

Basic R

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Data types, variables, vectors, data frame, functions

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1 L2: Data Representation

1.1 Using R as a Calculator

Let's do some basic calculation.

```
5+3
```

```
[1] 8
```

```
3+2
```

```
[1] 5
```

```
3-2
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
3*2
```

```
[1] 6
```

```
3/2 #normal division
```

```
[1] 1.5
```

```
7 %/% 2 #integer division, only the quotient
```

```
[1] 3
```

```
5 %% 3 #modulus division, the remainder
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
(10-5)*(2+4) #use of parentheses
```

```
[1] 30
```

```
10-5*2+4 #Noticed BODMAS?
```

```
[1] 4
```

```
(10-5)*(2+4) #Noticed BODMAS
```

```
[1] 30
```

```
7/(1+3); 7/1+3 #multi-line codes, separated with semi-colon
```

```
[1] 1.75
```

```
[1] 10
```

```
1+2; log(1); 1/10 #more multi-line codes
```

```
[1] 3
```

```
[1] 0
```

```
[1] 0.1
```

1.2 Variables

Variables are variable. We have freedom to name them as we wish. But make any variable name meaningful and identifiable.

```
a <- 5 #assign value 5 to a  
b = 10  
a
```

```
[1] 5
```

```
b
```

```
[1] 10
```

```
a <- a + 10  
b = b + 15  
a
```

```
[1] 15
```

```
a^2 #a squared
```

```
[1] 225
```

```
a**2 #a squared again, in a different way.
```

```
[1] 225
```

```
a^3 #a cubed
```

```
[1] 3375
```

Note

`<-` and `=` are used to assign values. It is not mathematical equality. `b <- b + 15` might make better sense than `b = b + 15`.

1.2.1 Integer and Modulus division again

Do some more practice.

```
7/3
```

```
[1] 2.333333
```

```
7%/%3
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
7%%3
```

```
[1] 1
```

1.3 Rounding

Some important functions we apply on numerical values

```
x <- 9/4  
floor(x)
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
ceiling(x)
```

```
[1] 3
```

```
round(x)
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
round(x, 2) #round till 2 decimal points
```

```
[1] 2.25
```

1.4 Logical Operations

Get to know TRUE/FALSE in R.

```
a = 5
b = 7
c = 10
d = 3
a == b #is a equal to b? Ans: No/FALSE
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

```
a != b #is a not equal to b? Ans: Yes/TRUE
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
a > b #is a greater than b? Ans: FALSE
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

```
a < b #is a less than b? Ans: TRUE
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
a >= b #is a greater than or equal to b? Ans: FALSE
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

```
a <= b #is a less than or equal to b? Ans: TRUE
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
a < b | d > b #is a less than b OR d greater than b?
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
#It's answer will be TRUE OR FALSE --> So, TRUE
```

```
a < b & c > d #is a less than b AND a greater than b? It's answer will be TRUE AND TRUE --
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
a < b & d > c #is a less than b AND a greater than b? It's answer will be TRUE AND FALSE -
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

1.5 Help and Documentation

But how to know more about a function? The package/library developer have written helpful documentation for us.

```
?log  
example(log)
```

```
log> log(exp(3))
```

```
[1] 3
```

```
log> log10(1e7) # = 7
```

```
[1] 7
```

```
log> x <- 10^-(1+2*1:9)
```

```
log> cbind(deparse.level=2, # to get nice column names
```

```
log+      x, log(1+x), log1p(x), exp(x)-1, expm1(x))
```

	x	log(1 + x)	log1p(x)	exp(x) - 1	expm1(x)
[1,]	1e-03	9.995003e-04	9.995003e-04	1.000500e-03	1.000500e-03
[2,]	1e-05	9.999950e-06	9.999950e-06	1.000005e-05	1.000005e-05
[3,]	1e-07	1.000000e-07	1.000000e-07	1.000000e-07	1.000000e-07

```
[4,] 1e-09 1.000000e-09 1.000000e-09 1.000000e-09 1.000000e-09
[5,] 1e-11 1.000000e-11 1.000000e-11 1.000000e-11 1.000000e-11
[6,] 1e-13 9.992007e-14 1.000000e-13 9.992007e-14 1.000000e-13
[7,] 1e-15 1.110223e-15 1.000000e-15 1.110223e-15 1.000000e-15
[8,] 1e-17 0.000000e+00 1.000000e-17 0.000000e+00 1.000000e-17
[9,] 1e-19 0.000000e+00 1.000000e-19 0.000000e+00 1.000000e-19
```

```
?log()
```

1.6 Working with Vectors

What is a vector? See the example and think.

```
x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) #c means concatenate
z <- 1:5 #consecutively, from 1 through 5. A short-hand notation using :
y <- c(3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 20)
length(x)
```

```
[1] 5
```

```
mode(x)
```

```
[1] "numeric"
```

```
is(x)
```

```
[1] "numeric" "vector"
```

```
x[1] #first entry in vector y
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
x[2:5] #2nd to 5th entries in vector y
```

```
[1] 2 3 4 5
```



```
DNA <- c("A", "T", "G", "C") #character vector. Notice the quotation marks.
dec <- c(10.0, 20.5, 30, 60, 80.9, 90, 100.7, 50, 40, 45, 48, 56, 55) #vector of floats. A
dec[c(1:3, 7:length(dec))] #1st to 3rd and then 7th till the end of vector `dec`. Output a
```

```
[1] 10.0 20.5 30.0 100.7 50.0 40.0 45.0 48.0 56.0 55.0
```

1.6.1 Vector Operations

Notice the element-wise or index-wise mathematical operations (+, /, log2(), round(), etc.). Noticed?

```
x <- 1:10
y <- 2:11
#x and y are of same length
x + y
```

```
[1] 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21
```

```
y / x
```

```
[1] 2.000000 1.500000 1.333333 1.250000 1.200000 1.166667 1.142857 1.125000
[9] 1.111111 1.100000
```

```
log2(x)
```

```
[1] 0.000000 1.000000 1.584963 2.000000 2.321928 2.584963 2.807355 3.000000
[9] 3.169925 3.321928
```

```
round(log2(x), 1) #log2 of all the values of `x`, 1 digit after decimal to round.
```

```
[1] 0.0 1.0 1.6 2.0 2.3 2.6 2.8 3.0 3.2 3.3
```

```
round(log2(x), 3) #same logic
```

```
[1] 0.000 1.000 1.585 2.000 2.322 2.585 2.807 3.000 3.170 3.322
```

Note

Nested functions work inside out. Think again about `round(log2(x), 1)` and you will see it. At first, it is making `log2` of vector `x` and then it is rounding the `log2` values to one digit after decimal. Got it?

1.7 Data Frame

Now, it's time to use vectors to make data sets.....

```
names <- c("Mina", "Raju", "Mithu", "Lali")
gender <- c("Female", "Male", "Female", "Female")
age <- c(15, 12, 2, 3)
is_human <- c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE)
cartoon <- data.frame(names, gender, age, is_human)
write.table(cartoon, "cartoon.csv", sep = ",", col.names = TRUE)
df <- read.table("cartoon.csv", header = TRUE, sep = ",")
dim(df) #`dim` means dimension. so, rows * columns
```

```
[1] 4 4
```

```
str(df) #structure of `df`
```

```
'data.frame':  4 obs. of  4 variables:
 $ names   : chr  "Mina" "Raju" "Mithu" "Lali"
 $ gender  : chr  "Female" "Male" "Female" "Female"
 $ age     : int   15 12 2 3
 $ is_human: logi   TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

We made the vectors first, and then used them to make the `cartoon` data frame or table. We learned how to export the data frame using `write.table` function. Also, we learned to import or read back the table using `read.table` function. What are the `sep`, `col.names`, `header` arguments there? Why do we need them? Think. Try thinking of different properties of a data set.

1.7.1 Gene Expression Table

```
gene_expr <- data.frame(  
  genes = c("TP53", "BRCA1", "MYC", "EGFR", "GAPDH", "CDC2"),  
  sample1 = c(8.2, 6.1, 9.5, 7.0, 10.0, 12),  
  Sample2 = c(5.9, 3.9, 7.2, 4.8, 7.9, 9),  
  Sample3 = c(8.25, 6.15, 9.6, 7.1, 10.1, 11.9),  
  pathways = c("Apoptosis", "DNA Repair", "Cell Cycle", "Signaling", "Housekeeping", "Cell  
)  
write.table(gene_expr, "gene_expr.csv", sep = ",", col.names = TRUE)  
gene_set <- read.table("gene_expr.csv", header = TRUE, sep = ",")
```

Note

Here, we directly used the vectors as different columns while making the data frame. Did you notice that? Also, the syntax is different here. We can't assign the vectors with the assignment operator (means we can't use <- sign. We have to use the = sign). Try using the <- sign. Did you notice the column names?

1.8 Homeworks

1. Compute the difference between this year (2025) and the year you started at the university and divide this by the difference between this year and the year you were born. Multiply this with 100 to get the percentage of your life you have spent at the university.
2. Make different kinds of variables and vectors with the data types we learned together.
3. What are the properties of a data frame?
Hint: Open an excel/csv/txt file you have and try to “generalize”.
4. Can you make logical questions on the 2 small data sets we used? Try. It will help you understanding the logical operations we tried on variables. Now we are going to apply them on vectors (columns) on the data sets. For example, in the `cartoon` data set, we can ask/try to subset the data set filtering for females only, or for both females and age greater than 2 years.
5. If you are writing or practicing coding in R, write comment for each line on what it is doing. It will help to chunk it better into your brain.
6. Push the script and/or your answers to the questions (with your solutions) to one of your GitHub repo (and send me the repo link).

1.8.1 Deadline

Friday, 10pm BD Time.

2 L3: Data Transformation

Firstly, how did you solve the problems?

Give me your personal Mindmap. Please, send it in the chat!

2.1 Getting Started

2.1.1 Installation of R Markdown

We will use `rmarkdown` to have the flexibility of writing codes like the one you are reading now. If you haven't installed the `rmarkdown` package yet, you can do so with:

