Getting Started with R and RStudio

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slides: bit.ly/berd_intro_r

pdf: bit.ly/berd_intro_r_pdf

1. Open slides: bit.ly/berd_intro_r

2. Install R

- Windows:
 - Download from https://cran.rstudio.com/bin/windows/base/
- Mac OS X:
 - Download the latest .pkg file (currently R-3.6.1.pkg) from https://cran.rstudio.com/bin/macosx/

3. Install RStudio Desktop Open Source License

 Select download file corresponding to your operating system from https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/#download

4. Download folder of data (unzip completely)

- Go to bit.ly/intro_rproj and unzip folder
- Open (double click on) berd_intro_project.Rproj file.

Questions

- Who has used R?
- What other statistical software have you used?
- Has anyone used other programming languages (C, java, python, etc)?
- Why do you want to learn R?

Learning Objectives

- Basic operations in R/RStudio
- Understand data structures
- Be able to load in data
- Basic operations on data
- Be able to make a plot
- Know how to get help

Introduction

Rrrrrr?

What is R?

- A programming language
- Focus on statistical modeling and data analysis
 - import data, manipulate data, run statistics, make plots
- Useful for "Data Science"
- Great visualizations
- Also useful for most anything else you'd want to tell a computer to do
- Interfaces with other languages i.e. python, C++, bash



- an interpreted language (run it through a command line)
- procedural programming with functions
- Why "R"?? Scheme (?) inspired S (invented at Bell Labs in 1976) which inspired R (free and open source! in 1993)



What is RStudio?

R is a programming language

RStudio is an integrated development environment (IDE) = an interface to use R (with perks!)

- · R is like a car's engine
- RStudio is like a car's dashboard

R: Engine



RStudio: Dashboard



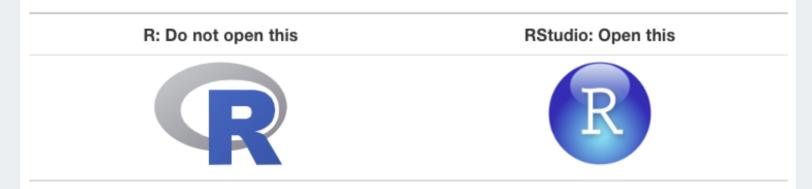
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Start RStudio

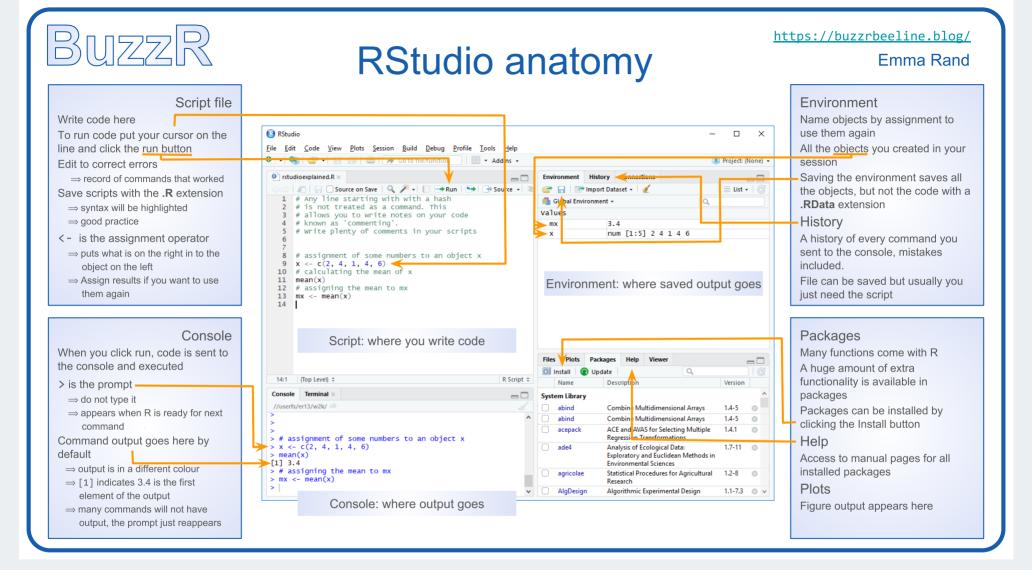
Double click on the berd_intro_project.Rproj file.

