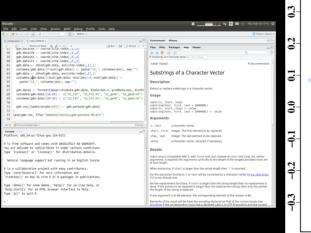
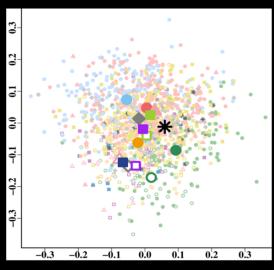


FUNCTIONS AND PACKAGES





Everything that exists is an object Everything that happens is a function call

- John Chambers

- Everything you do in R is organized into functions
- Functions are pieces of code, intended to fulfill... a function!
- Objective: code abstraction and shortening. When using a function, you do
 not need to see all of its code (but you may want to see the related
 documentation, see further on)
- They can be thought of as recipes for operations you repeat a lot
 e.g. Imagine you always want to add three numbers and divide by three

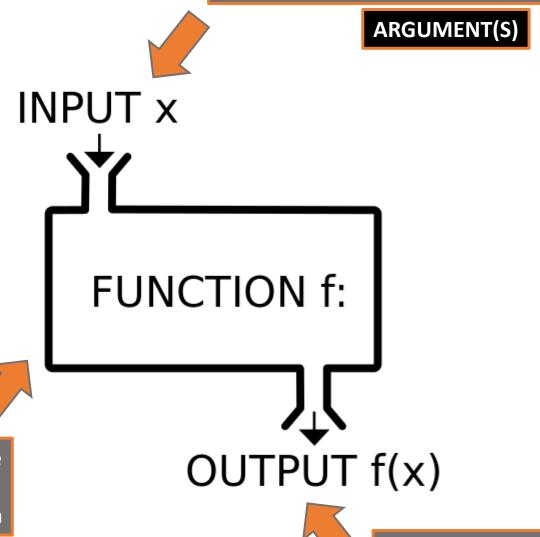
```
> x <- 15
> y <- 23
> z <- 36
> sum.all <- x + y + z
> sum.div.3 <- sum.all/3
> sum.div.3
[1] 24.66667
```

This would be much faster to repeat if we turned it into a function

```
> sum.div.3 <- function(x, y, z) {
+ sum.all <- x + y + z
+ sum.div.3 <- sum.all/3
+ return(sum.div.3)
+ }
sum.div.3(15, 23, 36)</pre>
```

•	We can write our own functions (see end of the week)
•	Mostly we use built-in R functions These are downloaded from CRAN (see packages further on)
•	Functions are objects on their own right But functions and objects are different things
•	When calling a function as an object, we see its content. In some cases we can see the associated code, in others the code is "hidden"
•	IMPORTANT NOTICE: using built-in function names to name objects can cause you important trouble!!!

The object(s) that we want to "manipulate" (and maybe some conditions on how to do it)



The "recipe" of what we want to do
The code of the function

FUNCTION OBJECT

The result of implementing the function f on object x, with the defined arguments

- Various types of functions
 - → In terms of origin (i.e. built-in, user-defined, from packages)
 - → Arithmetic, statistical, plotting etc
 - → Informative about objects
 - → Informative about our workspace or system
- Primitive functions, are functions that directly call C code, and they have no underlying
 R code associated
- Once the function is applied, the result is shown in our screen, but it is not stored
- You need to store function results into a new object

- Functions can be nested one inside the other
- In long series of nested functions, always read "inside-out"

Function arguments

Can be defined by position (in order)

```
by complete name (e.g. method = A)
by partial name (e.g. meth = A)
```

```
> mean(1:100, 0.025, T)
[1] 50.5
> mean(x = 1:100, trim = 0.025, na.rm = T)
[1] 50.5
> mean(x = 1:100, t = 0.025, n= T)
[1] 50.5
```

- Some arguments have <u>default values</u>
- Be **VERY** careful with defaults:

when you do not set an argument, you will be using the default

 ... is a special argument that allows us to pass arguments not passed to the function used, but used inside it through other functions (see e.g. arguments from par() passed to plot(), Wednesday)