```
# Install rmarkdown package
#install.packages("rmarkdown")
library(rmarkdown)
# Other useful packages we might use
#install.packages("dplyr")      # Data manipulation
library(dplyr)
#install.packages("readr")      # Reading CSV files
library(readr)
```

Remove the hash sign before the `install.packages("rmarkdown")`, `install.packages("dplyr")`, `install.packages("readr")` if the library loading fails. That means the package is not there to be loaded. We need to download/install first.

Note

[Do you remember this book by Hadley Wickham?](#) Try to follow it to get the hold on the basic R syntax and lexicon

2.1.2 Basic Setup for Today's Session

```
# Clear environment
rm(list = ls())

# Check working directory
getwd()

# Set working directory if needed
# setwd("path/to/your/directory") # Uncomment and modify as needed
```

2.1.3 Building on Last HW:

```
cartoon <- data.frame(
  names = c("Mina", "Raju", "Mithu", "Lali"),
  gender = c("Female", "Male", "Female", "Female"),
  age = c(15, 12, 2, 3),
  is_human = c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE)
)
cartoon
```

	names	gender	age	is_human
1	Mina	Female	15	TRUE
2	Raju	Male	12	TRUE
3	Mithu	Female	2	FALSE
4	Lali	Female	3	FALSE

```
dim(cartoon)
```

```
[1] 4 4
```

```
str(cartoon)
```

```
'data.frame':  4 obs. of  4 variables:
 $ names   : chr  "Mina" "Raju" "Mithu" "Lali"
 $ gender  : chr  "Female" "Male" "Female" "Female"
 $ age     : num  15 12 2 3
 $ is_human: logi  TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

```
length(cartoon$names)
```

```
[1] 4
```

```
##subsetting
```

```
cartoon[1:2, 2:3] #row 1-2, column 2-3
```

```
  gender age
1 Female  15
2   Male  12
```

```
cartoon[c(1, 3), c(1:3)] #row 1-3, column 1-3
```

```
  names gender age
1  Mina Female  15
3 Mithu Female   2
```

```
#condition for selecting only male characters
```

```
male_df <- cartoon[cartoon$gender == "Male", ]
male_df
```

```
  names gender age is_human
2  Raju   Male  12     TRUE
```

```
#condition for selecting female characters with age more than 2 years
```

```
female_age <- cartoon[cartoon$gender == "Female" & cartoon$age > 2, ]
female_age
```

```
  names gender age is_human
1  Mina Female  15     TRUE
4  Lali Female   3    FALSE
```

```
sum(female_age$age) #sum of age of female_age dataset
```

```
[1] 18
```

```
sd(cartoon$age) #standard deviation of age of main cartoon dataset
```

```
[1] 6.480741
```

```
mean(cartoon$age) #mean of age of main cartoon dataset
```

```
[1] 8
```

[Check your colleague's repo for the Q3.](#)

Logical Operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
==	Equal to	<code>x == 5</code>
!=	Not equal	<code>x != 5</code>
<	Less than	<code>x < 5</code>
>	Greater than	<code>x > 5</code>
<=	Less or equal	<code>x <= 5</code>
>=	Greater or equal	<code>x >= 5</code>
!	Not	<code>!(x < 5)</code>
	OR	<code>x < 5 x > 10</code>
&	AND	<code>x > 5 & x < 10</code>

2.1.4 Preamble on random variables (RV):

RV is so fundamental of an idea to interpret and do better in any kind of data analyses. But what is it? Let's imagine this scenario first. You got 30 mice to do an experiment to check anti-diabetic effect of a plant extract. You randomly assigned them into 3 groups. `control`, `treat1` (meaning insulin receivers), and `treat2` (meaning your plant extract receivers). Then you kept testing and measuring. You have mean glucose level of every mouse and show whether the mean value of `treat1` is equal to `treat2` or not. So, are you done? Not really. Be fastidious about the mice. What if you got some other 30 mice? Are they the same? Will their mean glucose level be the same? No, right. We would end up with different mean value. We call this type of quantities RV. Mean, Standard deviation, median, variance, etc. all are RVs. Do you see the logic? That's why we put this constraint and look for p-value, confidence interval (or CI), etc. by (null) hypothesis testing and sample distribution analyses. We will get into these stuffs later. But let's check what I meant. Also ponder about **sample vs population**.

Let's download the data first.

```
# Download small example dataset
download.file("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/genomicsclass/dagdata/master/inst/extdata/
```

```
destfile = "mice.csv")

# Load data
mice <- read.csv("mice.csv")
```

Let's check now.

```
control <- sample(mice$Bodyweight,12)
mean(control)
```

```
[1] 24.70167
```

```
control1 <- sample(mice$Bodyweight,12)
mean(control1)
```

```
[1] 22.52167
```

```
control2 <- sample(mice$Bodyweight,12)
mean(control2)
```

```
[1] 23.9325
```

Do you see the difference in the mean value now?

2.1.5 Basic Stuffs: Atomic Vector

```
atomic_vec <- c(Human=0.5, Mouse=0.33)
```

It is fast, but has limited access methods.

How to access elements here?

```
atomic_vec["Human"]
```

```
Human
0.5
```

```
atomic_vec["Mouse"]
```



```
Mouse
0.33
```

2.1.6 Basic Stuff: Matrices

Matrices are essential for biologists working with expression data, distance matrices, and other numerical data. ONLY NUMERICAL DATA.

```
# Create a gene expression matrix: rows=genes, columns=samples
expr_matrix <- matrix(
  c(12.3, 8.7, 15.2, 6.8,
    9.5, 11.2, 13.7, 7.4,
    5.6, 6.8, 7.9, 6.5),
  nrow = 3, ncol = 4, byrow = TRUE
)

# Add dimension names
rownames(expr_matrix) <- c("BRCA1", "TP53", "GAPDH")
colnames(expr_matrix) <- c("Control_1", "Control_2", "Treatment_1", "Treatment_2")
expr_matrix
```

	Control_1	Control_2	Treatment_1	Treatment_2
BRCA1	12.3	8.7	15.2	6.8
TP53	9.5	11.2	13.7	7.4
GAPDH	5.6	6.8	7.9	6.5

```
# Matrix dimensions
dim(expr_matrix)      # Returns rows and columns
```

```
[1] 3 4
```

```
nrow(expr_matrix)     # Number of rows
```

```
[1] 3
```

```
ncol(expr_matrix)     # Number of columns
```

```
[1] 4
```

```

# Matrix subsetting
expr_matrix[2, ]      # One gene, all samples

      Control_1  Control_2 Treatment_1 Treatment_2
      9.5        11.2        13.7        7.4

expr_matrix[, 3:4]     # All genes, treatment samples only

      Treatment_1 Treatment_2
BRCA1      15.2      6.8
TP53       13.7      7.4
GAPDH       7.9      6.5

expr_matrix["TP53", c("Control_1", "Treatment_1")] # Specific gene and samples

      Control_1 Treatment_1
      9.5        13.7

# Matrix calculations (useful for bioinformatics)
# Mean expression per gene
gene_means <- rowMeans(expr_matrix)
gene_means

BRCA1  TP53  GAPDH
10.75  10.45  6.70

# Mean expression per sample
sample_means <- colMeans(expr_matrix)
sample_means

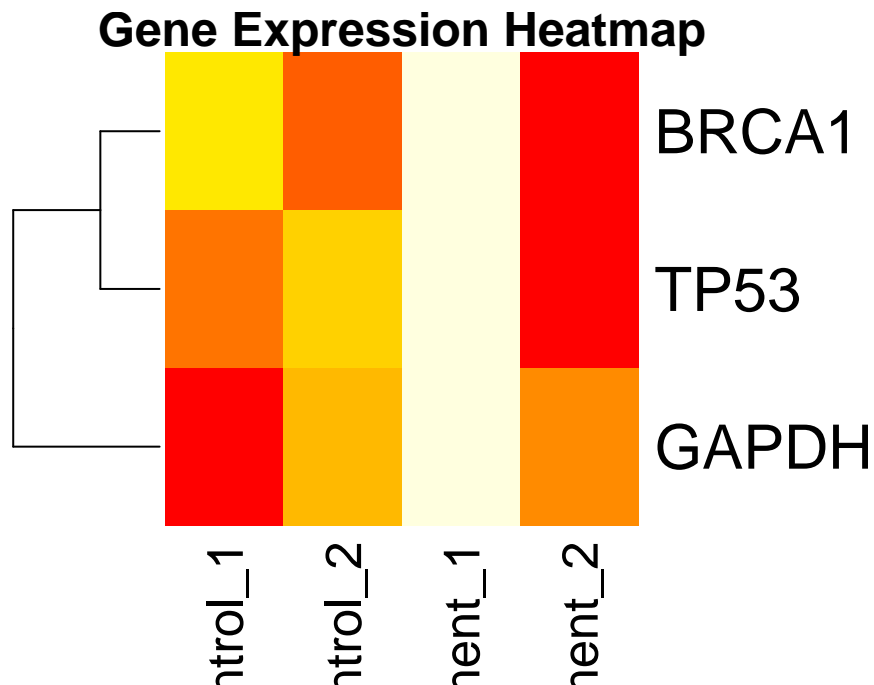
      Control_1  Control_2 Treatment_1 Treatment_2
      9.133333   8.900000   12.266667   6.900000

# Calculate fold change (Treatment vs Control)
control_means <- rowMeans(expr_matrix[, 1:2])
treatment_means <- rowMeans(expr_matrix[, 3:4])
fold_change <- treatment_means / control_means
fold_change