2.1.2 Using R via RStudio

Recall our car analogy from above. Much as we don't drive a car by interacting directly with the engine but rather by using elements on the car's dashboard, we won't be using R directly but rather we will use RStudio's interface. After you install R and RStudio on your computer, you'll have two new programs AKA applications you can open. We will always work in RStudio and not R. In other words:



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Emma Rand

Rstudio demo

More about R Projects - Good Practices

Use projects (read this)

- Create an RStudio project for each data analysis project, for each homework assignment, etc.
- A project is associated with a directory folder
 - Keep data files there
 - Keep scripts there; edit them, run them in bits or as a whole
 - Save your outputs (plots and cleaned data) there
- Only use relative paths, never absolute paths
 - relative (good): read_csv("data/mydata.csv")
 - o absolute (bad): read_csv("/home/yourname/Documents/stuff/mydata.csv")

Advantages of using projects

- standardizes file paths
- keep everything together
- a whole folder can be easily shared and run on another computer
- when you open the project everything is as you left it

Let's code!

Coding in the console

Typing and execting code in the console

- Type code in the console
- Press return to execute the code
- Output shown below

Coding in the console is not advisable for most situations!

- We only recommend this for short pieces of code that you don't need to save
- We will be using scripts (.R files) to run and save code (in a few slides)

```
> 7
```

```
[1] 7
```

```
> 3 + 5
```

```
[1] 8
```

```
> "hello"
```

```
[1] "hello"
```

```
> # this is a comment, nothing happens
> # 5 - 8
>
> # separate multiple commands with;
> 3 + 5; 4 + 8
```

```
[1] 8
```

```
[1] 12
```

We can do math

> 10^2

[1] 100

> 3 ^ 7

[1] 2187

> 6/9

[1] 0.6666667

> 9-43

[1] -34

R follows the rules for order of operations and ignores spaces between numbers (or objects)

[1] 54.5

The equation above is computed as

$$4^3 - (2 \cdot 7) + \frac{9}{2}$$

Logarithms and exponentials

```
Logarithms: log() is base e
                                             Exponentials
                                              > exp(1)
> log(10)
                                              [1] 2.718282
 [1] 2.302585
> log10(10)
                                              > exp(0)
                                              [1] 1
[1] 1
Check that log() is base e
> log(exp(1))
[1] 1
```

Using functions

- log() is an example of a function
- functions have "arguments"
- ?log in console will show help for log()

Arguments read in order:

```
> mean(1:4)
```

[1] 2.5

> seq(1,12,3)

[1] 1 4 7 10

Arguments read by name:

```
> mean(x = 1:4)
```

[1] 2.5

> seq(from = 1, to = 12, by = 3)

[1] 1 4 7 10

Variables

Data, information, everything is stored as a variable

- Can assign a variable using either = Assigning a **vector** of values or <-
 - Using <- is preferable
 - type name of variable to print

Assigning just one value:

Consecutive integers

```
> a <- 3:10
> a
```

• **Concatenate** a string of numbers

```
\lceil 1 \rceil
        5 12 2 100
```

We can do math with variables

Math using variables with just one value

Math on vectors of values: elementwise computation

Variable can include text (characters)

```
> hi <- "hello"

[1] "hello"

> greetings <- c("Guten Tag", "Hola", hi)
> greetings

[1] "Guten Tag" "Hola" "hello"
```

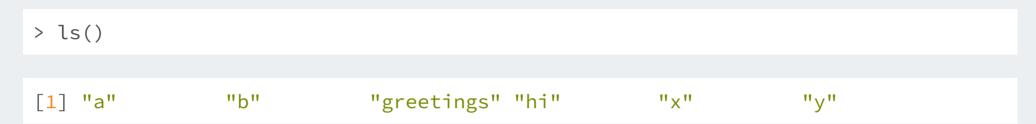
Missing values

Missing values are denoted as NA and are handled differently depending on the operation. There are special functions for NA (i.e. is.na(), na.omit()).

```
> x <- c("a", "a", NA, "b")
> x < -c(1, 2, NA, 5)
> is.na(x)
                                             > table(x)
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
                                             X
                                             a b
                                             2 1
> mean(x)
                                             > table(x, useNA = "always")
[1] NA
                                             X
> mean(x, na.rm=TRUE)
                                                a b < NA >
[1] 2.666667
```

Viewing list of defined variables

- ls() is the R command to see what objects have been defined.
- This list includes all defined objects (including dataframes, functions, etc.)



