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Introduction to R

Lecture 2

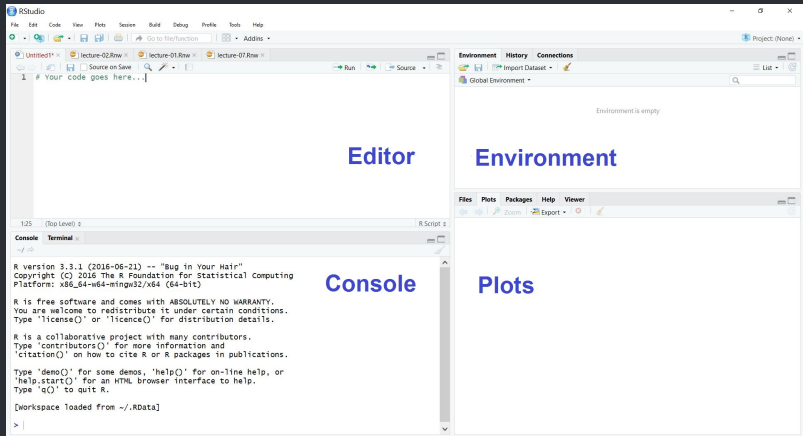
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Let's get started...

Suppose you want to calculate your course grade.

Assignment	Weight	Grade
Class participation	5%	91
Reading assignments	5%	95
Homework	15%	86
Project	15%	83
Midterm 1	20%	88
Midterm 2	20%	84
Final exam	20%	76

Using the console

Try this in the console (enter all on one line and press Enter):

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Now we can do calculations using that variable. For example, what will our grade be if the grades are curved up by 5 points?

```
grade + 10
```

```
[1] 94.25
```

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In R, an *vector* is just a list of numbers. Let's redo the calculation using vectors:

```
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Then, the `sum` function adds up all the elements in the resulting vector.



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This data has five variables:

- **Name**: The name of the passenger
- **PClass**: The class of the passenger (1st, 2nd, etc)
- **Age**: The age of the passenger, in years
- **Sex**: The sex of the passenger
- **Survived**: Whether the passenger survived the disaster

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To access to an element in a particular position, e.g., row 1, column 4, use `titanic[1,4]`.

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Let's explore the categorical variables through some frequency tables.

Let's say we want to get a frequency table of the number of passengers by class:

```
table(titanic$PClass)
```

1st	2nd	3rd
323	279	711

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What is more interesting is a two-way table showing how many people survived in each passenger class. We'll assign the table to a variable for later use!

```
class_survival <- table(titanic$Survived, titanic$PClass)  
class_survival
```

	1st	2nd	3rd
No	130	160	573
Yes	193	119	138

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This means: in the titanic dataset, select rows where Sex is female and save the resulting table to the female.passengers variable.

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We can use the `nrow` function to count the number of rows in a dataset:

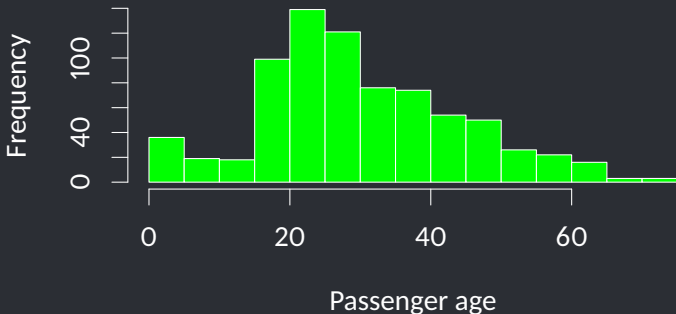
```
nrow(my.data)  
  
[1] 143
```

There were 143 women in first class on the Titanic!

Exploring quantitative data

Let's look into age distribution of the passengers.

```
hist(titanic$Age, col="green",  
     xlab="Passenger age", main="")
```



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boxplot(Age ~ PClass, data=titanic, col="green", main="")
```