```

```
BRCA1    TP53    GAPDH
1.047619 1.019324 1.161290
```

```
# Matrix visualization
# Heatmap of expression data
heatmap(expr_matrix,
        Colv = NA,          # Don't cluster columns
        scale = "row",      # Scale by row (gene)
        col = heat.colors(16),
        main = "Gene Expression Heatmap")
```



More Matrix Practice:

```
#Create a simple Gene Expression matrix (RNA-seq style)

Gene_Expression <- matrix(c(
  5.2, 3.1, 8.5,  # Sample 1
  6.0, 2.8, 7.9   # Sample 2
), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)

rownames(Gene_Expression) <- c("Sample_1", "Sample_2")
```

```
colnames(Gene_Expression) <- c("GeneA", "GeneB", "GeneC")
```

```
print("Gene Expression Matrix:")
```

```
[1] "Gene Expression Matrix:"
```

```
print(Gene_Expression)
```

	GeneA	GeneB	GeneC
Sample_1	5.2	3.1	8.5
Sample_2	6.0	2.8	7.9

#1. Transpose: Genes become rows, Samples become columns

```
Gene_Expression_T <- t(Gene_Expression)
```

```
print("Transpose of Gene Expression Matrix:")
```

```
[1] "Transpose of Gene Expression Matrix:"
```

```
print(Gene_Expression_T)
```

	Sample_1	Sample_2
GeneA	5.2	6.0
GeneB	3.1	2.8
GeneC	8.5	7.9

#2. Matrix multiplication

Suppose each gene has an associated "gene weight" (e.g., biological importance)

```
Gene_Weights <- matrix(c(0.8, 1.2, 1.0), nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE)
```

```
rownames(Gene_Weights) <- c("GeneA", "GeneB", "GeneC")
```

```
colnames(Gene_Weights) <- c("Weight")
```

```
Total_Weighted_Expression <- Gene_Expression %*% Gene_Weights
```

```
print("Total Weighted Expression per Sample:")
```

```
[1] "Total Weighted Expression per Sample:"
```

```
print(Total_Weighted_Expression)
```

```
      Weight
Sample_1 16.38
Sample_2 16.06
```

```
# 3. Matrix addition
```

```
# Hypothetically increase expression by 1 TPM everywhere (technical adjustment)
```

```
Adjusted_Expression <- Gene_Expression + 1
```

```
print("Expression Matrix after adding 1 TPM:")
```

```
[1] "Expression Matrix after adding 1 TPM:"
```

```
print(Adjusted_Expression)
```

```
      GeneA GeneB GeneC
Sample_1  6.2   4.1   9.5
Sample_2  7.0   3.8   8.9
```

```
# 4. Identity matrix
```

```
I <- diag(3)
```

```
rownames(I) <- c("GeneA", "GeneB", "GeneC")
```

```
colnames(I) <- c("GeneA", "GeneB", "GeneC")
```

```
print("Identity Matrix (for genes):")
```

```
[1] "Identity Matrix (for genes):"
```

```
print(I)
```

```
      GeneA GeneB GeneC
GeneA     1     0     0
GeneB     0     1     0
GeneC     0     0     1
```

```
# Multiplying Gene Expression by Identity
Identity_Check <- Gene_Expression %*% I
print("Gene Expression multiplied by Identity Matrix:")
```

```
[1] "Gene Expression multiplied by Identity Matrix:"
```

```
print(Identity_Check)
```

```
      GeneA GeneB GeneC
Sample_1  5.2   3.1   8.5
Sample_2  6.0   2.8   7.9
```

```
# 5. Scalar multiplication
# Suppose you want to simulate doubling expression values
```

```
Doubled_Expression <- 2 * Gene_Expression
print("Doubled Gene Expression:")
```

```
[1] "Doubled Gene Expression:"
```

```
print(Doubled_Expression)
```

```
      GeneA GeneB GeneC
Sample_1 10.4   6.2  17.0
Sample_2 12.0   5.6  15.8
```

```
# 6. Summations
```

```
# Total expression per sample
Total_Expression_Per_Sample <- rowSums(Gene_Expression)
print("Total Expression per Sample:")
```

```
[1] "Total Expression per Sample:"
```

```
print(Total_Expression_Per_Sample)
```

```
Sample_1 Sample_2
      16.8      16.7
```

```
# Total expression per gene
Total_Expression_Per_Gene <- colSums(Gene_Expression)
print("Total Expression per Gene:")
```

```
[1] "Total Expression per Gene:"
```

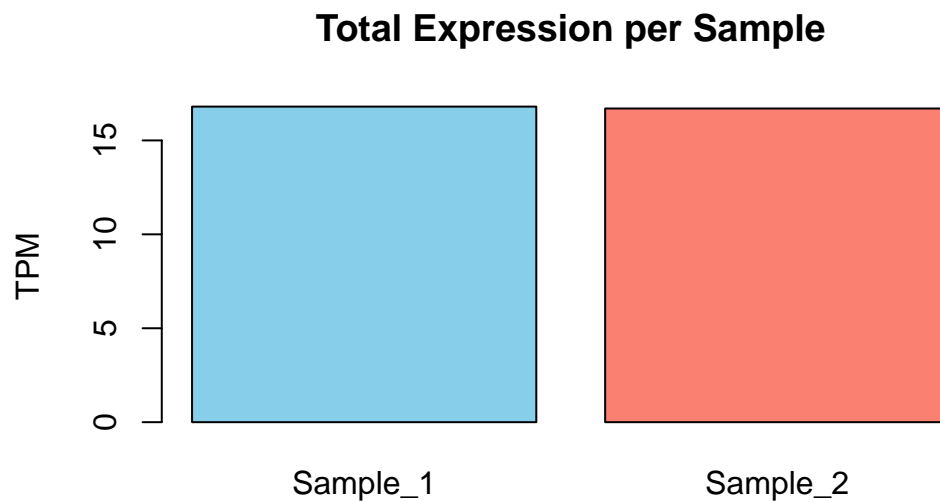
```
print(Total_Expression_Per_Gene)
```

```
GeneA GeneB GeneC
    11.2    5.9   16.4
```

```
# 7. Simple plots
```

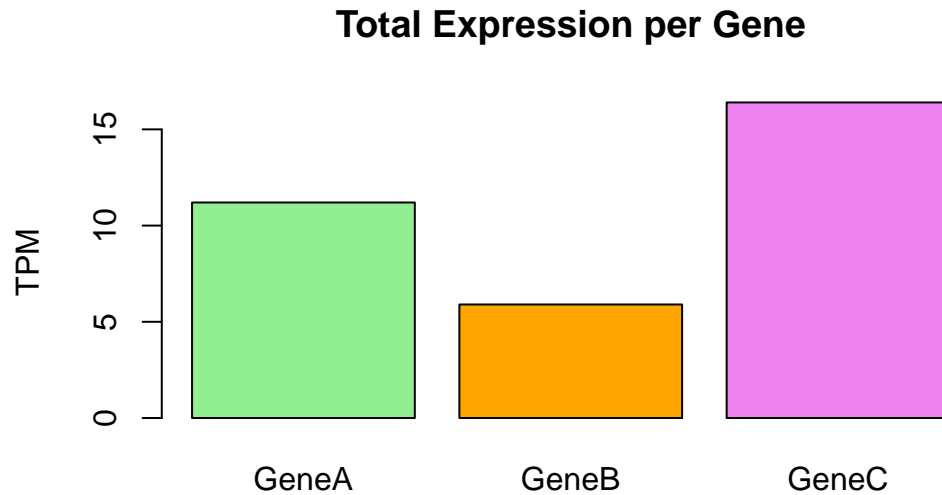
```
# Barplot: Total expression per sample
```

```
barplot(Total_Expression_Per_Sample, main="Total Expression per Sample", ylab="TPM", col=c("lightblue", "lightcoral"))
```