You can also look at the list in the Environment window:

Environment	History	Connections			
☐ Import Dataset ▼					
Global Envi	ronment 🕶				
Values					
а			int [1:4] 3 4 5 6		
b			num [1:5] 5 12 2 100 8		
greetings			chr [1:3] "Guten Tag" "Hola" "hello"		
hi			"hello"		
x			5		
у			25		

Removing defined variables

• The R command to delete an object is rm().

> ls()

character(0)

```
> ls()
                 "b"
                               "greetings" "hi"
[1] "a"
                                                          ^{11} \times ^{11}
                                                                        "V"
> rm("greetings", hi) # Can run with or without quotes
> ls()
[1] "a" "b" "x" "y"

    Remove EVERYTHING - Be careful!!

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

Common console errors (1/2)

Incomplete commands

- When the console is waiting for a new command, the prompt line begins with >
 - If the console prompt is +, then a previous command is incomplete
 - You can finish typing the command in the console window

Example:

```
> 3 + (2*6
+ )
```

```
[1] 15
```

Common console errors (2/2)

Object is not found

• This happens when text is entered for a non-existent variable (object)

Example:

```
> hello
```

```
Error in eval(expr, envir, enclos): object 'hello' not found
```

• Can be due to missing quotes

```
> install.packages(dplyr) # need install.packages("dplyr")
```

```
Error in install.packages(dplyr): object 'dplyr' not found
```

R scripts (save your work!)

Coding in a script (1/3)

- Create a new script by
 - o selecting File -> New File -> R Script,
 - or clicking on (the left most button at the top of the scripting window), and then selecting the first option **R** Script
- Type code in the script
 - Type each R command on its own line
 - Use # to convert text to comments so that text doesn't accidentally get executed as an R command

Coding in a script (2/3)

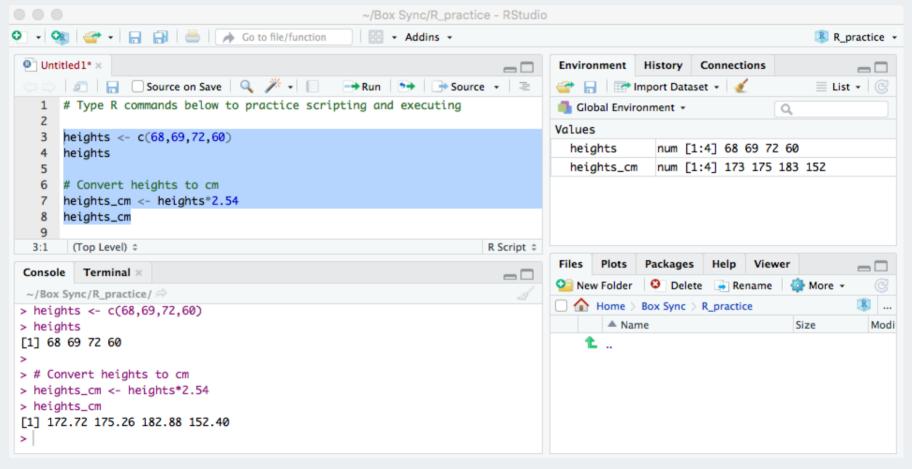
- Select code you want to execute, by
 - placing the cursor in the line of code you want to execute,
 - or highlighting the code you want to execute
- Execute code in the script, by
 - o clicking on the button in the top right corner of the scripting window,
 - or typing one of the following key combinations to execute the code
 - Windows: ctrl + return
 - Mac: command + return

```
Untitled1* x

Source on Save 
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```

Coding in a script (3/3)

- The screenshot below shows code in the scripting window (top left window)
- The executed highlighted code and its output appear in the console window (bottom left window)



Useful keyboard shortcuts

action	mac	windows/linux
run code in script	cmd + enter	ctrl + enter
<-	option + -	alt + -

Try typing (with shortcut) in a script and running

Now, in the *console*, press the up arrow.

Others: (see full list)

action	mac	windows/linux
interrupt currently executing command	esc	esc
in console, go to previously run code	up/down	up/down
keyboard shortcut help	option + shift + k	alt + shift + k

Saving a script

- Save a script by
 - selecting File -> Save,
 - or clicking on ☐ (towards the left above the scripting window)
- You will need to specify
 - a **filename** to save the script as
 - ALWAYS use .R as the filename extension for R scripts
 - the folder to save the script in

Practice time!