- Mostly (at least at the beginning) you will use built-in functions
- Functions are organized in PACKAGES
- There is a huge series of packages, for the full list see:

https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/

- To use a package, you need to:
 - 1. Install it (only once, unless you update R)
 - > install.packages("vegan")
 - 2. Load it (in each session that you need it)
 - > library("vegan")
- A useful command: installed.packages()

- Getting help:
 - ?function_name (e.g. ?mean)
 - ?package_name (e.g. ?vegan)
 - Search in the "help" tab of Rstudio

Exact match

Fuzzy matching, more flexible, depends on installed packages

- ??some_useful_term
- Function help pages may contain
 - **Description:** verbiage on what the function does
 - **Usage:** how the function is used (argument order and defaults, see next)
 - **Arguments:** description of the arguments
 - **Details:** more relevant info on argument options
 - Value: description of the returned object (class, content etc)
 - References
 - See also: other relevant functions (similar, related, complementary etc.)
 - Examples

Arithmetic Mean

Description

Generic function for the (trimmed) arithmetic mean.

```
Usage
```

```
mean(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
Arguments
```

An R object. Currently there are methods for numeric/logical vectors and <u>date</u>, <u>date-time</u> and <u>time interval</u> objects. Complex vectors are allowed for trim = 0, only.

trim

Х

the fraction (0 to 0.5) of observations to be trimmed from each end of x before the mean is computed. Values of trim outside that range are taken as the nearest endpoint.

na.rm

a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

. . .

further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

If trim is zero (the default), the arithmetic mean of the values in x is computed, as a numeric or complex vector of length one. If x is not logical (coerced to numeric), numeric (including integer) or complex, NA_real_ is returned, with a warning.

If trim is non-zero, a symmetrically trimmed mean is computed with a fraction of trim observations deleted from each end before the mean is computed.

References

Becker, R. A., Chambers, J. M. and Wilks, A. R. (1988) *The New S Language*. Wadsworth & Brooks/Cole.

See Also

weighted.mean, mean.POSIXct, colMeans for row and column means.

Examples

```
x <- c(0:10, 50)
xm <- mean(x)
c(xm, mean(x, trim = 0.10))</pre>
```

[Package base version 3.4.0 Index]

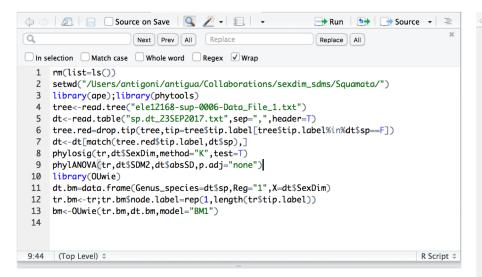
Why should WE care?

- ✓ R includes endless packages
- ✓ Basically, any biological data analysis you might think about can be done in R https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/available_packages_by_name.html
- ✓ Many basic, general purpose analyses are implemented in packages base and stats, which are available by default with any R installation

base: https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/base/html/00Index.html

stats: https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/stats/html/00Index.html

- ✓ Typically, we use a series of functions to perform everyday operations with our data
- ✓ It is VERY useful to adopt good code-writing practices from the beggining