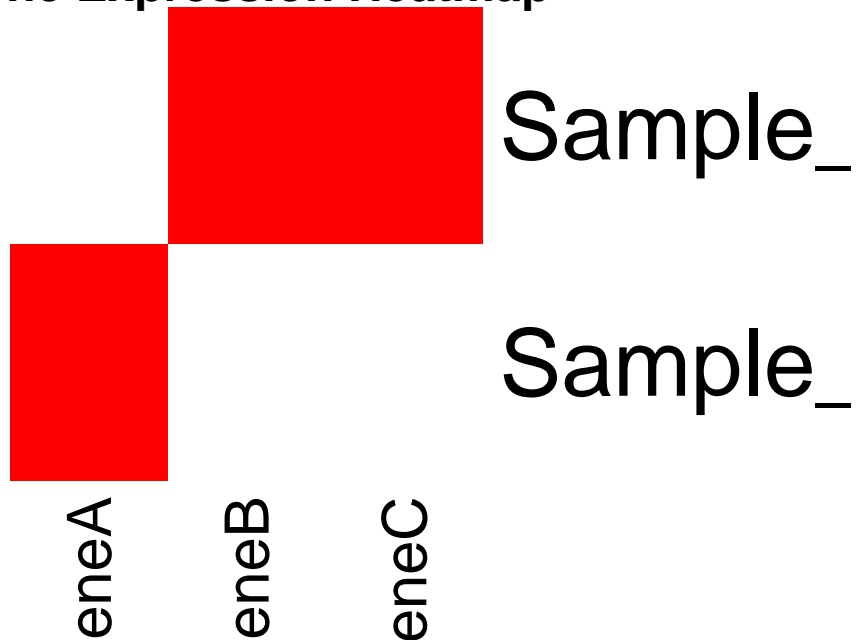
```
# Barplot: Total expression per gene
```

```
barplot(Total_Expression_Per_Gene, main="Total Expression per Gene", ylab="TPM", col=c("lightblue", "lightcoral"))
```



```
# Heatmap: Expression matrix
heatmap(Gene_Expression, Rowv=NA, Colv=NA, col=heat.colors(256), scale="column", main="Gene Expression Heatmap")
```

Gene Expression Heatmap



Operation	Explanation	R Function/Example
Matrix Creation	Create gene expression matrix	<code>matrix()</code>
Transpose	Flip genes and samples	<code>t(Gene_Expression)</code>

Operation	Explanation	R Function/Example
Matrix Multiplication	Calculate weighted sums	<code>Gene_Expression %*% Gene_Weights</code>
Matrix Addition	Adjust counts	<code>Gene_Expression + 1</code>
Identity Matrix	Special neutral matrix	<code>diag(3)</code>
Scalar Multiplication	Simulate overall increase	<code>2 * Gene_Expression</code>
Row/Column	Total per sample/gene	<code>rowSums(), colSums()</code>
Summation		
Plotting	Visualize expression patterns	<code>barplot(), heatmap()</code>

2.1.7 Basic Stuffs: List

Lists are the most flexible data structure in R - they can hold any combination of data types, including other lists! This makes them essential for biological data analysis where we often deal with mixed data types.

```
# A list storing different types of genomic data
genomics_data <- list(
  gene_names = c("TP53", "BRCA1", "MYC"),           # Character vector
  expression = matrix(c(1.2, 3.4, 5.6, 7.8, 9.1, 2.3), nrow=3), # Numeric matrix
  is_cancer_gene = c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE),             # Logical vector
  metadata = list(                                   # Nested list!
    lab = "CRG",
    date = "2023-05-01"
  )
)
```

How to Access Elements of a List?

```
# Method 1: Double brackets [[ ]] for single element
genomics_data[[1]] # Returns gene_names vector
```

```
[1] "TP53" "BRCA1" "MYC"
```

```
# Method 2: $ operator with names (when elements are named)
genomics_data$expression # Returns the matrix
```

```
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]  1.2  7.8
```

```

[2,] 3.4 9.1
[3,] 5.6 2.3

# Method 3: Single bracket [ ] returns a sublist
genomics_data[1:2] # Returns list with first two elements

$gene_names
[1] "TP53" "BRCA1" "MYC"

$expression
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1.2 7.8
[2,] 3.4 9.1
[3,] 5.6 2.3

```

Key Difference from Vectors:

```

# Compare to your prop.table() example:
atomic_vec["Human"] # Returns named numeric (vector)

Human
0.5

atomic_vec["Mouse"]

Mouse
0.33

genomics_data[1] # Returns list containing the vector

$gene_names
[1] "TP53" "BRCA1" "MYC"

```

Why Biologists Need Lists?

`lm()`, `prcomp()` functions, RNAseq analysis packages produces list. So, we need to learn how to handle lists.

See these examples:

A. Storing BLAST results

```
blast_hits <- list(
  query_id = "GeneX",
  hit_ids = c("NP_123", "NP_456"),
  e_values = c(1e-50, 3e-12),
  alignment = matrix(c("ATG...", "CTA..."), ncol=1))
```

B. Handling Mixed Data

```
patient_data <- list(
  id = "P1001",
  tests = data.frame(
    test = c("WBC", "RBC"),
    value = c(4.5, 5.1)
  ),
  has_mutation = TRUE
)
```

Common List Operations

```
# Add new element
genomics_data$sequencer <- "Illumina"

# Remove element
genomics_data$is_cancer_gene <- NULL

# Check structure (critical for complex lists)
str(genomics_data)
```

```
List of 4
 $ gene_names: chr [1:3] "TP53" "BRCA1" "MYC"
 $ expression: num [1:3, 1:2] 1.2 3.4 5.6 7.8 9.1 2.3
 $ metadata   :List of 2
  ..$ lab : chr "CRG"
  ..$ date: chr "2023-05-01"
 $ sequencer : chr "Illumina"
```

By the way, how would you add more patients?

```
# Add new patient
patient_data$P1002 <- list(
  id = "P1002",
```

```

tests = data.frame(
  test = c("WBC", "RBC", "Platelets"),
  value = c(6.2, 4.8, 150)
),
has_mutation = FALSE
)
# Access specific patient
patient_data$P1001$tests

```

NULL

For Batch Processing:

```

patients <- list(
  list(
    id = "P1001",
    tests = data.frame(test = c("WBC", "RBC"), value = c(4.5, 5.1)),
    has_mutation = TRUE
  ),
  list(
    id = "P1002",
    tests = data.frame(test = c("WBC", "RBC", "Platelets"), value = c(6.2, 4.8, 150)),
    has_mutation = FALSE
  )
)

# Access 2nd patient's WBC value
patients[[2]]$tests$value[patients[[2]]$tests$test == "WBC"]

```

[1] 6.2

Converting Between Structures

```

# List → Vector
unlist(genomics_data[1:3])

```

gene_names1	gene_names2	gene_names3	expression1	expression2
"TP53"	"BRCA1"	"MYC"	"1.2"	"3.4"
expression3	expression4	expression5	expression6	metadata.lab
"5.6"	"7.8"	"9.1"	"2.3"	"CRG"

```
metadata.date  
"2023-05-01"
```

Visualization

```
# Base R plot from list data  
barplot(unlist(genomics_data[2]),  
        names.arg = genomics_data[[1]])
```

This code won't work if you run. `unlist(genomics_data[2])` creates a vector of length 6 from our 3*2 matrix but `genomics_data[[1]]` has 3 things inside the `gene_names` vector. Debug like this:

```
dim(genomics_data$expression) # e.g., 2 rows x 2 cols
```

```
[1] 3 2
```

```
length(genomics_data$gene_names) # e.g., 3 genes
```

```
[1] 3
```

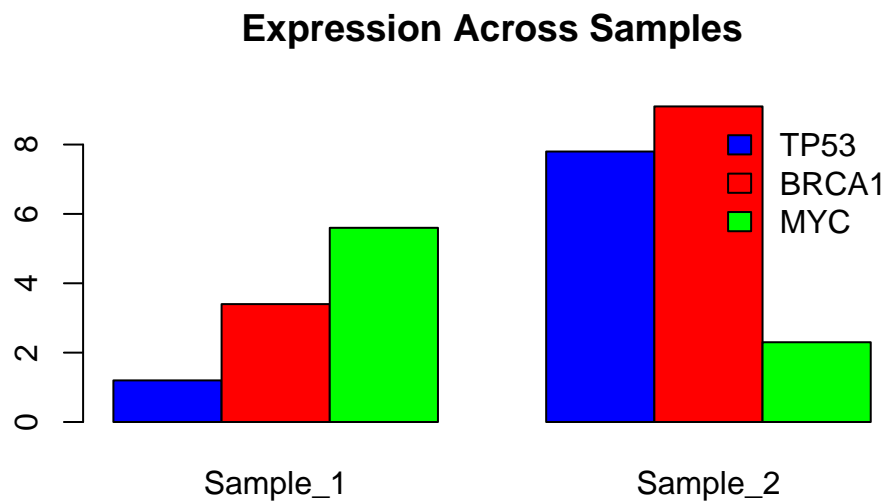
A. Gene-Centric (Mean Expression)

```
barplot(rowMeans(genomics_data$expression),  
        names.arg = genomics_data$gene_names,  
        col = "steelblue",  
        ylab = "Mean Expression",  
        main = "Average Gene Expression")
```