Practice 1

- 1. Open a new R script and type code/answers for next tasks in it. Save as **Practice1.R**
- 2. Create a vector of all integers from 4 to 10, and save it as a1.
- 3. Create a vector of even integers from 4 to 10, and save it as a2.
- 4. What is the sum of a1 and a2?
- 5. What does the command sum(a1) do?
- 6. What does the command length(a1) do?
- 7. Use the commands to calculate the average of the values in a1.
- 8. The formula for the first n integers is n(n+1)/2. Compute the sum of all integers from 1 to 100 to verify that this formula holds for n=100.
- 9. Compute the sum of the squares of all integers from 1 to 100.
- 10. Take a break!

Object types

Data frames

Vectors vs. **data frames**: a data frame is a collection (or array or table) of vectors

```
df <- data.frame(
    IDs=1:3,
    gender=c("male", "female", "Male"),
    age=c(28, 35.5, 31),
    trt = c("control", "1", "1"),
    Veteran = c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE)
    )
df</pre>
```

```
## IDs gender age trt Veteran
## 1 1 male 28.0 control FALSE
## 2 2 female 35.5 1 TRUE
## 3 3 Male 31.0 1 TRUE
```

- Allows different columns to be of different data types (i.e. numeric vs. text)
- Both numeric and text can be stored within a column (stored together as text).
- Vectors and data frames are examples of *objects* in R.
 - There are other types of R objects to store data, such as matrices, lists, and tibbles.
 - These will be discussed in future R workshops.

Variable (column) types

type	description
integer	integer-valued numbers
numeric	numbers that are decimals
factor	categorical variables stored with levels (groups)
character	text, "strings"
logical	boolean (TRUE, FALSE)

• View the **structure** of our data frame to see what the variable types are:

```
str(df)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 3 obs. of 5 variables:
## $ IDs : int 1 2 3
## $ gender : Factor w/ 3 levels "female","male",..: 2 1 3
## $ age : num 28 35.5 31
## $ trt : Factor w/ 2 levels "1","control": 2 1 1
## $ Veteran: logi FALSE TRUE TRUE
```

Data frame cells, rows, or columns

Show whole data frame

```
df
```

```
## IDs gender age trt Veteran ## 1 1 male 28.0 control FALSE ## 2 2 female 35.5 1 TRUE ## 3 3 Male 31.0 1 TRUE
```

Specific cell value:

DatSetName[row#, column#]

```
# Second row, Third column
df[2, 3]
```

```
## [1] 35.5
```

Entire column:

DatSetName[, column#]

```
# Third column
df[, 3]
```

```
## [1] 28.0 35.5 31.0
```

Entire row: DatSetName[row#,]

```
# Second row
df[2,]
```

```
## IDs gender age trt Veteran
## 2 2 female 35.5 1 TRUE
```

Getting the data into Rstudio

Load a data set

• Read in csv file from file path with code (filepath relative to Rproj directory)

```
mydata <- read.csv("data/yrbss_demo.csv")</pre>
```

• Or, open saved file using Import Dataset button in Environment window:



• If you use this option, then copy and paste the importing code to your script so that you have a record of from where and how you loaded the data set.

View(mydata)

Can also view the data by clicking on its name in the Environment tab

About the data

Data from the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)

- small subset (20 rows) of the full complex survey data
- national school-based survey conducted by CDC and state, territorial, tribal, and local surveys conducted by state, territorial, and local education and health agencies and tribal governments
- monitors health-related behaviors (including alcohol & drug use, unhealthy & dangerous behaviors, sexuality, physical activity); see Questionnaires
- original data in the R package yrbss which includes YRBSS from 1991-2013

Data set summary

summary(mydata)

```
##
       id
                                            sex grade
                                   age
                  14 years old :1 Female:12 10th:8
##
   Min. : 335340
   1st Qu.: 925193
                  15 years old :4 Male : 8 11th:4
##
   Median :1207132
                  16 years old :7
                                                   12th:4
##
                  17 years old :7
                                                   9th:4
##
   Mean :1093150
##
   3rd Qu.:1313188
                  18 years old or older:1
##
   Max. :1316123
##
                      race4
                                 bmi weight_kg
##
   All other races
                        :5
                             Min. :17.48 Min. :43.09
   Black or African American:3
##
                            1st Qu.:20.36 1st Qu.:57.27
                            Median :22.23 Median :64.86
##
   Hispanic/Latino
                        :6
##
   White
                             Mean :23.01 Mean :64.09
                        : 4
##
   NA's
                         :2
                             3rd Qu.:26.58 3rd Qu.:70.31
##
                             Max. :29.35 Max. :84.82
##
                     text_while_driving_30d smoked_ever bullied_past_12mo
##
   0 days
                               : 5
                                        No :10 Mode :logical
##
   1 or 2 days
                                     Yes: 6 FALSE:11
                                        NA's: 4
##
   3 to 5 days
                               : 1
                                                  TRUE:7
   All 30 days
##
                                                   NA's :2
##
   I did not drive the past 30 days: 1
##
   NA's
                               :10
```

