 on 3 and 389 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

And that's it! Welcome to R. Please feel free to play around with the datasets and get comfortable slicing dataframes, since you will likely be doing that often.

As practice, play around running regressions in the ISLR 'College' dataset. Run a regression on your own, and try to look at entire rows or entire columns to familiarize yourself with R.

Good luck, and I'll see you next week.