B. Sample-Centric (All Measurements)

```
barplot(genomics_data$expression,
        beside = TRUE,
        names.arg = paste0("Sample_", 1:ncol(genomics_data$expression)),
        legend.text = genomics_data$gene_names,
        args.legend = list(x = "topright", bty = "n"),
        col = c("blue", "red", "green"),
        main = "Expression Across Samples")
```

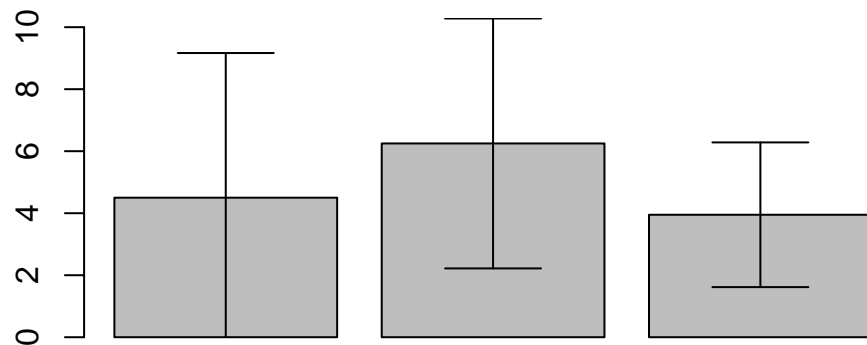


i Note

This matches real-world scenarios:
RNA-seq: Rows=genes, cols=samples
rowMeans() = average expression per gene
beside=TRUE => compare samples within genes
Proteomics: Rows=proteins, cols=replicates
Same principles apply

```
# Calculate stats
gene_means <- rowMeans(genomics_data$expression)
gene_sds <- apply(genomics_data$expression, 1, sd)

# Plot with error bars
bp <- barplot(gene_means, ylim = c(0, max(gene_means + gene_sds)))
arrows(bp, gene_means - gene_sds, bp, gene_means + gene_sds,
       angle = 90, code = 3)
```



Task: Create a list containing:

- i) A character vector of 3 gene names
- ii) A numeric matrix of expression values
- iii) A logical vector indicating pathway membership
- iv) A nested list with lab metadata

2.2 Factor Variables

Important for categorical data

2.2.1 Creating Factors

Factors are used to represent categorical data in R. They are particularly important for biological data like genotypes, phenotypes, and experimental conditions.

```
# Simple factor: DNA sample origins
origins <- c("Human", "Mouse", "Human", "Zebrafish", "Mouse", "Human")
origins_factor <- factor(origins)
origins_factor
```

```
[1] Human      Mouse      Human      Zebrafish  Mouse      Human
Levels: Human Mouse Zebrafish
```

```
# Check levels (categories)
levels(origins_factor)
```

```
[1] "Human"      "Mouse"      "Zebrafish"
```

```
# Create a factor with predefined levels
treatment_groups <- factor(c("Control", "Low_dose", "High_dose", "Control", "Low_dose"),
                           levels = c("Control", "Low_dose", "High_dose"))
treatment_groups
```

```
[1] Control  Low_dose  High_dose Control  Low_dose
Levels: Control Low_dose High_dose
```

```
# Ordered factors (important for severity, stages, etc.)
disease_severity <- factor(c("Mild", "Severe", "Moderate", "Mild", "Critical"),
                           levels = c("Mild", "Moderate", "Severe", "Critical"),
                           ordered = TRUE)
disease_severity
```

```
[1] Mild      Severe     Moderate  Mild      Critical
Levels: Mild < Moderate < Severe < Critical
```

```
# Compare with ordered factors
disease_severity[1] < disease_severity[2] # Is Mild less severe than Severe?
```



```
[1] TRUE
```

2.2.2 Factor Operations

```
# Count frequencies
table(origins_factor)
```

```
origins_factor
      Human      Mouse Zebrafish
      3         2         1
```

```
# Calculate proportions
prop.table(table(origins_factor))
```

```
origins_factor
      Human      Mouse Zebrafish
0.5000000 0.3333333 0.1666667
```

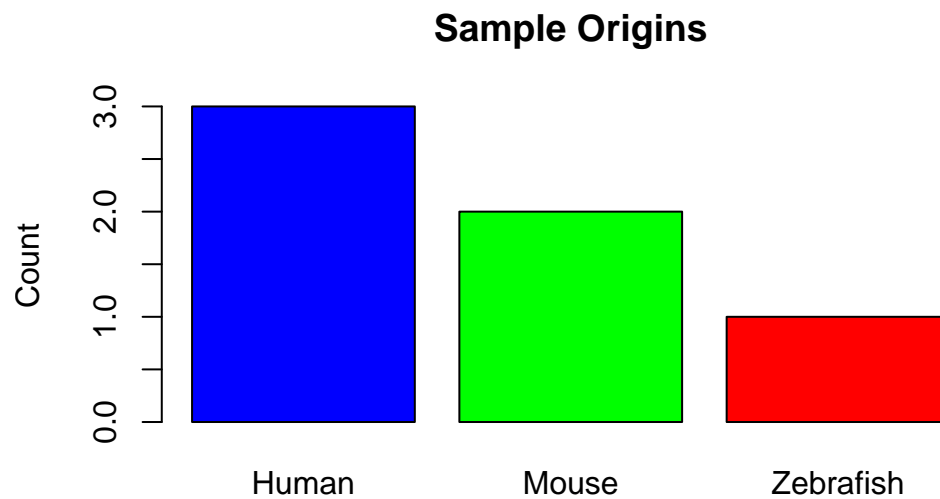
```
# Change reference level (important for statistical models)
origins_factor_relevel <- relevel(origins_factor, ref = "Mouse")
origins_factor_relevel
```

```
[1] Human      Mouse      Human      Zebrafish Mouse      Human
Levels: Mouse Human Zebrafish
```

```
# Convert to character
as.character(origins_factor)
```

```
[1] "Human"      "Mouse"      "Human"      "Zebrafish" "Mouse"      "Human"
```

```
# Plot factors - Basic barplot
barplot(table(origins_factor),
        col = c("blue", "green", "red"),
        main = "Sample Origins",
        ylab = "Count")
```

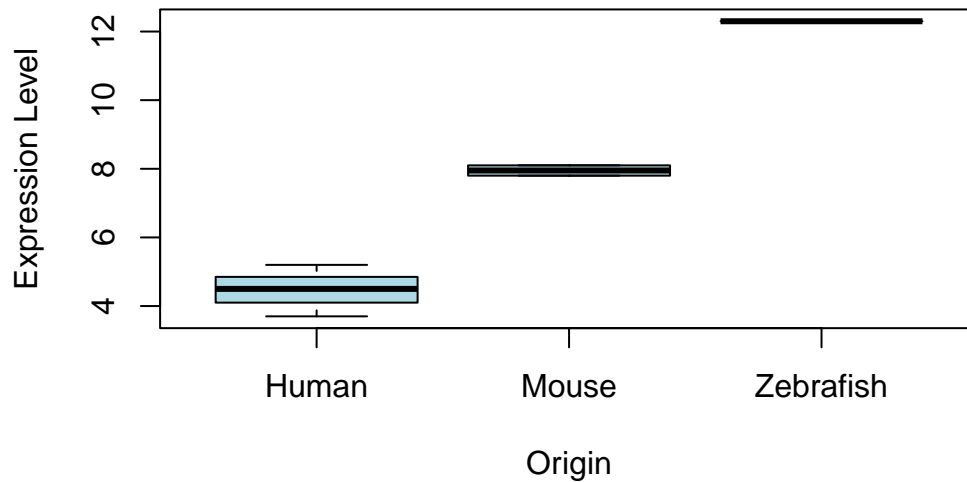


More advanced plot with factors:

```
gene_expr <- c(5.2, 7.8, 4.5, 12.3, 8.1, 3.7)
names(gene_expr) <- as.character(origins)

# Boxplot by factor
boxplot(gene_expr ~ origins,
        col = "lightblue",
        main = "Gene Expression by Sample Origin",
        xlab = "Origin",
        ylab = "Expression Level")
```

Gene Expression by Sample Origin



i Note

Keep noticing the output formats. Sometimes the output is just a number, sometimes a vector or table or list, etc. Check `prop.table(table(origins_factor))`. How is it?

i Got it?

`prop <- prop.table(table(origins_factor))` – is a named numeric vector (atomic vector). `prop$Human` or similar won't work. Check this way:

```
prop
prop["Human"]; prop["Mouse"]; prop["Zebrafish"]
```

Or make it a data frame (df) first, then try to use normal way of handling df.