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Data set info

```
dim(mydata)
## [1] 20 11
nrow(mydata)
## [1] 20
ncol(mydata)
## [1] 11
```

Data structure

• What are the different variable types in this data set?

```
str(mydata) # structure of data
```

```
## 'data.frame': 20 obs. of 11 variables:
   $ id
##
                           : int 335340 638618 922382 923122 923963 925603 93372
   $ age
##
                          : Factor w/ 5 levels "14 years old",...: 4 3 1 2 2 3 3
  $ sex
                           : Factor w/ 2 levels "Female", "Male": 1 1 2 2 2 2 1 1
##
  $ grade
                          : Factor w/ 4 levels "10th","11th",...: 1 4 4 4 1 1 1 3
##
   $ race4
                          : Factor w/ 4 levels "All other races",...: 4 NA 4 4 2
##
   $ bmi
##
                          : num 27.6 29.3 18.2 21.4 19.6 ...
##
   $ weight_kg
                  : num 66.2 84.8 57.6 60.3 63.5 ...
##
   $ text_while_driving_30d: Factor w/ 5 levels "0 days","1 or 2 days",..: NA NA
##
   $ smoked_ever : Factor w/ 2 levels "No", "Yes": NA 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 NA 1
##
   $ bullied_past_12mo : logi NA NA FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE ...
                : num 1.55 1.7 1.78 1.68 1.8 ...
##
   $ height_m
```

View the beginning of a data set

head(mydata)

```
id
                          sex grade
                                                                bmi
##
                   age
                                                       race4
## 1 335340 17 years old Female 10th
                                                       White 27.5671
## 2 638618 16 years old Female 9th
                                                       <NA> 29.3495
## 3 922382 14 years old Male 9th
                                                       White 18.1827
## 4 923122 15 years old Male 9th
                                                       White 21.3754
## 5 923963 15 years old Male 10th Black or African American 19.5988
## 6 925603 16 years old Male 10th All other races 22.1910
    weight_kg text_while_driving_30d smoked_ever bullied_past_12mo height_m
##
## 1
       66.23
                               <NA>
                                          <NA>
                                                             NA 1.550000
## 2 84.82
                               <NA>
                                           Yes
                                                             NA 1.699999
## 3 57.61
                               <NA>
                                           Yes
                                                          FALSE 1.779999
## 4 60.33
                               <NA>
                                           Yes
                                                          FALSE 1.680001
## 5 63.50
                               <NA>
                                                           TRUE 1.799998
                                            No
## 6
       70.31
                               <NA>
                                                           TRUE 1.780000
                                            No
```

View the end of a data set

tail(mydata)

```
id
                                 sex grade
##
                                                           race4
                           age
               16 years old Female 11th
## 15 1313153
                                                  Hispanic/Latino
                   16 years old Female 11th
                                                           White
## 16 1313291
                 16 years old Female 10th
                                                 All other races
## 17 1313477
                 17 years old Female 11th
## 18 1315121
                                                            <NA>
## 19 1315850
                   17 years old Female 12th
                                                 Hispanic/Latino
## 20 1316123 18 years old or older Female 12th Black or African American
        ##
            68.04
## 15 26.5781
                                           0 days
                                                        No
## 16 24.8047 63.50
                                      3 to 5 days
                                                        No
## 17 25.0318 76.66
                                           0 days
                                                       No
  18 22.2687 54.89 I did not drive the past 30 days Yes
## 19 19.4922
            49.90
                                           0 days <NA>
## 20 27.4894
            74.84
                                      All 30 days
                                                 Yes
##
     bullied_past_12mo height_m
           TRUE 1.600001
## 15
## 16
               FALSE 1.600000
               TRUE 1.750001
## 17
## 18
              FALSE 1.569998
              FALSE 1.599999
## 19
               FALSE 1.650001
## 20
```