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     setwd("/Users/antigoni/antigua/Collaborations/sexdim_sdms/Squamata/")
  3 library(ape); library(phytools)
  4
     # Import tree (from Pyron and Burbrink 2014 Ecol. Let. DOI: 10.1111/ele.12168)
     tree <- read.tree("ele12168-sup-0006-Data_File_1.txt")</pre>
     # Import phenotypic data
     dt <- read.table("sp.dt_23SEP2017.txt", sep=",", header=T)</pre>
     # Trim the tree to the species with phenotypic data
 11
 12 tree.red <- drop.tip(tree, tip = tree$tip.label[tree$tip.label%in%dt$sp==F])</pre>
 13
     # Put phenotypic data in the order of tip labels
     dt <- dt[match(tree.red$tip.label, dt$sp),]</pre>
 16
    # Test for phylogenetic signal
     phylosig(tr, dt$SexDim, method="K", test=T)
 19 # K = 0.618574; P = 0.003
 20
 21 - # Run phyloANOVA ####
     phylANOVA(tr, dt$SDM2, dt$absSD, p.adj = "none")
 23 # F = 1.69986, p = 0.434
 24
 25 - # Fit evolutionary models ####
 26 library(OUwie)
27
 28 # BM1
     dt.bm <- data.frame(Genus_species = dt$sp,</pre>
 30
                         Reg = "1",
31
                         X = dt\$SexDim
 32 tr.bm <- tr; tr.bm$node.label <- rep(1, length(tr$tip.label))</pre>
     bm <- OUwie(tr.bm, dt.bm, model="BM1")</pre>
 34
20:1 (Top Level) $
                                                                                 R Script $
```

- ✓ Typically, we use a series of functions to perform everyday operations with our data
- ✓ It is VERY useful to adopt good code-writing practices from the beggining
- ✓ For you:
 - easier to remember what you did (and possibly why)
 - lighter on your brain
 - easier to debug
 - easier to modify
 - easier to translate into the "Statistical analyses" section of your paper
- ✓ For collaborators: good code style makes it easier to share and interchange ideas
- ✓ For reviewers: nowadays many toprank journals require the R-code for review during article submission

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Google's R Style Guide - https://google.github.io/styleguide/Rguide.xml

The goal of the R Programming Style Guide is to make our R code easier to <u>read</u>, <u>share</u>, and <u>verify</u>.

File Names

File names should end in .R and, of course, be meaningful.

GOOD: predict_ad_revenue.R

BAD: foo.R

Identifiers

✓ Don't use underscores (_) or hyphens (-)

✓ The preferred form for variable names is all lower case letters and words separated with dots (variable.name), but variableName is also accepted

GOOD: avg.clicks

OK: avgClicks

BAD: avg_Clicks

✓ function names have initial capital letters and no dots (FunctionName)

GOOD: CalculateAvgClicks

BAD: calculate_avg_clicks , calculateAvgClicks

✓ constants are named like functions but with an initial k kConstantName

Syntax

- ✓ Keep maximum line length to 80 characters (avoid very long lines)
- ✓ When indenting your code, use two spaces. Never use tabs or mix tabs and spaces.
- ✓ Place **spaces** around all binary operators (=, +, -, <-, etc.)
- ✓ Do not place a space before a comma, but always place one after a comma
- ✓ Extra spacing (i.e., more than one space in a row) is okay if it improves alignment of equals signs or arrows (<-)

Assignment

```
✓ use "<-", not "=", for assignment
GOOD:
    x <- 5

BAD:
    x = 5

EVEN WORSE:
    x=5</pre>
```

Braces

- ✓ an opening curly brace should never go on its own line
- ✓ a closing curly brace should always go on its own line
- ✓ you may omit curly braces when a block consists of a single statement; however, you
 must consistently either use or not use curly braces for single statement blocks
- ✓ always begin the body of a block on a new line.

```
GOOD:
if (is.null(ylim)) {
    ylim <- c(0, 0.06)
}
    or (but not both)

if (is.null(ylim))
    ylim <- c(0, 0.06)

BAD:
if (is.null(ylim)) ylim <- c(0, 0.06)
if (is.null(ylim)) {ylim <- c(0, 0.06)}</pre>
```

Braces (continued)

- ✓ surround else with braces
- ✓ an else statement should always be surrounded on the same line by curly braces

```
GOOD:
if (condition) {
  one or more lines
} else {
  one or more lines
BAD:
                                             BAD:
if (condition) {
                                             if (condition)
  one or more lines
                                               one line
                                             else
else {
                                               one line
  one or more lines
```

General Layout and Ordering

If everyone uses the same general ordering, we'll be able to read and understand each other's scripts faster and more easily.

- 1. Copyright statement comment
- 2. Author comment
- 3. File description comment, including purpose of program, inputs, and outputs
- 4. source() and library() statements
- 5. Function definitions
- 6. Executed statements, if applicable (e.g., print, plot)

Commenting Guidelines

- ✓ Comment your code
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- ✓ Entire commented lines should begin with # and one space
- ✓ Short comments can be placed after code preceded by two spaces, #, and then one space

...and more ...