Accessing the Output:

```
prop <- prop.table(table(origins_factor))
prop #What do you see? A data frame? No difference?
```

```
origins_factor
  Human   Mouse Zebrafish
0.5000000 0.3333333 0.1666667
```

```
prop["Human"]; prop["Mouse"]; prop["Zebrafish"]
```

```
Human
0.5

Mouse
0.3333333

Zebrafish
0.1666667
```

2.3 Subsetting Data

2.3.1 Vectors

```
# Create a vector
expression_data <- c(3.2, 4.5, 2.1, 6.7, 5.9, 3.3, 7.8, 2.9)
names(expression_data) <- paste0("Sample_", 1:8)
expression_data

Sample_1 Sample_2 Sample_3 Sample_4 Sample_5 Sample_6 Sample_7 Sample_8
      3.2      4.5      2.1      6.7      5.9      3.3      7.8      2.9

# Subset by position
expression_data[3]           # Single element

Sample_3
      2.1

expression_data[c(1, 3, 5)]   # Multiple elements

Sample_1 Sample_3 Sample_5
      3.2      2.1      5.9

expression_data[2:5]         # Range

Sample_2 Sample_3 Sample_4 Sample_5
      4.5      2.1      6.7      5.9
```

```

# Subset by name
expression_data["Sample_6"]

Sample_6
3.3

expression_data[c("Sample_1", "Sample_8")]

Sample_1 Sample_8
3.2      2.9

# Subset by condition
expression_data[expression_data > 5]           # Values > 5

Sample_4 Sample_5 Sample_7
6.7      5.9      7.8

expression_data[expression_data >= 3 & expression_data <= 6] # Values between 3 and 6

Sample_1 Sample_2 Sample_5 Sample_6
3.2      4.5      5.9      3.3

```

2.3.2 Data Frames

```

# Create a data frame
gene_df <- data.frame(
  gene_id = c("BRCA1", "TP53", "MYC", "EGFR", "GAPDH"),
  expression = c(8.2, 6.1, 9.5, 7.0, 10.0),
  mutation = factor(c("Yes", "No", "Yes", "No", "No")),
  pathway = c("DNA Repair", "Apoptosis", "Cell Cycle", "Signaling", "Metabolism")
)

gene_df

  gene_id expression mutation  pathway
1  BRCA1      8.2      Yes DNA Repair
2   TP53      6.1       No  Apoptosis

```

3	MYC	9.5	Yes	Cell Cycle
4	EGFR	7.0	No	Signaling
5	GAPDH	10.0	No	Metabolism

Subsetting by row index

```
gene_df[1:3, ] # First three rows, all columns
```

	gene_id	expression	mutation	pathway
1	BRCA1	8.2	Yes	DNA Repair
2	TP53	6.1	No	Apoptosis
3	MYC	9.5	Yes	Cell Cycle

Subsetting by column index

```
gene_df[, c(1, 2)] # All rows, first two columns
```

	gene_id	expression
1	BRCA1	8.2
2	TP53	6.1
3	MYC	9.5
4	EGFR	7.0
5	GAPDH	10.0

Subsetting by column name

```
gene_df[, c("gene_id", "mutation")]
```

	gene_id	mutation
1	BRCA1	Yes
2	TP53	No
3	MYC	Yes
4	EGFR	No
5	GAPDH	No

Using the \$ operator

```
gene_df$expression
```

```
[1] 8.2 6.1 9.5 7.0 10.0
```

```
gene_df$mutation
```

```
[1] Yes No  Yes No  No
Levels: No Yes
```

```
# Subsetting by condition
gene_df[gene_df$expression > 8, ]
```

```
  gene_id expression mutation  pathway
1  BRCA1         8.2      Yes DNA Repair
3   MYC         9.5      Yes Cell Cycle
5  GAPDH        10.0      No Metabolism
```

```
gene_df[gene_df$mutation == "Yes", ]
```

```
  gene_id expression mutation  pathway
1  BRCA1         8.2      Yes DNA Repair
3   MYC         9.5      Yes Cell Cycle
```

```
# Multiple conditions
gene_df[gene_df$expression > 7 & gene_df$mutation == "No", ]
```

```
  gene_id expression mutation  pathway
5  GAPDH         10      No Metabolism
```

Logical Operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
==	Equal to	x == 5
!=	Not equal	x != 5
<	Less than	x < 5
>	Greater than	x > 5
<=	Less or equal	x <= 5
>=	Greater or equal	x >= 5
!	Not	!(x < 5)
	OR	x < 5 x > 10
&	AND	x > 5 & x < 10

2.3.3 Row Names in Data Frames

Row names are particularly important in bioinformatics where genes, proteins, or samples are often used as identifiers.

```
# Setting row names for gene_df
rownames(gene_df) <- gene_df$gene_id
gene_df
```

	gene_id	expression	mutation	pathway
BRCA1	BRCA1	8.2	Yes	DNA Repair
TP53	TP53	6.1	No	Apoptosis
MYC	MYC	9.5	Yes	Cell Cycle
EGFR	EGFR	7.0	No	Signaling
GAPDH	GAPDH	10.0	No	Metabolism

We can now drop the `gene_id` column, if required.

```
gene_df_clean <- gene_df[, -1] # Remove the first column
gene_df_clean
```

	expression	mutation	pathway
BRCA1	8.2	Yes	DNA Repair
TP53	6.1	No	Apoptosis
MYC	9.5	Yes	Cell Cycle
EGFR	7.0	No	Signaling
GAPDH	10.0	No	Metabolism

```
# Access rows by name
gene_df_clean["TP53", ]
```

	expression	mutation	pathway
TP53	6.1	No	Apoptosis

```
# Check if row names are unique
any(duplicated(rownames(gene_df_clean)))
```

```
[1] FALSE
```



```

# Handle potential duplicated row names
# NOTE: R doesn't allow duplicate row names by default
dup_genes <- data.frame(
  expression = c(5.2, 6.3, 5.2, 8.1),
  mutation = c("Yes", "No", "Yes", "No")
)

# This would cause an error:
# rownames(dup_genes) <- c("BRCA1", "BRCA1", "TP53", "EGFR")

# Instead, we can preemptively make them unique:
proposed_names <- c("BRCA1", "BRCA1", "TP53", "EGFR")
unique_names <- make.unique(proposed_names)
unique_names # Show the generated unique names

```

```
[1] "BRCA1"      "BRCA1.1"    "TP53"       "EGFR"
```

```

# Now we can safely assign them
rownames(dup_genes) <- unique_names
dup_genes

```

	expression	mutation
BRCA1	5.2	Yes
BRCA1.1	6.3	No
TP53	5.2	Yes
EGFR	8.1	No

2.4 Handling Missing/Wrong Values

2.4.1 Identifying Issues

```

# Create data with missing values
clinical_data <- data.frame(
  patient_id = 1:5,
  age = c(25, 99, 30, -5, 40), # -5 is wrong, 99 is suspect
  bp = c(120, NA, 115, 125, 118), # NA is missing
  weight = c(65, 70, NA, 68, -1) # -1 is wrong
)
clinical_data

```

```

  patient_id age  bp weight
1          1  25 120     65
2          2  99  NA     70
3          3  30 115     NA
4          4  -5 125     68
5          5  40 118    -1

```

```

# Check for missing values
is.na(clinical_data)

```

```

  patient_id  age  bp weight
[1,]      FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
[2,]      FALSE FALSE  TRUE  FALSE
[3,]      FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE
[4,]      FALSE FALSE FALSE  FALSE
[5,]      FALSE FALSE FALSE  FALSE

```

```

colSums(is.na(clinical_data)) # Count NAs by column

```

```

patient_id      age      bp      weight
          0          0          1          1

```

```

# Check for impossible values
clinical_data$age < 0

```

```

[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE FALSE

```

```

clinical_data$weight < 0

```

```

[1] FALSE FALSE    NA FALSE  TRUE

```

```

# Find indices of problematic values
which(clinical_data$age < 0 | clinical_data$age > 90)

```

```

[1] 2 4

```

2.4.2 Fixing Data

```
# Replace impossible values with NA
clinical_data$age[clinical_data$age < 0 | clinical_data$age > 90] <- NA
clinical_data$weight[clinical_data$weight < 0] <- NA
clinical_data
```

	patient_id	age	bp	weight
1	1	25	120	65
2	2	NA	NA	70
3	3	30	115	NA
4	4	NA	125	68
5	5	40	118	NA

```
# Replace NAs with mean (common in biological data)
clinical_data$bp[is.na(clinical_data$bp)] <- mean(clinical_data$bp, na.rm = TRUE)
clinical_data$weight[is.na(clinical_data$weight)] <- mean(clinical_data$weight, na.rm = TRUE)
clinical_data
```

	patient_id	age	bp	weight
1	1	25	120.0	65.00000
2	2	NA	119.5	70.00000
3	3	30	115.0	67.66667
4	4	NA	125.0	68.00000
5	5	40	118.0	67.66667

```
# Replace NAs with median (better for skewed data)
clinical_data$age[is.na(clinical_data$age)] <- median(clinical_data$age, na.rm = TRUE)
clinical_data
```