Specify how many rows to view at beginning or end of a data set

```
head(mydata, 3)
##
  id age sex grade race4 bmi weight_kg
## 1 335340 17 years old Female 10th White 27.5671 66.23
## 2 638618 16 years old Female 9th <NA> 29.3495 84.82
## 3 922382 14 years old Male 9th White 18.1827 57.61
   text_while_driving_30d smoked_ever bullied_past_12mo height_m
## 1
                 <NA> <NA>
                               NA 1.550000
                 <NA> Yes
## 2
                                        NA 1.699999
## 3
                 <NA> Yes
                                  FALSE 1.779999
```

tail(mydata, 1)

```
## id age sex grade race4
## 20 1316123 18 years old or older Female 12th Black or African American
## bmi weight_kg text_while_driving_30d smoked_ever bullied_past_12mo
## 20 27.4894 74.84 All 30 days Yes FALSE
## height_m
## 20 1.650001
```

Working with the data

The \$

Suppose we want to single out the column of BMI values.

How did we previously learn to do this?

```
mydata[, 6]

## [1] 27.5671 29.3495 18.1827 21.3754 19.5988 22.1910 20.9913 17.4814
## [9] 22.4593 26.5781 21.1874 19.4637 20.6121 27.4648 26.5781 24.8047
## [17] 25.0318 22.2687 19.4922 27.4894
```

The problem with this method, is that we need to know the column number which can change as we make changes to the data set.

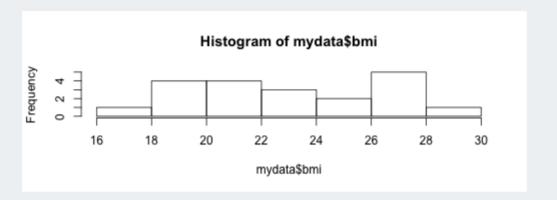
• Use the \$ instead: DatSetName\$VariableName

mydata\$bmi

```
## [1] 27.5671 29.3495 18.1827 21.3754 19.5988 22.1910 20.9913 17.4814
## [9] 22.4593 26.5781 21.1874 19.4637 20.6121 27.4648 26.5781 24.8047
## [17] 25.0318 22.2687 19.4922 27.4894
```

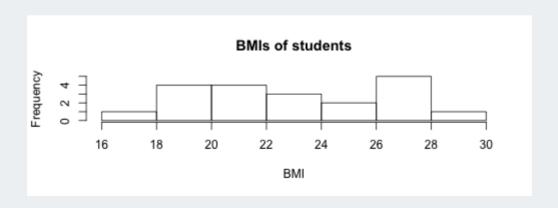
Basic plots of numeric data: Histogram

hist(mydata\$bmi)



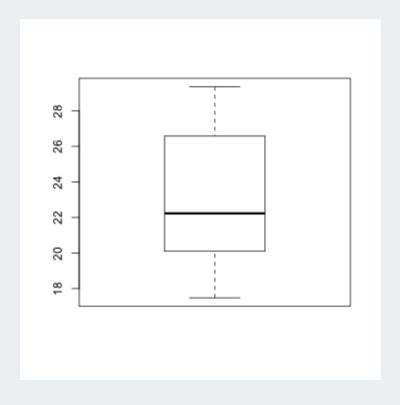
With extra features:

hist(mydata\$bmi, xlab = "BMI", main="BMIs of students")

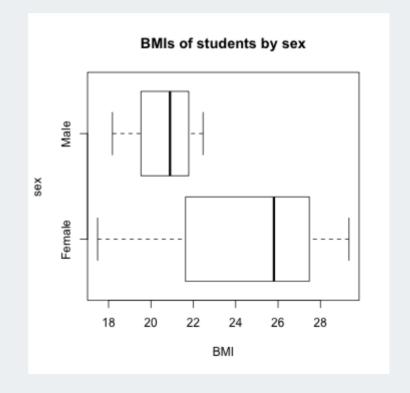


Basic plots of numeric data: Boxplot

boxplot(mydata\$bmi)

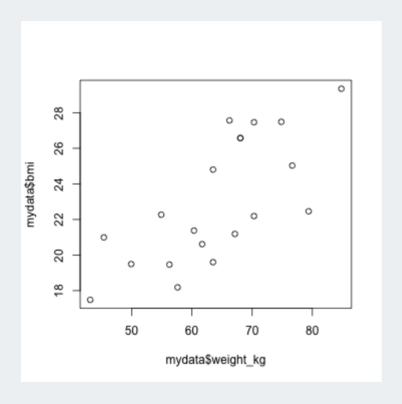


```
boxplot(mydata$bmi ~ mydata$sex,
  horizontal = TRUE,
  xlab = "BMI", ylab = "sex",
  main = "BMIs of students by sex")
```