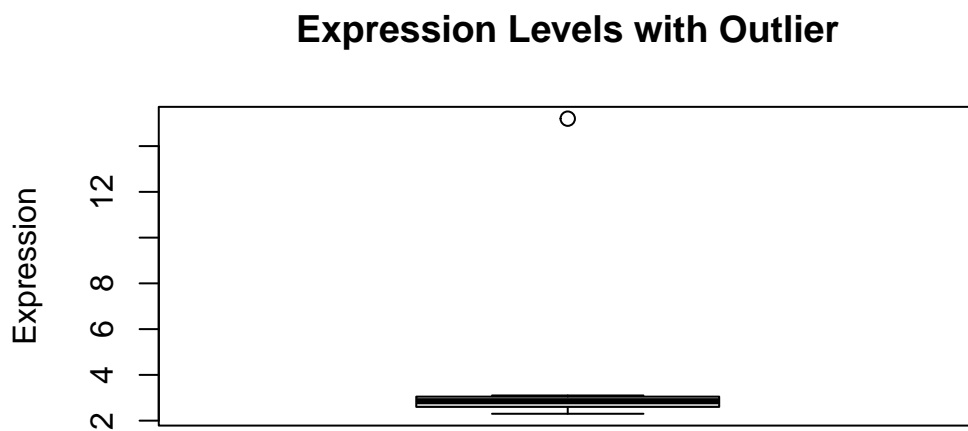
	patient_id	age	bp	weight
1	1	25	120.0	65.00000
2	2	30	119.5	70.00000
3	3	30	115.0	67.66667
4	4	30	125.0	68.00000
5	5	40	118.0	67.66667

2.5 Data Transformation

2.5.1 Introduction to Outliers

Outliers can significantly affect statistical analyses, especially in biological data where sample variation can be high.

```
# Create data with outliers
expression_levels <- c(2.3, 2.7, 3.1, 2.9, 2.5, 3.0, 15.2, 2.8)
boxplot(expression_levels,
        main = "Expression Levels with Outlier",
        ylab = "Expression")
```



2.5.2 Identifying Outliers

```
# Statistical approach: Values beyond 1.5*IQR
data_summary <- summary(expression_levels)
data_summary
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
2.300	2.650	2.850	4.312	3.025	15.200

```
IQR_value <- IQR(expression_levels)
upper_bound <- data_summary["3rd Qu."] + 1.5 * IQR_value
lower_bound <- data_summary["1st Qu."] - 1.5 * IQR_value
```

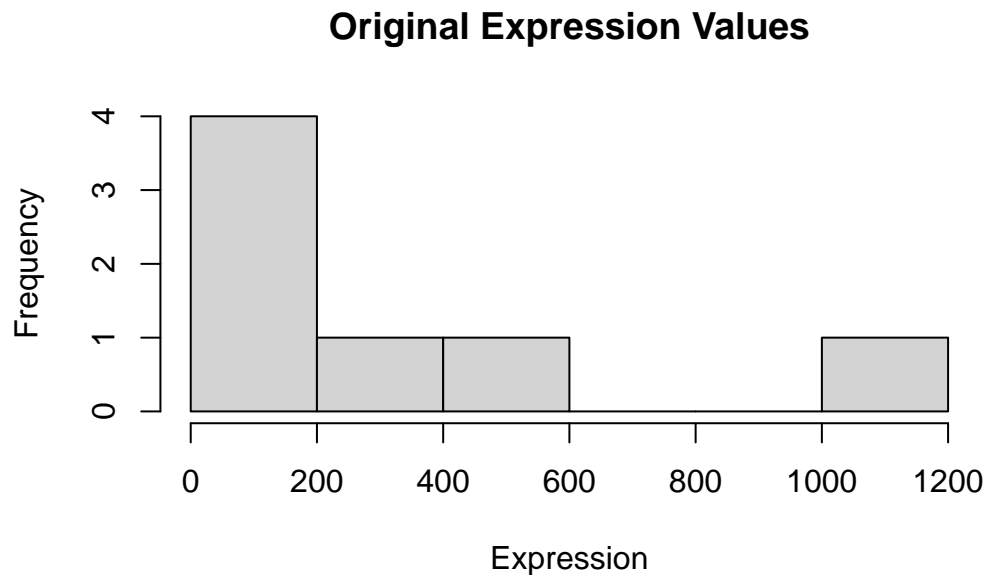
```
# Find outliers
```

```
outliers <- expression_levels[expression_levels > upper_bound |  
                               expression_levels < lower_bound]  
  
outliers  
  
[1] 15.2
```

2.5.3 Transforming Vectors

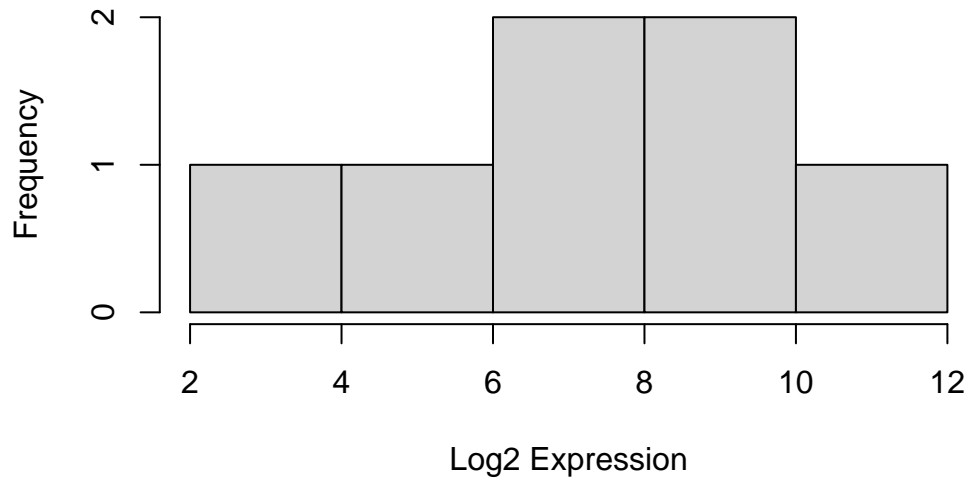
Mathematical transformations can normalize data, reduce outlier effects, and make data more suitable for statistical analyses.

```
# Original data  
gene_exp <- c(15, 42, 87, 115, 320, 560, 1120)  
hist(gene_exp, main = "Original Expression Values", xlab = "Expression")
```



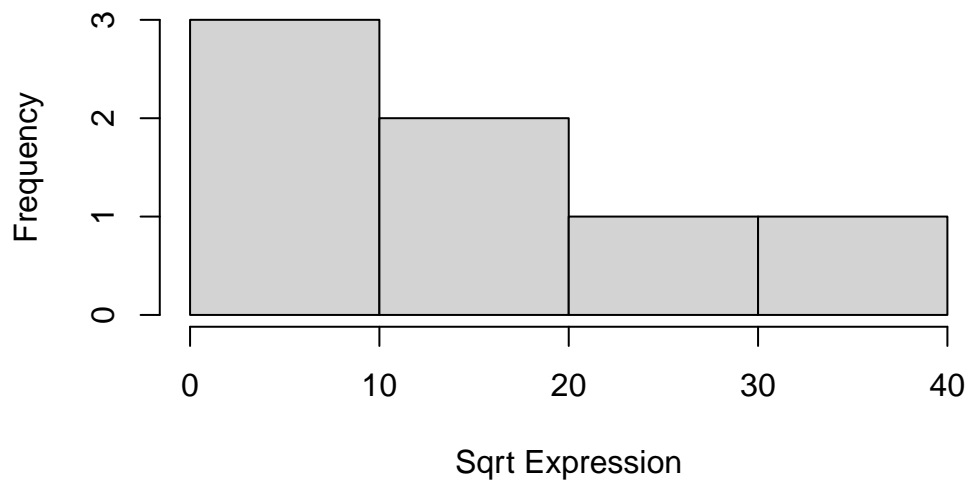
```
# Log transformation (common in gene expression analysis)  
log_exp <- log2(gene_exp)  
hist(log_exp, main = "Log2 Transformed Expression", xlab = "Log2 Expression")
```

Log2 Transformed Expression



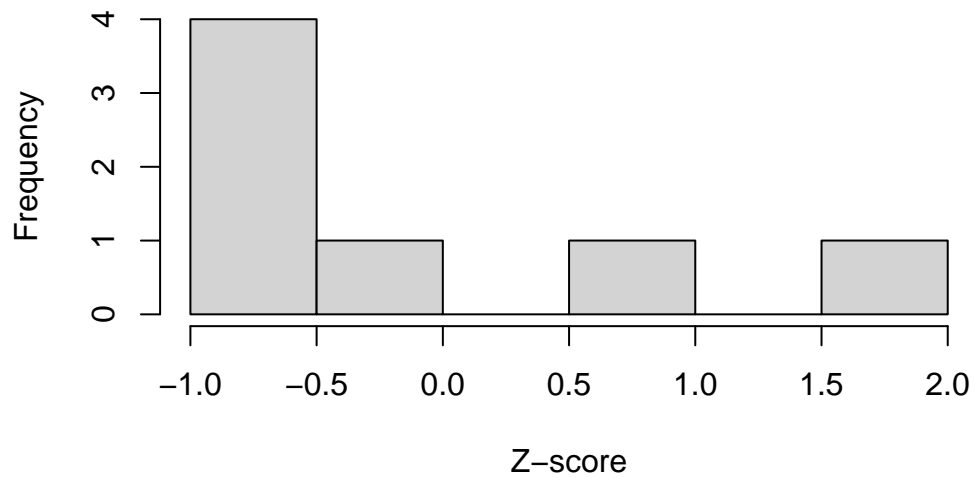
```
# Square root transformation (less aggressive than log)
sqrt_exp <- sqrt(gene_exp)
hist(sqrt_exp, main = "Square Root Transformed Expression", xlab = "Sqrt Expression")
```

Square Root Transformed Expression

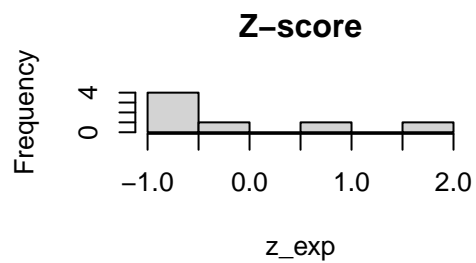
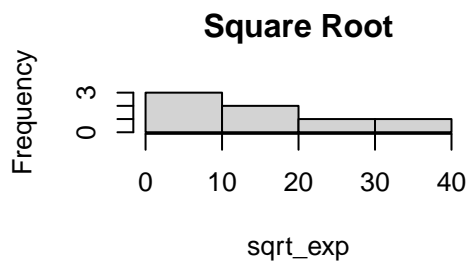
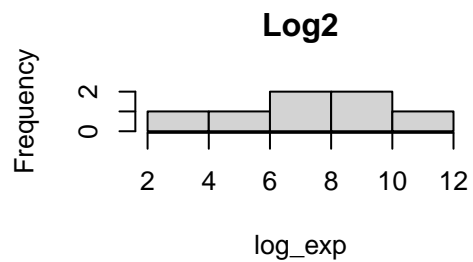
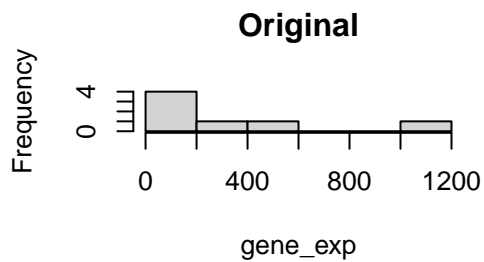