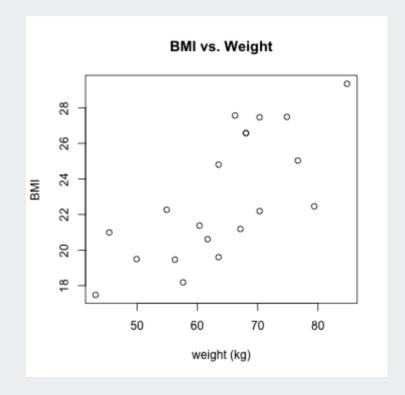


Basic plots of numeric data: Scatterplot

plot(mydata\$weight_kg, mydata\$bmi)



```
plot(mydata$weight_kg, mydata$bmi,
    xlab = "weight (kg)", ylab = "BMI",
    main = "BMI vs. Weight")
```



Summary stats of numeric data (1/2)

• Standard R summary command

```
summary(mydata$bmi)

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## 17.48 20.36 22.23 23.01 26.58 29.35

• Mean and standard deviation

mean(mydata$bmi)

## [1] 23.00838
```

```
sd(mydata$bmi)
```

```
## [1] 3.56471
```

Summary stats of numeric data (2/2)

• Min, max, & median

```
min(mydata$bmi)

## [1] 17.4814

## [1] 22.22985

max(mydata$bmi)

## [1] 29.3495
```

Quantiles

Add height column to data frame

```
Since 	ext{BMI} = rac{kg}{m^2}, we have 	ext{height}(m) = \sqrt{rac{	ext{weight}(kg)}{	ext{BMI}}}
```

```
mydata$height_m <- sqrt( mydata$weight_kg / mydata$bmi )
mydata$height_m

## [1] 1.550000 1.699999 1.779999 1.680001 1.799998 1.780000 1.469998
## [8] 1.570002 1.879998 1.600001 1.779998 1.699999 1.730001 1.600001
## [15] 1.600001 1.600000 1.750001 1.569998 1.599999 1.650001</pre>
```

```
dim(mydata)
```

```
## [1] 20 11
```

names(mydata)

```
## [1] "id" "age"
## [3] "sex" "grade"
## [5] "race4" "bmi"
## [7] "weight_kg" "text_while_du
## [9] "smoked_ever" "bullied_past_
## [11] "height_m"
```

Access specific columns in data set

Previously we used DatSetName[, column#]

```
mydata[, c(2, 6)] # 2nd & 6th columns
```

```
##
                                 bmi
                         age
## 1
               17 years old 27.5671
## 2
               16 years old 29.3495
               14 years old 18.1827
## 3
               15 years old 21.3754
## 4
               15 years old 19.5988
## 5
               16 years old 22.1910
## 6
               16 years old 20.9913
## 7
               17 years old 17.4814
## 8
               15 years old 22.4593
## 9
               17 years old 26.5781
## 10
               16 years old 21.1874
## 11
               17 years old 19.4637
## 12
               17 years old 20.6121
## 13
               15 years old 27.4648
## 14
               16 years old 26.5781
##
  15
```

The code below uses *column names* instead of numbers.

```
mydata[, c("age", "bmi")]
```

```
##
                         age
                                  bmi
                17 years old 27.5671
## 1
                16 years old 29.3495
## 2
                14 years old 18.1827
## 3
                15 years old 21.3754
## 4
                15 years old 19.5988
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## 11
                17 years old 19.4637
## 12
                17 years old 20.6121
## 13
## 14
                15 years old 27.4648
                16 years old 26.5781<sub>54</sub>/66
## 15
```

Access specific rows in data set

Rows for 14 year olds only

Rows for teens with BMI less than 19

```
mydata[mydata$bmi < 19,]</pre>
```

Access specific values in data set

Grade and race for 15 year olds only

Age, sex, and BMI for students with BMI less than 19

```
mydata[mydata$bmi < 19, c("age", "sex", "bmi")]

##          age          sex          bmi
## 3 14 years old          Male 18.1827
## 8 17 years old Female 17.4814</pre>
```

Practice 2

- 1. Create a new script and save it as Practice2.R
- 2. Create data frames for males and females separately.
- 3. Do males and females have similar BMIs? Weights? Compares means, standard deviations, range, and boxplots.
- 4. Plot BMI vs. weight for each gender separately. Do they have similar relationships?
- 5. Are males or females more likely to be bullied in the past 12 months? Calculate the percentage bullied for each gender.

Save data frame

 Save .RData file: the standard R format, which is recommended if saving data for future use in R

```
save(mydata, file = "data/mydata.RData") # saving mydata within the data folder
```

You can load .RData files using the load() command:

```
load("data/mydata.RData")
```

• Save **csv** file: comma-separated values

```
write.csv(mydata, file = "data/mydata.csv", col.names = TRUE, row.names = FALSE)
```

The more you know

Installing and using packages

- Packages are to R like apps are to your phone/OS
- Packages contain additional functions and data
- Install packages with install.packages()
 - Also can use the "Packages" tab in Files/Plots/Packages/Help/Viewer window
 - Only install once (unless you want to update)
 - Installs from Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) = package mothership

```
install.packages("dplyr") # only do this ONCE, use quotes
```

• Load packages: At the top of your script include library() commands to load each required package every time you open Rstudio.

```
library(dplyr) # run this every time you open Rstudio
```

Use a function without loading the package with ::

```
dplyr::arrange(mydata, bmi)
```

Installing packages from other places (i.e. github, URLs)

Need to have remotes package installed first:

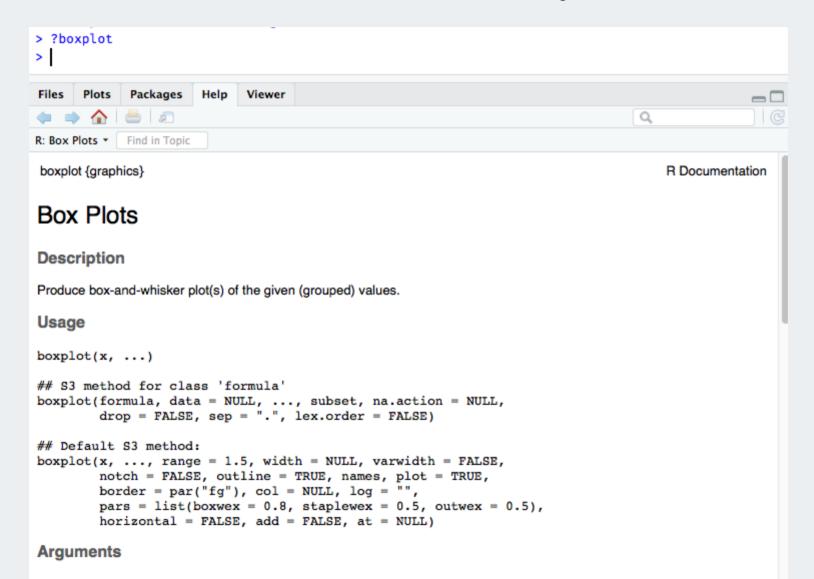
```
install.packages("remotes")
```

• To install a package from github (often in development) use **install_github()** from the remotes package

```
# https://github.com/hadley/yrbss
remotes::install_github("hadley/yrbss")
# Load it the same way
library(yrbss)
```

How to get help (1/2)

Use ? in front of function name in console. Try this:



How to get help (2/2)

- Use ?? (i.e ??dplyr or ??read_csv) for searching all documentation in installed packages (including unloaded packages)
- search Stack Overflow #r tag
- googlequestion + rcran or + r (i.e. "make a boxplot rcran" "make a boxplot r")
- google error in quotes (i.e. "Evaluation error: invalid type (closure)
 for variable '***'")
- search github for your function name (to see examples) or error
- Rstudio community
- twitter #rstats

Resources

- Click on this List of resources for learning R
- Watch recordings of our other workshops
- Highly recommend Data Wrangling in R with Tidyverse

Getting started:

- RStudio IDE Cheatsheet
- Install R/RStudio help video
- Basic Basics

Some of this is drawn from materials in online books/lessons:

- Intro to R/RStudio by Emma Rand
- Modern Dive An Introduction to Statistical and Data Sciences via R by Chester Ismay & Albert Kim
- Cookbook for R by Winston Chang

Local resources

- OHSU's BioData club + active slack channel
- Portland's R user meetup group + active slack channel
- R-ladies PDX meetup group

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This workshop info:

- Code for these slides on github: jminnier/berd_r_courses
- all the R code in an R script
- answers to practice problems can be found here: html, pdf
- The project folder of examples can be downloaded at github.com/jminnier/berd_intro_project & the solutions are in the solns/ folder.