```
# Z-score normalization (standardization)
z_exp <- scale(gene_exp)
hist(z_exp, main = "Z-score Normalized Expression", xlab = "Z-score")
```

Z-score Normalized Expression



```
# Compare transformations
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
hist(gene_exp, main = "Original")
hist(log_exp, main = "Log2")
hist(sqrt_exp, main = "Square Root")
hist(z_exp, main = "Z-score")
```



```
par(mfrow = c(1, 1)) # Reset plotting layout
```

2.5.4 Logical Expressions

```
# Create gene expression vector
exp_data <- c(5.2, 3.8, 7.1, 2.9, 6.5, 8.0, 4.3)
names(exp_data) <- paste0("Gene_", 1:7)

# Basic comparisons
exp_data > 5 # Which genes have expression > 5?

Gene_1 Gene_2 Gene_3 Gene_4 Gene_5 Gene_6 Gene_7
TRUE  FALSE  TRUE  FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  FALSE

exp_data <= 4 # Which genes have expression <= 4?

Gene_1 Gene_2 Gene_3 Gene_4 Gene_5 Gene_6 Gene_7
FALSE  TRUE  FALSE  TRUE  FALSE  FALSE  FALSE

# Store results in logical vector
high_exp <- exp_data > 6
high_exp

Gene_1 Gene_2 Gene_3 Gene_4 Gene_5 Gene_6 Gene_7
FALSE  FALSE  TRUE  FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  FALSE

# Use logical vectors for subsetting
exp_data[high_exp] # Get high expression values

Gene_3 Gene_5 Gene_6
7.1    6.5    8.0
```


2.5.5 Logical Operators

```
# Combining conditions with AND (&)
exp_data > 4 & exp_data < 7 # Expression between 4 and 7

Gene_1 Gene_2 Gene_3 Gene_4 Gene_5 Gene_6 Gene_7
TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE

# Combining conditions with OR (|)
exp_data < 4 | exp_data > 7 # Expression less than 4 OR greater than 7

Gene_1 Gene_2 Gene_3 Gene_4 Gene_5 Gene_6 Gene_7
FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE

# Using NOT (!)
!high_exp # Not high expression

Gene_1 Gene_2 Gene_3 Gene_4 Gene_5 Gene_6 Gene_7
TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE

# Subsetting with combined conditions
exp_data[exp_data > 4 & exp_data < 7] # Get values between 4 and 7

Gene_1 Gene_5 Gene_7
5.2 6.5 4.3
```

2.5.6 Logical Functions

```
# all() - Are all values TRUE?
all(exp_data > 0) # Are all expressions positive?

[1] TRUE

# any() - Is at least one value TRUE?
any(exp_data > 7) # Is any expression greater than 7?
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
# which() - Get indices of TRUE values  
which(exp_data > 6) # Which elements have expressions > 6?
```

```
Gene_3 Gene_5 Gene_6  
      3      5      6
```

```
# %in% operator - Test for membership  
test_genes <- c("Gene_1", "Gene_5", "Gene_9")  
names(exp_data) %in% test_genes # Which names match test_genes?
```

```
[1] TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

2.5.7 Conditionals

```
# if-else statement  
gene_value <- 6.8  
  
if(gene_value > 6) {  
  cat("High expression\n")  
} else if(gene_value > 4) {  
  cat("Medium expression\n")  
} else {  
  cat("Low expression\n")  
}
```

```
High expression
```

```
# ifelse() for vectors  
expression_levels <- c(2.5, 5.8, 7.2, 3.1, 6.9)  
expression_category <- ifelse(expression_levels > 6,  
                              "High",  
                              ifelse(expression_levels > 4, "Medium", "Low"))  
expression_category
```

```
[1] "Low"      "Medium" "High"    "Low"      "High"
```

2.6 Practical Session

Check out this repo: <https://github.com/genomicsclass/dagdata/>

```
# Download small example dataset
download.file("https://github.com/genomicsclass/dagdata/raw/master/inst/extdata/msleep_ggplot2.csv",
              destfile = "msleep_data.csv")

# Load data
msleep <- read.csv("msleep_data.csv")
```

In-class Tasks:

1. Convert 'vore' column to factor and plot its distribution.
2. Create a matrix of sleep data columns and add row names.
3. Find and handle any missing values.
4. Calculate mean sleep time by diet category (vore).
5. Identify outliers in sleep_total.

2.7 Summary of Today's Lesson

In today's class, we covered:

1. **Factor Variables:** Essential for categorical data in biology (genotypes, treatments, etc.)
 - Creation, levels, ordering, and visualization
2. **Subsetting Techniques:** Critical for data extraction and analysis
 - Vector and data frame subsetting with various methods
 - Using row names effectively for biological identifiers
3. **Matrix Operations:** Fundamental for expression data
 - Creation, manipulation, and biological applications
 - Calculating fold changes and other common operations
4. **Missing Values:** Practical approaches for real-world biological data
 - Identification and appropriate replacement methods

5. **Data Transformation:** Making data suitable for statistical analysis

- Log, square root, and z-score transformations
- Outlier identification and handling

6. **Logical Operations:** For data filtering and decision making

- Conditions, combinations, and applications

These skills form the foundation for the more advanced visualization techniques we'll cover in future lessons.

7. We will know more about conditionals, R packages to handle data and visualization in a better and efficient way.

8. **List:** Fundamental for many biological data and packages' output.

- Properties, accessing, and applications

2.8 Homework

1. **Matrix Operations:**

- Create a gene expression matrix with 8 genes and 4 conditions
- Calculate the mean expression for each gene
- Calculate fold change between condition 4 and condition 1
- Create a heatmap of your matrix

2. **Factor Analysis:**

- Using the `iris` dataset, convert Species to an ordered factor
- Create boxplots showing Sepal.Length by Species
- Calculate mean petal length for each species level

3. **Data Cleaning Challenge:**

- In the downloaded `msleep_data.csv`:
 - Identify all columns with missing values
 - Replace missing values appropriately
 - Create a new categorical variable “sleep_duration” with levels “Short”, “Medium”, “Long”

4. **List challenge:**

- Make your own lists
- Replicate all the tasks we did
- You may ask AI to give you beginner-level questions but don't ask to solve the questions programmatically. Tell AI not to provide answers.

5. Complete Documentation:

- Write all code in R Markdown
- Include comments explaining your approach
- Push to GitHub

2.8.0.1 Due date: Friday 10pm BD Time